Students received degrees

Kansas University announced the names of more than 900 summer graduates.

Meghan Katherine Bombardier, Smith Center, received her Bachelor of Arts Award. She is the daughter of Tom and Martha Bombardier. Her major was Microbiology.

Meghan was a graduate of Smith Center Junior and Senior High School.

John Stuart Wiehl is the son of Bryce and Beverly Wiehl. His major was English. He received a Masters of Arts award. He was also a graduate of Smith Center Junior Senior High School.
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Convenience of FHSU’s Virtual College classes attracts record numbers during summer term

HAYS, Kan. — Fort Hays State University established an all-time high with 3,635 students enrolled during the just-ended 2007 summer term.

While it did not come as a surprise, the record summer enrollment was dramatic proof that a trend of declining summer enrollments has ended. Those summer declines of recent years were especially notable when contrasted with the amazing growth that was occurring during the fall and spring semesters.

FHSU began a pattern of rapid growth several years ago when other universities in Kansas started implementing double-digit tuition increases. With a slogan of “Affordable Success,” FHSU touted its lower tuition and its record of academic excellence, and its fall and spring enrollments began to soar.

According to the most recent statistics available from the Kansas Board of Regents, FHSU enjoyed an astounding enrollment growth of 63.8 percent from fall 2000 to fall 2005. During that same five-year period, Emporia State University had the second-highest increase with just 12.0 percent, Kansas State University grew by 5.7 percent, the University of Kansas increased by 3.9 percent, Pittsburg State University grew by 3.3 percent, and Wichita State University actually saw an enrollment decrease of 5.0 percent.

FHSU enrollments in the summer terms had dipped since the early ’90s.

“Much of our overall growth has been fueled by the Virtual College, which provides education at a distance and allows people to advance their careers by earning college degrees without disrupting their family by moving to a university town,” said Dr. Edward H. Hammond, FHSU president. “The trend nation-

ally has been downward for enrollments during the summer, and FHSU was no exception. There was a lag of a few years before prospective students began to realize they could earn college credit in Virtual College classes during the summer just as others were doing during the fall and spring semesters.”

For the past 15 years FHSU has experienced an almost uninterrupted downward trend in on-campus enrollment during summer terms (see attached chart). In fact, on-campus enrollment fell by more than half from 2,466 in the summer of 1992 to 1,166 in the summer of 2006.

During that same period, though, people began to discover the convenience of the Virtual College for summer classes. It has been especially helpful for teachers, who must satisfy continuing education requirements to remain certified. From just 740 off-campus students during the 1992 summer term, off-campus enrollment more than tripled to 2,330 in the summer of 2007.

“The convenience of the Virtual College has been a godsend for the students we serve, but it has also provided a great benefit for our faculty,” President Hammond said. “Many members of the faculty have long depended on supplementing their base salaries by teaching summer classes. The declining summer enrollments worked a hardship on those faculty, but now the opportunities to pick up extra money by teaching during the summer are at an all-time high.”

FHSU has a long history of providing distance education throughout Kansas and beyond. In 1911, when a crop failure depleted financial resources and prevented teachers from coming to Hays to renew their certification, President William Picken dispatched faculty to towns across western Kansas to provide the needed classes. FHSU has been delivering education across western Kansas ever since through correspondence courses, in face-to-face classes and by means of the latest communication technologies.

Dr. Joey Linn, FHSU registrar,
checked the records and discovered that the 3,635 students who took classes during the 2007 summer session established the record not only for recent years but for the university's entire history.
KUMC closer to agreement with St. Luke’s

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Missouri-based St. Luke’s Hospital would get to call itself a teaching and research hospital of Kansas University Medical Center under a draft agreement between the university and St. Luke’s, presented Tuesday to the KU Hospital Authority board.

KU Hospital officials have worried that sharing that brand will enable St. Luke’s Country Club Plaza location, the only one that could use the KU language, to better compete with KU Hospital for patients and dilute the name KU Hospital has built.

The agreement provides, in broad terms, for medical residencies, undergraduate clinical experiences and joint research at St. Luke’s, in exchange for St. Luke’s paying Kansas University’s School of Medicine a to-be-agreed-upon amount of money. KU School of Medicine Dean Barbara Atkinson told the Hospital Authority board that the agreement follows almost exactly the guiding principles KU Hospital and the university agreed to in March and disclosed in greater details in July.

“There are no significant differences that I know of,” Atkinson said. “I think they’re identical.”

This is the first version of an actual agreement between the university and St. Luke’s, and a KU spokeswoman said it represents a major step in the effort to form an affiliation between the School of Medicine and St. Luke’s.

Work to do

Also left out of the agreement is how this affiliation would affect the quest for designation as a National Cancer Institute, which is a major goal for the university and KU Hospital. Atkinson said the university wanted to form educational and research agreements with St. Luke’s and continue to work on the cancer care agreement separately.

“KU Hospital has been working on this for years,” hospital authority Chairman George Farha said. “This brand of the cancer center is the single most important item in this document and a future document.”

The guiding principles define the future of the relationship between the university and KU Hospital and serve as the basis for negotiations for a new affiliation between the two. That negotiation remains ongoing and is not materially affected by this new agreement. KU Hospital CEO Bob Page said he and Atkinson thought progress was being made, but were staying out of the deliberations.

The lack of an agreement between KU Hospital and the university before the St. Luke’s agreement moved forward disappointed Kansas House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, R-Ingalls, an outspoken critic of the process.

“It is critically important the affiliation agreement with (KU Hospital) be completed before KUMC enters into any other affiliation agreement so that our state’s higher education system, medical research potential, and medical education system are protected,” Neufeld said in a statement provided to the Journal-World. “It is my belief Dean Atkinson and KUMC should not go ahead with their affiliation agreement with St. Luke’s Hospital until they complete the affiliation agreement with (KU Hospital). This is the best way to protect our state’s health care system now and in the future.”

The agreement

The 37-page affiliation agreement covers everything from under what law any disagreements would be judged — Kansas law — to how joint public relations can be done — each side must agree to the joint effort — as well as the somewhat thorny issue of using the Kansas University brand.

“This agreement refers to St. Luke’s as being able to refer to itself as a teaching and research institution of KUMC, but it doesn’t require any support to do that,” said Dave Kerr, a former Kansas Senate president who now sits on the hospital authority board.

The guiding principles state St. Luke’s may call itself a teaching and research hospital of the Kansas University Medical Center. Under the proposed agreement, St. Luke’s may do just that, as well as add the word “major” if it provides a significant level of unrestricted educational and research support to the medical school.

Atkinson and Kansas University Chancellor Robert Hemenway said they brought this new agreement to the hospital authority to comply with a request the board made when negotiations began.

“The board requested of the Med Center the opportunity to see the agreement that is being worked out with St. Luke’s prior to any action being taken,” Hemenway said. The draft agreement will go to St. Luke’s board of directors later this month, but there is no timetable for approval.

The hospital authority does not have jurisdiction over the KU-St. Luke’s affiliation.

So far, the affiliation agreement makes no mention of how much St. Luke’s will pay KU in unrestricted research and educational funds, and it also leaves out how many medical residents will be added.

As a practical matter, Atkinson said, the discussion has focused on adding 100 medical residents over the next 10 years. She said it would be impossible to add any more residents any more quickly than that. St. Luke’s already has agreed to pay for the additional residents that KU recruits under that program. KU Hospital has also agreed to support additional residents.

As for the new residents, however, Atkinson said there were none dedicated to St. Luke’s or to KU Hospital. The 100 new residents would go into the same pool as the existing residents. They’d then rotate, perhaps,
among KU Hospital, the VA Hospital and St. Luke’s, based on their program and hospital needs. At any one time, St. Luke’s might have 100 residents, but it wouldn’t be the same residents all the time.

Atkinson also committed the program directors to be at KU Hospital, which Farha said was extremely important.

Once St. Luke’s and KU come to an agreement, the affiliation need only be approved by Atkinson and Hemenway. Hemenway said the Kansas Board of Regents has been briefed on the process and would be briefed again once an agreement is reached. No action on their part is necessary.
KU announces summer 2007 graduates

LAWRENCE — More than 900 students received degrees from the University of Kansas after the 2007 summer session, Registrar Cindy Derritt announced today.

Two local students were among the graduates. Miranda Leigh Joy, daughter of Bryan and Cindy Joy, graduated with a master of science in education degree. Jennifer Luvene Waller, daughter of Jan Martin, graduated with a bachelor of science in education degree.

Because KU conducts only one formal commencement ceremony each year, many of these graduates will return as members of the Class of 2008 to take part in commencement exercises May 18.
Dear Editor:

On September 6th, upon checking the mail I found among the mundane junk that tends to clutter our mail box, my advanced voting ballot for the CUSD 101 bond issue. Walking the few feet back to my apartment I reflected on high school, and how my years in college, and the school of education have impacted my opinions of our schools in CUSD 101.

As any good citizen will do, I took my ballot into my apartment where I voted and sealed it up ready to send back to good ole’ Erie Kansas. As I was signing the outside of the envelope I had a feeling of déjà vu. Hadn’t I done this before only a year or two earlier? That is when I realized that I have requested an absentee ballot every year that I have attended college.

That very same night as I was reading one of my textbooks for class How To Be an Effective Teacher: The First Days of School by Harry K. Wong and Rosemary T. Wong, I came across a few interesting passages that I would like to share with you. Harry and Rosemary Wong stated that “It is important that the students see that everyone is interested in helping them all succeed.” (p.46) They also said that “The more the school, the family, and the community are joined as partners in the cause of educating young people, the greater each child’s chance for success.” (p. 46)

This really hit home for me. In applying it to our current situation with the schools, it gave me the sinking feeling that the affected communities are not conveying these expectations for success to their students by denying them year after year facilities that will broaden their horizons and help them to succeed and become the great citizens that they all have the potential to be, whether that involves going on to pursue a post secondary education, or going to vo-tech schools. I ask you all to show the students of these communities that you do have confidence in their abilities and believe that every single one of them can succeed by voting yes on September 18th.

I will leave you with one last quote by Martin Haberman, from Harry and Rosemary Wong’s book. “Schools should be built better and kept up better than banks because there’s more wealth in them.”

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Eudora High School seniors Emily Ballock, Anthony Barta, Chelsea Carnegie, Lauren Colman, Jacob Cox, Connor Hartpence, Logan Hartpence, Kimberly Scherman, Michelle Smith, Kayci Vickers and Heather Whitten are among the 244 seniors from 17 high schools in Douglas, Jefferson and Leavenworth counties who will be recognized as Kansas Honor Scholars by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment Association. The students will be recognized for their academic achievements at a reception at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Lied Center in Lawrence.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by Jennifer Sanner, senior vice president for communication for the KU Alumni Association.

Stephen McAllister, KU professor of law, will speak to the students and their parents and guests.

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Sesquicentennial Notes

Items for sale

The Eudora Sesquicentennial Committee has some items for sale to commemorate the city’s 150th anniversary of its founding available at several Eudora locations, including Eudora City Hall. All proceeds support Eudora’s birthday party Oct. 5 and 6.

Items include: A commemorative throw blanket ($35 each) featuring images of Eudora and the official 150th anniversary logo; commemorative cloisonné lapel pins ($1.50 each) in red, white and blue; and a City of Eudora Sesquicentennial Anniversary Edition with more than 350 photographs ($5 each).

For more information, call the Eudora City Hall at 542-2153.

Sesquicentennial contest entry forms available

The Eudora Sesquicentennial Committee will offer several contests including a “Longest Beard” contest Oct. 5 and 6 during the EudoraFest/sesquicentennial celebration.

There are no entry fees, with the exception of the photo contest, and cash prizes will be awarded. A separate entry form is required for the photo contest.

Anyone interested in participating in the longest beard contest is encouraged to begin growing a beard now. Judging will take place at about 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5.

Registration forms can be downloaded from The Eudora News Web site sesquicentennial link at www.eudoranews.com and mailed to: Doug Mateo, P.O. Box 530, Eudora 66025, or dropped off at Mateo Chiropractic, 707 Main St., Eudora.

Entry forms will also be available the day of each contest at Mateo Chiropractic, 707 Main St. Participants are asked to submit registrations 30 minutes prior to the contests at the chiropractic office downtown Eudora.

For more information, call Doug Mateo at (785) 542-5400.

Sesquicentennial speakers

The Eudora Sesquicentennial Committee will have three more historical presentations during September as part of the city’s 150th anniversary celebrations.

Dr. Steve Jansen will present “Eudora and World War II,” a discussion of the effect of the war on Eudora at 3 p.m. Sept. 16 at Eudora City Hall.

Jansen has long studied Douglas County history and is a popular local speaker. His program will include a discussion of how the influx of Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant (Hercules) workers changed Eudora.

Dr. William Keel will present a Kansas Humanities program “The German Founders of Eudora” at 3 p.m. Sept. 23 at Eudora City Hall.

Keel is Professor of German at Kansas University. He takes particular interest in the German communities of Kansas.

Keel’s presentation will include the history of the Germans who founded Eudora, why they came, why they stayed and how their influence shaped the town.

“Remembering Miss Nottingham, Eudora’s Favorite Teacher” will be presented at 3 p.m. Sept. 30 at Nottingham Elementary School, 1428 Elm St.

Roberta Nottingham shaped the future of Eudora by her influence on Eudora’s youth. Those planning to attend will have a chance to share memories of Miss Nottingham, who was an important part of Eudora’s history.

All presentations are free and open to the public.

For more information about any of the presentations, call Martha Harris at (785) 979-4588.

Time capsule items needed

The Eudora sesquicentennial committee has envelopes available that will be used in the time capsule that will be buried during EudoraFest and reopened in 50 years.

The envelopes are available at Eudora City Hall and Eudora Public Library. They are 9x12 and 10x13 and sell for 50 cents each.

Although envelopes are preferred for items for the time capsule, it is not a requirement.

For more information, call organizer Tom Tucker at 542-3927.

Sesquicentennial news

For the latest news on Eudora’s celebration of its 150th year and an archive of past stories, visit The Eudora News Web site at: eudoranews.com.
Bucklin/Greensburg Participates In KU Band Day

(This article was in the Lawrence Journal World on Sunday, Sept. 9.)

By Jesse Fray

When a huge tornado flattened the small town of Greensburg on May 4, one of Mike Brummett's first instincts was to ensure the safety of his 50 band students.

But then it was their tubas, trombones and piccolos.

After he made sure the kids and his friends were OK, he went to Greensburg High School the day after the tornado and found the roof collapsed on the band room. But the closet where the instruments were stored wasn't in very bad shape.

“We only lost one clarinet out of all of our instruments,” Brummett said.

And although he's expecting a hefty $7,000 or $8,000 repair bill, Brummett's happy all of his students have a horn to toot, woodwind to blow or drum to tap.

The students do complain about the trailer from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that's been turned into their temporary band room — it's too small — but they're all proud to be making music again.

“We're fortunate we didn't have to get all new instruments,” said Jessica Eller, 14. “It's kind of special to have something left.”

The band, which has combined with nearby Bucklin High School, had its first performance of the season Saturday in Lawrence.

“It's nice to get away,” said Taylor Schmidt, a Greensburg High School junior.

As a part of Kansas University's 60th annual Band Day, the band marched proudly down Massachusetts Street.

It joined 33 other high school bands from Kansas and Missouri who participated in the afternoon parade and performed during the halftime show of the KU-Southeastern Louisiana University football game at Memorial Stadium with the Marching Jayhawks, KU's marching band.

During the parade, the Greensburg group wore red T-shirts and blue jeans and bared the school's fight song, "On Wisconsin."

“It's really brought them together, especially here,” Jeff Whorton, a KU freshman and marching band member, said of the Greensburg/Bucklin group. “It's showing the good part about (their) community.”

Eller marched in front, holding a sign that read "Greensburg says Thanks Kansas!" All of the students had signed it and hundreds of people cheered as they went by.

Four months after the Greensburg tornado, residents are still trying to get back on their feet. As they try to return things to normal, they seem to be mindful about not turning their backs on the people who have helped them through it.

“We appreciate it,” Schmidt said. “We're so grateful.”

And the support is never-ending. Delta Chi fraternity at KU treated the band to lunch between the parade and football game.

A member of the fraternity and its house mother have close ties to Greensburg. They wanted to do something meaningful instead of donating money — “just reaching out to the community,” said house mother Ruth Hiss, a former teacher in Greensburg.

“It's just a sad sight to see all the streets I used to walk on ... it's all just destroyed,” said Paul Westfall, a fraternity member who has family in Greensburg. “As long as I could do something for them ... it just feels really good.”

(Ruth Hiss formerly lived in Kingsdown and Bucklin.)
KU Jayhawk Mascot visiting the Greensburg/Bucklin marching band during KU's 60th annual Band Day celebration Sept. 8 at Memorial Stadium at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.
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