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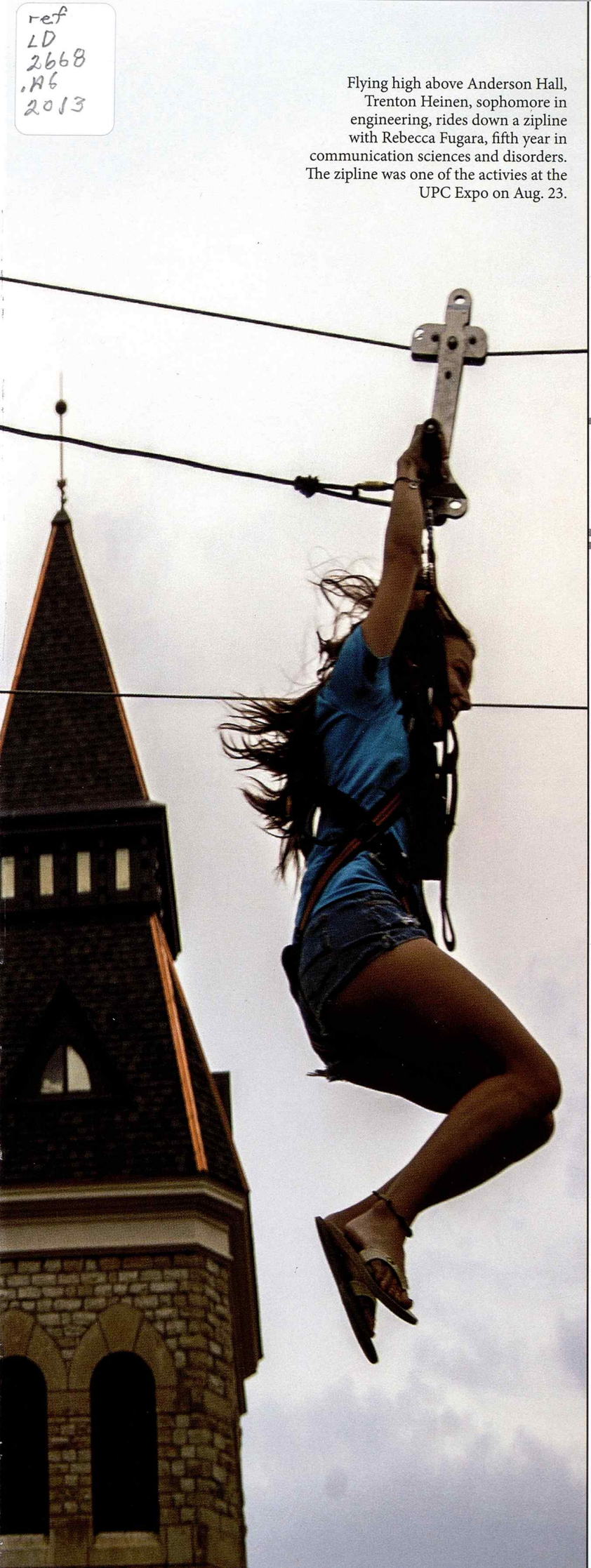


Flying high above Anderson Hall, Trenton Heinen, sophomore in engineering, rides down a zipline with Rebecca Fugara, fifth year in communication sciences and disorders. The zipline was one of the activies at the UPC Expo on Aug. 23.

150 Years of Tradition

Kansas State University was built on the values of tradition, pride and becoming an institution of higher education. Established on Feb. 16. 1863 as Bluemont Central College, with one building and 52 students, K-State has grown into an establishment surrounded by its proud students, faculty and alumni.

K-State students embarked on this tradition not knowing the impact each of them made to this campus. From the Wabash Cannonball to shredding newspaper into the air, this university has had many traditions that will continue to carry on. Pride has trickled through student's veins, poured from their souls during games and passed through family lines from generations onward, continuing the tradition for *150 years*.

Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***





"I couldn't love K-State more," said Brian Davis, right, junior in interior architecture, as he and Dominique Robinson, freshman in journalism, celebrated International Paint Yourself Day on Bosco Plaza June 2.
Erin Poppe

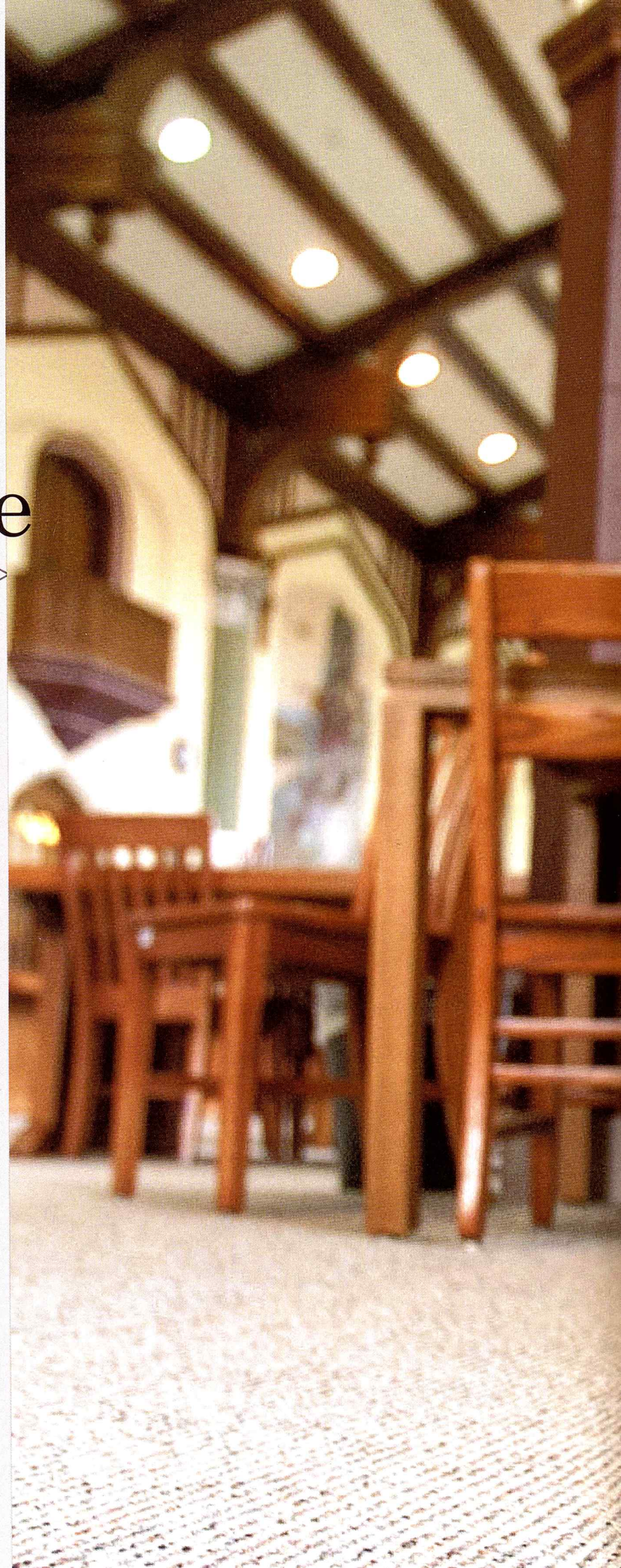




Flag runners lead the Wildcats onto the field before the game against Missouri State on Sept. 1. 50,007 fans watched the Cats win the first game of the season 51-9.

Evert Nelson

Student Life



In an untraditional study position, Tim Morford, freshman in psychology, takes a quick study break in the Great Room of Hale Library Oct. 4.
Evert Nelson



150Years

nine-month celebration begins, marks university's 150 anniversary

Students, faculty, alumni and friends of Kansas State University had a lot to celebrate in 2013.

Marking the university's 150th anniversary of the day it opened its doors as America's first land grant institution and Kansas' first public university. The nine-month sesquicentennial celebration began on Feb. 14 with a kick-off event in Ahern Fieldhouse. The events that followed throughout the year were the products of hard work that started nearly three years prior.

"I don't think people realize how much time this took, and that's okay as long as they participate," Jackie Hartman, chief of staff, director of community relations and chair for the sesquicentennial steering committee, said. "We want students to know about the heritage of K-State. I think they all say that it's a big family here, well, you need to know about your family."

A Brownbag lecture series, numerous exhibits and displays, events, merchandise and a special birthday cake flavored ice cream made just for the university by Call Hall were available to all supporters of the nearly year-long celebration.

The committee responsible for the planning and implementation of the events started with just 20 members. By February, the committee contained over 100 members and more than 400 volunteers. Megan Hanson Umscheid, project coordinator and sesquicentennial coordinator, had looked forward to seeing everything come together from the start.

"This is the pinnacle of our careers and it was a huge project," she said. "To think that I started working at K-State in 2010 and this was one of the first things I was tasked with- it's amazing how much a person can learn. Being a K-Stater myself, I've learned so much through the process I wish I knew back then. I had a lot of pride before, but it's just deepened my pride in K-State."

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Visitors of the Sesquicentennial Kickoff and Grand Exhibition, held Feb. 14 in Ahearn Fieldhouse, mingle, enjoy purple cupcakes and special birthday cake ice cream from the Call Hall Dairy Bar, and look at exhibits showcasing the colorful history of Kansas State University.

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Hartman and Umscheid were both graduates of the university. Hartman graduated in 1983 with a degree in business education and consumer economics while Umscheid graduated 2008 with a degree in elementary education. Both agreed it was important for students to be aware of and participate in the monumental celebration.

"It's kind of like your own family tree and your own background. You know where you come from, but if you know your history, you know how to go forward," Hartman said. "You need to learn about your history and the students that get to be here for this celebration will learn so much. I wish I had known what I know now, back when I was a student."

"I think that as students, you operate as a 'me focus'," Umscheid said. "You're here to study and graduate but you don't really put yourself here in the grand scheme of Kansas State. When you learn that history, you feel special that you get to be here."

Another unique project that took place in the years leading up to the sesquicentennial was the creation of a pictorial history book about the university's history.

Tony Crawford, curator of manuscripts in the Special Collections and University Archives department in Hale Library, had been working for the university for nearly 30 years, or as he put it, 20 percent of its history.

"I've always wanted to do a photographic history of K-State and the sesquicentennial was on the horizon, we thought it would be the perfect time to do a pictorial history," Crawford said. "So out of that thought, we went fourth with a plan to publish a book and we put forth our efforts to make this happen."

University archivist Cliff Height began working for special collections toward the beginning of the book planning.

"From the time I started working here, I've been involved in the project," Height said. "Our goal is to have the book published by the end of August 2013. We'll be able to include some things from the kick-off and the celebrations happening."

The book was a collection of the efforts of many people in the sub-committee in charge of documentation and publication. University President Kirk Schulz even wrote the introduction for the 250-page publication.

With the publication of the history book, anyone connected to Kansas State University was able to continue the anniversary celebration for many years to come.

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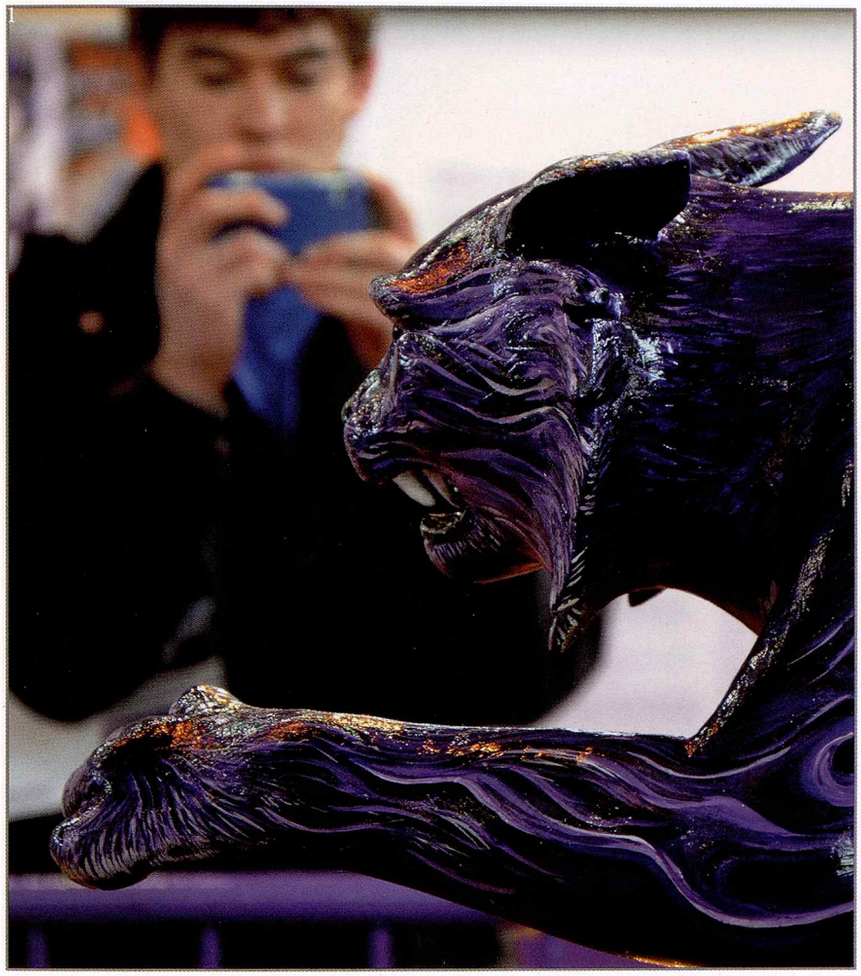
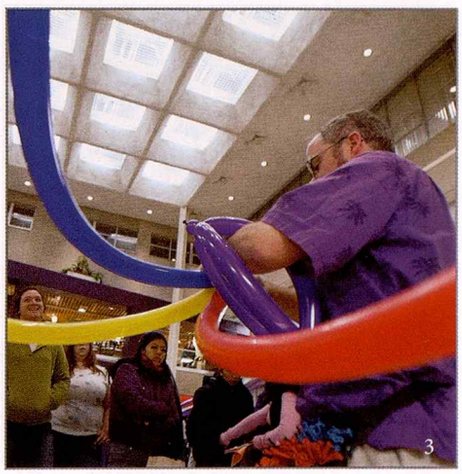
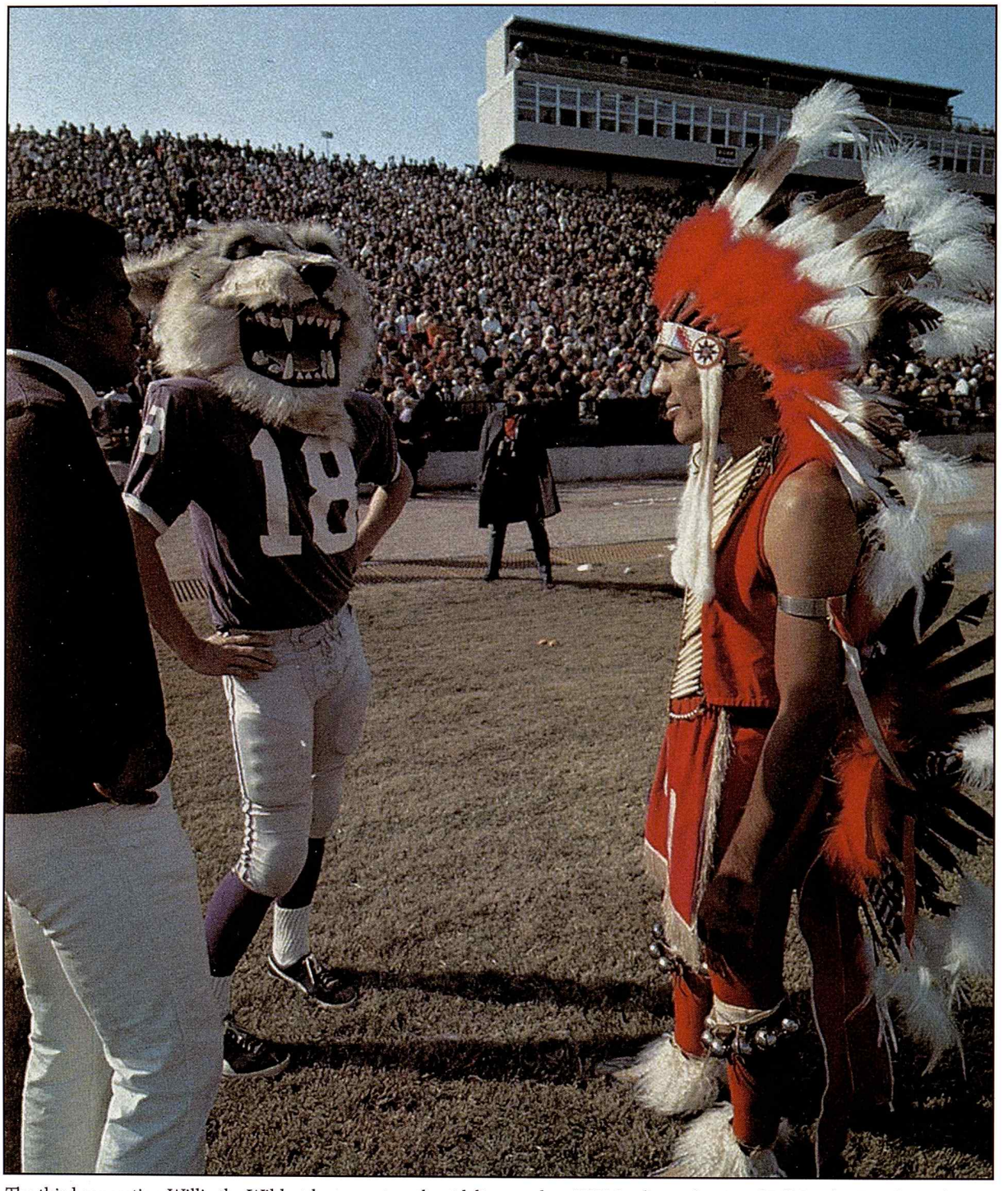
Photos | ***Parker Robb & Evert Nelson & Nicolette Sessin***







1. Patrick Ahrens, senior in agribusiness, snaps a photo of one of the wildcat sculptures on display at the Sesquicentennial Kickoff and Grand Exhibition on Feb. 14 at Ahearn Fieldhouse. 2. President Kirk Schulz gives the opening address for the 150th Anniversary celebration kick-off event. "Today kicks off what will be a nine-month-long celebration," Schulz said. 3. Balloon artist Shawn Wake, Missouri resident, transforms balloons into animal sculptures and hats during K-State 150th celebration in the Student Union on Jan. 24.



The third generation Willie the Wildcat hangs out on the sidelines at then KSU Stadium, the site of Bill Snyder Family Stadium, at a football game represented in the 1970 Royal Purple.

A Wild *Chronicle*

a look at the history behind the head

Willie the Wildcat was a Kansas State University celebrity. Fans loved his playful personality and the secret nature of the student identity under the mascot head created a fascinated speculation by all.

Graduate Alex Edwards was once the mascot from spring 2008 to spring 2012. Edwards said that his secret identity of Willie contributed to the feeling of being a super hero.

"Everyone knows you, wants to be around you, and you sign autographs," Edwards said. "Then you change back, walk to class, and no one has any idea that you took a picture with them 15 minutes ago. It's kind of mind blowing."

But the mascot Edwards portrayed had not always been the one to energize crowds of K-Staters. With the idea of a mascot beginning in 1906, the university had 91 years and 5 generations of Willies before the powercat was born.

The first known mascot appeared in 1906, the university then known as Kansas State Agricultural College. For three years Boscoe, a black Labrador, entertained over 1,000 enrolled students at football and baseball games.

Following Boscoe, KSAC had another live mascot: Touchdown the bobcat. In 1922 KSAC alumni Herbert R. Groome and John E. McCoy, veterinarians in Twin Falls, Idaho, donated "Touchdown I" to the college shortly after the animal was nursed back to health under their care. Touchdown I died shortly after the arrival to his new home from pneumonia. Another bobcat, Touchdown II, soon replaced him, and so on and so forth until the lineage ended with Touchdown XI in 1978.

At the Sept. 20, 1947 football game against Oklahoma A&M, Manhattan High School junior, Adrea Andersen, debuted then Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science's first generation of wildcat mascot. "Sparky" was the name of the first wildcat who had red-brown fur and black stripes. Andersen, a 1955 K-State graduate, was the only woman and non-college student to don a wildcat costume. Andersen's husband, Gene, said that he believed it was because Andersen's father owned the Cantina, then a popular hangout for college athletes, that she had the opportunity to make history.

"Adrea was a junior in high school when the football coach's wife asked her if she would be interested," he said. "They designed the costume and everything. It was a great start and she ended up being a K-State cheerleader."

Following Andersen, fraternity members of Sigma Chi took responsibility of being Willie. This second generation mascot was purple in color with large ears that had resembled Mickey Mouse. A student reporter from the Collegian gave the mascot the name of Willie after the Wildcats had a 60-59 basketball loss to the Colorado Buffaloes in Ahearn Field House in 1964.

"The crowd's fresh burst of enthusiasm signaled the birth of a new mascot," the Collegian's writer wrote. "Who may be called for lack of a better name, Willie Wildcat."

In 1967, Willie received a makeover from sculptor Jim Hagan. The new, fierce, third generation Willie was created with real coyote and wolf hair. The first head lasted 13 years until 1980 when Hagan was asked to create a replacement.

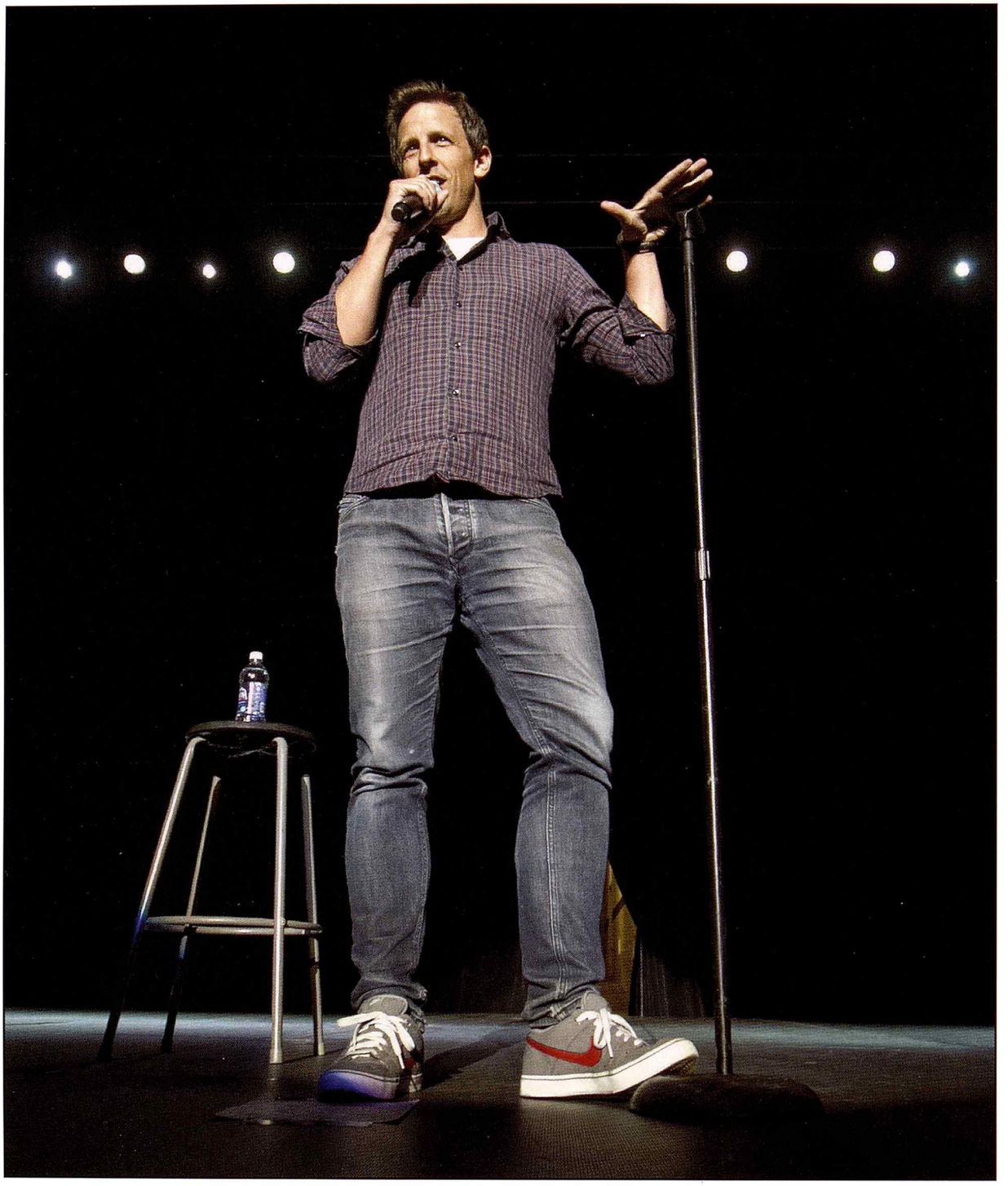
There was one more Willie the Wildcat version from 1994-1996.

The sixth and most current generation Willie began with head football coach Bill Snyder's entrance to the sports program in 1989. Tom Bookwalter, a Kansas native and university art professor, created the powercat logo for Snyder. In 1997 the "21st Century" Willie was created with faux gray fur and two white stripes to resemble the Snyder's powercat.

Selections for Willie were held through the cheer department, secrecy always an oath to each male student who donned the uniform and five pound head. But although there were several "Willie's", alumni and students alike shared a common love for the spirited cat, whether it was for their entire life or since the start of their college career. Kara Godebu, freshman in business administration, she said she constantly bragged about the mascot to everyone she knew.

"I love Willie the Wildcat because he represents K-State and what we stand for: fun, spirit, pride, and family," Godebu said. "Willie is such a celebrity that I get star struck. He is part of the K-State family."

Story | ***Erin Poppe***
Photo | ***Courtesy 1970 Royal Purple***



Performer and head writer for Saturday Night Live Seth Meyers plays to the crowd during his comedy act at Bramlage Coliseum Sept. 29.

Live from Manhattan

saturday night live comedian travels from big apple to little apple

Students sat in a crowded Bramlage Coliseum on the night of Sept. 29 and eagerly awaited the arrival of the beloved Saturday Night Live mogul. Fans applauded and Seth Meyers appeared from behind a black wall of oversized curtains.

"When I found out I was performing at a nationally ranked football powerhouse, I was scared only four people would show up if there was a Saturday football game,"

Fortunately for him, it was a bye-week for Kansas State and also the weekend before a home game against the University of Kansas. The upcoming Sunflower Showdown was the next topic of discussion, Meyers voiced his opinion on the game and placed his bet on a Wildcat win. The crowd went wild and broke out into an applause that undeniably topped the one given during his entrance a mere 10 minutes before.

Meyers then spoke briefly of his college career and experiences. He attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., a school that emphasized performing arts, shared K-State's purple pride and love for its mascot, who happens to also be a Wildcat.

"You can just smell the futon." Meyers said of his favorite thing about college. "Those super shitty uncomfortable couches that turn into a super shitty uncomfortable bed."

Towards the end his performance consisted mostly of political jokes, which Is what the majority of his skits revolved around on Saturday Night Live. He spoke of meeting the president and other political figures, and made clear that he was an obvious supporter of President Barack Obama when he cracked jokes about other presidential candidates and past presidents.

After his performance, Seth did a 20-minute Q-and-A with people chosen at random from the entire audience. He was asked about his career as the main writer for Saturday Night Live, was told several times that he was an idol and was asked to talk about some of his favorite celebrities that have been guests on SNL, which included stars like Justin Timberlake and Will Ferrell. One of the final questions was if he was just taking the spot of fellow comedian Andy Samberg, who had canceled his K-State performance because of a movie deal.

"One of the only things I could ever thank him for is bailing out on you guys," Meyers said.

Before he left the stage, Meyers asked the audience for a quick favor. He pulled out his phone and began to record a message for a friend, which ended with the crowd screaming, "Fuck you, Andy Samberg, from K-State!"

Story | ***Amara Giersch***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

Promenading Around

students volunteer at promenade on poyntz for experience

The eighth annual Promenade on Poyntz, a fundraiser sponsored by Standard Beverage Corporation in support of Homecare & Hospice, featured 20 different wines in 10 different store locations in downtown Manhattan on Oct. 17. Organizers estimated the event would bring in about $7,000 based on last year's total.

Ashley Delehanty, K-State alumna, attended the event for her fourth consecutive year and said that she had enjoyed herself each year.

"It was good wine, good food, and good fun," Delehanty said.

Delehanty said she planned to attend all 10 stores and try all the wine. She said the taste of wine was definitely worth the cost of admission.

Not only did Delehanty say she enjoyed herself at the event, but she said it helped her pick out good wine in the future. She said she looked up the Twisted River wine company after tasting it because of its excellent taste.

Lauren Morano, K-State alumna, attended the event for the first time. She said she used the event to find new wines.

"If you find one you like, you just buy it," she said.

Morano and Delehanty agreed that the event was about helping a good cause and enjoying downtown Manhattan.

Morano also said she will definitely come back the next year.

Rita Faires, director of corporate development for Standard Beverage Corporation, said the company was a distributor of spirits, wines and beer and sponsored the event as a way to give to a good cause.

"[We] recognized that we had the ability to give back to the community," Faires said.

They had decided to support Homecare & Hospice after they deemed them the most worthy receipt of aid because of their community values and connections.

Christina Nolte, director of development for Homecare & Hospice and host of the event, that it provided in-care in support services for those who were terminally ill or who could not afford to go to the hospital. Homecare & Hospice had been the recipient for the funds of all eight of the Promenades on Poyntz. Homecare & Hospice treated 193 terminally ill patients in their homes thanks partly due to the fundraising assistance of Standard Beverage. Nolte was the event manager and she said the event went well.

"[It was a] really good turnout," Nolte said.

Pat Pesci, director of hospitality management and dietetics, said that the event had two goals. First was to promote a good cause by giving back to the community and second it gave students a good opportunity to do something similar to what they would be doing after college. Students who were interested in event planning, or who were given the assignment for class, volunteered at the event.

One of those students, Gabbie Burman, junior in public relations, greeted at the door of Steve's Floral, one of the stores where the wine was tasted. Her job was to ensure that no one walked out with any wine. She said that this would help determine what a job like this would entail for life after college.

Burman said the event was helpful "in terms of hospitality, see how it takes place, see what you should be prepared for."

Story | ***John Forsee***
Photo | ***Shelby Danielson***



Sarah Carlson, senior in hotel and restaurant management, volunteers at Steve's Floral at Promenade on Poyntz for class on Oct. 3.



A lone sandle floats atop the waters of Pillsbury Crossing, a place where nature and partying for some university students mixes. Pillsbury Crossing had been affected by a large amount of trash and littering due to frequent visitors.

No Crossing

pillsbury crossing attracts attention from k-state students

Pillsbury Crossing, a deep natural creek, was once described as one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas geography. But for some Kansas State University students, it was also the hottest spot for a summer party.

"The crossing is somewhere my friends and I go to celebrate the weekend, especially when the warm weather approaches," Keegan Kelly, sophomore in milling science, said.

Pillsbury Crossing not only provided a natural environment to students for summer fun, but also allowed students to escape from the demands of school and work after the year had come to a rest.

"We like to go out there because in retrospect to Aggieville, it is an open environment where a lot of people can enjoy the company," Kelly said. "It is just a way to have fun in a simple aspect, just with the warm weather, friends and nature."

Contrary to Kelly's beliefs of worry free partying, Pillsbury Crossing enthusiasts had seen the firsthand, worrisome effects of numerous students trenching across the creek. As students parked their cars in the shallow water and cracked open their drinks, trash had built up and accumulated along the Deep Creek Waterfall of Pillsbury Crossing.

"We want the area to be enjoyed by everyone," Nathan Henry, manager of the Bolton Wildlife Area, said. "We just want everyone to treat it as it was theirs."

Henry claimed the garbage was not just a recent issue. He said that dating back to the 1980s, students were partying at Pillsbury Crossing.

"We now have extra patrol by Riley County down at the crossing and I feel it made a big difference within the past two years, but it is an uphill battle," Henry said. "It is not just us, it is the neighbors that also have to deal with the noise and the trash."

Brianne Letner, sophomore in interior design, said she believed students should enjoy the time and area made available to students.

"Although I believe students could take care of the area more, I think it is an awesome tradition to be carried on for years of K-State students," Letner said.

With considerable amounts of trash, pollution and carelessness shown by some students, the officials of Pillsbury Crossing said they felt that its visitors should have treated the area with a more caring attitude. They said the wildlife area was not meant for the partying needs of students. It was also home to many residents and wildlife, and provided activities to the community such as canoeing, hiking trails, bird watching and fishing. It was home to 58-acres of one of Kansas' most scenic areas of the northern flint hills region.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism stated that a strict curfew was enforced throughout the year. Pillsbury Crossing was closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and prohibited alcoholic or malt beverages in the area. If one were to break any of the alcohol laws, fines and community service would be the punishment, according to the department. But even with the threat of legal trouble, students continued to enjoy Pillsbury Crossing just as generations of students before them had.

Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photo | ***Jordan Wegele***



Kappa Alpha Theta member Bailey Pritchard, freshman in open option, two-steps with Evan Woodbury, freshman in agricultural education, during Alpha Gamma Rho's serenade on Aug. 19th.

Saving Serenades

university tries to uphold tradition in greek life

Fraternities serenading sororities had been a long-standing tradition at Kansas State University. In the past the fraternity men would sing, dance and woo sorority women by caroling for the holidays, for their sweethearts, or as an invitation to a social. In more recent years it had come to signal the end of formal sorority recruitment with the fraternities' new members peacocking themselves to the sororities' new members.

In April 2012, the tradition was endangered when Greek Affairs, the governing body of the greek community, informed the Interfraternity Council, a committee of the fraternity presidents, that it had to stop.

The debate had started in August 2011 when it had come to the attention of Greek Affairs' advisers that the serenades had become increasingly inappropriate, with dances that both invaded personal space and had skin revealing outfits, and led to various forms of hazing. Jenni Jones, adviser of Greek Affairs, said she remembered police involvement and neighborhood complaints.

"At one point I also had beer thrown on me," Jones said. "It was not a good representation of our community."

In the following weeks, Greek Affairs told IFC that serenades needed to change. When changes weren't made to Greek Affairs' satisfaction, IFC was told to cancel serenades altogether.

IFC's reaction to Greek Affair's suggestion was furious. Social media quickly blew up with comments that protested the change and promoted the greek event.

JB Mason, senior in finance, tweeted "Why would we ever want to end serenades? That's one of K-State's best Greek Life traditions and an amazing start to the year! #SaveSerenades."

"It's when we get social media bashing the office that makes me think that you don't want to solve it, you just want to complain," Jones said.

Jones said that Marcus Appleby, Phi Delta Theta fraternity president and senior in interior architecture, stepped up and lead the coalition to save serenades.

"I kind of calmed everyone down and said, 'Let's handle it in a more professional manner,' " Appleby said. "I identified what they saw wrong and found solutions to it."

The issues Appleby referred to were four-fold, according to Jones. Serenades needed to be alcohol free, to be registered with the greek councils, to be without inappropriate attire and dancing, and needed to include both active and new members.

"At the end of the day I don't care what you guys are doing so long as it's safe," Jones said. "And requiring new members to be the only participates is a form of hazing."

But Appleby said he felt that the changes made to incorporate Greek Affairs' conditions weren't that dramatic, and serenades were made better because of them.

"They went a lot smoother," Appleby said. "We made small changes that didn't affect the concept of serenades."

Appleby said he did not approve of how Greek Affairs addressed the issue. He said they didn't want to listen to the opinions of the students, that all they said was "no, no, no."

Jones said she and Greek Affairs were proud of the work the students did and that the revamped serenades were "a perfect example of what great can come of something that wasn't."

Gina Kirkwood, Kappa Kappa Gamma president and senior in mass communications, said sororities remained ambivalent to the changes.

"They were in favor of the changes because none of them really affected us," Kirkwood said. "I don't think they really cared that guys weren't going to be stripping and shaking their junk in front of their faces."

Story | ***Erin Poppe***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***

A New Beginning

students at university bring jewish organization back to campus

During his first days campus, Ryan Knight, a sophomore in marketing, noticed something different from his home in Kansas City. He couldn't make it to a single class without being asked by a Christian or Catholic organization whether he wanted a bible or to join a church.

"Honestly, I would say that I probably would have been more religious if it wasn't for those groups on campus," Knight said.

The majority of students at K-State identified as a member of the Christian or Catholic faiths, so bibles and church groups were somewhat expected. However, Ryan was one of the few Jewish students that attended K-State.

Betsy Jacob, a freshman in social work who is also Jewish, had the same experience as Knight.

"The first day I got bombarded," Jacob said. "They're like, 'You want to learn about Jesus?' And I'm like, 'No.'"

Of the 21,179 enrolled students at the Manhattan campus, only 35 identified themselves as Jewish. That was only .165 percent of the student population. The only place of worship for Jews in Manhattan was the Manhattan Jewish Congregation. This congregation was run by volunteers and had services every Friday at 7:30 p.m. However, if a student wanted to go to a synagogue with a rabbi, they would have to travel to Topeka, which was about a 50-minute drive. Most synagogues had a rabbi but since there were so few Jews in Manhattan, the Manhattan Jewish Congregation did not have enough funds to have their own rabbi.

Knight said that a surprisingly common response from other students who found out he was Jewish was, "Oh, I've never met a Jewish person before."

Despite the fact that there were so few Jewish students at K-State, they managed to make Manhattan their home.

"Manhattan seems to be pretty open for pretty much anything and anybody," Knight said.

The Jewish students tried to reach out to the community in subtle ways. Lior Kamara, a first year in veterinary medicine, and a group of students decided to restart a chapter of Hillel, the largest Jewish campus organization in the world, which had been discontinued on campus for two years. Kamara, president of Hillel at K-State, was optimistic about the organization's future.

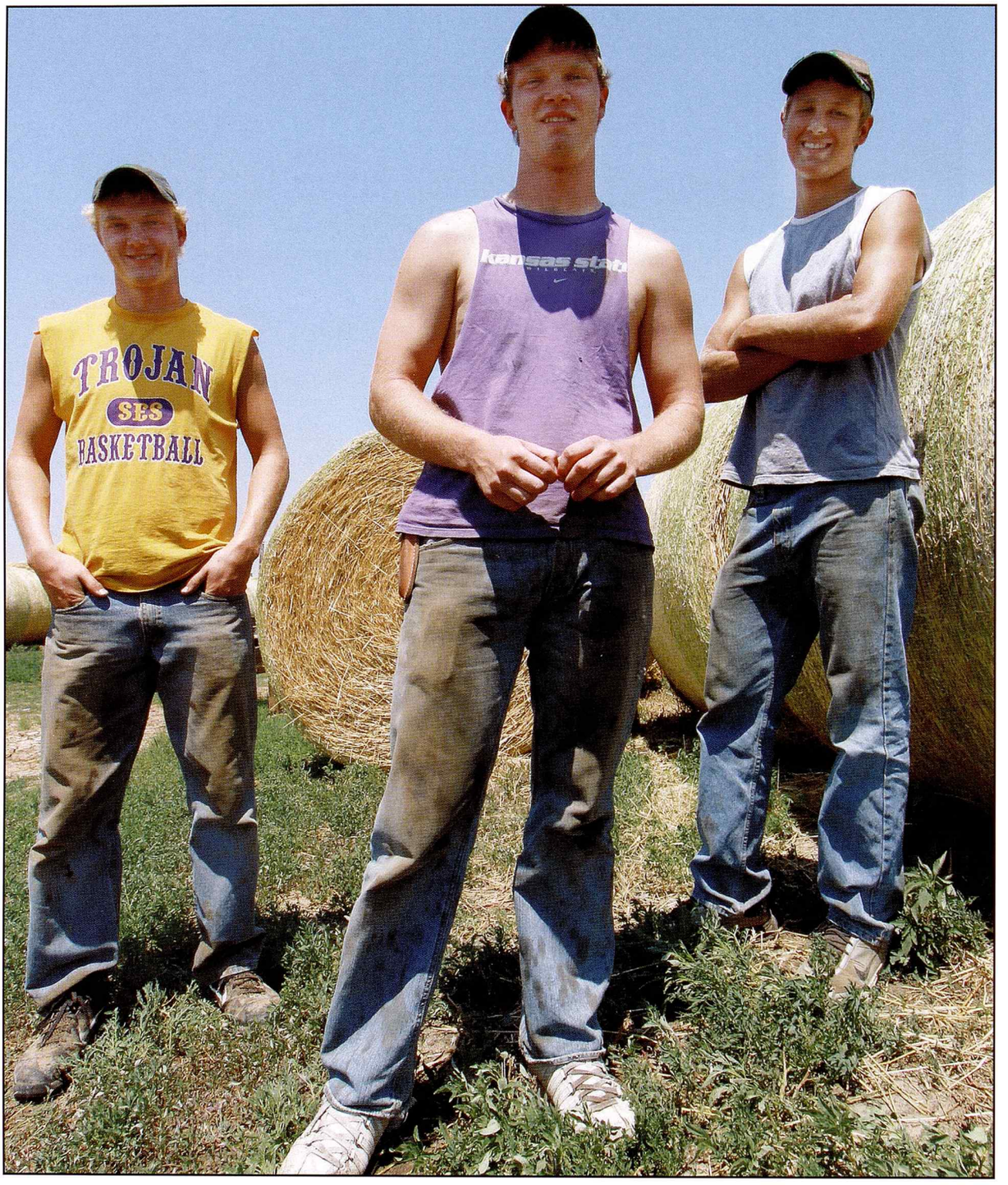
"It would be nice to have a bigger community, but you can't have everything," Kamara said.

K-State Hillel had 20 members and hoped to grow in the years to come. The members had been planning group meetings and getting together for movie nights and services. They were relying on word of mouth from their members to get people to attend their events, rather than the more aggressive styles of other religions reaching out to students on campus. Everyone was welcome to their meetings and attendees did not have to be Jewish to participate.

Story | ***Mary Harness***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***



Besty Johnson, freshman in social work, and Dolav Cohen, graduate student in math, attend a meeting for Hillel Nov. 30.



The brothers behind the viral YouTube video, "I'm Farming and I Grow It" stand in front of bales of hay at their grandmother's farm south of Salina. Greg Peterson, middle, was the one who thought of the idea for the video and had his brothers Kendel, left, and Nathan, right, help with the filming and acting.

I'm Farming & I Grow It

k-state students and their brother became viral sensations with their agriculture music video parody

Anyone who looked up videos on the video-sharing website YouTube for videos of Kansas farming wouldn't find anything nearly as amusing before the Peterson Farm Bros uploaded a video entitled "I'm Farming and I Grow It". The viral video had over a million views after only one week of being uploaded on July 25 and as of Jan. 8, 2013 it was up to over eight million views.

"We were expecting 50,000 to 100,000 views at most," Greg Peterson, senior in agriculture communication and journalism, said.

The idea for the video had come to Greg, the oldest brother, while he listened to the song "Sexy and I Know It" by the band LMFAO over the speakers at Sonic Drive-in at Anderson Avenue and Third Street.

Greg and his brothers Nathan, freshman in agriculture technology, and Kendel, junior at Southeast of Saline High School, spent over two hours shooting a collection of dance and filler scenes and 24 hours editing the video together.

Only a day after the video went up, it had been viewed over 23,000 times. After Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan. endorsed the video and posted the link on his Facebook page saying, "the Peterson Farm brothers have become a media sensation", views had started to skyrocket even more.

The brothers' video soon started to hit newsstands as the Salina Journal published an article on their success that was picked up by the Associated Press and other news outlets.

Although the video was in the public due to news articles, Greg said the university had a lot to do with the success of the video as well.

"K-State is why it went viral," Greg said.

The Kansas State University agriculture department had done its fair share of promoting the video by showing it around to everyone they could. Even messages from John Currie, university's director of athletics, had come to talk about how his own kids like the video. Pat Bosco, vice president of student life, mentioned that he was glad to see K-State shirts worn in the video.

"It's good to know that it's getting out to the general public," Nathan said.

The general public far reached the boarders of Kan. when the brothers were welcomed onto network shows like NBC's Today Show and onto Ellen Degeneres' talk show. On a smaller scale, on Aug. 18 a group of people at the Doulgas County Fair in Alexandria Minn. hosted a flash-mob to the parody song and uploaded their own video to YouTube. It collected over 6,000 views.

At the Sept. 15 football game against North Texas at Bill Snyder Family Stadium, a clip from the video was played on the jumbo screen for the audience of over 40,000 to see. Greg was also recognized on the field for the video after it was played.

"The football game was a lot of fun," Greg said.

During the weeklong Thanksgiving break, the three brothers from Saline County decided to make a new video. Their new inspiration was from the popular Korean song "Gangnam Style" by Psy that had exploded onto the American pop scene during the summer. "Farmer Style" took on the same farming scenes but with it to the quirky pop hit.

"We made farmer style in two days," Greg said.

The video had over taken "Farming and I grow It" by three million views in January with 11 million hits. Marla Peterson, mother of brothers, said it had come as a surprise of how popular they had become.

"I'm really proud of them and how they did," Marla said, "It's good to find ways to promote agriculture."

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Kelli Bebermeyer, freshman in open option and Brittany Cunningham, junior in psychology, talk about their new fashion purchases while enjoying the fall weather. Both Bebermeyer and Cunningham exemplified the season's fashion trends of cable knit sweaters, maxi dresses and layers.

Keeping up with Trends

college fashionistas take note of students' apparel

An apparel internship called College Fashionista had spread from school to school and finally reached Kansas State University. After sending in their applications, Amara Giersch, junior in apparel textiles, and Sophie Eisenhauer, senior in apparel textiles, were accepted as the university's style gurus.

The founder of the College Fashionista internship, Amy Levin, originated in California and every university's fashionistas worked with her via email. It worked like a magazine. Amy and her co-workers would edit the intern's articles before they were posted onto the College Fashionista website.

"It's almost like an honor because not many people get this opportunity in college and there are so many schools that do it," Giersch said. "It's a really great opportunity, and it's a great way to meet new people because all the fashionistas from different states interact with one another. It's a great way to get your name out there and experience the fashion industry."

Sherry Haar, a professor and adviser for the apparel and textile department, shared her outlook on how this internship would further the students in their future careers.

"It opens their eyes and trains their eyes to find someone wearing an upcoming trend," Haar said.

As part of their job, the fashionistas had to search around campus for students who dressed up fashionably for class. After the gurus found an individual that was up to date on the current fashion trends, they captured a photo of the individual and then wrote an article about the outfit and accessories.

Giersch blogged specifically about accessories and how to tie them into an outfit fashionably while Eisenhauer gave style advice and provided examples to her fellow readers about how to wear a specific fashion item to get the best possible look.

"Basically I write about the style advice for the week, but I try to find someone who is not only looking cute for class but who is wearing something I can write about," Eisenhauer said. "An upcoming trend that I can spot whether it be a jacket, a kind of pant, an accessory, so I spot them and think about how I can write about it and explain it to readers, so I pull them aside and ask if I can take their pictures."

Sweat pants and sweat shirts were always a campus favorite so the fashionistas were pushed to look past the so called "comfy-lazy" look to find individuals that wore the newest trends and fashion pieces. According to Eisenhaur, leggings, skinny jeans and riding boots for young female adults were in style.

"The hardest part of my job is keeping up with the current trends, which is already kind of a hobby of mine, and being able to pinpoint how I can write about it," Eisenhaur said. "Because it's how to take a gray cardigan, something simple, and explain to readers how to wear it with your body type and how to wear it in the cooler months and in the summer months. I try to give a few examples about how to wear it. It's my creativity mixed with what students are wearing."

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Semester at Sea

studying abroad gives new meaning to student's life

In just 62 days, Carson O'Connor traveled around the world. O'Connor, a junior in family studies and human services, was a part of the Semester at Sea program where students spent two to four months traveling on a cruise ship while taking classes to put toward their education.

"It's an incredible program that gives students the opportunity to travel to multiple countries for their study abroad programs," O'Connor said. "I did the two-month program."

Karli Webster, director of Study Abroad at Kansas State University, also traveled with the Semester at Sea program back in 2003 when she was 21 years old.

"It is not a program where you are not immersed in just one culture," Webster said. "You get a lot of short term experiences in a variety of cultures."

For the 2012 summer voyage, O'Connor traveled to nine countries and 10 cities including Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Portugal. While traveling, she also earned nine credit hours that transferred back to K-State.

O'Connor had been inspired to study abroad by her journalist father who had the opportunity to travel during his career.

"We had talked about Semester at Sea a lot and it was something I was really supportive of," Phillip O'Connor, Carson's father, said. "I think travel gives you a better perspective on life."

She had not planned to go on the 2012 summer voyage until a week before the ship embarked.

"My original plan was to do it next summer but I made it work this summer," O'Connor said. "I'm really glad I did."

For the two-month program, more than 550 students on board were given the choice of taking nine to 12 credit hours. The University of Virginia, who sponsored the Semester at Sea program, administered the credits.

For these classes, students would work with teachers from all over the world in classrooms on the ship. They participated in field labs in which they went out into the country where the ship was docked at that time and applied what they learned in the classroom to real-life experiences.

"They want your time in port to be the main learning experience," O'Connor said. "They want you to be learning and to apply what you're learning to these different cultures."

Students also had free time to explore the port where they had stopped.

"Everyday was something else," O'Connor said. "I hiked two volcanoes, saw the most beautiful sunset in my life, I got lost in a bazaar in Turkey, did a Turkish bath, zip lined in Maraca, met a snake charmer, let a monkey sit on my head. I did so much."

Many students experienced some sort of culture shock as they visited different places.

"Turkey was the first big culture shock. When we ported we heard the call to prayer for Ramadan over a loud speaker," O'Connor said. "It was certainly very different from here."

After returning from her trip, O'Connor realized she had changed as a person.

O'Connor's father had wanted his daughter to have these experiences.

"She would just call me and be in tears about experiences and things she'd seen," Phillip said. "That's what you want as a parent."

O'Connor had participated in community service before, but being a part of this trip taught her that she could make an impact in the world.

"You have more power to do great things than sometimes people realize or even you realize," O'Connor said.

O'Connor was appointed as a global ambassador for Semester at Sea and planned to help promote the program at K-State.

"I think it's wonderful that they have student ambassadors," Webster said. "Return students can help spread the word and give a more current experience."

O'Connor hoped to go on another voyage at some point.

"Each experience changed me in a different way," O'Connor said. "This is just the beginning."

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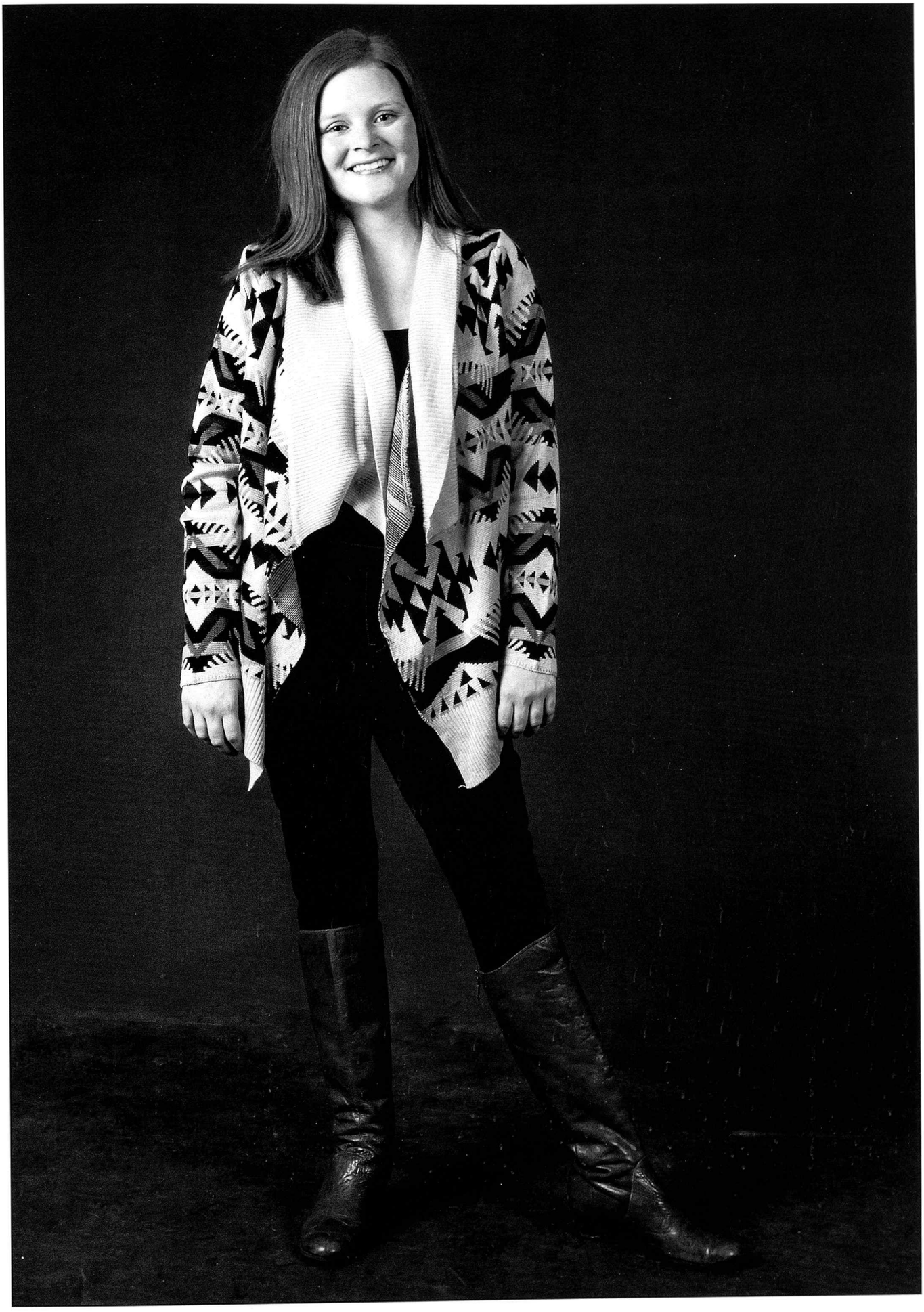

A Matter of National Security

concerns are raised by the new biodefense facility

Kansas State University had been nationally recognized for its successful agriculture program and the role that the Manhattan community played in the agriculture research for years. For those reasons, and many more, it was decided that the National Bio and Agro-Defense (NBAF) facility was to make its home in Manhattan, Kan. The NBAF was a bio-containment research facility that focused on the study of foreign animals, zoonotic diseases, and the public health issues of the U.S. The NBAF went through a three-year extensive site selection process before it finally made its home at the university. The NBAF was placed right next to the $54 million Biosecurity Research Institute, which had very high levels of bio-security.

"Having the National Bio and Agro-Defense facility here can provide a lot of opportunities especially for the Agriculture program," Jocelyn Clemons, senior in agriculture technology management, said. This research is something that a lot of people in my major look forward to having a career in so having it here could possibly give us the chance for some hands on learning or internships. I think it will also bring a lot of publicity to Manhattan and will help shed light on the unique things we do for agriculture."

Questions had been raised by members of the community as to why the NBAF was needed. The response was that the facility was to be built in order to comply with Homeland Security regulations. By having the high security level facility, the nation would have potentially been able to research things that could have possibly threatened humans, such as disease, that came from animals. With that research solutions could have been created and would have provided the country with protection against them. The research was previously conducted at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, but the center was considered to be too small to meet the needs of the nation. Manhattan was the ideal choice for the research as it already had the biosafety level 4 security needed to protect the community from research conducted in the facility.

The security of the facility was also a factor that raised a lot of questions.. Shows such as Myth busters an Americas Most Secret had made citizens question what the purpose of the facility truly was.

"My first time hearing about NBAF was from watching a show on Discovery Channel that focused more on Plum Island, but also talked about the new facility here," Ashley Cavazos, senior in agriculture communications, said. "I was unsure of what the purpose of the facility was until watching that show, but that made me question my safety in Manhattan. I researched some more after that and found out that it is perfectly safe. I know they will ensure the levels of security needed in order to protect us from any contact or exposure to their research."

The facility was planned to be 500,000-520,000 square feet and had a detailed structure that ensured the safety of the Manhattan and surrounding communities. The facility location played an essential role as well due to the role of health research within the Kansas City and Topeka areas. The Kansas City bioscience industry was internationally recognized and was to be a major part in the research conducted for NBAF. Many students were excited by the decision to base the center in Manhattan and looked forward to seeing what could come from it.

"I hope that Manhattan can gain some recognition on a larger scale, maybe even internationally, by having the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility here," Dara Strathman, senior in criminology, said. "We can make some great discoveries here and can change the future of agriculture in this country with the research being conducted. I think involving K-State was the perfect choice."

Story | ***Jasmine Jordan***
Photo | ***Hannah Hunsinger***



NBAF, National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility will be located at Kansas State University and fully functional by 2019. NBAF will serve to replace the Federal government's current high-risk biological research facility located in Plum Island, New York.



Samuel Ziglinski, freshman in civil engineering and Beta Theta Pi fraternity member, waits in a parking lot for phone calls as he "dd's" on Saturday, Dec 1. It was Ziglinski's second time dd'ing, as each live-in Beta dd'ed at least twice a semester. Ziglinski had a five hour shift from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Designated driving

greeks try to provide women with a safe method of transportation for weekend festivities

The greek community had a designated driving system to try to stop potential charges amongst students regarding driving under the influence and minor in possession.

Amanda Rouse, freshman in interior design, and Ryen Hill, freshman in business, regularly got together on weekends to celebrate the end of a stressful week.

"Getting together with my friends on the weekends gets my mind off all the tests, quizzes, homework and papers I need to do to get ready for the next week," Rouse said. "The weekends are my time to relax and have fun."

In the spirit of a young and restless college weekend, Rouse, Hill and others often attended fraternity parties whom inevitably would be part of the festivities.

"The designated driver system the fraternities do helps out when it comes to coming and going from home to a party," Hill said.

To attend a fraternity party a woman would call the designated driver associated with the fraternity house on campus and ask for a ride to the party. Many women on campus attended the same parties, so lines of calls formed making it complicated for the designated drivers themselves.

"Tense," Benjamin Rinehart, sophomore in Kinesiology and pledge of Sigma Nu, said when he described his experiences as a designated driver.

Rinehart had no shortage of complaints regarding being a designated.

"Girls drunk, singing and screaming to music can get annoying quick," Rinehart said. "Anywhere from five to 15 girls will pile into my truck and I still have calls coming in. Trying to listen to the girl on the other line with others screaming can get overwhelming and stressful."

Many fraternities agreed that they only provided designated drivers to create a sense of safety throughout the greek community.

"I really think having designated drivers is good because it keeps everyone safe and is a good way to make sure everyone gets home," Olivia Swalley, freshman in open option, said.

Creating safety was an important component, yet Rinehart agreed that with the city of Manhattan's ordinance policy against using cell phones while, answering calls got difficult.

"I already am breaking seat belt rules and could easily get pulled over, I don't need to get in trouble for being on the phone," Rinehart said. "Which is mainly what makes being a designated driver so stressful."

Although safety was what is in mind, Kerri Ricketts, freshman in open option, said the designated driving services could be scary and actually unsafe.

"A man once pretended to be a designated driver for a fraternity and was trying to pick up girls outside of houses," Ricketts said. "Also, designated drivers have been found to be drunk themselves or drinking while driving and that defeats the purpose of a sober driver."

Ricketts said she provided her own driving arrangements to and from parties and could sometimes be the designated driver for her own friends.

"It's just safer to know that it is in my hands and that I wouldn't want my friends lives being in jeopardy either," Ricketts said.

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Time for a Smackdown

local bar hosts trivia night as different form of entertainment

Loud yells were usually common in most bars past 1 a.m. on a Friday, but for anyone at Auntie Mae's Parlor on Wednesday at 8 p.m., the yells were coming from something other than drinking or sports.

"He was Garfield's pet stuffed bear," Jeff Kreuser, the host, asked the teams.

"POOKIE!" a contestant yelled from the crowd.

Trivia Smack Down was becoming a tradition among Manhattan residences. Owner of Auntie Mae's, Jeff Denney, said the community had noticed the event.

"After nine years, it starts to take its hold," Denney said.

The roots of the game came from humble beginnings. A local Manhattan resident, Eric Melin, had just moved from Lawrence where he had seen the game being played. He thought the concept would be a good fit for a bar in Aggieville.

After being the host of the event for six months, Melin passed the "Trivia Guy" position on to Kreuser, Manhattan resident who earned his masters in kinesiology from Kansas State University.

"I was just playing and would sub in for [Melin], so I figured I would take over," Kreuser said.

For some, Trivia Smack Down just wouldn't be the same without Kreuser.

"Jeff makes it," Blake Robinson, Manhattan resident, said, "He is the best in the biz."

Sitting around a table at a bar listening to a guy ask trivia questions into a microphone sounded like a unique experience to some bar goers. Add Christmas lights covering the ceiling and ESPN on a flatscreen, and the whole experience tutned into something special.

"We usually have to turn people away, it's so full," Denney said. "It kind of depends on whats going on in school, too."

The atmosphere during the rounds was lively but still had a sense of competitiveness. Even though cash prizes were awarded to the winners, everyone in attendance was still there to have fun, drink, and answer questions with their friends.

Denney said it was mostly college students who showed up, although a very diverse crowd could usually be found participating.

"We get a little bit of everything," Denney said.

Talking about the diversity in students, Krueser added that they saw "a good mix of grad students, undergrads, and everything."

A couple years back, Denney recalled the drummer from The Flaming Lips stopped by to play. He said they usually didn't get too many famous people.

But unlike songs by the neo-psychedelic band, it's not always peace and love when the game is played. A women who has been helping for the past couple years said about the game.

"Sometimes teams can get a little rough," Chelsey Eimer, Manhattan Resident said. Although on Nov. 28, everyone was pretty relaxed. "Tonight has been easy."

Eimer worked as Kreuser's board girl putting up scores and keeping track of "smacks" teams have used or have used against them on a dry erase board in the corner of the room. "Smack" is a term used when a team wants to pass their question on to another team. If that other team gets it wrong, the team that "smacked" that team received points. If the team "smacked" gets it right, then they receive the points.

People would drink and had a good time with friends, but with more of a "Cheer's" kick backed and relaxed feel to it rather than the dance-floor-party-drunk atmosphere.

By the end of the game "Coco Thunder" won with the most points followed by "Wet With Salvation." The teams received a cash prize, around $100 Nov. 28, which came out of admissions fees from the players. Third place wasn't left out. "Unwanted Sexual Advances" went home with a $25 gift card to the bar.

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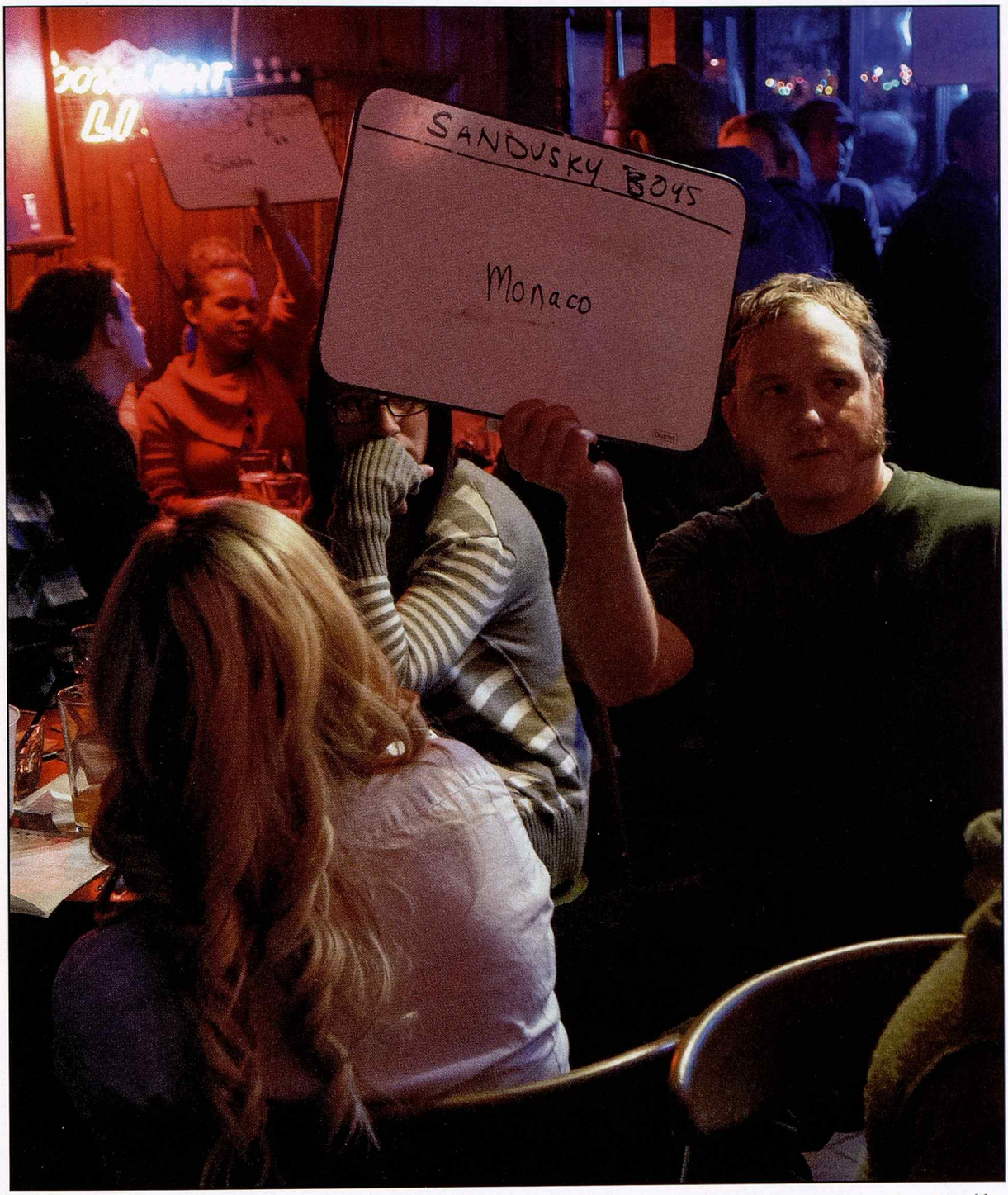

The teams "Sandusky Boys" and "Sticky and Confused" hold up boards with answers in an attempt to steal a question missed by another team in the basement of Auntie Mae's on the night of Nov. 28.

Continuing the *Legacy*

siblings continue family's university tradition

Brother and sister duo Alexander and Shelby Smith had visited campus for more than a decade, although they were both just starting out in their college experience.

The sibling's family had been part of K-State since 1950 when their grandfather, Ray Smith, graduated. Their father, Max Smith, graduated in 1975 and had been bringing his children to K-State's campus for most of their lives.

Alexander, a freshman, and Shelby, a sophomore, were majoring in kinesiology. Both students continued their family's legacy by attending K-State, also following two older half-sisters, an uncle, and multiple aunts and cousins.

"I always thought that I would come here," Shelby said. "I really didn't look at any other schools."

They spent the past 10 years visiting Manhattan for K-State football and basketball games. Their family had held season tickets since 2000 and brought them along for the experience.

"We just enjoyed going to the games and seeing family," Max said. "We like the atmosphere of K-State."

Their two older sisters lived in Manhattan, making it easy for them to visit year-round.

"We became pretty accustomed to Manhattan," Alexander said. "I just love the atmosphere here."

Shelby agreed that they both learned their way around town from visiting so much.

"We've always been down here as kids," Shelby said. "So it's always felt like a second home."

Although they had been coming to games for years, they both agreed that actually being a part of the student body was a new experience.

"We watched the student section for at least 10 years just waiting to be a part of it," Alexander said. "It's cool to go from watching it to being a part of it."

Having a sibling on campus allowed them to share their experiences and help each other out. Since both of them had the same major, it was easy to compare classes and talk about their futures together.

"It's kind of nice to grab him; he's someone from back home," Shelby said. "We try to hang out when we can."

Even though it was part of their family's legacy to attend K-State, neither felt any pressure to make the same decision.

"I can't imagine being anywhere but K-State. I wouldn't see any reason not to go," Alexander said. "I didn't feel pressured into it because it's a family tradition. I always wanted to go here."

Max was happy that they decided on K-State.

"I have a familiarity with K-State and it's where we've spent a lot of time," Max said. "They are carrying on the family tradition. It's just a part of us."

When they finally began attending school at K-State, their expectations were exceeded.

"The students here are great and everyone is so friendly," Alexander said. "It makes you feel at home."

The family continued to keep season passes and come up to tailgate at games, upholding their legacy.

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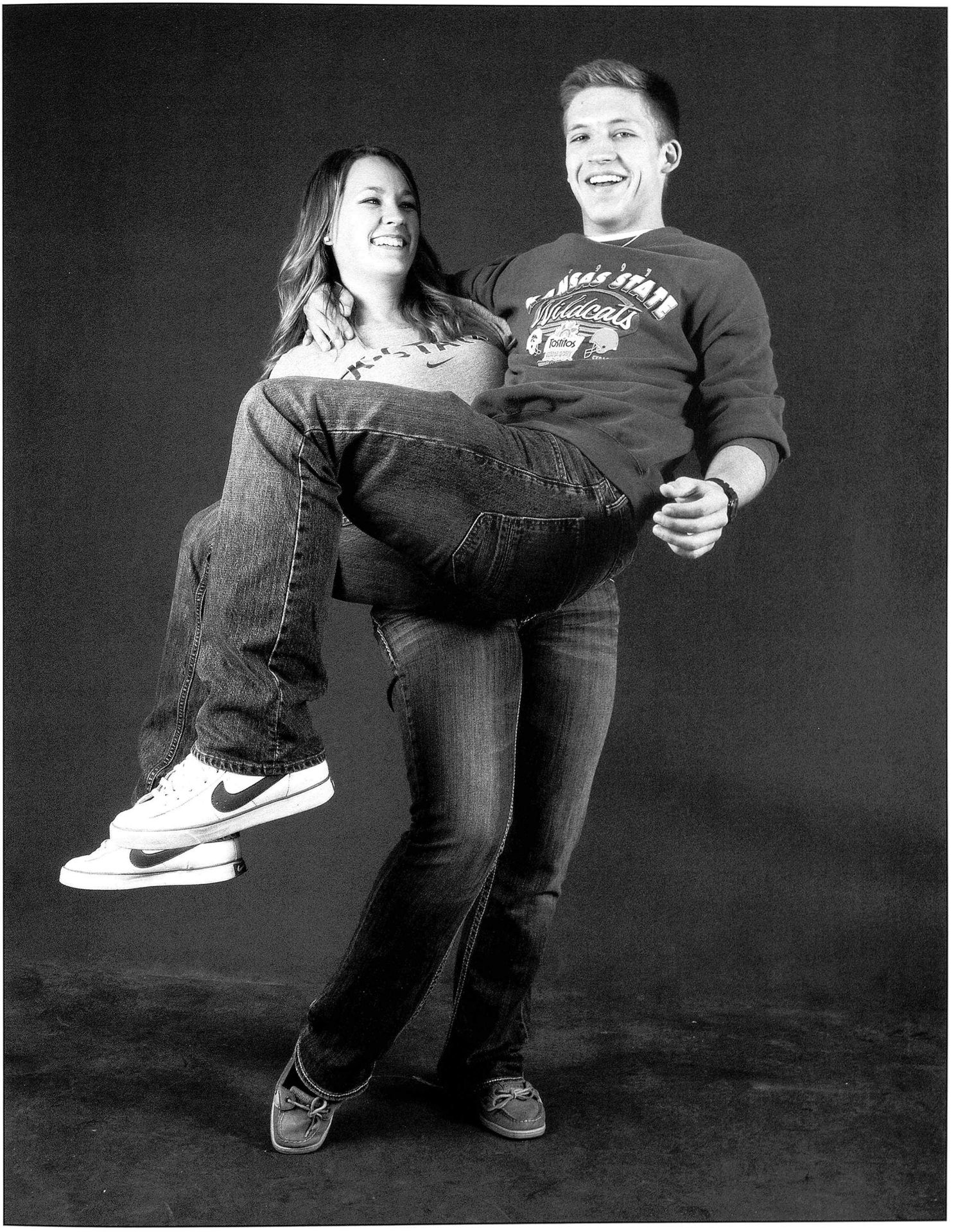
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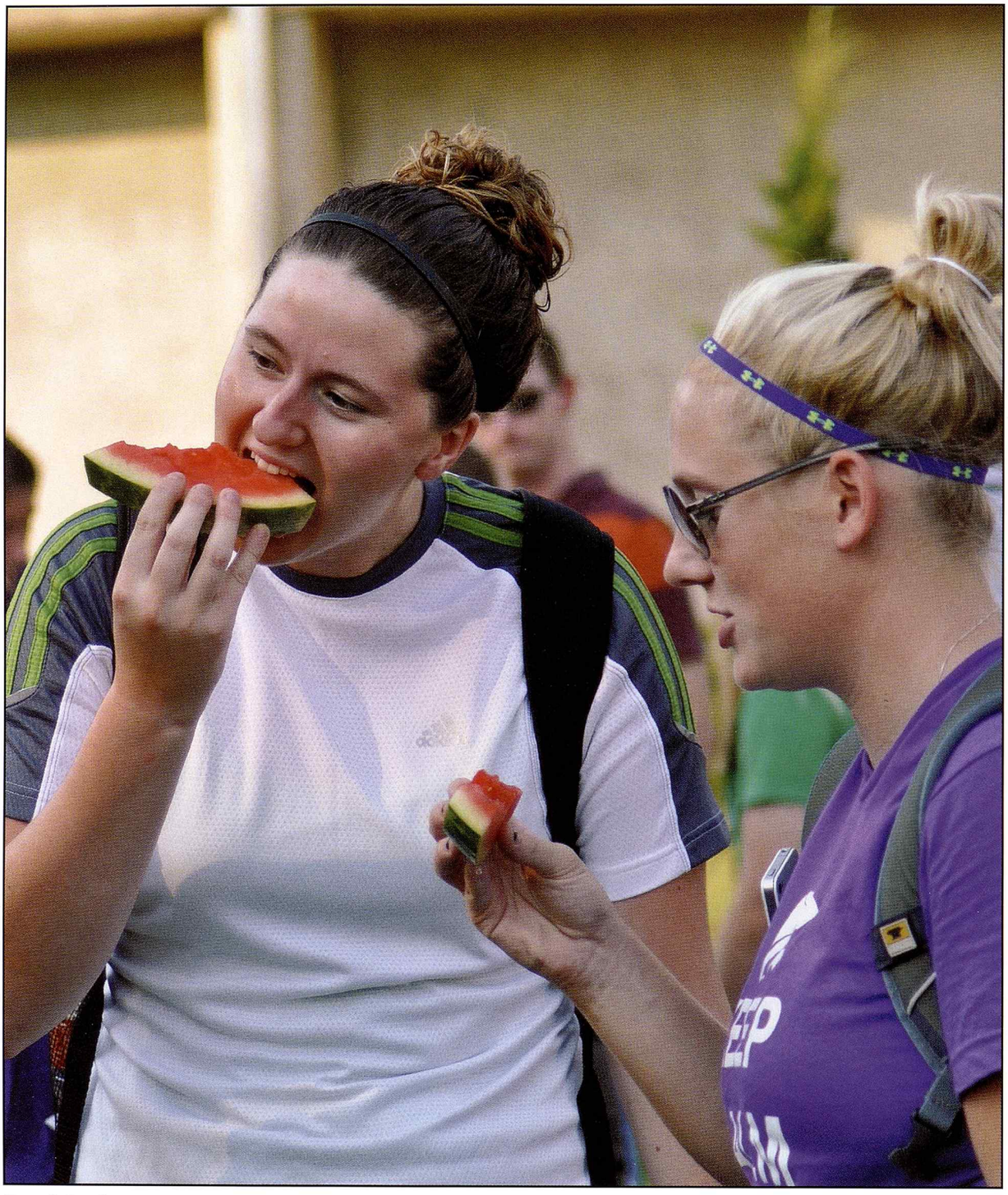

From left Jade Greene, junior in agricultural education and Tera Glidden, junior in agricultural education, share a joke while eating watermelon at the Watermelon Feed on Aug. 28.

Planting the Seed

the college of agriculture's watermelon feed welcomed new students to university life

Serving up watermelon on a warm August evening could result in quite the crowd. This was the scene on Weber Hall lawn on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 28. The Watermelon Feed, which was a long-standing tradition within the College of Agriculture, provided free ice cream and watermelon to students.

The event, held every fall semester, was designed to introduce new students to the college's different clubs and activities and was usually well attended.

"Not only does it serve as a venue for organizations to showcase themselves, but it also helps acquaint new students with opportunities they may not have been aware of," said Christine Wilson, Ag Student Council adviser and College of Agriculture assistant dean of academic programs.

In 2012's Watermelon Feed, 30 clubs were represented. Throughout the years, the number of clubs participating had remained fairly steady as there was rarely an organization within the college that opted out of the event, Wilson said.

"It's the beginning of the year. There are a bunch of new students. Everyone's really excited, and clubs are starting to ramp up their activities for the year," Wilson said. "Not only are they hoping to have returning members, but they're also wanting to attract new ones."

At one point, space between the two tiers of tables set up had become so limited that clubs actually had to move their displays back to accommodate the increasing number of students. Lines for slices of watermelon and bowls of ice cream had also grown as more faculty and students began to flood Weber Lawn.

But the excitement was always welcomed, and as the college saw a growth in number of students, clubs were excited about what they could accomplish with the opportunity for boosted membership.

One booth that garnered many participants' attention was that of the Quarter Scale Tractor Team. Rather than setting up a table with brochures, the team decided to show off two of its award-winning tractor models. As both were painted in purple and contained the coveted Powercat symbol, the models quickly attracted an audience.

"On display we've got the 2011 tractor, which earned an international championship, and the 2012 A-team model, which was an international runner-up," explained Dillon Thompson, club president and senior in biological and agricultural engineering.

Although the team mostly recruited students from the school of agricultural technology management, their display each year sparked interest among all agricultural majors.

Aside from club representatives, the majority of attendees consisted of freshmen and transfer students. This could have been attributed to the fact that throughout the first week of classes many instructors within the college encouraged their students to attend. Some even allowed the event to count toward extra credit in their respected courses.

"We recommend that they try a few different clubs, then narrow it down to two or maybe three that they can be actively involved in throughout the year," Wilson said.

Laura Erbe, freshman in animal science, enjoyed how friendly and approachable each of the booths were.

"The whole College of Ag has been very welcoming," said Erbe, who had a particular interest in the Pre-Vet Club. "I'm intent on learning more about the profession and meeting and speaking with more veterinarians. Hopefully, by joining the club I'll be able to do that."

As watermelon ran low and students begun to dissipate, professors reminisced about their first Watermelon Feed experiences. "It has been around as long as I can remember, and I began teaching in '81," said Dave Nichols, professor of animal sciences.

Though the actual date was unknown, one thing was certain: the Watermelon Feed had become a tradition within the College of Agriculture and one that promised to stick around.

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homecoming is tradition



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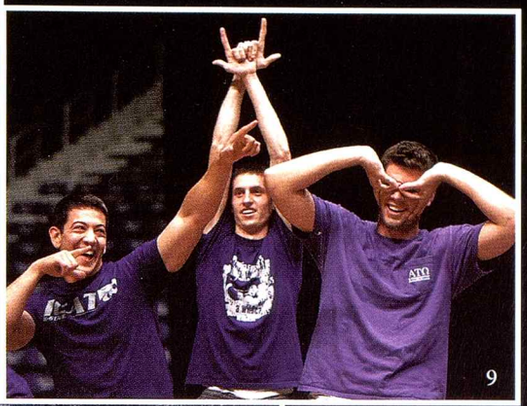

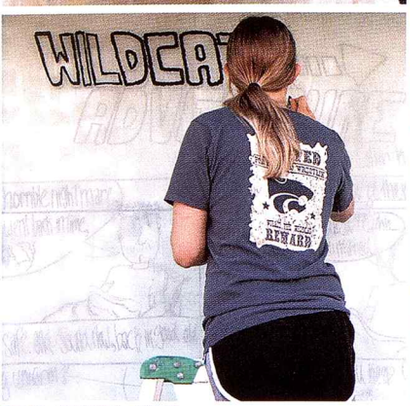





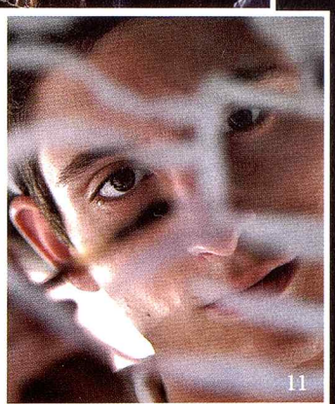

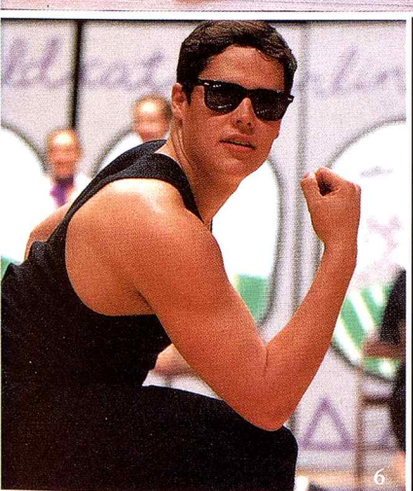

1. Members of Sigma Kappa and Alpha Tau Omega perform for Wildcat Request Live. 2. Ross Musil, sophomore in pre-journalism and member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, makes his way to the stands with his teammates for Pant the Chant. 3. ATΩ member Luke Schnefke, sophomore in mechanical engineering, impersonates Willie the Wildcat during Wildcat Request Live. 4. Allison Penner, senior in microbiology, pre-med and member of Kappa Alpha Theta contributes to the Aggieville window paintings from Paint the 'Ville. 5. Willie hangs out during the pep rally waiting to hear the homecoming winners. 6. Tim Turner, freshman in kinesiology and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, during his routine in Wildcat Request Live. 7. The K-State Marching Band parades through Aggieville. 8. Katie Turner, senior in marketing and Kappa Delta member, cheers on her pairing during Wildcat Request Live. 9. ATΩ members Christopher Carrasco, junior in sociology, Luke Schnefke, sophomore in mechanical engineering and Matt Kieffer, junior in management, at Wildcat Request Live. 10. Alpha Delta Pi members salute their Pant the Chant team. 11. Michael Schowetter, freshman in architecture and member of Pi Kappa Alpha fills in Willie's whiskers at Paint the Ville.

Those were the Days

a look back at the two-block span on moro street called aggieville

It was the central hub of social activity for college students' nightlife in Manhattan, Kan. Current Kansas State University students and alumni from all over affectionately identified the section of Moro Street from Manhattan Ave to 11th street as a place which acted as the heart of the Wildcat community. Throughout its 114-year existence Aggieville, also known as the 'Ville, had remained an iconic destination point for both Manhattan the university.

In 1898, a bookstore was built much closer to campus to help students avoid the treacherous journey downtown to obtain schoolbooks and materials, but was shut down a year later. Soon after, a group of university students started the Student Co-Operative Association and purchased the vacant bookstore that later became the center and foundation of Aggieville. The new attraction drew more business to the area and lead to the purchase of the establishment by Joseph "Guy" Varney and paved the way for the Varney's K-Staters came to know. The booming business district adopted the name Aggieville in honor of then school mascot, the Kansas State Agricultural College "Aggies".

It wasn't until after World War I that Aggieville experienced another growth spurt. Transportation was booming and trolley lines were being built, soon followed by the introduction of motor vehicles during the 1940's. By the 1950's, a new series of dining and drinking establishments formed and continued to grow for the next three decades, making Aggieville a favorite for entertainment for students and locals.

Business in Aggieville saw a gradual rise in patrons starting in 1986 under the new university president, Jon Wefald, which lead to a nearly doubled student enrollment within Wefald's 20-year term. With the rise in students came another substantial rise in business, bars, eateries and places to shop.

The tradition of Aggieville as a post-game, Wildcat victory celebration hot spot was one of the most famous qualities of the two block span of Moro Street. One of the most memorable celebrations was on Nov. 14, 1998 when the Wildcats defeated the Nebraska Cornhuskers in football for the first time since 1969. Fans removed the goal posts and carried them to Aggieville to lay them on the rooftop of Rusty's Last Chance, which was a popular bar amongst students and alumni.

Those who were unable to attend university sport games sought refuge within the selection of the bars in Aggieville. Fans would cheer on their home team, brought together not only by the good drinks and good food, but also by the sense of pride and family. In the 2012 football season, chants of "Let's go Wildcats" and "Bill Snyder" could have been heard all over Manhattan as resonated from the heart of Aggieville in celebration of the Wildcats being named the Big 12 Champions.

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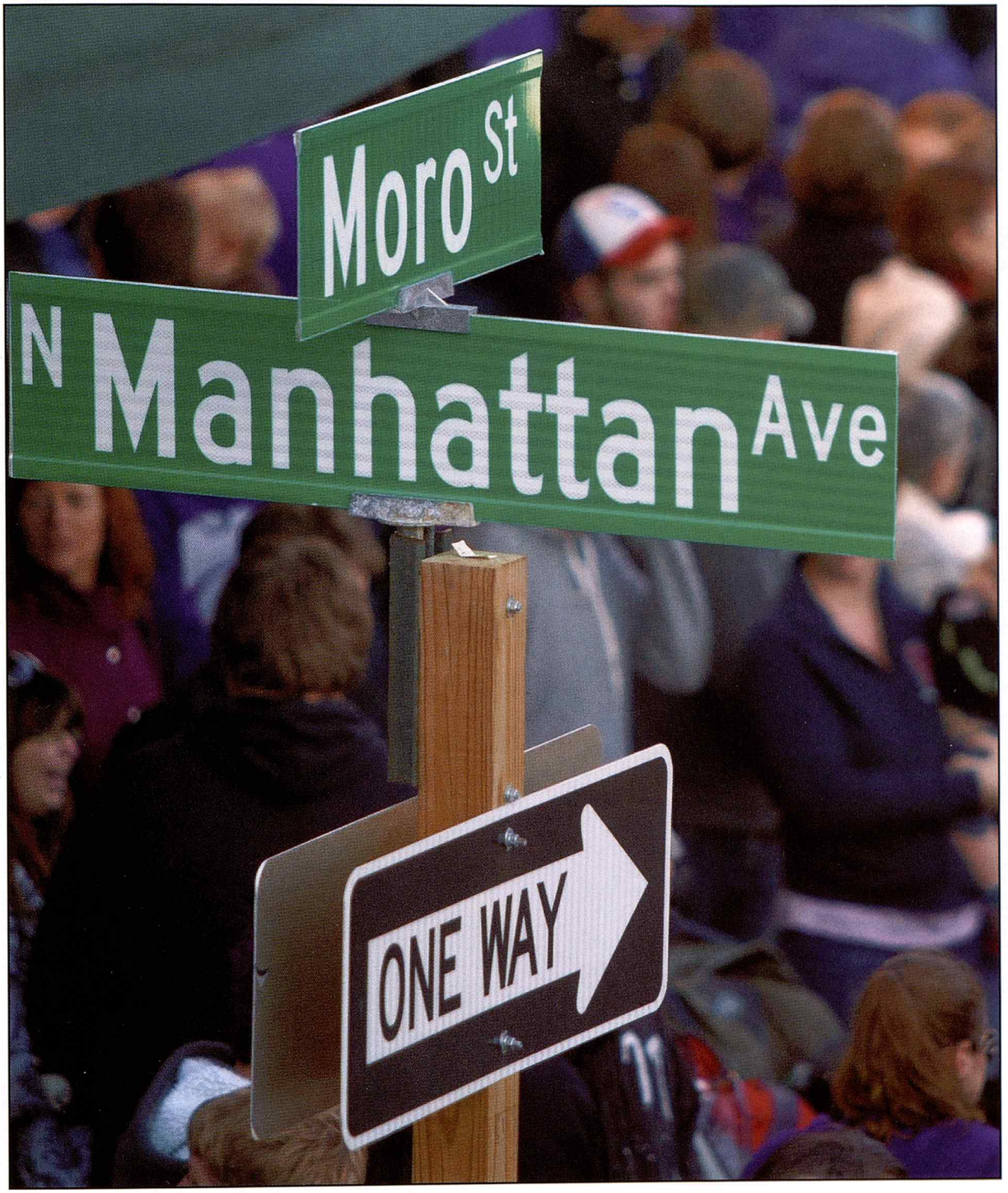

Crowds line the streets of Aggieville during the Halloween parade Oct. 26.

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"I can tell you, in the '80s, there would be Saturdays I'd wake up and wonder if we had a home game," said Rusty Wilson, owner of Kite's and Rusty's in Aggieville, who started working as a bartender and cook in Aggieville in 1982. "We would have the games on AM radio, most of the time. Now, our whole lives revolve around it."

Ever popular outside the sport seasons, Aggieville held yearly traditions aimed to bring families and the community together. The "Little Apple New Year's Eve" celebration was where patrons crowded Moro Street to watch the "little apple" drop from atop Varney's roof at midnight to bring in the New Year. On Dec. 31, 2012 Aggieville was packed with over an estimated 10,000 spectators. Matt Brown, senior in construction science, was one of the thousands that had made the trip back to Manhattan for the evening.

"It was definitely worth it," Brown said. "I only went into Aggieville for the apple drop, but the fireworks, music and being surrounded by everyone I want to see during the following year always makes this my first New Year's choice."

"Fake Patty's Day" was another annual tradition that seemed to gain popularity each year. A group of bar owners who wanted to give students the chance to celebrate together before many ventured off to their Spring Break destinations, created the fake holiday. For 30 years, Aggieville had been the home to the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and 5k/10k races during the actual week of St. Patrick's Day.

Bryce Cummings, senior in architecture, was among the thousands that crowded the 'Ville for the fake holiday. He said that for him, the bars were too crowded and obnoxious.

"Honestly I'm not a big fan of the bars on Fake Patty's Day," Cummings said. "It was absolutely packed and they didn't have any big incentives. I preferred the house parties."

Aggieville was also home to a number of long-standing businesses. The most widely known was that Aggieville hosted the oldest Pizza Hut in the country. Since its construction in 1960 and 53 years in operation, it had the title of longest running branch of the franchise.

Locally, Aggie Lounge, the smallest and oldest bar in the district, had been in operation since 1952. Two years later the original Kite's Bar and Grill opened its doors and created a university tradition that lead to the building of a second location in Junction City, Kan.

"Kites has a different section with a different theme for everyone. Whether you enjoy a dance club feel or just a laid back country-karaoke bar, Kites makes it available to you," Andrew Kutina, senior in kinesiology, said. "The best part is that all the sections are inter-connected so one can walk around and meet friends and what not, without having to leave the property."

Other popular bars that lined Moro Street were those recognized by "Aggieville Bars", which was owned and operated by Brett Allred, included Bomb Bar, Shot Stop, Johnny Kaws, and the ever-changing Chuggers. Since 2009 the building that housed Chuggers was also the former home of Ale House. Tubby's Sports Bar, Auntie Mae's, Rusty's Last Chance and Porter's were among other most frequented bars. The favorite of Lauren Patterson, senior in landscape architecture, was O'Malley's. She said bars like Kite's were always too crowded and obnoxious.

"It's always really laid back and a good time," Patterson said. "Never had a bad time there and there's always fun people around."

Shopping was another amenity provided within Aggieville. Along with Varney's, The Dusty Bookshelf provided individuals with a wide selection of books. Students and visitors could have visited Aggieville for a quick haircut or styling at many salons, such as Aggieville Hair Shapers, Shear Dynamics, and Hayne's. Clothing shops within Aggieville were comprised of Envy, Rockstar and Rogers, On the Wildside, and a few others selling clothing and items specific to university wear.

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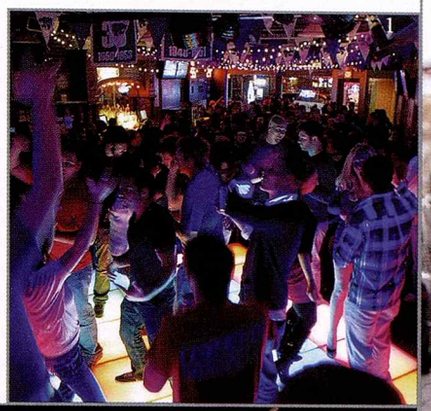
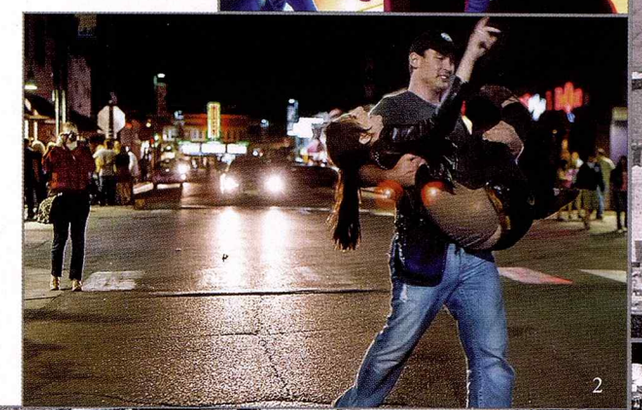
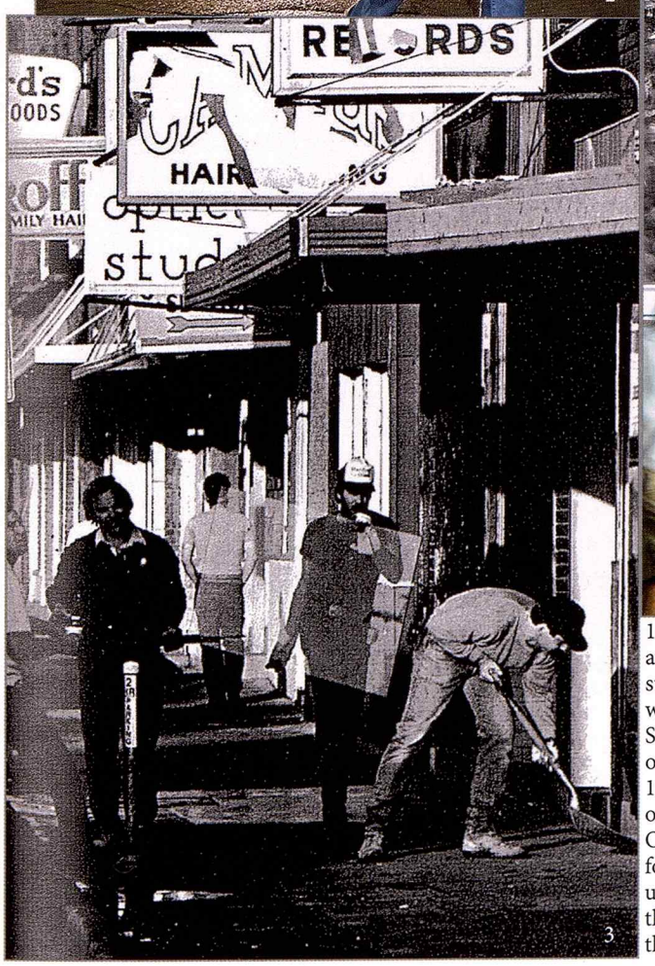
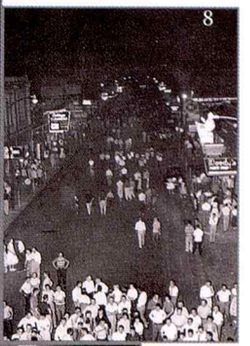
Photos | ***Evert Nelson & Emily DeShazer***
Royal Purples 1987, 1948, 1985 & 1957

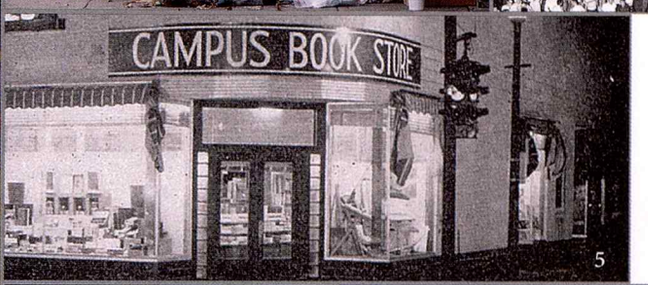


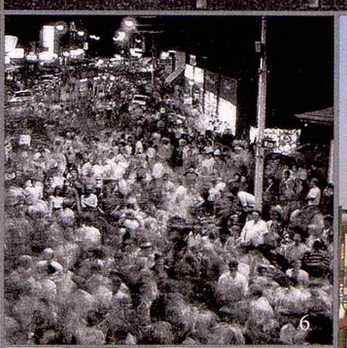


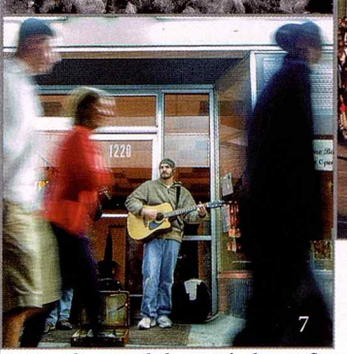


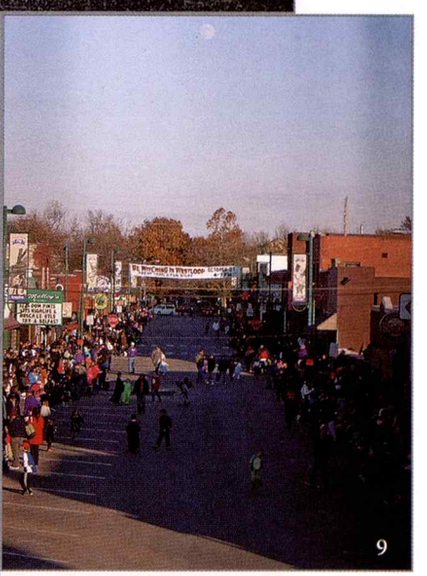












1. People crowd the Kite's dance floor on Jan. 5. 2. A young woman is carried away from the 'Ville after having a little too much fun on Oct. 5. 3. Workmen survey damage to Aggieville businesses following the Oct. 18, 1986, melee which caused more than $20,000 in damage. (Photo by Andy Nelson) 4. Students flock to windows in Aggieville to paint homecoming murals as part of Paint the 'Ville on Oct. 23. 5. A sign for the Campus Book Store from the 1948 Royal Purple. The site belonged to the Dusty Bookshelf in 2013. 6. A sea of people fill the streets of Aggieville after the 24-7 football victory over KU on Oct. 13, 1984. (Photo by Rob Clark Jr.) 7. A musician performs with his guitar for money in front of a shop in Aggieville on Oct. 5. 8. Aggieville was in an uproar one September evening in fall 1956 when 2,500 students turned out for the annual Jamboree. 9. Aggieville from Varney's Book Store overhang during the Halloween parade Oct. 26.



Ian Darrah, freshman in mechanical engineering, plays his bagpipes by Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Aug. 22.

Hear it in the Air

student spends free time filling the campus with music

Ian Darrah, freshman in mechanical engineering, relieved stress in an unusual way. While some students went on walks, listened to music, or surfed the Web, Darrah played his bagpipe.

It was Tuesday, Sept. 11, in the lot outside of Justin Hall when the sound of a bagpipe version of "Amazing Grace" could be heard from blocks away.

"I like to come out here because it's away from everyone, and I can just play my music." Darrah said.

Darrah said he usually played between the university president's house and Manhattan Ave., or near the Vietnam memorial. However, he didn't get out as much as he would have liked to his first semester.

"About once or twice a month," Darrah said. "Though I plan to practice more next semester."

Darrah had fallen in love with the bagpipes at an early age when he listened to his mother's CDs that played that music.

"As for songs with lyrics," Darrah said. "I love playing 'Come Thou Fount' and 'Highland Cathedral.' As for tunes without lyrics 'Hell-bound Train' is lots of fun to play."

Since he learned the bagpipe he had played for several weddings, birthdays and parties. When he performed he would even rent a kilt.

"I actually have one now that I need to return. It makes me feel authentic." Darrah said.

However Darrah said that during his first semester at the university he hadn't gotten any gigs.

"I hadn't been looking," Darrah said. "I'll definitely be trying to get some gigs in the spring semester."

Rumors had gone around that there were many mysterious bagpipers on campus. Tiffany Defebaugh, senior in kinesiology, said she had heard bagpipers on campus several times.

"I had a night class," Defebaugh said. "And I would hear the bagpipe a few times on my walk through campus. It was really cool to listen to, because it's not an instrument you hear a lot. I'm not sure if it was the same person every time though."

Darrah knew he wasn't alone in his hobby, however had never interacted with the other bagpipers.

"People have told me that I was not the first bagpiper they have heard out here, that in other areas of campus they have heard more. I have never seen them though." Darrah said.

When asked if he would start a bagpipe band with the others on campus Darrah said, "I wouldn't know how to find them, but that is something to think about. That could be cool."

Darrah said that usually when he played people would stop to ask him questions or compliment him on his playing.

"My friend and I went for a walk and we could hear him playing, so we went up to talk to him," Kaitlin Mitchell, senior in graphic design, said. "He was eager to tell us about his playing and it was fun to learn about the instrument and his ties with it. I was very impressed at how well he played."

"I love everything about playing the bagpipes," Darrah said. "It's hard to pick just one thing. I love the sound of it of course. I love the uniqueness of it, and I also love the history and heritage of the instrument. Those would have to be my top three."

"It was fun to talk to Ian," Mitchell said. "You could tell that he really loved his instrument and he wasn't afraid to play it out in the open."

Story | ***Morgan Buchholz***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Comedian Bill Engvall visited McCain Auditorium to joke with audiences about the comedy of everyday life on Oct. 5.

Always Laughing

blue collar comedian entertains as a part of mccain series

Bill Engvall had not enjoyed all the side effects of getting old, but enduring the process gave him some great material for his stand-up comedy act.

He brought that act to Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium on Oct. 5.

Best known for his work on the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, Engvall earned fame for finding the funny side of all sorts of occurrences. He told stories about jury duty, college-age kids, empty nesting, dieting and pets. He also tackled less ordinary, but equally entertaining, topics such as colonoscopies, Renaissance festivals and medical marijuana.

The topic of text messaging was one that everyone, young or old, could relate to.

Engvall's frustration with texting rather than simply calling had the crowd roaring. Besides his annoyance with inscrutable abbreviations like "ROFL," the 55-year-old said he thought texting took too long and thus refused to do it.

"If the good Lord wanted me to take 15 minutes to say, 'What's up?' he'd have given me a stutter," Engvall said with conviction.

Devin Kuszmaul, sophomore in elementary education, found that line particularly funny. It reminded her of a family member with a similar aversion to texting.

"I'm definitely going to call my dad because he hates texting," Kuszmaul said between fits of laughter, "and let him know that I now understand."

Curtis and Jennifer Brown attended the show because they had seen Engvall on television and thought watching him live would be fun. Still laughing as they left the auditorium, the couple made it clear the performance had met their expectations. Curtis noted similarities between himself and Engvall. Jennifer could identify with Engvall's wife, Gail.

Gail was central to one of the most entertaining stories of the night, which centered on the comedian's desire to eat cookies without his wife finding out. His infatuation with Heads and Tails Oreos had begun while watching football and ignoring Gail's request for him to salt the icy driveway. Engvall protested on the grounds that there was no ice. Long story short, he ended up in the car, in the driveway, late at night, secretly enjoying his Oreos and having escaped the chore of salting the pavement.

When he got out of the vehicle, he slipped and fell flat on his back. His wife heard the thump from inside the house and came out to see what had happened. Her first words to her husband were not to inquire about his welfare.

"I told you there was ice on the driveway!"

Like many others that evening, the Browns exited McCain with smiles on their faces.

"He's good," Jennifer said. "We love him."

In addition to his stories and commentary on everyday life, Engvall had gained popularity for his series of jokes that all come down to the same punch line of, "Here's your sign."

The line was delivered on the premise that life would be much easier if stupid people came with a sign that gave notice to others who might come into contact with them.

"A couple of months ago I went fishing with a buddy of mine," one of those jokes began. "We pulled his boat into the dock. I lifted up this big old stringer of bass, and this idiot on the dock goes, 'Hey, y'all catch all them fish?"

"Nope. Talked 'em into giving up," the comedian would reply cleverly. "Here's your sign."

Priced similarly to other shows at McCain, tickets to see Engvall were still higher than what students often spend on entertainment. Kuszmaul and fellow student Krystal Bihm, freshman in journalism, each paid $25 for their seats – though they said half-price student tickets started at $11.

To them, it was money well spent.

"It was something to do," Kuszmaul said. "You knew it was going to be a fun time from the beginning."

Story | ***Ashley Dunkak***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

Fiesta Fantactics

fans gather for 'family reunion' when they travel to cheer on cats at bowl game

It was not every year that a university sports team and its fans were able to go to a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) game to make university history. And on Jan. 3, over 30,000 fans filled Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., with purple to cheer on the Kansas State University football team against the University of Oregon Ducks in the BCS Fiesta Bowl. And even with the 17-35 loss, university students didn't regret making the 1,127-mile trip to support their team.

Students like Emma Bassette, freshman in kinesiology, who said it had been a no-brainer when her friend, Taylor Scheer, a freshman in elementary education, told her that she had three extra tickets to go to the Fiesta Bowl.

"We wanted to come because it's a once in a lifetime chance to see them play in the Fiesta Bowl," Bassette said. "So when Taylor came to us saying that she had three extra tickets, we jumped on the opportunity."

Bassette's parents offered their vehicle and after they talked it over, Bassette and her friends decided that they were going to go make the trip without stopping. That plan, according to Bassette, had both its ups and downs.

"We had a flat tire before we even got out of Manhattan and had to wait three hours to get it fixed so we got separated from the other car we were traveling with," she said. "Driving all the way through the night and not sleeping sucked. However, it was a good experience and we had a great time together."

John Stork, senior in business management, shared a similar sentiment to Bassette. Stork made the trip with his friend Devan Zwygart, junior in kinesiology, and Zwygart's three roommates. They had left on Dec. 30, and drove over 52 hours in order to be a part of the purple takeover. Stork said that although his legs were cramped from sharing the sedan with the four other men, it was worth it to see Glendale overwhelmed with purple, and he would do it again.

"I never could get over how many fans I saw down there though, truly amazing," Stork said. "The ratio of K-State fans to Oregon fans was borderline comical."

Stork and his friends drove down three days before the game so, like many other fans, they could participate in the pep-rally, and everything else Glendale had to offer its visitors. They were even able to go to a Phoenix Suns basketball game that former K-State men's basketball player Michael Beasley was playing.

"That was awesome for me because I loved him while he was at K-State," Stork said.

Theodore Stavropoulos, senior in business management, had arrived two days after Stork, but said he had shared his great fan experience. Stavropoulos said it was fun for him to see everyone else, students and alumni, who made the same trip.

"We ran into K-Staters everywhere we went," he said. "It was always fun to share a wave or smile, even to people we had never met. We packed the town with purple. It was a true family reunion."

To Stork it appeared as if the majority of the family stayed until the very end to offer support and show their pride for their 'Cats. He said around the fourth quarter he had begun to see some empty seats in the K-State section, but also said he was impressed with how many stayed as Oregon played their fight song.

"The band played the alma mater right after it ended and the whole student section sung it with out arms around each other," Stork said. "It was really great, made the loss a little more bearable. And seeing the stadium so filled with purple, so far away from Manhattan, made everything worth it."

Story | ***Erin Poppe***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Fans show their K-State pride at the pep rally at Chase Field in Phoenix, Ariz. on Jan. 2, the day before the bowl game.

Leaving *Home* Base

military students experience rough transitions

Sara Baqer, junior in open option who was stationed at Fort Riley, transferred from West Point Military Academy to escape the distractions that kept her from concentrating on school.

But the differences made the transition a challenge.

"It's difficult," Baqer said. "It's a really tough adjustment for me."

West Point, according to Baqer, was very discipline-orientated and did not give her many choices. K-State allowed her more choices so she could decide which classes to take among other things. While it was hard to juggle both school and military, it was not impossible.

"It's not rocket science; it's definitely doable," Baqer said.

Krystal Bihm, sophomore in journalism and mass communications, enlisted in the National Guard in 2010 and came to K-State right out of high school. Bihm also said that it was not easy to go to school while being enlisted. Her job for the National Guard entailed inventory work as well as deliveries. Although she usually was not doing anything for the National Guard during the week, it did take away from homework time on the weekend. She sometimes found it difficult to complete assignments because of her work for the National Guard.

The hardest thing for Baqer was balancing school, military and her. Because of this she did not have much time for fun, unable to attend even a single football game. One thing, however, that helped her adjust was K-State's ROTC program.

"ROTC was really welcoming and helped me through that transition," Baqer said.

It gave her all the necessary information about K-State and helped her figure out a possible schedule.

Bihm agreed the ROTC was helpful to her maintaining parity between school and the National Guard.

"The ROTC really helps to balance it out," Bihm said.

Baqer said she liked what K-State had to offer in terms of classes as well as its familial atmosphere. While Baqer considered herself to be in a tough situation, she understood that it was important for her well-being.

"If you didn't struggle for it, it wouldn't be worth getting," Baqer said.

Baqer planned on obtaining a degree at K-State and staying in the Army indefinitely.

Bihm looked to combine her degree with her experience in the National Guard topursue a career in public relations. She said she really enjoyed the National Guard and planned to do it for the rest of her life.

Russel Edem, sophomore in pre-journalism and mass communication, was in the Army from 1994 to 2002 and then later came to K-State. Because of to his active duty in Kuwait and Bosnia, he did not have much time to take classes.

"It's a matter of balance," Edem said.

Once he was out of the Army, he worked as a painter until 2010, when he enrolled in Barton County Community College. He then transferred to K-State in 2011, and planned to graduate in the spring of 2014. He said that the reason why he was able to come back to school was because of the money that the army gave him as a disabled veteran.

While he did not have to try to go to school and be in the service at the same time, he still had difficulties going to school with a younger generation.

"That's probably the hardest thing, being my age, which is 40, and having to contend with a younger crowd makes it harder at school just because you're trying to keep up and then once you get into the job market, they're going to see that I am already middle-aged," Edem said.

Once he graduated, Edem planned on either taking pictures for a newspaper or starting his own business.

Story | ***John Forsee***
Photos | ***Evert Nelson***



Kendall Lubay, full time graduate studying music education, carries his daughter, Coral Lubay, 15-months, across the campus Oct. 17. Lubay finished his active duty in August 2012 but remained in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Crime on the Rise

crime increases within the k-state, manhattan communities

The year was full of stories about acts of crime committed both at the university and within Manhattan's city limits. From the home invasion at Chase apartments to the Seaton Hall computer theft, students were reminded frequently of how dangerous even the happiest campus in the nation could be.

According to the statistics in K-State's annual campus security and fire safety report, types of crimes that were on a rise between dates of Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 of 2011 to 2011 were forcible sexual offenses, drug law violations and liquor law arrests. Riley County Police Department's website, in comparison of the same dates, showed that within Manhattan assault, burglary and arson were escalating.

Jennifer Jirovec, junior in journalism and mass communications, had a run in with crime in the beginning of August when she had just moved into her house located only a couple blocks from Aggieville. One night, her two roommates were asleep upstairs and Jirovec was asleep in the basement. Jirovec was asleep until about 5:30 a.m. when she heard a crashing noise.

"I immediately sat up, scared by the unexpected bang that woke me up," Jirovec said. "I considered getting up and checking to see what it was, but instead I went back to sleep because I had to be up in a few hours."

Jirovec said that the banging was persistent and she continued to ignore it and tried to sleep. She could not try to sleep anymore when the knocking was at her own bedroom door. She said her door had been locked but the stranger kicked it open. An unknown man walked into her room.

"He asks, 'Who is your father?' and 'Why are you in my bed?' I'm panicking and asking him to please leave my room," Jirovec said. "Next he simply turns around and exits my room."

Her roommates called her asking what all the commotion was about, and soon after they all called the police. Jirovec said the police found the man later wandering the street. He was drunk and incoherent. Because of the rising crime rate, Jirovec said she would always be more aware of her surroundings.

Capt. Don Stubbings, of the K-State Police Department, said one of the reasons these numbers seem to be rising is because there are several other reporting entities on campus, such as the Office of Student Life and the residence halls.

"It shows the effort that our university is making to take care of the safety of the students," Stubbings said. "The fact that we are getting more reports means that more people are reporting."

But it didn't matter if the stats pointed towards more reports of an average amount of crime. People were shaken. Ryan Bonilla, junior in social work and a resident of the Chase apartments, was quoted by the Collegian after the home invasion/shooting that occurred on Oct. 5, about how the incident was "eye-opening."

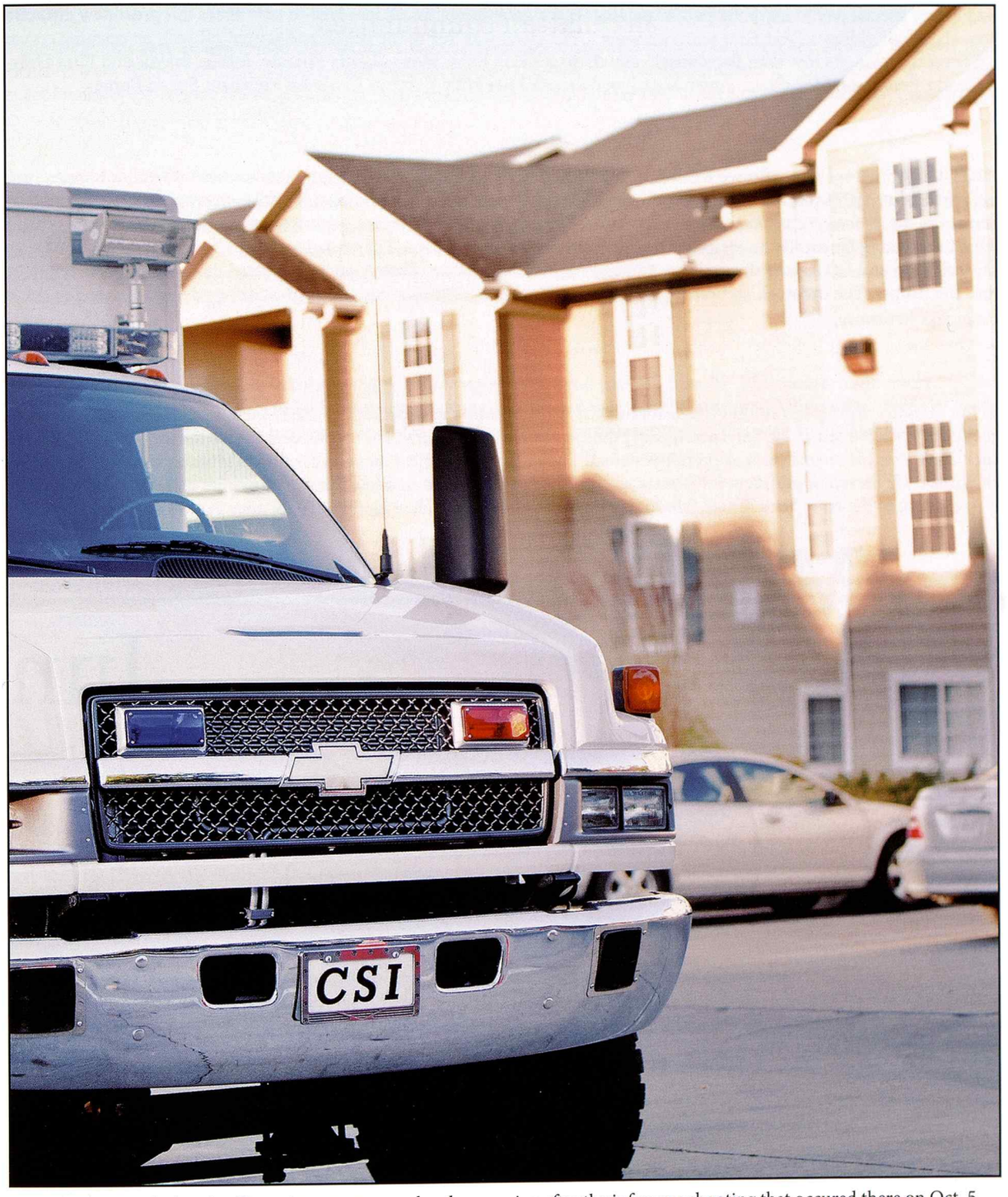
"We never really used to lock our doors or anything because we felt pretty save," Bonilla said. "When you think of Manhattan, you don't really think that we see too many big crimes. But having something like this just a few doors down makes you think twice about personal safety."

A sense of security in the home is something a person assumes, but what about a sense of security on campus? For students with studios, their building was often seen as a second home, a secure location for their years of work. And on Nov. 18 that security was shattered when over $10,000 worth of computers was stolen from Seaton Hall. According to Benjamin Wagner, fifth-year in landscape architecture, the six stolen computers were secured by lock cables, as was required by the college, and left in four different studios. Wagner said that the computers are worth far more to the students than their monetary value, in some cases representing years of course work.

"The loss of intellectual property is significant," he said, adding that at least one of the victims lost over two years worth of work. "The amount of work on these computers, the time we invest, is huge."

Whether it was within limestone walls of the university or out in the Manhattan community, 2012 brought a heightened sense of awareness for all along with the rise in crime.

Story | ***Kelly Iverson & Mike Stanton***
Photo | ***Emily DeShazer***



A CSI truck is parked at the Chase Apartment complex the morning after the infamous shooting that occured there on Oct. 5.

News Months

April

Story | *Jacinda Dent*

Local On April 14, the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan had its grand opening. Before opening day, director of Flint Hills Discovery Center, Bob Workman, was quoted on KSALlink when talking about the staff's preparation for the opening ceremony. "We are planning a very special day to mark the public opening. It is a great honor for all involved to now share this great new attraction and resource about our glorious Flint Hills with everyone." The event was free to the public and started off with an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. Speakers included Gov. Sam Brownback, city manager Ron Fehr, Mayor James Sherow, former mayor and Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation President. Bruce Snead, and former Flint Hills Tourism Coalition President Suzan Barnes.

National On April 14, 122 confirmed tornadoes spread across the Great Plains. Though most tornado warnings happen just minutes before the storm, this particular warning was predicted far in advance. The National Weather Service issued a warning on April 13, an entire day before the storm was expected to hit. Since the prediction was so advanced, many took safety precautions ahead of time, which resulted in far less damage than what meteorologists had expected. The tornadoes made their way throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa, with the majority being in the state of Kansas. There were six reported deaths and approximately 29 injured from the storms. The outbreak was referred to as "The Weekend of 100 Tornadoes" and was considered to be one of the largest tornado outbreaks in history.

World On Tuesday, April 24, Vladimir Putin announced his resignation as chairman of the United Russia party after voters elected Putin as president for a 3rd term. He had been leading the United Russia party, which is considered to be the largest political party in Russia, since 2008 after his second term as president ended. The reins were handed down to Dmitri Medvedev, who was the prime minister of Russia. He served as president for 4 years, until he had to step down to allow Putin to continue with his third term as president. According to the New York Times, Medvedev hoped to run for president again in 2018, after Putin's six-year term ended.

June

Story | *Erin Poppe*

Local Country fans flooded Tuttle Creek State Park when it hosted the 17th Annual Country Stampede from June 21 to June 24. Headliners included Toby Keith, Zac Brown Band, The Band Perry and Luke Bryan. The four-day event attracted more than 150,000 people. Kansas Division of Alcohol Beverage Control reported 122 minor in possessions.

National On June 25 the Supreme Court issued a split decision on the Arizona Senate Bill 1070, or Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act. The law mandated that police check the immigration statuses when making a stop, detention or arrest. However, the court blocked sections that would have made it a state crime for illegal immigrants to carry documents or seek work. Three days later on June 28, a 5-4 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act, a part of President Barack Obama's health care reform. They ruled that the act, which required Americans to purchase health insurance by 2014 or be fined, was constitutional as governments may impose tax penalties. The tax penalty, set to begin in 2014, will be the greatest of either $285 per family or 1 percent of income.

World On June 2, former president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, and his former interior minister, Habib al Adly, were sentenced to life in prison for being accomplices in the killing of unarmed protesters during the January 2011 demonstrations. The demonstrations were part of a revolutionary wave called the Arab Spring. The Arab Spring was caused by numerous factors that included human rights violations, government corruption, and extreme poverty. While the Cairo judge ruled there was no evidence they had directly ordered the police to shoot protesters, Mubarak and Adly were found guilty of complicity.

May

Story | *Jacinda Dent*

Local The undergraduate athletic training program at Kansas State University and the nearby Fort Riley military base partnered to allow students to work with active duty soldiers while working toward their degree. This gave students the opportunity to work hands on and get professional experience before graduating. The program was the first of its kind offered to undergraduates anywhere in the nation.

National President Barack Obama declared his support for same-sex marriage during an interview with ABC on May 9. Obama was the first president to publically announce his support of same-sex marriage, saying, "I've just concluded that for me, personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married." Previously, Obama had said he opposed the issue and then later came to the conclusion that his views were "evolving." On the same day, Obama's opponent in the 2012 election, Republican Mitt Romney, reaffirmed his opposition to same-sex marriage.

World A 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck northern Italy at approximately 4 a.m. on May 20. Fifty people were injured while seven were killed in the city of Finale Emilia. On May 29, another earthquake hit the towns of Cavezzo and Mirandola causing16 deaths and more than 350 injuries. The quake, with a magnitude of 5.8, destroyed more than 70 percent of Cavezzo and left some 14,000 people displaced.

July

Story | *Mackenzie Doty*

Local The city of Manhattan completed the development and construction of two firehouses to meet the needs and services of the city. One of the firehouses was located on Amherst Avenue near the Little Apple Honda & Toyota dealership. The other firehouse was located on Vanesta Drive in the Grand Mere area. The Amherst Avenue firehouse cost $2,146,765 for construction and they had $500,000 worth of rescue equipment. Along with the new fire stations, a dozen firefighters were brought onto staff to help keep services running in the new facilities. The new stations were functional and expected to be operating for the next 50 years.

National The 2012 London Olympics started July 29 for the women's gymnastics teams. The girls that competed on the United States women's gymnastics team were Gabrielle Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Alexandra Raisman, Kyla Ross, and Jordyn Wieber. The five girls were also known as the "Fab Five" after earning the gold medal for the team finals. The "Fab Five" beat Russia by only five points leaving the silver medal for the Russians to take home. Overall, the U.S. as a whole led with 104 medals in the 2012 Olympics – 46 of those medals being gold, 29 silver and 29 bronze.

World On July 30 and 31, India's capital, New Delhi's Metro was shut down and hundreds of coal miners were trapped underground after the electric grids collapsed. This event led to a power outage across India. The blackout affected approximately 620 million people, which was about half of India's population. Hospitals, factories, airports and trains switched immediately to diesel generators. Some citizens who were affected by the power loss were fortunate enough to have backup systems powered by truck batteries. However, hundreds of millions of people had no electricity to begin with and were hardly affected. Electrical power was restored sometime between July 31 and August 1. This crisis was one of the world's largest blackout.

August

Story | ***Mary Harness***

Local The annual Grand for Grade School competition was held at the Manhattan Town Center. For every dollar spent while shopping at the Town Center in August, buyers could send in points for whatever grade school they wished to support. On "Extra Credit Mondays" customers could earn double the credit for their school of choice. At the end of the month, the top five schools in terms of points would receive a donation from the Manhattan Town Center. This year the school that landed in first place was the Manhattan Catholic School ending with 30,308 points. It received a grand prize of $1,250.

National On Aug. 24, Jeffrey Johnson, 58, opened fire at his former place of work in New York. After being upset from losing his job the previous year, Johnson had an ongoing dispute with one of his former co-workers. This co-worker was the first to be shot. Johnson shot him once in the head and once in the torso, resulting in his death. He then walked down the street while bystanders alerted nearby police officers of the shooting. Once Johnson was in front of the Empire State Building, he was confronted by two police officers. Johnson pulled his gun on them and, in an exchange of crossfire, eight people were wounded and Johnson was fatally shot.

World On Aug. 24 Anders Behring Breivik was declared sane and found guilty of terrorism and premeditated murder. On July 22, 2011, Breivik went on a killing rampage in Oslo, Norway. In an effort to make a statement about his hatred of Muslims, he killed 77 people, mostly teenagers, by bombing and shooting at a government building and a summer camp. Breivik said he would not accept any sentence that declared him insane. He said he wanted to be known as a man with a political agenda that actually had a meaning rather than being known as a psychopath. Breivik was sentenced between 10 and 21 years in prison, the maximum sentence allowed under Norwegian laws. Norway law states that he could not be released as long as he was seen as a danger to society.

News Months

October

Story | ***Amara Giersch***

Local On the evening of Oct. 5, Chase Cargile, sophomore in journalism and mass communications, was shot inside of his apartment during an attempted burglary. The victim was in critical condition after being shot twice in the torso and was airlifted to Via Christi Hospital in Wichita, Kan. He spent a reported seven hours in surgery and was then released later that week. After nearly two weeks of recovery, the victim was arrested on warrants related to selling marijuana from the same apartment where the shooting occurred.

National On Oct. 22, Hurricane Sandy hit at least 24 cities on the East Coast, as well as the entire eastern seaboard. The hurricane was reported to leave the most damage in New York City and New Jersey. Approximately 125 deaths were reported in the United States and there was over $60 billion worth of damage altogether. Hurricane Sandy was considered to be the second most costly hurricane in history and the largest Atlantic hurricane in history.

World Paris Fashion Week officially kicked off Oct. 2 and lasted until Oct. 7. Featured designers included Elli Saab, Chanel, Alexander McQueen and Yves Saint Laurent. Paris Fashion Week included runway shows that featured these designers' Spring/Summer 2013 collections, as well as several different after-parties and events. This event was crucial for the fashion industry as the collections featured at Paris Fashion Week were always years ahead of the rest of the world when it came to apparel and textiles.

September

Story | *Jacinda Dent*

Local Kansas State University reached a record enrollment of over 24,300 students. The university showed growth at all three campus locations in Salina, Olathe, and Manhattan, and in online enrollment. The freshman class was the largest class to ever attend K-State, and with more than 3,800 students enrolled, was the top choice for Kansas high school seniors in 2012. Another record set was the freshman class becoming the most diverse ever, gaining more than 150 new students that identified themselves as multicultural.

National California movie producer Nakoula Basseley Nakoula was arrested in Los Angeles for eight probation violations from a former fraud charge in 2010. Nakoula, also known by the alias Sam Bacile, had produced an anti-Islamic film that sparked worldwide protests and outbreaks. The film, which was released on YouTube under several names including "Innocence of Muslims," caused violent protests toward the United States. First Amendment rights protected Nakoula from being prosecuted for his film and a court date had not yet been set for his probation violations.

World On Sept. 27, scientists reported evidence that a recently discovered life-threatening virus was similar to a disease carried by bats. The virus was a coronavirus, meaning that it was in the family of another virus - severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). SARS caused more than 900 deaths and 8,000 infections in 2003. It was a virus spread by bats around the world. The new, unnamed virus caused the death of one Saudi man on June 24 and showed up in a Qatari man on Sept. 3. After comparing the two diagnoses, scientists realized that the men were sharing the same unknown virus. Scientists were trying to figure out how two different men could share the same virus but be in different parts of the world. Scientists concluded that the virus was not spread from person-to-person or animal contact.

November

Story | *Shelby Brunk*

Local The Kansas State football team lost to Baylor at Waco, Texas, in an upsetting loss of 52 to 24. K-State was ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll for two weeks. Collin Klein, quarterback for K-State, was a Heisman hopeful while the team was a hopeful to go to the national championship. The Wildcats instead competed in the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona.

National Barack Obama won his re-election on Nov. 6. He ran against Republican candidate Mitt Romney. Obama had prevailed in both electoral and popular votes and gaining control over several battle states.

World On Nov. 1 China presented a new resolution to end the conflict in Syria. China, being one of the Syrian government's main allies, called for a plan that supported stronger international encouragement for refugees which in turn would lead to a truce brought about within phases. This new plan introduced a new governing body, the Syrian National Initiative, that included 50 people and would replace the Syrian National Council. This initiative included younger leaders and would try to represent the country in a strong way.

December

Story | ***Erin Poppe***

Local Jovan Belcher, a Kansas City Chiefs' football player, made headlines by taking the life of his girlfriend before shooting himself outside the Chiefs' practice facility. Belcher had been a member of the team since 2009. The couple's 3-month-old daughter, survived them.

National On Dec. 14 Adam Lanza, 20, fatally shot 20 children and six adult staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Lanza then committed suicide in the school before police could reach him. It was later discovered that prior to his massacre in the school, Lanza killed his mother Nancy in her home. The weapons used at the shooting belonged to her. The tragedy sparked a national debate on gun control laws. In his speech at the memorial service in Newtown, President Obama said, "No single law, no set of laws, can eliminate evil from the world or prevent every senseless act of violence in our society, but that can't be an excuse for inaction."

World North Korea successfully launched a long-range rocket on Dec. 5, 2012. For Kim Jong-un, son and successor to the former North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, the launch illustrated his intent to advance the country's military capabilities. The launch received attention from the world as many nations considered the launch to be a cover for testing ballistic missile technology. The South Korean government said the launch was confrontational and a "threat to the peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and the world." The United States called it a "highly provocative act" and an example of Noth Korea's irresponsible behavior.

News Months

January

Story | ***Mary Harness***

Local The U.S. Department of Labor investigated GTM in Manhattan and found that they owed their employees money due to claiming they were exempt from overtime pay. After their investigation, the Labor Department said that GTM owed 133 workers $97,762 in back wages. "One of the most common violations in the sales industry is improperly classifying workers as being exempt from overtime," Patricia Preston, the division's district director, said.

National President Barack Obama released a statement on Jan. 29 concerning creating a new immigration process. One of the central aspects to President Obama's plan includes making it possible for the 11 million aspiring Americans living in the United States to become U.S. citizens. He spoke passionately about making this a better process and less burdensome. President Obama stressed that this change wasn't about policy, it was about people. He also talked about how at one point, we were immigrants as well and we should give other people fair chances of becoming United States citizens.

World In response to Mali government's pleas, France sent in forces to fight against extreme Islamist militants. On Jan. 17, France sent in reinforcements to Mali, bringing the number of soldiers up from roughly 850 to 1,400. It was said that the reinforcements were needed due to the militants having seized much of the country and an expansion of the battleground.

February

Story | *Jacinda Dent*

Local On Feb. 21-22, Manhattan was hit with a snow storm, commonly referred to as "Storm Q" by meteorologists, which left most of the city shut in their homes. Kansas State University and other local schools were cancceled as Manhattan was blanketed with over nine inches of snow in one night. The storms hit all over Kansas leaving cities and towns without power, running water and multiple automobile incidents. The Riley County Police Department reported 11 accidents and 37 assists with cars that had become either stuck or had slide off the road.

National United States Special Forces were ordered to leave a province in Afghanistan after allegations that Afghans helping the U.S. were torturing other Afghans. The decision surprised U.S. Forces Afghanistan saying in a statement that "We take all allegations of misconduct seriously and go to great lengths to determine the facts surrounding them." The province was considered to be important strategically to U.S. Forces and considered a loss when they were asked to leave immediately.

World Pope Benedict XVI shocked the world when he announced his retirement in early February 2013. The Pope cited his cause of retirement as being too old to continue at 85 years old. With that announcement, he became the first papal resignation in almost 600 years, surprising his aides, governments, and his enormous group of followers he gained during his eight year reign. The church claimed a new Pope would be in place by Easter later in the year.

March

Story | *Shelby Brunk*

Local March 9, a flood of green filled the streets of Manhattan. The annual Fake Patty's Day was held in light of St. Patrick's Day being during the Spring Break week. Many students participated in the event and caused record police reports and citations. The day after the event, 39 alcohol violations had been reported along with 300 calls for Riley County Police Department services. In comparison to 2012, the number of arrests had increased by six.

National Congress and President Obama did not reach an agreement in time to stop a large budget cut for federal spending. As the cuts went into effect, congressional leaders pledged to end the disagreements over the federal budget that had threatened to shut down the government for the last two years. President Obama responded to the budget cuts in a news conference where he said, "I don't anticipate a huge financial crisis, but people are going to be hurt."

World Diplomats investigated claims that seven foreign hostages seized last month in Nigeria were killed. A statement posted online from Nigerian militant group Ansaru said it had killed the hostages. Ansaru, which emerged in 2012, was suspected of being an off shoot of the Boko Haram Islamist network.

Academics



Michael Carlson and Christopher Bradley, sophomores in chemical engineering, observe chemical reactions during class on Sept. 25.
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debate team looks to expand after the loss of several seniors

The Kansas State University Debate Team started the fall semester with only seven people. The team fought a steady loss of participants as more experienced seniors graduated until the team, which had more than 30 participants in 2009, was left with fewer than a fourth of its members after four years. It represented a challenge for those that remained, but also new opportunities and with it, new leadership

"Debate requires a lot of research and the students do a lot of the research," newly appointed Director of Debate Joseph Koehle said. "Losing that many people makes it more difficult to field a competitive varsity team and a JV team and a novice team."

Koehle, who coached the team in years past, considered rebuilding the team his first priority. With help from Amanda Frank, a graduate assistant in mass communication, he found enough participants to send 16 debaters to competitions across the country. A large membership and a strong showing at these competitions helped bring attention to the team, and Koehle described the performance as "slightly overachieving."

"They've been growing," Koehle said. "They've been doing better than we expected them to be at this point and we're really looking forward to the future because a couple years down the line, we should be able to be really competitive. Not just making waves, but really doing some damage out there."

After 15 years of competition, with numerous successes at the national level for his teams, Koehle's reputation had led several students to seek out the team. He hoped to expand the team to 20, or possibly even 30, by the end of the next year and to secure funds for expenses such as transportation and scholarships

Martin Osborn, freshly appointed assistant director of debate, was also a strong debater with a long list of successes before he became Koehle's assistant. He also stressed the need to expand the team, but presented it as a unique opportunity for new participants.

"It's not that crazy to think you'll get a shot and a lot of people can throw their hat in the ring and see how they do," Osborn said. "And again, that's a special stage in a debate team and not all debate teams are like that. A lot of debate teams, you show up and you have no idea if you'll ever get a chance to travel, or to be in the top team. But in a team that's rebuilding like K-State, it could be anybody. We don't really know who the next star debater might be."

As Koehle's assistant, and more distant from the director's administrative responsibilities, Osborn spent much of his time working with the team, developing the skills of the participants with exercises and discussions, and preparing them for competitions. At competitions in Kansas City and Las Vegas, the team reached the elimination brackets and Osborn said he was more than satisfied with their performance.

"It's been great to see K-State's name in the elim [elimination] bracket very couple of weeks," Osborn said, "and I don't think that other schools in the country may have anticipated that.

Story | ***Randall Hellmer***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Plaques and awards from various debate and forensic tournaments line a display case in Nichols Hall.

Decisions, Decisions

psychology department researches the thought processes behind romantic decisions

The psychology department conducted research on how people made decisions in interpersonal relationships in the Fall 2012 semester.

Professor Gary Brase performed research on decision-making, human reasoning and judgments. In one study he looked at how people made choices in deciding when to have kids, levels of attractiveness and mate values.

"We look at what they are looking for in a relationship," Brase said. "When to have a baby for example."

Lora Adair, graduate student in psychology, was also a major contributor to the research. Her masters' thesis was about fertility and decision-making.

"Particularly what's important is whether or not you're in a long term relationship," Adair said. "So for a lot of my participants they won't even really consider their fertility if they're not with a committed partner."

Another factor was the theory of one's life history. The theory dealt with the resources that were available to the person as they grew up. If the person was raised where resources were scarce, they were more likely to have children sooner.

"It's consistent with the life-history theory," Adair said. "Which basically what the theory says is that for humans and non-humans, if they've come to learn that their environment isn't stable, it's more adaptive for them to have lots of children because it increases the likelihood that at least some of them will survive."

The final factor that went into making the decision of having a child was the pressure people felt from friends.

"It actually could be an easy decision making strategy," Adair said. "So rather than doing all the work myself to see if the time is right to have kids, if my friends are having kids they've already done the work for me."

Another form of research on decision-making that Adair was working on was one that involved undesirable traits. The participants were asked to imagine that they were in a relationship with an obese person or a person with a Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI). Adair then looked at the participant's reaction as their fictional partner's condition got worse. Adair wanted to know if they would stay in the relationship, how they would feel about themselves and how they would perceive themselves.

"What I think is going on is how stigmatized a person feels by their association with this partner with an undesirable characteristic, depends on how visible that characteristic is," Adair said. "If they're with someone who's obese and that condition is getting worse, they feel less attractive themselves than if they're with someone who has HPV which is concealable."

The third line of research Adair completed was on mate value. Participants would of came in and described themselves in certain traits that were important for mating. Samantha Brandt, junior in psychology, also had worked with Adair on these topics of research.

"I have interviewed participants describing themselves," Brandt said. "I've asked them questions where they define their physical fitness, attractiveness, income, creativity, kindness and intelligence."

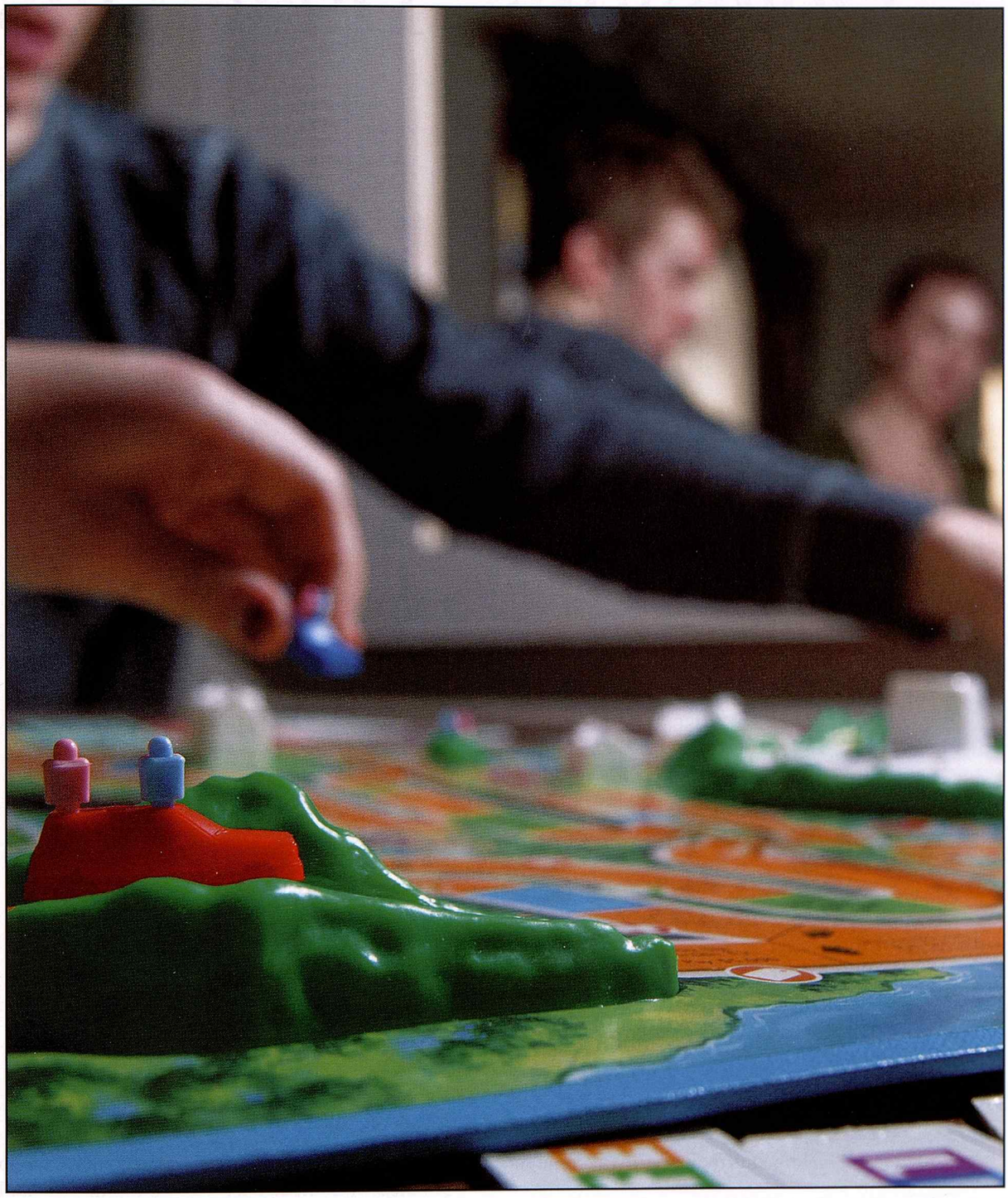
After the participants were interviewed, the videos were then cut into clips of a certain trait. Next, they would show other participants the videos to help decide what traits define level of attraction. The research was expected to show some variation between sexes.

"Pleasant, intelligent, consciences, health, that is just attractive," Brase said. "But males focus more on physical fitness and females focus more on status."

Brandt said the research was able to not just observe the differences in decision, but the commonalities as well.

"I think female participants will most look at income," Brandt said. "And the male participants will more look at physical attractiveness, but as a whole, kindness and intelligence are two top things that both male and female participants look at."

Story | ***Morgan Buchholz***
Photo Illustration | ***Evert Nelson***



Similar to the research on how people make decisions, The Game of Life illustrates many situations couples may come in contact with throughout their own lives. Like the theory of one's life history, how players decide to start off their game can have affects later on down the road.



Dr. Dan Kuester, professor of economics, describes television rights, revenue streams and recent occurrences in a lecture on collegiate football conference realignment during a sports economics class.

Fantasy Assignment

sports economics class uses fantasy football as class work

Sports economics had a unique twist from a typical lecture setting.

In this course, students were broken into teams that then participated in a fantasy football competition between other groups in the class.

Instructor Daniel Kuester came up with the assignment years ago with a colleague.

"I was talking to my friend, who was in a fantasy league with me, about things I could do to introduce markets and economic concepts to the sports econ class," Kuester said. "My friend suggested that I add the fantasy football draft to the class."

The fantasy football draft was an interactive competition run through ESPN's website. Competitors would pick different football players to have on their "teams" to try and rack up points. How well the player did showed in the amount of points earned. Each week, different competitors would pair up against one another and the person or group with the most points would win for that week.

The class was in a league of its own and throughout the several months long season, teams continued to play against one another until the top teams made it to the playoffs. Once there, the remaining teams competed for the championship to win the entire league.

In this interactive assignment, the class gained experience working with deadlines, teamwork and research. Once the students were put into teams, the groups would discuss which players to draft, which players to put on the bench and which ones to play for them every week.

For several students including Mark Holton Jr., senior in architecture and economics, this was their first year participating in a fantasy football league, making it even more of a learning experience.

"I knew what it was, but I didn't really know how to it very well," Holton said.

In the teams, a leader or "coach" was established to be in charge. The team would then spend time in class discussing what their game plan for the week would be. The assignment was graded by participation and effort shown in the groups.

"If a team drops the ball in terms of trying, I can drop their grade," Kuester said. "They have to take it seriously. They need to pay attention."

Prizes were handed out as the season progressed. Teams would earn different items depending

on the stage of the league.

"The rewards we give range from food and drink gift cards to trophies for the championship," Kuester said.

Aside from the prizes and learning involved in the draft, instructor and students alike enjoyed the competitive aspect, especially with their professor.

"Some of the teams get pretty competitive," Kuester said. "It's fun that some of the students will talk a little bit of trash, especially if they beat my team."

Holton agreed that the aggressiveness kept him entertained.

"It was something that kept me engaged. I was checking it over the weekends and preparing during the week," Holton said. "There was a competitive edge to it. It was fun."

Taryn Sanko, senior in accounting and marketing, agreed that the assignment kept her interested.

"I got really involved because I love football," Sanko said. "It was an experiment on whether I would want to keep playing in the future."

Different students became more involved with the assignment for different reasons. Sanko, for her love of football and Holton for more career experience.

"I also study stocks and investments. This had a lot of parallels to that," Holton said. "You end up researching players and trying to get their portfolios to decide who to draft."

Overall, Kuester received good reviews from his students about the draft. He did a mid-semester review and found that students really enjoyed the assignment.

"He always gets the class interactive and brings it up during class," Sanko said. "This assignment is really a good one to have and he should definitely continue doing it."

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

Workin' in the City

theater students work on the set of a production in new york city

Four Kansas State University theater students had the opportunity to work on the set of an off-off Broadway production in New York during the summer of 2012.

Dillon Artzer, graduate in theatre, Joseph Boos, junior in theatre, Eric Brown, junior in political science, and Chelsey Eimer, K-State graduate who double majored in public relations and theatre, were all led by Jennifer Vellenga, associate professor the School of Music, Theatre and Dance, to New York to work on the set of the production "Fashionistas: A Narcissistic Love Story."

The play was a "high-fashion" adaption of the Greek myth "Narcissus and Echo." The script was the vision of award winning playwright Janet Allard. A synopsis of the play read "The House of Narcissus is gearing up for the fashion show of the season, but life on the runway can be treacherous. An activist plots to destroy the show, the supermodels can't find their shoes, Echo is in love with Narcissus, and Narcissus is consumed by the one thing he can never obtain: himself. In this world of unrequited love, insatiable desire, and fabulous clothes, what is the cost of falling in love with illusion?"

As the producer and director of the show, Vellenga had the majority of creative control on the project.

"This is a unique project because while it is professionally produced, it is university funded," Vellenga said. "I've been really impressed by the university's generosity."

Students involved in the project had a variety of jobs that gave them a chance to see different sides of producing a professional show. Artzer worked as the assistant director. He acted as Vellenga's "right and sometimes left hand" during his time in New York.

Boos was on the set as an actor, assistant stage manager, and wardrobe supervisor.

"Students and I were brought on to work on the project within different areas," Boos said. "I learned so much about all aspects of theatre that will help benefit me in the future."

With the chance to see what their future could hold, the project had a big impact on the students involved in the project.

"This show was the catalyst for my post graduation plans," Artzer said. "I'll be moving to New York this summer, as I graduate from graduate school with my directing masters degree in May. I have made many great friends and fantastic connections out in New York now and I'm very confidant that it will be a blast."

The experiences of Boos and Artzer in New York were ones Vellenga said she had hoped for.

"We both believe in the great tradition of apprenticeship," Vellenga said of her and playwright Janet Allard. "We brought students along to work along side the professionals. They can see how it works."

Opening night for the production was sold out.

Story | ***Katherine Bourk***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Jennifer Vellenga sticks labels with different characteristics onto her students during one of her classes. Vellenga said she wanted to give her students a break from the normal work they had to be doing during "dead week."

New & Improved

renovations improve campus throughout year

Easily seen to students, staff and visitors were the renovations all over campus.

Within the sports community alone were multiple major additions and changes.

Anyone driving past Bill Snyder Family Stadium could see two large yellow cranes with purple K-State flags hanging from the top of them. Fans could actually see the flags from miles away, a constant reminder of the nearly completed $75 million project.

K-State wide receiver Curry Sexton was quoted on K-State's webpage for the stadium expansion as being very excited about the progress.

"I think our new facilities will be some of the best in the conference, and it is just going to raise the level of atmosphere," Sexton said. "Game days are going to be a whole different feeling, and I think the fans, the coaches and the players all have something to be very excited about."

The master plan included an expansion of the West Side stadium, additional seating, an upgrade of the football training facility and a family playground. All was to be completed by August 2013.

"This will certainly raise the experience level for every single fan," Currie said.

Nearby the stadium, the Recreation Complex had its own list of renovations. Costing a total of $23 million, additions included a new weight room, indoor rock climbing wall, multi-activity court and indoor running track.

However the renovations didn't move as fast as some students hoped. Ali Wilcox, senior in athletic training, was the fitness program assistant at the Rec and worked there for three years. She said working there caused even more impatience for her.

"I see what's going on in the back, so I know how good it is," Wilcox said. "Then again I'm impatient because I know how new and improved it is.

Wilcox said she had originally anticipated the project to be completed by December 2011 to accommodate the growing fitness fad.

Students would also enjoy new amenities such as new locker rooms and lounge areas complete with seating and flat screen TVs.

On the other side of campus, construction took place at Anderson Hall. Anderson was under construction for several months to receive an updated roof. Justin Hall had a more than 13,000-square-foot addition that added additional space for student workspace and services, classrooms, and administrative offices.

Another majorly noticeable renovation to the university was construction of a new "Welcome Center" in Memorial Stadium. The plan included preserving Memorial Stadium while adding modern convinces for visitors and students, welcoming them to K-State. Brett Seidl, junior in public relations and campus tour guide, said that the need for the Welcome Center was great for New Student Services as their home in Anderson Hall was "greatly undersized."

"Recruitment wise, I think it will have a huge impact on attracting the best and the brightest prospective students from across the country," Seidl said.

The center aimed to be technologically advance with hand-held devices able to give directions to people visiting campus as they walked around.

Prospective students and their families would be welcomed to the university through the center during their recruitment and enrollment processes.

The structure contained a "green roof" that allowed for sustainability and progressed K-State's goals of building innovations and environmental awareness.

Story | ***Erin Poppe***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Workers climb to the top of Anderson Hall over the summer to replace the roofing.

Life in Silence

professor teaches with impaired hearing

Carol Russell was an instructor in the English department at Kansas State University for 13 years. Although her students could hear her speak, she could hardly, if at all, hear their voices. She was partially deaf and communicated with her students by reading their lips.

Russell had been hearing impaired since she was 5 years old after going through a variety of common childhood diseases including chicken pox, the measles, and the mumps - all within a month span of one another. The doctors thought her hearing loss was due to the consistently high fever she had while she was sick. Her family did not even realize she had lost her hearing at first.

"I was in first grade when I got sick," Russell said. "But it wasn't until my parents divorced when I was 7 years old and went to a new school district that tested hearing that we were first told I couldn't hear." Russell was completely deaf in her right ear with about 60 percent hearing in her left. She had no memories of losing her hearing, and her mom originally thought that she was more distracted.

After finding out, it was her grandmother who decided that the family would treat Russell as normally as possible. She even played the clarinet in her junior high band. When Russell found out she was deaf in 1967 there were not any programs for deaf students. She taught herself to read lips completely on her own. For the most part, people could not tell Russell was deaf at all and she did not tell people about her condition.

"I remember having to ask to be seated at the front of the room," Russell said. "I never said 'can I sit in front because I can't hear'."

Russell went on to graduate high school in 1975 and pursued a teaching degree when she was 27. She balanced her family along with taking night and weekend classes to graduate in 1990 from Kansas State University.

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Instructor Carol Russell teaches an English 200 argumentative writing class on Sept. 11. Russell tried to keep a fun and interactive environment in the classroom by requiring students to bring treats for all of the students in that class if their cellphone went off during the lecture.



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She then began various teaching and substituting jobs. At the beginning of her career, Russell was hesitant to tell her students that she was hearing impaired.

"I used to be embarrassed about not being able to hear," Russell said. "And I'm not sure why."

During her second year of teaching at Flint Hills Community College, Russell decided to start telling her students a little bit about her disability. She would tell them that she was hearing impaired but would not let them know the seriousness of her disability.

"I should not be ashamed of who I am," Russell said. "It's who I am, and it's not perfect, but who in this world is?"

Soon after, in 1999, she decided to get her master's in English with a focus in linguistics from K-State. She worked as an English instructor for K-State while she continued her schooling, graduated in 2002 and continued to work there after graduating.

During her second year at K-State, Russell started to tell students the severity of her disability.

"My syllabus has a statement about students with disabilities. I should be telling my students that I have a disability," Russell said. "It's not fair for them to guess why I'm not hearing them sometimes."

Her husband of 34 years, Jay Russell, said that he did not think that Russell's disability changed her teaching abilities.

"It's never bothered me so I didn't really care," Jay said. "I think it was a personal decision and never affected her teaching."

In most of her classes, students could not tell that Russell was deaf until she told them. She would start her classes without telling her students about her hearing impairment and then describe her disability later on in the class.

"I had no idea that Carol had any sort of disability," Ashleigh Bunker, freshman pre-majoring in business, said. "I think it was very smart for Carol to let us get to know her before she told us she was deaf. By letting us get a good first impression, our views were set and didn't change when we found out."

In her time at K-State, Russell had to reject a few teaching jobs because of the structure of the classroom. If the classroom contained wooden floors or a high ceiling, it made it harder for her to hear. Before she accepted a teaching assignment, Russell would have to go to the classroom and test out how her hearing worked in that room before she committed.

"I've even accepted classroom assignments and gone the first day and said 'I thought it would work,'" Russell said. "'But with all the students in here, I just can't hear.'"

Once, Russell taught the entire semester in a room that she could not hear in.

"That was before I was comfortable sharing that I was deaf," Russell said. "It only happened one time. It was awful."

She visited with her doctor every two years and was chosen as a candidate for a cochlear implant at one point that would improve her hearing ability. Before she had decided what to do, she consulted with her husband.

"It hadn't ever impacted us in many ways and certainly none that bothered me," Jay said. "I treat her like someone that can hear with two ears."

Russell said that she would not change her condition if she could. She ended up turning down the cochlear implant.

"My life has been rich and full. I feel like I haven't missed out on anything," Russell said. "Yes, I am disabled but no, I will not let that hinder me."

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photos | ***Evert Nelson***



Laughing is a Cure

professor's personality shines, students' opinions name her best professor

It was always hard to find a college course that cared about life matters, a course that took concepts or theories and related them to something that occurred in real life. Kelly Welch, a professor in the family studies and human services department, taught courses about things Welsch believed were essential to the human experience: life, sex and human development. While teaching many said she had brought joy and understanding to her students from her spot in the front of the classroom or lecture hall.

"Her personality makes the class more exciting," Shayla Bates, sophomore in elementary education, said. "She's so funny and relates what we are learning in class to events that we know such as the killing over the summer in Colorado at the movie theatre."

Alongside teaching, during the summer months she frequently traveled from university to university to talk about real life matters such as safe sex and human development during freshman orientations. She also wrote many textbooks that she used for her courses here at K-State.

"Maybe it's just me, but I find it easier teaching information from the textbooks I wrote myself. The process of publishing a textbook was nothing but a long process because not only did I have to write every word from the text but I had to do the graphics and the side bar information too," Welch said. "I love writing though, I love working with my editors. Pearson, [the publishing company], has been amazing."

And while she loved writing, it was in the classroom where Welch said she felt more connected.

"Teaching came very natural to me. It was instinctive. I enjoy every second of teaching my students. I love my students and love to hear that they took away something very personal from one of my courses," Welch said. "I love watching my students have fun and laugh during the time I share with them."

Welch had used her own life experiences to describe to her students the meaning behind concepts and theories. Welch struggled to get along with her in-laws and she was also a cancer survivor so she had many touching stories to share with her students.

"Everything comes from life experiences. I want to be their influence. I am striving to make a difference and I want people to do family and inimitability in their best form," Welch said.

The topics that Welch required to teach were uncomfortable to a good amount of students, but Welch broke through the awkwardness by telling funny stories.

"At times the subject material was awkward, but you got over it real fast. She was able to present the material with professionalism and that feeling carried throughout the class," Alec Todd, senior in life sciences, said. "Of course, she still cracked jokes and that helped lighten the mood and awkward tension."

Her favorite topics to teach were a toss-up between sexuality and family relationships. Sexuality was always something her students are intrigued about even though it is quite a controversial topic.

"At the end of each semester, I want my students to learn that family and relationships take work and dedication. One of my favorite quotes is 'commitment to the commitment,'" Welch said.

Welch said she hated the grading that had come along with teaching. She wanted to make sure her students actually understood the information she taught. She made sure to give exams that were short answers and essays so that her students had time to think over answers and truly comprehend them.

"She has us do activities that we can relate to. She's the best professor I have had here at K-State. I have learned so much during her classes and she's such a great teacher," Bates said.

Story | ***Mackenzie Doty***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

Relocating Research

k-state olathe unites research faculty, industry scientists in kansas city

College graduates in the Kansas City area gained another option for pursuing a higher degree in 2012. For alumni of Kansas State University, it was an option that would also allow them to remain true to their school. K-State Olathe was fully underway a little over a year after its grand opening, with classes up and running, companies renting out lab spaces and students visiting regularly for various events.

"It's bringing K-State to the Kansas City area," said Debbie Kirchhoff, director of corporate and foundation relations. "If students want to continue their education after they leave Manhattan and are in the workplace, they'll have a place to do it here and still be loyal to their alma mater."

Not many years earlier, K-State's brand new, third campus consisted of little more than five people in an office suite and a construction site that was a mile away. By the fall of 2012, K-State Olathe had its first building, the International Institute of Animal Health and Food Safety. The state-of-the-art facility contained classrooms, labs and a variety of unique areas.

A year after the official opening in April 2011, K-State got busy. Classes for a master's of science in adult education began, and several other master's degree programs neared completion. Companies moved into the laboratory spaces. Students and professionals attended demonstrations and workshops in the industrial and studio kitchens and in the Sensory and Consumer Research Center.

"I used to get excited when I saw the parking lot full," said K-State Olathe CEO Dan Richardson. "Now I kind of expect it, which is amazing."

K-State Olathe decided on programs based on conversations with professionals in the animal health and food science industries. Upon finding out what kind of training and skills that businesses in those fields wanted their employees to have, K-State Olathe tailored existing courses – and created others – to fit those needs.

"Adult ed's an example of that," Richardson said. "We hadn't thought of that to start with, but that became our basis to get going, and industry's been very enthused about it, and so one success leads to another. It just takes good communication, listening to what the customer wants, which is our stakeholders out there – the industries and the citizens, and being able to deliver on it."

Part of the original idea behind the K-State Olathe campus was forging relationships between academia and industry. The classes did that, and so did the leasing out of 10 flexible lab spaces in the building to various animal health and food science companies.

Ceva Biomune, a growing animal health company that researched and created vaccines for poultry and swine, had two labs there. Filling another two labs was the Urban Water Institute, which would bring together water experts from universities and companies to find solutions to problems with water usage in urban areas.

In addition to training current members of the work force and collaborating with industry on technology it could use, K-State Olathe also interacted with the community and provided opportunities for K-12 students in the area.

Water Investigation Lab Day allowed more than 100 elementary students to test water from the pond in the front of the property and look for macro invertebrates as indicators of how good the water quality was. Close to 1,000 students took part in a Lego League competition centered on food safety. A King Arthur Flour Life Skills event helped students learn about flour and doubled as a goodwill endeavor.

"[We] taught them the components of flour, breaking down the wheat and the yeast and everything within flour, the science behind it," Kirchhoff said, "and they made bread, and they kept a loaf for themselves and they gave a loaf to a food bank."

Between offering master's degrees, linking companies with faculty researchers and providing educational opportunities to local students, K-State Olathe had a full plate. Graduate education, however, remained the main focus as planned.

"Our ultimate goal really was our focus on graduate students, opportunities for career development and being an attraction for the best graduate students in the world to work with, to be sandwiched between industry scientists and academic scientists," Richardson said, "so grad students can see and learn from both, and so they can make decisions on where they would like to go with their career."

Story | ***Ashley Dunkak***
Photo | ***Tommy Theis***



Kansas State Olathe's Institute for Commercialization serves as an animal health and food safety and security building. The grand opening was on April 26, 2011, and was a $28 million project.

Kenyan finds Journalism

samuel mwangi teaches the people of kenya how to be heard

Having a voice is a powerful tool in expressing views, telling stories and sometimes even changing societies. Associate Professor in Journalism and Mass Communication Samuel Mwangi understood just how powerful this privilege could be.

Born and raised in Kenya, Mwangi was surrounded by coffee bean farmers. The farmers depended on the coffee as a main cash crop. However, they were struggling to get the money they deserved through a corrupt organization.

"So you work very hard, you do your best, and then you give them your coffee and then you wait," Mwangi said. "And at the end of a couple months, you get nothing."

After seeing the corruption and the toll it had on the farmers, Mwangi knew he needed to figure out a way to tell their story.

"Journalism is your best friend," Mwangi said. "Because it allows you to tell the story of frustration in the village. It gives people a voice."

Bailey Myers, a senior at Kansas State University in secondary education biological sciences traveled to Kenya last summer with the International Service teams through the School of Leadership Studies.

"The kids I worked with this summer would have for sure benefited from telling their stories," Myers said. "Most of them have really amazing stories, and would shock most people. The kids have come a long way from their past, and most of the changes on their lives have been self-motivated. If people could hear those stories, I think the center could get more help."

With a passion for giving people a voice, Mwangi went to college and majored in journalism.

After working for the newspapers and telling the farmers' stories, he realized that writing may not be enough, and that in order to make real change, something more had to be done.

"I found journalism as a voice that articulates poor peoples' challenges," Mwangi said. "After 10 years, I realized some problems are so deep rooted it's not enough to just write stories about them."

This got Mwangi to wonder how to use communication as a tool in development. There were only five universities in the world that taught development communication. One of which was the University of Iowa, so Mwangi came to the U.S.

After graduating, Mwangi decided to get his Ph.D. and moved to South Carolina to study communication further.

"I realized what we needed, what we really needed," Mwangi said. "If you want to answer the question of development in Africa, we need democracy."

He then began his research on how to empower people using democracy.

"But as you study you realize you can't just work at the village level," Mwangi said. "You've got to change the government."

Mwangi went from journalism to researching government and democracy.

"So now, when I go there my research focuses on empowering people at the grass root level, using media," Mwangi said. "Because unless democracy is reflected at the grass root level, doesn't matter how many times you go to the polls and elect somebody."

In the past 10 years, Kenya had become advanced with its technology. Mwangi said that all of their business was then carried out via cell phone.

"How technologically advanced they are really surprised me," Myers said. "We would be way out in a rural area, and we would see a woman carrying a bundle of sticks on her back then she would pull out a cell phone."

Mwangi visited Kenya at least once a year. He was teaching people how to become storytellers.

"Remember, I started as one guy telling the story of the frustration of the village, now I'm not one guy, I'm helping many people become that one guy," Mwangi said. "Ten, 20 years ago it was just me telling their stories, now many of them are on board."

Mwangi was tenured at K-State, and seemed to be enjoying all that the school had to offer.

"Here I have the opportunity to do my research," Mwangi said. "I have opportunities to teach the classes I want. At K-State you have opportunities to do a lot of the things you want to do."

Kaitlin Mitchell, senior at K-State and a student in Mwangi's Global Communications class, said, "I've never met anybody like him he inspires me to learn more about the world."

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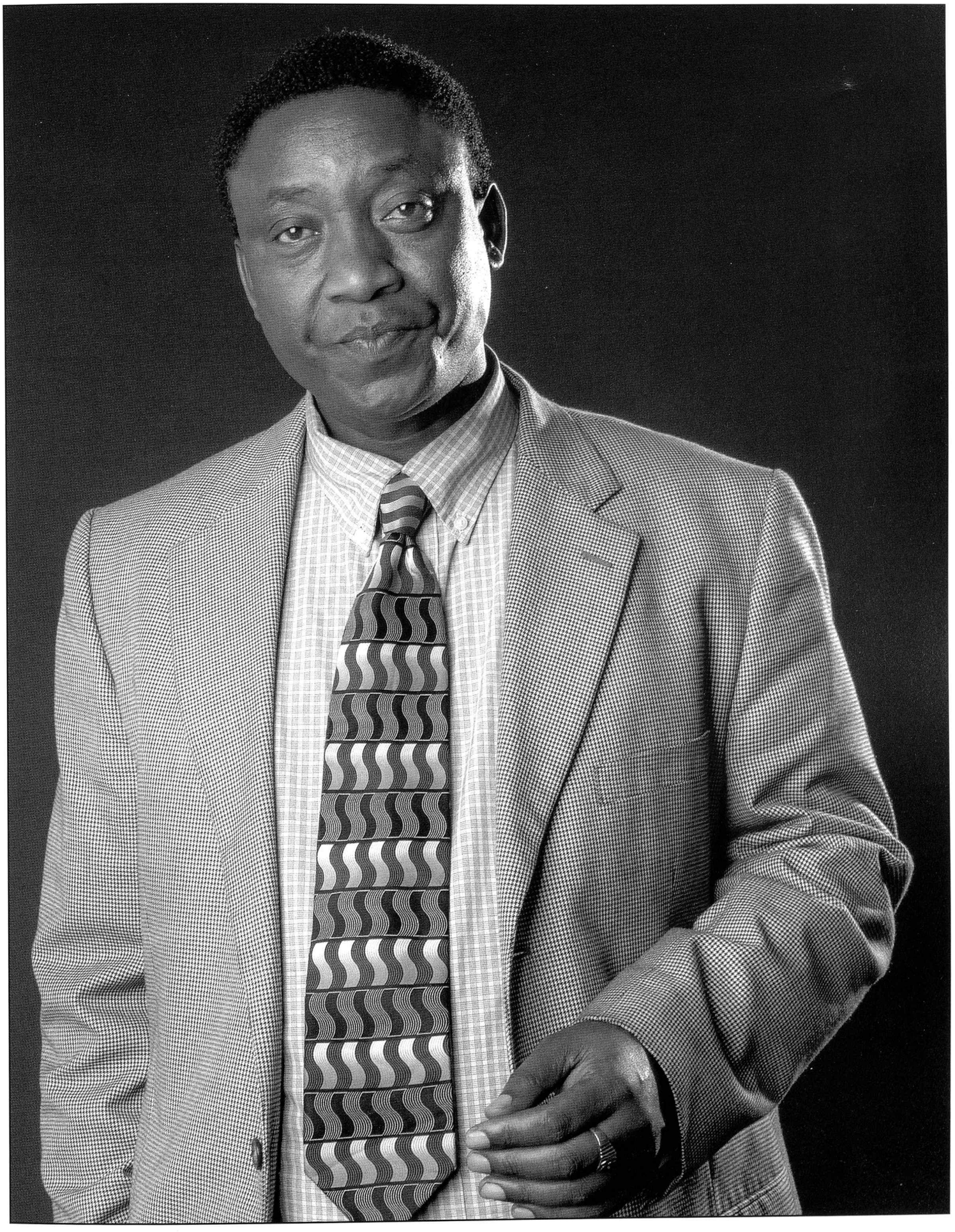
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Studio 73

26 architecture students get the opportunity to improve lives internationally

In September a mix of third-year and fifth-year architecture students had the opportunity to travel 1,696 miles to Roatan, Honduras, with the purpose of improving the quality of life for locals.

Architecture professors Jim Jones and Dragoslav Simic facilitated the trip where the students were able to survey the land and the people in hopes of designing a new trauma center. Jones had spent 15 years of his life regularly returning to the island. The locals had even given him the name of "Island Man." In his time there, he saw not only the need of a functioning center, but also the need for a building that complemented the landscape and encompassed the open lifestyle of the Honduran people.

Nineteen of the 26 students in Studio 73, the name of the studio with the project, made the pilgrimage to Roatan to get a first hand look at what they would be working with. While on the island, students met leaders in government, medicine, and the communities, and toured the then-operating center.

"The students had a chance to meet with the governor," Jones said. "During the meeting he said, 'I don't just want a handsome building, I want a beautiful building.' That was really inspiring to the students."

For Jay Chenault, third-year in architecture, it gave him perspective and motivation to make it more than just a school project.

"There's a lot of emphasis on nature there, a lot of their spaces and buildings reflect that," Chenault said. "Our design really tried to incorporate their lifestyle and the reality of how they would use the space."

The project came with real-world situations that the students could have faced after graduation in any architecture firm. The original design wasn't affordable in construction or operation, however the government had already purchased the land. So the students were told to design a structure at a tenth of the size of the original proposal.

"Students got a very good experience," Simic said. "This is a real-life scenario that had a very unique teaching approach."

The unique teaching approach mentioned was the opportunity for the third-years and fifth-years to work within five pods, typically of two fifth-years and three third-years, to collaborate on a design. In those pods the teaching primarily came from the fifth-years, who were in the leadership role of mentoring and advising their younger teammates during the process.

"It allows for a two way communication road," Simic said. "We as professors are able to sit back and give advice when needed, but this way teaches the students how to cooperate and function as a firm would. It's a great opportunity for fifth years to be leaders."

Nathan Geier, fifth-year in architecture, had been in the same studio format when it was created two years prior, and returned for that very reason. He said he wanted the chance to be in that mentor role as benefited both years.

"Theoretically the third-years are getting 18 hours of learning a day from us," Geier said. "The learning never stops. It also helps us as fifth-years as we get a chance to explain what we've learned. When you don't talk about what you've learned it doesn't cement in your head. This has helped us since we get to qualify what we've learned in two years."

By the end of the fall semester only one would be chosen to present to the Honduran government, but to get to that, the five teams presented to and fielded questions from architecture professors Pia Saraneva, Torgeir Norheim, graduate Paul Elmore, and Dr. David Sager of Sager Dental Associates in Manhattan during a critique.

"The problem was that they didn't have anyone from a medical field to talk to except for the Roatan people," Sager said about the purpose of the critiques. "Because they were so pressed for everything, they weren't the people to ask what they needed."

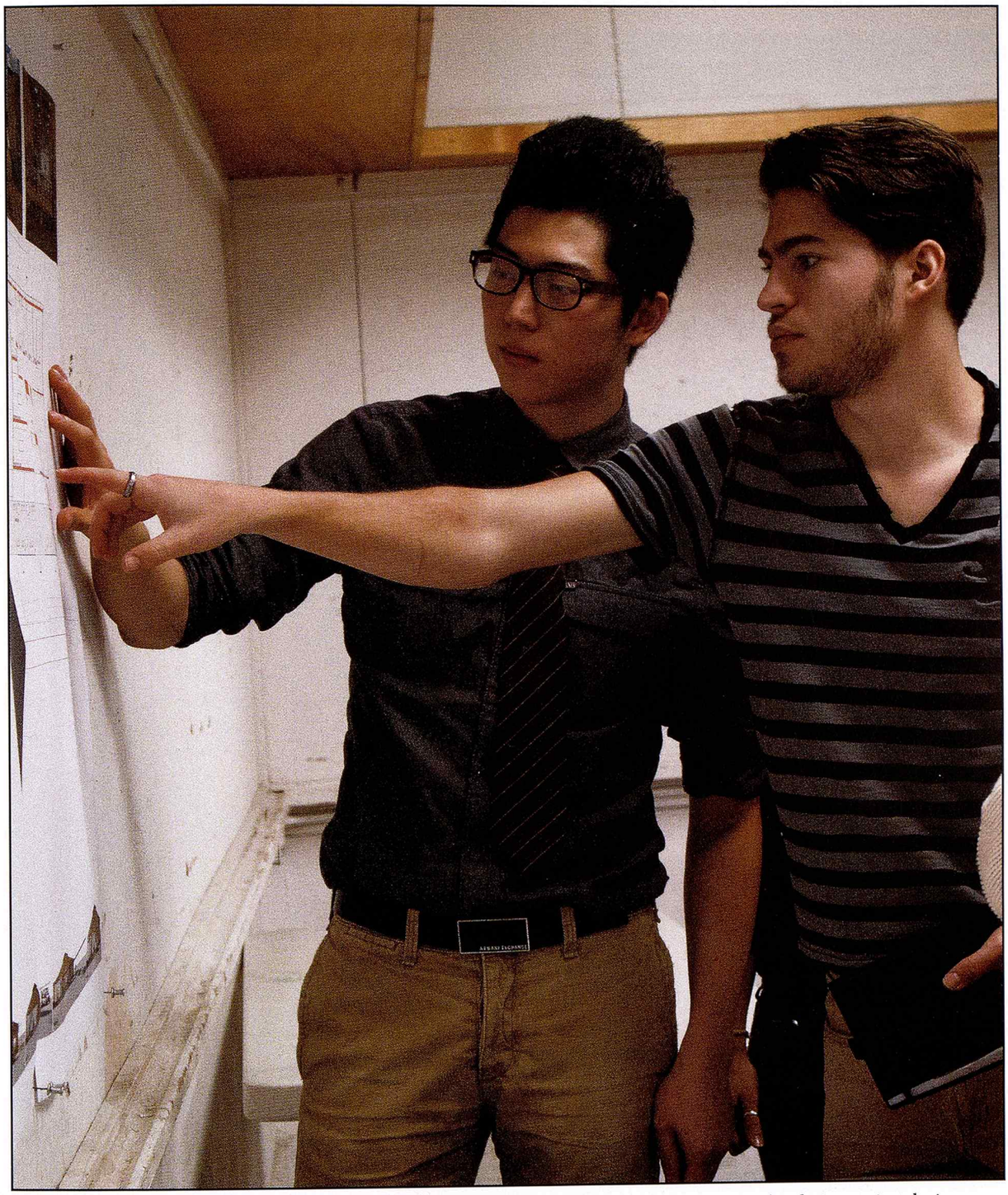
By February, the Honduran government had selected their design and construction had begun. The teams had disbanded and all students in Studio 73 were collaborating together, each bringing their unique style to the table in creating the trauma center.

"This is a real project," Sager said. "It's unlike anything I've seen come out of the department and the university. It's that special."

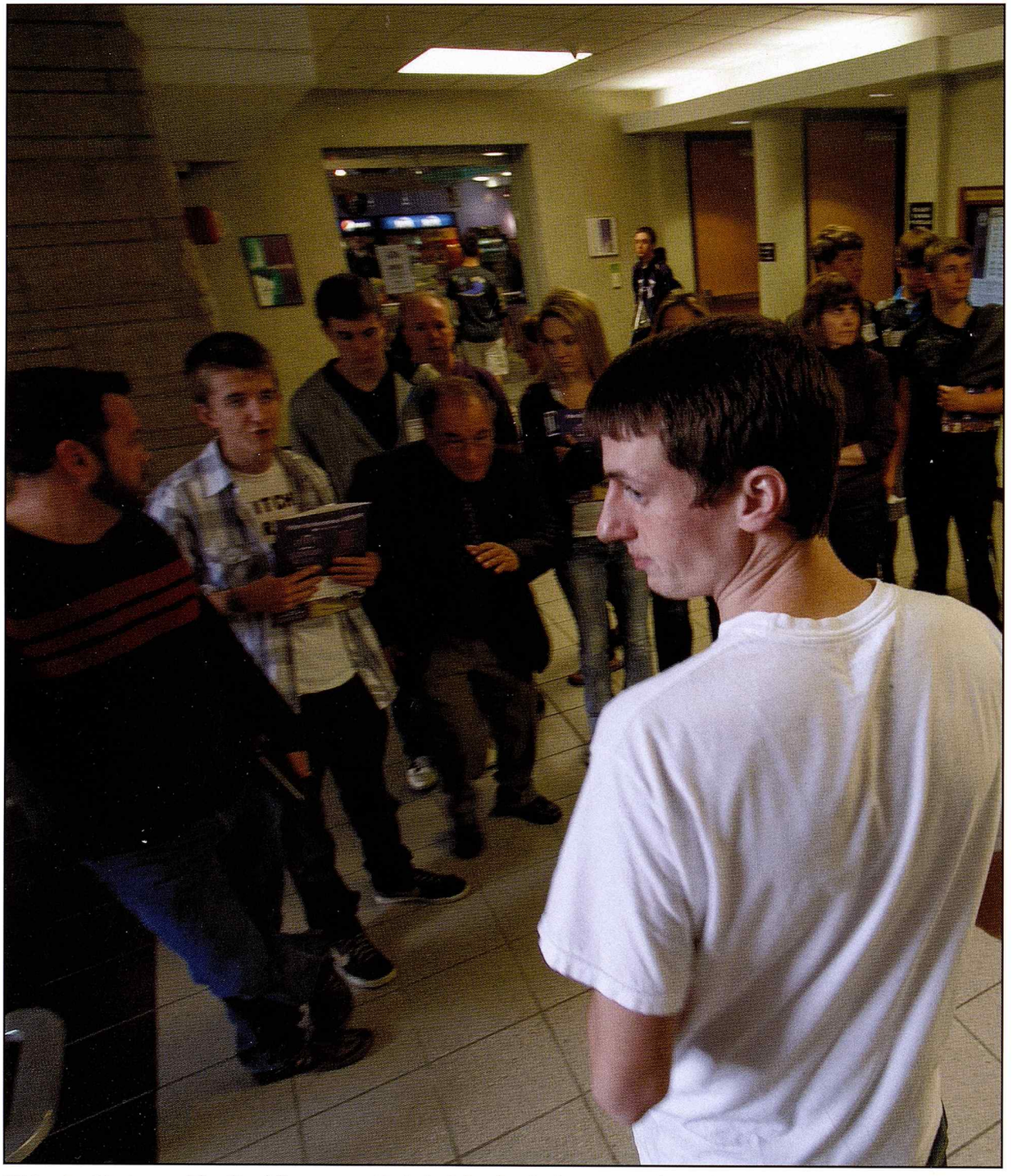
For Chenault, the greatest role was the lasting and positive impact the studio made on the world outside of the university.

"I don't think even as an architect you get many chances to improve people's lives through your projects, especially as students," Chenault said. "But we can now, and we did."

Story | ***Erin Poppe***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***



K-State architecture graduate Paul Elmore offers advice to Naihao Fan, senior in architecture, on his design project during a critique session on Nov. 16.



High school juniors and families follow tour guide, Luke Schnefke, freshman in mechanical engineering, on Dec. 3rd as part of a Junior Day.

A Warm Welcome

new student services makes university inviting for prospective students

Campus tours, personal phone calls, senior days, and traveling across the state were only a few of the activities that the students, faculty and staff of 09 Anderson accomplished in 2012. However, for all the students who visited the university, New Student Services made sure that their visit was one to be remembered.

Andrew Waldman, senior in industrial engineering, and Lea Hauldren, senior in sociology, were two of more than 50 student employees who worked for New Student Services.

"My favorite part about working at NSS was being able to interact with all the potential students and their parents," Hauldren said. "It was really fun to be able to talk to them about K-State and being able to sell them on what K-State brings to the table."

With record enrollment for the three previous years, K-State was looking for an upcoming fourth record-breaking achievement in 2013. An important tool for K-State's recruitment process, were its administrative representatives. All ARs were in charge of six regions of the state. Katie Kozacek, administrative representative for K-State, was in charge of the Kansas City/ Johnson County area, also known as region six.

"We have a very split schedule," Kozacek said. "Between the seven of us, we visited every high school in Kansas."

Although ARs spent a lot of time traveling, they still had responsibilities back home to take care of throughout the year.

"I think it was really fun to see students get excited about K-State," Kozacek said. "When prospective students come for campus visits, I loved seeing them pick up the family feel and really grasp what K-State is all about."

There was always something going on in the office. Whether it was scheduling campus tours, running quick errands for ARs, or making personal phone calls to prospective students, NSS always had something they could be doing to help sell K-State to future students.

"I think this is one of the only jobs here on campus that you get to inspire thousands of students that you come across," Waldman said. "I get to keep giving that experience and feeling that I once had when I first came to K-State, and there is nothing better than knowing that I have left K-State better than I had once found it."

Story | ***Kaitlin Shea***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



In a screenshot from her group's video assignment, Cajsa Larson, freshman in elementary education, explains the world of Lu Xing Xing to classmates on Nov. 12.

World Simulation

anthropology class students create own worlds, cultures

On Nov. 12 the K-State Union Ballroom Earth hosted many planets, figuratively. The "Planets" had been spread throughout the Ballroom to mimic the world while implementing culture interaction. Professor Michael Wesch's Introduction to Cultural Anthropology class created a "World Simulation" to draw comparisons between cultures and processes of globalization. Planets had been created within each recitation classes to represent cultures that would exist on Earth. Through a collaborative process and effort, recitation classes built their planets according to how an appropriate culture would interact based on social structure and infrastructure.

"When I took the class, in fall of 2010, we were given a culture to research at the time of 1500 and then progress through history in the simulation," Emily Gerling, junior in anthropology, said. "The main difference between this class and when I took it was that Wesch determined that in the end, with the use of the 'futuristic technology' available, it kept going into the future (i.e. the oil crisis of today)."

Because the "World Simulation" was designed to have world powers which would have reached colonization potential, four recitation classes were given "Xanthro" to travel to planets. Without "Xanthro," a necklace with aluminum covered froot loops, planets were not able to travel more than two planets away, which inhibited them from colonizing. Once a planet became colonized, they were then forced into labor to make "Xanthro" for their colonizer. Then, the colonizer would have the responsibility of feeding, with cheerios, or killing the planet according to labor.

"We got to learn about different actual world cultures and beliefs by participating in the world simulation. The world simulation was like the apex of everything we learned this semester. Everything finally came together in to one 80-minute session," Cody Kennedy, sophomore in secondary education, said.

Minutes were divided into rounds during the "World Simulation" to have acted upon occurrences which had taken place. Between rounds, Wesch had a "live commercial" about events that happened throughout the planets. At times, he had surprised the students with "discoveries" about the planets. For the last round of the "World Simulation," a "scientific discovery" was made that a new technology must be found to import cheerios to each planet as a source of food. In effect, planets were forced to cooperate with one another. However, planets with "Xanthro" were the only ones who were able to travel across the Ballroom. Communication had become key within the planets to strategize and implement a plan that would suffice for the combined planets.

"Scientific discoveries could be found throughout the room during the simulation, but the only way to solve the energy crisis of the final round was to share your discoveries with others, and ultimately to share your resources as well," Wesch said "In many cases, this meant that students had to actually give up their hard earned points to save our world. That was the most exciting thing for me."

With a collaboration effort planets, which were at the beginning of the room, became key to saving all other planets from starvation. By wrapping a red string around each planet with tied pieces of "Xanthro" on, it created a "channel" to travel. Because of the "channel," the planets that made it to the final round were able to survive.

"This year the revelation was that solving the world's problems are difficult not just because they are big but also because we will all have to sacrifice something to reach long-term solutions," Wesch said.

When the clock struck 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 12, Earth was back to being the only planet with living beings on it. Culture interaction took place with globalization through colonization. Real world scenarios allowed the students to apply objectives learned in class to the hour and a half project.

"Wesch asked us to apply everything we have learned in class to life," Kennedy said. "What I have learned this semester has helped push me outside of my comfort zone and see the other side of the issues."

Story | ***Mallory Patten***
Photo | ***Courtesy Mike Wesch***

Take Notes

engineers and musicians share a common interest in academia

The walls of the All Faiths Chapel rattled on the evening of Monday, Sept. 10 when guest speaker Ken Medema shared his musical talent of improvisation with the "Signals, Systems and Music" electrical engineering class at Kansas State University.

"Come with me and we'll make music with amps, circuit boards and resistors," Medema said during his composition.

The course was made up of both engineers and musicians in order to help focus on the importance of learning a similar discipline outside the academic walls of a major. The course objective was that engineers gained something from the musicians and vice versa.

With time the students were able to write a musical composition in pairs of one musician with one engineer.

Medema taught the students the importance of storytelling when composing music.

"I am as much of a storyteller as I am a musician," Medema said. "Storytelling, to me, is my motivation."

Medema played the piano and improvised his lyrics as he played special sound effects that he had created himself.

"I create my own sounds and when it's time to record, I have all these sounds at my disposal," Medema said.

He also encouraged the students to experiment with different sounds.

The class, which met every Monday at 5:30 p.m., was made up of several engineers, mainly mechanical and computer, and musicians.

"Many of the aspects of engineering have their counterparts in music," Stephen Dyer, professor of electrical and computer engineering and one of the two professors for this course, said.

The course was designed in such a way that musicians and engineers could share the language of each other's profession. Medema demonstrated the deep connection between engineering and music composition.

"He gave me so many ideas for my own music," Bryce Craig, senior in music and music composition, said. "Music should be about telling a story and I've never seen someone who could do it like he did."

For Craig Weston, associate professor of the school of music, theatre and dance and the other professor for this course, Medema's visit to the class was more than informative; it was also moving.

"It was the most inspirational thing I've ever seen," Weston said.

Medema was born blind and had begun to play the piano when he was five-years-old. Medema had a fairly rough childhood in school. He had spent all of his free time practicing the piano and while his family had been very supportive of him; his classmates were not.

"The world is not going to cater to you," Medema said.

His mother went and searched for a piano teacher when he was eight-years-old. She had trouble finding one who would accept him. She told the one who eventually did, "you want this kid as your student."

Medema graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's and a master's degree in music therapy and worked at a hospital helping children with special needs. In his spare time he performed at concerts for fundraising, including Habitat for Humanity.

After being laid off from his job, Medema decided to travel and hold concerts. The guest speaker session with the Signals, Systems and Music class was one of the stops during his 2012 travels.

"I think it was fantastic," Weston said. "[Medema] showed creativity can be tapped into in very different ways."

Story | ***Maria Betzold***
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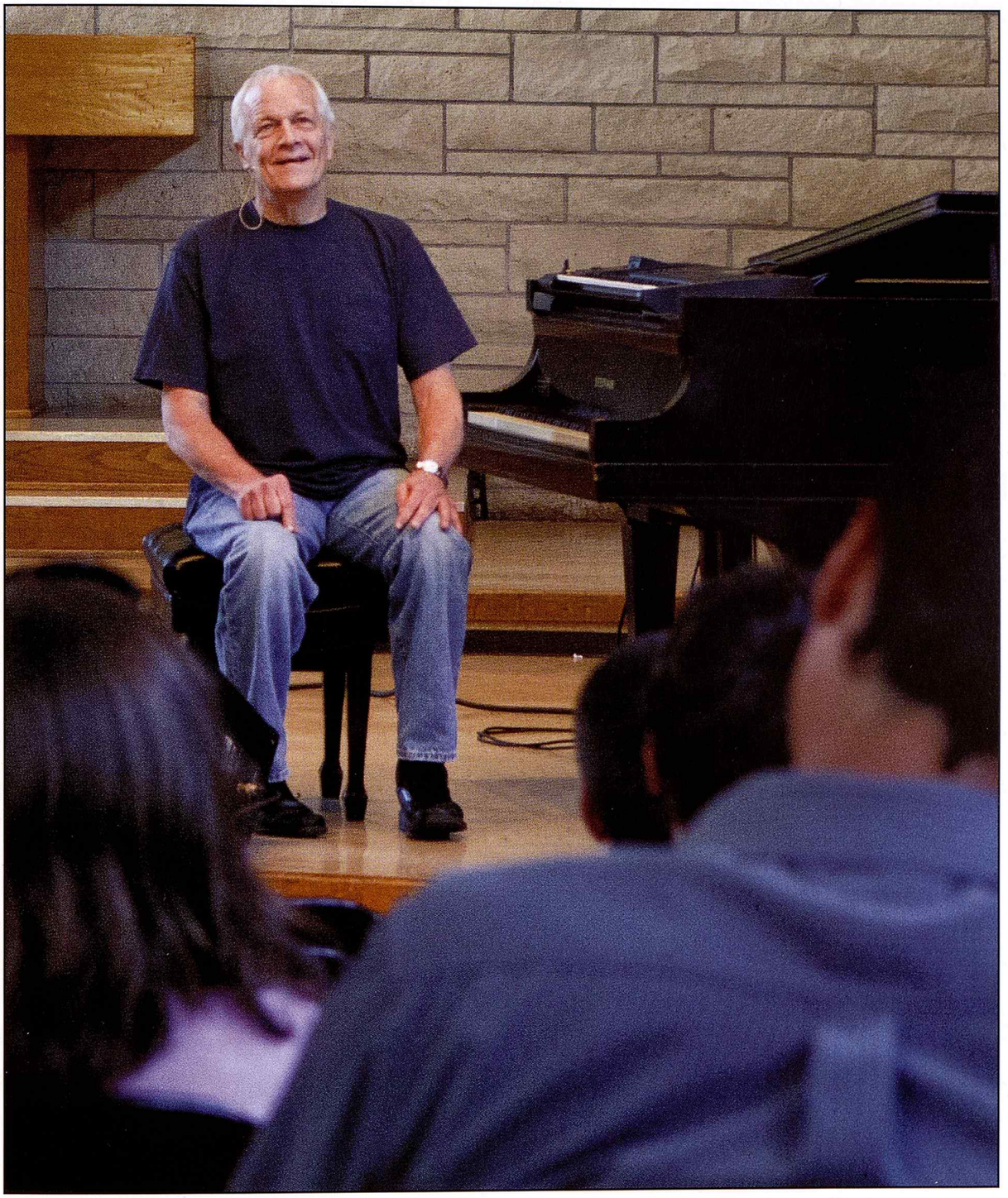

Ken Medema shares his talent of improvisation with the engineering class, "Signals, Systems and Music," on Sept. 10.

Preserving the Dream

the alumni center celebrates its 10-year anniversary

Dedicated in 2002, 2012 marked the 10-year anniversary for the Alumni Center. The anniversary celebrated all that the Alumni Association had done in the past 10 years, playing a pivotal role in the growth of Kansas State University and continuing the pride that alumni possessed.

The Alumni Association's involvement included, but was not limited to, groups such as Student Ambassadors and Student Alumni Board. Running K-State's homecoming was another one of its major undertakings. Each year the association tried to make slight changes to improve the event.

"With the addition of the 5K race to homecoming week, the Alumni Center has connected the K-State community with the Manhattan community, allowing anyone in the Manhattan area to participate," President and CEO Amy Button Renz said.

With a turnout of 821 participants, the Alumni Association chose to donate the proceeds from Homecoming's 5K to The Anthony Bates Foundation to provide heart screenings for teens.

Another major organization within the Alumni Association was Wildcats Forever, an on-campus group that gave students the opportunity to be involved with the Alumni Association. By connecting with alumni as undergraduates, the Wildcats Forever program helped K-State students make connections in the professional world and encourages strong ties to the university post-graduation. Wildcats Forever was one of the largest groups that helped keep students connected to K-State.

Along with these activities, the building itself was something the Alumni Association staff took great pride in.

"People are amazed that the building is 10 years old and how we have managed to preserve it," Renz said.

The building not only contributed to the K-State campus and alumni, but also to the Manhattan community according to Lauren Morano, the Alumni Center manager.

"Many people think the Alumni Center is strictly for alumni, but that is a misconception," Morano said. "Our doors are open to everyone. We want to share this building with people."

Rachel King, senior in political science and president of the Student Alumni Board, praised the Alumni Center's welcoming atmosphere to students and the community.

"The Alumni Center is a great home base for students on campus. Whether it is Call Hall ice cream during the Week of Welcome, study snacks for Wildcats Forever members during finals week, or my favorite, the festival of trees in December, the Alumni Association is an integral part of K-State."

When the Alumni Center was being built, staff members had the theme of making the dream of the Alumni Center a reality. They accomplished a lot in the past 10 years, but the Alumni Center staff took the theme a step further, making their goal to "preserve the dream."

"It's gratifying to serve as a K-State graduate, especially with how loyal our alumni are," Renz said. "We are doing well in football, and we have deans that are doing an amazing job at what they do. Great things are happening at K-State. It's an exciting time to be a Wildcat."

Story | ***Ellen Roberson***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Darcie Schmitz, graphic designer for the Alumni Association, stands by a table in the Alumni Center to greet guests who came for the 10th anniversary celebration.

Masqued*Legends*

ghost haunts purple masque theatre since '60s

Footsteps echoed, pacing back and forth above the actors' heads. As they stared fearfully at the ceiling, a girl asked, "Is somebody up there? I thought no one was allowed."

Another woman had responded, "Oh, that's just Nick. Don't mind him."

The footsteps continued for half an hour, then faded away. When the actors went upstairs to make sure no one was there, they discovered the footsteps had originated from a locked room.

Originally a dormitory for football athletes, the Purple Masque Theatre, located in East Stadium, was converted in the 1960s and had been haunted just as long. A Collegian article from August 1987 reported that "Nick the Poltergeist," as he was called, was first noticed in 1964. Local myths claimed he was a football player in the 1950s who was injured during practice and carried into the cafeteria, where the Purple Masque was, and eventually died there. It was said that he was waiting for his parents, who died in a car crash on their way to see him play. This story, however, was not true.

On Aug. 27, 1951, a football player named Robert Mayer died of polio before the first football practice of the season, and on Oct. 14, 1953, John M. Holden died after a mid-air collision with another player during an intramural football game. However, neither took place at East Stadium.

In a Collegian article from Nov. 1, 2007, Loyd Auerbach, director of the Office of Paranormal Investigations, was quoted saying, "Ghosts do not haunt where they died. They go back to a place they like — they go home, a place they love."

A Collegian article from 1985 noted that, when contacted by Ouija board, Nick said he was 19 years old—the same age as Holden when he died.

Dwight Tolar, assistant professor in acting, said he had experiences with Nick since he was a student.

"I believe that Nick did exist," Tolar said. "I don't know if he exists now."

When he was a senior, students held a seance in the Purple Masque. A Collegian reporter went along but the full details were never printed. The reporter had taken a tape recorder with her into the Masque. The tape was functioning well both before and after she entered the theater, but not for the period of time she was within the Masque.

"It was all jumbled tape, just for the space she was in the Masque, all jumbled tape," Tolar said.

The students locked all the doors in the theater and began the seance by asking Nick to appear. Pipes started banging and they heard footsteps coming from the rooms above the theater and around the ramps backstage. Then, just as suddenly as the noises began, they stopped.

Tolar decided to spend the night there with a few of his fellow students. When they were awakened in the middle of the night by the same noises as before, he sprinted up the stairs to catch the culprit. He saw a shadowy figure at the top of the stairs and yelled, "GOTCHA!"

Needless to say, they chose to spend the rest of the night elsewhere.

Diana Watts, senior in theatre performance, had her fair share of experiences with Nick. One instance occurred when she was doing a lunchtime show. While answering questions from the audience, the heavy curtain that used to be in the main entrance to the stage started sliding back and forth by itself. But she said she believed Nick was a friendly ghost.

"He's a prankster," Watts said. "He wouldn't hurt anybody."

As for what will happen to Nick when the Purple Masque is moved, no one is certain what to expect. Charlotte MacFarland, associate professor in theatre, who had been with K-State for 31 years, said she believed Nick would make the move.

"I don't know," MacFarland said. "People who are into these things think he's a spirit who's stuck. Once they move it, he's not going to stay there."

The move MacFarland mentioned was the move of the Purple Masque from the east to the west side of Old Stadium as part of the new Welcome Center. The center was to serve as the "front door" to the university to prospective students, and construction was set to begin within the following three years.

Yet while MacFarland considered the new theatre to be Nick's new home, Tolar had a different view.

"My guess is that he'll just stay with whatever new facility is built there," he said. "I don't see him jumping over to West Stadium."

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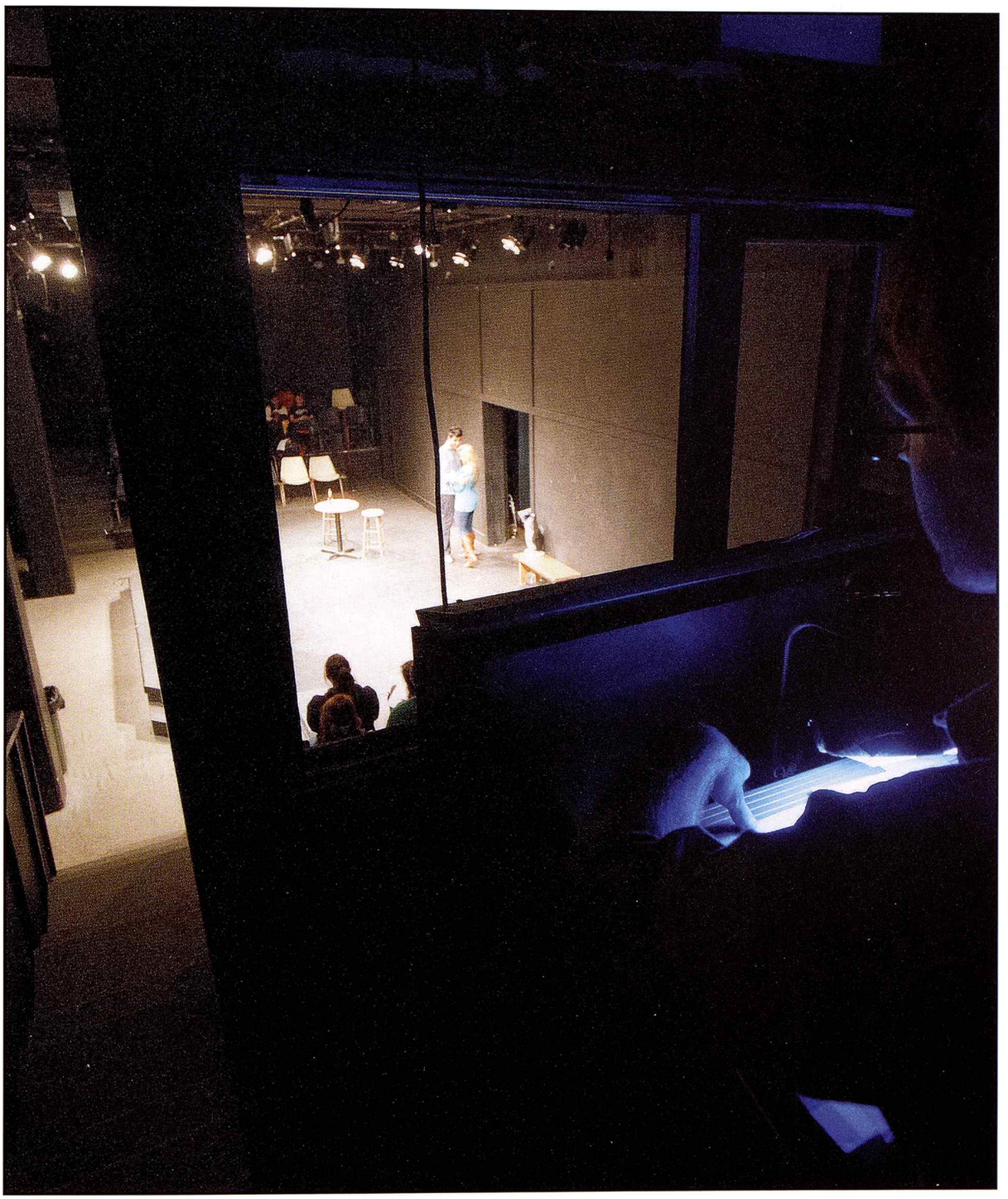
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Brandon Wheat, senior in theater, runs the lights for performances at the Purple Mask Theater on Dec. 6 during final projects in an acting class.

Dean of *Purple*

dean of students and alum is k-state icon

Pat Bosco, vice president of student life and dean of students, was a K-State alumnus himself. After receiving his bachelor's in elementary education in 1971 and a master's in educational administration in 1973, he dedicated his life to the success of the university that allowed him to prosper.

A member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, Blue Key, and Golden Key honor societies, a majority of his undergraduate time at K-State was spent being involved and learning as much as he could. His job and time was spent satisfying the needs of the campus. On a day-to-day basis his areas of responsibility spanned anywhere from admissions, new student services, and student financial assistance, to recreational services, fundraising, and greek life.

"My favorite thing about K-State are my K-State student and parents, Bosco said." I came to K-State because of the way I was treated as a prospective student. The admissions people cared, and still do."

Because Pat Bosco was so involved on campus, it allowed him to network with those he had no prior affiliation with.

"Pat Bosco cares deeply for the campus and the students of K-State and their success." Steven Ellis, member of the Deans Board of Agriculture, said. "I think that's why he has been doing his job for so long and what keeps him motivated to stay with it."

Bosco's commitment to students was recognized in 2004 after the K-State Student Governing Association renamed the area between the K-State Student Union and Seaton Hall as the Pat J. Bosco Student Plaza.

K-State alumni named a freshman scholarship in his honor, and each spring the School of Leadership Studies awarded an undergraduate as the Pat J. Bosco Outstanding Student Leader. The past 25 years were filled with directing organizations such as a nonprofit consulting agency for student government leaders and advisers called the Center for Leadership Development.

Pat Bosco attempted to ensure daily that his student success were right in front of them with the opportunities he provided.

"As a nervous incoming freshman, Dean Bosco took me under his wing and made sure I was comfortable with the campus layout, knew where all my classes were, and where the best shortcuts were. "It was very beneficial to me and I will never forget that." Sarah Ellis, junior in elementary education, said.

Tradition resignated within the K-State campus and Pat Bosco, but it didn't stop there, his family was just as dedicated as he was.

"My wife of 41 years has four degrees from K-State, both of our children and their spouses are K-State grads, and my grandson will be a K-Stater," Bosco said. "He is only 20 months old, looks great in purple, recognizes Willie and knows the fight song."

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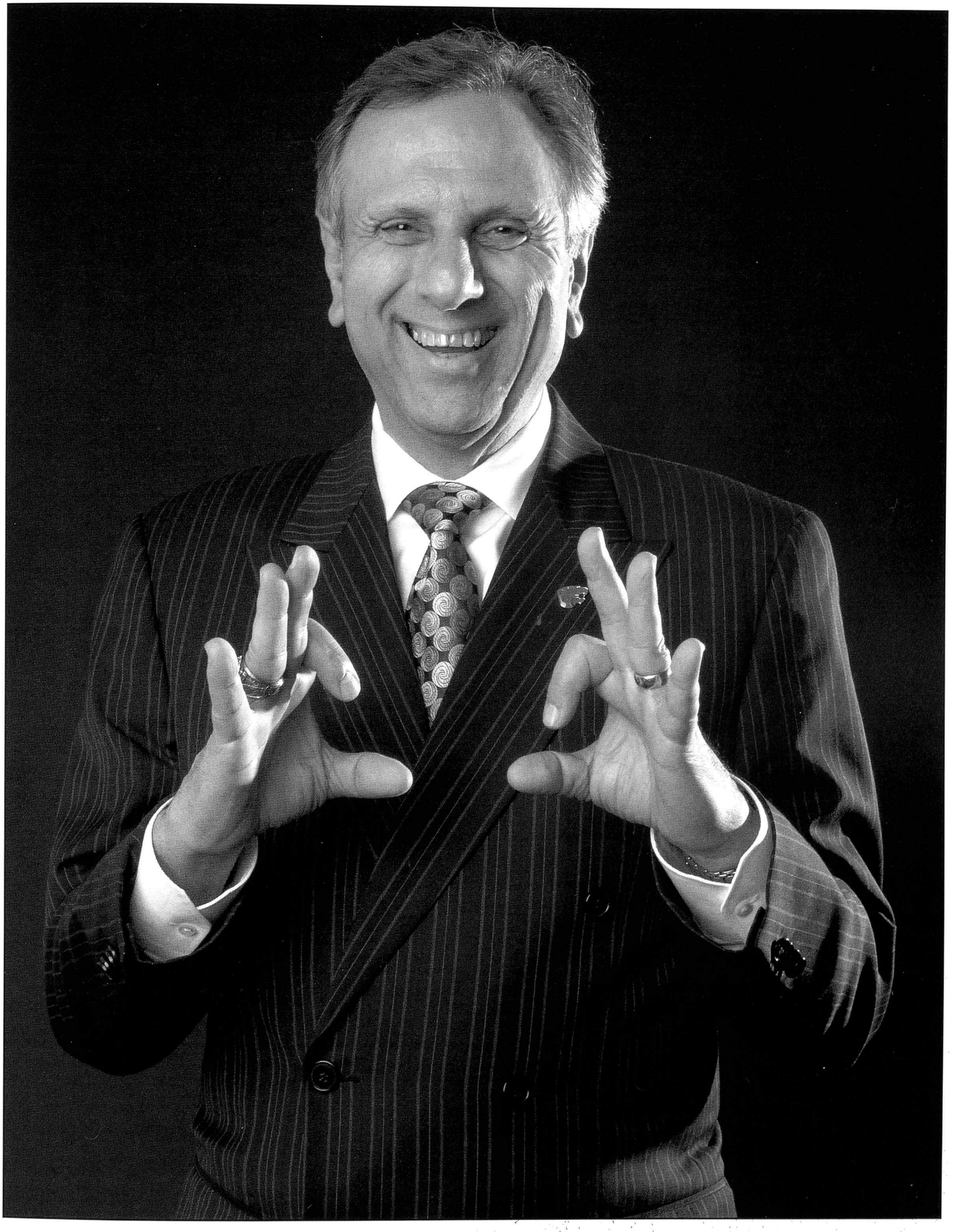



Students of Kansas State University and the community of Manhattan alike participate in Power Play on Poyntz on Aug. 31. The event was held as a pep rally to bring the university and community together to start off the school year. K-State was ranked No. 2 in the country for campus and community relations by the Princeton Review.

Accumulating Awards

princeton review recognizes university for the second year in a row

Kansas State was awarded a spot on "The Best 377 Colleges" by Princeton Review for the second year in a row.

This publication recognized only 15 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year accredited universities and three international schools for outstanding academics and overall campus appeal. The review was broken down into 62 categories that rank the schools based on current student views, institutional data, visits to the university and reviews of staff.

K-State was ranked by current students as No. 2 in campus and community relationships, No. 4 for quality of life, No. 8 for happiest students, No. 12 in best-run colleges, and No. 13 in students that love their college.

Vice President for Student Life Pat Bosco graduated from K-State in 1969 and had been working on campus ever since.

"Our students continue to give me joy here," Bosco said. "Sometimes frustration- but for the most part, they put a smile on my face every day."

President and CEO of the Kansas State University's Alumni Association Amy Button Renz had been on K-State's campus for 39 years. She attended the university and then began working for it shortly after she graduated.

"K-State continues to be a place that students feel welcome," Renz said. "I never get sick of it."

K-State also ranked No. 14 in jock schools and No. 16 in most religious students in the student survey. Overall, K-State ranked No. 64 in fire safety, No. 79 for going green and No. 99 for quality of life. Students agreed with the review for different reasons.

Kara Cavalli, sophomore in elementary education, worked as a part of the student staff in the Leadership Studies Building. This building was LEED Gold certified, showing K-State's efforts toward going green as a campus.

"We focus on sustainability in a lot of things that we do," Cavalli said. "There are no trash cans in the building and we try to recycle as much as possible."

Donovan Starks, freshman in finance, played cornerback for K-State's football team and agreed with the No. 14 jock school rating.

"It's a hard-working program," Starks said. "Everyone in the athletic department is working hard to be successful."

The Princeton Review published the "Best Value Colleges 2012 Edition" earlier in the year where K-State was ranked among 75 other public colleges and also earned a rank on Forbes magazine's Best College List, among the many honors and awards the university received that year.

"It's always great when an outside source recognizes what K-Staters already know about our school," Bosco said. "It's a special location in a classic college town and it's fun to be recognized by a national magazine."

The K-State Alumni Association also ranked No. 1 in the Big 12 for 16 consecutive years for it's percentage of graduates who are members of the association. The organization had more than 40,000 members, showing their Wildcat pride as well.

"People visiting cannot believe how much pride there is here," Renz said.

K-State had been part of the Princeton Review for over a decade.

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Hannah Hunsinger***

Discover Manhattan

the flint hills discovery center opens and displays years of history about manhattan

In just under an hour, anyone can walk through hundreds of years of history.

The Flint Hills Discovery Center, completed in April 2012, was a $24.5 million project by the city of Manhattan that was in the works for almost a decade.

In the center visitors found multiple exhibits, both permanent and temporary. Temporary exhibits were constantly changing every few months, and each exhibit could take years to put together before the public got to see it.

While the center focused mainly on the Flint Hills and surrounding areas, visitors also learned about our history as humans and settlers on a larger scale.

Permanent exhibits included all types of information about the Flint Hills, including prairie fires, American Indians, and soil. From a movie theater, to an above-ground cave, to a kid's learning area complete with a slide, just about anyone could find something to be entertained by.

"The vision that we have is to serve as a principal place for learning and understanding of the tall grass prairie and ecosystem," Pamela Redford, outreach coordinator at the center, said. "We want to educate people so that we can preserve it for the long term."

The center served as more than a learning facility. The space was available for rent for various occasions including weddings, military balls, birthday parties, and cocktail receptions. The space also contained designated areas for students to sit and use free Wi-Fi without paying to enter the center.

A temporary exhibit, "Forces: The Shaping of Manhattan, Fort Riley, and Kansas State University," depicted more than 100 years of history of what went into establishing these areas. This exhibit included a 1912 Model T Ford that still runs, pictures, war uniforms, sports memorabilia, and much more with some items being over 100 years old.

"Students should absolutely be going to this exhibit," Ellen Collingwood, sophomore in advertising, said. "It was really cool to see how the university and the community are connected and have always been. It's a good reminder of what we were founded on."

Packed with facts and artifacts, this feature took visitors through a journey of enlightenment about the area surrounding them. Visitors could learn stories about local legends, such as Guy Varney, founder of Varney's book stores, throughout Manhattan. The exhibit contains a unicycle that was originally owned by Varney.

"According to legend, he rode it from Michigan to Manhattan," Travis Young, education specialist for education and culture at the discovery center, said. "We'll take his word for it."

Throughout the building are several classrooms and meeting halls. Any group from Girl Scouts to tourists can come and take a class taught by workers of the center.

"We can put on a number of different classes for adults and for kids," Young said. "We can break down the classrooms and set them up in a different way for every group."

The center was run and maintained by both city workers and 90-100 volunteers who worked several times a week.

"They're all passionate about the Flint Hills and educating people when they come in," Redford said.

Bradley Shaw, former professor in the language department at Kansas State University for 39 years, decided to spend his post-retirement time as a volunteer for the center.

"I knew that one of the things I wanted to do as I thought about retirement was to volunteer here," Shaw said. "This center is a great one for the community and I wanted it to succeed so I wanted to be a part of it."

Workers and volunteers felt a sense of purpose and inspiration by working at the center.

Collingwood also felt inspired by the Flint Hills Discovery Center and felt that her experience was eye-opening to the area she lived in.

"We may not appreciate it when we drive by the Flint Hills, but to see how much history there is to it gave me a heightened respect for the place that we live in," Collingwood said. "It helped me to appreciate it and revealed how incredible the concept really is."

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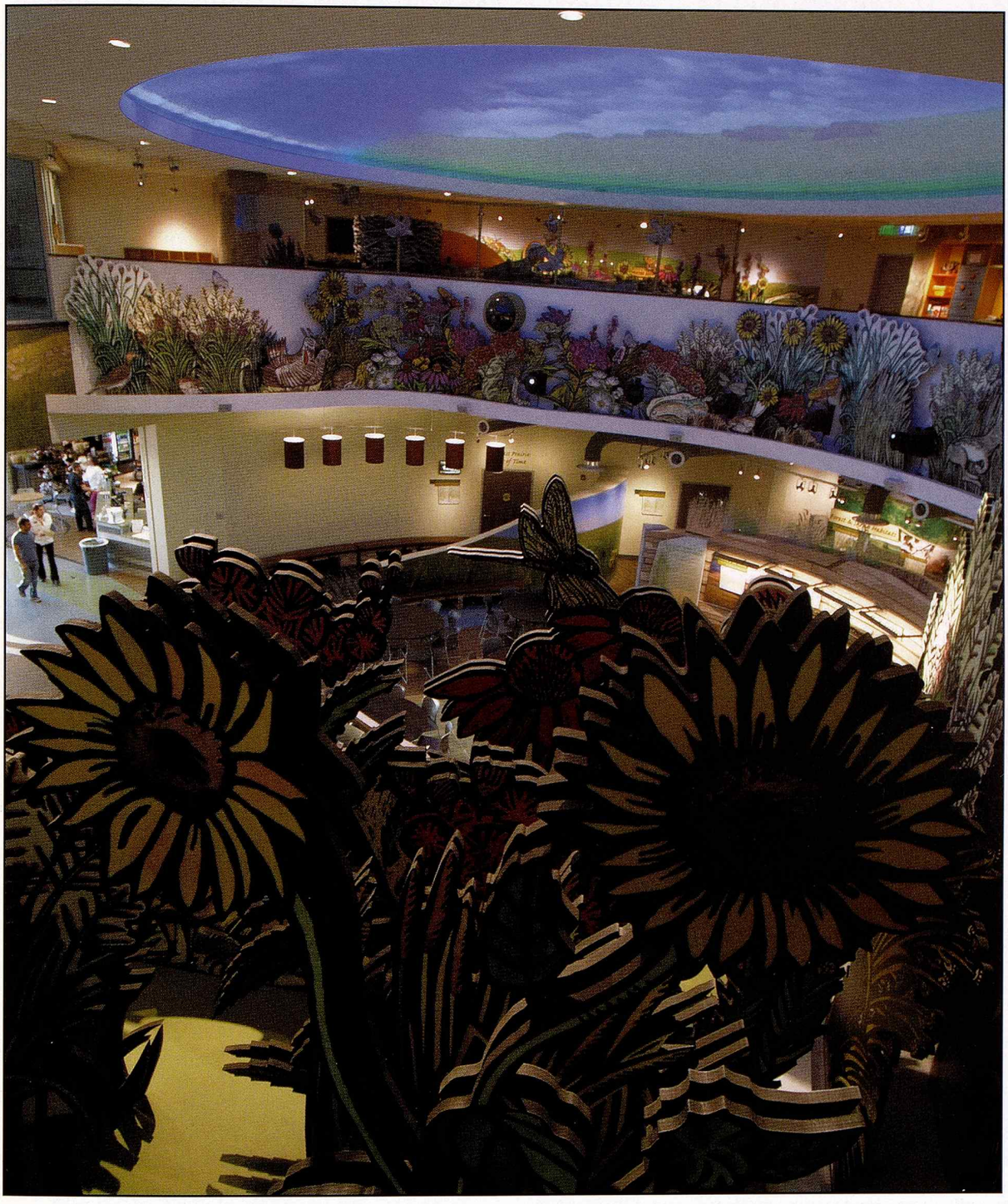

The Discovery Center features information about the development of the Flint Hills and Manhattan. The center features exhibits on the history of Manhattan throughout the year.



In the musical The Music Man, the song "Ya Got Trouble" is performed as the con man Harold Hill convinces the parents of River City of the trouble that will result from the new pool table owned by the mayor. The Music Man was presented by the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at McCain Auditorium on Nov. 8.

If the Music Moves You

performing arts school reaches many outside of academic walls

On June 20, 2012 the Kansas Board of Regents voted to grant "school status" to the disciplines of music, theatre and dance at the university. The vote not only meant a name upgrade to the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance but also validation to the 500 majors and minors housed by the school. Derrick Weishaar, junior in fine arts, said he understood truly how big a deal it was for all involved within the school.

"It's really great to finally be recognized as a performing arts school as before the theatre program was a part of communications studies," Weishaar said. "I love that we're now in a more cohesive group with like-minded majors.

But the school was much more than academics. According to the MTD home page, more than 4,000 non-majors from every department and college at the university participated in the performing arts opportunities put on by each department of the school. Tyler Nenaber, senior in nutrition and kinesiology, was a member of the Tap Ensemble, a program that was a part of the dance department.

"Everyone needs to have interests outside of their academics," Nenaber said. "For me, being a part of the tap ensemble gives me a chance to unwind and have fun."

The Department of Music had what it called a mission of service to the university. It meant that it believed music was both visible and intrinsic to campus life. Within the fall semester alone the music department hosted 55 student and faculty centered events. Under the department there were also five student organizations open to students inside and outside its majors. One of the five was the Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary band sorority. Emily Henderson, senior in mass communication, first joined Tau Beta Sigma to follow in her mother's footsteps. Henderson said she stayed in the organization because of the great things the members did for the music department, as well as the relationships within the department they were able to build.

"Both Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi work to enrich the K-State music department," Henderson said. "Being a part of the organizations allows us to be close to the music department and give back."

The theatre program had a mission to develop human potential, expand knowledge, and enrich cultural understanding and expression through high quality undergraduate and graduate education. In practice of the mission, the program hosted open auditions for people of all academic backgrounds to perform or participate in the productions that were often student-directed. In the 2013 academic year performances included Music Man, Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo, the opera The Marriage of Figaro and many more.

Under the Department of Dance students had a variety of performance opportunities: the Dance Ensemble, the K-State Tap Dance Ensemble and the African Ensemble. Each company encouraged students of all academic backgrounds to join and gave a different look into the world of dance. The Dance Ensemble students experienced many forms of dance including but not limited to modern, classical ballet and West African social dance. The Tap Ensemble had several chances to perform such as at the semester student showcases and on Valentine's Day where they raised funds with "tap-a-grams." Finally, the African Ensemble was a new, developing group that focused on traditional social dances from Ghana, West Africa. Members of the group did not only dance, but also sang and played the traditional instruments associated with specific dances.

Every department of the School of Music, Theatre and Dance extended far beyond the boundaries of academia in order to encourage a love of the fine arts to all within the K-State community.

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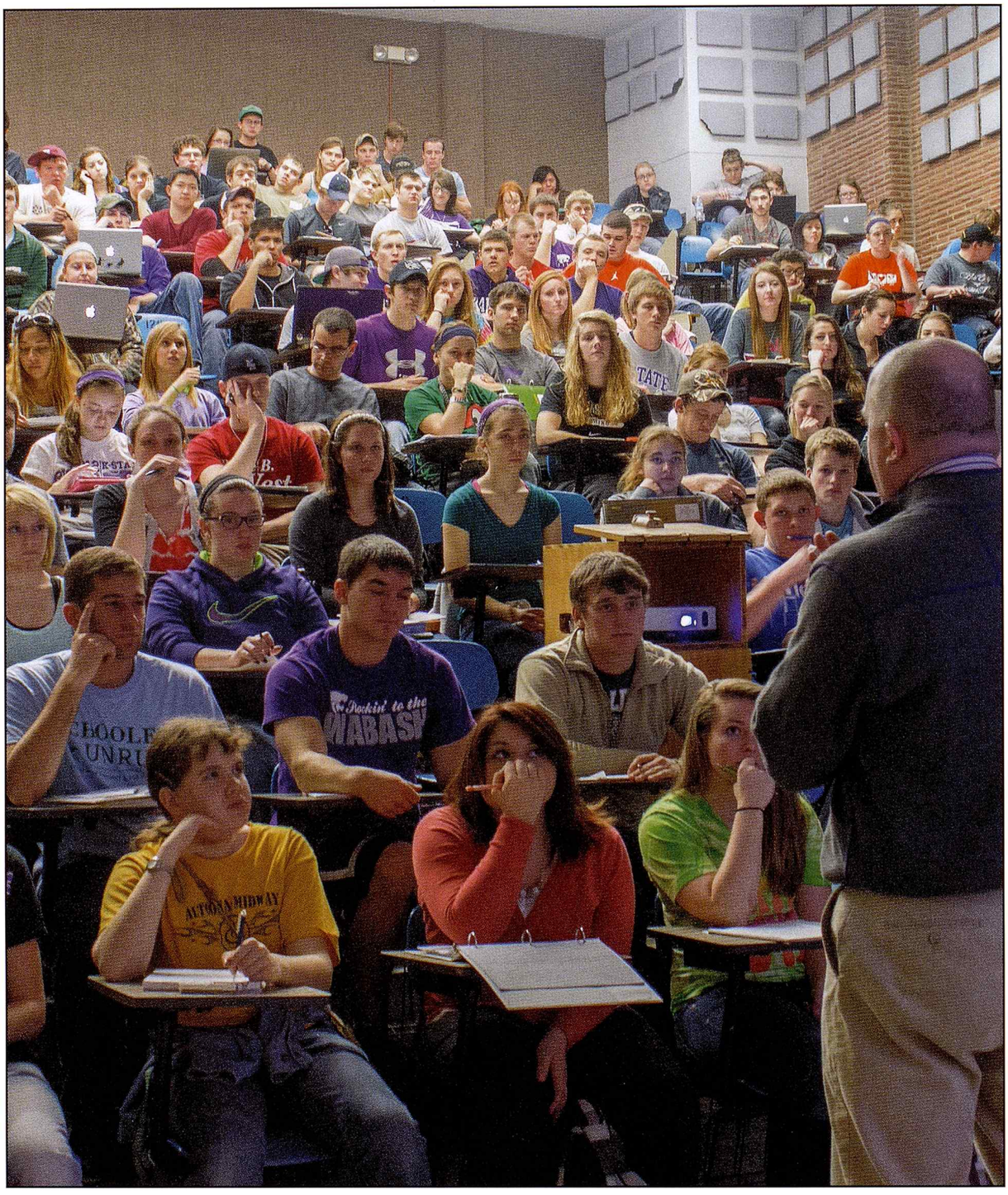


The majority freshman enrolled class of Agriculture Economics and Business listens to instructor Jason Bergtold give a presentation on Jan. 28.

FreshBeginnings

university sees its largest, most diverse freshman class during hard economic times

With the over 3,800 students that entered their first year of college in 2012, Kansas State University recorded its largest and most diverse freshman class ever. Even in the midst of a slow economic recovery, people were willing to continue to pay for a higher education from Kansas State.

"It's a really a positive statement about the state of the university," said university President Kirk Schulz, "and the fact that we're recruiting not only the largest class but also being the number one choice for Kansas high school graduates and the most diverse class shows, I think, that our recruiting is hitting a broad range of individuals both in state, out-of-state and certainly out of the country as well."

Schulz said students had told him that the personalized attention from faculty and staff during campus visits was what set the university apart. In addition to that, the university consciously worked to raise its visibility and recruited aggressively.

"We're not conceding any areas of the state, like Johnson County, if somebody goes to school in Johnson County, therefore they're going to go to KU, or whatever," Schulz said. "We're really recruiting hard everywhere."

He also attributed interest in the university to the rising momentum stemming from the sense of direction provided by K-State 2025, a comprehensive plan that made the school a top 50-research university, and from the success of the football team under legendary coach Bill Snyder.

Though Vice President for Student Life Pat Bosco pointed out that enrollment numbers and athletic success sometimes trended in opposite directions rather than rising or falling together, he said he did not underestimate the value of Snyder and his program.

"You can't minimize anything positive that happens to a university community," Bosco said. "We've been very fortunate to have Coach Snyder and an incredible football season. It certainly adds to the atmosphere of our campus."

That being said, Bosco credited the university's increased enrollment to more traditional draws.

"The three reasons why students attend here are the same reasons they stated almost 30 years ago: academics, location and atmosphere," Bosco said. "Those are the three reasons cited by incoming freshmen for the past three decades. It hasn't changed."

Maybe the reason for the university's recruiting success was its maintenance of those classic attributes combined with the addition of new ones that fitted the changing society. In particular, the administration embraced promoting diversity and utilizing social media.

Schulz intended to implement those aspects of society as much as possible in order to get students ready for the kind of world they lived in. The world was diverse, one in which social media had gained more and more traction as a form of communication to be taken seriously and used thoughtfully.

The president also recognized that part of preparing students for the real world meant introducing them to people of other ethnic backgrounds and cultures. In a global economy, it would have been necessary to be able to coexist and collaborate with different people.

"This is a critical factor educationally," Schulz said. "I want people in their classes to be people from other states, from other ethnic backgrounds, from other places of the world, and get to know them culturally as a friend, and I think if that happens and develops, people have a larger world view even if they haven't had the opportunity to travel."

As for social media, Schulz embraced the practice personally and professionally. He used Twitter to communicate with anyone who wanted to talk. One of just two university presidents in Kansas to actively utilize Twitter – the other was Emporia State President Michael Shonrock – Schulz had no doubt more administrators would soon join in.

"What social media does is it breaks down some of the barriers that might exist between prospective students and administrators or the president or whatever and allow for more personalized, direct communication back and forth," Schulz said. "People get to see a little more of your personality, your style, so I think that social media is going to continue to play an even larger role."

Story | ***Ashley Dunkak***
Photo | ***Kate Hagans***

Fighting Cancer

k-state dedicates time and space to the study of cancer

Cancer was predicted to take 577,190 American lives which was more than 1,500 people per day. The Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University had 80 different labs dedicated to the study of the disease.

Of those 80 different labs, many are full of dedicated students who had applied to conduct research. Neema Prakash, ,junior in biology and gerontology. She worked in the Kansas Lipidomics Research Center lab; lipidomics referred to the study of fat cells.

"I found a job to work in a lab and I simply just washed dishes, cleaned tubes and cleaned the lab," Prakash said. "I worked my way up to be a lab assistant where we did experiments three hours a day. After a year they saw that I was interested in biology and how dedicated I was and asked me if I was interested, so I applied."

Allison Mckiernan, senior in animal science, also worked in the lipidomics lab.

"Most days there are several research projects being conducted by many different people," Mckiernan said. "There is a large variety of research procedures that you may find people in our lab conducting on a daily basis."

Prakash worked on a project that discovered an unseen compound.

"For my second project I researched tomatoes," Prakash said. "There is a compound in tomatoes that people say they've never seen before, but I detected it. This compound is beneficial. There is a certain receptor in your body that causes mutations and the compound I found had the potential to block that receptor and keep it from mutating other cells."

There was a certain gram amount that a compound had to meet in order for it to be considered scientifically proven. Unfortunately, the compound that Prakash found was too small so they scraped the research.

"Because the compound wasn't a large enough sample, it couldn't be scientifically proven," Prakash said. "However, I did get to present the information in Texas at Texas Tech University."

Mckiernan worked for almost a year on a project that focused on separating different types of lipids. This was important because it could of had the potential have detected smaller lipids that otherwise wouldn't have been found.

"This may sound like a very simple result that wouldn't be very important," Mckiernan said. "But better mass spectrometer results may lead to more efficient analysis, and answers to questions that may not have been possible otherwise."

Ruth Welti was a professor of biology and had been a part of cancer research for many years.

"My role is to serve as mentor to undergraduates," Welti said. "And to do research into the roles of lipids in cancer and other physiological processes."

Welti worked on research that tested the blood plasma in cancer and non-cancer patients for a higher count of certain lipids.

"We participated in a study that identified particular lipids as being higher in the blood plasma of cancer patients as compared to people without cancer," Welti said. "The idea behind this is that testing of blood could help in diagnosing cancer and in understanding how the cancer might progress."

Regardless of the research, both Welti and Mckiernan considered their participation to be of high value to their education. To Mckiernan, it helped her plan her future career choices.

"Performing research in my undergrad career has helped me decide that I would really like a career in research in development in nutritional companies," Mckiernan said. "Without this experience I never would have realized how much I enjoy research, even though it is a very long process."

For Welti she said she most enjoyed helping her younger counterparts.

"I like being involved," Welti said. "Particularly because it gives me a chance to work with bright undergraduates and to help them develop laboratory and thinking skills that hopefully will be helpful to them in medical or scientific research careers."

Story | ***Morgan Buchholz***
Photo | ***Tommy Theis***



Hours of work were put by university students and professors towards research on cancer.



K-State Salina basketball club members sit on chairs on the sideline of their game against Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan. Feb. 7.

Salutations from Salina

kansas state salina puts student life on the map

Salina, Kan. claimed to be the "best place in Kansas to raise kids and retire."

Being a Kansas State University student at the Kansas State University Salina campus, the town's motto was nothing but unfamiliar. The Office of Student Life and the director of College Advancement for Student Life, Levi Esses, made sure students were putting that slogan to shame.

"We really stress at the start Wildcat Welcome," Esses said. "We began the year by engaging students with the new dean. We had a welcome BBQ in the recreational center with a tailgate party full of K-State traditions along with the band. The event was held to get the dean accustomed to the students as well."

The event was community-wide and welcomed students to meet Verna Fitzsimmons, the new CEO and dean of Kansas State University Salina.

Not only did the student life office offer engaging events for the community, but it also created a larger since of communication and welcoming environment through the campus by hosting events such Esses called the "typical things." According to Esses the typical things included renting out the Salina Waterpark, Kenwood Cove, skating and bowling nights, mud volleyball tournaments and the annual student versus faculty softball game.

"I organize the coach's team," Esses said. "We offer a grill out and students came out and watched the game. The student team ended up winning."

Salina also offered events on and off the field, one of which included a Zombie Run. The run was a course open to members of the community and campus where runners wore four, red flags and ran the race while avoiding the mysterious zombies. The zombies, that were located throughout the nearby woods, would attempt to tear off the flags of any nearby civilian.

"We offered t-shirts to participants that finished saying survivor across them and the proceeds went to the United Way. We ended up raising $600," Esses said.

If non-stop fun wasn't enough for students, Recreational Services coordinator, Kelli Long, encouraged the students to get involved with student club sports.

"Club sports started in 2009-2010 and the club basketball team had started the idea," Long said.

The difference between the sports held at the Salina and Manhattan campuses was that the students at Salina were strictly out for the fun and enjoyment of the game with their peers. The teams are advised by faculty members and, just like any other club, required a start-up fee ranging from $20-$50. The fee depended on how much the club needed to run each program.

The basketball, soccer and dance teams both took part in fundraising for the cost of travel, uniforms and referees pay. Fundraising efforts were shown through a summer basketball camp and hosting volleyball games for surrounding schools.

"The clubs are very active in everything they do," Esses said. "The K-State Proud campaign and basketball team host our own proud night, similar in Bramlage."

Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

A Center of Inclusion

k-state libraries rededicates dow center for multicultrual and community studies

Since 1972, K-State Libraries had a resource center that, though variously named, had always been dedicated to resources and instruction related to the intersections of culture, race, and ethnicity. On Sept. 18 the center was rededicated and the expansion was unveiled.

"Today we recommit to providing a home in the K-State libraries for multiculturalism," Lori Goetsch, dean of libraries, said. "The new Dow Center for Multicultural and Community Studies takes the library to the 21st century, while maintaining a connection to the library's 40 years of housing a center."

In 2001, representatives from Dow Chemical Company, K-State and the Manhattan community gathered to dedicate a new home for those resources. The resource center, gifted by Dow Chemical, had supported campus and community diversity programming, multicultural collections and instructional and outreach services for more than 40 years. Goetsch said the Dow Center for Multiculturalism broadened its name to include "community" to send the message that the library viewed diversity and multiculturalism in the broadest sense, encompassing racial and ethnic diversity, gender, age, sexuality and nations of origin.

"With the new name and relocation come a renewed focus on assuring multicultural collections; providing top-rate services; improving communication, programming and outreach; and expanding the use of the center's websites and virtual collections," Goetsch said.

The renaming and expansion also affirmed the Dow Center's continued support and connection to K-State's Principles of Community.

"We are thankful for Dow's continued support in the role of libraries. The essence of libraries is to bridge a wide gap, to keep and tell stories, to make a connection and to provide an understanding for all," Goetsch said. "Libraries are a collective agent of social change. Dow has partnered with K-State libraries to give a place of hope and dreams, a new place to be held, as we develop."

Myra Gordon, associate provost for diversity, gave the attendees a look back to when the center was first opened.

"The more things change, the more things stay the same," Gordon said.

Gordon also talked about La Luz, one of the first national Latino magazines, which started in Denver in 1972, along with the documentation of Occupy America, which expressed the "importance of collecting resources that show diversity and change in the growing world."

Jerry Pritchett, of Dow Chemical Company, said he believed in maintaining diversity at K-State.

"I have found a vision of our future here at K-State. I believe, and so does my company, in the incredible power of diversity," Pritchett said. "Every day we are trying to find leaders to solve the world's biggest problems. The need for those leaders is clear and evident, reflected in our communities."

Pritchett said that K-State filled his company's need for shaping future leaders through diversity. He said that there was much more to be done with regard to diversity, but he was confident progress would be made.

"I am glad to see K-State as a caregiver to the exhibition space and a facility that builds upon 40 years of rich history," April Mason, K-State provost and senior vice president, said. "I am excited to invite you all to share the importance, take part, to come and gather in the diversity of The Center for Multicultural and Community Studies, and now, be held by it."

The celebration of the expansion and renaming of the center opened with the performances of "Lord Prepare Me" and "This is The Moment" by Donovan Woods, junior in vocal performance and mass communications and president of United Black Voices.

"We are honored to be part of this great movement, to be present in this celebration and opening of the new section in K-State Libraries, because we are a multicultural association," Woods said. "This is the moment of accumulation, the moment where everything changes. This is the time for progress."

At the ceremony, the center unveiled artwork that was to be displayed in the new resource center. The revitalized and digitally re-produced version of "We Are the Dream" mural could be viewed on the fourth floor of Hale Library in the newly rededicated Dow Center for Multicultural and Community Studies section.

Story | ***Krystal Bihm***
Photo | ***Jordan Wegele***



Jerry Pritchett speaks on behalf of Dow Chemical Corporation at the Centered: 40 Years of Expanding Multiculturalism at K-State Libraries rename event held in Hale Library on Sept. 18.

Follow your Dreams

2012 hopeful republican candidate speaks about his life and the power of dreams

Nationally syndicated talk show host, author, business executive and former presidential candidate Herman Cain spoke in the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom on Nov. 28.

Cain, who emerged in the fall of 2011 as a leading candidate for the Republican nomination, was welcomed to the stage by a standing ovation from the crowd of close to 500 students, faculty and community members.

"It's a calamity to have no dreams," Cain began. "Yes, we have issues; we have challenges; we have differences; but we are still the greatest country in the world."

The free lecture was hosted by K-State's College Republicans and co-sponsored by the Diversity Program Committee and Young America's Foundation.

Cain, who grew up in a family that he described as "poor, but happy," began his career in the Department of the Navy, working as a ballistics analyst.

"My first goal was to make $20,000 a year," Cain said, who stressed the importance of goals and dreams in achieving success. "Why $20,000? I read somewhere that if you make $10,000 a year you qualify for an American Express card, and I wanted two of 'em."

By the age of 36, Cain became a vice president in the Pillsbury Corporation. He oversaw the building of a new corporate facility in Minneapolis, where he said he designated himself a "vice presidential" corner office on the 31st floor.

"My secretary put a copy of the Wall Street Journal on my desk every morning, and I would look at it. I didn't read it, I looked at it," Cain joked. "So when people called me and said, 'Herman, did you see what was in the Wall Street Journal today?' I could tell them, 'Yeah, I saw it!' Don't know what the hell was in it, but I saw it!"

Soon after, Pillsbury assigned Cain to take charge of more than 400 Burger King restaurants in the Philadelphia area. He was trained from the bottom up, working every duty from cooking burgers to managing. Within a few years, the region's profitability increased dramatically. Cain's success at Burger King led to his appointment as president and CEO of Godfather's Pizza, another struggling Pillsbury affiliate that he rapidly turned around.

"I changed the attitude of the people that worked there, and that changed the attitude of the people who ate there," Cain said of his strategy at both franchises.

Cain declared his candidacy for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination in May 2011. His campaign, which focused more on speeches and appearances than advertisements, gained momentum for months, eventually placing him on top of the polls.

"If you have a message that resonates with people, they will become your messengers," Cain said, explaining that he does not favor spending money on radio and television ads.

Cain's campaign was interrupted in late October 2011, when reports surfaced that Cain had been accused of sexual harassment by two women during his time with the National Restaurant Association in the 1990s. Two more women came forward with their own accusations shortly after. Although Cain denied all of the allegations, he acknowledged that the restaurant organizations had paid settlements to the accusers.

By late November, another woman claimed that she had engaged in a 13-year affair with Cain. Although Cain continued to deny any wrongdoing, he suspended his campaign days later despite the significant support he had generated with ideas such as his 9-9-9 tax plan, which advocated a 9 percent tax rate on business transactions, personal income and sales.

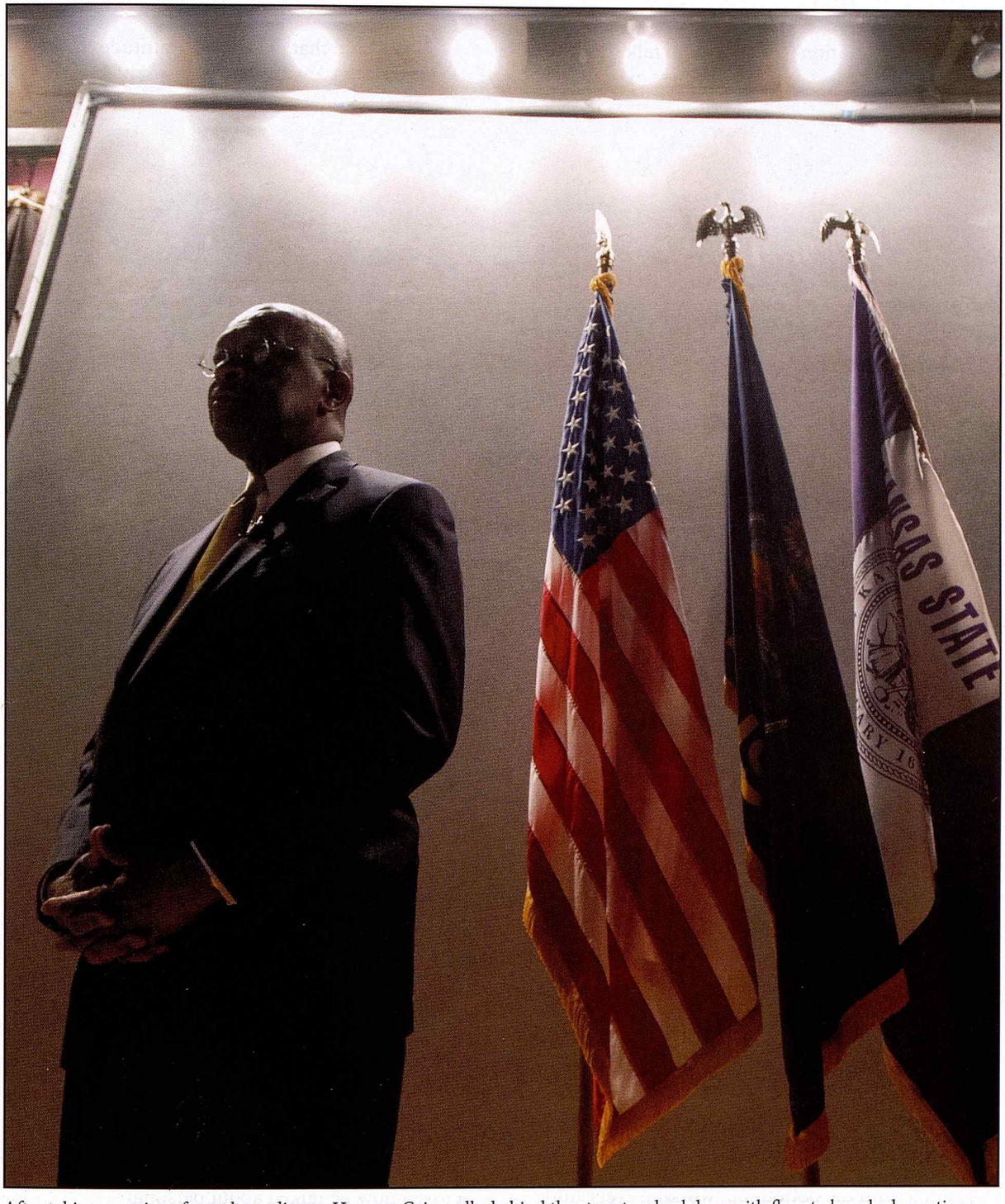
"I was fully behind Cain when he was running for president," said Manhattan resident Rob Friesen, who attended the speech Tuesday night. "His 9-9-9 plan made a lot more sense than anyone else's."

At the end of his presentation, Cain held a question-and-answer session and, on request, performed a rendition of "Amazing Grace." The audience gave him a standing ovation.

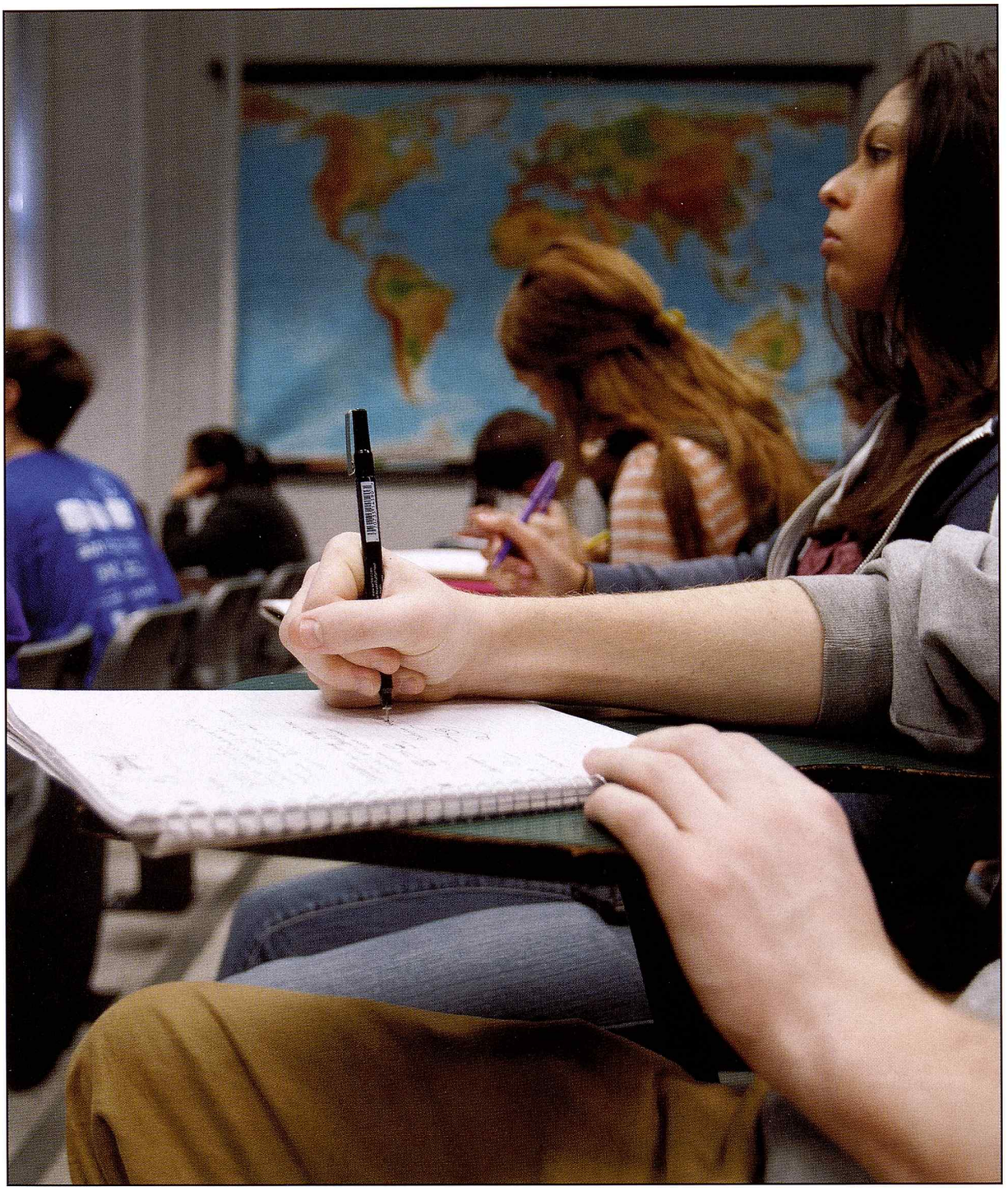
According to Rane Cravens, vice president of K-State's College Republicans and junior in political science and economics, who planned the event, Cain's speech was a rousing success.

"I loved how he talked about personal responsibility and having a goal to go for, not making excuses and keeping your nose to the grindstone," Cravens said. "On a scale of 1 to 10, this was a 15. We had 400 chairs out. Any time you have to add more, that's a great thing."

Story | ***Mike Stanton***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



After taking questions from the audience, Herman Cain walks behind the stage to a backdrop with flags to be asked questions from the media. Cain spoke at an event put on by Young America's in the Grand Ballroom of the Union on Nov. 28.



The arms of Brandon Lambrech, junior in architecture, writes notes while Laura Gonzales, junior in family studies, and the rest of the Earth in Action, Geology 102, class listen to their instructor in Thompson Hall 101. The class, along with many others, offered an opportunity to complete a K-State 8 general education requirement.

Staying on Track

a change in graduation requirements benefits many students

From accounting to women's studies, there were numerous majors for Kansas State University students to choose from. But one thing all of the majors had in common were the general education requirements students had to take in order to successfully complete their undergraduate degree. However the implementation of the K-State 8 general education program changed all of that. K-State 8 gave students the option to fulfill a completely different curriculum in order to explore the unique relationships between multiple subjects. The program gave students eight different areas to explore courses that provided knowledge in many, non-major specific, areas that would contribute to the success in postgraduate endeavors.

The aesthetic interpretation area explored the arts, from performance based to literature, and provided background in culture and expression. Empirical and quantitative reasoning focused on methods used to analyze and display data. Exploring those methods contributed to a student's problem solving skills. Ethical reasoning and responsibility used courses to cover ethical situations and solutions that could be faced. Those courses, like introduction to moral philosophy, challenged students to think critically and define their own morals. Global issues and perspectives helped students engage in issues such as politics, environments, and economy in order to provide a vast knowledge on worldly issues. Historical perspectives included courses in which history was examined and compared to current issues. Human diversity within the U.S. used numerous courses that revolved around issues such as race, nationality, and discrimination. Natural and physical sciences courses provided experience with nature and technological uses. The last section of the program was social sciences, which included courses covering human behavior. By exploring those different topics students were able to engage in issues that they could have faced in life.

"My favorite area that I took classes from was the human diversity area, Micaela Torres, junior in psychology, said. "I took intro to american ethnic studies and [it] gave me a lot of knowledge on some of the diversity issues that we are currently facing. I think that course is something that I can take with me when I enter the work force."

The change in requirements had become effective in 2011, which had made K-State 8 a requirement for the class of 2015. All students enrolled before summer 2011 were given the option to stay with the previously used university general education (UGE) program or to change to K-State 8. Many students who chose to change to K-State 8 were pleased with their decision.

"When I started at K-State, UGE was the only option, but after I heard about K-State 8 I talked to my advisor and made the change," Valencia Garcia, junior in political science, said. "It was one of the best choices I made here because not only did I get to explore other majors, I found something I liked and made that my minor because of the class I took."

Many were also pleased that the change to K-State 8 did not affect graduation for those that had completed the UGE requirements. However for incoming freshmen, the requirements were enforced during enrollment. A change on ISIS was made that provided an icon next to each course to show which of the K-State 8 requirements it would fulfill. Students were even able to complete more than one requirement with a single course, however it was encouraged for students to take different courses for all eight in order to gain a variety of experiences.

The K-State 8 program also helped several students find their path at the university. Students like Sierra Weatherspoon, sophomore in business administration, who used the program to narrow down exactly what she wanted out of the university.

"I was an open option major when I came here," Weatherspoon said. "I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do yet so by taking the variety of courses I was able to experiment with different majors to see whether or not it was for me. K-State 8 helped me finally decide what I wanted my major to be. I think without it I probably would have ended up changing major several times."

Story | ***Jasmine Jordan***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



President Kirk Schulz, along with members of Project Impact, accepts a donation check from Rick Calhoun, the Cargill representative and K-State alumnus, at halftime of the Nov. 3 football game against Oklahoma State University.

Diverse Donation

cargill donates $1.2 million in support of k-state's project impact

Cargill continued its support of Project Impact and Kansas State University by donating $1.2 million for the following four years; this was in addition to the $5 million the company had already given to Project Impact. The university hosted representatives from Cargill, the corporate partner of Project Impact, Nov. 2 in the Town Hall room of the Leadership Studies Building.

Project Impact, according to the university website, was for the recruitment, retention, graduation and placement of multicultural students who were historically under-represented in certain areas such as agriculture, business and engineering at the university.

"Cargill really understands how to interact with K-State," university president Kirk Schulz said during halftime of the football game again Oklahoma State University on Nov. 3. "We appreciate their long-standing commitment to the university."

Schulz thanked Cargill for its commitment to creating a diverse workforce before handing the microphone off to Raymond Hall, the global director of inclusion and diversity for Cargill.

Hall expressed why the project was important to the company.

"Project Impact is a program for multicultural students to steer them towards greater self-efficacy and outstanding accomplishments in the halls of academia," Hall said.

He said even though they cannot hire everyone who goes through the program, they are committed to helping students be the best they can be for the workplace. Hall went on to say that diversity, respect and inclusion are important qualities for workers to have.

Hall explained that Cargill chose to partner with the university because it was a leader in education and diversity, as it was one of the first universities to accept men and women equally and was the first university to allow African Americans into their veterinary medicine program.

Rick Calhoun, Cargill employee and 1976 K-State graduate presided over the panel discussion. The panel talked about qualities that were looked for when hiring, such as communication skills, innovation and conviction.

Cargill announced the newest donation in support of Project Impact, explaining that the program's results had been impressive and expectations had been exceeded. The check for the donation was then presented and Myra Gordon, associate provost for the office of diversity, gave a speech on behalf of Project Impact.

"[This is a] gargantuan act of support," Gordon said. "[Cargill] are in front of the ball, not on the ball. They understand future workforce needs, and diversity is the flavor of the future. They are creating inclusive excellence."

One way Cargill's partnership helped students at the university was through providing job opportunities. Olivia Moore, senior in animal science and member of Project Impact, did an internship with Cargill in Milwaukee over the summer.

"It was an amazing experience," Moore said. "I'm very thankful for the opportunity Cargill gave me."

Cargill hired between 700 and 800 students each year in the fields of engineering, finance, marketing, IT and more. Those positions ranged from internships and co-ops to full time jobs.

Story | ***Zach Foley***
Photo | ***Courtesy Communications and Marketing***

Frustration Arises

over two days of malfunctions cause delays in financial, academic processes

After roughly two days of technical difficulties in August, iSIS rid the bug that caused it to divulge potentially sensitive information to the wrong students and prevented some from accessing the system.

"There was a period of time on Monday afternoon when some students could actually view another student's class schedule online," Ken Stafford, chief information officer and vice provost for information technology services, said. "We have made sure that the bug was tracked and fixed; the issue has been resolved."

Brohgan Dieker, senior in secondary education and English, was one of many K-State students, staff and faculty members who experienced extreme technical difficulties while trying to access their iSIS accounts.

After Dieker logged into her iSIS account, she proceeded to the Student Center to check her schedule for the first day of fall classes. Instead, however, Dieker found a different student's schedule.

"It looked like it was my iSIS account when I first opened it," Dieker said. "But when I actually looked a little closer, it had someone else's name on it, along with mine."

Stafford hypothesized that the issues were mainly caused by stress on the server from the high amount of activity that was usually associated with the first week of the semester.

"We had about 37,000 people logged in that day, which could explain some of the problems," Stafford said.

Dieker brought attention to the issue by taking a screenshot of her compromised account and emailing it to K-State technical support.

Within a few minutes, staff members responded.

Despite Stafford's assurances that no financial information was revealed to others, Dieker said she was still frustrated at how easily accessible other personal information could have been.

"Just the fact that someone could have seen my schedule, contact information and literally where I was during the whole day was pretty scary," she said.

For other students, the system malfunction was more of an inconvenience. Many students had yet to make various payments, needed to adjust to their new class schedules and to add or drop courses, all of which were delayed or halted by iSIS's two-day hiatus from functionality.

"The past couple days I haven't been able to get into my iSIS account and I've also had a lot of trouble getting into my Webmail," Krista King, freshman in music education, said.

King said her first couple of days at K-State had been more hectic than she had anticipated.

"No matter what time I got on, it only let me look at my schedule or email for like five minutes before it would just kick me out," she said. "Being a freshman, it's kind of hard because I can't find all of my classes and be where I'm supposed to be on time."

Stafford apologized for the technical difficulties and said that he and the rest of the staff would continue to work diligently in order to prevent a similar situation from occurring.

"This kind of thing shouldn't happen again," he said. "We are taking the appropriate steps to make sure that students who were affected are notified. Obviously, we can't stop everything, but we will definitely try to ensure that we take care of as much as we possibly can."

Story | ***Andy Rao***
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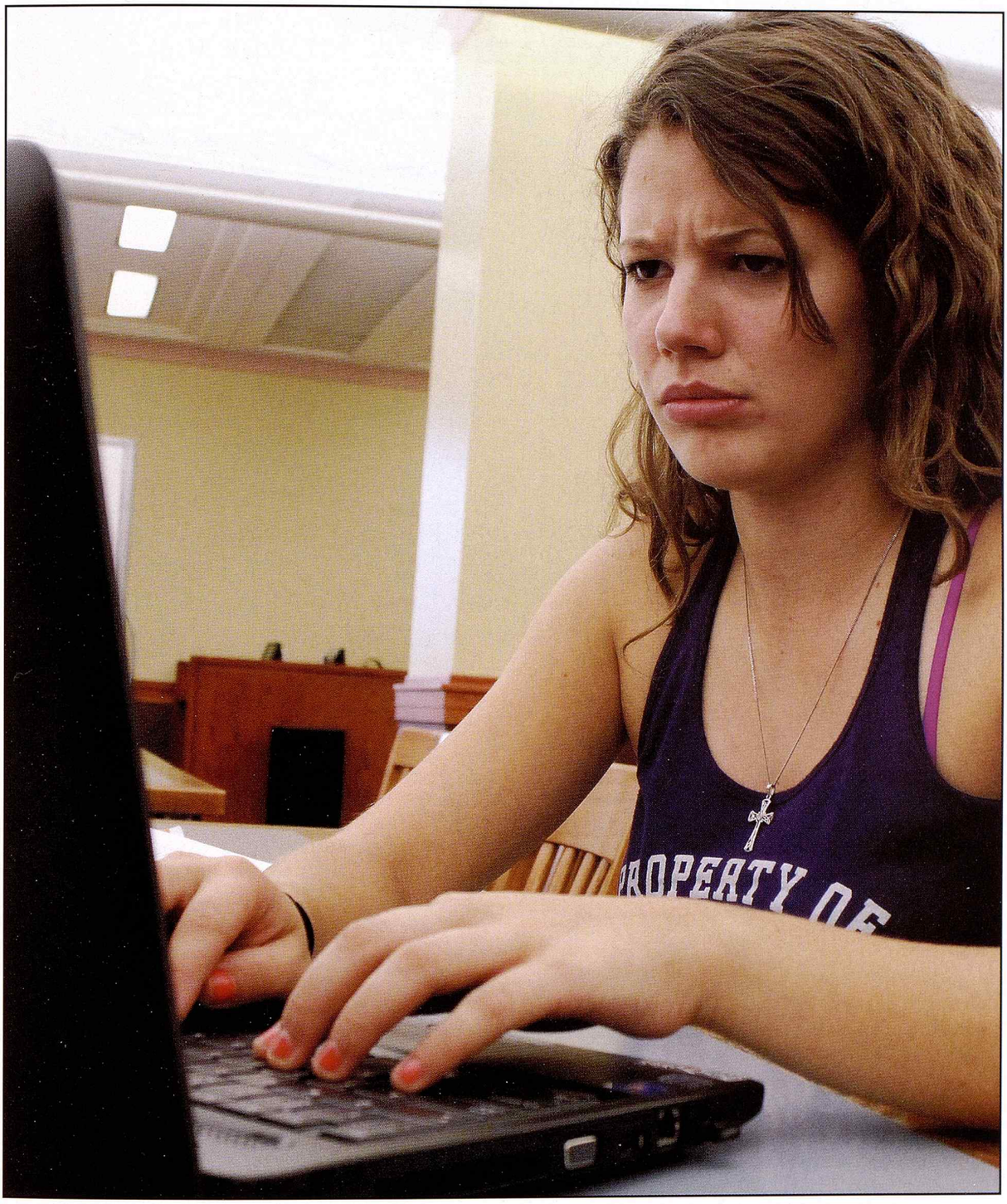

Kaitlyn Sterneker, freshman in kinesiology, was unable to check her class schedule, adding to the campus-wide frustration.

Only for the Brightest

fulbright international exchange program offers scholarships to graduate students

Many high school juniors and seniors knew to apply for scholarships before they got to college in order to help pay for their education. Less commonly known was the fact that there were scholarships available for students graduating from college as well. Although those scholarships did not necessarily help pay for college, they could help students facilitate their transition from college into "the real world" as well as empower the recipients to make a change in the world.

The Fulbright International Exchange Program offered several such scholarships or grants to graduating seniors in college, graduate students, young professionals and artists.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program, the category under which all the student-awarded scholarships fell, sponsored the Fulbright Study and Research Grant which offered up to one full academic year of financial support for the recipient to study or research in academic fields and art in another country.

When applying for the scholarship, the potential scholars proposed their own project and found their own host abroad.

In addition to the monetary funding to study and research abroad, the Fulbright Program gave graduates a variety of new experiences and a chance to explore their passion.

"The Fulbright offers a unique life opportunity, a chance to build international expertise that you will be able to market and draw from in your future, wherever that might take you," Jim Hohenbary, assistant dean for nationally competitive scholarships said. "Applying for such a competitive scholarship was a complicated process. Although the actual application is online, it is no cake walk."

Drew Hansen, senior in music and vocal performance, applied to study a type of classical art song called Lieder in Germany. He explained that the application was a lengthy process.

"There is a biographical data section where I input certain identifiable information and include information regarding my involvement as a singer in the community, in opera productions and other engagements here at K-State," he said. "I was required to be evaluated by my German instructor here at Kansas State, and I also had to find three general references that could speak not just to my character but also to my ability to carry out the proposed project as both a performer and, more importantly, a scholar."

Hansen also had to write two essays: a two-page paper explaining the purpose for which he would use the grant, and a page long personal statement.

The last component of the application involved the location of an affiliate in the applicant's host country and was optional but, according to Hansen, was used to enhance the strength of the application.

Kansas State University had a very strong history in many nationally competitive scholarships, including the Fulbright scholarship. In 2011, K-State had three graduates apply for and win a Fulbright scholarship to pursue their interests across the world.

McKenzie Snow, a 2011 winner, was granted an English Teaching Assistantship Award. Snow graduated from K-State in the summer of 2011 with a bachelor's degree in political science and taught at Free State University in South Africa.

"Although much work has been done to equalize and diversify schools, huge disparities in education quality remain," Snow said of South Africa. "Despite the complexities of inequality in the South African educational system, I applied for Fulbright because I hope to play a small role in progression by easing the struggles of young adults who want to succeed, but who need help obtaining the tools to do so."

In 2012, K-State had 14 students who applied for different scholarships under the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

Hohenbary said he was excited for the students and thought the Fulbright Scholarship was a great initiative that helped students make a difference in their own lives as well as the lives of others.

"The Fulbright offers a unique life opportunity," he said. "[It offers] a chance to build international expertise that you will be able to market and draw from in your future, wherever that might take you."

Story | ***Rudy Date***
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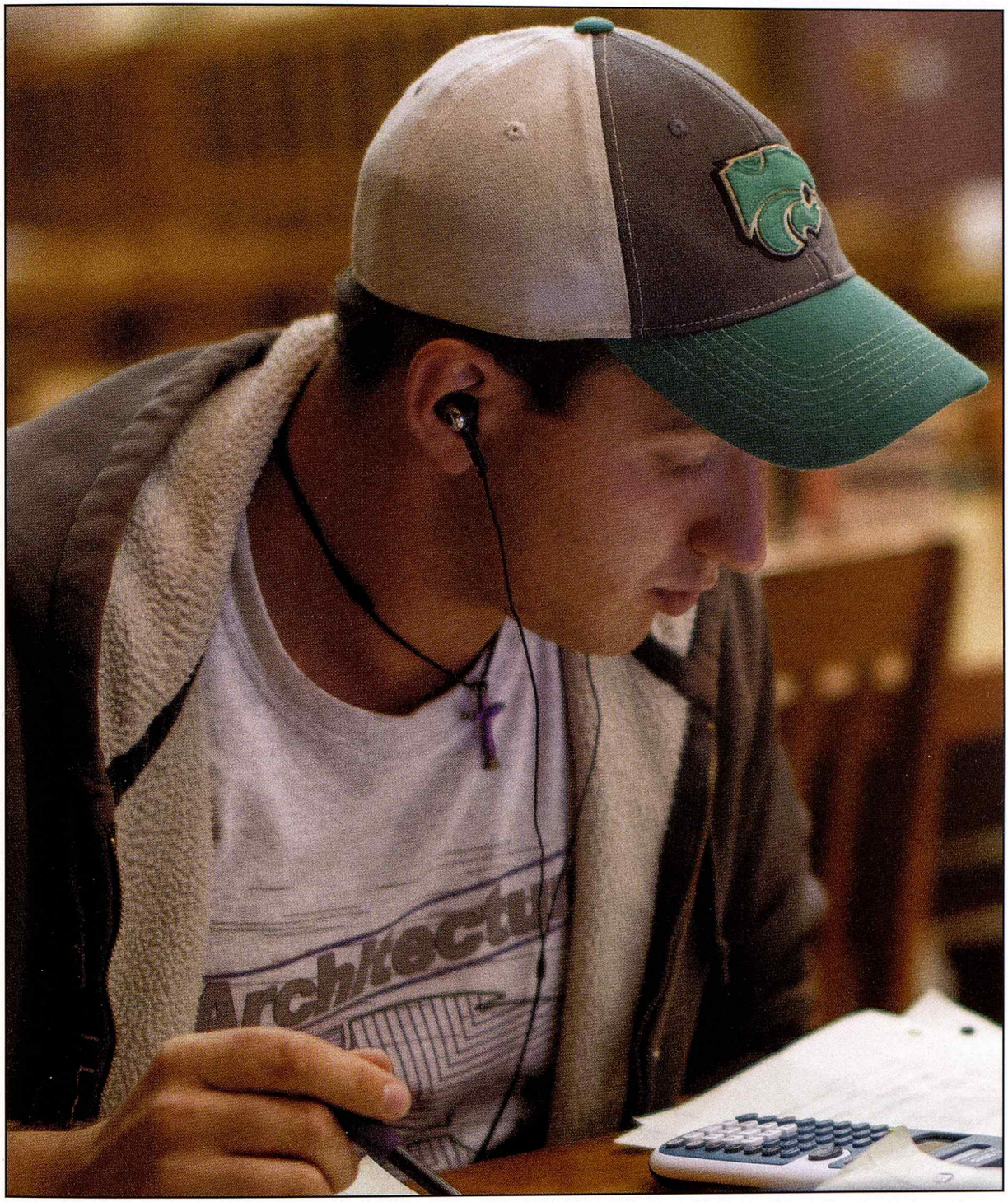

Finding a quiet place to study, Cody Wagner, senior in architectural engineering, sets up his work on a table in the Great Room of Hale Library Sunday night. At the end of his undergraduate career, Wagner had the opportunity to apply for the Fulbright scholarship so long as he continued to push himself academically.

Sports



The Cats take on the field shortly before the Sunflower Showdown Oct. 6 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.
Tommy Theis


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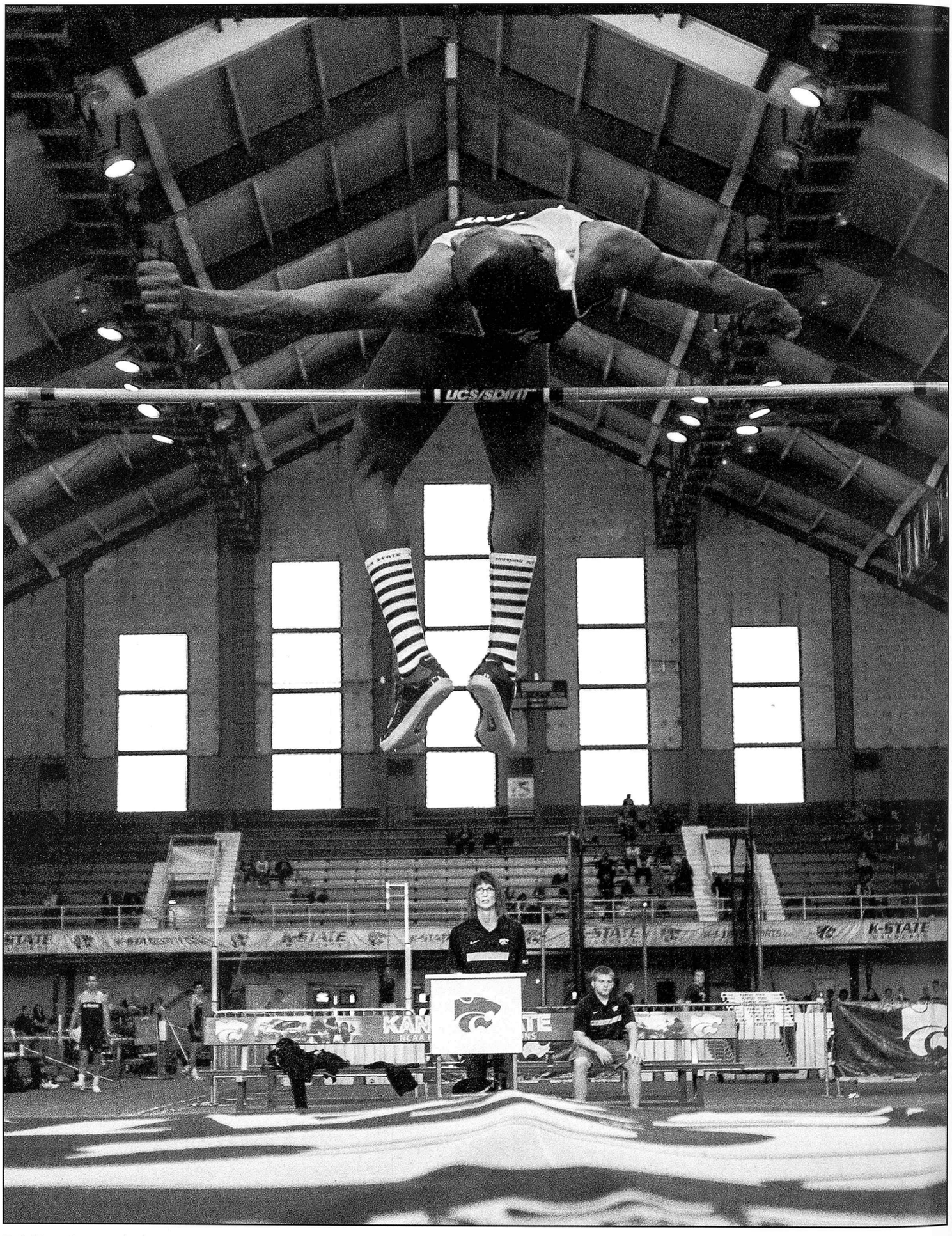

Erik Kynard, senior high jumper, soars over the bar at Ahearn Fieldhouse on Jan. 19. The jump of 7 foot, 6 inches at the Wildcat Invitational landed Kynard a new record for the event as well as the best indoor high-jump mark by a collegiate athlete in America.

A Leap For Success

kansas state athlete wins silver medal in olympic games

Traveling around the globe and bringing pride to a nation was not a bad way to end junior year.

Erik Kynard Jr., senior in entrepreneurship, spent most of his life training and competing in high jump events all over the world. His determination paid off when he earned a silver medal at the Summer 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Before his time had come in London, Kynard had been perfecting his jump since the age of six. From there, he competed through his middle and high school years before he landed a spot on several U.S. teams that traveled outside the country for competitions.

"I've been running track since I could walk basically," Kynard said. "I was raised to be successful and told I could do anything I put my mind to."

Although Kynard credits his inspiration to many individuals, one of his biggest supporters was his father. Erik Kynard Sr. ran track as a young adult and had even considered Kansas State University before he decided to attend to the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

"Growing up I would hear him tell stories about his track career and I would hear his friends tell stories about how good he was," Kynard said. "When I started track, I didn't want to try to run to fill his shoes so I ended up jumping."

While Kynard was growing up, his father had always felt that he would make it big someday.

"He's a pusher and his biggest competition is himself. He's going to push himself to the limit each time," Kynard Sr. said.

Kynard's family and friends were not the only ones who had been watching him throughout his career. K-State had become aware of his abilities during his junior year in Rogers High School in Toledo, Ohio.

"Erik was very successful in high school," Cliff Rovelto, director of men and women's track and field and cross country, said. "Erik has always been aggressive in his approach. This is something we subscribe to in our program so in that sense, we knew he was the type of athlete we wanted."

From the time that Kynard had made it on K-State's track and field team, Rovelto felt that there was a chance for Kynard to make it all the way.

"Erik is physically gifted but what I feel sets him apart from most is that he is willing to work and he is a student of the event," Rovelto said. "He also is a tremendous competitor and not afraid to challenge himself against the best."

With the support of his family and friends growing up, Kynard was always felt confident in his abilities and believed he would achieve his goals one day.

"I knew I was going to be competing in the Olympics. I was confident in my abilities," Kynard said. "I felt I had worked too hard to not be competing."

During the week before the Olympic competition, Kynard practiced continually. He had also told his father not to make the transatlantic trip, but Kynard ended up being in for a surprise.

"He told me not to come but I came anyways," Kynard Sr. said. "Once he won, I was proud and shocked at the same time. "

After he competed in the Olympics and had a silver medal under his belt, Kynard said he felt that the greatest reward of winning the medal was the effect it had on his community.

"The impact that I had or the inspiration that I instilled in my community is the best part," Kynard said. "It was pretty cool to see how something that I did or had done impacted people's lives."

Even with all the success he had already had, Kynard said felt that he had much more to give to the track world and planned to continue to compete until he completed all of his goals.

"I haven't made it as far as I'm going to make it. I still feel like I'm in the adolescence of my career," Kynard said. "I have a lot more to do and a lot more in store."

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

Underneath the Mask

a look underneath the self proclaimed university idol

By Googling "K-State Mask Oklahoma Pregame," one could easily discover – in less than four minutes – the essence and message of a new Kansas State University character – the K-State Mask.

A short, stout man stared wide-eyed into the camera. He wore a purple Kansas State T-shirt that read "Texas State Champs" and accessorized with a purple patterned tie hanging askew around his neck. His gaze pierced through a purple and silver mask adorned with a pair of Powercats and patched on one side near the nosepiece with a vertical stripe of black tape.

"We're going to pound you," the man bellowed to prospective enemy viewers. "We're going to light you up. We're going to expose every weakness that we found and you haven't even thought about."

With the help of a banner season by the Kansas State football team, a single homemade video designed to pump up Wildcat fans quickly expanded into a series of videos that drew more 1,165,000 views on YouTube after gaining the direction of a local production company.

Craig Rose – now popularly known simply as "Mask" – never saw it coming.

"I definitely didn't expect any of this," Rose, 26, said. "It all started out just to have fun, have a 100-or 200-view video."

Those aspirations changed when 502 Media Group came calling and emailing and Facebooking. Blade Mages, 502's creative director, liked what he saw in that first video.

"It was just him standing in front of this white wall, going on like a two-minute rampage," Mages said. "I was pretty convinced that if the guy could be that entertaining for two minutes solid, no edits, no anything, that he's probably not half bad at this, so I reached out to him."

Rose, an eight-year Army veteran who took a medical retirement this year for post-traumatic stress disorder, moved to the area in 2010 when he was stationed in Fort Riley. He always appreciated K-State and latched onto the school even more firmly once he settled in Manhattan.

When he first received the message from 502 about producing more inspirational videos throughout football season, he was ecstatic.

"I freaked," Rose said. "I saw the message, saw the Facebook message and saw the email. I literally – I'm not a smoker unless I drink, and I probably smoked almost a pack of cigarettes in about 45 minutes just going, 'What is going on right now?'"

What was going on was the start of a particularly entertaining and productive partnership. The first video 502 shot with Rose showed a 60 Minutes-style interview with the Mask that officially introduced him and his antics to the fan base.

Spontaneity characterized that video and the ones that came after it.

"I was like, 'All right man, I'm going to point the camera at you, and you talk,'" Mages said. "And that's what we did. He did it for about 45 minutes. He just cut all sorts of dialogue, and that's kind of been the pattern ever since. We'll come up with the ideas and the locations, and he'll come up with the content."

Mages and senior video editor Adam Owens decided on locations, while Rose improvised his lines. Both parties tried to include specific references to the week's opponent. Rose picked on specific topics, and Mages and Owens chose to film in places that felt counter to the other team's mascot.

For example, one would never go out on the water during a hurricane, so one of the Miami videos featured the Mask in a rowboat on the lake. Similarly, one would never take a plane ride during a cyclone, so that is exactly what the crew did for the Iowa State video.

502 began the impromptu project by filming a pregame and postgame video for every game, but soon that became too much work, so the group switched to only pregame videos.

While many fans enjoyed the videos, some did not.

"We've gotten all kinds of positive feedback, but then also, with as wide of an audience as the Mask as getting, there's obviously people that dislike him," Owen said.

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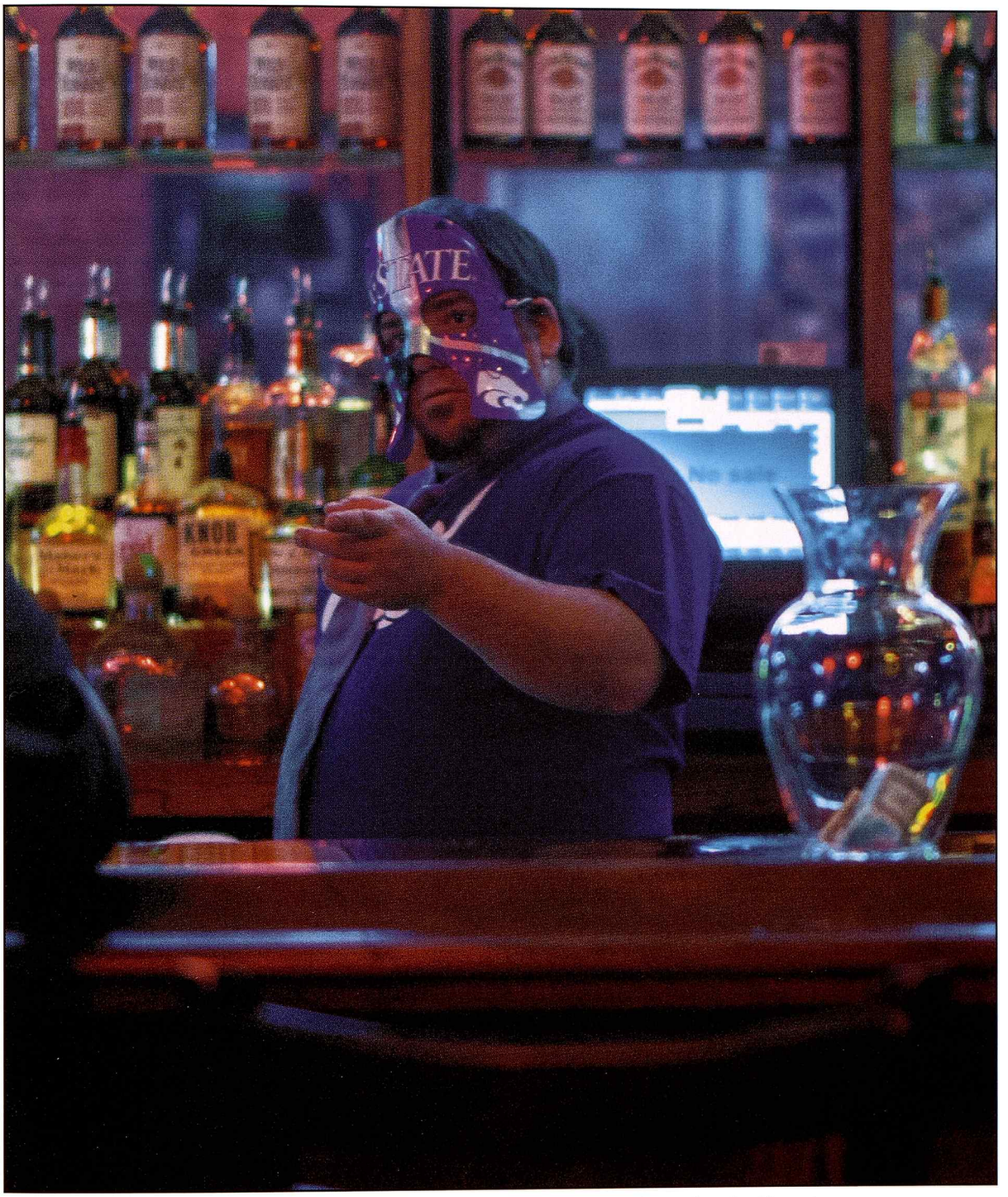

The K-State Purple Mask offers his bartending services at Johnny Kaw's in Aggieville Wednesday, Nov. 29.

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Although the university had no interest in getting involved with the K-State Mask, it did not seem to mind the videos. Athletic director John Currie even paused for a picture with the Mask at a volleyball game.

"Blew my mind," Rose said.

One video quickly changed Kansas State's positive, if limited, impression of the venture.

It also significantly increased the Mask's non-fan base. Most of the early complaints about the Mask revolved around his weight and the repetition in the videos.

"The stuff that they had, for the longest time, wasn't rooted in substance," Mages said, then paused. "Until the West Virginia video. And then the hate mail started coming in."

Going into the game in Morgantown, W. Va., the Wildcats were 6-0 and the Mountaineers were 5-1. Hype for the matchup was huge. In the preseason poll, coaches had picked West Virginia to finish toward the top of the conference, one of five teams predicted to be better than Kansas State.

With such a contest sure to command national attention, 502 and the Mask decided to make the West Virginia pregame video a real showstopper. After writing music and lyrics for a song for the video, they brought in musicians and spent 15-20 hours in the studio to create the track.

For the production of the video itself, they also pulled out all the stops. Mages arrived at the scene – a farm, ideal for exploiting hillbilly stereotypes assigned to West Virginians – around 7:30 a.m. on a Sunday. He would not leave until around 6:30 that evening.

The video began by portraying a collection of barefoot hicks sawing wood, plucking at banjos, drinking and generally being slothful. It all looked relatively harmless – that is, until the barn party began.

As a crowd clad in overalls and boots danced and hopped around, the camera briefly panned to a young couple in "Holgorsen Family Reunion" T-shirts – a shot at West Virginia head coach Dana Holgorsen – who promptly kissed each other on the lips, as the lyric, "Mama married your brother and now he's your dad," blared over the speakers.

Needless to say, Currie was not tracking down the Mask for any more photo opportunities after that. The video created a firestorm, and while 502 took plenty of heat, so did the university.

One West Virginian called 502 and reamed out project manager Rachel Hermes for a solid half hour. According to Mages, though, just one Kansas State administrator spent six hours on the phone dealing with the same type of incensed callers in the aftermath of the video.

"They were fielding phone calls left and right on the whole deal," Mages said. "West Virginia people were calling the athletics department, calling the marketing department and all these things. We ruffled some feathers on it. We got scores of emails from our contact form. People speaking their minds."

Kansas State quickly disowned the K-State Mask after that.

"We [went] from being this thing that, 'Oh, that's kind of cool, but we don't want to be a part of it, but hey, it's great that they're getting notoriety, bringing notoriety to K-State,'" Mages said, "to, 'We want that gone.'"

Rose had to change his Twitter handle from "K-StateMask" to "WildcatMask" because a copyright infringement complaint had been filed with the social media site. When Mages investigated the process of filing such a complaint, he discovered it required proof of ownership and thus could not have been filed by an individual who disliked the videos.

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"We're not the university's best friend anymore," Mages said. "They are really trying to distance themselves."

While K-State and many others did not appreciate some of the content of the West Virginia video, 502 still believed the overall effect of the K-State Mask series on their business was overwhelmingly a positive one.

Before, the company had relied solely on word of mouth, feeling its services required more than a 30-second ad to explain their benefits to potential customers. Showing them what 502 can do was a better way to get people considering its product, and that is what the company did by producing the K-State Mask videos.

502 wrote off the lost time and money as marketing expense. Though the videos began organically, they brought significant attention to the company that produced them.

"We went from being, 'Well, who are you guys again?' to 'Oh, K-State Mask,'" Mages said. "Love it or hate it, we've now kind of tethered ourself to that, but at least we're kind of a household name within the K-State family, which is cool."

Though 502 generally believed that any publicity was good publicity, it realized it alienated a rather large group of people with the offensive jokes in the West Virginia video.

Mages saw a silver lining to the controversy.

"Ultimately, a lot of people would look at that and say, 'Is that how you want your business to be reflected?'" Mages said. "To be a hundred percent honest, actually, yeah. If you can look at that and say, 'Hey, that's fun,' and 'We understand where you were coming from and that you don't actually think this about West Virginia,' if we can find those kind of people that enjoy that and want to work with us, those are going to be the kinds of clients we enjoy working with anyways. So it's kind of a good little filter."

As many laughs and benefits as making the K-State Mask videos provided, at the end of football season, the fate of the K-State Mask had not been determined. However, Mages believed the video series would best be left as a one-season wonder.

"To me, it has to be something that was this little legend that happened and then went away," Mages said. "It was cool if you were a part of it. If you weren't, you wish you were. I don't think it goes another season."

Even after just a few short months, though, the K-State Mask made an impact. The publicity 502 garnered by producing the videos never could have been equaled by an ad in the paper or on the radio. Those in the community took note of Rose's comedy chops, and he was thrilled to accept an invitation to give an anti-bullying talk at a local elementary school.

Where would he go from there? He did not know exactly, but he knew the K-State Mask put him closer to wherever it was.

"I never felt like I was supposed to be that guy that was just toiling away at work," he said. "I don't down on those people, I just – I felt like it wasn't me. I felt like I was supposed to be here, getting people jacked up, and make people laugh, and this is giving me that outlet to do it."

Story | ***Ashley Dunkak***
Photos | ***Evert Nelson***



The K-State Mask has been famously made through numerous pre and post game videos on YouTube. Videos got fans pumped against the opponent of that week's game. (Images: kstatemask/YouTube)

16 Goals for Success

k-state football season ends with only two losses under snyder's leadership

After a very successful season in 2011 that saw the Wildcats finish 10-3 and second in the Big 12, the Wildcats brought back 17 starters from that team. However, the experts did not think much of that, and voted the Wildcats sixth in the preseason Big 12 rankings. It was that lack of expectations outside of Manhattan that had made the 2012-2013 season so special to everyone.

For Rusty Wilson, owner of the bars Kite's and Rusty's in Aggieville, said his business had at least tripled, maybe quadrupled, on home game weekends, and doubled for away games. If you asked Wilson, the transformation and the uniqueness of the year's season, it could all have been traced to one man: head coach Bill Snyder.

"It's not just football," Wilson said of the team's surge into the national spotlight. "It's the guy behind the football. That's Bill Snyder. When he came and grew this program, Manhattan started to grow."

The opener against Missouri State started off sluggish, but the Wildcats had been able to pull away before they hosted the Hurricanes of Miami the following week. That gave linebacker Arthur Brown, senior in social sciences, another opportunity to defeat his former university. It was the game that started to show people that there might have been a very good team in Manhattan that season.

Behind a strong performance from quarterback Collin Klein, senior in finance, the Wildcats thumped the Hurricanes 52-13, and showed the country what they were capable of. As big of a statement as that game was, what they did in Norman on Sept. 22 was even more impressive.

No ranked team had ever gone into Norman and defeated a Bob Stoops coached Oklahoma Sooners team. However, that was what the Wildcats did, winning a tough defensive battle, highlighted by a defensive touchdown by linebacker Jarell Childs, senior in sociology, who helped jump-start the Wildcats to a 24-19 victory, which moved the Wildcats to 4-0 on the season. As the rest of the country started to take notice, the Wildcats offense started to emerge as one of the country's best.

"They have the best offensive line in the Big 12 — they're good at running the football," TCU head coach Gary Patterson said to the Wildcat offense. "Their wide receivers are good. People always say they overachieve — not this Kansas State team. This team has a lot of seniors, their wide outs can run, they catch well; really good tight end; [Daniel Thomas] — he's faster and stronger than last year."

In wins over Kansas, Iowa State and West Virginia, the Wildcats averaged 46 points a game, which helped them move to 7-0 on the season, and up to No. 3 in the country.

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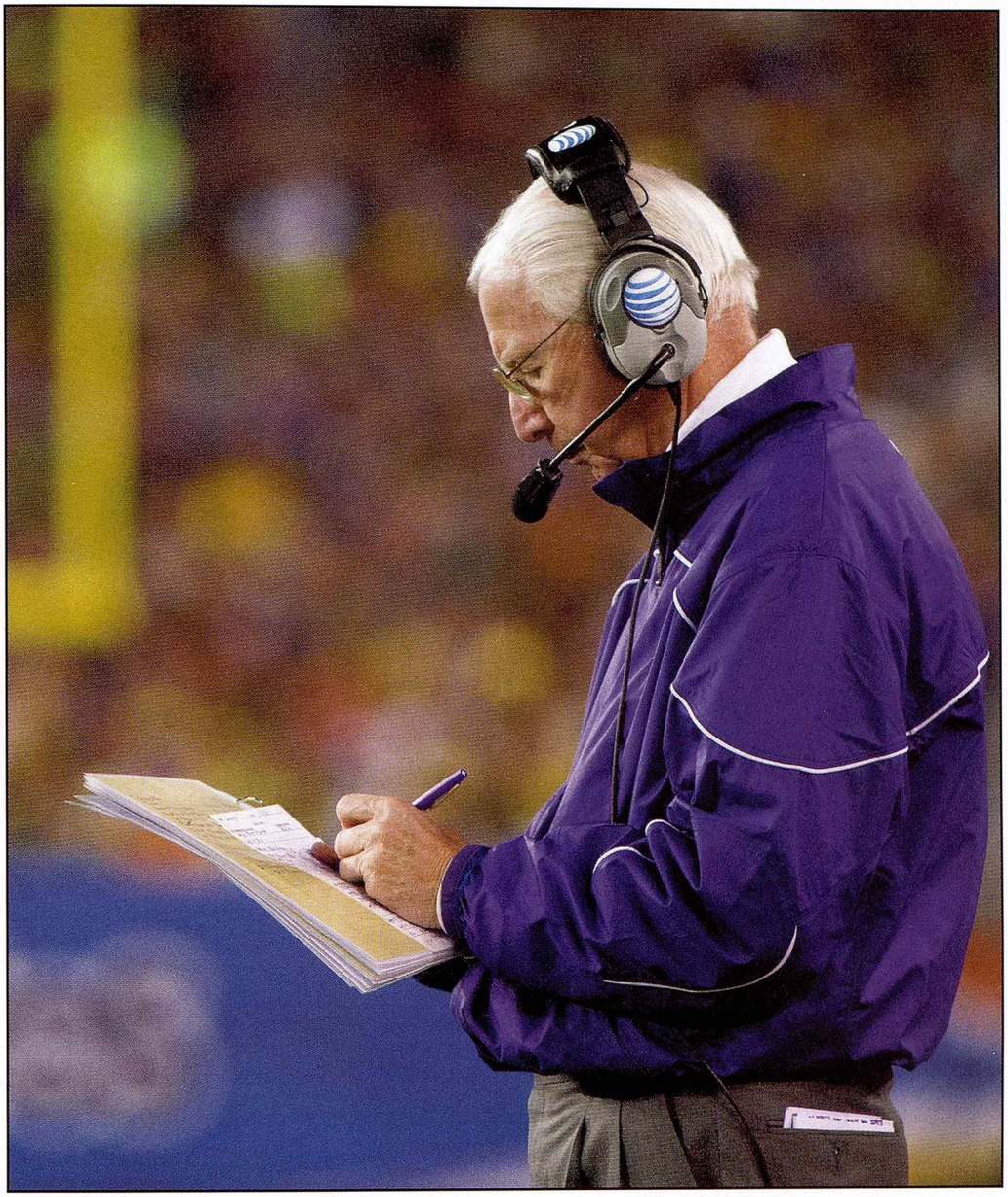

Head football coach Bill Snyder takes notes during the BCS Fiesta Bowl. Snyder was named Big 12 coach of the year for the second time in his career after leading the Wildcats to an 11-2 season.

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Just like the season before, K-State was 7-0 with a highly ranked opponent coming in on Homecoming Day. This time it was the Texas Tech Red Raiders. With Gus Johnson and Charles Davis calling it on the Fox game of the week, this was an opportunity for K-State to give another statement.

Behind an explosive offensive attack, the Wildcats put up 55 points, blowing the Red Raiders out by 31 points, and then there was no denying, the K-State team was a national title contender.

A victory over the Oklahoma State Cowboys moved the team to 9-0, and No. 2 in the country as they head out on the road to take on the TCU Horned Frogs.

A defensive struggle that saw no offense really get into any kind of rhythm ensued, but as they had all year, the Wildcats were able to pull out the victory, and because of No. 1 Alabama losing, the Wildcats moved to No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) for the first time in school history. It was short-lived, however, as the Wildcats traveled down to Waco, TX to take on the Baylor Bears.

It turned out to be one of those nights that Baylor could do no wrong. The Bears scored 52 points en route to the victory, which dashed any chances for the Wildcats to make the national title. However, rather than letting the loss cost them a Big 12 title, K-State responded two weeks later on senior night, defeating Texas to win the Big 12 for the first time since 2003.

This had set up a Fiesta Bowl berth with the Oregon Ducks, who had happened to have seen their national title chances end on the same night as K-State, when they were ranked No. 2.

For running back John Hubert, junior in social sciences, the Fiesta Bowl represented a chance to making history for the K-State program, which had never been recorded a 12-win season. In the redshirt junior's four seasons in Manhattan, the Wildcats were winless in two bowl appearances, falling to Syracuse in the 2010 Pinstripe Bowl and Arkansas in the 2011 Cotton Bowl.

"Just winning a bowl game and getting that momentum and that confidence for next year is going to be very important," Hubert said.

In the end, the Ducks were able to prevail 35-17, with K-State finishing the season with a record of 11-2. A total of 27 seniors concluded their playing careers for the K-State football, which had given the school only their seventh 11-win season in the school's entire program.

Seniors such as Collin Klein, Chris Harper and Arthur Brown would go down as some of the greatest players to play at their respective positions for the Wildcats, and the team was one that would not be soon forgotten.

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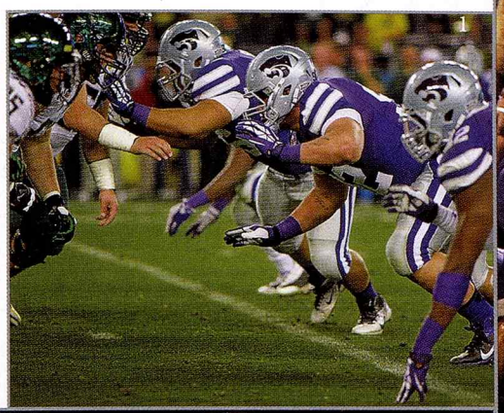

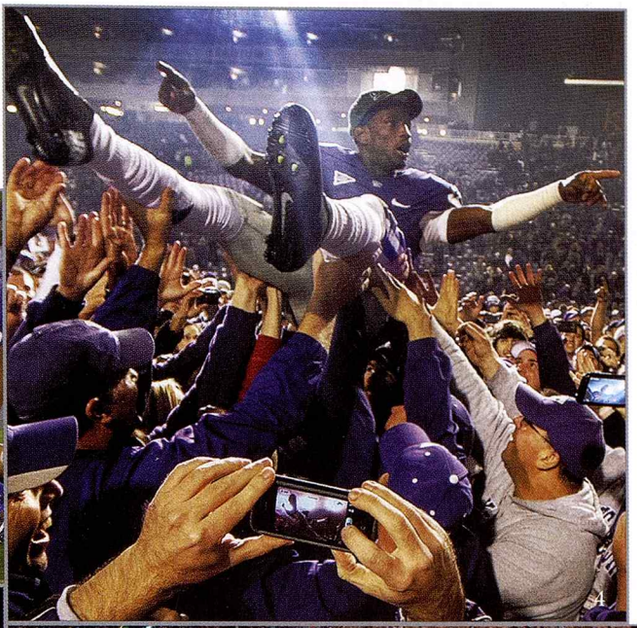





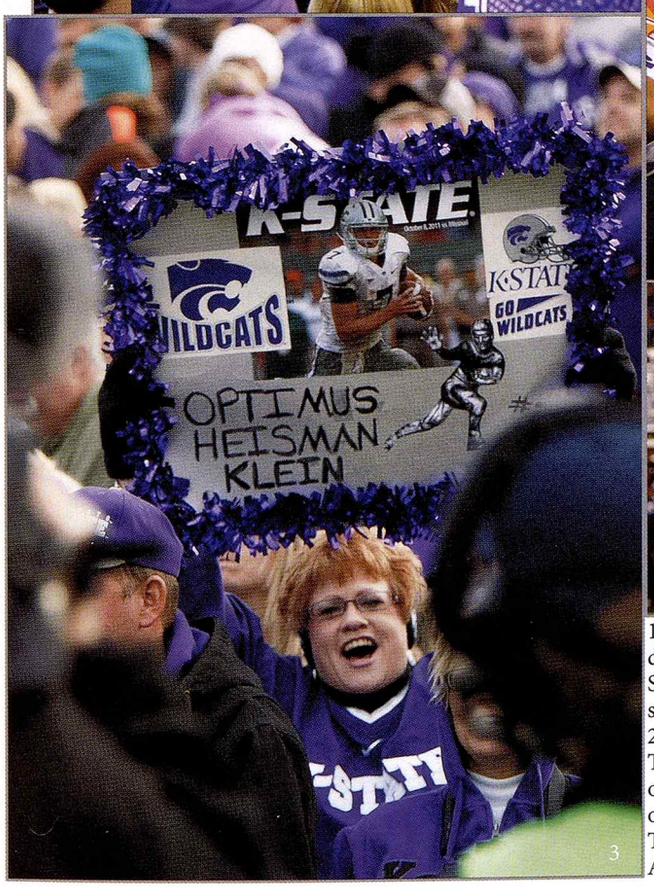





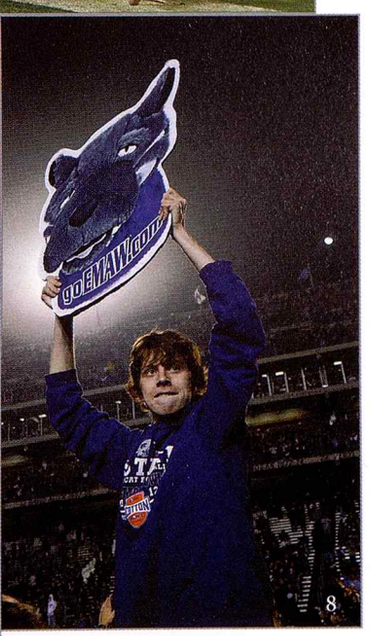

1. The defensive line surges after the Ducks' offensive line and quarterback during the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz. on Jan. 3. 2. Fans rush the field at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Dec. 1 after becoming Big 12 champions. 3. A fan shows her support for quarterback Collin Klein at the Texas Tech game on Oct. 27. 4. Defensive back Allen Chapman crowd surfs after the 42-24 win against Texas 5. Collin Klein dives for a touchdown at the Fiesta Bowl against Oregon on Jan. 3. 6. The football team gets pumped up in the tunnel before heading onto the field at Pheonix Stadium for the Fiesta Bowl. 7. Wideout Tramaine Thompson catches the go-ahead touchdown against North Texas on Sep. 15. 8. A fan waves his "goEMAW.com" cutout at the game against Texas on Dec. 1.



The conference realignment affected many across the board.

Big shifts in BIG XII

Big 12 shuffle affects more than football

Conference realignment in the Big 12 Conference had begun in the summer of 2010. Many feared the worst, as it looked like the very existence of the Big 12 was in question. Colorado left for the Pac-10, Nebraska bolted for the Big 10, and the Pac-10 attempted to woo away Texas. The Longhorns declined the invitation, and the Big 12 survived even after Texas A&M and Missouri departed a year and a half later. The conference soon replaced those teams with TCU and West Virginia.

All the changes hinged on one motive: money. Teams went to conferences based on where they thought they could secure the greatest possible amount of revenue generated by television contracts for football.

Essentially, all the other sports just went along for the ride. At Kansas State University, those other sports included men's and women's basketball, baseball, volleyball, women's tennis, men's and women's golf, equestrian, track and field, cross country and rowing. While realignment might have been beneficial for football, it had caused a shake-up in the university's other sports teams.

"Ultimately, football's the driving force behind all of it," Michael Smith, cross-country coach, said. "Whatever happens, we're going to go along with it, whatever direction it goes. But we would like to be in one of those conferences that matters, and that's where we are now. The Big 12 matters, it's stable, and it's competitive."

Initially, there was some excitement – and perhaps relief – at the apparent pause in rearrangement of teams and leagues that occurred when the additions of TCU and West Virginia were announced.

"There was a lot of anticipation or uncertainty about what direction the conference was going to go, and who we were going to be adding," Suzie Fritz, volleyball coach, said, "so I would say at that time we were excited about getting some stability in the conference."

For some of those sports, the loss of a competitive program at one school was balanced out by the addition of another of equal prestige.

"It's kind of a wash," Casie Lisabeth, equestrian coach, said. "Texas A&M had a great program, TCU has a great program, so I'd say we stayed pretty much the same as where we are, and we are a really strong area for our sport, historically have been high in the placings with our schools that have equestrian."

In other sports, the strength of the league undeniably took a hit, at least temporarily.

"Over the last several years, we've lost some pretty valuable members," Fritz said. "From a volleyball perspective, it has certainly changed the landscape of the conference … from a top-bottom competitive perspective."

Sometimes, the effect of all the movement was simply chaos. This appeared to be the case in rowing in particular. Because a conference had to have six schools with rowing to have its champion automatically qualify for the NCAA championship, the Big 12 combined with Conference USA and the SEC. West Virginia had a rowing program, so the impact on the Big 12 specifically was not too difficult to gauge.

"[Southern Methodist University] and [University of Central Florida] have gone out – not from Big 12 but out of our affiliated conference, and that's been the problem," rowing coach Patrick Sweeney said. "Those two have gone out, but we've gained West Virginia into the Big 12, which is good for the Big 12. I think the other conferences have gained – I think it's Old Dominion and somebody else. That's why I said confusion. I couldn't tell you who's in our bloody championships these days. It's too bloody confusing!"

All seven coaches seemed to agree on two facets of conference realignment. First, there was nothing they could do to affect what happened because such decisions were based solely on football. Second, making more money was in the best interests of the conference as a whole anyway.

"If we look at it from a broader point of view, then you have to do what's healthy for football," said tennis coach Steve Bietau. "Whatever puts the conference overall in the strongest position, in the long run, I think is the best thing for our program."

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Photo Illustration | ***Evert Nelson***

All Around Champs

men's basketball team flourishes during transition year

The K-State University men's basketball team won a share of the Big 12 Conference championship through the most unlikely of circumstances. Tied with the University of Kansas going into the final weekend of the regular season, the Wildcats had to win on the road at No. 13 Iowa State to ensure a piece of the Big 12 title. As it happened, the Jayhawks lost to unranked Baylor, so although K-State did not get a win, the Wildcats still earned their first conference championship since 1977.

After the K-State football team won the conference title in December, few thought the men's basketball team would match the achievement. But the Wildcats did exactly that and put K-State in a position of overall sports dominance in the 10-team Big 12.

The pair of championships was a remarkable feat, not in the least because pre-season polls picked the football team to finish sixth in the conference and the basketball team to finish fifth. It also surprised many to see the latter do so well in Bruce Weber's debut season as the team's coach.

All the unlikelihood aside, a largely seamless coaching change, a tight-knit group of players and uncharacteristic struggles by the rival Jayhawks turned a season that could have been chaotic into one of the best ever by a first-year K-State coach and even one of the best in the program's history.

While the Wildcats lost to Kansas in both regular season matchups, they kept pace with Kansas' record because the team went on a surprising three-game losing streak that included a shocking upset by TCU, who did not beat any other Big 12 team during its first year in the league after switching from the Mountain West conference.

The faltering of the Jayhawks gave K-State not only the opportunity to win a Big 12 championship in basketball for the first time since 1977, but it gave the university a chance to have conference titles in both major sports in the same year. That feat had only been accomplished by Texas and Oklahoma, traditional football powerhouses who usually had potential to field solid basketball teams.

"It would feel great," Rodney McGruder, senior in family studies and human services, said. "You look up on that wall, you see the last time that we were conference champions was 1977. That was a long time ago. I wasn't even thought of. It just goes to show that we have a chance to accomplish something great."

The football team was well aware of the monumental possibility as well. Several of the basketball players said they had heard from friends on the football team. Martavious Irving, senior in social sciences, said he knew as soon as the football team won the Big 12 championship that the basketball team would be expected to follow suit.

"When they won it, that's the first thing I thought about," Irving said. "We're the next major sport at the school, so it's pressure and we're pretty good, even though we've got a new coaching staff, I was thinking, 'Now it's kind of like we've got to win it too.'"

In addition to support from their football counterparts, the basketball players also had a visit from revered football coach Bill Snyder. Weber asked him to speak to the team after a blowout 83-62 loss in Lawrence on Feb. 11. Snyder reviewed with the team on his philosophy of "winning the day" or trying to go 1-0 in every activity, be it a drill, a day of practice or, ultimately, the next game on the schedule.

"That was really great, good timing, having Coach Snyder talk to them, and we've kind of followed that philosophy, just be 1-0," Weber said. "If you're 1-0, you stay in first every time. We've been able to do that since he talked to us."

At the time, the Wildcats still needed wins against Baylor, TCU and Oklahoma State to finish out the season, and all they had to do was take care of their games. However no performance by any other team could deprive the Wildcats of their Big 12 title. It was a great position to be in, especially for a group that just a year earlier did not even know whom their next coach would be.

"When that happened, a lot of stuff is going through your mind," McGruder said. "You don't know what to expect. When Frank first left, you didn't know who your coach was going to be, but then the program went into Bruce Weber's hands, and you saw the things that he accomplished at Illinois. You knew that big things could happen because I knew we were a pretty good team last year, but we had some plays that slipped away from us, so I knew that we could be good, and Bruce has proved that this year."

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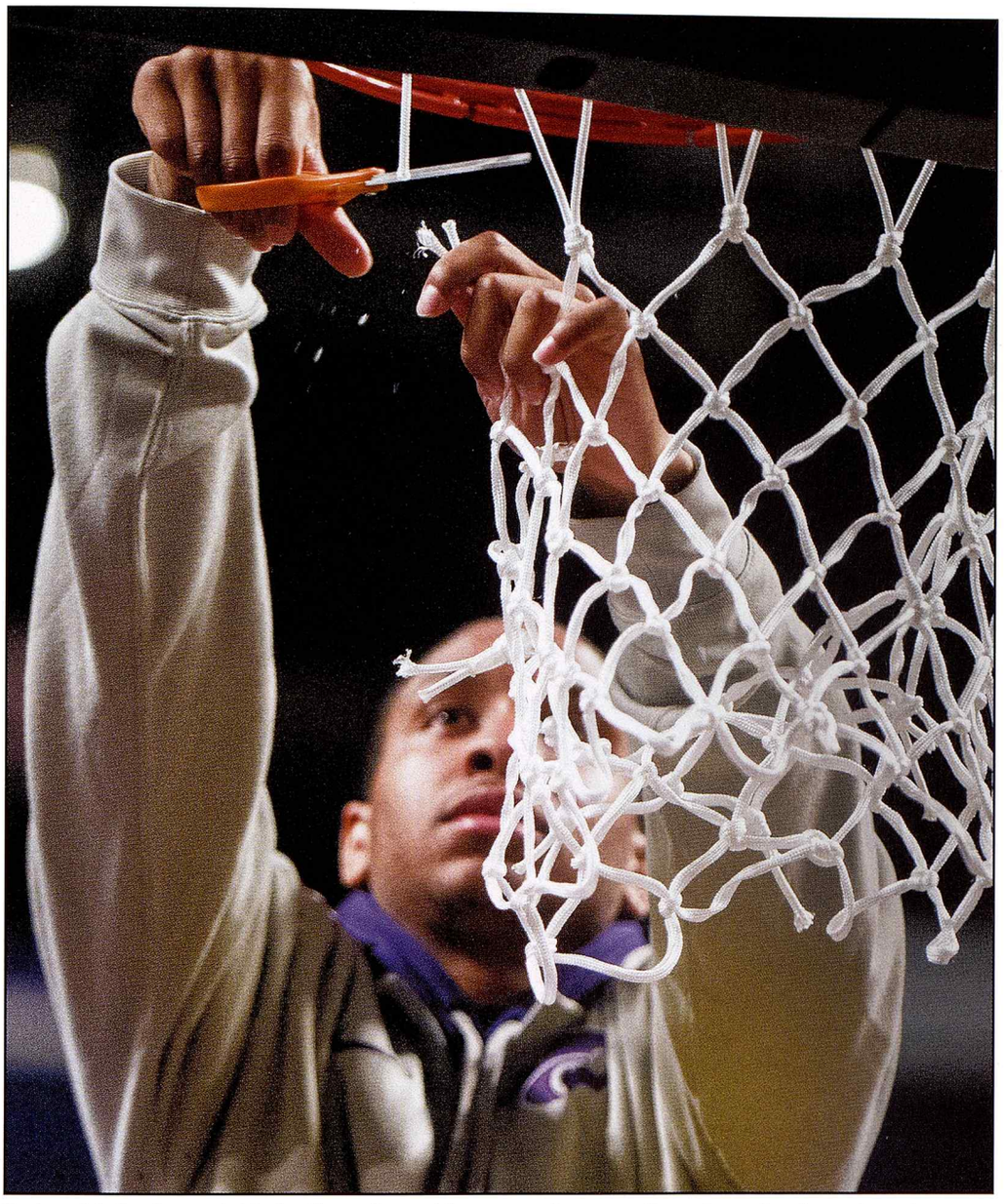

Rodney McGruder, senior in family studies and human services, contributes in cutting down the nets of Bramlage Coliseum on March 11. The net cutting followed the age old tradition used to celebrate a conference championship where both players and coaches took turns cutting off the season's nets.

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delaware | nov. 21 | W 66-63	oklahoma | feb. 2 | W 52-50
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west virginia | jan. 12 | W 65-64	oklahoma state | march 9 | L 76-70

Lucky No. 7

senior quarterback, once wide receiver, key element in an outstanding season

Collin Klein stepped on the Kansas State University campus from Loveland, Colo., as a two-star wide receiving prospect. He had only received one other scholarship offer, and that was from Colorado State. With all that Klein, senior in finance, had done in the next five seasons after that first step amounted to him having one of the greatest careers in the history of K-State football.

After he redshirted and didn't see any field time in his freshman season, he changed positions from entering his redshirt sophomore season to move to quarterback. The move was one that many saw as much more suited to his abilities, on and off the field.

"Aside from his obvious athletic ability, he's so humble," safety Ty Zimmerman, senior in social sciences, said. "He's so consistent. You're not going to get a different Collin Klein on Monday than you will on Tuesday. He shows up every day willing to work. He puts in extra time in the film room, stays after and throws routes with people. And the fact that he's tough. He finds a way to make plays."

His first significant playing time came late in the season when he was named the starter against the Texas Longhorns. It was in this game where the legend of Klein started, as he guided the Wildcats to a 39-14 victory with 127 rushing yards and two touchdowns. That was just the start of many memories created for K-State fans by Klein. When his fellow quarterback graduated, Klein was given the keys he needed to the Wildcats offense.

As the full-time starter as a junior, Klein helped the guide the Wildcats to a 10-3 season, and a Cotton Bowl appearance, while setting many school and NCAA records. Klein finished the 2011-2012 season with 27 rushing touchdowns, breaking both the Big 12 record, as well as the most rushing touchdowns for a quarterback in a season.

As good as he was his junior season, his senior year was the one that truly etched him into the hearts of Wildcat fans, and helped captivate the city of Manhattan in the fall of 2012.

After a 3-0 start, the Wildcats opened up Big 12 play ranked 15th in country, traveled to Norman looking to make up for the previous year 58-17 loss in Manhattan in the homecoming game. However, it was be no easy task as Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops had never lost a home game to a ranked team. Klein had other ideas though, and he scored the game-winning rushing touchdown to give the Wildcats a 24-19 win. This had been just the start of all the excitement about the quarterback.

"Coach Snyder says to have no limitations and play to the best of our ability," Klein said in his response to the win against Oklahoma. "We have to do what we need to do in order to be ready for a battle, and when the time comes we have to go battle. We believe that together, we're able to get it done."

The next six games saw the Wildcats climb up the national rankings, and after a 23-10 victory on Nov. 10 against the TCU Horned Frogs, K-State stood atop the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) rankings for the first time in school history. Not only that, Klein was the front-runner for the first Heisman trophy in the school's history. Unfortunately, a trip to Waco the following weekend ended both the national title chances, as well as the Heisman trophy chances. This set up senior day at Bill Snyder Family Stadium, with the Big 12 title and a BCS berth on the line.

And in the same way he had started his career at quarterback, Klein took over against the same Texas Longhorns and guided the Wildcats to another victory over the Longhorns. That had given the Wildcats their first Big 12 championship since 2003. Even better, because of the win the Wildcats traveled to Glendale, Ariz. to take on the Oregon Ducks in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl berth.

And even though the Wildcats fell to the Ducks 35-17, it did not over-shadow the brilliant career the Klein amassed at K-State.

As a quarterback, he finished with a starting record of 22-6. His 55 career rushing touchdowns were the most in school history, and his third place finish in the Heisman trophy race was the second highest finish in school history, behind Michael Bishop, who finished second in 1998. Head football coach Bill Snyder said that while both Klein and Bishop had tremendous leadership abilities, Klein's leadership extended beyond the walls of the stadium.

"He just has more — I don't even have the right words for it, I guess — but they respond to him not only by what he does but what he addresses them about and in areas other than just football," Snyder said. "And Michael's thing was just kind of on the football field."

As great of player on the field, he was regarded as an even better person off the field. When one talked about some of the K-State greats such as Bishop, Darren Sproles and Josh Buhl, Klein's named was added to that list and would stay for years to come.

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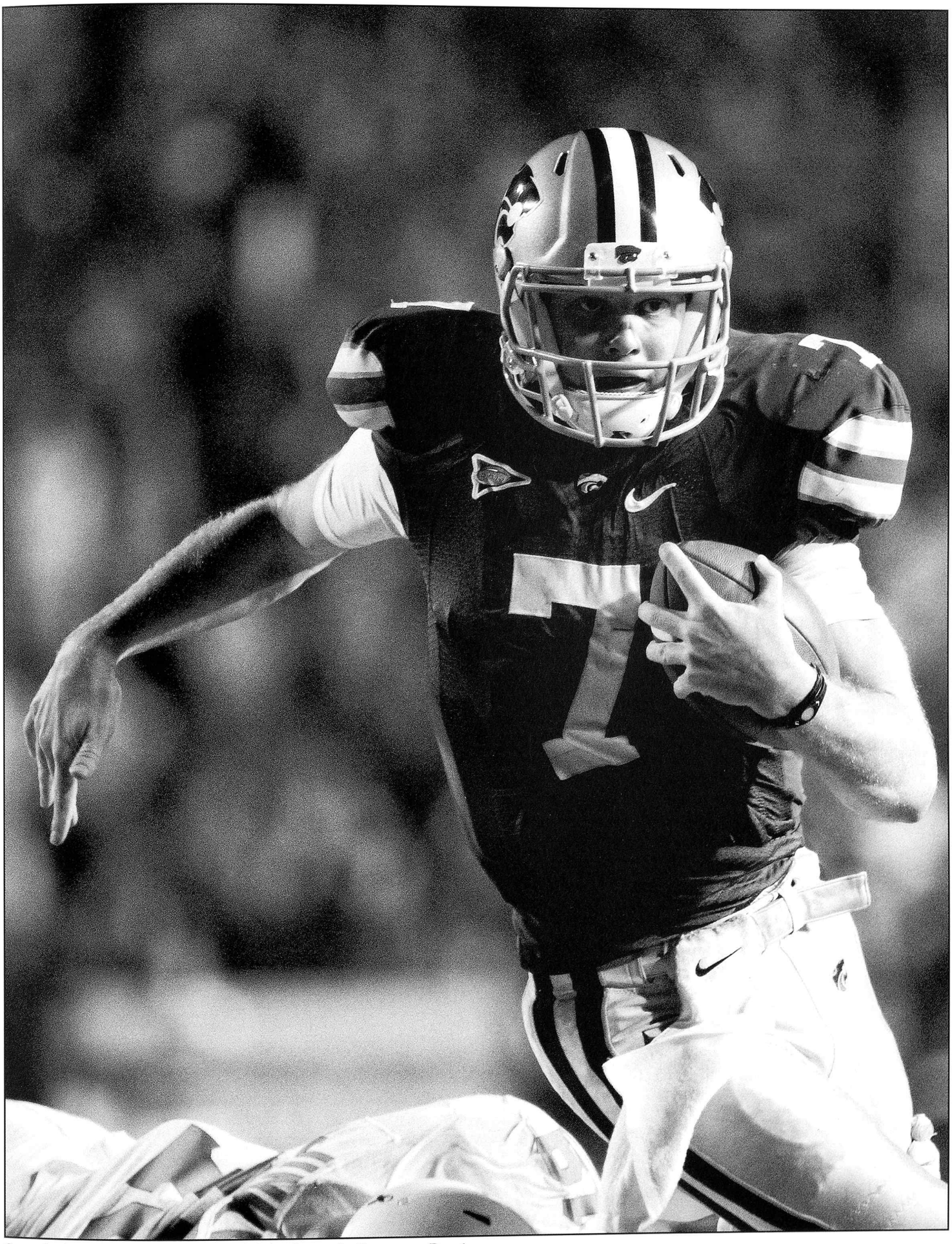
Photo | ***Tommy Theis***



Quaterback Collin Klein runs for a touchdown during the Texas game Dec. 1.

Keeping it Lax

men's lacrosse prepares for new season, remains hopeful

The K-State Men's Club Lacrosse endured a tough 1-7 record in its 2012 season. The club had issues with both team depth and leadership, but looked to change all of that in the 2013 season.

Club president and offensive captain Mike Peabody, junior in finance, said he was optimistic that the team could put the past behind them.

"We are looking to build a strong base for the future." Peabody said. "We are going to have a much better season."

Peabody explained that just two seasons prior, the team had not able to participate in any matches due to a lack of participation. Since then the number of people participating increased, which allowed the team to gain more experience on the field.

The team planned to use more of a "control the ball" type of offense and limit the time of possession for their opponents. And while the offense focused on ball control, the defense worked on communication and working as a unit.

Club vice president and defensive captain Jeff Rixey, junior in entrepreneurship, said he was excited for the team's potential.

"The defense looks to be more aggressive, more as a unit," Rixey said. "Communication is key, understanding where we are on the field."

Rixey said that the defense had made a lot of mistakes in the previous season, and clearing the ball proved to be the biggest struggle of the 2013 season. Another key part of defense for the men's lacrosse club team was positioning, which entailed putting the opposing team's offense in a vulnerable spot, which limited their attacking angle. Rixey, however, said that practice was the most important part of developing the team's skills.

"You've got to practice like you play — aggressively on every play, because you're going to have that situation in a game," he said.

While many players may not have liked to be on defense, Rixey said he relished the challenge of limiting the other offense from scoring. Another reason for his love of defense was that that he was able to hit the opposing players that came into his territory.

Jay Sweet, a former lacrosse player at K-State, said he is excited to watch the team play. Sweet played as a midfielder when the team was first started in 1989.

"It was pretty interesting because I had never seen a lacrosse game," Sweet said. "That was the case for 90 percent of the people, it was very interesting."

Even though the team struggled in Sweet's season, it was not due to a lack of effort.

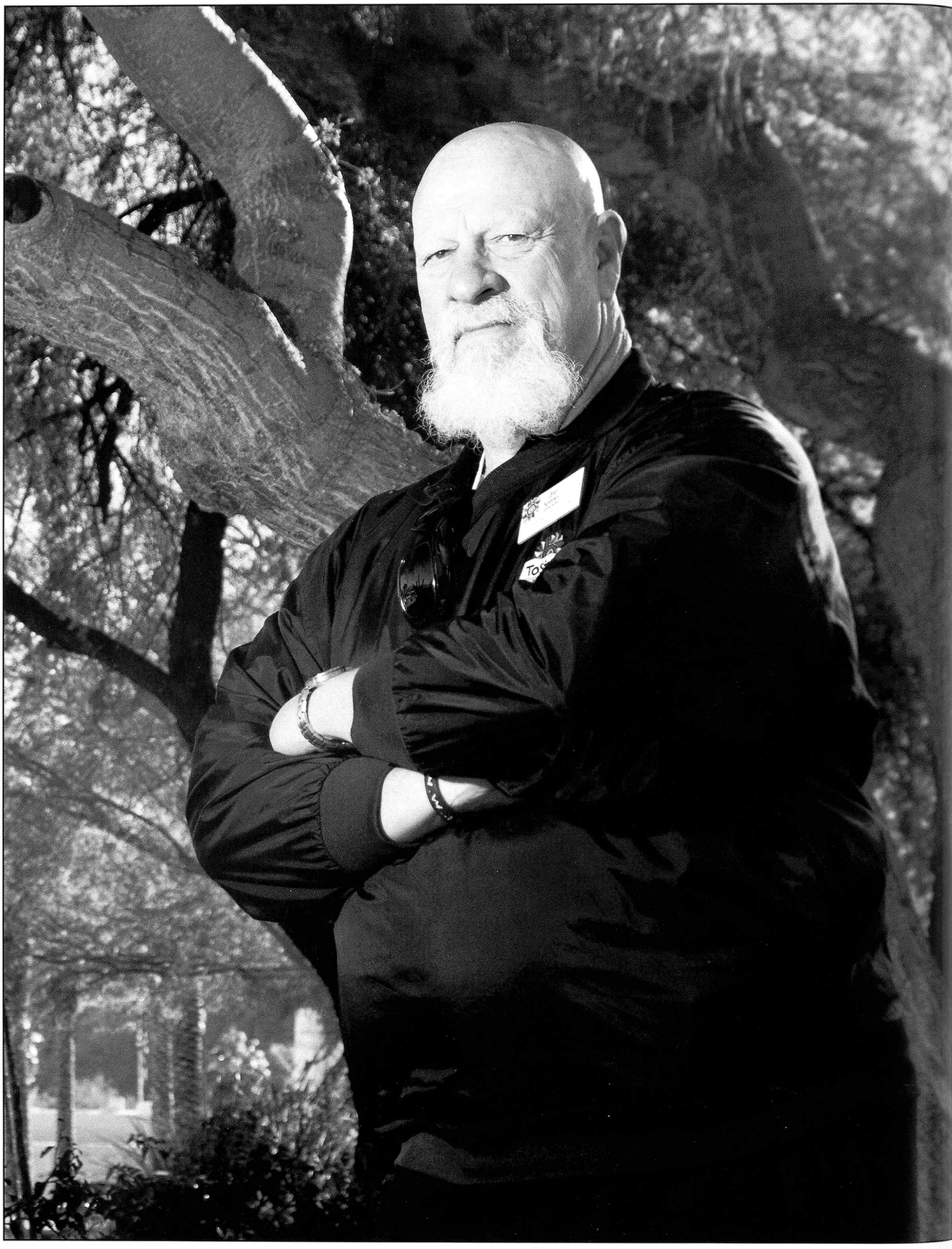
"What we lacked in skill, we made up with in brute force and tenacity," Sweet said.

Rixey said he believed that the team would improve dramatically on both sides of the ball, due to the returning players and the incoming talent. He expected the team to make a statement that K-State lacrosse was back.

Story | ***John Forsee***
Photo | ***Jacob Wilson***



Members of the Kansas State Men's Lacrosse team huddle up after their 28-3 defeat on Feb. 9 over the visiting Missouri State Bears at Memorial Stadium.



Football *Forever*

former wildcat larson shares k-state football experiences, reflects on 2012 season

When Lynn Larson, then a junior college offensive tackle from Phoenix, transferred to Kansas State University before the 1968 season, the football program was in rebuilding mode under the second-year head coach Vince Gibson.

"I don't know that they had won a game in years," said Larson, now an officer with the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, who had volunteered as a media coordinate with the Fiesta Bowl since 2007.

Larson was one of a class of 17 junior college transfers that were brought in by Gibson, who went 1-9 in his first season at the helm.

"In '67, he [Gibson] kind of ran everybody off that wasn't really serious about paying the price and staying with the program," Larson said.

During Larson's junior season in 1968, the Wildcats had begun to show significant improvement under Gibson. The football team finished with a 4-6 record; which was no small feat for a team that amassed losing streaks of 17 and 18 games throughout the 1960s.

"Our biggest win of that season was when we went to Nebraska and beat them 12-0 on their homecoming game," said Larson, who added that the victory was the first for the Wildcats over Nebraska in 10 years.

The football team finished with a 5-5 record when Larson was a senior that included a 59-21 blowout of No. 11 Oklahoma, which was at the time the most lopsided loss in the Sooners' history. The win, Wildcat's first over Oklahoma since 1934, propelled the Wildcats to a 5-1 record and a No. 12 AP ranking.

"People started a bonfire in the middle of the street," Larson said as he recalled a scene of ecstatic bedlam in Manhattan. "The buildings across from Kite's were two-story buildings, and people were throwing furniture out the windows onto the bonfire. It was the biggest event in Manhattan, Kansas, in forever."

Larson was drafted in the fourth round of the 1970 NFL draft by the Chicago Bears, and was traded a number of times over the first few months of his career, which eventually wound him up as a member of the Baltimore Colts' practice squad.

That year, Larson had become the first member of the football program to win a Super Bowl title when the Colts beat the Dallas Cowboys, 16-13. Larson had made the decision to donate his championship ring to the university when he passes away.

The former university offensive tackle went on to spend another season in the Colts organization before leaving for the Cleveland Browns in a contract dispute. When the Browns assigned him to the practice squad, Larson gave the team an ultimatum.

"I told them to put me on the roster, or send me home," he said. "They sent me home. [The NFL] was a different experience, because at K-State when I was there, the coaches, the town, everybody made you feel like they wanted you there, like you were a big, special part of what was going on there. In the NFL, it wasn't like that."

Larson also played professionally in Canada before permanently hanging up his cleats. He said he has followed the K-State football program avidly since he left, and is ecstatic about the possibility of the Wildcats' first ever 12-win season and BCS Bowl victory.

"I've always watched them and been an ardent supporter," he said. "It's gotta be frustrating for the program to get that close to a perfect season, but they've gotta be very proud of what they've accomplished. It's just amazing to watch it week after week, and I'll tell you, if they're on TV or satellite radio, I'm tuning in, no matter where I'm at or what I'm doing. My two years in Manhattan were pretty special to me."

Story | ***Mike Stanton***
Photo | ***Tommy Theis***



Doing what is known as "bowing," Sam Starr, sophomore in political science, tries to get his bait unstuck from some brush under the water.

One Reel
at a time
fishing team strives to receive more recognition

The Kansas State University fishing team had a record-breaking year. Ryan Patterson, senior in advertising and former president of the club, won Nationals in April 2012 and broke several records, both of which brought some deserved attention to the university team.

"I was the first ever to qualify for nationals for fishing by myself and the first to ever win nationals by myself," Patterson said.

Under normal circumstances, the competitors always competed in teams of two. The season started in the fall with team tournaments and the winners from those competitions continued on through several more events before they could qualify to participate in the national event in the spring.

"There are about 20 people total on our team," Ethan Dhuyvetter, sophomore in marketing and sponsorship coordinator of the club, said. "But in order to actually participate in the tournaments, you either have to have a boat or partner up with someone that has a boat."

With the start of the club tournaments, the teams of two would go out at the crack of dawn and competed for eight hours to see who would catch the most fish. Most of the members of the team had previous experience with fishing and continued to fish recreationally in the off-season.

"I started fishing in high school and kept getting into it more and more," Dhuyvetter said. "I do it all year round if I can, depending on the weather."

"I fished recreationally until my sophomore year in high school and now I obviously try to get out as much as possible," Tyler Hetzel, sophomore in secondary education and vice-president of the club, said. "When I got here I figured I might as well join the club."

Patterson had also spent much of his life fishing and felt like it all paid off when he won at nationals.

"I've been fishing for a long time and nationals was the mountain I had to climb," Patterson said. "Being able to represent Kansas State that way was pretty exciting."

When Patterson went to nationals, he competed against 25 teams over a two-day period. Once he won, his prize included a $100,000 cash prize, a boat, $25,000 to the university and $75,000 went to the fishing club specifically.

The fishing team had slowly begun gaining national recognition, but with Patterson's national win the team agreed that it helped them receive more attention. But it had still not been to the extent that they would have liked.

"In the last year we have gotten a lot of attention because of one of our members winning the national championship," Dhuyvetter said. "But, I don't think enough people know about it yet. A lot of people say they don't even know we have a fishing team."

Patterson agreed and believed that with time, the fishing team would become more popular.

"I think the exposure from nationals was great for our team and for Kansas," he said. "But this is by no means a one-man show. This is not going to be the last time that you see Kansas State win nationals and be up on that podium."

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Offering to take the pin out, Curtis Yonke, senior in entrepreneurship, talks to the other players in his group. Yonke attended the first day of the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate Golf Tournament Oct. 3.

results

shocker classic | aug. 11 | 2nd/8
st. mary's invitational | aug. 24 | 14th/15
st. mary's invitational | aug. 25 | T9th/15
jim colbert intercollegiate | oct. 1 | 1st/9
jim colbert intercollegiate | oct. 2 | 1st/9
firestone invitational | sept. 1 | W 3-0
herb wimberly intercollegiate | oct. 23 | 11th/12
pacific invitational | oct. 31 | 1st/12
utsa invitational | feb. 11 - feb. 12
wsu snowman getaway | feb. 25 - feb. 26
fresno state classic | march 4 - march 5
desert shootout | march 21 - march 23
wyoming cowboy classic | april 8 - april 9
big 12 championship | april 22 - april 24
ncaa regionals | may 16 - may 18
ncaa championship | may 28 - june 2

Successful Swings

men's golf team proves a successful start to the new season

The fall 2012 season was filled with awards for the Kansas State University men's golf team. Coached by Tim Norris, the 10-man Wildcat team won two of their six events.

The team's first win occurred at the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate hosted by Kansas State at it's home golf course, Colbert Hills. With tough Kansas conditions, the Wildcat men were confident in their abilities that they would finish on top of the leader board.

"We knew we had to win the Colbert it was our tournament. Conditions were terrible, which played to our favor," Daniel Wood, red-shirt junior in secondary education, said.

The next two tournaments posed some challenges for the men's golf team. With cold conditions and a cancellation of the first round in Ohio at Firestone Country Club, the Wildcats were not pleased with their performance. They then traveled to a warmer climate in Las Cruces, N.M. in hopes of a better finish. However, with a drastic change in altitude, the team felt they did not make the proper adjustments. That set a little spark among the team as they headed to their final fall event, the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau Pacific Invitational in Stockton, Calif.

The team dropped down in the collegiate rankings after those two tournaments, but their goal to get to NCAA regionals in 2013 was still within grasp if they could win their final fall event.

"We were all really confident going into both of the last two tournaments," Kyle Weldon, sophomore in civil engineering, said. "We didn't get down in our spirits because we knew we were playing well."

After the first round of the SCVB Pacific Invitational, the K-State men found themselves leading the tournament.

"Having a lead after the first round made us all realize that we could pull it off," Weldon said. "Each day we just built some more momentum."

The men's golf team had past success at the SCVB Pacific Invitational under coach Norris. Back in 2008, the team won the tournament. The players' picture was still on display in the club house of Brookside Country Club in Stockton.

"Everywhere we went we would see these photos of teams who have won it, of course we were one of them, no one on our roster at the time had done it, it was just Coach Norris," Wood said. "It was cool knowing that K-Staters had done it before and maybe that gave us a little more motivation."

Entering into the final round of the SCVB Pacific Invitational, the Wildcats still found themselves on the top of the leader board, but other teams were close behind. After a challenging final day, the finishing holes would decide the Wildcat fate. Weldon was the last member of the team on the course. He and Norris waited patiently in the fairway of 18 knowing what had to be done to clinch the victory.

"I knew it was going to be close because there was a leader board on 16 that we could see, it was packed at the top, we knew that I had to birdie, there was a lot of pressure, and I was obviously pretty nervous," Weldon said.

Despite the nerves, Weldon was able to successfully make birdie on the finishing hole to lead his team to a one shot victory over the University of Nevada and the University of the Pacific.

"Kyle is a great competitor, and he really showed that it's times like this that he lives for," Norris said.

As for the spring season, the Wildcats used this final fall victory to propel them.

"We have some experienced guys so I'm confident that, regardless of the weather leading up to the tournament, we'll have some positive momentum from last fall to feed off of," Norris said.

Story | ***Gianna Misenhelter***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

Cutting it with the Cheshires

women's ultimate team good on the field, in life

The K-State Women's Ultimate team first became an established sports club on campus in the fall of 2009. It was then that former university students Makenzie Grace, a 2010 graduate, and Autumn Cuddy, a 2012 graduate, had the idea for a counterpart to the Men's Ultimate team and began recruiting. In just the following four years the team, who later adopted the name the Cheshires, expanded rapidly to include over eighteen members.

Mollie Bieber, sophomore in fine arts, officially joined the Cheshires in the fall of 2012. Bieber had played with the team the year, however couldn't participate in the official games until she was an enrolled student. She said playing on K-State's specific ultimate team was the leading factor that brought her to the university.

"Playing on summer league team sparked this love for a game that I hadn't really ever understood," Bieber said. "As a beginner player you learn amongst all ages and experience, having fun with a bit of competition. The community of ultimate players on this team is so welcoming and they love to spread the love for ultimate."

Bieber's sentiment was shared between several of her teammates. Club president Kaitlyn Orwig, junior in family studies and human services, said that there was something freeing not only in playing the game, but playing the game with her teammates.

"When I play ultimate I am not thinking about any school work or stressors in life," Orwig said. "It helps to calm me down and settle my mind. Cheshire is not just a team, it is a community of people that you can always count on and who help you through so many life events."

And for the Cheshires, one of those life events was the loss of their coaches, David and Amy Hilgendorf when they moved to a different state. Orwig said it was a definite test to the strength of the team.

"But despite that hurtle we have overcame it and have done very well without a coach," she said. "We still have a lot of girls on the team, practices run very smoothly and tournaments go well. We still have a fun, positive and excited atmosphere on the team."

Sarah Hemmen, senior in early childhood education, said she contributed part of that fun, positive atmosphere to the namesake of the team, the founding coach. The team had affectionately nicknamed him "Cheshire."

"He had a creepy smile like the cat from Alice in Wonderland," Hemmen said. "It was also noted that the Cheshire Cat is purple and pink, half of K-State's colors. We always say that the Cheshire is in the same feline family as Willie the Wildcat."

Story | ***Erin Poppe***
Photo | ***Emily DeShazer***



Kaitlyn Orwig, junior in family studies, leaps for a catch during an K-State Women's Ultimate Frisbee practice in Memorial Stadium on March 27.

Fare Game

women's golf coach sees improvements over years, looks to the team's bright future

Kristi Knight saw quite a bit of change in K-State women's golf program since she came to Manhattan in 1995.

The 2012-13 season was her eighteenth season as the team's head coach. And while the team then resided at Colbert Hills Golf Club, boasted as Kansas' number one course, when Knight started with the program the team did not have a place to call home.

"We've come a long way," Knight said. "When I first arrived at K-State, from 1995 until the fall of 2000, we had four different facilities, but two of them were more than 20 miles away. So that's more than 40 miles round trip. Having a home golf course, having a home for K-state golf, I think is important not only for our program but for the university as well."

Considered a K-State Athletic facility, Colbert Hills drew attention from golfers worldwide as it was known as one of the nation's toughest courses.

And with attention came the opportunity for K-State women's golf program to continually grow and improve.

"Things take time," Knight said. "But now, the numerous emails and letters I get each week from young ladies wanting to know about Kansas State golf, and interested in Kansas State golf, that number has really grown. That's just a testimony to our university, to our athletics program and to the accomplishments that we've had through the years in the program."

The 2012-13 season graduated three seniors Whitney Pyle, management, Laura Hildebrandt, elementary education, and Hanna Roos, fine arts, but left behind a talented roster with a promising, bright future.

"When you're a senior time goes by really fast; last semester and this semester, it seems like it's just flown by," Pyle said. "It feels so good to be a senior and to feel like you're the leader of the team. I've learned a lot. Once you've played here for four years, you learn a lot and you become more mature. I think that that's really helped me with my success. We have a great team here at K-State."

Through all of the fall season and majority of the spring, Pyle had the best tournament stroke average with a 76.13 as of April 1, and Knight said she was the driving force of K-State women's golf team in the past season.

"Whitney's, since October, day in and day out had the number one tournament stroke average," Knight said. "She's a battler and a competitor, and good days and bad, she's got the ability to bounce back. She's got a steadiness, which is nice, and has been an anchor this season."

But while the seven-lady team said goodbye to its three graduating seniors, Knight said she had a positive outlook on the seasons to come.

"We'll have junior Gianna Misenhelter along with sophomores Carly Ragains and Olivia Eliasson and freshman Scotland Preston returning," Knight said of the upcoming season. "And we're adding three new players next year, so I think the dynamic is going to be great. I think we'll have good competition."

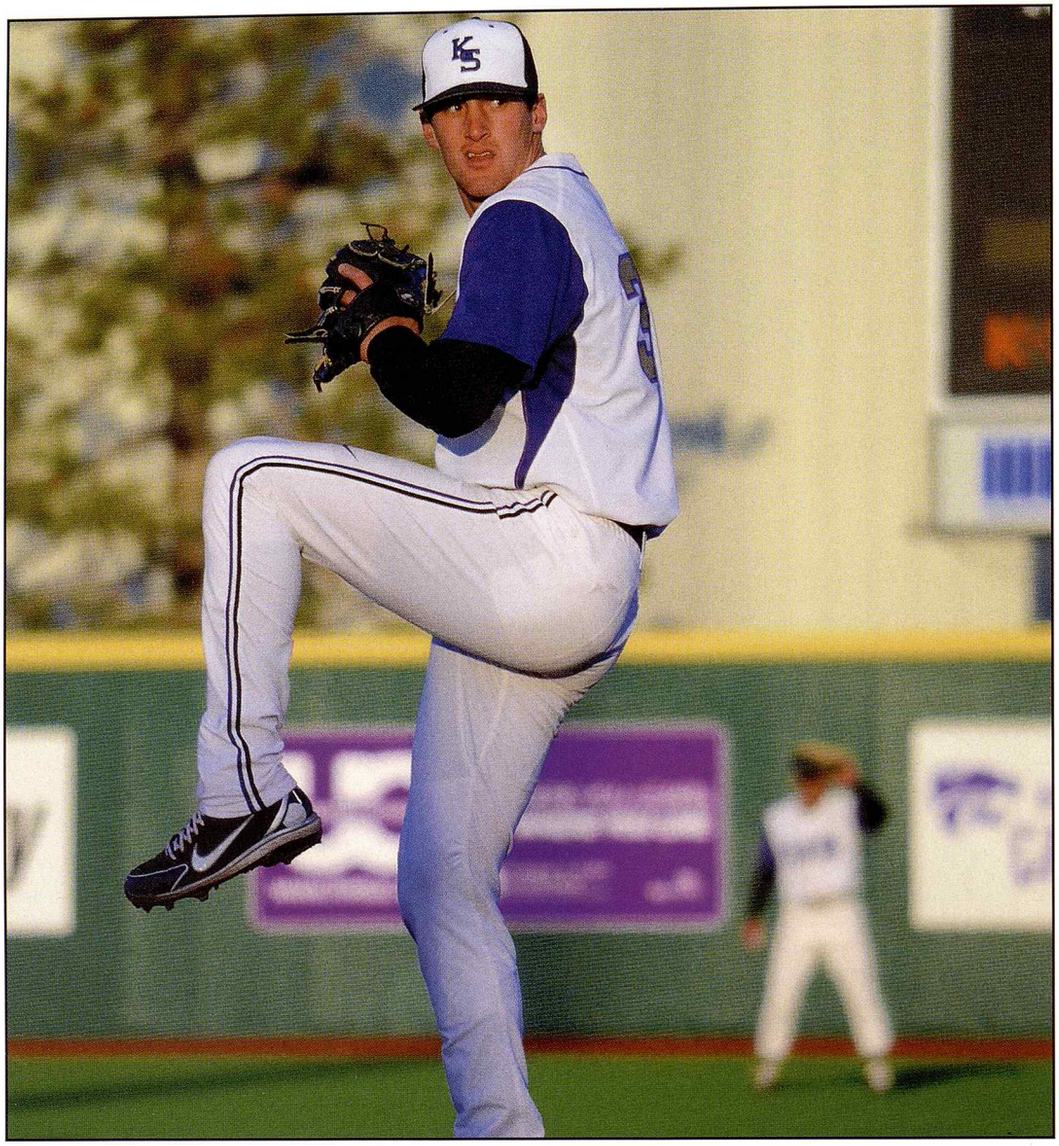
Story | ***Kelly McHugh***
Photo | ***Courtesy Scott D. Weaver/ K-State Athletics***



Carly Ragains, sophomore in marketing, takes a few practice swings before tee off at the Big 12 Championship on April 12, 2012 at the Lawrence Country Club in Lawrence, Kan.

results

chip-n-club | sept. 10 | 5th/13
chip-n-club | sept.11 | 4th/13
marilynn smith/sunflower invitaional | sept. 24 | 3rd/13
marilynn smith/sunflower invitional | sept. 25 | 3rd/13
johnie imes invitational | oct. 1 | 2nd/19
johnie imes invitational | oct. 2 | 3rd/19
susie maxwell classic | oct. 15 | 10th/18
susie maxwell classic | oct. 16 | 10th/18
susie maxwell classic | oct. 17 | 11th/18
unlv collegiate showdown | oct. 21 | 9th/18
unlv collegiate showdown | oct. 22 | 11th/18
unlv collegiate showdown | oct. 23 | 11th/18
westbook invitational | feb. 24 | 4th/13
westbook invitational | feb. 25 | 7th/13
juli inkster spartan invitational | march 4 | 11th/14
juli inkster spartan invitational | march 5 | 11th/14
mountain view collegiate | march 15 | 4th/15
mountain view collegiate | march 16 | 4th/15
briar's creek invitational | march 25| 13th/18
briar's creek invitational | march 26 | johns island, sc
smu/dac invitational | april 4 | dallas, texas
smu/dac invitational | april 6 | dallas, texas
smu/dac invitational |april 7 | dallas, texas
big 12 championship | april 19 | rhodes, iowa
big 12 championship | april 20 | rhodes, iowa
big 12 championship | april 21 | rhodes, iowa



Jake Doller, senior in social sciences, winds up for a pitch to a Northern Colorado batter during the Wildcats' game against Northern Colorado on March 12 at Tointon Family Stadium.

results

high point | feb. 15 | W 5-1
the citadel | feb. 16 | L 10-8
george mason | feb. 17 | W 7-6
coastal carolina | feb. 21 | L 2-1
kentucky | feb. 21 | W 7-5
elon | feb. 24 | L 4-3
oakland | march 2 | W 4-2
oakland | march 3 | W 9-2
oakland | march 3 | W 13-3
niagara | march 5 | W 10-2
niagara | march 6 | W 10-1
cal poly | march 8 | L 13-10
cal poly | march 8 | L 6-2
cal poly | march 9 | W 10-4
northern colorado | march 12 | W 11-0
northern colorado | march 13 | L 3-0
west virginia | march 15 | L 13-2
west virginia | march 15 | W 6-5
west virginia | march 16 | W 4-3
minnesota | march 19 | L 8-3
minnesota | march 20 | W 4-3
bethune cookman | march 22 | W 12-0
bethune cookman | march 22 | W 9-2
bethune cookman | march 23 | W 6-3
nebraska | march 26, april 2, 23 | tointon family stadium
baylor | march 28-30 | waco, texas
nebraska omaha | april 3, 10 | tointon family stadium
texas tech | april 5-7 | tointon family stadium
wichita state | april 9, 16 | tointon family stadium
iowa | april 12-14 | iowa city and des moines, iowa
oklahoma state | april 19-21 | stillwater, okla.
tcu | april 26-28 | tointon family stadium
creighton | april 30 | omaha, neb.
texas | may 3-5 | austin, texas
kansas | may 10-12 | lawrence, kan.
oklahoma | may 17-19 | tointon family stadium
phillips 66 big 12 championship | may 22-26 | oklahoma city, okla.

Batter Up

baseball head coach reaches 300 wins, takes team to new heights

After a season where he reached a milestone 300 wins and led one of the youngest rosters in the Big 12 to a successful season, K-State baseball head coach Brad Hill was ready to move forward.

Only four players out of the 33-man 2013 roster were seniors, which gives a talented group of underclassmen the opportunity to grow together and gain experience.

"You want each year to be a little bit better then the last. That doesn't necessarily have to be statistics, but it does mean better preparation, leading by example and doing things right," Hill said. "That's what you hope to see out of those younger kids. So it doesn't necessarily have to be stats, but it does mean their role becomes more defined as they go through the program."

During the 2013 season, the Wildcats' four seniors, infielders Tanner Witt, management, and Jon Davis, social sciences, and pitchers Joe Flattery, economics, and Jake Doller, social sciences, all had different impacts on the team.

"These guys have been with us but they're all different in a variety of ways," second baseman Ross Kivett, junior in communication studies, said. "They're all from different places and it's just fun to play for them. They know it's their last year but they approach it like it's their freshmen year with their energy. They do the things they need to well and they lead by example. I couldn't ask for any more out of them."

The seniors, especially Doller who pitched a career high five innings allowing one run off four hits, also contributed heavily on March 5 when they overcame Niagara 10-2 for Hill's 300th win. That weekend the Wildcats swept Niagara 2-0 and Hill became the second coach in K-State baseball history to hit the milestone.

"You don't really think about those things when you're a coach," Hill said. "You're just thinking about developing your team and try and help your team have success. Honestly, I didn't even know it was the 300th win until they told me.

But that success was far from over for Hill as he looked forward to new horizons and opportunities going into his 11th season as the baseball head coach.

Hill took over as head coach in 2003 and turned the program around. After six years of the Wildcats finishing in the bottom-half of the Big 12, Hill brought the team to new levels that included three NCAA Regional appearances for the first time in school history in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

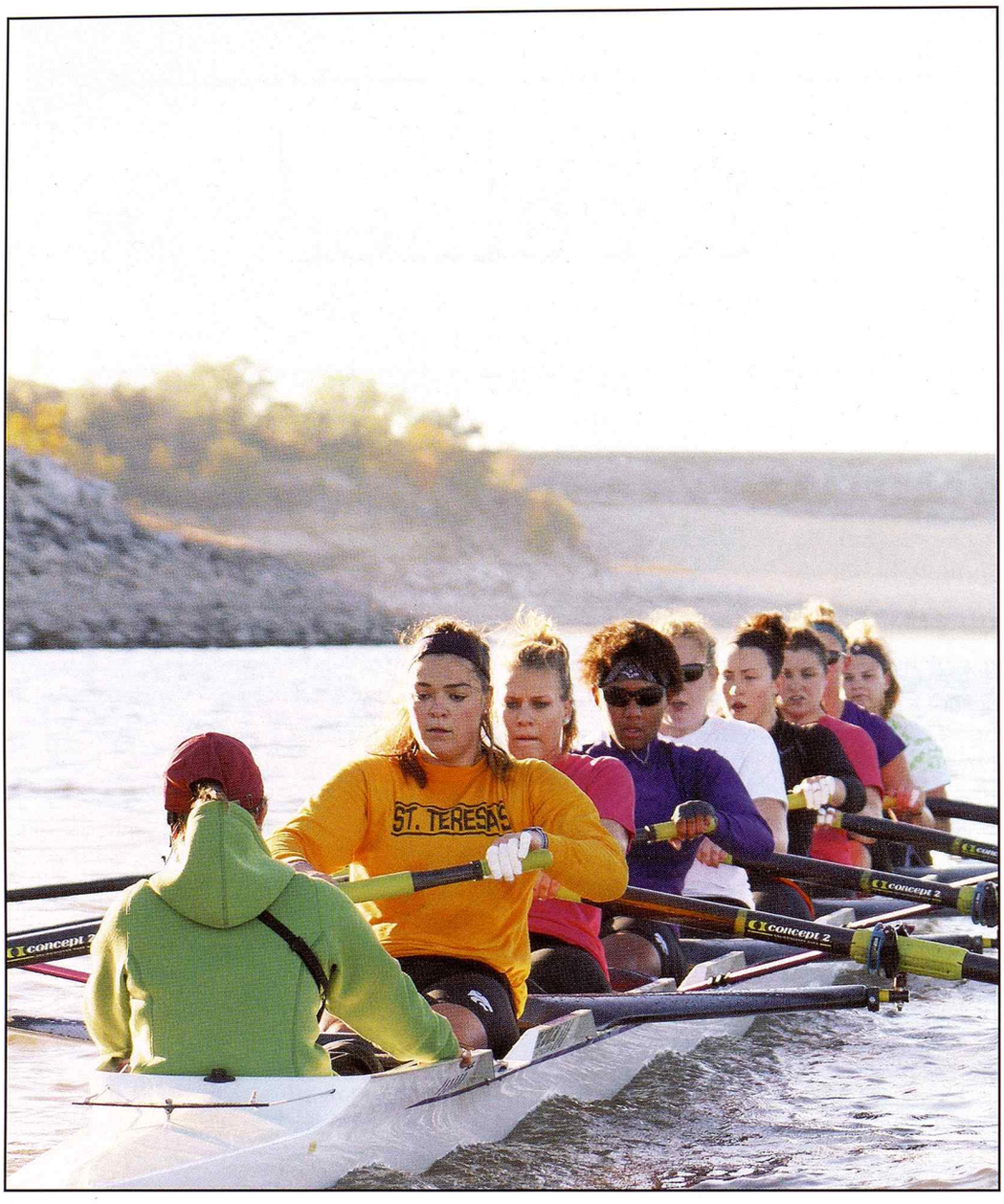
Hill said that up next on his list was to bring post-season regional games to Manhattan and host them at Tointon Family Stadium.

"You want to consistently be in contention for a league title to be in contention to be in regional play," Hill said. "I think one of the things we'd really be excited about is hosting a regional here in Manhattan, Kansas. I think that's something that really sits in the back of my mind. I know it'd be a great honor for that team, but I also think it would be a great reward for past players, alumni and for the community. That's something that I kind of have in mind to accomplish that in the near future."

Hill's hard work for the K-State baseball program did not go unnoticed; players looked up to him both on and of the field.

"There's not enough words [to describe Hill]," Kivett said. "He works really hard and just about as much into it as any person I've ever met, and he expects the same out of us. It goes without saying that he's a leader, he does a lot of things right and he respects the game. That's why he is where he is."

Story | ***Kelly McHugh***
Photo | ***Emily Deshazer***



Coxswain Kaitlyn Arrow, senior in business management, directs her teammates Hayley Harvey, senior in civil engineering, Kristina Smith, senior in sociology, Abigail Weaver, junior in mechanical engineering, Chelsea Goble, sophomore in open option, Allison Tuxhorn, senior in elementray education, Aly Bronder, junior in kinesiology, and Mackenzie Christian, freshman in kinesiology, during a practice for the K-State Womens Rowing Crew at Tuttle Creek Lake on October 3.

results

head of oklahoma | sept. 29 | novice 8A & first place
oklahoma invitational | march 9| oklahoma city, okla.
oklahoma invitational | march 10 | 5 wins
longhorn invitational | march 22 | austin, tex.
longhorn invitational | march 23 | austin, tex.
longhorn invitational | march 24 | austin, tex.
sunflower showdown | march 30 | kansas city, kan.
san diego crew classic | april 6 | san diego, calif.
san diego crew classic | april 7 | san diego, calif.
sira | april 20 | norman, okla.
sira | april 21 | norman, okla.
big 12 championship | may 4 | kansas city, kan.
conference usa championship | may 18 | oak ridge, tenn.

Working Together

new rowing center provides team with bright future

After a successful 2013 season and the ground breaking of a new state-of-the-art Intercollegiate Rowing Center east of Bill Snyder Family Stadium, the opportunities to grow and improve were almost endless for the Wildcats.

"We recruit mainly Kansas women who haven't done the sport," Pat Sweeny, rowing head coach, said. "When recruits come to campus, they'll actually see it's a sport, it gives them a building. Hopefully people on campus will be able to find us easier and see what we're all about."

While the building, scheduled to open Aug. 31, 2013, provided a new home and a new face for K-State's rowing program, it provided the team with much more.

Being located in the middle of Kansas was not easy for a rowing team to grow and improve as since up to four months out of the year it's training ground Tuttle Creek Lake, was frozen over and unable to be practiced on.

However, the new rowing center included two indoor practice tanks, which made on-the-water training possible year-round for the first time in university history.

"Now we're going to be able to compete against those schools that have constant time on the water or other schools that get weather like us but have a tank," Adria Ley, rowing co-captain and senior in microbiology, said. "We'll get to improve our standings and be able to promote that. It gets kind of frustrating sometimes because we're training just as hard as other teams, but because we're not allowed time on the water like other teams are it just doesn't transfer into race times."

For Sweeney, the facility had been anticipated during the decade he spent coaching K-State rowing.

"I've been asking for it since the day I got here because it's obviously been the thing that's been required," Sweeney said. "John Currie has been very supportive of the team and he's been pushing towards it. We've been waiting for it for a long time, and so it really is an, 'at last,' feeling."

Sweeney said he was passionate about his position as the head rowing coach. And rowers like co-captain Aly Bronder, junior in kinesiology, said he was the perfect guy for the job.

"He's one of those coaches that on the water you're absolutely terrified of him and you do not want to screw up, but off it he's very approachable and real," Bronder said. "He takes the top eight girls, no matter who we have – freshmen, sophomores, it doesn't matter. If you're the top eight you're in the top boat."

Bronder competed in high school volleyball and basketball and said she always enjoyed being a part of a team. She said she wasn't even sure she wanted to compete in collegiate sports. But after a little persuasion from her parents, both competitive rowers and recruiting from K-State's rowing program, she decided to join the Wildcats' team.

"Other sports, obviously you have to work together as a team, but it's nothing like rowing," Bronder said. "It doesn't matter who you are, it doesn't matter how good you are, every girl has to do the same and you have to know 100 percent that the girl behind you has you back. It's teamwork and just puts 'team' on a whole new level, more than any other sport I've done."

Rowing was a decision Bronder said she did not regret.

The 2013 K-state rowing roster was a young one, over 50 percent of the team was made up of freshmen or newcomers. So with the new Intercollegiate Rowing Center and a team with years ahead of them to grow, K-State Rowing a had bright future ahead of it.

Story | ***Kelly McHugh***
Photo | ***Jordan Wegele***



Equestrian team members talk during a break in competition on Oct. 5 at Timber Creek Stables.

results

purple and white scrimmage | sept. 9 | manhattan, kan
smu | sept. 28 | L 793-732
tennessee-martin | sept. 29 | W 13-7
baylor | oct. 5 | W 13-7
new mexico state | oct. 12 | W 12-3
west texas a&m | oct. 13 | W 14-2
south dakota state | oct. 20 | W 13-6
tcu | nov. 2 | W 9-7
aqha horsemanship challange | nov. 14 | oklahoma city, okla.
aqha horsemanship challange | nov. 15 | oklahoma city, okla.
oklahoma state | nov. 17 | L 15-7
fresno state | feb. 1 | W 12-4
auburn | feb. 2 | L 7-5
wef collegiate equitiation challenge | feb. 8 | finals
baylor | march 1 | L 12-7
tcu | march 2 | L 14-6
south carolina | march 8 | W 14-6
oklahoma state | march 16 | manhattan, kan.
big 12 championship | march 29 | stillwater, okla.
big 12 championship | march 30 | stillwater, okla.
ncea championships | april 18 | waco, texas
ncea championships | april 19 | waco, texas
ncea championships | april 20 | waco, texas

Airs above the Rest

junior rider has life long love of riding, finds success at university level

Unlike sports that required a ball or a pair of running shoes to play, equestrian required something much harder to find: the ability to control a creature that weighed half a ton with grace and precision.

For Rachel Webster, junior in kinesiology, the desire to learn the unique sport of equestrian started at an early age.

"When I was young, one of my best friends rode horses and I always thought that it would be cool to be able to ride them. I basically got into it through her," Webster said. "My mom had somewhat of a background in riding but not as in-depth as what I do now."

In high school, Webster traveled to many states to compete in shows and tournaments, all while remaining on the academic honor roll all four years. When it came to deciding on a university, she had many offers, but she knew Kansas State University was the right place for her.

"When I sent my videos in for recruitment, I had interest from other schools, but K-State really interested me," Webster said. "I had a friend that went to K-State and she really loved it, so when I came on my visit, I absolutely fell in love with the campus, the atmosphere, the town and the team, and I immediately knew that this is where I wanted to call home."

Webster showed improvement in every season as a Wildcat, but in 2013 she truly exemplified what it meant to be a captain both in and out of the ring.

"Rachel came in and immediately earned her team two [most outstanding performer] awards in her first meet, and she has been pretty consistent through the entire year," Anna Schierholz, K-State hunt seat coach, said. "Her riding has only gotten more confident and more impressive every time she steps in the ring. She works extremely hard, she adds extra practices and she's always out of the barn trying to make herself better."

Webster already earned a number of most outstanding performer awards and was also named Big 12 Equitation over Fences Rider of the Month in October. In February, Webster was one of two Wildcats selected to compete in the WEF Collegiate Equitation Challenge in Wellington, Fla., where she reached the finals of the consolation bracket after dropping a close decision in her first match.

"The big thing with Rachel is that she is never going to settle. She never feels like she's quite got it, she always knows that there is something more to improve on, and I think the judges keep seeing her come back and get better meet after meet, year after year," Casie Maxwell, k-state equestrian head coach, said. "Her attitude just makes her great to coach and great to work with. She's just a very humble rider and continues to improve herself."

Webster specialized in equitation over fences and equitation on the flat. Despite her personal goal of reaching All-American status, obtaining team wins was still her No. 1 priority.

"It's really nice to win individually, but the overall goal is to win as a team. I try my hardest to do my part and I think the most important thing is winning as a team," Webster said.

Story | ***John Zetmeir***
Photo | ***Emily DeShazer***

Mighty Cats

inline hockey club calls rec 'home'

The K-State Inline Hockey Club kicked off a full-fledged weekend of hockey on Saturday, Feb. 9 in celebration the opening of the new multi-activity court gym at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex.

A total of five games took place over the weekend with three played on Saturday and two on Sunday, Feb. 10. All games were free for students to attend.

Inline hockey club president and assistant team captain Kyle Probst, graduate in grain science, said he believed that the games provided a fun and unique opportunity for Manhattan residents and Kansas State University students.

"They're fast-paced. A lot of people here in Kansas have never seen hockey," Probst said. "It will be a way for people to come out and check it out for their first time."

Before the opening of the multi-activity gym, the hockey club had no place to call home. The club team first started in 1996 and played on the campus tennis courts. The team then moved its practices to a roller rink in Junction City, Kan. However not having a stable home didn't stop the team from traveling all over the country. The club's games and tournaments took the team from Chicago to Colorado and even New Orleans.

The team, which competed in the Great Plains division of the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association, had made it to the national competition three times and appeared in the final four twice, including in 2012.

Coach and faculty advisor Jerry Remsbecker said Saturday's event was a great way for the group to get some long-deserved exposure.

"My guys have been working in the dark for 17 years. Nobody knows they exist," Remsbecker said. "My guys deserve some kind of reward for all the time and effort they have put in to represent the college."

The new gym not only gave the team a place to call home, but it also boasted some impressive features.

"It's actually an Olympic-sized roller hockey rink," Parker Conant, team captain and senior in journalism and mass communications, said. "We've got an advantage having this large rink and being able to practice on it and get in shape."

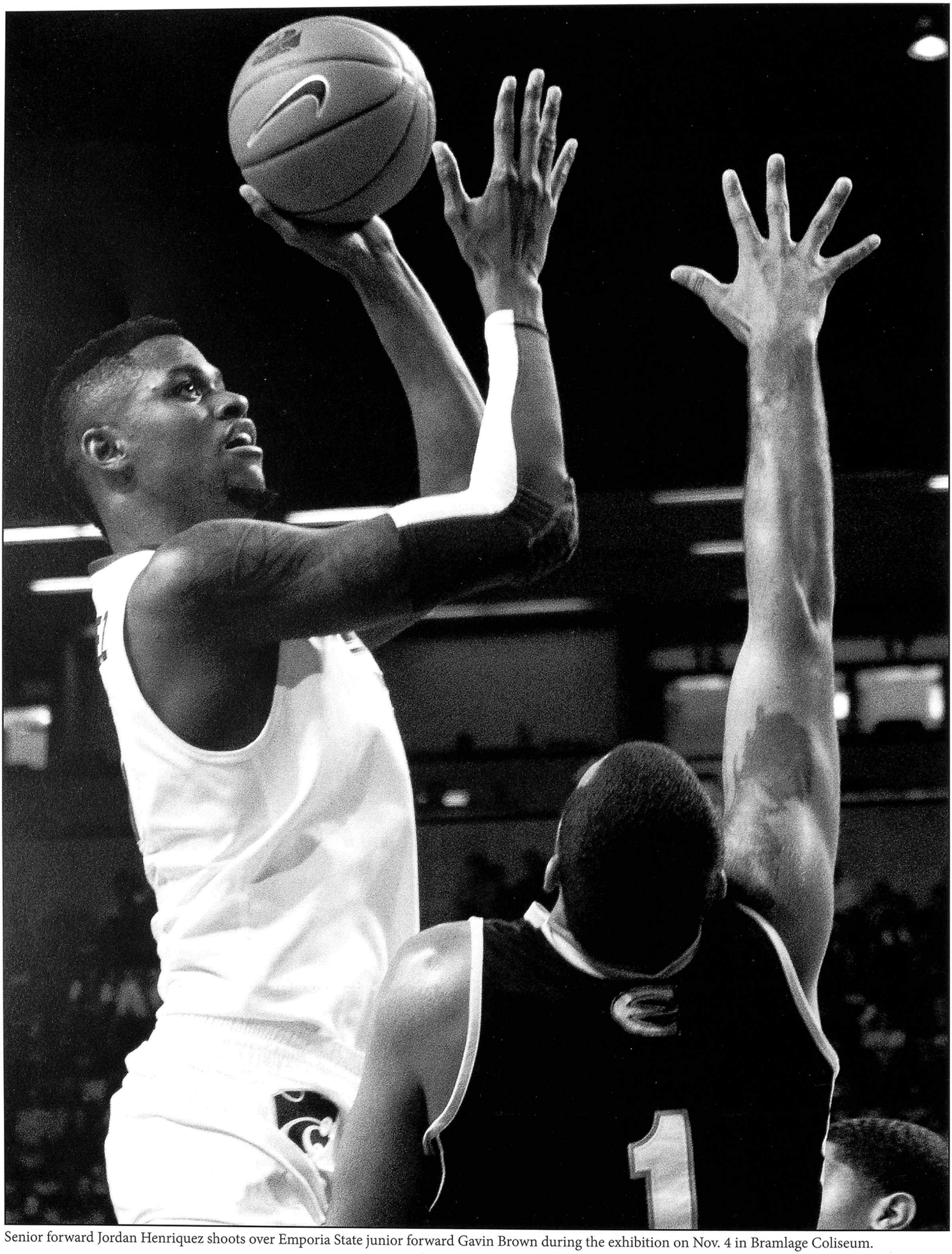
Hockey may not have been the most prominent sport in this region, but Travis Redeker, assistant director of recreation services, said the team was a great group for students to support.

"I know I personally really respect just how much time and effort they put into something, because they truly play for the love of the game," Redeker said. "When they beat KU, they're just as proud as when anybody else beats KU."

Story | ***Val Good-Turney***
Photo | ***Emily Deshazer***



K-State Inline Hockey Club captain Parker Conant, senior in journalism, watches as goalie Steven Star, freshman in arts and science, defends a shot from alternate captain Austin Robisch, senior in management, during practice on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the multi-purpose gym in the new area of the university recreation center.



Senior forward Jordan Henriquez shoots over Emporia State junior forward Gavin Brown during the exhibition on Nov. 4 in Bramlage Coliseum.

Playing with Passion

senior finds success, home away from home in basketball program

When Jordan Henriquez, then a nearly seven-foot tall prep basketball player at the Winchendon School in Winchendon, Mass., began to evaluate the Division I scholarship offers he had received in 2009, his mind was set on one thing.

"I wanted to get away from home," Henriquez, senior forward in social sciences for the K-State men's basketball team, said. "I love my family much, but I just needed to get away."

Henriquez said he met with K-State's head coach at the time, Frank Martin, and his staff, and appreciated the man-to-man conversation they had. He said it meant more to him than the less-personal recruitment from the other big-name schools that offered him, including Kentucky, UNLV, and Missouri, and was a big factor in his decision to come to Manhattan.

"I believed in them, I trusted them, and I bought into it," said Henriquez. "Just coming out to K-State was a great experience. I've enjoyed my four years here, and even though they're not quite up yet, I really want to end on a great note."

In his first three years in Manhattan, Henriquez won five games in the NCAA Tournament, including a Sweet 16 run after his freshman season. That year, the Wildcats were also runners-up in the Big 12 Men's Basketball Tournament, falling by eight points to cross-state rival Kansas.

As he began to prepare for his senior year, life threw Henriquez a curve ball, as coach Frank Martin announced his intention to leave the program to take the head-coaching job at the University of South Carolina. Former University of Illinois coach Bruce Weber, who led the Illini to the championship game of the 2005 NCAA tournament, was hired as his successor.

"It was different. Not every guy can go through that," Henriquez said of the coaching change, which brought a vastly different system of play to Manhattan. "It's just an adjustment we had to make."

After a two-week trip to Brazil for a series of exhibition games over the summer, the Wildcats had to hit the ground running, with a number of difficult games early in the schedule. After jumping out to a 5-0 record, the Cats suffered their first setback of the season to then fourth-ranked Michigan, then three games later, their second, to No. 14 Gonzaga. Both Gonzaga and Michigan climbed in the rankings from there, with the Wolverines hovering in the top three and the Bulldogs in the top 10.

The Wildcats picked up a statement win over eighth-ranked Florida on Dec. 22 in Kansas City's Sprint Center, a game that Henriquez said showed the team's potential off 10 straight victories, climbing as high as second in the national rankings.

"Right before Christmas, going to play Florida, in Kansas City in front of all our fans," he said. "It was a neutral game, but it felt like a home game. We left it all on the floor and proved that we were one of the top teams in the country."

As the season progressed, the Wildcats kept growing more comfortable in Weber's motion offense, and remained in contention for a Big 12 championship.

"It's a lot more fun when you're playing for a championship, and not just a seed," guard Will Spradling, junior in management, said. "We used to be fighting for a four seed, or just to get a bye in the Big 12 Tournament, and now we're playing for a championship and a first seed. It gives you a lot more excitement and energy going in to games."

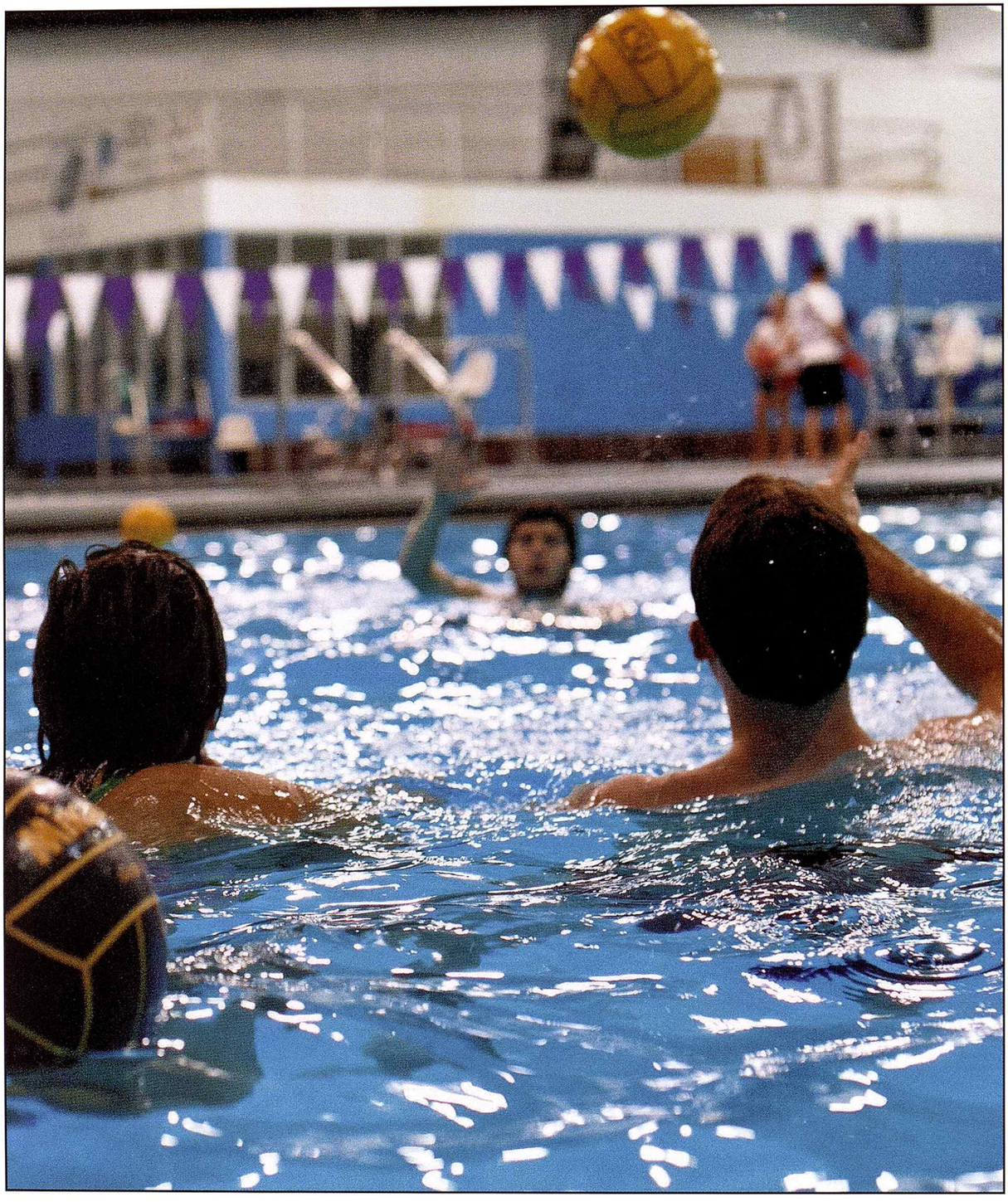
Weber said he'd been pleased with the growth he has seen in his team.

"As a coach, you always hope you can be competitive and fighting for league championships," he said. "It was a little slow at the beginning, and we've figured some things out, but the guys have been great. They've bought in, they've listened, and they've stayed the course. I hope we can continue this down the stretch."

Henriquez said that winning a Big 12 title would be an incredible way to end his career at K-State, but the forward's goals for the future don't stop there.

"Playing in the NBA has always been my dream, since I was a little kid," he said. "I've been fortunate, and I'm going to continue working hard to get to that point."

Story | ***Mike Stanton***
Photo | ***Jacob Wilson***



Treading water in a pool in the natatorium on Sept. 25, the water polo team takes time to practice for its next tournament.

MARCO POLO

water polo players represent the university at several tournaments

The Kansas State University water polo team was trying to work its way to becoming a more recognized club.

"Water polo has become an interest to more people, especially after the recent summer Olympics," captain Bill Foster, senior in architectural engineering, said. "It has made more people want to join the team. The club team had 10 players last year and now it's bumped up to 15."

The club team consisted of 13 men and two women, all of whom attended practices twice a week. Foster said the club held open tryouts, where no one got cut, but many people weeded themselves out due to school schedules and physical exhaustion.

"To be a good water polo player, you have to be experienced and know what you're doing, have athleticism so you can keep up with play, and have good hand-eye coordination," senior majoring in industrial engineering, Josh Dohrmann said, another member of the water polo team.

The team gets traveled to different states for tournaments, including Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. According to the Collegiate Water Polo Association, K-State is part of the Great Plains division. The team's record for 2012 was 3-5-0.

"We can definitely improve," senior Bill Foster said, "we just need to keep practicing."

Richie Enright, senior in economics, said that the goal for the team's tournaments was to beat Iowa State. "They seem to be our toughest competitor as of now because their team is the toughest one to beat," Enright said.

The team participated in a total of three tournaments over the course of the fall semester, ending with a championship tournament in Minnesota, where they placed fourth.

Dave Drown, senior in advertising, said his favorite tournament to attend was the championship in Minnesota because "it's the one that counts for something."

Dohrmann said it was his favorite because "we get to play in an Olympic-sized pool and Minneapolis is overall a cool city."

"We would like to participate in more tournaments, mainly the spring semester ones," Enright said. "But Kansas State won't donate the amount of money we need for it."

At the beginning of each school year K-State clubs were allowed to lobby for money that they needed for their particular club. The water polo team had been financially unsuccessful in the past, not even getting enough money to pay for participation in all the fall tournaments.

"We don't even have enough money for goals to practice with and don't have proper facilities to use, making it one reason why we don't host water polo tournaments here," Enright said.

Foster said the club sold shirts out in front of the K-State Student Union every year to help raise money for the team so they were able to participate in tournaments.

Story | ***Katie Kroska***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



From left K-State cheerleaders, Shalynn Loring, senior in kinesiology, Jessica Allen, senior in apparel and textiles, and Hannah Foil, senior in elementary education, are held up by yell leaders Cameron Weekly, senior in pre-professional architecture and engineering, and Matthew Alonzo, senior in family studies and human services, as they encourage the crowd before a kickoff at the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

Go,Fight,Win

passion leads to a successful cheer team

Passion was a recurring theme when it came to why people were on the cheerleading team at Kansas State University. They had to balance school, family, friends, and all other matters of life with practices, games, appearances, and fundraisers. All of that work may have seemed too much, but the K-State Cheer team only saw their hard work as a way of living out their passion.

"Cheerleading, ever since I've started it, it's become a passion of mine," Kelsey Rima, sophomore in open option and cheerleader, said. "I may not be the best cheerleader out there but the whole being in a team, and it's not just a team it's like a family, being able to improve on anything you want to improve on, being at those basketball games...it's a lot of fun."

Cheer coach Dani Ruoff was meant to be at K-State. She described how she came to find out about the job opening through a friend.

"He said your favorite color has always been purple — which it has been ever since I've been a very little girl — and he said the Kansas State University job for the cheerleading position has come open and you might want to look into it. And that is how I found out about it," Ruoff said. "It was meant to be, it was really cool."

The K-State Cheer team kept busy throughout the year with many different appearances and events. One event that both the cheerleaders and Ruoff had held close to their hearts was Fierce Cats. Fierce Cats was a program for people with special needs participated in where cheerleaders taught them different cheers. They even got to perform at halftime shows and a competition.

"[The Fierce Cats} are all just so great, so positive and fun to be around," Rima said.

Contrary to the stereotypical beliefs of cheerleaders, K-State cheerleaders worked extremely hard and trained just as athletes were supposed to. They had practices three times a week, they lifted weights, and made sure they were healthy and in the best shape they possibly could have been.

"We have intense workouts and conditioning every week," John Doan, junior in chemical engineering, said. "So we are all working to get better, and improving every week. And in my mind that's why I consider [cheerleading] a sport."

Before Ruoff came to the university five years prior, there had been some problems with the behavior of the cheerleaders. After some of the cheerleaders trashed a hotel room while traveling to cheer at a game, scholarships were taken away from the team. Since Ruoff had come, the cheer team had worked on building up a good reputation once again and getting scholarships back.

"My goal, and I'm not speaking for the past, we have always, my assistant coach and I, we want a good reputation cheer team," Ruoff said. "And that's not only on campus and not only in the classroom but in the community."

And with the work put towards their reputation, scholarships had begun to come back within reach.

"We have officially gotten a scholarship account set up through the foundation," Ruoff said. "I think that if we continue to do what we're doing and have a good reputation and continue to take care of Kansas State University, I think we can slowly build on that, and it can be done right. I see a good future for it."

As Ruoff tried to rebuild the reputation of the cheer team, she told both members of the cheer team and prospective athletes that there were three qualities they needed to have to make the team.

"The top three things that I tell people I'm looking for are good attitude, hard work ethic, and people that want to cheer at Kansas State University," Ruoff said. "You can have all the talent in the world, but if your talented people have bad attitudes and don't want to do anything, you can't do anything with the talent. If you have people that truly want to be there and work hard, you can do anything you want."

Story | ***Mary Harness***
Photo | ***Emily DeShazer***

Serving up Spikes

volleycats show passion and love for the game

Coming off a Sweet 16 appearance and the biggest upset in school history over the No. 2 ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers, there were big expectations for a team that brought back all but one player from that team, including All-American candidate, Kaitlynn Pelger, junior in family studies and human services. The Wildcats were voted preseason No. 3 in the Big 12 polls, and got off to a fast start under head coach Suzie Fritz.

"We have this tremendously competitive environment in practice, which leads to a lot of people earning time," Fritz said of why 14 players saw court time during their first match against University of California-Irvine Anteaters. "The thing I was really excited about was when we're rolling players in and out of the match, there was no drop off whatsoever. I believe our depth is our strength and we're going to use it."

K-State started out 12-0 on the season, which set a record for the best start in school history. During that streak, the Wildcats knocked off No. 10 Minnesota, No. 20 Dayton and NCAA tournament teams in Creighton and Tulsa. The start helped propel the Wildcats up to No. 11 in the national rankings as they prepared for the start of Big 12 play.

The start of conference play opened up in Norman, where the Wildcats suffered their first loss of the season. However, the Wildcats were able to respond by winning four straight, including a victory over another top 25 opponent in No. 18 Iowa State. This had put K-State at 16-1 on the year, and set up the huge showdown with the Texas Longhorns, who had went on to win the Big 12 and the National title.

After losing in the first set, the Wildcats had a 24-21 lead in the second set, with an opportunity to serve for the set, and head to intermission tied at one-apiece. However, two-serving errors doomed the Wildcats, which allowed the Longhorns to come back and take the second set en route to a three-set defeat over the Wildcats.

"I'm a little bit disappointed, but I'm really proud of the way my team played, especially in games one and two," setter Caitlyn Donahue, senior in education, said. "Texas is a very powerful, physical team. So to play with them, we needed to do the little things right on our side, which means pass well, serve well, dig well, touch balls. Do the things that don't require power. I don't know if we quite did that, especially in the third."

Despite the defeat, the Wildcats were 16-2 on the season, and were a legitimate national title contender. Unfortunately for the team, the season hit a rough patch when the Wildcats lost some conference games down the stretch.

K-State finished 21-8 on the regular season, good for consecutive 20-win seasons, and another berth in the NCAA tournament. With the Wildcats back in the tournament, they headed back to Lincoln, and looked for some magic from the year before.

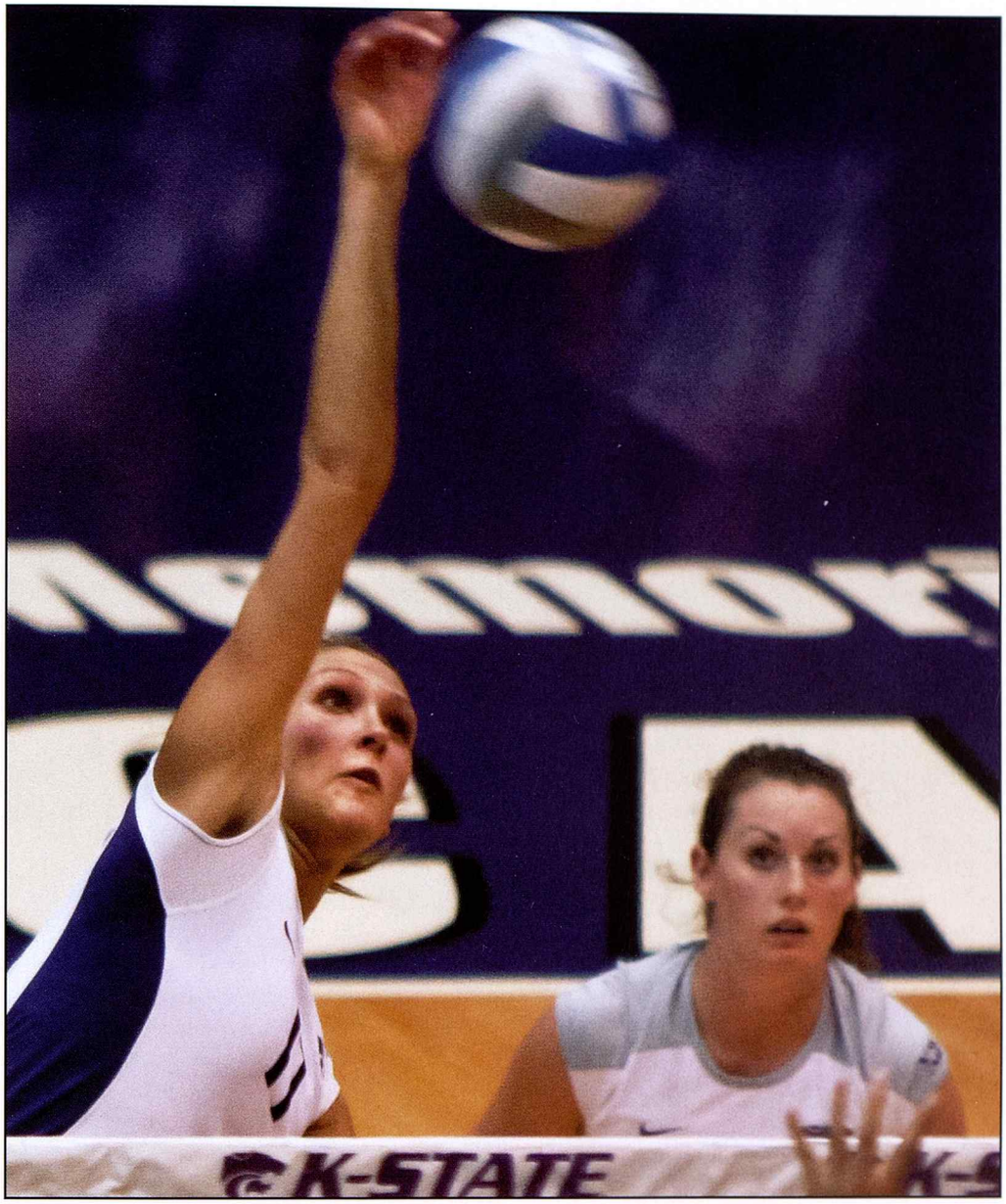
Unfortunately, the Wildcats ran into the Northern Iowa Panthers, and fell in three sets in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Numerous players received post-season accolades. Middle blocker Pelger and setter Donahue were first team all-conference, while middle blocker Alex Muff, senior in marketing, was honorable mention all-conference.

"Donahue and I have got a great connection and she gives me so many opportunities," Pelger said when asked what reaching her 1,000 career points meant to her . "It's a great accomplishment."

The team featured five seniors on the team of Donahue, Muff, Kathleen Ludwig, elementary education, Kuulei Kabalis, social sciences, and Ali Boehler, biology, who all finished off their final season as members of the K-State volleyball team.

Story | ***Mark Kern***
Photo | ***Jacob Wilson***



Lillia Porubek, junior in economics, takes a spike on Sept. 5 against Missouri State at home.

results

uc irvine | aug. 24 | W 3-0	baylor | sept. 29 | W 3-1
oakland | aug. 25 | W 3-0	iowa state | oct. 3 | W 3-0
oregon state | aug. 25 | W 3-2	texas | oct. 6 | L 3-0
denver | aug. 31 | W 3-0	tcu | oct. 13 | W 3-0
creighton | sept. 1 | W 3-0	kansas | oct. 17 | L 3-1
syracuse | sept. 1 | W 3-0	texas tech | oct. 20 | W 3-2
missouri state | sept. 5 | W 3-0	west virgina | oct. 24 | W 3-0
saint mary's | sept. 6 | W 3-0	baylor | oct. 27 | W 3-1
utah state | sept. 8 | W 3-0	texas | nov. 2 | L 3-0
tulsa | sept. 13 | W 3-0	kansas | nov. 7 | L 3-1
minnesota | sept. 14 | W 3-2	tcu | nov. 10 | W 3-0
dayton | sept 15. | W 3-0	iowa state | nov. 14 | L 3-1
oklahoma | sept. 19 | L 3-0	texas tech | nov. 17 | L 3-1
nebraska-omaha | sept. 22 | W 3-0	oklahoma | nov. 24 | L 3-1
west virgina | sept. 27 | W 3-0	uni | nov. 29 | L 3-0



Members of the Women's Cross Country team stay together during a practice run at City Park on Feb. 11.

results

jk gold classic | sept. 1 | women 2nd, men 4th
woody greeno invitational | sept. 15 |women 3rd, men 7th
rim rock invitatioanl| sept. 29 | women 7th, men 9th
pre-national invitational| oct. 13 | women 27th, men 20th
big 12 championship | oct. 27 | women 6th, men 8th
ncaa regional championship | nov. 9 | women 19th, men 21st
ncaa championships | nov. 17 | 45th

Crossing Boundaries

women's cross country team overcomes early loss of senior

Cross-country coach Michael Smith did not expect the season to unfold as it did.

Everyone thought Martina Tresch, the top runner from the 2012 season and a senior in life sciences, would be returning, but bursitis in her heel changed the plans. The condition, which involved inflammation of the fluid-filled sac that cushioned the tendons and ligaments around the joint, forced her to rethink the season. While she could have ran despite the injury, a better option seemed to be redshirting, as the team would have more experienced runners the following season.

"It'd be more beneficial to keep her around," Smith said. "We just made that decision, decided to bite the bullet this year in hopes that next year we'd be a little more loaded."

Initially, Smith anticipated the Kansas State University women's team would rank in the top four or five of the 10 teams in the Big 12. Without Tresch, closing in on that standard would have been much more difficult. Composed mainly of freshmen and sophomores, the women's team proved up for the challenge.

"It was really going to be hard, not having that frontrunner there on the team, but some other people picked up that slack and we performed at a level that was pretty much as good as we could have been," Smith said.

Erika Schiller, sophomore in dietetics, credited Tresch for continuing to lead and guide the younger team members, but the majority of the responsibility for the season fell on the underclassmen.

"A lot of us just decided that without our senior leadership it was up to us to do the work and show our coach that we could do it," Schiller said. "We just helped each other through all of the obstacles that we had so that we were still able to perform at a high level."

The team finished sixth in the Big 12 championships, and three of the K-State runners placed in the top 25. Laura Galvan, sophomore in social sciences and a native of Mexico, finished in 11th place, improving over 30 spots.

"In my freshman year, I was just adapting to a lot of things like new language, new training, and it was just hard to get everything flowing well," Galvan said. "Last year finally I was kind of adapted, and it was really nice that I could train and every meet I could race. It ended up pretty well."

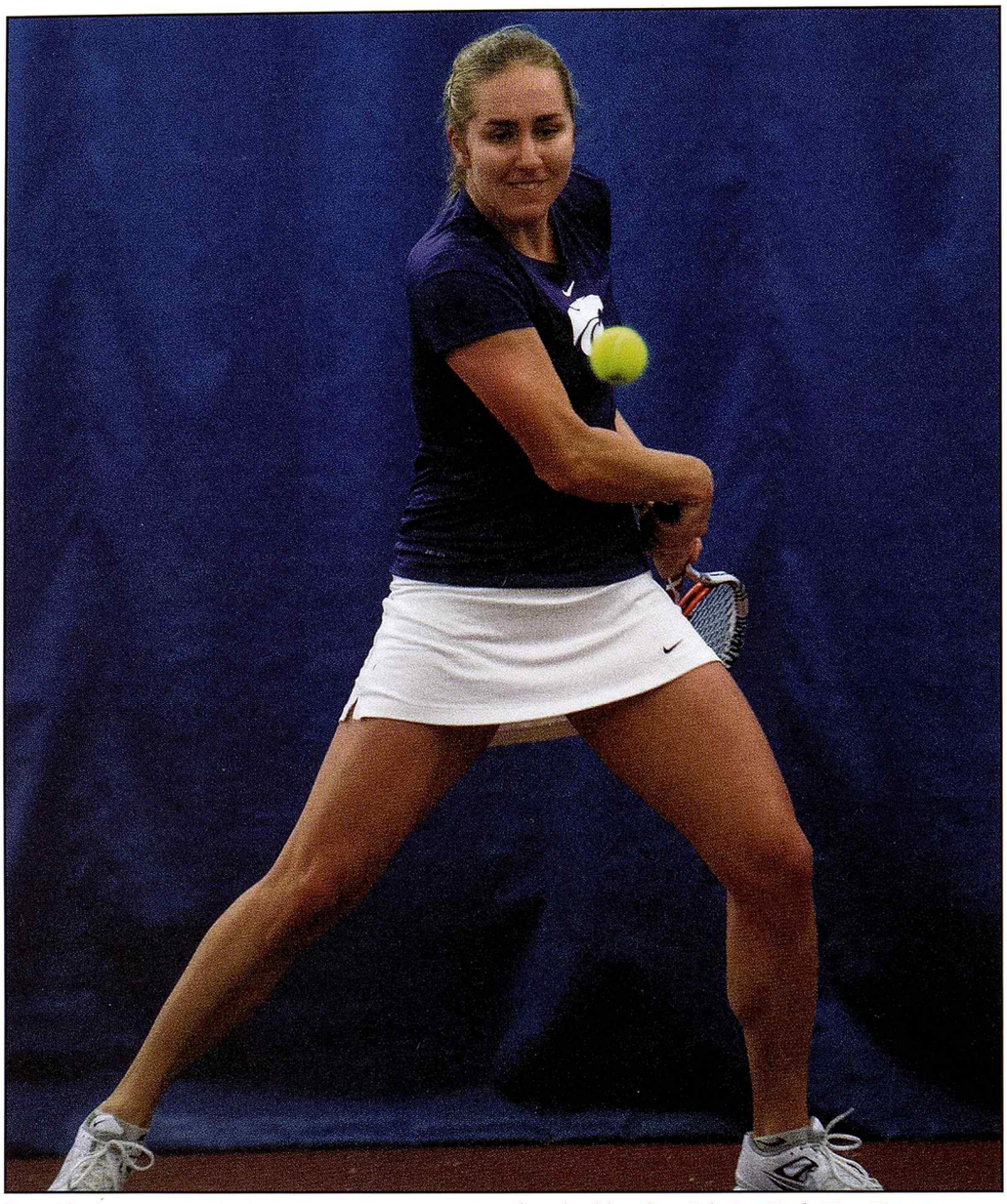
The team met a major goal by defeating rival University of Kansas after losing to them in September at the Rim Rock Classic in Lawrence, Kan.

"Kansas had handled us earlier in the year pretty well, but when it counted most, at the conference meet, we were able to perform, so the expectation didn't change for those women," Smith said. "They continued to perform even though one of the key players wasn't there."

In addition to the solid team finish in their league, the women had a runner qualify for the NCAA Championships. Galvan competed there and placed 45th.

"There's a lot more that she wants to accomplish and that she needs to accomplish to reach the goal that we have and she has," Smith said. "But this was a really good start."

Story | ***Ashley Dunkak***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Petra Niedermayerova, junior in economics, squares up for a backhand on Feb. 9 at Body First Fitness Center. Niedermayerova was ranked No. 17 among Division I singles players.

results

william and mary | jan. 26 | W 4-3
harvard | jan. 27 | W 5-2
tulsa | feb. 9 | W 4-3
memphis | feb. 15 | L 4-2
columbia | feb. 16 | L 4-2
wichita state | feb. 23 | W 4-2
purdue | feb. 24 | L 4-2
nebraska | march 2 | L 7-0
oklahoma state | march 8 | L 5-2
oklahoma | march 10 | L 4-3
cal poly | march 17 | fresno, calif.
fresno state | march 18 | fresno, calif.
kansas | march 30 | lawrence, kan.
tcu | april 5 | fort worth, texas
baylor | april 7 | waco, texas
texas tech | april 12 | manhattan, kan.
texas | april 13 | manhattan, kan.
west virgina | april 21 | manhattan, kan.
big 12 championship | april 25 | norman, okla.
ncaa championship | may 10 | rounds 1 &2
ncaa championship | may 17 | champaign, ill.
ncaa championship | may 22 | champaign, ill.

29 Year Transformation

long time running kansas state coach sees improvements over the years

Steve Bietau never planned to be the tennis coach at Kansas State University for 29 years. Nevertheless, as the spring season of 2012 began, Bietau had the program in solid standing for nearly three decades after he arrived in Manhattan.

"Life takes over," Bietau said. "I've had a family here and raised a family here, become part of the community, and so it's been a good place to live and for my kids to grow up, and over the years various things have continued to get better, with the athletic department and the university as a whole and within our program."

However it was not always so good. Originally, a job coaching tennis at K-State attracted Bietau simply because it gave him the opportunity to be a full-time coach. The spot he took in 1984 was a mediocre job in a mediocre program. The NCAA allowed eight scholarships at the time; K-State only offered one and a half. It was hard to compete.

Over the years, circumstances improved vastly. Full funding – all eight scholarships – had put the Wildcats on a level playing field as far as recruiting in the mid- to late-80s. More recently, the graduate assistant job for the tennis team was upgraded to a full-time job, and a new outdoor facility for the team was under construction.

Those improvements helped Bietau recruit players from all over the world; all seven girls on the roster entering 2013 hailed from outside the United States. With three players from Spain, two from the Czech Republic, one from Sweden, and one from Croatia, the K-State tennis team was truly an international one. Team members said Bietau fit that dynamic perfectly.

"He's really used to working with international people, so he knows the way," Ana Gomez Aleman, senior in chemical engineering, said. "English, he speaks really slow, as you can see, so that's really helpful for us. In practice, if you don't understand something you just ask him again and he's more than [happy] to answer the questions as many times as you need. It's just the way he is."

With the program on stable ground, the Wildcats faced their biggest challenges on the court. After a preparatory fall season, in which win-loss records count for individual players but not for the team, K-State encountered a slew of Big 12 and regional opponents, including four ranked in the top 25.

"We've got a very, very difficult road ahead of us," Bietau said. "It's a very demanding schedule. We have to travel a lot this year. Some of that's due to the facility situation, getting the new one built, and there's some other factors involved as well. We have pretty tough matches every time we step on the court."

Even so, the players maintained high expectations. Karla Bonacic, senior in psychology, missed much of the fall season because of surgery on her wrist but had believed the team would do well based on the early performances and the team's first spring dual.

One low point of the season was the departure of two team members during the fall semester. Bonacic said that while it had been difficult at the time, it probably ended up being for the best.

"I think everybody's here all in, and I haven't had that sense before, and now I have it in my senior year, which is really great," Bonacic said. "It was kind of tough at the moment to see how we were going to keep going, but I can see that everybody that is now here wants to compete, and that's a really good thing for us right now."

Story | ***Ashley Dunkak***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Guard Brittany Chambers, senior in life sciences, jumps around a Texas Tech defender during the Wildcats' final home game against the Red Raiders on March 2 in Bramlage Coliseum. Chambers made five three-pointers in her final home game with the Wildcats.

results

fort hays state | nov. 1 | W 68-57	west virginia | jan. 12 | L 66-52
washburn |nov. 5 | W 75-42	baylor | jan. 16 | L 90-69
idaho state | nov. 9 | W 62-54	tcu | jan. 19 | W 57-54
arkansas-pine bluff | nov. 11 | W 98-55	oklahoma state |jan. 23| W 76-70
tennessee state | nov. 20 | W 62-47	texas |jan. 26 |L 59-40
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Small&Strong

chambers, white lead women's basketball team through season of adversity

The K-State women's basketball team didn't have an easy season. With just two players over six feet tall, they were one of the smallest teams in the Big 12 Conference. On top of that, injuries began to pile up for the Wildcats. For a team with only two seniors, those are difficult obstacles to overcome.

Guard Brittany Chambers, senior in life sciences, solidified her spot in K-State's history books in 2013. Chambers averaged 20.2 points and 3.1 assists per game on her way to her third First Team All-Big 12 selection. She was one of only two players in Wildcats' history to score 600 or more points, grab 200 or more rebounds, and tally 90 or more assists, along with Nicole Ohlde, who was the sixth overall selection in the 2004 WNBA Draft.

"I've been very lucky to surround myself with such amazing coaches and players and people for the last four years," Chambers said. "It's like a family here."

Chambers was also recognized with the inaugural Big 12 Scholar Athlete of the Year for women's basketball by the league's coaches. Chambers, who had a 3.5 GPA, was one of ten national finalists for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. She said that although the year had its ups and downs, she was glad to be able to close her career in Bramlage Coliseum with a win over Texas Tech.

"We're a family, and I think we've said that throughout the year," she said. "We've had kind of a hard year, with injuries and everything, and just gone through a lot of things this year, and I think that's brought us closer together."

Injuries started to take a toll on K-State's lineup before the season even began. Guard Kelly Thomson, freshman in nutritional sciences, and six-foot forward Katya Leick, junior in accounting, suffered ACL tears, sidelining them for the year. Then, during a routine Monday practice in January, sophomore guard Ashia Woods and forward Ashlynn Knoll, junior in business administration, both sustained season-ending injuries.

Soon after on Jan. 23, the shorthanded Wildcats traveled to Oklahoma State with only seven players available. But that didn't stop them during an overtime thriller as they pulled off an upset of No. 12 Oklahoma State, 76-70.

"It feels so good to see our players rise up with such toughness and character," head coach Deb Patterson said after the win. "I'm extremely proud of everyone on our roster, everyone who had the opportunity to take the floor and anyone who didn't."

Another highlight of the season came on Senior Day, March 2, in Bramlage Coliseum when K-State defeated Texas Tech, 68-62, to end Chambers' and guard Mariah White's, senior in family studies and human services, home careers on a positive note.

"It feels good to get a win, because we couldn't get one for the seniors we had last year," White said.

Patterson, the all-time winningest coach in K-State women's basketball history, said she had seen her team grow this season, and thought the challenges they faced would prepare them for life after basketball.

"To see a team, after the adversity they've been confronted with, still have that toughness, and that character, and that resiliency, is just so awesome," Patterson said. "It's what makes this team special. They've never packed it in, and they have no intention of doing that. We have had highs and lows, and we've learned a lot about that, but they're going to go on in life now and understand what fighting's all about, and what persistence is all about."

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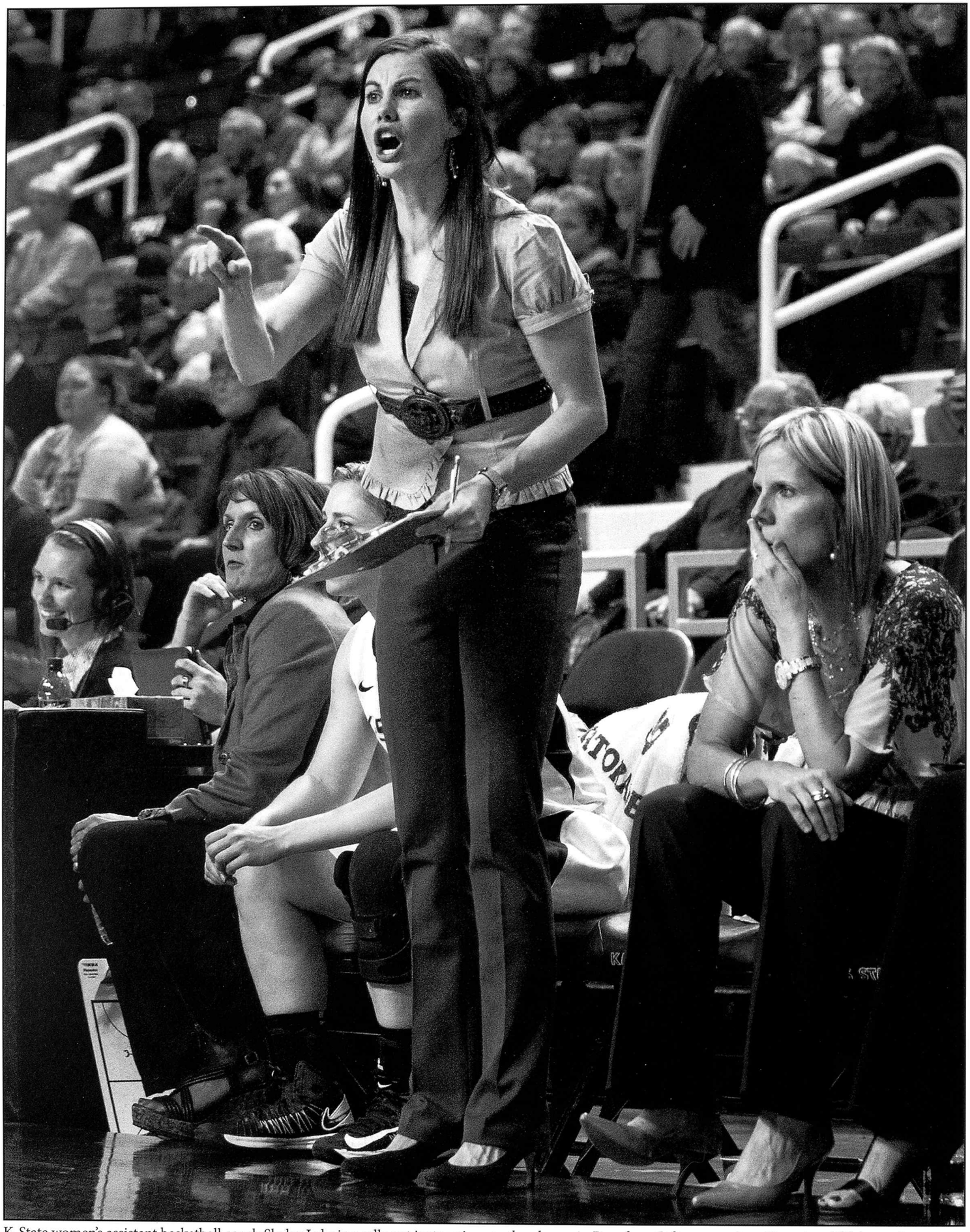

K-State women's assistant basketball coach Shalee Lehning calls out instructions to the players in Bramlage Coliseum on Jan. 23 against Oklahoma State.

Love & Basketball

former wnba player returns, continues wildcat legacy

By the time Shalee Lehning graduated from Kansas State University in 2009, she had set several university and Big 12 Conference records. After her jersey was hung in the rafters of Bramlage Coliseum, it was on to the WNBA to continue her career.

Drafted twenty-fifth by the Atlanta Dream in 2009, Lehning was able to join a team that was ready to contend for championships. In her rookie season, Lehning started 20 out of 34 games and led the Dream with 3.7 assists per game.

Her first off-season was a big one — on Jan. 26, 2010, she was added to the K-State coaching staff. K-State head coach Deb Patterson said getting Lehning was a must for her team.

"Anytime you can add someone like Lehning to your staff, you do it," Patterson said. "Everything she accomplished here as a player — she epitomizes our program. She can still play a little bit as well, so she gives our players a challenge in practice, besides her knowledge of the game."

After her stellar rookie season, the Atlanta Dream felt that Lehning was a key member of the team and decided to vote her a co-captain. Dream head coach Fred Williams, who was an assistant at the time, said the team made the right call.

"Being a captain is more than just the way you play on the court," Williams said. "She was very good on the court, but her personality off was equally as impressive. Shalee is one of those people that you just flock to and want to hang out with. On road trips or in spare time, she was always drawing a crowd. You just want to hang out with her."

Lehning proved the team right, starting all 33 games. She once again lead the team with 4.8 assists and helped guide the Dream to an Eastern Conference championship before falling in the WNBA finals. Lehning said it was a true honor to be named a captain in only her second season.

"It was awesome to be named captain, it was an honor," Lehning said. "I am more of a leader in the fact that I lead by example. I go out and do my job the way I know how to and make sure that I am doing everything in my power to help the team. It showed the team had faith in me."

On July 3, 2011, Lehning tore her ACL in a game against the Connecticut Sun, ending her season and landing her in surgery to repair the injury. On Jan. 31, 2012, complications from the surgery forced Lehning to make the decision to retire from the game she loved, a decision that she said was the hardest of her life.

"It was by far the toughest decision that I have ever had to make," Lehning said. "Basketball is the sport that I absolutely love, but God had a plan for me and I followed it. I still get to practice against the team all the time, so it is not like I have hung up the shoes. It was hard at first, but I love coaching and it is my future."

According to Williams, Lehning's passion for the game of basketball as a player will drive her to succeed as a coach.

"Shalee truly loves the game of basketball," Williams said. "Whether it was playing or just talking basketball, it is her life. I have absolutely no doubt that she will continue to improve as a coach and become an outstanding coach in the future. She just loves basketball too much not to succeed."

Lehning's career path had taken a few unexpected turns, but rather than let the injury define her, she took the challenge head-on. Lehning became an instrumental part of the K-State women's basketball team — for a second time.

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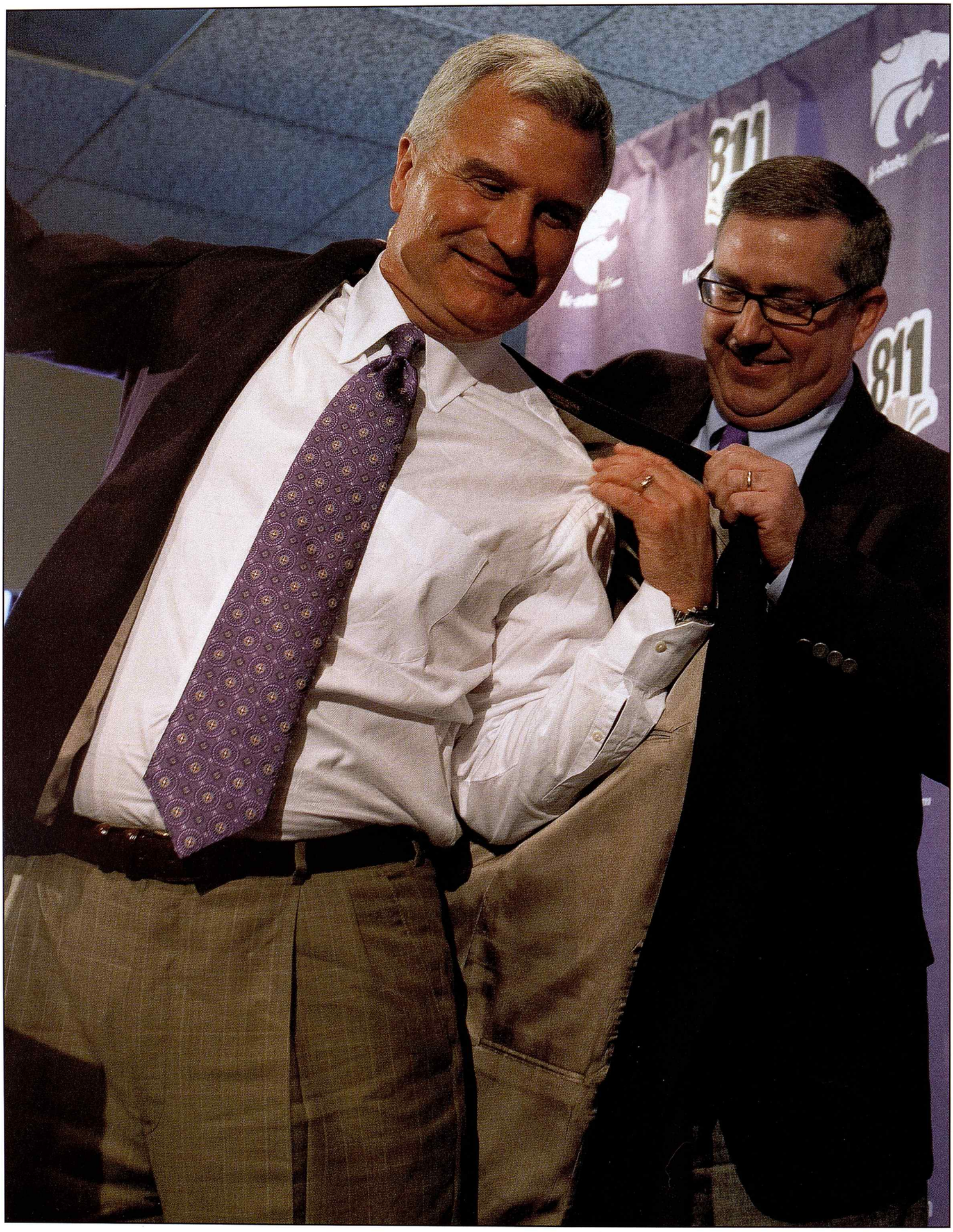
Photo | ***Jacob Wilson***



President Kirk Schulz helps the new men's basketball coach, Bruce Weber, into his purple sports coat after Weber was introduced at a press conference inside Bramlage Coliseum on March 31. Weber has won over 300 career games as an NCAA coach and was most recently the head coach at the University of Illinois.

Taking Control

new coach seeks to overcome hardships and win hearts of wildcat fans

Before Bruce Weber could ever worry about winning any certain game, the new men's basketball coach first had to win over the players he inherited after taking over the program from former coach Frank Martin.

Many collegiate athletes chose a university based on a desire to play for that school's head coach. That was why Weber had to get the current players to stay with the program before he worried about the X's and O's.

"You have to be flexible as a coach, how you deal with kids," Weber said. "Everybody's different. Each team is different, and you hope you can hit that hot spot that gets that player or that team to go in the right direction."

Weber's career highlights, which include an appearance in the national championship game with Illinois and a Coach of the Year award, convinced the Wildcats more than anything, but his genuine demeanor and the individual conversations he had with each player made a difference as well.

For Jordan Henriquez, senior in social sciences, and Rodney McGruder, senior in family studies and human services, sticking with Kansas State University just made sense. There was no point in transferring with one year of eligibility left. Besides, they heard Weber out and decided to trust him.

"I just listened to everything he said, and I know from past experiences from his career that he's a winner," McGruder said. "He knows his stuff about basketball, so why not buy in?

"He has developed pros," McGruder added, "and I'll hopefully be the next pro that he develops."

For each player, Weber had a different talking point. Henriquez and McGruder, who hoped to play professionally, could be encouraged that some of Weber's former players are now in the NBA. Weber had goals in mind for them to develop so they could take advantage of opportunities they might have to play at the next level.

Point guard Angel Rodriguez, sophomore in social sciences, said words alone would not have convinced him of anything. It did not hurt, though, that Weber asked former Illinois guard and seven-year NBA veteran Deron Williams to call Rodriguez up and talk firsthand about his own experience playing for Weber after the coach who recruited him – Bill Self – had left the program.

"D-Will was just telling me that he was in the same position as me," Rodriguez said. "He was frustrated when Bill Self left Illinois and stuff like that. He just told me to not stress it, take it easy and just remember that he was in the same position and he will never regret playing for coach Weber."

More than anything, the players just bought into Weber's personality and believed he could help them succeed the way he helped Illinois succeed.

"He seemed like a really generally nice guy, understanding, so everybody kind of stuck together and kind of fell for it, so we're all here now," said sophomore forward Nino Williams.

Winning over the players was no small task for Weber. A big reason for that was the fact that he and his predecessor seemed to be complete opposites.

White-haired, smiling Weber appeared to be a complete departure from former coach Frank Martin, a passionate, often profane fireball known for his hulking frame, wild-eyed stare and fear-inspiring tirades of screaming.

Though some felt that Martin's fire sometimes blazed out of control, the man was tough, and he made his players tough too.

More than anything, he won. The Wildcats went to the Elite Eight in his second season as head coach, and when he left for South Carolina, Kansas State had won 20 or more games in four of its last five seasons. Certainly fans respected that Martin cared about winning and about protecting his players when he felt they were not being treated fairly.

Compared with Martin, Weber seemed downright boring. Then again, most fans missed the moment when players and assistant coaches discovered Weber to be more like Martin than they would have ever imagined.

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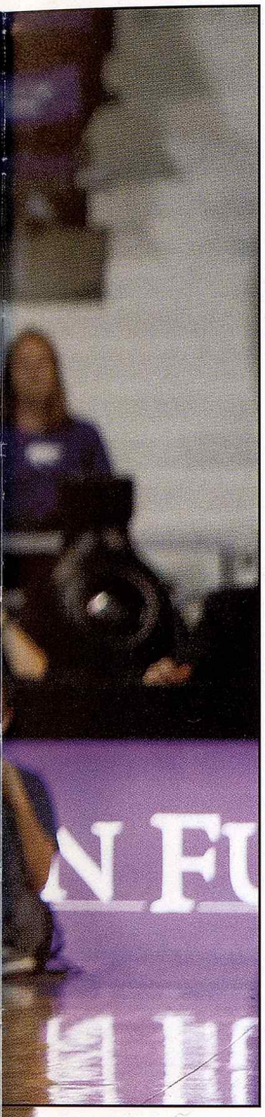
Bruce Weber, head coach of the men's basketball team, instructs his players during a game against Washburn on Oct. 30.



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In short, the new coach got kicked out of an overseas exhibition game.

In a contest so physical that coaches worried about their players being in danger, Weber had gotten called for one technical foul already before tossing the basketball after another non-call got him tossed from the bench.

To senior forward Jordan Henriquez, the ejection was an eye-opener.

"I don't think Frank ever got kicked out of a game, at least since I've been here," Henriquez said. "That kind of surprised me a little bit. I kind of liked it though. I know he's real aggressive. He came in with an identity of a passive coach, and he proved to me right there that he's not as passive as he looks."

Every four years, NCAA sports programs could take an international trip and play in a preseason tournament in the country the team visited. The Wildcats went to Brazil, and the new coaching staff, players from the previous year and incoming freshmen got a chance to get to know each other.

Even better, no one's cell phones worked in Brazil, so distractions were limited. The team took the tourist sites during their days abroad, but bonding on the court in intense competition prepared them on another level, showing them what they could expect from one another when interesting situations arose.

Weber's fire took even his assistant coaches by surprise, including Alvin Brooks, who coached at Sam Houston State before joining Weber's staff in April.

"I was shocked too," Brooks said. "I didn't realize he's such a great person and so mild-mannered, but he's very competitive, which is a good thing. The biggest thing, why he got ejected, is he was protecting our guys."

After the regular season began, fans saw that Weber might not have been as alarmingly intimidating as Martin, but he had no qualms about being demonstrative and loud on the sidelines.

"He's mild-mannered, doesn't really scream and holler a lot or cuss them out, but he holds them accountable," Brooks said, "which is the key."

Seeing that Weber and Martin were not so different in the exuberance department relieved some. That their styles diverged much more drastically when it came to practice appeared to be positive for the players.

"In practice, Frank was – he was something else," Henriquez said with a wry smile. "Not too many people can experience that. I'm sure the guys at South Carolina are starting to now."

Martin punished mistakes immediately and forcefully. Weber allowed players more time and repetitions in the system before bringing down the hammer.

"Last year it was, if we made a mistake, we were on the line, we were running," said junior guard Will Spradling. "This year it's, if you make a mistake we're going to do it right. We're going to get it right. We're going to do it as many times as we need to to get it right. So that's the biggest difference you see right now."

If Weber was as intense as Martin, he was certainly less abrasive. When players made mistakes, he also gave players a little more leeway than the former coach did.

Senior guard Rodney McGruder, unlike many players, was rarely yanked from games for making mistakes that infuriated Martin. He did not escape that earful that went along with the timeouts Martin would often call after a string of mishaps.

Bruce is kind of laid back, Frank was on you all the time," McGruder said. "If you made a pass that he doesn't think is a game pass, even if it gets through, he'd get on you, but Coach is a little more laid back."

Giving players a longer leash allowed them to experiment a little more because they did not face instant and heavy repercussions if the experiment did not immediately produce good results.

"It kind of lets you play a little bit looser, do a little bit of things that you probably wouldn't have done last year," Spradling said. "It's actually nice because people are able to try stuff that they may not have used in the past but actually works well for them."

Besides his friendly and down-to-earth demeanor that fit so well with the Midwest values of Manhattan and K-State, one quality that endeared Weber to his future employer early was his willingness to accept a challenge.

That test came in the form of competing with a top-caliber program as an in-state rival as well as an ever-present comparison between Weber and the coach he replaced at Illinois.

When Weber followed up Self, he had all kinds of success. Later, people refused to give Weber credit, instead attributing all the winning to the players Self recruited before he left for Kansas. In initial interviews with Weber, athletic director John Currie made sure Weber was ready to again face that comparison with Self, then just an hour an half away down I-70.

"When I took the job," Weber began, "that was one of the things John Currie asked me: 'Do you understand the challenge here? You already followed up Bill Self at Illinois and you had to deal with that. Now you have to compete with him 90 miles away and the success they've had.'"

Weber was not worried.

"That's why you coach," he said. "You want to coach against the best teams. If we're going to have success as a program that means we're competing with the best, and right now Kansas is obviously considered one of the top programs in the country and definitely in the Big 12. It's definitely something – it's not going to be our only focus, but it's going to be something that we're going to strive to have success at."

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Organizations



As sorority recruitment women recieved their bid day cards, excitement had flooded through Bosco Plaza on Aug. 17. "After I opened my bid card, I felt so exhilarated and happy. It was the most unique experience I've ever had," Kelsey Ludwig, freshman in hotel and resturant management, said.

Evert Nelson



Can I kiss you?

mike domitrz teaches students how to stay safe in the world of dating and relationships

Mike Domitrz, founder of The Date Safe Project, Inc., came Tuesday, Nov. 13, to get students talking about safe relationships and dating. In his interactive lesson called "Can I Kiss You?" Domitrz had students yell out responses to questions and help him demonstrate the proper way to go about asking for a kiss on stage.

Wildcats Against Rape, W.A.R., was responsible for bringing Domitrz to Kansas State University. The group's mission statement was:

"We all want to live in a society where we are able to trust, be trusted, and live outside the confinements of fear. W.A.R. members are taking the initiative to challenge the current environment where one out of four college women will suffer a rape or attempted rape between the ages of 13 and college graduation. We, K-State men and women, are ready to have our voice heard in the community."

W.A.R. brought Domitrz to "teach college kids how to respect each other and treat your partner right" according to Mikaela Margolis, freshman in open option and member of W.A.R.

Organizers wanted to debunk the idea that the "Can I Kiss You?" lesson was outdated and not relevant to college students.

"[Dating violence] is not a problem just in high school," Margolis said. "People have to learn boundaries even in college."

Domitrz had a full house at his first showing in the Union Ballroom. He did two shows, the second mainly targeting greek students.

"I understand the point [he] is trying to make and the view that can be given of the greek community, but I feel like we are already segregated as is and that's just further segregating us," Payten Mobley, sophomore dual majoring in sociology and psychology and member of Kappa Alpha Theta, said. "As a member of the greek community I almost feel targeted in a way."

Despite feeling that splitting up greek and non-greek students was unnecessary, Mobley said she enjoyed the lesson from Domitrz.

"I went into it thinking that is was going to be kind of silly but I actually got a lot out of it," Mobley said. "Since I went into it thinking that, I assumed everything was going to be really elementary, but the truth is that everyone goes through these awkward first dates."

Domitrz taught the students many valuable lessons in both protecting themselves and others.

"Body language can be unreliable," Domitrz said in his first lesson to the crowd. "Hands on the knee, getting close to some other areas, YES," Domitrz said as the crowd burst out in understanding laughs.

Domitrz also explained why it was important to stop someone from getting others drunk, especially if they were not drinking much themselves.

"There is only one reason to get someone drunk to hook up with them – because you can't get with them sober," Domitrz said.

Domitrz offered the crowd words of wisdom saying that "fear is the only thing in our lives that stops us from doing the right thing, even when we know it's the right thing to do."

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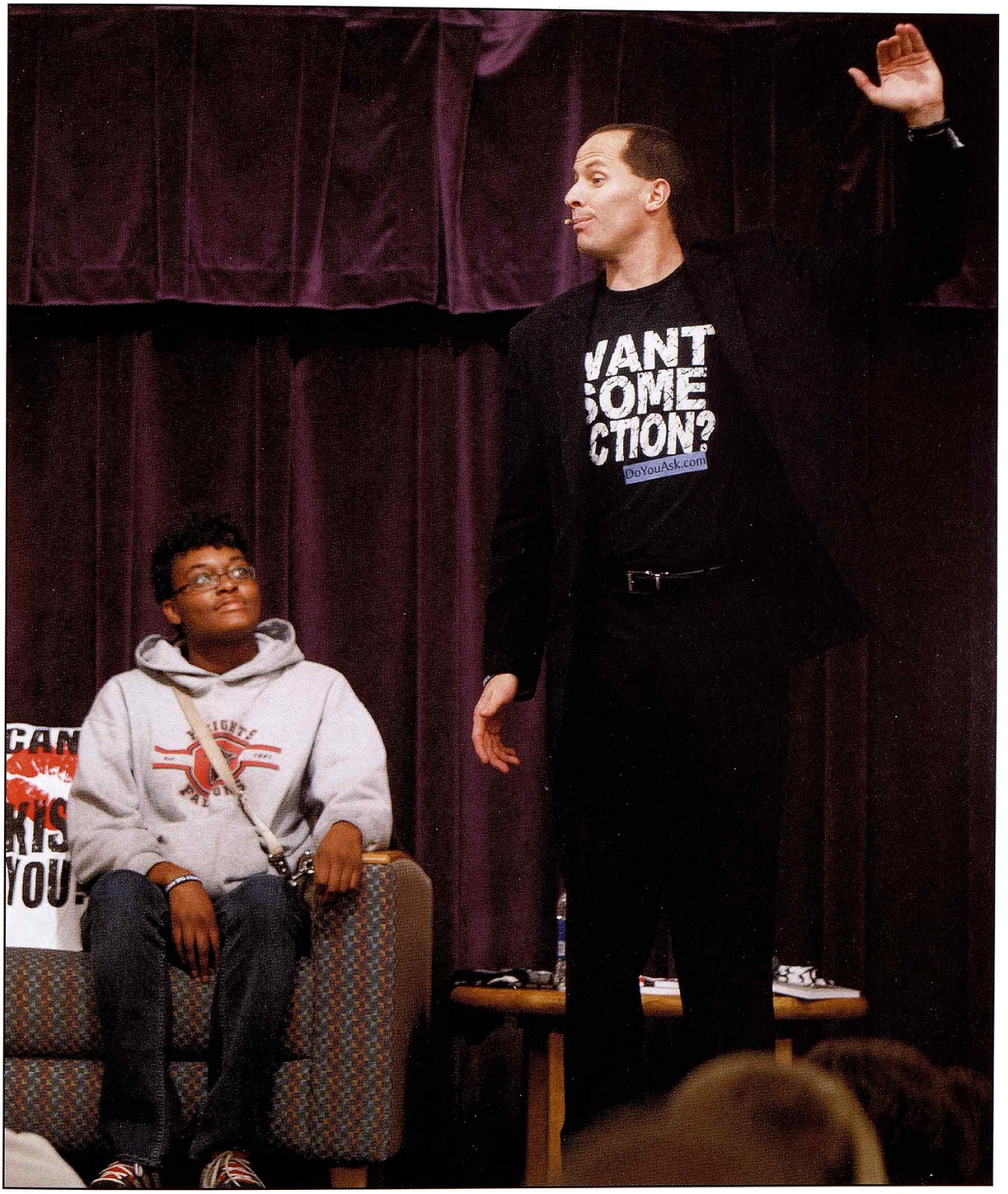

Mike Domitrz pulls up Kayla Green, freshman in secondary education, from the crowd during his program "Can I Kiss You?" on Nov. 13. Domitrz provided an interactive lesson that taught his audience about how to maintain safety in a relationship and while dating.

Awareness is key

silver key raises awareness for Manhattan homeless

On Sept. 21, the Silver Key honor society held its ninth annual Silver Key Sleep Out outside the Union of Bosco Plaza. The purpose of this event was to raise awareness on homelessness around Manhattan and required members of the group to camp outside from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The mayor of Manhattan, Jim Sherow, presented an award to Silver Key for outstanding community service, and also deemed Sept. 21 "Homeless Awareness Day" in Manhattan.

Jeni Mitchell, client services director of the Manhattan homeless shelter, thanked the group for its efforts and donations. She was presented with a check of $2,890.47, which was raised by the members of Silver Key.

"We've been working since March of 2011 to put this together. Everyone was asked to get donations from close family members and friends and they even went door-to-door asking for donations as well," said Silver Key member Mackenzie Mong.

Mitchell shared a story of a young mother and son she had recently helped at the shelter.

"A young boy, who was the same age as my son and his mom, came in over summer. He told me this was the sixth shelter he had been to. To me it was heart-breaking because he shouldn't have had to go through that."

However, the story had a positive ending, Mitchell said the family found a stable household and were doing progressively well.

Since the shelter's move four years prior, the facility held 47 people and contained six family rooms, two single dorms for boys and girls and two disability rooms.

"We got a tour of the shelter before out event. I was really surprise d at how many homeless people we have in Manhattan," said Mac Dolliver, vice president of Silver Key.

The money raised during the Sleep out helped to keep the building functioning, maintained its overall appearance, and funded necessities for 600 people it saw throughout the year. Necessities included electricity, water, food, clothing and other supplies needed for people with different disabilities.

By about 9 p.m., all presentation had concluded and the temperature outside began to drop, but the Silver Key members continued to show their support and camped out until dawn. To pass the time they participated in different activities such as different games and tossing around Frisbees, and danced the night away while music blared through the quiet campus.

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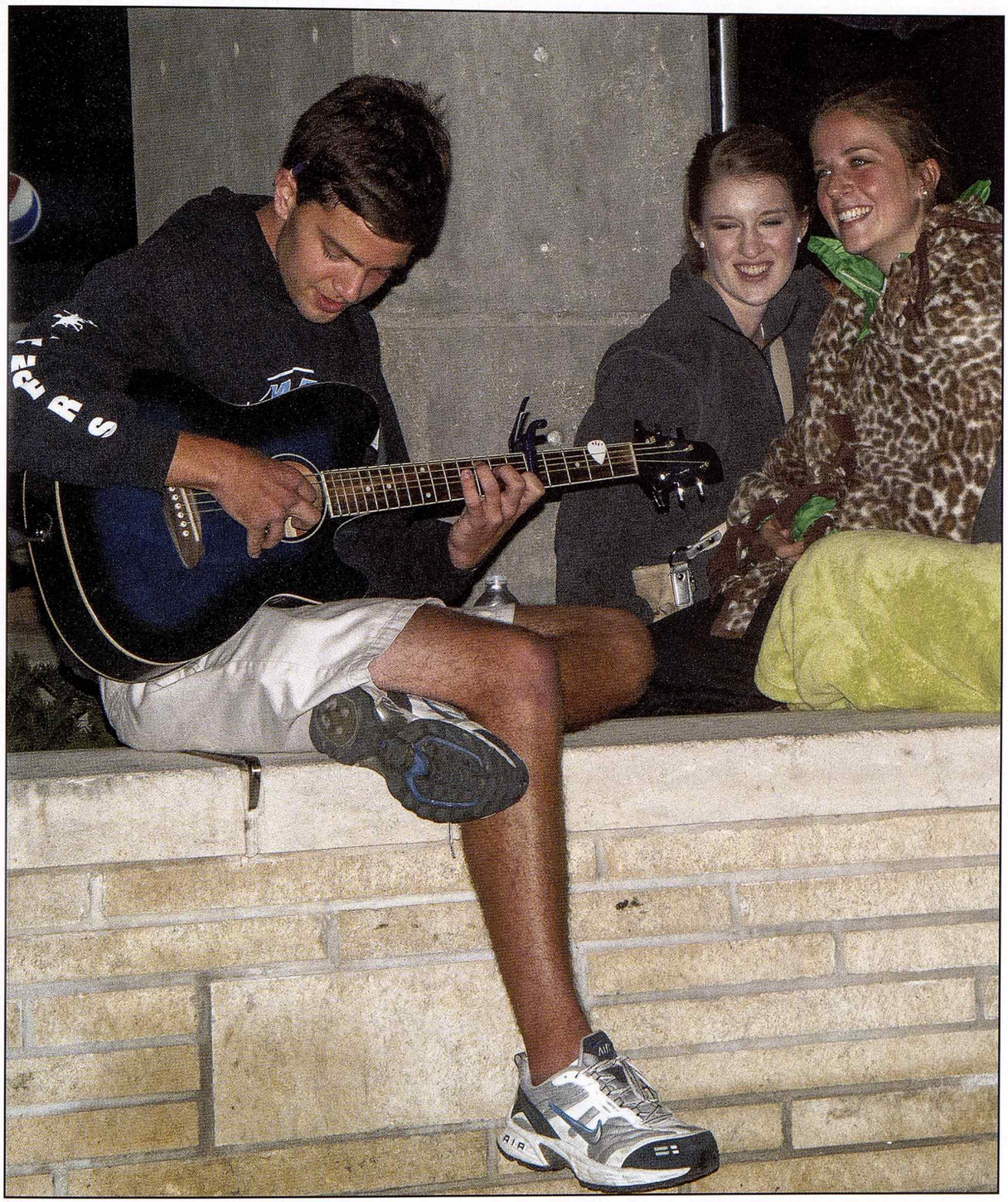

McNeil Dolliver, sophomore in management and Silver Key member, serenades Leah Baus, junior in mass communications and alumni of Silver Key and Mackenzie Mong, sophomore in social sciences and Silver Key member, during the Sleep Out for the Homeless of Manhattan on Sept. 21.



Phi Beta Sigma performs their step routine to a crowd at Bramlage Coliseum during the Big XII BSU National Convention on March 2.

No Weak Links

university's first african american fraternity celebrates anniversary, reflects on history

The Delta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was an organization founded nationally in 1914 at Howard University and brought to Kansas State University in 1917. It was the fourth chapter of the fraternity to be founded.

The chapter celebrated their 96-charter anniversary in April 2013. The Delta chapter had witnessed the market crash of the 1920s that led into the Great Depression, the civil rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s and even the election of the first African American president. The chapter had been one of the longest running greek chapters at the university without being re-chartered.

"It is amazing to be a part of this fraternity and an accomplishment," Jeremy Scott, brotherhood chair of the Sigmas and senior in agricultural communication, said. "We have been around for almost 100 years. It has been a struggle for African Americans to be able to fight for where they are today. It is an absolute blessing to be a part of this organization."

When the Sigmas were first brought to the university, they owned and lived in a house at 618 Yuma Street. After losing that house, the national president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity bought a house at 1020 Colorado Street. African Americans during this time were not allowed to live north of Colorado Street.

"It's a big honor and a responsibility to be a part of this organization," Andre Watkins, first vice president of the Sigmas and a senior in agricultural technology management, said. "Being a part of Sigma places in you to be an adult. Even though I like to goof off and have fun, the organization teaches you how to be an adult and when to be professional."

Delta chapter Sigmas left a significant impact on not only the university and Manhattan communities, but also the nation and the world. James Weldon Johnson, a member of the Delta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, originally wrote "The Negro National Anthem" also known as "The African American National Anthem" or "The Black National Anthem" as a poem. Johnson's brother, John Rosemond Johnson, later put the poem to music to create the song.

Pat Patton, research specialist for Hale Library, said the Sigmas were a group of men who were similar to the ripple effect. When one brother would join the fraternity, the lives that brother would impact would go on for generations.

"The Sigmas were so involved on campus," Patton said. "Whether it were writing for the school paper or being involved in literary societies, the Sigmas have left such a significant impact on K-State and Manhattan."

The hill in Manhattan that has "K" and "S" on it was partially created by a Delta chapter Sigma. In 1921, engineering students plotted out the 80-foot-tall letter "K". One of the members of that engineering team was a member of Sigma. The letter "S" was added many years later by another group of students. Based on research about Scenic Lookout, originally it was planned to say "KSU", but the "U" was never added.

"Sigma has taught me that it is possible to be historic," Watkins said. "Looking at everything my Sigma brothers have done, it allows me to want to be so much better - to do things that they did. Above all else, it makes me want to work harder."

Watkins and Scott entered the fraternity in spring 2010. Gonzalez joined Sigma in fall 2011. Scott said that ever since he had crossed into the fraternity, it had been one of the best experiences of his life.

"Sigma brings positivity to its members and its communities," Scott said. "We are ourselves. There are no stereotypes that come along with being a Sigma. Sigma doesn't change us. We may grow as people being a part of this organization, but we never changed because of the organization."

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Strike the String

k-state orchestra works together through experienced members

After only four years of Kansas State University being founded, the beginnings of a symphonic orchestra had started to take root. Although the size of the program had varied drastically over the years, the passion for music never left.

Since 1990, the Kansas State University Orchestra had been under the conduction of Dr. David Littrell. Littrell, a university distinguished professor of music, had musical talents beyond just conducting. He had the ability to play the cello, baroque cello, five-string cello piccolo, double bass, and viola da gamba (a stringed instrument developed in the mid-15th century) that had given Littrell plenty of musical background to be able to conduct his orchestra the way he felt it needed be.

The orchestra had been through 15 other conductors before Littrell took over in 1990. For some, Littrell was the only the reason for participating in the program.

According to Littrell challenging students to expand their musical variety and technique helped to better the student as well as the music program. Bret McCandless, senior in music and social science, came to the university undecided about the orchestra program.

"I had heard that Dr. Littrell was the conductor," McCandless said in a discussion about Littrell's awards and accomplishes. "That was really exciting for me."

Not the small orchestra of only nine members that the Royal Purple mocked in its 1945 issue with the headline "Orchestra is Small" anymore, the 2012 program featured a full orchestra with both strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion sections.

"We bring a kind of different music people aren't exposed to," McCandless said. "Not everyone in the audience has heard a full orchestra before and this is a big moment for them. We can really bring ... something real to the audience through this music which has endured through centuries."

McCandless had been playing cello in the program for four years.

Another student, Samanda Engels, senior in horn performance, said she enjoyed giving the audience the ability to enjoy a full orchestra although it's a lot of pressure at times.

Bobby Scharmann, senior in double bass performance, like McCandless, had also played in the orchestra since he was a freshman in 2009.

"You play some really good literature here," Scharmann said, "If the orchestra is up to it or not. It always sounds great by concert time."

Being a bass player, Scharmann liked to see himself as a support role in the orchestra.

Besides the concerts, the orchestra program also set up an event called String Fling. The annual event gave students in grades 5-9 a chance to become a part of an orchestra experience with other peers across the state where they performed pieces after only a few days of rehearsal. The event drew over 600 students to the university in order to participate with Littrell as the director. 2012 marked the 40th year of the program.

As well of directing the Kansas State Orchestra and String Fling, Littrell also directed the Gold Orchestra in Manhattan, Kan. The orchestra featured more than 70 students in grades 5-10 from the Manhattan area and had toured England, British Colombia, and Colorado as well as performed at Carnegie Hall in 2001 and 2006.

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From left, viola players Sindhu Krishnamoorthi, a Manhattan resident, and Gregory Weber, senior in history, practice one of their classical pieces during a Kansas State University Orchestra practice on Oct. 22 in McCain Hall. When the orchestra first started in 1867, it had one viola player. Littrel often let members of the Manhattan community play with the orchestra.



Faisal Alam speaks about his struggles with being identified as a gay Muslim and encourages other students to be more comfortable in their own skin on Nov. 27 at the Leadership Studies building.

Moving Mountains

activist speaks out about living as a gay muslim

Students, staff, faculty and community members all laughed as speaker Faisal Alam joked about the packed parking lots he saw on campus as he prepared to speak on the night of Nov. 27. Alam spoke of topics he had personally experienced and hoped to share those experiences with students alike in the Leadership Studies Building.

Alam described himself as a queer Muslim activist shedding light on the issues that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Muslims faced. He was invited and sponsored by the university's Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center specifically to address these issues.

"One of the most impactful things I have encountered was having a gay Muslim in the audience who had come out to me after one of my presentations," Alam said. "The student told me he felt like he had been the only one gay Muslim in the entire world until he saw my presentation."

During his speech, Alam touched on many different areas of the changing, parallel shifts of the Islamic world. He opened by identifying misconceptions that many Americans and members of other Western nations have about Islam before tearing down those misconceptions and describing the shifts that were actually happening.

Alam discussed groups of Muslims who had created progressive movements within the religion that created safe spaces for LGBT-identified Muslims. The movements also supported concepts like non-segregated prayer in mosques and women led prayers.

"Within the past few weeks, I have attended different events dealing with Islam in society," said Andrew Kohls, adviser for International Student and Scholar Services. "A few weeks ago, I attended a 'Women in Islam' event where it was clear how completely against the Islam faith was about homosexuality. [Alam] brought light to the activism that is happening around this issue. This activism helps people of all ages. It's just really encouraging."

Worldwide, there were 1.5 billion practicing Muslims. According to Alam, the Western mentality was that Muslims had only come from the 15 countries that constituted the Middle East region. Realistically, that was only 12 percent of the total worldwide Muslim population. The 2 million to 4 million Muslims in the United States came from more than 80 countries, and 30 percent were African-American.

Throughout his presentation, Alam illustrated the way in which the Muslim world tended not to be very accepting of its LGBT members. He showed clips from a documentary about a man and woman from the United Kingdom who were LGBT Muslims. He also showed a clip of an instance in which worldwide religious leaders had come together to discuss how appalled and upset they were with the repeal of the nationwide sodomy law in India in 2009.

"Overall, this presentation went well," said Brandon Haddock, director of the university's LGBT Resource Center. "I feel like people are very receptive of learning of not just about LGBT issues but also of issues facing the Muslim world. There are a lot of similarities between the Islam and Christian worlds when it comes to sexuality and gender expression. I feel like those similarities were shown in this presentation."

Story | ***Jakki Thompson***
Photo | ***Hannah Hunsinger***

Hands-On

student organization coordinates event to feed students and families

More than 55 volunteers were on hand Sept. 11 at HandsOn Kansas State's first annual Hunger Happens: Hidden Hunger event, organized as part of the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance. Volunteers had set up in the east parking lot of Bill Snyder Family Stadium to distribute perishable items to students and families who didn't have means to purchase food.

"This event provides awareness that even though we are college students, there is still hunger on campus," said Courtney Weerts, senior in social work.

HandsOn Kansas State was a university organization that connected volunteers with other organizations on campus and in the Manhattan community. Harvesters of Topeka, Kan., The Flint Hills Breadbasket and local Methodist parishes teamed up with HandsOn Kansas State to host the event.

Weerts, like many other volunteers that were there, took advantage of the program and participated in it herself.

"We want all the food to be distributed on campus with no [leftovers]," Weerts said.

The event's location had made it accessible to students nearby in the Kramer Complex and Jardine apartments, but organizers welcomed visitors via drive-through as well as walk-in. For attendees with limited transportation, HandsOn Kansas State provided a shuttle service that begun at the Leadership Studies Building on campus to transport students to and from the event. The service event was the only mobile food distribution event in the state of Kansas.

Lynda Bachelor, director of HandsOn Kansas State, said the event stemmed from the number of students on campus who would skip meals due to financial obstacles or because they ate unhealthy meals.

"Not a lot of people know that college kids are homeless and hungry," Bachelor said. No one is talking about it."

The event provided perishable foods such as carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, cantaloupes, watermelons, cookies and cakes. The foods were donated from local grocery stores around the Manhattan and Topeka areas.

Although it was the first year Hunger Happens had provided an outlet for people with limited means for food, Bachelor had no doubt the volunteer service was successful.

"There are over 22,000 students at K-State. If we could get 5 percent of those students here today, it would be about 1,100 kids," Bachelor said. "We want 600 households to attend."

Bachelor had come up with the event upon discovering how many university students went hungry every year. She decided to take a stand and provide a source to help those in need.

After communicating with directors of Wichita State University's volunteer groups and services to discover the universities' own hunger issues, Bachelor started to organize the event with the help of Flint Hills Breadbasket executive director Maribeth Kieffer.

"[Flint Hills Breadbasket] is always looking for organizations to partner with for food drives," Kieffer said. "It is sometimes hard for people to ask for help. We are concerned with the community's hunger, nutrition and sustainable food sources."

HandsOn Kansas State also hosted other volunteer events for the university and Manhattan communities, such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day, clean ups for like Fake Patty's Day, university sponsored carnivals and a Furniture Amnesty day that was held every August.

Other associations and university groups joined in to contribute to the event, including Real Food lunches, Supplemental Food Assistance Second Helping, Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Riley County Research and Extension, the Seven Dolors food pantry and PowerCat Financial, which offered assistance with financial and budgeting issues and meal planning solutions.

Story | ***Jena Dean***
Photo | ***Jacob Wilson***



From left, Mark Johnson, freshman in hospitality management and Austin Love, sophomore in agricultural economics, participate with HandsOn Kansas State and Harvesters by handing out fresh produce to those in the community.

Just one big Cycle

two students create business from scratch, look to pass it on after graduation

It was common, in at least the early stages of life, for everyone to have owned a bicycle. Swift, sturdy, and compact, bikes presented a strong case against walking for decades. Though for many students the prospect of riding a bike presented difficulties, such as expense and transportation that kept them from biking around.

A student-run business organization thought-up by CEO Kaleb Anderson, senior in electrical engineering, Wildcat Cycle promoted biking on campus by offering used bike rentals to students. The business provided bikes for students to use during the semester, which removed the need for the student to purchase a bike, transport and store it between semesters.

"Our mission is really to establish kind of a bike culture here at K-State, to get more students riding bikes," Anderson said. "We're here to serve the students and create a sustainable source of rentable bicycles."

Using the money awarded him when he entered the concept for Wildcat Cycle in The Next Big Thing competition, Anderson partnered with Liam Reilly, senior in civil engineering who'd been a bike culture intern at the K-State Office of Sustainability, to start the business. With Anderson's concept and Reilly's experience, they acquired sponsorship from the university for floor and office space.

"Over the summer we spent time acquiring bikes and preparing things for when we got back to hit campus so we cold hit the ground running," Reilly said.

The business began in August 2012 and immediately rented seven bikes for the duration of that fall semester, along with a few bikes for daily rental. By the start of the 2013 spring semester their stock had increased to 14 rentable bicycles. Both Anderson and Reilly expressed plans to expand as time passed, with as many as seven additional bikes before the summer began.

"The spring semester is a little slower than the fall, due to the weather," Reilly said. "But as far as cost and revenue goes, we're still at the break-even point right now. We're very much at a growth stage."

In addition to expanding their stock of bikes, the business explored ways to improve that included attaching cargo racks to the bikes for students to use while running errands. Anderson said one another was to replace their used-bicycle stock with a standardized fleet, once the business had expanded enough to support it. In the short term, an option they considered was distributing t-shirts to spread through word of mouth, which had previously helped bring them business. It was word of mouth that brought Jordan Keene, junior in psychology, to Wildcat Cycle in the 2012 fall semester. Keene also liked the idea of getting in a good exercise while getting where he needed to go on campus.

"I liked it a lot," Kenne said. "I could see myself renting again, or possibly saving and buying my own bike."

The ultimate goal of the business was to be fully sponsored, either by the university or Manhattan. By the time he graduated in December 2013 Anderson said he hoped to pass the reins onto another undergraduate so that the business could continue to grow and provide rental service for future generations of university students.

"I would like to eventually see it as a K-State funded program to the point it could be an on-campus rental center," Anderson said. "That would also offer it to the community as well. As far as the future of it goes, I want to expand it to where anybody in the community or K-State can rent a bicycle at an affordable price."

Story | ***Randall Hellmer***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Kaleb Anderson, senior in electrical engineering, shows the various bikes stored in Wildcat Cycle's garage on 918 Manhattan Avenue.



Beaded jewelry by Karina Mendez, sophomore in nutritional sciences, are just some examples of tje handmade products that were offered through K-State Made, the new program dedicated to helping students sell their handmade wares.

Creativity at its finest

students turn projects they make into sales

In years past, Varney's Bookstore had catered to the needs of students on campus, offering them all the things their education requires like textbooks, school supplies, sweaters, and jewelry. In 2012, however, Varney's introduced something different. For the first time, they sold products provided by a student program on campus.

The program, called K-State Made, allowed students to sell products that they produce at the Varney's store, alongside other products. It provided the opportunity for those of an entrepreneurial inclination to sell their goods at an established location without the hassle of storing and tracking inventory themselves. Last but not least, it provided them the compensation due to them for their work in the amount of 70 percent, where the other 30 percent was split between Varney's and K-State Made. Together, this allowed 22 students and four faculty members to market more than 300 products during the first four weeks of the program.

"This has been an effort of Jeff Hornsby for the last two years," Joshua Kirk, the student director of the program and a senior in entrepreneurship, said. "He's been wanting to get this started, he just didn't have the time or the resources or students to do the hard work."

In order for the product to reach store shelves it first had to be approved by Kirk, who then presented it to the Collegiate Entrepreneur Organization (CEO), a group that encouraged enterprise among the students. If that body approved it, it could then be added to Varney's' inventory and from there to the store. The streamlined two-step process allowed a product to move quickly along the chain, though a product that did not sell within three months required re-evaluation.

One of the many products offered by this program were Rafiki Bags. These bags were produced by a tailoring program at the Children and Youth Empowerment Centre in Nyeri, Kenya, and were later sold in Manhattan by Kaitlin Long, a junior in entrepreneurship. The profit from these bags were returned to Kenya, where it helped to support youth entrepreneurial programs. Another product was pearl earrings produced by Absolute Design, a company started by Abbey Brown, a senior in entrepreneurship. All proceeds from the sale of these earrings went to the promotion of women in entrepreneurship.

Kirk suggested that the next step for the program, which enjoyed strong success its opening weeks, would be to expand operations into other Varney's locations, including locations in Salina, the local mall, and possibly an actual storefront for the program's products. He also hoped to see the number of participants in the program reach as high as 40 members before he graduated in the spring of 2012 and the CEO assumed control over the program.

"CEO is slowly starting to take over because when I graduate, K-State Made is staying here and I'm passing it on," Kirk said. "I'm actually training the next CEO president to take over K-State Made so it doesn't go into the gutter as soon as I leave. It's constantly changing and it's going to be something that will stay here at K-State and allow students to run it."

Story | ***Randall Hellmer***
Photo | ***Parker Robb***

More than Business

econ club useful for learning outside of economics

The reaction of junior Stephanie Birdsall, originally an accounting major, when her adviser recommended she attend an economics club meeting, was not an enthusastic one.

Once she went, she was fascinated to discover that economics had more to offer than just the elaborate explanations and stale graphs she had seen in the textbooks of her introductory courses.

"A lot of the times people see [economics] as just limited to the scope of theory and just weird abstract stuff … that doesn't seem very tangible or just very relevant to everyday life," Birdsall said. "When people start to realize that econ has a broader scope than just the classroom, they start coming to econ club."

It was not long before Birdsall not only attended almost every meeting but also got involved in leadership of the club. Her senior year, she took over as president.

Club secretary Mark Holton, a master's student who started in architecture before adding economics as a major, began to pay attention to economics during the financial crisis of 2008. He wanted to learn more about how it happened.

Holton got his wish when, in 2011, the econ club brought in former Kansas State University professor Hamilton Fout to speak at a meeting. A senior economist at Fannie Mae, Fout explained how an abundance of subprime mortgages led to the demise of the real estate market.

Being able to understand the nuts and bolts of such an event was a breath of fresh air for Holton.

"Most of the time you just go around reading headlines and it blows right over your head, and it's like, 'Yeah, it'd be nice to know that one day, but for the time being, I guess I've just got to put up with it,'" Holton said. "You're just beat up. You're at the mercy of forces beyond your understanding – but they're not that hard to understand."

Once Holton began to understand, he could not get enough. He thought others felt similarly once they got exposure to the widespread effects of economics.

"I think once people start getting into it, then you want to be around other people who also want to get it," Holton said, "and when you get together, that synergy, I think, will kind of feed your curiosity and reinforce your knowledge."

One way the club worked to promote wider knowledge of economics was by creating the Student Price Index. For the 11th year in a row club members collected price data for items that college students buy, such as tuition, housing, gas, pizza and beer. With those statistics the club showed how price increases affected students.

As it turned out, students always suffered more heavily than average consumers. Each year the club put out a press release about its findings, and the stories about it often made the front page of the Collegian and the Manhattan Mercury.

Through the Student Price Index, the econ club strove to make students more aware of how economics affected them and why the subject should matter to them.

"Even if you try to hide from it, it's always there," Birdsall said. "Presidential elections, it's always there. You're going to see those political posts on Facebook, it's constantly there. So econ club, economics, it's all kind of useful."

For those already wanting to learn more, the club provided speakers from all over the country at nearly each meeting. It also brought food and drinks the majority of the time – and all for just $5 in dues.

"Anybody interested in business, anybody interested in politics, anybody interested in just knowing more about how the world works, what drives the world, I think those people need to get involved in econ club," said Gavin Koester, senior in economics and the club's vice president. "There's a lot of things about economics that you don't see until you really delve into it, and I think that Econ Club kind of brings that out and shows you where you can use it in the world."

Story | ***Ashley Dunkak***
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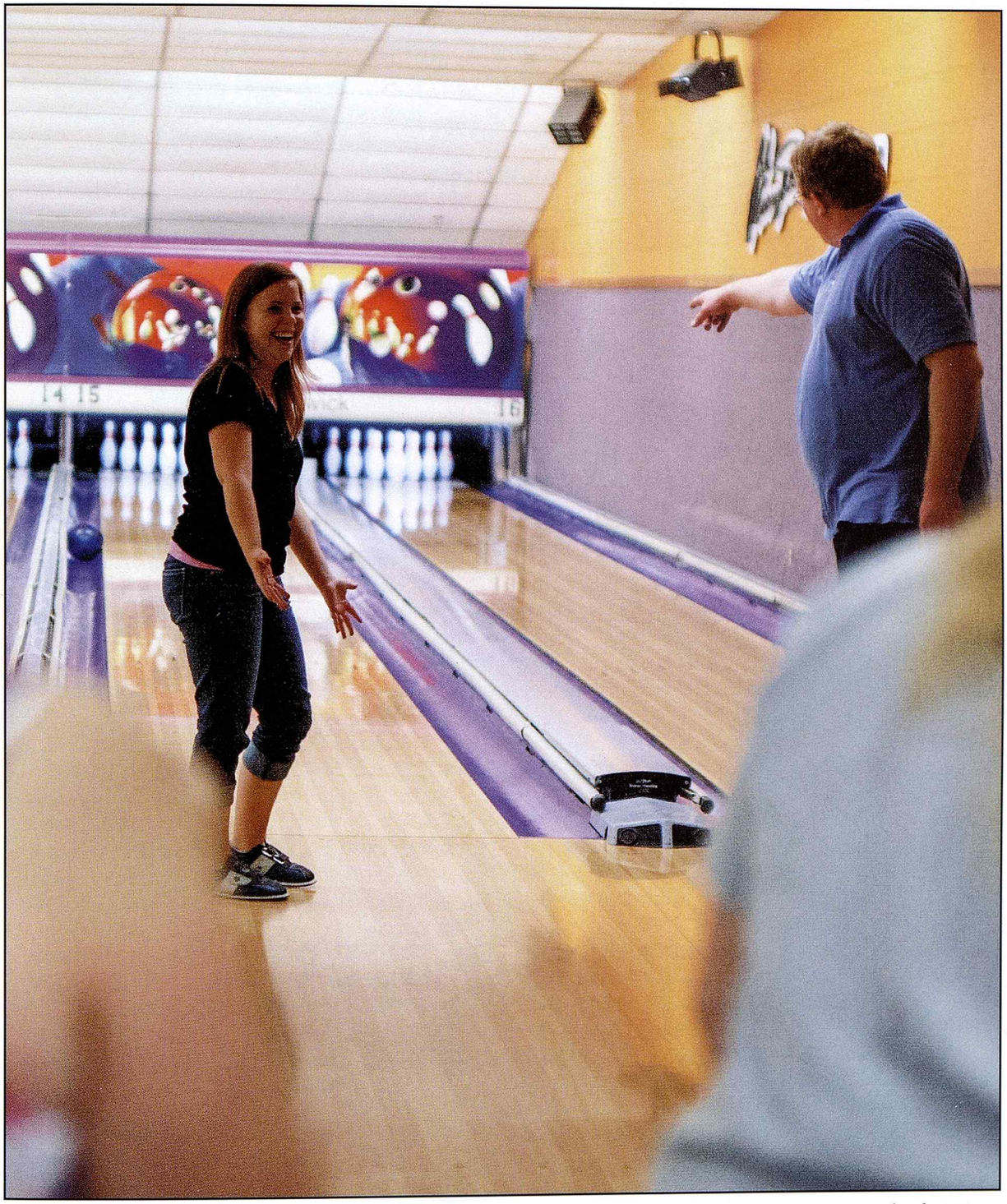

Dan Kuester, director of undergraduate studies in economics, explains to Stepanie Birdsall, junior in economics, why she got a gutterball using economic terms during the econ club bowling party at the K-State Student Union on Sept. 25.

Talented Struggle

softball club finds talent through struggle of expenses

There were only three schools in the Big 12 Conference that did not have an NCAA softball team, and Kansas State University was one of those schools.

The K-State Fast Pitch Softball Club had been a way for women to continue to play ball after high school.

Chelsy Lassiter, senior in dietetics, had been a part of the softball club for her entire time as an undergraduate student.

"I joined for the love of the game," Lassiter said. "And it's just a fun atmosphere. It's a good way to make friends."

The team played other club teams from University of Kansas, Iowa State University, University of Missouri and University of Nebraska. In addition, it also played junior colleges, such as Haskell and Cowley County.

"It is very competitive, and we are playing quality universities, and there is a high level of talent at the junior colleges as well," head coach Eric Vargo said.

Depending on its season, the team had a chance to go to nationals in the spring.

"I think we have a chance to go to nationals this year," Lassiter said. "We have a lot of good talent."

"We only played one conference game, so we still have four more conference triple headers left," assistant coach Kelsey Schroeder said. "And I think we have a really strong starting nine line up, so once we start practicing again I think we have a really good chance. I would love to see K-State have a softball team. Before the teams got switched around, it was just us and Colorado who didn't have an NCAA softball team."

Since it was a club, the women were required to pay for everything.

"It sucks that other teams get all this funding and we don't get anything," Lassiter said. "And there's a baseball team, why no softball team? We have to pay for all of it."

"I think that there is enough talent from junior colleges for K-State to actually recruit," Vargo said. "It's one of the more popular sports, so I think K-State could benefit from having a team."

Regardless of the expenses, the club team had still managed to put together a group of talented women.

"We did really well at our conference game," Vargo said. "And showed a lot of improvement. With them not having a coach last year they are doing very well. The level of players and their talent are growing, and I think by spring we should be good to go."

The club team encouraged any women who were interested to get in contact and even come to practices.

"The club softball team is a really great way to continue to play softball, and we have a lot of great girls," Schroeder said. "It was one of the best experiences of my undergrad and I know the girls put in a lot of time and work and effort, but I think they had a good time also."

Story | ***Morgan Buchholz***
Photo | ***Courtesy K-State Club Softball***



Emily Krampe, sophomore in architectural engineering, plays second base against Southeast Community College in Beatrice, Neb. on April 2.

Country Dancin'

country swing and two-step club enjoys second year

On Monday nights, the Country Swing and Two-Step Club provided students wanting to go dancing an alternative to the bars in Aggieville.

Mike Offerman, a junior in secondary education and the club president, provided some compelling logic as to why gentlemen should consider visiting the regular meetings.

"Every girl likes a guy who can dance," Offerman said with a grin.

For the second year, the Union courtyard transformed each week from a seating area filled with tables and chairs to an open dance floor with sound equipment built up against the wall shared with Salsarita's.

The meetings drew dozens of people who had never danced before as well as many who had been dancing for years.

"Even if you think, 'Well, I'm not that coordinated,' or 'I don't think that'd be real fun because I don't really know anyone,' just go, because there are a lot of people who are willing to teach people," Sarah Boatman, sophomore in theatre and one of the club's dance instructors, said. "We always want the dance community to be larger, so just try it."

Each week, the club began with lessons where a pair of instructors demonstrated one move and then scurried around to assist couples in trying out that move before showing the next one.

In the beginning of the semester, the lessons focused on basics that students could take out and show off on Friday and Saturday nights in bars like Longhorns in Aggieville.

As the year progressed, the club taught more advanced moves – even ones advanced enough to require students to sign a waiver before participating. Such maneuvers were commonly referred to as aerials. These involved the girl's feet leaving the ground.

Because of the potentially dangerous nature of such high-flying moves, the club made sure to emphasize that those attending meetings should not try the aerials if they were not comfortable with their partner. Instructors also remind dancers to spot each other when they try out a new aerial for the first few times.

The slight element of risk aside, Offerman and club founder Ariel VanHouse, junior in accounting, wanted to make aerials a priority that year.

"Those are pretty cool if you get them going in the right direction," Offerman said. "We want them to be able to do it safely, especially if they're taking it home to teach other people."

During some lessons, Offerman worked with anyone who did not want to do aerials. He taught the smart spins and flashy turns that are the basics of country swing dancing – and likely the only type of moves dancers would have space to do if they wanted to go out to crowded Aggieville dance floors and showcase what they had learned.

VanHouse, who started the club last year, loved to dance, and her background gave a good indication of the reason why. She attended Cair Paravel Latin School, a traditional Christian school in Topeka, Kan. The curriculum there exposed students to dance all the time, teaching ballroom styles like the waltz and foxtrot.

Though VanHouse attended and enjoyed Swing and Salsa Club at Kansas State University during her freshman year, she wanted to get more time with her favorite kind of dance.

"I learned to two-step when [a] fraternity serenaded my house and they taught us how to two-step," VanHouse said. "I loved it, and I started going dancing at Longhorns like every weekend. That's how I got good."

By creating the club, she created an environment where others could also get more experience country swing dancing.

In addition to the instruction at its weekly meetings, the club also gave dance lessons to various organizations on campus. VanHouse mentioned the instructors taught a line dance to the Union Program Council and said the club also worked with a fraternity and sorority the previous semester.

Overall, though, Monday nights were the club's bread and butter.

"Everybody loves it. It's really big," VanHouse said. "In the beginning of the year we have 75 to 100 kids, and it kind of dwindles down, but dwindling down is more like 30 towards the end, but it's been pretty great."

Story | ***Ashley Dunkak***
Photo | ***Jacob Dean Wilson***



Isaac Spear, junior in biological systems engineering, twirls Sydney Kroenke, freshman in marketing, during the Dec. 3 meeting of the Country Swing & Two-Step Club. Meetings were held every Monday night in the courtyard of the Student Union.

The Holy Slice

christian student organization revives pizza-tasting competition

Students loaded their plates with five different types of pizza on the evening of Aug. 20 as they decided who had "The Best Pizza in Town."

Cats for Christ, a Kansas State University student organization and a ministry for the Manhattan Church of Christ, hosted "The Best Pizza in Town " competition as a kick-off to their Welcome Week.

Five different pizza companies donated a total of 17 pizzas for the taste testing competition. The five included: Sbarro, Old Chicago, Papa Murphy's, Papa John's and Dominos.

"We wanted to get a chance for all the pizza companies to donate back to K-State," said Joseph Morien, campus minister for Cats for Christ. "And they were able to get their name out there to say, hey, we care about the kids."

It was the second time Cats for Christ had hosted The Best Pizza in Town competition. The last competition was held two years prior. The major difference in the two events was in how long students lingered after the pizza-tasting portion.

"There were a lot more people, we did a lot of publicity for it," Kelsey Foutch, senior in elementary education, said about the first pizza tasting contest in 2010. "This year we had fewer people but people were interacting with each other more and not just coming in, eating pizza and then leaving."

The winner of the competition was Papa Murphy's by a wide margin; Papa Murphy's received almost double the number of votes of Old Chicago, which placed second. There were 39 votes cast with 53 people in attendance.

Faculty adviser Rod Howell attributed the revival of the pizza-tasting contest to Morien.

"We did not have a campus minister last year," Howell said. "It did not feel like it was appropriate to put the effort in. Joseph put a lot of legwork in to making this happen and we just had other things that we thought we needed to put our energy in. If we were going to do it, we wanted to do it right."

Lacey Wrigley, campus missionary for Cats for Christ, attended the first pizza competition and said that students voted right after they took a bite of pizza. This year, students were able to sit and enjoy the pizza and have more time to determine which pizza they liked the most.

This event was not limited to university students. Anyone who saw the sign for free pizza was welcome to join. Even though Cats for Christ was a student organization, it is also open to non-traditional students and church members.

"We don't turn anybody away," Wrigley said.

Morien said almost all of the usual members of Cats for Christ were in attendance and that it was a great opportunity for them to interact with anyone who was there for the first time.

"It's pulling people right off the street," Morien said. "There was a guy that saw a sign for free pizza and walked right up. Hopefully we get a chance to meet him and get him connected with our ministry."

Cats for Christ was a ministry for the Manhattan Church of Christ. Howell said one could of thought of Cats for Christ as an outreach program for the university students. The overall objective was to serve the university community and to help with a variety of needs that included but was not limited to spiritual needs.

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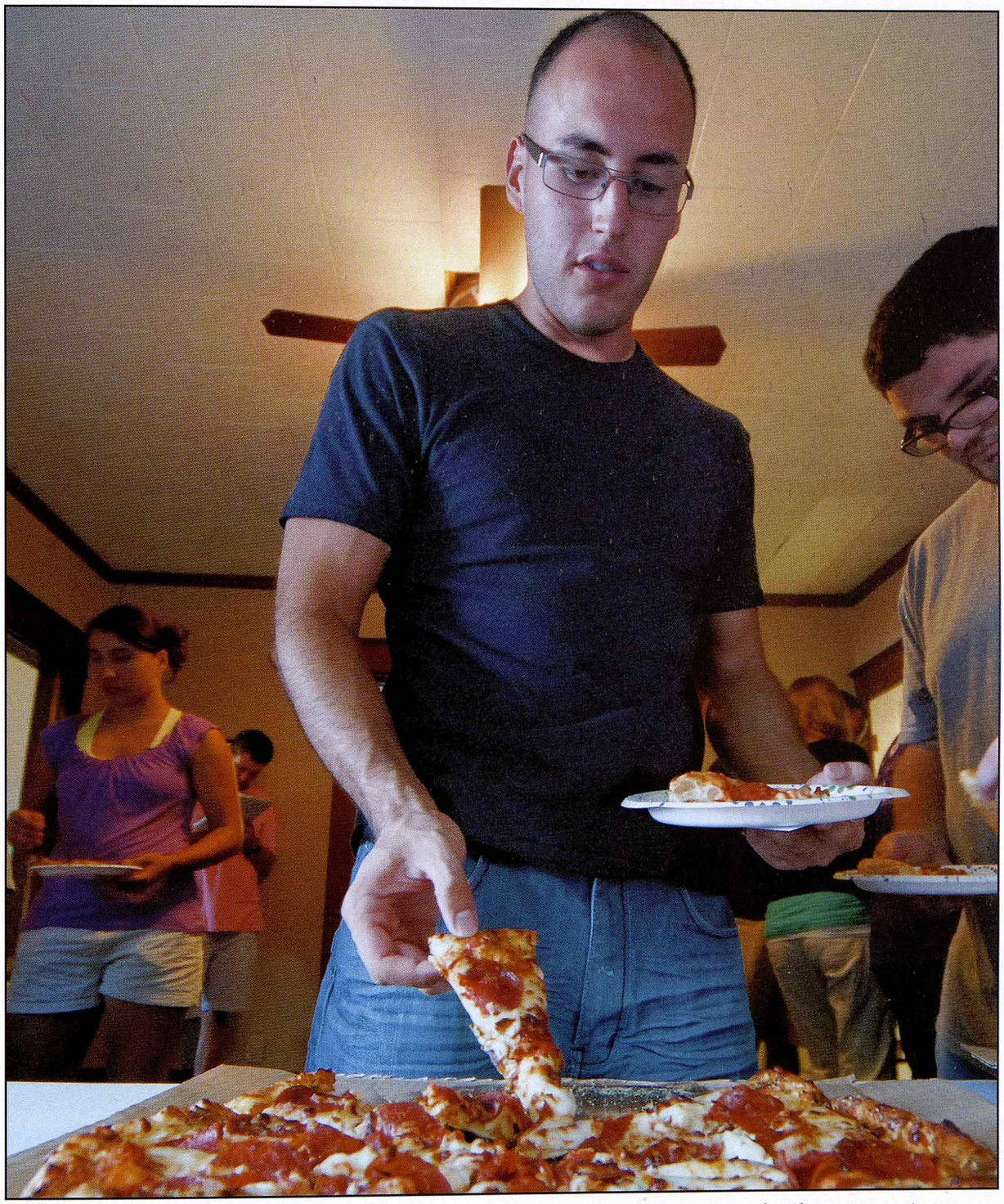


Eric Acosta, junior in biology and pre-med, selects a slice of pizza during the second annual Cats for Christ pizza tasting contest. Five pizza places from all over Manhattan donated free pizzas to the event which was aimed at drawing awareness and new members to the group.

Who's Your Buddy?

organizations hosts event to connect students, expand cultural knowledge

International Buddies was a student organization whose purpose was to connect an international student with a student, faculty or community member of U.S. nationality. For one semester, an "international buddy" would meet with their "local buddy" for one hour a week in hopes that both buddies would learn more about each other's cultures, customs, and explore what Kansas State University had to offer for each of them.

Oluwatobiloba Adenuga, also known as Tobi and freshman in biology, was an international student from Africa. She reached out to International Buddies at the suggestion of some upperclassmen friends who had been in the same boat as her. After one semester with the program she said she recognized the great value of the organization to students and became an officer.

"My fall [semester] when I got here I was looking for a way to get used to the American culture," Adenuga said. "Coming from Africa it is totally different. Being in the program was really nice as I got to mix with a lot of people and make a lot of friends. It's been a wonderful experience so far."

To get the ball rolling, on Feb. 1 the organization hosted an event that allowed potential international and local buddies to mingle together until they found a person they connected with. The organization facilitated the "Who's Your Buddy" event offered a safe and lively environment that drew a crowd. However, some students like Ahmed Al-Hamadah, junior in mechanical engineering from Saudi Arabia, attended the event not to participate in the program directly, but to meet a variety of people.

"I'm here to make friends and there's a big possibility of that here," Al-Hamadah said.

Al-Hamadah had participated in the program prior to the Feb. 1 event. He had had four buddies and believed the structure worked for those who didn't know anything about life in the U.S. For Al-Hamadah in particular, it was his second buddy, a female, who took him out of his comfort zone and taught him how to interact and make friendships across the cultural boundary.

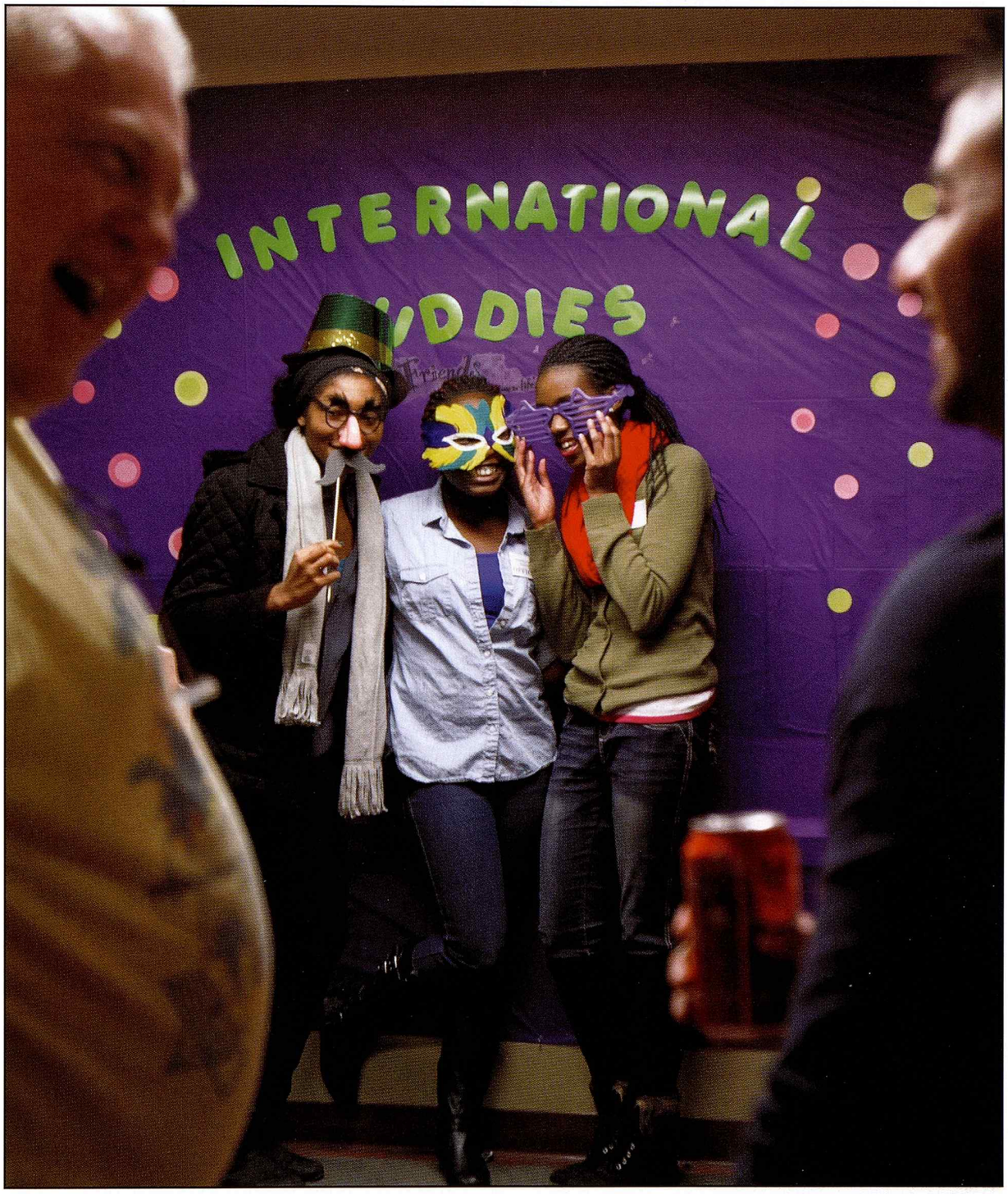
"Coming from a different country, it's a different way of how to be cool," he said. "It was a shock. The first time we met she said 'let's go to our fraternity house for lunch.' I was surrounded by 20 girls asking 'Who are you? What is your life look like? Where are you from?' and a lot of questions that shocked me because I was not social. But now, whenever I get into the situation where I need to use my social voice, I can."

For Robert Havard, non-degree undergraduate in fine arts from Wales, the experience of the event was different than that of Adenuga and Al-Hamadah. Being a nontraditional student over the age of 40, he found it was better for the "youngsters."

"I did get chatting to a professor about the same age as me but there was no connection," Havard said. "It's a little bit more awkward and it's not really a matter of finding someone so much as it is finding someone who can put up with me. I'm quite gregarious."

While Havard may not have had the best of luck, as a whole the "Who's Your Buddy" event was a success. According to Sarah Beebe, the advisor for International Buddies, there were 54 buddies matched together with the hopes that they would share Adenuga's and Al-Hamadah's experiences.

Story | ***Erin Poppe***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***



Rob Havard, non-degree undergraduate, laughs with a new friend as Kabila Gana, junior in chemical engineering, Tobi Adenuga, freshman in biology, and Benita Kamikazi Mugabo, junior in business administration, entertain themselves at the make-shift photobooth.



Kansas State University CattleWomen showing their Wildcat pride at the 2012 National Cattlemens Beef Association conference.

Eat Beef

organization offers multiple benefits local and nationwide

Traveling all around the country to attend conventions about beef was not out of the norm for the members of the Kansas State University CattleWomen organization.

Once a year, members of the all-female group would travel to a national convention where they learned about the beef industry and explored opportunities for their futures.

"It's an opportunity for women to get recognized in the cattle industry. We can share our voice and our input," Katie Valentine, junior in animal science and vice-president of the club, said. "Women don't get noticed very much when it comes to cattle and farming. People think it's a man's job."

At the convention members would be able to meet and greet with industry leaders, hand out their resumes and attend multiple seminars as well as trade show.

"It's the best way to gain knowledge all in one place. It's just a really good place to network and put your foot in the door to potentially get an internship or a job," Hannah McCabe, senior in animal science, said.

Along with networking for potential employers, the women would set up a booth that represented their organization at K-State and answered questions about what they did. Many CattleWomen clubs would gather at the convention to exchange ideas and talk about the organization.

In order for the 27 students to make the trip, the CattleWomen would fundraise year-round. They would sell license plates, t-shirts and bibs that said, "I love beef" and "eat beef." Members would also work the parking for football games.

"We just try to raise all the money with the Eat Beef campaign. We sell to people all over," Valentine said. "Sometimes we get sponsorships from larger companies."

In addition to the national convention, members traveled to multiple other conventions throughout the year, hosted several events and raised money for their philanthropy, the Susan G. Coleman foundation.

"We are one of the largest and most involved AG cubs out there," Victoria Willis, sophomore in animal science and industry, said.

Some of the women in the club had a passion for the beef industry and said they felt that the organization was the best way to get involved and gain experience.

"It's a great opportunity for people who might be shy. It forces you to step out of your box and out of your comfort zone," Valentine said. "It's helped with a lot of questions that I might have when I get out of school and I've been able to figure it out a lot better now."

"I'm a third generation Angus breeder," McCabe said. "I figured that collegiate CattleWomen would be a good thing for me to find girls like me with the same interests and passions."

One of the biggest benefits to members was meeting other women that felt the same about the beef industry as them.

"All the girls are definitely welcoming," Willis said. "It's good to bond with them over our connections."

Valentine agreed, and said that as she had been a part of the beef industry all her life, she knew she wanted to join after talking to previous members.

"It ended up being one of the best decisions I've made at K-State," Valentine said. "It's a great club and organization."

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Courtesy Katherine Valentine***

Faithful Followers

student ministry may be home to some, harmful to others

Disclaimer: For privacy reasons, the name of Ann is a pseudonym

When Ann, senior in family services and human studies, first came to K-State, she felt what many first-time college students away from home feel: loneliness. She was in a new place, and even though most people at her new campus were friendly, she said that she struggled to feel completely comfortable as a college student in Manhattan.

Ann tried to feel more at home by getting involved on campus. After she joined a sorority and tried her hand in a couple of campus organizations, however, something was still missing.

"I hadn't made true friends here," Ann said. "Even though people were really friendly and nice I still kind of felt alone."

One day as she walked across campus, Ann came across a small group of students who were handing out informational slips. They introduced themselves as members of Student Mobilzation or "StuMo," a non-denominational ministry on campus that gave students a chance to discover their faith. The group of students perked Ann's interest, who said that her strong religious roots made StuMo's mission both familiar and intriguing.

"I come from a very strong religious background. My family - especially my grandma- were strict Catholics," Ann said. "Even though I never really delved into my faith until I got to college, when I was at home, we went to church every single week and we were always involved in the church community."

Ann decided to give StuMo a shot, and at first, was extremely pleased with her decision. She continued to reach out and explore her faith, and joined Christian Challenge, another campus-based ministry.

Before long, however, Ann started noticing some red flags. People who she barely knew were sharing intimate details about their faith, which made Ann extremely uncomfortable. Thursday nights at StuMo became a numbers game; according to Ann, StuMo leadership became more focused on how many members they had instead of helping those present to explore their faith.

"As you get deeper and deeper into StuMo, you find out that they're very focused on the amount of people that they have," Ann said. "A lot of times whenever people came from other ministries it was exciting for them. They thought it [StuMo] was the right one. So when someone new showed up, it was like 'Ok, now they're going to really get what they need.' And when someone left, it was like they were getting off the Christian bandwagon."

Though some aspects of StuMo's culture were eyebrow-raising for Ann, she said continued to attend because she was still benefiting greatly from discovering her faith and also having a community of close friends who were pursuing the same walk with Christ.

"I loved Thursday night worship nights at StuMo," she said. "It really did help me out a lot."

Pat Bosco, dean of student life, said that while he had received complaints and inquires about the organization in the past, it was relative to each unique student experience.

"I can't discredit the negative experience for even one student. That shouldn't happen," Bosco said. "However while that story is going on for one student, another could find a place to call home. It is a very fine line with an organization such as StuMo."

And for other students, the other side of that line held a life-changing experience that helped them discover what their faith meant to them.

"The purpose of StuMo is to provide students with the tools and opportunities to understand their faith and to find Christ," Christian Burdett, member of StuMo's Student Leadership team and Bible Study leader, said. "It's all about people interacting with each other and focuses on developing personal relationships."

Burdett, a senior in construction science and management, had been involved in StuMo since he was a freshman and said that participation in StuMo had only ever impacted him positively.

"I have definitely grown as a Christian," he said. "Before I got involved with StuMo, I had kind of put my faith on hold because I was off doing other things. But then I realized how important my faith is to me and the good I can do; StuMo has helped me challenge my own views, strengthen them and find my own identity as a Christian."

Burdett, who was involved with several campus organizations and even served a term as president of Delta Chi fraternity, said that StuMo has never asked him to cut off participation in other organizations in favor of the ministry. In fact, he said, they have always encouraged leadership and campus involvement.

"I know people who are involved in all kinds of things that have come to StuMo before," he said. "People from football players to cheerleaders to other student leaders have found a place at StuMo and I really believe that we have all gained a lot personal life skills and strengthened our faith through StuMo."

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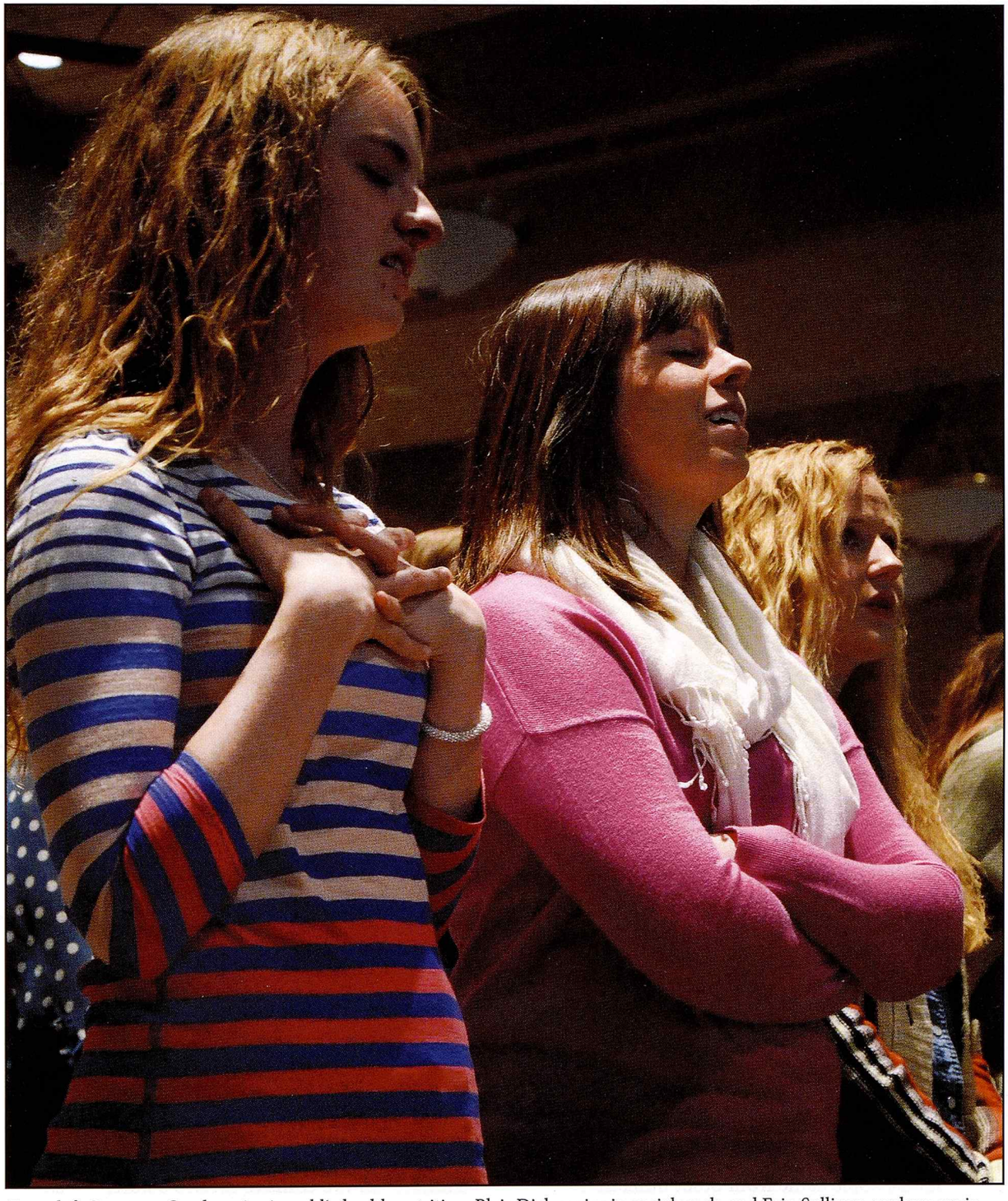

From left Courtney Coad, senior in public health nutrition, Blair Diel, senior in social work, and Erin Sullivan, sophomore in dietetics, participate in Student Mobilization's Thursday night worship on Jan. 31.

Designing their Future

national graphic arts organization provides networking opportunities for all

When they enrolled in the graphic arts program, every student was automatically given an opportunity to expand their horizons, beyond what Kansas State University provided, for their professional future. The American Institute of Graphic Arts, or AIGA, was a national organization with a chapter at the university that had a direct connection to Kansas City. AIGA provided students with professional artists, conferences and nation-wide studio visits. AIGA president Reagan Burton, senior in fine arts, said she believed the biggest impact the organization had on students was helping them realize that there really was a future in their field.

"I know a big stress for art majors is 'oh my gosh, I'm not going to find a job and make a career out of this'," Burton said. "So it's been a really good way to see that there actually are jobs out there for us around the country."

On Oct. 12 AIGA welcomed internationally recognized designer Michael Braley in a lecture called "Show & Tell." Braley had over 18 years of experience in brand, print, and packaging design and shared his experiences as well as hosted a design workshop free for the public. Abbie Smith, senior in fine arts, attended Braley's lecture and participated in his workshop. It was her first design workshop, but she said she appreciated how Braley not only treated them as students, but as designers.

"Braley taught us about working our way up," Smith said. "He had worked his way up in the industry by putting himself and his work out there without being afraid of rejection. It was the right thing to hear as students."

Members of AIGA also had the opportunity to travel to Dallas for the Dallas Society of Visual Communications conference in the spring. The conference was geared towards students of graphic design to prepare for the design world after college. It included lectures from artists, portfolio reviews to prepare for internship interviews. Burton said she had originally joined AIGA because she wanted to go on the Dallas trip. She attended the conference for the three previous years and said it was a great way to not only meet other students within the major, but to network and learn about the business side of the visual arts as well.

"It's really helpful for students because the artists talk about what it was like for them as students trying to find jobs," Burton said. "I actually know multiple students that have gotten internship offers on the spot at the portfolio reviews."

The chance of networking for internships and jobs alike was also possible in the fall with the annual trip to a design business hot spot. In Nov. 18 AIGA members made a three-day trip to Chicago to visit various design studios and enjoy the windy city. One of those studios was 3st (Thirst) Studio, the favorite of AIGA member Jessie Khoury, senior in fine arts. Khoury said what she liked most about the studio was their innovative use of digital design. Even more than that, Khoury said the Chicago trip was one of her favorite college experiences that gave her something to strive for after graduation.

"It was an extremely beneficial trip," Khoury said. "It gave me connections with designers who reminded me exactly why I chose to pursue digital arts."

Khoury said she also enjoyed the independence of the trip. It motivated her to seek out employment and internships across the U.S.

With all of its experiences, AIGA proved to be an exceptional tool for any student that had sought a future in graphic design. It had not only opened up doors in professional terms, but also improved the confidence students had in their own work and students like Smith recognized that.

"AIGA is a wonderful national organization," Smith said. "We are lucky to have the K-State chapter that we do."

Story| ***Erin Poppe***
Photo| ***Courtesy Jessie Khory***



From left, Abby Kallenbach, junior in fine arts, Jessica Khoury, senior in fine arts, Mackenzie Drost, senior in fine arts, and Shelby Lueckenotto, junior in fine arts, sight see around Chicago during a trip to visit studios for AIGA.

Take back the Night

feminist organization sends a strong message against violence

It was a dark, late night when Tara Skaggs said she finally felt free for the first time in a long time. She had just admitted the truth about the abuse, the fear and the first time she realized she had made it out okay.

For Skaggs, a Kansas State University graduate and senior administrative assistant in the College of Arts and Sciences, that realization came when she participated in Take Back the Night, an event planned and orchestrated by Fire, the university's self-proclaimed feminist organization.

"It was the first time I've admitted it," Skaggs said. "It was the first real act where I stood up and said, 'You know, I've been there, too.'"

Skaggs had been in an abusive relationship with her husband since their marriage in 2009. She made the decision to leave him a few years later and had begun participating in Fire and its annual event.

At Take Back the Night, participants started off by listening to speakers tell their stories of abuse and learned about the cycle of violence. Following that, participants marched through campus, Aggieville and other areas of Manhattan while chanting and protesting abuse.

"I think the entire thing is about empowering women," Skaggs said. "We literally take back the night."

Shireen Roshanravan, assistant professor of women's studies and adviser for Fire, had been part of the organization and Take Back the Night at the university since it originated in the 70's.

"It is an international event that started in the 1970's and since then, campuses across the United States and beyond have a day where they are protesting the epidemic of violence against women," Roshanravan said. "It's about women and all people who are against that situation that are raising their voices and saying they aren't going to take it anymore."

Elizabeth Carlson, senior in philosophy and women's studies, felt that many people had a common misconception about the event and feminism in general.

"A lot of people think of feminism about being men vs. women," Carlson said. "And it's not. Feminism isn't just about womanhood and although it focuses on that, it also focuses on social equality. We are raising awareness for all social issues."

The event itself had a symbolic meaning. The purpose of it taking place at night was to literally symbolize women taking back the night.

"It's supposed to be a statement about women, how they have to be afraid to walk alone at night and that they can't just go about their business as they want without fear," Roshanravan said. "It's not fair that we have to constantly be planning on how to get home. You should be able to go from place to place without worrying."

Although the night was intensely emotionally for many of its participants, 'Take Back the Night' was ultimately meant to symbolize hope and empowerment for women.

"We want to emphasize that 'Take Back the Night' isn't about mourning," Roshanraya said. "It's about empowerment and speaking back to a societal system of violence. It's a very exciting event in that way."

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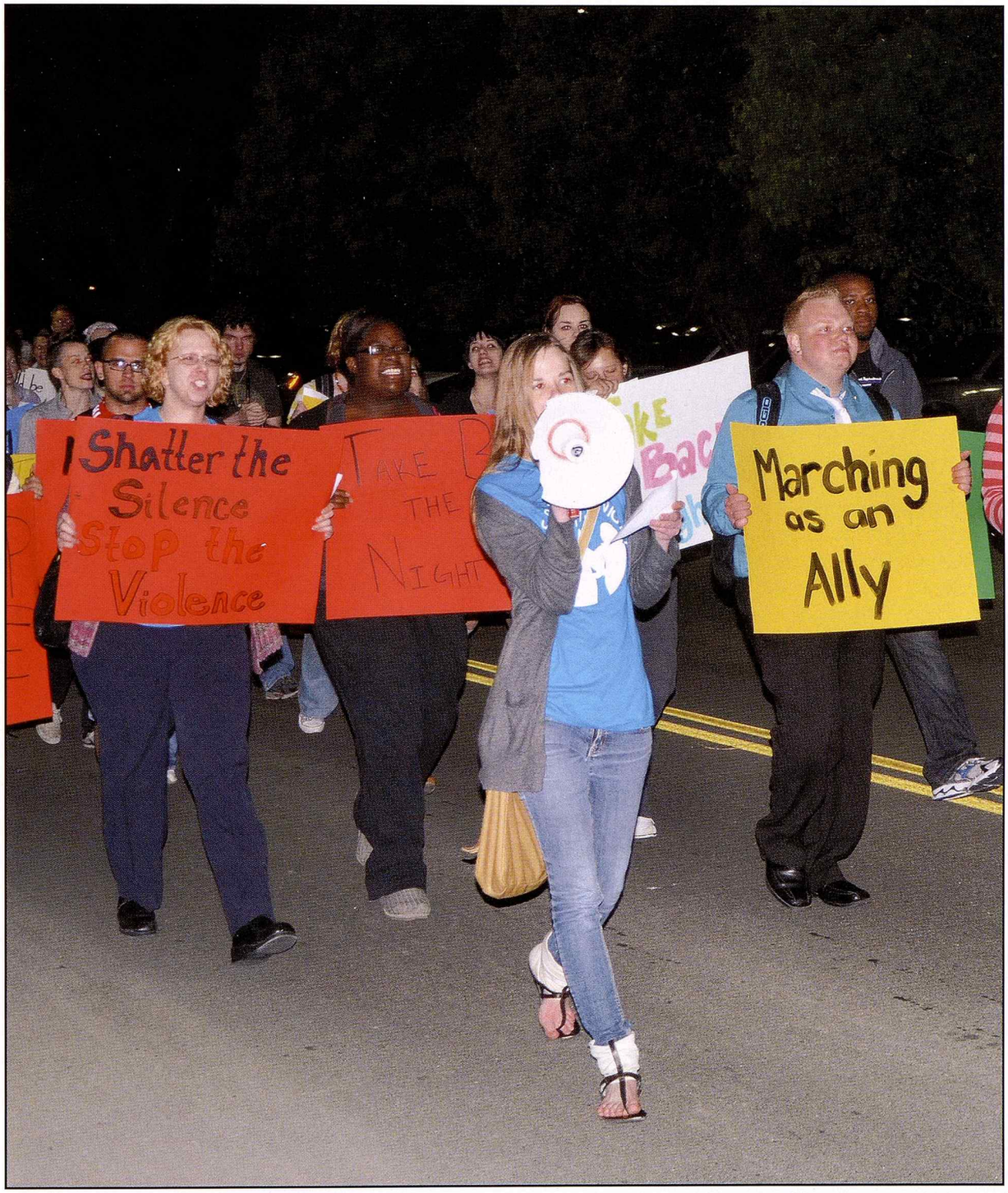

Fire hosted the annual Take Back the Night rally and march on April 19. The goal of the event was to create safe communities and respectful relationships through awareness.

Lifting Spirits

united black voices come together in spirit with voices

The United Black Voices of Kansas State University served a purpose to enlighten, inspire and spread the word of the most high God through the music ministry. It was said that together their voices were bone chilling, breathtaking and inspiring.

"We go to churches, some that are paid and some not, and participate in local events such as the Delta Gospel Extravaganza, which is a week long event we sing at," Verlisa Cradle, freshman in kinesiology, said.

Every Wednesday night the members of United Black Voices lifted their voices high as their president, Donovan Woods, senior in applied music, conducted practices to prepare for various amounts of performances throughout the community.

"We are currently planning a spring concert to raise money," Woods said. "During the concert we will sign and show off talents."

Though their various amounts of service work and praise through God, the organization continued to strive for a family atmosphere amongst its members. United Black Voices came together, not only through song, but to serve the community at various churches to share their talents and dedication to Manhattan.

"We have a large family atmosphere, because being a freshman trying to find a place can sometimes be a tough time," Cradle said. "I have no worries when I am here, it is more like a brother and sister and homelike place. It is my getaway from school and stress, to come here and get away from it all."

It was apparent that the college members who came together within the walls of Danforth Chapel every week had created a family base, which endured love and support through praise. The music they created sent chills up any spine and would of made any room come to complete silence with awe.

"Coming and singing with people that have the same motive, praising God, one at a time to down and sing is a great thing," Kebila Gana, junior in chemical engineering, said. "My favorite thing is when churches invite us to sing or perform for them."

Open to all members of the community, United Black Voices was built upon the rock that bonded them more than just a club, but a family. The group was created in 1968 when members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority expressed concern to expose the university and surrounded communities to the rich flavor of gospel music, as the organization showed today. Students of all cultures who desired a Christian support group were welcomed to fellowship for scripture, prayer and song.

In addition to signing the Gospel, the members sang along to popular songs that brought their voices together in harmony. They sang lyrics filled with words that mentioned the evidence, confidence and a conquering aspect that they had believed God had wrote in his plan for them.

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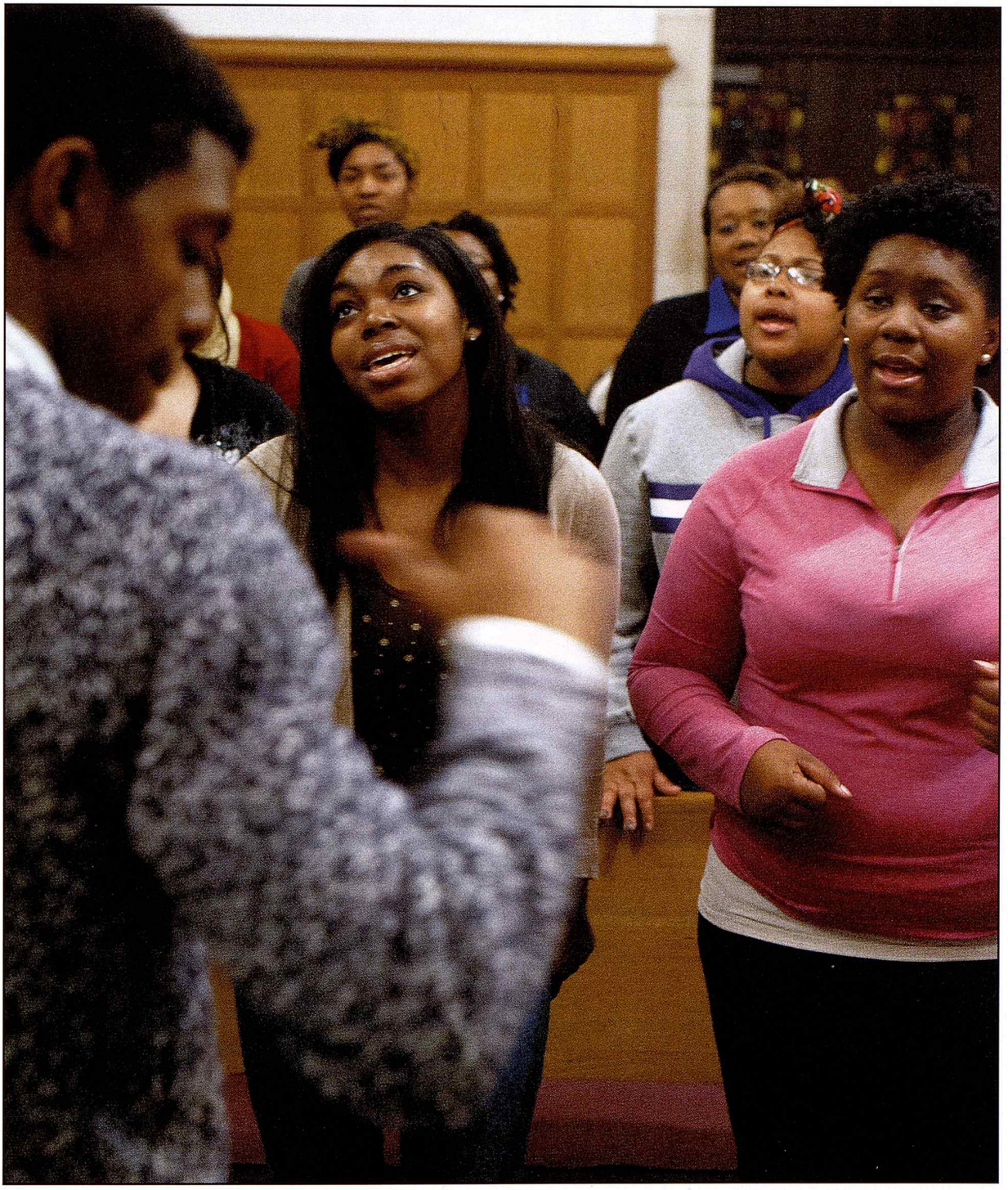

Led by United Black Voices president Donovan Woods, senior in applied music, members practice in Danforth Chapel on Feb. 7.



Mike Offerman, junior in secondary education, and Ashley Schwagerl, sophomore in business in administration, show off Paintball Club's new uniforms.

Paint the Way

organization encourages college continuation of hobby

For more than a decade, the Paintball Club had been a part of the Kansas State University community and student experience.

With more than 25 current members, the club used the 2013 school year to rebuild and welcome students into the organization. Although a rebuilding year, they were also registered for large tournaments, and planned to host tournaments at the university.

"Paintball is a way to get away from everything else that is happening in your life," said Mike Offerman, president of the Paintball Club and senior in secondary education and political science. "Paintball is a common ground to bring people together. It is something that provides opportunities for students."

Paintball Club allowed students to play as a part of a K-State affiliated team, as well as play at a discounted rate. The club worked with Foxhole Paintball, a paintball business that was in Junction City, Kan.

"One of the best things about being a part of this group is it is a way for people to get away from college," said Brett Wheeler, secretary of the Paintball Club and sophomore in computer science. "We also have amazing opportunities to meet new people who like similar things as ourselves."

Tommy Marietta, sophomore in mechanical engineering and vice president of the Paintball Club, said when he came to the university, he had to give up paintball. He said it had gotten too expensive, but once he found the club, he was able to play at least once a week for cheap.

"You don't have to be experienced to play," said Clinton Meyer, general member of the Paintball Club and junior in chemistry. "Instead of playing a pick-up game of like basketball, we do pick-up games of paintball. We have many members who have never played before this year who have joined the team and done really well."

Wheeler, an out-of-state student, said that when he had showed up for school he didn't know of anyone who played paintball. He said it was easier to meet people in an organized group, like the Paintball Club, rather than going onto a paintball field and trying to meet new people while playing.

"I had liked paintball before I came to K-State, and even before I joined the Paintball Club," said Ashley Schwagerl, treasurer of the Paintball Club and sophomore in accounting. "I had never played before I joined and I never had anyone to play with. Now I am a part of a group of people I know, and we all get together once a week to play."

Offerman said there were even a handful of players who had never played before joining the team. He said he wanted to create introductory opportunities for people so no one felt unwelcome or unable to perform at the higher level of the more experienced players.

"It is really easy to pick up," Wheeler said. "After a few practices, people are able to pick up the game and understand the fundamentals of it. After a while, they are able to play as well, if not better, as some of the people who have been playing for years."

Schwagerl said that even though there were a lot of men on the team, they were also looking for more women to be able to create girls' teams when they go to tournaments.

"It is a passion," Meyer said. "The adrenaline rush is the exact same as if you were playing a traditional sport. There is also this strong sense of friendship you get with people when you are out there on the field playing. It is an amazing feeling."

Story | ***Jakki Thompson***
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Love for Rodeo

rodeo club receives support from longtime fans of the sport

Not an NCAA sport, rodeo could not receive very much money from Kansas State University. What the K-State Rodeo Club did enjoy in 2012 was heartfelt support – monetary and otherwise – from several people with meaningful connections to Manhattan that had roots in rodeo.

Two such contributors were Frankfort, Kan., resident Gary Hershey and K-State alumna and Colorado resident Judith Fitzgerald. Hershey volunteered time and expertise, as he made a habit of doing over the past few decades. Fitzgerald followed through on a plan to set up an endowment for the rodeo club.

The club's members – most of whom supported the club in an administrative and fundraising manner and about 15 who competed in events such as bull riding, barrel racing and calf roping – did not take the support lightly. They realized that many in the community were passionate about K-State Rodeo long before they were around and would continue to be so long after they graduated.

The team's local events, which in 2012-2013 included the 57th annual K-State Rodeo, College Bull Riding and Jackpot Team Roping, continued to draw thousands to Weber Arena from Manhattan and the surrounding area.

"They're very, very supportive of the rodeo," club president Adam Pack said. "It's people like that who really make us enjoy what we do."

Perhaps no one fit the profile of a longtime supporter of the K-State Rodeo better than Hershey. He started riding bulls at age 13 and attended K-State in 1972, and his rodeo career lasted from 1968 to 1982. It rewarded him with 16 surgeries, a few injuries even surgery could not quite fix, and countless gasp-worthy stories. His involvement with the K-State Rodeo Club had spanned three decades. Sometimes he and a few others would bring bulls over for team to practice on and provide advice. Working for various stock contractors, he often helped sort the animals in preparation for events. In general, he always helped out however he could.

Over the years, Hershey saw the team, its popularity and its quality grow.

"The K-State Rodeo, they're doing one of the best college rodeos there is in the United States," Hershey said. "Last year was the biggest crowds I've ever seen there, that K-State ever had. It was sold out almost every night last year, and Doug Muller, he's a heck of a coach, too."

Muller, in his sixth year as the team's coach, also grew up around the sport. It was he who received Fitzgerald's email about setting up an endowment for the club.

"She just out of the blue contacted us," Pack said, "and said, 'I'd like to give you this.'"

Fitzgerald had met her husband, David, in Manhattan. He grew up working on a farm, and though he never joined the K-State rodeo team, he had friends who did, and he ended up getting involved in amateur rodeo.

Judith fell in love with the 28-year-old cowboy, and though it relieved her when he gave up rodeo, the couple still enjoyed watching the sport, and they raised their daughter to show horses. David and Judith had contemplated setting up an endowment for the rodeo club for years. When they discovered the minimum amount at the time was $10,000, they realized they would need to save for a while longer to make it happen.

"Then he got cancer and survived that twice, and we just never had the money to do it," Judith said, "but I don't know, I was sitting here looking at pictures of him one day last summer – or last spring, about a year ago I guess – and I thought, 'I'm going to see if I can figure out a way to do that,' and I did."

The endowment Judith established was set to take effect in 2014 and distribute $1,000 annually in scholarship money to members of the rodeo team. She was excited to put the money toward something her husband had enjoyed so much.

"He loved rodeo," Judith said. "He loved doing it, he loved watching it – we both did – I just thought that would be a good place for it."

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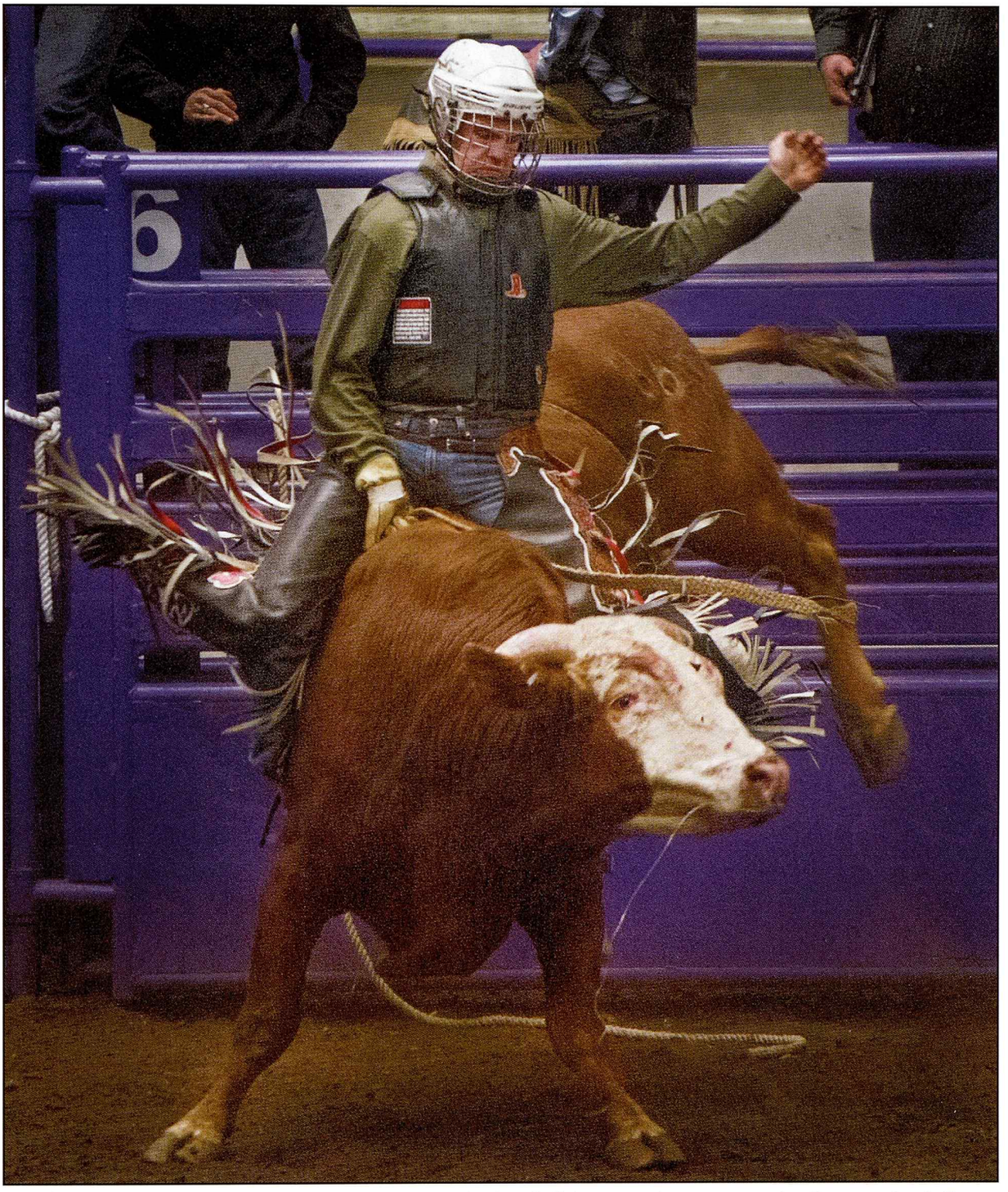


A full Weber Arena watches a bull rider try to hang on to a bucking bull for 8 seconds on Jan. 25 at the Championship Bull riding series hosted by the Kansas State Rodeo Club.



Members of Up 'Til Dawn show their colors at the during the organization's letter writing party on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Writing off Cancer

philanthropy organization raises money for st. jude children's research hospital

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was dedicated to finding a cure for children with cancer. It cost $1.8 million for daily operation at the hospital that was mostly funded by public contributions. Up 'Til Dawn was Kansas State University's philanthropy that held events throughout the year and raised money for patients.

Katy Weidner, junior in communication studies, had been a member of Up 'Til Dawn for two years.

"It's definitely not a club you just join," Weidner said. "It's a commitment. It's a big time commitment in the fall because we have meetings every week, so it has taught me to be accountable and to be able to visualize to see the bigger picture. There's no goal that's not achievable."

Lindsey Cordill was the faculty advisor, their campus contact and a source for questions and help.

"I usually try to help make sure that the events go smoothly and really just their main point of contact for any other questions," Cordill said.

Throughout the year, Up 'Til Dawn held events at different restaurants where part of the proceeds went to St. Jude.

"The Orange Leaf night raised nearly $200," Weidner said. "You had to ask for 10 percent of the proceeds to be donated, which was good because it meant that people were actually there for St. Jude."

One of their big fundraisers in the fall was the "Red, White and St. Jude" themed letter writing party. The letters were sent to family members, friends or acquaintances asking them to donate money.

"It was at the Alumni Center for the first time," Weidner said. "Kites donated a bunch of food, there was a photo booth, treats, "On the Spot" performed, we had a DJ and if you turned in 30 letters you got a free t-shirt."

Rachel Tate, senior in hotel and restaurant management, attended the Up 'Til Dawn letter writing party.

"I've been twice before," Tate said. "I liked this year's because it was so interactive. There was always something going on up on the stage, you could take silly pictures with friends, write your letters while you ate and socialized. It was laid back and fun, but you could tell the reason for everyone being there wasn't just to do those things. It was for the kids of St. Jude."

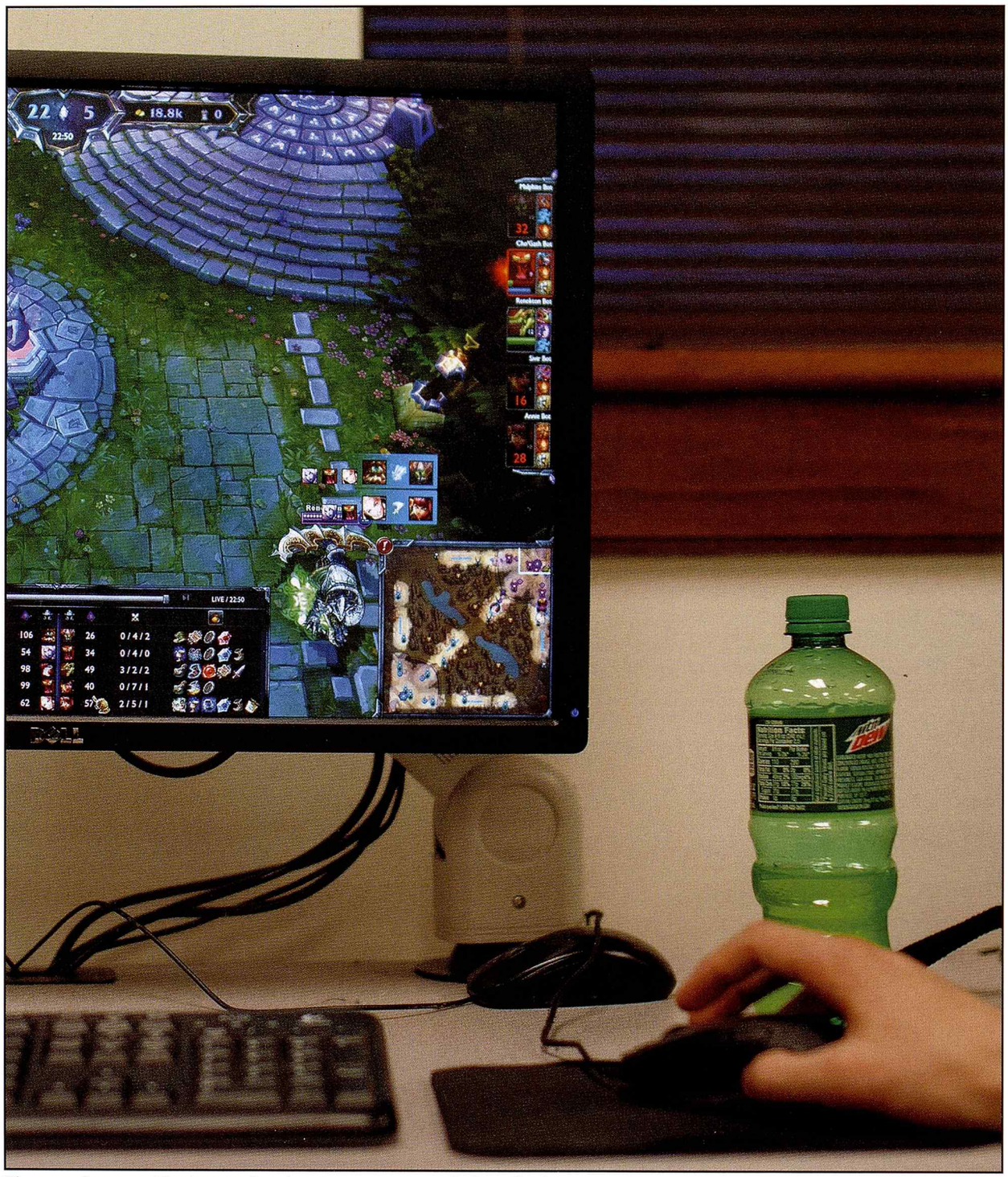
K-State's Up 'Til Dawn was a strong organization and received attention for their contributions.

"It's been cool to see the attention that K-State gets in the Up 'Til Dawn world, because K-State has a really strong chapter at work," Cordill said. "The students that are on this board are so talented and very motivated and self-sufficient. They work really well together and get things done."

The stress and the major time commitment had paid off. The Up 'Til Dawn team raised an average of $8,000 to $10,000 a year.

"We always start our meetings sharing a personal tie with St. Jude," Weidner said. "Whether it's a story or a video to take time out of the hustle and bustle of the week to remember our purpose."

Story | ***Morgan Buchholz***
Photo | ***Courtesy Katy Weidner***



The game League of Legions is played on computers in Nichols Hall. The game, which is an online multiplayer game, was a popular game among students boosting 32 million active uses online. Wildcraft hosted a tournament in which multiple teams competed playing the game on Feb 24.

More Than a Game

gaming club provides new, virtual opportunities for students

A new club at K-State was rapidly attracting students interested in competitive video gaming.

Justin Ballard, club president and freshman in chemical engineering, and Chance Thompson, vice president and freshman in philosophy and pre-law, founded Wildcraft in August. The club met on Wednesdays in Nichols Hall in computer rooms 122 and 126, but you could find club members in those rooms almost nightly, hanging out and honing their gaming skills.

"The club's primary focus is on eSports; we focus on competitive gaming, primarily computer games," Ballard said.

The club, which began with just two members, had between 50 and 60 regular players within two months time. It focused primarily on two games: "StarCraft II" and "League of Legends."

"StarCraft II is what is called an RTS or real-time strategy game," Ballard said. "In the game, you are basically like the god of your civilization. You create buildings, you make workers and you produce a strong economy so you can build armies and defeat opponents' armies."

Ballard said while the game was very straightforward, there was a lot of complexity because of the variety of items, armies and civilizations that players could create.

Originally, Ballard and Thompson figured that the group would focus only on "StarCraft II," but on the night of Wildcraft's first official meeting they were surprised at the level of interest in "League of Legends."

"We didn't plan on having a 'League of Legends' team at all," Thompson said. "We didn't know how popular it was, but when we asked if anyone wanted to start a League team, about 75 percent of the people raised their hand."

While "StarCraft" was mainly an individual game, "League of Legends" included teams of players taking third-person control of individual characters that fought battles against various opponents across a large network. It was also free to download and play.

"League of Legends has a rigorous practice schedule," Thompson said. "We treat it like any other real sport. On average I probably practice five to six hours a day, because it is a team game and it takes that long to become a great team."

The club had already secured some valuable sponsorships and partnerships that enabled them to travel to events and compete in online tournaments.

"We're a partner with Heartland eSports Association, which is a Midwest group, and they want to make us kind of the central-hub of eSports in the area," Ballard said. "We've also been partnering with businesses in the community, such as Freddy's Frozen Custard, Orange Leaf and Game Hounds."

The group used leftover sponsor money to host future tournaments to raise money for charity.

"On Oct. 26, we're hosting a charity tournament where we will have donated prizes," Ballard said. "People will pay $5 to participate and all the proceeds will go to an organization called Child's Play which is an amazing charity that, through donations, gives [hospitalized] kids games and toys for entertainment."

Doing well in tournaments could bring more rewards than just the pride of a victory. The 2011 world champion of the "League of Legends" tournament won $5 million.

"We're competing in the Collegiate Star League, a 'League of Legends' competition sponsored by Azubu," Thompson said. "Azubu took over the CSL and is now worldwide, so we can compete against schools from foreign countries like Taiwan, China and France. Every week after November, we will be competing in a weekly online tournament."

Garrett Fowler, sophomore in computer science and a member of Wildcraft, said that joining the club was worth the experience.

"When you play these games this much and you come into the group, it isn't awkward because you already have something to talk about, and you make friends pretty quick," Fowler said. "After that, we all just start hanging out, including stuff outside of gaming."

Story | ***Nicolas Wahl***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

Tech It Out

team of 11 continues winning streak in asabe competition

The K-State Robotics Team continued its winning tradition when it earned its sixth consecutive victory at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Robotics Competition, held July 29 through Aug. 1. The ASABE tournament began in 2006, and the robotics team had never lost the competition.

The robotics team contributed its success to each member's drive to win. Naiqian Zhang, professor of biological and agricultural engineering and adviser of the team, said that a winning attitude was what he expected.

"Our team slogan is, 'We don't go to compete. We go to win,'" Zhang said.

Members of the robotics team said they take this message seriously. Jared Barker, graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering, said that the time and effort involved was worth the win.

"We all take this seriously. This isn't a pastime for us," Barker said. "Our people stick with us all throughout. We are extremely dedicated to the team."

The ASABE robotics competition was international, which meant that the K-State team competed both with schools across the nation and around the world in a contest to see which team could build a robot to efficiently complete an agricultural-specific task set for it by the ASABE. A new task and information was sent to the competing schools every year.

"As soon as the idea for the next tournament is published, we go into design," Zhang said.

2012's event was to build a robot to feed cattle in a feeding trough. The team built two robots, named Plan A and Plan B, each of which utilized a different method to accomplish the same objective.

"Plan A is the main competition robot," Barker said. "Plan B is also built for competition; it's actually the goal. This year, it just turned out that Plan A worked better."

Each competing team built their own robots with no knowledge of the competitors' versions. The university's robotics team split into groups to build both robots. The process was recorded through photos and video, but it was strictly forbidden to publish, post or print any media recorded for the machines.

"We're very secretive about what we build," Barker said. "Everyone is wondering what the other team is doing, and you begin to hear rumors about other teams' robots. It goes to show how serious we are about the event. It's interesting, actually."

Undergoing proper preparation for the competition could, and often did, span months of time. Barker and Xu "Kevin" Wang, graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering, both agreed that the time-consuming process directly resulted in defending K-State's title at the tournament.

"The reason we put some much time into is because of our slogan," Wang said. "We are there to win the competition."

Winning meant staying in the robotics lab in 134 Seaton Hall for hours of work.

"We started working this year in January," Barker said. "We'd stay in the lab until 3 to 5 a.m. and then come back in that morning. Working over the summer was especially intense. It took up my entire summer."

The process was so long and extensive because the team designs, builds and tests were so thorough.

"We test the robots for an entire month," Zhang said. "During that time, we find every problem and fix that problem so we are fully prepared. We go over every detail and leave no stone unturned."

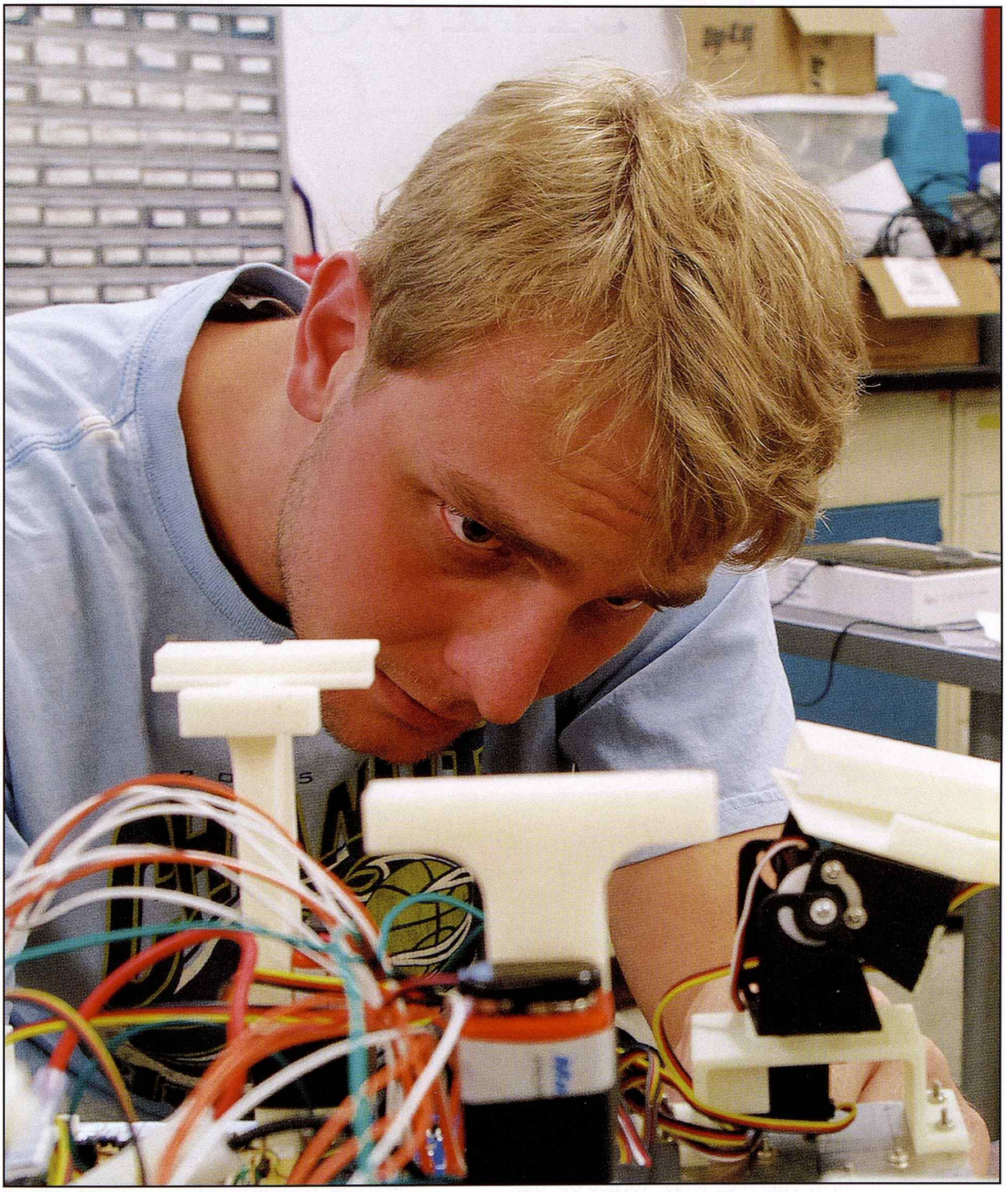
Wang believed that kind of security was the key to their success.

"We prepare for the worst conditions," Wang said. "That's how we win."

More than anything, Barker said he enjoyed the robotics team because of its educational benefits.

"The experience you get here will be difficult, but you won't get training like this anywhere else," Barker said. "It's really the complete package."

Story | ***Darrington Clark***
Photo | ***Jed Barker***



Spencer Kepley, member of the K-State Robotics team and graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering, inspects the wheels of the "Plan B" robot on July 25 in Seaton Court while preparing for competition. The team won the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Robotics Competition for the sixth year in a row.

Up, up & Away

k-state flying club continues to make the sky the limit

At 1,000 feet and rising above the city of Manhattan, Ron Jones dedicated 20 years to the Kansas State University Flying Club.

"With the flying club I have the opportunity to fly at an economical cost," Jones, president of the flying club, said. "From being able to serve and fly the aircrafts, I have done it all. I like applying myself to the leadership roles to provide direction for the club."

Jones was a full-time volunteer of the K-State Flying Club and had devoted his time to helping others enjoy the hobby he has appreciated for so many years. Jones showed passion for the club and aircraft by teaching others about the program and getting into the aircraft himself as much as possible. It was apparent to many staff and club members that Jones had not only dedicated his time, but his life to the organization he so was so very fond of.

KSFC was a non-profit organization located at the Manhattan Regional Airport and in support of Heartland Aviation, Inc. who provided their services to the club, such as fueling, maintenance, aircraft parking and hangars. KSFC made memberships through their organization possible by a series of exams, fees and hours of practicing in aircrafts available.

"We have an initial meeting with the individual to show them our aircraft as well as letting them know we have clear expectations the club lives by," Jones said. "We have consistent rules and let them know what exactly is expected of them. Then we direct them to the flight instructor and learning how to fly beings."

Many of the rules and regulations Jones expected of members of KSFC were to handle the aircrafts as though they were their own. Jones, as well as other board of director members, hoped that students enjoyed the aircrafts available just as much as they had, but to treat every opportunity with respect. Jones also held all members accountable for knowing the club's by-laws. KSFC held no pardon to negligence or misuse of their aircrafts. For example, after a flight Jones would look over all aspects of the airplane in what he called a pre-flight. The pre-flight consisted of a 30 minute inspection where fuel, lights, radio and all other aspects of the aircraft were double and triple checked.

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Looking for specific lights out of the four on the runway to turn red, Ron Jones guides the small Cessna airplane in for a landing Friday Feb. 8 at Manhattan Regional Airport.

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Primary start up fees included a share of stock for $300, which was refunded to members who wished to resign from the club at any particular time, a new member processing fee of $60 and monthly dues of $35. The $300 fee allowed the club's members to become an individual shareholder within the organization. Jones agreed that the fees added up to create an expensive hobby, but the opportunity KSFC set up for its members made the leisure of flying quite inexpensive. The money members provided to KSFC went to engine overhaul funds as well as major maintenance for the aircrafts and avionics upgrades.

"A GPS in one aircraft will cost $2,500. This is an expensive game to play," Jones said.

KSFC provided four different aircrafts to its 65 members, which included a 1976 Cessna 172M, 1999 Cessna 172S and a 1975 Piper Arrow PA. The various aircrafts were rated at different prices to members based upon the hour and all four aircrafts were owned by the club for the exclusive use of its affiliates. Members who were to fly any of the aircrafts under KSFC were protected under the full insurance coverage of $1,000,000 liability. KSFC believed that their provision of services made them unique against other flying corporations.

Once a member became affiliated with the club, KSFC students started their hands-on training from day one.

"It usually takes the average person 55 hours of in-flight training before they are ready," Jones said. "It becomes clear very quickly to what it takes to do this right and after about ten hours students are usually ready to perform their first solo flight."

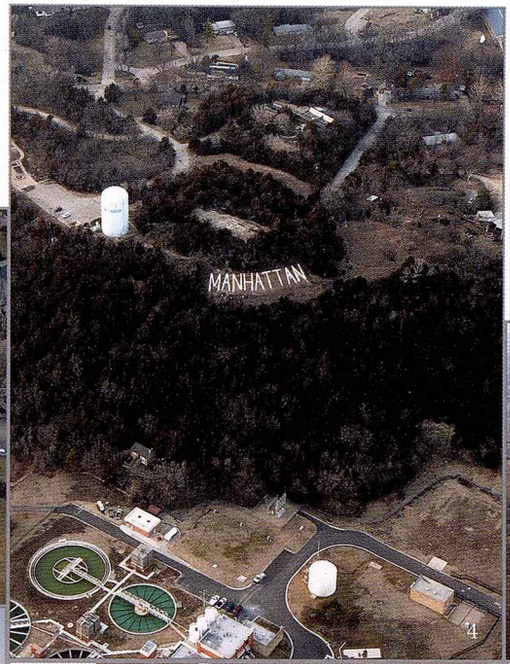
To many, KSFC may have seemed like a high paced program, but with students along the sides of corporation approved instructors and the knowledgeable board of directors, much of the information on learning how to fly was taught by highly skilled pilots. Accompanied by Heartland Aviation, Inc., mechanics were available and provided information, support and help to many of the students who needed to be in the know about particular aspects of the aircraft themselves.

The KSFC had a purpose to "promote interest in aviation by providing well maintained airplanes for members at the most economical rates possible," Jones said. KSFC held true to that mission since its start in the 1950s, which made it the oldest flying club associated with the university.

"In the 1970's we had 150 members and 10 airplanes. This was a big deal for the club at the time and was also a time before flying got real expensive," Jones said.

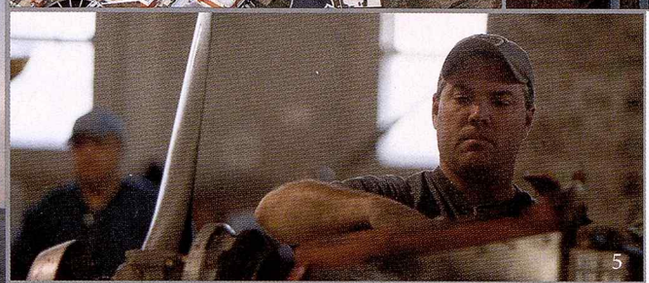
Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photos | ***Evert Nelson***

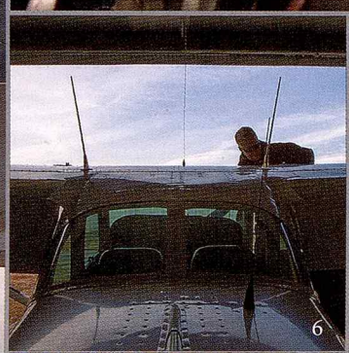


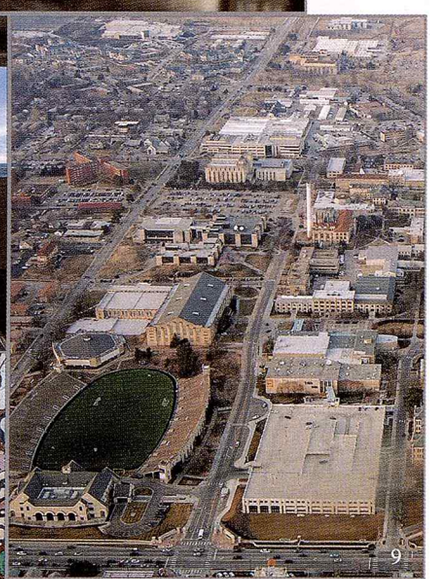
















1. Anderson Hall from above sits at the top the university campus. 2. Ron Jones, president of flying club, assists a Heartland Aviation, Inc. mechanic to fill gas into a Cessna plane Feb. 8. 3. From the wings of a small Cessna plane, the university campus shines through the foggy air. 4. Bluemont Hill from above shows the familiar "MANHATTAN" cement letters as well as Manhattan Country Club. 5. Bill Radenberg, Manhattan resident, working on a airplane engine in a stone hanger at Manhattan Regional Airport. Radenberg was also a mechanic for Flying Club and works on repairs on the planes the club uses. 6. Ron Jones prepares the aircraft for take off during a pre-flight on Feb. 8. 7. Different gaskets and parts stand up on a board in a hanger at Manhattan Regional Airport Friday Feb. 8. 8. Coach Bill Snyder Highway, also known as I-177, divides the Flint Hills of Kansas. 9. The tan limestone buildings stand out, scattered around a condensed space in Manhattan.

On the Spot

new members perform with the organization for the first time

K-State's improv group, "On the Spot," introduced new members in its first performance of the semester on Nov. 1 in the K-State Student Union's Little Theatre.

On the Spot was a student-led organization then in its fourth year of improvisational comedy.

"Just a few years ago we started out performing at bars, and it was just weird," said Shelby Storrie, member of On the Spot and junior in animal science. "Now we're actually performing to people who like improv and people who are actually seeking us out."

In fact Storrie had sought out the improv group at Wildcat Warmup as a freshman and joined immediately, but the process for joining had become more competitive since.

"This year's auditions we had 30 people," Storrie said. "We would have to do callbacks just from all the attention the group was gaining."

Like other improv groups, "On the Spot" included the audience in their performances, members of the crowd were asked to contribute ideas to add to the bits.

The first skit of the Nov. 1 performance included a member of the group dying while talking in jibberish. The crowd was asked to come up with ideas for the murder weapon. The ultimate storyline involved Hurricane Sandy hitting Kansas and members being killed with a shotgun. The wild laughter elicited from that first performance set the new members at ease.

Michael Lee, new member of "On the Spot" and freshman in animal science, said auditions that year were exhilarating.

"I felt mid of the pack at first, but then felt so welcomed," Lee said. "But making it made me excited for the new year."

New member Daniel Neely, senior in food sciences, had been a fan of "On the Spot" since he was a freshman, and had high school theater experience prior to making the team.

"All the experience I really had with improv was watching 'Whose Line is it Anyway?'" Neely said.

"On the Spot's" new members were excited to interact with a live audience.

"I was pumped up," Neely said. "It was easier to do in front of an audience when you have someone to feed off, when they laugh and have a big crowd reaction."

"On the Spot" performed bits filled with accents from characters such as Honey Boo Boo, Kung Fu Panda and a garden gnome to the packed theater filled with friends and fans.

"I cannot come up with things right off the top of my head. So it was really impressive and funny to see my roommate up there," said Emma Bassette, freshman in kinesiology. "It would be something I would come to from here on out."

"On the Spot" president Alec Todd, senior in life sciences, was pleased with the Nov. 1 turnout.

"In order to have a good turnout, we require chalking on campus as a way to advertise," Todd said. "We had 17 performers tonight and having that many makes a lot of friends come out. Tonight I was impressed by the new members. They blew us away."

Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photo | ***Hannah Hunsinger***



On the Spot performers Meghan Anderson, sophomore in family studies and human services, and James Krotz, junior in political science, give up control of their bodies to Lee Carlson, a student at Manhattan Area Technical College, and Nate Spriggs, student body president and senior in agricultural economics, during the improv troupe's charity performance "Improv with the Stars" on Dec. 4. The show raised nearly $250 that was to be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Serving Our Community

students formed a group to focus on community service

At the end of the fall semester, five students came together to write up the constitution to found the group, Wildcats Serving Others.

"We are a new group focused on community service," Jordan Surgnier, sophomore in biology and president of WSO, said. "We are a group that doesn't just focus on one kind of community service. When we get new members, we ask what they are passionate about. We want our members to be passionate about the community service they are providing to the community."

As Surgnier said, WSO's goal was to not just focus on one kind of community service, but an eclectic array of areas that they planned to serve the community. Hayley Finch, junior in elementary education and publicist of WSO, said there were student organizations that focused exclusively on just serving the Kansas State University's campus. Finch said WSO was not one of those groups.

"We are a group of students who wanted to get involved in our community, by serving our community," Finch said. "This group is one that is passionate about so many different areas of community service - we all bring something to the table about how we want to serve the community."

Finch said one of the most difficult things about doing community service by oneself was that it was hard to keep accountable. Ashley Schwagerl, vice president of WSO and sophomore in hotel and restaurant management, said she loved to volunteer, but it was difficult alone.

"I love doing community service," Schwagerl said. "I love finding places to volunteer. Nothing can beat the gratification I get from doing community service. I've done it before and I wanted to continue to do it in college. It's a part of who I am."

Andrea Schwagerl, junior in life sciences and secretary of WSO, said community service was intrinsically valuable. She said she always wanted to leave positive impacts behind, especially once she graduated from the university. WSO was a way for her to do that.

"I love the feeling of knowing I have helped someone. This group is going to allow me to help many more people," Katie Boreas, treasurer of WSO and freshman in animal science with a pre-vet option, said. "This group will help improve the lives of others, first and foremost, as well as grow as individuals."

Something Boreas hoped for with the group was the personal growth within the people who joined. Boreas said she hoped that the students who had become a part of WSO with the mindset of, "I have to do some community service" or "I need to do some community service" would change into wanting to do community service.

"[The] college and the schooling you receive here is a part of what you take with you once you graduate," Finch said. "I see volunteer work and community service as a part of that schooling. It's something I want to take with me when I graduate."

All members who were interviewed echoed that sentiment, and they hoped that WSO would make a considerable difference on the university campus and in the Manhattan community. It was said that they wanted to make sure the future members of WSO made a difference in the community because they genuinely cared, not just because they needed community service hours.

"We as an organization want to go above and beyond what is expected of us, as well as making it interesting and fun," Finch said. "We want it to be refreshing for members. Refreshing to work on our own character. Refreshing for new members to give back to the community they learn, work and live in. And refreshing to the people we surprise with service too."

Story | ***Jakki Thompson***
Photo | ***Nicolette Sessin***



(Left) Katie Boreas, freshman in animal science, Ashley Schwagerl, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management, and Hayley Finch, junior in elementary education pose for Wildcats Serving Others' first group photo. WSO aimed to serve the Manhattan and university communities through community service and volunteer opportunities.



Alter Ego

students presents himself in a different light

The audience would cheer as entertainer Starla Nyte walked onto the Xcalibur Club in Junction City, Kan. stage every Friday night. Usually Nyte performed a comedy number, yet sometimes she mixed it up with pop music. However she always performed a lip-syncing of a female artist.

The distinct difference between Nyte and other performers was that she was a biological man.

Nyte was a drag queen. Nyte's real name was Michael Turner, sophomore in anthropology, who performed every weekend as a woman. Turner had been performing in drag for a little more than three years.

"When I first told my parents about me performing in drag, my mother thought I was trans[gender], which was really funny for me," Turner said. "I had to ensure her, that no, I enjoy being a boy. It's just a hobby – it's just something that I enjoy doing. It's an artistic form that I really enjoy doing. Then after that, after she started understanding that it was something that I was really passionate about, she now actually gives me makeup that she doesn't use."

Even though Turner's entrance into drag had a difficult start with his mother, he said his father had always been incredibly supportive of his drag career.

Though performing in drag was a huge part of Turner's identity, both as a man and as a woman, he did live his life as a man. The fall 2012 semester, he had transferred to Kansas State University from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Turner was originally from Manhattan, and upon his return to attend the university, he rushed the Beta Mu chapter of Delta Lambda Phi National Fraternity. He was initiated into the fraternity at the end of the fall 2012 semester.

"I have known Michael [Turner] for about four years now," said Lukus Ebert, junior in sociology and president of Delta Lambda Phi. "I have seen him grow into an amazing person over the years. He embodies the qualities that make a great brother. He brings a passion that is hard to find in people anymore."

Delta Lambda Phi was a progressive fraternity that was the first nationally recognized fraternity for gay men. Turner, as a gay man, said he had known the brother of Delta Lambda Phi long before he had ever thought of rushing.

Turner was a man when he was a member of Delta Lambda Phi, yet all of his brothers knew he performed as a woman. Ebert said many of the brothers of Delta Lambda Phi had performed in drag, and he felt it added to their ever diverse and changing community.

"I love the fraternity because of the bonds and brotherhood that comes along with being a part of it," Turner said. "When I was in high school, the brothers were there for me all the time, and through the tragic experience of one of the brothers committing suicide, we all got a lot closer. It was a bond I could never sever. I love what this brotherhood stands for and their purposes."

Every Tuesday and Thursday night, Turner was also a part of a bowling league with his father where they compete at Little Apple Lanes. Turner was also a member of LGBT & Allies where he felt the organization was strong in promoting equality of all students at the university.

A full time student who had a part time job at Jimmy Johns, and being a part of multiple campus and community organizations didn't stop drag from being one of the highest priorities in Turner's life. Joseph Brock, resident of Junction City, performed under the name of Lilkim Chi. Brock had been performing in drag for about as long as Turner had been.

"I do kind of feed off of her [referring to Nyte]," Brock said. "We are the same genre of performers, so we end of picking the same songs. It's kind of who gets to the song first. We feed off each other and we definitely learn from each other."

Even though Nyte performed with many different performers, some with the same and different genres, Nyte lived with her two different personas – one as a man and one as a woman.

"I just think that more people should open up to the idea of drag," Brock said. "It's not just boys dressing up as girls or gay boys dressing up as girls because they want to. It's a completely different aspect. It's an art. It's an expression of the appreciation of the female body, the female aspect and just females in general."

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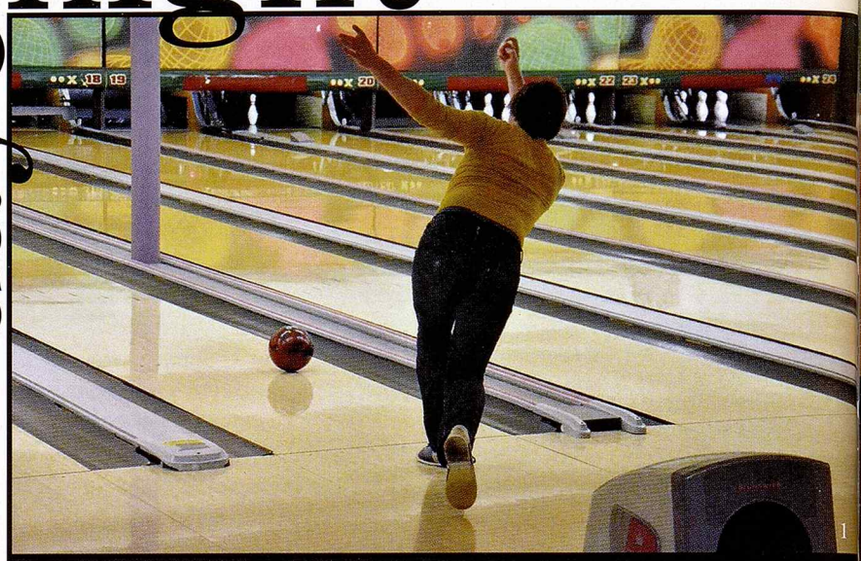

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1. Turner goes bowling every Tuesdays and Thursdays with his father at Little Apple Lanes in Manhattan. 2. With her wig up in the air, Nyte hits the stage while jumping around to her infamous "Dick Mix" track at Skivies Bar in Topeka, Kan. 3. With his base of his skin already covered, Turner begins to paint his eyes to become Starla Nyte. 4. Turner stands outside Xcalibur Club for a cigarette after applying the makeup base to his face. 5. After getting everything he uses to perform into Xcalibur Club, Turner steps outside the club and lights up a cigarette, a weekend, nightly ritual for him. 6. Turner shoves pieces of foam onto both sides of his hips to attain a more feminine figure. 7. Turner, lower most person, takes out all of the makeup he will need to become Nyte. 8. Arguably one of the most important part of a drag performer's attire, Turner applies eyelash glue to his fake lashes. 9. As he turns the page of his Natural Disasters textbook, Turner finishes up an online quiz for the class.10. Turner stands and speaks to his fraternity members about why he felt he had done sufficient work as a new member to be initiated into the Beta Mu chapter of Delta Lambda Phi National Fraternity. 11. Foam spheres are stuffed into the bra Turner wears for his performance, in order to appear to have cleavage, as Nyte.

Passion Meets Purpose

pre-vet students gain more than knowledge outside the classroom

The Kansas State University Pre-Veterinary Club provided students the opportunity to dive deeper into their field of study. Members were provided with the opportunity to learn first hand from professionals at various trips and events. The student-run organization was a way for students with a passion for animals to get involved before starting veterinary school.

"We are all together for one purpose," Kristen Phillips, club president and senior in animal sciences and industry, said. "We just try to help people get into vet school, get through vet school and to know their options once they get out of vet school."

Students who chose to be involved in the Pre-Vet club were given the unique opportunity to see first hand what went into being in a veterinary student. Dr. Ronnie Elmore, associate dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, spent time talking to the club about what it took to be in K-State's veterinary program.

"It's really interesting because when you think 'veterinary medicine' you think, 'okay I'm going to be stuck in a clinic with cats and dogs.'" Marilyn Diemer, junior in animal sciences and pre-vet option, said. "But it's so much more than that. The research in it, the large animal side of it, it has just very beneficial to see the multiple layers and how different people come to be successful."

Diemer was the spring 2013 special events chair for the organization. She coordinated what speakers would come to their meetings every other week. She said that the various speakers that had visited during her time with the club had been the best part of her experience with the club.

Along with the speakers Pre-Vet club brought in, the student officers also planned bigger events. Each year the Pre-Vet club visited a zoo in Kansas and coordinated with the zoo's veterinarian for a behind-the-scenes look at their job.

From March 1-3, K-State's Pre-Vet club traveled to Gainesville, Fla. for the 2013 APVMA Symposium at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. K-State Pre-Vet club members networked with students from around the nation, worked with veterinarians on various labs and heard lectures from veterinarians in many different fields.

"All the students in the club are obviously very passionate helping animals and veterinary medicine," Dr. Jennifer Bormann, associate professor of animal sciences, said. "They do lots and lots of activities related to that as well as community service projects."

The Pre-Vet club also volunteered with local animal shelters and the Sunset Zoo to gain experience with animals and to further their knowledge outside of the classroom.

Bormann also said that Pre-Vet club offered students much more than just ways to get involved within their future major. Life-long friendships were formed as a result of the club.

"When you go over to the Vet school you'll see students that have been together in the pre-vet club," Bormann explained. "They study together, do classes together get into vet school and they make these relationships that last for a very long time."

Story | ***Kelly McHugh***
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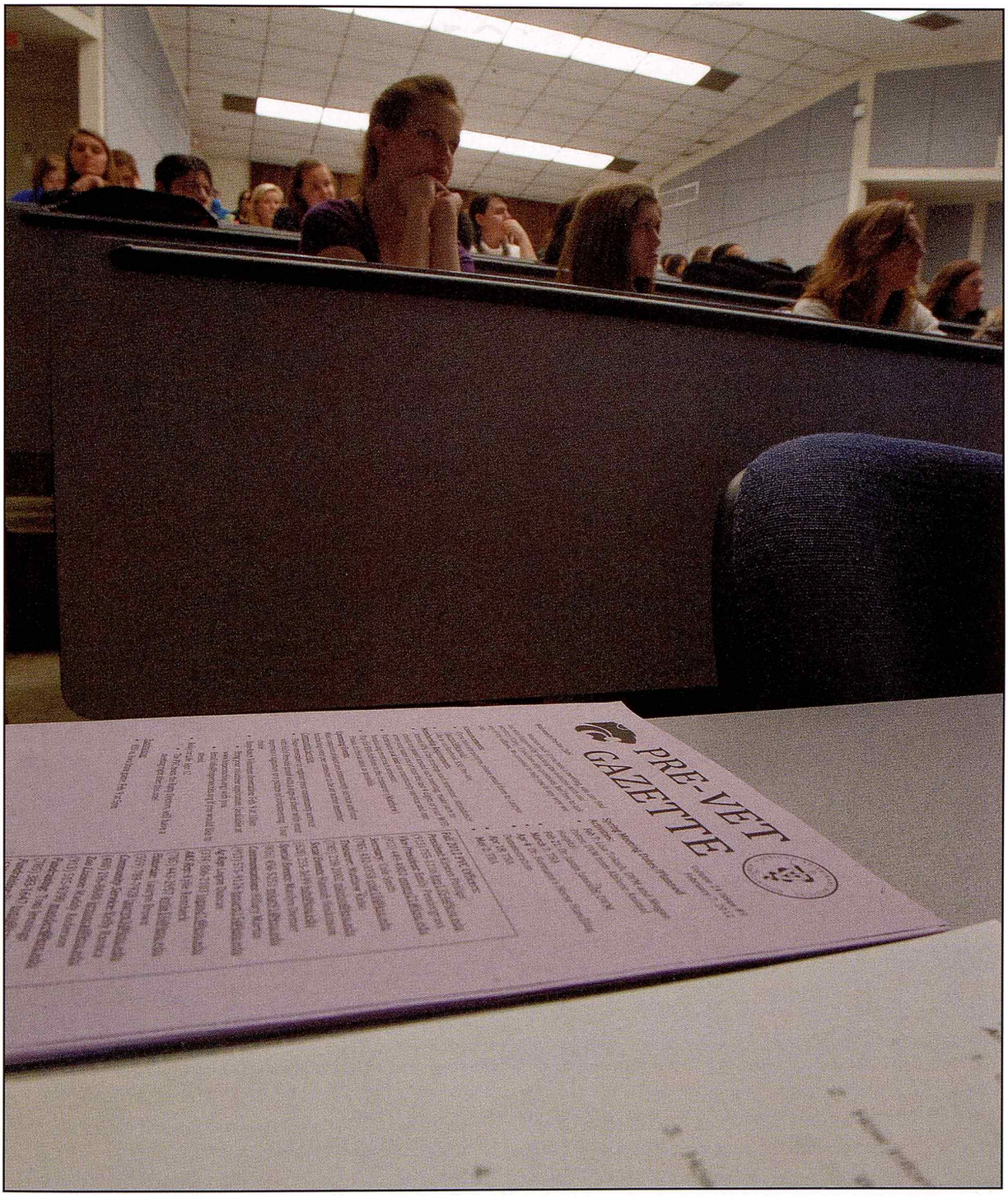


A stack of "Pre-Vet Gazette" papers lay on the first row of Frick Auditorium in Mosier Hall Feb. 7, during a Pre-Vet Club meeting.



Katherine Vaughan, junior in music education, sings lead on Corinne Bailey Rae's "Put Your Records On" as Xan Perkins, sophomore in music education, and other members sing backup at practice on Jan. 27.

It Just Keeps getting Better

the university's coed a cappella group improves every year

In-A-Chord was a group of nine Kansas State University students that were brought together through their love of singing. They performed songs throughout the year to audiences much bigger than they were used to.

"I was more nervous than you would believe," Zach Button, senior in math and statistics, said. "Probably because we were in forum hall first, and that was a big deal for me there were 200 people. To move into McCain was a huge deal. Having us in there was nerve racking to say the least"

Katherine Vaughan, sophomore in music education with an emphasis in vocal performance, had been excited for the move to McCain that elicited a larger crowd.

"It was really cool when the lights came up and you saw 700 people watching you," Vaughan said. "It was a really cool moment."

"They have incredible staff that works with us," Button said about McCain Auditorium. "In there they have all this crazy expensive equipment that we get to work with. It moved from rehearsing in the music room to using the equipment at McCain in front of 700 or 800 people."

Yet although the audience had grown, the group had shrunk. The group started with around 14 people at the beginning of the semester and was down to nine by the end.

"When the group started it was kind of whoever was available for the group was just thrown in," Button said. "Now, a lot more people are interested in the group."

The group was made up of music and non-music majors making their common interest a love for singing.

"We have someone who is a business major," Vaughan said. "You don't have to be in music to be in the group. They do prefer that you are in some sort of choral ensemble, it's not required but they like you to get that kind of background in music as well."

The group was not only unique in the fact that they sang everything a cappella, but they also had a vocal percussionist, or beat boxer.

Andrew Vogliarbo, junior in family studies and human services, was the resident beat boxer for In-a-Chord. Vogliarbo had been with the a cappella group for six semesters, which made him the longest consecutive member.

"There was an announcement on the chalk board that said they needed a beat boxer for this new group they were starting," Vogliarbo said. "I had done a little in high school for fun and I went to try out for it with high expectations that I wouldn't get it, and I did."

Vogliarbo said that in high school a friend and him would sit in the back of the choir room and would beat box.

"Somehow we just got better and better," Vogliarbo said. "It came on really slowly until I joined this group and then it rocketed up."

It was a lot of trial and error with Vogliarbo, before the group could go forward with a song. They had to try different beats until they got it to sound right, which could have taken days.

"I go with the group when they have rehearsal," Vogliarbo said. "Everybody learns their song outside the rehearsal and I listen to them rehearse. Then I go as they go, and we just come up with something. I'll listen to the radio version as I go so I have an idea of the style we are going for, usually it's just me adding in whatever I want, and once I find something that works I just keep trying to add it in so they can get used to what I'm doing."

This group had gained more recognition with their continued improvement of sound and performance.

"Honestly it is the best part of my day," Button said. "Every time that's what I look forward to, every semester it has been so much better more organized, more productive, more efficient, stacking more and more talent into the group. Every semester is the best semester. I can't emphasize enough how much fun we have in the group. It's basically a bunch of friends getting together and jamming out in front of hundreds of people."

Story | ***Morgan Buchholz***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***

A Fresh START

freshwomen orientation provides information, resources

Female students filled Kansas State University Student Union room 227 as the Eta Gamma chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority held their annual FreshWOMEN Orientation event.

New and transfer women were invited to come to the event to learn more about the resources and organizations that were available to students at the university, specifically those that were available to female students.

"I thought this was a really fun event," said Kyreena McWilliams, freshman in criminology. "They made it really enjoyable and personable. They were friendly and informational, all at the same time. It was a really great time."

McWilliams said that she attended the event because she wanted to know more about the multicultural greek organizations for students. She said that she left with more information than she could have imagined and planed on seeking tutoring information because she needed the help.

McWilliams was not the only person who planed on seeking tutoring help after attending the event. Adrene Evans, senior in human resources management and social sciences, said she planed to seek tutoring help as well.

"Even though I'm a senior, this is my first time attending this event," Evans said. "It sucks that I have been here at K-State for two years now, and I just learned about so many resources that I could have utilized before now."

Five student resources had representation at the event: Powercat Financial Assistance, Counseling Services, Leasure Hall Tutoring, the Academic and Career Information Center and Career and Employment Services. All of those resources were available to provide help for students.

"I thought Career and Employment Services also provided really great information," Evans said. "Within the next year and a half, I will be graduating. They can help me find a job and help with career information."

Three other organizations mentioned at the event were the K-State Women's Center, Lafene Health Center and S.H.A.P.E.

Christa Martinez, president of Delta Sigma Theta and senior in social work, said she thought the event went really well. She said she thought many of the women received information that would benefit them during their academic careers.

"I thought all of it was beneficial for the students who attended this event," Martinez said. "More specifically, all of the resources we brought into the event will come in handy for people. All of the resources that we provided will most likely be incredibly vital for all young women at K-State."

Jasmine Walker, programming chair for Delta Sigma Theta and senior in public relations, said more women showed up than she expected. She said there were a lot of new faces and that she was very happy with the number of people as she did not expect that many to come.

"This was the perfect opportunity for young women who are new to campus to have come and have received a lot of information about many different organizations and resources," Walker said. "When these young women go to orientation, the information is presented at tables, rather than being verbally told to you, like at this event. Nobody has something that clusters all of this information together."

Delta Sigma Theta had been hosting FreshWOMEN Orientation for many years. The sorority's alumni provided detailed outlines for how to plan and execute the event.

"This event encompasses all aspects of what our sorority is all about," Walker said. "It brings together our five-point thrust into one wonderful event to help the new and transfer women to the K-State campus."

The five-point thrust was composed of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and political involvement and awareness.

As the event begun to wind down and women began to leave, participants and attendees were able to mingle and digest all of the information that was presented to them during the event.

"This event is something we continue to improve every year," Martinez said. "We have just continued to improve as the years have progressed. This year the FreshWOMEN event was very successful and felt very welcoming."

Story | ***Jakki Thompson***
Photo | ***Anna Confer***



Jasmine Walker, senior in public relations and programming chair for Delta Sigma Theta, discusses resources available for women at FreshWOMEN Orientation on Aug. 30. Delta Sigma Theta sponsored the event, which was held in the K-State Student Union.

A Higher Order

greek honorary seeks to diversify membership

Order of Omega Honor Society was an organization that sought to uphold leadership, excellence in academics and strong relations within the university's greek community. To exemplify those pillars meant members were to be active within their chapters, to be of high academic standing and interested in giving back to their communities. In service, Order of Omega sponsored the Flint Hills Breadbasket during homecoming week's Pant the Chant event. They had encouraged attendees to donate money or canned foods upon entrance. They also participated in Relay for Life in the spring semester.

Yet the 2012 Omega president Caitlin Conley, senior in family and consumer sciences and member of Kappa Alpha Theta, saw room for the organization to improve. While all students from any Interfraternity or PanHellenic council affiliated chapter were encouraged to join, there was a lack of variety in involvement. Conley said she believed the lack of involvement was due to a combination the low importance rank and chapter legacy.

"With so many other activities students need to be involved in academically, organizations like this get left on the bottom of the priority list," Conley said. "In addition if there is no lineage of chapter participation then no one is motivated to join."

In fact with the 52 members only 14 chapters out of the university registered 37 greek chapters were represented in Omega. Sororities Kappa Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta and fraternities Alpha Gamma Rho and Farmhouse were the ones with the most active members. And while the organization boasted that their membership was limited to the top 1 percent of greek leaders, did that mean the greek community actually lacked leadership on campus?

Greek students represented about 20 percent of 19,385 enrolled undergraduates, but they held about 65 percent of the leadership positions on campus. Order of Omega even recognized two upcoming greek leaders with its "Up & Coming Greek Leader" award every fall. The award was given to a male and female freshman, affiliated with a greek chapter, who showed outstanding leadership in their greek chapter, the K-State community and beyond. The 2012 recipients were Abigail Kaplan, freshman in communication science and disorders and member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Cody Kennedy, junior in secondary education and member of Acacia.

"To me, winning this award only reaffirmed my decision in coming to Kansas State and going Greek," Kaplan said. "At our school, we value scholarship, leadership, and service so much that we encourage our entire Greek Community to value them as well, and that is the kind of community that I am proud to a part of."

But even with an organization so focused on student leadership, Conely sought for a way to get leaders like Kaplan and Kennedy to join and stay in Order of Omega.

"We've tried to make the meetings more engaging in hopes that it will help," Conely said. "We've hosted speakers, done icebreakers and have even started a pub crawl."

Andrew Strasburg, senior in agribusiness and member of Alpha Gamma Rho, saw the same issue within the organization but said that while members weren't as active within Omega, they were originally welcomed to the organization due to their outstanding leadership both within and outside the greek system, and that meant something.

"So long as they remain active leaders and positive greek role models, I don't mind a lack of participation here," Strasburg said. "It's when they start misrepresenting not only their letters that they start hurting us."

And although the Greek letters the members wore were different, Conley said they meant the same thing, something all the members, active or not, held true to: greek strength, integrity, leadership, and service to the university and Manhattan Community.

Story | ***Erin Poppe***
Photo | ***Courtesy Jessica Henry***



Members of Order of Omega, and the sorority Kappa Alpha Theta, after hosting in the Flint Hills Breadbasket donating at the homecoming week event Pant the Chant on Oct. 24.



Conor Milne, senior in psychology, shares his thoughts after putting himself in the shoes of an HIV-positive, straight-A college student. The discussion was facilitated by Gallup Senior Specialist Tom Matson as part of Strengths Advocates headlining workshop on Feb. 6 and Feb. 7 of StrengthsQuest.

Playing to the Strengths

new organization organizes week to help students recognize talents

Most people were familiar with the terms introvert and extrovert, or Type A and Type B, as a way to describe an individual's natural tendencies. What students might not have been familiar with, however, were the words "activator," "connectedness" or "woo," in regard to the strong points of an individual's unique personality.

The Gallup Polling Agency used these terms, along with 31 others, in its StrengthsQuest personality assessment specifically designed to identify students' strengths.

For the first time in university's history, there was an entire week devoted to strengths development and taught students how to capitalize on their talents. Coordinated by a newly assembled student organization known as Strengths Advocates, the goal of the week was to educate students about strengths, the power of knowing their own and their peers' and the positive impact it could have on any organization or community.

"It's just to get people thinking about how strengths impact your entire life," said Jessica Conwell, junior in public relations and Strengths Advocate. "Students can learn about strengths and how to understand them, or students who already know their strengths but don't really know how to progress after that can find answers."

The week included workshops that taught resume building, how to talk about strengths in an interview setting and how to apply those talents after identifying them.

Mike Finnegan, instructor for the School of Leadership Studies and the faculty adviser for SA, described StrengthsQuest as an opportunity to highlight "what's right with people." He said completing the StrengthsFinder assessment allowed students to identify their top five strengths based on positive psychology. According to Finnegan, strengths development received attention when students who took the leadership studies introductory course responded with great interest.

"Our leadership students really said, 'Wow, of all the things you taught in Introduction to Leadership Concepts, strengths was one of the most beneficial in terms of learning about myself and putting my strengths into action as I take leadership positions across campus,'" Finnegan said. "We thought if strengths had this much of an impact on our leadership students, what could we do to make this a campus-wide initiative?"

The strengths initiative took flight when a university alum invested in strengths development and provided funding for all incoming freshmen for three years, starting in the fall of 2012, to receive an access code to take the StrengthsQuest assessment.

"Sending out access codes allows students to complete phase one: strength identification," Finnegan said. "As a campus community, we believe it's our job and our mission to help students develop their strengths."

Finnegan noted a number of reasons for his passion for identifying students' individual talents.

"No. 1, it helps students really truly identify their strengths, and when I say strengths I'm meaning a natural way of thinking, feeling and behaving," he said. "No. 2, they get a chance to really appreciate and value the strengths of their peers. Third reason is that integrating strengths within a team or organization helps people work collectively as a whole to accomplish the goals that they aspire to reach."

Finnegan said he hoped students took the opportunity during that week to talk to someone specifically about their top five strengths and how they could use the skills in the work they carried out across campus. Adrienne Besler, junior in elementary education and Strengths Advocate, said she shared similar aspirations for strengths week.

"I hope students realize that their strengths really do mean something," Besler said. "I think people get their top five and don't know quite what to do with it, or just think it's a personality test, when really you can apply these things to every aspect of your life. I just hope they can develop their strengths and learn how to apply them through strengths week."

Story | ***Elizabeth Hughes***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***



Darren "Face" Ricketts, senior in hotel and restaurant management, leads members of Phi Beta Sigma in their stroll during the annual Gamma Stroll Off in Forum Hall on Nov. 5.

Stroll it Off

organization donates proceeds of annual event to student in need

Sandra Bonilla, former junior in family studies and human services, was the beneficiary of the proceeds from the annual Gamma Stroll Off, sponsored by the Iota chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc. In July, Sandra was diagnosed with leukemia. Sandra's biological older sisters, Mirna and Anna, were a part of Gamma. When Mirna and Anna approached Sandra about using the proceeds from the Stroll Off to help alleviate some of the medical costs Sandra had faced, she was ecstatic.

"To me, it came as a shock," Sandra said. "I knew that these women had put so much into this event. I knew I was going to cry. It has just meant so much to all of us."

During the Stroll Off, one of Gamma's largest events that was hosted in Forum Hall, students performed their routines to music in a line. It was also one of the largest Stroll Offs they have ever had due to the eight-featured strolling groups.

The Gammas, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, the Eta Gamma chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the Delta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., the Kappa Pi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the Beta Psi chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity Inc., the Epsilon Mu chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. all performed at the event.

Although the Stroll Off was an annual event at the university, this was the first time the proceeds from the event have gone to benefit Sandra and her fight against leukemia.

"The Stroll Off is something we do every year," Mollie Robbins, graduate student in business administration and active alum in Sigma Lambda Gamma, said. "This is something we host every year in October, even though this year it was pushed into early November. We usually give out a cash prize, but this year, we are donating all proceeds to the Bonilla family."

The eight different groups performed for three rounds each. In between every group performance, raffle winners were announced. Different restaurants, businesses and shops donated prizes, gift certificates and free food for the event.

K-State alumna Mirna, one of Sandra's two older sisters, said the event had made her love the university even more.

"This event has shown how huge of an important part family plays both in the Manhattan and K-State communities," Mirna said. "Multiple K-State alum have come back from wherever they are now, even if they don't live in Manhattan to come out to support this event and fellow sisters."

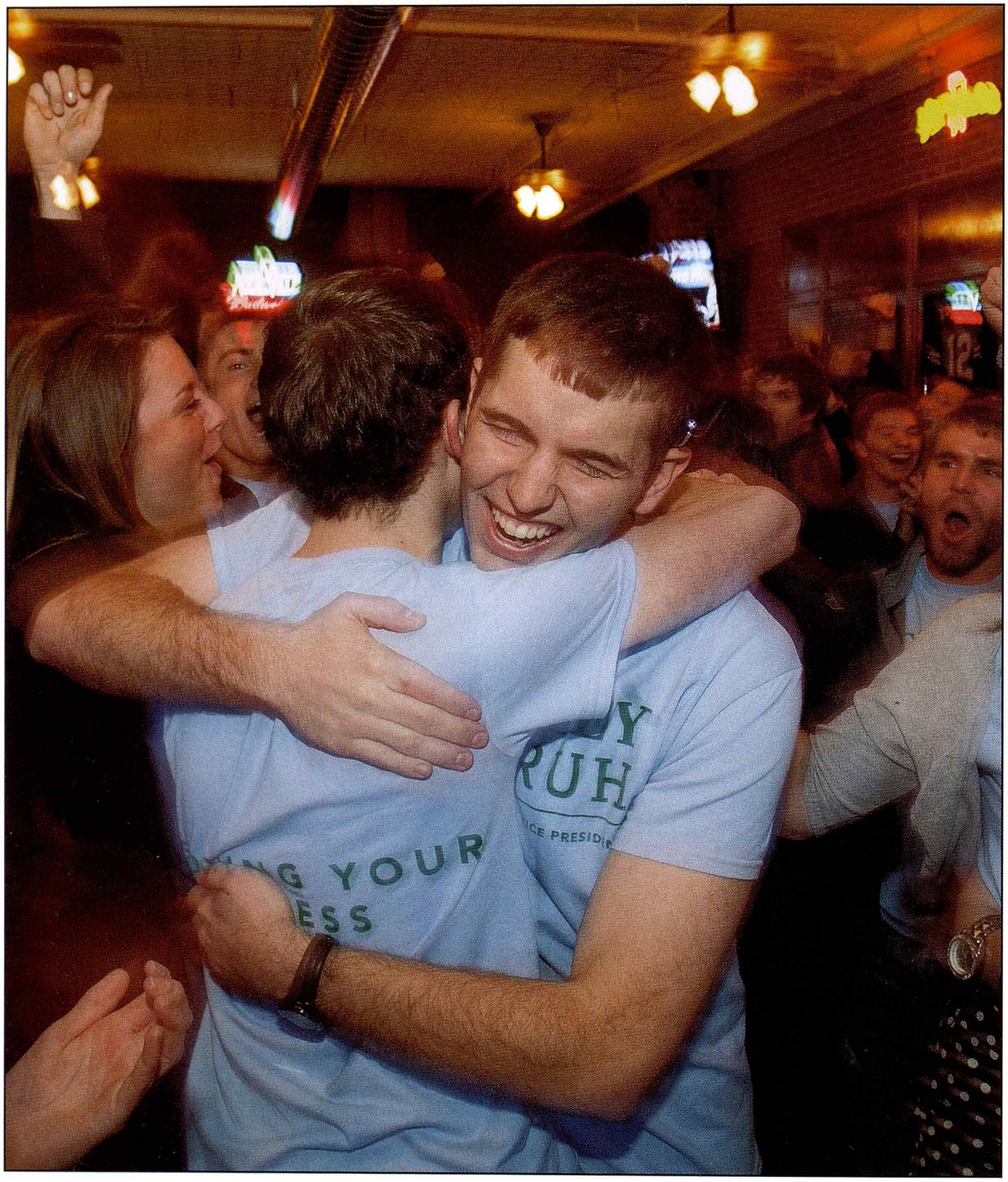
Sandra said that cancer had run in her family, but that no one had ever had leukemia. It was hard for their family to understand how their 21-year-old daughter could have a form of cancer that didn't even run in their family.

"We need to continue to spread awareness that anyone can be diagnosed with any disease at anytime," Mirna said. "We need to continue to educate others because this was something we weren't necessarily educated on. We never thought something like this would happen to one of us."

During the fall semester Sandra had to drop out of school due to the abundance of doctor's appointments and travel accompanied with those appointments. Living in between Manhattan and Liberal, Kan. — which was a more than a five-hour drive from Manhattan — Sandra said there had been little normalcy in her life. She said she has gone out to doctor's appointments in Wichita; Garden City, Kan., and Salina. Sandra said she hoped to come back to K-State in the spring semester.

"I want to thank the sisters I have in Sigma Lambda Gamma for supporting me," Sandra said. "Even though I may not have been close to some of them, they have just continued to be so supportive to me. I also wanted to thank every organization that is here helping out and performing free of charge for this cause. I am just so grateful."

Story | ***Jakki Thompson***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Eli Schooley, senior in political science, hugs his running mate Jake Unruh, junior in finance, after it was released that he and Unruh won the SGA presidental elections on March 6 at Johnny Kaw's Bar and Grill in Aggieville. The bar, packed with supporters, erupted after the results were announced on The Wildcat 91.9.

Serving & Representing

former sga presidents share their history

There were many celebrations in 2013 for Kansas State University. In addition to the 150th celebration, the university's Student Governing Association celebrated its history of representation the student body.

The key to running an effective SGA was to represent and communicate well with the student body. In the technology age students could easily be reached easily by phone or email, but it hadn't always been as convenient.

"We didn't have email, and we didn't have text," Kent Bradley, 1987 student body president, said. "That meant a lot more personal appearances for me. I had a program called 'Dinner with the President'. I would eat one or two meals a month at Kramer, one or two meals at Derby and one or two meals a month at the Union."

During 'Dinner with the President' students were able to eat with Bradley and other SGA presidents while asking questions and voicing concerns.

Pat Bosco, vice president of student life and 1970 and 1971 student body president, had a similar way to reach students.

"In the late 60s early 70s we relied on open forums in the Student Union," Bosco said. "That gave students a chance to talk directly to student leaders about issues."

One of Bosco's programs he started during his SGA presidency was one he still implemented during his time as vice president of student life.

"I had a fairly aggressive living-group visitation program," Bosco said. "SGA lead routine scheduled visits to living groups like the residence halls, fraternities and sororities. Today I try to visit one living group or student group every week."

Nate Spriggs, 2011 and 2012 student body president, had to keep up with students on a daily basis.

"The biggest difference now is Twitter, Facebook and email," Spriggs said. "Electronic communication has changed this position, it is so easy to contact student leaders."

Although the form of communication had changed, some of the key issues that came with holding the title of SGA president were the same as they had always been. Tuition costs and school funding had always been a hot topic with the student government.

"Some issues remain the same," Bosco said. "K-State attempts to be respectful as they can be to an ever changing student body and the cost of going to school, how much can students and family members pay for the cost of a K-State degree."

One of the key themes in student government was not only representing the students, but also representing them well. Bosco said his campaign pledge back in the 70's was, 'Put the student back in student government.'

"Student government is all about representation," Bosco said. "You're constantly looking at ways to gather the student's voice and to have that voice listened to in meaningful ways."

Bradley said he shared the same view.

"A lot of things that are issues now, have always been issues," Bradley said. "I think the number one issue is always being a representative of the students in the meetings you're invited to. You spend a lot of time going to meetings to make sure the student's interests and concerns are being respected."

Spriggs said he spent a lot of time during his terms in making sure he put the students first.

"My advice for students in years to come would be to continue the legacy of putting students first and remember why they serve is to serve the students," Spriggs said. "I encourage students to continue and keep engaged in what student government is doing on campus. What we have here is very unique."

And on March 6 Eli Schooley, senior in political science, found out he would be the next SGA president to continue on that historic legacy.

Story | ***Morgan Buchholz***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***

Yogurt for a Purpose

various organizations unite with orange leaf to raise money for causes

It was no doubt that frozen yogurt stores had swept the country with its various flavors, toppings and endless possibilities. One could say that "Fro-Yo", a slang term for frozen yogurt, had replaced ice cream restaurants in popularity. Whether it was for the health benefits or the modern mood one felt when entering a Fro-Yo shop, it was easy option for Kansas State University students, staff and organizations to come together for a purpose.

Orange Leaf, located off Tuttle Creek Boulevard in Manhattan, had been hosting fundraisers for university organizations and clubs for some time. Jim Newman, manager of Orange Leaf in Manhattan, had a lot of goals set for his company from its beginning

"We opened 2 and a half years ago," Newman said. "One of our main goals was to hold a lot of fundraisers for the Manhattan and university communities. We enjoy the goodwill throughout the community, and last year this store gave back $20,000 in fundraising money."

With the amount of business and goodwill Orange Leaf received from the fundraisers, it was simple to see why Newman and his employees enjoyed holding them semester after semester.

"Not only do we enjoy it for the business, but we also do it for the experience. My favorite part of a fundraising night is talking to people and learning about their organization," Newman said. "It's interesting to see what they're getting their money for and it made me realize that some of these organizations are worldwide."

Indeed, some of the organizations that attended the famous fundraising nights had grown worldwide with help from Orange Leaf.

Newman spoke heavily of an organization out of Wamego, Kan., that attained such attention.

"Community Health Ministry has been holding fundraisers with us as regulars, they usually come twice a month," Newman said. "They started in Wamego, and now they are a worldwide organization. I do believe the fundraisers help them out. "

Not only did Community Health Industry in Wamego take advantage of the tasty fundraiser, so did the K-State Apparel Marketing Design Alliance club.

"First of all, I love frozen yogurt," Brianda Gonzalez, freshman in apparel design, said. "So it's always fun when there's frozen yogurt involved."

Gonzalez was apart of the Apparel Marketing Design Alliance, which was a group of marketing and design students who worked together to study and experience the marketing and design industry. The AMDA often went around Manhattan to places such as The McCall Pattern Company and GTM Sportswear to get its hands on experience at how the companies handled marketing and fashion as one.

"We wanted to do the fundraiser at Orange Leaf to get funds for next year's group," Gonzalez said. "We had a great turnout and it was very fun to interact with and get to know the people in the organization."

The employees of Orange Leaf felt the same way about fundraisers. Katy Plummer, employee of Orange Leaf and freshman at Cloud County Community College, had a great relationship with customers and employees.

"My boss is awesome," Plummer said. "The people on fundraising nights are always fun to talk to and hang out with."

"I'm really good friends with all the girls that work here," Chelsea Aeschliman, junior in english and pre-occupational therapy and employee of Orange Leaf, said. "We feel like one big family and working with a relationship like that is very unique."

However, there was just one thing that Plummer enjoyed the most about fundraising nights that benefited organizations at the university.

"I always look forward to giving the organization their envelope of money at the end of the night," Plummer said. "It's very fun to give them what they've earned!"

Story | ***Cameron Kietzman***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***



Lauren Echaverria, junior in mass communications, participates in K-State's Apparel and Marketing Design club's Orange Leaf fundraiser on Nov. 15. Echaverria said she loved the idea of helping out while indulging her sweet tooth.

Civil Duty

civil engineering organization provides practical resource for students

The American Society of Civil Engineers chapter at Kansas State University provided engineering students with the opportunity to get involved in their field since 1923.

From opportunities to compete in challenging competitions to opportunities for first hand learning from professional engineers, 2013 had been a busy year for ASCE.

With over 150 members, ASCE was among the largest campus organizations at the university and was run entirely by its 16 student officers.

"It's a really good networking opportunity," Adam Emerson, club president and senior in civil enginnering, said. "Coming in as a freshman I didn't know any other freshmen or upperclassmen because our classes were so big. It's good to meet those people early, and if they get involved with ASCE they get to meet those other freshmen, sophomores, and all the way up."

Mark Stewart, club newsletter editor and senior in civil engineering, said getting involved with ASCE helped him meet people throughout the engineering school.

"When you're beginning, you know people in your classes are engineers, but you don't know what kind of engineer they are," Stewart said. "And when you go to these meetings you get an idea who's in what degree. If you go through all four years with these people, through ASCE, you really get to know them."

Every spring ASCE traveled to the ASCE Mid-Continent Student Conference to compete in two different competitions - the concrete canoe competition and the steel bridge competition. The 2013 was hosted in Edwardsville, Ill. from April 4 to April 6.

In the concrete canoe competition, a group of about 15 ASCE students created the concrete and designed a canoe to race against other ASCE chapter's nationwide.

"It's got to be less dense than water so it floats," Stewart said. "They design and make the concrete in the shape of the canoe."

With the steel bridge competition, historically K-State ASCE's strongest competition, a group of 20 students had the opportunity to design and build a bridge that would be scored on various aspects like weight, ascetics, the time it took to put the bridge together and the cost of material.

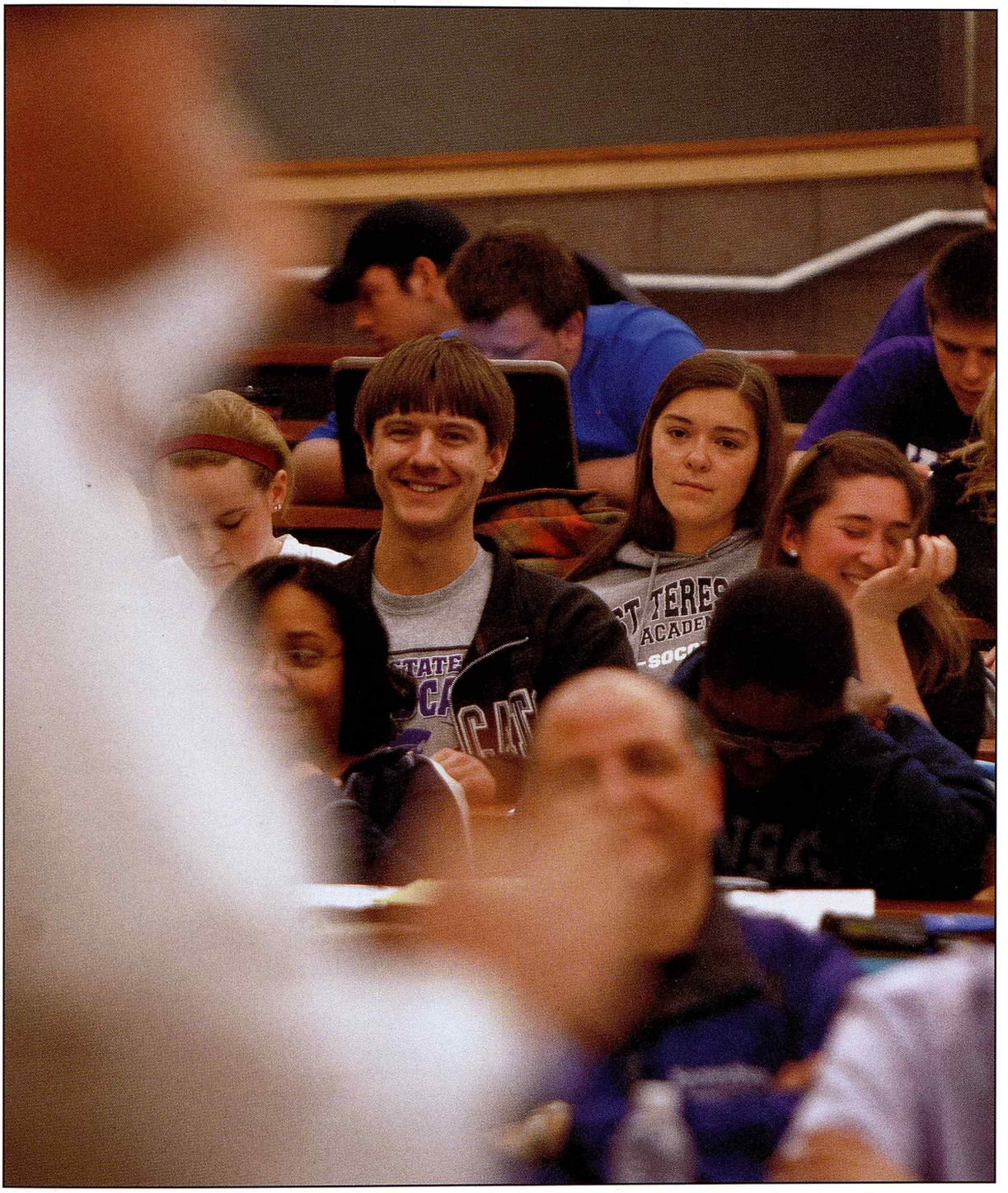
ASCE also brought in various professional engineers throughout the year, to speak to students in the club's bimonthly assemblies. The professional engineers gave basic job descriptions, talked about what they do and gave tips on how students could apply what they were learning every day in class in the real world.

"ASCE has been an awesome tool for civil engineering students to become more involved with various activities around campus," Andrew Gribble, senior in civil engineering, said. "And it's broadened my knowledge on all the options I have for civil engineering after I graduate."

Dedicated to providing future engineers with opportunities to learn how to pursue their careers after graduation, 2013 proved to be another successful year for the K-State chapter.

"We probably have the best student chapter in the state," Emerson said. "We have a very good one nationwide and we've won a few awards for our chapter with how involved we are. It's always been run very well."

Story | ***Kelly McHugh***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Nathan Bergman, K-State alumnus and former ASCE member, engages the audience of ASCE members during his presentation in Umberger 105 on Feb. 7. Bergman's presentation covered the importance of civil engineers in the public sector and his work in Junction City, Kan.

Poetry of the Month

black student union hosts keynote speaker for black history month

It was a memorable year for Kansas State University's Black Student Union. Founded at K-State in the fall of 1969, BSU's mission was "to become positive role models for future minority students here at Kansas State University. By collaborating with other organizations, BSU will grow to be a more cohesive and unified group with the K-State community."

In accordance with its mission, BSU annually hosted a keynote speaker for Black History Month. On Feb. 6 Dr. Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist and educator, was highlighted as the Black History Month speaker.

Prior to Giovanni speech, Ms. BSU 2013 Justice Davis, freshman in marketing and pre-law, performed an original poem entitled "Seed of Unity". Davis received a standing ovation from both the crowd and Giovanni.

Giovanni then shared a variety of topics with the audience that included her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the importance of education, and her relationships with Dr. Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She also read some of her writings about Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, the game show Deal or No Deal, and her birth state of Tennessee. The audience reaction of laughter and attentiveness showed that they enjoyed Giovanni's lecture.

"I thought it was insightful," said Alexia Sampson, senior in animal science and pre-veterinary medicine. "It made me look at life differently."

Giovanni's message that we are all were in it together and that we all needed to grow up hit home for Krista Hill-Combs, member of the Geary Riley Saline alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. Hill-Combs had been a fan of Giovanni since the early 70s. She said being in the same sorority as Giovanni made the night more special for her.

"I think she is refreshing and she covered a lot of areas and knocked a lot of perceptions," Hill-Combs said.

Anita Easterwood, president of BSU and senior in fine arts, Mercedes Perry, vice president of BSU and junior in management, presented Giovanni with the Stacy Hall Humanitarian Award. Giovanni said that she was surprised by the diversity of the audience, but that it was an excellent sight.

"Black History Month is incredibly important," Giovanni said. "The more we know, the better for all of us."

Caitlyn Wells, special programs director of BSU and senior in journalism and mass communications, played a very prominent role in bringing Giovanni to K-State for Black History Month. She said that the reason she had worked so hard bring Giovanni was because she was an eloquent speaker and thought she would be an excellent fit for the organization's theme of "A Deeper Level."

"Nikki Giovanni is a very prominent African American poet and activist,

Wells said. "She is someone that I am proud to say that I brought so the whole campus can hear about what she has to say."

Bryon Williams, advisor to BSU, said that Wells and Easterwood, displayed great leadership with all of the responsibilities of hosting the event.

"The Black Student Union at K-State is a gem. It's a treasure. It's something that I appreciate, not just for African American students. Our whole student body benefits from it," Williams said. "The goals of retention, the goals of recruitment, the goals of cultural advocacy and the follow through of those goals, I can't say that you're going to get that anywhere else."

Story | ***Taneysha Howard***
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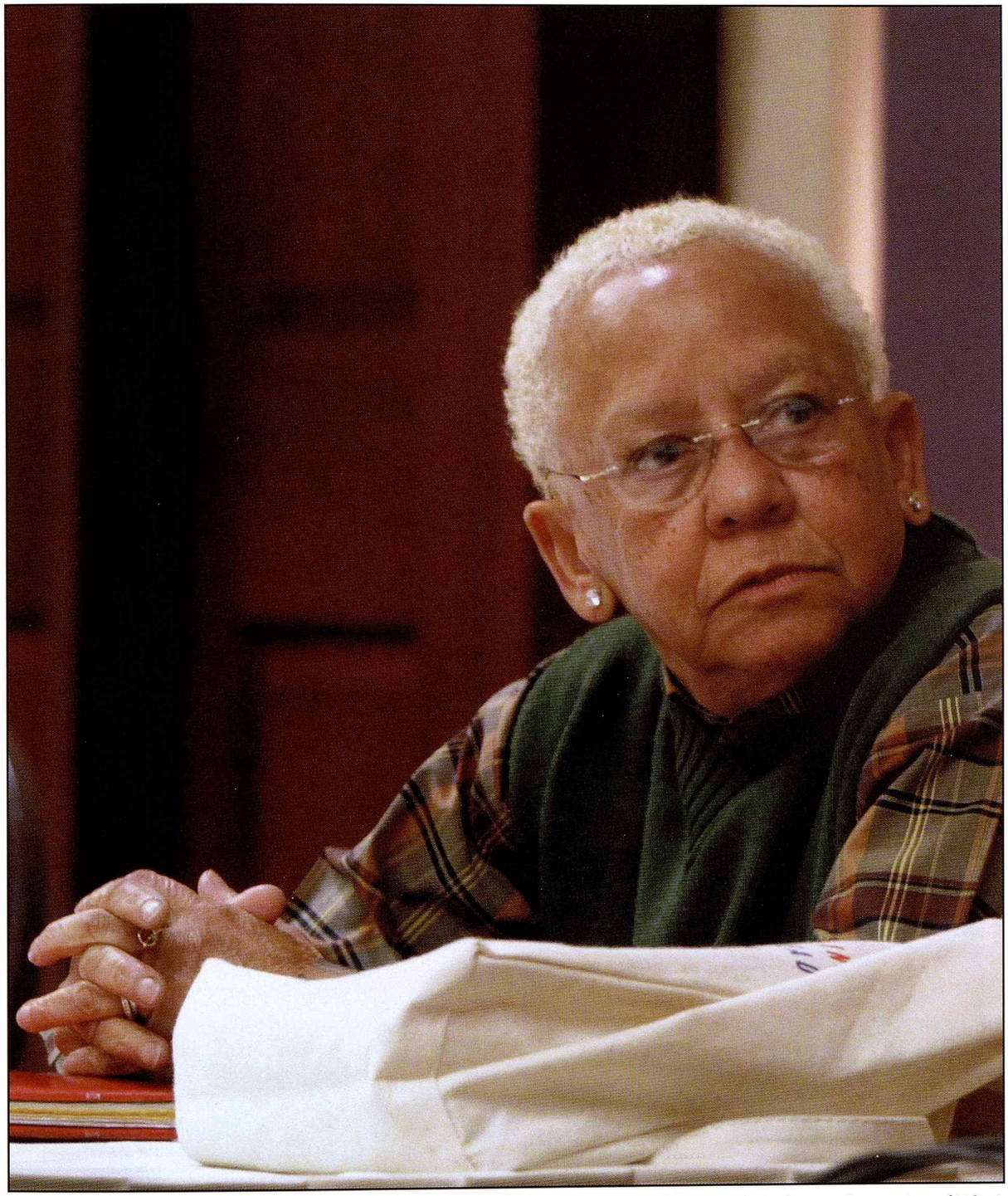


Dr. Nikki Giovanni looks on as Myra Gordon, associate provost of the office of diversity, introduces her on the evening of Feb. 6 in the Alumni Center.



African Student Union | **Front Row:** Oreoluwa Alebiosu, Kate Osei-Boadi, Francis Ofori, Audrey Bampoe **Middle Row:** Juste Codjo, Kayode Ajewole Mowgns, Frank Maulana, Tobi Adenuga, Belema Iye, Toyibat Olonade **Back Row:** Bruce Batu Kamanga, Joab Omondi Esamwata, Benita Mugabo, Alexander Opoku-Acheampong, Kabila Gana, Iddrisu Tahaya



Alpha Kappa Alpha | **Front Row:** Jasmine Jordan, Kathryn Blair, Jasmine Holmes, Ashley Cavazos **Back Row:** Jasmine Thompson, Cassandra Smith, Jazmin Richmond, Jocelyn Clemons



Apparel and Textile Graduate Student Organization | **Front Row:** Hayat Albloushy, Shelia West **Back Row:** Lauren Reiter, Kelby Polfer, Erin Monfort-Nelson



Associated General Contractors of America | **Front Row:** David Beckenhaur, Chad Jamison, Kyle Montoya, Lorien Breckenridge, Brian Schrotenboer, Christopher Isern **Back Row:** Eric Bartholomew, Matthew Dodge, Colton Easterberg, Ahmed Mohammadein, Ray Buyle



Block and Bridle Club | **Front Row:** Jacob Stroda, Ryan O'Neill, Tara Ediger, Laurel Pierson, Kara Schwarzkopf, Hillary Breene, Elizabeth Pfeiffer, Meghan Hecht, Cayleigh Griffith, Julie Kalivoda, Paige Farmer, Kylee Van Slyke **Middle Row:** Anastasia Wacker, Shambre Koehn, Lacey Gabriel, Amber Thompson, Chelsea Ebert, Lauren Henebry, Melissa Grimmel, Amelia Vasko, Kennedy St George, Ashley Matthews, Savannah Smith, Maggie Hulett, Katie Lawson, Emily Forge, Sage Henderson **Middle Row:** Tyler Haerr, Michelle Kenner, Jade Greene, Benjamin Gleason, Breanna Korus, Jared Wynn, Jake Rutledge, Nick Melton, Kylie Blythe, Dalton Hodgkinson, Christopher Mushrush, Blake Madsen, Jessie Lyne, Claire Martin, Tara Fountain, Samantha Bolen, Jennifer Schwanke, Rachael Kruse, Erica Edwards **Back Row:** Danielle Stuerman, Garrett Liss, Levi Zwirn, Shane Schaake, Jared Bourek, Wade Capoun, Celsey Beneda, Blair Nickelson, Bethany Cornwell, Lisa Tenny, Anna Petrowsky, Victoria Willis, Natalie Laubner, Katherine Valentine, Dustin O'Neill, Mikaela Wood



Blue Key Senior Honorary | **Front Row:** Sophia Dongilli, Hannah Miller, Maureen Orth, Courtney Frantz, Megan Barnett **Back Row:** Andrew Waldman, Grant Hill, Liam Reilly, Bradley Ellis, Joe Falter, Eli Schooley



Chimes Junior Honorary | **Front Row:** Tara Coleman, Amanda Oakley, Mollie Stephens, Annika Schnieder, Kaitlin Long, Julie Perrini, Whitney Bohnenblunst **Back Row:** William Ramsey, David Glenski, Eric Haun, Garrett Kennedy, Jake Unruh, Ross Jensby, Justin Smith, Taylor Phillippi



Chinese Student and Scholars Union | **Front Row:** Sixiang Nan, Xianglin Meng, Zhanyu Zhu, Qianqi Sun, Xiaohuan Li, Zhikai Fan **Back Row:** Yuming Li, Mengyi Wang, Mengyang Fang, Zio Wang, Yue Fei, Qi Guo, Ka Fung Tsui



Engineering Student Council | **Front Row:** Mason Grittman, Lacie Falk, Brandon Brunner **Back Row:** Kevin Brashears, Ryan Aeschliman, Jordan Kreutzer



Environmental Design and Student Association | **Front Row:** Kelsey Middelkamp, Nick Olson, Lindsey Leardi, Daniel Johnson **Back Row:** Erin Heiden, Tamra Collins, Spencer Scherer, Diana Blom



Hispanic American Leadership Organization | **Front Row:** Daniela Guereca, Marleen Sanchez, Nallely Barron, Magye Loya, Mandy Loya, Denise Torres, Valencia Garcia **Back Row:** Maria Teresa DePaòli, Jesus Sanchez, Jeff Andrade, Carlos Morales, Ciro Seqouia, Karem Roman, Luis Antonio Sanchez, Sliverio Gonzalez, Nicolas Erato, David Mejia



International Coordinating Council | **Front Row:** Shagun Shavma, Yuxi Long, Cheshta Sehgal **Back Row:** Bin Feg Yang, Benita Mugabo, Prabha Bajracharya, Yichao Zhang



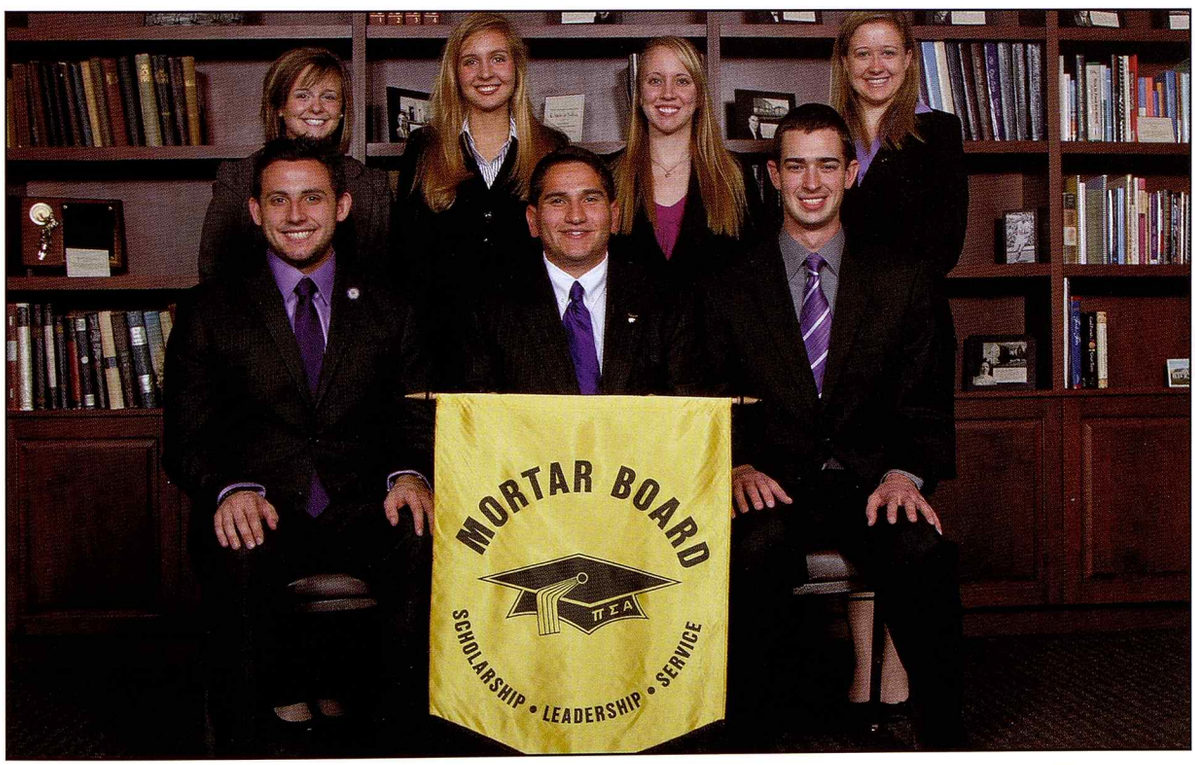
League of United Latin American Citizens | **Front Row:** Cynthia Arias-Dowling, Jessica Jasso, Pamela Maynez, Macario Benavides **Back Row:** Madai Rivera, Jennifer Ortiz, Carla Medrano, Yazmin Ramos



Lutheran Student Fellowship | **Front Row:** Pastor King Crawford, Kim Kerschen, Melissa Wilke, Lindsy Liggett, Aaron Heil **Back Row:** Callie Farrell, Katrina Abitz, Mary Hauser, Kelli Voelker, Keith Bullinger, Trenton Mein, Taylor Dean



Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences | Front Row: Cassondra Sapata-Smith, Krstal Anderson-Morales, Monica Farfan, Simone Holliday **Back Row:** Mayra Perez-Fajardo, Taneysha Howard, Stephanie Skinner, Jessica Nguyen



Mortar Board | Front Row: Logan Blunk, Phillip Gomez, John Brant **Back Row:** Lauren Ehald, Margaret Weller, Andrea Fouts, Megan Coffroth



Multicultural Honor Society | **Front Row:** Liliana Castro, Emily Harris, Jose Martinez-Gurow, Jodi Roberts, Carla Jones **Back Row:** Jamilah Watkins, Anna Salas, Angelique Foye, Ruddy Yanez, Lauren Garrott, Blake Franklin, Adrian Gomez, Stephon Hardridge



Multicultural Business Student Association | **Front Row:** Zachary Cooper, Jian Yu, Charly Daovannary, Sarah Hernandez, Suhani Gandhi, Daniella Branigan **Back Row:** Anna Salas, Mary Madden, Miguel Ramos, Dawne Martin, Phillip Gomez, Cenarda Jackson, Wesley Dukes



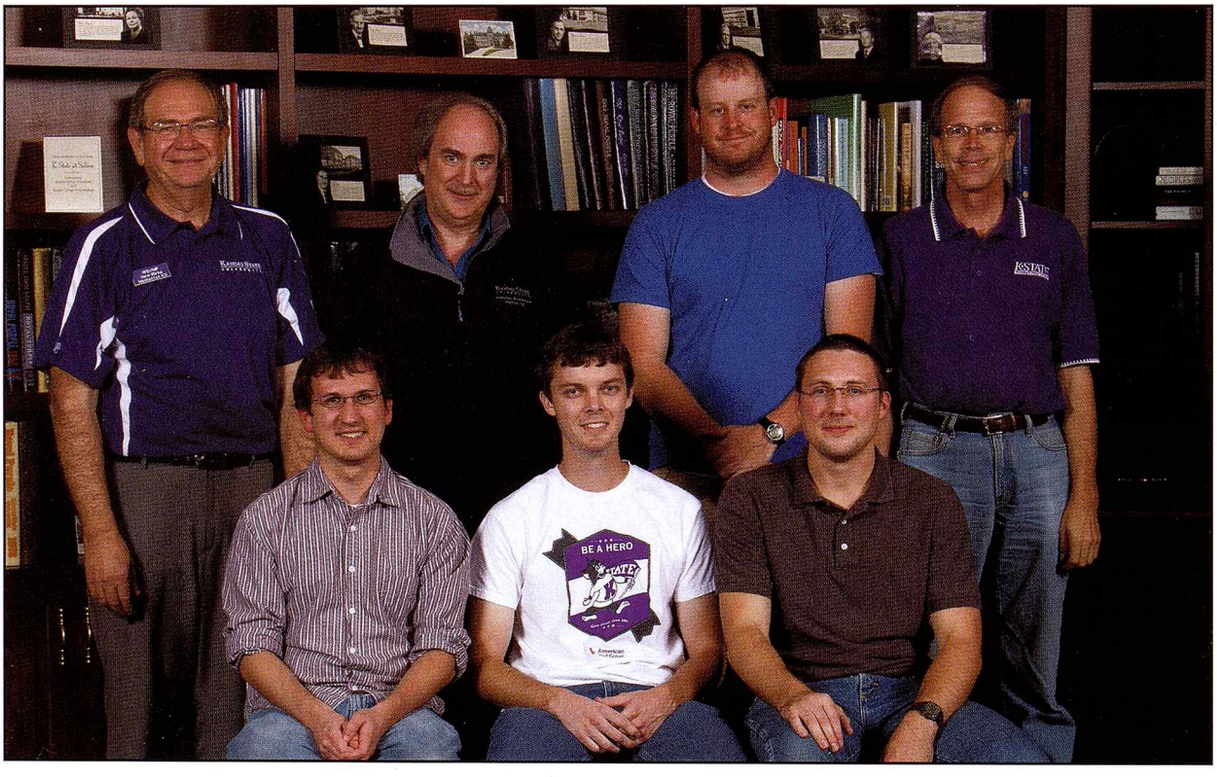
Phi Eta Sigma | **Front Row:** Ashley Wunder, Monica Strathman, Cheyanne Alvarado, William Trueb, Jonathan Eden **Back Row:** Jessica Eisenbarth, Shelby Smith, Lauren Boline, Kati Krieg, Brent Weaver, Jordan Strunk



Powercat Financial Counseling | **Front Row:** Tomaz Bogovic, Kelsey Darnell, David Biggs, Ryan Ehart, Jamie Engelken, Heather Gibson, Heather Gibson, Rachel Stuhlsatz **Back Row:** MaryAnn Matney, Sam Honey, Kari Christensen, Joel Reimer, Angela Li, Ashley Dunkak, Anna Govert, Bret Eisenbarth, Roxanne Martens, Sydney Henderson, Jodi Kaus



Pre-Vet Club | **Front Row:** Kelly Rzonca, Marilyn Diemer, Hannah Hoskinson **Back Row:** Aerielle Regier, Hillary Martin, Kirsten Phillips, Liza Tenny



Radio Club | **Front Row:** Matt Clewell, Riley Harrington, Gordan Terry **Back Row:** Vern Wirka, Bill Kuhn, Chris Casey, David Yoder



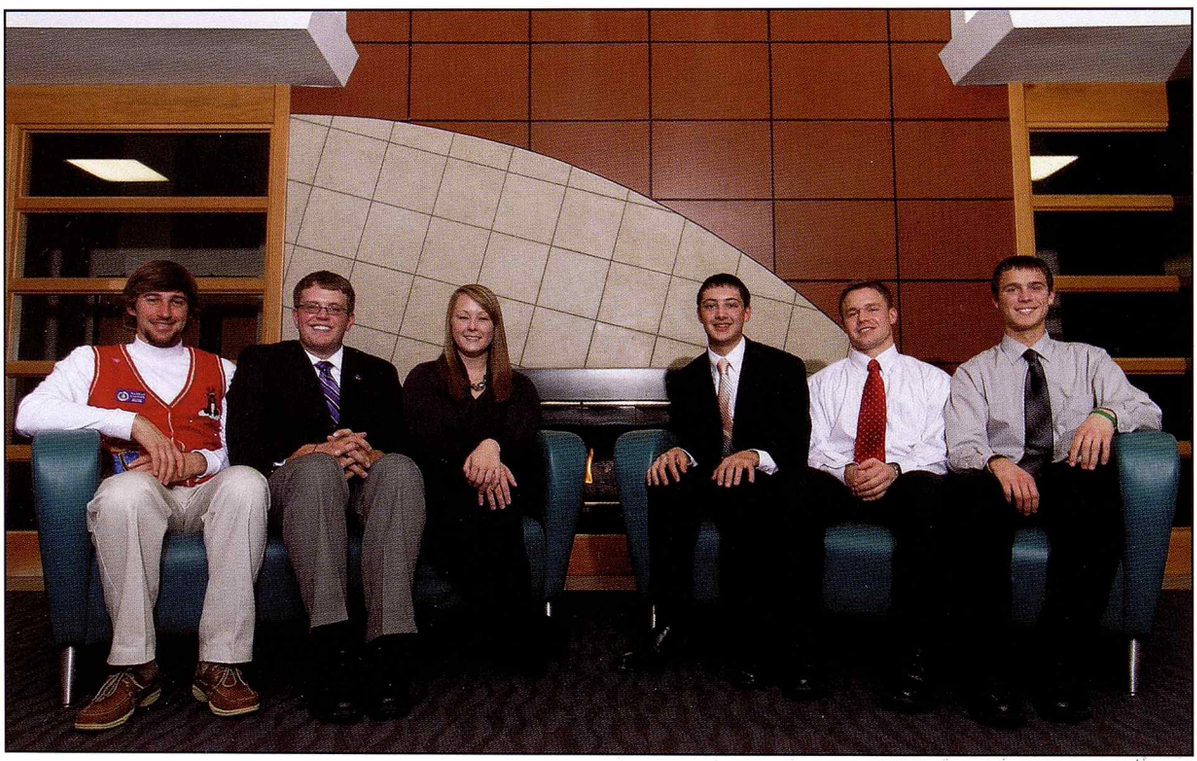
Rowing Team | **Front Row:** Chelsey Glatz, Ellie Carter **Middle Row:** Kirk Dennis, Zachary Chappell, Jeremy Houser, Gabi Dawson, Charley Spencer, Ally Wilke, Wesley Good, Colton Sheffer, Eli Woerpel **Middle Row:** Jeremy Clinton, Mikaela Stockman, Dakota Cole, Jazmin Phillips, Taylor Suppes, Matt Vanausdall, Jon Faringthon, Ellen Kyriakos, Heather Scharping, Brielle Dorn **Back Row:** Josh Banwart, Ian Safford, Preston Zenuk, Scott Steffen



School of Leadership Studies | **Front Row:** Kevin Wissman, Kate Haddock, Jordan Fief, Allie Miller, Christa Martinez, Chelsea Gerber, Teryn Greer, Samantha Shirley, Nathan Finster **Middle Row:** Erin Poppe, Erika Williams, Heidi Hurtig, Autumn Snesrud, Jessica Pennybacker, Emily Ruder, Nichole Finke, Kara Godebu, Mackenzie Lutz, Azsha Thompson, Lori Kniffin **Back Row:** Laurel Pierson, Theodore Stavropoulos, Grant Goodack, Meredith Muller, Andrew Norton, Collin Hueter, Mark Wasinger, Landon Leiker, Colby Haverkamp, Ryan Haxton



Student Governing Association - Executive Committee | **Front Row:** Ben Brown, Cody Kennedy, Ryan Patterson, Brandon Brunner, Jeff Brownlee, Kyle Nuss **Back Row:** Kaitlin Long, Emilee Taylor, Megan Walden, Grant Hill, Nate Spriggs, Larrisa Dunn, Kenna McWhirter



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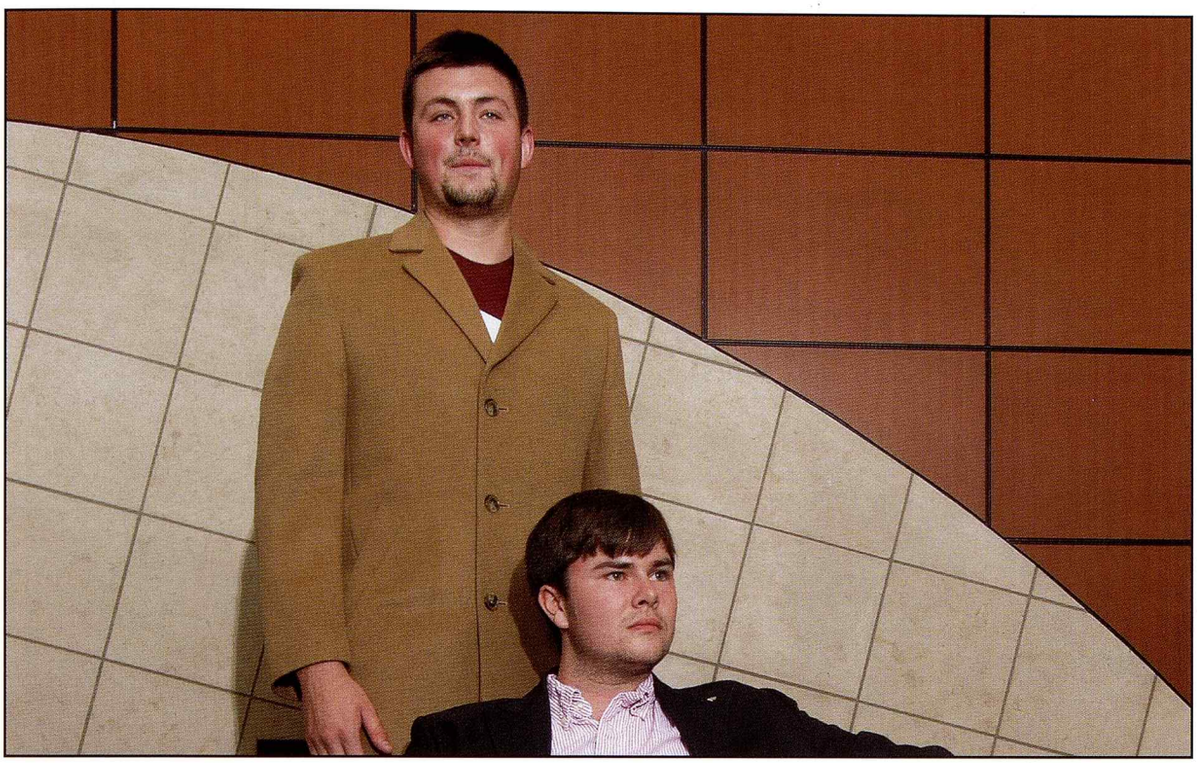


Student Governing Association - College of Architecture Senators | **Front Row:** Aaron Bisch **Back Row:** Jacob Hiatt



Student Governing Association - College of Arts and Sciences Senators | **Front Row:** Marcus Kidel, Josh Cox, Taylor Schmidt **Middle Row:** Carly Dickter, J. Colin Reynolds, Paige Pelfrey, Matt Brill, Katie Bolin, Justin Scott **Back Row:** Hope Faflick, Mallory Patten, Jordan Marquess, Sarah Haley, Lexi Mische, Brianne Pierce, Sara Brady, Sophia Dongilli



Student Governing Association - College of Education Senators | **Front Row:** Cody Kennedy, Becky Taylor **Back Row:** Barrett Brantingham, Will Clark



Student Governing Association - College of Engineering Senators | **Front Row:** Brandon Brunner, Christian Kehr, Jacob Ewers, Kyle Nuss **Back Row:** Mason Grittman, Casey Keller, Megan Walden, Ryan Aeschliman



Student Governing Association - College of Human Ecology Senators | Katie Bomberger, Kenna McWhirter, Joey Platt



Student Governing Association - Graduate School Senators | Abagail Polys, Obair Siddiqui, Michele Kerns, Craig Johnson, Kat Lopez, Blake Malcolm



Student Governing Association - Student Senate Interns | **Front Row:** Garrett Kays, Tucker Styrkowicz, Stephen Kucera, Drew Unruh, Avery Simecka, Andrew Konechy, Chance Berndt, Andy Hurtig, Mark Johnson, Chris Brown, Lucas Casenove **Back Row:** Sierra Davila, Haley Bauer, Sophia Tolentino, Becky Brady, Abby Hill, Sophia Hitchcock, Christa McKittrick, Emily Wheeler, Ava Clark, Abby Works



Student Governing Association - Privlege Fee Committee | **Front Row:** Ellen Collingwood, Jeff Brownlee, Ryan Patterson, Erin Clopine **Back Row:** Nick Moeder, Jerrod Reddick, Andrew Ryan



Silver Key | **Front Row:** Suhani Gandhi, Sam Hinrichs, Shelby Smith, Katie Noll, Katie Bolin, Kelsey Smith, Kristen Svec **Middle Row:** Mattie Loder, Jessica Weber, Kristen Fischer, Andrea Nowak, Abigail Kaplan, Samantha Claassen, Mackenzie Mong, Caroline Toler, Carla Jones **Back Row:** Ross Allen, Chance Berndt, Daniel Dorsett, Nick Herrmann, Jake Sankey, Mac Dolliver, Matt Galliart, Canaan Coker



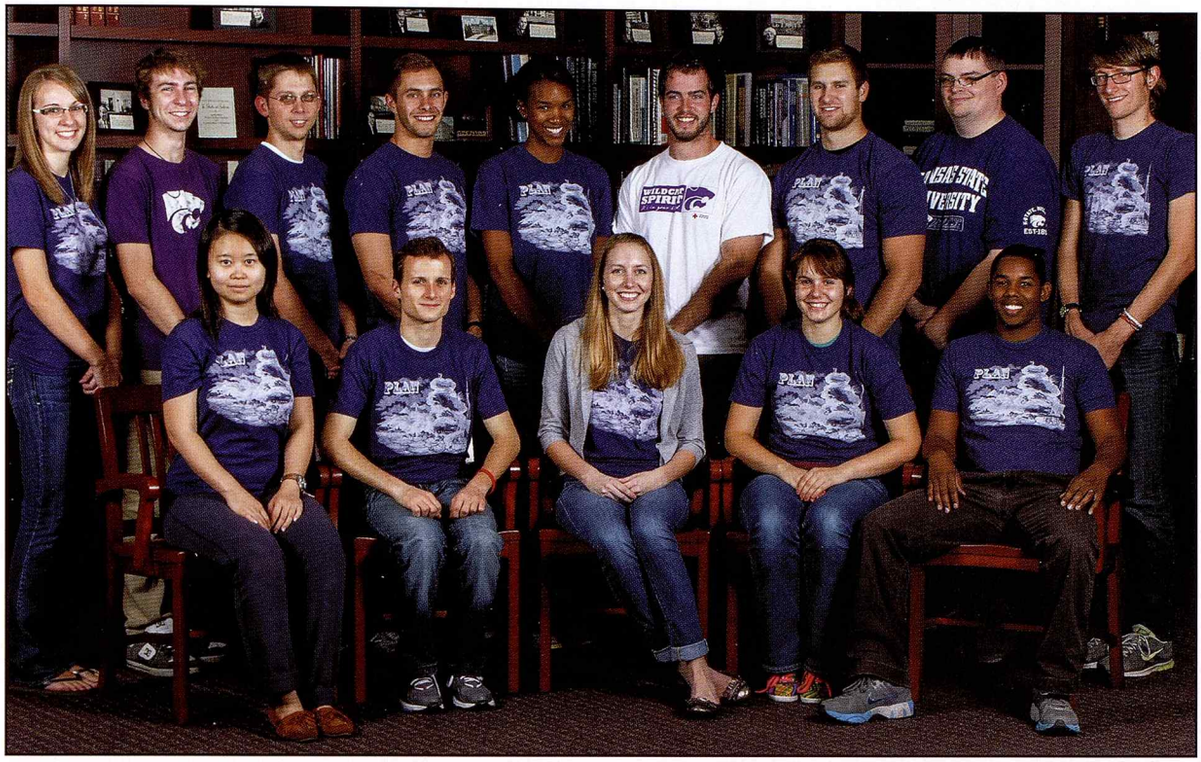
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers | **Front Row:** Nicolas Prato, Alejandra Romero, Iniki Juarez-Haden, Mayra Lopez, Marcquis McGee **Back Row:** Lazaro Escalante, Jeff Andrade, Carlos Morales, Jesus Sanchez, Jose Gonzales, German Sanchez, John Palma



Student Alumni Board | **Front Row:** Mollie Stephens, Jake Unruh, Tyler Johnson, Adam Wilkerson, Suhani Gandhi, Annika Schneider **Back Row:** Ellen Bergkamp, Sam Kellerman, Heidi Hurtig, Hope Faflick, Kaitlin Beeman, Jordan Marquess, Erin Clopine



Student Foundation | **Front Row:** Elizabeth Harner, Erin Clopine, Joey Platt, Sarah Swenson, Carolyn Gatewood, Abbey Brown, Hope Faflick **Back Row:** Paul Lewis, Jared Rogers, Javier Lopez, Nathan Balkenbusch, Reagan Kays, Ariel Mendiola, Ellen Collingwood, Cameron Banning, Nick Moeder, Kyle Reynolds



Student Planning Association | **Front Row:** Yihong Yan, Everett Haynes, Kathryn Rush, Ashley Klingler, James Rivers **Back Row:** Deanne Petersen, Eric Conner, Andrew Thomason, Mitchel Loring, Lauren Garrott, John Heiman, Taylor Cox, James Wood, Benjamin Chmiel



Air Force ROTC | **Front Row:** Montgomery Devine, Timothy Maresch, Scott Mall, David Herren, Brycen Scholz, Austin Mundell, David Mears, Jessica Kreller, Tanner Heaton, Benjamin Boyles, Joseph Mollenkamp, Patrick Rourke, Quincy Whitham, Mark Bohme **Middle Row:** Shane Criqui, Michael Alnor, Labrina Kelly, Erica Iversen, Anna Bausham, David Simons, Trenton Huber, Adam Chinery, Chandrina Brewton, Hayden Tholl, Jack O'Neill, Nathan Petire **Middle Row:** Alan Gilbert, Mikah Leon, Christian Casey, Christian Maude, Nathan Salvetorelli, Carl Minnix, David Sage, Samuel Felts, Shaquelle Hamilton, Riley Dark, Benjamin Anstaett, Ryan Mossma, Harryson Underwood, Andrew Van Holland, Thomas Benson, Martin Thompson, Mark Williams, Gabriel Lytie **Back Row:** Jonathen Terry, Tanner J. Lott, Samatha Hoff, John Rickel, Joshua Langford, Spencer Salmons



Student Social Work Organization | **Front Row:** Anna Wells, Nick French, Mallory Watts **Back Row:** Taylor Finnell, Myra Boeckenstedt, Diana Fath, Jennel Rowe



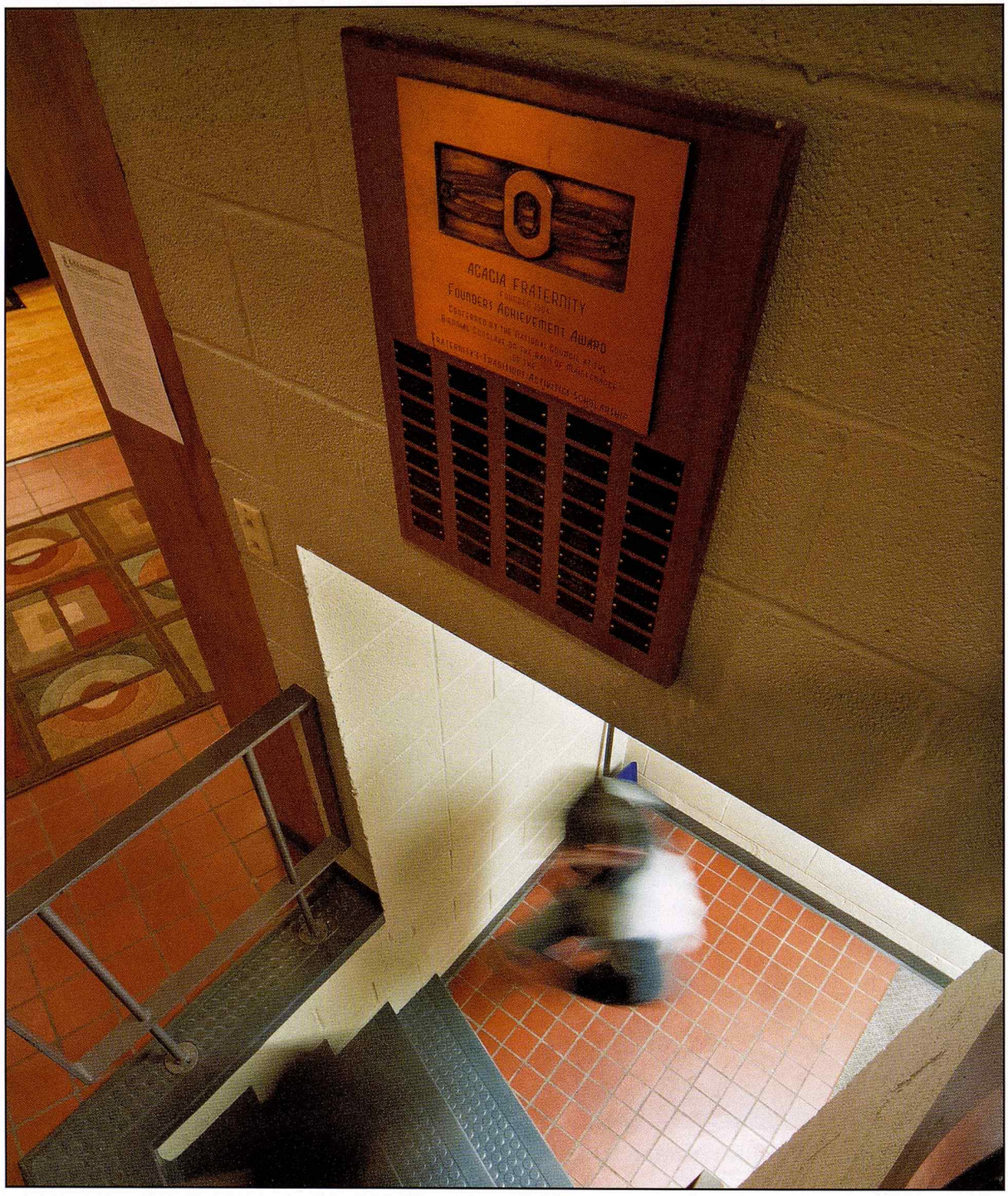
Swing and Salsa Club | **Front Row:** Kathryn Fratzel, Lexie Casey, Kelly VanCleave, Tallin La Rue **Back Row:** Luc Heimbach, Andrew Wagner, Kathryn Francis, Andi Kemberling, Jeremy Kemberling



Thai Student Association | **Front Row:** Warunee Kupkanchanakul, Sichaya Sittipod, Sirichat Chanadang, Sarinya Sungkatavat, Kessinee Chitakasempornkul **Back Row:** Panat Cherdchu, Nakorn Junla, Kreesŏn Packthrongsuk, Krissana Ruang-Rit, Sureemas Nitikanchana, Cheawanet Bunchai



Women's Studies Ambassadors | Stevie Kucharski, Cassandra Myskiw



The Malcolm Award sits atop Acacia's house stairwell.

Acacia

The Kansas State University chapter of Acacia fraternity held its centennial celebration on Dec. 6, though that was not the only high honor in 2013 for the international fraternity. The chapter accepted the Malcolm Award, which was bestowed to the chapter that best exemplified the values of Acacia fraternity and excelled in all areas of chapter operations over the previous two years.

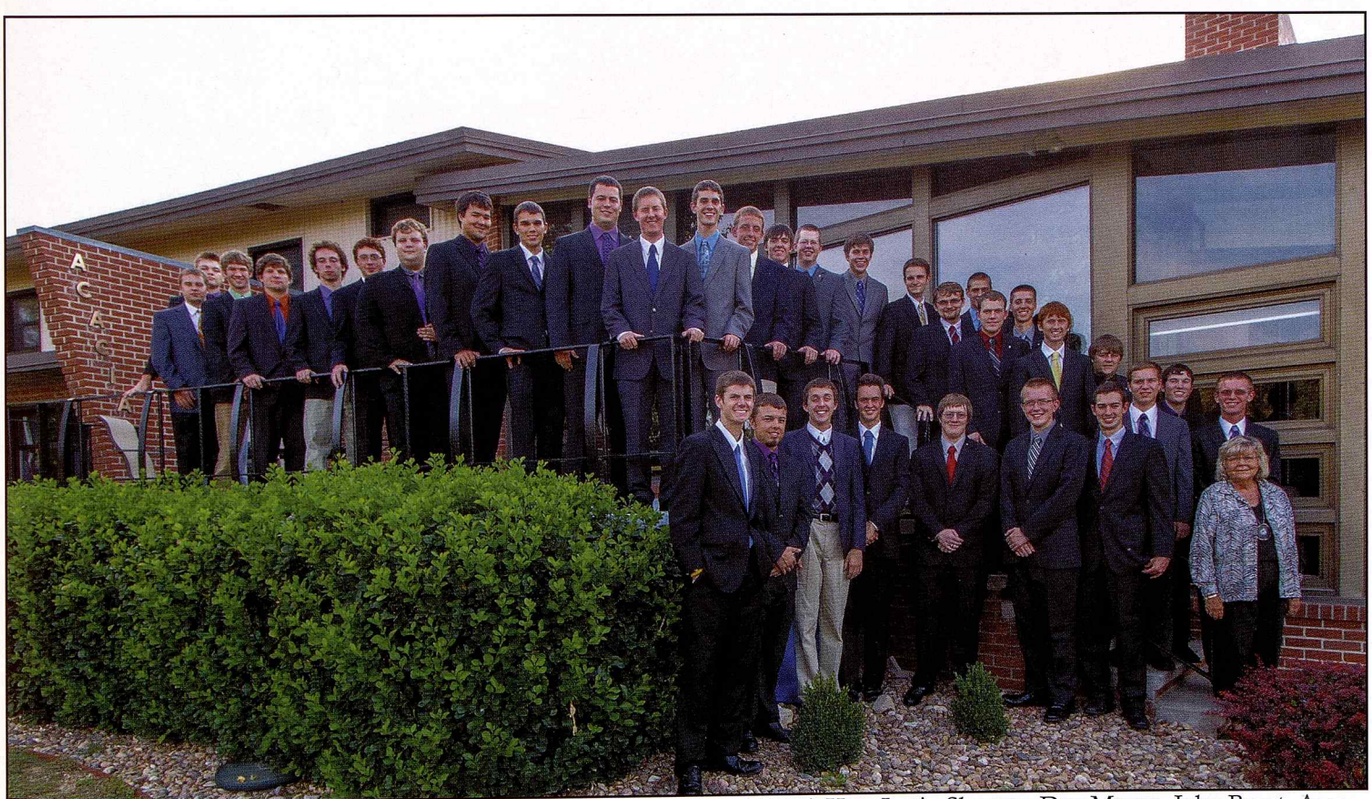
Ten members of Acacia, accompanied by their Alumni Advising Board, accepted the award on behalf of the chapter at the 57th Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy at a conference in St. Louis, Mo., that took place from Aug. 1 through Aug. 5.

"This is an extreme honor and I am very humbled to be able to accept the award for the chapter when years of work from all members have gone into this accomplishment," Garrett Kennedy, junior in agronomy and chapter president, said.

The award was a culmination of the efforts the chapter had made the previous years in a variety of areas. The 900-page application filled two binders. The men of Acacia had put an immense amount of effort into the application. After coming in second place in 2010 to the Iowa State chapter, they strived to be even better for the next time around.

"We saw how close we were, and we continued to strive toward the goal," Matt McHenry, senior in accounting, said. "The process has really been an 11-year process since we re-founded on campus with four members. Our members and alumni had a dream for us to be where we are now, and we can now revel in our position."

Story | ***Kirsten Samuelson***
Photo | ***Hannah Hunsinger***



Front Row: Corey Kingsland, Cody Hammel, Christopher Zimmerman, Mark Hay, Justin Sharwts, Dan Moore, John Brant, Ann Domsch **Back Row:** Sean Quinn, Mason Grittman, Garrett Kennedy, Cody Pearce, Daniel Theisen, Ethan Rice, Brandon Litch, Matthew Taylor, Ryan Luder, Cain Fouard, Brett Brunner, Andy Dervin, Jordan Reisinger, Matthew McHenry, Cody Kennedy, Will Ramsey, Colten Johnson, Taylor Robillard, Ross Allen, Hayden Kinney, Michael Whinnery, Keaton Abeln, Kevin Diehl, Daniel Skucius, Ryan Patterson, Kolby Harris

Alpha Chi Omega

The Gamma Zeta chapter of Alpha Chi Omega started a new tradition in 2013 that involved a lot of pie and philanthropy.

"Have a Pie with Alpha Chi" was a new philanthropy event that, in partnership with Pi Kappa Alpha, supported Manhattan's Women's Crisis Center. The event featured activities such as pie eating contests, cake walks, carnival themed games and throwing pies at members of Pike.

"Throwing the pies at the guys was my favorite event," Connie Beck, senior in human development and family studies and Alpha Chi president, said.

The idea for the new philanthropy had come to discussion at Alpha Chi's executive board conference.

"We wanted to do an event with a partner so we could get to know new people," Jana Miller, senior in human development and family studies and vice president of philanthropy, said.

The event raised over $500 for the Women's Crisis Center and was to be repeated in the fall of 2013 with some minor improvements. Improvements included the philanthropy's expansion to the Manhattan community and other greek chapters.

"I think this event went better than some of our others," Miller said. "Fall is a busy time for everyone, but I think it was better perceived in the fall, making it more successful."

Story | ***Shelbi Markham***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Leaanne Diederich, Holly Litchet, Kayla McKinzie, Sara McConnell, Marissa Perez, Kendra VanderBaan, Kaylee Wicke, Alison Anstine, Connie Beck, Lauren Heermann, Katie Walbridge, Megan Hart, Betsy Jacob **Middle Row:** Abby Stack, Brittany Olson, Cynthia Singer, Jana Miller, Lacey Gabriel, Courtney Carlson, Kayla Gilpatrick, Heather Goodwin, Megan Gasser, Courtney Thomas, Brittany Johansen, Emily Johnson, Kelsey Soukup, Joanna Wilson, Kandace Irvine **Middle Row:** Anna Dillon, Hillary Schartz, Alexa Welch, Hannah Polys, Hannah Kientz, Brooke Kuehny, Elizabeth Krivjansky, Tate Mattingly, Gwen Fritz, Aubree May, Mallory Binder, Megan Graham, Nicole Kraly, Molly Howland, Samantha Hembree, Tori Gellott, Annie Menefee, Jessica Meneses, Brisa Waechter, Amy Kovarik, Lisa Cardone, Alison Brookhart **Middle Row:** Hannah Sharpe, Emma Machell, Megan Tunget, Madisen Edstrom, Sarah Kirchgessner, Courtney Henney, Jamie Cockerham, Shannon Knoll, Tayler Christian, Chelsea Lutz, Susannah McCord, Lauren Drummond, Emily Cavlovic, Hailey Clemons, Leah Chaska, Bridget Beran, Mallory Fleenor, Natalie Truman, Brena Johanning, Kjersti Anderson, Devin Andersen, Jessica Jackson, Alaina Kevern, Johanna Brockhoff, Chelsey Regester, Caroline Greenlee, Siobhan Barrett, Makenzie Pohl, Kara Roberts, Kenzie Richards, Amanda Miskiel, Grace Elijah, Morgan Cormack, Sofia Sabates, Adrienne Eisenhauer, Ashely Owens, Ali Boehler **Middle Row:** Ashley Lemos, Megan Glenn, Erica Waltman, Katelyn Gardner, Jennifer Palmer, Courtney Robles, Liz Moser, Melissa Sauls, Rachel Cunningham, Liz Draheim, Kate Gronquist, Kayla Jurrens, Mariah Miller **Back Row:** Julia Ponath, Becky Ramm, Sarah VanSteinberg, Jamie Florack, Anne Beyer, Courtney Cooke, Hannah Frith, Lyndsie Graham, Steph Moser, Ashley Houser, Sara Schreiner, Chelsea Holt Bates, Amanda Oakley, Allison Dorr, Melissa McGuire, Marissa Bartosch **Not Pictured:** Shea Poynter, Tori Menear, Libby Graber, Stacey Newton, Danielle Willburn, Gabby Dellinger, Hallie Wolf, Kathryn Zalenski, Katie Wilson, Lauren Stine, Claire Freeman, Melissa Murray, Sadie Kratzer, Sam Belsan

Alpha Delta Pi

In an environment like Kansas State University, the campus and community were always growing. The Alpha Eta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority had grown so large they had begun to host chapter meetings in the Leadership Studies Building rather than their house.

"We decided this would be a good move," Sarah McKittrick, vice president of Alpha Delta Pi and junior in marketing, said. "Our chapter [meetings] have become more innovative by being able to incorporate technology with powerpoints and music."

Another large event Alpha Delta Pi was able to host during the spring semester was the Powercat Paint Run. This was similar to what is known as "The Color Run" where runners who are participating in the five-kilometer run or the one-mile fun run have colored powder thrown at them during the run.

"The Powercat Paint Run occurred on April 6 at Warner Park in Manhattan," Kristen Brunkow, president of Alpha Delta Pi and junior in family studies and human services, said. "This will provide a way for our whole chapter to help contribute to the Ronald McDonald House. We partnered with Alpha Tau Omega fraternity to set up this run."

Alpha Delta Pi had many women who were active in all aspects of campus. The sorority also participated with the HandsOn K-State Program to volunteer in different areas around Manhattan.

Story | ***Jakki Thompson***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



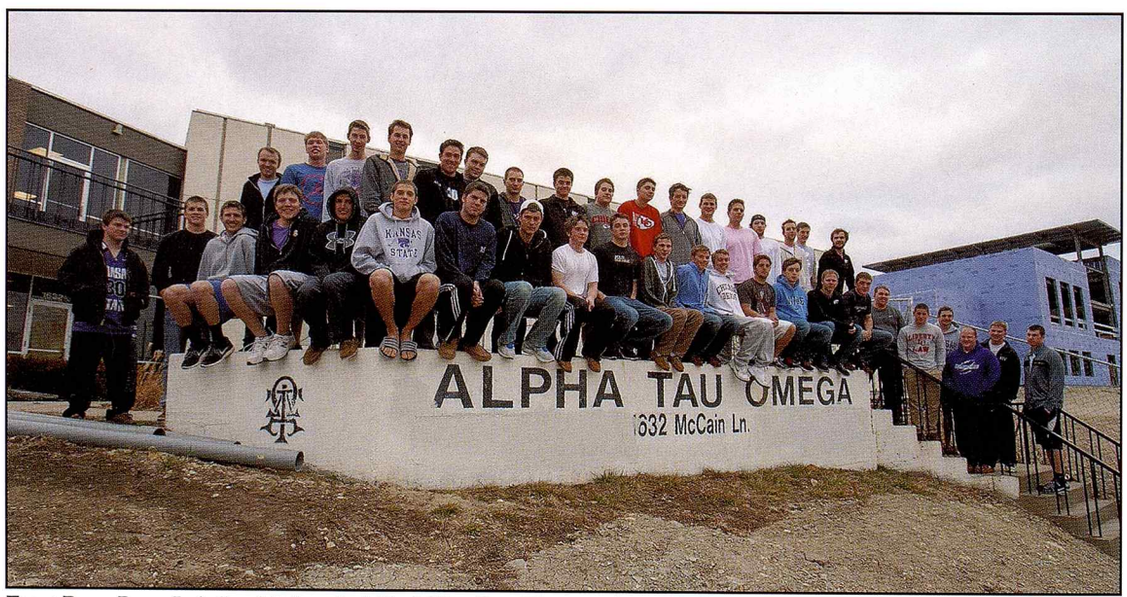
Front Row: Aubrey Illig, Cat Huck, Carolyn Mense, Ellie Dickens, Erin Kruse, Becca Nyman, Breann Davis, Paige Blackmon, Emily Feldkamp **Middle Row:** Kaylee Smith, Kiersten Schorgl, Emily Johnson, Emily Betthauser, Kate O'Brien, Taylor Murray, Kim Gerstner, Lauren Meis, Erin Padgett, Tami Crow, Kristen Brunkow, Sarah Stadler, Cari Olberding, Darbey Madden **Middle Row:** Libbi Reichert, Emily Ewert, Sara Lair, Christa McKittrick, Allie Dwyer, Kaitlyn Rippel, Melody Dickman, Brooke Stiffler, Valerie Rito, Allison McAnulty, Rachel King, Lauren Kenyon, Bayli Schmitt, Abbey Brown, Melanie Wall, Julie Hill, Kaitlin Shea, Kirsten Samuelson, Reghan Tank, Kayla Jewell, Abby Guenther, Molly Hogan, Ellen Roberson, Sydney Pugh, Adrienne Besler, Casey Leister, Molly Gabrielson, Paige Kallenberger, Alison Bailes **Middle Row:** Dani Golway, Morganne Wiltse, Meg Marquardt, Maren Ozier, Kassidy Stecklein, Alyssa Beck, Hannah Jennings, Ellen Knackendoffel, Meg Swagerty, Haley Robertson, Alexa Ukena, Leah Baus, Heidi Hurtig, Taylor Odell, Chelsea Gerber, Amy Guo, Mollie Nelson, Emily Garvey, Hallie Kuhlman, Shanae Porter, Carlie Houchen, Megan Herbers, Maureen Orth, Kathryn Hartman, Lori Zetmeir **Middle Row:** Kathleen Rajewksi, Michelle Pankey, Molly Mills, Sarah Schreiber, Erin Sullivan, Kenna Langrehr, Kalee McGee, Julie Perrini, Abbie Bontrager, Ashley Hageman, Paige Druffel, Hannah Tjaden, Marin Willis, Bryn Penny, Sara Curran, Abby Works, Ashley Franden, Allyson Hall, Grace Winter, Krista Poore, Mackenzie Mong, Jenna Bellinder, Emily Ellenberger, Heather Gordon, Courtney Coad, Alexa Hanney, Kari Coen, Becca Boggs, Malori Stucky **Back Row:** Bailey Elliott, Bailey Fischer, Kortney Edelman, Jordyn Stephens, Allie Blythe, Jenna Shaw, Megan Cordell, Molly Huggard, Jordan Becker, Maggie Gabrielson, Jenny Steiner, Audra Kuhlman

Alpha Gamma Rho



Front Row: Dexter Wiley, Kevin Morgan, Cody Burke, Michael Welch, Shane Schaake, Jess Page, Andrew Scherrer, Nick Waltz, Colin Miller, Adam Rushley, Kurtis Clawson, Skylar January, Tyler Jensen, Eric Noel, Ben Brown **Middle Row:** Ashton Yoder, Jake Strohl, Will Longinaker, Cole Smith, Denver Johnston **Middle Row:** Chris Mushrush, Nathan Stinson, Michael Porter, Rich Ryckert, Shane Meenen, Clay Kniebel **Middle Row:** Greg Harris, Jon Meyer, Kurtis Morgan, Garrett Swanson, Garrett Kays, Chase Minihan **Back Row:** Chris Burg, Jared Bourek, Sam Knauss, Miles Pearson, Evan Woodbury, Aaron Diederich, Logan Britton, Colten Deutsch

Alpha Tau Omega



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Alpha Xi Delta

The women of the Alpha Kappa chapter of Alpha Xi Delta was going above and beyond to help their sorority's philanthropy, Autism Speaks, an organization that fundraised money to assist people with autism. In fall 2012, Alpha Xi started up a new philanthropy event to increase their philanthropic efforts.

Every year, the women of Alpha Xi held their Fiesta FrenXi and Xi Man events. Fiesta Frenxi, occurred each fall semester and consisted of an all you can eat nacho bar hosted in Alpha Xi.

"A lot of other fraternities and sororities buy five dollar wristbands and t-shirts to support our cause and all of the money made goes directly to Autism Speaks," Audrey Ochampaugh, sophomore in elementary education, said.

Xi man was a competition that was held between the university fraternities. People paid five dollars to representative from each fraternity participate in a formal wear, talent and questions and answer performances. During this time the women of Alpha Xi Delta also collected children's books and stuffed animals to send to children affected by autism.

The new philanthropy event that Alpha Xi Delta started in 2013 was called the AmaXing Challenge. It was a 5k run/walk that was open to anyone in the university or Manhattan communities. All of the members invited at least ten family members or friends to join them on the day of the run/walk.

"A lot of both greek and non-greek students participated and we also had a lot of families in Manhattan who are somehow affected by autism participate which was really cool," Ochampaugh said.

In 2013, Alpha Xi Delta raised a total of $25,000 for Autism Speaks.

Story | ***Mary Harness***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***



First Row: Ailey Connelly, Casey Thayer, Emily Rempel, Liz Abrahamian, Megan McCoy, Elizabeth Zabel, Kelsey Steward, Margaret Baughman, Amanda Penn, Emily Kaempfe, Kristin Kuckelman, Audrey Banach, Lexi Haynes, Kathleen Banning, Kelsey Nygren, Megan Medlock, Holly Heironimus, Emma Donley, Laurel Merriman **Middle Row:** Katelyn Munsinger, Jori Bloom, Leslie Starks, Hailey Dunning, Sarah Spencer, Haley Berning, Rachel D`Autremont, Brenna Stueder, Stephanie Peterson, Kelly Nyffeler, Annie Kelley, Kelsie Shy, Kelsey Moore, Lexi Mische, Joslyn Lang, Nicole Oliphant, Laura Sommers, Hope Abarr, Chelsea Webb, Misha Modiri, Breckyn Williamson, Grace Heidebrecht, Laura Schorn **Middle Row:** Megan Varhola, Cheyenne Alvarado, Brooks Kelchin, Kylie Hewitt, Sydney Bowen, Sophia Bachman, Bailey Boline, Jordan Priddle, Maddie Raines, Kait Meinart, Corey Brynes, Christine Caban, Kimmie Clark, Elena Bailey, Mallory Patten **Back Row:** Taylor Rice, Bre Wilson, Kari Keahey, Haley Stephenson, Andrea Erickson, Sophie Elliot, Erikka Blevins, Samantha Pedigo, Mackenzie Lutz, Brianne Pierce, Michaela Timmins, Abbey Ehlers, Piper Earnshaw

Beta Sigma Psi

The Zeta chapter of the Beta Sigma Psi fraternity was founded upon their beliefs of the three S's: spiritual, scholastic and social. These beliefs were demonstrated by volunteering time and efforts to various local Lutheran ministries in the Manhattan area.

The men of Beta Sig showed their passion for faith by holding services and bible studies in their home, which was welcome to any greek community member every Sunday.

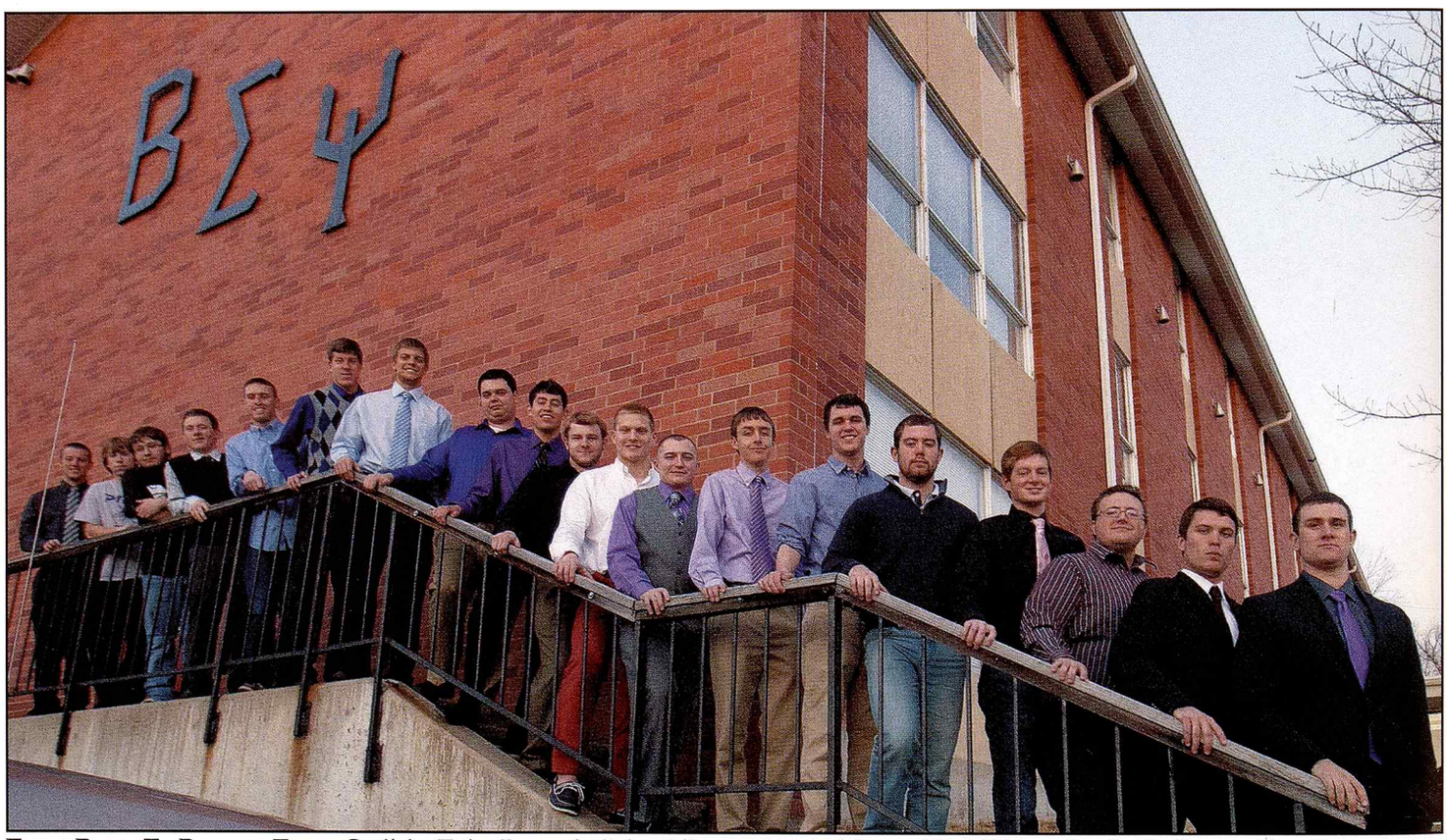
"I believe that the studies help me strengthen my faith but also helps me in becoming a better person everyday," Taran Carlisle, junior in kinesiology and social chair of Beta Sig, said.

The events were not only held to encourage other members to indulge in their faith, but to also create a sense of community to other fraternities and sororities on campus.

"Not only do the guys hold events in home but also giving back in an important part of Beta Sigma Psi," Carlisle said.

Each month members volunteered time to serve meals at the local churches, such as First Lutheran Church, Peace Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran. Attending services and providing their time to any of the local ministries were a part of Sunday mornings for the men of Beta Sig.

Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Ty Roznos, Taran Carlisle, Tyler Lovseth, John Gilmore, Devin Magee, Nick Weber, Brady Hoffman, Alan Barraza, Alonso Acevedo, Brett Mock, Dustin Douglas, Taylor Dean, Cody Campbell, Andrew Mahoney, Tim Spencer, Patrick O'Connor, Aaron Hodson, Matt Shandy, Adam Beeman

Beta Theta Pi

Dalton Savage, freshman in civil engineering, lost his six-year-old-brother who had struggled with Noonans Syndrome, an enlarged heart, and most recently lymphoma. Shortly after his sixth birthday on Oct. 6, Savage's brother went into cardiac arrest due to bacterial meningitis and died. Dalton's fraternity brothers immediately opened their arms to him and his family.

"They just would do anything I needed," Savage said. "They got all my clothes and school stuff ready for me, helped me get caught up on homework, and sent me texts of encouragement. It meant the world having all that support."

The men of Beta wanted to do something to support Savage and his family even more than they already had.

"Right away we wanted to show support in a big way ad it happened to work out with Beta Boo," Dominic Ruiz, junior in architecture and philanthropy chair, said.

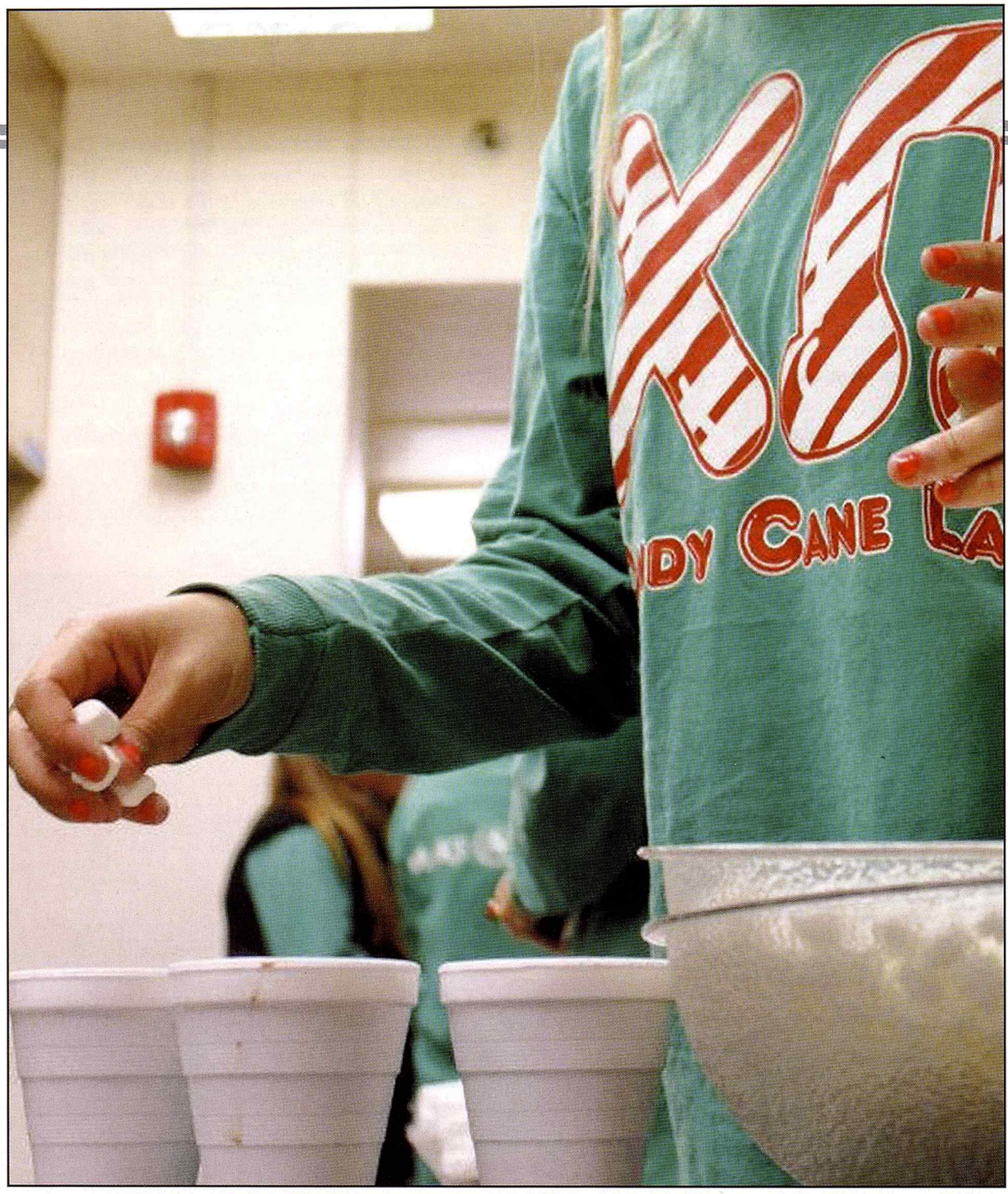
Beta gave the proceeds from Beta Boo to the organization of Savage's parent's choice, which was the Tarc Foundation, an organization that helped people with disabilities.

"Tarc played a large role and helped the savage family tremendously," Ruiz said. "They do some amazing things."

Story | ***Mary Harness***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Will Bothwell, Jack Brekke, Zachary Reed, Andrew Waldman, Thomas Ehmke, Bobbie Lonker, Talbott Severson, Krey Bradley, Adam Massey **Middle Row:** Cory Horton, Isaac Braun, Christopher Cook, Josh Mais, Christian Davis, Stevephn Mazzoni, Mitch Savage, Connor Navrude, Jonah Klug, Sean Mitchell, Pierce Shimp, Logan Breault, Connor Carollo, Matthew Salter, Andy Hurtig, John Colbern, Ryan Fiser, Jared Erpelding, Logan Rosem, Taylor Wilson, Peter Bergkamp, Jon Lee, Harrison Proffitt **Back Row:** Thatcher Keast, Soren Thomsen, Tyler Brown, Kyle Reiger, Christian Kehr, Jacob Colver, Keith Bullinger, John Doran, Kevin Jantsch, Evan Clopine, Matthew Ayres, Dalton Savage, Sam Hafner, Bill Graves



A member of Chi Omega fills marshmellows into hot cocoa at the Candy Cane Lane on McCain philanthropy event Dec. 9.

Chi Omega

A major aspect of any greek organization at Kansas State University was volunteerism and philanthropy. The 2013 academic year of the K-State chapter of Chi Omega sorority proved to be one of the sorority's largest philanthropic years in its history. Chi Omega's national philanthropy was the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which helped sponsor wishes made by children who suffered from terminal illness.

"Chi Omega at K-State hosted Candy Cane Lane on McCain," said Sarah Carlson, president of Chi Omega and junior in english and education. "This philanthropy event is where students and the community could donate money in return for some hot chocolate, cookies and holiday spirit."

In the fall of 2012, the Chi Omega house made the wish of three-year-old, Chase, possible. Chase was sent to Disney World through the Candy Cane Lane on McCain event. Chase and his family visited the Chi Omega house on the day of the event and met with all the women of the sorority. Chase was surprised as players from the K-State football team arrived to meet him as well.

"Seeing the huge smile on Chase's face as he met the Kansas State football team and was told he was going to Disney World was definitely the highlight of the evening," said Mallory Keating, vice president of Chi Omega and sophomore in business administration. "It's events like this that make our chapter special and a strong symbol on campus and in Manhattan."

Story | ***Jakki Thompson***
Photo | ***Ellen Collingwood***



Front Row: Kourtney Boehler, Sarah Carlson, Erin Walker, Charlotte Reele, Audrey Boring, Kellie Flick, Meghan Zych, Adrianna Lewis, Lauren Curry, Kristen Anderson **Back Row:** Morgan Hoffman, Gabby Smith, Jenae Hicklin, Alivia Owens, Elizabeth Stovev, Carly Cobble, Shelby Estes, Katie Azelthe

Delta Chi

The men of Delta Chi Fraternity joined hands in support of the Jimmy V foundation.

In 2013, the Kansas State University colony of Delta Chi hosted a bracket tournament to raise money for the philanthropy foundation.

"We are taking the initiative on this," Soumitra Kandlur, sophomore in business administration, said. "This is the first of its kind."

Delta Chi presented its fundraising efforts in the form of a March Madness Basketball Bracket competition. The profits were donated to one of their national philanthropies to help awareness for cancer research. Each year members of Delta Chi across the nation raised thousands of dollars for international and local charitable organizations that involved the research and advancement of a cure for cancer.

At the university, the Delta Chi men were raising awareness in a different state of mind.

"It's good to give back and the way we are doing that can help others to support a good cause," Kandler said.

Delta Chi donated their efforts to the Jimmy V Foundation since 2007. In 2013 Delta Chi pledged $150,000 to the foundation as a national chapter.

Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Aaron Peterson, Aaron Frith, Jacob Marcuson, Kyle Mayer, Tyler Goevert, Christian Burdett, Eric Brown **Middle Row:** Jake Morrissette, Riley Barker, Eric Long, Evan McMican, Rhett Jones, Michael Kennedy, Cameron Rhodes **Middle Row:** Cole Turner, Nicholas Rohrbaugh, Grant Harper, Frederick Amstutz, Josh Vanderleest **Back Row:** Kris Mueller, Zach Stroth

Delta Delta Delta

Members of the Theta Iota chapter of Delta Delta Delta fought to get rid of common stereotypes associated with their sorority.

Going through formal recruitment in August, potential new members were told to form opinions independently about the different sororities they toured. Rumors and stereotypes that were spread about chapters could have effected on the outcome of the entire recruitment process.

In fall of 2012, the members of Tri-Delt did their best to squash one of the common rumors associated with their chapter. It was said that anytime a girl was on the first floor of their house, they would be required to wear make-up and be 'dressed to impress at all times.

"It's absolutely not true. I even heard that going through recruitment," Lauren Meehan, sophomore in mass communications and the president of Tri-Delt, said. "I think it's just something that's formulated over the years. We find it humorous."

When recruiting potential new members the Tri-Delt women communicated to the women going through recruitment that the rumor was just that, a rumor.

"There's actually a video we show during recruitment that shows us making fun of that and shows that we aren't dressed up or anything 24/7," Monica Nelson, junior in restaurant management and vice president of Tri-Delt, said.

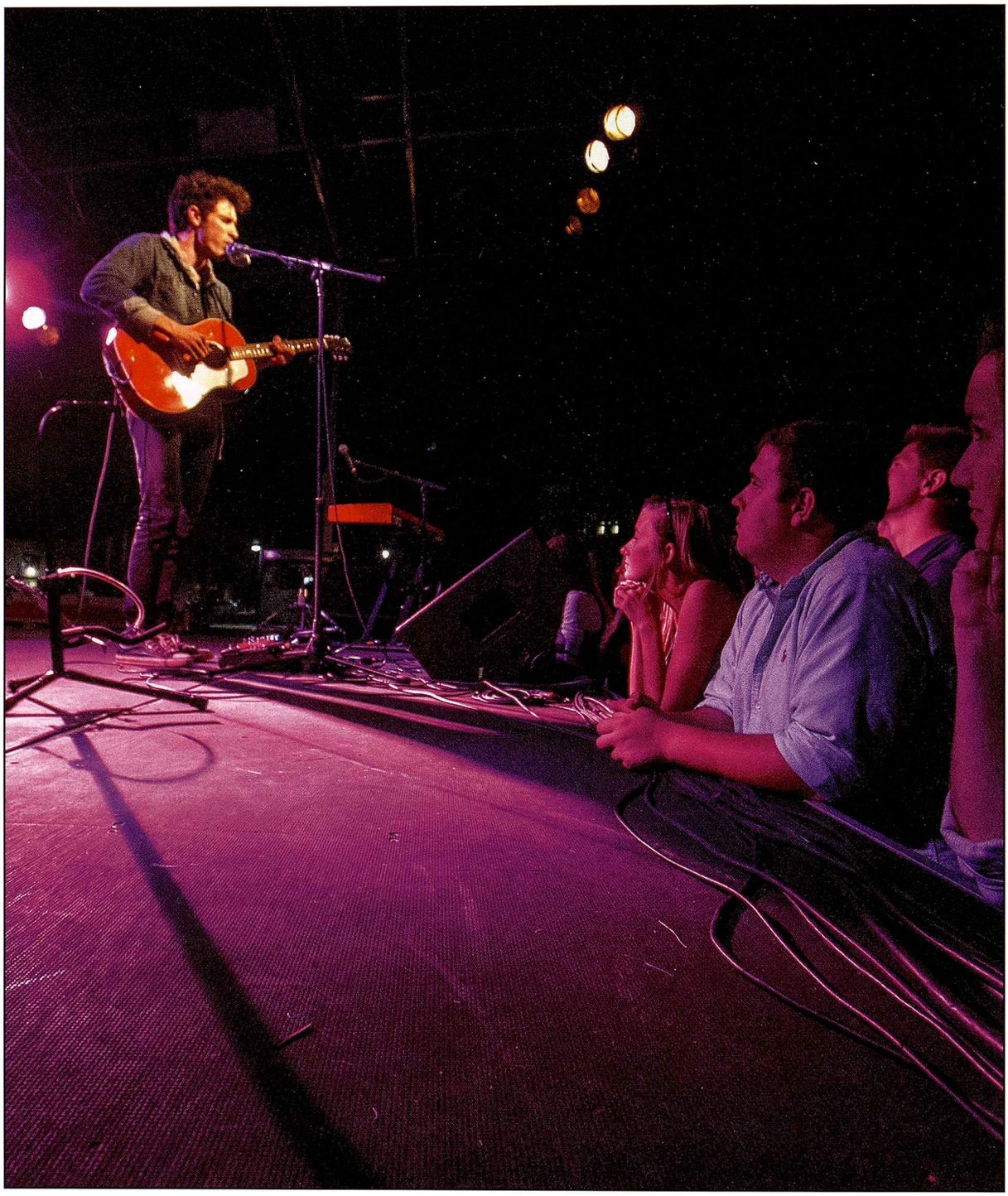
Meehan and Nelson both agreed that the rumor didn't affect their recruitment process.

"I think the video definitely changes people's minds so that they can actually see what goes on and see what we are really like," Nelson said.

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Brooke Hanna, Marissa Lord, Vanessa Bowen, Lauren Meyers, Raquel Borck, Haley Mills, Sammie Prester, Kaitlyn Wallace, Emily Wheeler, Rylee Shea, Destyni Weaver, Keely Clarkson, Brooke Hawkinson **Middle Row:** Kelby Green, Angie Larson, Laila Sammur, Abby Riegel, Brooke Becker, Cari Cetola, Anna Brown, Chessy Wilson, Shelby Anderson, Kelsey McKay, Rianne McDonald, Madison Shelley, Morgan Huelsman, Meg Mcgroder, Ashley Constable, Kelsey Shepherd, Brianne Burris **Middle Row:** Jessica Sell, Shandee Porter, Sam Kannawin, Erin Ressegieu, Morgan Hudson, Dani Lickteig, Bre Norton, Martika Chappell, Taylor Craghead, Ariel Engelland, Maddie Collins, Morgan Shmidl, Kenzie Steele, Leah McDonald, Brooke Hawkinson, Eliza Shurtleff, Jackie Peterson, Kelsey Middlekamp, Bailey Hurford **Middle Row:** Dana Kitch, Kenzey Sutcliffe, Molly Sevart, Jordyn Beck, Kat Elder, Rachel Pageler, Kaite Cortis, Bri Wahaus, Jill Stewert, Allie Meisenhemier, Chloe Biron, Andie Johnson, Megan Sutter, Lindsey Gilroy, Alex Bellerive, Korie Reed, Kaitlyn Neuschafer, Hannah Cameron, Marissa Galindo, Taylor Hildebrand, Kaitie Wolfe, Melissa Geist **Middle Row:** Alex Powell, Kenzie Chandler, Andrea Bollig, Trish Reid, Frankki Fontana, Annie Jansen, Sarah Batterson, Kylee Gray, Juliana Malone **Middle Row:** Abby Thomann, Katie McGreevey, Lacey Farley, Kayla Yanik, Sami Hess, Christina Picicci, Neema Prakash, Lexi Oliver, Monica Nelson, Janelle Morgan, Shirley Robinson, Shelby Tate, Katie Sevart, Kaileigh Kupchin, Shelby Brasfield, Taylor McKinley **Back Row:** Lauren Meehan, Rachel Tate, Shelby Krieg, Megan Drangines, Rachel Kennally, Meredith Kogler, Ashley Ragar, Jessica Boesche, Mallory Woods, Shauna Muelbach, Logan Barefoot, Elizabeth Kaifes, Kasey Crostarosa, Allison Douville, Christine Anjard , Courtney Bothwell, Mary Kate Duffy



Musical artist Ben Rector performs as the headliner for Delta Sigma Phi's MoMorial concert on Anderson lawn on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Delta Tau Delta

The Gamma Chi chapter of Delta Tau Delta called Kansas State University home for more than three years before the fraternity was shut down in January.

In order to be officially chartered on campus, Delta Tau Delta needed to recruit at least 40 members and struggled to obtain that number.

"While the National fraternity valued us as men of excellence, they wanted a chapter that didn't struggle with membership size," Justin Keller, senior in mechanical engineering, said.

Many members of the fraternity said they felt that part of their problem was how Delta Tau Delta focused on recruitment for the wrong reasons. The wrong opinions, in Keller's opinion, was focusing on the recruitment numbers and not the aspect of brotherhood.

"We were recruiting for numbers. We focused on it so much that we forgot to have fun," Keller said. "But as one door was closed, a new door was opened for us. A large amount of us joined this fraternity called Alpha Kappa Lambda that just started up this semester."

The Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity originally established themselves at the university in 1930, and re-established in 2013.

"Alpha Kappa Lambda planned to come to campus this semester and start to recruit new members and hope to recharter the Iota Chapter, as it was previously on campus until 1995 when it was shut down," Phillip Gomez, senior in marketing, said. "We approached the Delts by just sending them an email, and explaining that we know the situation they went through was tough, but offered to give them a new start."

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Justin Keller, Stuart Disberger, Justin Beyer, Josh Beyer, Yi Tang, Brendon Hockla, Sean Bodendistel, Alex Nagle, Shawn Dunbar **Back Row:** Devin Kelly-Collins, Tom Ward, John Caldwell, Tanner Barth, Mike Hanus, Marcus Lewis, Gannon Huiting, Chance Reed, Bronson Waite **Not Pictured:** Phil Gomez, Ian Huyett, Blake Hilton, Alex Donnelly, Jordan Casey

Delta Upsilon

The men of Delta Upsilon decided to mix their creativity with their extensive willingness to give back to the community.

DU hosted a Pancake Feed to help the Boys and Girl's Club of Manhattan.

"We raised about $1,500 and it was just really nice to give back to the community and help out others especially right before the holiday season," Thomas Ortiz, sophomore in industrial engineering and member of DU, said.

The Pancake Feed was hosted along with the women of Gamma Phi Beta. The event was held on Nov. 30 and was a safe haven for students to chat, help a local philanthropy and enjoy all you can eat pancakes for a $5 entry fee.

"I thought the event went absolutely great," Alex Winter, senior in kinesiology and philanthropy chair of DU, said. "We had so many people come to the philanthropy event that we had to go on an additional supply run to meet the demand of people wanting pancakes."

The event saw numerous amounts of supporters from the Greek community as well as the Manhattan community as a whole.

"It was great seeing people come out to support a cause that meant so much to all the people involved," Ortiz said.

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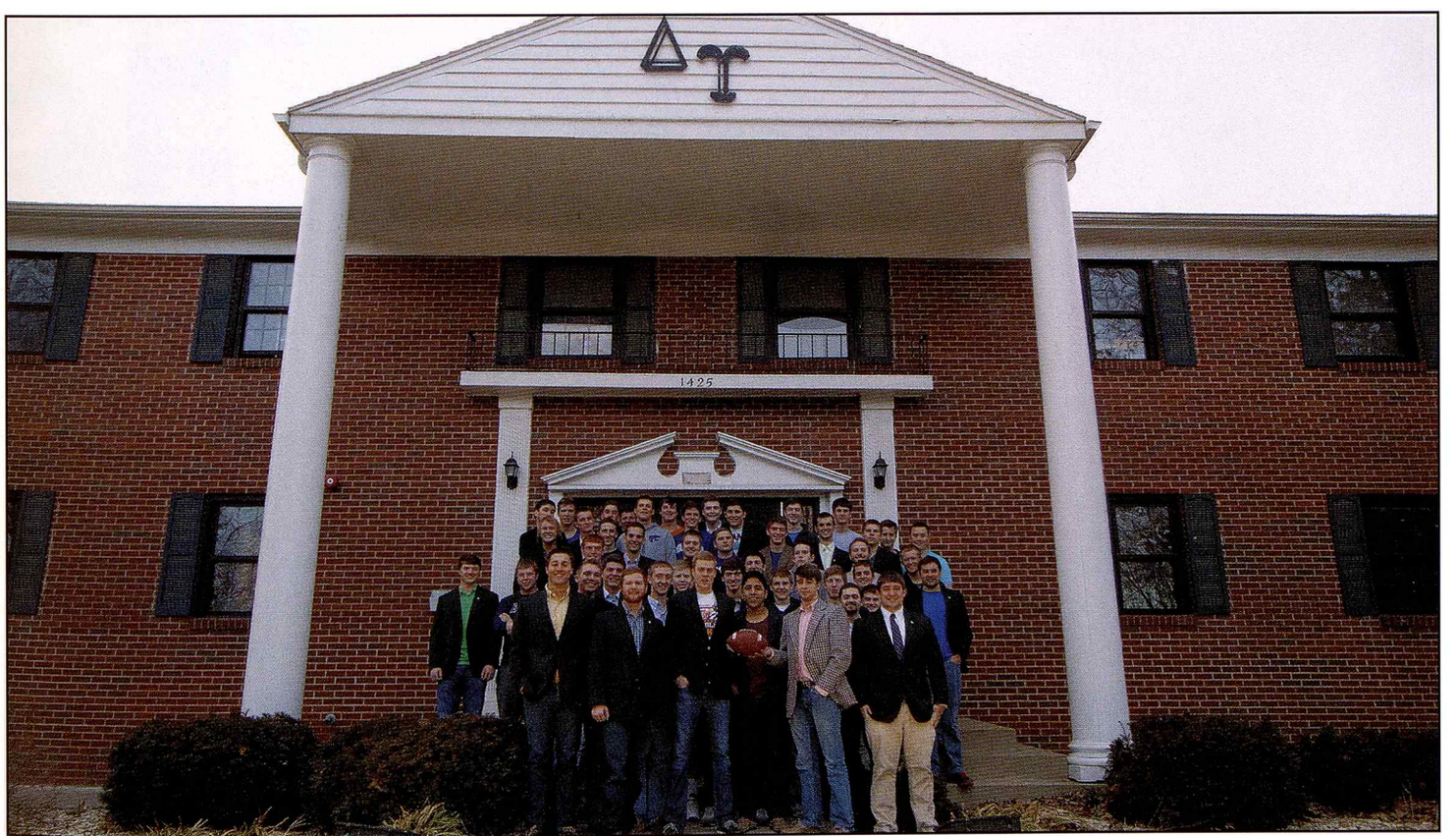

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Kari Inch, junior in animal science, and her older sister Katie Inch give Steven Daniels a smooch at Gamma Phi Beta's kissing booth at the Relay for Life event on Friday, April 13.

Gamma Phi Beta

When given a tragedy, Kari Inch decided to leave a legacy. Inch, junior in animal science production management and member of Gamma Phi Beta, suffered the loss of her mother from breast cancer in February of 2012.

"She was diagnosed when I was a freshman," Inch said. "She battled it and each time she finished chemo treatments, it came back."

Inch started a Relay for Life team in honor of her mom, Barbara Inch, after her diagnosis. And when Inch's mother passed in her junior year at Kansas State University, her sisters from Gamma Phi continued the team in support.

"I don't think Kari was even thinking of doing a relay. Me and a few friends were trying to surprise her and do all the work to set it up," Lucy Finocchiaro, junior in animal science, said.

"Team Barbara" raised over $4,000 in donations, with the proceeds benefitting the American Cancer Society.

Once she came back to school after the funeral, she continued to receive support from her sisters and friends.

"I can't tell you the number of times I randomly broke down crying when I got back," Inch said. "And whoever would walk into that room would stay with me until I was done."

Gamma Phi continued "Team Barbara" with Finocchiaro as the team captain while Inch participated in a semester internship in Kentucky for equine management during Spring 2013.

"I feel like Kari deserves the best things in the world," Finocchiaro said. "She's just so strong and makes me look at my life and realize how lucky I really am."

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First Row: Leah Oropesa, Courtney Frantz, Lauren Hower, Kristin Davis, Devon Perkins, Sara Gunning, Marit Pavek, Nicole Galvan, Kylie Milburn, Meghan McNally, Taylor Ricketts, Tori Shaw, Michelle Vreeland, Kate Conway, Lauren Swirbul, Andrea Sisk, Rachael Robben, Lydia Jaloweic, Missy Kupfersmith, Lauren Harness **Middle Row:** Katie Bomberger, Sophia Dongilli, Carly Mikuls, Aerial Dodson, Michelle Holland, Brittany Dalton, Olivia Wood, Jo Ryckert, Larissa Dunn, Lucy Finnochario, Kari Inch, Christina Farmer, Lauren Koepp, Breonna Lindborg, Sammie Riehl, Lindsay Francis, Meghan Kempf, Elle Gordon, Annika Sundby, Sierra Trussell, Jenna Boutte, Haley Fosnough-Biersmith, Kirby Younger, Cara Olson **Middle Row:** Laurel Dixon, Maggie Gilmore, Emily Wolfe, Sara Sheehan, Maile Widman, Kerri Ricketts, Brooke Katterhenry, Jacy Lucas, Kaitlin Beeman, Lindsay Albracht, Mikeala Groff, Shelbie Martel, Katie Maxon, Lacee Oliver, Emily Warriner, Molly DeBusk, Emily Lutz, Foster Kutner, Brianne Letner, Laura Negley, Hannah McCabe, Rachel Smith, Kara Omo, Kelsey Martin, Hannah Hovis, Karlee Canaday, Megan Ogren, Lauren Laudan, Maura Schmidling, Joey Platt, Morgan Shoemaker, Karlee Wedekind, Sara Brady, Tailor Simko **Middle Row:** Erin Clopine, Shelby Brunk, Katie McNally, Sidney Flinn, Abigail Hammock, Kylie Schuckman, Jenna Burnette, Lexi Elbrader, Megan Martin, Maggie Klug, Emma Bassette, Shelby Martin, Grace Callison, Lindsey Schroder, Daniela Serrano-Martinez, Abby Hoetling, Jenny Anwander, Katie Pfeiffer, Kelsey Castinado, Abby Adams, Becky Brady, Danie Ziegler, Catie Madderom, Chandler Custer, Magen Witcher **Last Row:** Jackie Brand, Kelsey Schultz, Whitney Crow, Sarah Henkle, Kate Whitslit, Noelle Dykmann, Steph Hughes, Isabel Miller, Margaret Waggoner, Haley Urban, Kasey Criser, Allie Love, Jessica Erker, Katie Ahern, Riley Steinman, McKenzie Martel, Sarah Brill, Lauren Boline, Savanna Anschutz, Lydia Thomsen, McKenzie Benoit, Anna Enderby, Brady Nordhus, Taylor Russo

Gamma Rho Lambda

A disease that affected many people around the world each year, hit home to one particular group on Kansas State University's campus.

The Red Ribbon Ball was a free entry event that aimed to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS. Gamma Rho Lambda, along with LGBT and Allies and the LGBT Resource Center, planned the inaugural event for December.

"Any and all proceeds from donations went to the Client Emergency Fund for persons with HIV/AIDS administered by the Junction City Teddy Bears," Simone Dorsey, senior in family studies and human services and Gamma Rho's vice-president, said. "Considering this was its first year and we were competing with other large events held on campus, I would say we had a pretty successful turnout."

Aside from being a night for students to gather and have fun, the ball held deeper, more personal meanings for many of the attendees.

"Before getting involved with the LGBT community, I was the one that looked upon HIV and AIDS as something that would never truly affect me," Dorsey said. "The more educated I became the most I realized how close to home this disease really is and just how common it is."

Reagan Proctor, senior in early childhood education and associate member of Gamma Rho, agreed.

"The diseases touch the lives of those I love and those like me," Proctor said. "The more awareness and support we have, the further the cause will go."

Overall, proctor felt the event was successful and helped showed their commitment to the community.

"Because of our sorority's inclusive status, we are strongly tied to the LGBT community and what affects one of us, affects all of us," Proctor said. "It shows that we support those in our community and want to spread awareness."

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Ellen Ludwig, Johanna Kelly **Back Row:** Cassie Kane, Rachel Wilson, Rachel Hoppins, Simone Dorsey

FarmHouse

Every year, the men of the Farmhouse Fraternity would get together with Kiwanis, a community service organization, to paint the famous "Manhattan Hill" sign. Wade Gutierrez, sophomore in Spanish, recalled how long Farmhouse had been painting the sign.

"It's been going on for longer than anyone can remember, and we love being able to help the community in such an iconic way," Gutierrez said.

At the beginning of each fall semester, Farmhouse and Kiwanis came together prepared with brooms and white paint. They would start by brushing off the letters, getting rid of dirt and debris, and then painting over the letters with a fresh coat of white paint.

"Everyone sees Manhattan Hill, it's right there, right in front of you," Bryan Taylor, sophomore in food science and industry, said. "We like doing it because it really stands out."

Painting the Manhattan Hill sign was just one way the men of Farmhouse helped out the Manhattan community, along with their other philanthropy events.

Farmhouse not only enjoyed helping the community, but getting closer to their brother and the older men who would help out from Kiwanis.

"It's a great bonding activity to do with my brothers," Taylor said. "I also enjoy learning from older men in the community."

Story | ***Mary Harness***
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Front Row: Kyle Pelton, Gavin Koester, Bryce Krehbiel, Jonathan Harner, Colin Hitz, Jesse Baker, Austin Muchow **Middle Row:** Zane Sloan, Kaleb Graber, Luke Sunderland, Cassidy Hullman, Quinton Berggren, Andrew Spare, Clint Janzen **Middle Row:** Evan Mitchell, Jacob Fairchild, Collin Cooper, Kolten Beck, BJ Brinkman, Jonathan Finley **Middle Row:** Justin Sales, Johnathan Yarrow, Andy Gilmore, Brian Moore, Josh Keim, Grant Unruh **Back Row:** Asher Gilliland, Jake New, Cody Knight, David Amstutz, Donovan Krehbiel, Ryan Schmidt, Josh Liebe, Ransom Gardiner, Landon Bailey, Bryan Taylor

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Alpha Theta choose to spend their fundraising earnings in a unique way.

CASA, which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, was the sole beneficiary to any money that Theta received during fundraisers throughout the year.

"CASA's are assigned to children who are in the court system through no fault of their own. They could be neglected, abused, etc.," Payten Mobley, sophomore in sociology, said. "You speak on behalf of the child, especially if the child is too young to speak."

The amount of money that Theta fundraised determined the number of advocates that could be trained to be a CASA.

"It costs about $1,000 to pay for an advocates training for them to become certified," Heather Brown, junior in social work, said. "Once we raise the money for another advocate, they go through a training program before they can be certified."

Both students agreed that being a part of Theta was the main reason that they were CASA's.

"The only reason I even know what CASA is, is because of Theta," Mobley said. "It makes me sad that something so important is so unknown throughout the community."

"I found out about the program through Theta," Brown said. "There are experiences I have in both groups that benefit each other."

Because CASA is a completely service-based organization, Mobley felt that being a part of the organization helped their sorority's image.

"All sororities have a philanthropy that they support, and I am fortunate to be involved in this one," Mobley said. "We really feel like we can make a difference when we raise awareness of CASA throughout campus and the community."

Story | ***Jacinda Dent***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



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Kappa Delta

Once a year members of Kappa Delta's Sigma Gamma chapter gathered Kansas State University students and members of the Manhattan community to eat, play and win prizes in support of a great cause.

During the two-day philanthropy, Shamrock Shootout, participants attended an "all you can eat" dinner sponsored by several local eateries, like Chipotle and Pizza Hut.

"At the dinner, there are tables set up with raffle prizes," Hayley Lollar, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management, said. "Guests can buy tickets and enter their name to win a variety of collectables, gift cards and K-State items."

Rounding out Shamrock Shootout on the second day, Kappa Delta hosted a basketball tournament. All proceeds from the dinner, raffle and tournament benefited the chapter's philanthropy organizations: Prevent Child Abuse America and the Manhattan Women's Crisis Center.

"It's great that we can make an impact to a local and a national organization," Carly Hinni, senior in secondary education and english, said. "Shamrock means a lot to me because it is our chapter's biggest event, and I really believe in both of the causes."

Lollar said she felt felt that Shamrock Shootout benefitted not only the sorority's image, but also the members involved.

"The Shamrock Shootout really brings our house closer together," she said. "From members who live out of house to new members who are experiencing it for the first time, we all come together to put on this amazing event."

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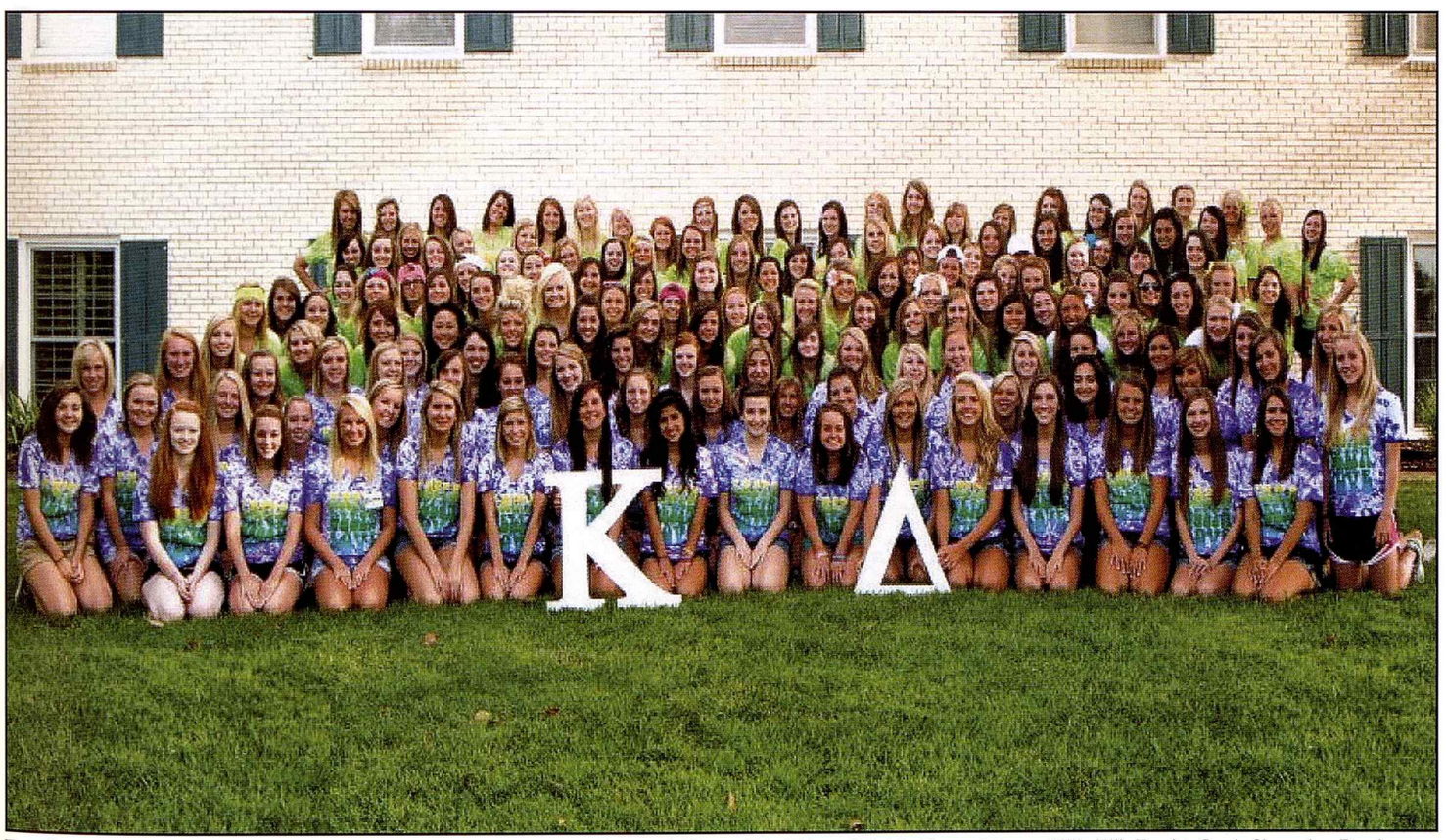

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Helping Our *Sweet Sister*

By Katie Armbruster

Being a "sweet sister" is a concept taken very seriously at Kappa Kappa Gamma. Sisterhood can be exhibited in many ways, from taking sisters snacks while they study for a big test to giving rides to class when it is cold outside. Going out of our way to exhibit sweetness is something that makes the Kappa house go 'round, and no one takes this more seriously than Emily Mayfield.

On any given day during the past year, Emily could be spotted hanging out around Kappa. Even if she happened to be in a rush to get to class, Emily would make it a point to smile and ask how your day was going. So many people asked this question, yet few stopped to listen to the answer. Emily listened.

Emily is the epitome of a "sweet sister," and now it's our turn to return the favor, for this is a time Emily needs it the most.

On Wednesday, October 3, 2012, Emily went to the student health center at K-State to follow up on a cold that was not getting better. A blood test revealed abnormalities and she was referred to The University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City.

Once she was admitted, a bone marrow biopsy was done immediately, which led to a diagnosis of a type of leukemia known as Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Chemotherapy began immediately after Emily was diagnosed.

Results from a cytogenic molecular test showed that Emily's leukemia falls into the intermediate risk category. Further tests also showed that Emily would need a bone marrow transplant. While not the news the Mayfields were hoping for, they also received wonderful

news that Emily's brother, Alex, is a match for the bone marrow transplant.

While Emily was able to find a match for her transplant, many others are not. To help others Emily's are there, Kappa held a bone marrow registry in the K-State Student Union on November 13. More than 300 individuals registered, which is an incredible number! This was made possible through the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation, who sent all of the materials to us for free and will process all of the kits. Registering only takes a swab of your cheek. For more information or to request your own registry packet, visit www.giftoflife.org.

To assist Gift of Life with the cost of processing the kits and raise awareness for leukemia, Kappa held a fundraiser at Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt in Manhattan, where 10% of every purchase was donated to the cause. We had an amazing turnout, as many individuals heard about the cause and came to support Emily. Almost $200 was raised and donated to Gift of Life to offset processing of the registry kits.

Emily has been in the hospital for more tha 40 days, but has recently been able to return home for a couple of weeks, which she and he



The spread in the Kappa Kappa Gamma magazine, The Key, dedicated to Emily Mayfield's story and how her sisters at K-State's chapter were trying to make an impact.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

In September 2012, Kappa Kappa Gamma received devastating news from one of their members. Emily Mayfield, a junior in journalism and mass communications, was diagnosed with leukemia.

"The initial reaction of the chapter was complete and utter shock," Amanda Privitera, junior in family studies and human services and pre-law, said. "When you're this young and in college, you don't expect someone so healthy and active to just develop a disease that could be potentially life-threatening."

Members of Kappa knew they had to do something to show their love and support. As a chapter, they sent her encouraging notes every week that told her what was going on in the chapter along with other small details they would do to lift her spirits. They also made t-shirts and bracelets that said "Team Emily" to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation, the philanthropy of Mayfield's choice.

Privitera also organized a bone marrow drive in an effort to raise awareness of leukemia and help out.

"K-State and the greek community reacted in a way that was incredibly inspiring and heartwarming," Privitera said. "I think Emily's story really hit home for a lot of people since she was so active and well-known in the community."

Story | ***Mary Harness***
Photo | ***Erin Poppe***



Front Row: Sadie Roesner, Emily Orndoff, Elizabeth Harner, Samantha Allen, Andrea Boyles, Emily Jackson, Madi Grier, Emily Mayfield, Katie Omo **Middle Row:** Kara Smith, Heather Jones, Nicole Reddick, Grace Works, Victoria Lehmann, Ann Clawson, Jessica Leichter, Jordan Delaney, Lauren Kuykendall, Lyndi Stucky, Cecilia Lehmann, Karen Edwards, Sarah Ridder, Lauren Eberting, Taylor Kayser, Allison Greene, Rachel Smith, Maureen Barry, Kelsey Prather, Brae Halling, Katie Ambrosier, Paige Taylor, Kelsey Duck, Shelby Storrie, Amy Burns, Gina Kirkwood, Sidney Foster **Middle Row:** Emily Avazpour, Taberie Halling, Bridget Lundy, Meg Copher, Kelsey Wolfe, Tayler Simoneau **Middle Row:** Victoria Carr, Molly Jennings, April Lewis, Hannah Smith, Kaitlin Landes, Hannah Johnson, Sidney Smith, Ana Miller, Jill Bergling, Carly Bachman, Taylor Myers, Sarah Lewis, Mackenzie Mense, Bayleigh Meyers, Erin Oehm, Kathy Knox, Kelsey Sterling, Chelsea Neumann, Alexis Lundy, Rachel Knox, Taylor Deardoff, Kate Nolte, Nicole Baith, Hannah Tritschler, Mary Joyce, Keagan Romary, Serena O'Connor, Amber Kuckelman **Middle Row:** Rebecca Jenkins, Brianna Wancura, Elizabeth Kezar, Kayla Hare, Katelyn Ehrnman, Maggie Crabtree, Jill Teeter, Caroline Busch, Gabrielle Vandergriff, Abigial Kaplan, Tessa Reichel, Lindy Sasse, Jenny Schmidt, Taylor Harms, Maddie Caywood, Caroline Davis, Jennifer Jacobson, Lindsay Reed, Quinn Barker, Jenna Harwell, Faith Loepp, Tayler McCullough **Back Row:** Teri O'Neal Bloomer, Molly Glenn, Sarah Yunk, Shannon McKee, Paige Hampton, Courtney Schultz, Claire Thiessen, Morgan Flanders, Jessica Long, Kayla Graff, Katie Kimmel, Samantha Wise, Courntey Thompson, Jordan Brown, Britta Ekholm, Jillian Ryan, Taylor King, Nicole Gibson, Alyssa Smith, Grace LeMaster, Julia Hilts, Patricia Cole, Anna Cooper, Rachel Carter, Hannah Reusser, Chelsey Glatz, Allison Tapp, Emily Carnes

Kappa Sigma

The former residents of 1930 College Heights, the Kappa Sigma fraternity, had gone through many changes in the 2013 years. From losing their chapter house to being a part of the winning homecoming pairing, it had been quite the roller coaster.

"Many years of bills not being collected properly got too hefty to afford to keep the house open," Adam Kimberling, sophomore in secondary education, said. "Alumni ultimately decided that they weren't going to let Kappa Sigma members move back in."

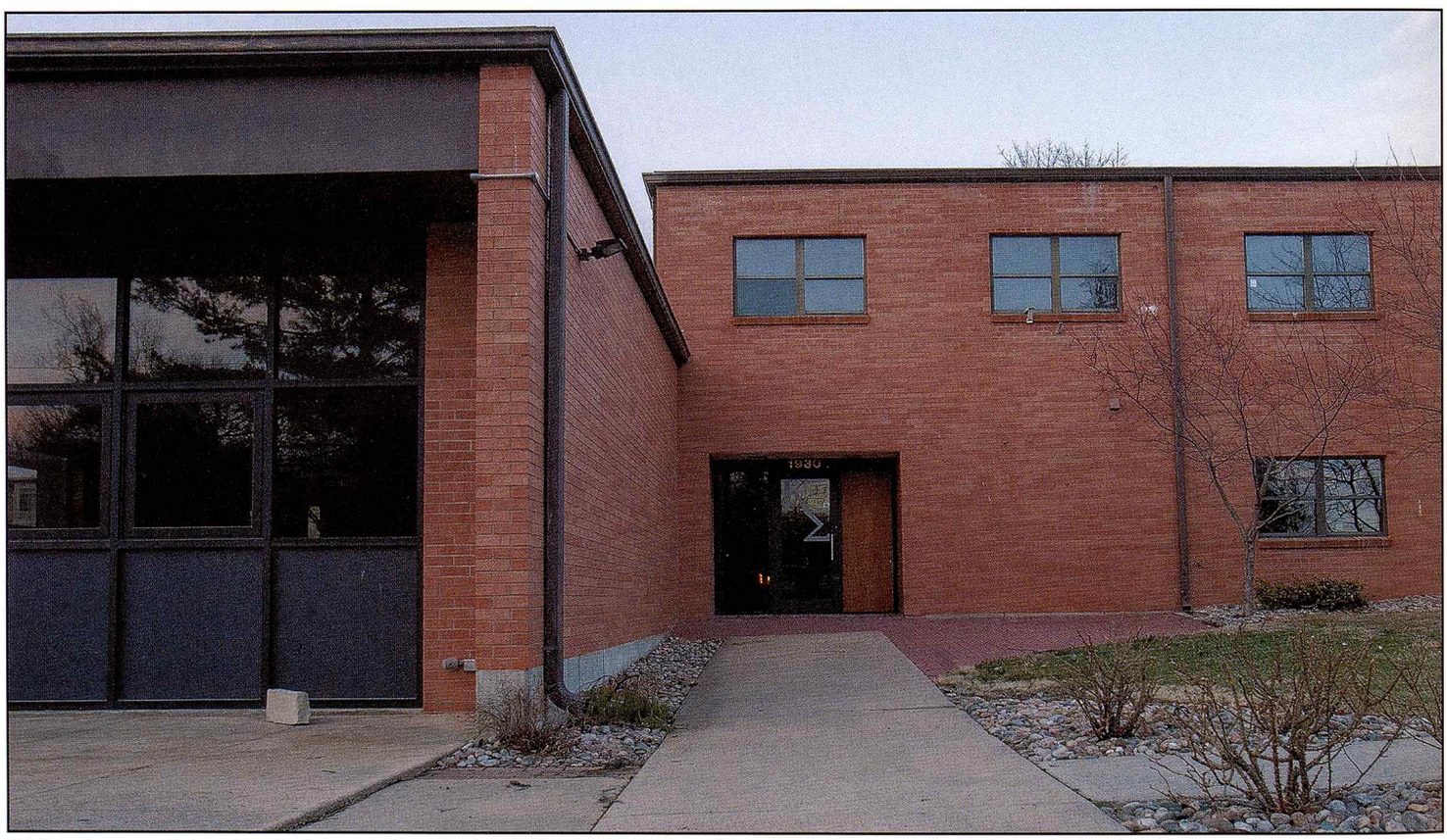
The fraternity house was shut down after the 2011 academic year.

"It was really unfortunate timing. We were on our way towards strengthening our brotherhood and improving other internal aspects of the chapter," Blake Latchman, sophomore in history, said. "To be frank, it sucks to have an external factor such as our alumni be the reason for losing the house."

Kappa Sigma, along with Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Sigma Nu fraternity, took first place in the greek pairings for the 2012 Homecoming competition. According to the Kansas State Alumni Association, the fraternity had come in second in 2011 and 2006.

"Our house took momentum from second place last year," Kimberling said. "Teamwork with Sigma Nu and Gamma Phi Beta, and motivation from our recent circumstances contributed towards our place at number one this year."

Story | ***Katie Kroska***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



With its letters still donning the front window, the former home of Gamma Chi chapter of Kappa Sigma still stands abandoned in March.

Lambda Chi Alpha

The Gamma-Xi Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha was on a mission to help serve the community of Manhattan. To do so the men of Lambda Chi offered their help by hosting their annual philanthropy, Watermelon Bust.

Lambda Chi freshmen were teamed up with freshmen women of numerous sororities, to participate in the five creative competitions that all dealt specifically with watermelon.

"Watermelon twister, watermelon eating contests, a toss, watermelon bowling and a challenge course including carrying watermelons are the events we offer to the sorority members to participate in," Jake Sankey, junior in business and social chair of Lambda Chi, said.

The money raised through t-shirt sales reached $3,700 in 2012 and was donated to the Flint Hills Breadbasket, a community food network that helped in-need families throughout the Manhattan area. The women who participated were advised to bring canned food for Lambda Chi to donate to the food shelter. Efforts exceeded expectations in over 1,000 lbs. of food in 2012.

"I think it's a really good philanthropy that's super fun," Nicholas Weber, sophomore in business and member of Lambda Chi, said. "It also raises tons of money and generates a lot of donated food."

Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Taylor Sheffield, Nico Coady, Tim Reichmuth, Garang Anyit, Zach Sheffield, Jimmy Clark, Trevor Moy, Nick Pappas, Caleb Fehr **Middle Row:** Chase Woofter, Kam Spray, Nick Weber, Jason Sabin, Skyler Thompson, Sean Martin, Montana Sharpe, Gunnar Murray, Jacob Ewers, Jack Kovarik, Eric Engelland, Kevin Ritz **Back Row:** Cody Howard, Mark Mergen, Deion Shump, Virginia Davis, Parker Hall, Brady Crites, Joe Slickman, Jacob Paperi, Elliot Farber, Tucker Clark, Jared Dinkel, Patrick O'Leary, Jake Sankey, Michael Pappas, Luke Dinkel, Zach Seeberger, Jared Wasinger, Matt Bentler, Logan Williams

Pi Beta Phi



Front Row: Sophia Tolentino, Kaylee Shilling, MinHee Yi, Lindsey Goff, Taylor Scheer, Molly Ellison, Sarah Urbanczyk, Kara Evans **Middle Row:** McKenzie Ast, Taylor Faulkner, Jessica Reed, Halley Urich, Emily Bart, Alex Nepote, Ellie Parr, Libby Wooldridge, Kate Dubbert, Liz Kutina **Middle Row:** Kayla Hutchison, Kirstin McGuffin, Toni Stock, Onyeka Ehie, Maddie Brown, Sophia Hitchcock, Jacqueline Vohs, Abby McNitt, Taylor Wissing, Courtney Brennen, Julia Noland, Jordan Gregory **Middle Row:** Kelly Novosel, Shelby Wilson, Liz Stasiewicz, Madison Coen, McKenzie Smith, Courtney Goetsch, Jalen Hollenbeck, Lauren Fahsholtz, Kristen Fisher, Jenn Stanley, Rachel Ilaria, Victoria Insogna, Morgan Breuer, Maeve Markey, Hannah Foil **Middle Row:** Emerald McAdams, Liz McDonald, Lacey Cole, Molly Rappold, Maddie Ray, Courtney Alexander, Lexi Faherty, Kaitlee Spray, Monica Shelton, Kayla Rowton, Beth Reichenberger, Jesse Milholm, Cassie Kerr, Chandler Schoen, Paige Eppler, Shelby Wallace, Jessica Ptak, Lauren Strickler, Sarah Budke, Lindsey Leadbetter, Lauren Fisher, Caroline Toler, Erin Stoskopf, Sierra Porter, Lauren Wormington **Middle Row:** Ellie Mohr, Madison Debes, Taylor Popp, Haylie Argo, Taylor Mason, Tricia Brensing, Samantha Rivotto, Bailey Ochs, Sarah Branam, Madison Thorp, Ann Grannell, Shelby Nelson, Elizabeth Hughes, Hayley Jenkins, Ellen Bergkamp, Madeline Sanders, Katy Kline, Shanna Stewart, Emily Myers, Dayna Trempy, Meg Pippin **Back Row:** Ally Wood, Jenny Hauser, Ariele Daniel, Maddie Radetic, Morgan Rose, Mary Shadwick, Hannah Quernheim, Maggie Hudson, Kathleen Novosel, Megan Grossenbacher, Taylor Svec

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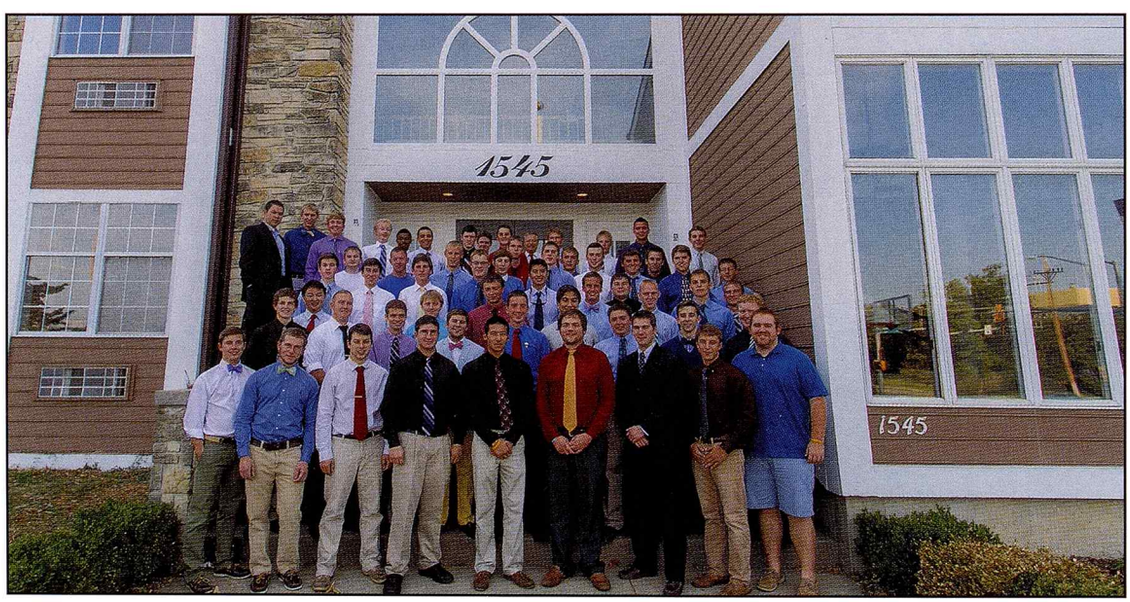

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Phi Gamma Delta

On Oct. 6, the men of Phi Gamma Delta from both Kansas State University and the University of Kansas teamed up to do their 39th Annual Fiji Run for Leukemia. The men raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of one of their fallen brothers, Rod Morgan. Morgan died of leukemia in 1974. For each year following at the K-State vs. KU football game, the men of Fiji ran the game ball from the opposing college to the host college. They received donations and on game day, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society received a check while Morgan's family was present.

"It's a great experience," Doug Beebe, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said. "We get a caravan of cars spread out down Highway 22 and each person will run the ball from the back car to the next one in line and we just leap frog cars all day."

Over the years, the Fiji chapters from K-State and KU together had raised over $625,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"It has been an amazing opportunity to strengthen our brotherhood by rallying around a cause in honor of a deceased brother taken from us by leukemia," Nick Swickard, junior in kinesiology and president of Fiji, said. "And also to give back to a wonderful foundation that does so much in the fight to cure blood cancers."

Story | ***Mary Harness***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Margaret Pickett, Ryan Aeschliman, Jake Dugan, Elias Grant, House Dog Ace, Dylan Hunter, Doug Beebe, Sam Stivers, Graham Krizek, Kyle Parmenter **Middle Row:** Bret Fiser, Austin Holmes, Drake Kayser, Will Baumgartner, Dan Jamar, Ryan Lahey, Casey Sexton **Middle Row:** Jake Fisher, Josh Banwart, Kyle Alsop, Drew Karstens, Sam Breitenbach, Nick Swickard, Ben Geiger **Middle Row:** Ryan Harp, Gus Dautel, Dave Rendulic, Evan Malinowski, Fraser Egan, Clay Weiss, Monte Sexton, Braedon Burgess **Middle Row:** Jace Larsen, Chad Fiser, Max Labbe, Mark Petersen, Dilon Altwegg, Chris Loya, Logan Shetlar, Graham Goodner, John Heiman **Back Row:** Joel Wagner, Henry Sydow, Jared Baker, Ryan Petersen, Miles Grigsby, Ethan Britt, Connor Jumps, A.J. Martin, Dylan Walta, Tyler Wyatt, Eric Fox, Tyler Eggen, Breven Graham, Blake Benton, Justin Erker, Mitch Keating, Gunnar Sullivan, Brandon Haggard

Phi Kappa Theta

For over 90 years the men of the Iota chapter of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity had been making a difference on the Kansas State University campus, regardless of their size.

Averaging between 30 and 35 members, Phi Kap was a Christian based fraternity devoted to raising prostate and testicular cancer awareness. November marked the start of their annual "Movember" campaign. During the month the fraternity brothers would grow out their mustaches, have a booth in the K-State Student Union and sell t-shirts to raise awareness for their philanthropy.

Zac Cooper, vice president of social development for Phi Kap and junior in English, said that unlike other, larger fraternities at K-State, the bond between all the Phi Kappa Theta brothers was something special.

"If you're in a much larger house, you might see somebody with the letters on, but you might not really know who that person is," Cooper said. "Whereas, if we see somebody with our letters are we know who they are, what they're studying, their class schedule and how their day's been going."

That fact that Phi Kappa Theta was a Christian fraternity also made them different than the other fraternities. Their main focus was preparing young men to be outstanding members of society after their years in college.

"One of the biggest differences is that we are a Christian house," Mac Cullinan, president of Phi Kap and sophomore in open option, said. "That's kind of something that separates us from other fraternities; our ideals are based on Christian beliefs."

Story | ***Kelly McHugh***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



First Row: Cody Fager, Eric Mueth, Zach Manuel, Zac Cooper, Trey Desaire, Braxton Jumper, Chris Wynne, Jan Tidball, Matt Spaniol, Danny Miller, Jon Lofquist, Austin Vest, Karl Netemeyer **Middle Row:** Dan Weger, Daniel Thomas, Mac Cullinan, Savik Howard **Back Row:** Alex Gebre, Evan Just, Jordan Kreutzer, Derek Lopez, Josh Rutz, Stephen Tillberg, Jacob Kipp, Brett Holle

Pi Kappa Alpha

For the men of the Alpha Omega chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, a celebration of looking into the past while preparing for advancements in the future was in store for their Centennial in 2013.

Pi Kappa Alpha, also known as Pike, celebrated their centennial from April 26 to April 28. The weekend brought more than a hundred prominent alums back to campus where they participated in a golf tournament, formal banquet, and a Founder's Day lecture. There were also several notable names, including United States Senator Pat Roberts, a Kansas State University alum and member of Pike.

The active members of Pike prepared to put their best foot forward to show the alums that Pike was still running as it was when they were actives.

"We show the alumni general upkeep of the house, the new class of members, we want them to see that the culture is still here," Caleb Wurth, senior in feed science, said. "We want them to see that we are carrying on the legacy, and remaining relevant in our chapter and on campus."

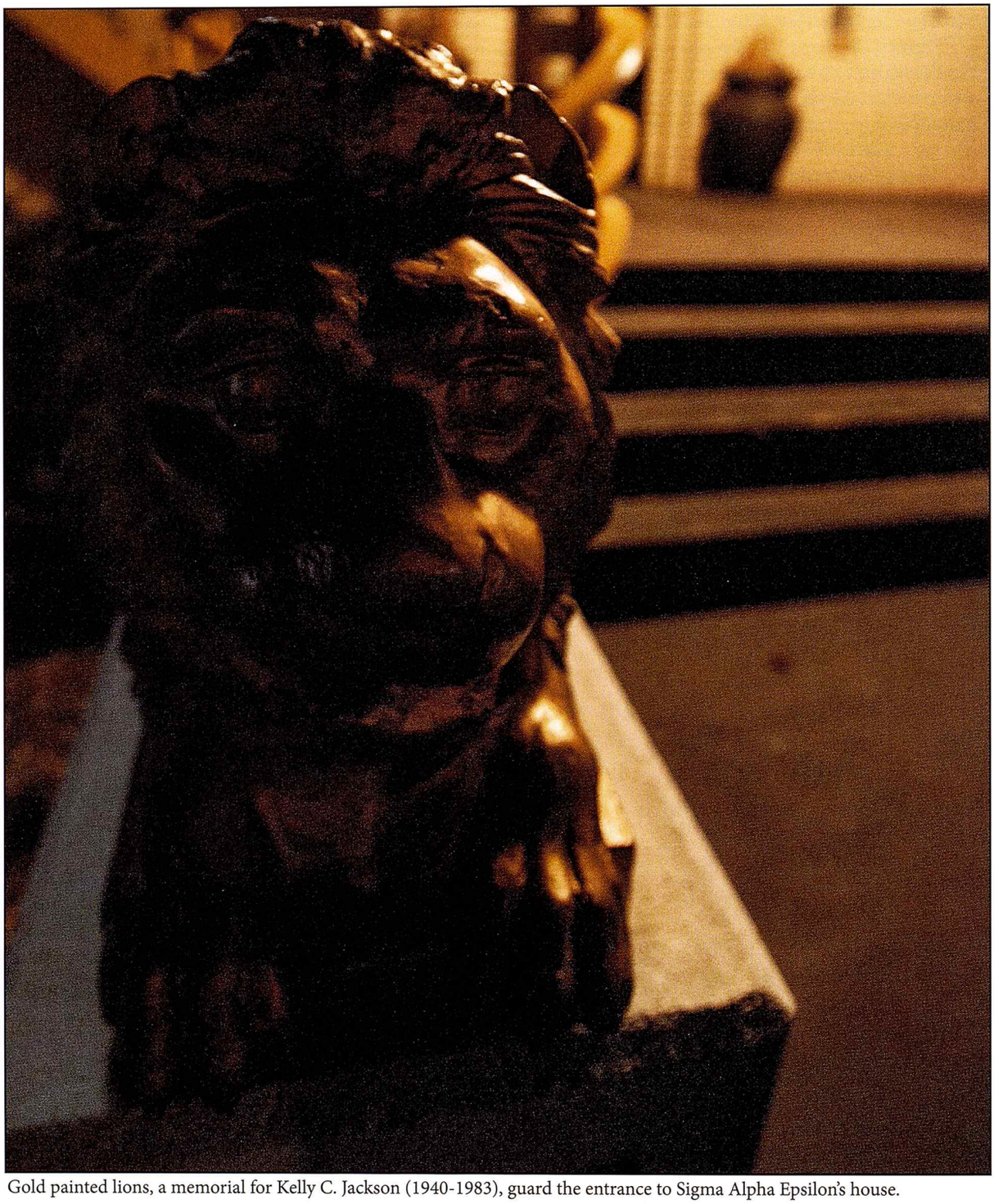
The alumni that attended the Centennial celebration brought with them stories to share with the younger generation of Pike men.

"Overall, the centennial is meant to celebrate the last hundred years of Pike," Wurth said. "But also to design the future."

Story | ***Shelbi Markham***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Joseph Carson, Zaldy Doyungan, Eric Brackin, Luke Townsend **Middle Row:** Zachary Kurth, Cody Yost, Garick Lair, Tanner Rohrer Middle Row: Bryce Kuegler, Sterling Embers, Dalton Schmidt, Kevin Furdek **Middle Row:** Daniel Reinkemeyer, Ryan King, Conner Yost, Jesse Brooks, Geran Wenneker **Middle Row:** Michael Lee, Chris Garcia, Zachary Lantz, David Zaccaro, Phillip Nelson **Back Row:** Nathan Mandsager, Steven King, Cooper Steinman, Shawn Fish, Brendan McKissick, Grady Marcuson, Timothy Brockman, Michael Schonwetter, Armani Williams, Blake Smith, Alfonzo Prescott, Blake Heller, Dylan Mendicina, Ryan Fessler, Vince Migliazzo, John Augustine, Tyler Sweet, Conner Rogge, Jordan Edwards, Grant Geiger, Joseph Vetsch, Martin Thompson



Gold painted lions, a memorial for Kelly C. Jackson (1940-1983), guard the entrance to Sigma Alpha Epsilon's house.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

2012 marked 100 years of the Beta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Kansas State University. This meant a lot to not only the men who were current members of the chapter, but also all of the alumni.

"SAE was the first greek house here at K-State," SAE president Jared Fetter, sophomore in business management, said. "And to make it 100 years without losing our charter brings a great deal of pride to all of us."

SAE's charter house was the oldest greek house on campus. The members took pride in the many traditions and legacies they had here at K-State. One of those traditions included a member named Ernie Barret, better known as Mr. K-State, who lived in the exact same charter house.

"There is a statue of home outside of Bramlage and there's a secret that has to do with that statue on SAE's know," Fetter said.

Milton Eisenhower, brother of President Dwight Eisenhower, was also an SAE at K-State. During the Cold War, President Eisenhower collected rituals from all of the greek organizations because he feared they were somehow connected to communism. Milton Eisenhower managed to convince his brother not to take SAE's rituals.

"Due to that, we are the only national fraternity we know of that truly has kept their secrets," Fetter said.

Story | ***Mary Harness***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Jordan Blanc, Caleb Frank, Sam Broadbent, Darius Williams, Kyle Koerner, Zach Kasmiskie, Austin Scheideman, Bryan Scheideman, Zack Keller, Matt Hull, Ty Butler, Reid McMullin, Spencer Balaun, Skylar Henre, Jay Tinsman, Harrison Underwood, Zeke Albert, Teddy Wayda, Riley McMullin, Daniel Vasquez, Ethan Redd, Joshua Peiffer, Ben Sanders, Austin Bergeron, Jared Fetter, Barbara Podschun, Justin Wiezorek, Taylor Whiteside.

Sigma Chi

Formal recruitment could often be an overwhelming process, but for the men of Sigma Chi recruiting was where they distinguished themselves within the greek community. With 60 members, the Delta Upsilon chapter of Sigma Chi was far from a average group of individuals.

"We had band members, to yell leaders, to just your average college-aged kid," David Beckenhauer, Sigma Chi president and junior in construction science and management said. "We were all different but we believe in the same common ideal."

There was not a day that he was not proud to wear the letters of Sigma Chi.

"It is basically my family and we all get along," Beckenhauer said. "I never had brothers growing up and now I have hundreds of thousands of brothers all around the world."

Members of Sigma Chi were not recruited based off of a certain "type" of individual that the chapter was looking for. They were recruited based on whether or not that potential member met their seven requirements of what a Sigma Chi should entail.

The seven qualities included being a man of character, a student of fair ability, possessing congenial disposition, possessing good morals, a high sense of honor, a deep sense of personal responsibility, and being a man with ambitious purposes.

"That's how we recruited and what we try to live by," Beckenhauer said. "Those seven things basically sum up everything on what being a true gentleman really means, and we are always trying to live up to that reputation everyday."

Story | ***Kaitlin Shea***
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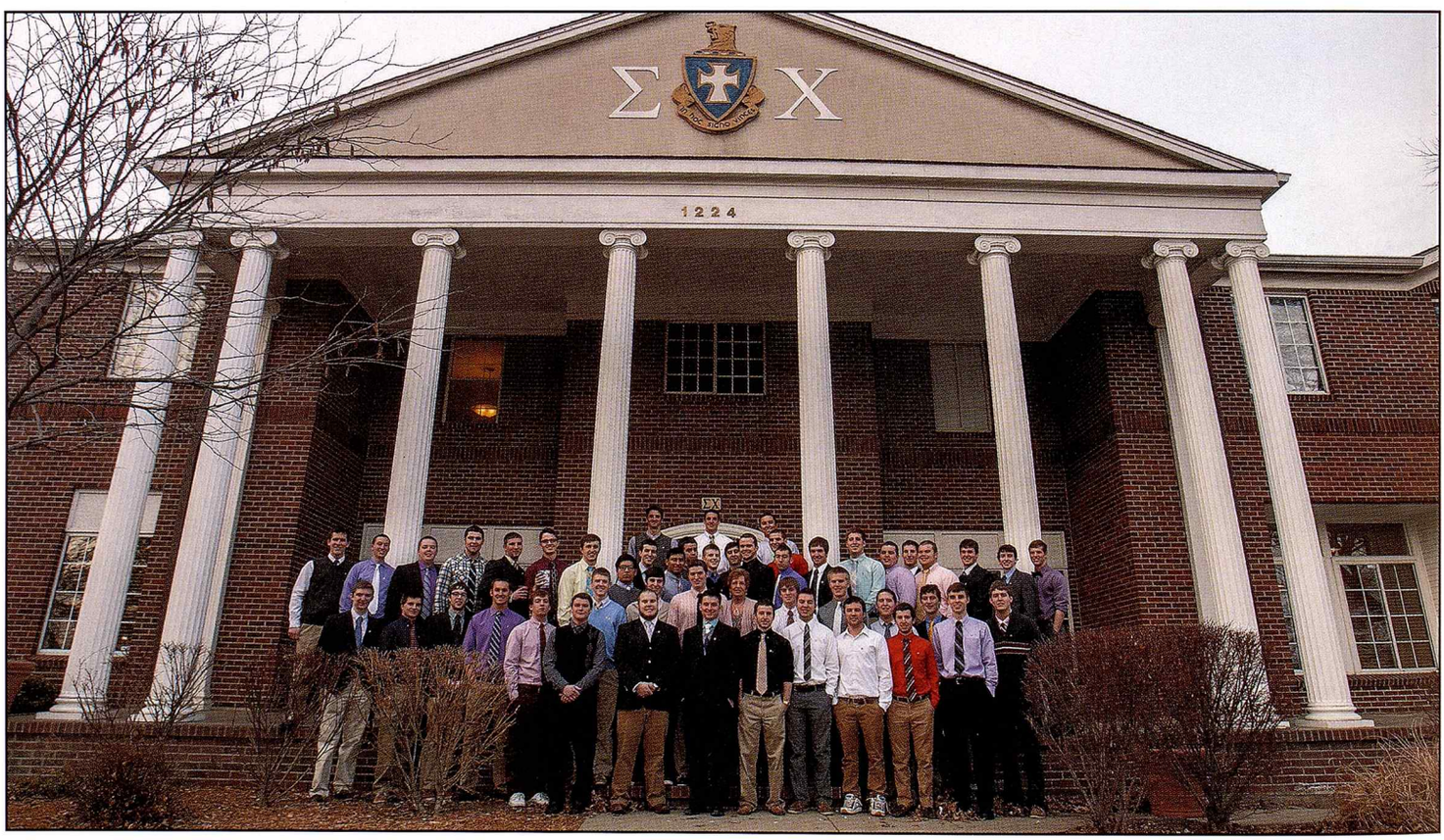

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Sigma Kappa

In the greek community, there were ways that each chapter made their positive impact in the Kansas State University and Manhattan communities. The Theta Tau chapter of Sigma Kappa sorority had made their contribution by way of many different service projects that their members were allowed to participate in.

"Our chapter's most significant event is our annual Ultraviolet MudBowl," Meghan Burch, president of Sigma Kappa and junior in accounting, said. "MudBowl is the largest philanthropy on the K-State campus. In 2012 MudBowl helped us raise more than $6,000 to donate to Alzheimer's research, which is the most we have ever raised from that even in our 21 years at K-State."

Sigma Kappa was able to achieve that through the support and hard work of their members to raise money for their philanthropy.

"Sigma Kappa is unique among sororities at K-State because we support women at all stage of life," said Logan Falletti, public relations chair for Sigma Kappa and sophomore in mass communication. "We are an organization centered on loyalty, service, friendship and personal growth."

Story | ***Jakki Thompson***
Photo | ***Evert Nelson***



Front Row: Alyssa Bauer, Stephanie Solis, Leah Sugai, Kate Ptacek, Sophie Lorson, Kristin Palmer, Haley Slusser, Jessie Holloran, Jennifer Pinkelman **Middle Row:** Mackenzie Hrabik, Mia Larsen, Julie Otto, Victoria Lee, Olivia Florian, Allison Wegner, Bethany Courtney, Tresse Keplinger **Middle Row:** Lauren Rowe, Emily Kinder, Faye Selzer, Sydney Hartkopp, Kimberly Hoedl, Sara Belhouari, Ali Hancock, Ursula Hagstrand, Logan Falletti, Kaylee Champagne **Middle Row:** Julia Nyiro, Sarah Gardner, Marissa Pope, Sarah Ellis, Michelle Ziska, Erin Kimberling, Kennedy Burton, Ashleigh Martin, Shelby Domann, Taylor Morse, Alexis Leiker, Tori Crawford, Brianna Hinton **Middle Row:** Stephanie Weiss, Tiffany Wilson, Molly Porter, Sarah Wylan, Jessica Harney, Dana Stumpff, Kelsey Cahalan, Sammie Kruse, Danielle Sutter, Danielle Rome, Jessica Barner, Heather Macpherson, Emily Leadbetter, Amber Terrell **Middle Row:** Alex Lindstrom, Marilyn Leif, Allison Cushing, Laura Eckert, Katie Good, Ashley Miller, Katie Long, Laura Farkas, Jess Heppenstall, Shannon Thomas, Haley Powell, Chelsea Wright, Bailey Schaefer, Morgan Breckenridge, Kara Douglas, Rachel Brustowicz, Paige Gasper, Ashlee Reiss, Sarah Mulville, Meghan Burch, Courtney Brownlee, Alicia Bailey, Sarah Prudden, Lucy McDonald **Middle Row:** Emma Kelly, Allison Brown, Courtney Lykins, Brennen Menzie, Rosie Delnero, Margueriette Hutchison, Kelsey Shields, Victoria Stephen, Melissa Evans, Meghan Will **Back Row:** Sam Norman, Courtney Albracht, Madison Branch, Morgan Crawford, Alex Jones, Kelsey Waetzig, Jennifer Birzer, Leah Roth, Whitney Smith, Kady Lake, Melissa Rousseau, Claire Boyts, Ellen Coriden, Haley Anderson, Hayley Kenner, Alayna Fahrny, Liz Lawless, Brooke Gober, Bailee Haines, Andrea Mick, Kaitlyn Ellis, Ashley Pihl, Andrea May, Katie Croswhite, Katie Mulich



Rapper Jordan Criddle, stage name J Crill, performs at Sunset Revival on Saturday, April 28.

Sigma Nu

Live bands and alcoholic beverages mixed with sorority sisters and fraternity brothers may never have typically resulted in a great outcome. But Sunset Revival, a local philanthropic event hosted by Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon, was an exception.

Sigma Nu had hosted the event since 1970, then called Sunset Concert. For a period of time the concert, and its efforts to support local animal shelters, was put on the back burner due to unknown reasons. But, in 1998 the concert was brought back and renamed Sunset Revival.

Sunset Revival had been a familiar philanthropic event to many Kansas State University students, alumni and Manhattan residents. Due to t-shirt sells, third party vendors and solicitation of tickets to greek houses, the event was able to raise $5,000 in 2012.

"This year we raised the money to the local Manhattan zoo, Sunset Zoo," Nicholas Drake, junior in kinesiology, said.

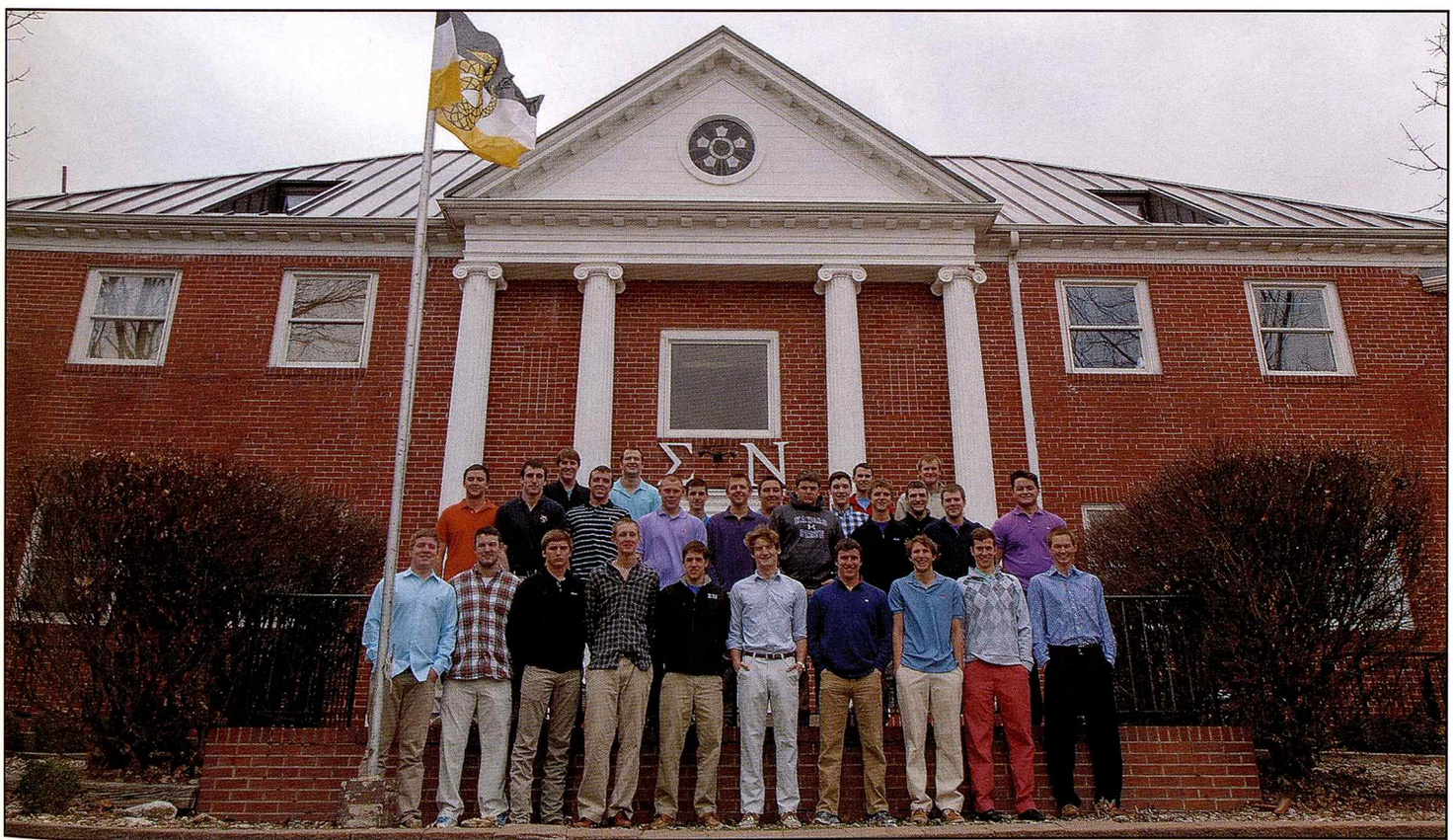
Sunset Revival was the only philanthropic event that allowed alcoholic beverages to be served. The event allowed local Aggieville businesses to reach out to Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon as third party vendors at their events. Bars such as Tubby's and Kite's were to be present at the 2013 event.

"Last year was the first year we were a dry event," Drake said. "And that effected our attendance."

Prepping for the event lasted for an entire academic year, which allowed Sigma Nu to prepare to get the word out to many of the attendees.

"This year we expect to raise more than last, considering the event is all night we are focusing on making it shorter but the overall quality better," Drake said.

Story | ***Shelby Brunk***
Photo | ***Robert Hudson***



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Sigma Phi Epsilon

Every fraternity and sorority was in the practice of hosting an event to benefit either its national philanthropy or the community. The men of the KS Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon went a step further. Although they did other philanthropic events, Josh Gray, sophomore in life sciences, decided to creat a new philanthropy. For the event, named "Suess on the Loose", the men of Sig Ep visited elementary schools in Manhattan and read to the children. Gray said he thought this event was due to the fact that Dr. Suess was actually a Sig Ep himself.

"Last year only five of us did it because it was a spur of the moment thing," Patrick Connell, sophomore in financing, said. " But this year Josh organized it and got more than 20 of us to sign up voluntarily.

The event proved to be a very special to the men of Sig Ep.

"I was really excited to go because I remember how it used to make my day back in elementary school every time some older people come in and hang out and read to us," Eli Woerpel, sophomore in political science, said. "I believe it made a lasting impact on my life and I was just glad to return the favor."

The men of Sig Ep said they hoped to make "Suess on the Loose" a success for many years to come.

"Most of the philanthropy events are all about raising money and donating it to organizations and foundations," Connell said. "But in this case we get to be part of the benefits first hand. We get to see the kids themselves and see the influence we have."

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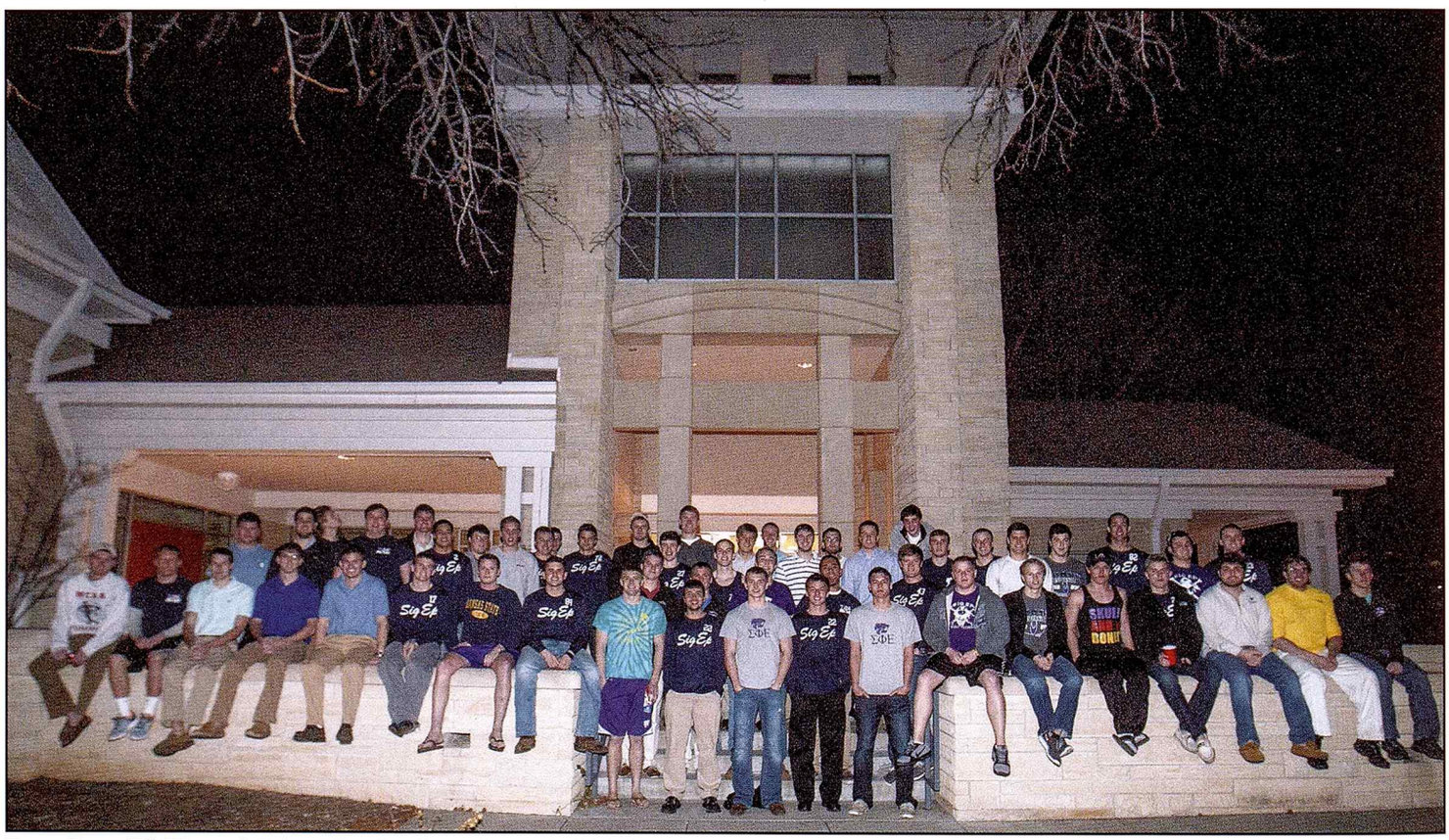

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Sigma Pi



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Theta Xi

As the Alpha Iola chapter of Theta Xi created waves with their famous philanthropy of Wildcat Gladiators, more was there that met the eye.

This year was Wildcat Gladiator's first year on the Kansas State University campus and was a successful hit with many students and Theta Xi themselves.

"I really enjoyed it," Tyler Fortney, junior in finance, said. "I thought it was a unique philanthropy that can only grow bigger and better every year."

Once a year, the men of Theta Xi teamed up with their neighbors, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, to create an all out battle for a "pointed based tournament where challengers on four different inflatables."

"We believe it has the potential to be a well known city wide event," Chance Berndt, philanthropy chair of Theta Xi and junior in marketing, said. "This philanthropy brings the students of K-State and the residents of Manhattan together for an exciting day."

This event was held on the basis of donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"We raised around $2,500 and had 30-35 competitors," Berndt said. "While there is no known cure to MS yet, donations to the National Society contribute to research of a cure and ways to better treat those with the disease in order to slow down its destructive effects on the body."

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Zeta Tau Alpha

Through charity and other philanthropic events, Zeta Tau Alpha worked to make breast cancer awareness something that students on the Kansas State University campus would give a second thought to.

The Beta Upsilon chapter teamed up with the NFL as a national sponsor of Zeta's "Think Pink" week, a one-week period that was dedicated to raising awareness. In 2012 Zeta had raised over $20,000.

"This year, we created a breast cancer awareness with our own events across campus," Ryen Hill, sophomore in business, said.

Zeta women across the K-State campus were eager for the "Think Pink" campaign, which was filled with events and competitions for other students and members of the greek community to participate in.

"We held contests like a yogurt eating contest and sold t-shirts as well as tied pink ribbons around trees to let others know about the cause and what Zeta was supporting," Hill said.

Many Zetas said they agreed that the week was enjoyable not only because it bonded the women in a sense of sisterhood, but also as it reminded them of what being a part of a sorority really meant.

"It has never been about just wearing your letters, but about what they really mean to you," Anne Wilcoxon, freshman in hotel and restaurant management, said. "And representing Zeta in a way that the girls came together and promoted our cause was a great feeling."

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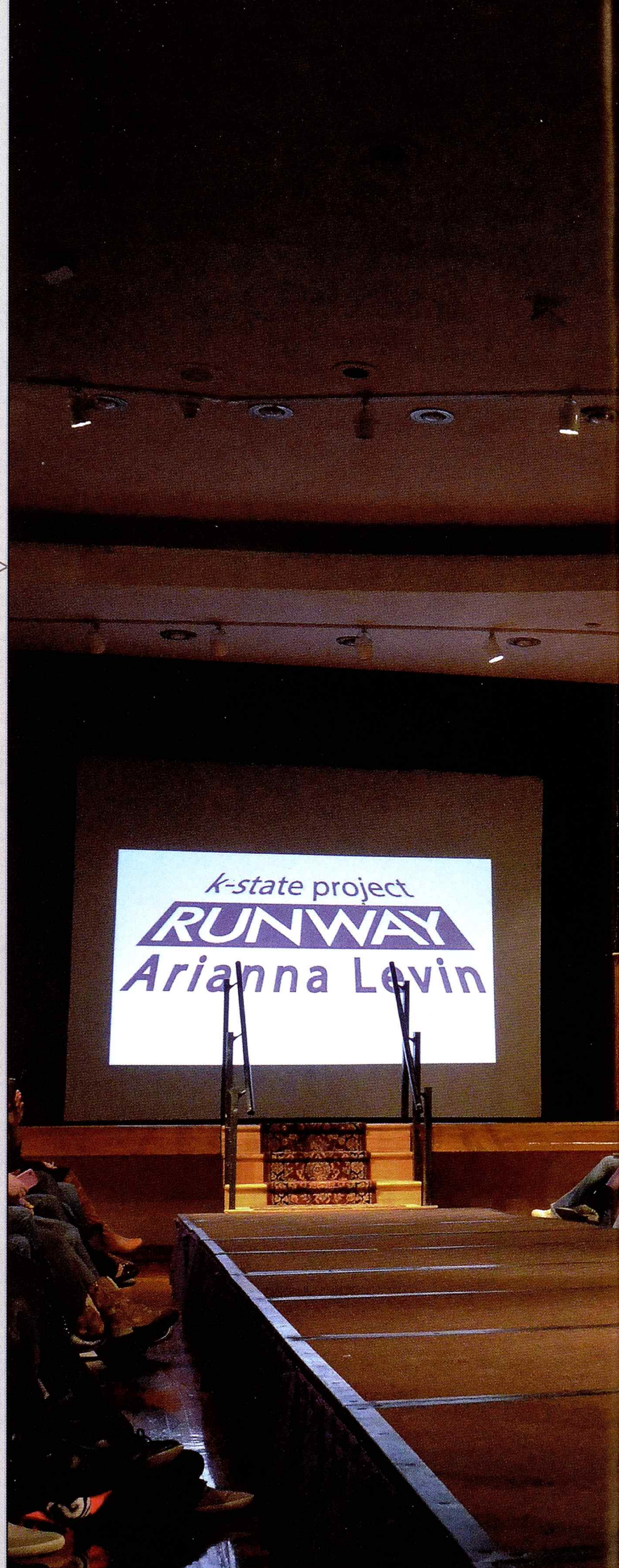

Sophia Alonso, sophomore in life sciences, models the dress designed by Arianna Levin, sophomore in apparel and textile design, at K-State Project Runway, Season Four, held on Feb. 15 at the K-State Student Union. Levin was awarded second place for her creation from a vintage wedding dress.
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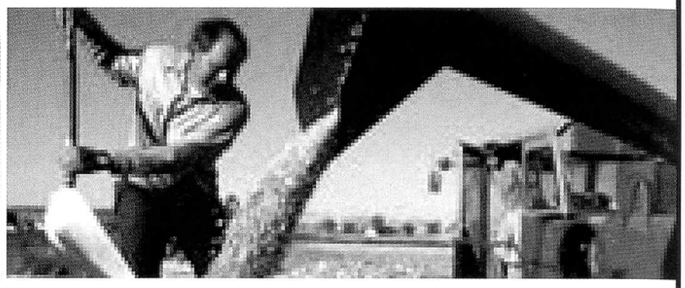

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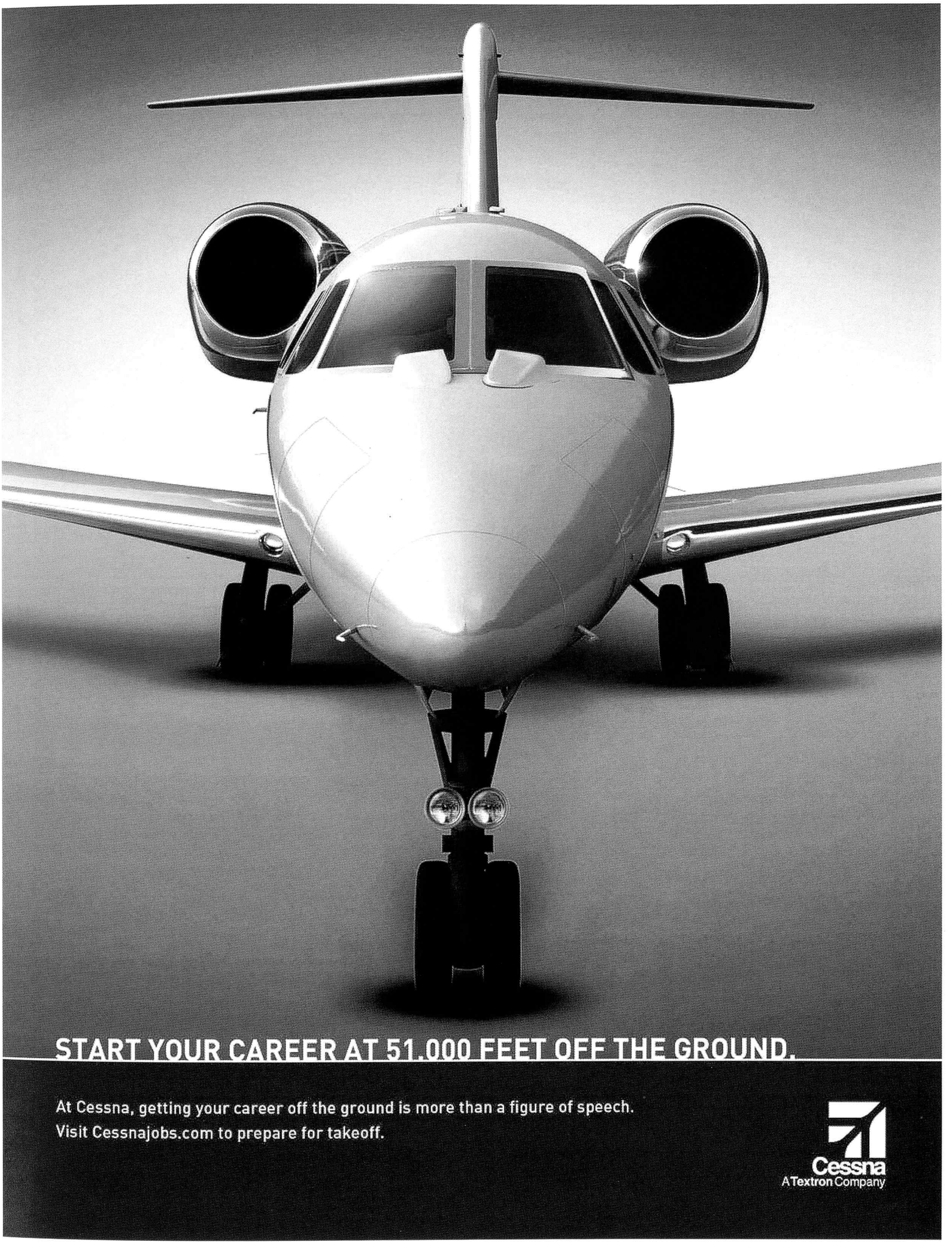
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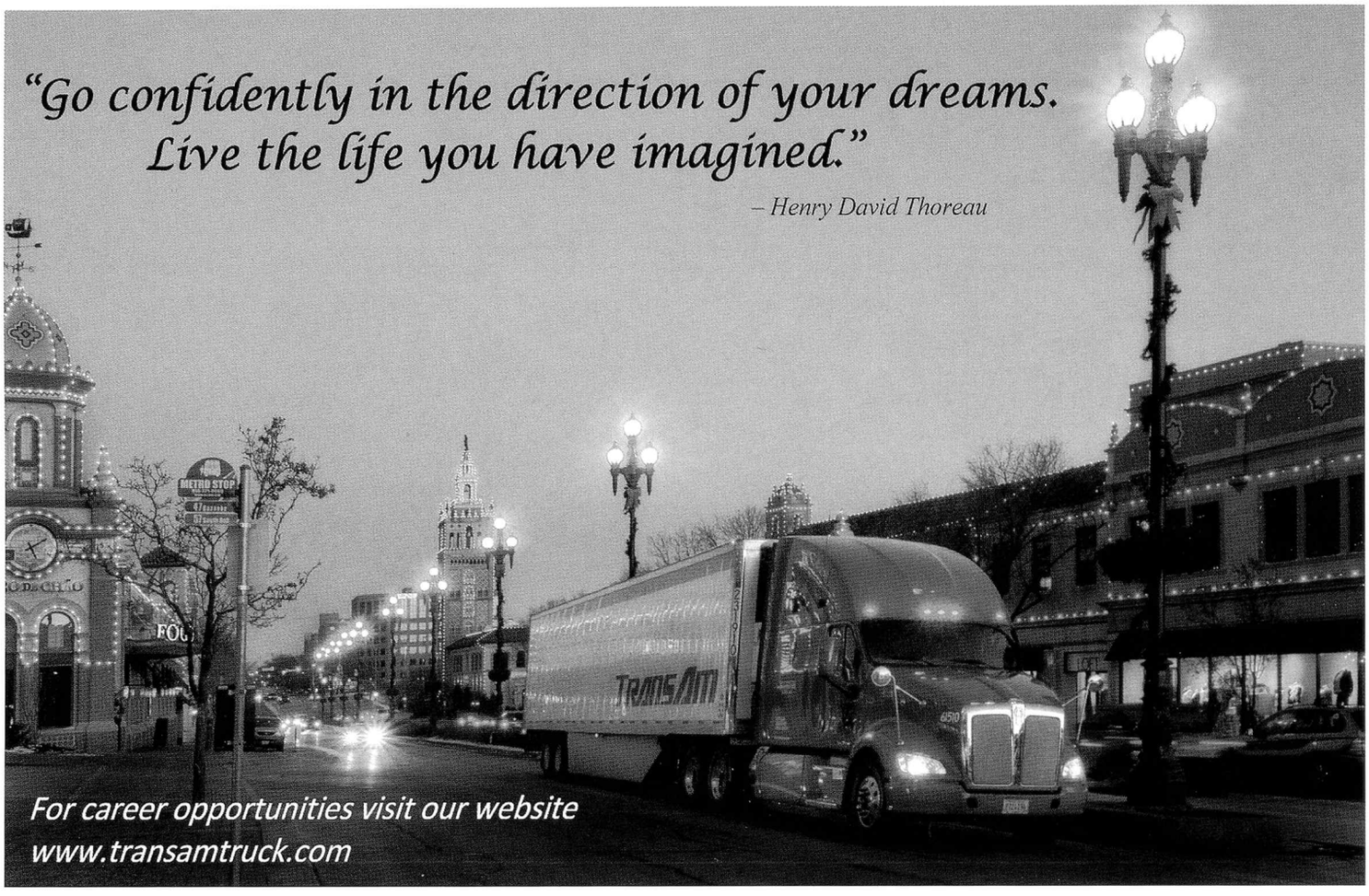

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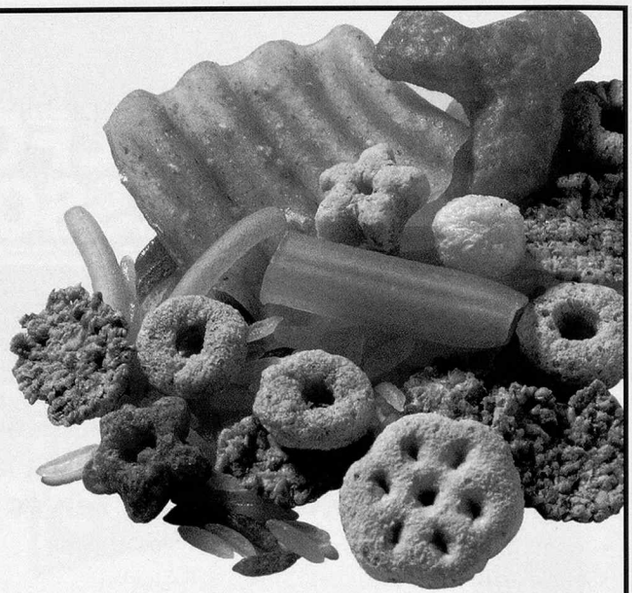

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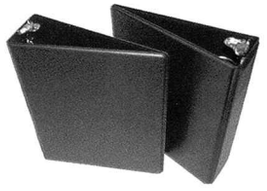

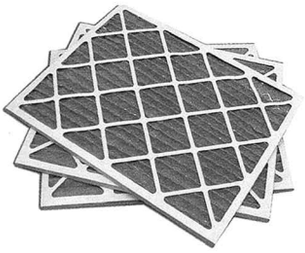

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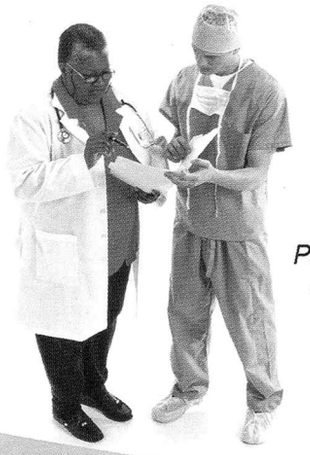

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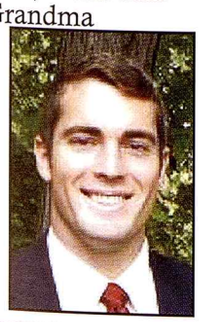

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In typical feline fashion, Willie the Wildcat chases a squirrel up a tree on Nov. 30.
Evert Nelson



Members of the K-State Disc Golf Club enjoy the moderate weather Feb. 9 at Fairmont Park.
Ewert Nelson


AGGIEVILLE



University students walk across the Quad to class amid below-freezing temperatures and gusting wind on Jan. 30.
Parker Robb




1950-1953
Budweiser



Decked out in their Fake Patty's Day gear, Kite's Bar and Grill patrons dance to the YMCA on March 9.
Hannah Hunsinger

RP Editor's Note

In retrospect, my parents should have been able to guess that I would one day be involved in the production of Kansas State University's oldest publication. As a child I would pull the 1991 Royal Purple off our bookshelf and look for the Water Ski Club group photo that showed off my alum dad rocking his thick 90's moustache. However I don't think anyone could have guessed just how much the Royal Purple would mean to me. Nor could I have understood just what the yearbook meant to others.

I've told the following story countless times this year, to anyone who would listen. In April 2012 I met a couple during the university open house event. We talked and when I explained that I was to be the 2013 Royal Purple editor, they got so excited. They explained that whenever they've moved houses since their graduation, their Royal Purples were the first thing they packed away in a water-proof box and the first thing they unpacked in their new home.

Their story truly impacted me. It made me realize just how precious and timeless this publication is to those who spent four, or maybe more, years at the university. How just the name of the yearbook, The Royal Purple, stands for everything and everyone that makes this university great.

But the publication means something different to those who have worked to make it what it is, which is the most award-winning collegiate publication in the nation. And with that I wanted to say something not only to my wonderful staff, but to all who came before us and set the legacy we were lucky enough to carry this year. Hopefully this will give anyone who reads this a look into what the life of a Royal Purple staff member is like.

Deadlines are tough. People fail. Sources won't call back and you'll be left struggling to make something out of nothing. Being on any publication can make you question why you ever thought that you would enjoy your job.

But at the end of it all, it's done. The publication is printed and you remember why you signed up for this. You get the unique opportunity of seeing just how happy your work has made the lives of countless of individuals. It is an incredible feeling insurmountable by anything I have yet to experience. I hope you, the 2013 Royal Purple staff, feel the same exhausted joy as you read this whether it's in May 2013 when you hold the 2013 Royal Purple in your hands for the first time, or 50 years from now while you are reminiscing of your college years.

Either way, be proud of what you did. You did incredible things during your time in Kedzie 101, I cannot express how much pride and gratitude I have for each of you.

With that, all I have to say is thank you. Thank you to my staff, to Kelly, to anyone who was interviewed or photographed, to this amazing university that I've been in love with since I was born and to anyone who has taken the time to flip through these pages. Thank you.

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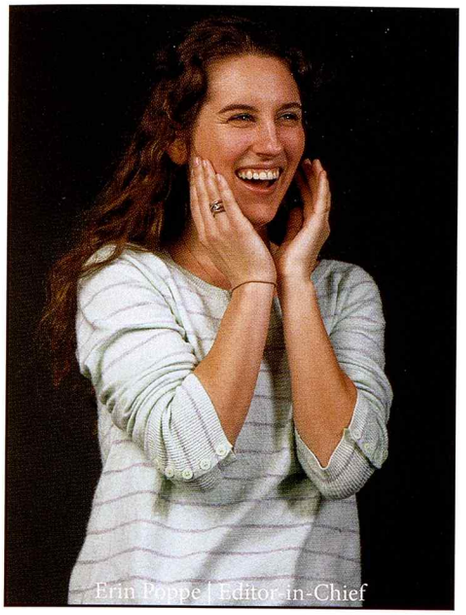
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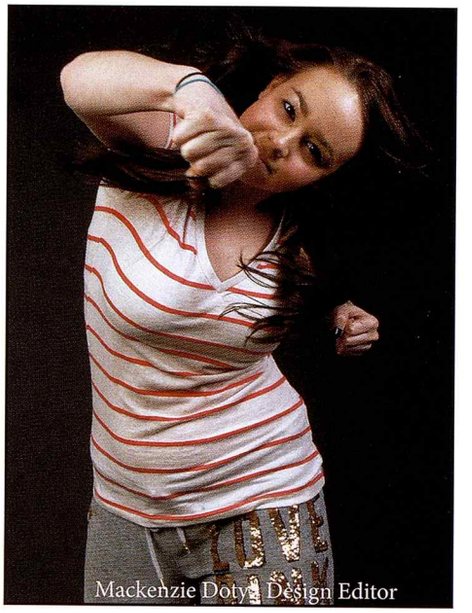
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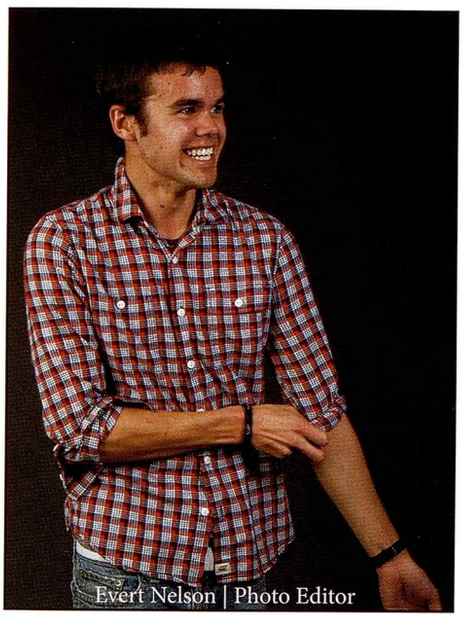
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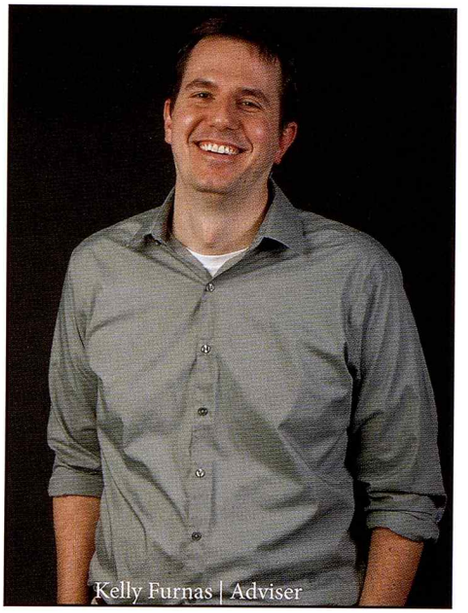
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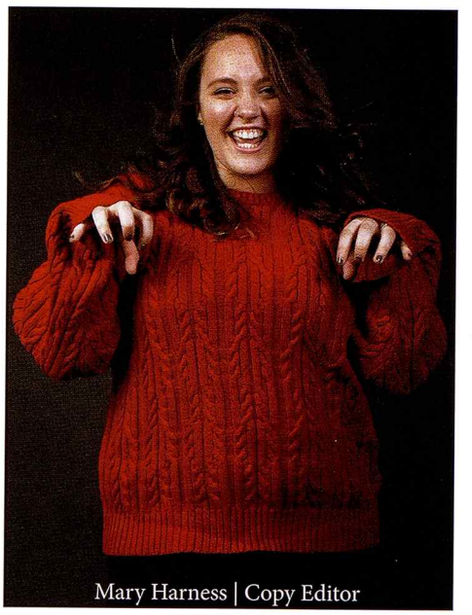
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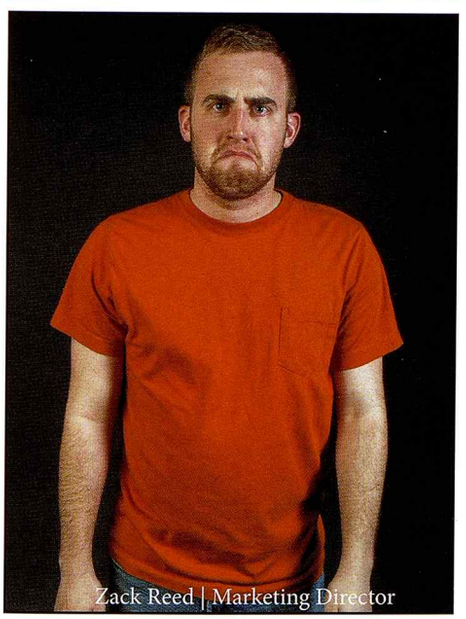
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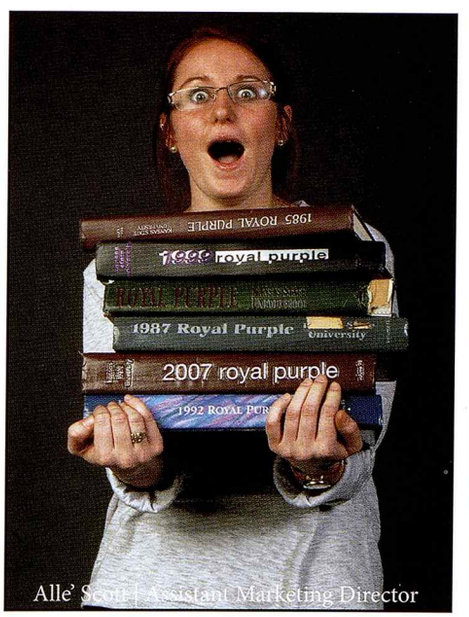

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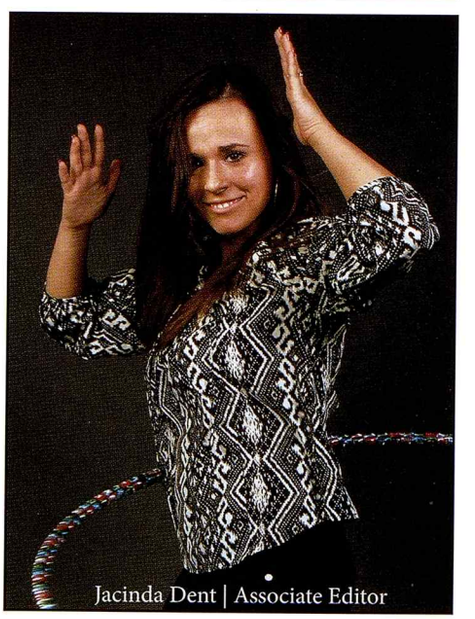
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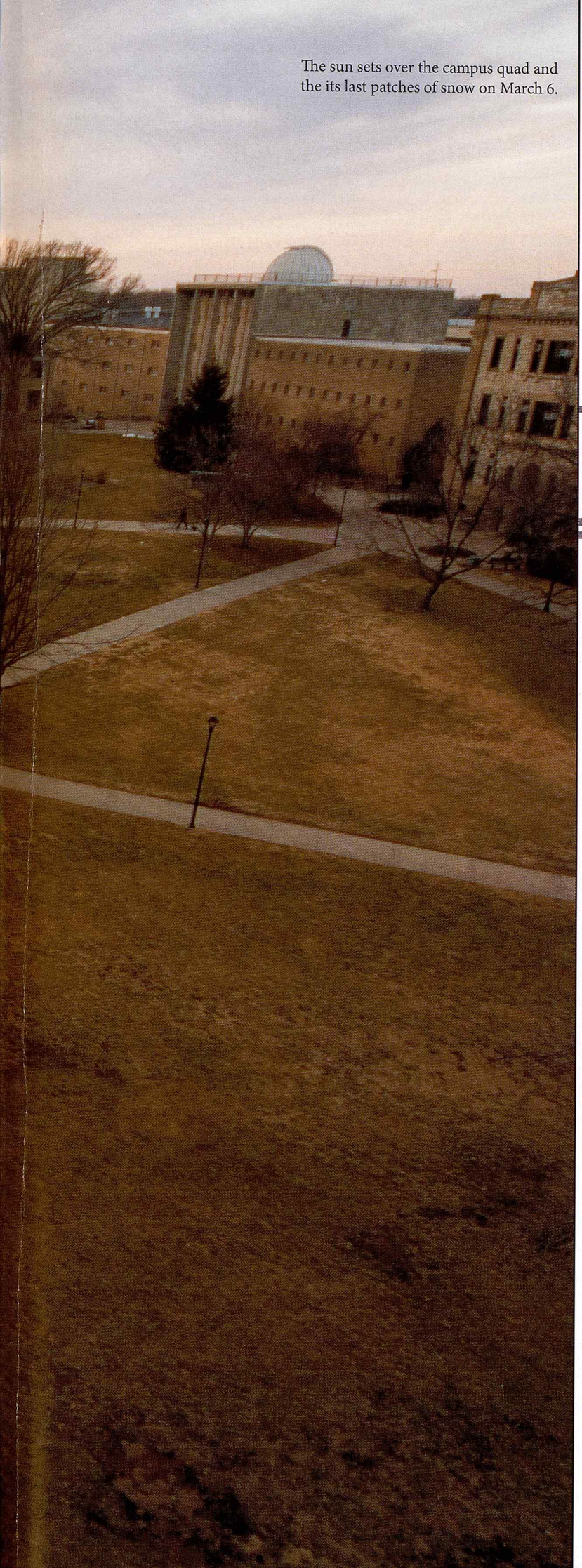

The sun sets over the campus quad and the its last patches of snow on March 6.

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Tradition

When students walk the grounds of Kansas State University, they pass on a tradition, they make their mark. For 150 years students came and went, making their personal trademark on this university. As students we tend to not realize the impact we make while in the moment of our college years. It is not until we become alumni and look back on the memories we shared that we will realize that being a part of Kansas State University's history made us who we are.

Now we can say we are the tradition. We, the students, are the ones who stood in the crowd of purple, the ones who wabashed until we couldn't wabash any longer and we are the ones who accomplished more in our short time here than we ever thought we could. We are the students who make up Kansas State University and we are the ones who will continue to carry on its traditions for another 150 years.

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Bobby Scharmann, graduate with a mastery in jazz studies, performs on an upright bass during the Concert Jazz Ensemble performance Forum Hall on March 12.
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