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Students serve in KU residence halls

Wyandotte County students are among student leaders in residence halls and student housing at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Students are elected to represent other students and organize activities.

Students from Wyandotte County include Marieka Jenay Jones, daughter of Theresa Owens, freshman, Gertrude Sellards Pearson Hall resident assistant, Maranatha Academy; Jordan P. Jennings, son of Everett and Marcia Jennings, senior, McCollum Hall resident assistant, Bishop Miege; Mark Anthony Marquez, son of Aileen Buchanan, junior, Lewis Hall resident assistant, Sumner Academy; James M. McIntosh, son of Marvin and Deborah McIntosh, junior, Ellsworth Hall resident assistant, Sumner Academy; and Ehiremen E. Ighalo, daughter of Tessy Thionkhan, senior, Jayhawk Towers Tenants Association president, Sumner Academy.
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Local student named KU residence hall secretary

The University of Kansas Department of Student Housing has named its 2008-09 student leaders, including resident assistants for eight residence halls, proctors and food board managers for 12 scholarship halls and top officers for the five university housing organizations. Among the leaders is Morgan Cheeseman, daughter of Bruce and Jole Cheeseman, from Columbus.

"We are grateful to these student for their outstanding leadership," said Diana Robertson, director of the Department of Student Housing. "At a time when KU housing has received national and regional attention for its increased occupancy and KU has experienced record enrollments - these students have stepped up to fill important leadership roles. Not only is that indicative of their character and personal achievement, but they truly make a difference in the lives of their fellow student."

For the 145 students chosen as live-in resident assistants, proctors, desk managers and food board managers, duties include serving as role models, handling administrative and programming duties include serving as role models, handling administrative and programming duties and performing paraprofessional advisory functions for residents. Food board managers also 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 one percent of these students, based on community leadership, are eligible for membership in the KU chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.
Josh Maples participates in mock trial competition for Washburn University

TOPEKA – Washburn University was one of 26 mock trial teams who competed in the St. Louis University Billiken Barrister Tournament Oct. 11-12. More than 200 students competed for team and individual attorney and witness awards.

Junior Jenna Seematter, Marysville, was recognized for her near perfect performance (19 out of 20 possible points) as an attorney. Seematter was among the top 10 at the tournament. She is majoring in political science.

Junior Heather Gelsinger, Lenexa, was recognized for her perfect performance (20 out of 20 possible points) as a witness. Gelsinger was among the top four at the tournament. She is majoring in economics and finance. Also competing in the tournament were Jane Billinger, Ellinwood; Courtney Brokaw, Silver Lake; TJ Gumm, Bonner Springs; Katelin Harrell, Lawrence; Josh Maples, Lindsborg; Michelle Neis, Tecumseh; Amber Rivera and Josh Rivera, both of Colwich; and Kim Caw, Brittany James, Trey Massengale, and Eli Woody, all of Topeka.

Washburn’s mock trial team will compete at the University of Kansas Nov. 7-8 and Creighton University Nov. 14-15.

The undergraduate mock trial program consists of member schools throughout the United States being assigned a case in September. Teams of six to eight students will work on this case, developing theories for both plaintiff and defense and prepare to try the case at the various competitions throughout the fall and spring semesters.
Price helps KU students assist Greensburg

LAWRENCE -- University of Kansas pharmacy students traveled to south-central Kansas on Oct. 11 to provide free flu shots to Greensburg-area residents.

Among those attending were John Price, a fifth-year pharmacy student. He is the son of Scott and Fiona Price. He earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from KU in the summer of 2005 and is an Abilene High School graduate.

Since a tornado destroyed most of Greensburg in May 2007, residents in the area have been without a local pharmacy. Members of KU's chapter of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists have been fundraising this semester to conduct Operation Immunization: Greensburg, a one-day event providing about 400 doses of flu vaccine. ... ...

The pharmacy student group annually conducts Operation Immunization on campus. This year, Neil Young of Erie and Laura Mazur of Wichita, both fourth-year pharmacy students, suggested adding an immunization event to assist a Kansas community in need.

Young traveled through Greensburg after the 2007 tornado destroyed the community that had been home to about 1,400 people. When he and other students learned that Kiowa County was one of the six counties in Kansas with no community pharmacy, they proposed the Greensburg project. KU Pharmacy Dean Ken Audus endorsed their plan and provided some initial funding.

To raise the $4,000 needed for the Greensburg project, the student pharmacists cleaned Memorial Stadium after home football games, sold T-shirts and textbooks, and requested donations from Kansas pharmacists. The group has about 250 members.

Young and Mazur worked with Mitzi Hesser, director of the Kiowa County Health Department, to coordinate and direct Operation Immunization, Greensburg.

In addition, Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg; two area pharmacies, Kinsley Drug in Kinsley and Main Street Pharmacy in Coldwater; and KU School of Pharmacy faculty provided professional and clinical support for the 19 advanced pharmacy students who traveled to Greensburg.

Vaccinations were given by injection. Kansas allows licensed pharmacists to administer injections for clients age 18 or older and allows trained pharmacy students to do so under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist. Each of the 19 student pharmacists had learned to give injections during their first year in pharmacy school.

As a registered nurse, Hesser administered injections to patients under age 18.

The students were supervised by area pharmacists Bob Eustace of Kinsley and Lisa Gales of Coldwater and three KU pharmacy faculty members: Robert L. Emerson, director of experiential education; Janelle Ruisinger, clinical assistant professor in pharmacy practice; and Barbara Woods, director of postgraduate pharmacy education.
KU announces fall 2008 Watkins-Berger, Summerfield scholars

The University of Kansas Office of Admissions and Scholarships has announced the 138 students who have received prestigious Summerfield and Watkins-Berger scholarships for fall 2008.

The scholarships provide $4,500 per year for four years to each student. About 40 more students received the scholarships this year than in previous years.

"Since KU has experienced its largest freshmen class ever, we also saw enrollment increased in this group of student-scholars," said Gail Sherron, associate director of admissions and scholarships. "We are pleased that so many of Kansas’ most talented students selected KU as their college of choice."

All Summerfield and Watkins-Berger scholarship recipients will be recognized as part of Scholars Day on Nov. 15 at halftime of the KU-Texas football game in Memorial Stadium.

The scholarships are awarded to top students graduating from Kansas high schools in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements, records of community service and leadership.

KU Endowment administers the scholarship funds and the Office of Admissions and Scholarships coordinates the review and awarding process. The Chancellor’s Honor Scholarship Committee selects the recipients.

Summerfield scholarships for men are funded through an endowment established by the late Solon E. Summerfield, a Lawrence native who earned bachelor’s and law degrees from KU in 1899 and 1901, respectively, then moved to New York where he founded the Gotham Silk Hosiery Co. He endowed the scholarship program in 1929. Summerfield Hall, home to KU’s School of Business, was named for him at its dedication in 1960.

Watkins-Berger scholarships for women are financed by the estate of philanthropist Elizabeth M. Watkins of Lawrence and an endowment in memory of Emily Berger by her younger brother, the late Arthur Berger, and his wife, Marie. Emily Berger, who received a bachelor’s from KU in 1914, died in 1920 before receiving a master’s in chemistry. What became the Watkins-Berger scholarships were first established by the Bergers in 1943.

To be eligible for the scholarships, high school seniors need a cumulative unweighted 3.5 grade-point average and an ACT score of 31 or higher or SAT of 1360 in math and critical reading. Starting in fall 2009, students will need to have a 3.65 unweighted GPA.

Shawn Joseph Schaller, son of James and Cynthia Schaller, Nashville, a Pre-Journalism Freshman, is a Summerfield Scholar. He is a graduate of Cunningham High School, Cunningham.
Students to go pumpkin chuckin’ at KU

Seven Caney Valley High School seniors will be among the more than 200 high school students who will send pumpkins soaring at the 2008 High School Design Competition, hosted by the University of Kansas School of Engineering.

The competition begins at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in Eaton Hall on KU’s Lawrence campus.

The annual competition allows teams of students in ninth through 12th grades to test their creative and technical talents as they design and build a small trebuchet that can send a petite pumpkin pillow flying. A trebuchet is a gravity-powered machine similar to a catapult that is capable of launching an object into the air.

Working in teams of two to four students at their schools, participants are designing, constructing and testing their trebuchet to accomplish three pumpkin chuckin’ objectives: land the payload as close as possible to a point of their choosing; land the payload as close as possible to a point announced on Oct. 28; and send the payload the farthest distance.

Teams are required to use some recycled materials in their construction. A special award also will be given to the team displaying the best use of recycled materials as determined by a separate committee.

Caney Valley is sending two teams to the competition. A team called The Avengers includes seniors Chris Henry, Blaine Heady, Brandon Blagg, and junior Dillon Barton. “Justice League” includes seniors Alan Carey, Alex Taylor and Casey McCammon.

The seven students are enrolled in Les Zoch’s physical class at Caney Valley High School.
Appeals court to hear cased here

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A three-member panel of judges from the Kansas Court of Appeals is coming to Colby to hear arguments from attorneys or decide on about 30 cases beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Thomas County Courthouse.

The sessions on Tuesday will run throughout the day, while Wednesday’s will be only in the morning.

The 13-member Court of Appeals, based in Topeka, sits in three-judge panels throughout the state. It hears appeals in civil and criminal cases from the district courts throughout the state and from certain administrative agencies.

Presiding Judge Patrick D. McAnany, Judge Henry W. Green Jr. and Judge Michael B. Buser make up the three-member panel that will be hearing arguments at the courthouse.

McAnany has been on the court since 2004. He was in private law practice from 1968, until he was appointed a district court in Johnson County in 1995. He became the district’s chief judge.

Green has been on the court since 1993. He was in private practice in Leavenworth from 1975 before that.

Buser joined the court in 2005. He graduated from the University of Kansas Law School in 1977, was an assistant district attorney in Johnson County for 10 years, and he also served as a general attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad.

The panel will hear arguments from attorneys in 12 appeals. They will also decide 18 appeals that have been given to the courts on the written briefs from the parties, but without oral argument.

These cases include criminal appeals from convictions for rape, selling cocaine, attempted indecent solicitation of a child and drunk driving. The judges also will hear several civil cases, including an appeal on a driver’s license suspension due to drunk driving, a dispute between unmarried parents over the naming of their child and a business dispute over activities at a private water users’ association.
Wass takes Student Life position at LCC

BY COLLEEN SURIDGE

Labette Community College graduate Tim Wass Jr. has returned to LCC, not as a student, but to help other students as the new Student Life specialist.

While at LCC, Wass was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and received the Top 20 Student Award. He transferred to Pittsburg State University, where he received a bachelor of arts in history and a master's degree in communications.

The reason for the switch in his career choice was job market related, he said. Having exceptional skills in writing and speaking, he felt communications would be the best fit for his talents and personality.

As a student at PSU, Wass was a member of the honor society Phi Kappa Phi, which honors the top 10 percent of graduate students nationwide. He was also a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, where he oversees the annual "Cornerstone" leadership program as the regional alumni mentor trainer for chapters at the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Fort Hays State University and PSU. In addition, he was a member of the Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society. He graduated with dean's honors from PSU and served as graduate teaching assistant of public speaking. While attending college, he gained experience as a promotions assistant for Saga Communications at KOAM TV and FOX 14 TV, where he assisted in the creation and management of numerous special events across the four-state area.

Wass has been employed by LCC as adjunct public speaking instructor.

Seeing the LCC campus change and grow, as well as the programs, Wass said he thought the position at the college was a prime oppor-

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portunity to be employed in his hometown and be able to make a difference in the area.

"I felt it was the perfect fit," Wass said.

Everything about the position interests him, he said, especially helping students discover themselves as leaders and learn that college is about more than just a grade point average.

He said he wants to help students understand that when they leave college, employers are seeking those who exhibit traits such as being organized, having management skills and being willing to volunteer for organizations to help their communities.

"The best way for students to learn these skills is by being involved in the college and the community, and it's a way of giving back to the community," he said.

Wass hopes to expand on activities for students. At the same time, he said, "Fun is good, but I also want to enhance the learning process."

As LCC progresses he said he hopes to create more opportunities for students and he encourages anyone with ideas to call him.

To bring in as many educational and entertainment events as possible for students, Wass is also seeking businesses in the area that are willing to sponsor events. He can be reached at the college at 421-6700.