KU out to avenge loss to Toledo

LAWRENCE, KAN. (AP) — Nothing has been said because nothing needed saying.

In front of a national television audience last September, Kansas committed five turnovers and lost 37-31 in double overtime at Toledo. The Jayhawks continued to free fall after that loss and finished the year 6-6, failing to get chosen to participate in a bowl game.

Now, with the Jayhawks 2-0, they welcome Toledo into their house for a rematch on Saturday. Though Kansas’ coaches are not using last year’s embarrassing loss as motivation, everyone remembers that demoralizing day.

“Nobody’s really talked about it, but it’s the 800-pound gorilla sitting in the middle of the room,” Kansas coach Mark Mangino said. “It was a frustrating day. We didn’t play well. We didn’t coach well. We didn’t do anything well.”

The Jayhawks have not committed a turnover while winning their first two games by a combined score of 114-7. Toledo, meanwhile, comes into the game 0-2 and has committed three turnovers.

Kansas sophomore quarterback Todd Reesing has completed 33-of-52 passes for 518 yards and six touchdowns in his first two collegiate starts. Brandon McAnderson and Jake Sharp are sure to be on Toledo’s radar screen as well, with each already having a 100-yard game and two touchdowns.

“We’re looking at one game at a time and the next game is Kansas and they’re really good,” said Toledo coach Tom Amstutz. “They’re a team that has scored over 100 points in the last two games. They’re playing great defense and they’re really a hot football team right now. We’re going to have to work really hard and improve.”

Toledo lost 52-31 at Central Michigan last week after being tied 31-31 at the start of the fourth quarter. The Rockets racked up 482 yards of total offense, including a career-high 344 yards and two touchdowns from sophomore quarterback Aaron Opelt.

“They’re moving the ball on offense, there’s no question,” Mangino said.

Despite the offensive success, the Rockets know that last year’s win over the Jayhawks means nothing when they hit the field on Saturday.

“Going down 0-2, we have to step it up,” said Opelt. “We have to get that win. Against Kansas, a great team, we have to get out there and play well.”

A big reason for the Jayhawks’ 2-0 start has been the play of the special teams unit. Raimond Pendleton had a 77-yard punt return for a touchdown in Week 1 and Marcus Herford scored on a 74-yard kick return in the second game.
The Rev. Dave Hintz, third from right, is installed Sept. 2 as senior pastor at Flint Hills Christian Church. Others are, from left, David Wernli, George Sleezer, Becky Hintz, John Wernli and Barry Brooks. The new Emporia pastor is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Masters Seminary at Santa Clarita, California. He has been college and evangelism pastor at Calvary Bible Church in Burbank, Calif., for the past six years.
Students to perform in play

Logan Walker, of Holcomb, and Chelsie Shipley of Lakin, will be on stage this month for the University of Kansas Department of Theatre and Film performance of Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There," adapted by Rosemary Nursey-Bray.

The show will be at 9:45 a.m. Sept. 22 and 2:30 p.m. Sept. 23 in the William Inge Memorial Theatre in Murphy Hall.

A memory play set in the early 1920s, the show opens as an elderly Alice Tiddell, the real Alice in Carroll's books, reflects on the telling of the original story.

The Nursey-Bray adaptation is faithful to Carroll's story about childhood fears of growing up and keeps the Victorian charm and merriment by maintaining Carroll's scenes intact, Director Dennis Christilles said.

Alice, playing chess by herself, sees a real Red Queen through the looking glass. Stepping through the mirror, she meets the kings and queens of her chess set and discovers the whole world is marked out as a chessboard, across which she must travel as a pawn.

Walker, a KU senior majoring in theater, plays the Red King and is the voice of the Poet. He is the son of Lynn and Cindy Walker of Holcomb.

Shipley, a junior majoring in theater, plays Daisy, the Goad, the Mad Hatter, the Walrus and the Carpenter. She is the daughter of Price and Sue Shipley of Lakin.

General admission tickets for the production are on sale in the KU ticket offices: University Theatre, 785-864-3982; Lied Center, 785-864-ARTS; and Student Union Activities, 785-864-7469; and online at www.kuthetre.com.

Tickets are $10 for the public, $5 for students and $3 for

senior citizens and KU faculty and staff. All major credit cards are accepted for phone and online orders.
Seeking the very best for Bob and Rosalee Roth Scholarships

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

Soon the Golden Belt Community Foundation will be seeking the best and brightest students in Pawnee County to apply for the newly established Bob and Rosalee Roth Family Scholarship.

The Roth Family established the annual scholarships, which are to be awarded to a graduating Pawnee County high school senior planning to attend the University of Kansas, in the fall of 2008. No particular field of study is required and the scholarship will be determined based on a combination of scholastic achievement and financial need.

Applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative high school grade-point average. Students who are considering attending the University of Kansas are strongly encouraged to apply for this scholarship opportunity.

Applications may be obtained from both the Larned and Pawnee Heights high school counselor’s office or at the Golden Belt Community Foundation Web site at www.goldenbeltcf.org. All applications are due on or before March 31, 2008. One or more scholarships will be awarded each year in the amount of $3,000 to $5,000.

A scholarship committee of five individuals will determine the recipients: Krista Smith, Great Bend; Dr. Leo Herrman, La Crosse; Mark Best, Lawrence; Suzan Haynes, Larned; and Bob Roth, Larned.

The Roths have strong ties to both Pawnee County and the University of Kansas, and by establishing this scholarship to benefit local students, they are giving back in yet another way.

Bob graduated from Larned High School in 1950 and the University of Kansas in 1954 with a bachelor of science from the School of Business. Rosalee also graduated from the University of Kansas in 1954 with a bachelor of arts from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

After serving as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, Air Defense command, Bob joined Roth Equipment Co., Inc., a retail farm equipment store, and served as president from 1963 until his retirement in 1990. Currently, Bob is the Mother House administrator of the Dominican Sisters in Great Bend, a position he has held since 1991.

Giving back to the community has been important throughout their lives. Bob served on the Larned City Council; Larned Area Chamber of Commerce; as president, Larned Rotary Club; co-chair, Santa Fe Trail Center Fund Raising Campaign, director and chairman, Endowment Committee of the Santa Fe Trail Center and Museum for 35 years; director and co-chair, Golden Belt Community Foundation; co-chair, Larned Community Center Finance Committee; Pawnee County Leadership Steering Committee; co-chair, Larned Area Chamber of Commerce Downtown Revitalization Committee; president and member, Larned Community Hospital, Inc.; chairman, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Board of Directors; chairman, Central Kansas Medical Center Board of Directors; CKMC Foundation Board of Directors; director and president, Western Implement and Hardware Association; Case Co. North American Dealer Council; Agri-business and Education Councils of the Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry; trustee and elder, First Presbyterian Church, Larned; and elder and member, Grace Lutheran Church, Larned.

Involvement with the University of Kansas has included: Chairman, University of Kansas Greater University Fund; director, University of Kansas Alumni Board; trustee, KU School of Religion; area coordinator, KU Audio Reader Program; trustee and member, KU Endowment Property Management Committee; administrator, KU Pawnee County Scholarship Committee; chair, Four County KU Honors Banquets; member, steering committee, Adams Alumni Center; member, Williams Educational Fund; member, Chancellor’s Club; member, Campaign Kansas National Council; member, Spencer Art Museum.

As recognition for his commitment to the community and university, Bob earned the following awards: K.U./Mildred Clodfelter Award, 1988; Larned Area Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year, 1989; Ellsworth Medallion for Unique and Significant Service to the University of Kansas, 1993; and, the KU School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award, 1998.

For additional information regarding the Bob and Rosalee Roth Family Scholarship, please contact the Golden Belt Community Foundation at (620) 792-3000 or visit its Web site at www.goldenbeltcf.org.
Dr. Linda Warren, Hanover physician, was recognized and honored last Saturday during half-time of the KU football game at Lawrence. She was one of three honored guests who were awarded the Fred Ellsworth Medallion. The Chancellor, Chair and President of the KU Alumni Association stated:

Linda Warren is an ideal family doctor. She listens attentively, and she thoroughly investigates each problem, focusing her considerable intellect and energy on finding answers. Through years of caring for the families of Hanover, Washington and Waterville, Kansas, she has become a trusted ally and friend, the kind of person you call on to see you through celebration and sorrow. Though she humbly describes herself as "just a small-town doc," her peers across the state and the nation look to her as an example. She was the first woman to lead the Kansas Medical Society as president. The American Medical Association has elected her to national office and twice honored her, most recently as one of 50 "Local Legends" among the nation's women physicians.

Through her longtime dedication to the KU School of Medicine, Linda, along with her husband and fellow physician, Roger, has shared her experience with fourth-year medical students, teaching them the true demands and rewards of rural family medicine. She also served on the medical school's admissions committee, and she continues to serve on the KU Medical... (Continued on Page 6)
Dr. Linda Warren Honored by KU

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Center’s Advancement Board. Linda’s superb qualities as a doctor and teacher also have made her an ideal volunteer leader. After years of coordinating the Kansas Honors Program in her community, she became a member of the Alumni Association’s national Board in 1997. She chaired the organization from 2003 to 2004, employing her sense of fairness and truth to lead the Association through a pivotal transition. Her extraordinary leadership earned the respect and gratitude of the University community, and she ensured the Association’s future dedication to its mission: to strengthen the University she loves. For her genuine compassion and abiding conscience in caring for others, especially her fellow Jayhawks the KU Alumni Association is proud to present to Linda Duston Warren the Fred Ellsworth Medallion.

The 2007 Fred Ellsworth Medallion

The KU Alumni Association gratefully acknowledges the dedicated spirit and selfless volunteer services of its thousands of loyal alumni, for a university is only as strong as those who work for it and nurture it. Through the words and deeds of volunteers, the University has prospered for 141 years, providing abundant educational opportunities for the young people of our state, nation and world, and enriching the enjoyment and fulfillment of life’s experiences. The continuing interest and enthusiasm of the University’s alumni and friends have inspired students, faculty, staff and administrators to perpetuate rich traditions and affirm the high academic standards for which the University was founded.

For 48 years, Fred Ellsworth served as a motivating force par excellence as Executive Secretary of the KU Alumni Association. The Fred Ellsworth Medallion for Unique and Significant Service to the University of Kansas memorializes his development of one of the most effective volunteer forces of any college or university in the United States.

Recipients of the 2007 Fred Ellsworth Medallions stand out among the thousand who carry on service to KU in the Fred Ellsworth tradition. The 2007 recipients are: Dick Bond, James B. Martin and Linda Duston Warren.
KU program offers travel to China for Courtland native

Courtland native John Kuhn recently went on a university-sponsored trip to China, travelling through major cities and industrial areas as well as the extreme rural countryside.

Kuhn, a senior at the University of Kansas, was participating in the Kansas Asia Scholars Program, housed in the Center for East Asian Studies at KU. The program was established in 2002 with a four-year grant and was designed to attract new undergraduates to the study of East Asia and expand opportunities for students already learning about Asia.

Each year, a select group of students gain an understanding of East Asia through a series of course work and activities highlighted by an approximately three-week, subsidized study tour to China, Japan, or Korea. After returning from Asia, the scholars share their expertise through service projects in the United States. The Scholars are also then eligible to apply for internships focused on regional outreach about Asia.

“For us, ‘China’ conjures up exotic images — dragons, gongs, an Orientalist vision of martial arts and bamboo,” Kuhn said. “Recently, I was provided the chance to test these notions during a KU-sponsored trip. We aimed at the broadest possible view of China, visiting ancient temples and modern malls, rural Shaanxi and downtown Shanghai.”

This trip was Kuhn’s first time outside the continental United States.

“For me, the most striking part of this experience was our visit to a farming village in central China. Initially alien, it resembled something out of medieval Europe: scythe-wielding old women harvested wheat, irrigation was performed with furrows, not pipes, and the resulting grain was spread on the roads to be threshed by the wheels of passing vehicles before being repeatedly raked to separate out the chaff,” he said. “These sights were accompanied by even more bizarre images — flooded lotus fields reflected the sun and the occasional temple dotted the roadside. However, the strangest part of my time in rural central China was not how alien everything felt, but how familiar it seemed. This area is geographically strikingly similar to Kansas — the same terrain, the same rainfall, the same primary crops. It was uncanny, really, to travel to literally the opposite side of the world and discover again the landscape of my childhood. And not just the landscape, but the people. The same sunburned farmers talked shop outside the local store, the same sulky teenage girls idly raked the wheat, and the same wives brought dinner out to the fields.”

“Lawrence Durrell said: ‘We are the children of our landscape,’ and, of course, he’s right. The people I met were, in translation, markedly similar to the Kansans I grew up with. The irrelevance of distance and the primacy of agriculture is a compelling truth I could not have imagined before my trip.”
KU announces names of summer graduates

LAWRENCE — More than 900 students received degrees from the University of Kansas after the 2006 summer session, Registrar Cindy Derritt announced.

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.

Area graduates include:

- Mindy Kay Salmans, Hesston, Educ-EdPol&LdrEED, Graduate Doctor of Education.
- Charles Ray Keener, Rush Center, Family Practice Prof 1, Certificate.

The summer graduates represent 52 counties in Kansas, 37 other states and U.S. territories, and 24 countries outside the United States.

KU offers more than 85 undergraduate and more than 190 graduate or first professional degrees. First professional degrees are law, medicine and pharmacy. Abbreviations for the more common degrees are used with the major or majors when applicable. If no major is listed, the name of the major is in the name of the degree.
School Visitation - Students are invited to visit the following representatives in the LHS Student Lounge. Sign up two days in advance of the scheduled speaker in the counseling office. Each session will begin at 8:05 A.M.

**September 6** - Kansas State University

**September 13** - Cloud County Community College

**September 17** - Fort Hays State University

**September 20** - University of Kansas

**October 15** - Washburn State University

**October 30** - Army

Students interested in pursuing a college degree in business at **Wichita State University** are encouraged to participate in the Barton School Scholarship competition. This $44,000 scholarship is the largest academic scholarship in Kansas. Students must be admitted to WSU by October 1 to qualify for this award. Wichita State will also host a senior day, September 21.

**Coca-Cola Scholarships** - Each year the Coca-Cola Foundation awards 250 merit-based scholarships. Applications are available online at [http://www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org).

The **October 27 ACT** test will be given at Larned High School. The deadline to register for the test is September 21. Registration packets and information regarding fee waivers may be picked up in the counselor’s office.

Congressman Jerry Moran and Senator Pat Roberts announced that applications are being accepted from young men and women interested in seeking nominations to the U.S. Air Force, Military, Naval, or Merchant Marine Academies. Students need to send their application forms to Congressman Moran and Senator Roberts, postmarked no later than October 1, 2007 for the next class, entering in June 2008.

The **Ron Brown Scholar Program** website is [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org). To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens, Black or African American and a current high school senior. November 1 is the priority deadline.

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** were created in 1995 to recognize students who have demonstrated exemplary community service. These prestigious awards, sponsored by The Prudential Insurance company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, are presented annually on the local, state, and national level. All Larned High School students who have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part of this year are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit). Deadline: October 31.

Learn more about the **Hutchinson Community College Fire Service program**. A Fire Student Field Day is scheduled for October 10 from 10:00 - 4:00. You will have the opportunity to discover and participate in exciting and dynamic fire fighting techniques, talk to firefighters and get first hand knowledge of firefighting as a career, find out about the difference between a forest and a city firefighter, and find out where firefighter internship will place you for a summer job. Registration due October 3.

**Kansas University** will be hosting fifteen Senior Days including one Multicultural Day for high school seniors and their families. Students will have the opportunity to meet with KU students; talk with academic advisors and faculty; tour the campus, academic facilities, residence halls, and Allen Field house; and find out about scholarships, financial aid, ROTC, Greek life, and many other student organizations. Pre-register for these events at [www.admissions.ku.edu/seniordays](http://www.admissions.ku.edu/seniordays).

**Kansas Wesleyan University** will host senior days on September 29, November 10 and February 15. Junior Day will be April 11. Visit [www.kwu.edu](http://www.kwu.edu) for more information.

**EXCITE!** Is designed for high school women to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields through a year round program that offers high school girls opportunities on and off the KSU campus. Each summer there will be a four-day hands-on residential science and engineering camp. Events will allow participants to imagine themselves in a science or engineering career. Visit [www.k-state.edu/excite](http://www.k-state.edu/excite) for more information.
KU To Honor Nine Area High School Seniors Sept. 19

FOR THE LEDGER

Students from 15 Kansas high schools will be honored Wednesday, Sept. 19, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 79 seniors from high schools in Marion, McPherson and Rice counties will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner program in the Holiday Manor Convention Center, 2211 E. Kansas Ave., McPherson.

The Kansas Honors Program began in 1971 and has honored more than 100,000 students. Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher-education goals.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by Sarah Blaney, assistant director of Kansas programs for the KU Alumni Association. Lisa Pinamonti Kress, director of admissions and scholarships, will speak to the students and their parents and guests.

Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of $13 each.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Mary Kornhaus, McPherson, will be the site coordinator and Lawrence Chaney, McPherson, will be county coordinator for McPherson County.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program. Students being honored from Inman High School are Erica Gaither, Jolie Koehn, Jeremy Schrag and Laura Wiens.

Students being honored from Moundridge High School include Tiffany Kaufman, Dana Loganbill, Alyssa Schrag, Addi Wolf and Isaac Yoder-Schrock.
LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

PRACTICE PREP

Health care students challenge physicians who teach them

By SALLY GRAY

Before beginning an afternoon of accompanying Marysville family physician John Ryan as he saw patients at Community Physicians Clinic, Stephanie Mense sat in Ryan’s office.

A book in front of her was open to a page on sutures, and Mense practiced on a towel. Ryan watched her for a minute and then gave her a few pointers.

Mense was one of the health care students in Marysville this summer to get a look at how medicine is practiced in a rural area.

Students said they often get to see more procedures here than they would if they worked with a specialist in a city. The experience at Community Memorial Healthcare and the local clinics gives the students a look at a variety of areas of medicine.

Students aren’t the only ones to benefit. The professionals they work with said the students ask challenging questions.

Family physician Randy Brown said he always learns when the students are here.

“As with most people who teach, it benefits me as well as it benefits the students,” Brown said.

RURAL ROTATION

Ryan has worked with students for about 18 years. He was a physician assistant before he became a physician, and he thought Marysville would be a good training ground for students.

About 10 years ago, he was involved early on in a program in which medical students did summer research projects. One student who came here did a survey of medical services and needs. Another student conducted a smoking survey and set up a smoking cessation program.

Over the years, medical students and physician assistant students have worked with Ryan.

The time a physician puts into the program is well spent, he said.

“I think it’s important because part of a physician’s responsibility is to teach,” Ryan said.

Students ask questions and “challenge me to stay current,” he said. They also talk about what they’ve learned elsewhere, Ryan said.

All the local physicians are willing to help, he said. When Mense, a physician assistant student at Wichita State University, was here, one of the other staff physicians had an interesting case and called Mense to observe.

The health-care students stay in apartments in the former Regency Place nursing home and assisted living, which is next to the hospital, and can get up in the middle of the night if an interesting case comes in.

Ryan said the University of Kansas School of Medicine was trying to help rural Kansas areas attract physicians.

KU requires that fourth-year medical students complete a four-week rural preceptorship.

Ryan said rural physicians try to help introduce students to a rural area.

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ABOVE: Jane Williamson, a physical therapy assistant, explains settings on equipment to Ryan Heinen, Baileyville, a Washburn Univeristy physical therapy assistant student.

FAR RIGHT: Marysville family physician John Ryan works with Stephanie Mentzer, a physician assistant student from Wichita State University, on sutures.

RIGHT: Marysville family physician Randy Brown and Brian Hall, a fourth-year medical student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, look over a patient's chart before they go into the exam room.

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Kristin Lipka, right, an occupational therapy student from Creighton University, demonstrates a cone-stacking exercise with Joni Nietfeld, Community Memorial Healthcare public relations director. Photo by Sally Gray

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when they are making a decision on what and where to practice.

“It’s a whole different kind of medicine we do,” he said.

Health care providers in rural areas don’t have a large number of specialists “at the back door,” so they assume more responsibility for patient care, Ryan said.

Mense, who is from Grinnell, worked as a certified nurse assistant in Quinter before becoming a physician assistant student.

The rural rotation program is valuable, she said.

“It’s amazing,” Mense said. “You get to see and do a lot.”

The program offers much clinical experience, she said.

Because of the quality and variety of experiences offered here, the Marysville program is a popular and sought-after one among physician assistant students at Wichita State, Mense said.

“It’s a hands-on experience and something every student needs and is looking for,” she said.

**INSIGHT INTO RURAL AREA**

Brown’s student this summer was Brian Hall, a fourth-year medical student at KU.

Brown said he participates in the program to promote rural medicine and an understanding of it. He said he tries to give the students, many of them from cities, an insight into what it’s like to practice medicine in a rural setting.

Rural medicine, Brown said, has unique challenges with unique rewards.

He said he hoped that some students would choose to practice in a rural area. Even if they don’t, he said, it’s important for them to know “what we do here.”

If the student later practices in a city and sees patients referred from a rural area, Brown said, that physician will have an understanding of how the referral came about.

When Brown was a medical student, he did a rural preceptorship in Quinter and said it was an excellent experience. The experience, though, didn’t change his mind about where to practice medicine; he was already interested in going to a rural area.

By his second week here, Hall had seen a gall bladder removal, two births, a colonoscopy and an esophagogastroduodenoscopy, an exam that uses a small camera to look at the lining of the esophagus, stomach and first portion of the small intestine.

He had never seen a colonoscopy or EGD.

Hall doesn’t plan to practice in a rural area but said the insight into how medicine is practiced here was valuable.

“It’s been a really good experience,” he said.

**HANDS ON**

Kristin Lipka, an occupational therapy student form Creighton University, Omaha, completed 12 weeks in a rural clinical rotation at CMH.

“I’ve gotten to see a very large variety of things,” she said.

Lipka worked with patients who had strokes and hip and knee replacements, basic rehabilita-
tion patients and one pediatric patient.

The experience was hands-on, she said.

Although it was positive, Lipka doesn’t plan to work in a rural area because most of the patients in a rural area are adults.

“My heart and soul is in pediatrics,” she said. “My goal is to open my own clinic with physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech services.”

Working mostly with adults here has been a good experience and has provided a good background, Lipka said.

“It’s a good foundation to have,” she said.

Lipka worked with Colette Ottens, a registered and licensed occupational therapist, and Deb Smith, a certified and licensed occupational therapy assistant.

Ottens said the program was a benefit to her because the students ask stimulating questions.

“It makes you rethink your way of doing things, so you don’t do them in the same old way,” she said.

The program also benefits the hospital, Ottens said, because students have gone back to their schools and spoken highly of CMH, and that attracts more students to come here. Sometime, CMH might find a student would be interested in returning here to work, she said.

Another benefit is immediate and practical: Lipka made a PVC-pipe tree for patients to fit together in different designs during therapy.

An internship in a rural area offers “a little taste of everything,” Ottens said. Students at an acute care center like Omaha see new patients all the time. In Marysville, she said, students see acute patients and then watch their progress as they go to “swing bed” status in the hospital and then receive home health or nursing home services — the whole continuum.

“The students see a variety of areas — from pediatrics to geriatrics,” Ottens said.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Marysville physical therapist Jeff Crist of Crist & Pieschl physical therapy services has been a clinical instructor here for more than 20 years. He’s worked with physical therapy and physical therapy assistant students from the University of Nebraska, Creighton, KU, Rockhurst University, Des Moines, Washburn and Wichita State.

Crist said that he learns as much from the students as they do from him.

The students help keep him up to date on the latest technology, he said.

Something the students learn here that they usually don’t learn in school is bedside manners, communication do’s and don’ts and the business of health care, such as the importance of filling out paperwork, Crist said.

Most students have some rural connection, he said, and many are from small Kansas and Nebraska towns.

Ryan Heiman, a Washburn University physical therapy assistant student, completed a four-week rotation at CMH in the summer. It was his first clinical rotation, and he’ll do a total of three before graduation in May.

He is a 2005 graduate of B&B High School and is the son of Mike and Jolene Heiman, Baileyville.

Heiman said he liked working with patients. So far in school, he said, the students had just been doing role-playing with other students.

Crist said the first day a student arrives, he asks the student to set goals to be accomplished during the rotation. The students pay tuition for the experience, he said, and he tells them, “Let’s design this experience for you.”

Heiman said he’d seen a variety of cases, and Crist said that is a frequent comment from the students.

“When a physical therapy student is in the final year, I really let them do a lot of things,” Crist said.

The rotation in Marysville is really hands-on, he said. Students here have said that classmates who did a rotation at another site said all they got to do was stand and watch.

Crist said some students here on a rotation had job shadowed at CMH when they were in high school. He said 10 to 15 students had either job shadowed or worked here in physical therapy during the summer.

“We’ve played a part in their professional development,” Crist said.

He said the rotation was not just a “Jeff rotation” but a “Crist & Pieschl rotation.” During Heiman’s rotation, different therapists frequently said, “Ryan, come let me show you this,” Crist said.
Kristin Lipka, right, an occupational therapy student from Creighton University, demonstrates a cone-stacking exercise with Joni Niefeld, Community Memorial Healthcare public relations director. Photo by Sally Gray