Doctor begins duties

By LINDA KENYON

The doctor is now in. J. Scott Appling, M.D., has been granted his Kansas medical license and is now seeing patients and taking his place in the on-call rotation at Rush County Memorial Hospital. Appling is a Kansas native, growing up at Ulysses. A family practice physician, he recently moved from Texas. He received his undergraduate degree from Marymount College in Salina and his medical education from KU School of Medicine.

Appling said he immediately felt at home, seeing many positives about the community. “I’ve met lots of really nice people,” he said.

He was frustrated about the wait to reinstate his Kansas medical license, but realizes the process takes time. He is excited about building his practice in Rush County, and is looking forward to the upcoming hospital renovation.

Hospital Administrator George Stover said the addition of Appling to the medical staff is an advantage to the clinic and hospital. Having a family practice physician, an internist and a physician assistant on staff will help better serve the citizens of Rush County.

“I’m very pleased Dr. Appling wanted to come to Rush County, and the hospital board feels likewise,” said Stover. “Dr. Appling, Dr. Arano and Dodie will compliment each other.”
Four area students completed degree requirements at the University of Kansas during the fall semester.

Completing degrees were:
Kirk Bray, son of Stanley and Gloria Bray, Dighton; senior bachelor of general studies/classical languages.
Megan Gechter, daughter of Mick and Lori Gechter, Scott City; senior bachelor of general studies in speech-language-hearing.
Brianne McDaniel, daughter of Tom and Pam McDaniel, Scott City; BA degree in arts/English.
Lawrence Daubert, senior bachelor of arts degree in arts/psychology.

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In her newest exhibit "European Travel Photography," Genevieve Boyle captures the everyday life and details of rural and urban European regions. Boyle's exhibit of 16 digital photographs will be displayed in the South Entrance of the Salina Public Library, 301 W. Elm, beginning Friday and lasting through February 12.

Boyle is a graduate student in art history at the University of Missouri at Kansas City and works in the design department at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. She graduated from the University of Kansas in 2007 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and art history. A native Salinan, she has been active in the community's visual arts through the Salina School District and the Salina Art Center.

As a student at KU, her knowledge and talent in the medium has continued to grow with photography and graphic design courses. During the spring semester of 2006, Boyle participated in the Humanities and Western Civilization Semester Abroad in Florence, Italy, and Paris, France. A great deal of her leisure time abroad was committed to photography, resulting in the images in her exhibit.

"These photos display nontraditional and unusual viewpoints of well-known European landmarks, as well as glimpses of intimate and private corners of European life," Boyle said.

Boyle's photography has been published in the KU student newspaper, The University Daily Kansan, has been selected for the University of Kansas Study Abroad Photo Exhibition, and has been displayed in the Salina Country Club's exhibition space in April 2007. Her resume includes internships at the Wichita Art Museum and the Salina Art Center along with certification in KU's Global Awareness Program.
KU lists grads

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Area students include:

Greensburg: Stephanie Lynn White, daughter of David and Kathy White, Education-Special Education

Pratt: Christopher James Dino, son of Andrea Fea, Economics; William Reid Gunnerson, son of Charles and Mary Ann Gunnerson, English; Kristen Faye Kuhn, daughter of Tim and Faye Kuhn, Accounting...
KU awards $29.6 million in scholarships

KU awards $29.6 million in scholarship support to students for 2008-09. In the past five years, KU Endowment has provided more than $118 million in scholarships, fellowships and awards to KU students.

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Baxter Springs Casey Young Meek son of Chris and Sherri Meek Juris DoctorJD Prof 3 Voss Kansas Law Scholarship Thomas Jefferson Ind Day Sch Joplin MO

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Cherokee Aaron Mason Washauer son of Mary Davidson Undecided CLAS Freshman Robert & Barbara Bateman Wunsch Marching Jayhawk Tuba Schol. GED - State of Kansas KS

Columbus Michael William Aldrighetti son of Mike Aldrighetti Pre-Business Freshman Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

Columbus Jacqulyn Dawn Bowin daughter of Thomas and Mavis Bowin History BGS Senior Charles Buddy Rogers Scholarship in Theatre and Film Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

Columbus Amanda Kay Carpio daughter of Craig Carpio PharmacyJD Prof 1 Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

Columbus Amanda Kay Carpio daughter of Sharon Carpio PharmacyJD Prof 1 Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

Columbus Morgan L Cheeseman daughter of Bruce and Joie Cheeseman Communication StudiesBA DECL Sophomore Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

Columbus Clinton Gaither Ellis Male - ChemistryBS Senior Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

Columbus Andrew L Fouts son of Thomas and Patricia Fouts Juris DoctorJD Prof 2 Help of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Scholarship Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

Columbus Andrew L Fouts son of Thomas and Patricia Fouts Juris DoctorJD Prof 2 Adrian W. Wallace Fund Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

Columbus Timothy Allan Holding son of Don and Ellen Holding PharmacyPD Prof 1 Plough Pharmacy Student Scholarship Columbus Unified High School Columbus KS

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Galena Kyle S Mock son of Steven and Connie Mock BiochemistryBS Senior Orlin A. Weede Scholarship Riverton High School Riverton KS

Galena Amanda Jean Taylor daughter of Sandra Taylor Elementary Education BSE Junior Chris and Marilyn Anderson Scholarship Galena High School Galena KS

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Galena Stephanie Joan Watson daughter of Kelly and Patricia Watson Pre-Pharmacy Freshman David and Emma Dunbar Scholarship Galena High School Galena KS

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Virtually all scholarships, fellowships and awards at KU come from private contributions to KU Endowment. So far, 8,555 scholarships have been awarded for the current academic year. Many students receive more than one scholarship. KU divides many scholarships between the fall and spring semesters, and there are some students who receive scholarship support for the summer term as well.

This year’s recipients represent 103 of the 105 counties in Kansas, 45 other states and Puerto Rico and 45 other countries. To see the list of honored students, visit www.news.ku.edu/2008/december/19/scholarships.shtml.

“It’s rewarding to look across KU and realize that thousands of our students are here because of scholarship support provided by donors,” said Dale Seuferling, president of KU Endowment. “Endowed scholarships span the generations, enabling students to earn degrees at KU and move on to productive careers. For many of these students, these accomplishments would not have been possible without scholarship support provided by generations of KU alumni and friends.”

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Though KU Endowment raises support for scholarships and other student aid, the university determines the distribution of available support. The figure fluctuates each year based on several factors, such as the number of students who apply for and receive them, the investment performance of endowed scholarship funds and new gifts for scholarships.

Scholarship funds are managed by KU Endowment, the independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fundraising and fund-management organization for KU. Founded in 1891, KU Endowment is the first foundation of its kind at a U.S. public university.
Faculty needed to train nurses

While clinics and hospitals clamor for more nurses, so too do the state’s nursing education programs.

Prompted by a projected nursing shortage, the Kansas Legislature in 2006 awarded $30 million over 10 years for grants to the state’s nursing programs. The funds are to be used to upgrade teaching equipment and facilities and provide scholarships for nurses to return to school for a higher degree. Those areas were considered the top three obstacles to training more nurses.

Nurses with advanced training are in particularly high demand, said Karen L. Miller, senior vice chancellor and dean of the University of Kansas School of Nursing, because they have a variety of options.

A nurse with a master’s degree could work as a nurse anesthetist; a nurse-midwife; a nurse practitioner; specialize in a field such as oncology, or become an instructor.

Miller said it is hard for nursing schools to compete with clinical settings in luring nurses to faculty positions. The schedule may be better but the pay may not.

“There is such a high demand for advanced practice nurses in hospitals and other clinical settings that there’s sometimes a pretty significant difference in compensation,” Miller said. “To encourage someone to go into teaching, they would have to consider the long-term financial implications as well.”

A 2005 study by the Kansas State Nurses Association found that nursing faculty with masters’ degrees earned between $44,947 and $60,000 — well below the $70,642 average salary of a masters-level nurse practicing in a clinic.

The study also found that 123 nursing faculty with a masters or Ph.D. would retire by 2014.

If the nursing programs can’t replace them, said Debbie Hackler, director of nursing at Hutchinson Community College, they won’t be able to take on more students.

“If we have 40 positions for new students each year, but not the faculty to take care of them, then I can only take 30 of them,” she said.

According to the Kansas Board of Regents’ 2007 Kansas Nursing Initiative Annual Report, 53 scholarships were awarded in the first year of the education program.

But that might not be enough, the authors wrote.

“The growing popularity of this service scholarship program has a very real potential to ease the nursing faculty shortage by assisting with the production of new nurse educators,” the report said. “This grant does not, however, address the disproportionate salary differences between nurse educators and practitioners, which has contributed greatly to the shortage of nursing faculty.”

The University of Kansas is “competitive” in its salaries for faculty members with advanced degrees, Miller said.

“I would not say that’s true everywhere, for every university,” she said.

Miller said she was pleased with the steps the regents and Legislature had taken to address the nursing workforce needs but was concerned about what the state’s troubled budget situation might mean for the nursing grant program.

“Even though the Board of Regents was progressive in their support of the nursing workforce, the current economic times may be a negative factor that they didn’t count on,” Miller said.

“Hopefully, the downturn will be short-lived, and it won’t have a long-term impact on the number of nurses we can educate.”
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Area Students Receive KU Scholarships

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Area students receiving scholarships include:

**Halstead**
- Elizabeth Ann Major, daughter of Terry and Joan Major, Anthropology BA, Junior, Nunemaker College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Scholarship, Halstead High School.
- Casey M. Miles, son of Kirk and Shelley Miles, News and Information BSJ, Junior, Robert Ord Christian Jr. Memorial Scholarship; Roger N. Wooldridge Journalism Scholarship, Halstead High School.
- Matthew John Pjesky, son of John and Karen Pjesky, Civil Engineering BS, Freshman, Reno-Harvey County KU Honors Scholarship; James L. and Gladys B. Sharp Scholarship; Presson Scott Shane Memorial Scholarship, Halstead High School.
- Crystal Lynn Leming, daughter of Ron and Kelli Arrowsmith, Psychology BGS DECL, Senior Chancellor’s Club Scholarships; Emily V. Berger Scholarship, Halstead High School.
- Megan Lynnae Ollendieck, daughter of Deborah and Victor Ryan, Pre-Pharmacy, Freshman, James L. and Gladys B. Sharp Scholarship; Reno-Harvey County KU Honors Scholarship, Halstead High School.

**Sedgwick**
- Kiah Christine Mattson, daughter of Terry and Carol Mattson Pre-Pharmacy, Sophomore, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship, Reno-Harvey County KU Honors Scholarship, Sedgwick High School.
- Christopher J. Maugans, son of Robert and Marie Coleman, Medicine MD Prof 1 Dr. Philip Galloway Fund, Wichita Collegiate School.

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Graduating were: Aubrey J. Collie, Maize High School; Jonathan D. Weishaar of Maize and Bishop Carroll High School; Jennifer Leigh Schneider, Maize High School; Sarah J. Reynolds, Haven High School; Christopher Wray, Maize High School; Erik Lee Christenson, Maize High School; Rachel L. Schulte, Maize High School; and Melissa Shippy, Maize High School.
Chapman High School graduate is fall graduate from University of Kansas

LAWRENCE -- Kelsie DeNaze Clark, a graduate of Chapman High School, was a Fall 2008 graduate of University of Kansas.

She is daughter of Debby and James Clark, of Chapman, and earned a Bachelor of General Studies/Theatre and Film.

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