Area women pledge to KU sororities

The University of Kansas sororities recently pledged Gretchen Berns, Amber Richmond, and Kari Tajchman as part of the fall formal recruitment.

Pledged to Alpha Chi Omega, Berns is a Peabody-Burns High School graduate and is undecided about her major. She also is a freshman and is the daughter of Fred and Lynn Berns and Helen Berns.

Richmond also pledged to Alpha Chi Omega and is a Marion High School graduate. She is a freshman in pre-pharmacy and is the daughter of Rodney and Diane Richmond.

Tajchman pledged to Gamma Phi Beta and also is a MHS graduate. She is a freshman in pre-journalism and is the daughter of Charles and Kay Tajchman of Marion.
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Annual meeting slated for Historical Society

The Stafford County Historical and Genealogical Society will hold their annual meeting at 9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 10, at the museum library, 100 N. Main Street in Stafford. Members are encouraged to attend and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Since July 18, the museum has had nine visitors from Stafford County, six from elsewhere in Kansas and 12 from Colorado, Florida, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Currently on display in the museum library are nine wood block prints by Kansas graphic artist Margaret Whittemore (1897-1983). These prints are on loan from Albert and Zeima Lee Wendelburg.

Margaret Whittemore studied at Washburn College and received her degree in 1919. She also studied at School of the Art Institute of Chicago from 1920-23. In 1927, she taught art at Bethany College, Lindsborg.

While Whittemore did some work in oil, her primary medium was wood block prints. In 1930, magazines and newspapers began publishing her prints of historic Kansas landmarks as well as her renderings of Kansas birds and trees.

Her first book was Sketchbook of Kansas Landmarks (1936). Other books were Historic Kansas: A Centenary Sketchbook (1954) and Ticket to Kansas (1959). She also illustrated books by other authors.

She studied with Birger Sandzen for one summer. The painting resulting from that. Sunrise on Pikes Peak, was exhibited in the 1924 Midwestern Artists exhibition at Kansas City Art Institute.

Whittemore's work is archived in Kansas collections of the Emporia Library, Topeka Public Library, University of Kansas and Butler County Historical Society in El Dorado.
ACCHS to participate in KU band day

Atchison County Community High School is one of more than 30 high schools participating in the 60th annual Band Day on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the University of Kansas.

Band Day activities include a parade in downtown Lawrence and a performance during halftime of the KU football game that kicks off at 6 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Seventh and Massachusetts streets and progresses to South Park near 11th Street.
Annual Band Day is set for Saturday

LAWRENCE — Labette County High School will be among the more than 30 area high school marching bands that will participate in the 60th annual Band Day at the University of Kansas on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Band Day activities include a parade in downtown Lawrence and a performance during halftime of the KU football game that kicks off at 6 p.m. in Memorial Stadium. The events are hosted by the Marching Jayhawks and the Department of Music and Dance in KU’s School of Fine Arts.

The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Seventh and Massachusetts streets and progresses to South Park near 11th Street.

Other southeast Kansas high schools to participate in Band Day include Columbus, Girard, Cherryvale and Northeast Arma.
KU celebrates Band Day

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The Greensburg High School Band will perform as it has done in recent years, according to director Mike Brummert. Brummert, who directs the Greensburg and the Bucklin High School bands, traditionally brings both groups to Band Day and is doing so again this year.

The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Seventh and Massachusetts streets and progresses to South Park near 11th Street.

Local bands scheduled to participate are Girard High School, directed by Willey Abati; Northeast Jr/Sr High School in Arma directed by Tammy Warford and Southeast High School in Cherokee directed by Dale May.
Area high schools in KU Band Day

LAWRENCE — More than 30 high school marching bands from Kansas and Missouri will participate in the University of Kansas’ 60th annual Band Day on Saturday.

Participating bands from this area include Atchison County Community High School in Effingham, directed by Amy Eckert; Jefferson County North High School in Winchester, directed by Tammy Gigstad; and Nemaha Valley High School in Seneca, directed by Dirk Colgrove.

Band Day activities include a parade in downtown Lawrence and a performance during halftime of KU’s football game against Southeastern Louisiana, which kicks off at 6 p.m. in Memorial Stadium on the KU campus. The events are hosted by the Marching Jayhawks and the Department of Music and Dance in KU’s School of Fine Arts.

The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Seventh and Massachusetts streets and will progress through Lawrence’s downtown area to South Park near 11th Street.
Taxes Spark A New Border War

On Nov. 24, the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri will meet at Arrowhead Stadium for what is commonly known as the Border War.

But another battle is going on between the two states, a battle that hits Kansans right in the pocketbook.

During the 2007 legislative session, Missouri legislators passed House Bill 444, taking away the ability of Kansans working in Missouri to deduct the property taxes they pay in their home states from the income tax they must pay to the state they work in.

Tuesday, Kansas chairman of the House Committee of Taxation, Kenny Wilk, asked Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison for an opinion on whether the Missouri bill violates the U.S. Constitution. Wilk, a Lansing Republican, contends that the law violates the privileges and immunities clause in the 14th Amendment that prevents states from treating citizens of other states in a discriminatory manner.

The battle lines are clearly drawn.

Some Kansas legislators have threatened to pass a similar bill in Kansas. In essence, they want to retaliate like a third-grader on the playground.

Last month, Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius asked her counterpart in Missouri, Matt Blunt, to step in and veto the bill.

Wilk said he was not in favor of Kansas passing a similar measure.

Cooler heads need to prevail in this situation. Many people in this area live in Kansas and work in Missouri and just as many from Missouri cross the state line to work in Kansas.

The two states have always allowed the property tax deduction. This year, Kansas residents that work in Missouri will pay more taxes in Missouri than ever before.

Wilk said he would like a federal injunction to hold the bill while it is judged against the Constitution.

A move by Kansas to remove the deduction for Missouri residents does not help the Kansas workers who cross the state line.

What needs to happen is that both states need to work together to find a solution. One that is fair to both sides.

— Jeff Gulley
Hefel walks up hill at KU

Freshman Adam James Hefel was one of 189 Mount Oread Scholars invited to walk up the hill at the University of Kansas. The walk signifies the beginning of a higher education journey for the scholars, whose ultimate goal is to walk down the hill upon graduation. New first-year students are invited to become Mount Oread Scholars during their first years at KU 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.
University of Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Students from 17 Kansas high schools will be honored Sept. 19 by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

Fifty-five seniors from Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth and Lansing will join nearly 200 others from high schools in Douglas, Jefferson and Leavenworth counties to be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 7 p.m. reception program at the Lied Center in Lawrence.

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. Honorees’ names are listed at www.news.ku.edu/2007/september/5/khplawrence.shtml. 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.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. County coordinators are Teresa Dillion, Lawrence, for Douglas County; Bianca Elliot, Linwood, for Leavenworth County; and Cynthia Lewis, Lecompton, for Jefferson County.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program.

Immaculata High School honorees are Brett Chadwick, Matthew Metivier and Joseph Siebert.

Lansing High School honorees are Lauren Anderson, Christine Cordes, Griffin Davis, Cody Dressler, Rita Edmonds, Lauren Elkins, Eric Hansen, Kristian Hernandez, William Hilton Jr., Jasmine Holland, Maria Jackson, Lauren Judy, Harold Laurence, Kate Mock, Willliam Pace, Rachel Pride, Liane Swisher and Christen Yaw.

Leavenworth High School honorees are Claire Bauchle, Grace Behrens, Kristy Bledsoe, Natalie Edwards, Karla Eldredge, Jessica Fox, Kari Freivogel, Aubrey Gasbarre, Tyler Graves, Rebecca Griffith, Regina Hanson, Jordan Hanson, Hilary Horvatic, Jessica Jordan, Traci Kohl, Melanie Lee, Mindi Lozenski, Vanessa McKinney, Logan Ortiz, Hannah Parrish, Jennifer Personious, Devra Redford, Elizabeth Reese, Timothy Reese, Jonathan Reynolds, Zachary Riggins, Sharon Roeder, Brian Seo, Stephen Sittnick, Alexis Stonestreet, DeeAnn-Rose Turpin, Amy Ward, Nakia Warfield and Maria Young.
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Chase County Alumni

Sarah Grokett is a new member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Grokett is a freshman at KU studying biochemistry. She is the daughter of Tom and Karen Grokett of Cottonwood Falls.