Offender list found, now easier to access

BY CHRISTI HAYS
AND
MALLORY LIVINGSTON

The list of registered sex offenders at Emporia State can now be found in a red binder and is to be permanently kept in the dispatch office of Police and Safety.

“It will be a red book, with black lettering, that says ‘Registered Offenders’ on it,” said Captain Chris Hoover. “It will stick out from all the other notebooks that are up there.”

The Bulletin submitted an Open Records request for access to list on Aug. 28, after campus police were unable to produce the list. Officers said the list was locked up in Hoover’s office and that he was on vacation and could not be reached.

Campus police produced the list Aug. 30 after Hoover called to check in. Until recently, Hoover said, it did not seem necessary to have the list readily available since no students had ever requested to view the list.

“If somebody was interested in that information, my opinion was that people can call this office and make an appointment with me, and I’ll be glad to give that information to them,” Hoover said.

Federal law, however, requires that universities make the list available.

Hoover was in Canada last week on a fishing trip. He said he became aware that the list could not be found when he called his wife, Kerry, on their Aug. 29 wedding anniversary. Kerry told him that campus police had been attempting to contact him. Hoover said the list was not locked

See List, Page 3.

The list of registered offenders is now available at Police and Safety with no waiting.

PHOTO BY CHRIS HUNTER
List
Continued from Page 1

up in his office at any time.

“The information about the desk being locked or the office being locked or whatever, that’s all false. Nothing was locked,” Hoover said.

“It just boils down to the fact that [Police and Safety] did not know where that information was...if you want to point the finger of blame as to why that wasn’t immediately available, that’s my fault.”

Hoover also made it clear that all officers and dispatchers would be made aware of the existence of the list and its location.

“I can guarantee you, this never would have happened had I been here,”’” Hoover said. “I would have reached in, grabbed the file and said these are the three [offenders],”

The Captain explained that, unlike the practice at the University of Kansas and other colleges, he does not feel it is appropriate to publish such a list of registered offenders on the Internet for students to access at any given time.

“I believe that offenders could be mistreated on this university campus if [the list] were put on the web,” Hoover said. “My job is to protect not only your rights but also the rights of any other person on this campus, and that would include a sexual offender.”

The list, sent to universities in the state by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, includes not only sex offenders, but also violent and drug offenders. David Hutchings, a spokesman for the KBI, said the list that Police and Safety currently has would not be likely to include drug offenders, since they have only been required to register since July 1.

“It was just offenders who were either attending school or working at Emporia State,” Hutchings said in regards to the contents of the list.

Police and Safety is sent a list of names by the KBI every time a convicted offender is enrolled or employed at ESU. Offenders are required to register with the sheriff of the county in which they live within 10 days of becoming a resident of that county.

“Presently, they’re required to report to the sheriff’s office three times a year in the county in which they are residing,” Hutchings said. “And then they are required to update their information anytime their residence changes or anytime their location of school attendance or work changes.”

The three men on the list are all in their late 20s and have been convicted of offenses ranging from solicitation of a child, aggravated indecent liberties with a child, including intercourse, and aggravated sexual battery.

A former ESU student, Raul Manuel Magallanes Jr., 32, was convicted Tuesday of 14 counts of rape and dozens of other alcohol and sex crimes involving minors. The testimony presented during the four-week trial indicated that Magallanes contacted some of his victims through the ESU computer lab and photographed them on campus. Magallanes faces a possible life sentence.
Sheridan recruited for KU Sorority

During fall formal recruitment, all of KU’s 13 Panhellenic Association sororities added new members. From the Chapman area Shayna Lee Sheridan daughter of Judy Werth. Undecided, Freshman, Kappa Delta Chapman High School, Chapman was recruited.
FHSU scorches enrollment record

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. 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.
Rooks County Health Department received a mini-grant from the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project (KMPP) for $600 in order to continue meth prevention efforts in Rooks County. The health department will use the funding for educational sessions.

Funding for the mini-grants was made available through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) as a result of a federal appropriation. KMPP received thanks to the efforts of the Kansas congressional delegation, including Senator Brownback and Congressman Moran.

A statewide network of agencies has partnered to make the KMPP successful. Partner agencies include: Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services, Kansas Regional Prevention Centers, Kansas State Research and Extension, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas National Guard, Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services, Kansas Family Partnership, Kansas Narcotics Officers Association, Midwest HIDIA, United State's Attorney’s Office - Wichita, Kansas Farm Bureau, Sedgwick County District Attorney’s Office, Community Systems Group, The University of Kansas and other community and governmental agencies.
SEPT. 6, 2007

MATTHEW HEBERLEIN
GRADUATES FROM WSU

Matthew James Heberlein graduated cum laude in May from Wichita State University. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in international business and economics.

He began work on a master’s in economics in August at WSU.

He is the son of Gayle and James Heberlein, Oketo. His grandparents are Frankie and Carmelita Riesen, Oketo, and Mildred Carter, Blue Rapids.

TWO STUDENTS PLEDGE KU SORORITIES

Two area students were among the 567 women who pledged sororities at the University of Kansas during fall formal recruitment.

Gina Gerstner, daughter of Daniel and Jean Gerstner of Vermillion, pledged Alpha Chi Omega.

Adrienne Meyer, daughter of Tabrina and Michael Meyer of Hanover, pledged Delta, Delta, Delta.

Both women are freshmen.
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 GPA. 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 website 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 Roth’s 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 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, 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 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; 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; 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, K.U. School of Religion; Area Coordinator, KU Audio Reader Program; Trustee and member, K.U. Endowment Property Management Committee; Administrator, K.U. Pawnee County Scholarship Committee; Chair, Four County K.U. 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 K.U. 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 their website at www.goldenbeltcf.org.
Museum's celebration of Aaron Douglas to open

**Spencer Museum of Art**

LAWRENCE, Kan. — A major exhibition celebrating the life, work and legacy of Aaron Douglas, an African-American from Kansas recognized as the most important visual artist of the Harlem Renaissance, will open in September at the Spencer Museum of Art at the University of Kansas.

The Spencer-organized exhibition, which will be on display Sept. 8 through Dec. 2, is the first-ever national traveling retrospective of Douglas’ work. It brings together nearly 100 works from public institutions and private collections across the country.

Seven years in the making, the exhibition will include a public reception Sept. 28 in conjunction with a national conference on Douglas. The exhibition offers a variety of public programs, including an Oct. 27 concert by the Fisk University Jubilee Singers from Nashville.


Born to laborer parents in Topeka, Douglas (1899-1979) overcame many obstacles to pursue his passion for art and ideas. He was one of the first African-American artists to portray racial themes within the context of modern art. His ambitious pursuit of justice through his work continues to influence artists today.

Douglas graduated from Topeka High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in 1922 from the University of Nebraska. He taught at Lincoln High School in Kansas City, Mo., before moving to New York in 1925. There he joined the cultural flourishing known as the New Negro Renaissance, or the Harlem Renaissance. His first job was in the mailroom of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People magazine, the Crisis, edited by W.E.B. DuBois. He eventually became an illustrator for the Crisis and other periodicals. He earned a master’s degree at Columbia University and later taught at historically black Fisk University in Nashville.

Philosopher and writer Alain Locke, a Harvard-educated contemporary of Douglas’, dubbed Douglas the “father of black American art.”

Of special interest to the Spencer’s exploration of Douglas and the Harlem Renaissance is the Midwestern origin of artists associated with what seems a distinctively urban and East Coast phenomenon. Douglas and his good friend Langston Hughes spent their childhoods in Kansas, and other important writers such as Claude McKay and Countee Cullen also had Midwestern ties. The exhibition will illuminate not only the Midwestern roots of the “New Negro” outpouring in Harlem but also how Douglas’ influence extended beyond the Harlem neighborhood and the years of the Harlem Renaissance.

A socially conscious artist, Douglas vividly captured the spirit of his time and established a new black aesthetic and vision.

Working from a politicized concept of personal identity, he combined art-deco dynamism with African and African-American imagery to produce a new visual vocabulary that evoked not only current realities but also hope for a better future. His work is the most powerful visual legacy of the Harlem Renaissance and has had a lasting impact on the art and cultural heritage of the nation.
Aspects of Negro Life: From Slavery Through Reconstruction, painted by Aaron Douglas in 1934 is just one of the artist’s many works that will be on display at the Spencer Museum of Art from Sept. 8 through Dec. 2.
The University of Kansas Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program will host its 3rd Annual “Jayhawk” Battalion Alumni Association reunion and Wall of Fame Ceremony from 9 to 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 music from the 312th Army Reserve Band. Contact retired Lt. Col. H. David Pendleton at (913) 684-5320 or Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil for more information.
How does Kansas meet competing demands of energy and environmental needs? That question will be up for grabs at the 2007 Kansas Economic Policy Conference Oct. 11 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The conference again plans to offer an interactive video link with a site in Ulysses.

Adrienne Meyer Joins KU Sorority

Sororities at the University of Kansas pledged 567 women during fall formal recruitment. More than 750 women took part in recruitment, and all 13 of KU's Panhellenic Association sororities added new members. Membership bids were extended to women who completed the recruitment process.

New sorority members include: Adrienne Meyer, daughter of Michael and Tabrina Meyer, Hanover. Addy, a freshman at KU, has joined the Delta Delta Delta sorority.