MOUNT OREAD SCHOLARS

Three area students were among 189 Mount Oread Scholars' who walked up the hill Aug. 13 at the University of Kansas. Lauren Amelia Kerth, Ottawa, and Christian Wolfe Elniff and Anna Marie Miller, both of Baldwin City, are Mount Oread Scholars.

Kerth is an aerospace engineering major. She is a graduate of Ottawa High School and the daughter of Gwen and Robbin Kerth, Ottawa.

Elniff is an aerospace engineering major. He is a graduate of Baldwin High School and the son of Mary Traul, Baldwin City.

Miller has not decided on a major. She is a graduate of Baldwin High School and the daughter of Kent and Kathy Miller, Baldwin City.

New first-year students are invited to become Mount Oread Scholars during their first years at the University of Kansas if they graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school classes and received an ACT composite score of at least 28 or a minimum SAT score of 1,240.
Kristin Potter, Ottawa, has been recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at the University of Kansas. Sigma Alpha Lambda is a national leadership and honors organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement.

Potter also passed a licensing exam and has her BSW Licensure from the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Board.

She is the daughter of Candy and Ralph Finch, Ottawa.
Students can remove directory information

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K-State students sometimes refer to it as “stalker net.”

The People pages are part of K-State’s online student directory, an easily accessible electronic phone book that anyone can use to find information about enrolled students including phone numbers, e-mail addresses, local addresses and academic majors.

However, students concerned about the availability of such information do have the option to remove their profiles from all school directories.

Students of public universities that receive funds from the U.S. Department of Education have the right to inspect, review and amend their educational records, according to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Submitting a formal request to the Office of the Registrar in Anderson Hall will restrict access to such information and deny confirmation of the student's relationship with K-State to any inquiring party.

The People pages are updated nightly, so requests are usually processed and applied in a timely manner.

“If a student decides to withhold information from the directory, their entire profile will be removed,” said Gunile Devault, associate registrar at K-State. “It’s all or nothing.”

K-State provides copies of the FERPA policy along with students' rights in undergraduate and graduate catalogs and in course schedules. Students also can request a copy of the FERPA in the registrar’s office.

Each university can choose how much information it includes in the student directory, Devault said.

“I think it would be easier to pick and choose what information is displayed on the People pages, but I’m not really worried about being stalked,” said Abbey Norris, sophomore in food and nutrition-exercise science. “But on the other hand, I don’t want my Facebook profile to be listed on Google searches, because not everyone on the World Wide Web needs to know who I am.”

Norris referenced a feature recently added to www.google.com – the search engine that now owns Facebook.com – that lists Facebook profiles that match search inquiries.

But the difference between listing personal information on Web sites like Facebook and online student directories is slight, said Todd Cohen, University of Kansas relations officer.

“We encourage students to be aware of the information they do – or do not – put out there,” Cohen said. “Learning to care for your identity is something to do while you’re in college.”

While students are aware of the non secure nature of online student directories, they appreciate the service it offers, said Kyle Cranston, senior in architectural engineering and president of American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

“I’m part of a lot of organizations with members that need to get my contact information,” Cranston said. “If someone needs to get a hold of me, it’s all there on the People pages.

“I used it yesterday to confirm the accuracy of our member information, so I guess you could say I was using stalker net for the opposite reason it got that name.”