Couple donates $1 million to KU

LAWRENCE (AP) — A Chase County couple has made a $1 million bequest to the University of Kansas, to be used for research into autism.

Thomas and Wanda Pyle, who ranched near Elmdale, asked that most of their estate be used for research and service at the university to improve children’s lives. Thomas Pyle died in 2001 and Wanda Pyle died in 2006.

The university said Wednesday that the bequest will benefit the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies.

Steve Warren, director of the institute, said the bequest will be used to fund research into the causes and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, which affect one in every 150 children in the U.S.
KU announces students named to fall 2007 honor roll

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LAWRENCE — More than 4,540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester. These students, from KU’s Lawrence campus and the schools of allied health and nursing in Kansas City, Kan., represent 96 of the 105 Kansas counties, 43 other states and the District of Columbia and 39 other countries.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the allied health; architecture and urban design; business; education; engineering; fine arts; journalism; nursing; and social welfare schools.

-Honor roll criteria vary among the university’s academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum GPA for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

-Claflin: Kristi Lyn Jensen, daughter of Ronald and Susan Jensen Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Freshman

Ellinwood: Amanda Joelle Winkelman, daughter of Michele Edwards, Allied Health Undergraduate, Senior

Great Bend: Jessica Lindsey Brozek, daughter of Jeffrey and Rhonda Brozek, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Jessica Rose Leiker, daughter of David and Theresa Leiker, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Sara Nicole Linenberger, daughter of Sheila and Mark Helm, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore; Victor Charles Marshall, son of Roger and Laina Marshall, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore; Danielle M. Miller, daughter of Alan and Amy Miller, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Freshman; Justin Tyler Movers, son of Randy and Lorrie Movers, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior; Jacklyn Ann Pringle, daughter of Steve and Linda Pringle, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Freshman; Kelsi Ann Remmert, daughter of Lana Remmert, Allied Health Undergraduate, Senior; Andrew Stuart Rodgman, son of Graeme and Sue Rodgman, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior; Savannah Kaye Rose, daughter of Kevin and Michelle Rose, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Annie J. Sanko, daughter of Kenton and Anita Sanko, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Brian C. Schneeweis, son of Jay and Kathleen Mai, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Jillian Marie Strobel, daughter of Jeff Strobel, Fine Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore; Alison Leigh Winkelman, Female, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1.

Hoisington: Jacqulyn Renee Koester, daughter of Richard and Pamela Koester, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Freshman; Lacey Rachelle Koester, daughter of Richard and Pamela Koester, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Lacey Rachelle Koester, daughter of Richard and Pamela Koester, Education Undergraduate, Senior; Tanner T. Polzin, son of Patricia and Duane Polzin, Engineering Undergraduate, Junior.

Pawnee Rock: Kyle Hesed, son of Larry and Laurie Hesed, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior.

Kinsley: Adam Nicholas Kehlbauch, son of Mark Kehlbauch, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Sarah Marie Stegman, daughter of Rean and Jerri Stegman, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior.

Ellsworth: Jenny Lynn Geide, daughter of Ray and Deanna Geide, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior; Danielle Nichole Peters, daughter of Rick and Terri Peters, Journalism Undergraduate, Senior; Danielle Nichole Peters, daughter of Rick and Terri Peters, Fine Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Anna Magdalena Slomka, daughter of Jerry and Lida Slomka, Business Undergraduate, Senior; Danielle S. Wright, daughter of Rhonda Wright, Social Welfare Undergraduate, Senior.

Holyrood: Jordan Michael Robertson, son of Jerry Robertson, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior.

Wilson: Mauntell Renee Ford, daughter of Allison Ford, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Freshman; Amber L. Macek, daughter of Jerry Macek, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1.

Ness City: Tonya Marie Booze, daughter of Scott and Nancy Pfannenstiel, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1; Tasha Michelle Braun, daughter of Loreta Braun, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1; Julie Elisabeth Keeton, daughter of Russell and Kristi King, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior; Christopher Lee Mondero, son of Edward and Jeanine Mondero, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1; Brett Daniel Stoecklein, son of Ron and Karen Stoecklein, Pharmacy Professional, Senior.

Burdett: James Patrick Dipman, son of Jack and Margaret Dipman, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior.

Garfield: Patricia LaVonne Hunter, daughter of Daniel and Mary Hunter, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1.

Larned: Nathaniel Blaine Collins, son of Sarah Collins, Education Undergraduate, Senior; Megan Kathryn Foster, daughter of Karol and Rocke Foster, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore; Katie Jane Fox, daughter of Kevin and Jane Fox, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore; Amber Marie Humphrey, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior; Amanda Sue Nech, daughter of Douglas and Lucinda Nech, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior;
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KU to honor alumnus from Kinsley for outstanding service Thursday in Larned

LAWRENCE — The University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment will honor an alumnus from Kinsley on Thursday for his service to KU.

Al Frame will receive the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award to recognize his longtime support of the Kansas Honors Program. Sarah Blaney, assistant director of Kansas programs, and Kevin Corbett, president of the KU Alumni Association, will present Frame with the award.

The award ceremony will be part of the Kansas Honors Program dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, Scenic Drive, Larned. Twenty high school seniors from Edwards, Pawnee and Stafford counties will be honored at the event.

Since 1971, the Kansas Honors Program, sponsored by the alumni association and KU Endowment, has recognized the top 10 percent of high school seniors in each county in Kansas. For 35 years, Frame has helped coordinate the program in his area.

Frame is vice president of the West Central Kansas chapter of the alumni association and contacts Kansas legislators on KU’s behalf as a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education. He has volunteered for KU’s Office of Admissions and Scholarships in recruitment efforts. He is a lifetime member and Jayhawk Society member of the alumni association.

Frame received a bachelor’s degree in 1956 and a law degree in 1962, both from KU. As a student, he was a Summerfield Scholar, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and senior class president. He was an All-American cross-country athlete, helping KU win nine conference titles and the 1953 NCAA title; he won nine individual conference titles and the 1954 NCAA individual championship.

He is a member of the Track and Field Hall of Fame and the KU Sports Hall of Fame. Before entering law school, he pursued graduate studies in American history as a Woodrow Wilson Scholar. As a partner in the firm of Wilson and Frame, Frame has practiced law since 1962. He also operated a wheat farm and cattle ranch for 30 years. He and his wife, Sally, have five children and 10 grandchildren.

The Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award, created in 1986 by the alumni association, honors volunteers who serve as KU ambassadors in their home communities. The award is named for Clodfelter, who received a bachelor’s degree in 1941 from KU and worked at KU for 47 years, 42 of them at the alumni association.

Clodfelter, known to countless Jayhawks nationwide, retired in 1986 and died in 2005.
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Area students included on KU’s Honor Roll for the fall semester include: Ashley Doebele, daughter of Rick and Becky Doebele, Hanover; Joni Bruna, daughter of Frank and Denise Bruna, Bremen;

Tristan Noelle, son of Elaine Noelle, Greenleaf; Clint Frye, son of Donna and Jay Frye, Haddam; Kristin Grover, daughter of Jim and Linda Grover, Morrowville; Johnathan Leck, son of Mary and John Leck, Washington; and Anthony Strickland, son of Joe and Michelle Strickland, Wash-
Sculptor Forms Unexpected Alliance
With University Maintenance Man

By Jon Niccum

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LAWRENCE (AP) — As a sculptor specializing in wood, Matthew Burke is accustomed to the solitary aspects of creativity.

But when crafting a new piece titled "A Walk Among Beasts," he formed an unexpected alliance in the university residency space where he set up shop.

"When I was drilling the holes for 'Walk, I was using a chisel," Burke recalls. "The maintenance man who was cleaning up comes in and says, Why don't you use a router?"

"When I get into my work, I'm fairly focused, and I kind of told him. Just butt out. Turns out he was right, and I had to go back to him and say thank you."

It happens that wasn't the only collaboration Burke experienced recently.

The University of Kansas assistant professor of sculpture turned his latest centerpiece project into an alliance of sound, music and technology.

Today, Burke will celebrate the opening reception of his installation titled "The Passages Just In Time, Sound and Object, A Collaboration.

"I had the chance on this piece to work with some sound artists from KU." Burke says of his opus titled "Hoops and Birds," a streamlined mix of wood and wire that spans the length of the gallery space.

"It's triggered by a sensor in the ceiling. When people come up, it's got about 14 different tracks it can layer in over a background track so the idea is a person's experience isn't going to duplicate during the life of the piece. It's always going to be subtly different according to the sound."

Burke was first approached with the concept by Jason Cress, a KU graduate student in composition. Cress had pitched the idea of a music installation to Arts Center gallery director Rick Mitchell, who introduced the musician to the artist.

"We had a recording session with Matt actually working on the art itself. We got some samples of that and incorporated it into the sound installation," Cress recalls.

"On some of it, we used his voice when he was talking about the project, and some of it we used the actual hammering sounds of sculpting it. We also used bird samples."

Cress additionally partnered with fellow composition student Justin Blackburn, who crafted the foundation track, and Kip Haashein, an associate professor of music theory and composition at KU, who created the computer program.

Interestingly, no actual instruments were used on the recording, only samples and nonmusical sounds.

"It was one of these things where I knew this thing would be really pregnant with potential," Burke says. "I think I'm still digesting it."

It's been only two years since Burke began digesting the thought of moving to Kansas.

A Connecticut native who spent the previous 11 years working and teaching in New York, Burke was soon confronted with the differences in the art scene both personal and professional.

"I'm a materials guy. That requires space. In sculpture I like to work big. All those things are working against one in New York," Burke says.

"New York is where you can sell stuff. New York is where value is placed on things: art, commodities. I had a great time there and created some work that was compelling to me. But since I've come here, all the sudden I've got the room. I've got people who really respond to my work, and trees that I can get to know their wood properties. It's been really fortuitous to come out here."
That influence has apparently seeped into the work itself.

Take, for instance, Burke’s large cylindrical piece called “Generator” that dominates the floor of the gallery at the Arts Center.

“I can’t help but see a silo now,” the 41-year-old admits. “But it was the furthest thing from my mind when I started.”

In Burke’s artist statement that greets visitors at the entrance to his 11-piece collection, he writes: “Wood is inherently a question. Even if we know the species of a tree, determining the interior properties such as grain quality or moisture content is only speculating because we can not see behind the bark.”

Yet he finds that these questions often have tangible answers.

He says, “Wood has got its own life and its own things it’s going to do. ... If (an art piece) is telling you it wants to be open; if it’s telling you it doesn’t want to be, you have to listen. That’s as important as the ideas that are in it.”

Collaborator Cress says of Burke’s art, “I love how seamless it is. I love how he uses the grain of the wood as part of the piece.”
Kansas regents want to limit tuition increases but set no cap

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Student leaders who spoke at the meeting said they had been involved in setting tuition at their schools and they don't want lower tuition if it affects the quality of their education.

"We don't want the increases to be outrageous," said Courtney George, student body president at Emporia State University. "But we want our diploma to mean something. What matters most is how the money is being spent."

Regents Chairwoman Christine Downey-Schmidt, of Inman, said she opposes a tuition cap because she wants to maintain the flexibility that university presidents have to address their campuses' needs.
Medical students working with Family Care Center

The Family Care Center has two students following Family Care Center providers this month, Josiah Brinkley and Joni Brown.

Brinkley, a fourth year medical student from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, began shadowing Dr. Travis Jordan in January. This is part of his four-week clinical rotation in Family Medicine.

Brinkley has a B.A. in Biology from Bethany College at Lindsborg, and he anticipates receiving his Medical Degree from KU School of Medicine in May 2008. He will then begin his three- to four-year residency training.

Brinkley completed a summer internship in 2005 with the Family Care Center and requested to come back here. He has volunteered his services in the Jay Doc Community Clinic in Wichita since 2006 and served on medical mission trips to Honduras in 2005 and 2006.

Joni Brown from El Dorado is a physician assistant student at Wichita State University who is shadowing Mary Takaishi, PA-C. Prior to entering PA school, Brown was a basketball coach and athletic trainer. Upon completion, her special interest in medicine is in women's health. Brown will be here through the month of February, and she plans to graduate in May 2008.
Army officials on Wednesday unveiled a new education program aimed at enhancing the lives of soldiers disabled by combat injuries.

Army Secretary Pete Geren introduced eight current and former soldiers who will enroll in graduate programs at the University of Kansas in the fall.

The soldiers then owe the Army three years of service -- either on active duty or as civilian employees -- for every year they spend in school. To qualify, the soldiers must be at least 30 percent disabled by their war wounds.

Geren said public support for wounded veterans has grown since disclosures last year of substandard care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"You had some soldiers that had not received the care that they needed. When that became known to the Army, it was like an electric shock to the system," Geren said.

"The Army has stepped up. Soldiers do take care of soldiers. And when the soldiers learned that some people had dropped the ball and not taken care of soldiers, the whole system responded.

"We're trying to pay a debt to the soldiers who have given so much to this country."

First Lt. Jason Gladney, a retired armor officer, joined the Army after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and was wounded in Iraq in March 2006. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and started a master's degree program years ago. He's now living in California and will attend the University of Kansas to finish his education.

Gladney said whether students can stay in uniform or have to be civilians, it is rewarding to know that they can continue to serve and "be part of the team."

"I think it's an incredible opportunity," Gladney said.

University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway said he approached Geren and Defense Secre-