The University of Kansas (KU) will honor more than 680 top scholars on the football field on November 15, all undergraduate recipients of its most prestigious scholarships, during halftime of the KU-versus-Texas game in Memorial Stadium. Local students to be honored include Lynsey Metz, Oxford High School, daughter of Dan and Justin Metz of Oxford and Melissa Fergen, Belle Plaine High School, daughter of Dave and Karen Fergen of Wellington. Lynsey is a freshman majoring in pre-journalism and is a Watkins-Berger Scholar. Melissa is senior majoring in pre-education and is a Watkins-Berger Scholar.

Currently K.U. enrolls 220 Watkins-Berger scholars. Solon E. Summerfield scholarships for men and the Elizabeth M. Watkins-Emily Berger scholarships for women are awarded to top students graduating from Kansas high schools in recognition of outstanding academic achievements, community service and leadership. Summerfield scholarships are funded through an endowment established in 1929. Watkins-Berger scholarships were first established in 1943.
The University of Kansas will honor recipients of its most prestigious scholarships during halftime of the KU-Texas game in Memorial Stadium at Lawrence on Saturday, Nov. 15. Among the 680 undergraduates honored as recipients of one of six top scholarships offered at KU will be Joseph William Stromberg, son of Wallace and Jill Stromberg of Sterling. The student, a graduate of Sterling High School, is enrolled as a freshman in biochemistry. He received a Summerfield Scholarship.
On Saturday, the University of Kansas will honor recipients of its most prestigious scholarships during halftime of the KU vs. Texas game in Memorial Stadium. Two of the students to be honored are from Marshall County.


Duensing, son of Ken and Zita Duensing, is majoring in pre-medicine and is a Summerfield Scholar.

Coon, daughter of Lynette and Frederick Coon, is majoring in pre-medicine and is a Watkins-Berger Scholar.

Both students are graduates of Valley Heights High School.

This year there are 220 Watkins-Berger scholars and 228 Summerfield scholars.
On Saturday, Nov. 15, the University of Kansas will honor recipients of its most prestigious scholarships during halftime of the KU v Texas game in Memorial Stadium.

More than 680 undergraduates are recipients of one of six top scholarships offered at KU.

Miltonvale Katherine Neal Remley daughter of James and Patricia Remley ChemistryBS Senior Watkins-Berger Scholar Concordia High School.
Oberlin grads receive top KU scholarships

Two graduates of Decatur Community High School, Cheniah Langness, and Danica May, will be among those honored by the University of Kansas on Saturday, Nov. 15, during halftime at the KU-Texas football game in Memorial Stadium in Lawrence.

Mr. Langness has won the Solon E. Summerfield scholarship for men. He is majoring in mechanical engineering. His parents are Rick and Kimberly Langness.

Miss May will receive the Elizabeth M. Watkins-Emily Berger scholarship for women. She is a senior, majoring in biology.

Both are awarded to top students graduating from Kansas high schools, recognizing outstanding academic achievement, community service and leadership. Summerfield scholarships are funded through an endowment established in 1929; Watkins-Berger scholarships were first established in 1943.

This year’s 680 scholars represent the largest group since 1999, when KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway initiated Scholars Day on the Field. About 650 are Kansans or Kansas high school graduates. They represent 58 Kansas counties and 19 other states and countries.

The students and their parents receive tickets to the game and meet with the chancellor and other university officials during a pregame buffet at the Kansas Union. The chancellor will join the scholars on the field at halftime.

“Taking our most outstanding student scholars out on the football field at halftime is one of my favorite events of the year,” Chancellor Hemenway said. “It allows KU to introduce our most talented students to a broad audience and it gives our top scholars an opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments in a unique setting.”
Dedication Earns Five Area Residents NEO Distinctions

Five area residents were honored during Homecoming at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on Saturday, October 25. Bobbie Wood lead the Homecoming Parade as Parade Marshal. Bobbie Wood, and her husband Lyle are life-long residents of Baxter Springs. She was honored as she lead NEO's Homecoming Parade as Parade Marshal Saturday, October 25.

David Froman, television actor and NEO instructor, has been selected to be this year’s Outstanding Alum recipient. Miami business owners Harvey Morrison, Gene Waylan and Colby and Debbie Allen have earned the distinction as Award of Merit honorees. “These individuals were chosen because they have continually made NEO proud, whether by their career success or by their commitment to the college,” said Edie Ingram, executive director. “The standards that these individuals set are what make NEO.”

Each honoree was recognized at the Alumni and Friends Reception on Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. All alumni and friends of the college were invited.

David Froman, television actor, has been named the recipient of the Outstanding Alum Award.

Harvey Morrison, Gene Waylan and Colby and Debbie Allen were each named Award of Merit honorees.

Each was recognized at the Alumni and Friends Reception at 11 a.m. on Oct. 25 in the Student Union Ballroom.

The Homecoming Parade Marshal is Bobbie Wood, a former Nursing Department instructor who has 50 years experience in the field. Wood has demonstrated excellence in her career and at the college, which is why she was selected to lead the Parade, said Ingram.

Wood is a graduate of St. John’s School of Nursing, in Joplin, Mo. Her career began at Baxter Memorial Hospital, where she worked on obstetric, medical and surgical units and as a supervisor of a recovery room. She has worked as a staff nurse in the recovery room at St. John’s Regional Medical Center and more recently on the obstetric unit at Freeman Health System in Joplin. She has also taught as a part-time clinical instructor for the Licensed Practical Nurse program at Franklin Technical School in Joplin. In 1991, she joined the NEO Nursing Department as a full-time instructor, where she remained until 2003. She has served as a clinical adjunct instructor each year since her...
NEO Continued from page 11

Wood completed her requirements for her bachelor's degree in nursing at Missouri Southern State University in 1991. She received her master's degree in the field at the University of Kansas Medical Center, in Kansas City, Kan., in 1994.

Wood is a resident of Baxter Springs, Kan., with her husband, Lyle. She has three adult children and two grandchildren, Matthew and Peyton. She is a member of the Baxter Springs First Baptist Church, BT chapter of the Baxter Springs P.E.O., Missouri Southern Honor Society, and Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

The Development Foundation Board of Directors selected David Froman as the 2008 Outstanding Alumnus. Froman earned this distinction because of his success not only at NEO but in his career.

Froman attended college at NEO from 1956 until 1958. It was at NEO that he discovered his love of the stage. Froman taught at the college from 1965 until 1969 while simultaneously earning a master's degree from Pittsburg State University. He later attended KU to receive his doctorate. During his collegiate years, Froman was honored with several awards, including the Best Actor Award from the American College Theatre competition and the D.O. Moore Award as the Outstanding Graduate Student at PSU.

Froman moved to New York to pursue a career in acting and was soon cast as the evil character 'Gunther' on the ABC soap opera "The Edge of Night." He was nominated for a Daytime Emmy for that character portrayal. Froman later moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where he landed a recurring role in the NBC series "Matlock" with Andy Griffith. Froman spent seven years on the "Matlock" program, which was continuously a top-rated show for its first five years.

After his "Matlock" seasons, Froman returned to Miami, becoming the Department Chair of Fine Arts before retiring in 2002. After a five-year hiatus, he returned to teaching once again at NEO to share his knowledge of the stage and the camera.

Froman and his wife, Audrey, married in 1978 and together they have five children and four grandchildren.

The 2008 Award of Merit recipients are Harvey Morrison, Gene Waylan and Colby and Debbie Allen. These individuals were chosen because of their support of the college, whether financially or through their volunteer service.

"What is great about this year's recipients is that they are all local," said Ingram. "This is a big statement about our community and its commitment to this college."

Harvey Morrison was born in Grover, Texas in 1931. He is an alumnus of Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas and of the Watch-making Program at Southwestern State in Weatherford. In 1966 Harvey moved to Miami to work for Miami Sales, where he was employed for 15 years. In 1975, Harvey met and married Barbara. In March of 1981, Harvey went into business for himself and opened Harvey's Diamonds. He and Barbara have been in business for nearly 30 years.

Today, Harvey serves on the Retail Council for the Miami Area Chamber of Commerce and is also active in supporting local FFA and 4-H chapters. He has been a fan of Golden Norse Athletics for 42 years.

One of five children, Gene Waylan was born and raised on a family farm near Herington, Kan. He was first introduced to the art of cooking hamburgers when he began managing Griff's Burger Bars throughout in Lawrence, Kan., Amarillo, Texas, and Nashville, Tenn. He purchased the Ku Ku Burger along Miami's historical stretch of Route 66 in 1973, moving his wife and three children to the community.

They were quickly involved in local organizations, many of which the Waylan family still belong today. Waylan has been active in the Boy Scouts, youth football, soccer, wrestling, 4-H and Little League Baseball, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Ottawa County United Way. He is a member of the Oklahoma Restaurant Association, Oklahoma Route 66 Association and the First Presbyterian Church.

Waylan started the fundraiser "Worlds Finest Chocolate Almond Candy Bars," which are still being sold today. He has partnered with Miami, Quapaw, Commerce, Bluejacket and Wyandotte schools to sponsor cook-outs, picnics and award banquets.

Waylan has established a long and successful relationship with NEO coaches and athletic directors. He has been a longstanding sponsor of the NEO High School Basketball Tournament for more than 15 years.

Each of his three children and two grandchildren attended NEO College.

Colby and Debbie Allen are the owners of Allen Sign Studio, a Miami business they started in 1990. Together they have three children. The Allens are supporters of Miami youth athletics and are members of the First Baptist Church. The couple is also active in the local Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed ministry, a national program that offers guidance to parents to raise Christ-following chil-
Debbie is active in the church choir and Colby oversees the Property Committee at First Baptist Church. The couple is the first recipient of the Award of Merit to be nominated by NEO faculty and staff.
Invasive bee makes its way west

LAWRENCE (AP) — Who would have guessed a barbecue would be the spot for a scientific discovery?

But that’s where Kansas doctoral student Ismael Hinojosa-Diaz was when he spotted an invasive species of Asian bee, call the Giant Resin Bee. Three years earlier, the Mexico City native and four colleagues wrote in an academic journal that the bee had the potential to inhabit the entire eastern half of North America.

Hinojosa-Diaz says he went crazy when he spotted the insect in June.

He managed to capture the bee, the first ever that had been identified authoritatively west of the Mississippi River. He has produced a scholarly report on his discovery.
Persimmons ripening in Kansas

Seed’s inside tell of winter season

LAWRENCE (AP) — Standing under the broad canopy of a tree in front of Kansas University’s Strong Hall, one can not only get a late fall snack, but also a glimpse of what winter will bring.

The tree, to the right of the main walkway into the building on Jayhawk Boulevard, is a persimmon tree. And for weeks now, it’s been dropping its golden fruit onto the lawn.

Split open one of the fruit’s seeds, and the shape might help you predict the next season’s character, says Mike Lang, campus landscape manager.

“You cut open a persimmon seed, and if (the shape) has a spoon in it, it’s a wet, snowy winter. A fork is a mild, powdery, snowy winter. And a knife is a cutting, cold winter. (That) is what they say,” he says. “I guess it’s one of those old things that goes around.”

That farmers’ tale, just like the persimmon, has been growing for a very long time.

According to the “Field Guide to Produce” by Aliza Green, American settlers learned how to eat the persimmon from the American Indians, who let them ripen through much of October until they were at their sweetest.

It became an important fruit for the early settlers, who used it to make puddings, preserves and wine from its flesh.

But since then, the persimmon has been more of a mainstay on golf courses — where its wood is used in clubs — than in many grocery shelves, despite its American history.

Lorene Cox, who enjoys native persimmons that grow on her Linwood property, thinks she knows why.

“They’re more fragile, and they don’t have a shelf life like an apple or a peach,” Cox says.

“And they have to be ripe to eat them, otherwise they will make you pucker, and you’re very sad that you bit into a green persimmon.”

Most native types must have gone through the year’s first frost to be ripe, including Cox’s fruit trees. The fruit is worth the wait, says Cox.

“There’s a lot of recipes that have been used for years and years in making puddings and cookies,” she says, “and just eating them fresh, though, is a pleasure.”

Lang says the KU tree, which has sister trees on the north end of campus near the Sudler Annex building that houses KJHK, bore fruit for most of October, simply because of its variety.

“It’s on a planting plan that I have seen, and I would guess it was planted in probably the 1940s. It’s actually a named variety, it’s an early golden,” Lang says. “And if you notice, the native persimmons, it normally takes a frost to make them good to eat. But this one, the one on campus in front of Strong, has been, we’ve been eating on them for three or four weeks now.”

Lang and his grounds crew aren’t the only ones enjoying the fruit, which he describes tasting somewhat like “a jam that hasn’t been sweetened enough.” In fact, he says the tree requires little cleanup at all — the fruit is too popular to stay around long.

“Normally it’s hard to find them because people who work in Strong and other places, know about it. It’s definitely not a messy tree for us because they get picked up,” he says.

“It’s really a nice, sweet one in front of Strong. I hate for everyone to know about it, but I think everybody does anyway.”
Area students receive scholarships

On Saturday, November 15, the University of Kansas will honor recipients of its most prestigious scholarships during halftime of the KU vs. Texas game in Memorial Stadium.

Among the top scholars are Kyle S. Mock, son of Steven and Connie Mock from Riverton. Also being recognized is Nicholas Jay Benedict, son of John and Debbie Benedict from Columbus.

Hemenway has invited the scholars and their parents to attend the Scholars Day on the Field recognition program. The students and their parents receive complimentary tickets. In addition, the scholars and their parents meet with the chancellor and other university officials during a pre-game buffet at the Kansas Union. The chancellor will join the scholars on the field at halftime.

"Taking our most outstanding student scholars out on the football field at halftime is one of my favorite events of the year. It allows KU to introduce our most talented students to a broad audience and it gives our top scholars an opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments in a unique setting," Hemenway said.

KU currently enrolls: 205 National Merits scholars; 20 National Hispanic scholars; 9 National Achievement scholars; 4 Perfect Achievement scholars; 220 Watkins-Berger scholars; 228 Summerfield scholars.

The National Merit scholarship is widely regarded as the most prestigious national award bestowed upon high school seniors. Fewer than 10,000 students of the 1.2 million who compete for the award, or less than one percent, receive National Merit scholarships.

Recipients are chosen based on their academic abilities and records and extracurricular activities.

Solon E. Summerfield scholarships for men and the Elizabeth M. Watkins-Emily Berger scholarships for women are awarded to top students graduating from Kansas high schools in recognition of outstanding academic achievements, community service and leadership. Summerfield scholarships are funded through an endowment established in 1929. Watkins-Berger scholarships were first established in 1943.
Standing under the broad canopy of a tree in front of Kansas University's Strong Hall, one can not only get a late fall snack, but also a glimpse of what winter will bring.

The tree, to the right of the main walkway into the building on Jayhawk Boulevard, is a persimmon tree. And for weeks now, it's been dropping its golden fruit onto the lawn.

Split open one of the fruit's seeds, and the shape might help you predict the next season's character, says Mike Lang, campus landscape manager.

"You cut open a persimmon seed, and if (the shape) has a spoon in it, it's a wet, snowy winter. A fork is a mild, powdery, snowy winter. And a knife is a cutting, cold winter. (That) is what they say," he says. "I guess it's one of those old things that goes around."

That farmers' tale, just like the persimmon, has been growing for a very long time.

According to the "Field Guide to Produce" by Aliza Green, American settlers learned how to eat the persimmon from the American Indians, who let them ripen through much of October until they were at their sweetest. It became an important fruit for the early settlers, who used it to make puddings, preserves and wine from its flesh.

But since then, the persimmon has been more of a mainstay on golf courses — where its wood is used in clubs — than in many grocery shelves, despite its American history.

Lorene Cox, who enjoys native persimmons that grow on her Linwood property, thinks she knows why.

"They're more fragile, and they don't have a shelf life like an apple or a peach," Cox says. "And they have to be ripe to eat them, otherwise they will make you pucker, and you're very sad that you bit into a green persimmon."

Most native types must have gone through the year's first frost to be ripe, including Cox's fruit trees. The fruit is worth the wait, says Cox.

"There's a lot of recipes that have been used for years and years in making puddings and cookies," she says, "and just eating them fresh, though, is a pleasure."

Lang says the KU tree, which has sister trees on the north end of campus near the Sudler Annex building that houses KJHK, bore fruit for most of October, simply because of its variety.

"It's on a planting plan that I have seen, and I would guess it was planted in probably the 1940s. It's actually a named variety, it's an early golden," Lang says. "And if you notice, the native persimmons, it normally takes a frost to make them good to eat. But this one, the one on campus in front of Strong, has been, we've been eating on them for three or four weeks now."

Lang and his grounds crew aren't the only ones enjoying the fruit, which he describes tasting somewhat like "a jam that hasn't been sweetened enough." In fact, he says the tree requires little cleanup at all — the fruit is too popular to stay around long.

"Normally it's hard to find them because people who work in Strong and other places, know about it. It's definitely not a messy tree for us because they get picked up," he says. "It's really a nice, sweet one in front of Strong. I hate for everyone to know about it, but I think everybody does anyway."