Several area students received degrees from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, after the 2007 summer session.

Students include:
- Ashton David Joseph Martin received a bachelor of general studies degree in psychology. He is the son of David and Rhonda Martin, Westphalia. He attended Burlington High School.
- Caroline Anne Williams received a bachelor of general studies degree in anthropology. She is the daughter of James and Krystal Williams, Baldwin City. She attended Baldwin High School.
- Becki Marie King received a bachelor of general studies degree in literature, language and writing. She is the daughter of Richard Stainbrook, Ottawa, and Vicki Stainbrook, Pomona. She attended Pomona High School.
- Suzette Kelee Runyon received a bachelor of science in education degree in elementary education. She is the daughter of Tim and Marilyn Runyon, Quenemo. She attended Lyndon High School.
- Mindy Kay Salmans received a doctorate of education. She attended Ottawa High School.
- Anne Porter O'Dea received a prof 1 certificate in internal medicine. She attended Ottawa High School.
RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS

Whitney Mariah Kimball, Richmond, and Courtnee L. Butler, Ottawa, were named residential assistants for the 2007-2008 school year by the University of Kansas' Department of Student Housing.

For the students chosen as live-in resident assistants duties include serving as role models, handling administrative and programming duties and performing paraprofessional advisory functions for residents.

Butler will serve at Oliver Hall. She is a sophomore with a major in pre-sport science and community health.

She is the daughter of Greg and Kerri Butler, Ottawa. She graduated from Pomona High School.

Kimball will serve at Hashinger Hall. She is a sophomore with major in pre-education.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Terri Kimball, Richmond. She graduated from Central Heights High School, Richmond.
PSU sets new enrollment record

BY KEVIN FLAHERTY
THE MORNING SUN

Another year, another enrollment record.
Pittsburg State University has recorded the largest student enrollment in its 104-year history with 7,087 students enrolled in classes this fall semester. The numbers were released today by the Kansas Board of Regents. This is the first time PSU has topped the 7,000 mark.

PSU President Tom Bryant said today’s numbers are the result of efforts to maintain a moderate enrollment pace.

“This is the kind of growth we are looking for, particularly considering our needs for parking, housing, health services and classroom space,” Bryant said. “The integration of several different variables brought about this increase, but our faculty and innovative programs continue to be the biggest reason students choose Pittsburg State.”

Enrollment growth appeared across the board in both graduate and undergraduate areas. Compared to last year’s total enrollment of 6,859 students, undergraduate enrollment went up 2.2 percent while graduate enrollment went up 9.2 percent this year. Students enrolled in a total of 93,798 credit hours — a number that has climbed by approximately 15,000 hours over the past 10 years.

The most important area of growth, said Bryant, is in full-time equivalent students. While total headcount went up 3.3 percent this year, full-time equivalent students went up 4 percent.

“What this means is that our growth is in real people who are taking classes on-campus,” Bryant said, adding that this kind of an increase has a significant effect on the dollars spent in the area economy. “Our headcount and full-time equivalency are closer than any other university in Kansas. Students still come to

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ENROLLMENT HEADCOUNT AT STATE UNIVERSITIES

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Pittsburg State for the complete educational experience and everything that goes along with it.”

PSU’s 3.3 percent growth was the second highest gain out of the six state universities.

Fort Hays State University topped the list with 5.1 percent growth, while Emporia State University was at the bottom of the list with an enrollment decline of 1.8 percent.

Overall, regents universities saw a 0.6 percent increase in enrollment and topped the 90,000 mark for the first time, with 90,063 total students enrolled. That marked a 557-student bump from Fall 2006.

A large part of PSU’s increase came from this year’s freshman class — at 1,062 students, this year’s new freshman enrollment is the largest since 1965.

“Our marketing efforts have certainly increased over the past few years,” said Melinda Roelfs, PSU admissions director. “We continue to reach out more to students, and we continue to encourage students to visit campus.”

Roelfs said more students were visiting PSU, and she credited the work during those visits, both by university student ambassadors and by faculty members, for the boom in enrollment.

“We really have outstanding faculty to who genuinely care for the students,” Roelfs said. “The opportunity for visitors to meet with faculty members has played a vital role in recruitment.

“With the ambassadors, they are volunteers who take the time to show visitors around the campus. I can’t tell you how many people have come back and talked about the positive experience they had with their ambassadors.”

The numbers also show the university’s highest junior and senior enrollment in the past decade.

The university’s continuing education enrollment numbers are also higher than ever.

“We were certainly pleased with the enrollment increase,” Roelfs said. “To my knowledge, we don’t necessarily have a cap, but we want to continue to grow steadily within the limits of what we can hold, and housing. We feel like we did that this year.”

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**Gould Evans promotes three and hires two**

LAWRENCE — Gould Evans announces the promotion of three associates, and the addition of one intern and one part-time associate in its Lawrence office.

Kelly Dreyer, who has been with Gould Evans for four years, has been promoted to senior associate. Prior to joining the staff full time in 2003, Dreyer worked at the firm as an intern while completing his bachelor of architectural and bachelor of architectural engineering degrees at

The University of Kansas. He was an instrumental member of the design team for the new South Junior High School, in Lawrence, which is currently under construction. Dreyer is an associate member of the American Institute of Architects.

Sarah Cauthon, who joined Gould Evans in 2001, has been promoted to senior associate. Cauthon graduated from The University of Kansas in 2001 with a bachelor of architecture and was an intern at Gould Evans prior to graduation. She is an associate member of the American Institute of Architects and played a significant role on the project team for the recent addition to Southwest Junior High School in Lawrence.

Steve Vukelic has been promoted to senior associate at Gould Evans. Vukelic earned his bachelor of architecture degree from The University of Kansas in 2000. Prior to joining the staff full time in 2000, Vukelic worked at the firm as an intern while completing his degree. He is an associate member of the American Institute of Architects and recently worked on the team that designed the new Celebration Center for First United Methodist Church in Lawrence.

Tristan Telander has joined the firm as an intern graphic designer. Telander is a senior at the University of Kansas, earning her bachelor of arts in graphic design and illustration. She anticipates graduating in December 2007. Her previous experience includes Kiosk Spring 2007 design for KU’s Art & Design and Journalism Departments.

Shana Kelley has recently been hired as an administrative assistant. She is a sophomore at the University of Kansas, studying civil engineering: structural design. She anticipates graduating in the spring of 2010 and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Gould Evans is an architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, and planning firm that also serves clients with construction services, information systems, and graphic design needs. Gould Evans has offices in Lawrence; Kansas City, Mo.; Overland Park; Tampa; Phoenix; Salt Lake City; Boston; and San Francisco, and serves clients locally, nationally, and internationally.
Reception for Kansas Honor Scholars held

Students from 17 Kansas high schools were honored Sept. 19 by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 244 seniors from high schools in Douglas, Jefferson and Leavenworth counties were recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a reception and 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.

During the ceremony, each student received 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, spoke to the students and their parents and guests.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Cynthia Lewis, Lecompton, was the coordinator for Jefferson County.

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

The following scholars are named from Jefferson County:


Jefferson West High School: Nick Brooks, Holli Cope, Austin Lee, Nathan McClurg, Anthony Prosser, Tom Shirley, Halsey Wright, and Miles Wulfekotte.

McLouth High School: Kaasside Kramer, Leah Hoffhines, Ashley Logan, Martin Lucas, and Mark Stewart.

Oskaloosa High School: Jayme Barnes, Anne Glanville, Brandon Hawks, Myla Heston, Brock McGinnis, Ethan Miller, and Dillon Robbins.


Valley Falls High School: Meloni Montgomery, Briana Pruyt, and Levi Schneider.
Students in the news

LAWRENCE — The University of Kansas' Department of Student Housing has named its 2007-08 student leaders, including resident assistants for KU's eight residence halls, proctors and food board managers for 11 scholarship halls and top officers for the five university housing organizations.

"We are thankful for and proud of the outstanding leadership that these students provide in their various roles," said Diana Robertson, director of the Department of Student Housing. "Their willingness to serve their peers in these capacities is testimony to their character and personal achievement. They truly make a difference in the lives of so many students."

For the 146 students chosen as live-in resident assistants, proctors or food board managers, duties include serving as role models, handling administrative and programming duties and performing paraprofessional advisory functions for residents. Food board managers coordinate menu planning and food purchasing for their assigned halls.

Housing organization officers are elected to represent their fellow student residents and organize and facilitate shared social, intellectual and cultural concerns and activities.

About 5,000 people live in KU student housing facilities, Robertson said. The top 1 percent of these students, based on community leadership, are eligible for membership in the KU chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

Among those selected was Megan Ann Fowler, daughter of Doug and Nina Fowler, Fredonia. She is a sophomore majoring in chemistry and was named food board manager for Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall.
Records scandal rocks KU

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An identity thief’s dream.

All of the above records — some originals, others copies — were contained in Kansas University documents mailed Tuesday to the Lawrence Journal-World.

The records were accompanied by an anonymous letter, written ostensibly by former mathematics department teaching assistants and current employees of the KU Recycling Center, that said the records had been recovered from trash and recycling receptacles in the KU math department. The letter went on to say that the writers had repeatedly tried to convince the math department to better safeguard personal, private information.

“We’ve been informed that personal documents and records were sent to the media, along with allegations of improper handling of private information,” Lynn Bretz, director of university communications, said in a statement. “The protection of private data is critical, which is why we’ve started an investigation into where these records came from and what changes need to be made to ensure a similar breach doesn’t occur again.”

That’s too little, too late, though, for those whose information was left unprotected.

“It is kind of nerve-wracking because ID numbers are useful for a lot of things that go on here on campus,” said Vanessa Cunningham, a sophomore from Olathe whose name and student ID were released. “We have to change our passwords every now and then on the computer for our KU Web site. If they’re not taking care of that information, then there’s no point in a lot of things we do.”

Math department chairman Jack Porter said he was concerned that this information may have been ascertained through other means, such as theft from an office, pointing out that he keeps student information on his desk. He said the department does have a policy on the care of personal information, but he otherwise refused to comment.

KU policies

KU’s Privacy Office maintains a set of standards and practices for the safekeeping of this kind of information, including keeping all student information, such as exams, in a locked filing cabinet.

“Always shred or pulverize paper containing personal, private information,” it states. “Recycle paper containing private information only in secure, locked bins.”

The anonymous letter stated some of this information was found in recycling bins, but much of it was discovered in a trash bin behind Snow Hall.

The Journal-World contacted KU to inquire about the documents Tuesday night. University spokesman Todd Cohen said an investigation was launched almost immediately. All told, the records contained nearly 400 names and student ID numbers. There were 14 Social Security numbers — including a copy of one Social Security card — four dates of birth, three pieces of health insurance information and 17 phone numbers. There were also immigration documents, high school report cards, student final exams and student transcripts in the package.

“We take protecting this kind of information very seriously. This is a very, very serious issue,” Cohen said.

This is the second time in the past six months that student personal data was found unsecured. This summer, a number of student final exams were discovered unsecured in the halls of Wescoe Hall, which was about to undergo renovations. At the time, the university pledged to do a better job of safeguarding records.

Any disclosure of student information not considered directory information — for example, names, addresses, e-mail addresses and possibly phone numbers — is forbidden by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Though extremely rare, violation of FERPA can result in termination of federal funding to the offending school or university. People also could sue individually for breach of privacy, if they choose.

That penalty sounds somewhat hollow, though, to students, faculty and staff whose personal information has been exposed.

Victims feel violated

For KU student Melissa Farr, the discovery that her personal information was disclosed to the media came as a shock.

“Never would I have thought the news would end up with my personal information. I thought they properly disposed of old exams, papers, etc.,” she wrote in an e-mail. “I guess since I work at the hospital and disposing of patient information is such a huge deal, I guess I haven’t thought that it could be happening right where I go to school.”

With a student ID and name — nearly 400 such combinations were in the documents — it’s possible to access transcripts, tuition bills and some student health information.

In addition to the Journal-World, the records were sent to two other area newspapers, according to the letter. The university has requested that all of the documents be returned to the university immediately.

The Journal-World has made the documents available to KU to assist with its investigation but does not plan to return them, said managing editor Dennis Anderson. No copies of the documents will be made and they will be destroyed once reporting of the story is complete, Anderson said.
National, interdisciplinary conference on Aaron Douglas to take place at KU

LAWRENCE — A national conference at the University of Kansas will bring together scholars of art, history, dance, theatre and literature to discuss Topeka-born Aaron Douglas, who became the most important visual artist of the Harlem Renaissance during the 1920s and 1930s.

The conference takes place Sept. 28 and 29 at KU’s Spencer Museum of Art. It coincides with a major exhibition of Douglas’ work at the museum, “Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist,” and is free and open to the public.

A free, public reception at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the museum will open the conference, titled “Aaron Douglas and the Arts of the Harlem Renaissance.” The reception will include refreshments and live jazz.

Richard J. Powell, a leading scholar of African-American art, will set the tone for the conference with his keynote address at 7 p.m. Friday in the museum’s auditorium. Powell is the John Spencer Bassett Professor of Art and Art History at Duke University in Durham, N.C. He will speak on “Shadow Play, City Lights: A Harlem Renaissance Mode.”

The conference continues all day Saturday, Sept. 29, which Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has declared Aaron Douglas Day in Kansas. Beginning at 8 a.m., conference speakers will examine the strong connection Douglas had with his contemporaries in the visual, literary and performing arts during the Harlem Renaissance.

The conference speakers and their topics are:

— Gerald Early, the Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters at Washington University in St. Louis, “The New Negro Movement and What it Wrought”
— Amy Helene Kirschke, associate professor of art history at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, “Aaron Douglas and the Harlem Renaissance: The Visual Rhetoric of Identity and Memory”
— Farah Jasmine Griffin, professor of English and comparative literature at Columbia University, “Aaron Douglas and the Literary Luminaries of the Harlem Renaissance”
— Robert O’Meally, the Zora Neale Hurston Professor of English and director of the Center for Jazz Studies at Columbia University, “Aaron Douglas’s Concentric Circles: Kings and Queens of the Blues”
— David Krasner, associate professor of performing arts at Emerson College in Boston, “Dark Tower and the Saturday Nighters: Two Directions in African American Drama”
— Terry Adkins, associate professor of fine arts in the School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania, “The Vigilant Torch of a Long Distance Painter”

Aaron Douglas Day and the conference conclude with a Cabaret/Harlem Renaissance-style Rent Party from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Kansas Union ballroom. The cabaret, conceived and directed by 2006 KU theatre alumnus Eric F. Avery of Minneapolis, Minn., will feature KU student performers, a veteran lineup of Kansas City-area jazz musicians also will perform. Tickets are $10 for the public and $5 for students with ID cards.

“The main goal of the conference is to assess the complex constellation of artists, writers and political and creative thinkers who comprised the Harlem Renaissance, a period of African-American cultural and intellectual flowering, and to highlight Douglas’ place within it,” said William J. Harris, KU associate professor of English, who organized the conference.

Conference registration is available at www.aarondouglas.ku.edu/conference/index.shtml.

The exhibition, “Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist,” is on view at the Spencer Museum of Art through Dec. 2. It brings together nearly 100 works from across the country to offer a comprehensive look at Douglas’ career.

Susan Earle, curator of European and
American Art, organized the exhibition and edited the exhibition catalogue. Stephanie Fox Knappe, a KU graduate student in art history, is coordinator for the exhibition and conference.

More about “Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist” is available online at www.aarondouglas.ku.edu.
District College Night Set for Oct. 3

More than 40 colleges and universities will have representatives present at the fourth annual District College Night Wed., Oct. 3 inside the Hickman Mills High School gymnasium, 9010 Old Santa Fe Road from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. College Night is open to parents/guardians and students in the Hickman Mills C-1 School District including eighth grade students/parents.

Some of the institutions participating include locally-based Avila University, Johnson County Community College and Longview Community College, regional universities like the University of Central Missouri, Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri State, larger institutions like the University of Missouri, the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, plus historically Black colleges and universities like Jackson State, Southern University and Lincoln University. Several trade schools and military branches will also send representation.

This is a great opportunity for students and parents to evaluate individual colleges and universities simultaneously.

Parents/students can ask questions about scholarships, financial aid and curriculum. A separate financial aid program is scheduled from 6:00-7:15. Near the conclusion of the evening, two laptop computers will be given away to a couple of lucky district students.

Last year, more than 700 parents and students attended College Night, meeting with representatives from 36 different institutions. This year, a larger crowd is expected. College Night is sponsored by the Hickman Mills C-1 Athletic Department and the district's Curriculum and Instruction Department.
KS University investigating unauthorized mailing of records

By JOHN HANNA
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TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Records discarded at the University of Kansas were mailed anonymously to three newspapers, prompting a campus investigation Wednesday. It was the second report in two months of such a breach of students' privacy.

The records included what appeared to be graded exams, job applications, change-of-grade forms, class rosters, seating charts and copies of health insurance cards and immigration forms, according to editors at the newspapers. Some of the documents contained credit card numbers, Social Security numbers and student identification numbers, they said.

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 writer 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 spokeswoman 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."

The Star hadn't decided Wednesday whether it would return the documents or destroy them after its reporting was finished, editor Mark Zieman said. He also assured student that information in the records wouldn't be made public.

"These documents weren't disposed of properly originally, and we will certainly make sure they are this time," Zieman said.