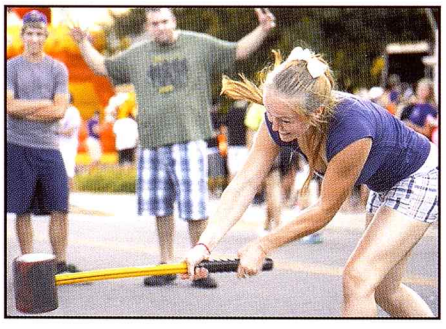
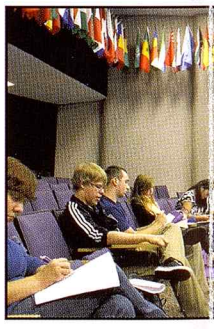
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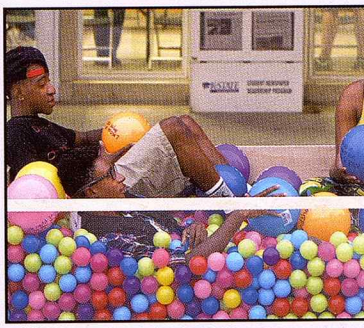
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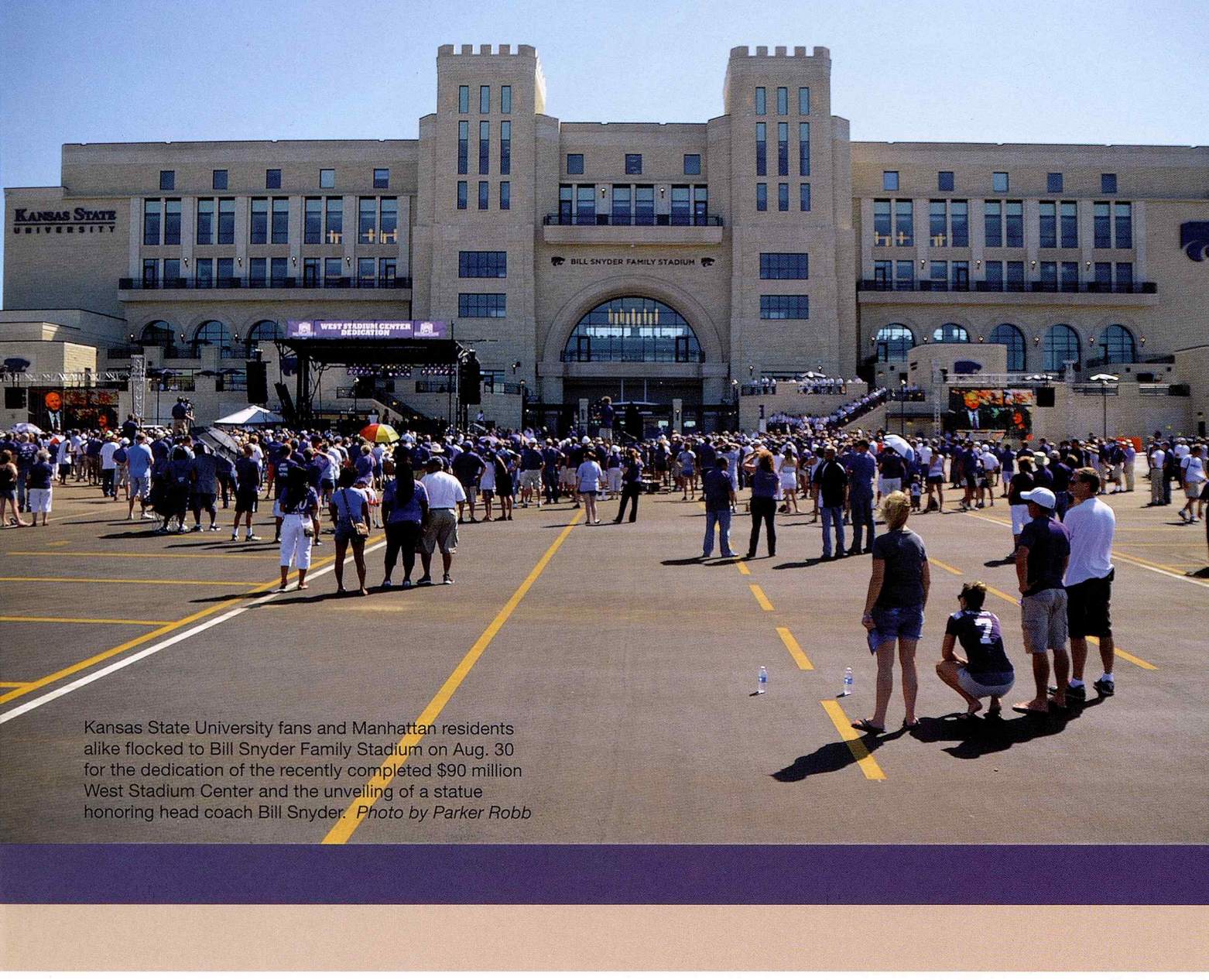




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Kansas State University fans and Manhattan residents alike flocked to Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Aug. 30 for the dedication of the recently completed $90 million West Stadium Center and the unveiling of a statue honoring head coach Bill Snyder. *Photo by Parker Robb*

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Andrew Ash, freshman in open option, completes a double flip on the Bongo at the 17th St. Fair on Aug. 27. Ash's goal was a triple flip, but he never quite made it. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*

The sunset lights up the sky behind Bill Snyder Family Stadium as senior defensive back, Ty Zimmerman, returns a 32-yard interception for a touchdown on Aug. 7 in the 48-27 win over Louisiana-Lafayette. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*





Eric Trombley, a BMX stunt rider, does a trick midair during the Rise Above BMX team's stop at Bosco Student Plaza on Sept. 6 for the UPC After Hours. A dance party followed the show after the sunset.
Photo by Parker Robb



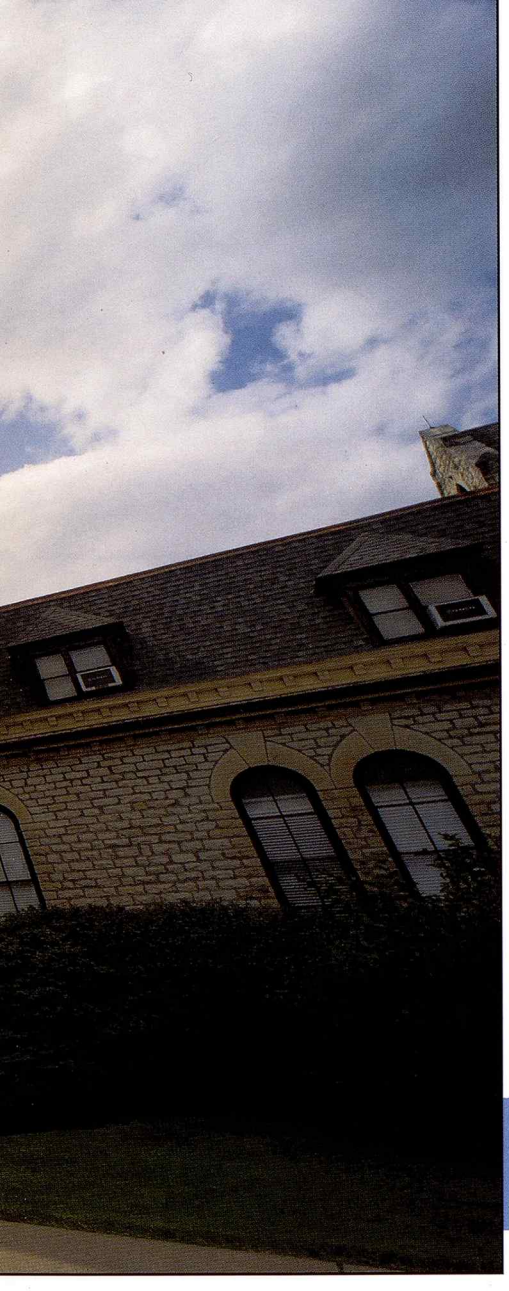


Erin Black, junior in mechanical engineering, rings the bell at the top of the strength test as others look on at the 17th Street Fair on Aug. 27. Other attractions included a climbing wall, ferris wheel, airbrush tattoos, inflatables, trampolines and plenty of free food. *Photo by Parker Robb*

A group of young men and women line up outside of Anderson Hall. Anderson Hall had changed little over the years, although the historic building orginally had front porches for students to sit on, which were eventually taken out.



A group of students watch a K-State vs. Georgia Basketball game in 1986 outside of Goodnow Hall. K-State won the game in overtime, 82-79.



Looking Back

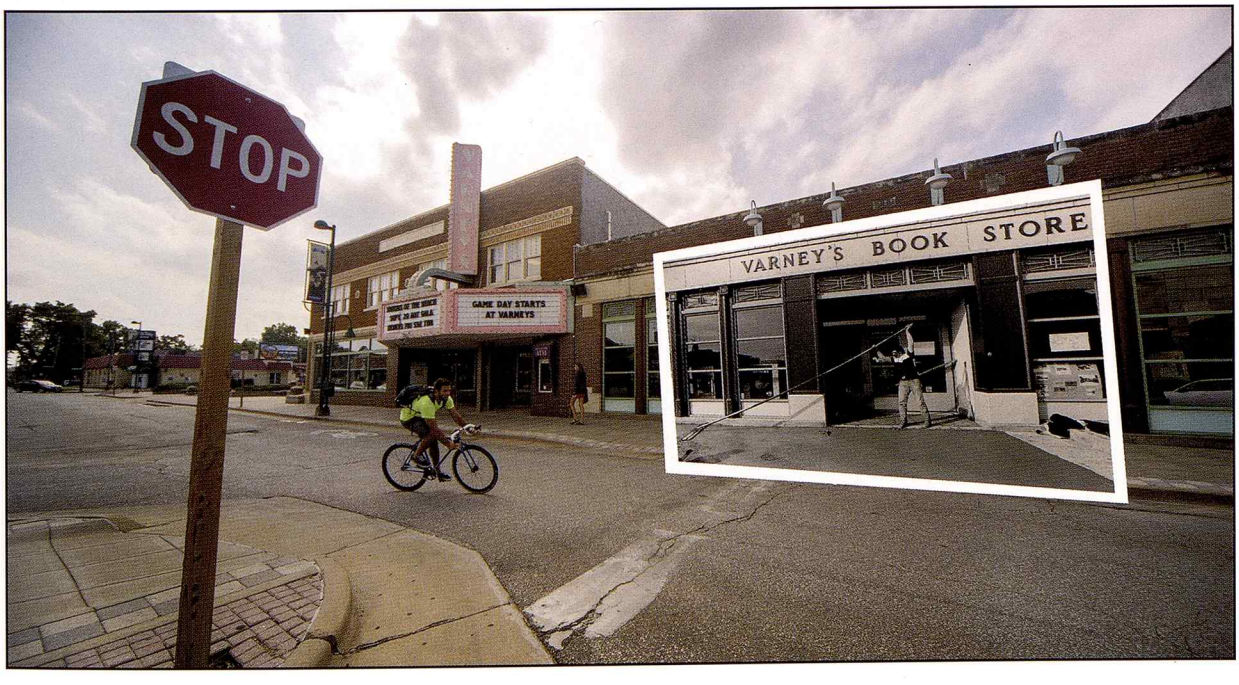
University celebrates 150 year anniversary by looking at past

By Jacinda Dent

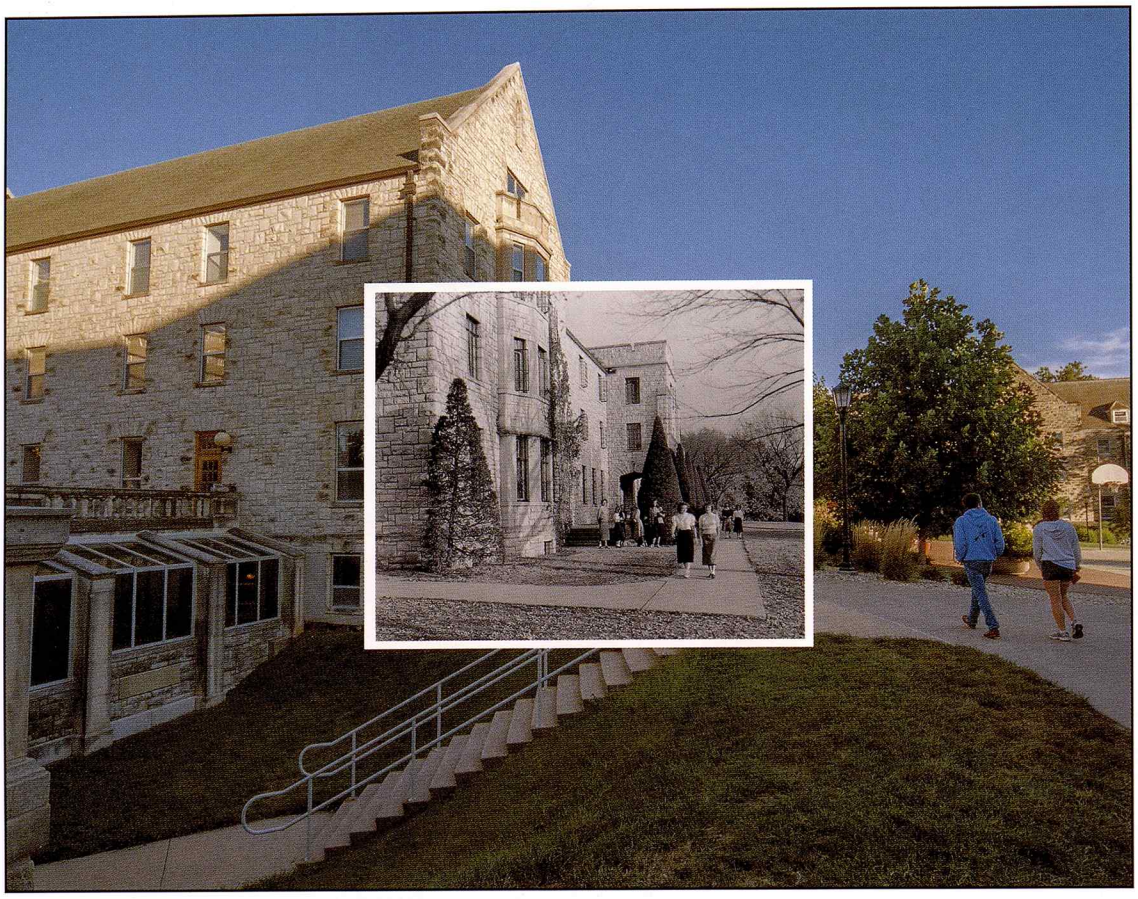
Kansas State University spent 2013 celebrating its milestone 150th anniversary. Students, faculty, family and friends enjoyed the year with a brown bag lecture series, a special exhibit at the Beach Museum, homecoming week with the theme "A Tale of Tradition," focused on celebrating the historic anniversary and "Wildcat Birthday 150," a birthday-cake flavored ice cream served from Call Hall.

The year symbolized not only K-State's past, but how far the university had come since its ground-breaking days. These photos represented various aspects of campus life and proved that no matter the decade, purple pride had always been alive in Manhattan.

The Royal Purple realized that being able to see where K-State came from was necessary, and that part of being a true wildcat was being able to appreciate the historic presence the college had.

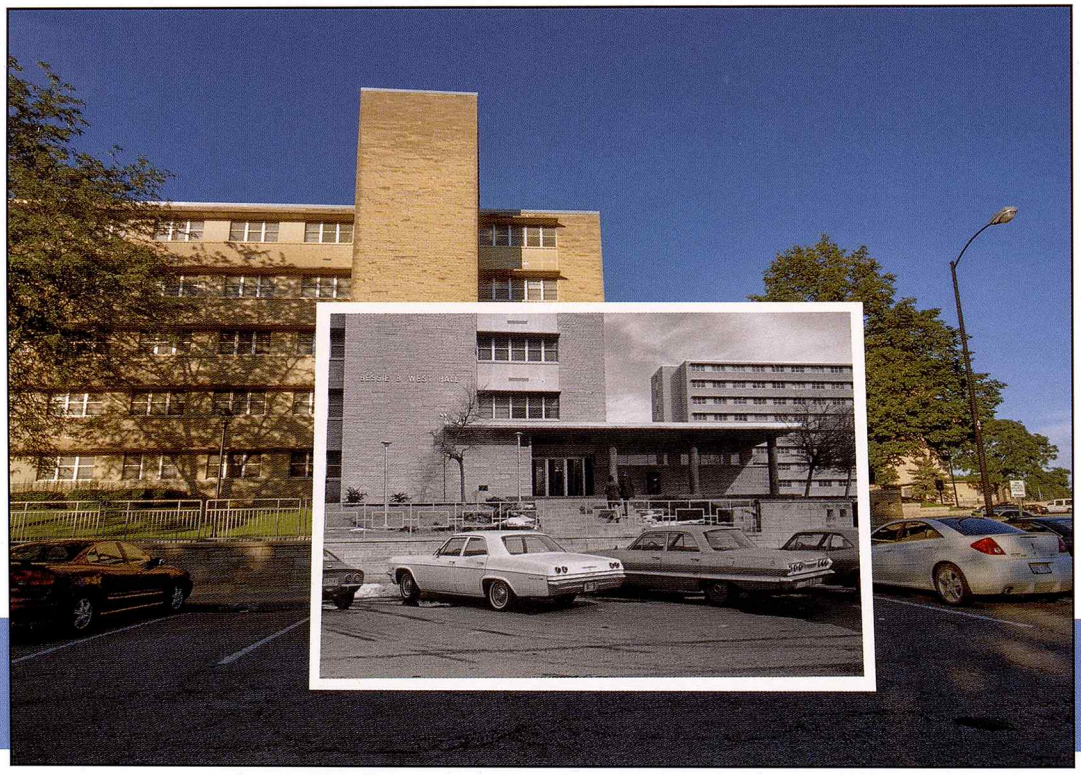


Varney's Book Store received a complete renovation, taking over space that was previously occupied by The Dark Horse Tavern. Here, Al McKee is seen smoothing concrete on the sidewalk outside of Varney's, as a present day biker rides by. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger and historic photos courtesy of University Archives and Special Collections*



The difference in the the students wardrobes in front of Van Zile Hall between the 1950s and present day is drastic. The 60-year age separation between the photos shows a much more casual way of dressing in 2013 than in the 50s, where every day posed an ocassion to dress up.



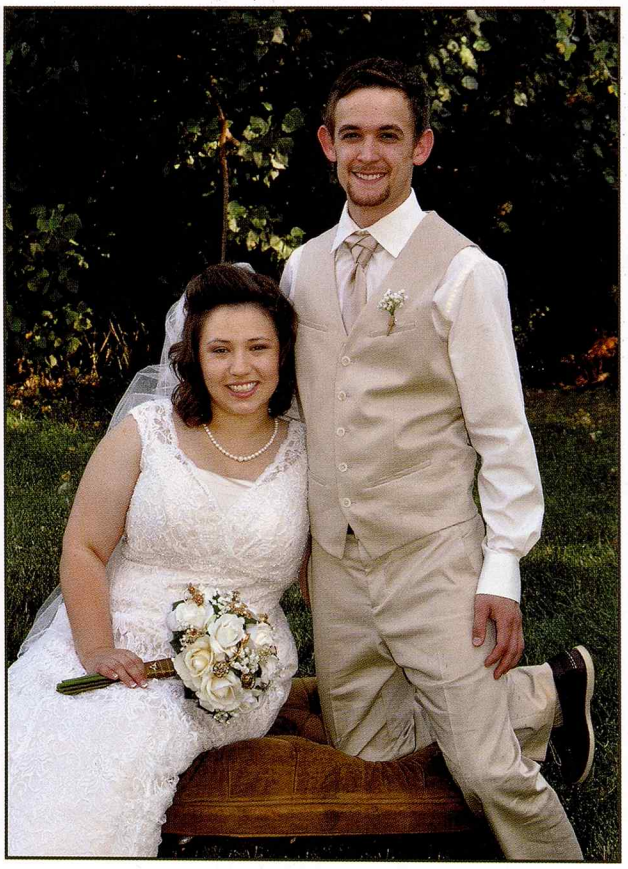


The comparison between the cars parked out of West Hall in the mid-60s and present day is easy to see. Although the structure of the building has had minimal change, vehicles and technology have changed drastically within the last 50 years.

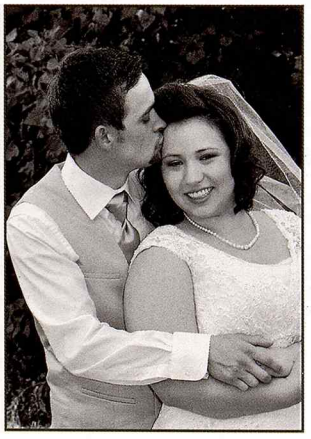


Linda Fritz, a cheerleader at K-State, jumps during a football game held in Memorial Stadium in 1964. At this time in K-State history, Memorial Stadium housed all major outdoor athletic events. Today, the stadium serves as a place for club sports and students to practice and play. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger and historic photos courtesy of University Archives and Special Collections*

Katherine Dearborn, sophomore in drawing, and Chris Dearborn, weather forecaster for the United States Air Force, married on January 14, 2012.
Photo courtesy of Katherine and Chris Dearborn







Left Rashelle West, senior in family studies and human services, and Brandon West, senior in mechanical engineering, married on July 12, 2013. *Photo courtesy of Rashelle and Brandon West* **Top Right** Katherine and Chris Dearborn are joined by their family on their wedding day. *Photo courtesy of Katherine and Chris Dearborn* **Bottom Right** Rashelle and Brandon West share a moment before their wedding on July 12. *Photo courtesy of Rashelle and Brandon West*

Young and in LOVE

College students make life-long commitments while still in school

By Laura Parker

For many college students, marriage was designated as the part of life that follows four years of studying, four years of discovering themselves, four years of meeting new people and four years of making friends and memories.

But for some students on campus, marriage preceded graduation. Initial attractions transformed into deep, meaningful relationships that held future potential. Sweethearts – some of whom had been together since high school – decided that a college diploma did not have to be a precursor to the next level of commitment. Brandon West, senior in mechanical engineering, and Rashelle West, senior in family studies and human services, were two of those students. After four-and-a-half years together, they could not wait to tie the knot.

"We felt like this was the right time," Brandon said. "When I asked her parents' permission, her dad said, 'I wouldn't have anyone else.' It was expected. They knew it was coming."

After wedding in Gardner, Kan., the couple was eager to start a life together.

"We've waited for so long to get married," Rashelle said. "It's cool living with each other now."

Though marrying young brought them bliss, the Wests had to work around additional complications.

"Changing my name was the worst, especially at school," Rashelle said. "I had to change my name at the DMV, with admissions, at Jardine – just every department on campus."

While the Wests met at their church youth group, Katherine Dearborn, sophomore in drawing, and Chris Dearborn, weather forecaster for the United States Air Force, had a more unlikely introduction.

Following her high school graduation, Katherine vacationed in Cinque Terre, Italy, where she met Chris. Katherine was spending only a few days in the area, and the military man was visiting the location from his station in Germany.

"Our paths never would have crossed in a million years," Chris said. "God totally set us up."

After six months of long-distance dating, the couple married in January 2012 in Delray Beach, Fla., because they saw no reason to wait until Katherine finished college.

"Why wait for college when it was already playing into our hands?" Chris said.

Attending college as a married woman, Katherine experienced Kansas State University unlike many students do.

"I feel similar to my friends, but I'm in a very different place," she said. "At the end of the day, I want to go home and be with this guy."

The Dearborns said they learned more about themselves and about life through young marriage.

"Every day I get a better understanding of what it means to love someone," Katherine said.

Although they shared different stories, the Wests and Dearborns believed other students could happily experience marriage in college if they were prepared.

"Katherine has this phrase she says: 'Oh, I would recommend it,'" Chris said.

The pairs enjoyed their marriages and looked forward to their lifelong adventures post-college.

"It's nice being married to your best friend," Rashelle said. "It's an easy-access support system that's always there. I'm excited to start our life outside of school."

Striving for Change

Manhattan experiences changes with LGBTQ community

By Jacinda Dent

I was expected to marry a man and have children. I was expected to have a farm. That's what a lot of people in Kansas expect," said Caren Chellgren.

Chellgren, graduate veterinary student and president of the Lesbian and Gay Veterinary Medicine Association, was on Kansas State University's campus throughout veterinary school and her undergraduate work. When she first got to K-State, Chellgren felt unsure of how to be herself.

"I was very intimidated of it all," Chellgren said. "So now I kind of try to promote open-mindedness in my club and I think that's what we need to do within our community here."

Throughout the years, Manhattan formed the stereotype of being a relatively conservative town, according to Michael Herman, biology professor and the chair of the Flint Hills Human Rights Project, however, he now thought times were changing.

"I think there's a better environment in Manhattan than there has been previously." Herman said. "I think that's got to do with the changing attitudes of the country, but Manhattan is still dragging behind in a lot of places."

For continued growth of the LGBT community, which stands for lesbian, gay. bisexual, transgender, and questioning, Herman said that the first step was education. Through the Flint Hills Human Rights Project, Herman and other members of the group went to different events in the community and raised awareness.

"We do things like the fair, Purple Power Play on Potynz and we just talk to people. We try to make the point that this is not something new," Herman said. "There have been gay, transgender people throughout all of history. People are just more empowered to come out now, and that's a good thing."

Another way to be involved was through resources on campus. K-State housed a LGBTQ Resource Center, a progressive fraternity and sorority, and a student organization, LGBT and Allies.

"It can be whatever you want it to be," Christopher Chavez, sophomore in animal sciences and industry and president of LGBT and Allies, said. "It is a safe place for students to go each week and to some people it's a place to socialize with people they can relate to."

Chellgren, Herman and Chavez all agreed that while the environment towards the LGBTQ community changed within Manhattan, it still had a long way to go. Herman wanted to focus on making the change while he could, saying that the "gay rights movement" was the fight of this generation.

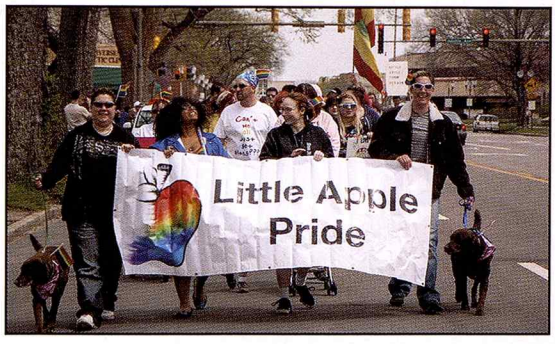
"This is the civil rights fight of our time," he said. "Sexual orientation is something these people are born with, just like race. Who you love, who you want to love, is part of you when you are born."

Since 2010, a Little Apple Pride Parade was hosted to promote awareness around the LGBTQ community. Rallies were often held in town when a step was made in the advancement of same-sex couples' rights.

"The pride parade is getting bigger and bigger each year," Chavez said.

Chavez was hopeful that with the help and support of the Manhattan community as a whole, the LGBTQ community would continue to grow.

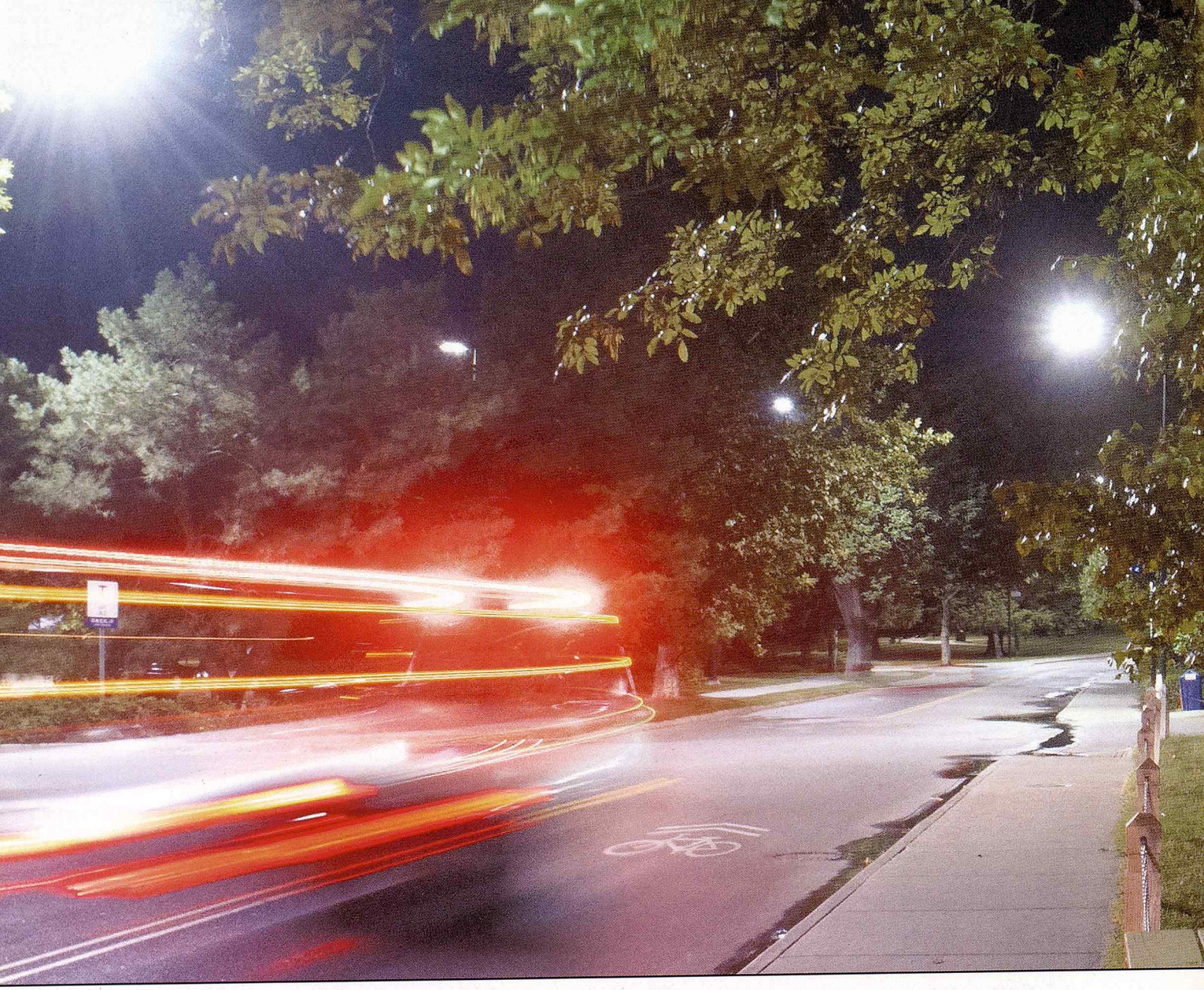
Starla Night performs as part of the festivities of the Little Apple Pride Parade in Triangle Park in Aggieville on Saturday, April 20, 2013 *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*







Top Left The Little Apple Pride Parade sets off down Poyntz Avenue from First Congregational United Church of Christ headed for Aggieville on April 20, 2012. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger* **Bottom Left** Members of the LGBT and allied community stood together to celebrate the repeal of DOMA in Triangle Park on June 26. *Photo by Jakki Thompson* **Right** Morgan Forester, Manhattan resident, holds up the rainbow flag at the DOMA repeal rally from June 26. *Photo by Jakki Thompson*



Bearing Arms

Kansans find concealed carry laws affect their safety

By Shelby Brunk

Beginning July 1, licensed gun owners were able to bring concealed weapons into government and public buildings, which would normally include university campuses. But like their local government counterparts, many universities sought exemptions from the laws so they could come up with new ideas to improve campus safety.

Kansas enacted two bills that made significant changes to the Personal and Family Protection Act, which specifically affected the rights of concealed carry license holders.

Many regulations were changed in regard to state and municipal buildings, including universities. Stated in a press release, Attorney General Derek Schmidt issued a "temporary regulation regarding the required signage for buildings which have been exempted under provisions in the law."

Kansas State University was granted a four-year exemption to the law. This exemption was to evaluate different regulations to better secure campus safety.

"It is a group effort," Don Stubbins, K-State Police Captain, said. "There is much area to be covered. There is going to be more planning and discussion to get a plan in motion."

The new law also granted teachers and staff the right to carry concealed weapons on school grounds, although they, too, would have to wait until after the university's exemption expired.



A sign posted at the Manhattan Avenue and Vattier Street entrance to campus notifies visitors of the gun ban on campus on Sept. 20. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

In the wake of past school shootings, such as Virginia Tech in 2007, Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill. in 2008, and the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. in 2013, Christian Hughes, freshman in computer science, said these new laws needed to be taken into a deeper consideration.

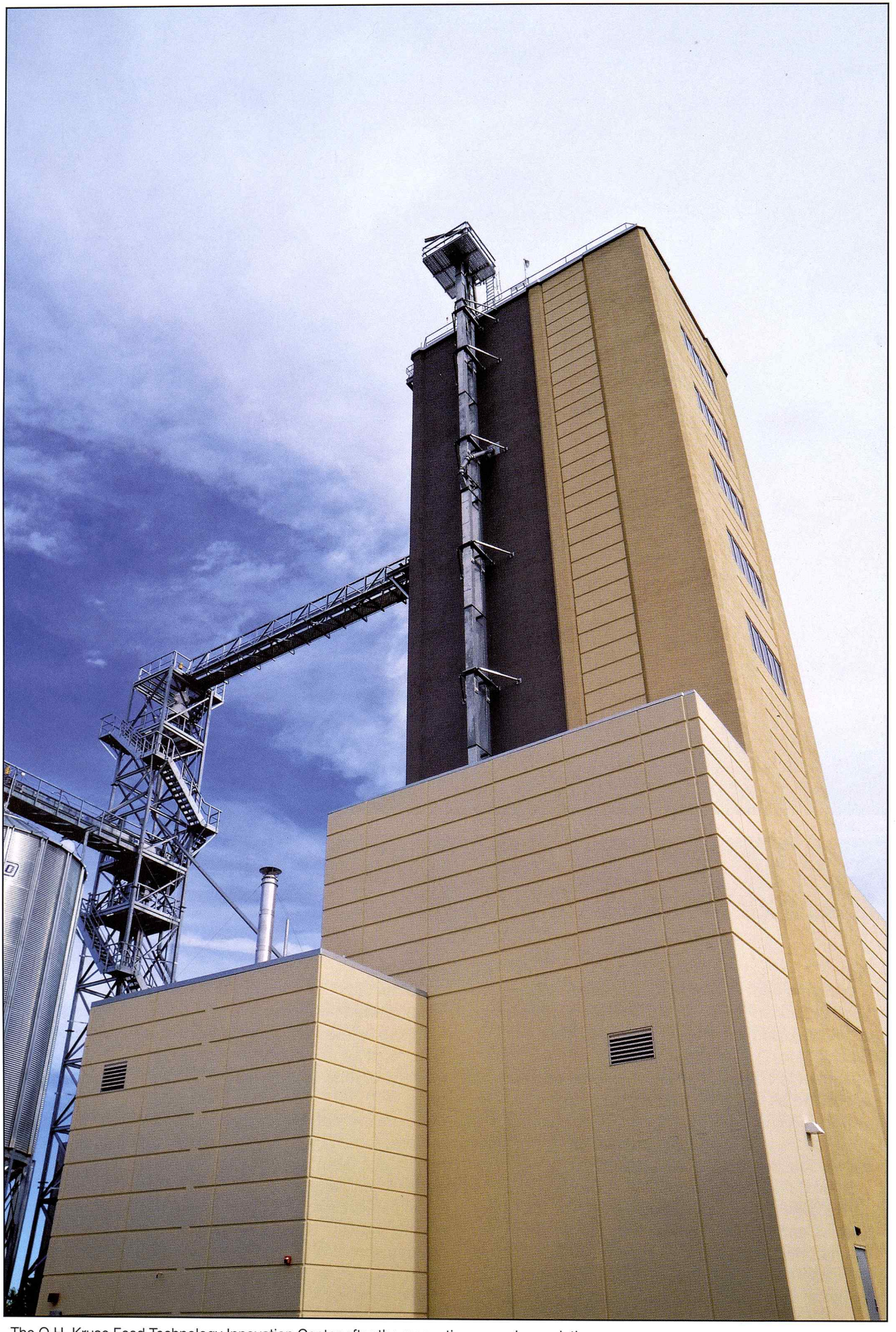
"It's a poor choice," Hughes said. "Regulation still needs to be in place. I cannot think about this new law without some type of regulation."

Since 2013 more than 60,000 concealed and carry licenses were issued across the state of Kansas and 16,000 of those were issued in the first five months of 2013. David Weidmaier, freshman in feed science and management, said he wanted to apply for his conceal and carry license on the day he turned 21.

"You have to go through classes that you would not pass unless you are a safe shooter," Weidmaier said. "Just because this law has passed does not mean everyone will be walking around campus with guns."

Weidmaier said that more people obtaining licenses would increase the security on campus, and in fact, the more concealed and carry licensed citizens, the better.

"Criminals carry concealed weapons regardless of their legality," Weidmaier said. "Responsible citizens should also have the same advantage when it comes to protecting themselves from an armed attacker."



The O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Innovation Center after the renovation neared completion. *Photo by Parker Robb*

Construction Zone

K-State students welcome new construction and work around changes

By Laura Parker

With Justin Hall, The Chester E. Peters Recreational Complex and the new basketball training facility recently renovated, Kansas State University was not slowing down on campus construction.

In February 2010, K-State launched the 2025 plan, instilling a vision for the school to be recognized as a Top 50 Public Research University. Through this plan came various construction projects, but they did not commence without a price.

Completed in the summer, the West Stadium Center at Bill Snyder Family Stadium enhanced fans' game day experiences through a massive expansion. Funded solely by leadership philanthropy and gifts, the $90 million project provided outdoor suite, club and loge seating. A new fan store and Hall of Honor was embedded in the center, as well as new concessions, restrooms and ticket offices that replaced 1968 facilities.

Another project finished in the summer, the O.H. Kruse Feed Technology Innovation Center ventured to provide educational opportunities and advance research for the feed science management program.

Ronald Kruse, an alumnus of the feed science program, made a $2 million cash gift to honor his father, Otto H. Kruse. Another $10 million was provided by the State of Kansas, Kansas Bioscience Authority, K-State and its College of

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Agriculture. Additional donations brought the total cost for the project to $13 million.

A final summer development, the once Kappa Sigma house was renovated to make way for the new Honors House. Receiving funds from the university foundation, the project cost just over one million dollars.

Sheltering 55 students, the building was a housing and dining operation but was only available for those in the University Honors Program.

"The house will be used as a community space," Andy Thompson, residence life coordinator, said. "The space will allow programing for themselves, different classes will be hosted there and different organizations can use that space."

This reconstruction was recently implemented to the 2025 plan.

The Intercollegiate Rowing Center, a training facility for the Wildcat rowing program finalized construction in the fall. Funded privately through contributions and the athletics department, the establishment delivered two state-of-the-art rowing tanks, a new locker room, an erg room with over 40 rowing performance machines and office space for the coaching staff. The center cost approximately $2.7 million and made no use of student dollars.

Unlike the rowing center, the renovations at the Memorial Stadium required university funds. K-State hoped to bring this historic location back to life by beginning renovations.

With only one phase currently underway, the Purple Masque Theatre would be moving from the east side of stadium to the west side. The relocation cost $6 million. A new Welcome Center would take place of the theatre in the East Stadium. The Memorial Stadium would undergo further restorations in the coming years.

K-State recognized that its student body was growing, thus residence halls filled quickly. Planning began for a new $50 million residence hall to be located in the parking lot south of Goodnow Hall.

Unlike other halls, the first floor of the new building would be a dining center with the second floor and above designated space for housing. The last residence hall built was Haymaker in 1968, so the university decided it was time for a new hall.

"It's pretty clear the demand for on-campus living is very high," Nick Lander, assistant director for residence life, said. "We are over capacity and have lots of students out in Jardine."

As a part of the 2025 plan, the new hall hoped to enhance learning experiences for undergraduate and graduate students by constructing additional on-campus living for Jardine residents who wanted to live in the halls.

"The new residence hall is a good idea," Gail Bunge, sophomore in food science, said. "As a freshman in overflow, I didn't meet a lot of people or experience what other people did. In the beginning, I didn't know where I was going for a couple weeks and that was frustrating."

Lander projected the new residence hall to be ready by fall of 2015.

The K-State Student Union would experience renovations next summer. After the student body voted "yes" to the reconstruction of the Union, plans became concrete.

Known as the hub for students, the project would be funded by students. Starting next fall, students would see a less than half percent increase in their university charges. Effective for 30 years, each student would pay an additional $20 per semester to fund the $25 million project.

The goal for the Union was to provide stronger programming opportunities and host places for organizations' meetings and conventions. Navigating the building would be made easier with a central elevator, closely located restrooms and a new southwest entrance. The new Union expected to act as a greater attraction to incoming and current students.

With several completed, current and upcoming projects, K-State strived forward toward its goal to be a top public research university and enhance campus experience for students.



The Chester E. Peters Recreational Complex's new rock climbing wall can be seen through its windows by the new entrance on Sept. 20. *Photo by Parker Ro*





Above K-State holds UMass on third down to force a punt during the second quarter on Sept. 14. under the newly completed West Stadium center.
Left The newly renovated Honors House finished construction prior to the start of the fall semester.
Photos by Parker Robb

Sweet Treats

Call Hall makes special ice cream to commemorate university's sesquicentennial

By Bria Dansby

Every important celebration included dessert and Kansas State University celebrated its 150th anniversary with ice cream.

Call Hall dairy bar created a special ice cream flavor called "Wildcat Birthday 150" to commemorate the celebration that debuted in January.

The flavor was a birthday cake-based ice cream mixed with pieces of cake and royal purple sprinkles. The dairy plant developed the new flavor by brainstorming unique flavors Call Hall never had.

"Since it's an anniversary we figured that a birthday cake flavor would be a good option for the event," Jared Parsons, dairy plant manager, said.

Despite the dairy plant's experience producing ice cream, the greatest obstacle was finding the perfect ingredient.

"Our biggest challenge was getting the cake pieces from our distributors," Parsons said. "The distributors weren't certain if they had bought enough of the cake pieces to sell to us. None of the distributors could find the cake pieces, but we eventually found them."

The plant had a loyal fan base that continued to buy their products throughout the year.

"I think we have a loyal alumni and the general public that just loves the ice cream and products we sell," Renee Westgate, dairy sales manager, said.

As the debut of the new flavor loomed closer, Parsons hoped the new flavor would be a favorite among K-State fans.

"I hope the fans respond favorably to the flavor, enjoy it and think about how the university has been here for 150 years," Parsons said. "The dairy plant is proud to have made a product in remembrance of the year."

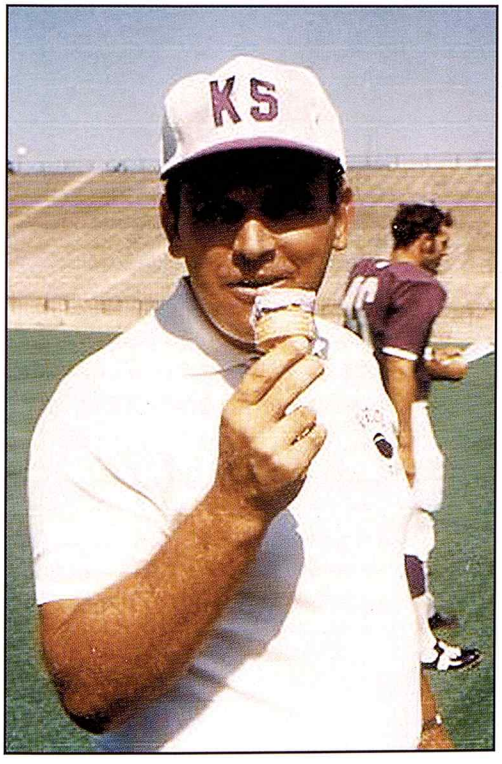
"Wildcat Birthday 150" was an exclusive flavor to Call Hall; therefore, students expected the dairy plant to make the ice cream special.

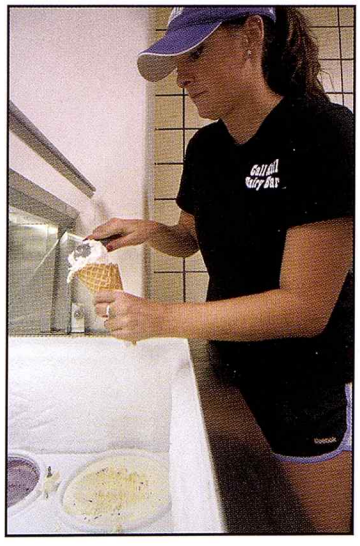
"When I first heard the flavor was going to be birthday cake, I thought it wasn't unique. But after trying it for the first time, I really liked it," Donovan Sherraden, senior in finance, said. "I like that it included real cake pieces and tasted like a real birthday cake."

Though the new flavor was on sale throughout the sesquicentennial celebration, the flavor of the ice cream was not as important as showing pride for K-State and its history.

"It makes me feel proud to be a Wildcat," Sherraden said. "It is such a big milestone for the school and the community of Manhattan."

Top Brohgan Dieker (left), of international admissions, and her husband Adam Dieker, senior in social sciences, enjoy Call Hall ice cream in the Call Hall dairy bar on Sept. 20. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*







Left Coach Vince Gibson enjoys a purple pride ice cream cone in October 1970. *Photo courtesy of University Archives and Special Collections* **Center** Meaghan Wachter, senior in animal science, prepares a cone of "Wildcat Birthday 150" at the dairy bar on Sept, 20. **Right** The new flavor, "Wildcat Birthday 150," was created especially for K-State's 150th aniversary and tastes like birthday cake. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*

The Cryptic Chronicle

The man behind the mask is the face of Kansas State University

By Kaylee Engle

University icon Willie the Wildcat represented Kansas State University at school carnivals, athletic and social events, all while leading his famous "KSU" cheer to pump up the crowd. Willie's presence thrilled many.

Tryouts to become K-State's mascot were open to all students and took place after the spring football game on April 27. Once an individual made the cut, he maintained a workout during the summer months while he partook in strength and conditioning at least four times a week.

Along with being a full-time student, Willie was responsible for attending K-State athletic events as well as other events hosted by the university. Willie was in high demand for a variety of functions ranging from weddings to monarch butterfly releases. The mascot received a $500 scholarship each semester.

Willie attended practices to make sure he could endure what it took to become the mascot, such as staying in the mascot head without overheating and perfecting Willie's autograph and the signature moves. Most importantly, he learned how to keep the identity confidential.

"It adds to the mystery. That's the cool tradition part of it. People think they know and they're always trying to find out who Willie is," a former Willie, Michael McIntire, graduate student in geology, said.

Dannielle Ruoff, head cheerleading and mascot coach, was in charge of handling and scheduling all of Willie's appearances.

"I don't think people realize how hard Willie works," Ruoff said. "They don't have any idea about the appearances and the time commitment both in the summer and school sessions. It's constant. Willie the Wildcat is a full-time job."

While many school mascots wear a full body suit, Willie had a mascot head and human body. With more room to maneuver he was able to do different moves compared to other mascots, such as push-ups after the football team scored a touchdown. The distinctiveness of Willie's attire had been a part of the university's tradition.

"Being Willie is the greatest job ever," McIntire said. "The guy under the mask is putting so much time and effort into the university. It's purely out of the love for K-State."

Willie's job was to excite the crowd whether K-State was winning or losing. As a one-of-a-kind mascot, Willie was one of K-State's liveliest traditions and best-kept secrets since 1947.

"Willie is like the hype man. He brings the intensity and gets us geared up. It's pretty fun," Zachary O'Shea, freshman in mass communications, said. "I like the persona of it being a mystery person. Everyone just knows who Willie is as a mascot."







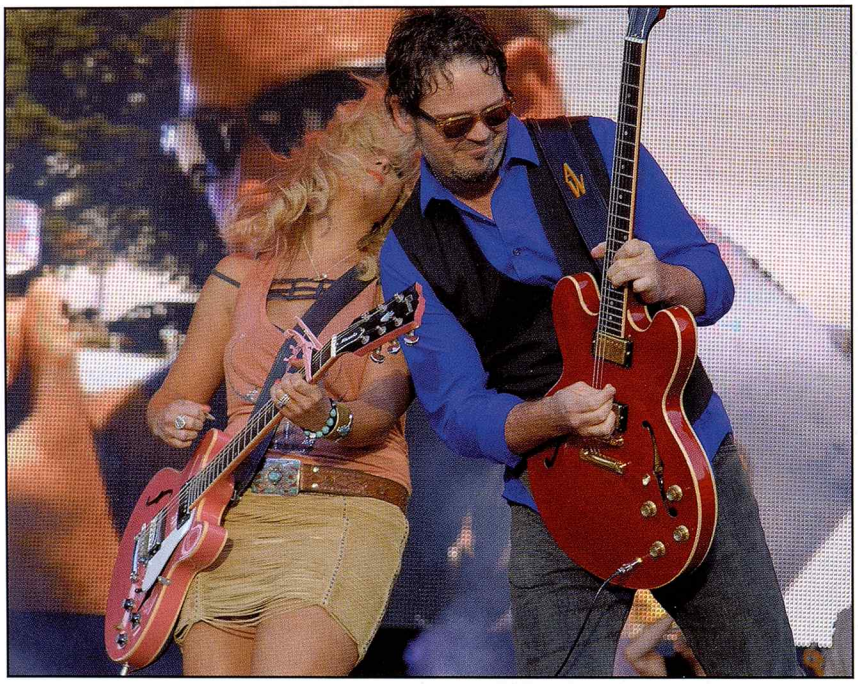


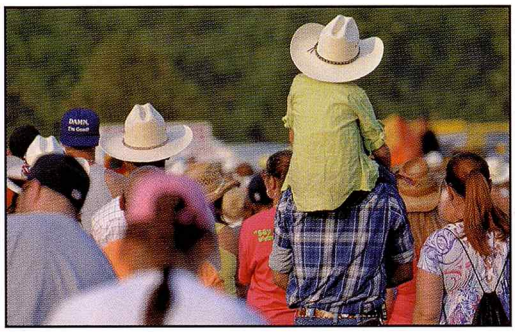


Top Left Willie signs an autograph for a young fan during the K-State vs UMass football game. **Bottom Left** Willie performs touchdown push-ups at the K-State vs. Lousiana-Layfette game on Sept. 7. **Right** Willie spells KSU after performing touchdown push-ups at the K-State vs UMass game in Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Sept. 14 **Bottom Right** Young fan vie for Willie's attention to get autographs and photos during the K-State vs Lousiana-Layfette game on Saturday, Sept. 9, in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*



Thousands of people gather for another year of country music at Country Stampede on Sunday, June 30. *Photo by Jakki Thompson*





Left Miranda Lambert rocks out with Alex Weeden, lead guitarist, as part of the closing act of Country Stampede on Sunday, June 30. **Above** A young boy sits on the shoulders of his dad at the annual Country Stampede music festival at Tuttle Creek State Park hosted from June 27-30. *Photos by Jakki Thompson*



Country Crime

Annual Kicker Country Stampede causes commotion

By Jacinda Dent

With nearly 150,000 country music fans packed into a music festival for four days, the Kicker Country Stampede could have looked like the perfect recipe for crime.

Country music fans traveled from all around the world to partake in the 19th annual Kicker Country Stampede, with attendees coming from 46 of the 50 states and from three different countries.

With all the people that attended, 50 different artists, five stages and enough fried food to send anyone into cardiac arrest, the possibility for criminal activity seemed likely.

However, according to Matt Droge, communications director for the Riley County Police Department, Manhattan did not see an increase in illegal activity throughout the four-day country music festival that lasted from June 27-30.

"It truly is contained in Tuttle," Droge said. "It's its own little city out there."

Tuttle Creek State Park, where the show took place, laid in four different jurisdictions; Riley County, Pottawatomie County, Kansas Highway Patrol, and Kansas Wildlife Parks and Recreation.

Wayne Rouse, president and general manager of Country stampede, said the event had a zero tolerance for underage drinking and drunken driving, and that it took all four departments present to keep the crowd in line.

"We have enough security out there," Rouse said. "It's a really great atmosphere where everyone wants to have a good time and they don't want to create problems."

While the event was contained to Tuttle, Riley County Police Department officers volunteered to take on extra shifts to work in and out of the event. They worked on controlling traffic back into Manhattan to get the crowd out quickly and safely.

"I like to volunteer every year if I can," Droge said. "You can be busy and still working, but it's a different atmosphere and good for people watching."

Natalie Hunt, sophomore in life sciences, said that she did not feel a huge criminal presence when she attended the concerts, because of the large number of law enforcement officials in attendance.

"I saw so many police officers," Hunt said. "I don't know what they could do better. I didn't see anything crime-related personally happen."

With a safe and positive turnout at the Stampede, Rouse was positive that the event would be around for many years to come.

"I hope it goes on forever," Rouse said. "I started this thing and it's been a lot of fun so far."

Gracious Gratitude

Facebook page promotes positivity and boosts students' morals

By Kaitlyn Dewell

A group of Kansas State University students tried to trump the negative social networking tendencies and created an uplifting realm for the benefit of the student population.

"K-State Compliments" was an anonymous Facebook page created by a group of students on campus to give individuals the freedom and opportunity to express their praise and admiration for other students, while still maintaining secrecy to the general public. Students who wished to submit a compliment simply sent a message to the K-State Compliments' inbox via the social networking site. The compliment was then copied and posted as a K-State Compliments' status.

The page, created on Dec. 6, 2012, had recently gained momentum in the public sphere, as individuals complimented became aware of the recognition early this semester. During the third week of February, K-State Compliments made an impressive jump from approximately 100 Facebook friends to nearly 600 in a matter of days.

The creators of the group said that they first came up with the idea for a K-State Compliments page after seeing a similar page hosted by another Big 12 university and being disappointed when they discovered K-State had not yet established one.

After K-State's recognition last semester by the Princeton Review as the eighth happiest campus in the nation, the group decided to use Facebook as an open forum for students to express what it was that made the K-State population unique.

"We're very positive people, and K-State is a very happy school," Zachary Stroth, junior in family studies and human services one of the group's producers, said. "We love encouraging people and seeing others do good, so we made it with the hopes that it could be a positive outlet for people."

Tyler Johnson, junior in marketing, said that K-State Compliments had a positive impact on the communal dynamic of the university.

"I think that it really does showcase the family atmosphere that we all talk about and hear about," Johnson said. "It almost starts to sound like this cliché thing that we throw out at people, but then you see the the K-State Compliments page and you watch that family come to life in text, and it is awesome."

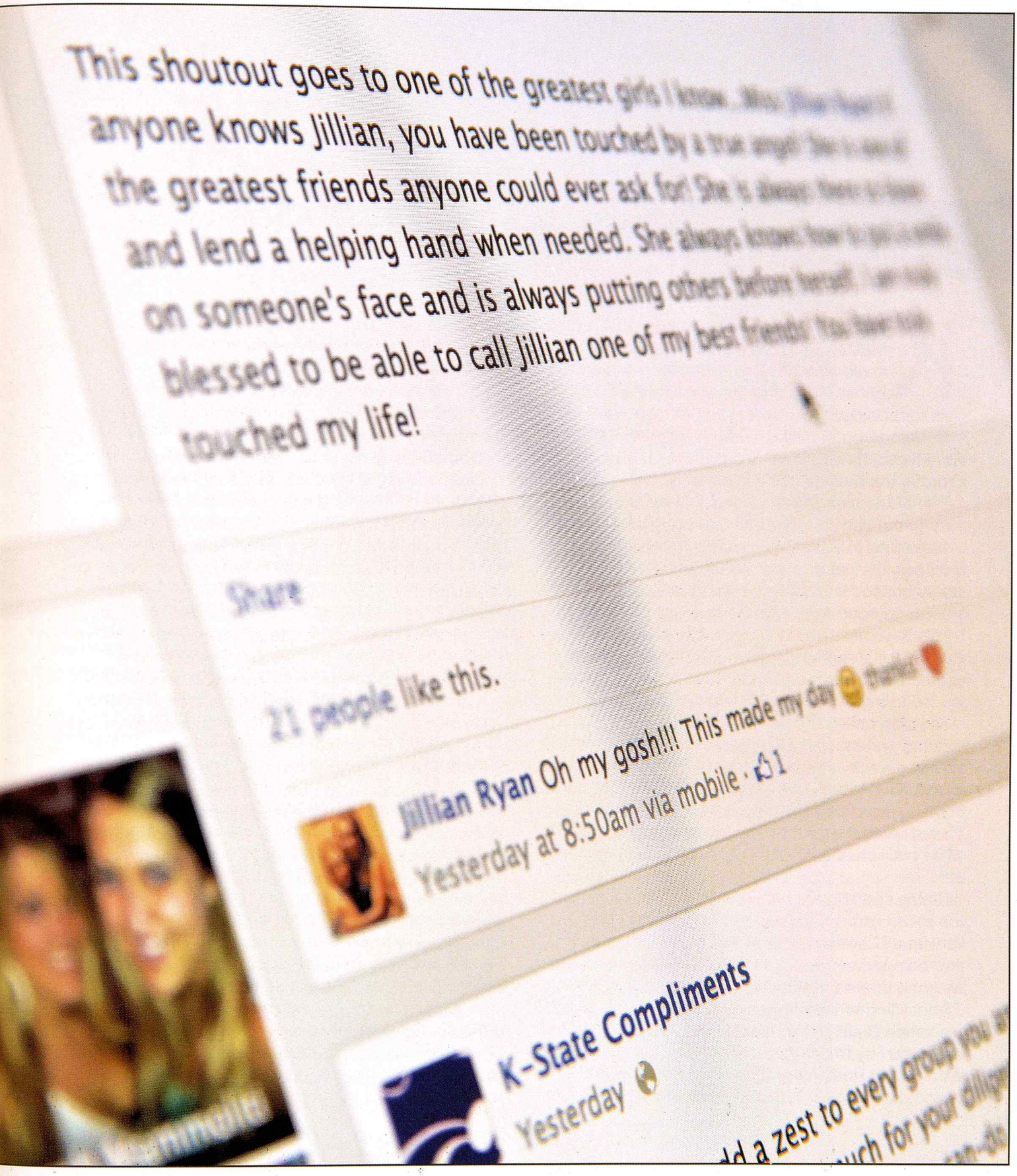
Joseph Falter, senior in advertising, had received not just one, but two separate compliments from other students via the K-State Compliments page. Falter said that while he was flattered to receive a compliment the first time, receiving a second post was a truly unique and heart-warming experience.

"I woke up an hour before my alarm went off and saw that I had a notification from K-State Compliments, and then I couldn't go back to sleep," Falter said. "It really set the tone for my day, and maybe even my week. It's really fun for me to see that someone appreciates how I am."

In addition to his appreciation for the words of affirmation, Falter also said that receiving the compliments has given him further motivation to maintain his ways.

"Not only is it just a really nice thing to hear, but it encourages me to continue that behavior," he said.

In regards to the future of K-State Compliments, the creators planned to continue the page for the duration of their time at the university and hope to eventually pass along the legacy to other students.



The K-State Compliments Facebook page posts compliments sent in anonymously by students. *Photo Illustration by Parker Robb*

University plans to limit parking on campus

Car-Free Campus

By Jacinda Dent

Kansas State University constructed a 2025 Master Plan that would support K-State in reaching its goal to become a Top 50 Public Research Facilities by 2025.

As part of this master plan, a committee of members throughout campus, which included employees of Parking Services, deliberated ways to improve the parking conditions on campus.

Part of the plan involved closing the major roads throughout campus to student drivers completely.

According to Darwin Abbott, director of Parking Services, the need for this new plan came from safety concerns for bikers and pedestrians walking around campus and need for new building spaces.

"We have always had the ten-minute walk between classes for students," Abbott said. "If we keep expanding campus, we can't keep it like that. What we are trying to do is build a tighter community."

The plan called for putting buildings on top of existing parking lots around campus and providing a shuttle service for students from the current parking lots at Bill Snyder Family Stadium with the promise of building more parking lots in that area in the future. This allowed the university to continue expansion while not actually making the campus grow further out.

Claflin and Mid-Campus Drive were a few of the roads named that would be closed to regular vehicles. Buses, maintenance vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians would eventually be the only ones to walk the streets of K-State.

According to the K-State Master Plan, "closing or realigning Claflin Road was an idea that has been discussed by the campus community for many years. With Claflin Road closed, through traffic would be accommodated by extending Jardine Drive to North Manhattan Avenue."

While the plan was meant to make travel around campus easier for students by providing them with a shuttle service, Joel Garver, sophomore in education and employee of Parking Services, felt that not being able to drive through campus would only hinder students in the long run.

"I would feel cheated. The luxury of being able to park close to a building if you're running late or it's raining is something that students cherish," Garver said. "The inconsistency of a bus system, paired with the mass amount of students needing to use it would just make for one giant disaster."

Abbott disagreed and felt that the change in how students get around campus would not majorly affect them.

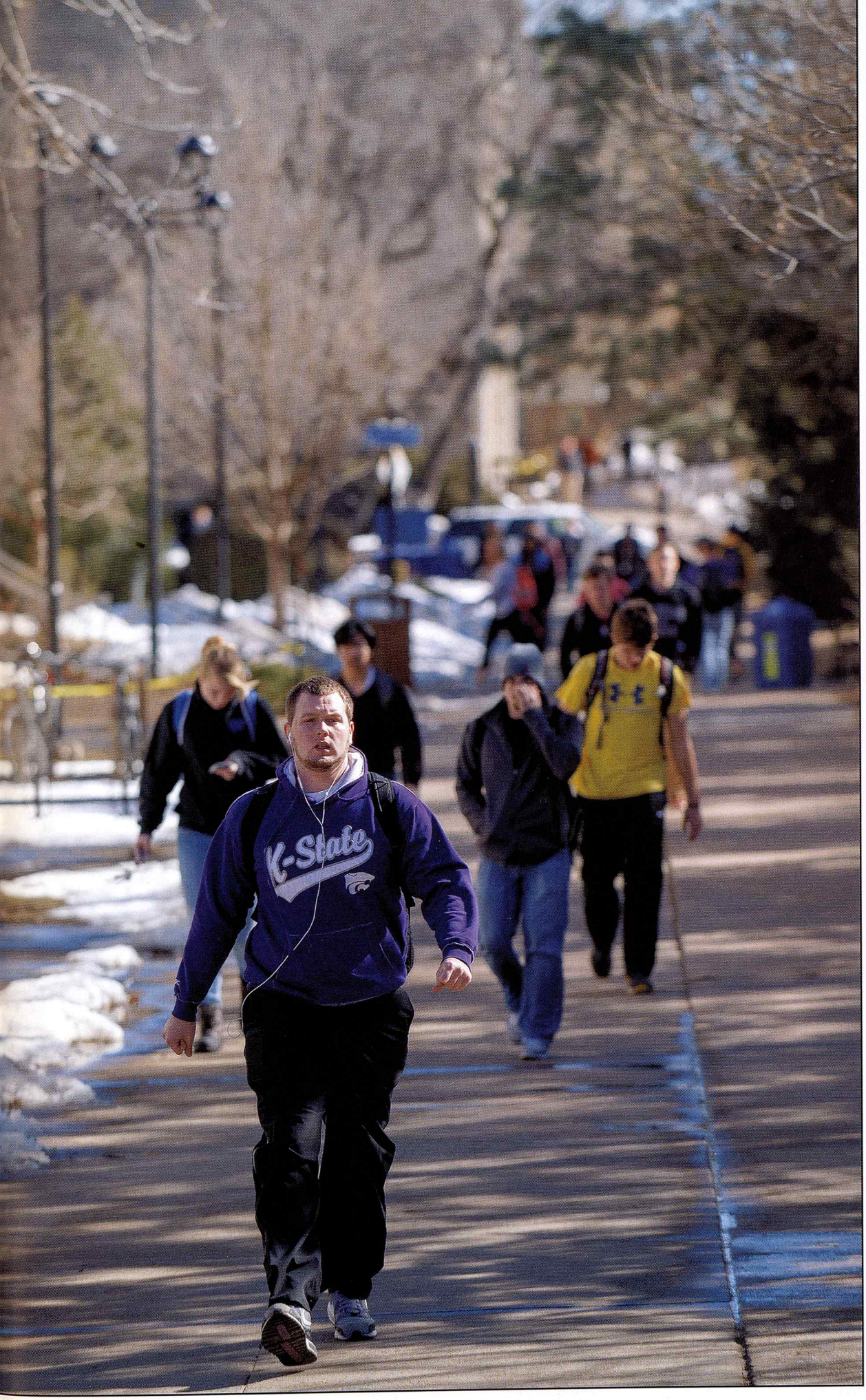
"It's going to change the way they do things but it's not going to stop them from doing anything," Abbott said.

While parking on campus wouldn't seem to affect student's personal lives, according to Abbott, Garver felt differently.

"If they were to eliminate on campus parking, we would see a drastic increase in monthly rent prices within a one-to-two mile radius of campus, thus raising the cost of living for college students even more," Garver said.

Nonetheless, many factors were still up in the air about what the new plan entailed, including what it would cost students and when the entire project would be completed.

"We're still feeling our way through this. We are doing this to meet the university's needs and the needs of the students," Abbott said. "Things will happen over time, as soon as they can happen. It'll move at the pace the university needs it to move."



Students walk by Ackert Hall on Feb. 17. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Fit for a Queen

Student wins Miss Czech-Slovak Kansas title

By Jacinda Dent

In the summer of 2013, Jessica Brockway became a queen.

Brockway, junior in biochemistry, was crowned Miss Czech Slovak of Kansas after competing at the Czech Festival in Wilson, Kan.

"My family would always go to Czech Fest and they would always have queens there," Brockway said. "I thought it was so cool. When I was 16, I went for it."

Brockway did not end up winning the competition that year, but when she was older, she decided to participate in the pageant for a second time. This time, she brought home the title.

Prior to competing in the Miss Czech Slovak event, Brockway had no previous experiences participating in pageants.

"This was just kind of a go-for-it thing," she said. "I just jumped into it."

Contestants had to show off their kroj, a folk costume commonly worn by Czechs and Slovaks, show off a talent and conduct a private and public interview onstage.

"The first big decision is to design the kroj. Fabrics and colors must be decided on. These are to represent the area of Czech Republic or Slovakia your ancestors were from," Lynn Kasper, Brockway's pageant director, said. "You will also need to be able to answer questions not only about ancestors but history and current events."

Brockway's kroj was made by her grandmother, taking nearly a month to complete just one dress.

Pointe dance was Brockway's talent during that portion of the competition. Her sister, Lara, was also a contestant.

"I don't know if I would even say we were competing," Lara said. "She was kind of a shoe-in."

Once she won, Brockway received scholarships, gifts and several responsibilities that came with the title.

According to Kasper, several of Brockway's obligations included attending events, sending thank-you letters to her pageant sponsors, competing in a national competition, assist the pageant director in planning the next year's pageant and crowning the next queen.

Kasper felt that Brockway would be an excellent queen, crediting her people skills as what made her stand out.

"Jesse is a very good public speaker. She is very comfortable among the public," Kasper said. "Once you see her smile, you will never forget her."

Brockway looked forward to spending a year as Miss Czech Slovak and fulfilling her duties as queen.

"I definitely like traveling around the state and meeting lots of people," she said.

She would continue to travel the state and visit different parades under her title before giving up the crown in the summer of 2014.





Jessica Brockway, sophomore in bio-chemistry management, stands in the Great Room of Hale Library in her pageant attire on Dec. 13. *Photo by Josh Staab*

K-State students experience higher crime rates

Danger Zone

By Shelby Brunk

When Kansas State University announced their Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety report, statistics had certain students up in arms about increasing crime on campus.

The Kansas State University Police Department stated on their website that they had a mission to "preserve a safe campus environment where diverse social, cultural and academic values are allowed to develop and prosper." Although the mission was clearly stated on what KSUPD wished to accomplish, the reality differed.

KSUPD covered a 668-acre campus on a 24-hour basis, which included campus buildings, housing, sororities and fraternities, Jardine and athletic complex grounds. With the area concentrating more than 52,000 residents, KSUPD tried to provide services to ensure the community a safer sense of security.

"The services such as Wildcat Walk and Safe Ride all are free services to our community. They should be part of your safety plan," Don Stubbings, KSUPD Police Captain, said.

Many K-State students lived off-campus, which made it important for the Riley County Police Department to build a strong relationship with KSUPD, as well as students when they spent their time away from K-State.

"The whole goal of the police department is to reduce crime and to improve quality of life for the people that we serve," Matt Droge, public information officer for RCPD, said. "We want to do what we can to help people stay safe, and that includes students."

According to Droge, students most often received violations from disturbing the peace and open container handling.

The K-State campus was designated as a drug and alcohol-free space, but that did not stop the crime from increasing in comparison to the previous year. During 2012, KSUPD saw an increase in drug and alcohol related disciplinary actions by 134 liquor related violations and 20 drug related violations. Burglary also climbed from 22 incidents to 25.

Lindsay Albracht, junior in family studies and human services, felt the crime was not the only aspect increasing but also her awareness on campus.

"There is a definite difference between how I feel about my safety this year compared to last year," Albracht said. "I hate feeling restricted to depending on others to walk home with me at night. I wish I could feel safe walking home alone like I did in my past two years at K-State, but the amount of crime I've heard about has extremely increased."

Stubbings said educating students about crime was the easiest way to prevent it.

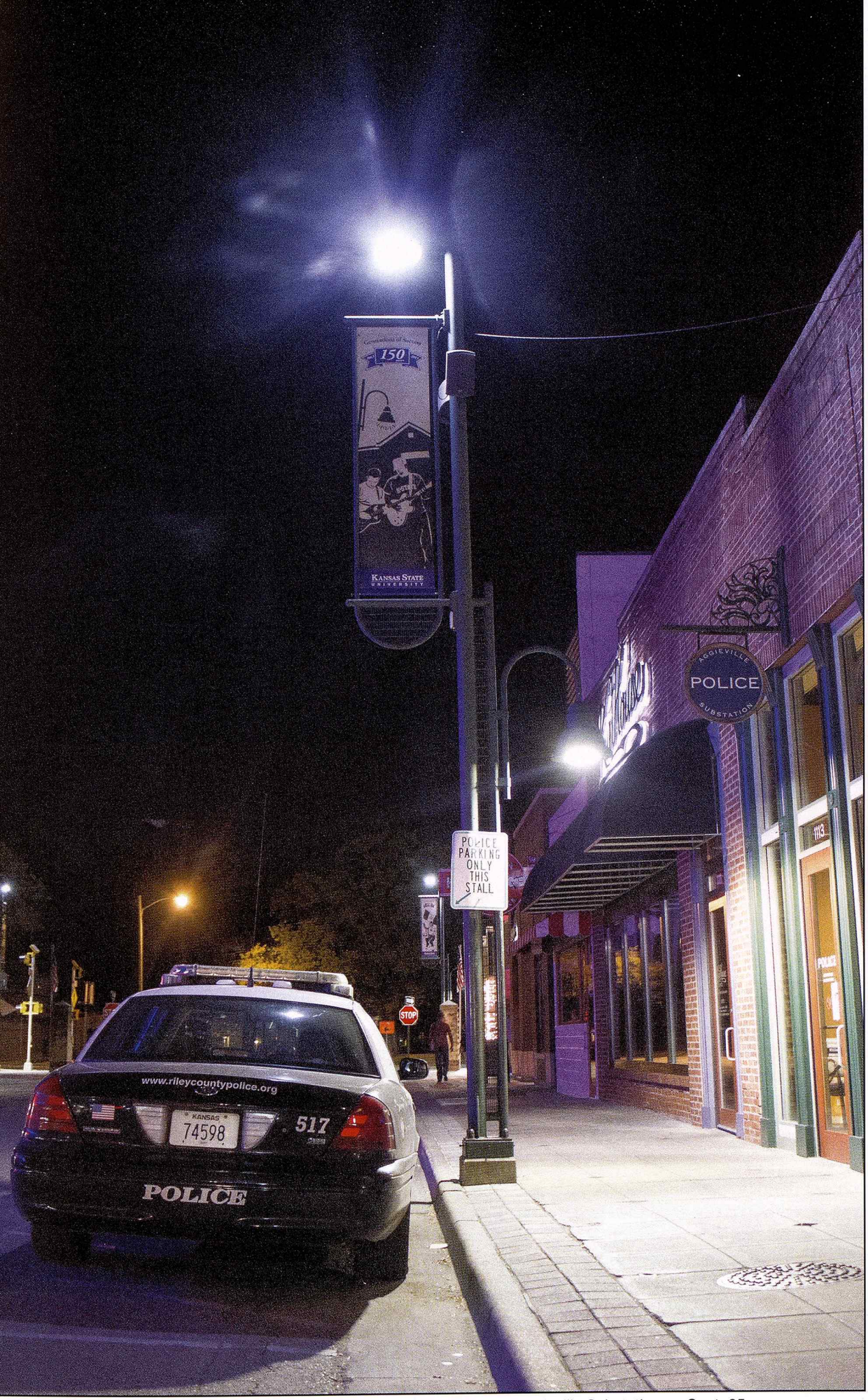
"Education of our K-State community about securing your valuables and protecting yourself is a main emphasis that along with proactive patrols and citizens reporting suspicious activity all works collaboratively to keep campus safe. It is a shared responsibility," Stubbings said.

Crime caught students' attention when reports about sexual assaults, rapes and missing persons were a topic of conversation.

"More than ever I've been hearing about attempted crimes and ways I should be taking more safety precautions," Albracht said. "I spent my summer in South Africa, a statistically much more dangerous place than Manhattan. I expected to come home feeling safer than ever, but I came to Manhattan and heard of multiple crimes that I had never heard before."

Lexi Peterson, senior in communication sciences and disorders, agreed with Albracht that when crime increased, so did her awareness while on campus.

"I carry my pepper spray on my keys and my keys looped through my fingers when I'm walking home alone at night," Peterson said. "I felt safer in past years, but I'm more aware and alert. I didn't carry pepper spray until this year."



A police car parks in front of the Riley County Police Department in Aggieville Substation on Sept. 25. *Photo by Minh Mac*

Big Screen Little Apple

Alumni pay homage to Woody Allen's film, "Manhattan"

By Erin Poppe

On Thursday, Sept. 12, in a tip of the hat to Woody Allen and his 1979 film, "Manhattan," three Kansas State University alumni held an advanced screening of their own love letter to a spot they love full well.

George Stavropoulos, Ryan Bruce and Bret Palmer shared the project with family, friends and those who helped them along the way. The show totaled 300 audience members in a rented Carmike Seth Childs theater.

Stavropoulos said that the film "Manhattan" had been a developing idea of the three friends- all "huge" Woody Allen fans – since their K-State days.

"We just joked, back when we were in school, that we should some day make a movie called 'Manhattan,' and set it here," he said.

This version of "Manhattan" told the tale of a N.Y. writer, Miles Alder. Alder, after having the worst day of his life, decided to press the "reset" button on his life and go back to the last place he was truly happy – Manhattan, Kan. During his reinvention, Miles' connected with both old and new players, all pushing him in the direction toward finishing his novel.

"Manhattan" was written, produced, financed and filmed in its entirety by the three friends. The cast rounded out to a total of 48 actors, 33 of whom are current or alumni K-Staters. Both Bruce and Stavropoulos said this was due to the K-State theatre department's support of its students and fostering an environment of collaboration.

"We all still seek refuge with each other, personally and professionally we are still creatively plugged in with each other," Stavropoulos said. "It was nice to give the students that are here now an opportunity that I wish I could have had."

And the opportunity could have been for not without the support of the city of Manhattan and the K-State campus. Everywhere they scouted in Manhattan as a filming location opened their doors and welcomed the crew in. Bruce said that citizens of Manhattan were a big reason why they were able to make the film.

"We were strategic about crafting the film around the idea that [we knew people]," Bruce said.

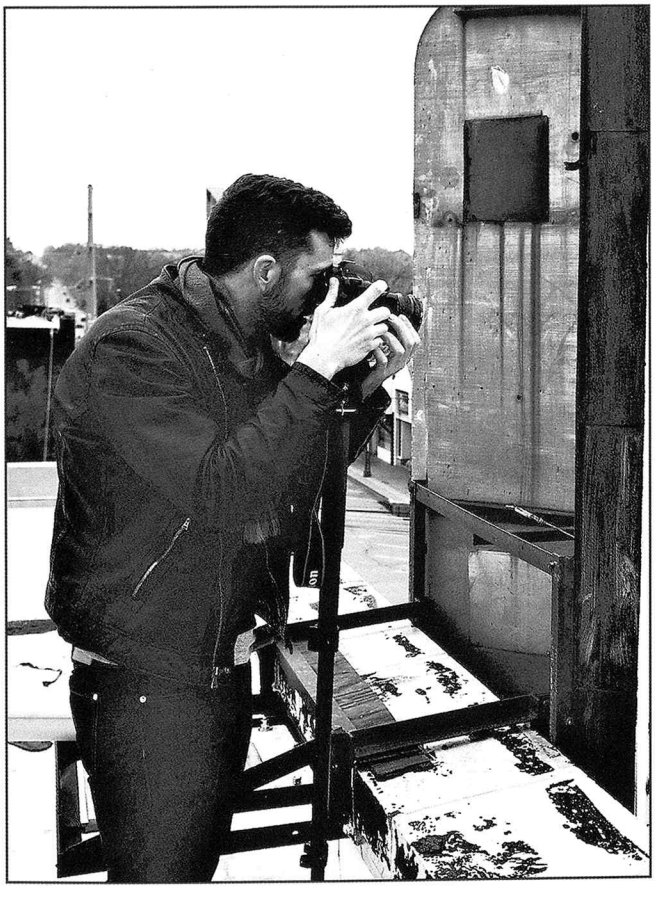
According to Stavropoulos, that welcoming attitude was a common experience that completely countered the attitude of Manhattan, N.Y., where one had to go through permit process just to film on the sidewalk.

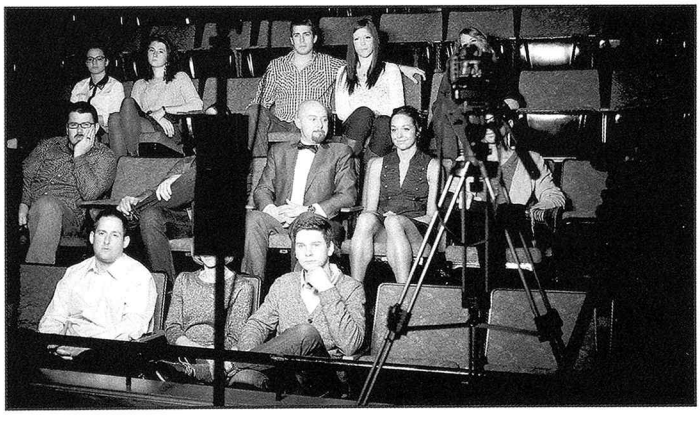
"Every single person, every single location in the film, just opened their doors to us like you would expect Manhattan hospitality to do," Stavropoulos said. "It just reaffirmed that this was the right movie to make. It reaffirmed my love for the city."

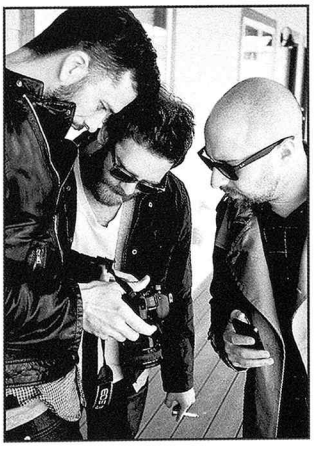
Joe Falter, senior in public relations, and Brenna Ford, senior in communication studies, both said post-screening that they loved how the film incorporated its namesake throughout Miles' journey.

"It was really fun for me to not only follow along with the story line but also get to see places and people that I could immediately relate to," Falter said. "There was a fantastic montage of the character's process where it was really fun to see different scenes from Manhattan where he would go to get [to the end]."

Ryan Bruce, one of "Manhattan's" two videographers, films a scene involving Kyle Myers and George Stavropoulos. *Photo courtesy of Element 35*







Far Left Ryan Bruce films 2012 Fake Patty's Day from atop Varney's Bookstore. **Above** An assortment of characters participate in a date montage between the characters of George Stavropoulos and Lisa Erbe in Nichols Theatre.**Left** Ryan Bruce, Kyle Myers and George Stavropoulos take a moment to review a shot. *Photos courtesy of Element 35*

Victoria's Secret brings Campus Tour to university

Pretty in PINK

By Jacinda Dent

College girls rejoiced as the long wait for Victoria's Secret PINK line to begin carrying Kansas State University apparel came to a close.

PINK, a line famous for selling comfortable clothes, undergarments and beauty products, began producing collegiate apparel in July 2008. It took nearly five years before the company started carrying K-State merchandise, making its launch highly anticipated.

"I think it was a great move for both K-State and PINK to start carrying the brand," Jessica Giannina, senior in business entrepreneurship and a campus representative for PINK, said. "Both are great brands that everyone loves, so putting them together is amazing."

To promote the new version of the PINK brand, a "street team" formed. The team consisted of a small group of student volunteers and two campus representatives hired by Victoria's Secret. The team held events through the year for people to enjoy, like hosting a fitness class at the recreational complex and having raffle drawings at the local Victoria's Secret, located in Manhattan Town Center Mall.

"I am excited to be part of the Pink team at K-State because it is the first year, so we get to experience it all for the first time and get to get K-State excited about PINK," Giannina said.

Students who attended the events and entered the raffle had a chance to win free PINK merchandise. Social media competitions also offered other opportunities to win freebies.

Aside from the events hosted by the street team, Victoria's Secret went on a Campus Tour, visiting schools they selected throughout the country. This year, K-State was chosen to be a stop on the tour.

"I am very excited that PINK is here. It's nice to have something different on campus to break up the normal routine we see," Olivia Pierce, freshman in kinesiology, said.

The team from Victoria's Secret traveled to campus in a pink bus with white polka dots. They held a day-long event where students could dress up life-sized model cutouts, have their pictures taken and win prizes.

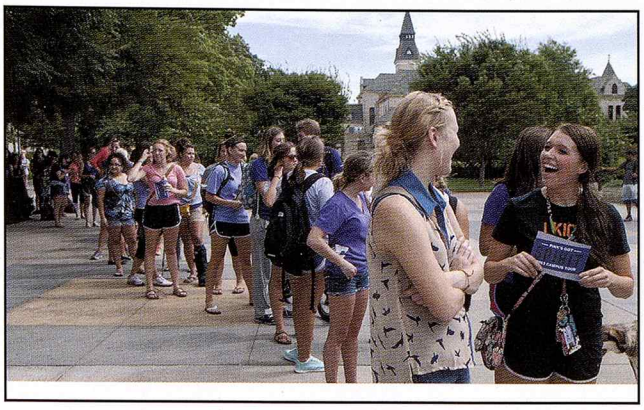
"I think it's pretty awesome. It's nice and bright and really fun" Bridget Huelsman, freshman in kinesiology, said.

The street team was available to help throughout the day, handing out balloons and riding a pink bicycle around campus to get students' attentions.

The team was active on campus for a year, continuing to promote the PINK brand.

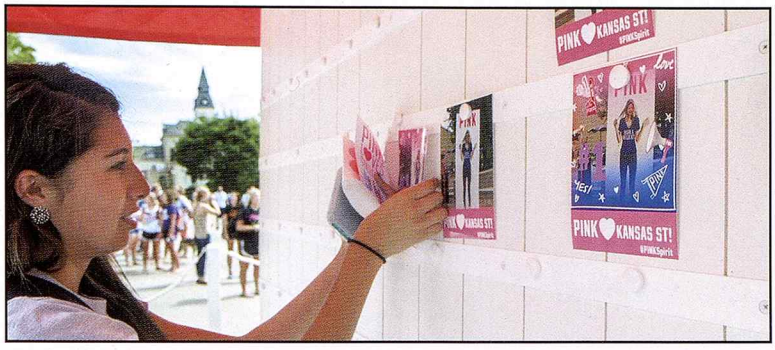






Above Left A student holds her prize box after participating in the Victoria's Secret PINK event. The box contained a gift card or a PINK bag. **Above Right** Despite the heat, the line to participate in the PINK event stretched from one corner of Bosco Plaza to the other corner. **Bottom Right** Georgina Rubio, freshman in international marketing, retreives her picture from the PINK photo board in Bosco Plaza Thursday, Sept. 19.

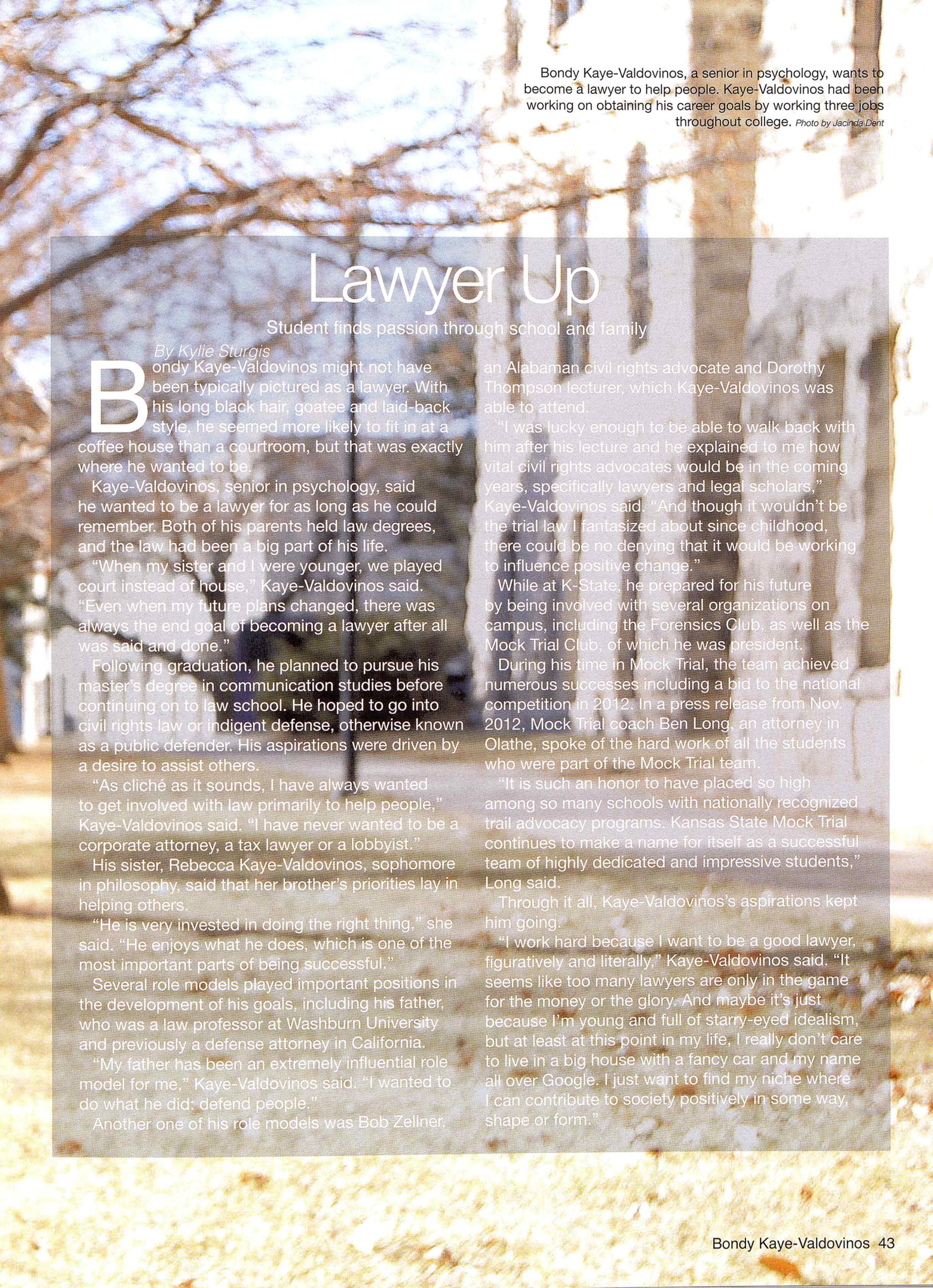
Photos by Hannah Hunsinger





Abby Norman (left), senior in mechanical engineering, and Bailey Carpenter (right), senior in apparel design and marketing, pick out clothes to dress the photo boards. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*





Bondy Kaye-Valdovinos, a senior in psychology, wants to become a lawyer to help people. Kaye-Valdovinos had been working on obtaining his career goals by working three jobs throughout college. *Photo by Jacinda Dent*

Lawyer Up

Student finds passion through school and family

By Kylie Sturgis

Bondy Kaye-Valdovinos might not have been typically pictured as a lawyer. With his long black hair, goatee and laid-back style, he seemed more likely to fit in at a coffee house than a courtroom, but that was exactly where he wanted to be.

Kaye-Valdovinos, senior in psychology, said he wanted to be a lawyer for as long as he could remember. Both of his parents held law degrees, and the law had been a big part of his life.

"When my sister and I were younger, we played court instead of house," Kaye-Valdovinos said. "Even when my future plans changed, there was always the end goal of becoming a lawyer after all was said and done."

Following graduation, he planned to pursue his master's degree in communication studies before continuing on to law school. He hoped to go into civil rights law or indigent defense, otherwise known as a public defender. His aspirations were driven by a desire to assist others.

"As cliché as it sounds, I have always wanted to get involved with law primarily to help people," Kaye-Valdovinos said. "I have never wanted to be a corporate attorney, a tax lawyer or a lobbyist."

His sister, Rebecca Kaye-Valdovinos, sophomore in philosophy, said that her brother's priorities lay in helping others.

"He is very invested in doing the right thing," she said. "He enjoys what he does, which is one of the most important parts of being successful."

Several role models played important positions in the development of his goals, including his father, who was a law professor at Washburn University and previously a defense attorney in California.

"My father has been an extremely influential role model for me," Kaye-Valdovinos said. "I wanted to do what he did: defend people."

Another one of his role models was Bob Zellner, an Alabaman civil rights advocate and Dorothy Thompson lecturer, which Kaye-Valdovinos was able to attend.

"I was lucky enough to be able to walk back with him after his lecture and he explained to me how vital civil rights advocates would be in the coming years, specifically lawyers and legal scholars," Kaye-Valdovinos said. "And though it wouldn't be the trial law I fantasized about since childhood, there could be no denying that it would be working to influence positive change."

While at K-State, he prepared for his future by being involved with several organizations on campus, including the Forensics Club, as well as the Mock Trial Club, of which he was president.

During his time in Mock Trial, the team achieved numerous successes including a bid to the national competition in 2012. In a press release from Nov. 2012, Mock Trial coach Ben Long, an attorney in Olathe, spoke of the hard work of all the students who were part of the Mock Trial team.

"It is such an honor to have placed so high among so many schools with nationally recognized trail advocacy programs. Kansas State Mock Trial continues to make a name for itself as a successful team of highly dedicated and impressive students," Long said.

Through it all, Kaye-Valdovinos's aspirations kept him going.

"I work hard because I want to be a good lawyer, figuratively and literally," Kaye-Valdovinos said. "It seems like too many lawyers are only in the game for the money or the glory. And maybe it's just because I'm young and full of starry-eyed idealism, but at least at this point in my life, I really don't care to live in a big house with a fancy car and my name all over Google. I just want to find my niche where I can contribute to society positively in some way, shape or form."

A Happy Homecoming

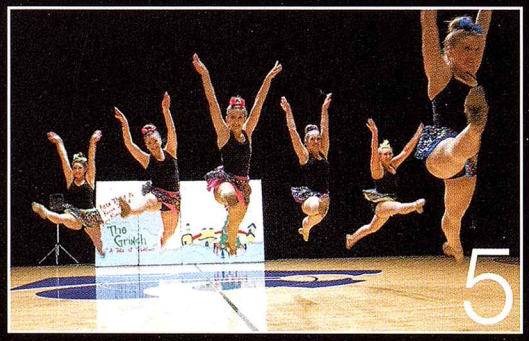
1. Members of the Powercat Motor Sports design team work on the team's sidewalk chalk art during the Homecoming Sidewalk Chalking contest on Oct. 20 in Bosco Plaza. The theme for Homecoming is "A Tale of Tradition," which designers could interpret however they saw fit in their designs. *Photo by Parker Robb* Willie greets and high-fives kids lined up on the sidewalk of Aggieville during the 2013 K-State Homecoming Parade on Oct. 25. *Photo by Jed Barker* **2.** Willie greets and high-fives kids lined up on the sidewalk of Aggieville during the 2013 K-State Homecoming Parade on Oct. 25. *Photo by Jed Barke* **3.** Students put the finishing touches on the Gamma Phi Beta, FarmHouse, Sigma Chi and Zeta Phi Beta window in Aggieville on Oct. 22 during Paint the Ville. Photo by Hannah Hunsinger **4.** Delta Delta Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu perform at Pant the Chant in Bramlage Coliseum on Oct. 20. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger* **5.** Dancers from the Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon group perform a "The Grinch Stole Christmas" themed dance at Wildcat Request Live in Bramlage Stadium on Oct. 23. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger* **6.** Women of Kappa Delta cheer for their partner fraternities during Pant the Chant in Bramlage Coliseum on Oct. 20. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger* **7.** Barbie Anderson and her daughter cross memorial stadium toward the finish line of the homecoming 5K. on Oct. 20. *Photo by Josh Staab*

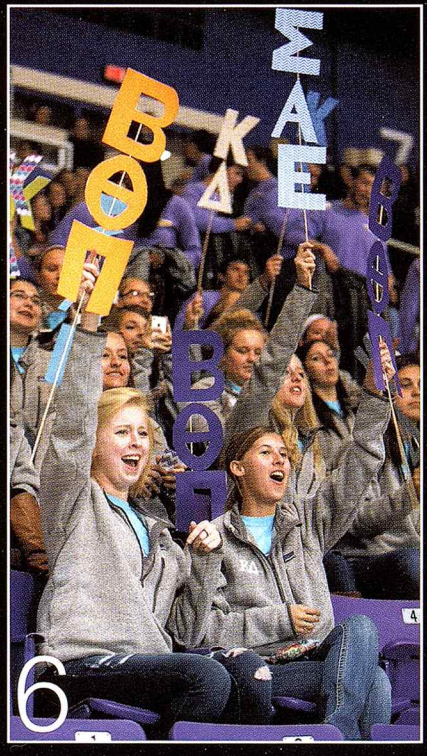














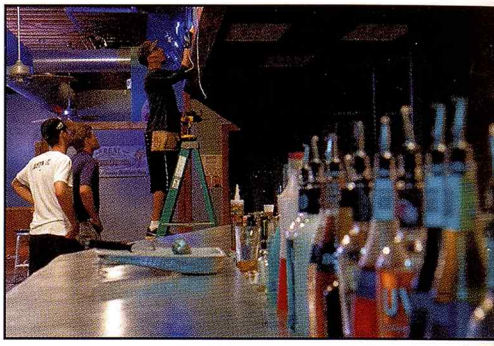


At Crazy Cat Kickoff, two members of the Goodnow team perform in the obstacle course on Oct. 20. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*



Ashley Ladd (left), junior in life science, Claire Finkle (far right), senior in advertising and Kati Krieg (right), junior in English, enjoy their meal at Fuzzy's Tacos on Sept. 10. The restaurant recently opened in Aggieville in the property vacated by Hibachi Hut. *Photo by Parker Robb*







Top Patrons of Eighteen63 enjoyed the atmosphere of a Wednesday night on Oct. 30 while employees of Whiskey Dick's work on the interior of the new bar that replaced Planet Sub. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*
Middle Richard Galli, owner, works with employees Joe Downey, junior in business, and Eli Woerpel, junior in political science, on Oct. 30 in the new bar, Whisky Dick's. The bar is connected to Eighteen63 and replaced Planet Sub. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*
Bottom As the name suggests, tacos are one of Fuzzy's Tacos specialties. *Photo by Parker Robb*





Viva La Ville

Aggieville renovates old favorites while opening up new businesses

By Mike Stanton

The Aggieville district was a popular destination for Kansas State University students for over a century, beginning in the 1890s when the campus bookstore set up shop on the corner of Manhattan Avenue and Moro Street.

Small businesses followed suit, and over the years, the 'Ville grew into what we know today: six blocks of bars, restaurants and shops geared primarily towards the K-State student body.

"The district in general has always been, is currently and will continue to be market-driven," Evan Tuttle, director of the Aggieville Business Association, said. "Where people are willing to spend their money is what will last, what will open and what will thrive."

The market was driven by the bar industry. In August a new bar opened, two announced plans to expand and a fourth expected to be up and running before December.

One new venue in Aggieville's near future was Tanner's Bar and Grill, a sports bar that originated in Atchison, Kan. before expanding to become one of the best known eateries in the Kansas City area.

"We've recognized Aggieville as an iconic spot among college towns, and for us to be in the mix really excited us a lot," said Matt Brentano, manager and part-owner of Tanner's and a graduate of K-State. "We were actually within a day of moving to Aggieville three years ago before someone snuck in and beat us to the spot."

Incidentally, Brentano said that the Tanner's location in the Waldo district of Kansas City was the area's official watch party location for K-State football games.

"We really try hard to get in good with the K-State crowd," he said.

Brentano said the business model of the Aggieville location would be similar to the one employed at their other locations, which focused on good food and drinks and a sports atmosphere. However, he said he hoped Tanner's would be a popular late-night destination as well.

"There's no reason you can't be both a sports bar and a happening place at night," Brentano said.

In addition to the two brand-new bars, another pair were in the process of expanding. Johnny Kaw's moved in to the former location of Ballard's Sporting Goods, which closed its doors this summer after more than 60 years in business.

Eighteen63 also grew its operation after buying out the Planet Sub location that previously inhabited the building next door.

Richard Galli, owner of Eighteen63, said the bar looked to expand since first buying their current location. The plans, however, were put on hold last year after an incident in which a fire sprinkler in the apartments above was damaged and dumped thousands of gallons of water into the bar. Extensive damage forced Galli to close his doors for months during repairs.

"That really set us back but, for the most part, we're back on our feet now," Galli said.

Galli said he planned to open the second location Wednesday through Saturday nights and would focus more on nightlife than on food.

"It's not really going to have the dinner feel that we have over here, it's going to be more of a party atmosphere," he said. "I don't really know what the best way to put this is, but, I guess it's just going to be nuts."

Another new name in Aggieville this year is Fuzzy's Taco Shop, which moved in to the building previously occupied by Hibachi Hut, which relocated to downtown Manhattan under new ownership. Fuzzy's started out in 2003 in Fort Worth, Kan. before expanding into 60 locations across 11 states, primarily in college towns, including Lawrence.

Sandy Stack, Fuzzy's Taco owner, believed that the more businesses Aggieville brought to the public, the better.

"I think its great that your building something that is going to be popular," Stack said. "That is what brings businesses to survive and to do well, is because you have other businesses around you doing well.



Sightless Ambition

Kansas State University student with visual impairment enjoys college

By Jacinda Dent

Charlie Wilks loved meeting new people, got lost on his way to classes occasionally and loved Kansas State University football.

However, Wilks, freshman in music education, did not live his life the same way everyone else did.

When Wilks was five years old, he suffered a brain tumor that left him completely blind by the time he turned six.

"Everything changed and we had to go about things differently," Wilks' mother, Jennifer Cunningham, said. "I was learning about blindness, and so was he."

Because he was not born visually impaired, Wilks still remembered things from before his tumor, like what he learned in kindergarten.

"I remember what colors look like. I remember what print letters look like. I can still write in print," Wilks said. "I remember the stars, mostly, because when I was little I liked to be outside and look at them."

Although his life was changed forever, Wilks never let his visual impairment slow him down. Growing up, he rode a bike, played football, went hunting and learned how to play the guitar, piano, tuba, and his specialty, the saxophone.

"I started playing music in the sixth grade and as the years went

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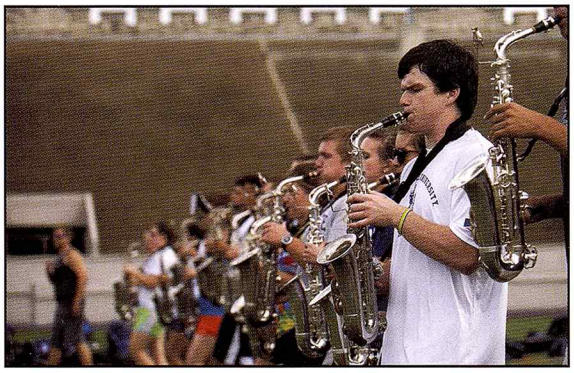


Charlie Wilks (left), freshman in music education, accompanied by hallmate Brian Click, sophomore in business, heads to McCain auditorium for a morning class on Monday, Sept. 23.

Photo by Hannah Hunsinger

Charlie Wilks (right), leaves his cane behind as he takes to the field before band practice with Alyssa Belford, freshman in biology chemistry, on Sept. 24. in Memorial Stadium. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*







Left Wilks took the field with the rest of the marching band for the halftime show at the KSU vs UL football game on Sept. 7. in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. **Top Right** Wilks took the field and the alto saxaphone section rehearse music with the rest of the marching band during practice in Memorial Stadium on Sept. 24. **Bottom Right** Ashley Herb, junior in accounting, helps Wilks get in position for field entrance for the halftime show at the KSU vs UMass football game on Sept. 14. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*



by, my love for it just developed," Wilks said. "When I got into my junior year of high school, I decided this is what I want to do."

While deciding what college to attend to pursue his music career, Wilks met Frank Tracz, award-winning director for the university band at a Wildcat Welcome weekend.

"I first met Charlie over the phone early summer," Tracz said. "I thought he was a very articulate, intelligent, outgoing young man with an absolutely great attitude and outlook about life in general."

Even though it was a challenge, Tracz and Wilks configured a way for Wilks to participate in the marching band.

"When I first met Dr. Tracz, I let him know I was thinking of joining the marching band," Wilks said. "He said he didn't know how we were going to do it, but we're going to try."

Wilks did everything that the other band members did. He marched on the field while playing the saxophone, attended every practice and participated in pep rallies and other band commitments.

"Charlie is very, very quick and picks up on things rapidly. His other senses are very fine-tuned and he is much more capable than the rest of us in many areas, including concentration, quick thinking, perception and understanding," Tracz said. "I had no doubt after meeting him that this would work just fine."

Wilks used a special music program that he received through a grant when he came to K-State. The program allowed him to read music, do homework and anything else music-related he might need. Aside from using that technology, Wilks learned all the basics of marching band with all of his band mates.

"I actually started at band camp this year. I just came out on the field and they showed me how to do everything," he said. "I just practiced like everyone else and when it comes down to it, I can feel it and know what to do."

Wilks' mother had no doubt that her son would be able to succeed in all aspects of his life, saying that there was something about him that made him continue to strive.

"He really has been motivated and determined on his own, always," Cunningham said.

It is his visual impairment that Wilks gives credit to his success and determination. He said that his impairment actually forces him to push himself further not only in music, but in all aspects life.

"I think it's actually inspired me to go beyond the means I would of gone to if I wouldn't of gone blind," Wilks said. "If there's one thing I hate, it's when people say I can't do something, because it's not true. It just takes a little bit of adaptation for me."

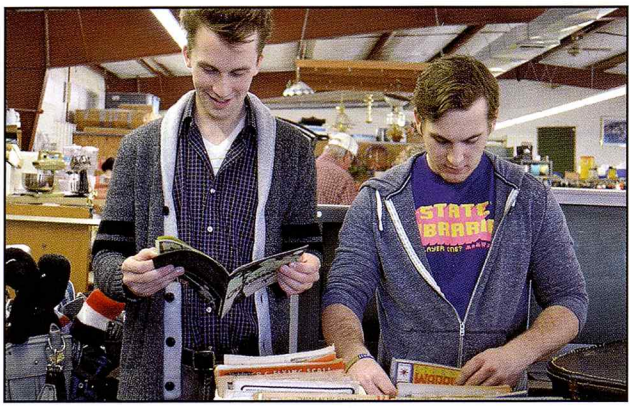
Life outside of the band was just as good for Wilks. He said he liked living on his own, the social aspect of college and getting to experience life in general.

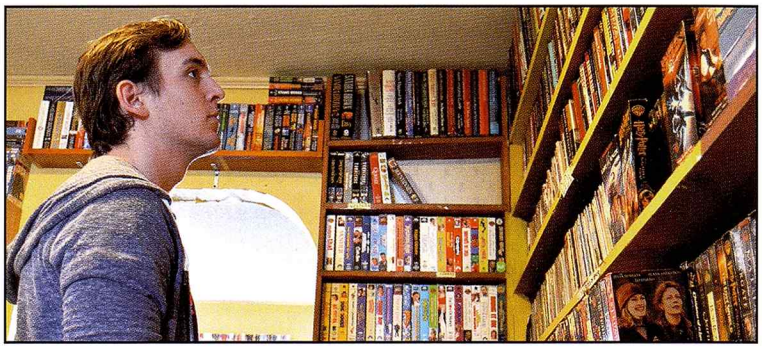
"My life at college isn't going to be different from any other student. One of the things I try to make a goal is to do everything as quote-on-quote normally as possible," he said.

Tracz thought that everyone could learn from Wilks' attitude and outlook on life- especially his fellow band mates.

"Many times when things get difficult for the band, I can sense some students feeling sorry for themselves and I immediately ask Charlie on a scale of one to 10, one being poor and 10 being great, how does he feel and how much fun is he having? Without hesitation, Charlie literally screams back at me '15!'" Tracz said. "The rest of us smile and feel a bit badly that we would even think we are challenged. Charlie is my hero."







Above Sarah Huyett, junior in social work, Chelsea Parter, junior in animal science, Abigail Hegarty, sophomore in pre-nursing, and Hannah Martin, sophomore in English education, look through posters at Grand Ol' Trunk in Manhattan, Kan. on Feb. 15. **Top right** Ben Windholz, senior in communication studies, looks through a Catwoman comic book while his friend, Felix Theriault-Briand, senior in communication studies, browses through another box of comics. **Right** Theriault-Briand gazes at the many full shelves of books. *Photos by George Walker*



Abigail Hegarty, sophomore in pre-nursing, shows her friend, Hannah Martin, sophomore in English education, a bell at the Grand Ol' Trunk Thrift Shop in on Feb. 15. *Photo by George Walker*

Thrift Shoppin'

Shopping at second-hand stores allows students to save money

By Jacinda Dent

Being a college student and having a limited amount of funds was something that many students could relate to throughout their education.

To counteract having little money, people looked to thrift shops to give them the items they wanted at cheaper price rather than brand-new items.

Melody Boltz, co-owner of Grand Ol' Trunk, said that she saw college students come into her thrift shop often, most of them looking for household items and costumes for theme parties.

"Most of them are just here on a temporary basis, so it's nice for them to spend less money on those items," Boltz said. "For party purposes, we see a lot of them buy makeup and different themed clothing."

According to Rebecca Craig, a former Kansas State University student and co-owner of Rockstar & Rogers, items sold in their shop are 60 to 70 percent off of full retail price. Rockstar & Rogers was a clothing and costume shop in one location, and a second location, titled Rockstar & Rogers Home Fusion, sold furniture and home décor.

"There is also a ton of buying and selling. We always have people that are wanting to sell their clothes and items to us," Craig said. "I'd say about half of our cliental is college students that are buying or selling."

When Craig was a student at K-State, she realized that there were not many thrift shops around Manhattan, let alone a store that allowed students to sell and purchase clothing. She wanted to bring a store to Manhattan that would be helpful for students who needed to be thrifty with their spending.

"College kids are always moving and so is the local military personnel," Craig said. "We also know that college students are notorious for changing sizes throughout college, so we wanted to give them a place to buy and sell their clothing. All of this makes Manhattan the perfect storm for thrift shops."

Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, senior in English and employee of Rockstar & Rogers, found shopping at second-hand stores a viable way to get the most for her money.

"Recently, I've been finding it hard to bring myself to pay $100 for a pair of jeans that I could otherwise buy for twenty at a thrift store," she said. "To me, it's a waste of money because the clothes they sell at the store are basically in the same condition as the clothes in fancy department stores."

Bingham-Gutierrez also felt that shopping at thrift stores was the easiest way for college students to spend their money wisely.

"Thrift stores are a great option for college students. I know that I don't have a ton of money to throw around on clothes when I have more important items to spend my money on, like rent, gas, food and bills," Bingham-Gutiereez said.



DJ AJ

Student spends night-life being disc jockey

By Kaylee Engle

As a disc jockey, Alan "AJ" Davis, sophomore in business administration, viewed Friday and Saturday nights as his prime time.

Since June, Davis worked for Complete We Do., a wedding and event photography, DJ service, videography and photo booth rental, in Manhattan. He was a DJ for high school dances, wedding receptions and a bridal show, doing events most Fridays and Saturdays. Applying to be a DJ was a spur of the moment decision that he loved from the get-go.

"It's not boring," Davis said. "It's really different from every other job. It's fun, it's exciting and you never know what's going to happen."

DJs committed a large portion of time for each event. Receptions normally lasted five to six hours and Davis traveled as far as two and a half hours to reach his gig. After completing all the required work, a typical time for Davis to return home was 3 a.m.

"The week of the event, you pick up your information, you have to pre-call the client before 5 p.m. On the day of the event, we require that they arrive an hour before the event is scheduled to start," Earl Webster III, operations manger of Complete We Do., said. "Then after it's over, it takes 30 to 45 minutes to tear down. Then, wherever you are, you have to travel back to the office, drop off the equipment, fill out the paperwork and slide it under our door. Then you're done until two days later when you get to start it all over again."

Davis used many tactics to get the crowd on the dance floor. DJs found that most people danced to slow songs, so he played an icebreaker, a popular song that was easy to dance to, followed by a slow song to keep everyone dancing. One of the reasons he enjoyed being the DJ at Chase County Jr./Sr. High School, his high school, was for their Christmas Ball so he could call people out on the floor.

"I really like how AJ got everybody to get into it. Lots of other DJs we get don't really get everybody to dance," Clayton Jackson, student at Chase County Jr./Sr. High School, said. "Since AJ had been a student at Chase County and he was kind of the life of the party back when he was here, he was able to get everybody to get into it and make it a pretty fun time."

Davis faced some challenges getting some people to dance. In order to be a successful DJ, he said it was important to have a feel for the crowd and not to be afraid to be a little weird.

"You really can't just be a normal person to be a DJ," Davis said. "You have to be very outgoing. I mean, you're going to get rejection, of course. There's going to be some people who just stand there and stare at you. You have to be able to just go with the flow."



Alan “AJ” Davis, a DJ with Complete We Do. in Manhattan, spends most of his Friday and Saturday nights DJing at various events. According to Davis, a DJ has to feel out the crowd, but felt that sometimes it’s ok to get a little weird. *Photo by Parker Robb*

Resident assistant enjoys job and working with students

King of the Halls

By Hannah Hunsinger

They settled disputes, bugged students to join floor programs and told them to turn down the music in community bathrooms. While these things are part of what a Resident Assistant did on a daily basis, their job encompassed much more.

RAs attended weekly staff meetings, participated in ongoing training, took full class loads, planned programs and attempted to keep an active social life.

Phil Hill, sophomore in marketing, was an RA for the first floor of West Hall.

"I wanted to be an RA because last year, my RAs were pretty awesome. They encouraged me to be the floor president," Hill said, "I was like, 'Oh, I think I can do that,' and I thought I was doing half the RA stuff and not getting paid for it last year- why not try it out?"

Sarah Frese, residence life coordinator for West, and Hill's boss, said that when Hiil was applying for an RA position, "he stood out for his confidence and ability to be a leader among others through the interview process."

Before becoming an RA, Hill was "getting groups together to do stuff, inviting people to go to floor dinner, being social with the residents and helping people with their problems," he said. After becoming an official RA, he got paid for all of his work.

Hill also had added responsibilities as a resident assistant. As an RA, Hill was "on duty" every other week and three weekends a semester. On those nights, Hill walked the halls on all the floors at least two to three times to check on West Hall residents.

"This is a line the RAs say a lot; 'Oh that sounds fun, but I'm on duty,'" Hill said. "There's always something going on the weekend that you want to go do when you're on duty, someone always asks you to go and you have to say no because you're on duty."

But, he added, "it's not too bad."

Planning eight programs each semester, striving to create a variety that appealed to everyone on his floor and helping to build the community, were among other duties Hill had to fulfill. Hill created a program called "Tea Time" after finding out that many of the residents on his floor liked tea.

"We just sat out in the lobby, sipped on some tea, had a good talk for like an hour or two. And then that was the start of them getting to know each other," Hill said. "I had some rough times with my programming where the same seven people were showing up, and so I decided to change that up and start doing programs with other floors."

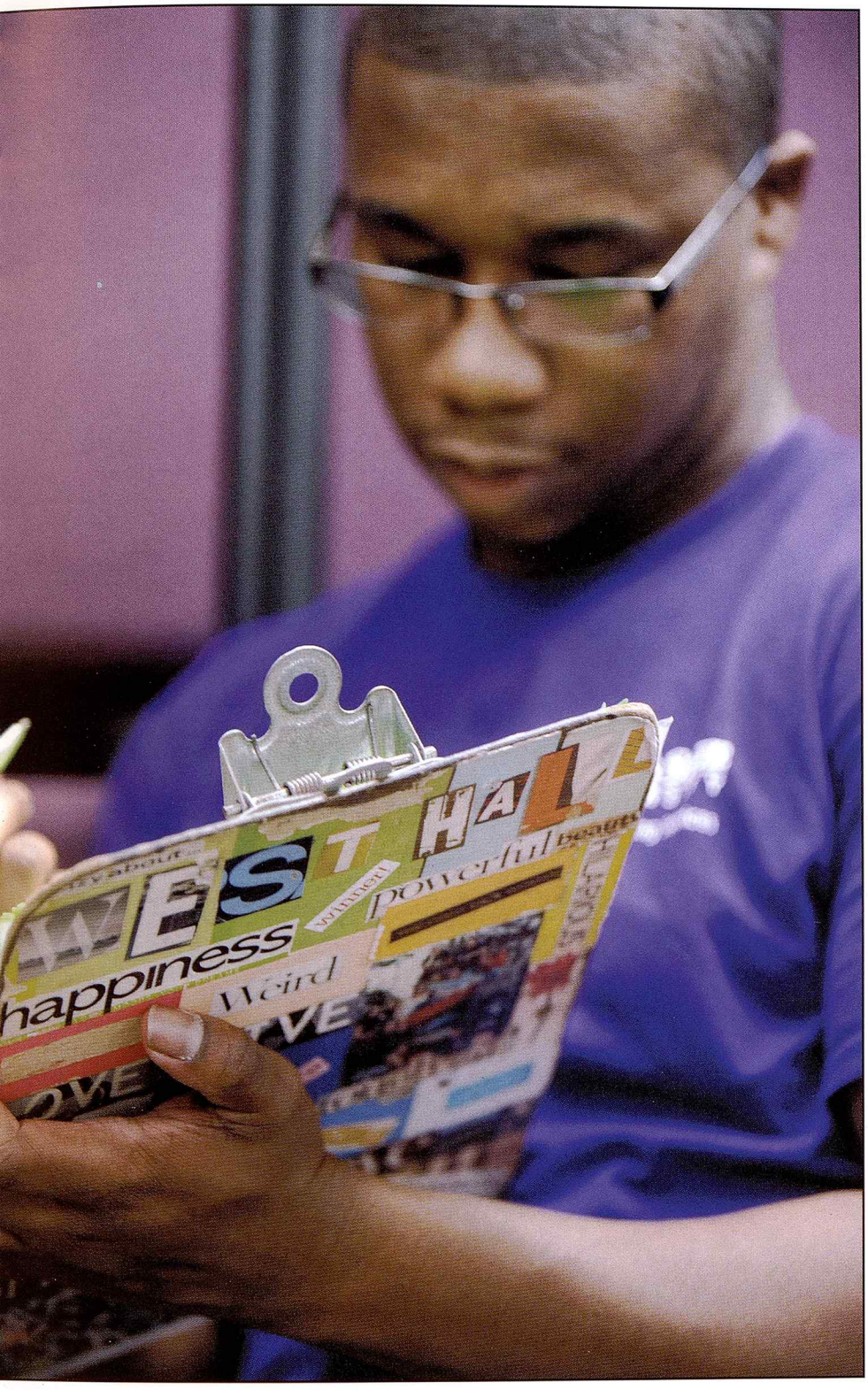
The best part of the job, Hill said, was "getting to know so many people and making meaningful relationships with the other RAs."

But it was not all fun and games. As an RA, part of Hill's job was "busting people for stuff."

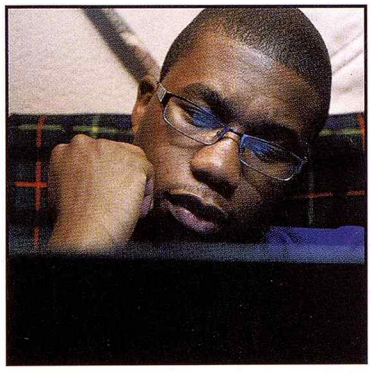
"I have to do it," said Hill. "I have no problem actually doing it, but it's obviously not the fun part because then you look like a jerk and then you have to write an [incident report], so it's like writing a detailed paper on what happened and who was involved and everything."

Not that he had to deal with much, Hill said the first floor of West was "pretty low-key." "It's very chill," he said. "That's my middle name- Phil 'Chill' Hill."



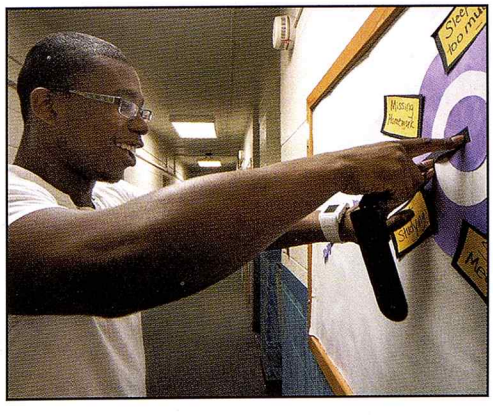


Below On April 11, Phil Hill, sophomore in marketing and resident assistant, studies in his room on the first floor of West Hall. RAs had to be able to balance the responsibilities of their jobs with their homework and class schedule. **Below middle** West Hall RAs joke during a staff meeting in the West Hall basement. The RAs met once a week with their residence life coordinator to discuss their work and life in the residence hall. **Bottom right** Hill walks all the halls in West Hall to check the facilities and make sure everything is in order. **Bottom left** Every month, RAs had to change the bulletin boards on their floors. Hill's board offered tips to students about how to avoid distractions before finals. **Right** After completing his rounds, Hill fills out the duty log, which details the state of West Hall. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*









Turning Home

Author explains homecoming situations for soldiers

By Kylie Sturgis

The fight for the soldiers coming home from war is not over explained David Finkel in his lecture on October 17th.

"It's bewildering and it's angering to these people. They're wounded, they're trying to get better," Finkel, an award winning journalist and author, said to a crowd of a couple hundred Kansas State University students, active-duty soldiers and even people who served as subjects in his book at the K-State Alumni Center.

"It's a scramble to just regain their footing and feel in control of life again," Finkel said.

Finkel, who won several awards for his first book 'The Good Soldiers', spent eight months with the second Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment out of Ft. Riley in Bagdad. 'The Good Soldiers', a New York Times Best Book of the Year, told the stories and experiences of those soldiers while in combat. Finkel used those same soldiers in his new book, but focused on their lives in 'after-war,' a phase describing the time following soldiers who had returned home.

"The war is no longer over there," said Finkel. "It is over here."

'Thank You for Your Service' follows the men of the 16th and their families as they dealt with the effects of 'after-war,' which included: injury, divorce, and even suicide. After he returned from his time in Iraq, Finkel began to receive calls from the soldiers he had met telling him how hard it was to transition back into civilian life, and Finkel knew the story still had more to it.

"I realized that if I was any kind of journalist. I had to get back to work and start writing again," Finkel said.

During his speech, Finkel quoted a Department of Defense statistic saying that 2 million soldiers had been deployed overseas, with only 1.5 million having returned with no said problems.

"I didn't write this book for them. The 1.5 million have their own books; this book pays attention to the other half a million," Finkel said.

Dr. Briana S. Nelson Groff, director of the Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families, encouraged both K-State students and faculty to be a part of the solution.

"These are people we know," Groff said. "People also need to remember that there are people behind the disorders. That is not what defines them."

One of the most common disorders that soliders faced is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. PTSD may be triggered after a traumatic experience. It can cause paranoia, depression and flashbacks.

"A big part of helping these soldiers is understanding who they are and what they've been through," Groff said. "These are the people in your classes, and the people walking on our campus, they are a part of us."

Finkel urged the audience to make a difference.

"It isn't easy to get the attention of the American people. It is hard to get them to care about this," Finkel said. "But it is still something that has to be done."

The men and women who return from war are in need of help, explained Finkel.

"They came home expecting for everything to be okay and it's not okay," Finkel said.

"It was interesting because these stories are not stories you hear every day, but that doesn't mean they aren't important," Renee Gragg, sophomore in journalism and an ROTC Air Force cadet, said. "Every soldier who has PTSD deserves to have their story told."

Finkel expressed how support is truly the best way we can help these soldiers.

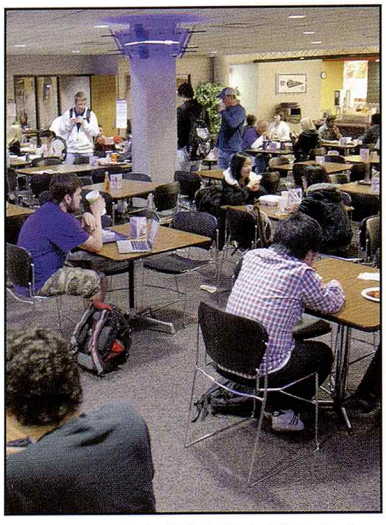
"Just listen. Be there and listen," Finkel said.

As these soldiers return home, they continue to be in combat.

"By the end of the war it wasn't even about winning or losing. It was about getting up each day and trying," Finkel said. "Day after day they went out, and that is what they have to do now. Get up every day and keep trying."



David Finkel came to Kansas State University to speak on his book, 'The Good Soliders,' on Oct. 17. *Photo courtesy of Lucian Perkins*



Students hang out in the K-State Student Union food court. *Photo courtesy of The Collegian*

April

Local On April 11, students at Kansas State University voted in favor for a renovation of the K-State Student Union. 2,510 of the 3,351 students who voted, or 74.9 percent of the voters, voted in favor of the renovations and expansion, which was scheduled to start in fall 2014. With the decision came a $20 per semester increase in student privilege fees for the next approximate 30 years, bringing the total cost of the renovation and expansion to roughly $25 million.

National Multiple bombs exploded at the Boston Marathon on April 15. As runners were crossing the finish line at 2:50 p.m., two bombs injured more than 170 people and killed three.

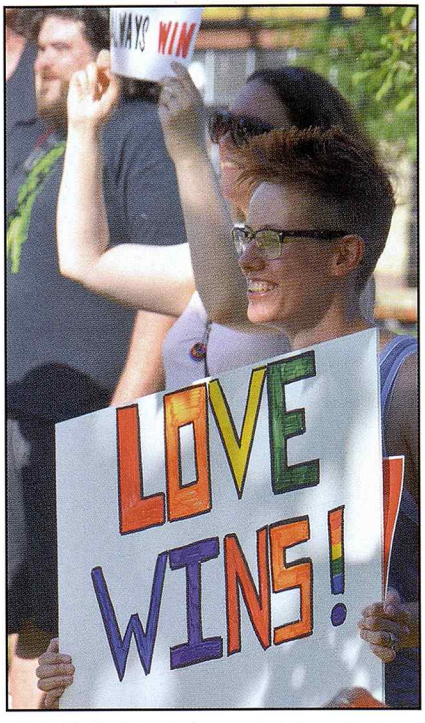


K-State closing pitcher Jake Matthys, left, celebrates with catcher Blair DeBord, right, after winning the Manhattan Regional 4-3 against Arkansas Sunday at Tointon Stadium. The Wildcats will go on to play in a super regional where they will play for a chance to go to Omaha to finish the NCAA tournament. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*

May

Local The Kansas State University baseball team topped off its most successful season ever with a Big 12 tournament title. With the securement of the title, the Wildcats' would advance to the NCAA Super Regionals later in the year for a chance to enter the College World Series. The Wildcats suffered a heartbreaking loss in Game 3 of the Super Regionals, ending their 2013 season.

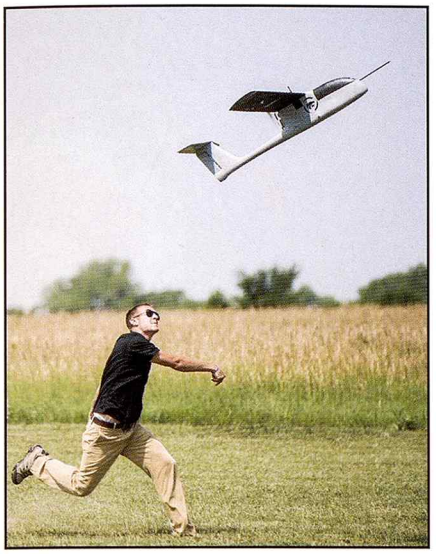
National Category 4 tornado hits Moore, Okla. The tornado stretched about a mile wide and touched ground for 40 minutes, killing at least 24 people.



Mariya Vaughn, instructor in women's studies and English, stood with members of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied community to celebrate the repeal of DOMA in Triangle Park on June 26. *Photo by Jakki Thompson*

June

Local The Supreme Court made a historic decision when it struck down the Defense of Marriage Act, referred to as DOMA, which presented legal restrictions that limited the rights of same-sex couples. The court found DOMA as unconstitutional, prohibiting same-sex couples from discrimination in the 12 states that recognized same-sex marriage. Couples in these states would now be able to receive all the same benefits as a heterosexual married couple. Citizens of Manhattan celebrated the win for same-sex couples with a rally held in Triangle Park on June 26.



Unmanned Aerial System chief pilot Kirk Demuth '07, Abiliene, Kan., launches the K-State Crow during a flight demonstration at K-State Salina. The Crow was designed and built by Demuth and K-State Salina UAS technician Richard Brown. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*

July

Local The unmanned aerial systems department at K-State Salina teamed up with the agronomy department at Kansas State University to create an unmanned aircraft that could fly around and take photos of crops that would be sent to a farmer's laptop within minutes of the picture being taken. The aircraft was made in hopes of helping farmer's to be able to keep track of their crops in the most accurate way possible.
World The Duchess of Cambridge, Catherine Middleton and Prince William gave birth to a baby boy on July 22. Highly anticipated, Prince George Alexander Louis became third in line to the throne, following his father and grandfather, Prince Charles.



Students, parents and volunteers from fraternities like Farm House move furniture and belongings into Goodnow Hall on Aug. 24. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Aug

Local Housing and Dining Services of Kansas State University improved move-in procedures in comparison to recent years. The majority of students moved into the dorms on Aug. 24 and heavy construction on Bluemont and Anderson avenues was a big concern for Housing and Dining. To make the flow of incoming students smoother, Housing and Dining restructured the traditional route to the dorms.
World A large chemical weapon attack occurred in the Damascus suburbs of Syria on Aug. 21. The estimated death toll was reported at 1,429 people, which included 426 children. The attack started a nation-wide debate on whether or not the United States would begin assisting the people of Syria against their semi-presidential system, unitary government.



A participant in the Ali Kemp Self Defense Class hosted by sorority Pi Beta Phi on Thursday, Sept. 26, practices basic techniques to fight off sexual predators. Ali Kemp is hosted annually to give girls across campus the tools necessary to fight back. *Photos by Zachary Werhan*

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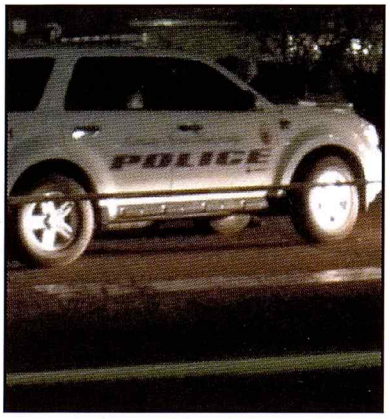
Local Ali Kemp, a Kansas State University student, lost her life June 18, 2002. Since then, her parents, Kathy and Roger Smith, created the Ali Kemp Education Foundation. The Foundation includes a T.A.K.E. Defense class supported by the women of Pi Beta Phi and a benefit concert to raise funds for the foundations. The concert was on Sept. 26.
National On Sept. 16, Aaron Alexis, a former Navy reservist, killed 12 people at a military facility located in Washington, D.C., in a mass shooting. Alexis was shot on site by police and though officials originally thought there were two gunmen involved, police concluded that Alexis was solely responsible.



A sketch of what the new College of Business Administration building will look like after completion. The new building was planned to be located off of Manhattan Ave, by Justin Hall. The building focused on providing resources for students inside and outside of the College of Business program. *Photo courtesy of the College of Business Administration*

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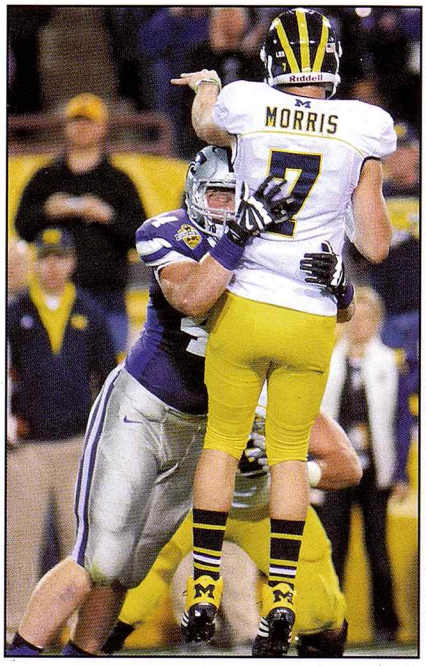
Local The ground-breaking ceremony for the new College of Business Administration building was held on Oct. 25. The new building, costing an approx. $50 million, was funded mostly through philanthropic donations. Planned to be 140,000 square feet, the building would house lecture halls, computer labs and dedicated study space for students both enrolled in the business program and enrolled in other majors.
National A standoff between governmental parties over the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare, led to a government shutdown on Oct. 1. The shutdown lasted for 16 days before it ended with the Republican and Democratic parties agreeing on a governmental spending bill.



A Kansas State University Police vehicle at the crime scene north of Moore Hall early on the morning of Nov. 21. Officers were investigating the death of a student. The investigation centered on a dark colored SUV that can be seen directly to the left of the cruiser. *Photo by Mike Stanton*

Nov

Local Jordan Forbit, freshman at Kansas State University, was found dead in a residence hall parking lot on campus on Nov. 20. Cause of death was unknown. Forbit was a resident of Haymaker Hall and had graduated from Elkhart High School in May 2013.
National A man opened fire in a shopping mall in New Jersey on Nov. 4. The perpetrator, Richard Shoop, 20, committeed suicide after he fired a modified rifle in the mall with more than 400 people inside.



The Kansas State University football team played in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl game on Dec. 28. *Photo by Parker Robb*

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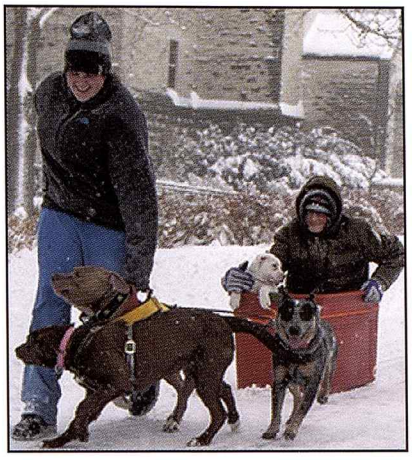
Local The Kansas State University football team went head-to-head against the University of Michigan in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl held in Tempe, Ariz. The Wildcats won the bowl game 31-14 to finish out their season.
World Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa and Nobel Peace Prize Winner, died at age 95 after struggling with his health for several months. Mandela's death was due to a lung infection. People all over the world mourned the former leader's death.



Debra Skidmore, journalism and mass communications professor, stands with Carla Garita and Johnny Gomez, two representatives from the Technological Institute of Costa Rica. Garita and Gomez helped teach a class of Skidmore's during their visit to Kansas State Univeristy. *Photo courtesy of Gloria Freeland*

Jan

Local Two representatives from the Technological Institute of Costa Rica visited Kansas State University to shadow faculty members from the Division of Communications and Marketing and to participate in classes taught by faculty of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications. The representatives came from the communications and marketing department at their respective institution.

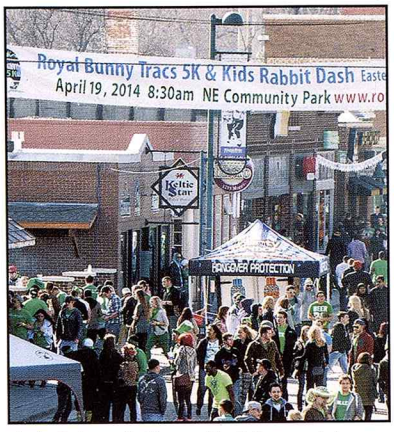


Sarah Perrin helps Ciree, Titan and Luna pull a makeshift sled with Kelsey Adams and Khaos down Mid Campus Drive Feb. 4. Perrin said it's a great way for the dogs to burn off energy when there's snow on the ground. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*

Feb

Local Kansas State University students received two consecutive snow days after Kansas was declared to be in an emergency state of disaster by Gov. Sam Brownback. Snow continued to fall from Feb. 3 through Feb. 5. The snow days were first announced via a tweet from university President Kirk Schulz.

World The 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics began on Feb. 7 in Russia. Russia led the final medal count with a total of 33 with the United States at 28 and Norway with 26 medals.



Aggieville began to fill up on March 8 as people began to fill in for the seventh annual Fake Patty's Day. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*

March

Local Manhattan natives and visitors enjoyed the annual Fake Patty's Day celebration throughout March 7-9. People celebrated St. Patrick's Day one week early, a tradition in Manhattan. The event was heavily known for causing distriburbances due to the high amount of drinking and partying throughout the weekend. The Riley County Police Department responded to 234 calls of service and six violent crimes. 541 citations were issued as well.

National A Malaysia flight was loose on its way to Beijing, China. The flight, carrying 239 passengers, disappeared between Vietnam and Malaysia. Hijacking was thought to be part of the planes disappearence, with two passengers aboard using stolen passports. On March 24, Malaysian Prime Minister announced that the flight and all of its passengers were assumed to be perished.





Bob Hull, Director of The Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools speaks to a group of students about school safety on Oct. 10th in the K-State Student Union Little Theatre. His speech, titled "Assumptions, Expectations and Challenges in School Safety and Preparedness," was part of the Education Symposium. *Photo by Chandler Riley*



O.C. Enyinna Eke, graduate student, and Jesse Nippert, biology professor, look at geoprobe on the Konza Prarie.
Photo courtesy of Saugata Datta

Environmental Impacts

Contamination project teaches students in agronomy, biology, geography classes

By Bria Dansby

For the past two years, students enrolled in Kansas State University's agronomy, biology, engineering, geography and geology courses were involved in an on-site project to reduce nitrate levels in Sylvan Grove, Kan.

K-State was given an opportunity to work on the two-acre land when Chris Steincamp, an environmental lawyer and K-State alumnus, discussed the contamination at the Sylvan Grove area with Saugata Datta, K-State assistant professor. Steinamp asked Datta and his class if they would be interested in getting involved and restoring the land.

"He, quite wisely, caught that this can be done as a course project, but was not sure, because he knew the kinds of courses I teach at K-State," Datta said. "I was a little bit unsure at the beginning because the course goes from lectures to assignments to term papers and so on. But, this project itself was a massive enterprise for not just my students, but for myself."

Before the classes could begin working on the site, they had to get consent from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Students involved with the program had to adjust to strict state guidelines and submit a proposal for the project before they were allowed to work.

For Arthur Fink, who worked for KDHE and participated in the project, explained how the state wanted the proposal written was one of the hardest parts of the project.

"It's not an instantaneous thing and it's not an exact thing, academia and the professors, both Datta and Nelson are used to looking at more of an exact, backed up with statistics, backed up with hard core theories," Fink said. "They want to get to the meat of the chase and say, 'what are the levels in the ground? What are our levels? How are we going to make it better?"

Once the project was approved and Datta's students collected the data from the groundwater and Nelson's class analyzed the soil samples, they created a cleanup proposal to send to KDHE. After working on the Sylvan Grove site, the students concluded a mixture of organic and inorganic sources contaminated the soil.

"We identified an area of quite high contamination of nitrate, but it was fairly localized in a small area, that's what the students identified during the first semester," Nelson said. "They also identified the depth that it went to. It went down 10 to 12 feet in some areas maybe even gone down to 15 feet in some areas."

After several proposals, KDHE approved the students' proposal to remove the contaminated soil and replace the area with plants, trees and new soil.

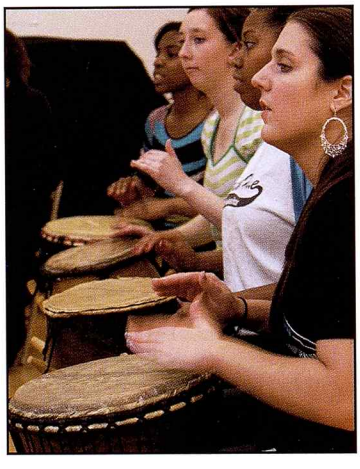
Though Fink had several years of remediation experience, he thought the project provided an opportunity for the students to gain experience, which helped them get jobs in their field.

"One of the most basic things in remediation is dealing with groundwater. You put in wells, measure the wells and you sample the wells, but, there was no place like that where undergrads like myself and BAE. back in the late 90s when I graduated," Fink said. "We never learned about wells. It's just nice to see that level of information being brought down to the college level."

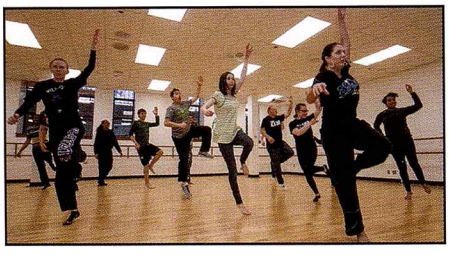
Datta and Nelson planned to further their research at Sylvan Grove.

"The work can go on for at least two more semesters and then even more," Datta said. "Monitoring has a big role to play. The project site is open to us. We are always welcome to go there, so there are many chances that the students can go do this project."





Above Instructor Neil Dunn, Erika Williams, senior in theater, and another student drum while the other students dance in the African Dance class in Nichols Hall on March 3. **Far left** Instructor Neil Dunn works one-on-one with Chris Backman, senior in math, during the African Dance class in Nichols Hall on March 3. **Left** Jordan Roberts, graduate student in dance and teaching assisstant to Neil Dunn, beats out a rhythm on a djembe, a traditional West African drum, in the African Dance class in Nichols Hall on March 3. **Below** Students in the African Dance class jump while rehearsing a dance in Nichols Hall on March 3. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*





Dancing Drums

Class inspires students to let loose

By Rachael Herter

A typical day in African Music and Dance began as the class formed a drum circle and started practicing their drum tones.

Professor Neil Dunn then led the class in a run-through of Kpanlogo, an African dance beat. From there, the class became very fast paced as the students split into a small group of drummers and a large group of dancers. Thus began a full run-through of Kpanlogo-dance and all.

DANCE 350 was an African dance and drumming class offered at Kansas State University. Dunn had taught the class for seven semesters, but the spring 2012 semester was the first semester this class was offered as a credit course for students. Before that, Dunn taught the class as an independent study. For Dunn, teaching African dance was simply sharing his love for the art form.

"I enjoy teaching everything about this class because I love drumming," Dunn said. "The dancing is fun and the two are not separable in this art form."

The fairly new class became a hit with students. This course required no perquisites and allowed anyone to succeed with participation.

"It is recreational dancing," Dunn said. "Anyone can take the class and most people really enjoy it."

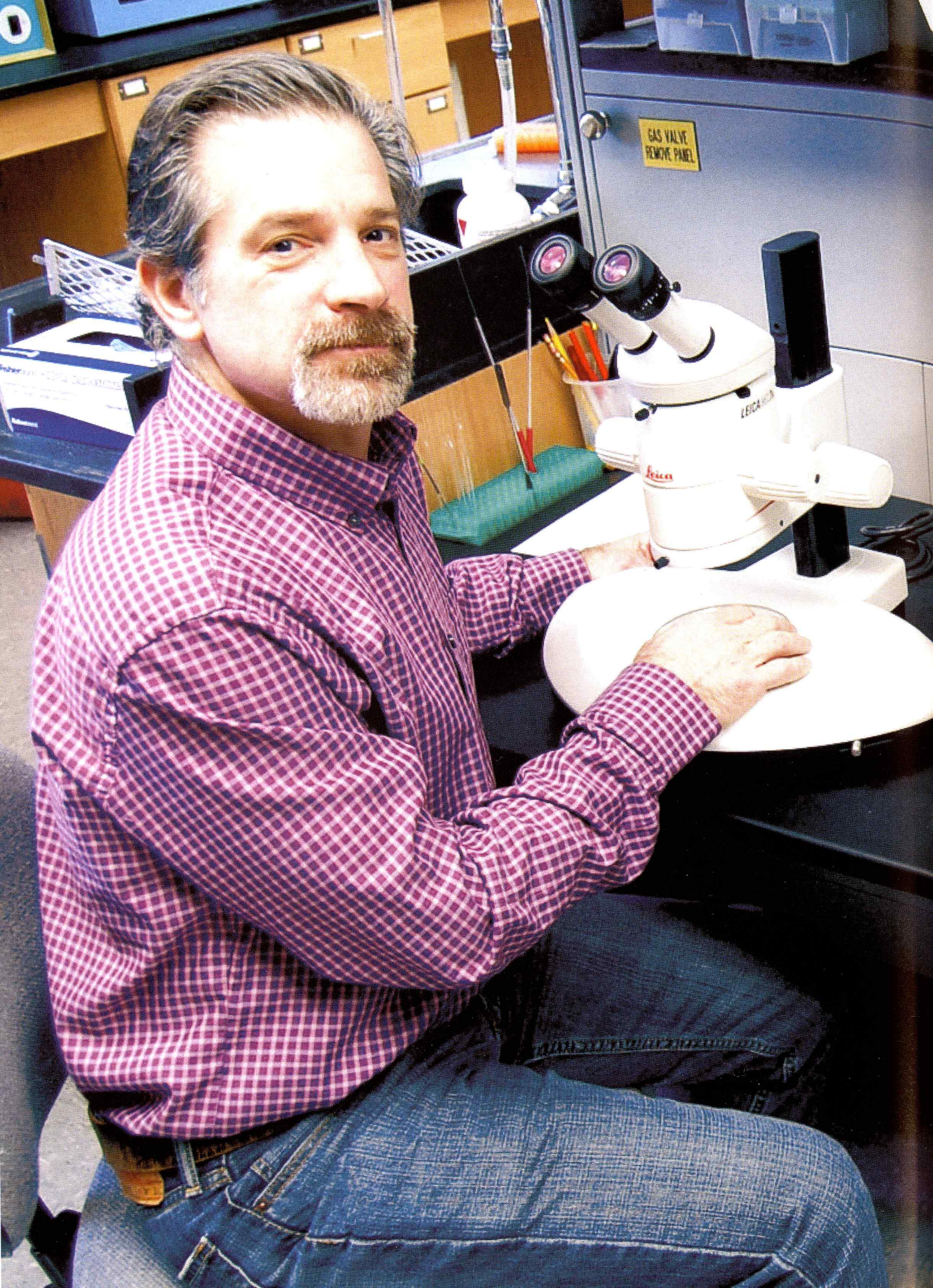
Sydney Rugan, sophomore in public relations, enjoyed learning from Dunn. "The fact that the dances were so structured and we always knew what move came next really helped me step outside my comfort zone and go all-in with the dancing," Rugan said.

Rugan also went on to compare the dances in the class to a country line dance. Other students had only good things to say about the class. Anthony Williams, sophomore in physics and journalism, described the class as "entertaining rhythmic mayhem, in a good way."

"It is a very unique and fun class," Seth Bovee, junior in marketing, said.

The class brought about the awareness of a different culture to students. They learned important information about how another culture interacted with others.

"The class was really an eye opening experience when it came to the discovery of a new culture and a new way of doing things," Rugan said. "It would be so out of the ordinary for people here to start playing instruments for others to start a coordinated dance just for fun."


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Well Rounded Profession

Professor dedicates time to university and community

By Deme Kopulos

Professor Michael Herman may have had undergraduate roots in Iowa, but he was a Wildcat at heart.

Herman obtained his bachelor's degree with honors in biology from the University of Iowa, held a doctorate in biology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and did his postdoctoral fellowship in genetics and cell biology at the University of Minnesota.

Herman was a biology professor and had taught, researched and developed at Kansas State University for more than 10 years. He had showed interest in biology and learning since he was in high school, a passion that only grew as time went on.

"I was fascinated by the world around me and what really got me excited was when we started talking about molecules in high school biology," Herman said. "In molecular biology and genetics, we talked about DNA and RNA and I thought it was pretty cool. So then I got excited about doing something like that for my undergraduate degree at the University of Iowa."

Like many college students, Herman had a change of heart about his major and where he wanted his studies to take him. For him, it wasn't about the end result but about learning.

"I thought I wanted to be a physician, so I was pre-med for a little while. Basically, I was fascinated by chemistry and just interested in the subject," Herman said.

Herman had the opportunity to work with students at all points in their academic careers and appreciated the process of seeing them eventually making their ways to the Herman Lab in Chalmers Hall, where he and his team of graduate students researched and cultivated new discoveries.

"I work with classes of all sizes. Principles of biology is a big room and we try and interact with students and get them excited about biology," Herman said. "Then those students I have in the lab in the beginning as undergraduates, go onto a graduate level, and when they're done, they're colleagues. So that's a special relationship as that develops over time."

Chelsea Base, senior in marketing, said Herman was one of the best professors available.

"He is a really great teacher. He clarifies information from the textbook in his class, and is always willing to help when a student is in need," Base said.

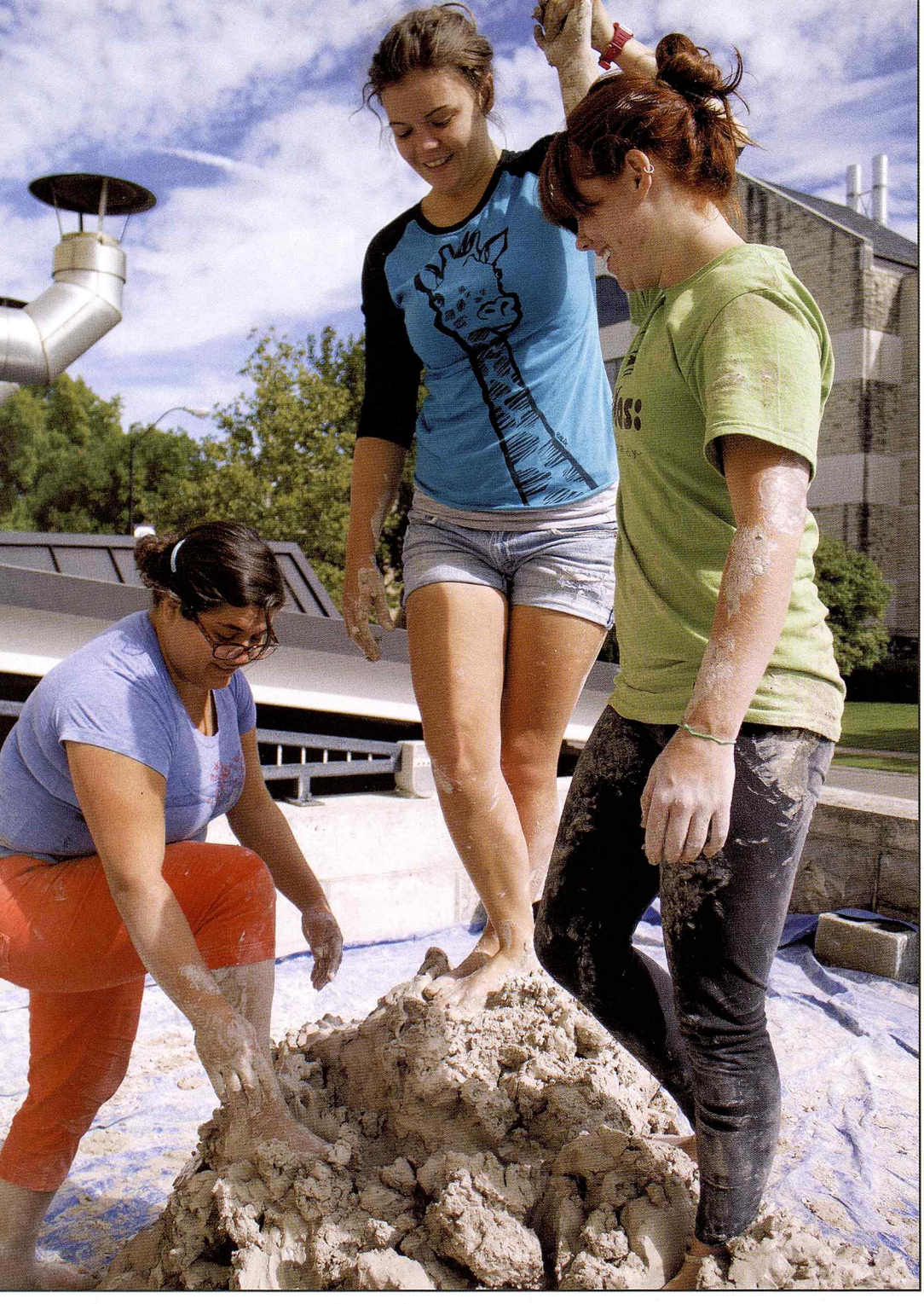
Rob Breeden, junior in biology, agreed with Base and said that Herman would do anything to make sure a student understood the material.

"He is an exciting and creative teacher. He constantly explores new ways to make the classrooms more interesting and more effective for students," Breeden said.

Herman's love for science took him many places throughout his career and education. In 2008, he won a Fulbright grant and was awarded additional funding from Wageningen University in the Netherlands. During his time in the Netherlands researching, he focused on the effect of natural genetic variation with nematodes.

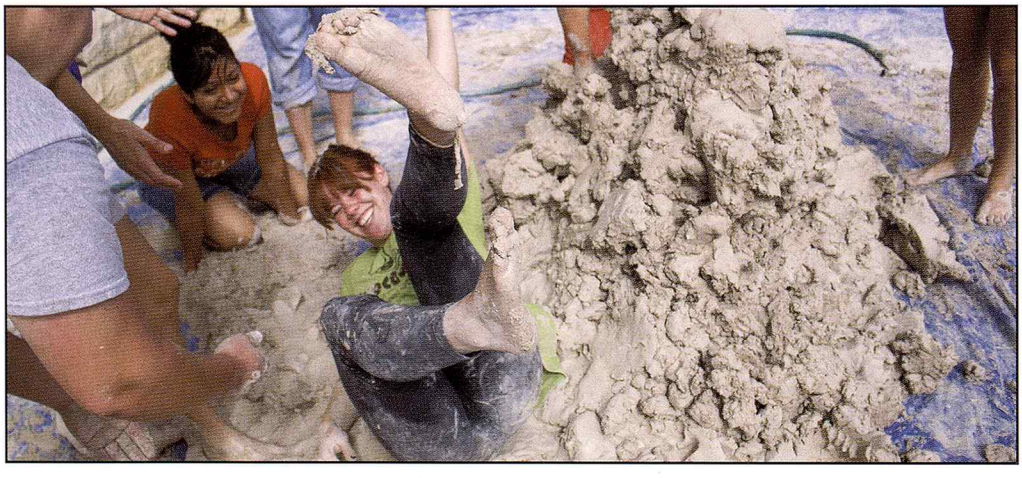
Outside of the lab, Herman was a member of the Manhattan Science Café, where members of the Kansas Citizens for Science met monthly to discuss and promote science education and was also an active member of the Flint Hills Human Rights Project, a community-based organization that promoted lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights, privileges and education, making him a well-rounded member of both K-State and the Manhattan community.

Michael Herman, biology professor, sits in the Herman Lab in Chalmers Hall on Jan. 16. Herman used the lab to further his biology research, something he had a passion for since his high school days. *Photo by Jacinda Dent*









Top Left Amy Santoferraro (left), a ceramics area coordinator and assistant professor of arts, and Lisa Allen (right), senior in life science and ceramics, help Julia Polidoro (middle), senior in ceramics, ascend the mound of clay. **Top Right** Polidoro and Santoferraro build blocks of clay for storage. **Above** Students use their bare feet to stomp on the clay to soften it to the right condition for ceramic majors to use. **Left** Allen falls on top of the clay after her planking attempt. *Photos by Minh Mac*





Stomping Students

Ceramics department students host event for selves and community

By Cheyanna Colbern

Anyone who walked by Willard Hall on Sept. 28 saw a sight unfamiliar to most: people jumping up and down, digging elbow deep in a large clay mass. Some people were covered head-to-toe in grey dust. The spectacle was a Clay Stomp hosted by Kansas State University ceramic students.

The goal of the Clay Stomp was to draw people together and in the process, it created supplies for the students in the university's ceramics courses.

The process began the night before when a total of 60 bags of dry ingredients, including clay, stabilizers and melters, each weighing 50 pounds, were combined.

"We had all of the dry materials mixed together the night before and had a pre-stomp," Hillary Hendricks, senior in fine arts, said.

Students skated around on a tarp covered in the dried ingredients to mix them all together, then hosed the ingredients down with water so that the dry elements could begin to break down.

"We have mixers for clay, a lot like dough mixers, that we could use to break down the particles," Amy Santoferraro, assistant professor of art, said. "We probably could have been quicker with the machines, but this makes it a public activity. We feel a responsibility to be out in the public."

The idea to have a Clay Stomp was introduced to the ceramics students in 2012 by Jared Pfeiffer, who graduated from K-State with a master's in fine arts in the spring. Pfeiffer's father, Joel, started clay stomping in the summer of 1974 because pre-mixed clay was so expensive. The term "Clay Stomp" was an officially registered trademark by Joel.

"It is cool I have been involved in ceramics 15 years of my time on Earth and I had never seen clay mixed this way," Santoferraro said.

Santoferraro said that the clay stomp allowed for the real application and execution of the work it took to create a clay product.

Following the stomping event, the clay was sectioned into 25 pound bags. Though there ended up being a couple thousand pounds of clay, it would only last the ceramic classes a portion of the fall semester. The clay was used for both hand building and throwing clay on potter's wheels.

"In ceramics you cannot get away from helping out," Santoferraro said. "It does make for a tight bunch because they do not get the option to be anti-social. You always need help."

The ceramics students consistently met on Saturdays for various events throughout the year.

"We are no strangers to work," Santoferraro said. "It is good though because it is like the real world."

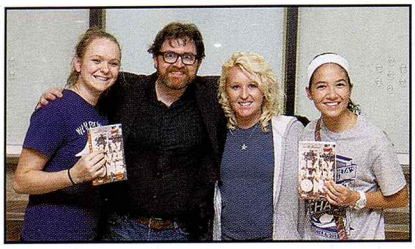
Working with clay improved hand dexterity according to Santoferraro. This was valuable for students post-graduation. Clay work improved the hand muscles and made them more agile.

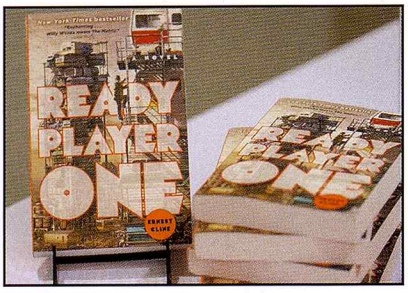
During the fall semester, K-State's campus had nearly 75 students working with clay.

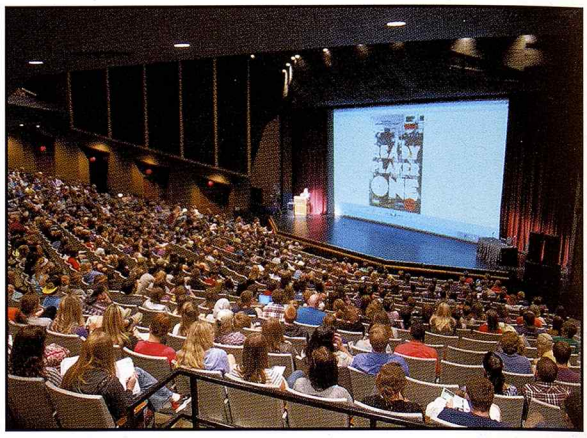
One of the people involved in the Clay Stomp was Lauren Karle, graduate student in fine arts.

"Working with art is becoming less about the object and more what we can do with an object to build the community," Karle said. "Art is the essence of being."

Top left K-State students Falon Runnebaum (left), freshman in accounting, Daphne Park, freshman in family studies, and Anna Sevart, freshman in life sciences, pose with Ernest Cline after he spoke at McCain Auditorium. **Right** "Ready Player One," written by Ernest Cline, is a dystopian novel featuring a fictional world where the main character must find three keys to win the prize. **Bottom left** McCain Auditorium was packed on Oct. 10 with K-State students and faculty who came to listen to Ernest Cline speak. *Photos by Jed Barker*









Ernest Cline signs copies of his book "Ready Player One" for K-State students and faculty after speaking at McCain Auditorium. *Photo by Jed Barker*

On the Hunt

Book sensation comes to university and involves student body

By Ellen Bodine

With 197 game challenges, 320 puzzles and riddles, 50 Geo-Cash spots, 50 real-world events and 20 real-world challenges, creating and launching the "Ready Player One" game was no easy task.

To create the alternate reality game based on the K-State Book Network common book "Ready Player One," designers Joelle Pitts, an instructional design librarian, Dan Ireton, an undergraduate and community services librarian, and Ben Ward, an instructional designer, worked with countless faculty and students across campus for more than a year.

"All three of us designers were interested in gamifying Kansas State," Pitts said. "An alternate reality game was the perfect avenue to let people explore campus in a fun way."

To score points in the game, players completed both real world challenges, such as finding clues at the Beach Museum of Art and attending a lecture by author Margaret Wertheim, and online challenges such as riddles. Points varied depending on the difficulty of the challenge. While anyone with an EID could play, a majority of the participants were freshmen.

"I had students say things like, 'I never would have known about this if you hadn't put them in the game.' It was a blast to watch," Pitts said.

Adrianne Russell, a public program coordinator for the Beach Museum of Art, worked with the designers to get students involved with the museum. For the game, the museum selected a work of art that represented "Ready Player One" and hid several clues for students to search for throughout the Museum.

"We tried to give them something fun that tied together art and the book," Russell said. "I saw groups and individuals come to the museum. They were so excited to play. I thought it was fantastic."

Ward added that another advantage of the game was the collaboration between so many faculty members and students.

"Working with so many people [was great]," Ward said. "To generate those kinds of friendships and awareness of the school is priceless. I couldn't have gone a foot without the faculty. It really was a very tight-knit, collaborative effort."

The winner of the game, Jamie Ladner, freshman in fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology, said that the other players she met made her stick with the competition.

"I got to meet really cool people through the game," Ladner said. "I just kept going to the activities to hang out them, and it was a lot of fun."

For winning the game with 1,089,240 points, Ladner got to meet Ready Player One author Ernest Cline, and ride in his DeLorean.

"It was amazing [to meet him]. He was really laid back and super nerdy," Ladner said. "I was kind of in awe, but he didn't have an intimidating personality at all."

Ward took pride that this game was the first of its kind.

"No other university has attempted this, it was a first in many ways," Ward said. "You don't really realize how unique of a community this is until you do something like this. I'm proud to say it happened here."

Students work with community to design landscape projects

Wishful Thinking

By Laura Parker

Wish boxes were scattered around downtown businesses and advertised across social media, asking citizens what they thought would make Manhattan great in 2025. Kansas State University students in the Landscape Architecture/ Regional and Community Planning Department granted these wishes in their own creative ways through Design Days. It centered on a 2025 plan to relate to K-State's goal to be a top 50 research university by that year.

A two-day event, Design Days allowed students to adopt wishes from the community and create designs based on their interpretations of each wish.

"The purpose of Design Days from the learning perspective is to introduce that collaboration among the students and introduce the sophomores into the design department," project manager Jeremy Merrill, candidate and graduate student in environmental design and planning, said.

Students of various years and majors were placed in groups of four to six people and given under 24 hours to complete their projects. Each team member chose a wish, so each group tackled several concepts in one design strategy.

"My group created dioramas about each wish," team leader Ashley Klingler, graduate student in regional and community planning, said. "As a group leader, I had to figure out strengths and weaknesses within the first ten minutes of meeting these people and figure out where they would fit."

The designs provided potential solutions to the wishes of the community. Thoughts and ideas from student projects were compiled and presented to the city for their consideration to incorporate into a 2025 plan.

"We do this in less than two days. It's really quick and kind of gut instinct about things, so it needs another layer of refinement before it can really be given to the community," Merrill said. "There's been a lot of interest because the city has been coming up with a conceptual plan. They are interested in the community's wishes and our takes on those."

The final designs were presented in an open house exhibit at Purple Power Play, a two-day festival held in downtown Manhattan that featured a pep rally and various K-State-themed activities to kick off the football season.

"We were able to reach an audience that we usually wouldn't talk to," Merrill said. "We've usually had our displays on campus, but this year we took our display to the community and reached a wide range of people who probably would never be able to interact with our students on a regular basis."

Students benefited from connecting with people who cared about Manhattan's progress.

"We even had the mayor, several city and county commissioners and the media come and tour our design proposals," student worker Elizabeth Haddox, graduate student in landscape architecture, said. "It was so cool to see all of the designs come together so quickly."

By grasping a greater radius of people, the department earned more feedback.

"It was really good that we had the public component this year," Klingler said. "Everyone that came by was happy with what we came up with."

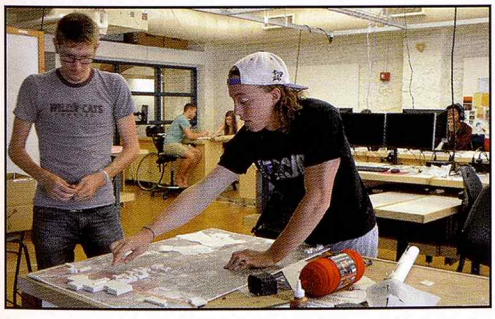
Despite the hours of work that went into the event, Design Days did not award any grand prizes.

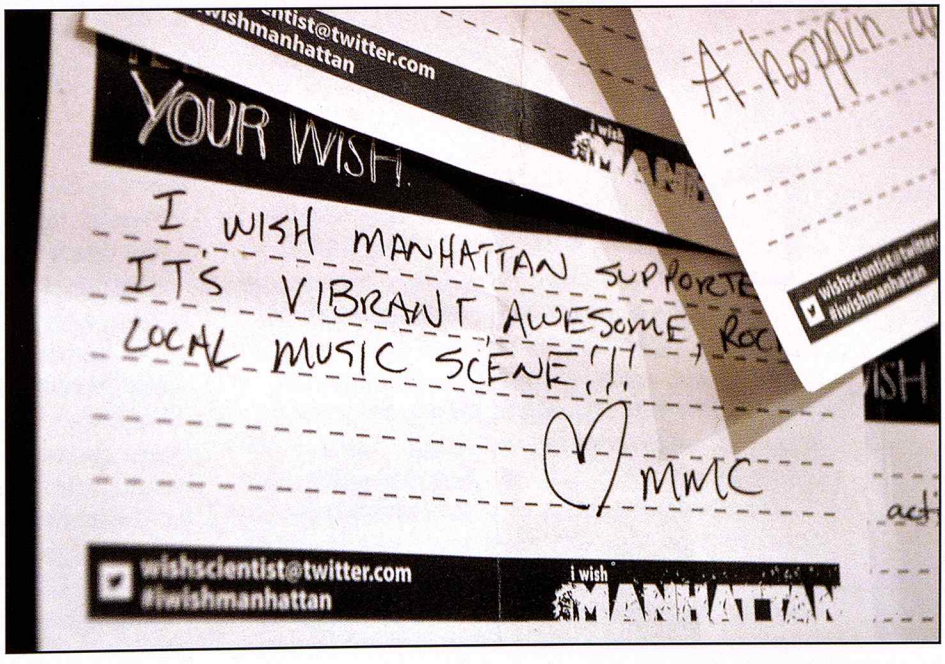
"There are really no big prizes other than bragging rights. The awards this year were like the Most Shovel Ready, Most Outrageous, Most Beautiful Pictures – and those are all judged by faculty and the department or guest judges," Merrill said.

Students' abstract plans allowed them to remain open-minded once they bounced back into their regular course schedules after Design Days.

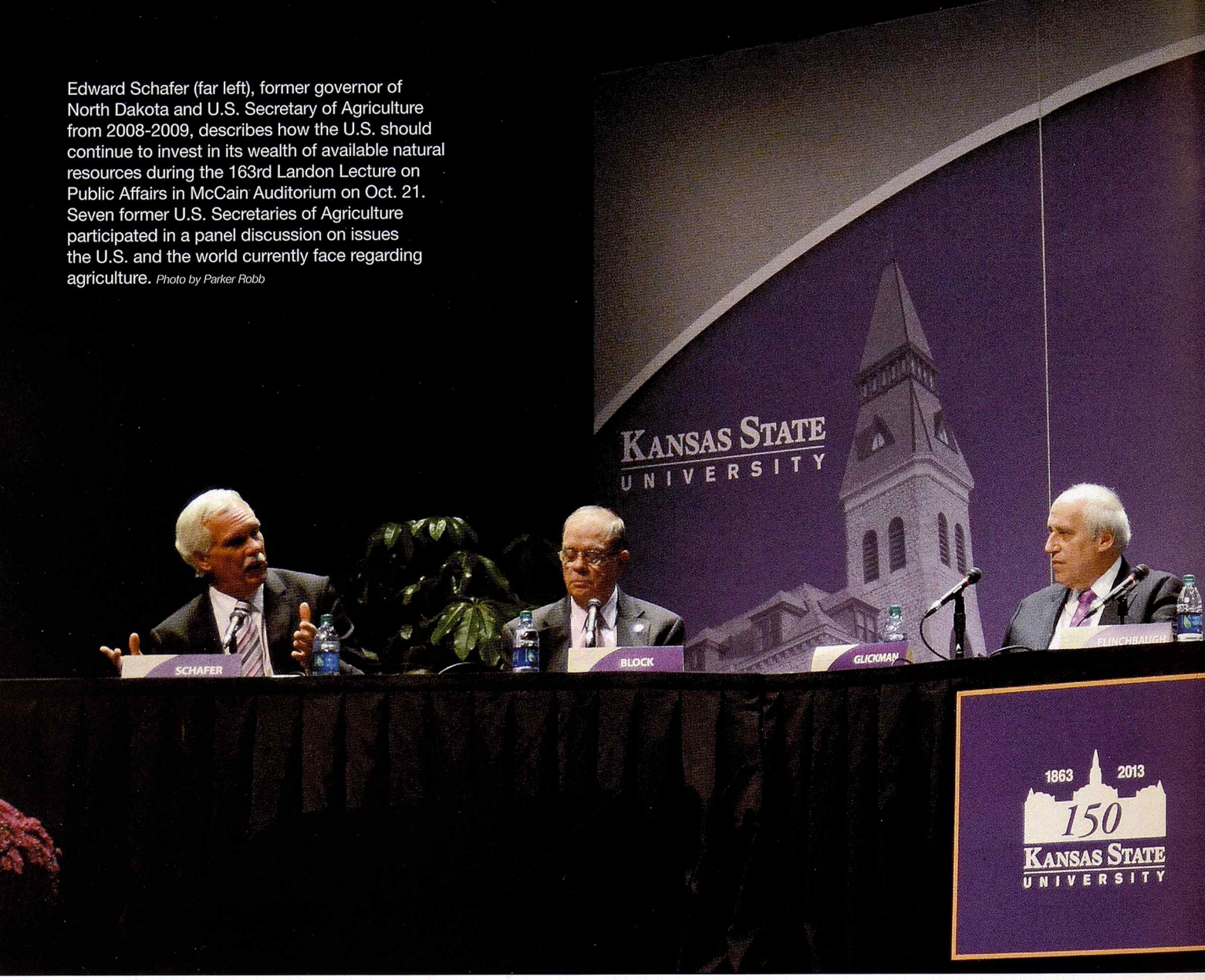
"It's an academic exercise," Merrill said. "We don't limit them to reality too much."

Nicholas Olson, sophomore in regional and community plan works on a model in Seaton Hall on Aug. 27. *Photo by Elizabeth Haddox*





Above Benjamin Chimel (left), senior in regional and community plan, and Glen Jarrett, senior in landscape architecture discuss and work on the model of their designs in Seaton Hall on Aug. 27. **Right** More than 500 wishes were collected in boxes around the city during the summer and then landscape design and community planning student chose ones that appealed to them and worked in teams to design ways to fulfill the wishes. *Photos by Elizabeth Haddox*



Edward Schafer (far left), former governor of North Dakota and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from 2008-2009, describes how the U.S. should continue to invest in its wealth of available natural resources during the 163rd Landon Lecture on Public Affairs in McCain Auditorium on Oct. 21. Seven former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture participated in a panel discussion on issues the U.S. and the world currently face regarding agriculture. *Photo by Parker Robb*

Let's Talk Agriculture

Past US Secretaries speak for the College of Agriculture

By Shelby Brunk

During the 163rd Landon Lecture Series, six former U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture visited Kansas State University.

John Block, Mike Espy, Dan Glickman, Sen. Mike Johanns, Ed Schafer and Ann Veneman spoke about a variety of topics, ranging from hunger and obesity to policy, research and extension services. Moderator Barry Flinchbaugh conducted the Q & A session.

Each secretary had a platform which they concentrated their responses, but all centered around a recent issue of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

"It has gone from about 20 million people in 2008 to 47 million today," Veneman, secretary from 2001-2005 under President George W. Bush, said.

Veneman grabbed the attention of the crowd when she spoke about a "double burden."

"We are seeing something we call a double burden where there are 1.4 billion overweight while 4.2 million suffer from chronic food," Veneman said.

Veneman associated America's hunger issues being caused by 40 percent of food wasted by restaurants, grocery stores and kitchens.

"The obesity problem is really serious," Glickman, who served under Bill Clinton from 1995-2001, said.

Although Glickman believed obesity was a problem needing to be directly discussed, Johanns, who served the Bush administration from 2005-2008, said that the U.S. was better at



feeding people than any nation in the world.

Hunger and obesity was not the only topic of discussion. All secretaries opened up about a Farm Bill that would benefit all farms across the U.S.

Although the Farm Bill was a concept all secretaries were pushing for, it was referred to as a slow freight train due to the federal budget and national debt.

Veneman claimed that as the population increased, so would our need for food a need that was projected to grow by 60 to 70 percent by 2025.

Johanns then spoke about his involvement in the beginning stages of the bill, he visited various farms across the U.S. to gain information about what farmers believed was important to be included in the policy.

Shafer, who served from 2008-2009 under Bush, believed that through the Farm Bill, people would be brought together by agriculture.

Johanns added to the discussion that biotechnology, and the introduction of technology in general in agriculture, should be welcomed.

"I'm a believer in biotechnology," Johanns said. "We have to really get good at the science and that's where K-State comes in and the University of Nebraska and other land-grant universities come in. We've got to be the best."

Nathan Siemans, senior in agriculture technology management, felt the discussion began to give other students hope for the future of agriculture.

"I felt it was a great experience for students to be more in the know," Siemans said.

Kansas State University raises tuition, worries students about future increases

Tuition Troubles

By Bria Dansby

During the month of June, the Kansas Board of Regents voted to increase the cost of tuition for students at Kansas State University by seven percent.

Although tuition was expected to increase some, university officials did not expect the approved tuition rates.

"The Tuition Strategies Committee, which meets each December through April of the academic school year, came up with a recommendation to send to President Kirk Schulz and Provost Mason of how much tuition should go up or down the next year," Eli Schooley, student body president, said. "We submitted a recommendation of roughly six-and-a-half percent of an increase to them, but then in the wee hours of the Legislative session the legislature cut the K-State and other public school's funding."

Schooley wished the Legislature focused on how the budget cuts would affect students instead of how much it would cost.

"I was disappointed that the legislature chose not prioritize higher education and public education, in general, where I think they should have," Schooley said. "In order to keep K-State afloat tuition has to come up because where else are we going to get revenue if not from tuition, unfortunately."

Though the new rates were approved in June, they hardly affected some students, including senior in social work, Alicia Twite.

"I get financial aid which covers all of my tuition, so I feel it personally effects me less than everyone else because it's not coming straight from my pocket. It's an automatic process," Twite said. "I will say I got less financial aid this year so I could see how tuition increases would affect me and the fact that I have less to put toward books and other things I would need."

Though the increase had affected each student differently, some comprehended that the increase was needed.

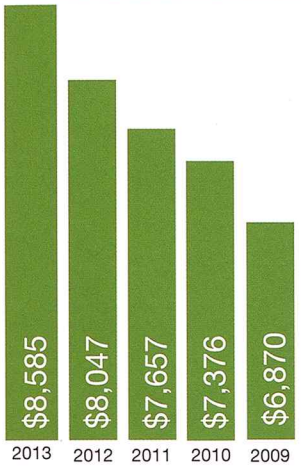
"The students I've talked to have been pretty understanding and have realized that this happened because of how much we were cut from state funds and aid to K-State," Schooley said.

For out-of-state student Samantha Stykel, junior in animal sciences and industry, the tuition increase effected her significantly.

"This year's tuition was a lot more then I was expecting it to be," Stykel said. "That increase had a pretty big effect on how much I am spending to attend college at K-state and while I know there are schools that have a bigger tuition hike, this is still a fairly large increase."

Schooley felt that the student body could help the issue by contacting the legislature.

"While I believe very firmly that it's exclusively the Legislature's fault for cutting us, I also think that at times we as students could do more to contact our legislature in the spring," Schooley said. "I don't think students should be blamed, but I always think there's more we can do. I think personally I need to work harder this next spring to get the word out about how important it is that we don't get cut and I would love if the student body helped as well."



6.7% increase in tuition in 2013

Based on tuition and fees and upon 15 credit hours

$23,857 average debt a KSU student will graduate with

$20,000 estimated cost of attendance per year

22.48% increase for out-of-state students from 2009-2014

102.02% increase for in-state graduate students from 2009-2014

Did you know?

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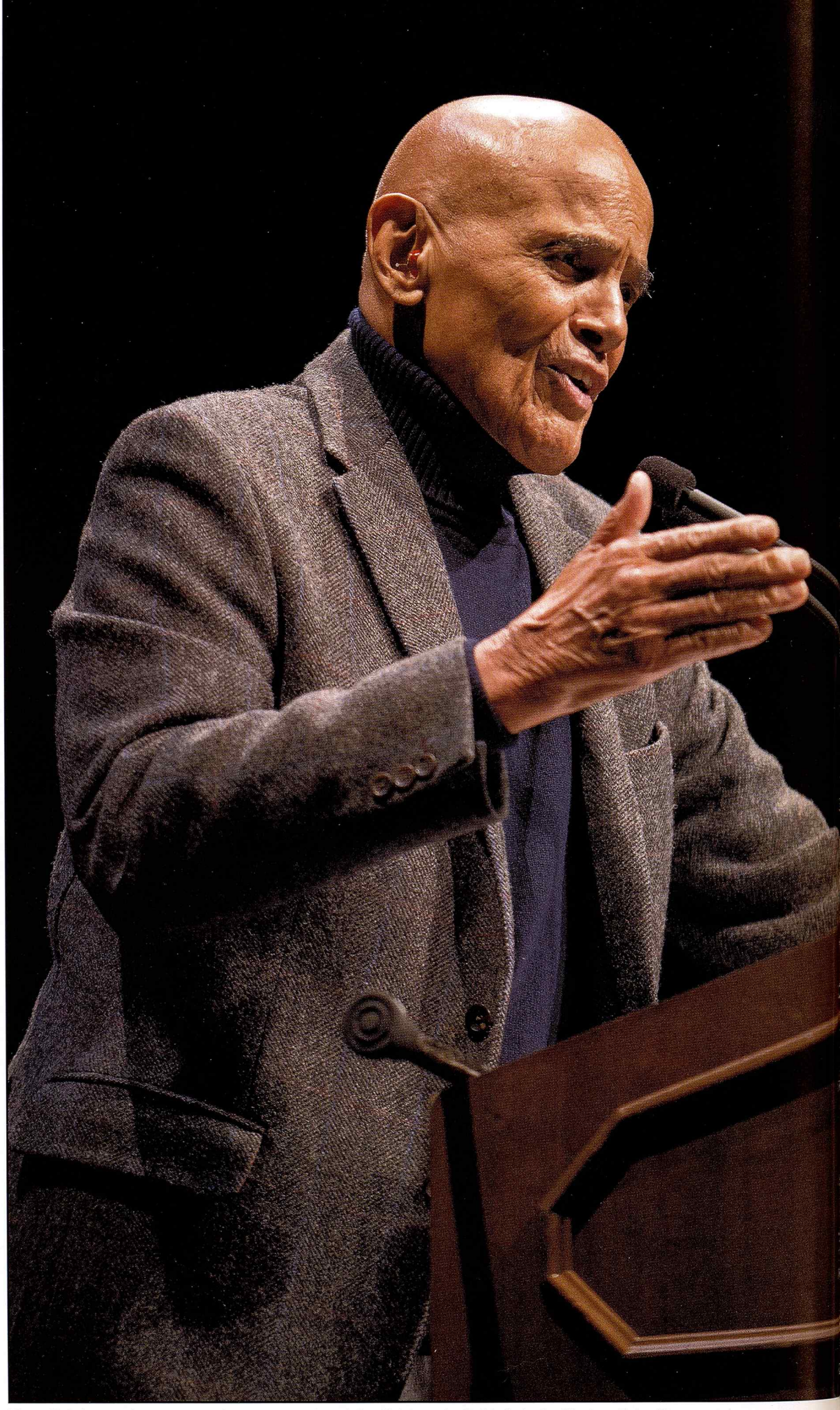
President Schulz's 2013 raise would cover seven students' yearly tuition.

$60,000 President Schulz's raise awarded by the Board of Regents in 2013.

Totaling his salary to

$460,050

Sources: Citydata.com and Kansasopengov.org
By Shelby Brunk



Harry Belafonte, singer, songwriter, actor and social activist spoke in McCain Auditorium Feb. 10. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Activist's Inspiration

Keynote speaker brings inspiration to university

By Kaylee Engle

Harry Belafonte received a standing ovation as he walked onto the stage in McCain Auditorium on Feb. 10 to deliver the keynote address for Kansas State University's Black History Month. With multiple sponsors, the Black Student Union was able to bring the world-renown entertainer and civil rights activist to K-State.

The BSU executive board picked Belafonte to be the keynote speaker due to his instrumental part of the civil rights movement and involvement with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The board was honored that he accepted the invitation.

"This is historic," Brandon Clark, program coordinator of the Office of Diversity and adviser to the BSU, said. "It's great to have a speaker with such name recognition, such history, who was there as it happened, walked with Dr. King. But, beyond Dr. King, there are so many others who are nameless, whose names aren't more known. This is just very historic for our university, for the students and the Manhattan community to have him actually come here to K-State."

Belafonte's address focused on the class and race war American youths faced. After a time where young civil rights activists brought America a new time of honor, America fell silent. Belafonte said it became distracted by greed and the nation lost its young leaders and their voices. It needed its adolescences to speak up again to reflect on the legacy and rights they were given.

"Now I look around and there are very few voices, if any, saying the things that the people of our country need to hear—need desperately to hear—because our distraction has led us to not even have a minute in the day where most of us are preoccupied with any of this stuff I'm talking about," Belafonte said.

BSU president Marcus Bragg, senior in management marketing systems, concluded the keynote address by awarding Belafonte the Stacy Hall Humanitarian Award on behalf of the BSU for his decades of contributions to human rights and continued activism for social justice and equality.

The keynote address played a role in continuing K-State's progress towards valuing diversity.

"I think the point of us bringing in a speaker every year is so we can further enclose our course of confidence so that we can learn to appreciate diversity more and so that Kansas State can be a better, more inclusive place after each speaker who comes here and gives a lecture and leaves," Bragg said. "Appreciating diversity is not just being color blind and ignoring our differences. It's a celebration of our differences and that's what truly is diversity."

Eric Shafer, an instructor for K-State Salina contracted from Universal Helicopters, ties down the rotors after a flight with a student on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 19 at K-State Salina. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*





Left Merlin Kuder, an aviation technician of 12 years, completes a control rod inspection on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Kuder says most planes are inspected every 300 hours for normal wear. **Right** Jonathan Berroa, a senior in professional piloting, washes a plane on Wednesday, Sept. 19.
Photos by Emily DeShazer



Soaring Above the Rest

The Kansas State Salina campus works to fly high above other aviation programs

By Bria Dansby

Kansas State University's aviation program, located at the K-State Salina campus, was successful through its leadership in aviation and sound practice.

"I think it's great that my alma mater has an aviation program that is so successful," Norma Dunning, Manhattan resident, said.

Although its program included flight simulators and a nationally recognized unmanned aircraft system, what students took away from the program was the morals and advice of their instructors.

"The most important things K-State has taught me were professionalism and safety," Patrick McElligott, senior in aeronautical technology, said. "No other aviation school can compare with the thoroughness of K-State."

By having a program structured on standardization and safety, students flew with instructors after two weeks of ground school. Flying with a beginner required precautions, but it did not faze Bill Gross, chief pilot and professor for the aviation college.

"I think most of them have a good time," Gross said. "It's a thrilling experience for them, and I guess you have to start somewhere."

In addition to getting students prepared to fly early in the semester, the aviation program provided students with cheaper tuition. The cost of attendance for a student in the aviation program ranged from $33,226 to $83,929, which was dependent upon in state, out-of-state and types of licenses a student was looking to obtain.

"K-State has the highest quality of training for the cost," McElligott said. "The cost to attend K-State for four years would only pay one or two years of tuition if you went to another aviation school."

For McElligott, finding the right aviation school was important because receiving a degree in aviation was a lifelong dream for him.

"I have wanted to be a pilot since I was a kid and saw airplanes flying in the sky. I knew that's what I wanted to do," McElligott said. "The ability to defy gravity with a machine inspired me to become a pilot."

With several years of experience teaching at other aviation schools, Gross felt K-State's program was the strongest.

"I would say it's more superior," Gross said. "[It's because of] the standardization and following procedures to make sure everyone does things in a similar matter."

Although the aviation program proved successful because of the flight instructors, airlines throughout the country have acknowledged the experience of the program's instructors and offered them positions at their company.

"The airlines have taken eight of our professors and it puts us in a bind," Gross said. "Some say there isn't a pilot shortage, but we are going through it."

Through K-State's focus on flight training, it provided students with the chance to work for the program.

"K-State gave me an opportunity to get a flight certification to teach others how to fly at the school," McElligott said

Despite losing several instructors, Gross felt the program will continue to succeed.

"I think the program will be strong," Gross said.

Student play production brings out emotions in cast and audience

An Emotional Opener

By Jacinda Dent

In a world filled with senseless acts of violence, bullying and cruelty, a group of students at Kansas State University aimed to try to make sense of a tragedy that hit close to home as college students: school shootings.

Columbinus, a play based loosely on the events surrounding the Columbine High School shootings from 1999, was performed by K-State's Theatre Department in October 2013. The 1999 shootings took place in Columbine, Colo., where two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, opened fire on their classmates, killing 12 students and one teacher.

The play, unique in its structure, was meant to be a "theatrical conversation," meaning the cast hoped to bring awareness and get people talking about the issues that surrounded acts of violence in youths.

"This was the first place to upset me while reading it, so I knew I wanted to be a part of it," Clay Massingill, freshman in theater and portrayer of Harris, said.

The first act of Columbinus focused not on characters, but on stereotypes. Cast members played roles such as a freak, rebel and jock. In the second half, actors focused on the events surrounding the Columbine massacres, including the months leading up to and the shooting itself.

"Even though Columbine is a dated event, things keep reoccurring that parallel it," Hannah Miller, junior in theater, said. "More than talking about school shootings, it's about different stereotypes and personas."

Actors in the show had to look back into their high school experiences to bring light to their characters. The audition process for Columbinus was different from most, calling for the talent to tell a story about their time in high school in order to relate them to the characters they would play.

"I grew up having a lot of issues in school, mostly from bullying. I struggled to accept myself and tried to be someone that I wasn't, and kept suppressing myself to make others happy," Joseph Boos, senior in theater, said. "I saw a lot of themes, characters, feeling and issues that I could connect with in this play."

Actors often had trouble de-rolling from their characters, meaning the line between their own lives and their characters lives started to blend together.

"It was always very hard to shrug off all the anger and sorrow that belonged to Eric. I found myself depressed throughout the first month of rehearsal," Massingill said. "It wasn't until later when I learned to rely on my cast mates for comfort and affection that my mood finally recovered."

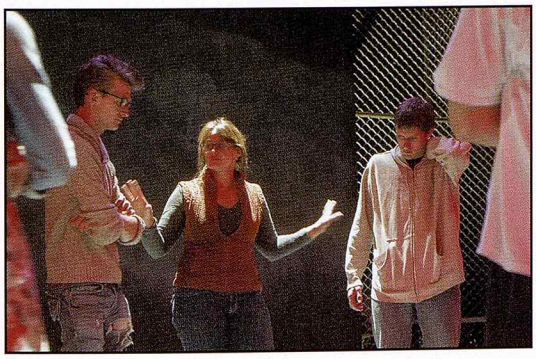
With the emotion the play emitted, Columbinus had strong feedback.

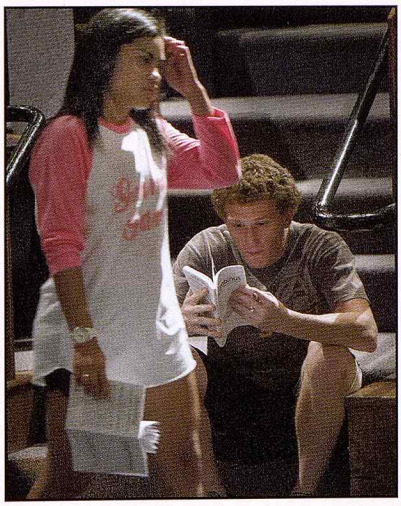
"The response has been amazing. I have never seen such feedback where people have connected on such a deep level before," Boos said.

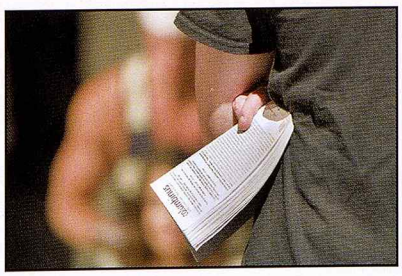


The cast of Columbinus looks over their set on Oct. 8. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*









Top Left David Burdett, junior in theater, leans back as the cast rehearses their lines on Oct. 1. **Right** Nicole Casonhua, freshman in theatre, and Joshua Turay, senior in philosophy, practice their lines in Mark A. Chapman Theatre on Sept. 23. Eight cast members spent 12-20 hours a week rehearsing for "Columbinus." **Bottom Right** Clay Massingill, freshman in theater, holds his script as he watches a scene on stage on Sept. 23 in Mark A. Chapman Theatre. **Bottom Left** From left, Clay Massingill, freshman in theatre, and David Burdett, junior in theatre, listen to their director Jennifer Vellenga as she tells them to keep the emotion out of the lines as they go over a couple things after the dress rehearsal on Oct. 8. *Photos by Emily DeShazer*

Advocating for all Women

Professor stands up for women's rights and health

By Haley Paulson

While some people donated small amounts of time and money to helping others, professor Mary Todd made it her life's work.

This office belonged to Mary Todd, K-State faculty member and director of the Women's Center and Women Against Rape advocate. Todd also worked alongside SafeZone, a program designed to train faculty to help students cope in difficult situations and to talk in confidentiality with faculty.

"Everything I do goes back to two things: empowering students to overcome a culture that is training them to be less than they are and to show them all they could be," Todd said.

A typical day for Todd involved an appointment with a student, working on programming for the center, meeting with her staff and occasionally guest speaking in a class. Todd said she most enjoyed her time spent meeting with students.

Lora McGraw, senior in political science and employee of the Women's Center, said, "Mary really listens to people. She knows how to get through and genuinely cares what they say."

Todd met with students for a variety of reasons, including sexual assault, domestic violence victims or family members of sexual assault victims. She also met with students who had been recovering from sexual assault or domestic violence for a long period of time.

Todd had a rather large box of thank you notes received from students on her desk.

"I like to hear how students are doing now and they like to come back and say 'thanks for everything,'" Todd said.

Lopamudra De, assistant director for SafeZone, worked in the same office as Todd. She said she saw the lasting impression Todd made in her students' lives.

"Over the years, I have seen how the victims' families have come back to thank her for her support and advocacy," De considered it a pleasure to work with her.

According to McGraw, Todd cared deeply about the students individually.

"I know I can go to her if I have trouble with my personal life and she will always help me the best she can," McGraw said.

Todd said she appreciated the difficult subject matters her students and staff members dealt with.

"The students that work in my office need to be informed about sexual assault and domestic violence, and that's hard stuff," Todd said.

Todd said she often balanced difficult appointments with refreshing breaks.

"I think to balance that, I like to have my staff go outside for 10 minutes and throw a Frisbee to clear their head, or treat them to a coffee at Radina's," Todd said.

Todd had multiple programs in the work for the center and was writing a novel, but said she that students' protection and healing was her main focus.

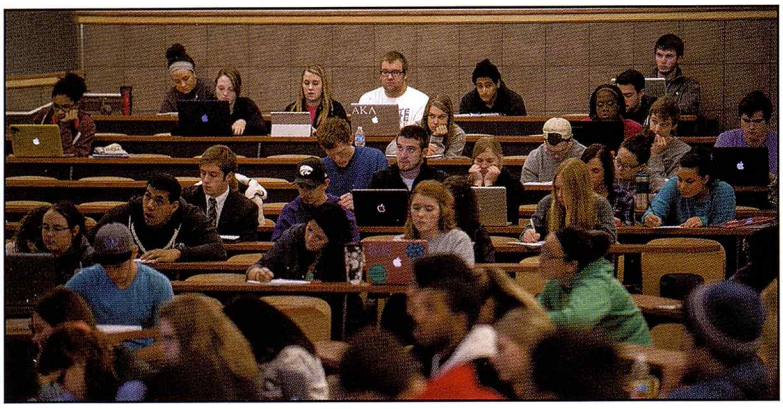
Ultimately, she said she helped that one day a Women's Center would no longer be needed - that sexual assault and domestic violence would no longer plague the community.

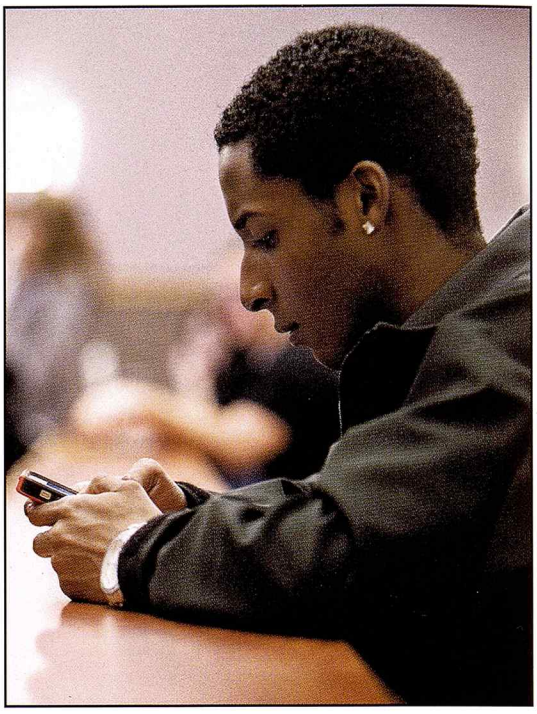
"It's sad that we ever needed a women's center, and it's sad that we still need one," Todd said. "I hope we reach the point that we no longer require one on our campus."

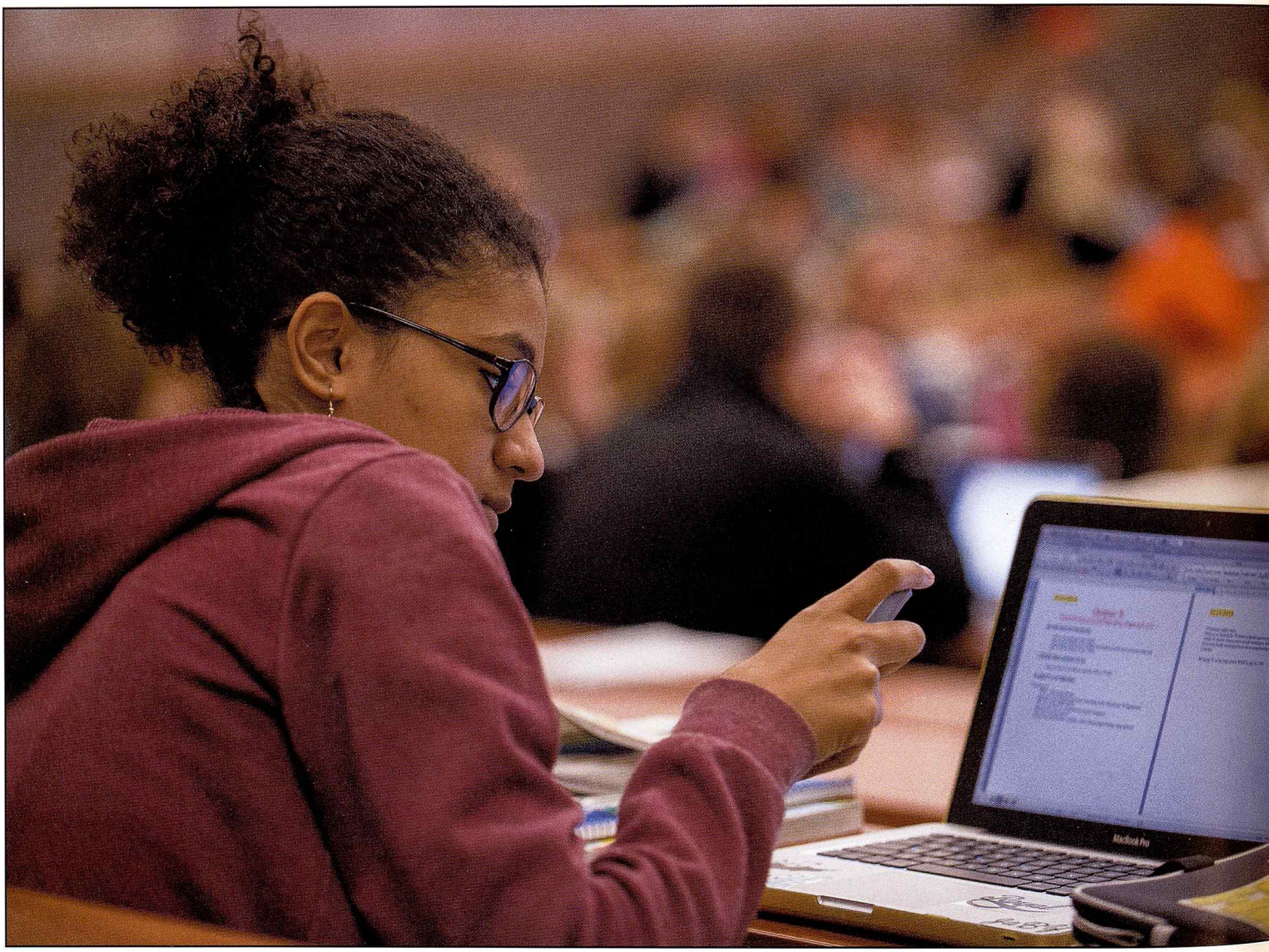


Professor Mary Todd stands in her office in Oct. 2013. *Photo by Parker Robb*

Below Students use both laptops and traditional paper and pen to take notes in Umberger Hall on Feb. 19. **Right** Arthur Bolton, junior in public relations, checks his phone before class in Umberger Hall on Feb. 19. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*







Anaïs Franchitti, freshman in journalism, takes a break from taking notes to check her phone in Umberger Hall on Feb. 19. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Technology (Dis)Advantages

Rising use of technology in classrooms has pros and cons

By Marcella Brooks

According to a study conducted by Bernard McCoy, associate professor of broadcasting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, students looked at their phones an average of 11 times during a class.

The study surveyed 777 students from six universities in five different states.

With the advent of smartphones, the use of digital devices in the classroom ran rampant on college campuses.

Gone were the days of taking notes on paper with a pen or pencil.

"If someone with a laptop is on Pinterest, then I'm looking at their Pinterest too," Grace Hesse, freshman in biology, said.

Students had differing opinions on what affects technology in classrooms had on their learning experiences.

"I don't find the use of technology to be distracting," Kelsey Ludwig, sophomore in elementary education, said. "I think using tablets and laptops to take notes is very helpful to students and enables them to take notes quicker. Banning the use of these items in the classroom would most likely be frustrating to students who rely on these devices to take neat, efficient notes."

A popular solution to the problem was to ban technology in the classroom. Megan Strain, instructor of psychology, gave her students an assignment on multitasking and its effect on memory.

"This provides them with the reason why I am against digital devices in the classroom and informs them about the possible consequences of doing it," Strain said.

On the other hand, Jeff Smith, associate professor of geography, recognized a need for technology in the classroom, if used responsibly. According to Smith, some students took better notes on computers and believed the removal of laptops and other digital devices could negatively affect student's grades.

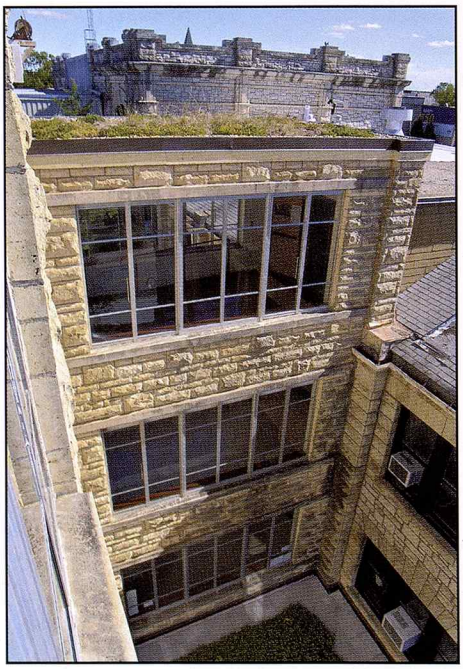
"It has to do with how much attention they are giving to their devices versus the class," Smith said. "If they are paying more attention to the device, then they are at a disadvantage."

There was no university-wide policy on technology use in the classroom at Kansas State University. Smith believed it would not be a problem unless the students acted irresponsibly and made it become an issue.

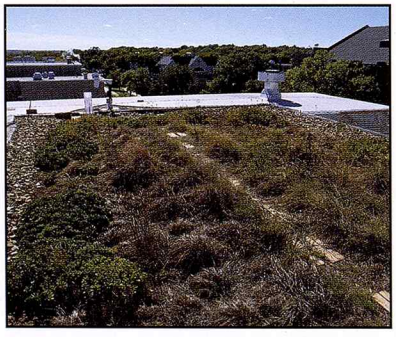
"I treat my students like adults and I expect them to act like adults," Smith said. "This means showing respect for people around you. If a student needs to text or email someone during class and they are not disrupting others, then it is not a problem for me."

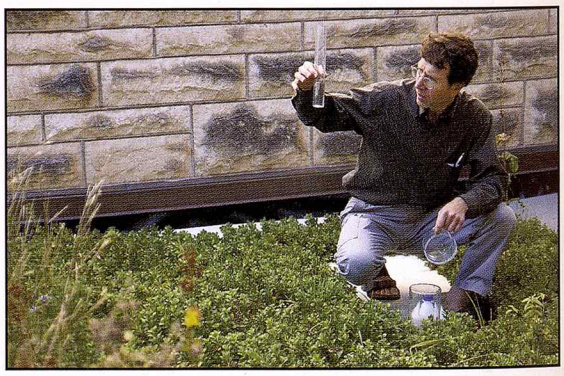


Dr. Lee Skabelund, a professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture, checks on the various grasses planted on the upper green roof of Seaton Hall. Dr. Skabelund started the green roof project in 2007 and since its inception, it has involved 30 students and 14 faculty from a variety of disciplines. *Photo by Jed Barker*









Far left The upper green roof, installed in 2009, provides a full-sun environment, while the lower green roof, installed in 2012, provides a shaded environment. **Top middle** The lower green roof was installed in the spring of 2012 and provides a shaded environment compared to the full-sun conditions of the upper green roof. **Bottom center** The upper green roof at Seaton Hall shows a mix of green, brown, and yellow grass. **Right** Dr. Lee Skabelund, primary coordinator of the K-State green roof project, measures an amount of rainfall. *Photos by Jed Barker*



Raise the Roof

Landscape Architecture department aims to provide sustainability on building

By Laura Parker

While construction developments were implemented across campus, Seaton Hall welcomed two rooftop gardens, or "green roofs," to support K-State's research goals.

In 2007, an alumnus approached project coordinator Lee Skabelund, associate professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture/ Regional and Community Planning, with the idea to create a green roof project on campus.

"We explored what a green roof would look like," Skabelund said. "I had not designed a living roof nor contemplated any green roof research until that fall."

After exploring green roof designs with students in 2007, Skabelund arranged a project for two teams in his natural resources and environmental science capstone class in 2008, where students prepared conceptual designs and monitoring proposals for two potential green roofs. Skabelund collaborated with Todd Gabbard, associate professor and associate department head in agriculture, and two architecture students to generate a roof plan.

Once K-State Facilities and the State of Kansas approved a plan, students and professors from Landscape Architecture, Architecture and Bio-Ag Engineering made necessary preparations for the upper roof installation in 2009 atop the third-floor breezeway of Seaton Hall. In 2012, the lower roof was implemented west of the first-floor breezeway.

"The green roofs have been very valuable teaching tools," Skabelund said. "They have also connected students and faculty from different departments."

With a $5,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, which used funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the upper roof was valued at about $25,000, including additional donations and volunteer time, according to Skabelund. KDHE/USEPA also provided a $17,600 grant for the lower roof, which Skabelund estimated to be valued at about $30,000.

At its peak, the green roof project engaged more than 30 students, but Skabelund, state climatologist Mary Knapp and Dea "Dede" Brokesh, landscape architect, took over monitoring climate-related data on the roofs. Skabelund and Brokesh also examined native plant viability with research scientist Carolyn Blocksome.

"I am primarily involved with the research of two topics: stormwater collection runoff and green roof temperatures compared to neighboring roof viability," Brokesh said.

Despite a lack of funding to support student research, Skabelund and Brokesh allowed some students to collect data on the upper green roof.

"Students have been able to participate in design, construction and maintenance of a green roof," Brokesh said. "They gain hands-on experience that will help them design green roofs in their professional careers."

Green roofs were valuable for their aesthetics, reducing stormwater runoff and in reducing summer heat loads in cities. Additionally, Seaton Hall's green roofs encouraged K-State's goal to become a top 50 research university by 2025.

"Lots of universities have done green roofs, but I'm not sure if anyone anywhere has monitored a green roof as consistently, broadly and deeply as we have," Skabelund said.

Skabelund would continue to work on a green roof monitoring book chapter and other publications.

Painful Past

Daughter of Holocaust survivor tells mother's experience

By Shelby Brunk

Tortured, beaten, starved and tormented; few words to describe a Holocaust victims way of life. Joyce Hess, second generation of Holocaust survivor Sonia Golad, chose to take these words, thoughts and depictions and in turn, bring them to light through her speech of 'Family Memory After the Holocaust.'

Hess spoke to students of all ages about her mother's life on Oct. 30 at Kansas State University.

"Not deemed to be all historically correct, but it is definitely her story and how I learned it from her," Hess said.

Golad was a Jewish woman who grew up in Vilna, Poland in 1944. Hess explained her childhood, as it ceased to exist and how her mother grew up in a world of hostility and hatred where food was scarce and fear was abundant.

Shortly after Russian and German troops entered Golad's home, she was shipped to a camp in Estonia where men and women were separated, heads were shaved and prisoners were given a number, instead of a name.

"She stood true to her identity, even though she was as young as she was," Hess said.

In 1944, the troops advanced closer to Golad's camp. She was relocated to an experimental camp where medical testing took place on prisoners, where Golad soon learned she developed a tumor. Now having been separated from her mother, father, friends and siblings, Golad moved again to the Bergen-Belson concentration camp.

"This was the largest camp she had been to. There was nowhere to sleep, so she slept on top of dead bodies," Hess said.

Golad was 56 pounds when the US Military liberated her camp. She spent six months in a Swedish hospital, hoping to make it back to Poland to find those who overcame the Holocaust as well. Golad found that her older sister, Vira, survived.

In 1947, Golad came to the United States to work an office job in Chicago with only an eighth grade education. Within two years of beginning her new life, Golad received her high school diploma and met WWII veteran David Golad, whom she married in December 1949.

"She wanted to move on to a new life, to become an American and live the American dream. She always thought [her high school diploma] was one of her proudest accomplishments," Hess said.

Soon after their marriage, the Golads moved to Kansas City, where they began a family of two girls and a boy and became active members of society.

Hess described her childhood as no different from the children down the street, but it was not until her younger brother needed homework help on a particularly familiar subject that they learned how strong of a household to which they truly belonged.

"I remember the day vividly. My brother needed to write a paper of the Holocaust. We were mesmerized by her story," Hess said.

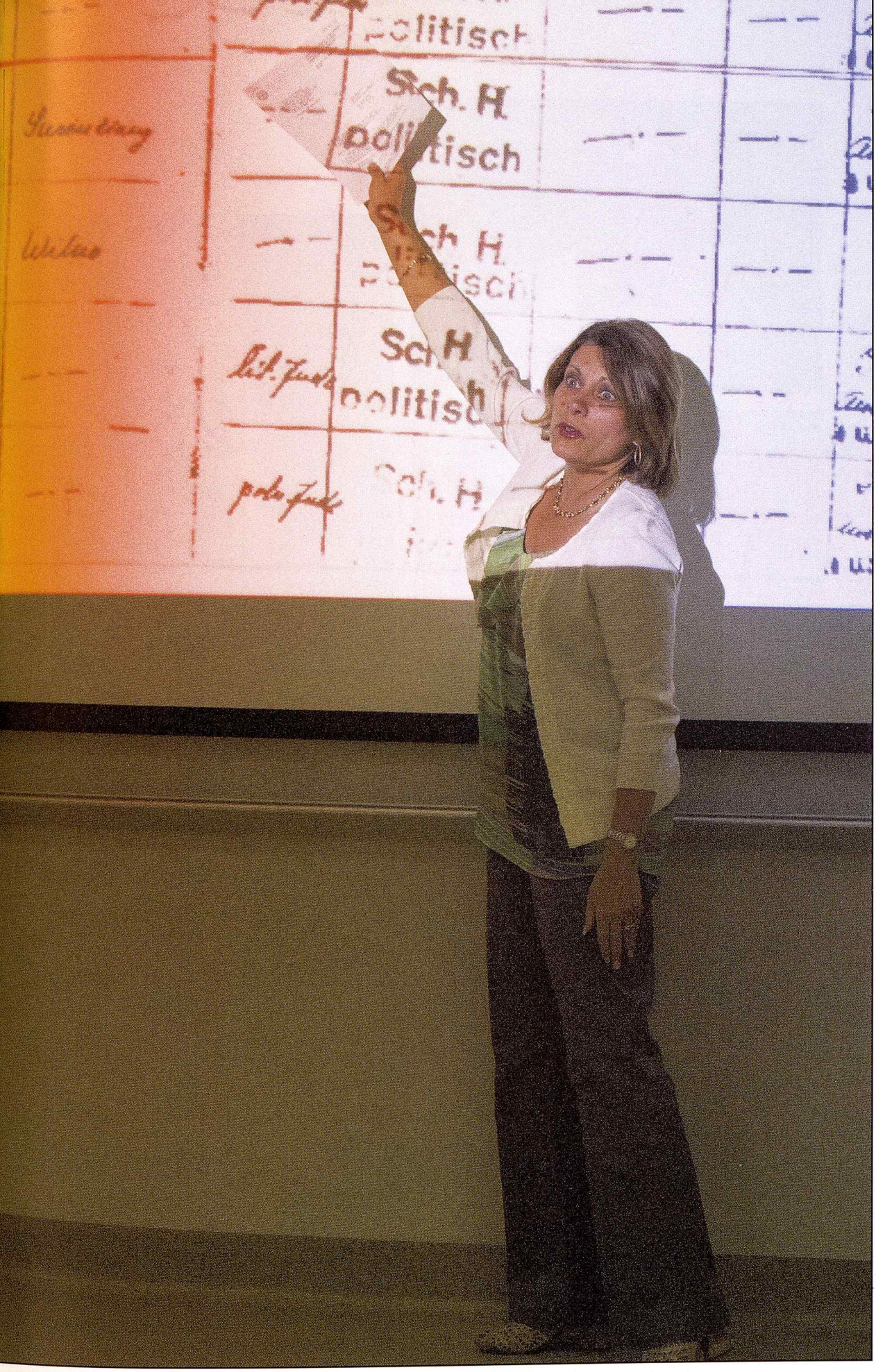
Hess said her mother spoke about her experiences up until her death and when Hess did, students' perspectives forever changed.

Back to the K-State stage by popular demand, Hess set the tone of her mother's story by engaging students to the ever-so-fascinating topic of the Holocaust. Hess shared stories, documents and quotes that made students understand why it was important to remember the history of the Holocaust.

"It was interesting to hear from someone who has a family member that went through the Holocaust. It must be difficult to talk about, but it was intriguing to listen to her stories and hear her perspective on the whole thing," Riley Stienman, sophomore in life sciences, said.

Necia Chronister, German professor at K-State, put on the event to engage students in historical literature.

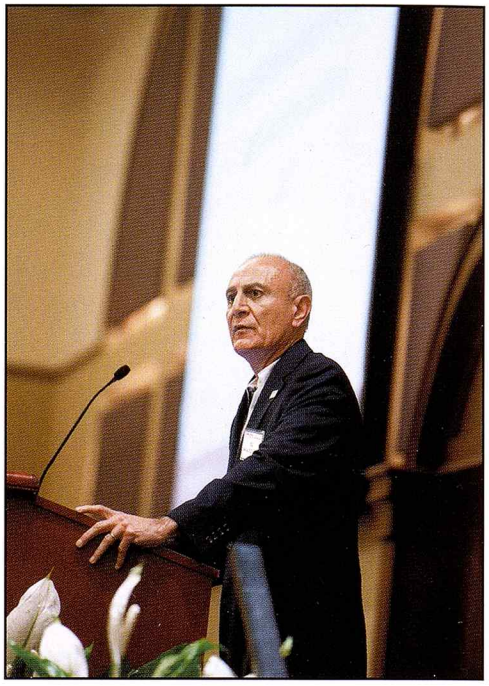
"It's wonderful for our students to actually get a first-hand account from a real, physical person standing right in front of them to really embody these stories and in some ways to counterpoint what they are reading in the literature," Chronister said.



Joyce Hess shares her mother's story of being a Holocaust victim in Justin Hall on Oct. 29. *Photo by Minh Mac*







Right A group of students and their mentors sits at a table at a College of Business event. The college placed students with mentors in their prospective fields to help them learn about their future careers. **Far right** Ali Malekzadeh, dean of the College of Business, speaks at a College of Business mentoring event. **Lower right** Rachel Smith, senior in marketing, and Rick Calhoun talk at a College of Business tailgate. **Below** Braden Erickson, junior in hospitality management, speaks with his mentor. *Photos courtesy of the College of Business*



Getting Down to Business

College of Business prepares students for life after graduation

By Shelby Brunk

Kansas State University began offering services to their undergraduate business students with hopes to "provide students with the opportunity to learn from highly successful and experienced executives," according to the College of Business Mentoring Program.

Business executives, such as Scott McVicker, partner of Ernst & Young LLP in Kansas City, Mo., was a mentor for the program. McVicker said he enjoyed guiding his mentee, Kelsey Martin, junior in business, for it helped him learn more about himself.

"Assisting Kelsey in her dreams and goals in business really helped me see what the future of business employees will look like," McVicker said. "There is that generational divide and it is nice to work so closely with students to close such a gap. These students will not only grow and learn from me and my experiences but are potentially my future employees."

Martin said the program provided many students to gain opportunities and the needed links to businesses that would possibly hire them in the future.

"Our executive mentors are individuals with at least seven years of professional experience and expertise in business," Martin said. "They are alumni and friends of K-State who volunteer their time to help students prepare professionally and succeed."

Martin said that McVicker helped her on multiple aspects of her career goals, including "coaching me on soft skills, critiquing resumes, discussing industry trends and introducing me to colleagues to help build my professional network."

Martin said the most helpful part of the program was when her mentor assisted her in applying for internships.

"He has given me great career advice about the opportunities available," Martin said.

Students felt the mentoring program was fulfilling and helpful. But, to become a mentor or be matched with one, both had to meet a certain criteria to become eligible.

Emily Brueseke, program director, said many students come out of the program with internships or jobs.

"We work very hard to make successful matches between our mentee and mentors for a number of reasons," Brueseke said. "We want to match them on a personal and professional level that will allow them to connect on something other than just their major or professional goals. We want them to become life-long friends."

Stephanie Hughes, junior in marketing, said the program was a source to real world advice.

"My mentor gives me so many incredible insights about what a career path looks like and how I can be preparing myself now," Hughes said. "I look forward to talking to her each month and she is an awesome source for networking and asking any questions that confuse me about resumes, interviews and classes. I feel more prepared to tackle what will come after college."



Students come together to produce Tony award winning play

Comical Casting

By Darrington Clark

The Kansas State University theater department showed its audiences that parenthood doesn't always mean maturity and marriage didn't always mean harmony.

K-State's first production of the spring semester, the 2009 triple-Tony award winning play "God of Carnage," came alive Feb. 13-15, bringing with it a cast full of energy and a display of messages about adulthood.

"I loved it," Sandra Chastan, graduate student in theater, said. "They were all great actors, all very talented."

Set in Brooklyn, N.Y., "God of Carnage," by Yasmina Reza, weaved the story of two sets of parents, Alan and Annette, and Michael and Veronica, as they come together to settle a dispute between their 11-year-old sons.

The night of civility and small-talk quickly unraveled, exposing the weak spots in both relationships.

"I feel really good about tonight," Amanda Garvey, senior in theatre and portrayer of Veronica, said. "I think it went well."

With no intermission, K-State's "God of Carnage" ran anywhere from one hour to 75 minutes long, tasking the four-person cast to hit each moment of the play with energy.

Director Jerry Jay Cranford, theater professor, said that while the script provided a structure, the actors and director all made difficult choices.

"When I started my research, I started researching the perception of the piece," Cranford said. "Alongside of praise for the script and the show, more importantly, they praised the four performances and what they brought to it. So it does become very important how these four people connect to one another and how the director shapes the dynamics of the piece."

Audience members found the dynamics to be just right while the crowd broke into an applause several times throughout the performance.

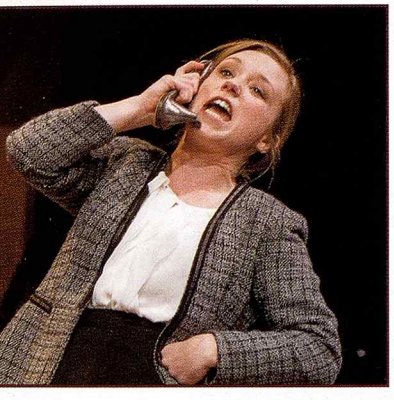
"I thought it was funny," Abbey Lindholm, senior in veterinary medicine, said. "I didn't know what to expect, but it was still better than my expectation."

Working through the show was an experience that members of the cast said they cherished and appreciated. Still, preparation did not come without challenges. Cranford said that a big step in the production was getting the four actors to flesh out the 15-or-more yearlong relationships that their characters shared.

"Age was difficult," Clay Massingill, freshman in theater and actor of Alan, said. "Coming off as older was a challenge."

Working with such a small cast allowed the performers to become close as friends.





Top Annette, center, played by Dani Golway, sophomore in public relations, throws up while Alan, left, played by Clay Massingill, freshman in theater, Michael, right, palyed by Mark Young, junior in theater, and Veronica, far right, Amanda Garvey, senior in theater, act disgusted. **Above** Annete, played by Golway, imitates her husband Alan talking on the phone by speaking into her shoe. During the play Alan answers his phone for business repeatedly during a meeting with his wife and the parents of a boy who his son is not getting along with. *Photos by Emily DeShazer*



Annette, played by Dani Golway, sophomore in public relations, throws tulips as Alan, played by Clay Massingill, freshman in theater, runs after her. The snow days last week meant the cast didn't have a final dress rehearsal for the approximatly hour-long show. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*



Left The Kansas State University football team emerges from the locker rooms carrying the American, Kansas, First Infantry Division and Fort Riley flags before the Fort Riley Day football game against Iowa State Nov. 2 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. **Below** The Fort Riley color guard displays the flags of its various constituent units on the field during Fort Riley Day. *Photos by Parker Robb*





Students of Service

Student in the military balances multiple responsibilities

By Rebekah Akmquist

Three years of missed birthdays, holidays and memories during 1,000 days of deployment — to U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Tanner Heaton, senior in open option, these were more than personal sacrifices. They were his duties to his country.

At only 17, Heaton enlisted in the military.

After six years of service, Heaton chose to further his education and military career at Kansas State University through the Air Force ROTC program. As a third generation alumnus, he said deciding on K-State was natural, but making the transition from soldier to student was challenging.

"I always would think it's weird to be here, sitting in class, knowing not long ago I was fighting for freedom," Heaton said. "But I didn't go around bringing up my service. I wasn't looking for a thank you. I had great teachers that understood my circumstance. That's what I got at K-State, an authentic education."

Heaton was one of the 3,000 military-connected students at K-State. The university had one of the nation's largest military-connected student populations, with roughly 11 percent of the total student body being veterans, current military, ROTC cadets or Department of Defense civilians.

According to Art DeGroat, K-State alumnus and director of military affairs, said that treating military-connected students as family, instead of friends, that set K-State apart from other universities.

"Military-friendly is being neighborly to military-connected students- recognizing they're different. Military-inclusive says, 'these people are our family and they're part of the Wildcat family,'" DeGroat said.

Creating a university-wide approach to understanding this population wasn't easy, DeGroat said. Traditionally, universities had marketed higher education to military-connected students.

K-State's military-inclusive approach trickled down into colleges and departments that used different ways of ensuring the military-connected community at K-State had access to supportive and understanding programs. One of these programs was K-State's Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families in the College of Human Ecology. The institute's goal was to further the nation's knowledge of military families through research, service and training.

Briana Nelson Goff '91, '93, director of the institute, said it was a healing experience for the families involved.

Also on a military mission was the College of Education, which premiered a 37-minute documentary, "A Walk in My Shoes: Military Life." The film was made in part to shed light on the college's efforts to educate future teachers on understanding military children.

One of the film's subjects and future teachers was Lindsey Goff, sophomore in elementary education, who, like Heaton, experienced deployment thoughts during class. Goff said her freshman year at K-State was compromised by her father's deployment to Afghanistan, which began a few weeks before her high school graduation.

"It was really weird starting school without him, but I've done it before — it's how I grew up," Goff said. "My mom was going to school at the same time so it was hard. My younger siblings missed out more than they would have if my dad was around."

Goff said it was knowing K-State cared about educating future teachers to teach military children that helped her feel part of the K-State family.

Meeting all Expectations

Professor is inducted into Meat Hall of Fame after retirement

By Ellen Bodine

For most of his life, Michael Dikeman planned on graduating with his master's from Michigan State University and beginning a job in the meat industry. It was not until one of his graduate professors spoke to him that he considered another career.

"He said, 'You would make an excellent teacher,'" Dikeman said. "He encouraged me to get my Ph.D."

After that conversation, Dikeman's future changed. He eventually began working for the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, a job he would keep for 42 years.

"I enjoyed all 42 years," Dikeman said. "I probably enjoyed teaching as much my very last semester, or maybe even more, than I did my entire career."

During his time as a professor, he also worked as researcher and an adviser to both individual students and several student organizations around campus.

"I enjoyed the combination of researching and teaching, and the challenges and rewards that go with those," Dikeman said. "If I had either been 100 percent teaching or researching I would have burned out."

The student organizations Dikeman advised included the meat judging team and the Block and Bridle club for eight years. Dikeman said a highlight of his career occurred when his meat judging team won the 1986 national championship.

"That's what your ultimate goal is," Dikeman said.

Liz Moser, senior in animal science and pre-veterinary medicine, had Dikeman as a professor for her livestock and meat evaluation class.

"He is very approachable," Moser said. "He really cares about people. He is an easy- to-talk-to, kind person."

Dikeman said his passions and interests included beef cattle production, carcass traits and beef quality. One of his major research projects involved working with the USDA to characterize the carcass and meat traits of cattle breeds being introduced to the United States.

"It was something new in our country," Dikeman said. "It was different and exciting to be a part of that."

During Dikeman's career, his wife, Earline Dikeman, and children also stayed involved with the university. Both of his children attended K-State, and his wife worked as the director of laboratories for the chemistry department for 41 years.

"We understood what the other person was going through," Earline Dikeman said. "We both understood when things got really busy, but we also had more rejoicing too."

Earline Dikeman said her family spent most of their time at the university.

"The university is where our friends and activities were. Things we did after work revolved around it," Earline Dikeman said. "It's been a good life for us there."

Both Earline and Michael Dikeman agreed that K-State had transformed over the years.

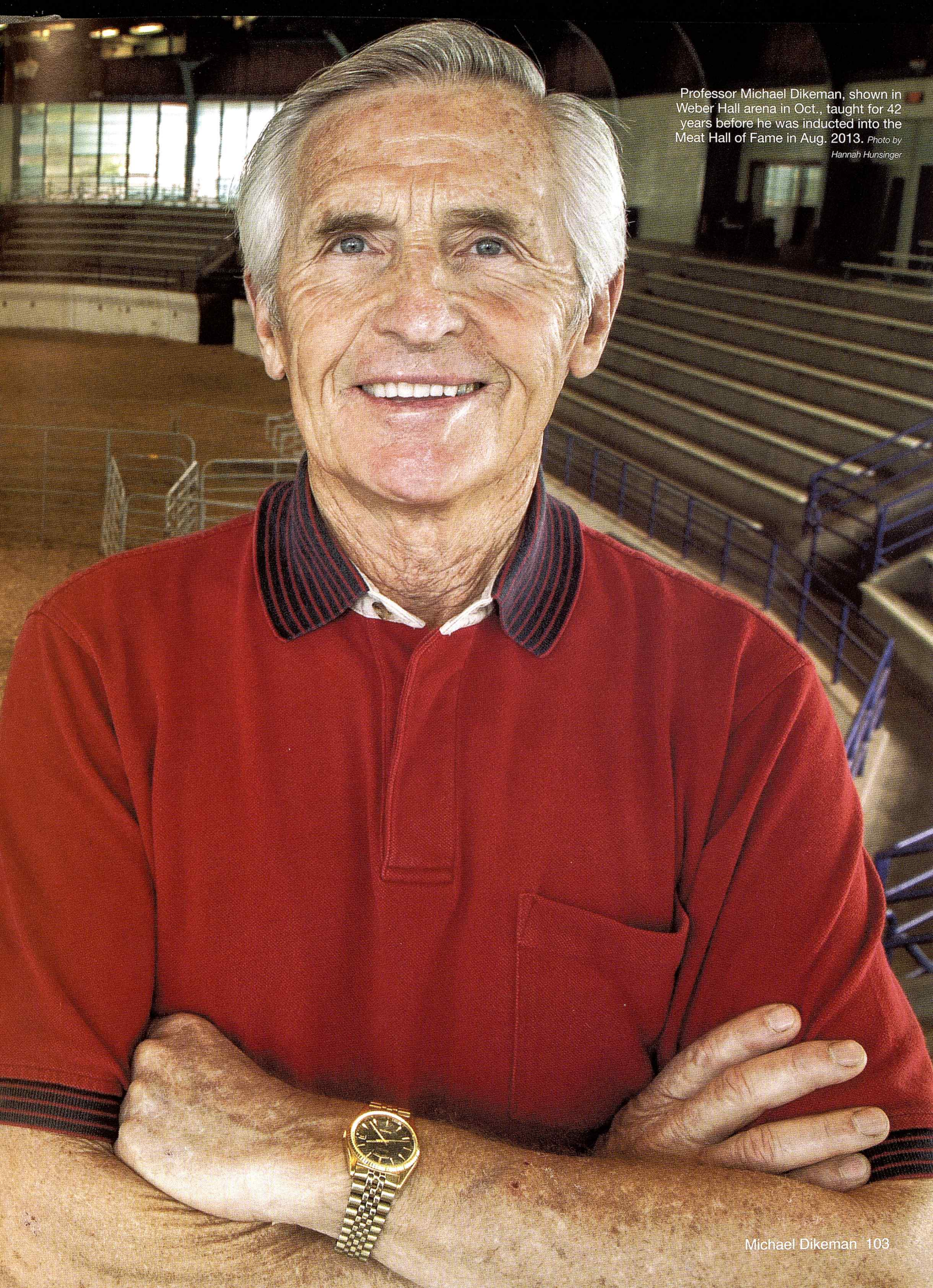
"It's changed dramatically, but at the same time, the culture and the physical environment has been fairly maintained," Michael Dikeman said. "The university is still student-friendly and student-oriented."

During his career, Michael Dikeman received several teaching awards and was inducted to the Meat Industry Hall of Fame in August.

"What's gratifying is that this recognition puts the frosting on the cake of my career," Michael Dikeman said. "It came at a good time."

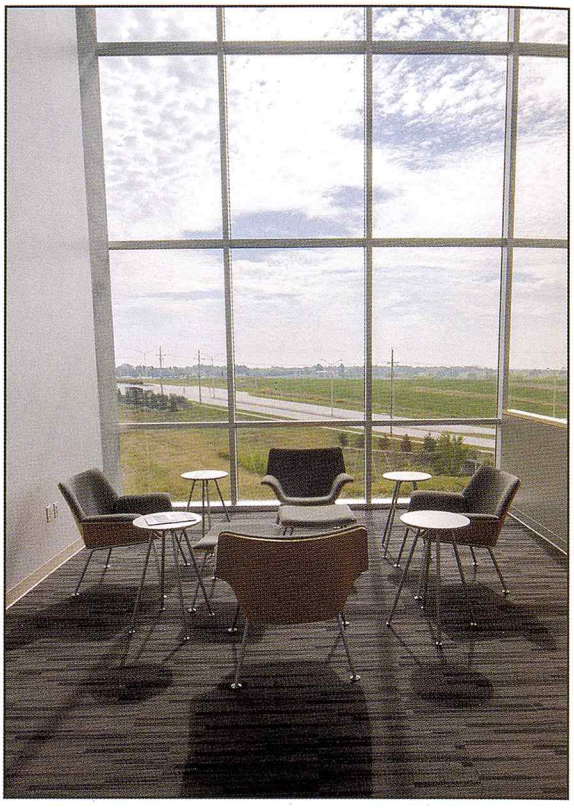
Dikeman, who finished his career in the spring of 2012, said he retired at a good time.

"I never felt burned out or stale. There were frustrating days, but I never got bored," Michael Dikeman said.



Professor Michael Dikeman, shown in Weber Hall arena in Oct., taught for 42 years before he was inducted into the Meat Hall of Fame in Aug. 2013. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*







Above A balcony overlooks K-State's Olathe campus. **Far right** A lobby overlooks the outdoors on K-State's Olathe campus on Sept. 18. **Right** A staircase inside of K-State's Olathe main lobby. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*



The Olathe K-State campus offers graduate level classes in biosciences and biotechnology but is also a place for community professionals to continue learning. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Olathe Outshines

Olathe involves community and encourages future K-Staters

By Shelby Brunk

Having their doors open for just three years, Kansas State University Olathe presented inventive programs that had K-12 students craving to learn.

Students desired to learn more, not just about K-State, but about advanced programs in animal science, food safety and security.

"These are outreach community programs to develop workforce inspired students," Micheal Strohschein, program director for K-12 programs at K-State Olathe, said. "The idea is to get students excited about their future."

Strohschein described current times at K-State Olathe as exciting. Olathe's enrollment in programs jumped from 100 students in 2008 to nearly 9,800 students in 2013, with 8,000 of those being enrolled between 2011 to 2013.

Hosting various events throughout the year, the university tried to keep programming and lectures fun for students to fit the needs of the nearby school districts.

"We mainly work with the Johnson County [Kansas] schools. There are six school districts in Johnson County, and then also in the Metro area, to develop stem curriculum for them especially in animal health and food safety," Krisiti Northcutt, marketing communications coordinator at K-State Olathe, said. "They can come here and do programs and we design those for their school's needs to make sure they're within their core curriculum."

Olathe developed resources that were also tied to the Common Core Standards, which were standards that provided a clear understanding of what students were expected to understand during their K-12 schooling experience.

Ranging from the "Pizza Lab", where students learned the basics of food science, math and measuring skills, to 'Willie and the Bean Stock,' which was open to elementary, middle, high school, 4-H and FFA teams and surrounded the principles of plant growth, K-State Olathe learned to cater every student's wants and needs.

K-State Olathe offered advanced programs for high school students and tracked the progress of those in such programs. The tracking allowed K-State Olathe to see the various internships, training sessions and programs that students were participating in. This allowed students to enroll in majors they were first introduced to.

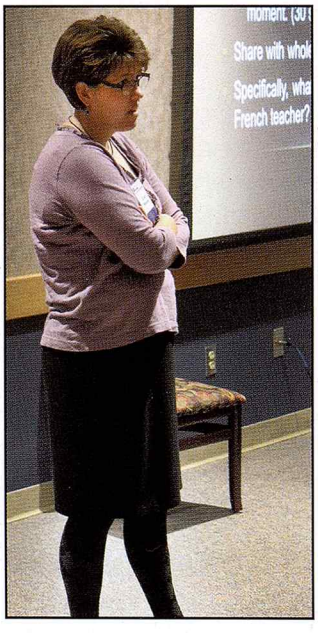
Olathe also scheduled visits to the Manhattan campus for students interested in other programs.

"Personally the biotechnology institute is something I'm interested in," Katherine Calhoun, senior at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park, Kan., said. "I did not know about the program at all and generally I wouldn't of ever known without them [Olathe] giving me further information."

In connection to the growing community, K-State Olathe developed a relationship with the Kansas City Zoo and other partnerships allowing students the ability to connect with businesses state-wide.

Strohschein said the connection to various companies was just one of the eight points K-State Olathe was striving to accomplish; to create a bank of resources to assist in the educational needs of K-12 students. Strohschein also worked to provide a smoother transition from K-12 to higher education while also enhancing the quality of science to meet the 21st century needs of a technological-advanced world.

Stephanie Thomas speaks to students on Oct. 10 about the different hats they must put on in social work in the Sunflower Room of the Kansas State Student Union. Thomas touched on the different joys and challenges of her job as a social worker. *Photo by Chandler Riley*





Left Rachel Whetstone gives her speech, "Bullying in the 21st Century: What are teachers supposed to do?" on Oct. 10 in the Cottonwood Room of the K-State Student Union. **Above** Marilyn Beck (left), Lexie Thurman (middle) and Hillary Keller (right) answer questions from students about education and the classroom on Oct. 10 in the Flint Hills Room of the K-State Student Union. This "New Teacher Panel" was part of the Education Symposium that lasted all day.
Photos by Chandler Riley

Staying Sharp

Education majors attend daylong workshop

By Laura Parker

Taking a break from their traditionally scheduled classes, students in the education program attended an education symposium held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 10 in Kansas State University's Student Union. The seminar consisted of a main session in Forum Hall and various workshops in upstairs classrooms.

Presented by students for students, the event provided practical information for aspiring teachers. During the main session, 2013 Teacher of the Year (TOY) Dyane Smokorowski and six other teachers led a presentation titled, "Write Your Own TOY Story," addressing a set of principles they believed were necessary to be a dynamic teacher.

"We used the acronym, EMBRACES. Each one of the letters represented one of the characters from Toy Story. My character was Buzz Lightyear," Smokorowski said. "We've presented it around 30 times and we will do it three more times before we hand it over to the 2014 teachers."

Smokorowski believed their presentation at K-State was the best they had ever performed, crediting the success to their audience's high energy and enthusiasm.

"Anytime you take people from the same perspective and sit around to help people see the bigger pictures, it's fantastic," Smokorowski said. "It was a perfect day."

Ten students in the education program acted as chairmen to put on the event. Beginning preparations in spring 2013, the team was responsible for scheduling Smokoroski's and her colleagues' visit and for finding volunteers.

"I was in charge of rounding up volunteers throughout the education community to help with setting up for the symposium," volunteers chairman Taylor Eads, junior in elementary education, said. "I also had meetings with the rest of the chairmen. I helped plan everything that went on."

Though Eads helped lead the symposium, she was still able to attend and learn along with other education majors.

"I had never been to one before. There are a lot of topics you can go to that you've never heard about before," Eads said. "It's full of information that I'd never thought about before."

The daylong event allowed students to attend workshops geared the direction they desired to take with their teaching.

"I got some information on teaching overseas. I thought, as a student hoping to be an English as a second language teacher, that it gave really helpful information on different companies that would be good to contact if I ever wanted to go overseas," Emily Pickert, sophomore in elementary education, said.

The sessions also addressed subjects all teachers would face, such as bullying and technology in the classroom.

"We did a really cool bullying segment and for me, it was really helpful as a teacher because I feel like I am better equipped to handle situations that may arise with the students," Pickert said.

At the education symposium, Smokorowski emphasized the need for teachers to truly build relationships with students to help them learn and grow successfully. She left students with a remark. "You have to give them opportunities to dialogue with experts. Be willing to let children's curiosity lead the classroom," Smokorowski said. "If you really want your children to change the world, you have to bring the world to your children."



David Zeiger, sophomore in secondary education, tutors Brandi Goetz, freshman in biochemistry, on Sunday in Derby Hall's Academic Learning Center. Goetz went to get help with her Calculus I homework. *Photo by George Walker*

Tutor Time

Tutoring center expands to meet students overwhelming needs

By Som Kandlur

Students who struggled with classes have turned to the Tutoring Center at Leasure Hall since 1989. Now, decades later, it expanded to its third location- Kramer Dining Center.

"It started out on a small scale but it has really grown," Judith Lynch, director of the Academic Assistance Center, said. "It's a free service for any student at K-State, and we specialize in tutoring for the large, entry-level courses and math and science courses where students tend to have most of the difficulty."

The center offered a variety of individual and small group tutoring, as well as walk-in sessions for various subjects. For the past few years, the Tutoring Center attempted to keep up with the increased needs of the students on campus. To meet these needs, it had expanded to more sites.

"When it started, it was just this area: Leasure 201," Kimberly Dierks, coordinator of the Leasure Tutoring Center, said. "Two years ago, we added the Lafene program. In 2013, we added the evening program and just on Feb. 10, we started the Kramer program."

Dierks said the biggest reason for expansion was to be able to add more work space, and to accommodate students who worked during the day.

"We had too many students for the size of the facility," Dierks said. "We were sending people to the library because there were not enough cubicles, so we needed some designated space just for us."

Dierks said that as there were many students who wanted to use the tutoring services, but who worked during the day. They added evening tutoring hours in the fall of 2013 to be more available for students around their busy schedules.

The latest expansion in Heritage Room at Kramer Dining Hall offered walk-in help to students in a number of subjects including biology, math, writing and Spanish.

Dierks said the expansion helped the tutoring services offer more help to the students while also making room for the services in Leasure Hall.

Support from the K-State administration towards the tutoring services had been strong, Lynch said. The Tutoring Center was initially ran through funds allocated by the student government, but as those funds became insufficient, the administration had reallocated funds to help the Tutoring Center on multiple occasions, Lynch said.

A majority of the cost of the expansion to Kramer was paid for using a $60,000 allotment from a central fund set up for the increased tuition budget through the provost's office.

"We used part of that money to make our director full time," Lynch said. "Part of the rest of the money was used to open the walk-in tutoring at the Kramer dining center."

Both Lynch and Dierks spoke of the possibilities of consolidating the Leasure and Lafene spaces into one, central location for the Tutoring Center in the future. However, as space was an issue, they said their focus for now is to expand to the Derby Dining Hall and possibly have space in the new residence hall that is being planned at the Kramer complex.

"Our dream is to eventually have a Student Success Center that the Tutoring Center would be a part of," Lynch said. "It would be a wonderful space where we could have not only the tutoring that is offered by Leasure, but also other programs that would help students be more successful."

Students said they would be happy to see a future change to a more centralized location for the Tutoring Center.

"For students who already live on campus, Leasure, Derby or Kramer are a lot easier to get to than Lafene for sure," Kaitlin West, senior in mass communications, said. "I think it would be nice to have a central location though, just because that way you always know where to go if you have a problem."

Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness and student body president, was running on a platform of streamlining and improving the tutoring services at K-State. His objectives included introducing an online chat box, using iSIS to sign up for a tutor and a mobile app to find specific information regarding tutoring services.

Although Kays said he hasn't discussed any potential changes to tutoring with Dierks and Lynch, they both said they would welcome an increased use in technology for the tutoring services.

"It's a real convenience for a student who was possibly struggling at night," Dierks said. "You could go ask a question and get a quick answer, or check when the tutor was available to help you the next day or as soon as possible"

Successful Student Mother

Single mom raises children while pushing way through college

By Jakki Thompson

"First of all, it's hard to explain all of the challenges and all of the advantages of being a parent to a non-parent," Melissa Prescott, graduate student in English and women's studies, said. "It's not something I talk about in words because there aren't words to describe what it's like."

Prescott, a single parent of two boys, Evan and Dylan, completed an undergraduate and graduate degree, as well as a graduate certificate, in six years.

Between balancing classes, family, work, child care, extracurricular activities and her leadership positions at Kansas State University, Prescott rejected the stereotypes she encountered as a single parent and a college student.

"Scheduling was a logistical nightmare," Prescott said. "I would schedule school and work around them. If I picked them up from after-school activities around 5 p.m., and they went to sleep around 8:30 p.m., that time in between was sacred to me. I would let very little get in the way of my time with my children."

For Prescott, most of the stress came from dealing with sudden changes to her and her sons' schedules. She said on evenings when she had to work on a group project or attend a campus event, her sons would often come along with her.

Prescott also took summer intersession courses to complete her degree as quickly as possible. Through a little more than 16 semesters, she said her boys came to understand the importance of higher education, even during those more intense times.

Academically, Prescott was high-achieving. In August 2011, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and a 3.7 GPA, as well as minors in women's studies and American ethnic studies.

Once she had completed the coursework for her graduate program, she graduated with a master's degree in English and a women's studies certificate in Aug. with a cumulative GPA of 3.7.

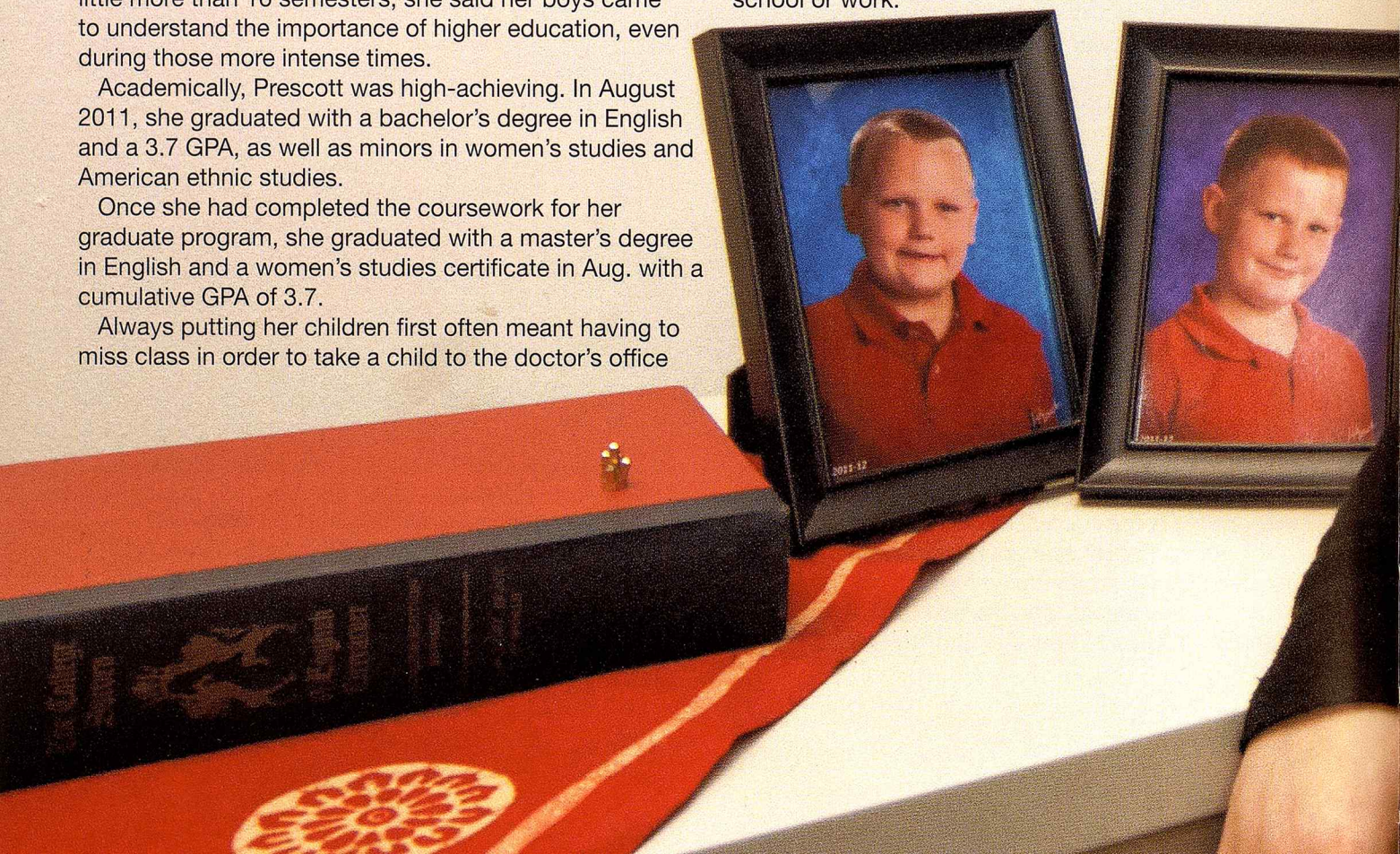
Always putting her children first often meant having to miss class in order to take a child to the doctor's office or pick him up from school — something her professors understood.

"I think Melissa is a stellar student," Lisa Tatonetti, associate professor of English, said. "She [was] consistently reliable and just really outstanding. She would always go above and beyond in her research and in her academics."

As a professor for many years, Tatonetti said she has heard many excuses from students who are unable to attend class, especially students without the burden of single parenthood. But she said students such as Prescott, who have children, are often the most dependable and reliable students she has.

Karin Westman, professor and head of the English department, said she would describe Prescott as engaged, intellectually curious, passionate, kind and focused on the individualistic aspects of people and classrooms. Westman said she was incredibly impressed with Prescott's commitment to education and also her ability to accommodate both identities as a student and single parent and fulfill those roles successfully.

"Being a single parent in college means I had to plan long-term," Prescott said. "Sometimes, when I would tell people I was busy, I would get looks of confusion. But as a single mother of two young boys, I treasured and valued the time I got to spend with them when we were all not in school or work."





Melissa Prescott poses in her office in Bluemont Hall with pictures of her two sons. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

University celebrates Chinese New Year's event

Year of the Horse

By Chao Meng

To further celebrate each individual's uniqueness, a mix of Chinese, American, Indian and European students, along with several other nationalities, gathered to celebrate the Chinese New Year on Feb. 13.

The Chinese New Year was generally celebrated through a 15-day event that started with the New Moon celebration on the first day of the new year, Jan. 31. It then ended on the full moon of the 15th day of the year.

2014 was the Year of the Horse according to the Chinese calendar.

Celebrating the New Year in Manhattan involved a Chinese Spring Festival Gala. The event was hosted by the Chinese Students and Scholar's Union and featured live performances in McCain Auditorium.

"We want to make all the Chinese students and other foreign students,who are interested in Chinese culture feel more impressive with our celebration," Yue Fei, junior in mechanical engineering and president of the Chinese Students and Scholar's Union, said.

The organization strived to make the celebration as authentic by giving non-Chinese students an insight of what their culture was like.

"We were trying to make every detail delicate, even the program list," Fei said.

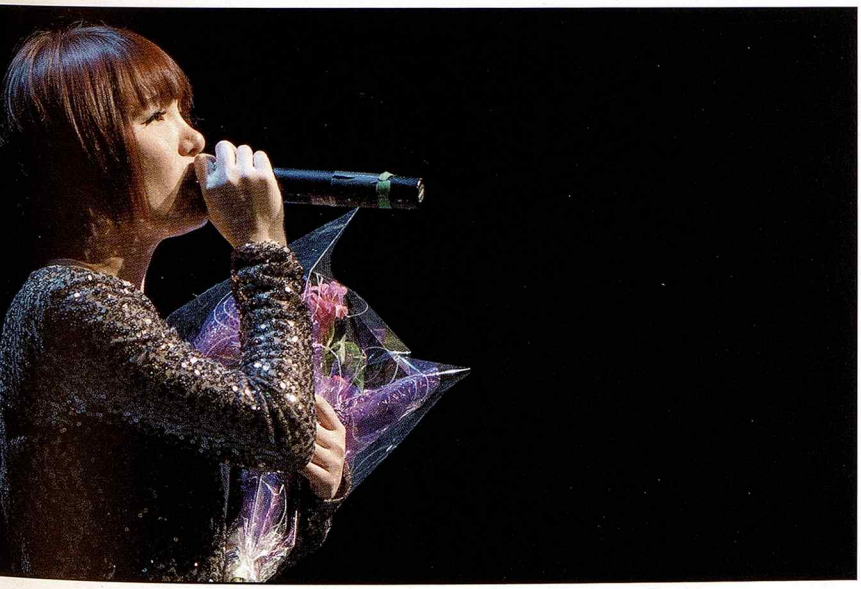
For some foreign students at K-State, this was their first year being away from their family and friends in China while celebrating the new year.

Kewei Xu, junior in biology, was a first-time performer in the show and he aimed to make the audience feel as comfortable as possible.

"This is my first time to preform to all the Chinese students in the U.S.," Xu said. "I thought this might bring some fresh feelings to both Chinese and foreign audience."

However, Mengmeng Li, graduate student in mass communications, attended the event yearly and felt especially happy with this year's performance.

"So many Chinese students performed here, lots of traditional culture. It's just like being back in China," Li said.



Above Women of the Mannhattan Chinese Professional Association dance at Chinese Spring Festival on Feb. 11 in McCain Auditorium. **Left** Dandun Liu, senior in public health nutrition, sings "Tomorrows' Memories" at the Chinese Spring Festival.
Photos by Hannah Hunsinger

Students enjoy Harry Potter themed welcome-back event

Welcome Wizards

By Scotland Preston

Harry Potter enthusiasts enjoyed an English dinner, improvisation show and other authentic activities at the first-ever "Harry Potter Back-to-School Feast" on Feb. 9 in Hale Library.

Students and community guests were greeted by "talking portraits" who explained that it was necessary to "follow the spiders" that were laid out from the library entrance to the Great Room on the third floor of the library.

Inside the Great Room, also called the "Harry Potter Room" by many Kansas State University students, tables were set up in long rows to mirror the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft.

House flags from each of the Hogwart's houses, Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw, adorned the walls of the hall.

The event began with an appearance from Lori Goetsch, Dean of K-State Libraries, on the Great Room's balcony to review the "house rules," traditionally done by the school's headmaster in the Harry Potter books.

One house rule included the "first floor of Anderson Hall being strictly forbidden," similar to the third floor of Hogwarts being off limits in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

A long line formed inside the Great Room as attendees sought the chance to have the "sorting hat" assign them into one of the four school houses, like in the Harry Potter series. It was a popular activity and was a favorite of McKayla Peelen, sophomore in business administration.

"The sorting hall was really cool, along with the improv show," Peelen said.

Peelen and her sister, Morgan Peelen, graduate student in social sciences, saw a Facebook post about the event and said they immediately had to figure out what it was all about.

Both of them dressed in Harry Potter attire.

"It's the best use I've gotten out of my graduation robe," Morgan said.

Manhattan's On the Spot Improv group also performed at the event. The group started with a sorting hat game where four members acted out a scene while a fifth guessed what Hogswart house they represented. They then did a theater round, improvising their own Harry Potter story. All of their acts were done using English accents.

Lyndi Stucky, event co-chair and senior in mass communications, said the performance was definitely the most popular part of the night.

"Overall, it was good for a starting event," Stucky said. "We're looking forward to hopefully growing and improving it for next year."

The evening's dinner included rotisserie chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, pretzel wands, "Polyjuice Potion" and "Butterbeer." Polyjuice potion was used in the series to allow users to assume the appearance of another while butterbeer was a popular drink sold in the wizarding village of Hogsmeade.

Philip Nel, university distinguished professor of English, read a scene from "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" while utilizing different character voice impersonations. Nel connected the restrictions of Professor Dolores Jane Umbridge with the recent social media policies of the Kansas Board of Regents.

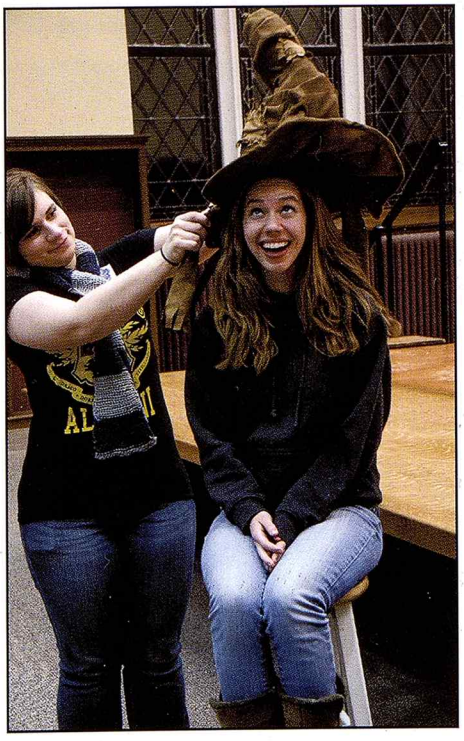
During his reading, Nel emphasized a quote series author J.K. Rowling gave in a Harvard University commencement speech in 2008.

"We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already," he said.

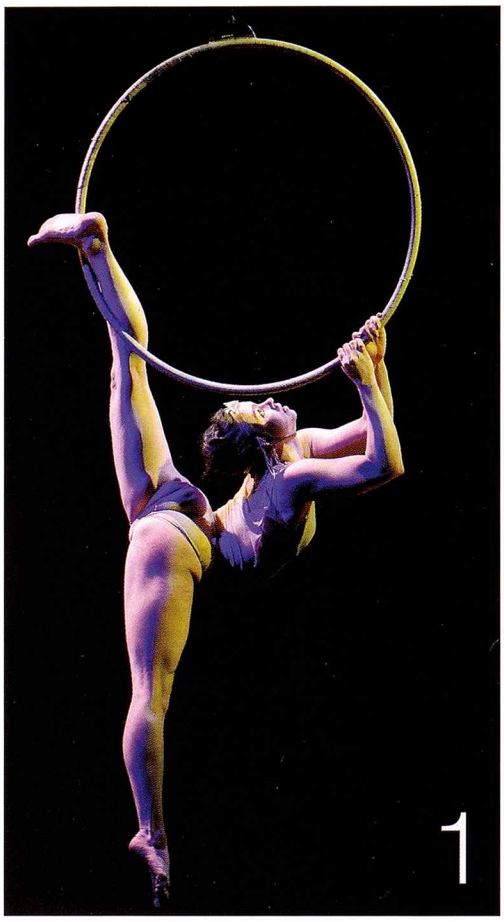
Maile Widman, junior in journalism, smiles as she receives good news about her future from the Divination expert, Professor Trelawney. Lyndi Stucky, or Professor Trelawney read peoples fortunes and even predicted that one of the members of the feast will die within the month during the Back to School Harry Potter Event in the Great Room of Hale Library on Feb. 9. *Photo by Josh Staab*

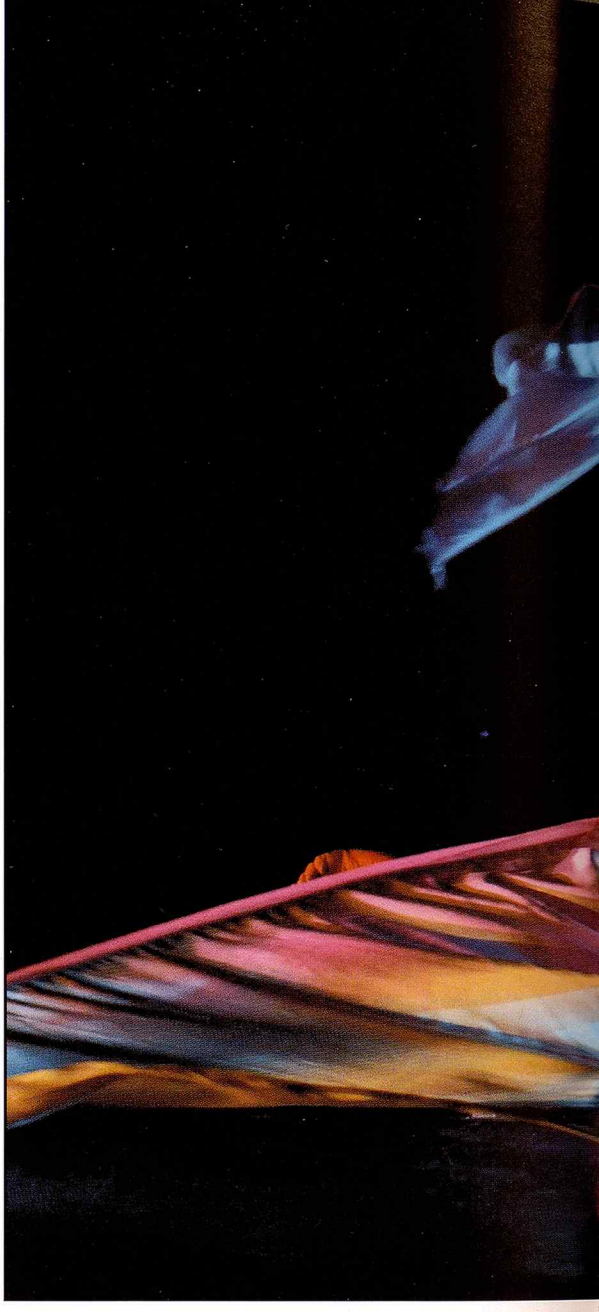


Above Philip Nel, English professor, reads a passage from Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix in the Great Room of Hale Library on Feb. 9 as part of the Back to School Harry Potter Feast. Dr. Nel displayed spot-on voice imitations and related the passage to the audience to make his speech a memorable part of the night. *Photo by Josh Staab* **Right** Sarah Merwin, junior in public relations, grins in anticipation as Katie Harrison, sophomore studying secondary education in English, places the sorting hat on her head. *Photo by Caitlyn Massey*

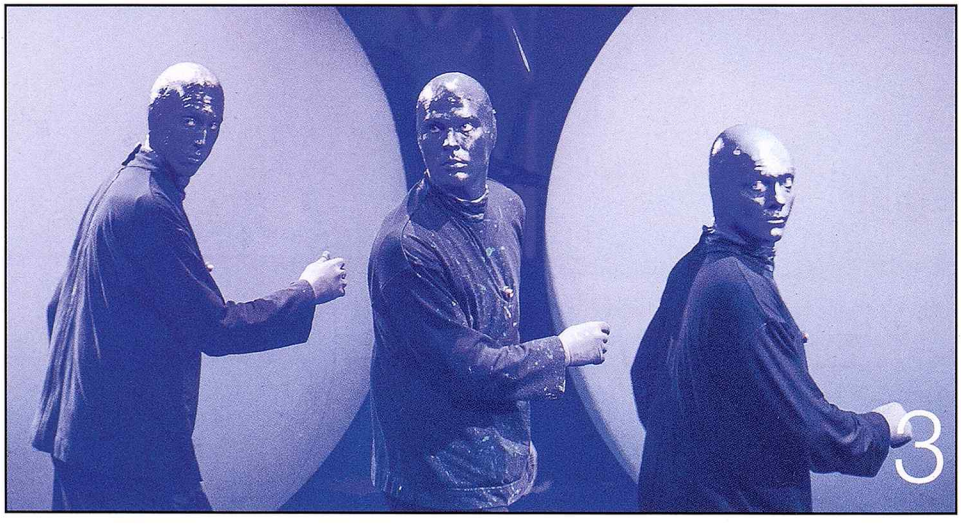


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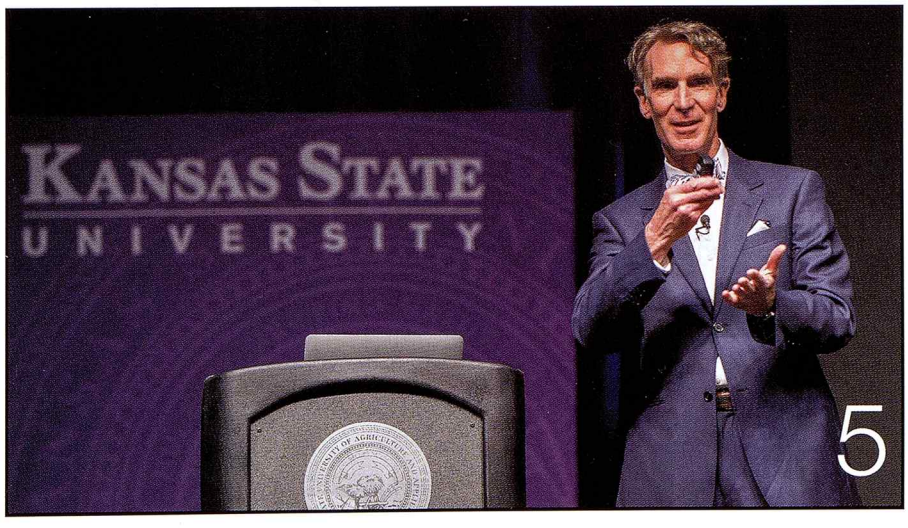
1. A performer synchronizes her body with the electronic music and a spinning ring suspended high in the air as she performs choreographed acrobatics during Quixotic's performance Feb. 7 in McCain Auditorium. **2.** A performer of the group Quixotic lets the differently-colored light flash and play off the sheets of her wings as she performs a dance. *Photos by Parker Robb* **3.** Blueman Group members look to the audience in confusion as six large balls are placed on stage at McCain Sept. 25. **4.** Crouching down to swing at a drum, one member of the Blueman Group keeps the beat. *Photos by Emily DeShazer* **5.** Renowned scientist and children' show host Bill Nye speaks about his dads fascination with sun dials, the Mars rovers and climate change in Bramlage Coliseum Dec. 3. His humorous lecture was followed by questions from the audience. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

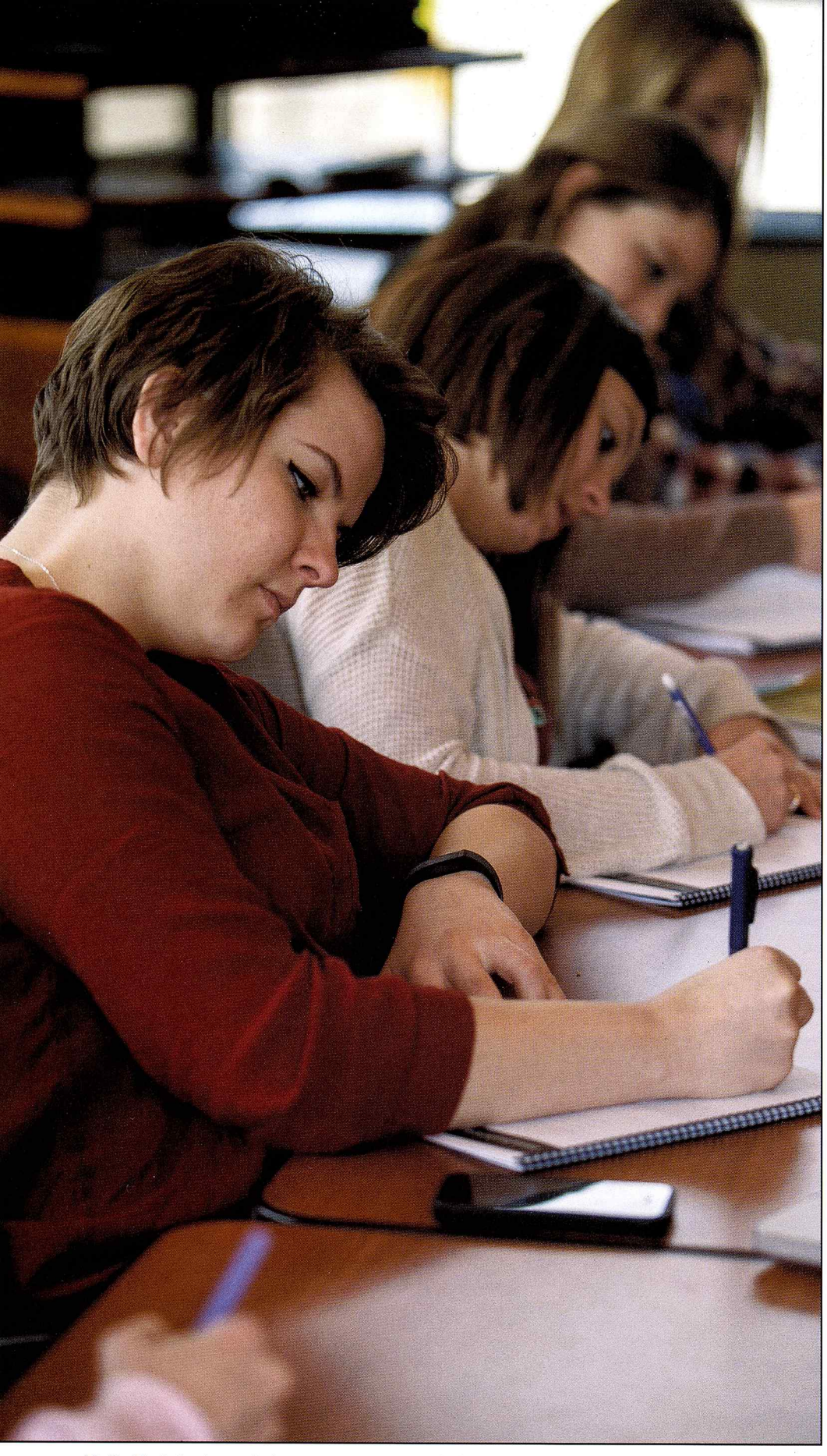





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Mollie Hart, freshman in human resources, and classmates write what they're thankful for in their workbooks during a Catalyst small group session on March 10 in Leadership Studies.
Photo by Hannah Hunsinger







Top Jessica Van Ranken, freshman in political science, and Mikaela Kluver, freshman in psychology and biology, laugh at funny and motivational videos during their small group session on March 10 in the Leadership Studies Building. **Middle** During a small group session on March 10, members of the Catalyst class play Apples to Apples to remember to have fun during the stressful week of midterms before spring break. **Bottom** Ellie Holcomb, freshman in nutrition and kinesiology, discusses time managment with her classmates.
Photos by Hannah Hunsinger





Leading the Way

Students practice their leadership skills in Catalyst class

By Laura Parker

Many students considered college a time of transition and discovery. Recent high school graduates moved away from home to experience independent life at Kansas State University. While meeting new people and absorbing new ideas, students began to further develop themselves.

To enhance this experience of change came the Independent Study in Leadership Studies course, better known as "Blue Key: Catalyst." Led by Blue Key Senior Honorary members, Catalyst was a self-development class primarily for freshmen and sophomores that allowed students to unearth their life goals and values.

"It's made me sit down and evaluate exactly what my values are and why they are my values and whether or not I'm actually living according to them," JoLynn Hennerberg, freshman in biological and agricultural engineering, said.

With 10 to 15 students, most classes grew tight-knit due to their small sizes. Because Catalyst involved students teaching students, senior instructors were able to closely interact with underclassmen, unlike in the usual classroom setting.

"I love the small groups," coordinator Annika Schneider, senior in music education and Spanish education, said. "You really get to know people and I love seeing the students get to know each other."

In discussing topics like goal-setting, time management, relationships and motivation, the freshmen and sophomores were not the only benefiters.

"I think it's just as much a learning experience for the facilitators as the students in the class," instructor Zach Boal, senior in biology, said. "It's interactive and we have a chance to give our own personal experience and input and bounce ideas off students in the class."

The course also allowed underclassmen in similar states of life to reflect on life beyond them.

"It's developing you to know what your values are, but it's also about becoming a leader on campus and influencing others," Hennerberg said.

Students strived to better themselves and the K-State campus and community. Schneider believed Catalyst was a successful tool in creating leaders.

"The School of Leadership Studies does a good job of creating different leaders. They don't make cookie cutter leaders," Schneider said. "Catalyst is a good way to look inward. It sounds kind of selfish, but in order to serve, you really need to look inward first."

Lecture provides students fun while learning

Keep on Rockin'

By Lindsey Leardi

A course that encompassed much more than what it implied: History of Rock and Roll allowed students to, "understand what they are listening to now and how that came from what was the beginnings of Rock and Roll," Steven Maxwell, assistant professor of tuba and euphonium, said.

However, History of Rock and Roll was not just about music.

"What I really like about the class is that I basically can combine music with American History," Maxwell said. "Because it really becomes an American history course, and so it's kind of a fun way to find out about your history."

Covering primarily the 60s through the 80s, History of Rock and Roll took place in All Faiths Chapel every semester. For people that would rather not risk hearing classmates singing along with the tunes played in class, the course was also offered online.

Growing up in Minneapolis, Minn; Maxwell had a passion for rock and roll ever since he was old enough to go to a concert, which allowed him to tie his own experiences into the class. While his training was primarily classical, Maxwell initiated the process of having the History of Rock and Roll class at K-State.

"I was sitting in my office and I was looking for a great video of Bob Dylan to play in class," Maxwell said. "I kind of leaned back in my chair and I was like, 'this is my job, I get to look up videos of Bob Dylan and teach about all these great iconic figures.'"

Maxwell strived to maintain an interactive course. During class, it was not uncommon to listen and watch music videos to songs such as, "Satisfaction," "House of the Rising Sun," "You Really Got Me" and many others within the lecture.

Spencer Scherer, senior in architecture, said that his favorite part of the class was, "listening to and learning about various musical genres."

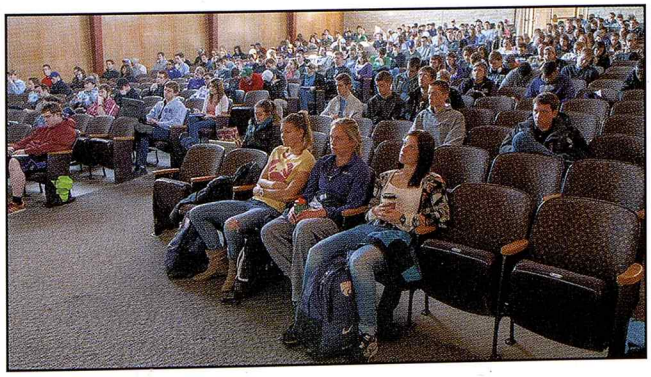
Shannon Hush, senior in architecture, felt that the lectures were incredibly interesting and informative as well.

"He goes through the PowerPoints, in a lot of detail, like he doesn't even need the PowerPoints he could just talk about it," Hush said.

Scherer and Hush both attested that they would recommend this class to anyone with an interest in music. Maxwell taught his students about bands, how they started, what happened to them, how they relate to one another, their reputations, personalities, the time period and more.

"It makes you think about how everything affects everything else," Hush said.





Top left Dr. Steven Maxwell lectures about Stevie Wonder in his History of Rock and Roll class in All Faiths Chapel on March 12. **Bottom left** The History of Rock and Roll class in All Faiths Chapel on March 12. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*

Savanna Anschutz, sophmore in life science, and Kennedy Burton, sophmore in life science, use a disected rat to review for their rat exam in Ackert Hall on March 10. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*





Left Kaitlyn Sterneker, sophomore in kinesiology, uses an articulated skeleton to review for the upcoming lab practical exam in Ackert Hall on March 10. **Above** Jenny Russell, sophomore in psychology, and Zach Lantz, junior in biology, use human bones to review for their upcoming lab practical. The practical covered the bones and muscles on the upper and lower limbs, the muscles of the abdomen, the cranial nerves and the muscles of the head and neck. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*

Humanly Impossible

Students work hard to earn the grade in human body course

By Laura Parker

Five hours in lecture, six hours in lab and two hours of peer tutoring a week. That didn't include the countless hours spent reviewing lectures and memorizing nearly every page of textbooks. Students in Human Body took on a full workload when they enrolled in the eight-credit hour course that analyzed the anatomy and physiology of the organ systems.

"I study every second I can get. It's a really rigorous course. It really tests your ability to manage your time and understand material," Bailey Pritchard, sophomore in open option, said. "Having to learn all these terms in this short amount of time is really stressful."

The course was foundational and transformational in the way it allowed students to collaborate and prepare for their future careers.

"It was such a cool experience. You spend so much time with the people because that's your life that semester. You're working together and helping each other learn the material," Dani Dobratz, peer tutor and junior in public health nutrition and gerontology, said. "It's information that is relevant to my future career."

While many universities offered a Human Body course, Kansas State University was unique in that it provided students the chance to examine cadavers. Among those from the Human Body course, about 36 students applied and were accepted to the cadaver team, which added a two-hour lab to students' schedules to further dissect the human body.

"Having that experience with the body and how it's actually set up and to actually feel their way around the body instead of seeing it in the book – they kind of discover things layer by layer," Sam Wilcox, cadaver team advisor and masters student in kinesiology, said.

Wilcox stressed the value of K-State's physical cadavers as opposed to virtual cadavers used at other universities. Students felt fortunate to have the opportunities to work with the cadavers.

"Working with them makes me appreciate that person for donating their body to science and how thankful we should all be for that, because that's really personal," Pritchard said.

Many grew passionate about the human body and all they learned. Some students, like Dobratz, decided to peer tutor to continue their connection with the class.

"I was really sad about it being over for me, so I thought, 'what can I do to stay involved in it?' We have a class of 14 students. We try to come up with fun things to do to help them learn," Dobratz said.

Despite the intensive course material, Human Body proved to be an extremely beneficial stepping stone toward students' careers. It may have consumed their semesters, but many wouldn't have changed a thing.

"It's like I hate it, but I love it," Pritchard said.



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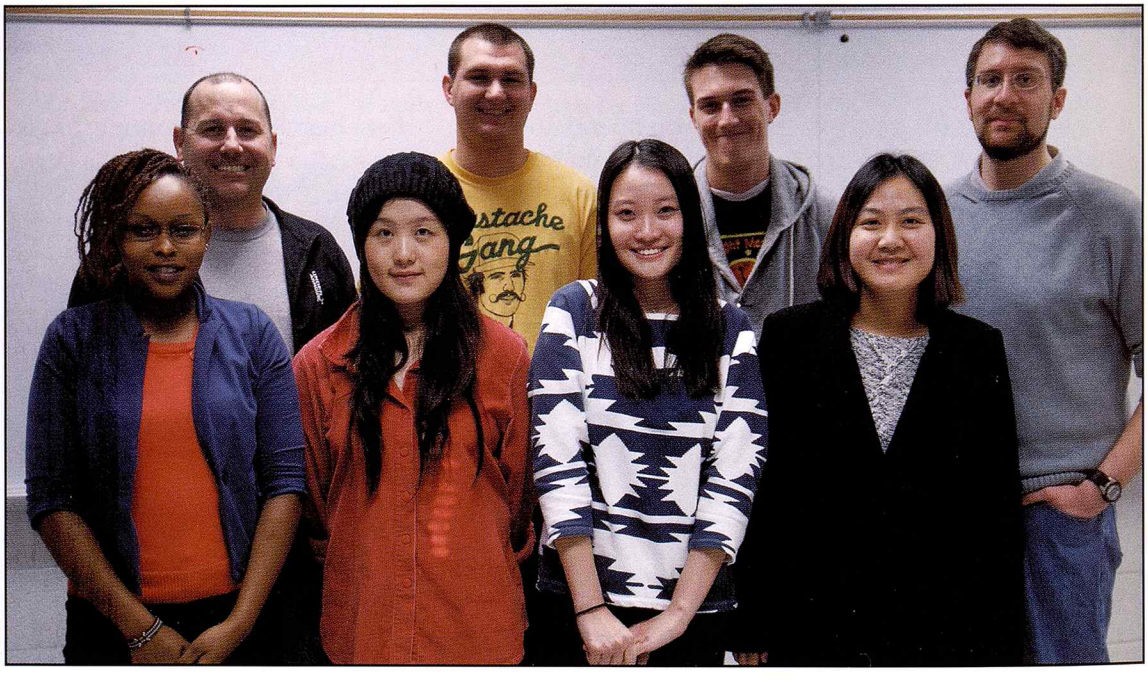
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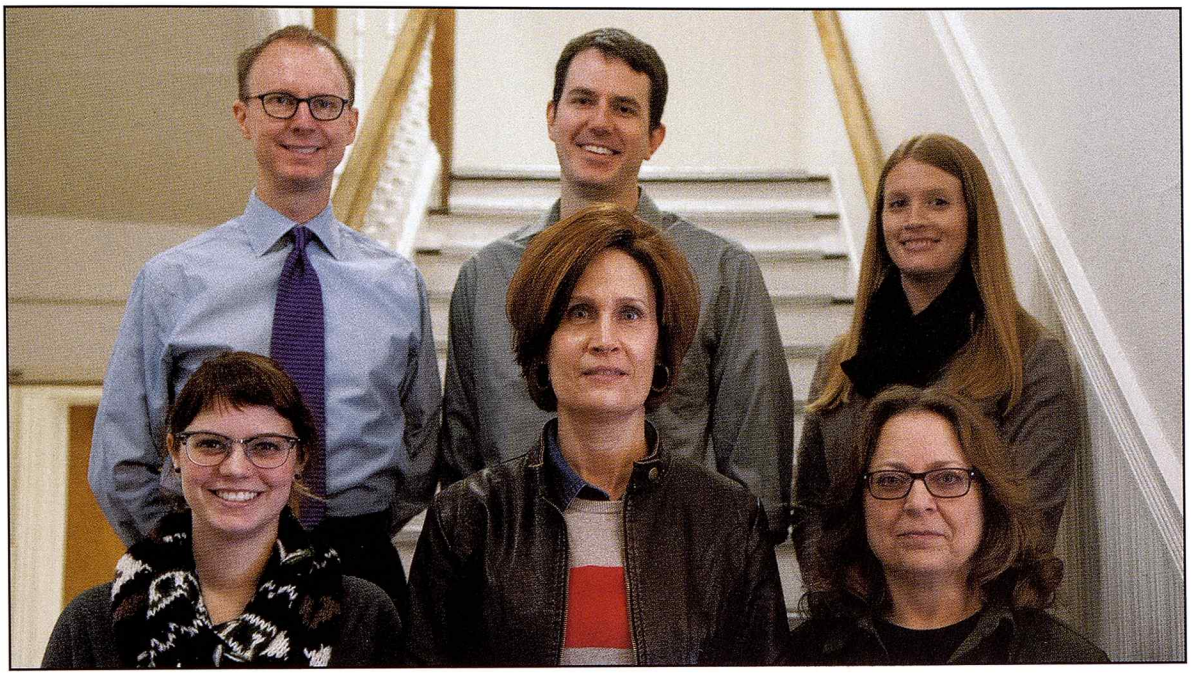


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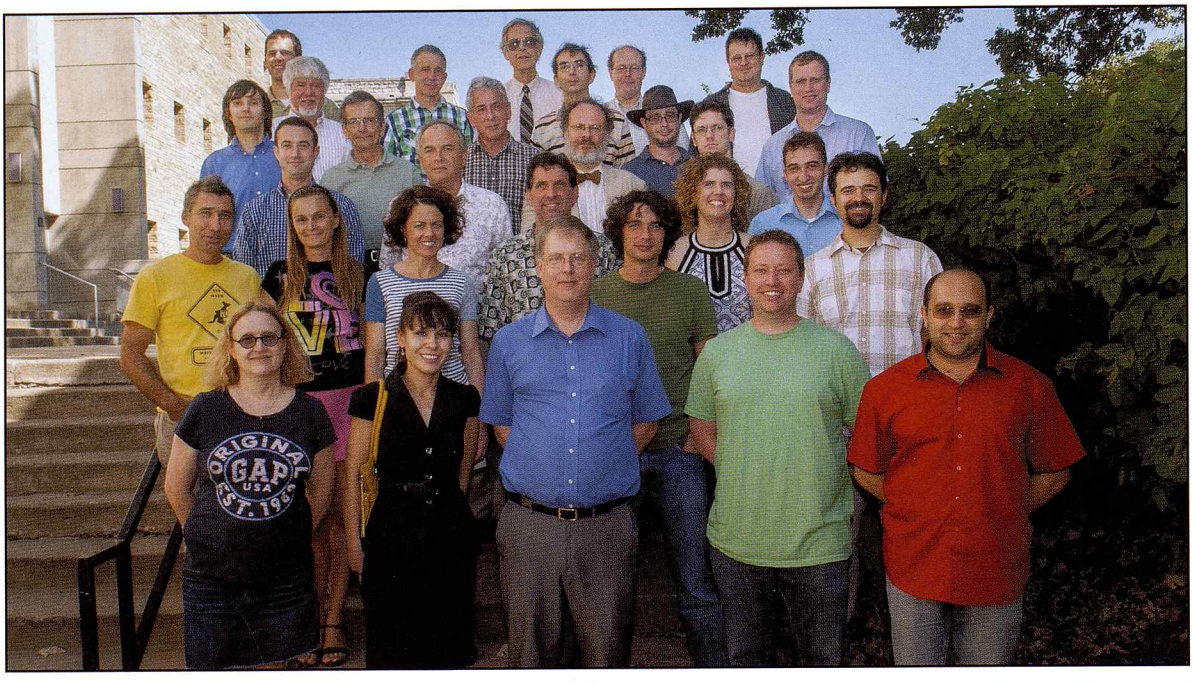


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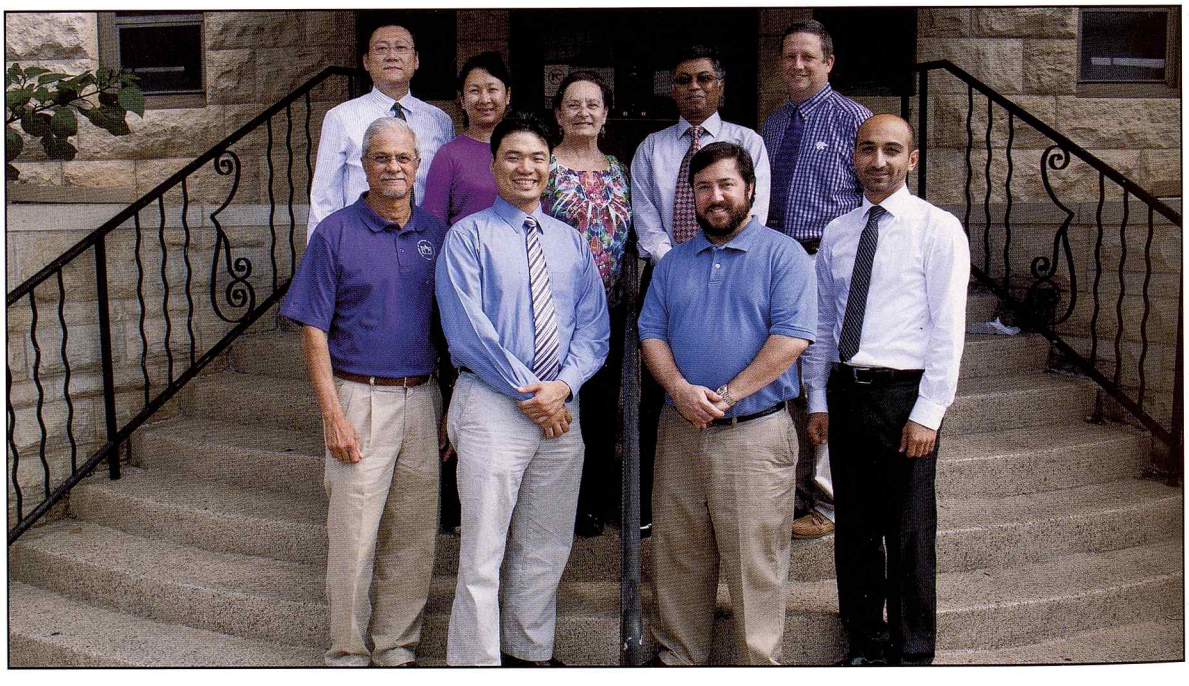
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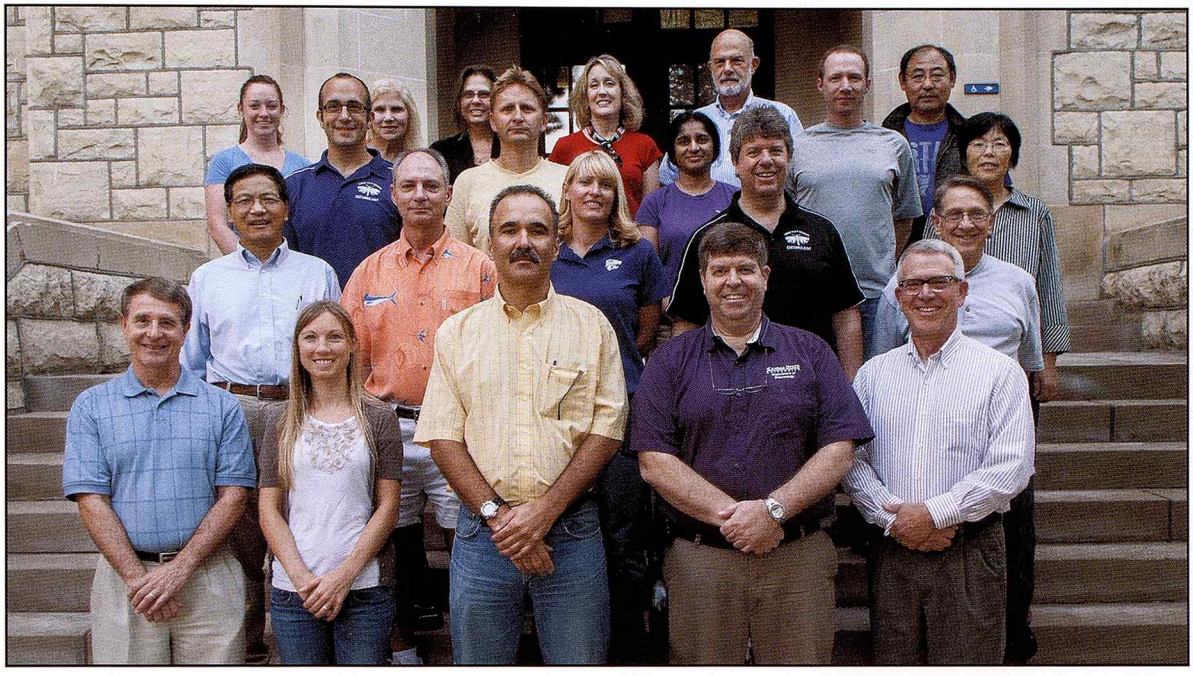


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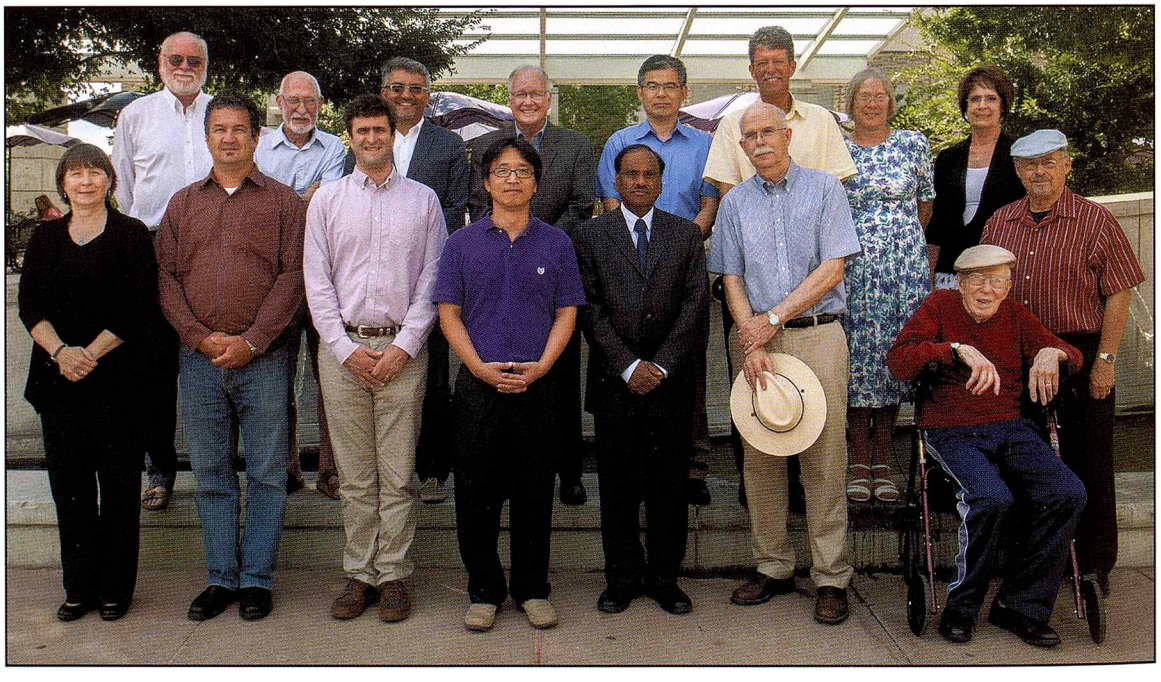
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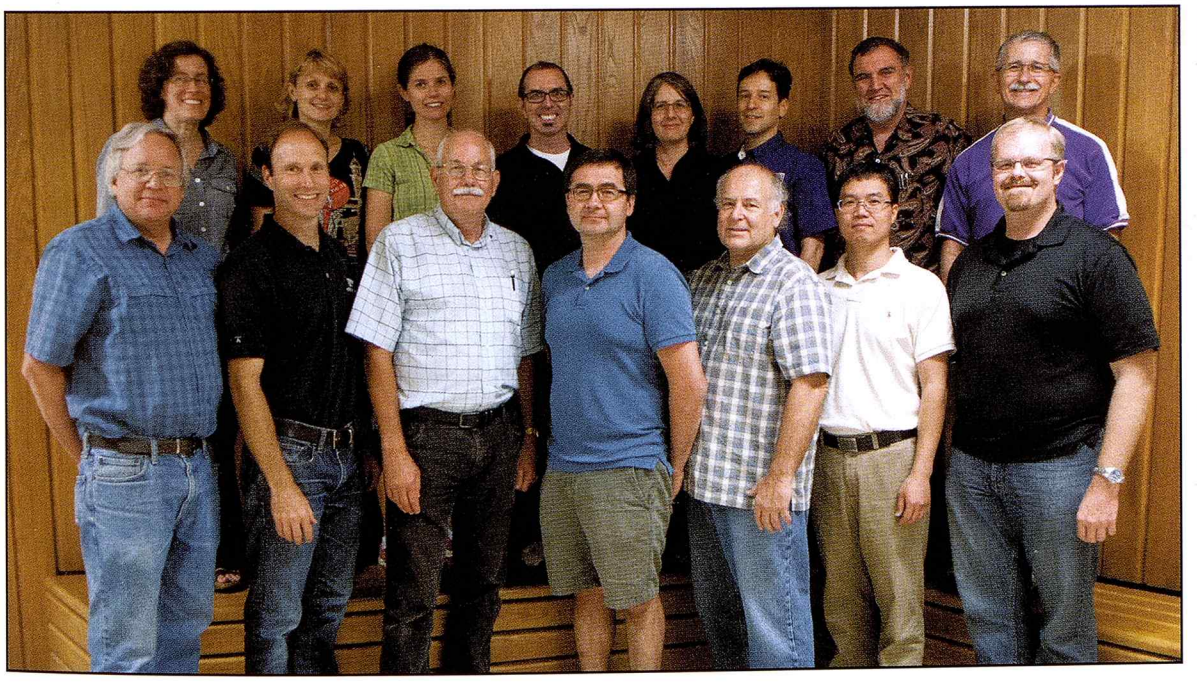
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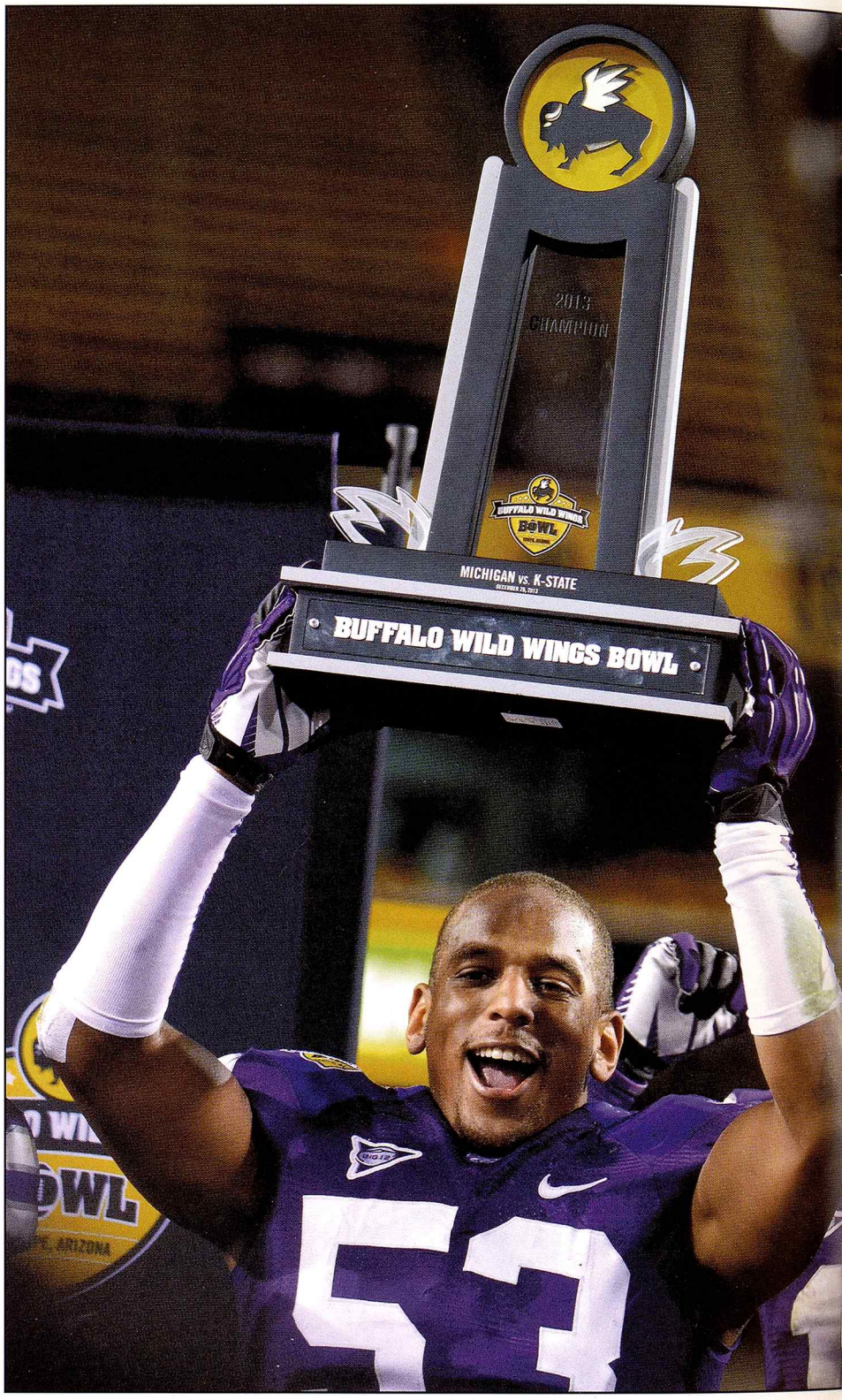
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Alexander Carney, senior in marketing, drives the gold ball far on the first hole Sept. 30 during the first day of the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate held at Colbert Hills Golf Course west of Manhattan. The Wildcat golf team finished second out of nine other collegiate teams and four individual golfers placed in the top ten, including Carney, who finished in second as the top wildcat. *Photo by Parker Robb*



Below John Hubert, senior in arts and sci-open option and running back, is congratulated by Torell Miller, senior open option and wide receiver and Daniel Sams, junior in social sciences and quarterback after his three-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter of the Wildcats' win over the Iowa State Cyclones Nov. 2 in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. *Photo by Parker Robb* **Below middle** Jacob Waters, senior management and quarterback brings the ball out of his own endzone during the game against North Dakota State on Aug. 30. *Photo by Emily DeShazer* **Bottom left** Senior wide receiver Torell Miller leaves two Iowa State defenders in his dust as he sprints for a 37-yard reception during the first quarter of the Wildcats' win over the Iowa State Cyclones Nov. 2 in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. *Photo by Parker Robb* **Bottom right** The Kansas State football team gets itself pumped up before a game, maintaining its core value of being a family. *Photo by Emily DeShazer* **Right** Blake Slaughter, senior line backer, holds up the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl trophy after the K-State football team wins against the University of Michigan 31-14 on Dec. 28 for their first bowl game win in 11 years. *Photo by Parker Robb*











A Happy Ending

Football team starts off season rough, ends with bowl game win

By John Zetmeir

Bill Snyder was often credited with the greatest turnaround in the history of college football. Kansas State University had the worst football program of all 106 Division 1-A school before Snyder joined the program in 1988. During his time as head coach, Snyder won a lot of games, including conference championships and bowl games of every level. This year, Snyder showed that even after 22 years, he was still capable of a turnaround.

The K-State Wildcats made history with the greatest single season turnaround in school history. After losing four of their first six games to start the season, the Wildcats ended the season as winners of six of their final seven including a 31-14 win over the Michigan Wolverines in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl. With the win over Michigan, the Wildcats snapped their 11-year bowl drought.

"The way this season started, it wasn't the way we wanted," Jake Waters, junior and quarterback, said following the bowl win. "But to finish the way we did, it gives us a lot of momentum and excitement about getting started again."

The Wildcats started their season off with the unveiling of the new West Stadium Center in their home opener. Fireworks lit up the sky as K-State took the field in front of the largest crowd in Bill Snyder Family history. Coach Snyder was honored with his own statue just outside of the stadium. Fans entered the newly renovated stadium excited for a new year of K-State Wildcat football.

The North Dakota State Bisons spoiled the season opener for the fans in purple as they shocked the Wildcats, 24-21. Behind an astonishing 18-play 80-yard drive, the Bisons scored the go-ahead touchdown with 28 seconds left on the clock.

"It is just a tough one to swallow," senior safety Ty Zimmerman said following the game. "You work so hard for six months out of the year to get ready for the season and you lay an egg like that it is just tough."

K-State would win their final two non-conference games against Massachusetts and Louisiana, giving them a 2-1 record to start conference play. The young Wildcats struggles continued into the start of conference play, falling to Texas, Oklahoma State and Baylor.

Despite the 2-4 record, Snyder's squad did not resemble most teams with a 2-4 record. The Wildcats lost these games by an average of seven points; they even led in the fourth quarter of all four games.

Snyder decided that he would not be just using one guy to fill Klein's shoes, but two. Waters was named the starting quarterback, starting every game of the season. However, Snyder used a two-quarterback system that incorporated the talents of sophomore quarterback, Daniel Sams, sophomore in social sciences and quarterback. Both quarterbacks showed positive and negatives during the early signs of the season.

Over their next four games, the Wildcats found ways to win. Whether it was a 41-7 thrashing of the Iowa State Cyclones or having it take a game-winning field goal to knock off the TCU Horned Frogs, K-State found a way to win.

The final loss of the season came on senior night when the Wildcats fell to the No. 20 Oklahoma Sooners. They would quickly respond to the loss, defeating in-state rival Kansas in the Sunflower Showdown. The Jayhawks were no match for the Wildcats, even in their own house. K-State left Lawrence with 31-10 win.

K-State might have started 2-4, but in the end, they found a way to make history. Tre Walker, senior in agri-business and linebacker said to K-State fans at the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl pep rally,

"Life is never about how you start but about how you finish."

Behind the Legend

Head football coach has decorated background and interests

By Jacinda Dent

His office was covered in dark wood, purple and Pinocchio memorabilia.

"I've always liked Geppetto," he said. "When people started asking what my favorite movie was, I told them 'Pinocchio,' I guess. Now people send this stuff to me."

Bill Snyder, head football coach at Kansas State University, was known as the man who turned K-State's football program around. When he arrived at the university in 1989, he faced many challenges.

The football program hadn't won a game since October 1986 and had only four winning seasons in the last 44 years. Snyder came in and by the end of his first tenure in 2005, he had successfully changed the program's image, making him known as the coach that led one of the biggest rebuilding projects in the history of collegiate football.

He was brought out of retirement in 2009 to start his second tenure at K-State. When he came back, the stadium had already been renamed the "Bill Snyder Family Stadium," making Snyder one of few that had coached in a stadium named after themselves.

"It's humbling. I'm so honored by it," Snyder said. "When they initially wanted to do it, I told them no. Eventually, I said I'd only consent to it if you add 'family' to it. K-State is all about family. It was also important to me because my family has sacrificed immensely- all coaches wives do."

Snyder said that he never spends enough time with his family. His 80 plus hour workweeks prevented him from that. His family was the most important thing in his life though, and he kept in touch with them by speaking to immediate family members every single day via phone conversations.

Time with family wasn't the only thing given up to be the head coach. Snyder had horrible eating habits because of his hectic work schedule. There were playful rumors around campus that he frequented Taco Bell, visiting the fast-food joint daily.

"I think someone saw me there once and the rumor spread like crazy," Snyder said. "I mean, I do go there. I'm usually going home from work and I can't expect my wife to cook dinner for me at midnight, and Taco Bell is on the way home."

The head coach often only ate one meal a day, using his lunch breaks as additional work time.

"I've found that people don't bother me during lunchtime because they're eating their lunches. That's when I can get a lot done," he said.

On the field, Snyder was known for his signature outfit: kakis, a K-State purple windbreaker and white Nike Cortez tennis shoes. Snyder said he didn't put much thought into what he wore and that it amused him that people cared about his fashion sense.

"I'll just wear whatever's in my closet," he said. "Trust me, it's not well thought out. I pull stuff off the hook and I'll wear it until it wears out."

Regardless of what he was wearing, Snyder was completely dedicated to his career and to being a rock for those around him.

Kenny Lannou, assistant athletic director for communications, had worked with Snyder since November 2008. Lannou considered Snyder one of the hardest working and most reliable people he had met.

"Coach Snyder genuinely cares and is consistent in everything he does," Lannou said. "I respect him tremendously both as an individual and as a coach."

Snyder felt that it was important to focus on his player's personalities almost as much as their athletic ability. They needed to be good individuals to be able to be great players.

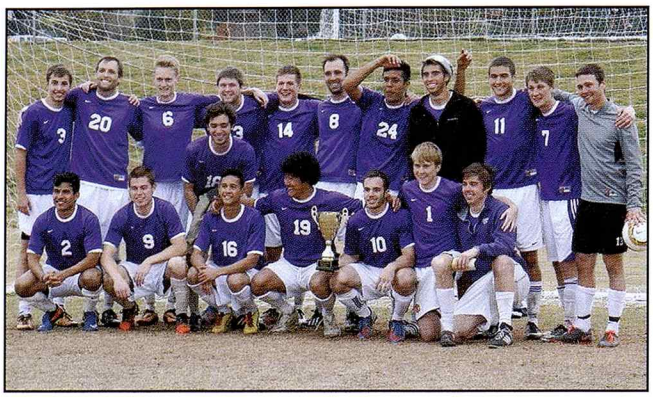
"My role is to try to guide and direct faith, academic careers and being a good person as well as being good at football," Snyder said. "My pleasure comes from the young people that come through the program and become better. That's what guides my life- what these guys learn being part of the program."

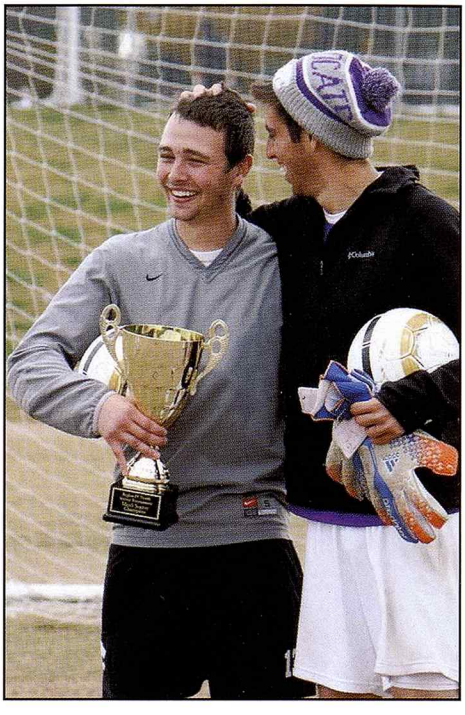
Lannou said that Snyder's dedicated to each player shone through on and off the field.

"Coach Snyder cares, and I mean that to the core," Lannou said. "He cares about people, he cares about developing the young men in our program and he caresabout the success of the university."



Head football coach Bill Snyder stands in front of a bookcase holding framed photos of his family, which is very important to him, in his office in the Vanier complex. *Photo by Parker Robb*









Top The K-State Men's Club Soccer team poses after winning the Region IV North Tournament, held Oct. 25-27, and becoming regional champions. **Above left** K-State's Men Club Soccer team huddles during a game at the Region IV North Tournament. **Above right** Jonathan Danielsen, junior in psychology, gets ready for a kick during the Region IV North Tournament in Bentonville, Ark. **Right** Andrew Drumm, club president and graduate student in industrial engineering, and Richard Martell, senior in mass communications, celebrate by holding their Regional Champions trophy. *Photos courtesy of the K-State Men's Club Soccer Team*



Chris Daniels, sophomore in secondary education, goes in for the ball at the Region IV North Tournament in Bentonville, Ark. which took place Oct. 25-27. K-State's Men Club Soccer Team took home the title of Regional Champions from the competition.
Photo courtesy of the K-State Men's Club Soccer Team

Kickin' Grass

Men's club soccer team celebrates championship win

By Kaylee Engle

While it wasn't an easy task, the Kansas State University Men's Soccer Club beat all odds to prove itself as one of the top club teams in the nation.

The team ended with a 5-2-1 record in the Kansas/Missouri Soccer League before heading to Bentonville, Ark. for the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Region IV Tournament, a tournament they pleaded their case to get into.

"I had to call them and to convince them to let us in," Andrew Drumm, club president and graduate student in industrial engineering, said. "They put out the schedule before the season was over so we hadn't played all our games. There was a game that wasn't recorded and stuff like that, but we made it work."

The team started the regional tournament held on Nov. 1-3 with a loss to Oklahoma and a tie with Washington University, receiving the lowest seeding coming out of pool play. After the rough start, the team turned things around by winning its following three games to advance to the final game, where it faced Washington University again.

K-State came out on top as regional champions winning 3-2.

"It was really elevating," Aaron Tatman, sophomore in chemical engineering, said. "It was just great after they tried to kick us, being able to go in and prove people wrong and win."

Upon winning the regional tournament, the team qualified for the NIRSA National Soccer Championships in Phoenix, Ariz. from Nov. 20-23. On the opening day of competition, K-State tied with Michigan 1-1 and Colorado State 1-1. The tournament was cancelled after the first day due to rain, which made the fields unsafe, ending K-State's season as a top 16 team in the nation.

"We were all pretty happy because some of these games were so good that it took all of us to actually make it to the Sweet Sixteen. We definitely came together as a team and just did well," Jonathan Danielsen, junior in psychology, said "We were actually supposed to play the defending national champs our next game and honestly, we were all ready for it."

After the conclusion of its fall season, the soccer team hosted the Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament on April 4-6. The team was proud of their success and the way they represented the university.

"We kind of epitomize K-State in a way," Drumm said. "We're not the most talented group of guys out there. We're not fast, we're all small, but we work really well together and we all work hard. That's kind of how we do it."

Rival schools go head-to-head in battle to claim state

Sunflower Showdown

By Shelby Brunk

The rivalry between the University of Kansas and Kansas State University could be traced back to 1860 when both battled to become the first land-grant university.

Since then, KU and K-State traveled the 84 miles between Manhattan and Lawrence to compete for a total of 103 years, which made the rivalry the fifth-longest active series in Division-I collegiate athletics. Every season, roaring fans filled the crowded stands to battle in every Kansan's favorite rivalry.

"You can go through the media guides in both football and basketball and instantly see it's one of the top-10 running rivalries in the NCAA," D. Scott Fritchen, assistant editor for GoPowercat.com, said. "Although it's been lopsided with K-State dominating football and KU dominating hoops over the last 15 years, the in-state fire always burns whenever the Wildcats and Jayhawks tangle- no doubt about it. And it's been like that for generations."

Through the 1930s, the teams were fairly even in basketball until KU began to lead in the 30s and 40s. This included 22 consecutive wins from 1938 to 1947.

That all began to change when both schools were national title contenders for basketball in the 1950s.

"I think a lot of people forget how good it was in basketball in the early 1960s," Rustin Dodd, KU beat reporter for the Kansas City Star, said. "People look at KU as this great basketball tradition, but K-State was one of the top 10 to 20 programs in the country."

KU and K-State upgraded its facilities during the 1950s as well. Moving from Nichols Hall, K-State opened Ahearn Field House, which was one of the largest basketball facilities of its time. In response to Ahearn, KU began to move from their converted stage in Hoch Auditorium to construct Allen Fieldhouse in 1955.

While fans were shaking up the state in the 1950s, a new type of rivalry began in the late 1980s when two big names arrived on KU and K-State's campuses. Roy Williams accepted his position as head basketball coach at KU, following Larry Brown's departure, until 2003 when Bill Self then took over to continue the tradition. All the while, football fans were cheering on the Wildcats because of their new hire of head coach Bill Snyder in 1989 who was then re-hired in 2009.

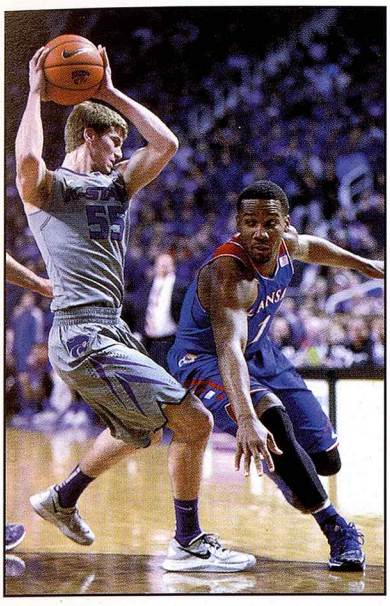
The time of Snyder and Williams' arrivals put both teams on the map in basketball and football as national contenders. This, in turn, created a divide amongst KU losing in football and winning in basketball and K-State seeing the opposite.

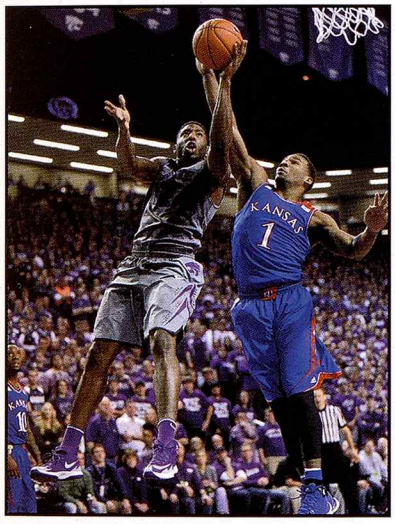
"Although K-State/KU is always heated within the state, you'll likely find the rivalry lacks relevance to both of the coasts just because of K-State's dominance in football and KU's dominance in basketball," Fritchen said.

Many fans argued that this was the way the rivalry would continue for years- until Feb. 10 when K-State students stormed the court against an 85-82 overtime upset against KU in the teams' 279th basketball match.

Omari Lawrence, senior guard and graduate student in family studies and communication services, said the win was a great feeling after losing to KU in basketball since Feb. 14, 2011.

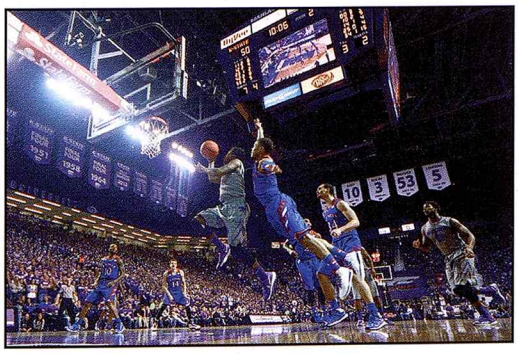
"I was happy the fans were into the game," Lawrence said. "Everybody played well collectively. I think the fans make it a bigger game than what it is. It is just another game for me."











Top left Will Spradling, senior in mangement and guard for Kansas State University, keeps the ball away from KU guard Wayne Selden, Jr. in Bramlage Coliseum on Feb. 10. **Middle left** Thomas Gipson, junior in family studies and human services and forward for K-State, takes a dunk against KU on Feb. 10. **Far left** Glenn Gronkowski, junior in marketing, outruns KU cornerback Dexter McDonald to score K-State's third touchdown on Nov. 30. **Left** Nigel Johnson, freshman in business administration and guard, scores a layup. **Above** Dylan Shellenberg, senior in management and defensive back, tackles KU wide receiver. *Photos by Parker Robb*

Campus is named eighth fittest in nation

Work it Wildcats

By Ellen Bodine

According to The Active Times, an online magazine, Kansas State University ranked eighth out of 50 fittest colleges in the country for having "one of the most massive college rec centers" along with the recently added "Wildcat Wellness Coalition."

Allison Thomas, freshman in public relations, said the ranking did not surprise her.

"[K-State is] a popular school for fitness and health," Thomas said. "A lot of students take pride in staying healthy."

Every year, around 88 percent of the student population visited the Peters Recreation Complex (the rec), taking advantage of a rock climbing wall, a gym, a variety of group fitness classes and cardio and weight equipment. John Wondra, associate director of recreational services, said that the ranking brought more publicity to the rec center.

"The ranking was exciting for us," Wondra said. "Just to recognize what our staff does and the renovation on the rec center."

He added that the ranking made students more aware of the services available to them at the rec.

"Overall, the student body is very active," Wondra said. "I hope they will utilize all the facilities."

Aaron O'Connor, freshman in athletic training, who utilized the rec center six days a week, said that along with the equipment at the rec, there was also a large social component to visiting.

"There is a lot of volume here," O'Connor said. "Overall, this place is never really dead. People pay thousands to go to a private gym and they really don't get the social interaction you can get here."

Along with the rec center, The Active Times also said the Wildcat Wellness Coalition contributed to the ranking by shining "a light on health and wellness issues related to the campus community."

The Coalition, started early in the year, was a collaboration hosted by the Recreational Center, Lafene Health Center and Counseling Services. Megan Clark, the Coalition's rec representative, said their purpose was to "promote wellness with physical fitness, stress management and preventative measures." Clark said the future goals of the Coalition include targeting the whole university with materials and flyers to promote awareness, along with hosting workshops.

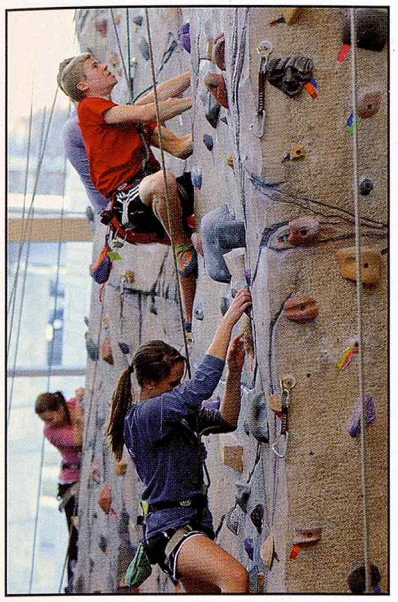
"[The Coalition] is still in its early stages, but the ideas are there," Clark said. "We still have tons of room to grow."

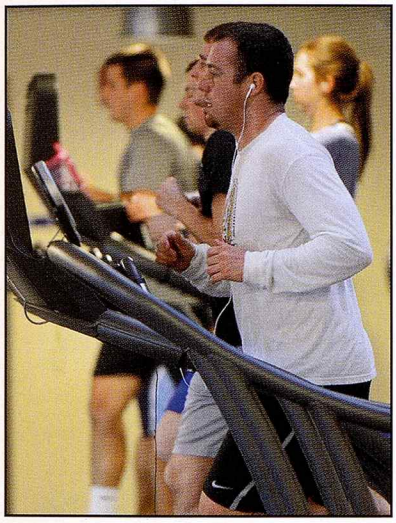
Clark said although the Coalition had already received some positive feedback from students and staff, the article helped to market the Coalition.

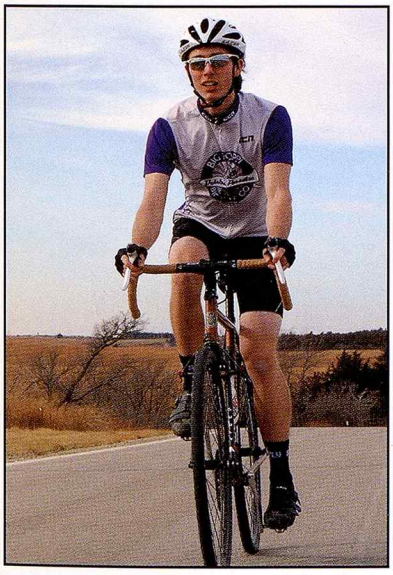
It really boosted awareness," Clark said. "Students are interested and want to get involved."

Clark added that the community surrounding K-State contributed to the students' fitness.

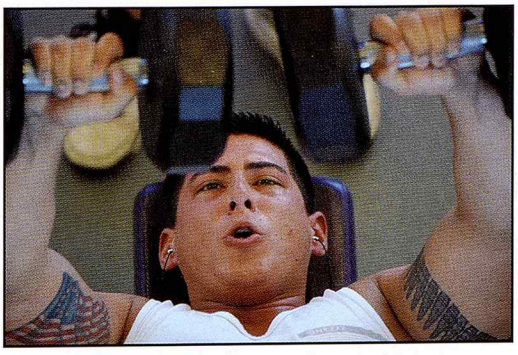
"As a whole, compared to other schools, Manhattan is a really active town in itself," Clark said.











Top left Students travel up the rock wall during an open climbing period at the Peters Recreation Complex (the rec) complex on Dec. 17. **Middle left** Students and Manhattan residents exercise by running on treadmills Dec. 17 at the rec. **Far left** Chris Davis, sophomore in geography, charges up a hill on Deep Creek Road on an unusually warm and nice day on Dec. 18. **Left** Brian King, sophomore in construction science, pumps iron at the rec on Dec.17. *Photos by Parker Robb*
Above Two students jog through the Konza Prairie on Oct. 12. *Photo by Josh Staab*

For the Love of the Game

Basketball manager goes above and beyond for team

By Shelby Brunk

Jacob Anderson picked up a basketball at age 3 and never looked back.

Anderson, a sophomore in family studies and human services, brought everything he had to the court to serve the Kansas State men's basketball team as a manager.

When Anderson was young he began developing a love for the game that never equated to other sports he was involved in. Once he entered his junior year of high school, and grew from 5'7" to 6'6", he started getting involved more in his high school's basketball team, Blue Valley Northwest in Overland Park, Kan.

"I started playing a lot more and I decided to manage for my high school team my senior year," Anderson said.

Anderson decided to carry his game to K-State by managing the basketball team his freshman year. Unlike the average student, Anderson's day began with drills, reviewing basketball film and assisting coaches with drawing up plays for upcoming games.

"I help with practice drills, anything really. It is the day-to-day operations I assist with the most," Anderson said.

Anderson said the biggest challenge was time management. Learning how to balance a school schedule along with a passion that gave Anderson the tools he needed for his career was a continuation. His hard work persisted, and many friends, co-workers and teammates noticed Anderson's dedication on and off the court.

"Jake [Jacob] works well with my schedule," Darrell Johnson, sophomore in business and forward for K-State Men's Basketball team, said. "He will put in extra hours and go to the gym with me. It is good to have someone who loves the game just as much as you do."

Anderson said being focused was more important because it would help him reach his future goals, which was obtaining a master's degree in school counseling and coaching basketball.

"I get about 20 minutes of free time a day," Anderson said. "I usually stay [at the gym] through 7 p.m., homework and the go to bed. It helps because there is less time to goof off and I do better when I am in sports."

Dennan Morrow, men's basketball graduate assistant, said the time a manager must dedicate is excessive and that a love for the game, and K-State basketball, must be apparent. Morrow believed Anderson had what it took to become a successful leader for the team.

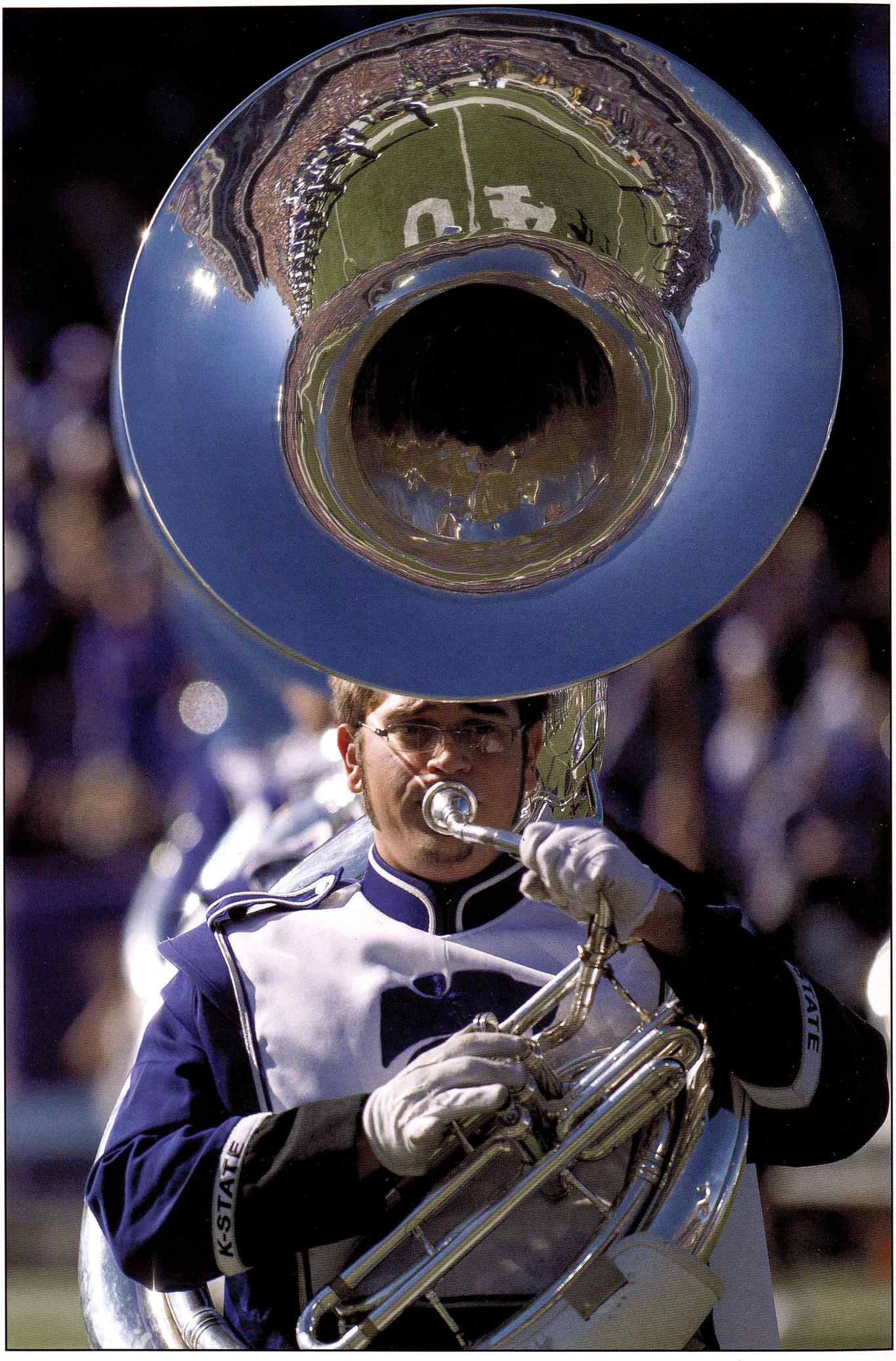
"He is a big help around here, not just for the team, but for the coaching staff as well," Morrow said.

To achieve his dreams, Anderson believed he was gaining the important components to be successful in his own profession.

"I get to help the team while also building relationships to help further my career. I know I can use a lot of people here as a reference," Anderson said.



Jacob Anderson, basketball manager, spins a ball on his finger after a workout with the team.
Photo by Chandler Riley



A band member performs at the pregame show before the football game against West Virginia, on Oct. 26. in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Pride of Wildcat Land

University band performs to impress fans and continue traditions

By Adam Suderman

Inside the doors of McCain Auditorium was a Kansas State University family that stood the test of time – since 1887. It experienced its ups and downs, created its successes with hours upon hours of work and were in no mood to fail. This family was the K-State Marching Band, better known as the "Pride of the Wildcat Land."

Dr. Frank Tracz, professor of music and director of bands, took on the challenge in fall 1993, knowing it would be an uphill climb. Tracz said that at the beginning of his K-State career, the band was in need of some care and attention.

"There was nothing here," Tracz said. "Nobody wanted to come here. There was no recruiting system and there was nothing to attract students. It was a ripe place. The vineyard was ready and the fields were ready to be picked. It just needed some tender loving care."

With about 115 band members involved upon his arrival, Tracz was not left empty-handed. Tracz said that the university sold itself.

"This is a unique place, people-wise," Tracz said. "I've been around the country in different places and visited different parts of the country quite a bit. There is no place like it. People don't believe when I tell them the support and the things that we get."

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Far top Assistant drum major, Brett Eichman, senior in music education, conducts during the Les Misérables halftime show at the football game against West Virginia, on Oct. 26, in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. **Above** Owen Moore, sophomore in food science, shows his Wildcat pride at the pregame pep band before the K-State vs. UMass football game on Sept. 14 in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. **Right** The Pride of Wildcat Land marches onto the field for the pre-game show at the football game against West Virginia on Oct. 26, in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*



The drumline show off their skills during the Les Misérables halftime show at the football game against West Virginia, on Oct. 26, in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Within a band's leadership structure came a special bond between director and student. Beyond that relationship was the drive and the direction given by the marching band's three drum majors.

Amy Kraus, senior in music education, Brett Eichman, senior in music education and Jordan Parker, junior in pre-medicine biology and gerontology, all grew up with great interest in music. Although they came from different backgrounds, they shared passion to lead and communicate the marching band's abilities.

The work load and schedule for the trio was one that presented its fair share of challenges. Despite the extra effort required, it was an opportunity Eichman, assistant drum major, said was well worth the responsibility.

"You have to have a passion for it," Eichman said. "We spend countless hours in a week preparing, and if you don't love it, it would seem not worth it."

In the fall semester, the band focused its vision around providing the game day experience that K-State supporters loved. What went into these days were hours of work that few others, besides marching band members, knew about.

"[Practice] starts considerably before that," Kraus, lead drum major, said of the football season performances. "We do a week-long camp of three-a-day practices before school starts. Most often it's from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day."

Tracz recognized the challenges that band camp brought to his students, but he also knew it was a road that was conquerable.

"It's more challenging now to motivate them," Tracz said. "To get students to stand outside in 100-degree temperatures for a number of hours to go through things and use basic human needs like water as a reward– it's something that you need. But if you can do that and apply yourself to that, you can do anything. Honest to God, you can do anything. I think most of them get that."

On a game day, the three drum majors met with band staff, as well as coordinators from the cheerleading team and graduate students from the band program. Plans and preparations began roughly six to seven hours prior to the start of the football game.

"Every section has warm-ups that they do on the field just to get them ready for the rehearsal," Eichman said. "We usually do a one-to-two hour rehearsal before the game. We usually start with our halftime show, do our basics and warm-ups as well as a few run-throughs of the pregame routine."

Having to lead nearly 400 marching band members may have seemed daunting, but Parker, first-year assistant drum major, said it was one she enjoyed sharing with Eichman and Kraus.

Being able to put in the hours and present in front of more than 50,000 K-State fans was an experience Eichman said was hard to comprehend but more than worth it.

"It's definitely exhilarating," Eichman said. "Every time you step on the field, you'd think you would get used to it. But right before, you're standing there waiting to go on, or when you first run on, there's music playing and everybody is cheering and yelling and waiting for those taps to happen. There is a lot of anticipation. You look around you and there is purple everywhere and everyone's going crazy."

Tracz said providing that on field experience for his band and the purple-clad fans was a great feeling.

"What the band and cheerleaders do for students at football and basketball games makes it quite different from professional sports," Tracz said. "There is a lot of spirit and there is a lot of ownership. This is their band and this is their university."


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Bouncing Back

Women's basktball player rejoins team following injury

By Laura Parker

Ashia Woods, junior in business marketing and guard for Kansas State University's women's basketball team, stepped onto the court for a drill during team practice in January 2013.

The coaches were displeased with the team's execution of the drill and required the players to do extra running. As Woods reached to tap the floor at the end of a sprint, she overextended and snapped her Achilles tendon.

While her injury appeared a major setback, Woods improved as a player mentally and her coaches took notice.

"I think [her injury] has made her turn the corner more than anything else," Kami Ethridge, assistant head coach of K-State's women's basketball team, said. "The reality that everything was taken away from her gave her urgency to make an impact."

Despite her Achilles tear, Woods continued to attend practice. She went to rehab an hour before practices six days a week and progressed to complete stationary basketball exercises with her trainer. She took advantage of her time to recover and to observe from the sidelines.

"It's gotten a lot better," Woods said. "I've been more attentive to other things from watching and listening to the coaches."

Woods kept optimistic to support incoming freshmen and returning teammates.

"I've been trying to stay positive," Woods said. "I help them and encourage them and try to be a helpful role play."

Woods' teammates reciprocated her support. She was especially encouraged by her best friend and teammate, Haley Texada, junior in social sciences.

"She's been a trooper. Any injury stinks to have and she's had the longest injury of anybody," Texada said. "We weren't expecting her to be back as soon as she was. I'm really proud of her."

As she rejoined the game, late fall, Woods was readily welcomed by her teammates and coaches.

"Her growth and maturity, and now her competitiveness, has brought a whole 'nother dimension to our team," Ethridge said. "She now has a mental hunger for the game to compete and to potentially maximize everything she can be as a player. We are unbelievably excited to have her back on the court."

Ethridge looked up to Woods' maturity and positivity throughout her recovery, expressing that she has grown to be a leader on the team.

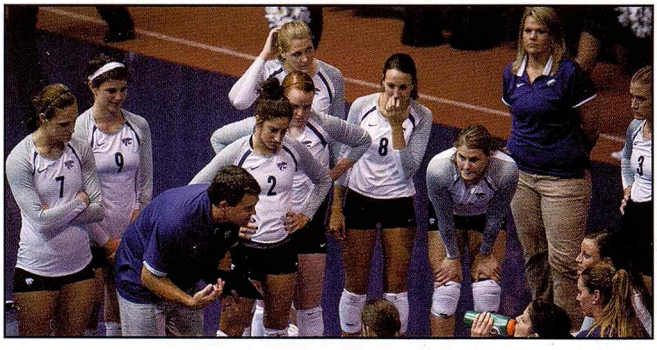
"I appreciate her honesty and not hiding who she is or what she's thinking. She will admit if she messes up. She's really honest about who she is," Ethridge said. "It's really great to coach someone like that."

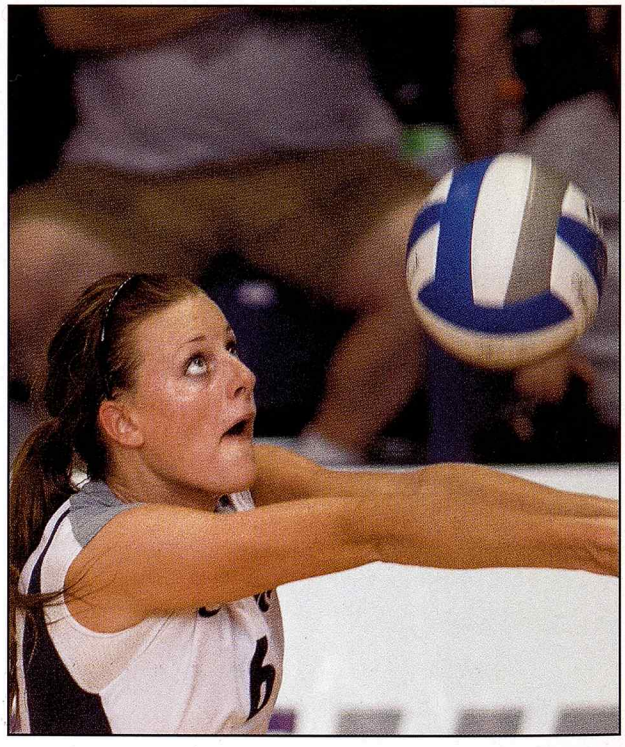
Woods benefited from a new perspective.

"I've coped with it well and learned so much from it," Woods said.

Ashia Woods, junior in business marketing, stands in the Basketball Training Facility on Jan. 16. Woods was beginning to practice with the team again after an injury left her out of the game at the start of the season. *Photo by Shelby Brunk*

Kaitlynn Pelger, senior, bumps the ball during the Sept. 10 game against Tulsa in Ahearn Field House. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*





Above Associate Coach Jeff Grove talks to the women during the Sept. 24 game against the Italian U-23 National Team in Ahearn Field House. **Right** Red shirt freshman setter Katie Brand bumps the ball to a teammate on Sept. 7 at Ahearn Fieldhouse. Brand was named MVP of the Wildcat Invitational as the Wildcats swept all three teams in three sets each. *Photos by Emily DeShazer*

Distance Demons

Team struggles with playing away from home court

By Shelby Brunk

The sound of a tumultuous and fulminating crowd; rising to their feet, lifting newspapers, chopped and sliced into millions of pieces into the air as the home team entered the court was the irreplaceable aspect of the game for Kansas State University Women's Volleyball team.

Finishing the season 18-11, the volleycats had an impeccable record for the first month of their season, which was due to several home court advantages.

"Beginning, I think the start of our season was awesome," Taylor Johnson, middle blocker and senior in marketing, said. "Then obviously adversity got in our way and we struggled."

Johnson said the struggles the women faced on the road was largely due to "not being able to get it going and have the crowd behind us."

"People bleed purple and they come out and support us. We feed off of that," Johnson said. "There is nothing greater than K-State fans. When we were home we were great and people appreciate that."

Coach Suzie Fritz said the teams performance while at home did not compare to the competitiveness while away.

"We felt really good while we were at home," Fritz said. "We just couldn't figure out how to win on the road. Frankly, we weren't the same team while on the road from a performance aspect."

Fritz said the women worked hard to overcome their struggle on the road as the season continued.

"Everybody knew we had to figure out how we were going to be a better road team," Fritz said. "It never really felt like we figured out how we were going to do that."

Fritz said the objectives that the team wished to meet was to place in the top third of the Big 12 and progressively work towards gaining post-season play in the NCAA tournament. Fritz's objectives were not met during the 2013 season, but Katie Brand, red shirt freshman and setter in life sciences, believed the 2014 season would be focused on making herself a leader.

"Personally, for myself, the expectations are so much higher," Brand said. "My leadership role goes up because we did lose six seniors and just what I do, everything needs to go up."

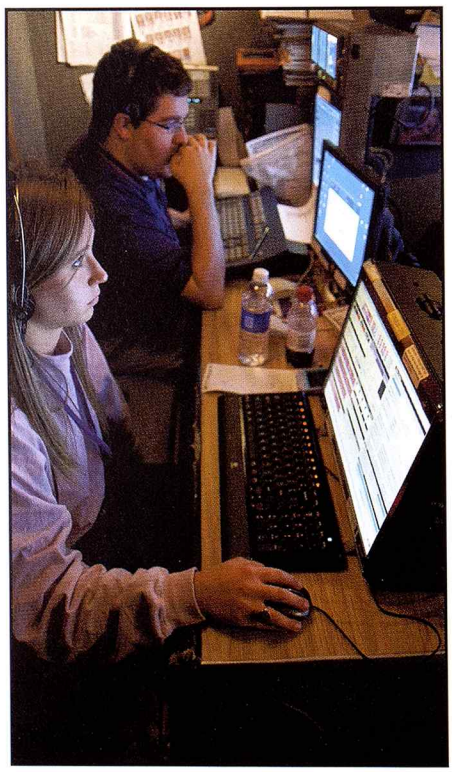
Brand, a 2013 preseason Big 12 Co-Freshman of the year and a member of the Academic All-Big 12 First Team, hoped to lead the next season by example.

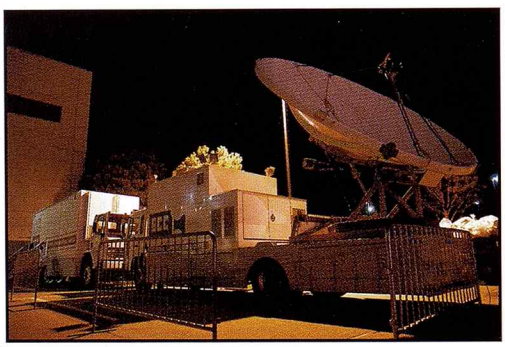
"Being demanding, but being giving," Brand said. "We talk about being a family more and I think that is a big part of leadership, making sure that everybody feels comfortable and were all clicking by the time season starts."

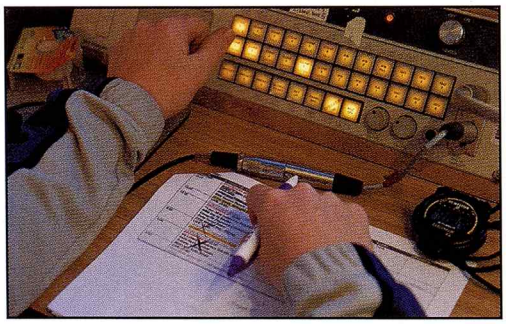
Fritz hoped to better the 2014 season by focusing on team culture to help new members of the team understand exactly how the ladycats worked.

"We are reestablishing how this new team wants to look," Frtiz said. "It's not about just coming in and playing volleyball everyday, you have to come in and figure out how you are going to get 18 women to get along and move in the same direction at the same time. It's a challenge."

Andy Liebsch, assistant director of video services, directs his cameramen to the shots he wants during the women's basketball game against Iowa State on Jan. 18. *Photo by Parker Robb*







Far left Emily Kaempfe, junior in mass communications, updates stats continuously throughout the basketball game for use on the scoreboard and popup stats overlaying the broadcast video, while Matt Jordan, technician, creates other graphics in which to convey information to viewers on Jan. 18. **Top left** For basketball games which are produced in-house, the K-StateHD.TV crew produces the broadcast from within these trucks parked at the top of the tunnel on the south side of Bramlage Coliseum. **Bottom left** Andrew Liebsch, assistant director of video services, runs down the list of commercials and what is being shown during the broadcast's halftime show, while pushing a button to speak with one of his cameramen within Bramlage. *Photos by Parker Robb*

News-worthy Network

University sports station has wide reach

By Anna Shippy

Keeping Wildcat fans across the globe up to date on the latest Kansas State University sports was the mission that led director Brian Smoller and his staff to develop K-StateHD.TV, an online sports network.

After rumors surfaced of a Texas Longhorn network, Smoller knew he and his team had to step up and create some competition. After extensive planning throughout 2010, the program partnered with CBSSports.com and officially launched in 2011.

"When we first started, it was tough to find willing people who we could train to learn all the stuff it took to become a professional sports network," Smoller said. "Now we have a full staff and a large number of students who really want to gain the experiences we provide."

During the spring of 2012, the network's second semester on air, it was picked up by Fox, making K-StateHD.TV the first school network produced by students to be distributed nationally on a television channel. This year, the network climbed to nearly 30 events getting aired on Fox throughout the year, as well as six 30-minute shows, including the Bill Snyder Show. All of the network's content was also aired on their website.

"Women's basketball, baseball and volleyball are the live events we carry," Smoller said. "We also do one football game a year. Each football game we do has been the single most watched event on CBS sports network for the last three years."

Smoller said one of the best parts about K-StateHD.TV was the real-world experience it provided to the students working for the network.

"Students who work for us walk out of here knowing how to use the equipment they use in the professional world in places, such as Los Angeles," Smoller said. "It's neat because you can get kids in here and get them working really fast, and then see the growth they make from the day they walk in, to when they graduate knowing they have a promising career ahead."

Gardner Jordan, junior in journalism and mass communications, had been working for K-StateHD.TV since the fall of his freshman year in 2011. He was a camera operator for football and did technical directing for several other sports.

"K-StateHD.TV has given me so much experience in what I want to do when I graduate," Jordan said. "Classes can only teach you so much. As a student you have to get involved in a program like this to gain experience and learn a lot more than just a class can teach you. Without K-StateHD.TV, I would only know the bare minimum. My resume will look great when leaving K-State because of all the experiences I have gotten here."

Junior in journalism and mass communications, Stephanie Peterson, began working for the network in October 2012. Her primary position was running graphics and editing video packages.

"Working for K-StateHD.TV gave me a way to assimilate into K-State as a freshman," Peterson said. "I was able to make connections to other people and the athletic department immediately. Plus, I am constantly creating projects that I can add to my portfolio thanks to the real-world experience I gain here. This doesn't just include the technical aspect. It also includes becoming accustomed to deadlines and the work environment. This job has been one of the best and most beneficial things that has ever happened to me."

K-StateHD.TV continued to remain in the number one spot, and had been working to further push the K-State brand worldwide.

"Whatever we can do to push the positivity of K-State athletics we do," Smoller said. "Parents can watch their athletes from other states, soldiers in the Philippines, people from all across the world have written us saying thank you for being able to follow the Wildcats. We want to give K-State fans what they want most-- as much coverage of their favorite sports team as possible."

Men's basketball team beats in-state rivals, bonds throughout season

Hooping with Heart

By Alyssa Lally

The Kansas State University men's basketball season was a season of growth for the Wildcats. Coming off a Big 12 championship in the 2012-2013 season, the Wildcats looked to keep momentum.

A highlight of the season for both players and fans was the win against the University of Kansas in February.

"It was just a high level game, good basketball," Nino Williams, senior in social sciences and forward, said. "It's always good when the crowd rushes. It's just good to get the students involved in your win."

Even though he was injured in the game, Shane Southwell, senior in communications and guard, said he was proud of his teammates for pulling out a win against KU in overtime. Southwell said the fans rushing the court is something he will remember for the rest of his life.

"I couldn't feel my injury once the fans came down; I made a pretty quick jump over the table," Southwell said.

As proud as Coach Bruce Weber was of the win over KU, he felt the team had a lot of other milestones it reached during the season as well.

"I don't think there's any doubt the Kansas game is a highlight. You know you're beating the number one team," Weber said. "The thing I don't want it to be is the only good thing we did this season so it was a really nice, shining moment- a really great memory for our guys."

Southwell said that aside from the KU game, his most memorable moment of the season was when Marcus Foster, freshman in business, made a 34 point game against Texas.

"That was really special for me, special for him, and special for our program and our team," Southwell said.

Southwell said in 2013 that he and his teammates grew not only as players, but also as people.

"I've definitely matured as a person; my thought process is a lot quicker, smarter, in terms of making the right decisions. I'm not even just talking on the court, I'm talking about in life. Just doing my best as a person and out on the court, just being more disciplined and just a faster year in terms of going to the gym as much as I can to work on my game," Southwell said. "I don't think I could have done it if I was in a big city. I think Manhattan has really helped me."

Will Spradling, senior in management and guard, said he was proud of the season's senior class and that the biggest challenge of the season for him was figuring out how to be a leader to his younger teammates.

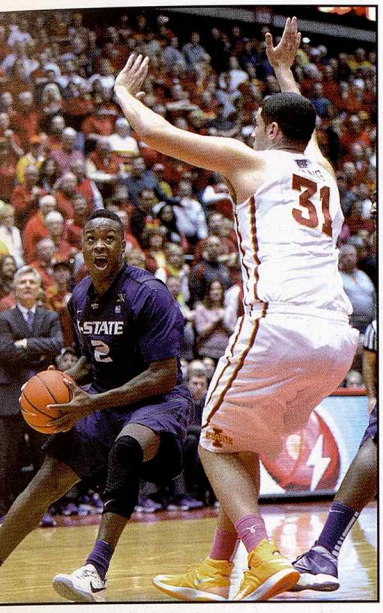
"Being such a new team, a lot of new players added, coming together and learning our roles is why we struggled in the beginning, but we really got it together and made a good rally," Spradling said.

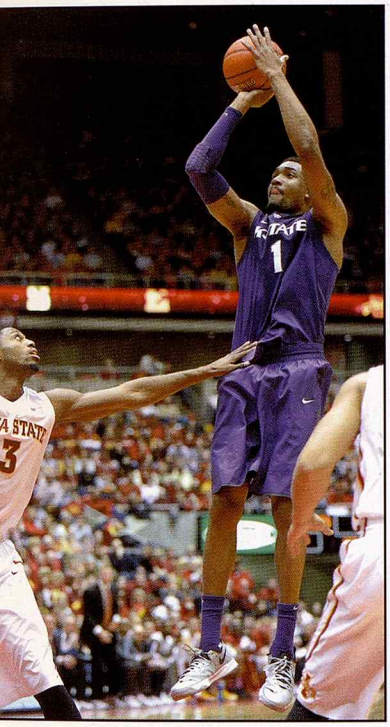
Weber said he was proud the Wildcats found their rhythm to become a stronger team.

"They've come together as a group, they've all improved and as a coach, that's what you're looking for," Weber said. "It really was a whole new team. We had to put it in the mixing bowl and figure it out. We've made some strides."

The Wildcats said they hoped for a shot at the NCAA tournament this season, but in a harsh match up with the University of Kentucky, the Cats lost in the first round 56-49.









Right Thomas Gipson, junior in family studies and human services, dunks the basketball at the Kansas State University vs. University of Kansas game in Bramlage Colesium on Feb. 10. **Top** Marcus Foster, freshman in business and forward, prepares to go up for one of several missed jumpers during the second half of K-State's 81-75 loss to the Cyclones Jan. 25 in Ames, Iowa. **Above** Shane Southwell, senior in communications and guard, attempts a jumper during the second half of the Wildcats' 81-75 loss to Iowa State on Jan. 25 in Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

Photos by Parker Robb

Cross Country team enters season with positive attitudes

High Hopes

By Kaylee Engle

With many returning runners and talented freshmen, the men and women cross country teams entered its seasons with high hopes and expectations.

The women's team brought back four top 30 Big 12 contenders including two NCAA Championship qualifiers to lead the team: Martina Tresch, senior in life sciences, and Laura Galvan, junior in social sciences.

"I think that we have a lot of talented people and we work really hard. In practices, you can see that in the times," Galvan said. "It really tells what we have. It's all a matter of going to meets and making it happen."

Starting strong, the women finished first at the J. K. Gold Classic on Sept. 7. They continued their success, finishing third at the Woody Greeno Invitational on Sept. 21, third at the Rim Rock Invitational on Oct. 5 and 30th at the Pre-National Invitational on Oct. 29. The lady runners tied for fifth place at the Big 12 Championship, the first time they've finished in the top 5 at the meet since 2001.

"Like most seasons, there were ups and there were downs and it just so happened that we were up when it counted the most," head coach Michael Smith said. "We aim to be as good as we can at the Big 12 meet. I felt like we were pretty good on that day but not quite all the way there."

The season ended for the women on Nov. 15 at the Midwest Region Championship where they finished 13th. Galvan completed the 6K course in a time of 20:54.20 to finish 16th with Tresch behind her, finishing 29th with a time of 21:13.88, but it wasn't enough to advance to the NCAA Championship.

"The season on a whole was probably not what we had hoped for when you look at all the meets and the postseason, but the Big 12 meet was what we thought it could be," Smith said.

The men's cross country team was fairly young with six freshmen on the roster. Mostly composed of middle distance runners, the team understood that it was unrealistic to expect to compete at the top of the Big 12 conference. Nonetheless, the runners worked diligently to perform to the best of their ability.

"Even though we're not at a level where we would win nationals or anything, we still train hard and aim for the highest and I think that's a really good thing about the team and the people on the team," Fernando Roman, junior in mathematics, said.

The men finished second, third and 16th, respectively, in the first three meets of the season before getting eighth place at the Big 12 Championship. The men's season also concluded at the Pre-National Invitational.

"I think that we have the people in place to compete at a higher level and I would expect going forward that we would," Smith said. "We have very young, talented guys. If they continue to progress and develop then I think we could have higher expectations the next few years."



Ryan Hershner, senior in kinesiology, leads the Wildcats out of the gun. He would go on to finish 9th overall at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence on Oct. 5. *Photo by Josh Staab*



Above Coach Michael Smith talks to the women before the start of their Rim Rock Invitational 6K. The Cats would go on to finish third overall as a team.
Right Two cross country runners fight to the finish line. *Photos by Josh Staab*





Livia Cirnu, freshman in geography, from Constanta, Romania, stands on one of the courts of the new Mike Goss Tennis Stadium during the team's first outdoor practice on Feb. 18. *Photo by Parker Robb*

American Advantages

Tennis player adjusts to America and college simultaneously

By Anna Shippy

Making the adjustment from the high school to collegiate level in athletics was a transition all freshman team members of any sport had to do. But for freshman tennis player Livia Cirnu, adapting to a new country and culture was also on the list.

Cirnu grew up and attended high school in Constanta, Romania before deciding to come to college at Kansas State University. Starting the sport when she was just five years old, Cirnu has been on the tennis court for almost 15 years.

"My parents wanted me to start out just for fun when I was young and then get more and more serious and competitive as I grew up," Cirnu said.

Part of her plan included possibly playing in college and after one of her previous coaches gave her email to head coach Steve Bietau, Cirnu began looking at K-State.

"I really liked Steve and the way we were able to communicate," Cirnu said. "I knew K-State was a good Divison I school and there was another girl from Romania coming here, so when Steve told me he wanted to offer me a scholarship to play tennis, I decided this was where I belonged."

Cirnu had a strong season and according to Coach Bietau, was able to win when it counted.

"What makes Livia stand out is her ability to play well under pressure," Bietau said. "There have been times when maybe the momentum is going against us and she's been able to play the deciding matches and come out with a win to clench the final fourth point."

Cirnu said she wasn't quite sure what to expect when joining the team, but her success helped her adapt and build confidence.

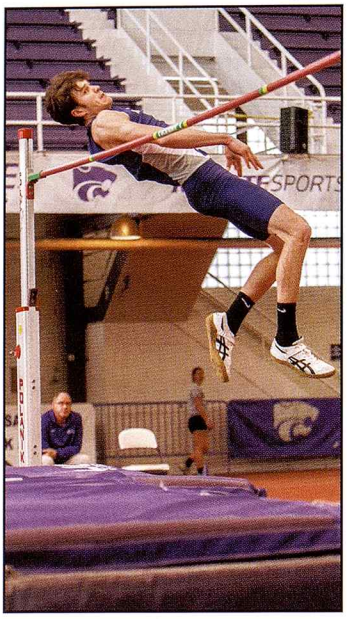
"My success is not only good for myself, but for the team as a whole," Cirnu said. "I'm just going to keep working hard and stay focused and hope it pays off."

Playing matches at home where fans came and supported the team excited Cirnu for the season.

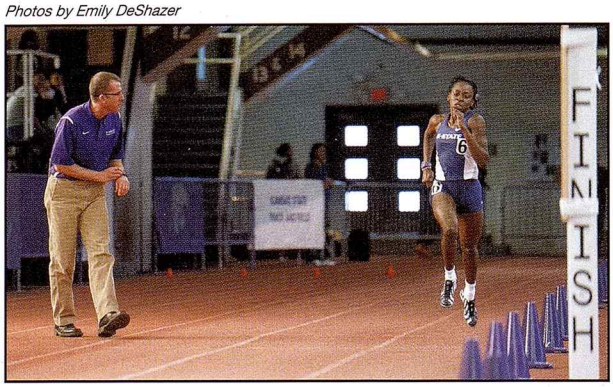
"We're really happy when people come to encourage us," Cirnu said. "The new tennis facility is nice because there's plenty of seating for the fans. The more, the merrier."

After a successful season, Cirnu was simply grateful for the opportunity she was given to come play in America.

"I'm really thankful for the opportunity to be a part of K-State and play tennis at this level," Cirnu said. "I'm extremely happy with all of my coaches and teammates because we all get along really well, which makes for a great team environment."



Left Miles Bearden, freshman in agribusiness, attempts the high jump at the Kansas State University Invitational in Ahearn Field House on Jan. 25. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger* **Below** Assistant track head coach Mike Smith urges mid distance runner Sonia Gaskin, sophomore in social sciences, during one of the last laps of her 800 meter run. **Bottom** Kain Ellis, freshman in kinesiology and distance runner, rounds a curve in his one mile race that he finished second in at the K-State Invitational. Ellis finished with a time of 4:21.66.
Photos by Emily DeShazer





Leaps and Bounds

Track and field team has extraordinary season

By Alyssa Lally

The Kansas State University track and field season was one that held many personal successes for its athletes. The fall indoor season brought victories and the spring outdoor season sent more athletes to the Big 12 championship.

As a team, the track and field team broke the school record for most points scored in a meet.

"I think that was a big accomplishment due to the amount of people we actually had," Devin Dick, senior in agribusiness, said.

Dick had an exceptional season. He was awarded the Wilma Rudolph Student Athletic Achievement Awarded and qualified for nationals in the heptathlon.

"I was borderline on making it to nationals and I got the call from our coach saying that, 'You were ranked 17th,' and I go in to nationals," Dick said.

For Carlos Rodriguez, senior in social sciences, his greatest achievement was breaking K-State's school record in the outdoor 200- meter. Rodriguez also broke the school record in the indoor 300- meter, but said that he held the 200- meter as his favorite moment.

"I consider it my best moment. I consider outdoor more exciting because it's actually track and field season; the weather's better and the competition is better, so I think breaking the record in the 200- meter outside was better," Rodriguez said.

Dick and Rodriguez were both placed on the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association Indoor All-American second team.

Other athletes had impressive and even surprising triumphs during the season. Erica Twiss, senior in elementary education, qualified for nationals in the 400 hurdles, which she did not usually compete in.

"I had only raced it once that year before the Big 12, so it was kind of, not really a part of the plan and I ended up qualifying for nationals," Twiss said.

Twiss said she did not do as well at nationals as she hoped and that her goal was to not let the pressure and excitement get to her.

"I think I was mostly overwhelmed with getting there and one of my main goals for this year is not just having the goal of getting there but actually doing something while I'm there," Twiss said.

Rodriguez said the track and field team's most impressive feat was qualifying for the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship 4x100 relay.

"That sensation of making it to the NCAA championship as a 4x100, it was very exciting and I know it was a young team; three of the guys on the team were freshmen. So I know that moment, for them, was really special and I was glad to just be able to help them to make it to the meet," Rodriguez said.

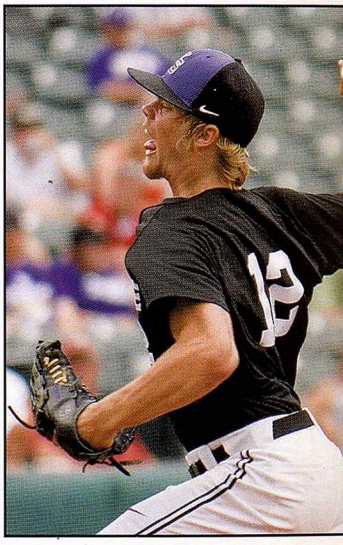
Dick said that the entire team needed to mature to continue success in 2014.

"We have a very very young team. We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores and not a lot of upperclassmen, so I think we have a lot of potential in the future, but it's just kind of developing our athletes to get to that point, getting them out of the freshman/ sophomore slump to getting them to actually produce points," Dick said.

Rodriguez added that even the upperclassmen had work to do to ensure the 2014 would be even better than the 2013 season.

"We're trying to go to the next level, everybody, there's always room to improve," Rodriguez said. "Maybe some people have to improve small things, other people have to improve bigger things, but we're if we're trying to compete at a higher level, at an NCAA level, I think everybody should improve personal events."

Left Kansas State University shortstop Lance Miles, sophomore in business administration. leaps over Baylor University second baseman Lawton Langford to throw to first during the 13-9 win over the Bears at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark during the Big 12 Championship game on April 17. **Below** Jake Matthys, sophomore in sociology and pitcher, throws a pitch to a University of Oklahoma hitter on May 25 in Oklahoma City, Okla. **Bottom** The K-State baseball team yells in excitement as they hoist the Big 12 Championship trophy after defeating Oklahoma on May 17. **Bottom left** Jon Davis, senior, watches his hit fly on May 24 at the Big 12 Championship Tournament in Oklahoma. *Photos by Emily DeShazer*







Pitching for Glory

Baseball season ends on high note

By Alyssa Lally

In 2013, Kansas State University baseball defeated Oklahoma to become the Big 12 conference champions for the first time in school histroy.

Baseball was the third team that academic year to lay claim to a Big 12 title; both the football and basketball teams had won the conference title in their seasons. When the baseball team won the Big 12 title, K-Staters affectionately renamed Manhattan, "Titletown" but for the players, being the conference champion meant more than hitting a title trifecta.

"You really don't know how to react," Ross Kivett, senior in communications studies and second baseman, said.

Until 2013, K-State baseball had never won a championship outright. The closest the program had gotten was Big Six co-champions with University of Oklahoma in 1933. The 2012 K-State baseball team ended with a conference record of 7-17. The team was second to last in the Big 12, followed only by Texas Tech. To the 2013 players, the Big 12 championship and a 16-8 conference record was proof of what the team could achieve.

"The year before, we had that disappointing season and that kind of lit a fire beneath us. Just to not let that happen again because that's not something that should've happened to us," Jared Moore, senior in marketing and left-handed pitcher, said.

The conference-winning game against OU was intimidating to some players but the Wildcats knew they had to keep clear heads to win the game and the conference.

"For me it was more of a unique situation because I was calling the pitches. So I felt like that for us to win that game we weren't going be able to score many runs so I had to call a pretty good game to win. And we were able to kind of break through," Blair Debord, senior in marketing and catcher, said.

The 2013 team made a point to make all games throughout the season equal.

"When the lights came on, it was just like any other game," RJ Santigate, senior in secondary education and third baseman, said.

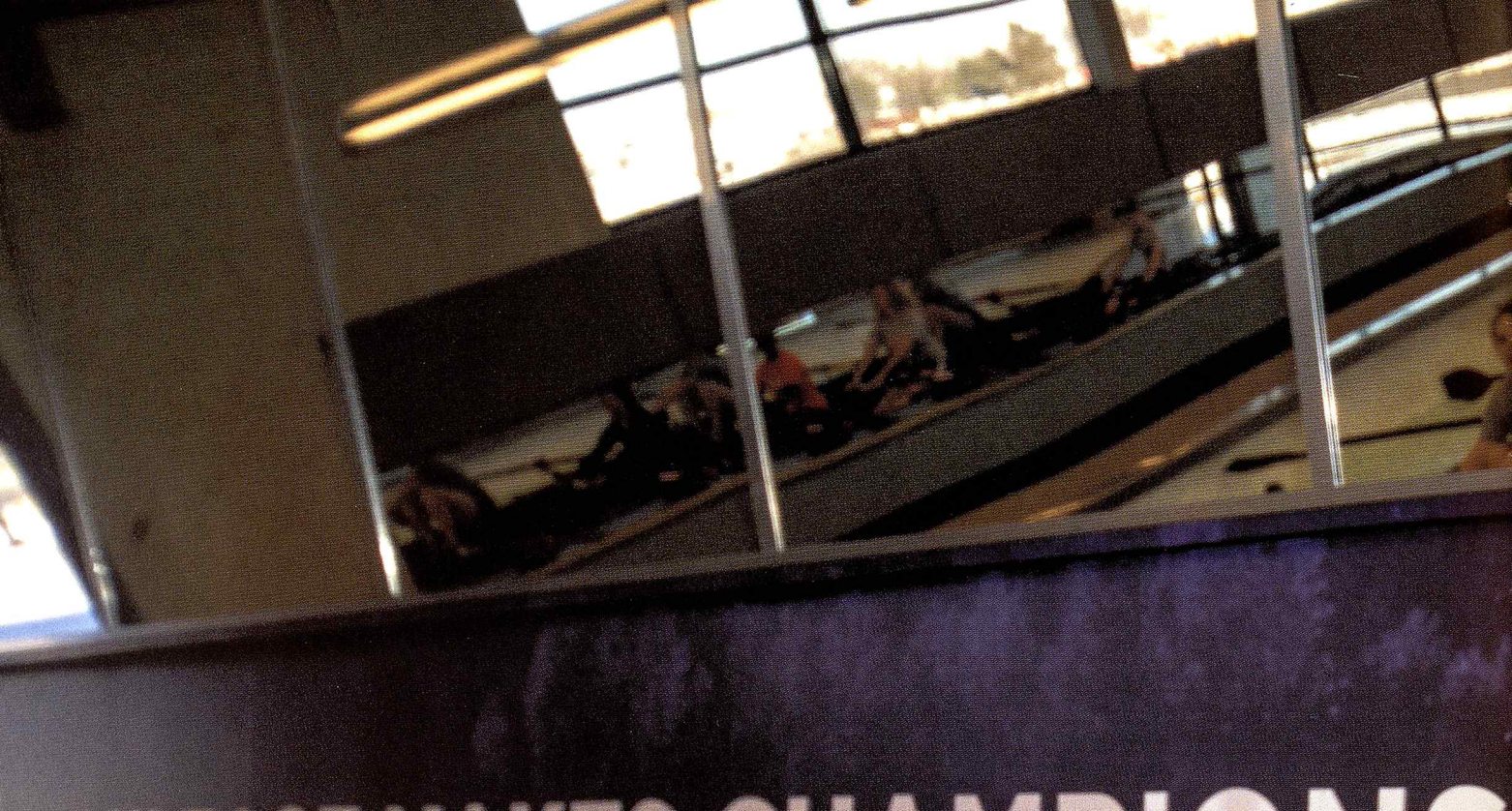
To the team, getting worked up over the consequence of any particular win was merely a distraction.

"Instead of focusing on what could happen, we just focused on getting the win," Moore said

Despite a successful and exciting season, 2013 left unfinished business for the Wildcats. The Wildcats did not progress to the College World Series in Omaha. The team hoped for a trip to the Series in 2014.

"We want to defend the title and to do our best to get to Omaha," Kivett said.

Kivett, who was named Big 12 player of the year, declined a contract with the Cleveland Indians to play for K-State his senior year.



The Coach of Champions

Rowing coach has Olympic and national experience

By Ellen Bodine

When rowing head coach Patrick Sweeney came to Kansas State University 10 years ago, he knew it would be a challenge, which was exactly what he wanted.

"I was looking for a college program and to go somewhere where I had to make something of it," Sweeney said. "I needed a challenge."

Sweeney, originally from England, began rowing when he was still in school. He played rugby in the winter and in the summer he started rowing with some of his rugby teammates. Sweeney stuck with the sport and eventually progressed from competitor to coach.

"It was a natural development from competing to coaching; it overlapped itself," Sweeney said.

As a coach, Sweeney worked with the British, Canadian and Belgium national teams. Sweeney attended six Olympic games, both as a coach and rower and received silver and bronze medals.

After more than 30 years on the road, during which time he got married and had a daughter, Sweeney decided it was time to settle down. When he came to K-State, Sweeney faced a small team—only about twenty women—sparse facilities and poor Kansas weather. He had a lot of work to do before he could make a competitive team.

"The program was not doing very well," Sweeney said. "My job was to come in and build them up."

Recruiting coordinator Grace Ure was part of the rowing team, both as an assistant coach and competitor, for seven years. Ure said that Coach Sweeney taught her valuable lessons about perseverance and patience.

"He also taught me not to get discouraged, as building a team takes time," Ure said.

Ure said that without Sweeney, she would not have had "an opportunity to row or coach."

"Coach Sweeney believed in me," Ure said. "He turned my view of myself and my abilities around."

Part of Sweeney's ability to form a team came from pushing the team to succeed. Allison Tuxhorn, senior in elementary education and fourth year rower, said that Sweeney pushed the team to perform their best.

"He is very particular about what he expects and wants and we all strive for that," Tuxhorn said.

Since his time as head coach, Sweeney strived to get more rowers into the program, make the team more competitive and gain better facilities for practice.

"It's been a slow progression, but once you're making things work, you can ask the athletic department for more," Sweeney said. "We've been improving."

Sweeney felt his experience with coaching college rowing was very different than his experiences with national teams.

"I'm not trying to produce national champions," Sweeney said. "Hopefully the program will give them something to carry throughout their lives."

Sweeney's favorite part about coaching at K-State was that it allowed him to continue his coaching career.

"I'm continuing to do what I've always wanted to do," Sweeney said. "I've been lucky I've been able to what I've wanted to do for 40 plus years."



Patrick Sweeney, a forme[illegible]ympic coach, now coaches for the K-State [illegible]omen's rowing

by Hannah Hunsinger

New club makes the most out of recreational complex renovations

Rockin' Renovations

By Jacinda Dent

In 2007, the student body at Kansas State University voted to expand the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex at a cost of $23 million.

Part of that renovation included adding a 40-foot rock climbing wall and a bouldering rock.

Shortly after the renovations were finished in 2013, the Rock Climbing Club was formed for students who wanted to make the most out of the facilities.

"The club has been building ever since it started. It's always growing, which is nice," Tabitha Wyckoff, sophomore in geology, rock climbing wall instructor and club member, said. "There's always new people coming in."

To be a member or participant in the club, students were required to become certified by the rec center by taking a one-hour class.

Not only was it easy for students to get involved, according to Phiet Nguyen, freshman in mechanical engineering, but belonging to the club had multiple benefits for members.

"I really got into this club because me and my friend were here one day and someone told us we should join the rocking climbing club," Nguyen said. "Besides getting to climb extra hours, it builds endurance, you get to blow off some steam, you get to test yourself. There's some really challenging courses on our wall."

Wyckoff agreed that being a member of the club had advantages and let its participants gain strength and friendships.

"You meet a lot of awesome people. Everyone is super friendly and you can get involved in other activities through them," she said. "It's just good exercise, in general."

Andrew Nelson, adviser for the club, felt that climbing on the rock wall helped prepare students for bigger challenges.

"There's no question that climbing on a rock wall is good preparation for climbing on a rock outside when it comes to strength and technique," Nelson said. "It makes you become more confident in being up 30, 40 feet."

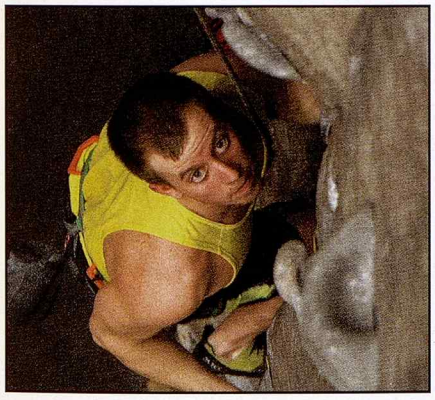
Nelson also had personal motives for becoming club adviser, saying that the rock wall was a great way to reconnect with an old hobby of his.

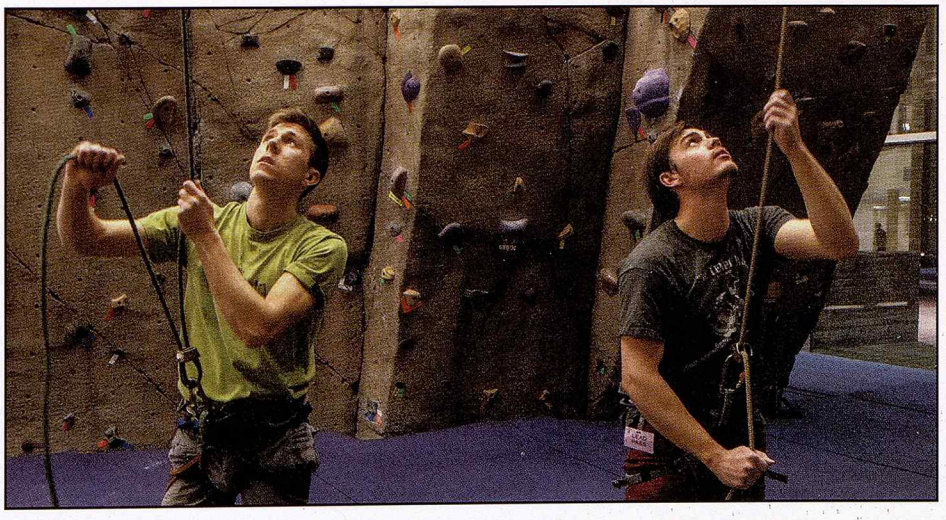
"I lived in Oregon for 10 years and started climbing in 1994," Nelson said. "When they announced they were going to have a rock climbing wall, I thought it would be a great way to get back into it."

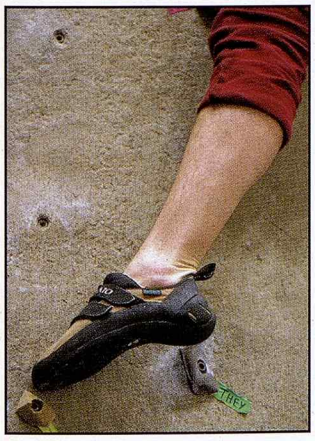
Members of the Rock Climbing Club were allotted special climbing hours in the rec center every week, allowing them to continuously practice their craft.



A Kansas State University Rock Climbing Club member holds onto a clip mounted to the rock wall at the before being belayed down. *Photo by Jenay Unruh*







Top left Jimmy Grant, senior in business managment, checks for the next handhold on his second attempt up the wall on Feb. 19. **Above** Tyler Vollick, fifth year in geography and natural resource enviromental science, and Brendan Heffernan, junior in physics, belays climbers on the wall. **Left** Brendan Heffernan, junior in phsyics, pushes off a foothold while climbing the rock wall at the Chester E. Peters Recreational Complex on Feb. 19. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*

Juggling Act

Dance major juggles profession and classes

By Kaylee Engle

"You can choose the dance, but dance really chooses you." Meredith Olds, senior in theater, said that dance was something she did not think she would have started because of her passion for recreational sports.

"I loved sports so I didn't really think I would start dancing, dance just kind of choose me," Olds said.

Kansas State University offered a theater arts major in dance, along with the option of dance as a minor. The college provided multiple concentrations of dance, including ballet, modern, jazz, tap and musical theatre dance.

But for Olds, the spotlight was where she felt at home. However, the place she called home was accompanied by a hectic and demanding schedule.

"My friends can always tell you there's a saying that says: 'I can't I have a dance.' And sadly it's very true," Olds said. "You can't do certain things."

Olds devoted much of her time to her passion. In addition to taking numerous courses at K-State, she taught classes at Washington Dance Studio in Manhattan. Olds also participated in upcoming shows, including the winter, spring and Student Spotlight dances.

"I'm at the highest level of dance class at K-State currently," Olds said. "We have papers due every so often and not only that we have to research things, but we have to be in class and we have to work out constantly to stay in shape for our class. It's hard because not only do we have to keep our mind sharp with our studies, but we also have our gen ed classes."

Following graduation, Olds had different ideas on how to turn dance passion into a career.

"I want to keep teaching," Olds said. "I could pull out for different companies and possibly have the opportunity performing. I love children. I love dance. By teaching dance to children and adult, to all ages, it's a passion of mine. I love it."

Even with all the time spent and effort dedicated to her major, Olds said she wouldn't have it any other way.

"The life of a dancer is challenging, yet adventuresome. You're always doing something new," Olds said.

Olds passionately danced in an effort to devote her life to the stage.

"I'm constantly learning about myself, about helping others learn about their bodies and how they move and the correct alignment," Olds said. "It's crazy and adventuresome. The life of a dancer is challenging."



Meredith Olds, senior in theatre, poses in the ballet studio in Nichols Hall. *Photo by Katie Johnston*

Equestrian strives to win more competitions

Trotting Titles

By Marie Annexstad

The National Collegiate Equestrian Association, NCEA, was an NCAA sport and the newest sport at Kansas State University, having been added in 2000. Although they did not bounce basketballs, run a race or throw a football, equestrian members considered themselves athletes regardless.

The NCEA athletes were divided into two types of riders; western riders and hunter seat riders. Each wore a different uniform, not unlike any other NCAA athlete wore on game day.

Western riders wore chaps, boots, a tightly creased hat and a button down shirt with a scarf or an embellished blouse. Hunter seat riders sported breeches, a shirt with a rat catcher, a form-fitting jacket and a helmet.

K-State's Equestrian team won three Reserve National Championships and wanted to take home the top prize of a national championship in their 2014 season.

"Coming into this season I had very high expectations. This is a group of girls who are not only extremely talented, but are determined, strong and ready to win," Madison Wayda, junior in animal sciences and hunter seat captain, said.

The team started the season ranked fifth in the nation. Later in the season they rose to number four, fell to number seven and finally took their place back at number five.

Kelly Boviard, senior in psychology and western team captain, competed at the American Quarter Horse Association Collegiate Horsemanship Challenge at the World Show in November.

According to the AQHA website, the show was divided into rounds.

"Round 1, the 16 riders paired off in head-to-head match-ups – as is NCEA protocol – with the winning eight riders moving on to Round 2 for another head-to-head face-off," Boviard said.

The final four were selected and competed for the championship. Boviard made it to the second round before losing by half a point to an Oklahoma State University rider who eventually went on to win the championship.

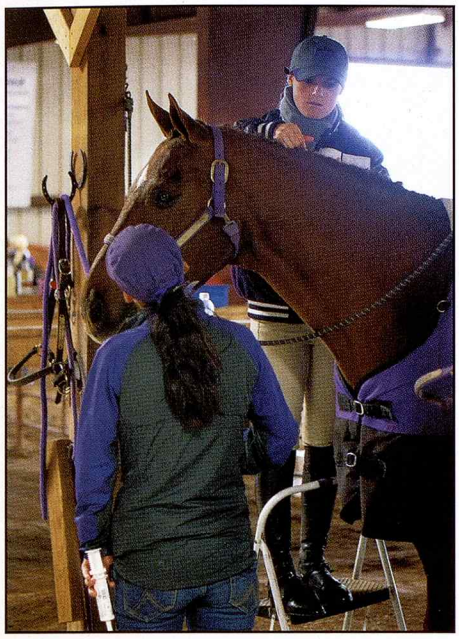
Being on the team had multiple benefits. Members enjoyed that the skills they learned in the arena also taught them life lessons.

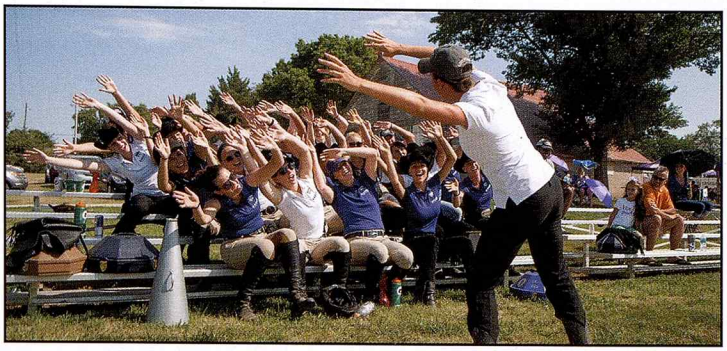
"My favorite part has been having the ability to take away great life skills after four years on this team." Jordan Cox, senior in open option, said. "The reason I say I have not always noticed this is my favorite part is due to every difficult and tough experience I have had on this team has lead me to gain the skills I have."

Boviard credited their successful season to the support they team felt from their coach, Casie Maxwell.

"Coach Maxwell is an incredible coach and works so hard to help us be the best we can be. She is so dedicated to the team and is admired by the entire team," Boviard said.









Far left Shana Barnett, senior in animal sciences, grooms a horse during the equestrian meet against Texas A&M at Timbercreek Stables in Manhatthan on Oct. 5. *Photo by Jed Barker* **Above** The K-State equestrian team pretends to ride a rollercoaster during a break at the meet on Sept. 8 at Timbercreek Stables. *Photo by Emily DeShazer* **Left** Members of the team groom the horse between events. *Photo by Chandrika Brewton*



Margaret Peine, senior in agricommunications and western rider, rides on Sept. 8 at Timbercreek stables. Kansas State University defeated Deleware State, Texas A&M and SMU, as well as Big 12 foe Oklahoma State University. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*

Student lives out dreams through cheerleading

Chants of Dreams

By Anna Shippy

Smile, show that Wildcat spirit, and keep shaking those pom poms. These are just a few things Victoria Unrein, freshman in open option, had to keep in mind while cheering on the sidelines of basketball and football games as a Kansas State University cheerleader.

Starting dance lessons at the age of four and cheering all through high school, Unrein knew cheering in college was on her "to-do" list.

"I decided I was going to try out for cheer wherever I ended up going to college," Unrein said. "I enjoyed it too much to just quit after high school."

While stunting and cheering in front of thousands of fans may not be for everyone, Unrein said there wasn't anything that made her more proud.

"I love being able to tell people I cheer for K-State," Unrein said. "There's so much energy down on the field and you have to be able to uphold that energy no matter if we're winning or losing. The crowd may be booing the other team, and as much as you want to join in, you just have to keep smiling and jumping around to keep up the fans' spirit."

However, according to Unrein, having the honor of being a K-State cheerleader didn't come without sacrifice and hard work.

"We practice twice a week, with an optional practice on Wednesday," Unrein said. "There's also morning conditioning twice a week and lifting three times a week. Sometimes it's difficult to fit it all in to my schedule and find a balance between cheer and school, but it's definitely worth it when it's gameday and you see all of the fans and feel the excitement."

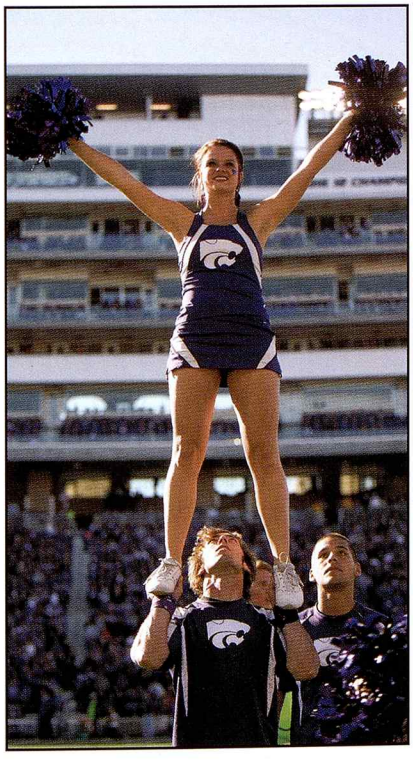
Unrein rooms with fellow cheerleader Rachel Walker, freshman in chemical engineering, who said living with another cheerleader made the experience much better.

"It has been great living with Victoria because we basically have the same busy schedule and can help each other out," Walker said. "Our friendship is chill and fun and we have a lot in common. Rooming together has been great."

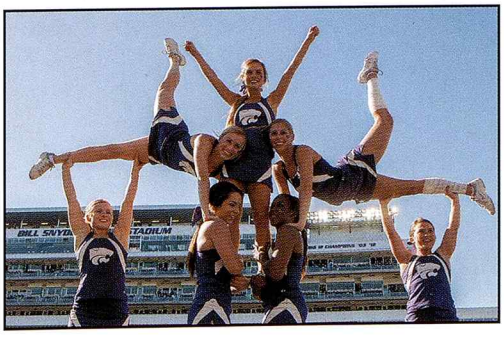
Unrein planned to continue cheering for K-State throughout her college career.

"My first year on the team went so well," Unrein said. "I've met so many amazing people through this experience, and also had some amazing opportunities this year. I can't wait to see what next year brings."

Victoria Unrein, freshman in open option, cheers while being held aloft at the K-State vs North Dakota State University football game in Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Aug. 30. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*







Right Ryan Sutherland lifts Mallory Buersh, junior in elementary educaton, at the K-State vs. West Virginia, on Oct. 26. in Bill Snyder Fmaily Stadium. **Far right** Kelsey Unrein, sophomore in hospitality management, cheers to the student section at the K-State vs. West Virginia game, on Oct. 26 in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. **Lower right** A group of cheerleaders pose at the K-State vs. West Virginia, on Oct. 26. in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*

University dance team earns awards throughout season

Show Stopping

By Kaylee Engle

The Classy Cats showed their support for Kansas State University and its athletic teams by doing what they did best: dancing.

The team started out their season on a high note. The women attended a summer camp through the National Dance Alliance where all the teams present at the camp were given a few days to learn the same choreography. The Classy Cats performed their dance the best, winning the competition.

"We haven't won outright in a really long time," captain Rachel Stueve, senior in kinesiology, said. "It was motivating for the rest of the year because we knew that if we could pull that routine together in two days, then we could pull any routine together in two days."

Between practices, games, pep rallies and other events, the Classy Cats spent up to 30 to 35 hours per week dancing. During football season, the team performed two to three dances per halftime show at every home game. They also had about 30 sideline dances, mini dances to the band's songs or music over the loudspeaker. For the first year they started executing time out dances, one-minute routines in the end zone during the second or third timeout.

"We spent a lot of time on choreography for that. It let the fans see us in a different light a little bit. It's basically the type of dancing we love to do because we got to pick the music," Stueve said.

The dancers had some great experiences throughout the season. They traveled to support the football team at the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. and were on the sidelines for several significant wins in basketball season.

"It was really fun to go the bowl game and be a part of that. It was a really big thing for us, especially winning it this year. Winning the KU basketball game was really fun too," Hilary Cosgrove, senior in elementary education, said. "We had some really big wins with the team."

The Classy Cats' season ended when basketball concluded. Kaitlyn Mohan, sophomore in biology, credited the season going smoothly due to the members' flexibility and cohesiveness.

"I felt like all the girls meshed really well together. We all got along. Everything was really fun and easy going and that makes a huge difference. We perform better as a team when we're all agreeing on one thing and all on the same page," she said.

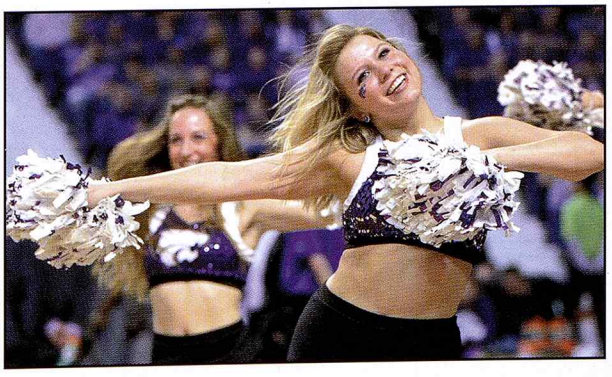




Below A Classy Cat moves her arms and pom poms to the music played by the pep band during a media timeout of the men's basketball game against Baylor University on March 8. **Bottom** Classy Cats get the crowd hyped during the men's basketball game against Baylor on March 8 in Bramlage Coliseum. *Photos by Parker Robb* **Bottom left** Hilary Cosgrove, senior in elementary education, cheers in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. **Left** Classy Cats perform a "Les Miserables" dance during halftime at the K-State vs. West Virginia game on Oct. 26 in Bill Snyder Family Stadium *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*









Gianna Misenhelter, senior in public relations, is the only senior on the K-State women's golf team. *Photo by Parker Robb*

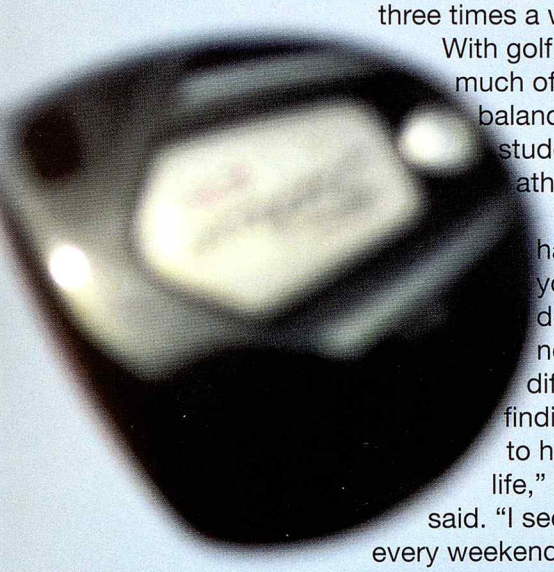
Up to Par

Student balances school and social life while pursuing golf dreams

By Laura Parker

For Gianna Misenhelter, senior in public relations, golf was more than just a sport. When she was about 3-years-old, she picked up a club and was instantly hooked. Years later, she joined the women's golf team at Kansas State University.

"We practice every day for three to five hours," Misenhelter said. "We get one off day per week and we're usually traveling on that off day. We also have workouts – one-hour long – two to three times a week."



With golf filling up much of her time, she balanced life as a student and as an athlete.

"It's pretty hard. Getting your homework done and what not is very difficult and so is finding time to have a social life," Misenhelter said. "I see friends go out every weekend, and I'm just getting home for a day. I'm going to bed at 10 o'clock when people are staying up until 2 a.m. My day is just very structured and consistent."

Along with her demanding schedule, Misenhelter struggled to fit in required courses because they interfered with golf practices or tournaments.

"I'm not going to be graduating this year because half the classes in PR are offered in the afternoon," she said. "I have to wait an extra semester, so it's kind of hard to be a student but know your priorities."

Despite the time commitment, Misenhelter, as the oldest member and only senior, mostly acknowledged the reward of participating on the women's golf team.

"It's cool. I'm not sure that it's necessarily a lot of pressure, but I do want to be a role model to the six other girls that are out there and leave some type of legacy that they can go on," she said.

Fellow teammate Scotland Preston, sophomore in public relations, believed Misenhelter fulfilled her unofficial role as a team leader.

"I've known her since I was recruited and she was always who I asked questions to," Preston said. "She plays very consistently and has a lot of experience, so we all kind of look up to her."

Having instructed Misenhelter for four years, Kristi Knight, head coach for women's golf, recognized that she set a good example as an athlete and as a student.

"G is someone who speaks her mind and that's important any time you're functioning in a group," Knight said. "She's a competitive young lady and K-State golf is important to her. Anytime you have a player like that, it's a good experience. She wants to be successful and she wants the team to be successful."

Coming to the end of her final year on the team, Misenhelter said she would mostly miss the comradery and ending every day with something she loves. But, she did not expect to quit.

"I plan to play golf for my whole life," Misenhelter said. "We'll see where life takes me."

The Kansas State University basketball training facility, which sits on the east side of Bramlage Coliseum, was completed in Fall 2012. *Photo by Parker Robb*





Above Custom-built wooden lockers, illuminated nameplates and a replica jump circle round out the championship-worthy men's locker room, adjacent to which is a lounge area with several oversized leather chairs, flat-screen TVs and a break room. **Right** A viewing deck separates and overlooks both the men's and women's teams' practice courts. *Photos by Parker Robb*

Train to Win

Basketball program uses new training facility

By Shelby Brunk

Kansas State University Athletics wished to provide a new home for their men's and women's basketball athletes. This home included five-star facilities to better train, develop and compete.

K-State was one of the only schools in the Big 12 without a basketball training facility. Therefore in 2012, many notable donors and fans came together to make the 50,000 square-foot dream a reality.

"I look so forward to seeing the joy and pride in our players eyes each day as they walk into a first class facility comparable with those of our Big 12 peers," Deb Patterson, coach of the K-State Women's Basketball team, said.

The BTF costed approximately $12.2 million in construction costs, and an additional $5.4 million in other expenses, such as furnishings and equipment, which was entirely privately funded through contributions and the athletics department revenue.

Located on the east side of Bramlage Coliseum, the BTF included two full-sized basketball courts, locker rooms, players lounges, coaches offices and weight rooms.

Omari Lawrence, graduate student in family studies and communication services and guard for K-State Men's Basketball team, said he appreciated the expansion that was made available to the athletes and compared it to an NBA, top-of-the-line facility.

"The facility is really just five-star," Lawrence said. "I enjoy the lounge because it allows me to get away and hang out with the guys when we have some down time."

Athletic Director, John Currie, said the BTF was all about making opportunities available to K-State's athletes.

"This is not just a building," Currie said. "This is about a once-in-a-generation opportunity to leverage our strengths - a championship heritage and passionate fan base, coupled with unprecedented national excitement and visibility. This project marks a moment in time that will springboard our basketball programs back into a permanent leadership position in intercollegiate athletics."

Patterson said she was most excited about the access athletes would have to the BTF.

"Our players will have full time access to an awesome and much needed multi-basket court," Patterson said. "This facility will open a tremendous door of opportunity for individual player and team development."

End of a Legacy

Women's head basketball coach is relieved of duties after 18 years of work

By John Zetmeir

On March 9, Kansas State University Athletic Director John Currie announced at a press conference that women's basketball head coach Deb Patterson was "relieved of her duties" after 18 seasons as the head coach of the Wildcats.

This followed the Wildcats' 2014 season-ending 87-84 overtime loss to in-state rival, the University of Kansas, in the first round of the 2014 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championships.

"Coach Patterson and I met Friday night and I shared with her my decision to make a change in leadership of our women's basketball program," Currie said. "I want to sincerely thank Coach Patterson for her 18 years of service to Kansas State and our women's basketball program."

Patterson was the all-time winningest coach in K-State women's basketball history, boasting an overall record of 350-226 during her 18 seasons with the Wildcats. During her tenure at K-State, Patterson took the Wildcats to nine NCAA tournaments and won two Big 12 titles in 2004 and 2008.

Despite her longtime success at K-State, Patterson's team struggled over the last two seasons, finishing both with a 5-13 record in Big 12 play.

"I just felt that we were not on a trajectory to get back to the level of achievement that we have experienced in our history and that it was time for new leadership in our program," Currie said.

The Wildcats fielded their youngest team since 1977-78 in the 2014 season. Leading the way for the Wildcats in scoring, assists, games played, starts and many more statistical categories was Leticia Romero, freshman in business. Eight of the team's 14 roster spots were filled by freshmen or sophomores.

"Any time you have transition, you have the potential of having roster turnover," Currie said. "But in making the decisions that we make in athletics, we're making the decisions in what we truly believe is in the best interest of the program and the best interest of the student athletes."

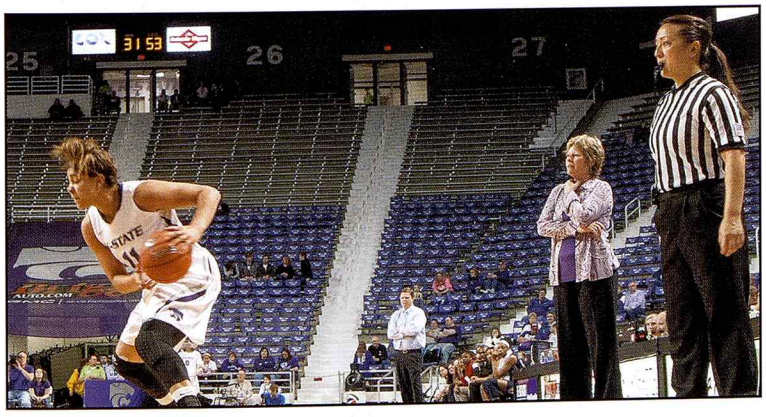
The K-State women's basketball program was ranked fifteenth nationally with 853 total wins. K-State became the thirteenth program in NCAA Division I history to reach the 800 game win mark.

"I believe that this is an attractive job," Currie said. "This is a university where we've invested $125 million in new facilities in the last three years, we've got more to come. I'll say it again, that basketball training facility for women and men is, I think, one of the finest facilities in the country."

Currie said a national search for a new head coach began immediately. That search lasted only nine days. Jeff Mittie, previously a Texas Christian University Woman's Basketball Coach, was hired March 18.



Left Kansas State University women's basketball head coach Deb Patterson directs her team during their game against Alaska-Anchorage on Nov. 1. **Bottom left** Head coach Deb Patterson watches as Chantay Caron, senior in elementary education and guard, looks to pass around the West Virginia defense on Feb. 22. **Bottom right** Women's basketball head coach Deb Patterson directs her team from the sideline on Feb. 22 in Bramlage Coliseum. *Photos by Emily DeShazer*





David Klaudt, senior in accounting, poses on top of the parking garage on March 14.

Photo by Hannah Hunsinger



Swinging Into Success

Golf team member enjoys being part of team, shows leadership

By Haley Paulson

For David Klaudt, senior in accounting, golf had always been in the family.

"Every Sunday morning, my dad and I would play golf—we still do it today whenever I'm home," Klaudt said.

Klaudt played collegiate golf for four years and was one of three captains on the Kansas State University Men's Golf team. He said playing on a team was a transition for him when coming to college.

"I didn't have a high school team," Klaudt said. "I went to tournaments alone across the country to compete. Being on a team now creates a new aspect to the sport—it helps you play better."

With only 11 people on the roster, Klaudt said a strength of their team this year was their comradery.

"We're all close friends and get along well," Klaudt said. "We have good chemistry- its important in our sport. I guess you could say we're a family."

Klaudt said the team hung out together outside of practice and tournaments as often as possible, including at K-State football games, sporting events and studying sessions. One of his favorite memories on the team was winning the Wyoming Cowboy Classic in April 2012.

Looking forward, Klaudt hoped to do well in their last three tournaments of the season.

"The Big 12 tournament is our largest and we hope to place third or fourth," Klaudt said. "It would create a lot of momentum for the younger guys."

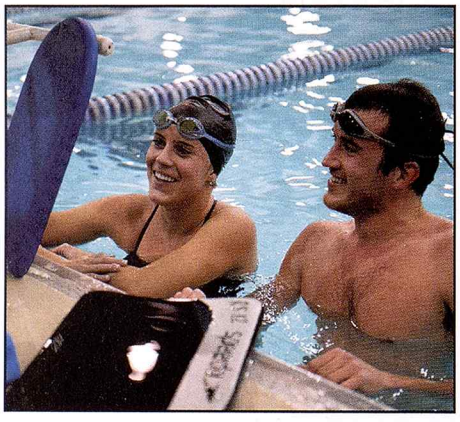
Klaudt, who served as the Big 12's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President, hoped men on the team would fill his spot not only as a captain but also in involvement in the conference next year.

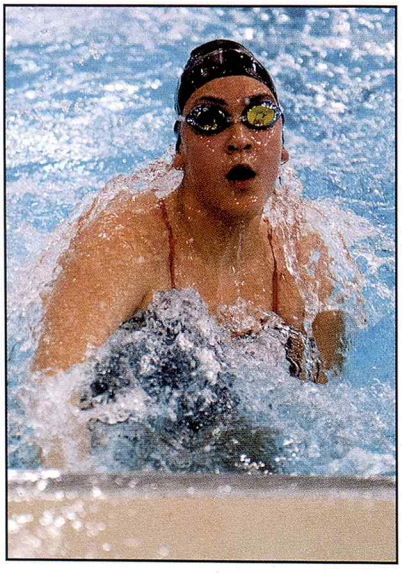
"It's important to care about the rules and make sure everything is made in student-athlete's best interests," Klaudt said. "This next year will be a transition one and it will be interesting to see who steps up to fill the role."

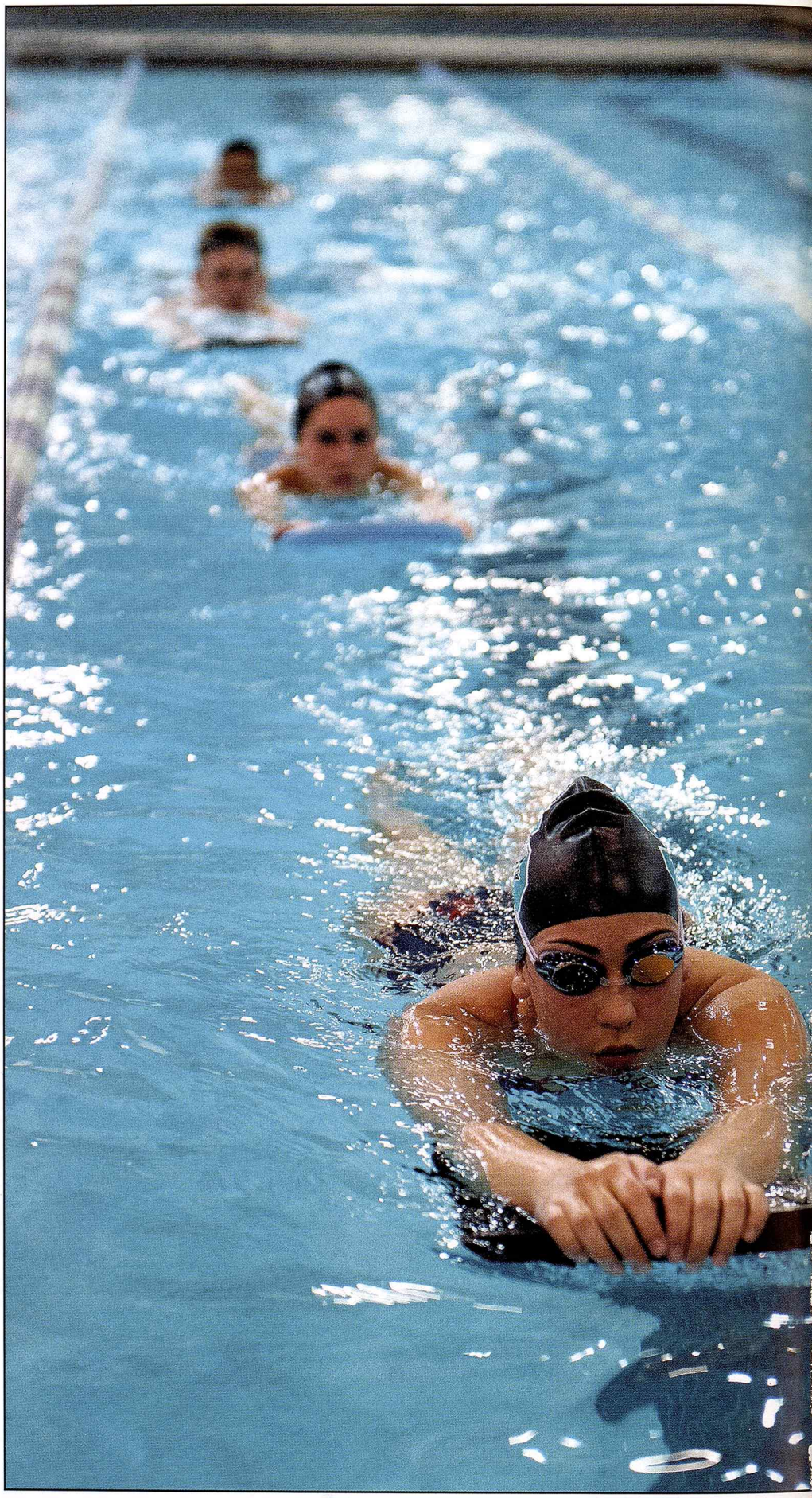
Klaudt said he would miss playing golf next year, but he was thankful for the time he had on the team.

"You really have to love what you do to be a student athlete," Klaudt said. "It's all about fully committing yourself—if you don't, you will not succeed. But if you do, you'll reap the benefits."

Below Samantha Kannawin, junior in kinesiology and pre-physical therapy, and Andrew Stevens, junior in electrical and computer engineering, check out their workout before Swim Club practice at the Ahearn Natatorium, Feb. 11. **Bottom** Alyssa Gomez-Buxo, freshman in pre-veterinary medicine, works on her turns during Swim Club practice. *Photos by Briana Rickabaugh*







Alyssa Gomez-Buxo, freshman in pre-veterinary medicine, leads other club members through a kicking exercise during Swim Club practice at the Ahearn Natatorium, Feb 11. *Photo by Briana Rickabaugh*

Diving into Success

Swim Club enjoys a successful first few years

By Kaylee Engle

During its first full year as a recognized Kansas State University club sport, the Swim Club began with a splash.

The competitive club had a roster of 30 members, equally serving men and women.

The club's purpose was to give swimmers of all athletic abilities the chance to train and compete. While most members previously swam competitively, Christopher Jungk, senior in environmental design, had no competitive swimming experience and took a leap of faith when he joined the team upon transferring to K-State.

"I didn't know what to expect when I joined. I joined last year—honestly on a weird whim," Jungk said. "When I transferred here, I wanted to get more involved. I ended up competing last year for the first time in Nebraska and it was great."

Emily Ellenberger, president of the club and junior in agribusiness, enjoyed carrying on her love for the sport.

"I've swam my whole life and so being able to organize something that I'm really passionate about and work with people on the exec team that have the same passion from the same sport, it's just really great to be around those types of people," Ellenberger said. "They've become some of my great friends."

Swimming practices were held three days a week in the Ahearn Natatorium to prepare for the two to three meets the club had each semester.

The club also had a dry land practice in the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex once a week where they performed workouts given to them by a volunteer personal trainer.

The team competed in a dual on Sept. 28 against the University of Kansas. Although the club lost the battle, it had a strong showing with good numbers to start off the season. The swimmers continued to make their presence known at the University of Missouri swim meet on Nov. 9, finishing fifth out of 12 teams. They also competed against the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the spring.

"For just starting out, we have made great strides. This being one of our first big meets fills me with joy that we got fifth. There were some good teams there and we were right in the thick of it," Andrew Stevens, junior in electrical engineering, said. "I look forward to more meets in the future, considering the talent pool we are pulling from, and hope to be even higher up in the rankings next time."

Women's golf team has disappointments on year

Swings and Misses

By Alyssa Lally

Kansas State University's women's golf season was full of ups and downs. The team had multiple athletes with top five finishes but also had challenges bringing new and old players together as a team.

"The 2013 season was really a tale of two very different stories," Kristi Knight, head coach, said.

Knight said that despite a disappointing last place finish in the Big 12 tournament, the team still had strong moments.

"The Big 12 tournament is one event; it didn't reflect how we played in our regular season," Knight said. "We certainly didn't play poorly all season, we had multiple strong finishes throughout the season, but that's the nature of college golf."

Carly Ragains, junior in marketing, said that between harsh wind and extreme cold, the team faced many environmental challenges in the spring season.

"It was really tough to be mentally prepared and mentally there," Ragains said.

Gianna Misenhelter, senior in mass communications, said that the team worked to improve their fourth score in order to have a more successful season in 2014. The team had a history of getting three good scores and not being able to get a good fourth score.

"The fourth score is just always something you just don't want to count so having that ability if you're out on the course and you are that fourth score just keep going, keep competing and hoping you can help your team even though you know you're counting the fourth score," Misenhelter said.

Ragains said the team's fall season was more successful. The team finished behind the University of Kansas to take second in K-State's fall home tournament in September.

"That was really good- granted we were beat by KU- they have a really strong team. But we had the opportunity to play better than them that day. It didn't happen, but we know that we can compete with them and that's going to make us better in the long run," Misenhelter said.

As an individual, Ragains also proved stronger in the fall season. Of the five regular tournaments, Ragains finished in the top 20 in three tournaments and sixth in one tournament.

"I kind of had a rough spring, but I worked really hard over the summer and came back stronger in the fall," Ragains said.

Misenhelter ended the season with five top 20 finishes and two top 10 finishes. She said that she had room to improve for 2014.

"In the fall, I really struggled with my short aim, chipping in particular. So I've really been working on my technique chipping and just trying to make up and downs around the greens and get a par and walk away from that hole and know that I can still play well and know that if I am that fourth score it's not going to be that bad," Misenhelter said.

Misenhelter said that shooting under par was when she felt the greatest success.

"That's always the strongest moment because, you know, I've helped out my team in some way or another, I haven't increased the score, I've kept it low and that's going to help us later," Misenhelter said.

Coach Knight said that even though the team did not finish as strongly as it would have liked in 2013, it still had reason to be proud.

"We did a lot of nice things throughout the fall 2013 and spring 2013 seasons," Knight said.

Olivia Eliasson, junior in biochemistry, competes in the 2013 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational at Colbert Hills in Manhattan on Sept. 25.
Photo courtesy of Kansas State University Women's Golf





Above Gianna Misenhelter, senior in mass communications, competes in the 2013 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational.
Right Carly Ragains, junior in marketing, competes in the 2013 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational. *Photos courtesy of K-State's Women's Golf team*

Bumping Ahead

Young player stands out amongst academics, athletes

By Anna Shippy

Being named to the All Big-12 Freshmen Team, Katie Brand, redshirt freshman setter and junior in life sciences, backed her nomination with hard work, dedication and years of volleyball experience.

Brand began playing the sport competitively in second grade and signed with Kansas State University after playing for Grand Island Central Catholic High School in Nebraska. During her first year playing with the Wildcats, Brand was the only Big-12 freshman with 1,000 assists and led the conference in kills, blocks and points.

"I owe my success this season all to my teammates," Brand said. "My hitters got me kills and I got awesome passes that allowed me to be successful."

The team had a successful season while playing in Ahearn Fieldhouse during the season, something Brand attributes to the energy and support of the home crowd.

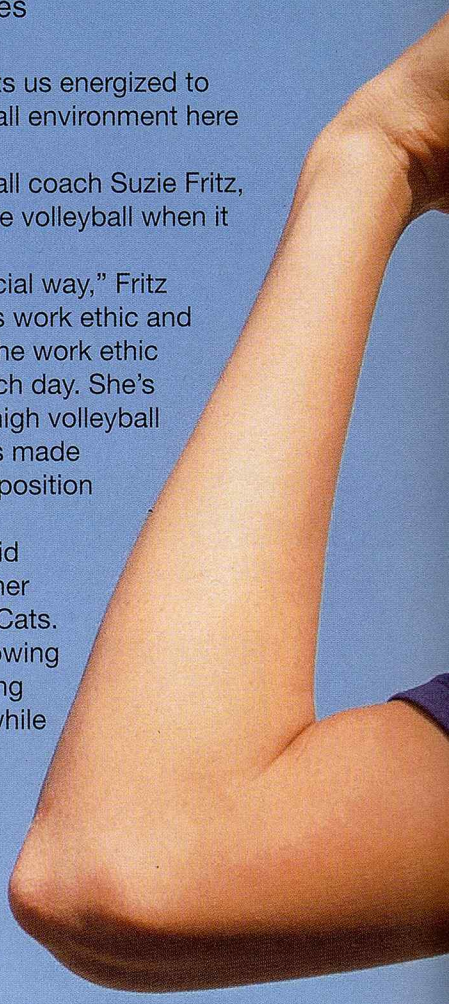
"The crowds we get at home games and the support of the fans really gets us energized to play," Brand said. "The overall environment here is great."

According to head volleyball coach Suzie Fritz, Brand sets more than just the volleyball when it comes to her team.

"Katie works in a very special way," Fritz said. "She has a tremendous work ethic and helps set the tone for what the work ethic is going to be at practice each day. She's very driven, and has a very high volleyball I.Q. for a young player. She's made the transition into the setter position beautifully."

As for the future, Brand said she was looking forward to her remaining seasons with the Cats.

"I'm looking forward to growing and developing and impacting the team as much as I can while also growing as a person," Brand said.





Katie Brand, junior in life sciences, hoists a ball outside Ahearn Field House on March 12. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Men's golf team says goodbye to long-time coach

Going for the Green

By Marie Annexstad

After knowing he spent 17 years as the head men's golf coach at Kansas State University, it would be easy to assume that Tim Norris would want to focus on something other than golf.

However, Norris said he was ready to spend more time on the course without the pressure of having his players learning from his technique.

Norris said that one of the things he would miss the most about being head coach was the incredible support following that K-State has from its fans.

"Kansas State University followers are some of the proudest people I've ever seen," Norris said.

He described that when traveling, fans would tell him how proud they were to be Wildcat fans. As much as he enjoyed almost two decades of coaching at K-State, Norris was ready to get out of the fast lane of coaching a Division I college program.

During his lengthy coaching career at Kansas State, Norris had come across many great players. It was important to Norris that those players were great people outside the course. When choosing recruits, Norris always took academics into top consideration. His golfers have won many academic distinctions. He also looked for players that were well rounded and emotionally stable.

"Golf is a mind game, and players need to be very mature to play it," Norris said.

Daniel Wood, graduate student in business, still remembered how Coach Norris treated him the first time he visited campus as a recruit.

"There was a lot to show, but every step of the way, coach made me feel welcome," Wood said. Norris continued to treat Wood and all of his players the same way he treated them during the recruiting process.

For the 2014 season, the goal for the team according to Norris was to "as always, to improve players, which will lead to lower scores for the entire team."

Wood agreed.

"I work and anything I can do to improve my game, I will do whatever it takes to help the team be successful," Wood said. The 2014 season was Norris' last, and the players wanted to give it their all for their beloved coach.

Over the 17 years as head coach, Norris made many improvements and paths for the men's golf team. When Tim Norris first arrived in Manhattan in 1997, he inherited a program that had not finished in the top half of their conference since 1969.

During the time that Coach Norris held the title of head coach, the team had consistently placed well both individually and as a team. They also didn't have an appropriate facility to build a top tier program, initially. Under Norris, Colbert Hills Golf Course eventually became home of the K-State Golf program and was a top rated golf course.













Top Left Alex Carney, senior in marketing, sinks a putt on the second hole during the first day of the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate held at Colbert Hills Golf Course west of Manhattan. **Bottom Left** Seth Smith, freshman in open option, studies a putt during the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate at Colbert Hills Golf Club on Oct. 1. **Top Right** Daniel Wood, graduate student in business, tees off on the tenth hole during the first day of the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate. **Bottom Right** Kansas State University men's golf head coach Tim Norris helps Kyle Weldon, junior in civil engineering, look for the ball after his tee shot went past the green and landed in the tall grass *Photos by Parker Robb*

Exercise movements sweeps college students

Fitness Fiends

By Shelby Brunk

CrossFit was a trend that many Kansas State University students were taking advantage of to obtain maximum fitness.

As part of the Department of Kinesiology, the L.I.F.E. Fitness Program at K-State strived to provide education and public health by offering quality CrossFit programming principles.

Jacob Frye, junior in nutrition and kinesiology and president of the CrossFit student club, said CrossFit gave him a community to thrive off.

"CrossFit is foremost a community," Frye said. "The people here are genuinely happy to see each other succeed. As a result the motivation I receive from my peers and the motivation I emit towards those around me is unlike anything you will find at a commercial gym."

CrossFit was no normal workout regimen. Offering personal or group training, the classes worked to "develop physical fitness that is broad, general and inclusive through functional movements performed under the supervision of a skilled coach," according to the L.I.F.E Fitness Program. Coaches strived to cover the ten general physical skills: cardiovascular/respiratory, endurance, stamina, strength, flexibility, power, speed, coordination, agility, balance and accuracy.

Katie Heinrich, kinesiology professor and program director, said the coaches worked hard to make sure clients got the most out of their CrossFit experience.

"We really want the people who come in here to succeed to the best of their abilities," Heinrich said. "We push people to perform, but just enough where we know they can do it. We are behind everyone 100 percent of the way and just want what is best."

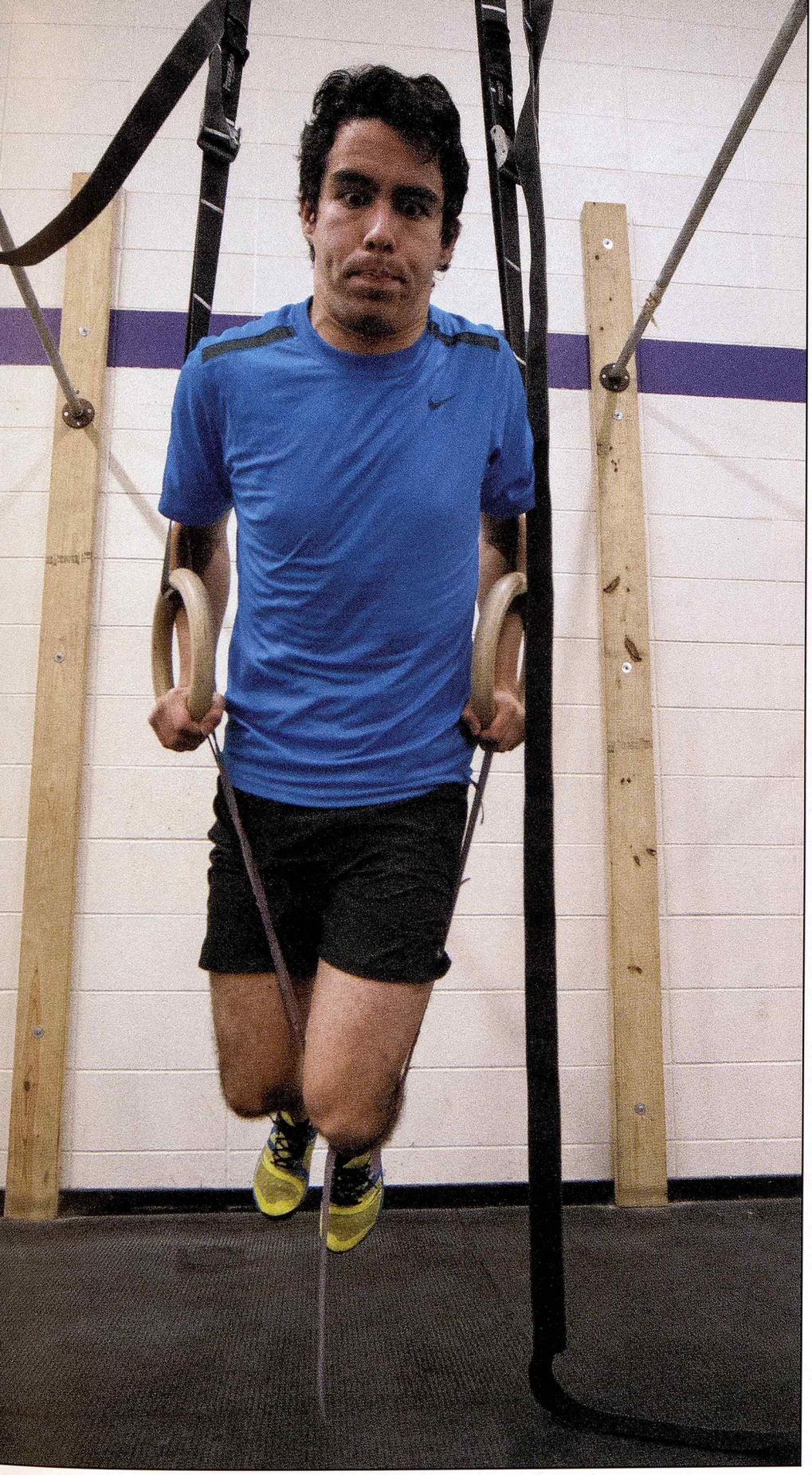
Frye said that many students were intimidated by CrossFit and its extreme workouts, but believed that anyone could get started with just a little motivation.

"I believe it is truly beneficial to people of all athletic levels, that is CrossFit, or WODs, workouts derive their effectiveness from being scalable to a point where the intensity of any workout can be the same for me as it is for a 60-year-old man," Frye said. "The conciseness of these WODs is also a benefit of CrossFit."

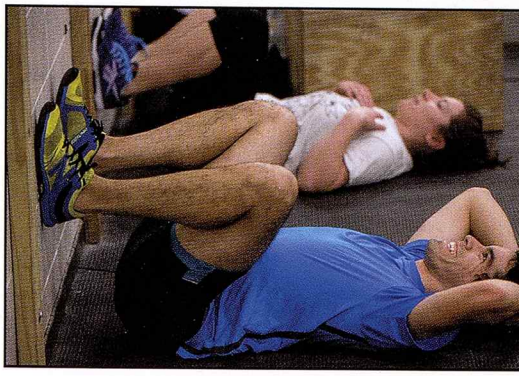
Alaina Thomas, graduate student in biology, said her favorite thing about CrossFit was the ride range of workouts available each day.

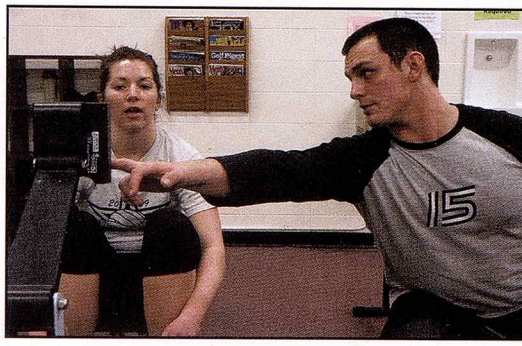
"One day we will do a workout that is gymnastics related the next we will run and work on our endurance and the next we will lift," Thomas said. "We get to work different parts of our body everyday and when we walk into the gym we never know what the workout will be. That's part of the excitement, you just never know."





Jose Espinola, sophomore in bio-chemistry and German, strains against the resistance of a rubber band while doing a ring dip during a cross fit workout in the Ahearn Natatorium on Feb. 20. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*







Top Jose Espinola, sophomore in bio-chemistry and German, smiles at a joke from the trainer, while he and Manhattan resident Carly Meagher stretch before a CrossFit work out **Middle** CrossFit trainer Jake Frye, sophomore in kinesiology, instructs Manhattan resident Carly Meagher on the rowing machine during a cross fit work out in the Natatorium on Feb. 20. **Bottom** Adam Carney, freshman in kinesiology, grimaces as he tries to keep his feet elevated during a cross fit workout in the Natatorium on Feb. 20. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*

Tennis Triumphs

Team creates close bond due to passion, love for sport

By Audrey Schmitz

The Kansas State University women's tennis team's players and coaches were satisfied with how their season went overall.

"We are a really young team right now so there is a big learning process going on, but everyone is doing great and hopefully we can keep it up," Elizabeth Ullathorn, assistant coach, said.

Ullathorn felt that the team members had been playing their absolute hardest throughout the season, pushing themselves as far as they could go. This attributed largely to their success as a team.

"We have fought every single match" Petra Niedermayerova, graduate student in economics, said. "The freshmen are just showing up over and over again and we are improving."

Niedermayerova credited the hard work of the freshmen as one of the main reasons that this season went high above her initial expectations.

According to Ullathorne, their goal was to win the Big 12 Championship Tournament, but she felt that such a large goal could be a bit of a stretch with such a young team.

Niedermayerova saw the Big 12 matches as the most important part of the year for her team.

"I would just like to win as many matches as possible and stay healthy," Niedermayerova said.

Individually, her goal was to get to the NCAA tournament again. Niedermayerova was ranked No. 82 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association national singles' rankings. She also was a two-time ITA All-American and a three-time All-Big 12 singles selection.

The women's tennis team worked hard at practice every day to get ready for their biggest matches, getting only one day off per-week. Niedermayerova said that the conditioning they did largely contributed to her success and had lifted her game immensely.

Another reason for their team's success as a whole was the support they received from each other.

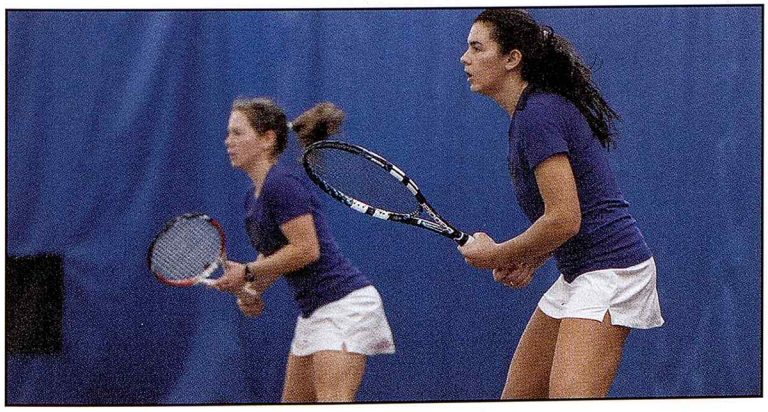
"They always have my back and it just makes all the hard stuff so much easier to have them because we all are going through the same thing," Riley Nizzi, freshman in business, said.

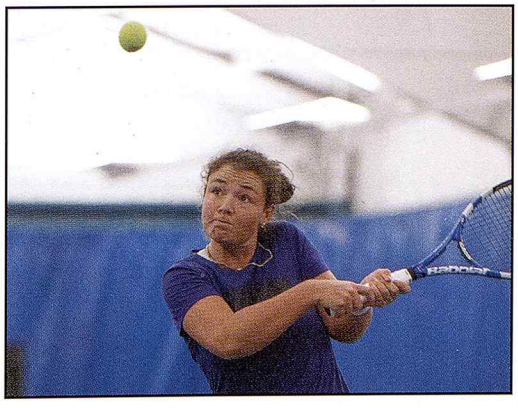
Working together so closely to become the best team they could be bonded the team immensely.

"I love the feeling after we win and we are all so proud of each other. That, for sure, is the greatest feeling," Nizzi said.

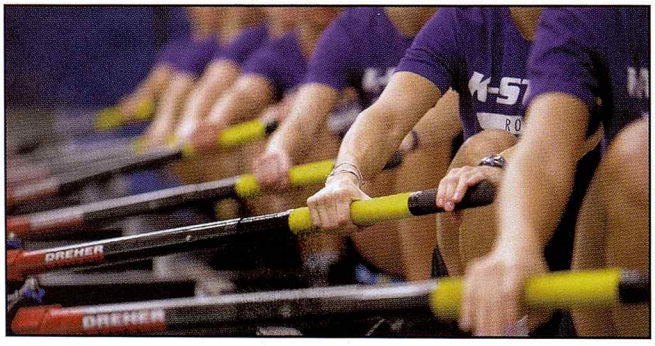
Left Petra Niedermayerova, graduate student in economics, returns a hit against Wichita State University on March 8 at the Body First Tennis and Fitness Center. **Bottom left** Iva Bago, freshman in psychology, and Palma Juhasz, freshman in business, prepare for the serve during a doubles match against Wichita State University on March 8. **Bottom right** Amina St. Hill, junior in communications, keeps her eye on the ball during a doubles match against Wichita State University.

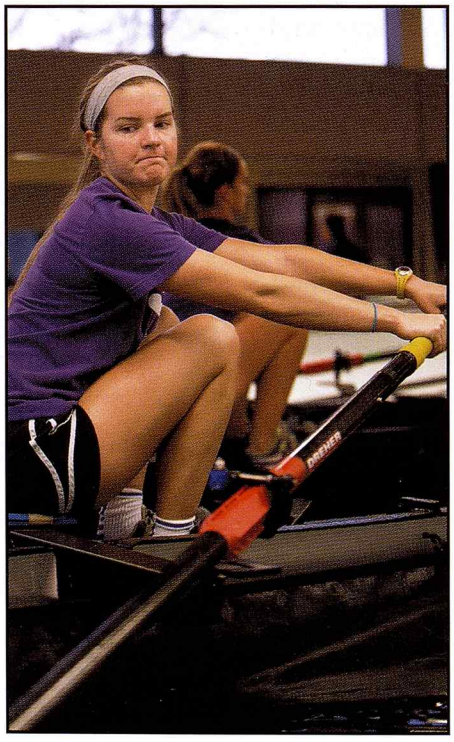
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Meggie Murray, junior in biology, and Lisa Angell, senior in horticulture, study their form and sycronization in a mirror during practice in the tank room on Feb. 13. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*





Above The women of the varsity rowing try to keep their strokes in perfect unison during practice in the tank room in the new Intercollegiate Rowing Center on Feb. 13. **Right** Kelsey Schultz, sophomore in athletic training, watches her oar blade during practice in the tank room of the new rowing facility on Feb. 13. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*



Rowing to the Top

Rowing team faces obstacles in and out of competition

By Alyssa Lally

The Kansas State University rowing crew traveled as far as San Diego, Calif. in its seven-regatta season and ended with many victories, both in the boats and out.

One of the most thrilling successes was the defeat of K-State's rival, the University of Kansas, in the Sunflower Cup held in Kansas City, Mo.

"Obviously, being from the same state and having about the same conditions, relatively, we always like to come out with a win against KU and so that was a fun regatta to come away with," Megan Murray, junior in biology and team captain, said.

The rowing crew at K-State was still young with only two members having previous rowing experience. However, Coach Patrick Sweeney thought the team made great strides throughout the season. Sweeney said he enjoyed watching the young crew grow and that success of a rowing crew cannot be determined on a win-loss record.

"Rowing's not that type of sport. It's really a progression, a growth of how they are as athletes and people," Sweeney said.

The crew's goal was to focus on endurance.

"That third 500 is where it's really hard to keep pushing and keep going strong because you know you have half the race left and you just want to stop and jump out the boat there, but that's what we worked on last year was taking it to the 1,000 then taking it as hard as you could home," Aly Bronder, senior in kinesiology and team captain, said.

One of the obstacles the team faced was the lack of training in the water. Because of the weather, it was impossible for the crew to train on water from November to February. Before a new rowing center was completed in 2013, the crew trained in Ahearn on rowing machines called ergs. Once the season came, it took the crew time to transition from the ergs to water.

"The motion is the same, but the technique is different," Bronder said.

With the new rowing center opening, the crew would not have to worry about transitioning from ergs to water or switching lineups in 2014 because the rowing tank in the facility allowed the crew to practice in the water.

Sweeney said before the crew had a tank, it took two to three years to train a novice rower. But with the tank, he hoped to get a new rower in shape in a matter of one year.

"The way the seasons used to go, it used to take us half the season to get in to what rowing's about again so half the season was already lost before they started moving boats properly," Sweeney said. "And then you're trying to select it so last year we changed the boats up halfway through the season. This year a lot of the newer kids, you're moving them around so hopefully you won't have to do it during the season."

Besides the technical advantages, the new rowing facility provided a sense of place for the rowers and built their confidence.

"I think as a team perspective too, this building kind of gives us a home so it brings us closer as a team," Bronder said. "We know when we get in here we're working out, we're going hard."

Along with the new facility, the crew had been receiving more recognition by K-Staters and the support did not go unrecognized.

"Just like driving by the football stadium, this [building] is hard to miss. So it's been fun to be acknowledged more," Murray said.



Kyle Wait, senior in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management and pole vaulter, poses in Ahearn field house on Feb. 18. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*



Jumping into Success

Track and field star has high hopes for future

By John Zetmeir

Kyle Wait, senior in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, gave high jumping a shot in seventh grade. His father, Darrell Wait, who high jumped at K-State in the '80s, was the current high jump coach. One day at practice, when Wait began to get frustrated, one of his other coaches reached out and recommended that he give pole vaulting a shot. He took the advice and discovered he was pretty good at it.

As a Gardner-Edgerton High School freshman, Wait jumped 12-6.00. For a majority of Kansas high schools, that would put the freshman at varsity track meets. At Gardner-Edgerton, that landed Wait all alone on junior varsity.

"Vaulting at Gardner is a big deal," Wait said. "We've had a lot of good vaulters."

It did not take long for Wait to emerge as one of the top vaulters in the state. As a junior, Wait's jump of 15-00.00 was good enough for a third place finish at the state championship meet. As a senior, Wait claimed the top spot, jumping 15-06.00 and winning the Kansas 5A state championship title.

K-State was where Wait said he wanted to be after high school, deciding to walk-on to the K-State track and field team.

"During the recruiting process, he had reached out to us just as much as we reached out to him," Kyle Hierholzer, assistant track and field coach, said. "He wanted to come to K-State. Once we got to know him, we were more than happy to have him."

Wait said he enjoyed being a Wildcat. While others talked about the little things, the new addition to the K-State track and field squad said he was just happy to be a part of the team.

"When I first got here, I was just ecstatic to be on the team," Wait said. "I was just some little freshman walking on and yet, I was treated like part of the team instantly. I was going to big meets and performing big time and I just couldn't believe it."

During his freshman season, Wait competed in 14 total meetings between indoor and outdoor season. At the Kansas Relays, Wait jumped 16-06.75, which was his best collegiate jump thus far. Despite having a decent first season, Wait wanted more.

Going into his sophomore year, Wait's hard worked was rewarded with a scholarship, but he did not slow down there.

Later in the season, Wait did something that would permanently etch his name into K-State track and field history. In front of a home crowd at R.V. Christian Track Complex, Wait cleared 17-05.00 to win the Big 12 outdoor championship in what was considered an upset. The sophomore became the first K-State male to win a Big 12 championship in the pole vault.

The following season, Wait continued to make waves in the program. The junior set the school's indoor record of 17-10.50 before defending his crown by winning the 2013 Big 12 outdoor title. But he was not done yet.

Wait traveled to Eugene, Ore. to the outdoor track and field national championships, finishing in a tie for seventh place. The former walk-on became the first K-State vaulter since 1982 to score at nationals. Wait's coaches said this came as no surprise.

"I've been here for 26 years and I think that you could make a strong argument that Kyle is perhaps the most gifted physical specimen that we've had here that was a full time track guy," Cliff Rovelto, head coach, said.

Wait said he has never allowed himself to fall back on only his natural talent.

"His work ethic is just extremely encouraging and challenging," Thomas Brady, junior in education, mathematics and longtime teammate, said. "I've been training with Kyle since seventh grade and I couldn't be more thankful for a guy like that who pushes me as an athlete and also challenges me in my character as well. Our friendship has been a huge blessing and I'm thankful for the model that he's been for me."

Softball club allows members to continue sport passion in college

Extra Innings

By Laura Parker

Unlike most Big 12 schools, Kansas State Athletics did not have a women's softball team. Fortunately for women interested in the sport, softball was one offered among 25 club sports through Recreational Services. With two returners and 12 new freshman players, the team bonded through their passion for softball.

"We are a young team, but the atmosphere is fun," Kristin Conley, sophomore in political science, said. "I like to describe it to people as we practice hard and on the weekends we hit the road."

As a young team, the players required some additional training to understand how to they operated together.

"It took some getting used to since we were fresh to the program," Abbey Harrison, freshman in feed science, said. "It takes time to adjust and physically read how they are going to play. It was a learning experience for the most part."

During the warmer seasons, the team practiced upwards of three times a week, dedicating themselves to getting a grip on the upcoming competition. During colder seasons, they practiced bi-weekly.

"We compete in roughly five to six tournaments a semester," Conley said.

Conley was a returning player, along with Samantha Talley, senior in chemistry and physics. With a shift in dynamics, the players practiced harder than ever to discover how they operated as a new team.

"We had a lot of success last year," Talley said. "This year is a rebuilding year."

As the only senior on the team, Talley embraced her role as an unspoken leader, even though she was not initially prepared for the responsibility.

"It's been different," Talley said. "I didn't want to be a leader on the team, but that's been good for me."

Talley's leadership on the team gave her more reason to get to know teammates who had varying interests. She also said joining the softball club made her walk outside of her comfort zone.

"I got to know people outside my major," Talley said. "I'm used to talking with a bunch of nerds all day. You learn how to talk to different kinds of people."

Talley and Conley both played softball since their elementary school years. Neither could picture life without the sport.

"I could've gone and played elsewhere, but I really wanted to come to K-State. They had the club team, so I wanted to keep playing," Conley said.

Conley's decision to play club softball at K-State ultimately benefited her college experience.

"It gives me an outlet to do something that I love to do," Conley said. "I get to know more people. You get to travel and that's fun. It's a nice camaraderie."

Below Samantha Talley, senior in chemistry, leans in a bin filled with softballs during a batting drill on Feb. 16. **Below middle** Danielle Kenton, junior in kinesiology, looks to throw the ball back to her teammate during a practice. **Bottom right** Kenton and Kristy Urich, freshman in business administration, stay low during a catching drill on Feb. 16. **Bottom left** Marisa Cayler, freshman in elementary education, and Rose Marie Wadman, freshman in journalism and mass communication, share a laugh in between swings at practice. **Left** Urich keeps her eye on the pitcher on Feb. 16. *Photos by Marisa Love*












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Libby Tudor, junior landscape architecture, poses with Howard in Timbercreek Stables on Feb. 20. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Live Equipment

Student lives out equestrian dreams

By Lindsey Leardi

Between working on her latest landscape architecture project, attending chapter for Kappa Alpha Theta and riding for the Kansas State University equestrian team, Libby Tudor did not have a lot of hours left for sleeping. Tudor, junior in landscape architecture from St. Joseph, Mo., had been asked various times which she would choose if forced to reject one of her demanding activities.

Looking back two and a half years ago, when she decided to attend K-State, Tudor recounted it as being the, "perfect combination." K-State allowed Tudor to acquire her undergraduate and master's plans while competing with an NCAA equestrian team. Equestrianism was a crucial part of Tudor's college decision making process.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Tudor had been interacting with horses on her family's 300-acre property since she was born. Her favorite challenge was working with younger horses and helping them progress, as she did.

Growing up, Tudor achieved two Palomino World Championship titles, won multiple Reserve World Championships and been a two-time finalist at the American Quarter Horse Congress. These accomplishments set Tudor in motion to becoming a part of the Wildcat's nationally winning team.

When first visiting K-State, Tudor was attracted to the equestrian team's goals and values. It was something she wanted to be a part of.

"We really want to be a cohesive team," Tudor said. "Being there for one another is really important."

While horseback riding seemed like an individual sport, the team aspect was crucial. During practice, the women assisted each other by critiquing, encouraging and teaching one another.

"Everyone is going to have their off day," said Tudor. "But I think if one person is having an off day someone needs to realize that and kind of help lift them up so their day becomes positive."

Tudor focused on her strength and horsemanship in order to prepare for competitions. Western horsemanship consisted of the rider preforming choreographed patterns that were then judged on the riders poise, position, and seat. However, horses were assigned to the women at random for each practice and competition, so in order to do well they must know what their controllable factors are, whether they are practicing horsemanship or reining. Reining consisted of the rider guiding the horse through a precise pattern. They were then judged on the accuracy and precision to perform the set pattern of movements.

"I think that is why equestrian is so unique, because we have live equipment. We don't have a basketball or a football," Tudor said. "We have this live animal that we have to adhere to and connect with and I think that's something really cool and that's what presents a really big challenge."

Tudor planned on working with live equipment for the rest of her life. While her short term goals included a Big 12 and national championship for the team. Her sights were set on riding horses for a long time.

"I know this is kind of silly, but I really just want to be able to go out and experience the world with my horse," Tudor said.

When asked which activity she would choose if she had to quit one, Tudor gave a simple answer.

"I couldn't choose. I love all of it," she said. "And even though it is stressful, those values that the team has have taught me that I shouldn't have to choose. I just need to be able to organize my schedule and make it all work because I enjoy everything."





Nate Baranowski, owner of Street Canvas Design, based out of Tampa Bay, Florida, chalks in details on his three-dimensional sidewalk art on Oct. 10 in Bosco Plaza. *Photo by Parker Robb*

A Lifetime of Transitions

Transgender students share their college experiences

By Jakki Thompson

Students coming to college each experienced that transition of their life differently. Some missed home and their families. Others enjoyed the complete freedom collegiate life has to offer.

For others though, college could be the time in their lives to find and transition into who they really were. For three Kansas State University students, the collegiate experience was about finding their true gender identity and transitioning into the men and women they wanted to be.

According to the National Center for Transgender Equality, transgender people are those "whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned sex at birth." Transgender students presented themselves as male or female based on societal or cultural norms opposite of how they were biologically born. Before these students transitioned, they lived cisgender lives. Cisgender was when the way someone presents themselves on the outside reflects the sex one was given at birth.

The three students that were transitioning were female to male gender transgenders.

Adam O'Brien, senior in fine arts, had been transitioning for more than four years. He was categorized as "stealth," which the Connecticut Outreach Society defined as a transgender person who had transitioned enough to live as their preferred gender without other people knowing they are transgender.

"[When I began transitioning] I was presenting in what I would have considered a masculine fashion, but it was very flamboyant and kinda glam rock-y," O'Brien said. "Because of my body structure and my voice, people often saw me as a woman, and more than that a lesbian, which I wasn't at all, ever. Wanting to be one identity and people referring to me and addressing me as the complete opposite was incredibly conflicting. The clash of both of those worlds was when I knew I needed to change something."

O'Brien started transitioning into a male gender during his freshman year at K-State. He first came out to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied community members. Then, he began coming out to a larger sphere of people including professors, classmates and his family.

"I grew up in Lawrence, so progressive-ness was all around [me and my family]," O'Brien said. "When I came out, [my immediate family] was accepting of it, but it was hard for them to wrap their heads around it. For them, it was even sort of more difficult because they saw my transition in stages. I would come home from K-State and look completely different break to break. My extended family was accepting, not necessarily understanding, but they're really cool with it now."

For Will Harmon, junior in English, it was a slightly different experience. Harmon was originally from Americus, Kan. with a population of slightly less than 900 people.

Harmon said he didn't see his family a lot since coming to college and that his sisters weren't too enthusiastic about his transition. While his transition didn't change the fact that Harmon was their sibling, his sisters were losing a sister for a brother, something they weren't used to. He told his parents before telling his siblings.

"My mom, I guess, she was alright with it," Harmon said. "She did offer to tell all of my relatives once I came out and began transitioning. I don't know how my extended family took it. I know my younger cousins, between the ages of 9 and 14, still use my birth name and feminine pronouns. But my older cousins will, like, message me on Facebook and make sure I'm OK."

Harmon said his dad would ask if he was doing this just to be strange or different, which was a question he was frequently asked.

"No. Who would want to be so different that they were so hated by the majority of the population?" Harmon said.

Growing up in different geographic areas affected how families reacted to their children wanting to transition into a different gender than they were assigned with at birth. Taylor Suppes, sophomore in agricultural business, grew up in Olathe. He said his family wanted him to grow up to be a member of "regular" society – he was expected to be the perfect successful person with lots of money, a big house and too many cars.

"My mother and I don't speak now that I am transitioning," Suppes said. "She knows that I am [transitioning] to some degree. She always expected something of me, something that I'm not. I've always tried to make her happy and be the perfect child. Then I

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Taylor Suppes, sophomore in agricultural business, shows how he looks before he began transitioning. Suppes, a female to male transgender, was born a woman and his gender adhered to that social norm before he began his transition. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*



Adam O'Brien, senior in drawing, shows how he looked before he began his transition into his now male-bodied self. O'Brien has been in transition for four years, including taking testosterone hormone treatments lasting for at least two years. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

realized I wasn't going to ever live up to her standards; technically no one can."

Suppes said he felt like he couldn't talk with his family about it because they looked down on his transition. He said it was something that affected his life and it was not their place to make a comment about it.

These three students were at different stages in their transition. Each individual had to do different things during different stages in order to fit in with the new social norms they have from transitioning from one gender to another.

O'Brien said he had been binding for about two years. He binded with a partial binder that goes from mid-sternum to the midriff area.

Binding refered to wearing a compression garment under one's clothing to compress feminine breasts and give the body a more flat, masculine look. Binding was something most female to male transgender people must do.

For Harmon, he must wear almost a full body binder. This goes from about the collar bone to the middle of the thighs. Harmon said he has to wear a full body binder because he had large breasts, as well as an hour glass, feminine body structure. The binder evens Harmon's body out to look more masculine.

A tri-binder is what Suppes uses. The tri-binder has shoulder straps and ends along the line of diaphragm. All binders can cause issues with breathing, potential spinal pain and other upper body issues due to the constant pressure the upper body is put under. Binding is for transgender men who either haven't, can't or don't want to have their breasts reduced or all of the breast tissue removed.

O'Brien is the only transgender man of the three on the male hormone testosterone. Before taking testosterone, O'Brien had to find and meet with a gender therapist for some time before finding an endocrinologist. The endocrinologist needed the official OK from O'Brien's gender therapist before beginning treatment. The endocrinologist prescribed O'Brien the testosterone.

Among other things, testosterone increased ones sex drive, allowed O'Brien to grow facial hair, stopped menstrual cycles and redistributed fat around the hip and waist area to make the body look more traditionally masculine. The effects of testosterone are irreversible, even if treatment was stopped.

Through transitioning from one gender to another, all of the students had to learn a completely different set of social norms and customs. These customs ranged from having to shave their face or having to wear a bra.

Though the customs may have varied for each individual, these students had felt love and loss from their families through all of the changes. Suppes said he would like to see more support from the larger community in understanding and supporting the transgender community through all stages of people's transitions.

"I believe I was born this way," Suppes said. "It wasn't a mess up or something that happened. The world needs to change its perception on this community. The [transgender] community needs to be out there and needs to receive support. If there was more support and education and just knowing of someone else out there like you, people wouldn't have to go through [transitioning] alone."

Suppes said it was hard to transition in a town when people aren't out, especially when there doesn't seem like there is a voice for the transgender community.

"Do I just want to go about living my life as I am and not disclosing this horrible idea of who I used to be?" O'Brien said. "Or do I disclose that I am transgender and have to discuss what it means and stuff like that?"

Baker, Harmon and O'Brien had all legally changed their names. Suppes hadn't. When Suppes started being referred to with masculine pronouns, he felt more comfortable staying with his gender neutral birth name, Taylor.

"I want to be an educator that helps bring visibility to the trans-community," O'Brien said. "It's hard to find someone in your local community, there, who you can talk to face to face about something like being transgender. When I move to a bigger city, I want to be that person that a young trans-person can go to help guide them."

K-State's robotics team fights to become reigning champions

Competitive Mechanics

By Laura Parker

For the seventh straight year, Kansas State University's robotics team proved its slogan: "We don't go there to compete! We go there to win!"

The team captured another championship at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers' annual international student robotics competition in Kansas City, Mo., in July.

Since its launch in 2007, the same year the competition was established, the team had gone undefeated.

"We were the first team to participate in the competition," Naiqian Zhang, biological and agricultural engineering professor and team adviser, said.

The challenge entailed designing robots to pick up four red, green and blue toilet paper rolls, which represented hay bales, and then stacking the rolls in corners of an 8-by-8-foot board, signifying a field.

"The team had to complete the challenge within five minutes," Zhang said. "K-State was the only team to make the time out of six other teams."

The team created three robots for the competition. Beginning designs in January, students worked through the spring and summer to prepare.

"By June and July we were into the intense months, working weekdays and weekends," Jared Barker, graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering and team captain, said. "The biggest part was designing and building the robot."

Throughout the summer, Barker and other members worked 12- to 16-hour days to finish the robots.

"The real time consumption came the day and night before the competition," Andrew Wiederholt, graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering, said. "We had to adjust the robot's light sensors to the change of environment."

Members worked in the lab on hardware and software. They debugged equipment and designed microcontrollers so the three robots could communicate wirelessly.

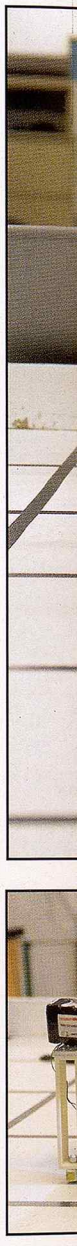
"They basically lived in Seaton. They would go home, sleep four to five hours and be right back at it," Zhang said.

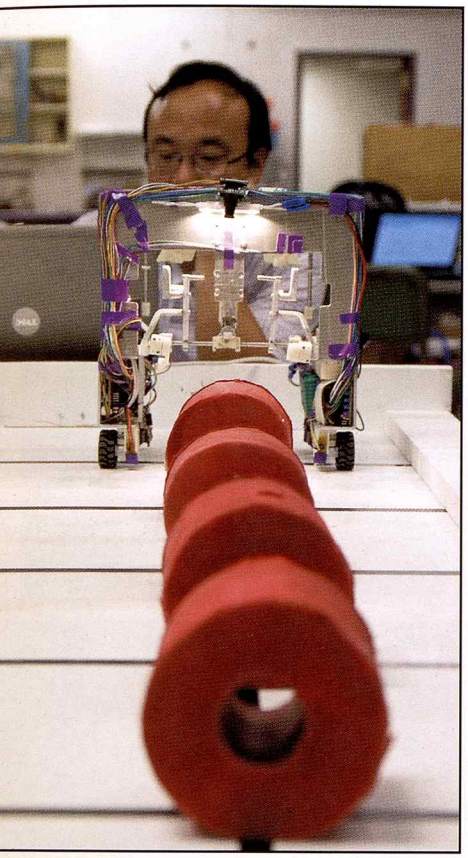
Barker credited the team's seven wins to hard work and dedication.

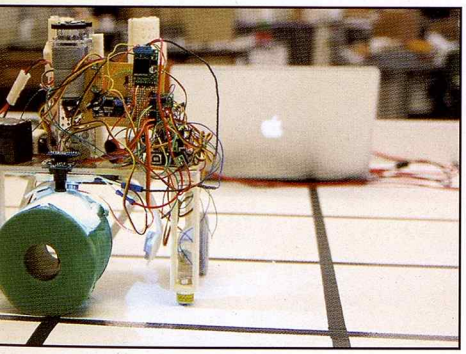
"There's no magic formula to our success," he said. "We wouldn't be happy with second place. That's not the goal."

As the robotics team celebrated its success, members recognized alternative advantages to being a part of the team.

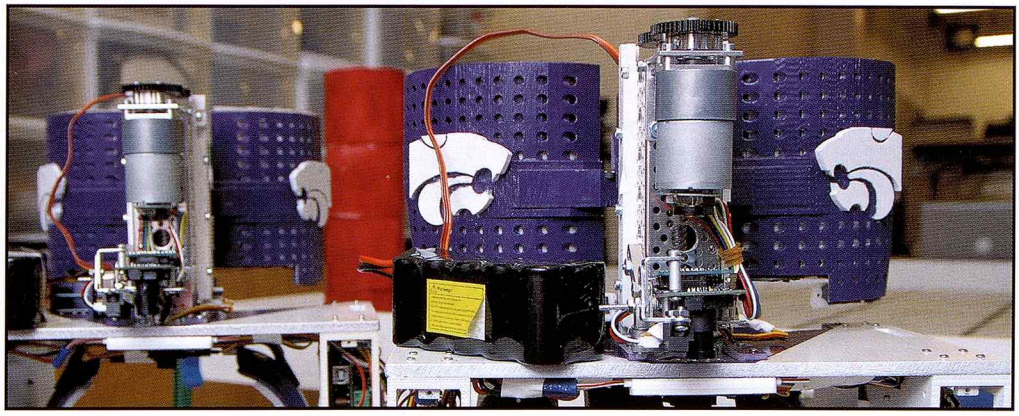
"It's a good way to network and get practical experience," Wiederholt said. "It's great to be a part of the success, but friendships and great teamwork are the major benefits of being on the robotics team."











Top Left Yong Wei, graduate student in biological and agricultural engineering, works late into the night on a robot on July 3. **Bottom Left** The initial testing of the Plan A prototype determines how well the robot can identify and pickup the bale autonomously. **Top Right** Jeriah Barker, sophomore in mechanical engineering, files down a printed part to ensure that it fits, as he assembles the final robot on July 17. **Bottom Right** Two Plan A robots completely assembled on July 17. Once all the parts are ready and available it takes a day and a half to complete one robot. with one more to go, on July 17, 2013.

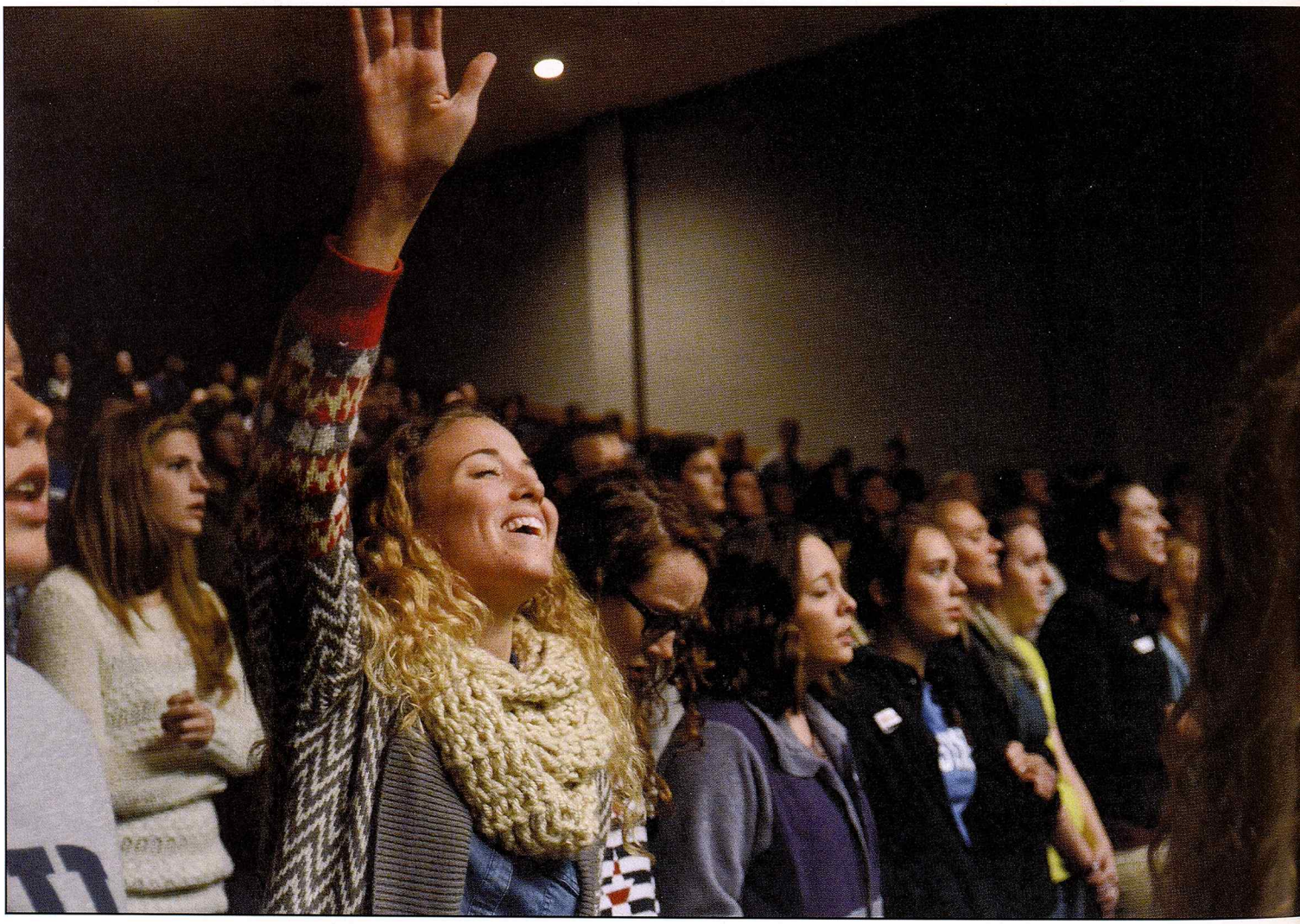
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Above The Christian Challenge community gathers to worship on Thursday nights in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union, Oct. 24. **Top right** Robbie Nutter, staff leader of Christian Challenge, speaks about the problem of evil in the world during the central gathering, expanding on C.S. Lewis' signature quote: "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." **Bottom right** Jake Theis, senior in accounting, digs into the Word at his LIFE Group Bible study Wednesday, Oct. 23.
Photos by Parker Robb



Katie Cook, junior in elementary education, worships during the central gathering Thursday, Oct. 24, in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union. *Photo by Parker Robb*

Religious Relationships

Christian Challenge allows students to find friends and pursue faith

By Haley Paulson

Christian Challenge focused on building community and faith in K-State students' lives.

Christian Challenge billed itself as a place for students to develop their relationships with God and build friendships along the way.

"I met a ton of people at Challenge the first week and immediately felt really connected," Rachel Ladenburger, junior in family studies and human services, said.

Running since 1972, it was originally known as Baptist Student Union. The name changed to Christian Challenge in 1995.

An average Thursday meeting included worship songs, announcements, a message given by a staff member and a time to "meet and greet" with other students by answering a question displayed on the projector in the front of the room.

About 400 people attended each week. Robbie Nutter, senior staff member of Christian Challenge, said that a main goal of the staff was to maintain a high emphasis on community.

"As we grow larger, we want to grow smaller, helping people cultivate friendships," Nutter said.

Cole Foster, sophomore in personal finance, spoke about the kind of friendships Nutter described.

"People are warm and welcoming," Foster said. "They are genuine and you always bump into someone you know."

Both Foster and Ladenburger attributed the majority of their friendships formed to their life groups, small Bible studies from five to 20 people that were led by upperclassmen who also attended Challenge.

"Your life group is a group to be intimate with, connect with and share what's going on in your life," Foster said.

Ladenburger also spoke about the benefit of having been in a life group.

"Life groups are great because you are getting to share your life with people. You know that your struggles are real and there are people who care for you and want you to do well. It's important," Ladenburger said.

Nutter, one of eight staff members, spoke of Challenge's desire to help students.

"We teach from the Bible, and our Thursday night is a place that a new student can come and not be threatened," he said.

Ladenburger said that a non-threatening community, experienced with other people desiring to grow in their faith in college, was important.

"We were never created to walk alone, regardless if you are a believer or not, no matter what your interests are," Ladenburger said. "If you really want something, you can only go so far on your own before it gets hard and before you want to quit. Community is what pushes you forward in whatever it is you're going after."

Singing Sensations

University a capella group provides entertainment for students

By Kaylee Engle

Using their voices, accompanied by a little hip shaking, some finger snaps and smiles, Cadence, Kansas State University's only all-male a cappella group, brought a fun, energetic vibe wherever they performed.

Being an a cappella group meant that Cadence performed without instrumental accompaniment, relying exclusively on their vocal cords. The 17-member group, consisting of about half veterans and half new members, sang a wide range of styles such as barbershop, doo-wop, oldies, popular music and more. Because the group performed for different types of crowds, Cadence strived to have song choices in their arsenal to suit any type of audience.

"We try really hard to make sure we're mixing it up between more classic songs, older doo-wop and things like that and then also the newer stuff, obviously, because that's where the majority of our audience is—college students," Travis Fritson, president of Cadence and senior in architectural engineering, said. "But we have to keep enough older songs in there so that we've got enough to sing at church shows and retirement homes."

The a cappella group's song selection wasn't the only thing that was diverse. Members of Cadence came from many academic fields. However, not a single one majored in music.



Cadence performs at the Senior Day lunch on Oct. 21 in the Union Ballroom. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

"I've always loved music. College a cappella choir has always been something on my radar, something I've wanted to do. And it's awesome that I'm able to do that without being a music major," Kage Edgar, freshman in psychology, said.

Cadence practiced four days each week to prepare for the 20 to 30 small shows they performed each semester and for their individual concerts, which were held at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

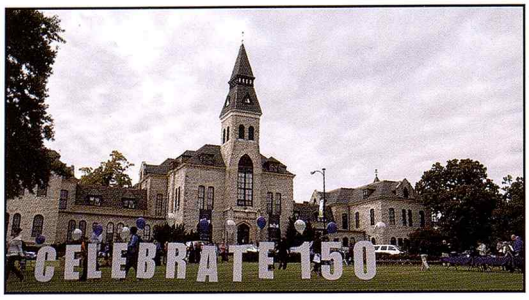
Students appreciated the group's lively, charismatic personality that shined through at each of their performances.

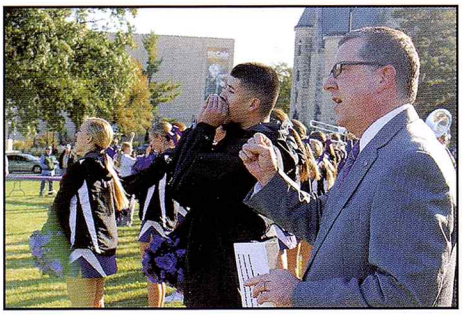
"Cadence has a really unique ability. They do a lot. They tell jokes and to get into the audience, they always bring people up on stage at their concerts," Allison Johnson, Cadence's accompanist, senior in chemical engineering, said. "People love them because they interact with the audience and they bring an atmosphere of excitement. It's a lot of fun to watch them perform."

While Cadence members enjoyed spending time with each other, to grow and learn, they focused on what was most important to them all: their love of music.

"I love being able to hang out and make music with people who share my same passion," Edgar said.











Top Left The closing ceremonies for the yearlong 150th celebration took place on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 24. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger* **Top Right** President Kirk K. Schulz follows along with the fight song before his speech at the closing ceremony of the K-State's 150th anniversary celebration. *Photo by Josh Staab* **Left** DeeAnna Fugate (right) and Carla Bishop, longtime employees of Kansas State's Financial Services, take a look at what's on display at the 150th anniversary celebration. *Photo by Josh Staab* **Below** The marching band plays in front of Anderson Hall for the event. *Photo by Minh Mac* **Far Left** Barbara Lippman, administrative specialist of the office of international programs, looks at a banner at the merchandise table. *Photo by Minh Mac*



Buried Treasures

University ends 150th anniversary celebration by burying time capsule

By Jacinda Dent

Students, staff, faculty and community members attended Kansas State University's closing of its 150th anniversary year of celebration on Oct. 24.

To end the festivities, the K-State Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, a committee of both students, staff and residents of Manhattan, requested that multiple departments across campus submit items to put in the 3,000 pound time capsule.

The committee decided to give one cubic foot to 50 different groups, units and divisions across campus that would be donating items to place in the capsule. Departments were encouraged to place items that directly related to life at K-State in the year 2013.

"What we've done for the nine months that we've been celebrating the anniversary is looking at what's gone before us. We've spent it looking back and reflecting, and we wanted to give the people that open the capsule an idea, all in one place, of what 2013 was like," Jackie Hartman, chief of staff at K-State and Sesquicentennial Steering Committee Chairwoman, said.

At the celebration, people were able to view all of the items that would go inside the capsule. President Kirk Schulz spoke to the crowd, honoring 150 years of Kansas State and the special sesquicentennial ice cream, "Wildcat Birthday 150" was served to attendees.

Vice president of Emporia State Bank financial Larie Schoap, a community member of the steering committee, wanted to be part of the 150th anniversary celebration because of her alumna status.

"I think the time capsule is fabulous," Schoap said. "I moved back to Manhattan four years ago and wanted to get involved with the university again. With K-State, there is always something fun going on."

The capsule would be buried within the school year on Anderson lawn. A limestone patio would cover the area complete with benches and a bronze plaque.

"I believe the time capsule is significant because it's the university's way of saying they have persisted for 150 years, and will for another 150 years," Laura Gonzales, senior in family studies and human services, said. "When it is dug up, it will show how far the university has come."

Marking the next big milestone, the time capsule would be opened in 2063, on the 200th anniversary of K-State.

Foreign and domestic students form friendships

Internationally Connected

By Maria Betzoid

International Buddies was a student organization on campus that allowed international students to "buddy up" with local Kansas State University students, staff and community members to enrich each other's lives.

Those involved in International Buddies made a one-semester commitment to meet with their buddies once a week for an hour.

Ronnie Sullivan, sophomore in agri-business and president of International Buddies, said weekly meetings were encouraged to make the buddy system effective.

"We encourage buddy pairs to meet weekly so that they can form stronger bonds and gain from the experience even more," Sullivan said.

Sarah Beebe, co-adviser for international programs, said she thought that being part of the organization was a great experience for both local and international students.

"We try at least once a month to have a large, connect type event to bring all the buddies together and let them meet more than just their buddy," Beebe said.

International Buddies played a critical role in helping K-State achieve one of the many goals of the 2025 Visionary Plan for K-State's future growth and development.

"One of the goals of the 2025 plan is that 100 percent of undergraduate students have a meaningful international experience," Beebe said. "One of the goals of International Buddies is to help K-State meet that goal."

Beebe also said that International Buddies was about personal connection and the experience while on K-State's campus.

"It's a hands-on learning experience," Beebe said. "So rather than just being told by a professor in a classroom how things are, they get to talk to an individual that's been there, done that and really get to have a personal connection."

Sullivan said he thinks that this campus organization was good for K-State's campus.

"I believe International Buddies affects K-State's campus in a very positive way," Sullivan said. "Last year, I had my first buddy, which was a very fun experience in whichI learned a lot about his culture and he learned a lot about mine."

Cidra Husseini, sophomore in architectural engineering and vice president of International Buddies, said that she thought that International Buddies allowed international students to get a feel for the Manhattan area while also making a friend.

"It is providing an international experience for all students on campus," Husseini said. "It gives a great chance for both local and international students to have international meaning experiences, along with exploring other cultures, customs and most importantly, exploring Manhattan and K-State."

Hussieni said her experience with International Buddies helped her adjust to life in Manhattan when she became a student at K-State.

"I have adjusted to the American life and behavior, and I network greatly with everyone thanks to my experience with International Buddies," Husseini said. "It helped me get over my homesick phase and live my college life to the fullest."

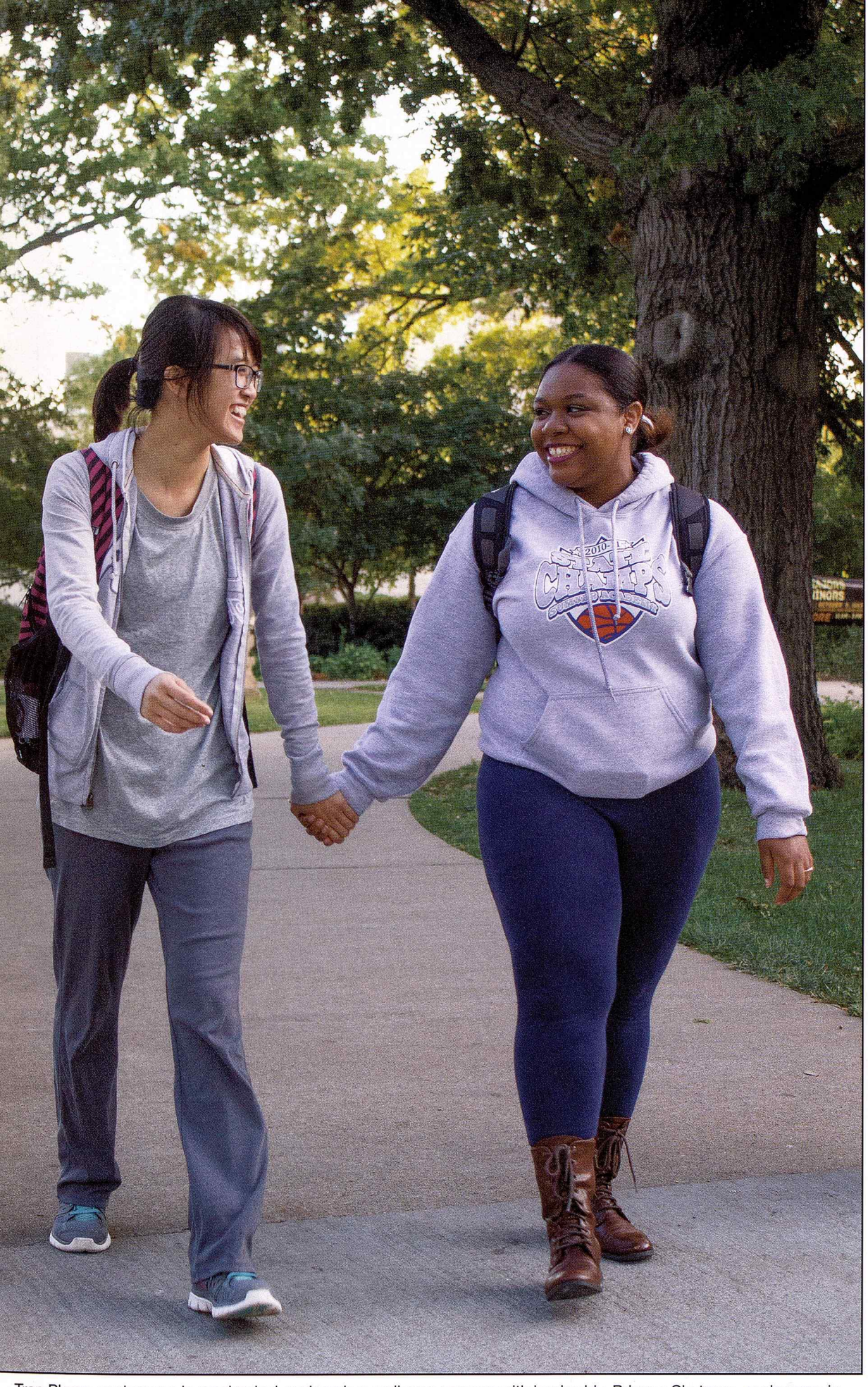
Sullivan agreed that International Buddies played a critical role in an international student's adjustment to life in Manhattan and at K-State.

"A huge part about international students becoming more comfortable living in Manhattan is their confidence in their ability to speak English," Sullivan said. "Buddies allows international students someone to casually converse with and ask grammatical questions in a non-judging environment, which in turn greatly improves their language ability and confidence."

Sullivan also said his experience taught him about other cultures' customs as well as made lifelong friendships.

"Being involved in International Buddies has taught me a lot about many different cultures, plus I have made numerous friends," Sullivan said. "Overall, it's a fun organization that really broadens your experience as a college student and provides so many benefits to both you and your buddy."





Tran Pham, sophomore in mechanical engineering, walks on campus with her buddy, Brianna Chatmon, sophomore in open option, on Oct. 8. *Photo by Minh Mac*

Student organization raises funds for charity

Running for Wishes

By Ariel Crockett

The Kansas State University student organization, Wishmaker's, held its first "Give Thanks, Grant Wishes" 5K race Nov. 9.

All of the race's proceeds went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which used the funds to help grant wishes of local children with life-threatening illnesses.

Runners trekked the 5,000-meter route, which began at Bosco Student Plaza and continued through Denison and Anderson avenues and raised a total of $400.

Runners ranged from Manhattan locals, K-State students and participants from across the state.

Jonathan Clark, Emporia State University student in business management, said he entered the race because of his girlfriend. Despite having no prior training at all, he said he was surprised to be the first to cross the finish line in about 21 minutes.

"I never win anything," Clark said.

Clark's friend, Tyler Barnes, student at the University of Kansas, came in second place just one minute after.

"I feel terrible and out of shape," Barnes said.

Clark and Barnes were a few of the participants who said they ran the race on a whim, but for Xavier Gavin, senior in interior architecture and product design, the race was not his first and would certainly not be his last.

Gavin said the Wishmaker's 5K race was more of a "step in the process" for the half marathon he planned on running in the future.

"I saw it on Facebook and I said I was going to run," Gavin said. "I feel great."

Kimbre Francis, freshman in microbiology and Wishmaker's member, said the event was a success and cannot wait for next year.

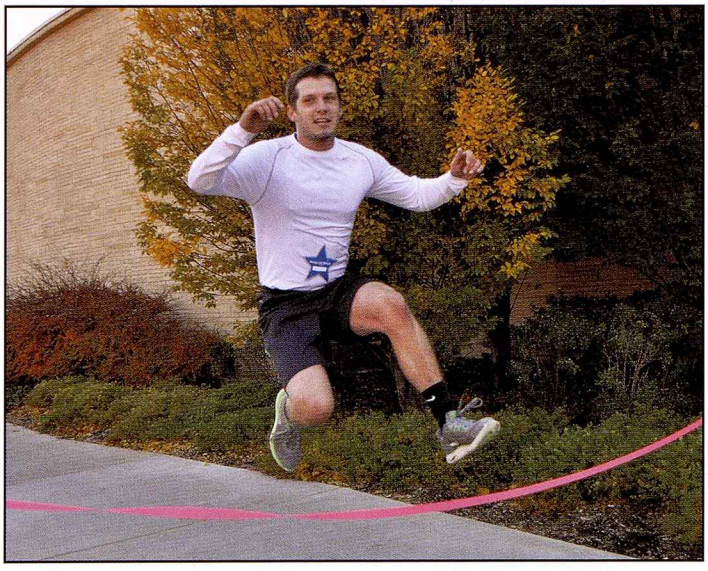
"It was a great turnout," Francis said. "There are a lot of things I think we can do to boost an even greater turnout next year. As an organization we are happy to see runners succeed in their training by also helping us raise awareness and money that will go towards a great cause."

A variety of people came to run, all showing a sense of community by coming together under one common goal to help raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We didn't really have a goal, it's just something to give to the Make-A-Wish Foundation," said Molly Goodwin, freshman in business and Wishmaker's member, said.



Above A group of participants run through campus for the Wishmaker's 5k on Nov.9. Proceeds from the race benefited the Make A Wish Foundation. **Right** A runner jumps over the finish line during the Wishmaker's 5k on Nov. 9. *Photos courtesy of Wishmaker's 5k*



Exceeding Excellence

Alpha Gamma Rho member surpasses expectations

By Kaylee Engle

Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, exhibited excellence as a student of Kansas State University and a member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. Kays was selected as an undergraduate director on the National Board of Directors of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

The National Board consisted of 12 members, four of them being undergraduate directors. Kays' position entailed attending three board meetings to help make decisions that would affect the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, as a whole.

"A lot of the National Board members are retired guys that retired from their career in agriculture," Kays said. "Undergraduate experience is long-time removed from when they were in the house. So, we're there to give the undergraduate input. When they make a decision or they make a policy, we want to make sure it works for the undergraduate members and it is a realistic thing that will happen and they can do."

As a third generation member of Alpha Gamma Rho, the fraternity has been a long-standing tradition for the Kays family. Kays' mother believed it played a key role with his success in college.

"He went to a small Catholic school and so going to K-State and being in the AGR house were all pretty new experiences for him. He just really grew and developed independence and maturity," Connie Kays said. "The hardest thing for him was to choose what to be involved in because there's so many opportunities through AGR and K-State."

While Kays was greatly involved in multiple organizations such as Blue Key Senior Honorary, Student Governing Association and the College of Agriculture, he prioritized Alpha Gamma Rho high on his list. He credited the fraternity for his personal growth and helping prepare him for his future.

"This award was very deserving," Ben Brown, fraternity brother and junior in agricultural economics, said. "I think as a university, having somebody that is represented this high in his fraternity showcases how good of an AGR chapter we have here at K-State, how good our Greek community here is. And just overall the quality of students we're recruiting at K-State is top, is elite. I think him receiving this honor is a showcase of what K-State has to offer."

Kays planned on graduating in December 2014 with a degree in agribusiness. Following graduation, he wanted to spend six months in Washington D.C. working for a lobbyist or Kansas politician before starting law school in the fall of 2015.

"I think AGR has developed me as a person, tied me even deeper into my agricultural roots and prepared me to go forward after getting a college degree and make a difference in the world and hopefully give back to AGR eventually," Kays said.





Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, poses outside Alpha Gamma Rho on Nov. 20. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*

Renewed Beginnings

Fraternity renews their mark at university

By Bria Dansby

After closing their doors seven years ago due to lack of members, the fraternity Pi Kappa Phi decided to restart their organization.

Nick Prichodko and other leadership consultants for the fraternity's national headquarters approached students at Kansas State University about renewing Pi Kappa Phi on campus.

"At first I was pretty skeptical," Dylan McKenzie, sophomore in business and chapter treasurer, said. "But after attending a bowling night recruitment event and meeting some of the guys who had joined the fraternity, I was sold and received a bid a few days later."

Though the fraternity had 35 members by the end of its first semester, finding new members was a battle.

"The most difficult part of recruiting would be attracting potential recruits to such a new and developing organization," Austin Peterson, junior in history and recruitment chairman, said. "Our strategy for recruitment revolves around the ideals of our fraternity: leadership, service, brotherhood, etc. We want to attract like-minded individuals who value what we value and live the way we live. We just need to get our name out into campus life more and reach out to those exemplary individuals.

Members of Pi Kappa Phi used different forms of advertising to inform students about the new fraternity and what they had to offer.

"Our expansion consultants had a great success in advertising the fraternity both in the Student Union and through our Facebook referral forms," McKenzie said. "Both have been instrumental in bringing in new members and we look forward to



using both of these strategies next semester."Although they continue to recruit new members, the officers of Pi Kappa Phi were not worried about how many people they gained.

"Our goal is to focus on quality, not quantity," Peterson said. "We would prefer to focus on recruiting a smaller number of much more devoted men than attempting to recruit as many individuals as possible.

Pi Kappa Phi's message of opportunity and growth had convinced some students already interested in Greek life to join and help rebuild their organization.

"I was interested in Greek life already, but had not pursued it," Eric Brown, sophomore in mechanical engineering and chapter historian, said. "I talked to the recruiter at a table and they told me that Pi Kappa Phi was starting and it interested me; I thought it would be a great way to start Greek life."

The renewed fraternity's message of leaving a legacy for future K-State students proved successful based on the amount of founding fathers they gained their first year.

"Pi Kappa Phi is unique among the many great fraternities of K-State," Peterson said. "We are returning to campus, which means anyone who joins [the spring] semester would be considered a founding father. This means that they would be building the fraternity from the ground up. They would be remembered by future generations as a leader on campus and they would be thanked for developing something truly great at K-State."

For new members, the thought of leaving a legacy at K-State was a rare opportunity.

"It's pretty awesome," Brown said. "It's an experience that you don't get the opportunity to do and it is a good way to leave a mark on campus."



The men of Pi Kappa Phi gather for a meeting on Feb. 16. *Photo by Briana Rickabaugh*

Rodeo Club allows students to find a place at college

Saddle Up

By McKenzie Cordell

Sage Henderson, senior in animal science, expanded and improved her rodeo skills, thanks to the support of her fellow Rodeo Club members at Kansas State University.

Participating in rodeos since she was a child, Henderson found her niche after watching her parents develop a love for the sport, then coming to K-State, where she lived out her dreams.

"My favorite part is being so far away from home, yet still being able to do something that I have a huge passion for," Henderson said. "It's also something my dad grew up doing, so it's kind of like a tradition."

The Rodeo Club supported the traveling members of the team and hosted fundraising and competitive events. Among these events were team roping, barrel racing, bull riding and steer wrestling. The club also hosted events just for the women, such as Iron Woman and Rodeo Queen.

"Every fall we hold a team roping jackpot," Richard Kirmer, senior in animal science, said. "It was a success this year once again."

The club's biggest and most anticipated event, K-State Rodeo, was hosted at Weber Arena and brought in people from Kansas to Oklahoma.

While the events raised money, so did various fundraisers, such as parking cars during the home football games. The fundraisers worked as another way the members could collaborate and support those competing in college rodeos.

The highly experienced and newcomers alike worked together to improve their skills.

"It's not just about supporting the ones that go on the road," Henderson said. "It's about teaching those that never really had the experience or lived in town and didn't have the facilities to keep horses."

Vice President Seth Bredemeier, senior in animal science, emphasized the importance of teammates helping one another gain as much experience as they could while practicing.

"There's so many things going on and it's so quick," Bredemeier said. "You can only critique yourself so much without being able to see the whole picture."

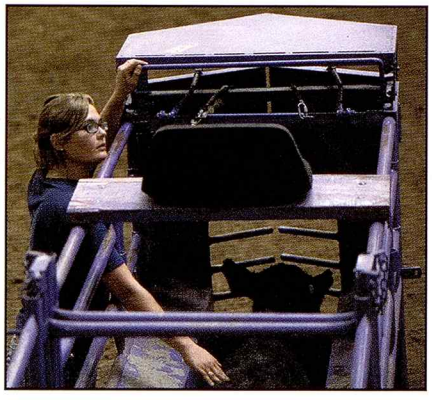
Through these interactions, the members bonded and became a family. Bredemeier made numerous connections and built strong relationships through the club.

"I came in not knowing anyone at all," Bredemeier said. "Now they're my go-to people."

For Kirmer, roping practice and traveling to rodeos were some of his best experiences at K-State.

"Those times and memories are the best of my entire college career and they became my best friends for life," Kirmer said.

Tanner Brunner, sophomore in animal sciences and industry, puts a calf on its back to practice his roping skills on Oct. 30 in Weber Hall. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*







Top left Sage Henderson, senior in animal science and secretary of the Rodeo Club waits for Brunner's signal to release the calf on Oct. 30 in Weber Hall. *Photo by Emily DeShazer* **Above** Tossing his lasso, Tanner Brunner, sophomore in animal sciences and industry, ropes a calf during Rodeo Club practice on Oct. 30 in Weber Hall. *Photo by Emily DeShazer* **Left** Sage Henderson's horse, Spot, and his tack after practice on Oct. 30 in Weber Hall. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Students gain opportunities through Alumni Association

Forever a Wildcat

By Kaylee Engle

Wildcats Forever boarded 53 of its members onto a charter bus the morning of Oct. 5 to travel to Stillwater, Okla. to support the Kansas State University football team at its game against Oklahoma State.

The trip was one of multiple activities Wildcats Forever offered students. The organization, which was open to students on the Manhattan and Salina campuses, as well as distance education students, provided its 2,000 members with a T-shirt, discounts around Manhattan, snacks during finals week and other special promotions throughout the year for a membership fee of $20.

The goal of Wildcats Forever, organized by the Student Alumni Board, was to establish a stronger connection to the university, as well as to get students involved with the Alumni Association.

"The goal with it is to let students know the Alumni Association is here. Whether it's helping them and giving them a place to study or just letting them know our office is here and they're welcome anytime," Megan Sherlock, associate director of student programs for the Alumni Association, said.

Wildcats Forever valued providing activities, such as trips to other Big 12 venues, to its members.

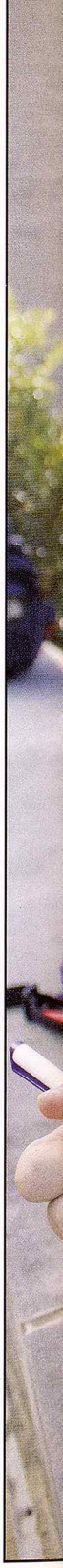
"It's just a good opportunity for the students to get out and check out other college campuses. It's kind of part of the experience," Gavin Hargrave, associate director of programs for the Alumni Association, said. "You have to do fun things in college. You can't just always be studying and going to class. You need to do some of the extracurricular stuff. It's a good way to meet new people too."

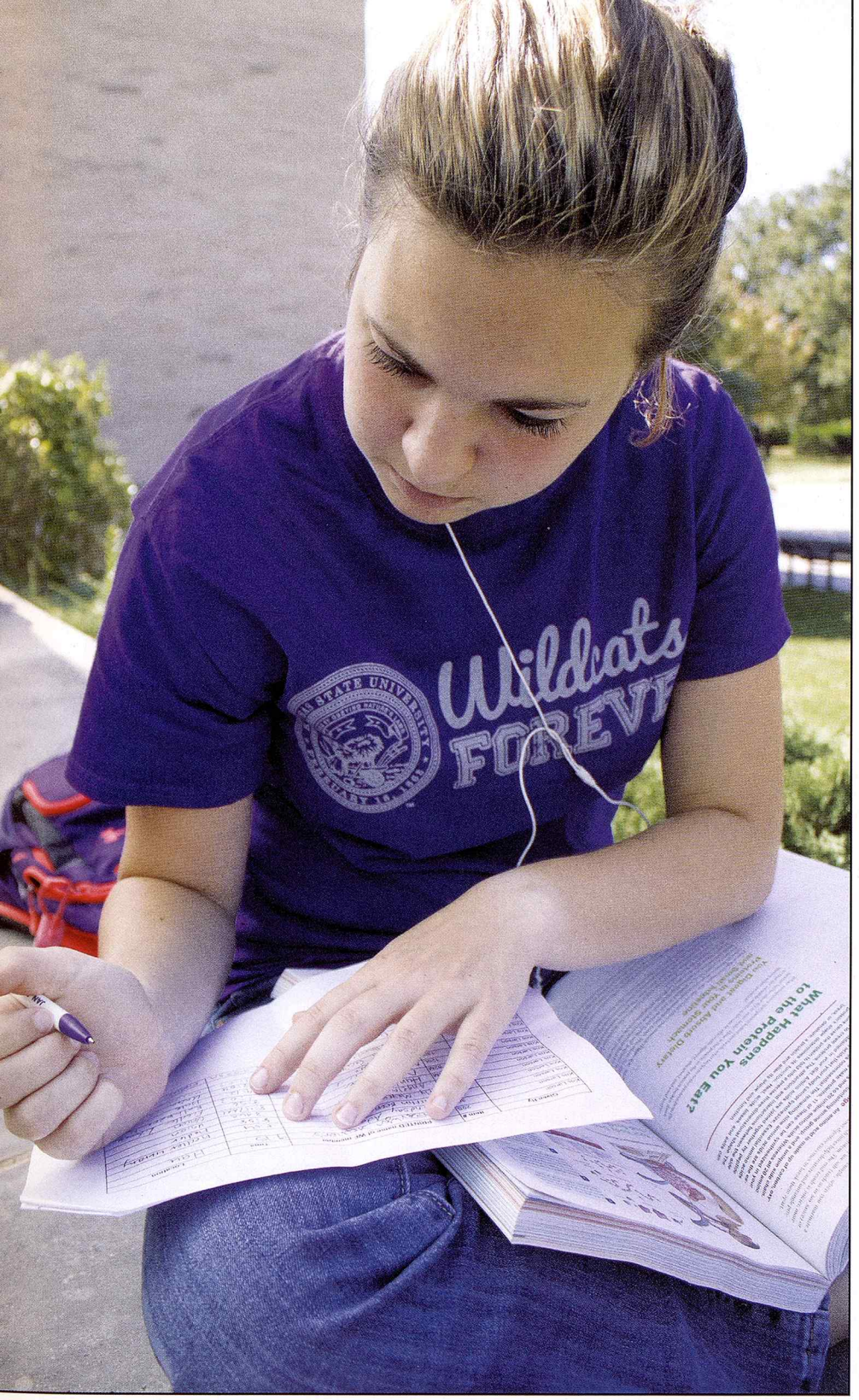
Another benefit for Wildcats Forever members was "Big 12 Fridays" and "Wear Your Shirt Days." Every Friday before a home Big 12 football game and on designated "wear your shirt days," the organization gave out a free gift to anyone spotted wearing his or her Wildcats Forever T-shirt.

"Wildcats Forever has been incredible with all they have to offer. There are not very many clubs that I could be involved in that would offer as many varied opportunities and perks as they do and I am very excited to be involved in more fun opportunities with them throughout the years," BreAnne Caudle, freshman in business administration, said.

Members of Wildcats Forever enjoyed the many opportunities and promotions the organization provided. Caudle took advantage of the organization's perks by traveling to the game against Oklahoma State.

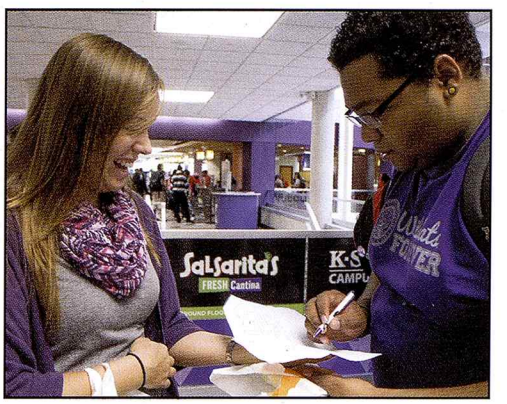
"I mostly enjoyed the people that I traveled with, being able to have the opportunity to cheer on our cats in Oklahoma and also getting to experience an away game with other devoted fans," Caudle said.

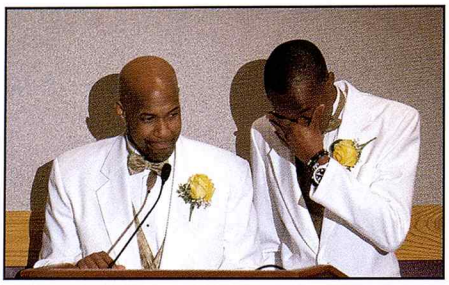


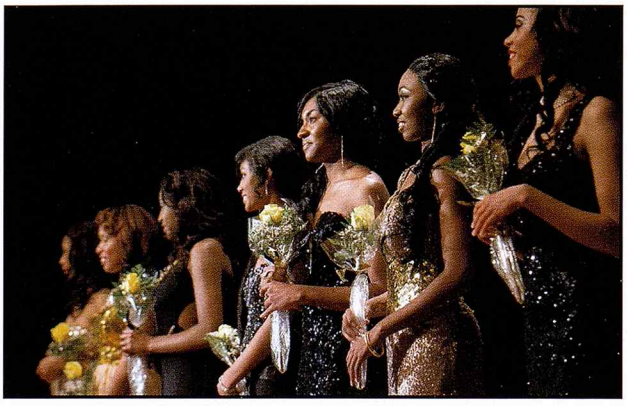


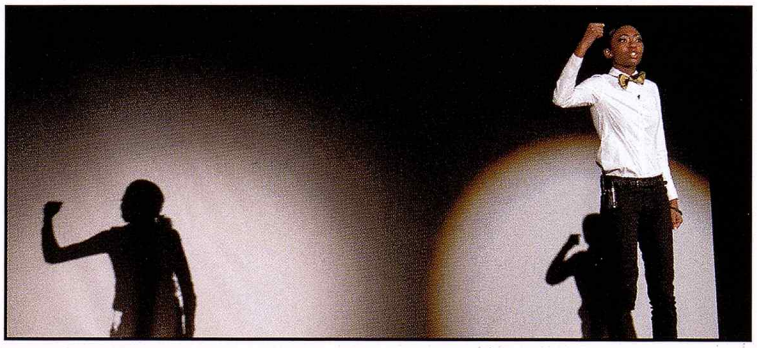
Left Lindsay Adams, freshman in nutrition, signs her name to get a free shirt at Bosco Plaza on Oct. 11. **Bottom left** Lindsay Adams, freshman in nutrition, receives her T-shirt from Krist Larsen, senior in mechanical engineering and a member of Student Alumni Board, at Bosco Plaza on Oct. 11. **Bottom right** Kris Larson, senior in mechanical engineering, and member of Student Alumni Board, has Alex Maupin, freshman in Psychology, fill out his name to get a Wildcats Forever T-shirt in the Student Union on Oct. 11. *Photos by Minh Mac*











Above Craig Swan, pageant co-coordinator, gets emotional during his final remarks to the contestants. Pageant advisor Brandon Clark took over to express their graditude to supporters and their pride in the women that participated. **Top right** The contestants await the announcement of the winners of each category as well as first and second runner up and the overall winner. **Right** Chandrika Brewton, senior in criminology, recites an original poem titled "Beauty Divine" for her talent. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*



Chandrika Brewton, senior in criminology, is crowned Miss Black and Gold on Dec. 7. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Show Stopping

Fraternity hosts their 15th annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant

By Brittney Machado

The men of the Kappa Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity held their 15th Annual Miss Black and Gold pageant on Dec. 7.

The event brought a packed house to Forum Hall, which was accomplished primarily by the collective 418 tickets the contestants sold. In addition to the time spent off-stage selling tickets, the seven women competing put many hours into the production.

"The women started practicing in September with three four-hour practices each week," Marcus Bragg, senior in management information systems and head of finances for the production, said. "They worked really hard to make this happen."

During the pageant, the women poured their hearts out on stage, competing for the top honor of the evening.

"I think it was flawless," LaRon Tripp, senior in psychology and member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said. "There was a lot of hard work that went into this and the women worked really hard."

Tripp was one of the men working backstage to make sure everything ran smoothly and that the women were prepared throughout the show.

Chandrika Brewton, senior in criminology, was awarded Miss Talent for her original poem entitled, "Beauty Defined," and Miss Dedication, chosen by the pageant coordinators for her dedication and commitment to the pageant.

Later in the evening, Brewton was awarded the top honor as Miss Black and Gold. Brewton would reign as the 2013-14 Miss Black and Gold and work with the Kappa Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on their community services.

Attending the pageant was a new experience for audience member Marcus Kidd, senior in psychology, who said he was anticipating a great pageant with more contestants, but in the end felt the seven women did an excellent job. Kidd said the most memorable section of the pageant was the talent portion.

"It let me see the women's character," Kidd said. "All the performances were really strong and really powerful."

Fraternity and family copes with loss of brother and son

Beta Sig Remembers

By Laura Parker

On Oct. 18, Kansas State University lost a member of its family: Brett Mock, sophomore in mechanical engineering. Mock reportedly crashed into parked cars by Northfield Road in Manhattan after losing control of his vehicle on his way home, according to the Riley County Police Department. Less than an hour after the accident, Mock passed away at Mercy Regional Medical Center.

Mock was from Dodge City, Kan. where he lived with his parents, Craig and Janie, and his sister, Macy. He had a legacy at K-State with his mother, uncle and grandparents, who all graduated from the university.

His family reflected on his life: "He was very happy being a Kansas State Wildcat and lived by the motto, 'I am in the business of making relationships and business is good!'"

Mock was also a member of Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity. His fraternity brothers remembered him for his outgoing personality.

"He was very spontaneous," Adam Beeman, senior in mechanical engineering, said. "He lived out of house, but when he was over, he'd always get talking to someone out of nowhere."

A couple of Mock's friends went through middle school and high school with him, followed by their joint participation in Beta Sigma Psi at K-State.

"Brett was 100 miles per hour. Every day with him was something new," Tim Spencer, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said. "When I was fine with watching TV for a night, he would drag me out to the lake or on a road trip. He actually forced me to have those experiences."

Another hometown friend and fraternity brother, Alonso Acevedo, sophomore in chemical engineering, appreciated his friendship with Mock.

"He was outgoing and really nice – just electric. He was generous and a really, really, really good friend. You'd ask him to do anything for you and he'd be right there to do it," Acevedo said. "I'm sad we won't have any more memories."

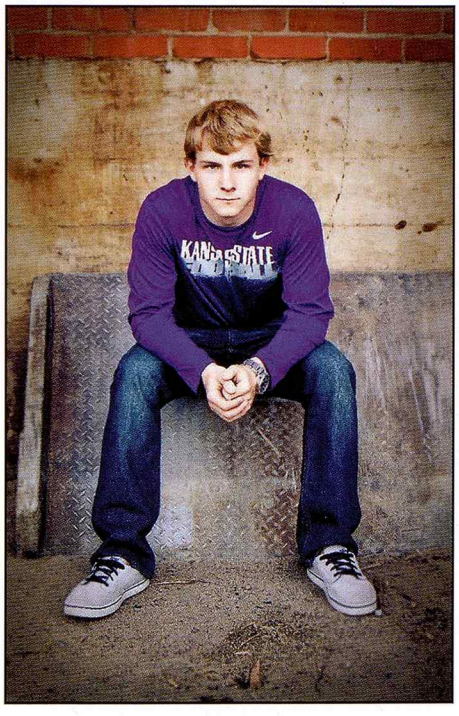
Thirty-two fraternity brothers attended Mock's funeral in Dodge City on Oct. 22 and Beta Sigma Psi held a memorial service on Nov. 17. To carry its lost brother's legacy, the fraternity set up an endowed scholarship in Mock's name.

"At first, it will be just for the Greek community and then it will open up to the whole community," Beeman said. "Our goal is to have the first scholarship given out next fall."

Beginning donations came from family and friends of fraternity members. The Mock family was thankful for the support from the fraternity and from K-State.

"We have been amazed at how many people Brett knew and the lives he had touched during his short time at K-State," they said. "We are so grateful to Brett's K-State family. They have been wonderful to us through these difficult times we have had to endure."

Brett Mock, sophomore in mechanical engineering, poses for his senior pictures taken in 2012. *Photo courtesy of the Mock family*





Above Brett Mock is surrounding by his family while they had photos taken commemorating the 150 anniversary of Kansas State University. **Left** Mock is photographed wearing Kansas State Wildcats attire for his senior pictures in 2012. *Photos courtesy of the Mock family*



Above Members of Beta Sigma Psi wait for the attack from the lone Kappa Sigma team member at the dodgeball tournament in the rec center on Feb. 15. **Left** The men of Sigma Chi (left and right) attempt to knock out the last remaining Kappa Sigma competitor. *Photos by Josh Staab*



Dodgeball Divas

Sorority plans tournament to benefit domestic violence victims

By Laura Parker

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in three college women were affected by domestic violence in 2014. Knowing the enormity of this issue, Alpha Chi Omega focused its philanthropic efforts to raise awareness about domestic violence while earning funds to support the Women's Crisis Center of Manhattan.

On Feb. 15 at the Chester E. Peters Recreational Complex, Alpha Chi Omega hosted its first dodgeball tournament, "Dodge Domestic Violence."

Teams of six competed in a fraternity or sorority bracket. The winners, Kappa Sigma and Gamma Phi Beta, received trophies and were invited back to the Alpha Chi Omega house for a celebratory lunch.

Courtney Henney, sophomore in elementary education and vice-president of philanthropy for Alpha Chi Omega, was credited for ideating the new philanthropy event.

"She just came up with the wordplay, 'Dodge Domestic Violence,'" Melissa Sauls, junior in music education and Alpha Chi Omega president, said. "I think she maybe got the idea from another school, but it was all on her."

From the teams who signed up to compete in the tournament, the sorority earned $700.

"90 percent will go to the Women's Crisis Center here in Manhattan and the other 10 percent will go to the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation," Sauls said.

Noting the successful turnout, Alpha Chi Omega anticipated making the dodgeball tournament an annual event. While this was the first year the tournament premiered and was only available for sorority and fraternity participants, there was also talk of opening up the tournament to the community in the future.

"A lot of interest has been presented toward it," Henney said.

Alpha Chi Omega members did not participate in the dodgeball tournament, but put long hours to host the event.

"We are the coaches, the referees and the cheerleaders," Sauls said.

Through the fun and excitement of the event, the sorority's focus was to fundraise and spread the word about the issue of domestic violence.

"I want women to be educated, to know where to go and where to turn in those situations," Sauls said.

Adjusting to America

International student enjoys university, sorority life

By Kaylee Engle

With her bubbly, carefree and ready to take on the world persona, Laura Monisse, study abroad student in population health and integrated design, journeyed from Western Australia, a city of approximately two million people, to Manhattan to attend Kansas State University for one year.

Monisse was first attracted to the idea of studying abroad after her brother experienced it at Iowa State University and gave her the gist of what it would be like. Unlike the U.S., Australian colleges had less emphasis on their sports, everyone lived at home and Greek life was nonexistent.

"You're just surrounded by people 24/7 and they're like your friends. Usually back home, you're with your family," Monisse said. "There's always like that party atmosphere going. You go to IHOP at like, three in the morning or we went sledding at two in the morning the other night. There's always stuff going on around here."

Eager to get the full experience in America, Monisse jumped on every chance to experience activities foreign to her home country. She joined Kappa Alpha Theta, traveled to different states, such as Hawaii, New York and California, and engaged in everything Manhattan had to offer.

"She's been really outgoing and willing to try anything. It's just been fun to see her experiencing all the new things that she's never seen, like the Konza Prairie," Kristina Gehrer, sophomore in landscape architecture, said.

Her college back home, the University of Western Australia, recently affiliated itself with K-State. It offered the two programs Monisse studied, public health and integrate design making the university a perfect fit for her future plans.

"I love to learn about different cultures, obviously coming into America. So I'd love to work in indigenous communities working on the design and making it sustainable," Monisse said.

Adjusting to the people-based atmosphere of Manhattan compared to the busy atmosphere of Western Australia was a big change for Monisse. She said the hardest part was getting used to the American terminology, but she learned to adapt quickly.

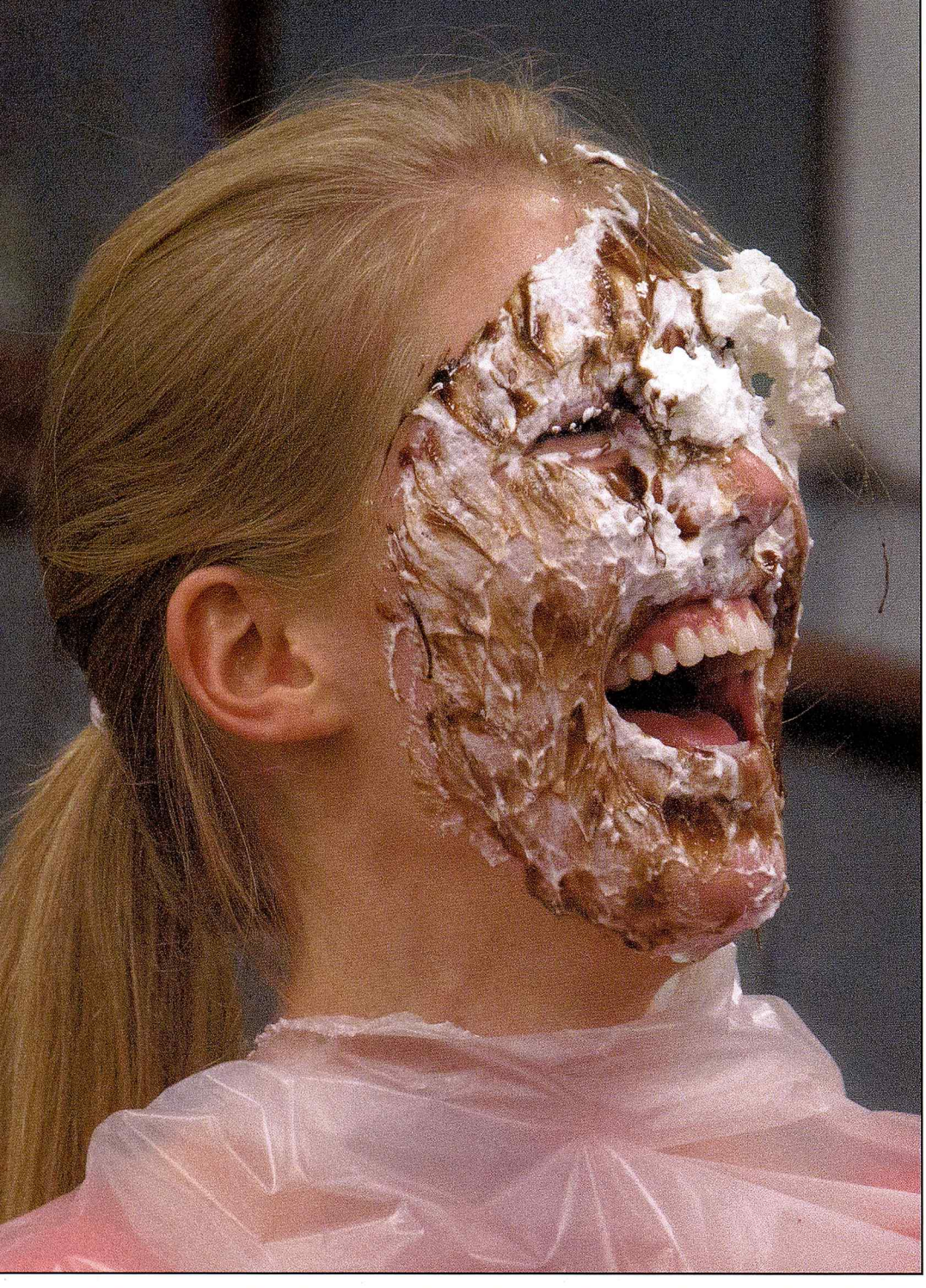
"I think she's adjusted to college pretty well," Megan Wheeler, freshman in animal sciences, said. "Other than her accent, I wouldn't know that she was from Australia. I'd say she's completely American, she lives the American way of life."

Monisse said deciding to be a foreign exchange student was the best decision she has made. She expressed her gratitude for the experience with a smile on her face as she tried not to chuckle.

"I'd just like to thank the American people for letting me into their country," Monisse said.



Laura Monisse, junior in population health and integrated design stands on the edge of the ice-covered Tuttle Creek Lake on Feb. 17. *Photo by Josh Staab*









Bottom left Sarah Hoffman, freshman in marketing, shoves whipped cream in the face of Alison Sharpe, junior in mechanical engineering, at the Pie Crawl in Ford Hall on Nov. 18. *Photo by George Walker* **Top left** Annie Hanson, senior in studio art and psychology, reacts to getting a pie thrown in her face. *Photo by Taylor Alderman* **Top right** Megan Anderson, freshman in journalism, serves pie to Vicki Sears, junior in history, at the Pie Crawl in Ford Hall. *Photo by George Walker* **Bottom right** Ford Hall hosted a Pie Crawl on Nov. 18. The procedes benefited K-State policeman Sergeant Brian Sheaves and his wife, who has cancer. *Photo by Taylor Alderman*





Ford Frenzy

Ford Hall hosts pie crawl to encourage bonding and fundraising

By Kaylee Engle

Through pennies and pies, Ford Hall brought its residents together to raise funds for Sergeant Brian Sheaves and his family after his wife, Tina, was diagnosed with cancer.

Sheaves was a sergeant for the Kansas State University Police Department. Tina received a bone marrow transplant on Nov. 6 after her diagnosis.

The Hall Governing Board (HGB) of Ford Hall put on a fundraising event every year and when it heard about the Sheaves family, it was an easy choice to decide where the money from this year's fundraiser should go.

"Our resident life coordinator, Sarah Frese, brought the idea to our attention. When Sarah told us a little bit of the story, we all knew that's what we wanted to do," Caitlin Flood, HGB president and sophomore in animal sciences, said. "There's a direct tie to K-State and we wanted to help out with that in whatever way we could."

On the evening of Nov. 18, the HGB of Ford Hall hosted 'Pie Crawl' and 'Pie Your RA' event to help with the expenses for the Sheaves. The week prior to the events, the dorm also had a penny war where each floor competed against each other to collect the most pennies.

The Pie Crawl started at the ninth floor and descended through every floor to receive different types of pies. The residence hall hoped that the activity would be a good, fun way for its tenants to mingle with others on different floors.

"First of all, the pie was really good. I also liked seeing the different people on my floor and throughout Ford—just everybody. We all just bonded over pie, pretty much," Cassidy Pascal, freshman in elementary education, said.

After the Pie Crawl, residents could purchase a plate filled with whipped cream for one dollar or add chocolate syrup for an additional dollar to throw at the resident assistants of the building. Students lined up at the chance to have a little fun with their RA's and the event attracted many to watch their RA's get a little messy.

The event was successful in raising $148.42 for the Sheaves family through the penny war, in which the second floor won, and Pie Your RA.

"It was a great event because not only were we building community and hanging out with other girls in the dorm, but we were also helping Sergeant Sheaves who was a big part of campus," Kadie Larsh, freshman in theatre, said. "Plus, it's just plain fun. Everyone loves pie."







Top left Shannon Maxwell, sophomore in agricultural economics, and Kellie Jackson, senior in agricultural economics, scoop rice and dried vegetables into a plastic bag at the Kansas State Hunger Aid food packaging event hosted by Alpha Zeta Sunday afternoon at the National Guard Armory. **Top right** Emma Montgomery, junior in interior architecture and product design, and Nick Wineinger, junior in agri-business, seal packages of dried soy, vegetables and rice. **Left** Alysa Wendelburg, senior in agri-business, left, Shannon Maxwell, sophomore in agricultural economics, and Kellie Jackson, senior also in agricultural economics, scoop rice and dried vegetables into plastic bags. *Photos by Parker Robb*



A Worldwide Reach

Agricultural fraternity gives aid internationally and domestically

By Ellie Holocomb

Volunteers of all ages filled Manhattan's National Guard Armory to package meals for an Alpha Zeta-organized philanthropy. Alpha Zeta, the professional agricultural organization for men and women at Kansas State University, organized an event to feed the hungry each fall, but took a different approach this year by giving aid both domestically and internationally. They organized the event in collaboration with Outreach, a nonprofit organization with the goal of providing safe food and water to the hungry.

"25,000 meals are going to go to the Philippines," Rick McNary, vice president of Outreach, Inc., said. "15,000 are going to feed people locally."

Alpha Zeta members said they hoped, with the growing need for more meals in Kansas and the United States, the event would draw a greater crowd of volunteers than past events. However, finding the large number of volunteers needed to package thousands of meals was difficult.

"We basically just had to spread the word any way we could," Brock Burnick, senior in agriculture economics and Alpha Zeta president, said. "We used email chains and contacted sororities, fraternities, groups that commonly volunteer."

Another challenge with the food-packaging event, as with those in the past, was Alpha Zeta's attempt to raise funds.

"We've had issues fundraising and getting money," Burnick said. "We wanted to see if more people would get involved if some of the food went locally."

Volunteers worked in 90-minute shifts, making one of two types of meals: local or international. Meals sent locally consisted of macaroni and cheese, while international meals, sent to the flooded and destroyed Philippines, contained soy protein, rice and vitamins.

The event drew so many volunteers that the assembly line tables had to squeeze in extra people to accommodate all those willing to help.

"It reinforces that people care about hunger and will jump at the opportunity to do something about it," McNary said. "When they see devastation on television, they show up today because they can actually help."

As volunteers packaged food and filled boxes with meals, cheering each time a box — which contained over 200 meals — was filled, McNary walked around and thanked them for the impact they made. In a 90-minute shift, volunteers were helping to feed around 3,000 people.

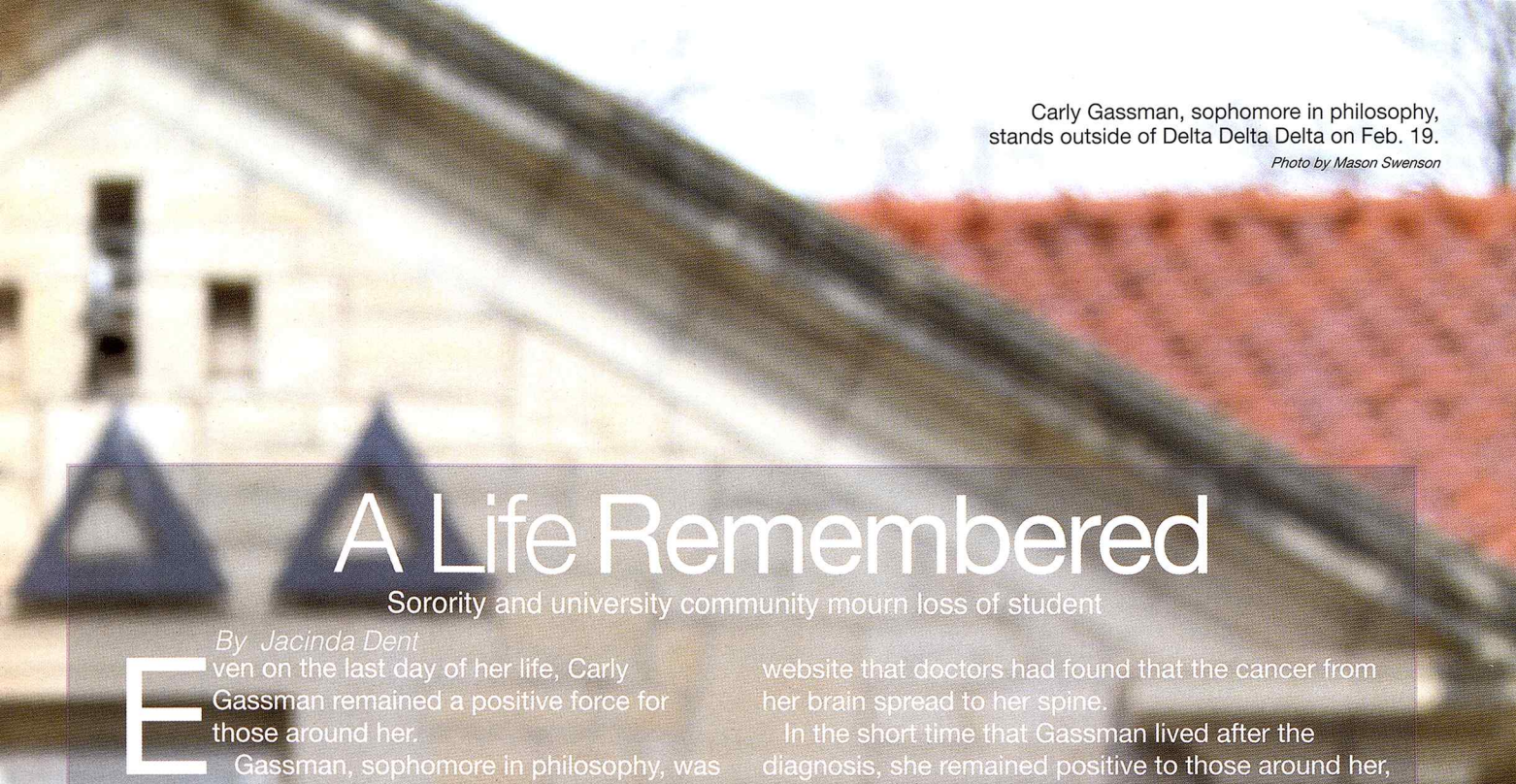
Laurel Pierson, senior in animal sciences, volunteered not only because she's an Alpha Zeta officer, but also because of her passion for feeding the hungry.

"I'm really passionate about food insecurity, both in the United States and internationally," Pierson said. "It's easy to use my Sunday afternoon at this event."

Alpha Zeta intended to continue hosting at least one food packaging event each year during the fall and encouraged more students to volunteer and get involved.

"If students want to get involved, the best way is to partner with Alpha Zeta in some way," Burnick said. "Our dream is to make this less of a College of Ag event and more of a K-State event."





Carly Gassman, sophomore in philosophy, stands outside of Delta Delta Delta on Feb. 19.

Photo by Mason Swenson

A Life Remembered

Sorority and university community mourn loss of student

By Jacinda Dent

Even on the last day of her life, Carly Gassman remained a positive force for those around her.

Gassman, sophomore in philosophy, was devastated when she learned she would need a fourth brain surgery to remove a reoccurring tumor.

She was just a junior in high school when doctors initially discovered the tumor after she had reported having bad headaches.

"I had one surgery, then another after it came back, then again a few months later," Gassman said after her final surgery in January 2014. "I had three surgeries within eight months."

The surgery appeared to be a success. Gassman was put on chemotherapy, taking 10 pills, three times a day.

Gassman remained connected to Kansas State University throughout her recovery. Living every moment to the fullest, she continued going to classes and enjoyed hanging out with fellow members of her sorority, Delta Delta Delta.

"I got numerous texts all throughout break after I found out and as I went through surgery. They also sent me flowers and had signs hung up for me when I came back to the dorms," Gassman said. "They've been really supportive of me. All of K-State has been."

Members of Tri-Delt showed their support for Gassman by making hair ties with the phrase "#PFCG," meaning "Pray For Carly Gassman." They sold the hair ties as a fundraiser.

Gassman said that she felt constant support from both her sorority and K-State as a whole.

"I know that anyone would do anything for me. It's good to know that K-State has that kind of support system and has such good people," Gassman said.

Even with her positive and fighting spirit, Gassman ultimately lost her life to the tumors that had been reoccurring for years. She passed away on March 14.

On Feb. 27, her family posted to a "CaringBridge" website that doctors had found that the cancer from her brain spread to her spine.

In the short time that Gassman lived after the diagnosis, she remained positive to those around her, even through suffering short-term memory loss and seizures.

"Carly was a ray of light, an ounce of hope. Carly was everything I wish I could be. She was positive in the hardest of times. What I will remember most about Carly is that she was a fighter," Madelyn Collins, sophomore in mass communications and Tri-Delt sister, said. "Carly was a fighter. She never gave up hope. She has left a permanent handprint on my heart, along with so many others. She has changed my life and we will never forget the incredible impact that Carly made in our lives."

Collins would specifically remember a moment she witnessed during Gassman's last few days. That moment was how she would forever picture Gassman, a ray of hope in a desperate time.

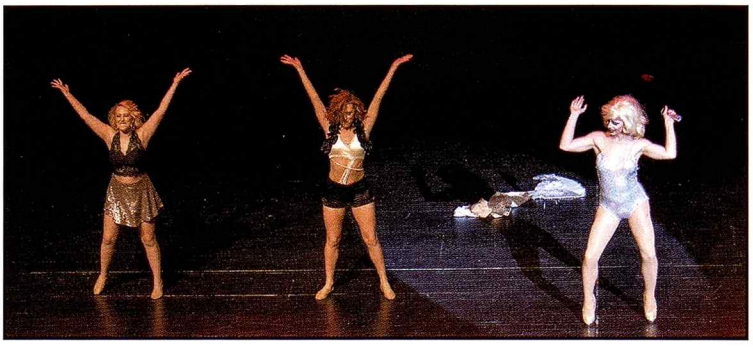
"When I went to see Carly for the last time, I walked into her hospital room while her grandmother was helping her put on chapstick. Knowing that Carly's lips were overly-dry and overly-sensitive, her grandmother apologized as she put the chapstick on," Collins said. "'I'm so sorry if this hurts, Carly,' her grandmother would say. Carly then looked at her grandmother and said, 'It's okay grandma, I'm a fighter.' That's just it- Carly was a fighter. She never gave up hope."

Tri-Delt struggled to learn how to cope with the sting of their loss. Collins said that for many of the sisters, Gassman's presence was something that they would carry with them throughout their lives.

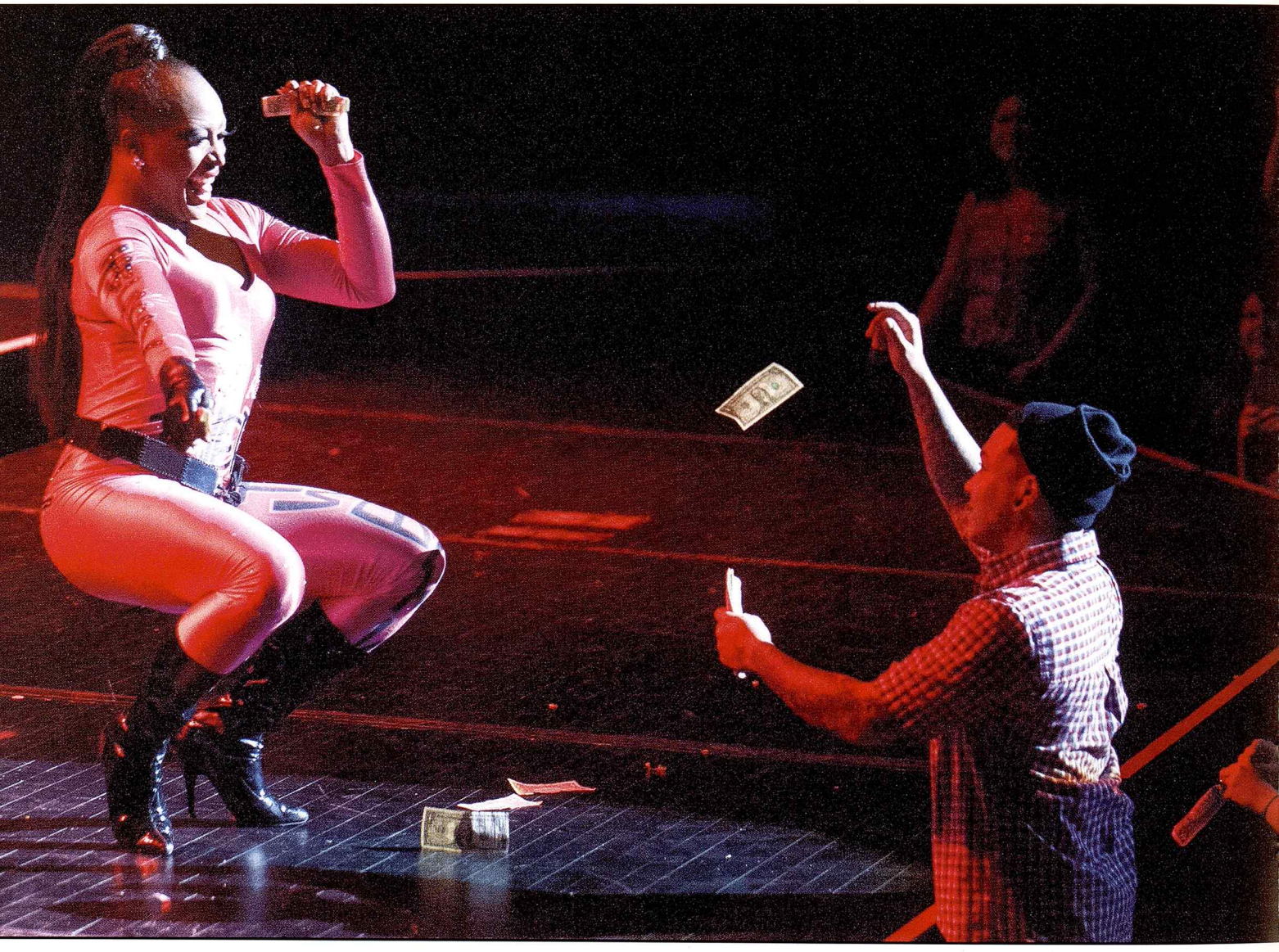
"To put it simply, we are heartbroken, devastated and distraught. When you lose someone you love, really love, deep down to your core, you lose the light within your eyes, too. Our chapter has lost that light," Collins said.







Above Penny Tration takes to the middle of the crowd as she collects tip money Feb. 1 in McCain Auditorium. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*
Top Right Chelsea Peral performs "Catch My Breath" at the 10th annual Kansas State University Drag Show. **Bottom Right** Victoria Fox and back-up dancers perform a Lady Gaga routine at the K-State Drag Show. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*



Leah Halston twerks as a fan throws dollar bills on the stage Feb. 1 in McCain Auditorium. She received standing ovations for all three of her performances. *Photo by Emily DeShazer*

Queens of the Hat

Drag queen show brings in large crowd, new fans

By Logan Falletti

Only 650 tickets were sold by the morning for Kansas State University's 10th annual drag show, "A Decade of Drag."

By the time the drag queens took to McCain Auditorium's stage, later that night, however, more than 1,200 people showed up to watch the performance. The McCain balcony opened to accommodate the more-than-doubled number of attendees from the previous year.

"The queens were a hoot. I have never been to anything like that but the whole time I was there, I was entertained," Shelby Dinkel, sophomore in secondary education, said. "I could tell that a lot of effort went into putting on the show because of how well the performances went."

A drag show was a theatrical production where the performers, dressed in clothes designed for the opposite gender, entertained audiences with singing and dancing.

K-State's annual drag show had been emceed every year by Monica Moree, the alter ego of Dusty Garner, a K-State 2010 alum and frequent supporter of the LGBT communities within Manhattan.

Ten drag queens worked the crowd in McCain, some of them with their own cult followings present. Victoria Fox, Patti O'Dour and LilKim Chi were three of the five founding members of Hot, Sticky and Sweet, a group of drag performers based in Manhattan.

Visiting drag queens rounded out the cast. Celia Putty, also known as performer "Richie Black,"and Miss Gay Arizona America of 2011, flew in from Arizona to participate. Putty was prepared to do eight numbers and bring back her "Alamo Tour" at the request of Moree.

While drag shows often elicited cash tips from audience members, it was not just about the money. Some drag queens even used the shows to practice songs for future pageant performances.

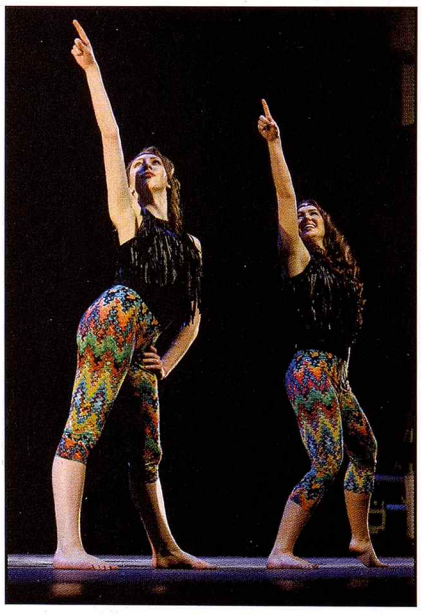
"Something kind of drives me to do it. I've done well with it," Putty said. "When I go to Miss Gay America, I can say I've done this."

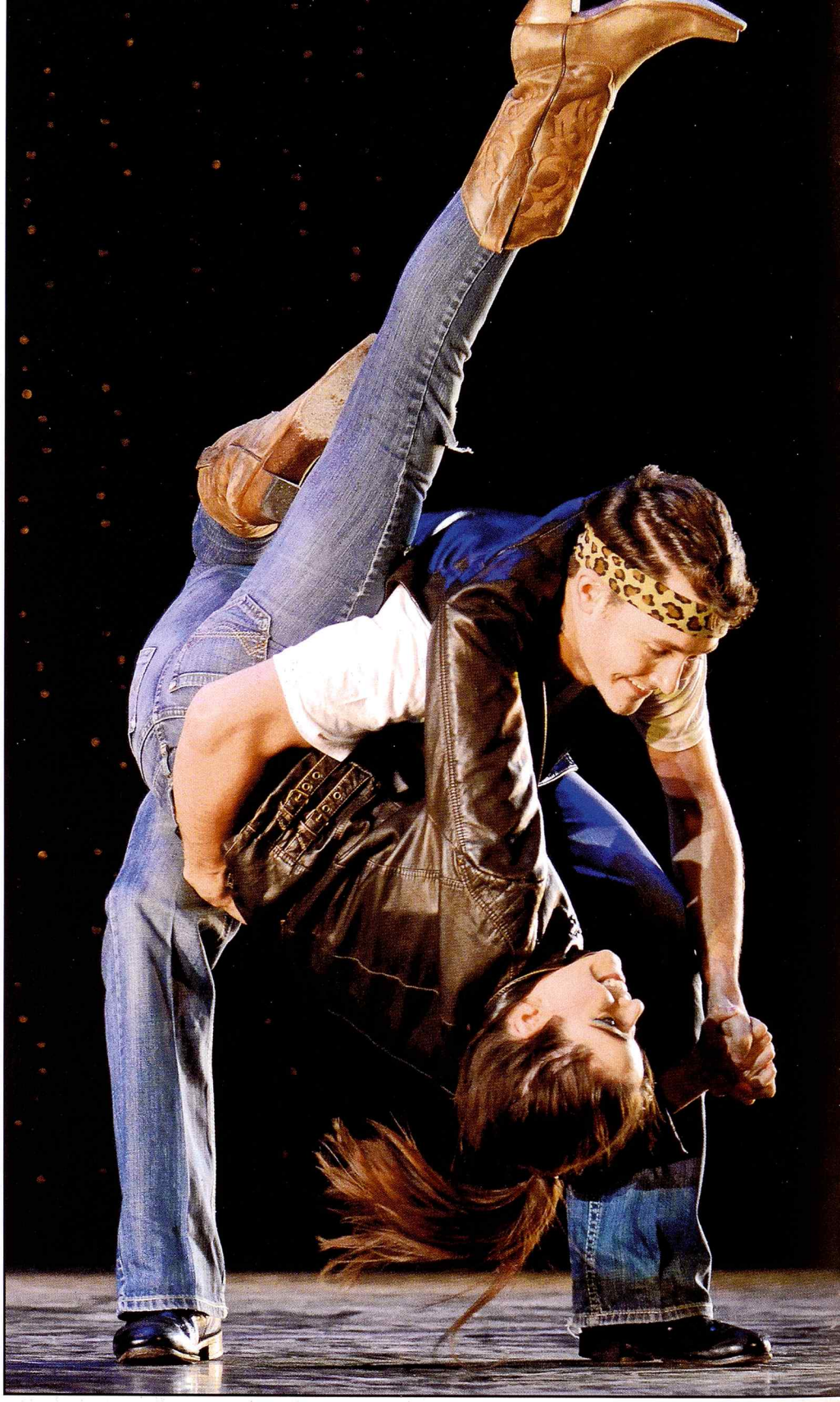
The drag show was not entertainment; it also raised money for two scholarships that focused on supporting K-State LGBT students: the Flint Hills Human Rights Project's Praxis scholarship and the LGBT Resource Center's Mary Kay Siefers scholarship. A marathon session of singing and dancing, as well as some yodeling, from Mitzy and Monica Moree raised $1,104 in scholarship money through audience donations.

The final number was always the Liza Minnelli ballad, "What Makes a Man a Man," performed by Moree. As the song went on, Moree made her transformation back into Dusty Garner. According to Penny Tration, the number was especially important to the show because it showed the fluidity of sex, gender and sexual identity.

"It's an honor to do that number," Moree said. "It makes me weep every time.









Top left Katy Zapletal, Kansas State University admissions representative, and Joey Boos, senior in theater, perform 1960s jazz during season 6 of Dancing with the K-State Stars Feb. 25 in McCain Auditorium. **Middle left** Carolyn Fitzgibbons, senior in theater (left), and Kaitlyn Dewell, Miss K-State 2013 and senior in journalism, dance a modern dance to 1970s music. **Left** Michelle Williams, sophomore in kinesiology, and Chance Berndt, K-State student ambassador and senior in marketing, receive the mirror ball trophies for winning season 6 of Dancing with the K-State Stars: Evolution of Dance with their serious, risqué tango from the 2000s. **Above** Isaac Spear, sophomore in general engineering, dips Kaitlin Long, Speaker pro tempore of the Student Senate and senior in entreprenuership, during their country swing dance set to 1980s music. *Photos by Parker Robb*

Campus Celebrities

Students dance in competition modeled after TV show

By Jena Sauber

During the few minutes Chance Berndt, junior in marketing and international studies, and Michelle Williams, junior in kinesiology, were on stage, the audience was riveted.

After their performance, Berndt and Williams were chosen as the winners of Dancing with the K-State Stars with a final score of 178 out of 180.

The sixth annual event, themed "Evolution of Dance," featured nine duos performing routines to music from the 1960s to the 2000s. Each duo consisted of a K-State "star" and a student with dance experience.

"It was crazy. I would have never have guessed that we'd win," Berndt said. "Michelle really deserves a lot of credit. She worked so hard."

The duo's routine, a tango set to "Tessellate" by Alt-J, received rave reviews from the judges' panel that included YouTube star Judson Laipply, David Ollington, associate professor in the School of Music, Theatre and Dance and Donita Whitney-Bammerlin, an instructor from the Department of Management.

"There wasn't a better dance to end the night," Ollington said during his review of the dance.

The dance, which Williams predominately choreographed, started with a short scene of a love triangle between Williams, Berndt and a third man, played by Chris Zimmerman, senior in music education.

"We chose 'Tessallate,' and I thought of a love triangle," Williams said. "I tried to incorporate that into the dance in different parts."

Berndt felt that the performance was something that seemed unexpected to the audience.

"You wouldn't expect a tango that's angry," Berndt said. "It turned out better than I thought it would. I thought I'd mess up at least once, but I didn't."

Ollington described the duo's performance as "riveting."

"I was glued to it," he said in his review of the dance.

Christina Hurtado, coordinator for student development for the Department of Housing and dining, and her partner Zimmerman also won the judges' attention with their waltz to "Say Something" by A Great Big World featuring Christina Aguilera.

They received the next highest score from the judge's initial reviews, after Berndt and Williams.

"It was nerve wracking," Hurtado said. "We were glad when it was over, but it was definitely a lot of fun."

Other performances included Katy Zapletal, admissions representative, and Joey Boos, senior in theater, with a 1960s jazz routine, Adam Miller, admissions representative, and Janet Galloway, graduate student in family studies and human services, with a 1970s salsa performance, and Brett Eichman, senior in music education and marching band assistant drum major and Jamie Teixeira, junior in English, with a 1980s jazz routine.

"As the drum major, he doesn't dance," Marissa Archuleta, senior in music education, said. "It was out of his element. It was cool to see him incorporate some of the band stuff with some of [Teixeira's] stuff."

Paige Wright, junior in elementary education, said she was impressed with Eichman's and other's performances.

"He did pretty dang well," Wright said. "Everyone did really well."



Ben Rhinehart, junior in kinesiology, stands on the sloping lawn in front of Sigma Nu fraternity on March 4. *Photo by Parker Robb*

Sigma Succor

Fraternity brothers help student find his passion

By Kaylee Engle

Sigma Nu not only helped Benjamin "Ben" Rinehart, junior in kinesiology, grow and develop, but it also played a role in determining his career choice as a physical therapist.

His brothers in the fraternity gave Rinehart the determination and competition to perform his best academically. Sigma Nu provided chances for him to progress as an individual in multiple ways.

"As far as school goes, there's competition within the house," Rinehart said. "Even if you don't have the same major as some of your brothers, you always want to compete to have the best GPA in your pledge class. There's that competition factor that helps you perform better in school. Outside of that, Sigma Nu has given the opportunity to have leadership roles and grow as a leader, problem solver and critical thinker."

Rinehart came to Kansas State University majoring in business. He talked to his Sigma Nu brother, Eric Sieck, junior in business, who was majoring in kinesiology at the time, and became interested in the major. After his first semester, he switched to kinesiology and went pre-health. He later switched to pre-physical therapy.

"When Ben and I were freshmen at Sigma Nu, our bunks were next to each other. I would always come back late from studying and he would always ask me what I was doing in kinesiology," Sieck said. "He wasn't exactly happy with his major and kind of wanted to change and kinesiology was one of the options. I gave him our advisor's information. He talked to our advisor and just took off from there."

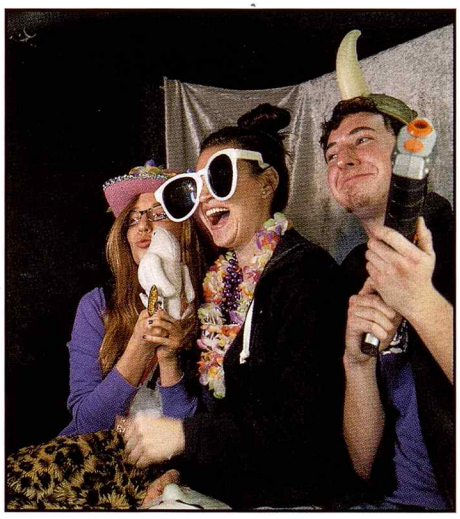
Once Rinehart entered the kinesiology program and started looking at different careers, he realized anything in the health profession was about helping people and that was the best route for him to go.

To become a physical therapist, Rinehart must first complete a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. From there, he'll apply for a three-year program at a physical therapy school.

"Sports were always a big part of my life. I'd really like to be able to work with athletes who have gone through injuries and get them back doing the things that they love because it's always been a big part of my life," Rinehart said. "I think it's a good career choice that I'll really enjoy."







Above Lauren Osborn, freshman in interior design, Melody Schoneboom, junior in interior design, and Tyrell Sandoval, junior in internior design, pose with props at the K-State Proud photo booth in the K-State Student Union on Feb. 25. **Left** Snapshots from other groups that visited the K-State Proud photo booth are displayed at the K-State Proud table in the Union on Feb. 25. **Right** Kansas State University students represent the K-State Proud campaign at the K-State vs. Iowa State University men's basketball game in Bramlage Coliseum on March 1. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*



Proud Powercats

University-wide campaign helps students financially

By Rachael Herter

As tuition costs rose, so did students' financial needs. It was K-State Proud's mission to ease the financial burden for more and more students each year.

After eight years, K-State Proud helped more than 430 students and raised about $700,000 to help students pay for tuition. During the year, K-State Proud set a goal to raise more than $150,000 to help students who needed the extra financial support. The money raised helped 37 students continue studying at Kansas State University.

K-State Proud was led by a group of 85 new volunteers along with countless returners and several co-chairs.

"This year we had a record breaking number of new volunteers show up to training. We had about 85 maybe a little bit over," Chelsea Gerber, senior in mass communications and co-chair of K-State Proud, said. "Now every single year we have a listserv we continue to compile, so we have hundreds of volunteers."

Volunteers manned a booth in the K-State Student Union during the campaign week, Feb. 24- 28, and helped with other things around campus.

The K-State Proud campaign lasted all school year. Beginning in the fall, the Advanced Gifts program offered the opportunity to leaders on campus to donate early and start spreading the word about K-State Proud. Then, in February, the co-chairs spent a day in each college, as well as in Hale Library, marketing before campaign week.

"Another kind of fun thing about campaign week is that we kind of already start to celebrate the campaign because we have been working for basically a year leading up to this," Robert Breeden, senior in biology and co-chair, said.

Every day of the week had something special in store at the booth. Campaign Week had K-State celebrity day, free photo booth session, free Caribou Coffee, free monster cookies and a day with Willie the Wildcat.

They also had an "Are you Proud?" campaign that trended on social media throughout the week.

"Basically it was an idea for students to make a donation and then get really excited about that donation and mobilize all their friends and snap a picture and post that picture on the K-State Proud Facebook page with the tagline, 'We are Proud, How about you?'" Mike Finnegan, leadership studies instructor and honorary co-chair, said.

This online campaign began with the School of Leadership Studies and extended to groups of students across campus- even to some students studying in other countries.

Every year the K-State Proud Campaign leads up to one huge event, the K-State Proud basketball game on March 1. Students and alumni filled Bramlage Coliseum wearing their purple K-State Proud shirts to show their support for the organization and for the K-State Family.

"When I was visiting K-State as a high school student, I was up here for the Proud basketball game and met some students who got me a shirt and I was just blown away that all these students were wearing the exact same shirt to the game," Breeden said. "Then it went even further and I about fell over when they told me that all of the students had donated money to help other students to get that shirt."

During halftime of the game, the K-State Proud co-chairs received their corporate gifts and officially ended the campaign for the year.

"K-State Proud only works because we are K-State and it only works because every person that is invested or has had a touch with K-State understands the we are a family," Gerber said.



Andrew Waldman, senior in industrial engineering, gives a campus tour through The Quad at Kansas State University. New Student Services specialized in giving campus tours to new and perspective K-State students. *Photo courtesy of the K-State Division of Communications and Marketing*

Wildcat Way

Campus organization shows potential students around campus

By Lindsey Leardi

Many students claimed they fell in love with Kansas State University instantly, but chances were they had help falling in love. New Student Services interacted with every single K-State student in one way or another. Their job was to make visitors comfortable with campus and everything that it offered.

"We want campus to speak for itself," Kylie Sturgis, sophomore in mass communications and student assistant for New Student Service, said.

One of the biggest challenges of Sturgis' job was walking backwards. As a student assistant, Sturgis' duties included scheduling and hosting campus tours. Being that there was no script for New Student Services' student employees, it allowed them to personalize the tours they gave with experiences they had around campus. Sturgis liked to cater her tours to the perspective students' interests.

While it seemed easy to help people become attached to K-State, due to its friendly atmosphere and beautiful campus, there were additional challenges and work that went on behind the scenes of New Student Services.

"You have to think on your feet a lot," Sturgis said.

Giving tours came with answering various questions and often people were unpredictable. According to Sturgis, prospective students were most interested in what life would be like if they



choose to live and learn at K-State.

Campus tours were only the beginning. New Student Services hosted a plethora of events for prospective and current students alike.

"We host events in Kansas City and Wichita every September," Kiley Moody, coordinator of New Student Services, said. "It is my favorite event because it is the kickoff to the recruiting season and everyone has a lot of energy and excitement."

As coordinator of New Student Services, Moody supervised an assistant coordinator for campus events, oversaw the campus visits office and coordinated First Scholars, selective scholars and a teaching ambassador program. Moody's favorite part of her job was working alongside the students.

"I truly enjoy watching them grow from different experiences they have at K-State and through our office," Moody said.

Whether student or graduate, New Student Services looked for employees that were passionate about K-State, trustworthy and could work independently. Sturgis suggested that in order to work for New Student Services, employees should be confident and able to have a conversation with anyone.

"One of the nice parts is New Student Services kind of lets you make your own schedule, there's a lot of people that work two jobs," Sturgis said. "We want students to know that we want them and that they would succeed here."







Top Left Ashley Lysaught, junior in biology, walks two of the camp members through the park before an activity.**Above** Lysaught and Novosel capture a moment between camp members. **Left** Camp members prepare for the day during the walk across the park. *Photos courtesy of Ashley Lysaught*



Giving Back

Pi Beta Phi members give back philanthropically to camp

By Laura Parker

"To promote friendship." This motto resonated with the sorority, Pi Beta Phi as the women strived to uphold such ideals.

Ashley Lysaught, junior in biology, and Kelly Novosel, junior in family studies, stepped outside of their home of sorority sisters to befriend another group of people across the U.S.

Mid-May, Lysaught and Novosel traveled to Eustic, Fla. to work at Camp Boggy Creek, a yearlong facility that provided children who had chronic or life threatening illnesses the chance to enjoy the "traditional" camp experience. Though the two ended up in the same place for the summer, they didn't originally intend to spend it that way.

"We actually didn't even know each other applied," Novosel said.

It was a pleasant surprise for both women when they realized they would work at the facility as one.

"It was really helpful having her there because I didn't know anyone or anything, it was kind of scary," Novosel said. "I went a week early for my training. It brought so much ease to me when she got there."

Lysaught arrived a several days after Novosel. While they were both cabin counselors, Lysaught also worked as a lifeguard and Novosel worked an area called "The Towers," which had a rock wall, a zip line, a cabin lift and a giant's ladder.

"I was so nervous going in and didn't know what to expect," Lysaught said. "She introduced me to people and helped me get accustomed to the camp."

While it was exciting to have each other at the camp, their ultimate focus was on the children they were serving.

"No matter what their disease or ability, they are always happy and always look on the bright side of things," Lysaught said. "They teach the kids they can do anything they want. Watching them complete things they never thought they could – it was a really powerful thing."

Working at Camp Boggy Creek gave both students a changed perspective on life and people.

"It definitely makes me appreciate my life. They spend a lot of their lives in the hospital," Novosel said. "You don't realize the things people go through. It makes you think twice before you even think something about someone."

Lysaught and Novosel were introduced to the camp through friends in Pi Beta Phi. Without their sorority, they were not sure they would have known about their summer opportunity. Their sorority's sisterhood also impacted their experiences at the camp.

"Pi Phi strives on sincere friendship and I feel like I made some sincere friendships down at camp," Lysaught said.







Top Left Members of a competing fraternity hustle to grab the ball in the Sigma Kappa Mud Bowl on Sept. 29 **Above** Two members of competiting sororites hug it out after digging around in the sluge during the Sigma Kappa Mud Bowl event at Tuttle Creek State Park. **Left** Women scramble for the ball on the mud the morning of Sept. 29 at Tuttle Creek State Park for Sigma Kappa's philanthropy which raised money and awareness for Alzheimer's research. *Photos courtesy of Sigma Kappa*



Gettin' Grimey

Sigma Kappa hosts "Mud Bowl" to benefit Alzheimer's research

By Sydney Dauer

A traditional volleyball game included squeaking sneakers against a wood floor accompanied the thud of a volleyball, but at Sigma Kappa's Mudbowl, the thuds were matched with the sloshing and splashing of water and mud.

Sept. 29 was the 19th annual Sigma Kappa Mudbowl tournament held at Tuttle Creek State Park where members of several fraternities and sororities competed against one another in hopes of winning the championship.

The teams' entry fees benefited Sigma Kappa's national philanthropies, Alzheimer's Research and Research Grant Program.

The event started out rough for Alpha Delta Pi, commonly known as ADPi.

"When we got here it was cold and wet, but we were thriving off of that. Getting dirty is our thing," Megan Herbers, sophomore in biology, said.

ADPi was among others that waded reluctantly into the chilly muck, but it did not take long for teams to warm up to the environment. Screams of joy were met with the throwing of mud in celebratory victories.

ADPi overcame their initial challenges and stormed through the bracket, landing in the finals against Chi Omega. They went on to defeat Chi Omega 11-3, but not without struggle.

"The mud sticking in our feet was difficult," Adriane Barry, junior in family studies and human services, said.

In the afternoon, the men's tournament began. The men were much rowdier than their female counterparts, celebrating by dunking their Sigma Kappa coaches into the mud pits.

After many rounds of fierce competition, Phi Delta Theta met Sigma Nu in the championship match.

Sigma Nu pulled ahead early with a 8-3 lead, each point met with an astounding number of war cries, chest bumps and "bro hugs."

"They are very passionate and determined to win," Sigma Nu coach Katie Mulich, sophomore in business administration, said.

Phi Delta Theta began to rally back but with no luck. Sigma Nu came out victorious with a score of 11-6 with Benjamin Rinehart, sophomore in kinesiology, being named MVP.

"When we wake up, we're just average guys," Rinehart said. "But when we come together, we can accomplish anything."



Russell Harp, junior in entrepreneurship, poses outside the Delta Upsilon house on Feb. 27. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

Funding the Future

Fraternity member raises money for mission trips, begins new K-State tradition

By Rachael Herter

He had a passion for service. Russell Harp, junior in business and member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, tried to dedicate his life to serving others.

As the philanthropy chair and new member educator during the spring semester, Harp had many opportunities to try to get his brothers involved in service as well.

Before coming to Kansas State University and getting involved in philanthropy through Greek life, Harp was involved in Big Brothers and Big Sisters and did a lot of community service through organizations in his hometown, Garden City, Kan.

In his position as philanthropy chair, he began what he hoped would become a new tradition at K-State: the Miss K-State Competition.

Harp came up with the idea of the competition while looking for ways to raise money for Global Service Initiative. GSI was an organization through which members of Delta Upsilon and other organizations could go on mission trips to help out in places such as New Orleans, Jamaica and Washington, D.C.

The latest trip taken by three members of Delta Upsilon was spent helping a community in Jamaica build on their existing school to create more room for students.

"We had attempted a spring philanthropy project before," Harp said. "But we never had one succeed."

Harp was determined to make his project work. Their goal was to come up with something that would get the whole campus involved, thus ensuring it to succeed. "We were really not only looking toward something that we could make a Greek-wide event but a camps-wide event," Harp said.

The event did just what Harp hoped it would.

"The first Miss K-State Competition was held on April 23 in the Student Union Ballroom," Harp said. "We raised about $4,000 for GSI."

What made the event such a hit was the hard work of multiple people, including Harp.

"Even though I was the philanthropy chair it was hugely a team effort," Harp said. "At the beginning I started brainstorming and, I guess, started recruiting guys that I saw had certain talents and could help with the philanthropy."

Harp had high hopes for Miss K-State to continue, even after he leaves K-State.

"I'd like to come back ten years from now and see that it's going," said Harp. "And that it's raising more money and that businesses are getting on board and wanting to sponsor it."



Life Changing Lessons

Student experiences an impactful moment as volunteer

By Kati Hess

Beta Theta Pi member Michael Moore, freshman in kinesiology, experienced life on the other side of the world for a month and a half.

He lived in Cape Town, South Africa in a house shared by eight volunteers. While there, he taught fifth graders with cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy and helped at an orphanage for kids with HIV.

Not only was Moore unable to contact family or friends the entire time, as there was no Internet, but he also had to adjust to the culture shock.

"The extreme poverty is what stuck out to me the most," Moore said.

The homes, about the size of a dorm room, housed as many as twelve and were pieced together with scrap metal and wood. The floor consisted of dirt and a hole for the bathroom. The orphanages and working conditions were no better as the children, for the HIV orphanage used trash as toys, were only allowed one diaper change per day and survived off half a piece of bread at lunch.

TJ Patterson, freshman in biology and Moore's pledge brother, said, "Michael can handle any situation and thrive no matter the circumstances."

Moore also adapted to the language barrier in the orphanage. There, they spoke Xhosa, and in the school they spoke Afrikaans and English.

These obstacles did not deter Moore. In fact, he hoped to go back and study abroad at University of Cape Town his junior year.

Sam Alexander, freshman in kinesiology, had been on a mission trip before.

"To volunteer over there for a month and a half is such a big commitment, and as a volunteer he surely made a difference in those kids lives," Alexander said.

Moore received more than he ever bargained for when he decided to go on his mission trip to Africa.

"Hands down, volunteering in South Africa was the most incredible experience of my life," Moore said.

The kids had a lifelong impact on Moore and even though some of them were dying of their diseases, they kept smiles on their faces and showed constant compassion.

"The kids showed me that life isn't about making the most money or living in the nicest house; it's about making a positive impact in this world one person at a time," Moore said.



Michael Moore, freshman in kinesiology, poses outside the Beta Theta Pi house on March 24. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger*

High Stakes

Chi Omega Sorority raises money through casino night

By Haley Paulson

Chi Omega went all in when they held their fourth annual Chi O Casino night on Feb. 25 to raise money for their national partnership philanthropy, the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Kelli Reese, sophomore in public relations and Chi Omega's philanthropy chair, planned the event and was pleasantly surprised by the turn out.

"Chi O Casino was better than I expected this year," Reese said. "We took a risk and it paid off—we raised more than $7,000 for Make-A-Wish."

The event took place at the Holiday Inn on Bluemont Avenue, a first for the sorority.

Kourtney Boehler, senior in hotel and restaurant management and member of Chi Omega, had attended four Chi O Casino Nights.

"There were upsides and downsides for the new location," Boehler said. "You lose the fun aspect of being at our house, but we had so much more room and it was less chaotic."

The event offered appetizers, a photo booth, Texas Hold 'Em and Black Jack tables. Members of Chi Omega restocked food, worked as dealers and welcomed guests during the event.

Brandon Haggard, senior in human resource management, attended Chi O Casino for the first time this year.

"My first impression of the event was how welcoming the women were," Haggard said. "After a few minutes, we were having a blast at the tables and the time flew."

Reese said that the help of the entire Greek community was what made the event a success.

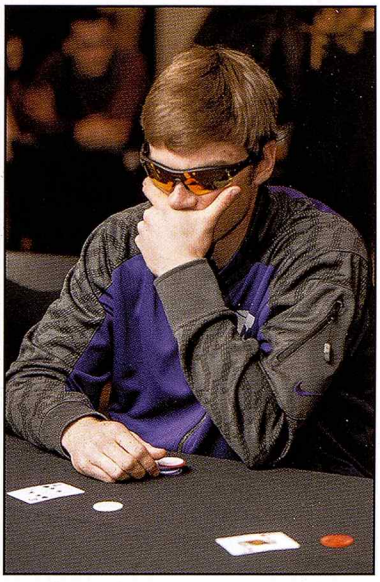
"Phi Gamma Delta men came over before to teach us how to deal and gamble and over 90 percent of the people in attendance were in a Greek house," Reese said. "That's what our Greek community was made to do—give back and have philanthropy."

When asked if he would return, Haggard did not skip a beat.

"I would encourage anyone to attend the event. It is a great opportunity to meet people you normally would not cross paths with, " Haggard said. "It's just a great time."

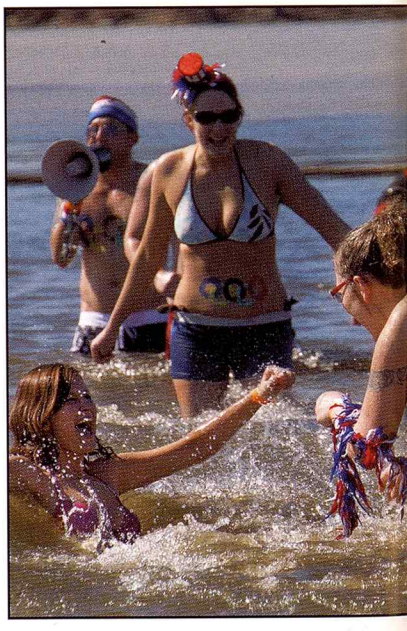
Below Clayton Dalrymple, sophomore in management, uses sunglasses to mask his expression while playing black jack at the Chi O Casino at Holiday Inn on Feb. 25. **Below left** A Chi Omega dealer shuffles a deck of cards for a game of poker at the Chi Omega Casino. **Left** Spencer Bontrager, senior in industrial engineering, rolls the dice while playing craps at the Chi O Casino at Holiday Inn on Feb. 25. *Photos by Hannah Hunsinger*







Below A group celebrates after running into Tuttle Creek during the Polar Plunge. The event was held on Feb. 22 to raise money to benefit the Special Olympics. *Photo by Taylor Alderman* **Bottom right** "The Penguins" charge down the beach as the first particpants in the Polar Plunge. *Photo by Hannah Hunsinger* **Bottom left** One group of plungers come splashing out of the lake as another charges in. **Left** One participant tackles another as they emerge from Tuttle Creek Lake. *Photos by Emily DeShazer*







Taking the Plunge

Students raise funds by jumping into icy water

By Laura Parker

On Feb. 22, Manhattan participants of Special Olympics Kansas' Polar Plunge experienced some frigid temperatures, with the high at 56°F and the low at 23°F. Held at Tuttle Creek State Park, the event consisted of a Polar Strut 5K, opening ceremonies, awards and led to the glorified plunge into freezing water.

"We had 225 plungers and great participation from the Manhattan Sports Club," Chris Hahn, President/CEO of Special Olympics Kansas, said. "We also offered a 5K run that had 101 runners in it."

Aside from Manhattan, Special Olympics Kansas traveled to host the Polar Plunge in Emporia, Garden City, Hays, Kansas City, Pittsburg, Salina, Topeka and Wichita. Manhattan raised more funds this year than any year before.

"We raised a little over $30,000 this year in Manhattan. That goes to support the programs in the north central part of the state," Hahn said. "It's just continued to grow. This was a huge step from where it's been in the past."

What increased the event's success compared to years past was participation by students from Kansas State University. Luke Schulte, Director of Development, led an eight-person committee to prepare for the event in Manhattan. Five of them were K-State students.

"They were interns at Special Olympics Kansas at our headquarters in Kansas City, so I recruited them to be on my committee," Schulte said. "They were great. Anything I asked them to do, they did. Really, it was because of their involvement that we got the increase at K-State this year."

Eighty-two K-State students participated.

"One thing that really helped was going around to all the Greek houses and speaking at their chapter meetings," Steven Geist, chairman on Schulte's committee and senior in advertising, said. "We also gave flyers to the dorms."

With more student participation came more elaborate appearances. Staffers got a big laugh each year from the contributors who attended the event in atypical attire.

"People dress up in costumes," Hahn said. "It's amazing to see what people wear. People never anticipate what they are going to look like when they go into the water. We get some creative people – believe me."

Hahn said he saw grooms and brides costumes, as well as someone dressed up as a mermaid. He also described an instance when a group of elementary school students came in complete football uniforms.

"The water was just pouring out of their helmets," Hahn said. "Probably one of my favorite ones."

The Polar Plunge provided great fun and joy, but staff members focused especially on the benefits of their organization.

"I really like how much you get back. It's something that I do that I really feel like I can make a difference," Geist said. "I have other jobs that I get to do and I get paid for those jobs, which is nice, but with Special Olympics Kansas, I really get to help give back to my community."

Special Olympics Kansas allowed for unique interactions with the athletes that staffers treasured.

"They're just genuine. And they try. They try hard," Hahn said. "They're not the followers now; they're the leaders. Many of them have lots and lots of skills and talents. You put them in a Special Olympics program and you'll see that."



Greek Affairs

Director
Ben Hopper

Motto
Elevate your potential

Number of Members
4

First Chapter Founded
Tau Omega Sigma
October 14, 1901

First Row Jill Gerloff, Brianna Hayes, Justina Vanderlinde

Kappa Delta

President
Hayley Lollar

Motto
Ta Kala Diokome

Number of Members
172

Founded
December 4, 1920



First Row Samantha Hustak, Hayley Lollar, Kaitlyn Goddard, Mallory McCurry, Brigid Hornsby, Shakera Ross, Caroline Kain **Second Row** Elyse Brill, Emma Miller, Kayla Shore, Molly Wessling, Melody Munsell, Jessica Pennybacker, Madison Rosenthal, Haley Winter, Alyssa Ebersol, Madison Larson, Baylie Jurgensen **Third Row** Mollie Kennedy, Princess Moran, Bailey Wright, Grace Rohrer, Madeline Kaster, Kristin Doberer, Kathleen Hail, Sarah-Margaret Heffernon, Lizzi Petite, Courtneu Druce, Maddie Davis, Jessica Burnes, Brandi Sites **Fourth Row** Morgan Fluker, Courtney Anschutz, Ellie Selanders, Morgan Wills, Sarah Cooper, Ciara Chambers, Jill Heimerman, Lauren Hudson, Tate Gilchrist, Margaret Horner, Sam Carpenter, Heather Nutt, Riley Hay **Fifth Row** Erica Heimerman, Dana Pachta, Katherine Proctor **Sixth Row** Morgan Bauby, Amanda Morgan, Alana Avery, Lindsy Kurzdorfer, Paige Porter, Hayley Parker, Andrea Hopkins, Callie Pfeker-Hahn

Phi Mu Alpha

President
Aaron Cunningham

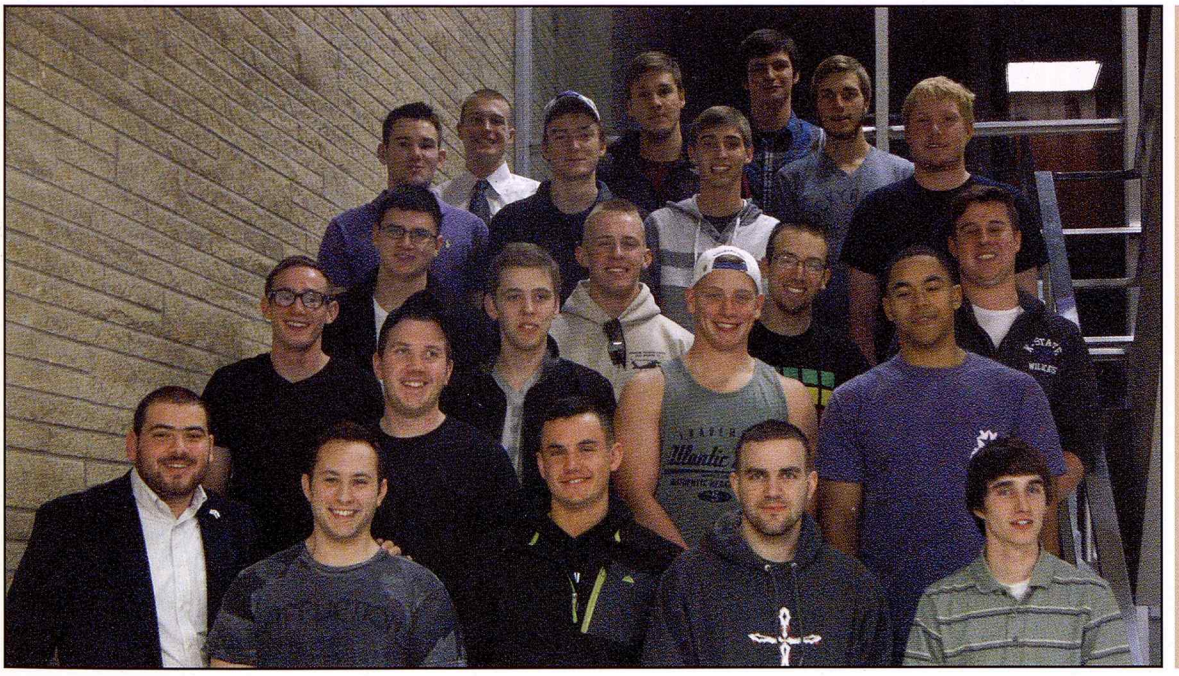
Motto
The manly musician and the musicianly man

Number of Members
39

Founded
November 6, 1921



First Row Steven Murray, Brett Butler, Michael Frampton, Aaron Cunningham, Matthew Shea, Spencer Buff, Matthew Hiteshew, Drew Martens **Second Row** Weston Cook, Ethan Levine, Billy Chew, Hunter Sprong, Ronald Atkinson, Evan Looft, Brian Turner, Tim O'Conner, Zachary Bailey, Marcus Grimes **Third Row** Jacob Miller, Nolan Groff, Colin Halpin, Owen Moore, Zachary Kuntz, Hunter Owen, Ryan Jackson, Bryce Garver, Ross Jensby, Joshua Abel, Brian Henry, Christopher Boxberger, Clark Rogers, Andrew Abdayem



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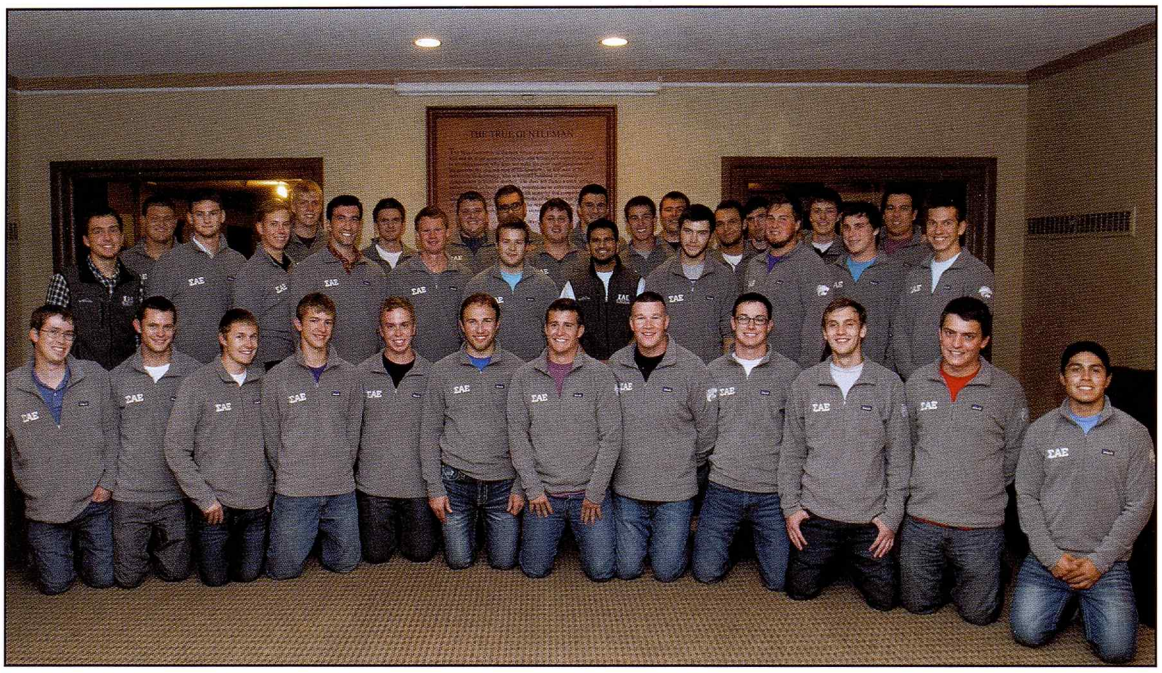
President
Dylan McKenzie

Motto
We will lead

Number of Members
25

Founded
April 15, 1978, Recolonized 2013

First Row Dylan Wendt, Samul Austin, Eric Brown **Second Row** Abdulrahman Alkhiary, Andrew Haase **Third Row** Andrew Nation, Andrew Stoafer, Jacob Wright **Fourth Row** Michael Wells, Brian Witt, Joshua Edgar, Andrew Ingold **Fifth Row** Adam Rosendahl, David Boyce, Colton Witt, Connor Dobbins **Sixth Row** Joel Blankenship, Preston Zenuk, Dylan McKenzie, Brady Poppelreiter



Sigma Alpha Epsilon

President
Zachary Keller

Motto
True gentlemen

Number of Members
53

Founded
1913

First Row Jon Lofquist, Ian Thompson, Christian Baker, Simon Novelly, Blake Martin, Zane Keller, Corbin Niemstchk, Jon Shafer, Scott Meyer, Chase Flanders, Jared Fetter, Dominic Mena **Second Row** Spencer Balaun, Riley McMullin, Kyle Koerner, Joshua Peiffer, Zachary Keller, Ethan Redd, Jorge Luna, Addison Tantillo, Zachary Kasminskie, Benjamin Sanders, Brandon Meier **Third Row** Landon Moore, Andrew Crowder, Jordan Blanc, Caleb Frank, Logan Clark, Brycen Kulbeth, James Albert, Edward Wayda **Fourth Row** Skylar Henre, Rick Korvick, James Tinsman, Matthew Reiliey

Alpha Tau Omega

President
Laila Sammur

Motto
Let us steadfastly love one another

Number of Members
159

Founded
1915



First Row Katherine McGreevy, Taylor Craghead, Magdaline Oberle, Lauren Meehan, Taylor Hildebrand **Second Row** Kaitlyn Nueschafer, Kelsey McKay, Martika Chappell **Third Row** Shelby Tate, Danielle Lickteig, Chloe Hay, Emily Wheeler, Eliza Shurtleff, Shandee Porter, Mary Kate Duffy, Anne Jansen **Fourth Row** Erika Chandler, Ariel England, Abigail Richards, Breanna Norton, Alexandra Oliver, Kenzie Chandler, Hannah Bongers **Fifth Row** Carly Gassman, Rachel Arbuckle, Madison Shelley, Hannah Cameron, Sarah Pearson, Summer Orr **Sixth Row** Katherine Johnston, Madison Bangs, Brittany Husong, Brooke Becker, Leah Bartek **Seventh Row** Victoria Unrein, Madison Anderson, Shelby Showalter, Abbey Riegel, Morgan Schmidl **Eighth Row** Gabrielle Browne,Samantha Alexander, Taylor Chaconas, Christina Picicci, Natalie Otto **Ninth Row** Marisa Snyder, Anna Brown, Maggie Hill, Kaileigh Kupchin, Korie Reed **Tenth Row** Samantha Huber, Millie Copper, Callie Evans, Kasey Weixelman, Shelby Kreig, Morgan Roenigk, Mikaela Meehan **Eleventh Row** Ashley Chastain, Mariah Marfield, Kylie Huneycutt, McKenzie Schmitt, Bridget Killeen, Haley Waters, Madeline Gilchrist **Twelfth Row** Ashley Chastain, Ashley Provencher, Bridget Killeen, Reagan Bellerive **Thirteenth Row** Kathryn Hess, Emily Jackson, Kyle Grey, Taylor McKinley

Alpha Xi Delta

President
Christine Caban

Motto
Realize your potential

Number of Members
157

Founded
1922



First Row Rachel Heeren, Kelsey Steward, Bailey Bohline, Hope Abarr, Mallory Thompson, Cara Hillman, Jori Bloom, Mackenzie Lutz, Hope Rietcheck, Andrea Erickson, Kalie Timmins, Megan McCoy, Morgan Shupe, Kelsey Holtman, Megan Varhola, Caitlin Watson, Holly Heironimous, Hannah Yeoman, Sydney Patterson, Heather Ferry, Jenna Kriegh **Second Row** Cheyanne Alvarado, Lindy Bilberry, Margaret Baughman, Gabriella Boeger, Taryn Daniels, Laurel Merriman, Gillian Long, Jordann Sagraves, Eleanor English, Kimberly Clark, Katelyn Munsinger, Cameron Norris, Sydney Bowen, Alyssa Adamany, Brenna Stueder, Hillary Shafer, Alexandra Haines, Kelsey Moore, Lauren Dunning, Jenna Vetere, Ashlyn Evans, Chelsea Webb, Christine Caban **Third Row** Kelsey Nygren, Madeline Becker, Grace Muller, Sarah Rhodes, Margaret Haneberg, Natalie Ost, Georgina Rubio, Halle Blanchon, Kelsie Shy, Caitlyn Aguirre, Grace Heidebrecht, Mohri Exline, Brenna McQuitty, Miranda Woody, Emily McEntire, Sara Schifferdecker, Misha Modiri



Pi Kappa Alpha

President
Garick Liar

Motto
Once a Pike, always a Pike

Number of Members
105

Founded
1913

First Row Jesse Brookins, Alan Saldivar, Kade Baker, Zaldy Doyungan **Second Row** Aliczander Erpelding, Calen Erickson, Michael Leonard, Keegan Amos **Third Row** Blake Stevens, Blake Heller, Blake Smith, Garick Lair, Adam Knox **Fourth Row** Matthew Anderson, Tyler Anderson, Steven Miller, Robin Breugem **Fifth Row** Ryan McHenry, Austin Boerger, Jordan Edwards, Kyle Marra **Sixth Row** David Mejia-Zaccaro, Christopher Garcia, Michael Ceseña, Sage Geller, Joseph Vetsch, Zachary Lantz, Kevin Bartram, Dalton Schmidt, Daniel Reinkemeyer, Ryan King, Parker Cameron, Sterling Embers, Gabriel Goetzman, Kendal Stanton, Joseph Cowden, Edward Toby



Alpha Kappa Alpha

President
Jazmin Richmond

Motto
By culture, by merit

Number of Members
5

Home Base
Waters Hall

First Row Jamilah Watkins, Ashley Murphey **Second Row** Micaela Torres, Jazmin Richmond, Jasmine Holmes

Alpha Kappa Lambda

President
Justina Beyer

Motto
Alethia kai logos

Number of Members
18

Founded
1930 and re-established in 2013



First Row Jacob Isaacson, Benjamin Champion, Ian Huyett, Phillip Gomez, Justin Beyer, Sean Bodendistel, Michael Thornwall **Second Row** Jason Coffman, Stuart Disberger, John Barnhart, Tanner Barth **Third Row** Ben Boutwell, Logan Hays, Thomas Ward **Not Pictured** Michael Hanus, Justin Keller, Jason Sandoy, Brandon Fait, Sevastian Banuelos, Giancarlo Molina

Delta Upsilon

President
Ryan Knight

Motto
Dikaia upotheke

Number of Members
120

Founded
1955



First Row Nolan Allison, Adam Wilkerson, Canaan Coker, Ryan Knight, Marshall Anliker, Josh Van Bebber **Second Row** Brady Heidrick, Adam Elkiwan, Michael O'Laughlin, Michael Emley, Grant Defonso, Michael Rogenmoser, Joseph Coonrod, Logan Strunk **Third Row** Levi Eck, Haralabos Tsamolias, Jacob Rzewnicki, Joseph Radetic, Matthew Kuykendall, Devin Rudicel, Jacob Unruh, Logan Sageser, Lucas Wheeler, Graham Dobbins **Fourth Row** Ethan Rice, Connor Vaughn, David Ecklund, John Eplee, Samuel Power, Ryan Hoover, Robert Breeden, Nicholas Swearingen, Mitchell Mize, Taylor Cooper, Spencer Brown **Fifth Row** Benjamin Seiler, Josh Stukel, Mohamed Ali Mahmoud Wahba, Lucas Casenove, McNeil Dolliver, Alex Bolin, Taylor Haak, Connor Hunt, Kendall Schmidt **Window** Javier Lopez, Cody Weems



Chi Omega

President
Whitney Root

Motto
To be womanly always, to be discouraged never

Number of Members
191

Founded
1915

First Row Madison Mulanax, Annie Eller, Grace Sexton, Madeline Frankel, Haleigh Savage, Jessica Nesbit, Paige Nickell, Sydnie Turnbaugh, Kristin Nycklemoe, Sara Weckhorst, Kylee Campion, Morgan Britton, Courtney Priddy, Kara Dold, Margaret Bourk, Taylor Herman **Second Row** Addison Bethel, Courtney Karst, Erin Walker, Anna Burbridge, Amelia Ponchur, Paige Shoemaker, Kristi Katlin, Madison Allen, Madeline Connelly, Taylor Coleman, Hattie Doolittle, Sarah Rahjes, Morgan Hammes **Third Row** Sara Hampton, Casey Trug, Kelli Reese, Sydney Dauer, Emily Hunt, Madilynn Hirschler, Alex Seely, Morgan Dillon, Elizabeth Degner, Kelsey Ludwig, Erin Keating, Paige McMahon, Kelsie Carpenter, Amanda Todavchick, Abbey Davied, Madison Wengert, Carolina Marks, Allie Schmidtberger, Andrea Martinez **Fourth Row** Mary Gottsch, Alyvia Owens, Kourtney Bouehler, Katie Carlsen, Katelyn Winn, Kaitlyn Cox, Bonnie Boos, Olivia Taphorn, Kelley O'Connor, Lauren Kroymann, Alex Couch, Taylor Rahe, Ashley Thomas, Ashlen Cyr, Lauren Shaw, Holly Audiss, Mikaela Mitchell, Hannah Miller, Kayla Mosier, Alexandra Samazin, Sadie Jones **Fifth Row** Claire Stockton, Sarah Carlson, Hailyn Sullivan, Carlie Samuelson, Nicole Hall, Kellie Flick, Carly Cobble, Kristen Anderson, Claire Lowman, Ellen Collingwood, Adrianna Lewis, Jenae Hicklin, Natalie Hunt, Grace Thibault, Hunter Stitt, Hannah Funk, Brooke Grattan, Gentry Schneweis, Ellie Watt, Paige Thomas, Kristine Meares **Sixth Row** Madison Brumley, Kaitlyn Lube, Ashton Moore, Gabriella Smith, Kelsie Joyce, Chelsey Ast, Lindsay Hunt, Abigail Harrison, Taylor Gros, Alison Burton, Janae Horchem, Carly Cubbage, Erika Dubek, Schyler Slaven, Hailey Lueckenotto, Brooke Wells, Grace Rehorn, Kennedy Wools, Anna Hughes **Seventh Row** Taylor Craft, Michelle Hill, Addison Lauck, Cassie Routh, Whitney Pleming, Kristin Everett, Amanda Fayette, Elizabeth Stover, Kelsey Blakely, Kelli Sweeney



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President
Alex Newell

Motto
Love, truth, honor

Number of Members
68

Founded
1913

First Row Jonathan Burden, Reed Bowker, Chuck McBride, Robert Hudson, Anthony Alvarez, Ben Lippold, John Mulkey, Patrick Murry, Dalton Stene, Austin Phelps, Brett McMillin **Second Row** Craig Gihring, Christopher Peters, Corey Chesley, Hunter Like, Jesse Miller, Quinn Jones, Seth McDaniel, Jared Gihring, Nicholas Drake, Gordon Stephens, Joseph Davis, William Zahner, Ian Alter, Tyler Nelson, James Riehl, Eric Sieck **Third Row** Zachary Pitts, Alex Beemer, Tyler Maddox, Alex Newell, David Abel, Evan Morris, Daniel Ecklund, Brian Junge, John Prince, Peyton Garrison, Mitch Sauls, Patrick Doull, Matthew Legler

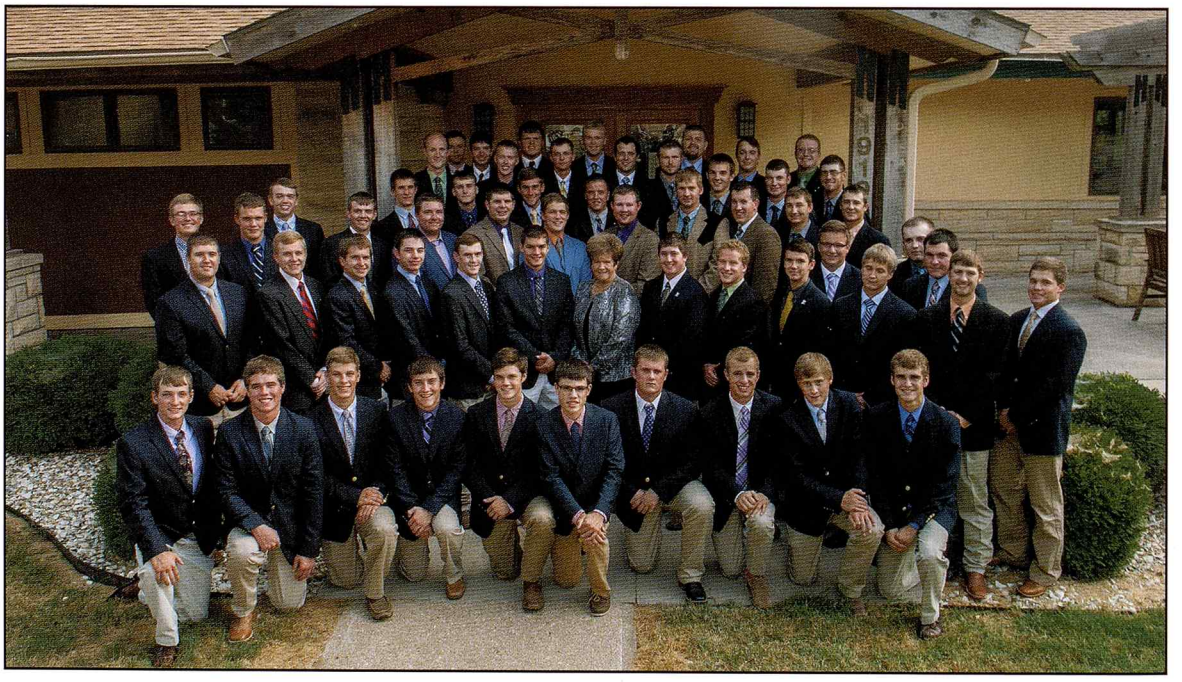
Alpha Gamma Rho

President
Ashton Yoder

Motto
To make better men

Number of Members
75

Founded
1927



First Row Logan Drake, Bryan Otott, Caden Lynch, Braxton Butler, Ethan Fowler, Wyatt Pracht, Jacob Berglund, Hayden Guetterman, Chase Boots, Craig Griswold **Second Row** Craig Archambeau, Cody Burke, Michael Welch, Jacob Robertson, Andrew Scherrer, Ashton Yoder, Carolyn Sadler, Ryan Diederich, Luke Garrison, David Rickerd, Landon Cook, Shane Schaake, Kurtis Clawson **Third Row** Kenneth Kays, Matthew Jenkins, Tyler Jensen, Jesse Page, Nathan Stinson, Chad Nuelle, William Damme-Longinaker, Kurtis Morgan, Michael Porter, John Schmedemann, Evan Woodbury, Gage Woodard **Fourth Row** Luke Sankey, Nicholas Waltz, Denver Johnston, Nathan Laudan, Miles Pearson, Matthew Hadden, Shane Meenen, Luke LaTourell, Chase Minihan, Colby Brownrigg **Fifth Row** Logan Britton, Benjamin Brown, Wyatt Schumann, Richard Ryckert, Blake Brown, Clayton Kniebel, Jonathan Meyer **Sixth Row** Jared Bourek, Jacob Strohl, Nathan Smart, Daniel Hess

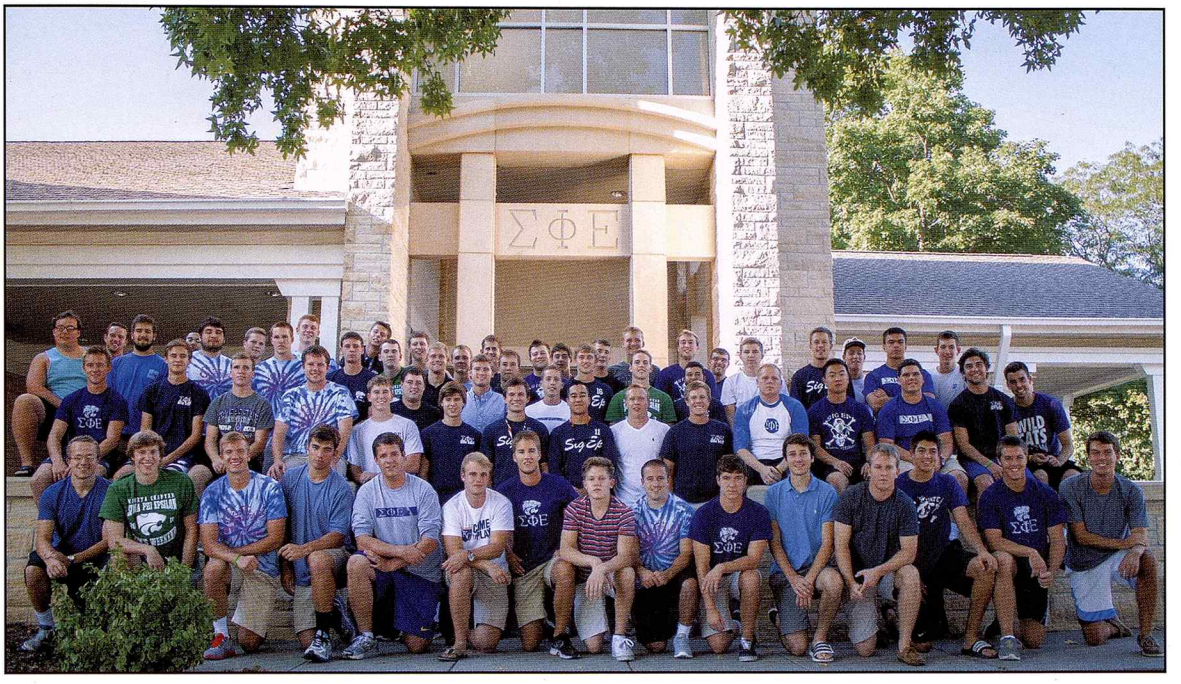
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President
Carter McEntee

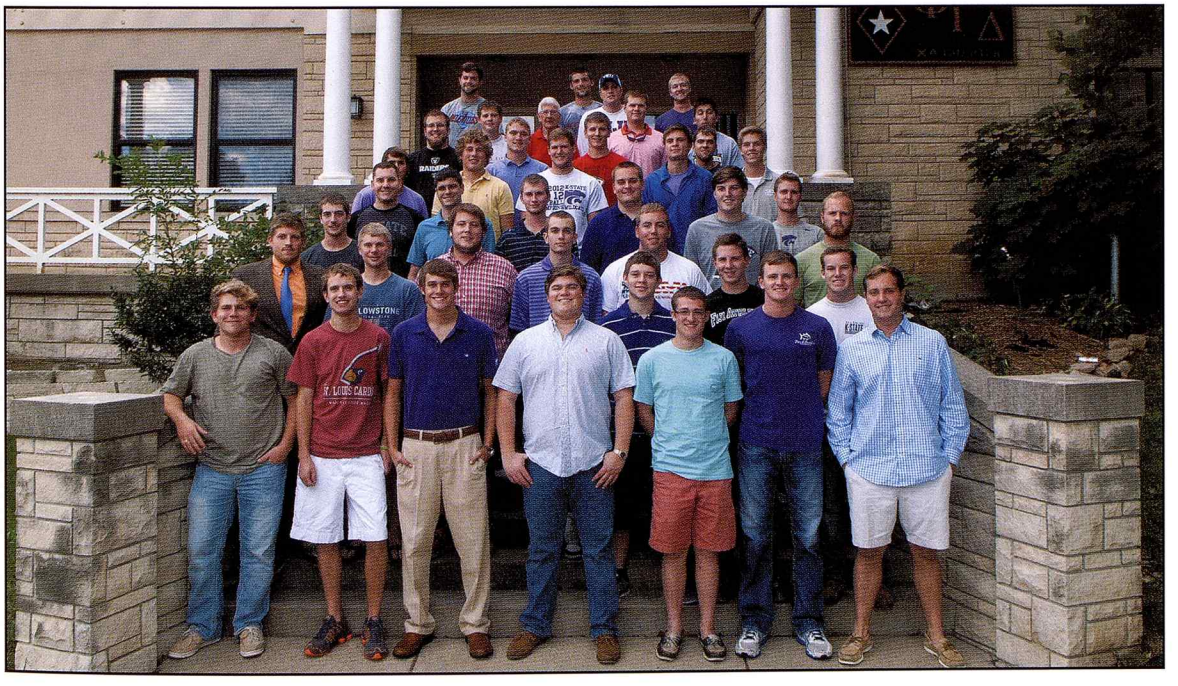
Motto
Virtue, diligence, brotherly love

Number of Members
95

Founded
1918



First Row Nicholas Rysavy, Chase Koster, Bret Cook, Cody Riley, Garrett Vaughn, Davis Clum, Maxwell Oberbroeckling, Gerrett Hodges, Dylan O'Dell, Andrew Waldron, Samuel Brown, Grant McLaughlin, Ryan Mealy, Colton Row, Mark Bolton **Second Row** Collin Weems, Nicholas Dragush, Nathan Alonso, Ryan Waldron, Austin Rickabaugh, Jordan Clark, Derek Heinz, Eric Vargas, Brian Eller, Noah Schniederjan, Matthew Stafford, Adam Lo, Connor Jarman, Matthew Peterson, Matthew Martin **Third Row** Jacob Ohmes, Max Frederes, Harrison Nelson, Patrick Connell, Levi Baker, Brett Soucie, Brian Davied, Alex Johnson, Eli Woerpel, Matthew Roenigk, Alec Heline, Luke Burgett, Clayton Pearce, Alexis Nevarez, Alex May, Carter McEntee, Theodore Augustine, Joshua Zdeb, Logan Roberts **Fourth Row** Douglas Brown, DeLon Barbour, Austin May, Brian Grant, Jacob Vandervoort, Joseph Seidl, Joshua Gray, Brendan Mitchell, Jacob Gadwood, Nicholas Row, Jonathan Schmidt, Timothy Fogarty, Trent Bigler, Taylor Lock



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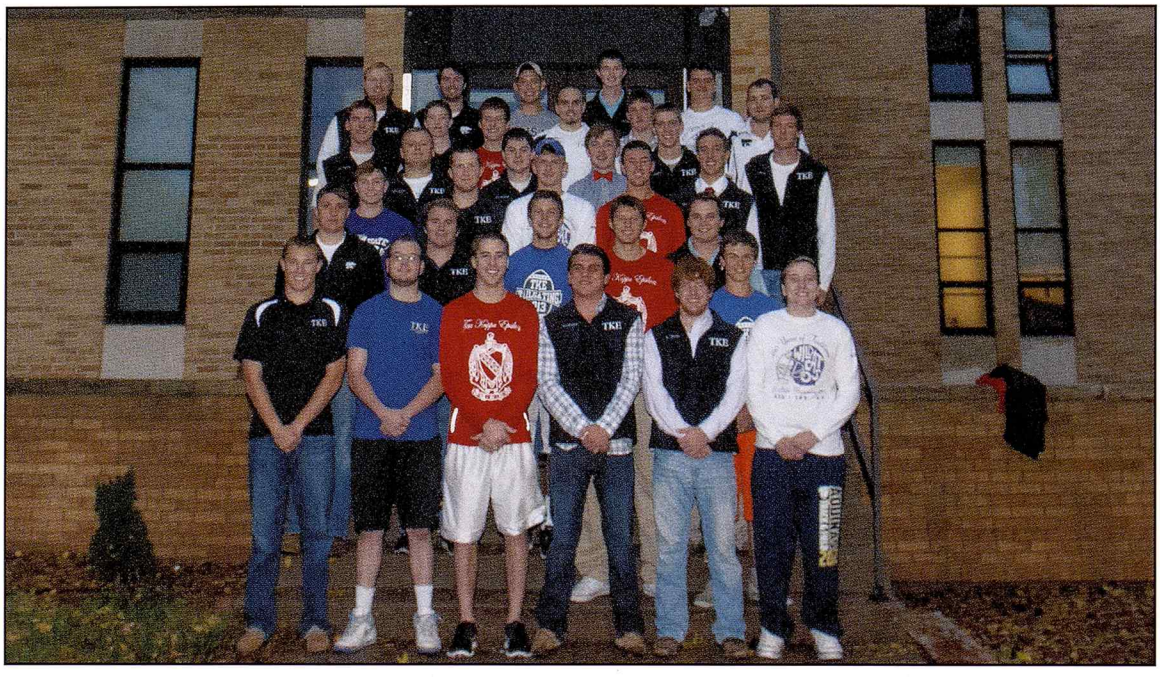
President
Nicholas Swickard

Motto
Friendship; the sweetest influence

Number of Members
85

Founded
1968

First Row Maxwell Labbe, Benjamin Geiger, Samuel Breitenbach, Graham Goodner, Thomas Swickard, Casey Sexton, Kyle Parmenter **Second Row** Bradley Koster, William Baumgartner, Tyler Morrison **Third Row** Braedon Burgess, Joseph Smith, Henry Sydow, Michael Hotujac, Brett Fisher, Fraser Egan **Fourth Row** Clayton Weiss, Lucas Minear, Jace Larsen, Tyler Wyatt, Chad Fiser, Brian Gerwick, Dylan King **Fifth Row** Matthew Peterson, Nicholas Heiland, Bret Fiser, Blake Benton, Evan Malinowski **Sixth Row** Richard Everly, John Heiman, Drake Kayser, Ryan Petersen **Seventh Row** Nicholas Swickard, Margaret Pickett, Samuel Stivers, Matt McGovern **Eighth Row** Alexander Martin, Joshua Banwart, Breven Graham, Andrew Karstens



Tau Kappa Epsilon

President
Carston Cooper

Motto
Better men for a better world

Number of Members
83

Founded
1931

First Row Connor Elliott, Timothy Boucher, Carston Cooper, Daniel Carroll, Cale Woydziak, Joseph Crane **Second Row** Blake Duden, Matthew Edwards, Jeremy Selley, Christoffer Burgweger, Darien Blackwill **Third Row** Logan Cox, Matthew Taylor, Dylan Kinter, Ryan Lorimor, Jacob Caldwell, Forrest Scott, Brett Newell **Fourth Row** Tate Anderson, Austin Elliott, Wyatt Bayless, John Prince III **Fifth Row** Patrick Friedrichsen, Connor Berg, Eddie Ernst, George Huston III, Colin Becker, Alexander Hines, Tyler Petersen, Eric Raduzycki, Logan Wilkins

Acacia

President
Ross Allen

Motto
Human service

Number of Members
57

Founded
1913 and re-established in 2001



First Row Colin Ferrel, Daniel Moore, William Parkins, Justin Swarts, Jordan Reisinger, Brett Brunner, Matthew Taylor, Saul Miller, Andrew Hawkins, William Ramsey, Mason Grittman, Jeddidiah Russell, Adam Hagedorn, Hayden Kinney, Jordan DeLoach, Kenneth Rienbolt, Zev Allen, Ryan Luder, Cody Kennedy, Matthew Dolezal, Corey Kingsland, L Ann Domsch **Second Row** Kevin Diehl, Jordan Strickler, Colten Johnson, Ryan Haefke, Ross Allen, Dalton Funk, Paul Gutsch, Caleb Niehues, Connor Henley, Mark Hay, Scott Lamunyon, Noah Trapp, Cody Pearce, Caleb Ahlquist, John Brant, Kolby Harris, Garrett Kennedy, Michael Whinery, Nathan Wehrman

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President
Katie Altendorfer

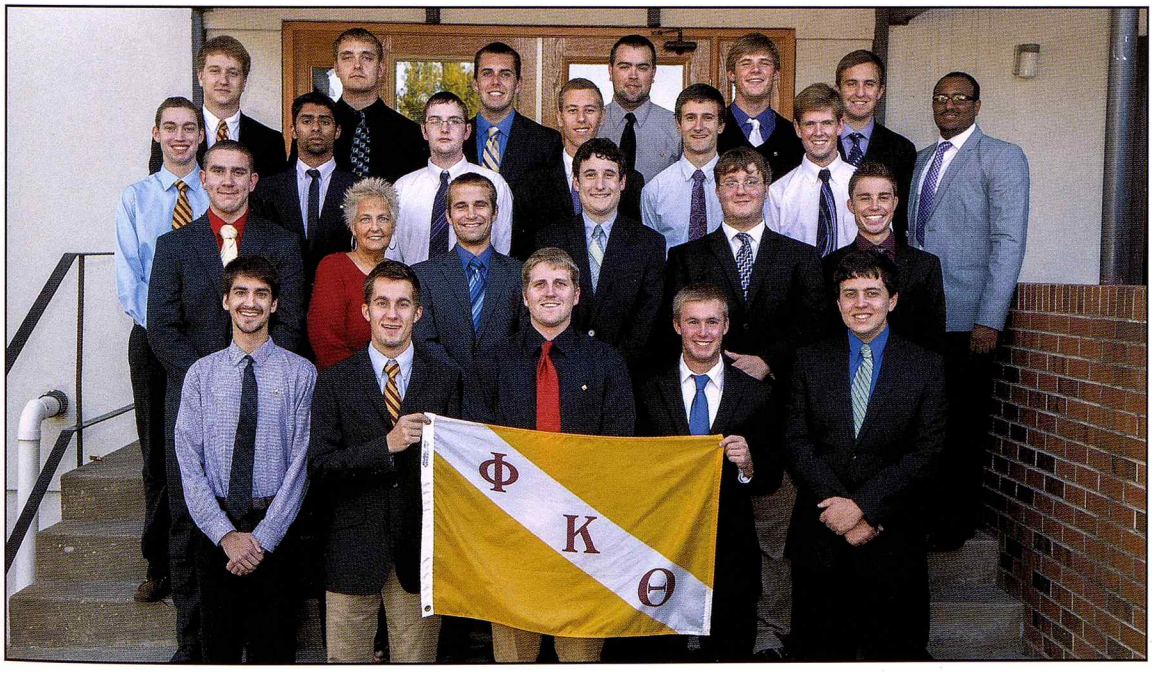
Motto
Seek the noblest

Number of Members
174

Founded
1931 and re-established in 2010



First Row Stephanie Ford, Kasey Kowalski, Morgan Priest, Natalie Koch, Olivia Cox, Alexandrea Hennes, Catherine Eversman, Natalie Johnston, Bailey Vincent, Isabel Holden, Hope Faflick, Morgan Fulk, Alexa Faber, Emily Rinne, Maria Vannicola, Kathryn Little, Brityn Like **Second Row** Hannah O'Neil, Brenna Cook, Elizabeth Dudley, Emily Jones, Alexandra Dawes, Daphne Weber, Jaylene Miller, Lisa Joerling, Shelby Surmeier, Jessica Carriera, Kimberly Bogner, Danielle Porter, Meagan Shanahan, Caitlin Hall, Brittny Cantrell, Sarah Crawford, Tyler Hoyt, Lauren McDonald, Alexa Oliphant, Lindsey Erskin, Kayla Koenig **Third Row** Lynda Fowler, Lizbeth Hernandez, Kenzie Shoneman, Jessica Baker, Jessica Wasko, Lindsay Seele, Katherine Dempsey, Allison Harwood, Rachel Black, Kelsey Kost, Megan Weinshenk, Catherine Birkenmeier, Kristen Wieden, Kelsey Schiebout, Courtney Gellhaus, Kaitlin Eubanks **Fourth Row** Danielle Donmeyer, Meagan Miller, Kristy Urich, Lauren Braun, Sydney McIntosh, Megan Herren, Lauren Del Vecchio, Darci Kern, Kelsey O'Neil, Alicia Torr, Katelin Murphy, Caitlin Carter, Jennifer Russell, Sarah Jackson, Hallie Beck, Rebecca Woodard, Connor Staats **Fifth Row** Elizabeth Allen, Haley Paulson, Rachel Dervin, Emilie Redmond, Emily Grotenhuis, Carlee Meeks, Ashley Herb, Shelby Nelson, Kiersten Branscum, Allison Dillion, Cara Donnelly, Lindsay Schmidt, McKenzie Cordell, Samantha Easley, Sarah Smith



Phi Kappa Theta

President
Eric Mueth

Motto
Give expecting nothing thereof

Number of Members
31

Founded
1921

First Row Christopher Khan, Joshua Rutz, Brett Bachelor, Danny Miller, Alex Nagle **Second Row** Richard Greer, Diana Philippi, Matt Spaniol, Joel Neises, Andrew Walberg, Daniel Haight **Third Row** Eric Mueth, Daniel Thomas, Maceion Cullinan, Chris Wynne, Anthony Sercer, Phil Mahoney, Alex Gebre **Fourth Row** Brett Holle, Karl Netemeyer, Mason Carey, Cody Fager, James Manning, Reid Schmidling



Beta Sigma Psi

President
Patrick O'Connor

Motto
Per aspera ad astra

Number of Members
36

Founded
1951

First Row Timothy Spencer, Alonso Acevedo, Jorge Soto-Gomez, Cody Campbell, Brady Hoffman, Nicholas Allen Weber, Brandon Russell Keller, Devin Magee, Gavin Jorns, Jared Cooper, Jack Jones, Tyler Lovseth, Joseph Valenti, Patrick O'Connor, Kevin Whiteside, Caleb Marvin, Dallas Hyder, Andrew Foerster, Taylor Dean, Dustin Douglas, Adam Beeman

Kappa Alpha Theta

President
Katelyn Noll

Motto
Faith, hope and love

Number of Members
164

Founded
1961



First Row Kerrie Leinmiller-Renick, Melina Cope, Megan Richards, Dylan Jordan, Amy Hawley, Kristina Ladner, Laura Parker, Abigail Krstulic, Megan Sheridan, Jenna Hubele, Abigail Atchison, Alyssa Gomez-Buxo, Lily Dollarhide, Katie Bausch, Sarah Pennington, Ashleigh Stagg, Mattie Loder, Brittany Murrell **Second Row** Shaneen Silk-Valentino, Emily Teaford, Aubrea Burns, Emily Phelon, Emily Ingram, Amanda Sloan, Laura Blaine, Katherine Beaubien, Kara Wilkes, Emily Pickert, Maybelle Mertz, Renee Gragg, Christine Cox, Bailey Pritchard, Heidi Hilton, Carolyn Gardner, Rachel Londeen, Krista Holliman, Abigail Fiala **Third Row** Riley Gay, Sarah Stratman, Emma Unsderfer, Natalie Biel, Hannah Richmeier, Shelbi Markham, Ashley Drott, Jessica Riley, Ashley Strasser, Kathryn Githens, Jaclyn Long, Laura Yarrow, Jessica Zidek, Nicole Whitmer, Taylor Alderman, Jolynn Hennerberg, Melissa Feuerborn **Fourth Row** Jaclyn Sheets, Anna Pyle, Katelyn Noll, Danielle Dobratz, Alannah Henry, Mary Harness, Anastasia Slough, Katherine Self, Rachel Ketter, Sarah Wood, Amanda Osarczuk, Kyndal Maurath, Cecilia Smith, Brynn Wright, Andrea Burghart, Carlee Wollard, Claire Bokelman, Mekahla Peterson, Samantha Moore **Fifth Row** Jessica Domnick, Harriett Tudor, Brooke Hemmert, Samantha Hinrichs, Megan Anderson, Karsen Brown, Margaret Salisbury, Rebekah Niblock, Cassie Bullock, Miranda Boatwright, Morgan Jones, Cody Turner, Kaylea Nemechek, Samantha Thomas, Madison Randall, Madeline Sipes, Guinevere Toalson, Meghan Dickinson, Kindall Shenefield, Haley Bensel, Kristin Conley, Mary Peterson, Katherine Dirks, Ashley Ladd **Sixth Row** Lydia Lobmeyer, Grace Pierson, Claire Finkle, Jessica Henry, Katelyn Krieg, Katlyn Jones, Whitney Lawson, Haley Hermes, Taylor McClellan, Jessica Ritter, Allison Franken, Miranda Maass, Kylie Sturgis, Katherine Horning, Sydney Webb, Amanda Sipes, Gabriela Armendariz, Rachel Reichenberger, Madison Hoffman, Rachelle McGehee, Heather Brown, Allison Medley, Sarah Lewis, Caroline Swanson

FarmHouse

President
Ryan Schmidt

Motto
Builder of men

Number of Members
79

Founded
1921



First Row Connor Philgreen, Jacob Fairchild, Colin Hitz, Thomas Pusty, Asher Gilliland, Austin Muchow, Barbara Oplinger, Eli Schooley, Brandon Douglas, Cody Holliday, Christopher Ratliff, Wade Gutierrez **Second Row** Andrew Llewelyn, Paul Lewis, Ryan Swift, Reed Koop, Tyler Schultz, Andrew Gilmore, Quinton Berggren, Garet Koester, Nathan Pfeifer, Gavin Koester, Christopher White, Austin Krug **Third Row** Kaleb Graber, Johnathan Yarrow, Zach May, Ransom Gardiner, Nick Johnson, Ian Kirby, Cody Knight, Bryan Taylor, Luke Sunderland **Fourth Row** Cooper Clawson, Rick Joel Dewees, Timothy Spare, Zane Sloan, Joshua Klug, Kolten Beck, Grant Unruh, Mitchell Baumgartner, John Stambaugh, David Amstutz **Fifth Row** Daniel Krehbiel, Donovan Krehbiel, Rustin Ardery, Levi Bailey, Justin Sales, Brian Moore, Joshua Keim, Carl Minnix, Isaac Tisdel, Jonathon Foley, Kenan Reeh

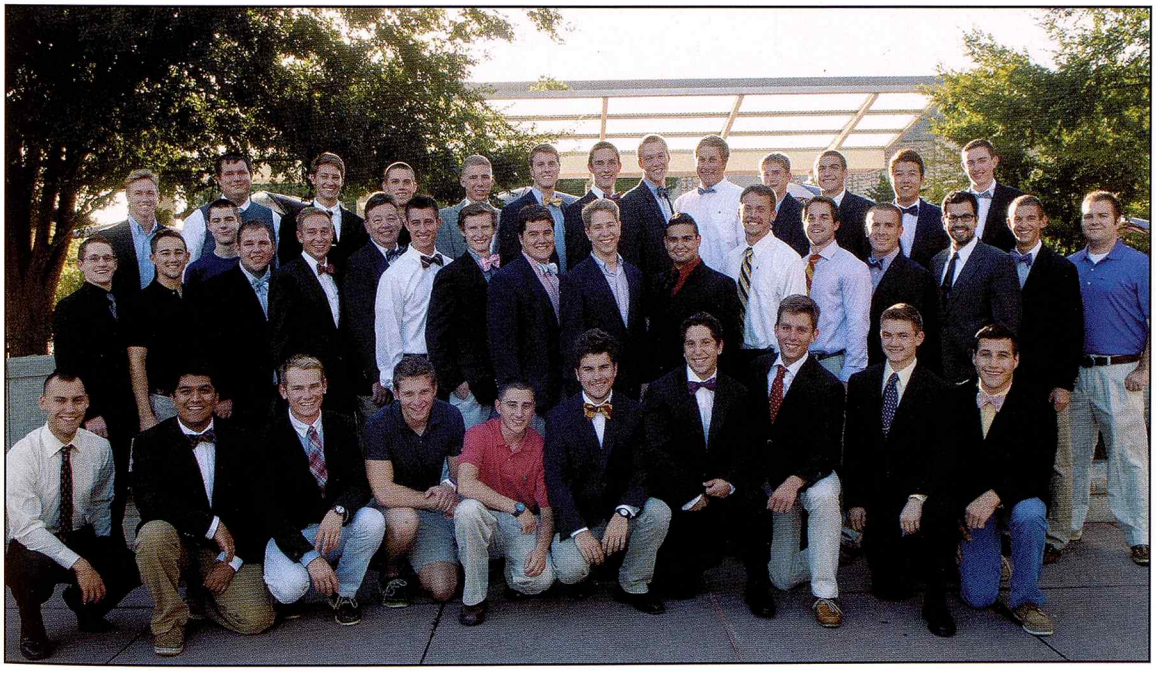
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President
Aaron Frith

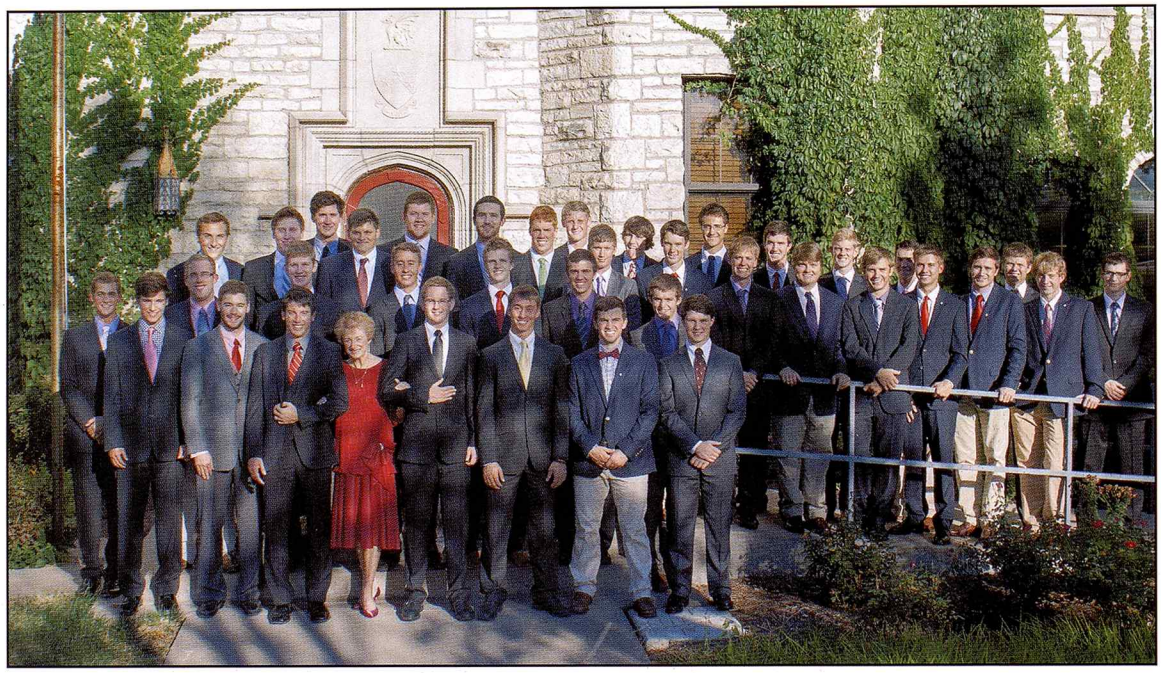
Motto
Leges

Number of Members
51

Founded
1964 and re-established in 2010



First Row Wesley Cano, Rutvik Date, Mac Wendling, Tyler Hopkins, Nicholas Orth, Taylor Shanklin, Levi Gerson, Colin Barr, Chad Ostermann, Davis Millard **Second Row** Ryan Gustafson, Adam Carney, Matthew Lewis, Zachary Stroth, Eric Haun, Bill Meredith, Austin Green, Eric Long, Michael Kennedy, Evan McMican, Carlos Morales, Carl Bowden, Scott Whittle, Andrew Turner, Andrew Vogliardo, Kyle Mayer, Andrew Woolley **Third Row** Brett Lyman, Nicholas Rohrbaugh, Taylor Holmes, Brandon Jacobs, David Sage, Heath Lilek, Bryan DeBaum, Noah Easterling, Aaron Frith, Connor Meeske, Aaron Tatman, Yi Jeff Yang, Michael Stanton



Beta Theta Pi

President
Kyle Rieger

Motto
Firmam consensus facit/cooperation makes strength

Number of Members
101

Founded
1914

First Row Logan Rose, Jared Erpelding, Logan Breault, Bobbie Lonker, John Brekke, Samuel Massey, Zachary Werhan, Alexander Mills **Second Row** Andrew Waldman, Zachary Reed, Jonah Klug, Adam Massey, Chad Pauly, Christopher Kohlrus, Benjamin Elliott **Third Row** Taylor Wilson, Kyle Rieger, Evan Clopine, Keith Bullinger, Alexander Cook, Zachary Lowry, Tim Patterson, Oliver Kindel, Matthew Marshall, Keaton Hale, Justin Coen, Cooper Hoefling, Brooks Elder, Jake Caldwell **Fourth Row** William Graves, Dalton Savage, Joseph Ptak, Dakota Lonker, Samuel McKinney, Brock Hanf, Adam Hilbert, Charles Balkenbusch, Wiley Lundy

Gamma Phi Beta

President
Hannah Hovis

Motto
Founded upon a rock

Number of Members
185

Founded
1957



First Row Jacinda Dent, Alexandra Scott, Abigail Adams, Haley Holt, Kaitlin Dewell, Brooke Katterhenry, Rebecca Brady, Sara Sheehan, Olivia Wood, Kirsten Johnson, Lauren Hower, Stephanie Hughes, McKenzie Veselic, Kaitlyn McNally **Second Row** Jennifer Boutte, Sydney Edminsten, Nicole Casonhua, Alexa Elbrader, Kaitlin Beeman, Hannah Hovis, Michelle Vreeland, Erin Clopine, Kirsten Sooter, Jordan Marquess, Joey Platt, Laura Negley, Cara Olson, Meghan McNally, Johanna Ryckert, Maggie Gilmore, Laurel Dixon **Third Row** Morgan Shoemaker, Hayley Barrett, Taylor Tyrrell, Shanaya Hoeme, Kelsey Thomeczeck, Kate Whitsitt, Amy Hess, Kylie Andres, Rachel Klis, Rachel Roszel, Jacy Lucas, McKenzie Martel, Molly Debusk, Maggie Klug, Sarah Henkle, Megan Goebel, Emily Warriner, Kristen Davis, Elizabeth Bittiker, Catherine Madderom, Sara Gunning, McKenzie Benoit, Olivia Swalley, Chandler Custer **Fourth Row** Alice Gibbin, Margaret Waggoner, Maura Schmidling, Jenna Burnette, Katherine Bolin, Katherine Colburn, Savanna Anschutz, Michele Riter, Caroline Schuckman, Kailyn Inch, Megan Martin, Katherine Wernes, Connor Duff, Kara Omo, Brenna Contreras, Allison Devlin, Catherine Miller, Melissa Kupfersmith, Hannah Schauf, Karlee Canaday, Clare Drilling, Abigail Lechtenberg, Brooke Crites, Abigail Hoelting, Jennifer Dolezal, Ariel Dodson, Shelby Martin, Sydney Love, Haley Barkoviak, Katlyn Pfieffer, Lucia Finocchiaro, Madison Swart **Fifth Row** America Martinez-Serrano, Katelyn Bomberger, Margaret Robertson, Rachel Overmohle, Hannah Kemp, Kathryn Sullivan, Ashlyn Fiscus, Sara Soph, Chelsea Richards, Madeline Oxler, Amy Sheehan, Jillian Prather, Devon Amos, Kaitlyn Connor, Isabel Miller, Emma Bassette, Katheryn Dixon, Katelyn Dixon, Sarah Knowles, Lydia Jalowiec, Grace Callison, Emily Wilson, Sierra Ryan, Chelsea Peuser, Erin Davis, Abigail Hammack, Christina Bingham, Whitney Crow, Madeline Gabbert, Sidney Flinn, Victoria Shaw, Alissa Rinner, Kelsey Martin, Elizabeth Vater, Maile Widman, Riley Steinman **Sixth row** Andrea Zandt, Sarah Brill, Lauren Laudan, Jessica Erker, Natalie Kutney, Lauren Boline, Madelin Greer, Nicole Keith, Allison Mellies, Karlee Wedekind, Taylor Russo, Tailor Simko, Katie Ahearn, Meredith Short, Foster Kutner, Michelle Holland, Jeanette LaFreniere, Annika Sundby, Leah Watts, Jessica Hays, Rachel Smith, Brady Nordhus, Kasey Criser, Mikaela Groff, Grace Sewell, Noelle Dykman

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President
Daniel Coen

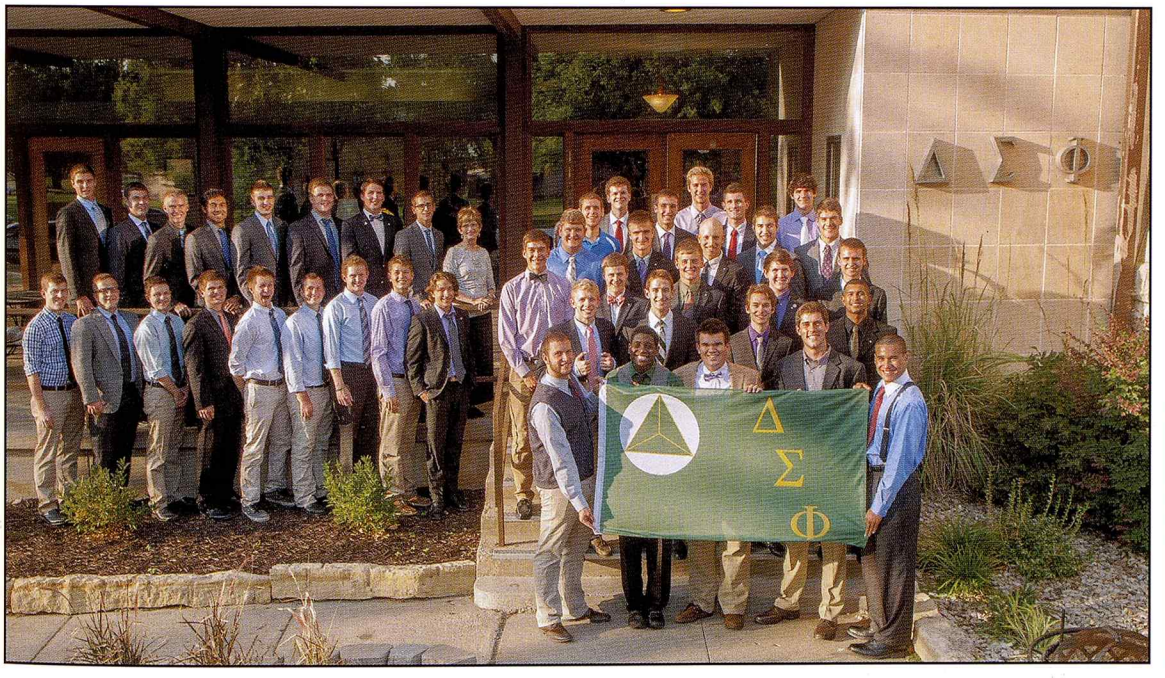
Motto
Vir quisque vir/
every man a man

Number of Members
104

Founded
1924



First Row John Zetmeir, Christopher Burley, Michael Pappas, Michael Ash, Jack Mitchell, Jacob Ewers **Second Row** Ryan Miller, Skyler Thompson, Nicholas Pappas, Daniel Coen, Connor Schmidling, John Plankers **Third Row** Timothy Reichmuth, Jack Klenda, Justin Jarred, Jacob Fehr, Nicholas May, Hunter Harrison **Fourth Row** Andrew Mohler, Taylor Siegman, Nicholas Paperi, Chase Middleton, Zachary Seeberger **Fifth Row** Christopher Earnshaw, Jason Sabin, Alex May, Korbin Sharp **Sixth Row** Zachary Sheffield, Christopher Reyher, Alexander Schell, Marshal Hall, Hunter Jewett, Trent Brown, Nathan Deeds, Nathaniel Fulkerson, Luke Fields, Elliot Faerber, Jake Sankey, James Clark, Andrew Gaar, Ryan Bird, Jared Dinkel, Jordan Lennan, Garang Anyit, John Knorr, Taylor Sheffield, Robert Holland, Sean Murray, Patrick Boisson, Connor



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President
Daniel Vogt

Motto
Better men,
better lives

Number of Members
90

Founded
1925

First Row Maxwell Troester, Marcus Kidd, Austin Rice, Connor Kraus, Chayce Wynn **Second Row** Alec Khoury, Kyle Snow, Samuel Fillingim, Kyle Elliott **Third Row** Michael Brundis, Joseph Falter, Cort Malone, Stephen Leu, Christopher Gaston, Samuel Johnson, Brett Seidl, Gregory Schaulis, Thomas Wellemeyer, Daniel Vogt, James Schmidt, Hunter Post, Patrick Kennedy, Nicholas Ramsey **Fourth Row** Preston Tucker, Alexander Bahr, Blake Ronnebaum, Efren Frayre, Drake Dobbs, Brendan McCluskey, Andrew Breault, Paul VanLandingham, Barb Holste **Fifth Row** Joshua Larson, Greyson Spriggs, Ryan Khoury, Tyler Maneth, Levi Vogt **Sixth Row** Shawn Moore, Bret Niese, Alexander Severance, Harrison Tucker, Donald Pepoon, Kevin Donlin



Alpha Delta Pi

President
Abbie Bontrager

Motto
We live for each other

Number of Members
182

Founded
1915

First Row Allison Thomas, Jordyn Stephens, Morgan Mobley, Suzanne Schulte, Allyson Day, Haley Brun, Hailey Walstad, Makaela Willis, Jacquelyn Ewald, Amanda Marchesini, Natalie Powell, Evan Reed, Mackenzie Mong **Second Row** Darbey Madden, Maren Ozier, Sara Lair, Bailey Elliott, Kathryn Cannata, Chanel Coyne, Rachel Jackson, Annie Roberson, Libby Herwig, Audrey Gerber, Kaylee Smith, Rachel Walker, Marin Willis **Third Row** Shanae Porter, Allie Dwyer, Caroline Fry, Christa McKittrick, Michelle Pankey, Janelle Headrick, Lauren Meis, Casey Leister, Katlyn Smith, Molly Gabrielson, Taylor Murray, Erin Kruse, Chloe Skidmore, Bailey Peck **Fourth Row** Ashley Hageman, Carolyn Mense, Bailey Fischer, Kortney Edelman, Hanna Penny, Kathleen Rajewski, Laura Falk, Catherine Huck, Kelsey Kuckelman, Kathryn Crimm, Sara Curran, Sydney Pugh **Fifth Row** Adriane Barry, Alyssa Beck, Kassidy Stecklein, Tami Crow, Abigail Reese, Annie Greenwell, Olivia Orth, Erin Sullivan, Emily Feldkamp, Emma Cole, Abigail Steiner, Amanda Stultz, Na Amy Guo **Sixth Row** Jill Applegate, Megan Herbers, Melanie Riordan, Anna Plum, Blair Lewis, Allyson Hall, Ashley Wilmoth, Reghan Tank, Elizabeth Reichert **Seventh Row** Annie Mindrup, Shelby Richardson, Jenna Shaw, Brianna Thrailkill, Taylor Fry, Bonny Boultinghouse, Paige Blackmon, Shannon Hayden, Kimberly Gerstner, Brooke Stiffler, Hallie Kuhlman, Lauren Kenyon **Eighth Row** Eleaner Dickens, Abby Guenther, Jennifer Hoppock **Ninth Row** Andrea Kruse, Molly Hogan, Adrienne Besler, Molly Huggard, Cherilyn Mahoney, Abigail Brooks, Samantha Dreiling, Meghan Haun, Lauren Welch **Tenth Row** Megan Cordell, Paige Druffel, Abby Works, Kayla Jewell, Kristen Brunkow, Krista Poore, Kirsten Samuelson, Malori Stucky, Leah Baus, Rebekah Nyman, Courtney Coad, Leah Kellerman, Kelsey Koblitz, Erin Heiden

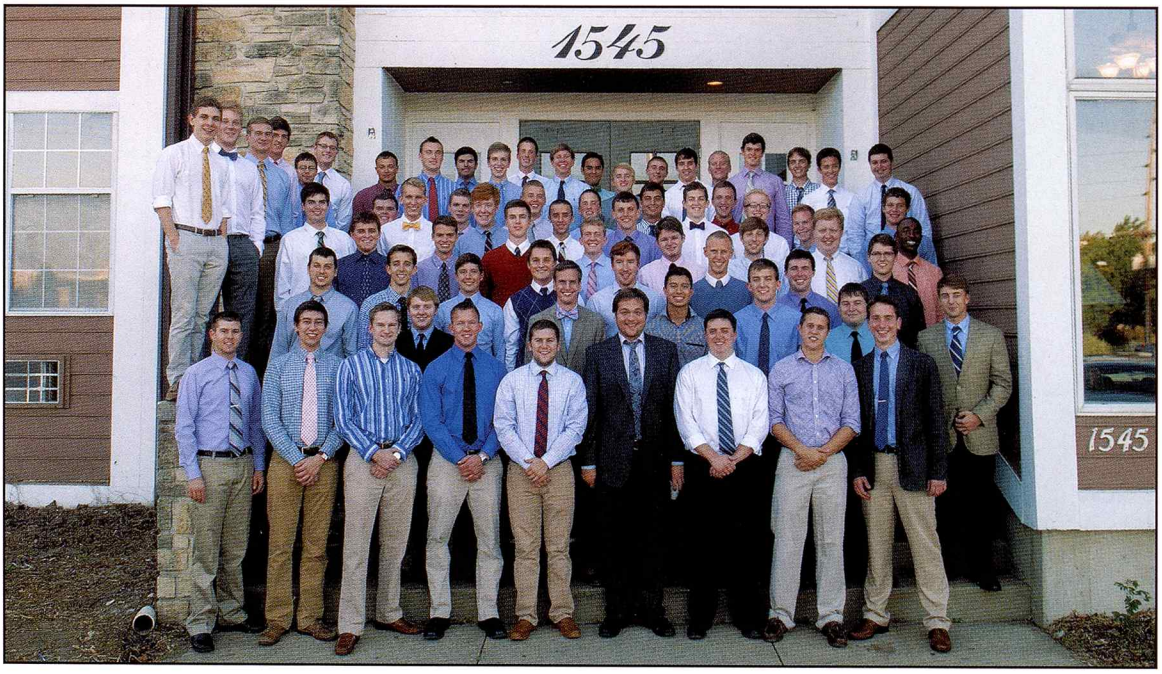
Phi Delta Theta

President
Matthew Tredway

Motto
One man is no man

Number of Members
80

Founded
1921



First Row Jonathan Eden, Joel Wetta, John Roberts, Timothy Maresch, Matthew Tredway, Beau Drewbre, Riley Wheeler, Marcus Appleby, Johnathan Bachman **Second Row** Brian Blando, Alex Augustyniewicz, Juan Pastrana, Colten Smith, Brandon Keller, John Eric Self **Third Row** Michael Bradshaw, Drew Maddox, John Goehl, John Pistotnik, Ryan Albracht, John Augustine, Grant Habluetzel, David Schall **Fourth Row** Conor Eubanks, Tyler Wolff, Grayson Coonrod, Connor Shelton, Aidan Schaible, Kasey Callahan, Andrew Goad, Christopher Williams **Fifth Row** Michael Dula, Joshua Posz, Aaron Miller, Dylan Wheeler, Jake Fraizer, Nicholas Kuchta, Alex Johnson, Tanner Ricky, Colten Anderson **Sixth Row** Jackson Edds, Eric Janzen, Connor Munk, Jeffrey Bachman, Braden Schmitt, Adam Temel **Seventh Row** Benjamin Hansen, William Gurney, Luke Heeren, Terrance Wise, Trevor Dice, Harry Farrell, Mitchell Holland, Joshua Hines **Eighth Row** Patrick Roh, William Cody Botkin, Austin Puetz, Kevin Hanrahan, Todd Rider, Donald Kade Melton, Joel Antonopoulos, Armando Joel Garza, Brett Bachman, Joe Mendoza, Jacob Henderson, Sean Scott, John Willnauer

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President
Brennen Sanderford

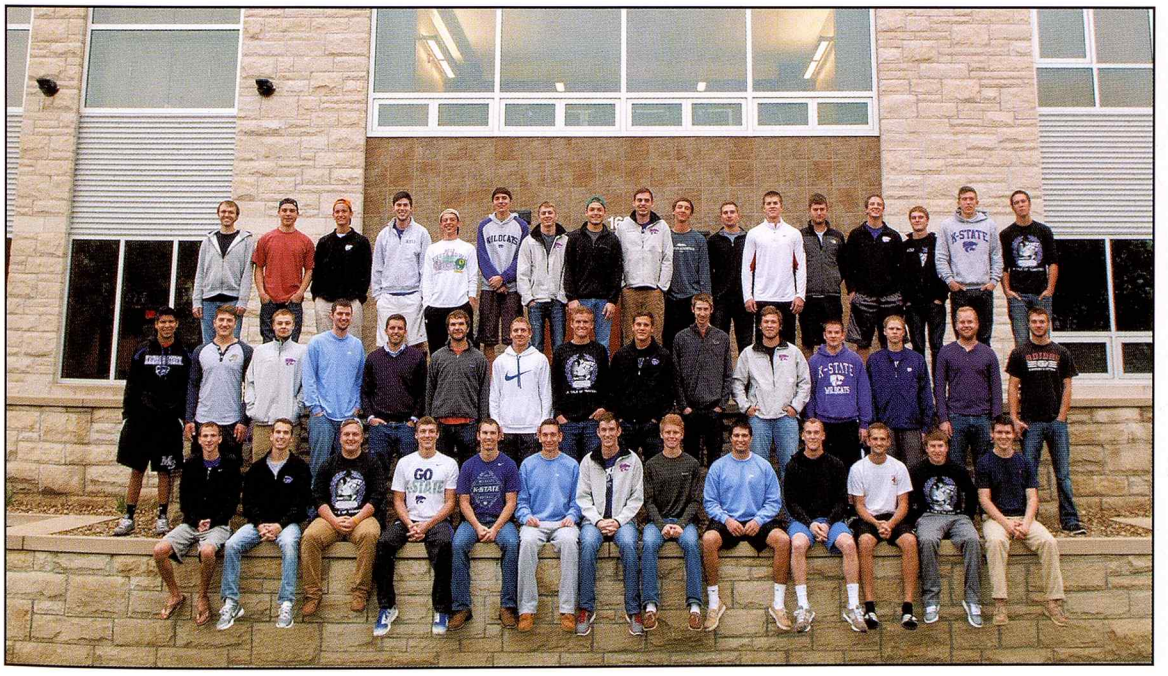
Motto
In hoc signo vinces

Number of Members
74

Founded
1949



First Row Dinah Terrill, Paris Brown, Christopher McGee, Hunter Yakle, Tyler Combs **Second Row** Matthew Mravunac, William Gennings, Joseph Greco, Mark Potts, Joseph Reid, Jared Arnote, Spencer Combs, Jonathan Cascioli, Nicholas Greco, Preston Roedel, Landon Weller **Third Row** Trenton Vaughn, Patrick Sutherland, Jeffrey Schaefer, Jordan Roith, Trayl Chaffee, Michael Benefiel, Hunter Bell, Vincent Lamas **Fourth Row** Brennan Sanderford, Lee Forster, Grant Pfoltner, Robert Young, Cody Humphreys **Fifth Row** Brett Vaughan, Colin Jennings Shipwright, Kevin Wolf, Ryan Kelly, Jeffrey Thelen, Andrew Carlsen, Jack Longan, Bradley Conrow, Brett Stegeman, Ryan Porter, Bryan Foltz **Sixth Row** Joshua Fritz, Grant Schorgl, Robert Loomis, Blake Hillman, Jared Mayberry, Dylan Grimm, Jacob Ilten, Sean Morris, James Larson, Luke Porter, Kevin Terrill, David Chandler, Jake Crutchfield, Cameron Homolka, Cody Kaemmer, John Kay **Seventh Row** Brett Lykins, Ian Jacobson, Caleb Brewer



Alpha Tau Omega

President
Brendan Carney

Motto
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Number of Members
57

Founded
1920

First Row Patrick Bennett, Thomas Hoopes, Cain Blaha, Joseph Merino, Austin Gilroy, Jason Warring, Grant Kalberer, Douglas Fleet, Jacob Priddle, Michael Schlicht, Tyler Swehla, Colby Zishka, Eric Braun **Second Row** David Starr, Jonathan Evans, Brice Buehler, Patrick Keck, Jacob Unruh, Brendan Carney, Hunter Ashley, Abraham Fangman, Keith Gloe, Andrew Fischer, Chase Congrove, Matthew Hudspeth, Eric Carlson, Spencer Andresen, Scott Louis **Third Row** Joseph Hund, Hayden Garvey, Joseph Oaks, Tyler Moorman, Brett Zapletal, Neil Haas, Alexander Eaton, Dylan Splichal, Matthew Ribble, Blake Saville, Ryan Lingle, Devin Rose, Nathan Kalberer, Benjamin LeCluyse, Nicholas Hammer, Beau Turner, Colten Staudenmeyer



Alpha Chi Omega

President
Amy Kovarik

Motto
Together let us seek the heights

Number of Members
155

Founded
1947

First Row Courtney Thomas, Jordan Hatch, Nicole Brauer, Mallory Binder, Erica Waltman, Lauren Drummand, Hannah Sharpe, Rebecca Ramm, Chelsey Regester, Emma Auriemma Chambers, Katherine Kraly, Coleen Bost, Morgan Cormack **Second Row** Taylor Knoth, Betsy Jacob, Leah Chaska, Jennika Harris, Ashea' Hiatt, Elizabeth Jackson, Ashley Lemos, Victoria Garrett, Sarah Crosby, Kaitlyn Hoover, Jessica Jackson, Caroline Greenlee, Casey Bertelsman, Sofia Sabates, Kelsey Soukup, Kathryn Ryan, Jessica Boedeker **Third Row** Susannah McCord, Sarah VanSteinberg, Shannon Knoll, Elizabeth Krivjansky, Alison Anstine, Courtney Robles, Lauren Jarnigan, Megan Glenn, Alexandra Belzer, Victoria Gellott, Alexa Welch Field, Megan Gasser, Sara McConnell, Grace Chaney, Kaylee Wicke, Tateum Mattingly, Deborah Stone **Fourth Row** Sarah Cauffield, Lauren Klein, Kjersti Anderson, Jordan Stuckey, Courtney Henney, Jennifer Stanton-Jones, Megan Graham, Lauren Ellis, Madisen Edstrom, Emma Machell, Johanna Brockhoff, Marissa Bartosch, Nicole Sisson, Alexa Woodson, Bridget Beran, Alaina Kevern, Amy Kruse, Angelica Jacobs, Mara Atzenhoffer, Megan Lindequist, Katelyn Gardner, Alia Akkerman, June Wilson **Fifth Row** Mary Higgins, Loryn Wiebe, Shelbi Allen, Aubrey Mann, Amanda Oakley, Devin Andersen, Jessica St. Aubin, Molly O'Meara, Amy Kovarik, Elaina Latimer, Hannah Ediger, Haley McMurphy, Rachel Nowak, Romy Sagen, Kylie Sikora, Gabby Dellinger, Kara Roberts, Allison Dorr, Brisa Waechter, Sadie Kratzer, Chelsea Lutz, Kayla Gilpatrick, Mallory Fleenor, Aleta Friedeman, Cadey Carney, Carly Love **Sixth Row** Makenzie Pohl, Kate Gronquist, Elizabeth Moser, Katherine Wasinger, Stephanie Moser, Samantha Hembree, Katlin Walbridge, Jana Miller, Madelyn Petree, Melissa McGuire, Alexandra Elattar, Kenzie Richards, Anna Dillon, Megan Greenlee, Anna Allison, Catherine Elijah, Cayleigh Feller, Adrienne Eisenhauer, Alison Smith, Jamie Cockerham

Sigma Kappa

President
Meghan Burch

Motto
One heart, one heart

Number of Members
166

Founded
1991



First Row Bailey Buer, Nicole Schaum, Samantha Greig, Paige Fenton, Emily Eilert, Melanie Keffer, Victoria Ptacek, Emily Kinder, McKenzie Tignor, Katherine Brophy, Jessica Halsey, Haley Slusser **Second Row** Heather McDougall, Rachael Crosby, Hannah Heaton, Victoria Lee, Mallory Diekmann, Lauren Gregory, Kennedy Burton, Megan Hadley, Molly Porter, Hannah Ward, Krista Blackwood, Allison Berry, Victoria Stephen, Paige Gasper, Stephanie Solis **Third Row** Danielle Genschorck, Emma Kelly, Sophie Lorson, Kristen Palmer, Whitney Luck, Kaleigh Klim, Tricia Robbins, Katelyn Howland, Clarissa Weers, Hannah Young, Jessica Holloran, Sarah Wylan, Ashleigh Martin, Amanda Martin, Lindsey Finger **Fourth Row** April Collin, Nicole Dearing, Morgan Breckenridge, Logan Falletti, Molly Delks, Morgan Velez, Jessica Hatesohl, Courtney Lykins, Kelsey Waetzig, Lauren Riley, Haley Powell, Jessica Heppenstall, Allison Miller, Ellen Crocombe, Hannah Byun **Fifth Row** Alayna Fahrny, Kaitlyn Buster, Anne Wildgen, Alexandra Jasminski, Kathryn Schroeder, Brianna Cunningham, Alexandra Lee, Jordan Fox, Chelsea Wright, April Hutton, Madeline Weathers, Morgan Pehlman, Alyssa Bauer, Alison Hancock, Sydney Rathjen, Taylor Morse, Jessica Barner, Leah Roth, Michelle Jack **Sixth Row** Lucy McDonald, Jessica Van Ranken, Sarah Prudden, Brittany Roberts, Kristyn Garver, Zoey Gubitoso, Katelynn Stull, Molly Gardner, Caitlin Byttner, Emily Leadbetter, Alexis Leiker, Shelby Domann, Meghan Burch, Grace Hesse, Sarah Truman, Mia Larsen **Seventh Row** Hannah Alexander, Leia Pressly, Karley Callender, Brooke Lawver, Haley Anderson, Mary Blewett, Kristin Glossner, Mackenzie Selzer, Afton Schwahn, Madison Branch, Katie Croswhite, Courtney Brownlee, Breanna Korus, Lauren Price, Kelsey Shields, Ursula Hagstrand, Rotem Arieli, Julia Nyiro, Kaitlyn Ellis **Eighth Row** Sarah Gardner, Bailee Haines, Holly Higgs, Kimberly Hoedl, Makenzie Hrabik, Katie Mulich, Rose Delnero, Erin Kimberling, Samantha Kruse, Catherine Lawless, Tuesday Meredith, Courtney Nance, Anna Rassette, Amanda Reichenberger, Andrea May, Laura Farkas, KateLynn Ptacek, Ashlee Riess, Arkady Lake, Joahna Roney, Mikaela Wood, Andrea Mick, Brianna Hinton, Jennifer Thompson, Sarah Mulville, Keaper Czarniecki, Danielle Sutter, Erin Osborne, Catherine Fulner

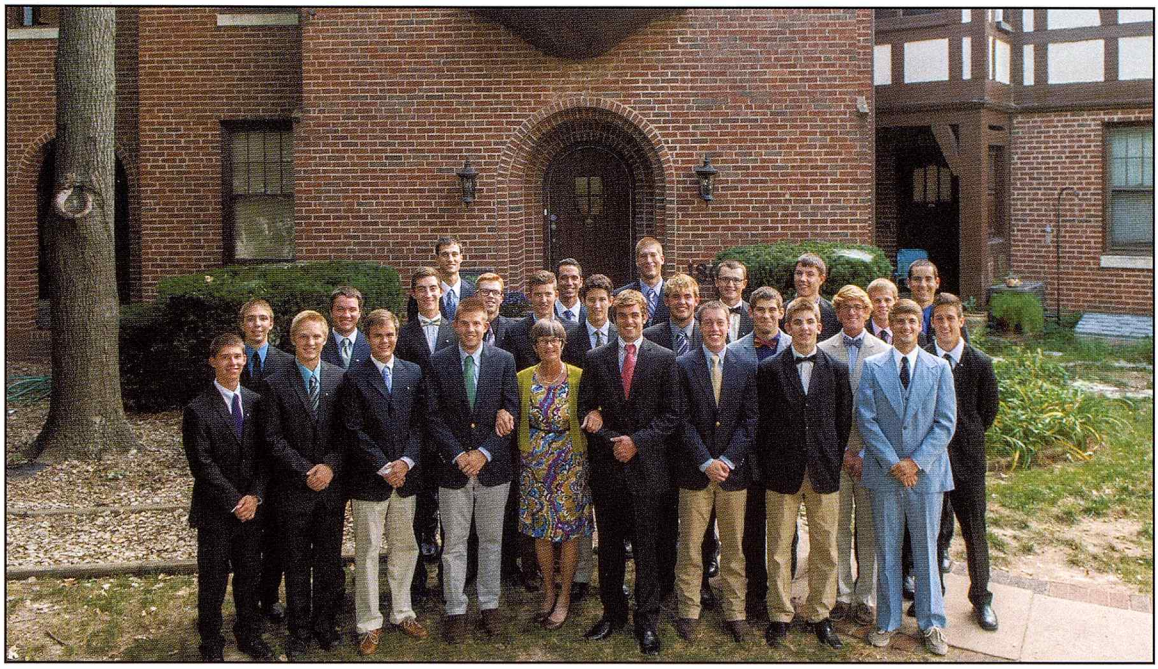
Theta
Xi

President
Gordon Harton

Motto
Juncti juvant

Number of Members
60

Founded
1931



First Row Logan Krizek, Brady Kiracofe, Evan Hartter, Will Schneider, Melinda Rose, Devin Feist, Jack Dunn, Phil Loughman, Neal Adams **Second Row** Corbin Pfrang, Korby Anderson, Kyle Lickteig, Dylan Bassett, Jake Anderson, Ian Harmon, Darin Feist, Chance Berdnt, Chris Leonard, Spencer Taylor **Third Row** Gabe Noll, Michael Gagliano, Derek Nold, Connor White, Jordan Korb, Travis Snyder, Austin Davis



Pi Beta
Phi

President
Allison Niederee

Motto
Friends and leaders for life

Number of Members
189

Founded
1915

First Row Timmon Herzberg, Elizabeth Carro **Second Row** Maggie Meyer, Morgan Karr, Kurstin Guy, Samantha Adams **Third Row** Chelsea Fleming, Alexis Leikam, Maggie Schieber, Katie Bartolac, Alexis Sherwood, Laura Thurlow **Fourth Row** Sarah Colburn, Madelyn Colbert, Brittany Werth, Megan Rowe, Courtney Klema, Blake Fingalsen, Sommer Wiebrecht, Alexa Kasitz, Katherine Knutson, Madeline Musil, Jordan Reinhardt **Fifth Row** Jennifer Vogt, Alyssa Bisagno, Hillary Williams, Daphne Park, Julia Noland, Shelby Wilson, Taylor Wissing, Courtney Brennan, Kara Dudzik, Madeleine Forbes, Colleen Gellar, Kelli Strader, Makenzie Bexten, Samantha Krause, Macy Loring **Sixth Row** Madelyn Ray, Christina Novak, Elizabeth Stasiewicz, Elizabeth Wooldridge, Onyekachukwu Ehie, Molly Ellison, Madeline Brown, Sophia Tolentino, Meredith Schmidt, Bayli Gasper, Suzanna Gehrer, Courtney June **Seventh Row** McKenzie Ast, Elizabeth Kutina, Mackenzie Smith, Monica Shelton, Taylor Scheer, Payton Meyer, Margaret Thomas, Emily Bart, Jessica Reed, Halley Urich, Maegan Osner **Eighth Row** Jessica Schreiner, Samantha Vogt, Elena Joseph, Sarah Heiman, Abigail McNitt, Bailee Barrett, Courtney Alexander, Emerald McAdams, Lauren Fahsholtz, Lauren Fischer, Samantha Rivotto, Kara Evans, Kaylee Schilling, Emily Flood, Eleanor Parr, Jordan Gregory, Katherine Dubbert, Cassie Kerr, Rachel Illaria, Abbie Albrecht, Madeline Ginder, Alexandria Nepote, Emma Ginder, Morgan Blake, Jordan Clipson, Kayla Shields **Ninth Row** Madison Coen, Taylor Faulkner, Toni Stock, Emerald McAdams, Jessica Ptak, Allison Niederee, Alexis Faherty, Caroline Toler, Haylie Argo, Jalen Hollenbeck, Jennifer Reichmuth, Lindsey Leadbetter, Karisa Kirkendall, Molly Rappold, Elizabeth McDonald, Abby Hill, Natalie Gonzales, Samantha Knese, Emily Whiteside **Tenth Row** Paige Eppler, Michelle Seene, Brenna Ford, Lauren Gellar, Madison Debes, Emily Myers, Kathryn Kline, Megan Spradlin, Alyssa Campbell, Sierra Porter, Kristen Svec, Jennifer Stanley, Taylor Popp, Lillian Hyde **Eleventh Row** Ellen Bergkamp, Meghan Kapeller, Jesseca Milholm, Sarah Cowden, Raigan Cook, Shanna Stewart, Shelby Nelson, Whitney Hillen, Madalyn Zastrow, Tricia Brensing, Megan Thurlow, Bailey Ochs, Danielle Reedy, Gretchen Stone, Elizabeth Reichenberger, Katelyn Myers, Rikki Aldersen, Audrey Hitchcock, Lacey Cole, Elisa Mohr, Sarah Spradling



College of Arts and Sciences Ambassadors

President
Jessica Wheeler

Mission
Promote pride and develop awareness

Number of Members
26

Home Base
Eisenhower Hall

First Row Jacinda Dent, Kathryn Johns, Ciara Chambers, Karen Akao, Sarah Haley, Anna Cooper **Second Row** Shai Washington, Kelsey Crow, Jessica Wheeler, Mollie Kennedy, Patrick Riggin, Kylie Sturgis **Third Row** Taylor Poindexter, Alex Bolin, Kenneth Castinado, Ellen Harley, Nicholas Dorau, Wade Gutierrez **Not Pictured** Jack Brekke, Haley Claxton, Sierra Davila, Giselle Gamba, Hayley Jenkins, Patricia Reid, Justin Theleman, and Brian Vanorsby

Mortar Board

President
Julianne Perrini

Motto
Scholars, chosen for leadership, united to serve

Number of Members
28

Home Base
Leadership Studies



First Row Amanda Oakley, Jessica Conwell, Jake Pritchard, Obdulia Zambrano, Elizabeth Hughes, Jena Sauber, Chelsea Willems, Tricia Brensing, Julianne Perrini, Sarah Pavlu, Theodore Stavropoulos **Second Row** Paige Strecker, Katelin Murphy, Thomas Wellemeyer, Adrienne Besler, Derek Feist, Phillip Gomez, Mason Grittman, Cheyanne Alvarado, Angelique Foye, Brock Burnick, Ryan Patterson, Garrett Kennedy, Justin Theleman, William Meredith **Not Pictured** Aaron Bisch, Angela Glean, Abby Guenther

Alpha Kappa Psi

President
Gwen Fritz

Motto
Shaping people, shaping business

Number of Members
46

Home Base
Calvin Hall



First Row Allison Olive, Jenny Hollern, Carrington Newberry, Brandon Painter, Matthew Wolf **Second Row** Brian Niehoff, Miranda Burns, Kaitlyn Puetz, Cheyanne Sullivan, Kate Lock, Rachel Smith, Airuddha Rao, Ryan Irvin **Third Row** Joshua Fritz, Alexandra Huff, Katherine Wood, Ashlee Hampton, Christopher Garten, Kaci Douglas, Gwen Fritz, David Howell **Fourth Row** Darren McDowell, Brittany Goetz, Min La, Joseph Pagano, Melissa Aube, Hannah Zimmerman, Danielle Sutter, Jaclyn Long **Fifth Row** Deyni Meja-Zaccaro, Hayley Keener, Devyn Wires, Kelsy Roberts, Cayleigh Griffith, Jens Johnson, Alexandra Plowman **Sixth Row** Angela Linnebur, Jacob Taylor, Thomas Hobson, Shelby Domann, Trey Shelton, Angela Carpenter, Kelsey Schiebout, Ashley Uhl **Seventh Row** Anna Emley, Courtney Brownlee



Blue Key

President
Reagan Kays

Motto
Serving I live

Mission
Developing service-oriented leaders

Home Base
Leadership Studies

First Row Jacob Unruh, Benjamin Harstine, Samantha Kellerman, Kaitlin Long, Kassie Curran, Erin Clopine, Alexis Wingerson, Kaitlyn Dewell **Second Row** Tyler Johnson, Zach Boal, Brett Seidl, Sara Schifferdecker, Charles Kays, Christopher Kellenbarger, Annika Schneider



Wildcat Watch

Production Manager
Blair Konczal

Mission
Prodviding content specifically for students

Number of Members
38

Home Base
Dole Hall

First Row Marissa Ellis, Allison Thomas, Suzanne Schulte, Clarissa Weers, Morgan Huelsman, Elizabeth Allen, Megan Miller, Katherine Johnston, Shengyi Wang, Miranda Phipps, Tracey Sealy **Second Row** Elijah Randolph, John Harvey, America Leon, Donovan Woods, Jaden Woofter, Nicholas Patterson, Matthew Harrison, Brian Broeckelman, Blair Konczal **Third Row** Chelsea Stover, Tana Akers, Maile Widman, Zachary Phillips, James Roberts, Daniel Neely, Dillon Hayes, Harold Dakota German, Chad Ostermann **Fourth Row** Regan Porter, Ian Jacobson, Parker Wilhelm, Sonjay Baker, John Forsee, Nicholas Patterson, Aaron Finster, Loren Taylor

International Buddies

President
Ronnie Sullivan

Mission
To provide interaction between local students with the international community

Number of Members
7

Home Base
Fairchild Hall



First Row Milo Do Do, Ronnie Sullivan, Sin Dee Tey **Second Row** Cidra Husseini, Tianmiao Li, Yang Hu, Sarah Hooker

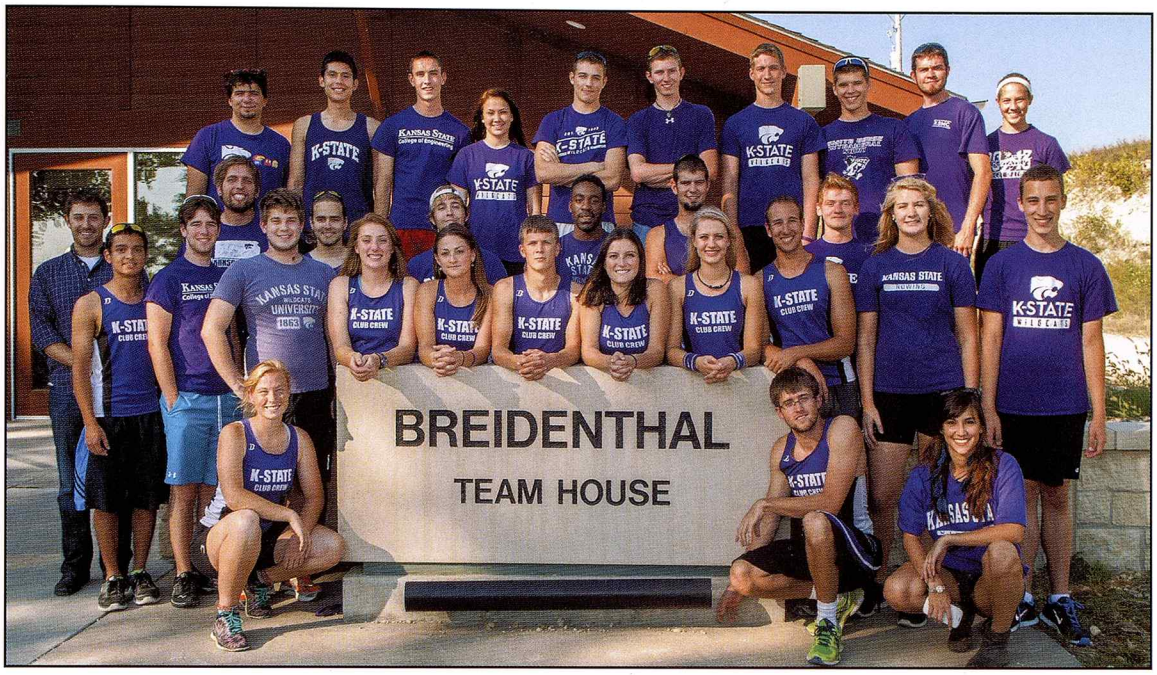
Rowing Crew

President
Kirk Dennis

Mission
To maintain a healthy and successful body of organization

Number of Members
30

Home Base
Breidenthal Team House



First Row Alexandra Wilke, Charles Spencer, Julia Guerra **Second Row** Craig Doan, Felipe Toro, Jonathan Bernard, Ellen Kyriakos, Chay Schneller, Matthew Vanausdall, Kenzie Schoneman, Chelsey Glatz, Zachary Chappell, Ashley Applhanz, William Naeger **Third Row** Matthew Graham, Wesley Good, Christopher Goodman, Kowan Russell, Alex Stephens, Brett Williams **Fourth Row** Giovanni Pavetto, Peter Crawford, Bryan DeBaun, Amanda Palmer, Anthony Carr, Christopher Berry, Bradley Eastman, Andrew Wehner, Daniel Tye, Kathryn Turk



Chinese Scholars Student Union

President
Yue Fei

Mission
To help Chinese students adapt to university life

Number of Members
189

Home Base
International Student Center

First Row Mingxian Jiang, Yue Fei, Xiuzhi Sun, Aoran Zhang **Second Row** Yiya Wang, Teng Teng, Yuntao Qian, Tianyi Li, Han Li, Chizheng Zhang, Weiyi Li, Sicheng Song



Country Swing and Two Step

President
Ariel Van House

Mission
To teach anyone, without discrimination, any dance taught by the club

Number of Members
106

Home Base
Student Union Courtyard

First Row Koryn Reece, Alicia Oard, Megan Ball, Samantha Bendrick, Sara Miller, Corey Bennett, Kyle Sykes, Crystal Dau, Ariel Vanhouse, Rachelle Coe, Kolton Smith **Second Row** Ian Bower, Brady Perkins, Kristen Blumer, Brandee Burnett, Kaitlyn Casey, William Norris, Brenden Olsen, Madison Randall, Kacie Schultz, Brittany Rask, Heather Ruder, Nathan Cottingham, Issac Spear, Emily Sanders **Third Row** Samuel Starr, Alison Sharpe, Paige Kriley, Melina Cope, Sydney McIntosh, Hannah Young, Phiet Nguyen, Olivia Pierce, Taylor Alderman, Aaron Morgan, Nathan Pendengraft, Calla Reilly, Benjamin Reilly, Korynne Rollins, Courtney Nance, Laura Erbe, Matthew Flerlage, Jonna Wright, Levi Rapp, Hunter McDaniel, Donita Whitney **Fourth Row** Rachel Schrag, Taylor Poindexter, Kayla Shore, Ashley Drott, Kristy Ladner, Carley Conley, Alisha Shurr, Dallas Smith, Avery Simecka, Ally Steinbrock, Cassidy Stimpert, Trevor Swim, Brittany Jo Tanner, Brody Kyle, Maggie Hulett **Fifth Row** Cale Armstrong, Matthew Myers, Kendall Bell, Elizabeth Allen, Zachary Williams, Ian Safford, Amber Bird, Ian Bower, Colt Broadie, Lin Bo, Conner Clements, Jennifer McCarty, Emma McCullough, Justin Damiani, Alexis Klein, Katie Smith, Carter Lundberg, Mary Rose Eakes, Megan Nider, David Jansen, Jacob Wilson **Sixth Row** Anna Seib, Patrick Zenk, Nicholas Trapp, Krystin Sothers, Reed Troyer, Dalton Toelkes, Matthew Duffy, Robert Vohs, Jennifer Vogt, Caden Dierks, Ryan Yenni, Luke Brown, Spencer Ward, Claudia Tedoni, Cody Wagner, Dustan Whipple, Ryan Dillon, Jordan Heinen, Jared Heiman **Seventh Row** Bryan Lytle, Ethan Merck, Sara Boatman, Skylar Ross, Ben Beller, Matthew Eakes

Engineering Ambassdaors

President
Caitlin Beaty

Mission
To promote the engineering profession

Number of Members
166

Home Base
Fiedler Auditorium



First Row Meghan McNally, Yichao Zhang, Valerie Binns, Andrew Robben, Elizabeth Kezar, MaryLynn Griebel, Rachel Klassen, Megan Kelley, Larissa Dettmer, Alison Cioffi, Jessica Nicholson, Lillian Akins **Second Row** Connor Pemble, Tyler Hieber, Allison Sommer, Alex Schram, David Ecklund, Tyler Krizek, Sarah Schuetze, Elicia Loganbill, Gabrielle Dellinger, Katlin Walbridge, Marisa Sotelo, Alexa Jacobs, Abdullah Alhaqbani, Samuel McConnell **Third Row** Sicheng Song, Andrew Crowder, Julia Hilts, Hannah Ribera, Brennan Marion, Andy Scharping, Eddy Gomez, Matthew Sanner, Austin Joerger, Kevin Klein **Fourth Row** Melissa Coats, Ryan Huber, Caleb Mitchell, Emma Brace, Shagun Sharma, Anne Maier, Barrett Schmidt, Breanna Robertson, Jessica Aschenbrenner, Mike Linder, Jared Cullop **Fifth Row** Adam Robl, Andrew Koch, Ryan Whelchel, David Meierer, Kathryn Douglass, Josh Van Bebber, Kendall Schmidt, Carter Klise, Austin James, Tucker Styrkowicz **Sixth Row** Jacob Reese, Lauren Delosky, Alex Malecki, Daniel Lamberger, Logan Pyle, Hunter Koch, Drew Ewing, Peter Masters **Seventh Row** Nicole Reige, Megan Tryon, Aaron Tatman, Jason Grossardt, Charlotte Peele **Eighth Row** Sean Meier, Krystal Duer, Paige Passafaro, Rachael Kolb, Patrick Hawn, Evan Finton, Nathan Vlach, Colin Hitz , Joe Yates **Ninth Row** Zach Haverkamp, Adam Ronnebaum, Jay Disberger, Tom Roberts, Ben Williams, Tommy Kramer, Zach Haverkamp **Tenth Row** Ian Ostenberg, Kevin Donlin, Riley Sorden

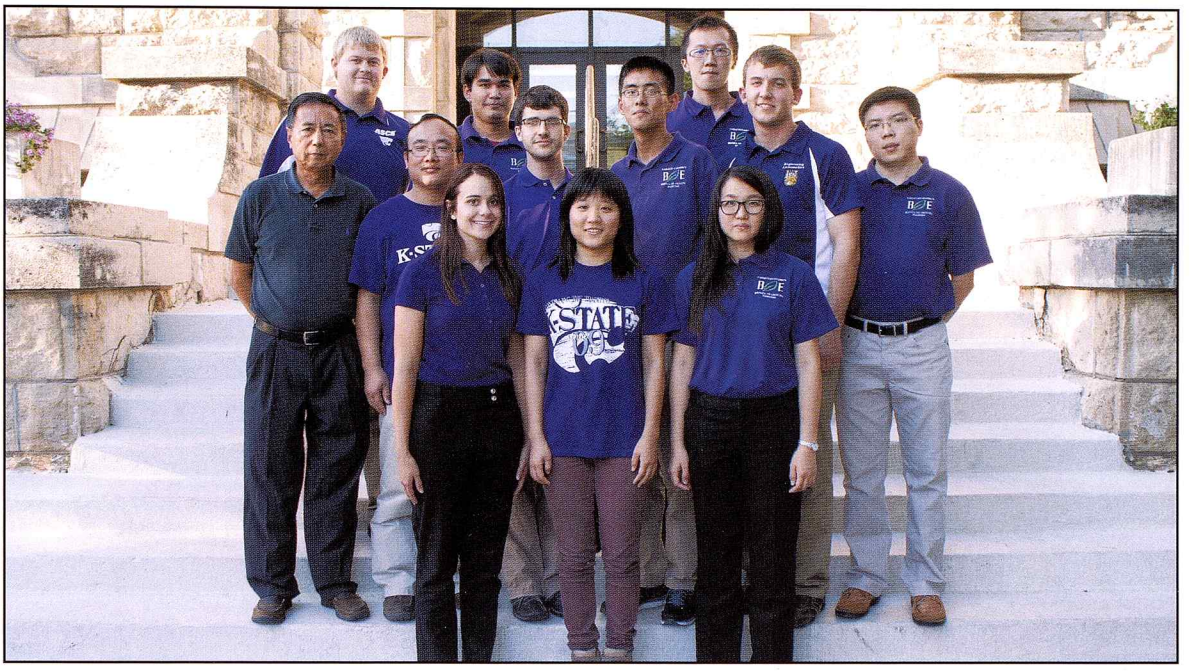
Robotics Design Team

President
Jared Barker

Mission
We don't go to compete, we go to win

Number of Members
12

Home Base
Seaton Hall



First Row Alisa Wendelburg, Jingyi Zhou, Muyun Cui **Second Row** Naiqian Zhang, Yong Wei, Justin Frazier, Yang Chen, Colten Smith, Xu Wang **Third Row** Andrew Wiederholt, Jared Barker, Youjie Xu



Gerontology Club

President
Kendra Klaus

Mission
To foster an environment to engage with an aging population

Number of Members
29

Home Base
Justin Hall

First Row Kathryn Sigman, Morgan Streeter, Kinari Bhakta, Adam Cless, Kendra Klaus, Casey Leister, Delilah Hunter **Second Row** Emily Winkler, Kristin Brunkow, Michelle Modiri, Ashley Ott, Alexandra Scott, Dana Hunter, Gwendolyn Bonnichsen, Holly Higgs, Heath Rath, Addison van Zutphen **Second Row** Alison Sharpe, Allison Ivers, Lauren Graber, Whitney Krause, Alisen Habiger, Kendra Masters, Paige McMahon, Carrie Cummings, Ashleigh Martin, Kaitlyn Ellis, Laci Cornelison, Gayle Doll



Advertisement Production

President
Erin Hermesch

Mission
To provide advertising products around campus

Number of Members
6

Home Base
Kedzie Hall

First Row Haley Williams, Kaitlin Thies, Erin Hermesch **Second Row** Derrick Weishaar, Zachary Phillips, Justin Smith

Pre-Health Club and Honor Society

President
Emily Williams

Mission
Dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence

Number of Members
64

Home Base
Eisenhower Hall



First Row Shayla McElyea, Cecilia Wuertz, Melissa Feuerborn, Bailey Aiken, Halle Sparks, Cassie Enright, Katherine Brophy, Emily McEntire, Kayla Zimmerly, Afton Schwahn, Laurel Burton, Susan Watt **Second Row** Samantha Claassen, Luke Kicklighter, Marlee Laures, Riley Mickelsen, Nicole Fiorentino, Haley Bowers, Samantha Greig, Grace Hesse, Hannah Glasgow, Jessica McKeown, James Thoennes, Rachel Ketter, Mackenzie Wahl, Joshua Wirtz **Third Row** Regan Harenza, Kristen Graham, Sabrina Flowers, Emily Williams, Mariah Jones, Jonathan Altamirano, Maxwell Braasch, Austin Lusk, Charles Courtney, Raquel Ortega, Kayla Hedlund, Michaela Gleason **Fourth Row** Jessica McKeown, Megan Forsberg, Grace Winter, Katheryn Dixon, Mariah Jones, Britton Brownrigg, Christian Davis, Austin Webs, Natalie Ost, Hope Rietcheck, Kathryn Fix, Danica Johnson, Christina Peterson, Connor Gray **Fifth Row** David Embers, Matthew Brettmann, Garrison Olds, Blake Martin, Nathan Pfieffer, Keith Bullinger, Benjamin Murrell, Brannon Donovan, Justin Theleman, Clayton Theleman, Benjamin Carter, Jonathan Smith

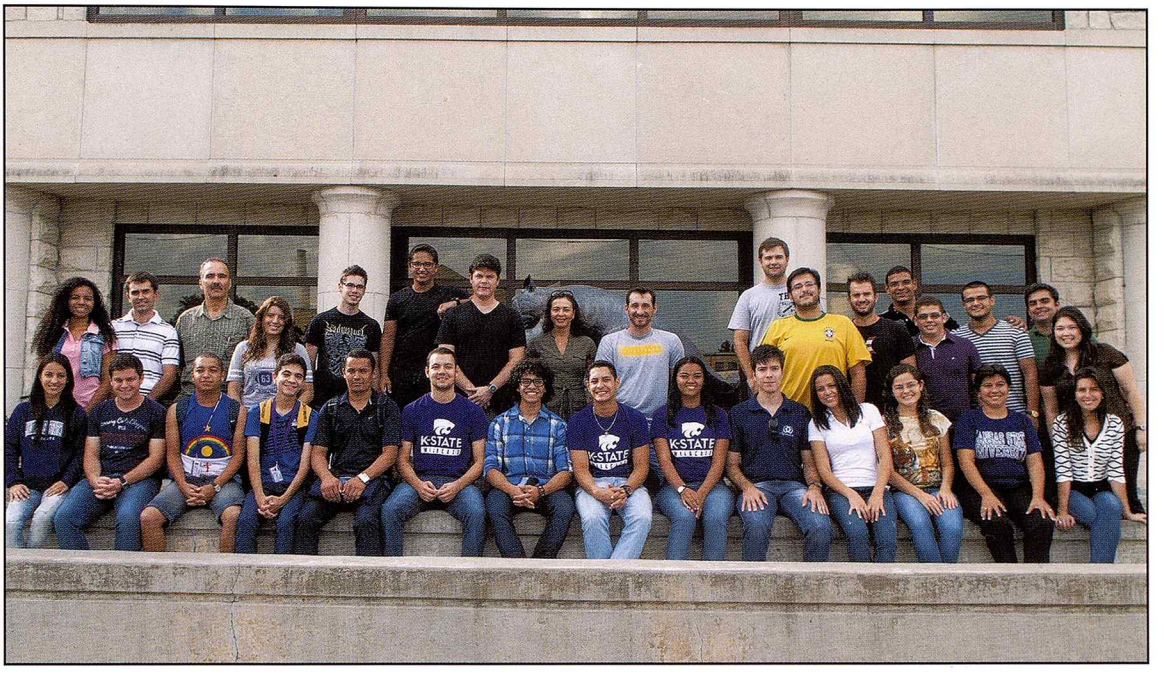
Brazillian Student Association

President
Rodrigo Pedrozo

Mission
To celebrate and promote Brazilian culture throughout our university

Number of Members
30

Home Base
International Student Center



First Row Luciana Lima, Jhonatan Paulo Barro, Carlos Batista, Fabricio Ferreira, Arivonaldo Vaniel, Patrick Miranda Barbosa, Luis Filipe Pinheiros Santos, Jeanderson Lirio, Milena Leal, Jonathan Saramago, Vanessa Marques, Mariana De Queiroz Silva, Maria Alexsandra, Renata Albernard **Second Row** Ana Caroline, Eduardo Alvarez Santos, Marcelo Ramalho-Ortigao, Anna Luiza Riboli Freire, Gilnei De Pellegrin, Wilams Ferreira, Rodrigo Predrozo, Martha Smith Caldas, Elias San Vito, Fabricio Mantelo, Lucas Felippini Rossetti, Geovani Feltrin, Daniel Abreu, João José de Lima Neto, Gilvan Veras, Gabriel Granco, Sara Hirata



Education Council

President
Justin Haun

Mission
To maintain and support all student activities of the College of Education

Number of Members
13

Home Base
Bluemont Hall

First Row Sydney Alexandra Love, Joslyn Lang, Lacie Jacobs, Justine Dlabel, Paige DuBay, Jordan Brown **Second Row** Maria Eck, Subin Chin, Will Clark, Justin Haun, Amanda Strickler, Adrian McAfee, Darla Stone



Human Ecology Ambassadors

President
Tyler Nenaber

Mission
Promote the college to students, alumni and visitors

Number of Members
29

Home Base
Justin Hall

First Row Katie Benson, Kirsten Sooter, Shanna Stewart, Tyler Nenaber **Second Row** Lilia Flores, Mikaela Groff, Lauren Hower **Third Row** Stevie St Clair, Madai Rivera, Connor Staats **Fourth Row** Katelyn Nickerson, Erin Stoskopf, Tricia Brensing **Fifth Row** Emily Smith, Mariah Farber, Kirti Ghandi **Sixth Row** Allison DuLac, Jaclyn Scheidhauer, Alexis Lundy, Abigail Kaplan **Seventh Row** Rachel Juenemann, Taylor Huelsman, Nicole Ford **Eighth Row** Kelli Voelker, Ebony Paul, Callie Farrell **Ninth Row** Kirstin McGuffin, Samantha Claassen, Ursula Kamanga

Collegian Media Group Ambassadors

Mission
To give the best tour possible to potential future Collegian Media Group employees and students

Number of Members
2

Home Base
Kedzie Hall



First Row Alexandra Scott, Darrington Clark

New Student Services

President
Emily Lehning

Mission
Assists students and families in the college search process

Number of Members
27

Home Base
Anderson Hall



First Row Michelle Haug, Caitlyn Wells, Caroline Toler, Jeanette LaFreniere, Kaitlyn Dewell, Abby Works, Maggie Griffith **Second Row** Hope Faflick, Benjamin Herbel, Mathew Ellis, Ryan Knight, Luke Bishop, Jenny Steiner, Kristen Zemanick, Alex Martinez **Third Row** Kyle Pelton, Ellen Collingwood, Stephen Leu, Andrew Waldman, Adam Wilkerson, Blaine Cash **Fourth Row** Andrew Ewing, Dominique Robinson, Jared Zuercher, Tanner Parr, Nathaniel Chapman, Landon Leiker



Silver Key

President
Avery Simeka

Mission
Fostering a sense of unity between the town and the student body

Number of Members
26

Home Base
Leadership Studies

First Row Emily Stolfus, Sophia Tolentino, Sarah Brill, Emily Frye, Amanda Morgan, Abby Hill, Sophia Hitchcock, Kelsie Hoss, Sarah Krueger **Second Row** Abigail McNitt, Sydney Ho, Katie Ahern, Emily Beneda, Katherine Sensenich, Morgan Gauby, Cheyenne Becker, Jessica Leichter **Third Row** Michaela Gleason, Ronald Sullivan, Abby Meyer, Jack Brekke, Justin Haun, Matthew Kelso, Jonathan Slaney, Alexander Smith, Avery Simecka, Carla Jones, Rachel Londeen, Katheryne Kimmel



Alpha Chi Sigma

President
Katherine Gentry

Mission
To bind, to strive, to aid

Number of Members
26

Home Base
Chemistry/ Biochemistry Building

First Row Matthew Reynolds, Krystal Duer, Megan Kelley, Allison Johnson, Andrew Warner, Sara Joyce, Macy Garcia, Kali Hinman **Second Row** Sarah Pickett, Megan Crawshaw, Amanda Nelson, Emma Brace, John Rosa, Jessica Martin, Brianne Pierce, Bailey Ward, James Brown **Third Row** Grant Borthwick, Logan Harrold, Eric Geanes, Katherine Gentry, Taylor Fetrow, Chancellor Deviney, Christine Spartz, Andrew Nigh, Christian Cox

Health and Nutrition Society

President
Aaron Swank

Mission
To give students a wide perspective on nutrition

Number of Members
10

Home Base
Justin Hall



First Row Cynthia Cheng, Kimberlyn Stephens, Nicole Schaum, Andrea Sweetwood, Lauren Fischer **Second Row** Bailey Peck, Alyssa Miller, Katherine Altendorfer, Brian Lindshield, Aaron Swank

Homecoming Committee

President
Megan Sherlock

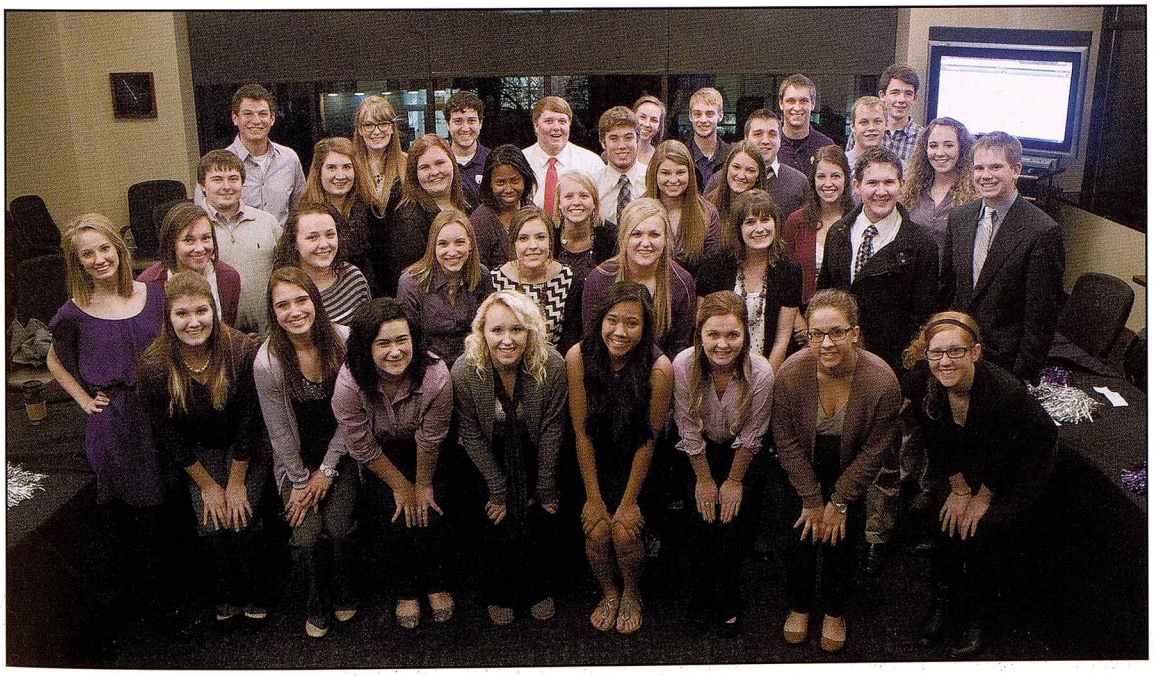
Mission
To work hard throughout the year to make homecoming successful

Number of Members
33

Home Base
K-State Alumni Association



First Row Rylee Shea, Julianne Perinni, Stephanie Slimmer, Sophia Tolentino, Elizabeth Little, Jacinda Dent, Katie Campbell, Kate Nolte, Brandon Keller, Mallory Patten **Second Row** Shelby Houser, Lacey Solheid, Kilee Nolen, Sarah McKittrick, Zachary Stroth, Rebecca Hickey, Ivy Wellman, Kylie Sturgis, Peyton Evans, Amanda Oakley **Third Row** Laura Negley, Kelsi Horner, Kirsten McGuffin, Na Amy Guo, Patricia Reid, Kimberly Friedrichs, Hannah Quernheim, Ronald Atkinson, David Glenski, Marcus Kidd, Tucker Styrkowicz, Alex Johnson, Kevin Hanrahan



Leadership Studies Ambassadors

President
Collin Huerter

Motto
Recruit, promote and educate campus and community members about leadership

Number of Members
37

Home Base
Leadership Studies

First Row Emma Miller, Anastasia Vandermark, Gabrielle Armstrong, Daphne Park, Princess Moran, Kaylee Smith, Chelsea Gerber, Autumn Snesrud **Second Row** Emily Ruder, Allyson Hall, Teryn Greer, Alexis Lundy, Allison Miller, Taylor Harms, Kate Haddock, Patrick Kennedy, Collin Huerter **Third Row** Theodore Stavropoulos, Nicole Baccarella, Laurel Pierson, Erika Williams, Heidi Hurtig, Sydney Webb, Mackenzie Lutz, Katherine Gehrt, Celine Beggs **Fourth Row** Matthew Zemanick, Magen Witcher, Landon Leiker, Ryan Haxton, Colby Haverkamp, Meredith Muller, Jordan Strickler, Mark Wasinger, Ryan Haefke, Kevin Wissman, Andrew Norton



Relay For Life of K-State

President
Mollie Stephens

Mission
To provide cancer research and relief aid to the American Cancer Society

Number of Members
19

Home Base
Old Stadium

First Row Jacinda Dent, Peyton Evans, Challis Cooper, Maggie Stephens, Mollie Stephens, Jennifer Karr, Miranda Burns **Second Row** Amanda Bell, Lauren Day, Amanda Irwin, Tamarah Ables, Lisa Urban, Alicia Hampton, Alexa Faber, Natalie Bender, Angelica Liu, Abigail Krstulic, Jessica Van Ranken, Abby Meyer

Smurthwaite

President
Catalina Perdomo

Mission
Leadership, scholarship, friendship and service

Number of Members
28

Founded
1961



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Number of Members
166

Home Base
Leadership Studies



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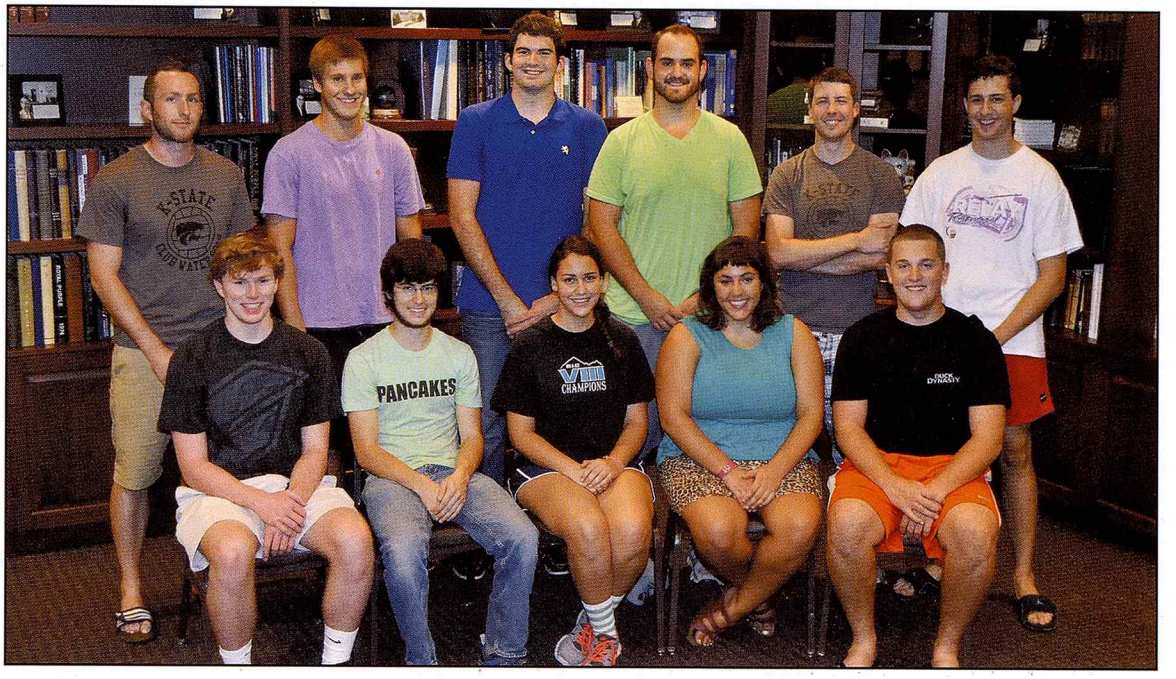
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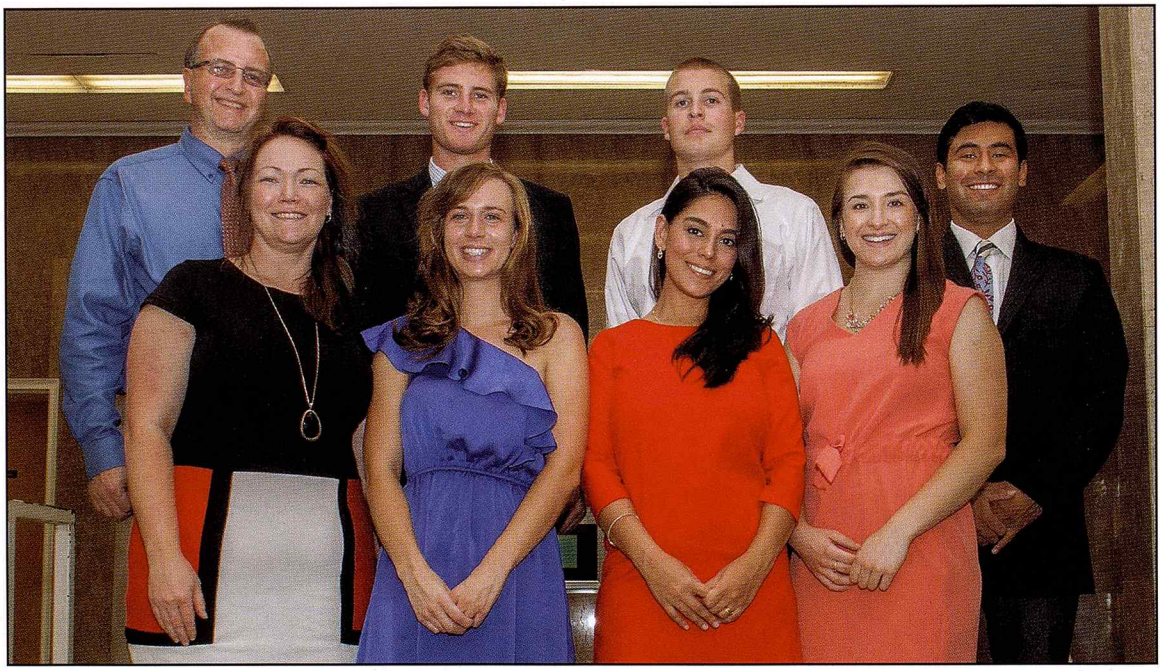
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Number of Members
8

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Mission
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Number of Members
8

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2010



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Number of Members
9

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Mission
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Number of Members
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President
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Mission
To continue playing soccer at a competitive college level

Number of Members
21

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President
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Mission
Provide information to students interested in Early Childhood education

Number of Members
9

Home Base
Stone House

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Number of Members
29

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6

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Mission
Promote the art of dance to past, present, and future K-State students

Number of Members
14

Home Base
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Mission
To lead in political, social and professional activities

Number of Members
19

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7

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Seaton Hall



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Mission
Advocate the integration Gallup Strengths

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7

Home Base
Leadership Studies



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Engineering Student Council

President
Brendan Bishop

Mission
Dedicated to provide to increasing student involvement in engineering

Number of Members
12

Home Base
Rathbone Hall

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Student Governing Board College of Arts and Sciences

Mission
At the heart of every great university is a college that serves its academic center

Number of Senators
14

Home Base
Eisenhower Hall



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Student Governing Board College of Agriculture

Mission

To prepare students for dynamnic careers in agriculture

Number of Senators

6

Home Base

Waters Hall



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Mission

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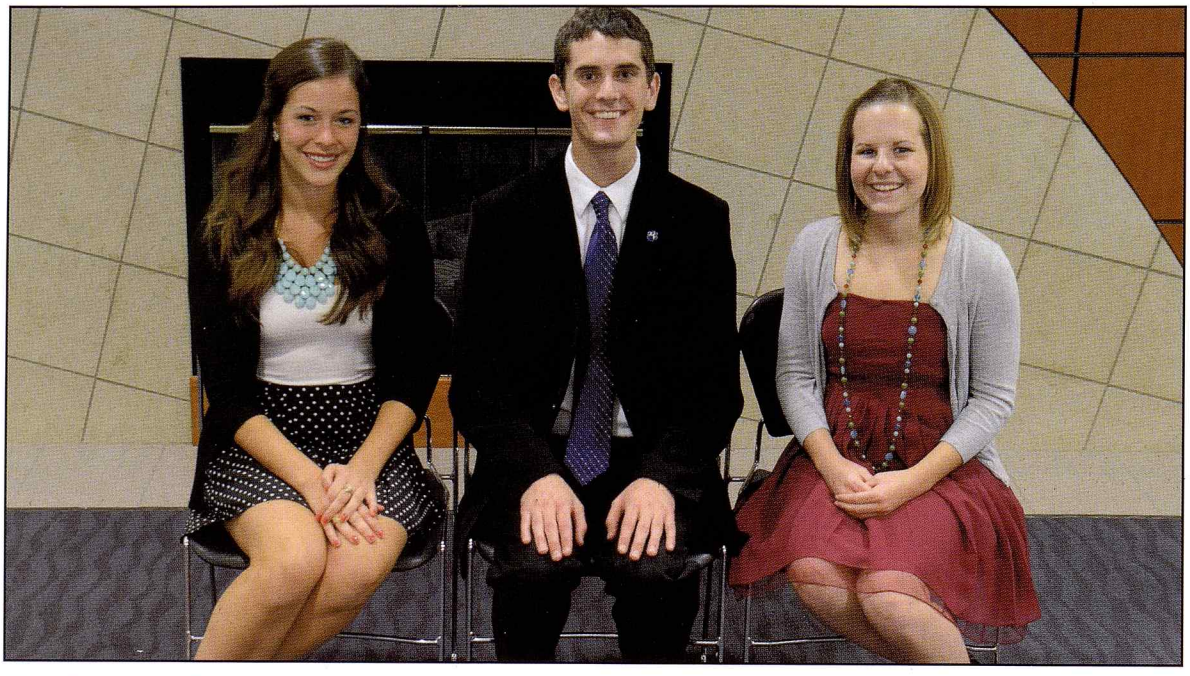
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Seaton Hall

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Student Governing Board College of Education

Mission

Preparing educators to be knowledgeable, ethical, caring, decision makers

Number of Senators

3

Home Base

Bluemont Hall

First Row Sarah Brill, Cody Kennedy, Emily Phelon

Student Governing Board College of Human Ecology

Mission

In a world focused on things, we focus on people first

Number of Senators

5

Home Base

Justin Hall



First Row Rhett Jones, Zachary Stroth **Second Row** Molly Wessling, Joey Platt, Hillary L'Ecuyer

Student Governing Board College of Engineering

Mission

Build and innovate to better society

Number of Senators

8

Home Base

Rathbone Hall



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Student Governing Board Executive Branch

Mission

The purpose shall be the establishment and maintenance of student government

Number of Senators

12

Home Base

Big XII Room

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Student Governing Board-Graduate Council

Mission
Provide exceptional graduate student services

Number of Members
4

Home Base
Fairchild Hall

First Row Kristopher Grinter, Dipak Giri, Mohamed Ismail, Sarinya Sungkatavat

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Mission
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Number of Interns
25

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Mission
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Number of Members
10

Home Base
Kedzie Hall



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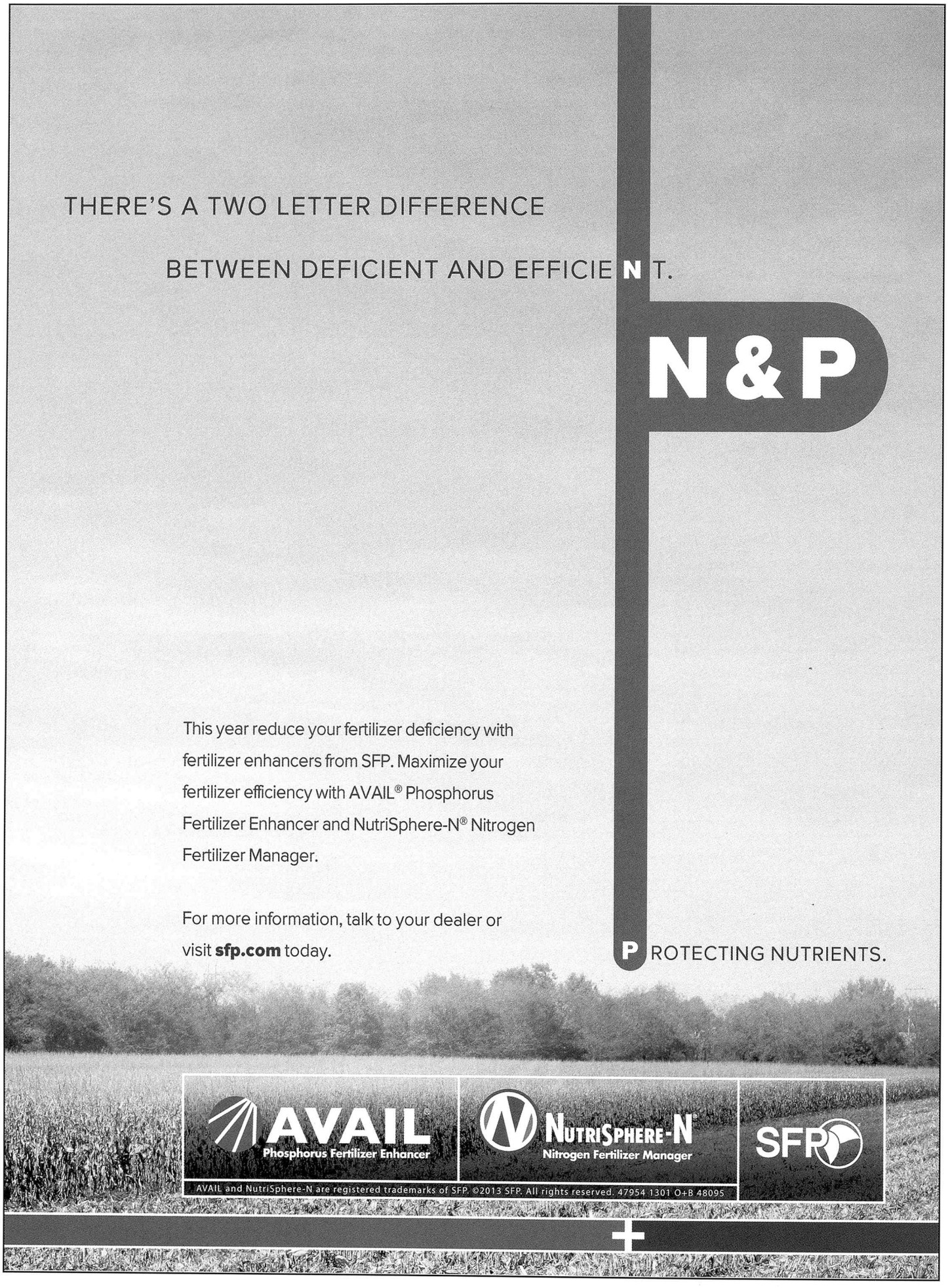
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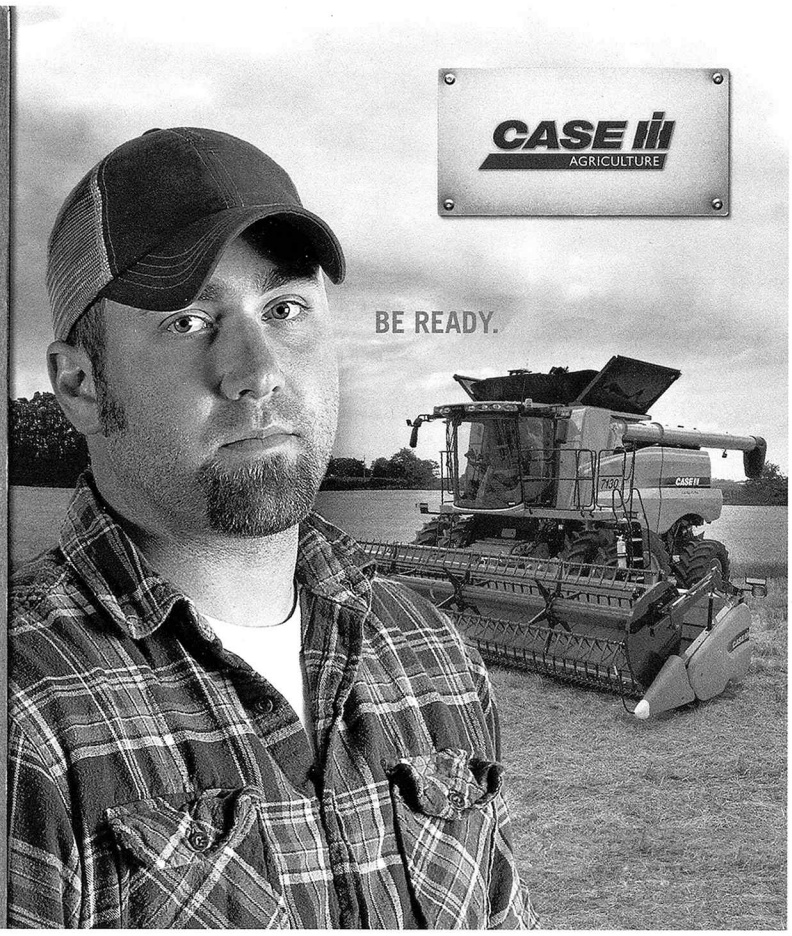
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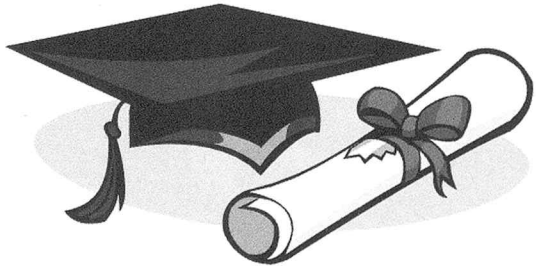
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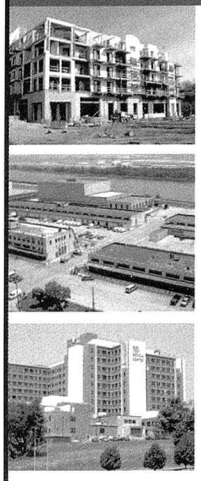


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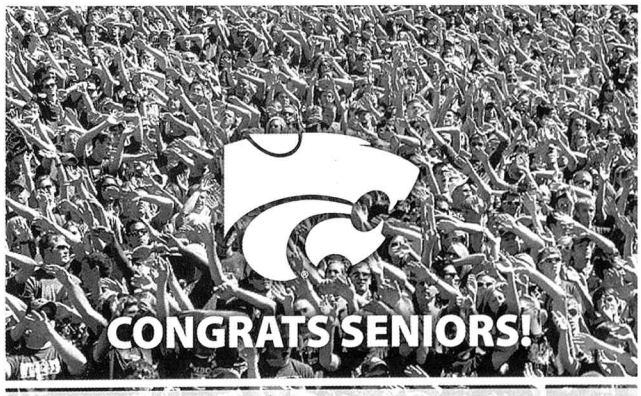
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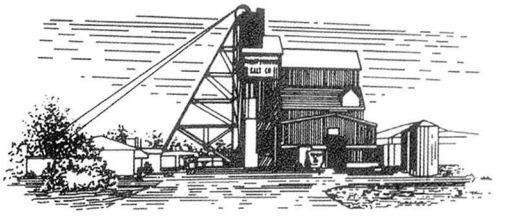
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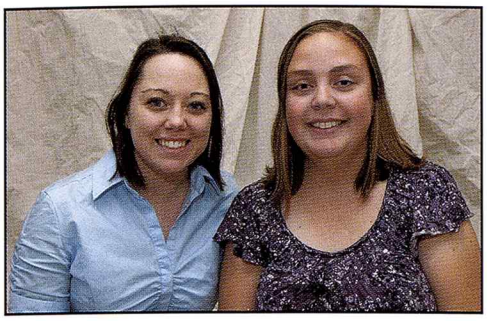
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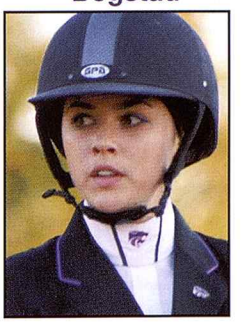
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Andy,
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So proud, love you most.

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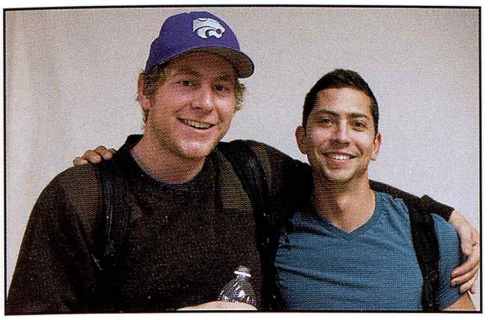
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Eric,

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Justin,
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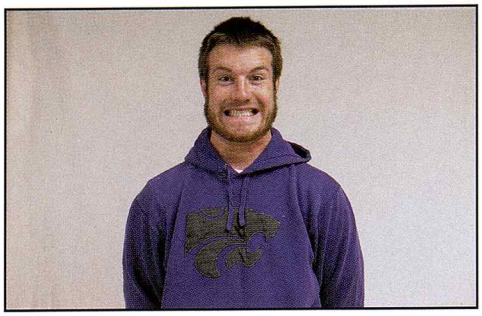
Congratulations, Joe! You are on a fantastic journey and the best is yet to come! We love you!

Dad, Mom and Erin

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Congrats Megan,
We're so proud of you. Remember, "Life is a daring adventure or nothing at all." - Helen Keller. Can't wait for the next one!

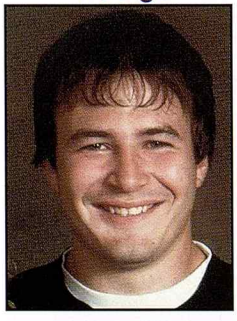
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Congratulations Alex! You successfully completed another milestone in your life. We are so proud of you!

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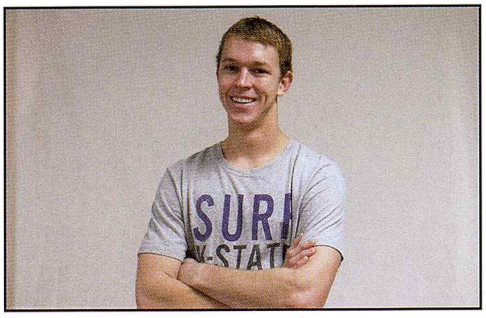
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Sage,

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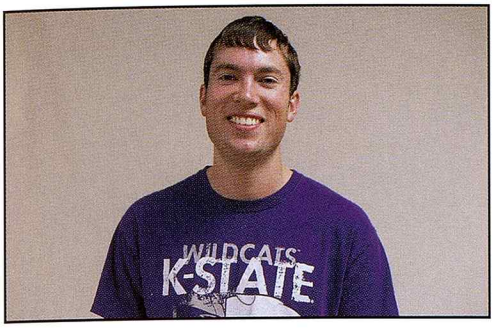
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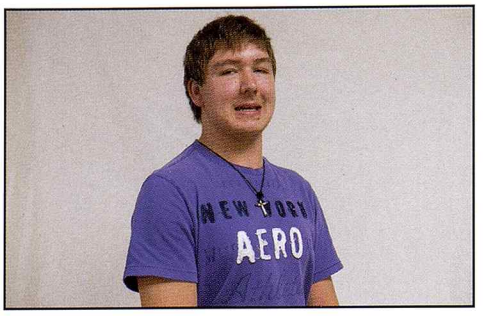
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Love,
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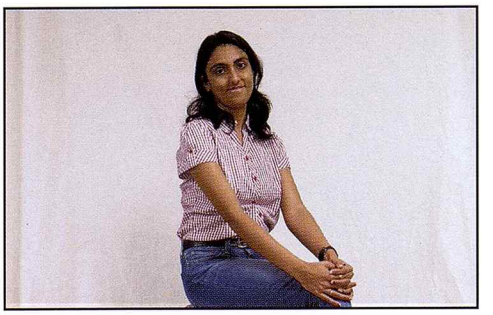


Michelle,
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Love,
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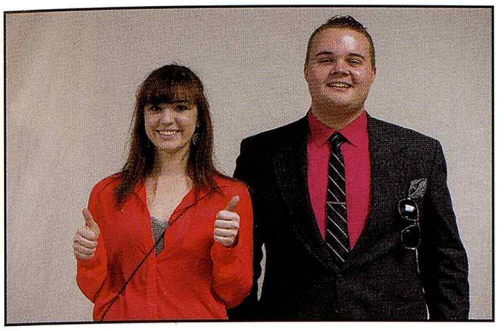
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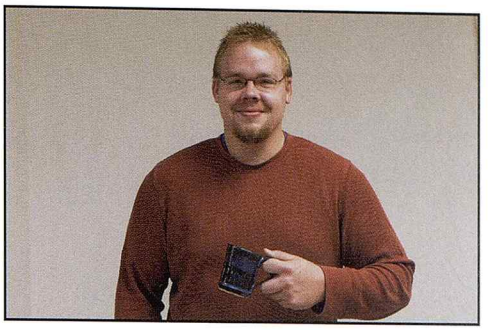
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Four years ago you left for college. Where has the time gone? We are very proud of everything you have accomplished.

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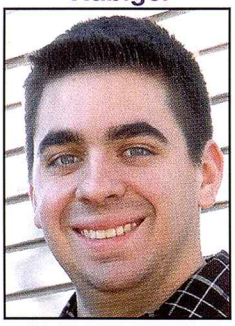
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Congratulations Cameron! Your triple goal required triple effort and we're so proud of you! We've loved watching you perform in the KSU Marching Band, your flour/cake products and listening to your excitment as new plans unfold. It's been amazing to watch you grow into the young man you are today, and we can't wait to see where your journey leads you next. We know it will be something special ... just like you. God has blessed you!

All our love always,
Mom, Dad and Cooper

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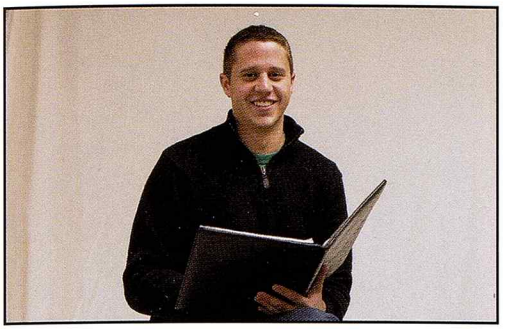
Brett Barry McManaman

Congratulations on becoming a chemical engineer! We are so very proud of your accomplishment! Best of luck in all you do!
Love,
Mom and Dad, EMAW!

Chris Mehrer

We thank God every day that you are our son and are so proud of all your achievements at KSU. Embrace the journey ahead!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Marcus Appleby



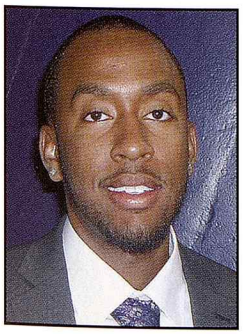
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We are so proud of your accomplishments. As your mom I spent every day of your life proud to be your mother and proud to have you as my son.
Love,
Mom and The Village

Trevor Montgomery

Trevor,
We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished in your time at K-State. We are excited for what the future holds for you. And congrats for being a K-State alum! Go Cats!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Marissa

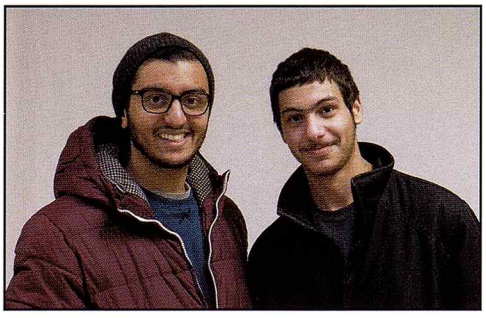
Sarah Moore

Sarah,
You've grown through all the hard times and now it's time to celebrate your future! We love you and are so proud!

Mom, Dad and family



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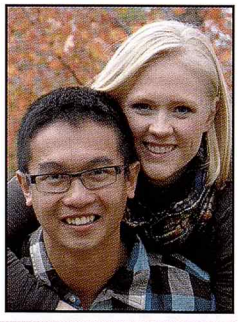
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Kelsey Christina Nygren

Kelsey,
To say we are proud is an understatment. Congratulations to our special daughter. Proud to be Purple.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Thanh N. Orr



Thanh,
We are so proud of you and Lauren, congratulations! God has certainly blessed your faithfulness. We love you.

Mom and Dad

Seaton Owensby



You have made us so proud. Congratulations, keep aiming for the STARS.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Hunter



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Billy Raymond



Billy,
Well done! We are so proud of you. Seventh generation serving our Army and country!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie and Kellye

Clay Pitsenbarger

Clay,
Now that was the fastest 4 years of your life! Now it's time to enjoy the rewards of your hard work. So proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom and Kelsie

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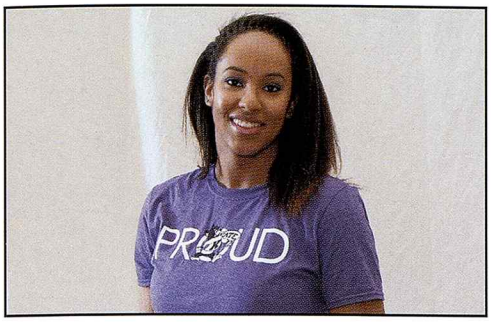
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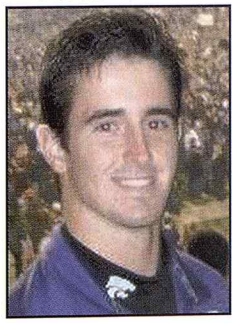
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Mom

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Love,
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Willie celebrates a touchdown in Lawrence during the 31-10 win over the Jayhawks on Nov. 30.
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Fans cheer during the game against North Dakota State University at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Aug. 30.





Liping Zheng, freshman in hospitality management and dietetics, spins the "wheel of fortune" at the McCain Ambassadors table at the Union Expo and Activities Carnival on Aug. 29. The Student Union was packed with K-State students signing up for various clubs and organizations and snagging free candy along the way. *Photo by Jed Barker*


Mountain Dew

editor's note

By Shelby Brunk

To me, yearbooks are precious. I have treasured their ability to capture the moments we live, year by year, ever since my first position on a staff in the seventh grade. Since that moment, I've been hooked. Hooked on the idea of creating a yearbook that thousands will come to appreciate and acknowledge.

Yearbooks can remind you of the professor who you hated the second semester of your junior year, remember when you rushed the court after a celebratory win over KU basketball and what life was like at Kansas State University in 2014.

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Personally, I've learned more than what any journalism classroom could have taught me and that is to trust no one. Trust your intuition and do not settle for anything less than the best. For me, the divide came between being a friend and a boss. If I could go back, there are many things I would change, but the learning and growing experience I gained from the Royal Purple would not be one.

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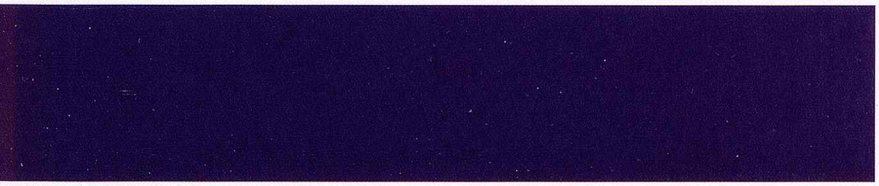
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