KU announces summer graduates

Kansas University announced the names of the summer 2007 graduates. Summer 2007 graduates are members of the Class of 2008 and may participate in KU's commencement exercises in May.

Graduates from this area are: Pomona, Becki Marie King, daughter of Vicki Stainbrook, literature, language and writing, Bachelor of General Studies, Pomona High School.

Carbondale, Angela L. Badger, daughter of David and Karen Badger, physical education, Master of Science in Education, Santa Fe Trail High School; Michael James Eamigh, son of Paul and Deborah Eamigh, information systems, Bachelor of Science in Business, Santa Fe Trail High School; Heather Nicole Sleichter, Nursing, Master of Science.

Lyndon, William Victor Kritkos, son of Bill and Susan Kritkos, computer engineering, Master of Science, Lyndon High School.

Osage City, William Thomas Donigan, public health, Master of Public Health.

Quenemo, Suzette Kelee Runyon, daughter of Tim and Marilyn Runyon, elementary education, Bachelor of Science in Education, Lyndon High School.
KU investigating mailing of records

BY JOHN HANNA
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The records were mailed in Manila envelopes, with a letter in each packet. Each letter said the papers had come from the university's math department or its recycling center. The letter's writers claimed to be former math teaching assistants or current employees of the recycling center, and they were critical of how the math department handled its records.

"Our No. 1 concern is protecting these individuals from any compounded exposure and launching an investigation," university spokesman Lynn Bretz said.

Bretz also issued a statement asking news organizations that had received the documents to return them. She said doing so would protect patients' privacy and allow the university to contact students whose records were mailed. Also, she said the university needed the documents as evidence in its investigation.

In July, The University Daily Kansan, the campus newspaper, reported that documents were left in vacant offices in Wescoe Hall, which was being renovated. The documents included graded exams, student essays and schedule-changing forms. Earlier this month, university officials announced a new program to improve the protection of private information.

"Obviously the sorts of records that are in these packets are private and should have been protected," Bretz said. "Safeguarding personal information is a priority at KU."

The Kansan and The Lawrence Journal-World received their packets Tuesday, and The Kansas City Star received documents Wednesday, their editors said.

"They looked like they came straight from a filing cabinet," said Erick Schmidt, the Kansan's editor.

The Kansan planned to return what it received in the mail to the university but was keeping a single copy of each record in a locked safe. He said the newspaper needed a copy of the records for its reporting.

"We're just trying to tell a story and get the word out to people that this kind of stuff is going on," Schmidt said.

Dennis Anderson, the Journal-World's managing editor, said the newspaper would allow the university to review what it had received, but not make copies or retrieve the originals. He said the paper's attorney concluded the documents were its property; they were locked in a filing cabinet.

Later, in a story on its Web site, the Journal-World said it would destroy the documents after its reporting was finished. He said the newspaper wouldn't make any information in the documents public.

"The story's not us," Anderson said. "The biggest concern is that the documents must be taken care of."
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Public invited help tag butterflies

Friends of Monarch butterflies are invited to attend the annual Quivira Wildlife Refuge Monarch tagging Saturday. The family event starts at 9 a.m. with crafts for children followed by a session with butterfly enthusiast Imogene Hall, who has raised and released 280 butterflies from her Hutchinson home this summer. She will share information about raising butterflies – from eggs to adults.

After an explanation of the tagging process, participants will be equipped with butterfly nets and tags and sent out to look for Monarchs near the Quivira Visitors Center.

The Monarch Watch tagging was started in 1992 by University of Kansas instructor Orley Taylor as an attempt to learn more about the Monarch migration to their winter home in El Rosario, Mexico.

The event is free and open to everyone. Several door prizes will be given; light refreshments will be provided.

“Monarchs have been plentiful here since the weekend,” Quivira spokeswoman Christine LaRue said.

Visitors are reminded the county road that runs between the two Quivira marshes is closed to traffic coming from the east.

The wildlife center is 8 miles north of U.S. 50 between Stafford and Sylvia.
State university attendance hits record levels

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TOPEKA - The state’s four-year universities enrolled a record number of students this fall, topping a combined enrollment of 90,000 for the first time ever.

Yet those same institutions also will be educating slightly fewer students hailing from inside the state, according to statistics released by the state Board of Regents Thursday.

Four of the state’s six universities saw in-state enrollments decrease this fall and combined resident attendance at Regents institutions declined slightly for the fourth consecutive fall semester.

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WICHITA — A citizen of Mexico was indicted by a federal grand jury in Wichita Wednesday for several crimes in Logan County related to the use of false documents to obtain employment.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Diego Adriel Morales, 19, is charged with one count of using false documents to be employed in the United States, one count of misusing a Social Security number to deceive Blue Beacon, one count of making a false statement on an I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form and three counts of aggravated identity theft.

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K-State at Salina sees increase; KWU numbers decline

By MICHAEL STRAND
Salina Journal

Both Kansas State University at Salina and Kansas Wesleyan University reported fall enrollments of 864 students, an 11 percent increase over last year for K-State, and a slight drop for Wesleyan.

"I think a couple of things have happened," said Dennis Kuhlman, dean of K-State at Salina. "The engineering technology and aviation job markets are once again becoming extremely active. Our graduating engineering technology students now average three to four job offers apiece, and it's nice when you're graduating to have several job offers."

Construction of a new student life center, which is in the works, is also adding to the school's Salina campus, Kuhlman said.

At Wesleyan, about 30 fewer students were enrolled than in the fall of 2006; the university set enrollment records of 825 in 2004, and 837 in 2005. Wesleyan president Philip Kerstetter attributed the decline to several factors, including an unusually large class graduating this past spring, and several international students having trouble getting their visas.
State universities receive funds for deferred maintenance

By Adrianne DeWeese  
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Financial support exists for deferred maintenance backlog at Kansas Board of Regents universities — for now.

K-State received more than $12.5 million of the more than $38 million that state universities received for 50 deferred maintenance projects.

K-State’s deferred-maintenance to-do list includes five projects — utility infrastructures/power plant improvements; renovate academic spaces in Old Memorial Stadium; Leisure Hall; Willard Hall; Seaton Court; and roofs and other projects on campus.

Installation of a new boiler at K-State’s central power plant is scheduled to start in January, said Ed Heptig, director of facilities maintenance.

The Division of Facilities signed with an engineering firm last week to start design plans. After the winter season, Heptig said facilities plans to work on the deteriorating and leaking sections of the 80-year-old steam distribution lines.

Facilities’ workers plan to work between classes and other building activities during the maintenance projects, Heptig said.

While K-State received funding to help with deferred maintenance, Heptig said the funding will not have a significant effect on the amount that exists on campus.

“Obviously, anytime I get funding to help me maintain anything on campus, I think it’s great,” Heptig said. “It won’t make a dent in the deferred maintenance — not only are we getting the funding, but every other state university is getting funding, too.”

The Regents formally approved the five-year maintenance project plans for each state university in June. Last month, the Kansas Legislature’s Joint Committee on State Building Construction also formally passed out the first year of the state-university maintenance projects as “reviewed favorably,” according to a Sept. 12 Regents press release.

The committee’s formal review officially allows the universities to begin work on their campuses, according to the press release.

The five-year infrastructure funding plan — which started with fiscal year 2008 — provides $90 million in direct state funds and about $44 million in retained-interest earning to the Regents’ universities. It also provides up to $158 million in private contribution generated though state-funded tax credits.

If these separate funding mechanisms are fully realized, the legislature will allow the state universities to address about 38 percent of the $663 million maintenance backlog that now exists, according to the Regents Web site.

While he said he thinks the tax-incentive plan will generate more funding, Facilities Director Ed Rice said he hopes the Kansas legislature allocates additional funding for deferred maintenance.

“We’re looking at quite a backlog of deferred maintenance,” he said. “This will be a good start on it, though.”
An additional $100 million in interest-free bonding authority will be available to Washburn University in Topeka, 19 community colleges and five technical colleges in Kansas.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed House Bill 2237 into law on May 14 after deferred maintenance received significant emphasis during

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Water damage to some of the ceiling tiles in West Stadium are some of the few repairs needed. Others include plumbing and structural improvements.
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the 2007 Kansas legislative session.

A comprehensive facilities audit found a maintenance backlog of $727 million exists among the 567 state-owned buildings on the state-university campuses, according to a Sept. 12 Regents press release.

The audit also indicated that a $663 million maintenance backlog exists among the 429 buildings that are categorized as state-owned, "mission critical" academic buildings, according to the press release.

"As numerous legislators and the governor noted at the conclusion of the 2007 legislative session, while the five-year plan represents an important first step, a comprehensive solution that will adequately and ultimately solve this issue must still be identified," said Regents chair Christine Downey-Schmidt in a Sept. 12 press release. "I applaud the governor for already making the commitment to revisit this important issue during the 2008 legislative session."

The board requests funding annually for its universities from the governor, and additional funding also is requested for deferred-maintenance projects, said Rip Peterson, Regents director of governmental relations and communications. The Regents plan to continue working with legislators and different committees in getting additional deferred-maintenance funding, he said.

"The five-year plan doesn't completely solve the problem," Peterson said. "It allows the campuses to get started. It's a positive first step but not a complete solution."

Regents' universities are required to submit quarterly reports to the legislature on the progress made with the projects, Peterson said. The fiscal year 2008 first-quarter report will be available at the end of October, he said.

"They will provide a good snapshot every three months of what progress is being made and how far along are the projects," Peterson said. "They'll be good reminder that there is still a need."

Student senators plan to attend parts of the 2008 legislative session at the Capitol and speak about deferred maintenance, said Matt Wagner, student body president and senior in management information systems.

At the Regents' level, Wagner said students plan to have a cohesive student project like a letter-writing campaign to legislators.

"As for Lydia (Peele, student body vice president) and I, it's still on the forefront of our to-do list," Wagner said. "We still have many needs that need to be taken care of."

Students also take notice of deferred maintenance issues at K-State. Sarah Crawford, junior in fine arts, said she has three studio classes and spends at least 24 hours each week in Willard. Crawford said she recently saw part of the ceiling in the second-floor women's restroom collapse. She also took a photography class in the hall this summer and was affected by deferred-maintenance issues.

"It was pretty miserable," Crawford said. "It's ridiculous going from Willard Hall to another building to see how bad the conditions are."

Crawford said the deferred-maintenance funding will especially benefit students who spend a significant amount of time in Willard.

"I'm really glad to hear that because of how much time art students spend in the classroom," she said. "They need a better work environment considering the amount of time they spend there. The fact that they're putting that much work into it makes me so happy."
Several ceiling tiles have fallen in a room in Memorial Stadium, revealing the wooden ceiling structure. The room also has constant flooding when it rains, making it hard for students to work.
The University of Kansas Army ROTC program's Wall of Fame Ceremony is from 9-11 a.m. Nov. 3 at the KU ROTC building before the Kansas-Nebraska homecoming football game. All former Army ROTC graduates from KU or any of its extension centers are invited to see military demonstrations by cadets and listen to the 312th Army Reserve Band. Contact David Pendleton at (913) 684-5320 or henry.david.pendleton@us.army.mil for information.
Area students are summer KU grads

LAWRENCE — Two Dickinson County students were among more than 900 who received degrees from the University of Kansas after the 2007 summer session, according to registrar Cindy Derritt.

The local graduates are Abilene High School graduate Amy Beth Leyerzapf, who received a master of arts in communication studies; and Ryan Keith Albrecht, Herington, received a bachelor of science degree.
Dr. Paul Nelson receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Paul Nelson, MD, a retired pediatrician from Concordia, received the 2007 Arthur Cherry, Jr., MD, Lifetime Achievement Award by the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (KAAP) Aug. 30, during the Chapter's 30th Anniversary Celebration dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita.

This award was given to Nelson for his leadership role in the KAAP, serving as chapter president from 1983-1985 for his current role as campaign co-chairman for the early literacy program, "Turn a Page, Touch a Mind," and for his dedication to the children of Kansas.

A native Kansan, Nelson was born in Topeka and raised in Scandia. Following service in the U.S. Navy, he graduated from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. He attended medical school at the University of Kansas, interned in Denver, then spent three years in general practice in Concordia. He then returned to the University of Kansas School of Medicine and completed a pediatric residency. Following residency, he returned to Concordia, where he practiced with the Gelvin-Haughey Clinic.

Nelson was certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is a past president of the Kansas Chapter of AAP. He retired in 1999 after 42 years of practice in Concordia.

Nelson and his KU sweetheart, Peggy, were married during his senior year in medical school. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Nelson is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Concordia where he has held various offices. He is the chairman of the Pastor/Staff Relations Committee. He has been a lay delegate to the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, a member of the District Superintendency Committee, and is on the Committee of the Episcopacy.

In 1979, Nelson became a Rotarian. He has been president of the Concordia Rotary Club and was governor of Rotary district 5670 in north central and northwest Kansas. He has worked with Rotary International's PolioPlus Program, a program in partnership with WHO, UNICEF and CDC whose goal is to eradicate polio from the world. He has participated in several Rotary service trips to Panama offering his pediatric services.

Nelson was awarded the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World for his work on polio eradication. However, in May of 2004, he was awarded the Rotary's highest honor for a Rotarian, "Service above Self" Award, by Rotary International president, Jonathan Majiyagbe.
Receives award
Dr. Paul Nelson of Concordia receives the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics president, Pam Shaw at a celebration dinner in Wichita.