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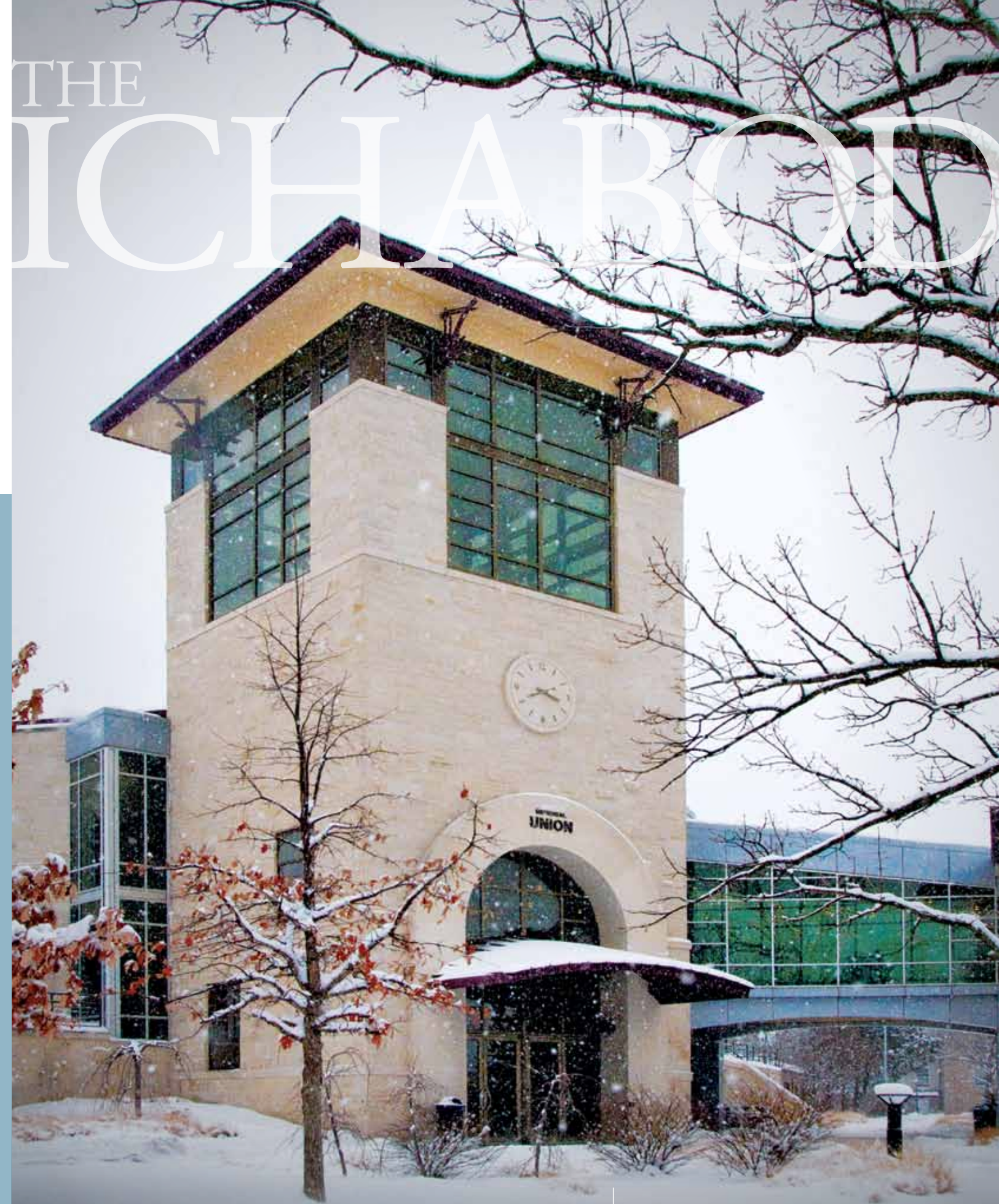
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FROM the PRESIDENT

Washburn recognizes its role in contributing to the future success of Topeka and to the larger community of Kansas and beyond. Washburn University provides leadership through the delivery of post-secondary and higher education, participation in community organizations and initiatives and creation of big ideas to promote the economic vitality of the region.

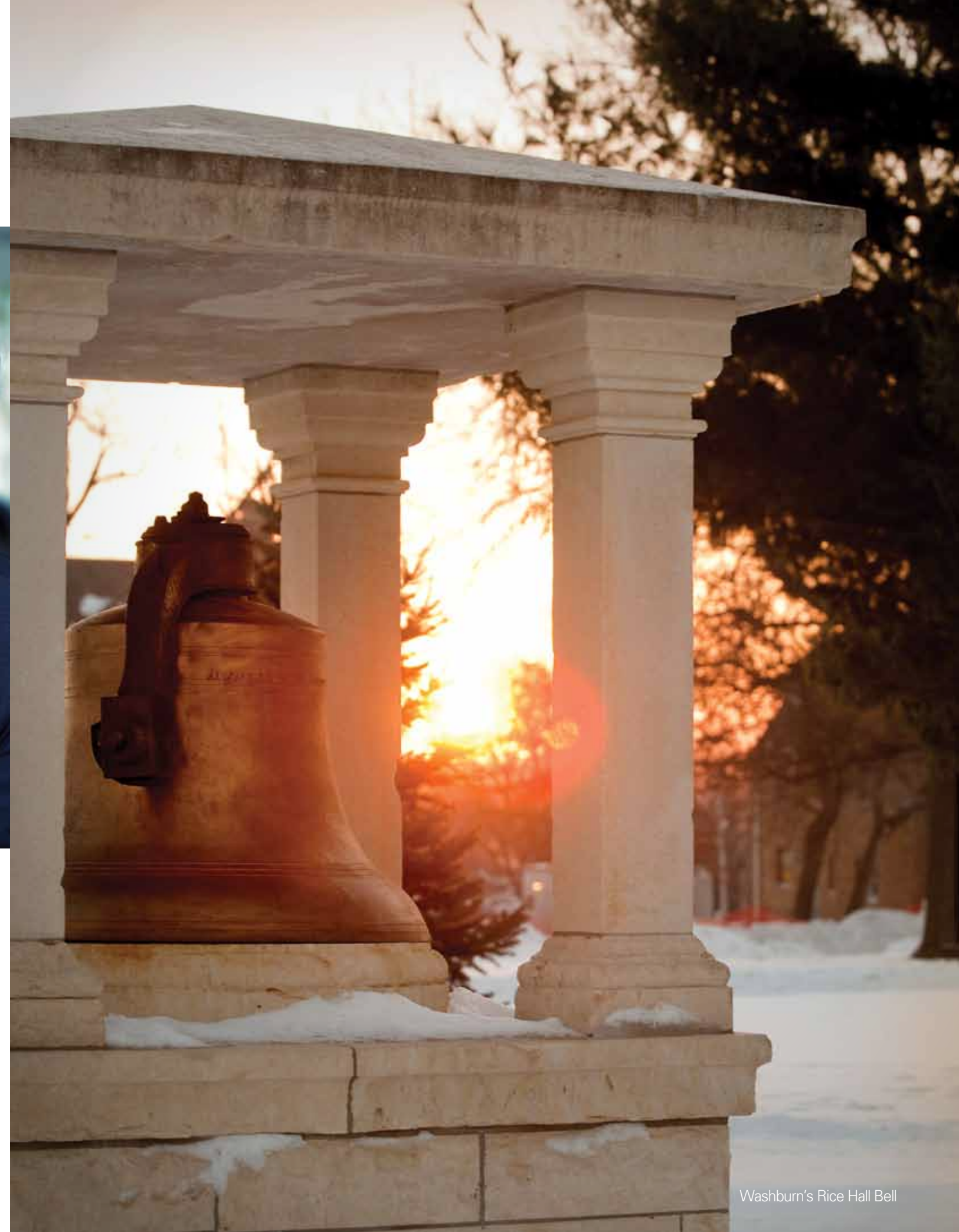
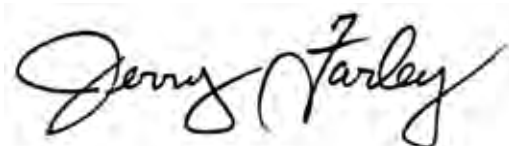
Institutions of higher education are facing similar challenges as other industries in this time of economic downturn. Washburn University has embraced these challenges with vision and determination and is moving forward to accomplish the strategic plan set forth in April 2010. With one year accomplished, we are experiencing many successes as we grow and adapt to the changing landscape of higher education.

This fall, Washburn experienced its highest enrollment in school history. We are excited about the increased number of international students and will continue to develop our strategies to recruit students from other countries, including China and India. We are proud of the accomplishments of our athletics department. Our student-athletes practice, play and study hard. This results in successful programs and high student-athlete grade point averages and graduation rates. In the arts, we just completed the record-breaking Nathan Sawaya LEGOs® exhibit, "The Art of the Brick®." More than 60,000 people visited the exhibit from June to September.

Every higher education institution recognizes the challenges of becoming increasingly tuition-dependent. At Washburn, more than 55 percent of our revenues come from student tuition. While Washburn had modest tuition increases compared to other regional and Kansas schools, we are at the same time excited about the plans to grow our scholarship resources and to provide higher levels of scholarship support.

Our faculty work closely within their disciplines to identify new educational needs of the workforce. We are moving forward on several new graduate programs that reflect the need for advanced professional degrees in nursing, allied health and business. Washburn Institute of Technology was awarded a \$20 million grant in October in collaboration with six other Kansas community colleges to upgrade and distribute new technology programs to students throughout the state. This grant creates opportunities to attract new businesses to Kansas because of the availability of well qualified employees.

Washburn University is on the move. Our success reflects the hard work and commitment of the talented Washburn team, including employees, students, alumni, donors and community supporters. Together we are making a difference.





WASHBURN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS:

GOING GLOBAL

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With faculty from Russia, Australia, Korea, Kenya, Canada and Romania, Washburn’s School of Business offers plenty of opportunities for students to learn about business outside of the United States.

Teaching international business has been a focal point for the school for years, said David Sollars, the school’s dean.

“Most of our students are from Topeka, Shawnee County and small communities. In some cases, kids don’t know much about the world,” he said. “We’re cognizant of that and we know that in today’s economy we’re in a global marketplace.

“Even if some of our students never leave Topeka and stay here for their careers, the world is going to come to them. We need to do as much as we can to give our students a taste of what is going on internationally.”

The school’s diverse faculty hails from five continents: North America, Africa, Australia, Europe and Asia. Also, several international scholars have visited and shared their experiences with students.

“From Scotland to China, we’ve had them all, and that enriches our students’ understanding of business internationally,” Sollars said. “We also encourage our faculty to be engaged internationally, whether that’s attending conferences abroad or serving as international scholars.”

One of the universities hosting professors from Washburn is Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST) in Wuhan, China. The schools have had a partnership since 2006, when a Washburn group visited China and met with business figures and government officials in Wuhan and Yichang.

In the five years since, the two schools have organized internship projects five times, with 70 students from China and 40 from Washburn participating.

“All the students receive great experience from the projects,” said Yong Liu, associate professor, WUST school of management. “The cooperation is playing a more and more integral part in development of both universities, and it will not be long before the more comprehensive cooperation accelerates and makes contributions to the integration of China and the U.S.”

Washburn and WUST have also exchanged faculty, with Michael Stoica, distinguished professor of marketing, and Bob Boncella, director, master of business administration program, serving as guest professors, and Sollars and Russ Smith, associate dean, visiting China. Four faculty members from WUST have visited Washburn since 2006.

“If you’re going to take a job with a company, it’s very likely at some point that the job is going to have

Washburn’s School of Business has a diverse faculty consisting of professors from five continents. From left are Sungkyu Kwak (Korea), associate professor, economics; Sheldon Peng (Canada), assistant professor, accounting; David Price (Australia), visiting instructor, marketing; Dmitri Nizovtsev (Russia), associate professor, economics; Sorin Valcea (Romania), assistant professor, management; Norma Juma (Kenya), associate professor, management; Michael Stoica (Romania), distinguished professor, marketing; and David Sollars (United States), dean.

an international dimension,” said Washburn President Jerry Farley. “The hope is that we can give students some exposure, help them gain a little understanding, before they leave.”

INTERNATIONALLY SPEAKING

Studying abroad can have a significant impact on a student’s education and job prospects once they leave Washburn, said Dmitri Nizovtsev, associate professor, economics, and study abroad coordinator for the School of Business.

“Two students have told me that they think they got their jobs mainly because they studied abroad,” Nizovtsev said. “This sets them apart. They learn to adapt while they’re overseas. I’ve seen students transform from being meek to be very confident after these trips. They grow.”

The School of Business offers dozens of opportunities outside of the United States. Washburn students have traveled to such countries as Germany, France, the Netherlands, Costa Rica,

FROM THE NOTEPAD

“There are so many positives to studying abroad: some of the skills you learn, the way things like marketing are done overseas, learning from a different set of people. The more people you meet in the process of getting your education, the more prepared you are.”

– Dmitri Nizovtsev, study abroad coordinator for the School of Business

Experience scholarships, which can cover a significant portion of the costs of studying abroad.

“I understand that for many students the concern is the cost. The stereotype is that the cost is prohibitive,” Nizovtsev said. “However, if you look at it closely, the only extras are airfare and getting your passport. It turns out the extras are \$2,000 to \$2,500, and our scholarships cover that. The way the exchange works, you’re still a Washburn student, so the tuition is what it is here.

“We are very grateful for our donors and the work the Washburn Foundation does to help the students.”

China and Spain.

“I have to admit getting on the plane that day was one of the best decisions I ever made,” Sarah Sims, bba, ’09, said in a testimonial on the school’s website. “I now know that there is almost no limit to what situations I can handle and do on my own. This experience definitely changed my life for the better.”

Sims traveled to Zuyd University in the Netherlands through the Magellan Exchange, a non-profit consortium of universities in which Washburn participates. The exchange gives students the chance to study in several countries at an affordable cost.

Students traveling overseas also benefit from Washburn Transformation



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For more on the School of Business, visit washburn.edu/business



Jingjing Wu has been dreaming about studying abroad for years. That dream came true when the Wuhan, China, native began attending Washburn in 2010.

Photo by Ernie W. Webb III

COMING TO AMERICA

By Ernie W. Webb III

Not even tornadoes could keep Jingjing Wu, of Wuhan, China, from living her dream. The student from Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST) wasn't going to let a little inclement weather prevent her from studying abroad.

"I've known since middle school that I wanted to study away from home," said Wu, a junior pursuing a bachelor of business administration with an emphasis in accounting. "I didn't know much about Topeka, but it is similar to Wuhan in some ways, like the summer and winter, except we don't have tornadoes.

"Even though there were some adjustments, I really like it here. It's been a good fit."

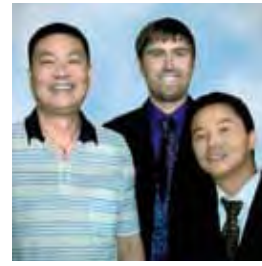
Wu is one of 93 students from China studying at Washburn this semester. As it has for many classmates in her native country, WUST's partnership with Washburn has paved the way to experiencing college and a different way of life in America.

Wu, who is majoring in international business administration at the university in China, learned about Washburn through the School of Business and meeting students from Topeka during her sophomore year at her home school.

"I saw a presentation and felt like it would be a good fit. It was very exciting," Wu said. "It's been a valuable experience, learning about the culture and business in America."

Now in her second year at Washburn, Wu said some of the adjustments to living in the United States included the language, food and classroom setting.

"I've been studying English for 11 years, but it was still difficult to understand at first," she said. "And we don't have as many cheeses as you do here, so eating has been a big adjustment. Also, at WUST, your class is the same group of people for every class, so you end up spending four years with the same group of people. That's very different from Washburn."



Evan Fisher (center) worked on a marketing presentation with Wuhan (China) University of Science and Technology students. They presented their proposal in Wuhan.

Photo submitted by Evan Fisher

GOING TO CHINA

By Ernie W. Webb III

One of the objectives of the School of Business course BU 406: International Business and Entrepreneurship Experience is to "acquire firsthand international business experience through teaming with foreign students and work on an international business project."

That, and a trip to China, comprised an offer Evan Fisher, Topeka, couldn't refuse for the spring 2011 semester.

"Studying abroad is something I've always wanted to do," said Fisher, who is pursuing a bachelor of business administration with an emphasis in accounting and marketing. "Combine that with the opportunity to experience international business firsthand, and it's a great opportunity."

During the final two weeks of the course, students in the class travel to sister university Wuhan University of Science and Technology to work on a project with Chinese students.

The project for Fisher and his team was producing a marketing plan for an industrial scales company in Wuhan.

"Our team went to the company a few times, and we got to talk to the CEO and marketing director," Fisher said. "We learned about the company and how it conducts business. From there, we came up with a solution we thought would work and presented it to them.

"We were given complete control. It's great to have a program like this that combines studying abroad with real business environments. It was definitely worth it."

Fisher and his classmates received several scholarships to help fund the trip.

"The scholarships were awesome. Everybody in the class got them," he said. "That made the program even more attractive, having that help. I couldn't turn that down, a great opportunity for an amazing price."



Whiting Field House



A FOUNDATION IN THE FAR EAST

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Spanning the globe to bring you the constant variety of ... education. That famous line paraphrased from ABC's long-running show "Wide World of Sports" sums up Washburn's efforts internationally as the university continues to build relationships abroad.

Years of dedication provided by Washburn faculty have paid off in China, as Washburn has formed partnerships with 12 "sister" universities in the country. Those partnerships have resulted in hundreds of international students attending Washburn, including 93 in the 2011-12 school year.

"We have great, reliable contacts and liaisons in China, and we've been working with those universities for a long time," said Baili Zhang, Washburn's director of international programs. "Washburn is known at those schools, and people refer students to us. We also do various initiatives and programs in China, like the basketball team's trip there in 2006."

Cultivating relationships in China has been a decade-long project. Zhang and President Jerry Farley have traveled to China several times to meet with administrators at schools ranging from Shanghai Normal University to Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST).

Those efforts have been rewarded with a steady rise in the

number of Chinese students on campus, Farley said.

"We've got more than 90 Chinese students on campus, up from a small handful five, six years ago," he said. "Inevitably, the people in China want to know if we're committed to this, what kind of school we are, what kind of people we are. Through personal attention, creating those relationships, we've been successful in getting more students to come here."

One of Washburn's most successful partnerships has been with WUST. It has resulted not only in the exchange of students, but also faculty. Several Washburn professors have served as scholars at WUST.

"Once we learned more about Washburn, we decided to proceed with a co-operation," said WUST's Yunchuan Zhang, associate professor, school of management. "We've established a very good relationship, from exchanging students to faculty members. I know our students learn a lot when they're at Washburn, and that is very important to us."

FROM INDIA TO WASHBURN

In November 2010, the Institute of International Education reported that 105,000 students from India studied at colleges and universities in the United States during the 2009-10 academic year.

As more students from India study abroad, Washburn is making a concerted effort to foster relationships with universities in the country.

"We'd like to do the same thing in India that we've had great success with in China," Farley said. "We're at the beginning of that process. I've visited India three times, and we've tried a couple of different relationships. We've had the leadership from several campuses come here, but we have not taken the next step of them referring students to us yet."

India's rapid gains in education over the past decade make it appealing to Washburn, especially considering the number of potential students who could study abroad here.

In addition, language makes India appealing. English is one of the country's official languages and more than 300 million people use it, according to the Census of India.

"This is very important to Washburn," Farley said. "We've got just


a few students from India on campus when we should have 50. It's a process, and we are going to continue working on it."

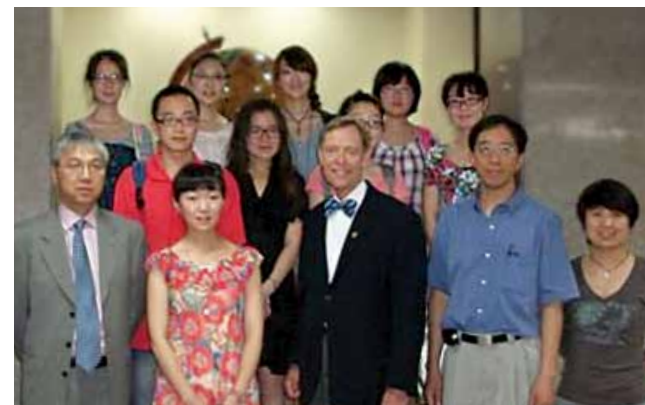
Farley and Zhang traveled to India during the spring 2011 semester to explore several universities. They visited five schools and signed an agreement to partner with Symbiosis International University, which has nine campuses in Pune, Noida, Bengaluru and Nashik, India.

Also, Washburn is working with two recruiting firms in India to attract students.

"We have one firm in New Delhi and one in Bengaluru that we're working with, and I'm very impressed with their leadership," Farley said. "They are going to help us identify and screen students who have a chance to be successful here and get them connected with us."

The firms will target students pursuing careers in business, nursing, law and liberal arts.

"Many of the students in India study engineering, so we need to attract those in the programs we have to offer," Zhang said. "The important thing is that we continue to develop our relationships with international partners. These relationships take constant maintaining and fine tuning. It takes time to grow them." 



Washburn President Jerry Farley, front row, third from right, and Baili Zhang, front row, second from right, have made several trips to China. Farley and Zhang said Washburn hopes to build relationships in India, as they have at schools such as Wuhan University of Science and Technology in China.

SISTER SCHOOLS

The 12 universities Washburn has a partnership with in China:

Chendu College of Sichuan International Studies University

Lanzhou University

Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology

Nankai University

Shanghai Normal University

Tianjin Conservatory of Music

Tongji University

Wuhan University of Science and Technology

Xiamen University

Yiwu Industrial & Commercial College

Zhejiang International Studies University

Zhejiang Normal University

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For a complete list of Washburn's international partnerships, visit washburn.edu/alumni/international



CONCURRENT GROWTH

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Washburn's 9.8 percent increase in enrollment since 2010 has coincided with a significant rise in the university's Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (CEP).

In fall 2009, 70 high school students signed up for Washburn classes. One year later, that number climbed nearly 700 percent when 470 students enrolled. For fall 2011, CEP enrollees stood at 569, another sizable jump.


A program of entry-level university courses with an objective to enhance the transition from high school to college, Washburn's CEP is available to students at Highland Park, Seaman, Shawnee Heights, Topeka, Topeka West and Washburn Rural high schools.

"Last year, we went from a pilot program to adding other courses and we were working with five high schools. We grew dramatically," said Tim Peterson, dean of academic outreach. "Part of the reason is we had allowed Allen County (Community College) to participate in this program. We felt that since we are the institution

of Shawnee County, it makes sense for us to offer those courses and work with the instructors."

Eligible students must be juniors or seniors with a 3.0 grade point average and approval from their high school counselor or principal.

"I think this program is incredibly helpful in creating awareness of the university, the programs we have to offer and the quality of programs we have to offer," Peterson said. "The relationships we have between our faculty and the high school instructors are another factor. Because we work closely with them, the teachers are critical in helping students not only in becoming aware of Washburn, but also in considering us as an option if they hadn't previously."

Students and their parents also benefit financially. CEP enrollees pay one-half the regular undergraduate resident tuition rate. 

BY THE NUMBERS

215
2009-10 unduplicated enrollment

546
2010-11 unduplicated enrollment

569
Fall 2011 enrollment

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Read more about Washburn's Concurrent Enrollment Program at washburn.edu/ao



Connor and Ryan Olsen at a Washburn homecoming.



BIG EFFORT, BIG NUMBERS

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Along with faculty, staff, students and members of the community, Washburn President Jerry Farley celebrated the university's record enrollment with cake and lemonade on Sept. 29. Washburn's enrollment of 7,303 topped the previous mark of 7,261 set in 2005.

It was Christmas in September for Washburn, complete with a record-setting gift.

On Sept. 27, Washburn reported a fall enrollment of 7,303 students, topping the previous high of 7,261 reached in 2005.

"We are happy to celebrate a new record enrollment," said Richard Liedtke, executive director of enrollment management. "We continue to see positive enrollment growth after three years of decline. That's a success story in itself."

Continued enrollment growth is one of the goals listed under Theme II of Washburn's 150 Forward strategic plan. Strategic Theme II is to recruit, retain and graduate a diverse student body.

"We want to demonstrate that we are progressing, we are growing and that people are willing to continue to come to Washburn because they think it's a great place to get an education," said Washburn President Jerry Farley. "Having an increase in enrollment really signals all those things happening. But it doesn't happen by

accident. It happens because a lot of people are making it happen."

CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

Washburn's enrollment climbed to more than 7,000 in 2003 and stayed above that mark until 2007. But the numbers began to drop steadily in the following years, dipping to 6,545 in 2008.

Enrollment rose 1.6 percent in 2009, then exploded in 2010 with an increase of 8.7 percent to 7,230.

"What very likely happened is we are presenting the Washburn story better, a more comprehensive view of what Washburn is and how we can fit the need of the student," Farley said. "If we can tell that story effectively, and we're the right place for the student, they come."

A steady increase in the number of



A welcome center at the front of Morgan Hall would serve as a one-stop shop for students and prospective students. The facility would house everything from the business office to admissions and financial aid.

direct-from-high-school students has helped boost enrollment. At 724, the count for such students is up 6.2 percent from 2010, due in large part to the efforts of the admissions department, Farley said.

"We decided we would focus more on direct-from-high-school freshmen, which is something we had not emphasized for many, many years," he said. "We've had great success and built momentum, and that's a credit to our admissions staff."

BUILDING MOMENTUM

Liedtke, who has been at Washburn

since 2009, said the first step in growing enrollment was changing the approach in recruiting students.

"We needed the admissions office and recruitment efforts to focus on going from operating as a processing center to building a relationship management process," he said. "We must stay in touch with students regularly, connecting their passions with Washburn and demonstrating to them how they would be a good fit at Washburn."

"What we've seen is people on campus buying into our system, believing it. It takes a whole village to do this, everybody from faculty and staff to current students, to alumni. That's the special touch Washburn has, to be able to build those connections. We want to provide over-the-top service for prospective and current students."

Those connections include making Shawnee County high schools a focal point in the recruiting process. In the past, one admissions counselor was assigned to those schools. Now, every Washburn counselor is assigned to a high school in the county.

"We're in those high schools at least once a month, if not more," said Kris Klima, associate director of admissions.

"We've had a great response, and the schools are glad we're spending more time there and making the effort."

Admissions sponsors luncheons for high school teachers and staff and attends school events, cultivating relationships crucial to spreading Washburn's message. The result has been a significant increase – 18.9 percent from 2009 to 2011 – in

direct-from-high-school freshmen attending the university.

"We hear from Washburn often. There's constant contact with our counselor," said Washburn Rural High School's Brenda Holaday, director of the school's counseling department. "They recruit heavily here. Anytime you have that contact, it's going to help the kids think about going to Washburn."

MESSAGE & CHANGES

Quality education, individual attention with top-notch faculty, small classes and more personalization for the prospective student are all a part of Washburn's message.

"It's not that other institutions don't care about the students. It's just that a large institution, for example, doesn't have time for every student," Liedtke said. "Here, the faculty take time to meet and care about student success. We have a little more personalization, and we key in on that when we're recruiting."

In addition to a new approach, multiple other changes have bolstered recruiting. One significant change has been in Washburn's scholarship grid.

Before this year, the scholarship grid ranged from \$500 to \$2,250. The current grid spans from \$500 to \$5,000.

"It's nice to be more competitive and on par with other schools in our state on the scholarships," Klima said. "In fact, we're now better than par compared to most schools in state."

Another change can be seen in a restructured admissions office featuring

several new counselors and a social media specialist, as well as more space to work in. The department also is branching farther into Missouri now that Washburn offers resident tuition in the state.


LOOKING AHEAD

Several other changes are in the works, including a welcome center that will serve as a one-stop shop for students' needs. Still in the planning stages, the center will be located at the front of Morgan Hall and house many of the departments currently located in the building, including admissions, university registrar, business office and financial aid.

"Right now, we are fragmented in the way we approach students, and we don't have a uniform image we're portraying once they get to campus," Farley said. "What we want to do is bring them on campus and overwhelm them with this image, a look that makes them say, 'Wow, this is what we'd like to be a part of.'"

"The second thing the welcome center will do is serve as a main entrance to campus, which we really don't have right now. We need someplace that will say, 'You've arrived. This is Washburn.'"

Another notable change will be a revamped website tailored to the needs of students and those interested in learning about Washburn. The university is in the process of a website redesign scheduled to be launched in spring 2012.

The admissions office is and will be attempting to reach more prospective students in Kansas and out of state. 

WASHBURN SCHOLARSHIP GRID

ACT	GPA: 3.0-3.20	GPA: 3.21-3.40	GPA: 3.41-3.60	GPA: 3.61-3.80	GPA: 3.81-4.0
21-22	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
23-24	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
25-26	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
27-28	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
29-30	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
31-32	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
33-34	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,500
35-36	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$5,000

... AND WE'RE OFF!

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Administrators serving barbecue to students, a short film on Washburn's early history featuring the narrative of Alumni Association board member John Ybarra, giving away hundreds of sesquicentennial T-shirts and a "Footloose" video demonstrating the eclectic dance moves of the university's faculty and staff.

Those were among the highlights of the Aug. 22 convocation, which kicked off the countdown to Washburn's sesquicentennial celebration in 2015.

"The leaders who began Washburn were dedicated to an ideal of providing an education to those who sought to improve themselves and improve the world around them," said Washburn President Jerry Farley. "This vision endures today. We continue the legacy of Washburn."

As the university began the countdown to birthday No. 150, it showcased the school's beginning. During the fall semester, Washburn remembered its founding and early years.

At convocation, new and returning students, faculty and staff, and members of the community watched a video commemorating the school from 1865-1914. As the countdown to the sesquicentennial continues, a period of Washburn history will be highlighted with each academic year.

"Not many corporations or companies last 400, 500 years," Farley said. "But Washburn will be here 400, 500 years from now. The early history of Washburn is quite remarkable. There were many times when the school could have shut down, but the early leaders kept moving forward."

Convocation included a speech by



Washburn Student Government Association President Taylor McGown, who welcomed students by saying, "You are the Ichabod, the symbol of our university's character. You are the leaders, the future, the new tradition."

The event also served as the starting point for the Washburn University Foundation's annual faculty and staff giving campaign, which generated \$127,012. That marked an increase of more than \$10,000 from 2010, when the campaign raised \$116,802.

"We have a rich tradition at Washburn of giving," said Foundation President JuliAnn Mazachek. "The giving campaign has been in place since the 1990s. We have raised over \$1 million from the faculty and staff campaign. A truly outstanding accomplishment."

The opening semester of the countdown also featured the sesquicentennial's first signature event – the Washburn Alumni Association's Bow Tie Ball. The event consisted of presentations by students, music, dancing and a champagne toast by Farley.

Held on Nov. 19, the ball took place after The Ichabod's deadline. Please visit washburn.edu/alumni and washburn.edu/150 for more from the ball, including photos.

Events scheduled for the 2012 spring semester include a visit to campus by Richard Norton Smith, former director of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas.

Smith will be the first Lincoln Scholar Lecturer and will be at Washburn on Feb. 6, Founders' Day, as the university celebrates its birthday.

Founders' Day will also feature the recognition of the Crane Observatory's Warner & Swasey refracting telescope, built in the late 1880s.

On April 21, Washburn will host a Plein Air event for alumni, current students and artists in the community. *Plein air* is French for "in the open air" and describes painting outdoors.

More details about these two events, which were in the planning stages at press time, are available at washburn.edu/150.



Washburn University administrators, including President Jerry Farley, served students barbecue after the Aug. 22 convocation on campus. Convocation kicked off the university's countdown to the sesquicentennial.

SESQUICENTENNIAL SIGNATURE EVENTS

FOUNDERS' DAY (FEB. 6)

A celebration of Washburn University's official birthday includes a visit to campus from Lincoln Lecturer Richard Norton Smith, former director of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas. Smith is a renowned American historian who specializes in presidents. There will also be recognition of the Crane Observatory's Warner & Swasey refracting telescope built in the 1880s.

PLEIN AIR EVENT (APRIL 21)

French for "in the open air," Washburn's Plein Air event will be a gathering for alumni, students and artists in the community to paint outdoors on campus. The following day, April 22, has been marked as a "rain day" for the event. Further details are available at washburn.edu/150.

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

Academic Events, Alumni and Friends, The Arts, Athletics, Community Events, History of Washburn, Memorabilia, Special Events, Volunteers.

GET INVOLVED

Interested in volunteering for the sesquicentennial celebration? Contact Rugena Hall, with the president's office, at (785) 670-1556 or rugena.hall@washburn.edu. Questions about the sesquicentennial celebration? Email celebrate150@washburn.edu or contact co-coordinators Amanda Hughes at (785) 670-2153 or amanda.hughes@washburn.edu or Julie Olson at (785) 670-1816, or jolson@wufoundation.org.

ONLINE

Read more about the Alumni Association's Bow Tie Ball at washburn.edu/alumni and more about the sesquicentennial at washburn.edu/150.

THE FIRST FIFTY

Highlights from the first 50 years of Washburn University

- April 26, 1857** General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Kansas passes resolution to obtain information about a location for a college.
- April 1859** John Ritchie mortgages property to buy land for college.
- Feb. 6, 1865** Charter and appraisal of property and assets approved by Judge Alfred Winans.
- 1865** In fall, construction of a building at 10th and Jackson finishes at a cost of \$7,000.
- January 3, 1866** Classes begin with 38 high school students, 22 males and 16 females.
- March 1866** First black male student enrolls at Lincoln College, though his name is not given.
- September 1866** First two college students enroll at Lincoln College.
- 1868** In June, Addison P. Davis becomes the first and only student to receive a diploma from Lincoln College. In October, Ichabod Washburn pledges \$25,000 to the college. The school was renamed Washburn College. In December, Ichabod Washburn dies.
- 1872** Building at 10th and Jackson sold to City of Topeka for \$15,000. Construction begins on first building on new campus southwest of city at a cost of \$65,000.
- September 1874** Three-story limestone building, officially named Rice Hall in 1902, functions as setting for college as it moves to permanent site.
- September 1879** Work begins on Hartford Cottage, the campus' first women's dormitory. First meal at the dorm was crackers, syrup and milk.
- 1885** In June, the Alumni Association organizes. In December, The Argo, a school newspaper, is published.
- October 1886** Boswell Memorial Library completed.
- May 1890** Washburn student Samuel Naylor wins first place at the Inter-State Oratorical Contest in Lincoln, Neb.
- May 1895** The Helianthus, Washburn's first yearbook, is published.
- May 1897** First edition of the Washburn Review, the school newspaper to this day, is printed.
- 1902** In May, The Science Hall is named Rice Hall to honor Harvey Rice, and the Chapel is named for Peter McVicar. In August, the Kansas Medical College merges with Washburn.
- September 1903** The law school, with 41 students, four faculty and 23 lecturers, opens at 118 W. 8th St. Tuition is \$50 per year. The Observatory, later named Crane, opens.
- January 1904** Frand Mohler is the first Washburn student to be named Rhodes Scholar.
- May 1904** First Kaw Yearbook published, referring to baseball team as "Sons of Ichabod."
- June 1909** Thomas Gymnasium, named in honor of Washburn student Charles B. Thomas, dedicated.
- September 1911** U.S. President William Taft visits campus, dedicates flagpole in memory of those who died in Civil War.
- November 1912** First student council organized.
- June 1914** Campus Improvement Association puts cement walks on campus.

PRESIDENTS AT WASHBURN

Presidents during the university's first 50 years:
 1869-70: Rev. Horatio Q. Butterfield
 1871-96: Rev. Peter McVicar
 1896-1901: George M. Herrick
 1902-08: Rev. Norman Plass
 1908-14: Dr. Frank Knight Sanders



BANDING TOGETHER FOR JOPLIN

By Sarah Van Dalsem • svandalsem@wufoundation.org



Washburn University's wind ensemble hopes to raise money to help the Joplin High School band. The band's sheet music was destroyed during the May 22 tornado. Photo by Peggy Clark

Forty-five Washburn students will embark on the trip of a lifetime in March. Along the way, they will help out the Joplin (Mo.) High School band program, which lost everything in a devastating tornado on May 22, 2011.

Recently, the Washburn University wind ensemble was invited to perform in the prestigious College Band Directors National Association Southwest Regional Conference competition in San Antonio, Texas.

While 23 other schools competed for this honor, Washburn was the only university in Kansas to be chosen and the only program without a graduate school to be selected.

"Washburn has been invited twice before, but this year was far more competitive because of the number of entries," said Mark Norman, director of bands at Washburn.

"I have been challenged (by this music program) in the past, but I'm even more excited to be challenged next semester for this competition," said Krystal Harry, Topeka, a freshman music education major and oboe player in the wind ensemble.

In addition to the competition, students are looking forward to making a trip through Missouri before they travel to Texas to showcase their work.

To fund the trip, the band needs to raise about \$22,000. It has staged concerts to raise money for the Texas trip, as well as to raise money for another cause.

When the tornado struck Joplin, Mo. in May, Joplin High School was completely destroyed, including all the band program's sheet music, which is worth thousands of dollars.

While insurance will cover the cost of many items at the school, music for the students to play wasn't included. The loss of a music collection can be significant, Norman said, noting the value of music owned by Washburn would amount to approximately \$1 million.

"Music is our curriculum," he said. "So right now, the Joplin High School band doesn't have any books."

The wind ensemble decided that while raising money for the trip to Texas, it would raise money to help the Joplin band restore its music library. It designated the John Philip Sousa concert presented Nov. 30 as a fundraiser for this cause. Donations are still being accepted.

"I knew we could do this concert to raise money for us, but wouldn't it be meaningful if we did it for someone else?" Norman said. "If you can help your neighbor, you should."

The money raised will help set up a fund for the Joplin program, and Washburn will encourage other band and music associations to contribute to the fund.

While they spearheaded fundraising events specifically for Joplin, Norman said the group is planning to travel to places such as the Kansas City area and Springfield, Mo., to perform. That way, he said, people in Missouri can learn about the Washburn program, and Washburn students will have a better understanding of what it's like to play professional shows.

"A trip like this raises the level of expectations of ourselves, because every person knows they need to be good," Norman said. "It also increases the value of their degrees because other band directors hear them and start to recruit people from Washburn for graduate degrees or other professional jobs."

Now that the students know the band trip is also going to help someone, they are even more excited to begin the journey.

"The way the fundraiser tied in with the trip, when Mr. Norman talked about it, there was no opposition," said David Wingerson, Tecumseh, Kan., a senior percussionist. "We are just so excited that we have the opportunity to go to this competition where we get to hear other bands and be surrounded by people in our fields." 🎺



ALUMNI NEWS

ALPHA DELTA TO CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAY

The Alpha Delta fraternity is celebrating its 100-year anniversary from April 20 to April 22, highlighted by several activities during the weekend.

The festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. April 20 with a reception at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center and continue April 21 with golf at Cypress Ridge Golf Course, campus tours and a dinner and reception at 6 p.m. at the Topeka Country Club.

After the reception, a program commemorating 100 years of history will feature keynote speaker Art Glassman, ba '59, jd '65, a Topeka attorney, and a video, which will be available for distribution to those attending. Another round of golf will be

played at 9:30 a.m. April 22 at Topeka Country Club.

Founded in 1912, Alpha Delta is the oldest local fraternity west of the Mississippi River.

“Washburn is our only home, so we’ve always felt a very special kinship with the university,” said Alpha Delta alumni president Bruce Jones, ba '70, Odessa, Mo.

“We’ve focused since 1912 on building campus leaders to keep Alpha Delta and Washburn strong and are proud to celebrate the shared history.”

For more information, visit www.alphadelta.org.

RUNNING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu

Running can be fun, especially when it’s for a good cause. About 200 people participated in the Washburn University Alumni Association Fun Run/Walk on Sept. 24, burning thousands of calories while contributing to the scholarship fund.

Proceeds from the 2010 Fun Run helped raise more than \$28,000 in scholarships for 51 Washburn students.

“We’re extremely pleased with the turnout this year,” said Alumni Association director Susie Hoffmann. “We’re thrilled to be able to continue supporting so many students with our scholarship fund.”

Greg Gaul, who won the men’s race in 2010, was the overall winner this year, clocking a time of 18 minutes, 33 seconds on the cool, but sunny Saturday morning on Washburn’s campus.

Michelle Andrew, who had the fastest time of any runner at the event in 2010, won the women’s race in 18:52.

After the 5K run and two-mile walk, competitors and volunteers feasted on bagels, fruit, granola bars and drinks at a reception that included awards for overall and age-division winners and door prizes.

The youngest competitor, seven-year-old Patrick Sandquist, finished the three-mile run in 27 minutes, 46 seconds. He was 42nd among 89 runners. The oldest competitor, 70-year-old Vic Dyck, was 32nd in 26:39. John Oyler, 60, posted the fifth-fastest time (19:39).

Among the sponsors of the event were Capitol Federal,

Dillons, Hy-Vee, American Family Insurance (the Brad Noller Agency), Sunflower Marketing, Jostens, Frito Lay, the Washburn Foundation, Gage Bowls, Pizza Hut, Sunflower Striders Running Club, Pinegar, Smith and Associates Inc., Kalos Inc., Washburn University School of Nursing, Red Star Worldwear and Drtunes.com.

Other sponsors were Tom and Ann Adrian, Dennis Bohm, Brian and Stacey Calhoon, Bill Marshall, Chris and Erin McGown, Cindy Rogers, Mark and Julie Ross, Einstein’s Outdoor Outfitters, Eagle Auto Wash, Outback Steakhouse, Topeka Civic Theatre, the Kansas City Royals, Panera Bread, Cici’s Pizza and the Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

Aaron Corn was one of the age-division winners during the Sept. 24 Fun Run on campus. About 200 people participated in the event, which helps in funding Alumni Association scholarships.



ALUMNI FELLOWS



SCHOOL OF LAW

George A. Barton, jd '77

• *Hometown:*

Kansas City, Mo.

- *Current residence:* Mission Hills, Kan.
- *Current occupation:* President and sole shareholder of the The Law Offices of George A. Barton, PC.
- *Additional education:* Bachelor of arts, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
- *Honors and accomplishments:* Has successfully litigated a number of landmark cases that have significantly improved the calculation and payment of natural gas royalties paid by various energy producers to thousands of land owners in Colorado. Barton has also successfully litigated royalty underpayment cases against energy producers in Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Oklahoma.
- *Professional and community service:* Past president and board member, Pembroke High School Alumni Association in Kansas City, Mo.; past president and current board member, The River Club in Kansas City, Mo.; past secretary and board member, Kansas City Country Club.
- *Washburn memory:* "My favorite memory of Washburn Law School is the camaraderie that existed between the students and the faculty during the entire three years that I was at the law school."



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Barry F. Feaker, bs '80

• *Hometown:* Topeka

- *Current residence:* Topeka
- *Current occupation:* Executive director, Topeka Rescue Mission.
- *Additional education:* Certificate in bible studies and youth ministries, Christ

Unlimited Bible Institute, Shawnee Mission, Kan.; certificate of ordination, Kansas Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptist, Wanamaker Road Baptist Church.

- *Honors and accomplishments:* Proclamation, governor's office; proclamation, Topeka mayor's office; 25 years of service, Topeka Rescue Mission; Community Impact Award, United Way; Sowing the Seeds of Change Award, Prevention and Recovery Services; recognition of service, President George W. Bush; Romana Hood Award, Community Resources Council; Martin Luther King Living the Dream Award, State of Kansas.
- *Professional and community service:* President, Safe Streets Coalition; coordinator, Topeka City of Character; public relations board member, Shawnee County Department of Corrections; board of directors, Prevention and Recovery Services; steering committee, Topeka/Shawnee County Heartland Vision; advisory committee member, Washburn School of Nursing; advisory member, Bridge of Topeka; advisory member, Pet Assistance Network of Topeka; Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force; Association of Gospel Rescue Missions.
- *Washburn memory:* "I remember how all of the faculty took such a vested interest in me and the other students. They were not only interested in our academic accomplishments, but also were personally interested in each one of us. This was an encouragement to me throughout my studies."



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Daniel F. Hutchins, bba '78

• *Hometown:* Topeka

• *Current residence:*

Shawnee, Kan.

- *Current occupation:* Principal, Hutchins & Haake, LLC, a CPA firm.

- *Honors and accomplishments:* CPA with special accreditation as a personal financial specialist; listed as a top asset manager, CPA Wealth Provider; listed as a top 25 CPA firm in the Kansas City area, Kansas City Business Journal.
- *Professional and community service:* Trustee, Washburn Foundation; member, Mid-American Angels, investors dedicated to identifying and funding startup businesses; American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; National Association of Corporate Directors; Catholic Charities Snow Ball, patron committee; financial committee, St. Joseph Church & School.
- *Washburn memory:* "Meeting my wife Susie on her first day of college. I had to ask her out five different times before she accepted. She never said 'No,' just 'Maybe next weekend.' Finally, on Oct. 5, we went on our first date, watching the show 'Bus Stop' at Washburn Theatre, followed by a late night dinner at Por'e Richard's Café."



SCHOOL OF NURSING

Nialson F. Lee, bsn '76

• *Hometown:* Topeka

• *Current residence:* Topeka

- *Current occupation:* Retired as director of health care services for the Kansas Neurological Institute.
- *Additional education:* Master of health care administration, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.
- *Honors and accomplishments:* Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society; Excellence in Nursing Practice Award, Sigma Theta Tau; keynote speaker, Washburn School of Nursing commencement in 1989 and 2008; implemented student nurse tech

program, St. Francis Hospital; assisted in implementing regulations for statewide medical necessity statement for Kansas Medicaid; implemented delivery of care model, KNI.

- *Professional and community service:* Former president, Washburn Nursing Alumni Association; co-president, Topeka High School Booster Club; advisory board, Washburn Technical Institute; advisory board, Washburn School of Nursing.
- *Washburn memory:* "My favorite Washburn story was our pediatric course. The first graduating class was an accelerated program, so we took the eight-credit hour, pediatric course in the summer. I believe it was the summer of 1975. Our schedule was a clinical rotation from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by lecture from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, for eight weeks. We had a test every Friday. By the end of the week we were drained mentally and physically. On Friday, the class would go to the College Hill, get drunk, stumble home and begin studying for Monday. We defined going to the Hill as 'getting a cerebral enema.' Needless to say, by the end of the course we were unable to dress ourselves or speak coherently. We all survived."



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Daryl Palmer, ba '82

• *Hometown:*

Hutchinson, Kan.

- *Current residence:* Denver, Colo.
- *Current occupation:* Associate professor, English, Regis University, Denver
- *Additional education:* Master of arts, English, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.; graduate reading, Exeter University, Exeter, Devon

and Falmouth, Cornwall, England; doctorate, English, University of Kansas.

- *Honors and accomplishments:* Author of two books: "Writing Russia in the Age of Shakespeare" and "Hospitable Performances: Dramatic Genre and Cultural Practices in Early Modern England"; presented research across the country and in England, Scotland, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Hungary; Regis Faculty Adviser of the Year in 2011; Outstanding Achievement in Teaching in 2000, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio; National Endowment for the Humanities summer fellowship; dissertation fellowship and Pearson Fellowship, University of Kansas.
- *Professional and community service:* Chairman, English department, Regis University; director of graduate studies, University of Akron; worked with various high school student groups and theatre groups on Renaissance performance techniques; director of seminars at national meeting of Shakespeare Association of America; director, Shakespeare on the Square: Highland Theatre Film Festival, Akron, Ohio; director, Shakespeare in the Spring Festival, University of Akron.
- *Washburn memory:* "At the beginning of the semester, I wrote the perfect essay for Robert Stein's Victorian literature class. It was about Thomas Carlyle's 'Sartor Resartus' and the idea of freedom. I even stretched the margins so I could increase the perfection. Imagine my chagrin when I discovered that Dr. Stein had missed the perfection! Of course, I went to talk to him about the essay ... you know, I can't remember his gracious words, but I certainly remember how I felt

as he talked. For the first time in my life, I saw my failings as opportunities, my limitations as stepping stones. My Washburn professors were like that. They balanced heart and mind and modeled aspiration. When I was asked recently to talk about how I envisioned my 'legacy as a professor,' I thought of my professors at Washburn."



SCHOOL OF APPLIED STUDIES

Paul R. Silovsky, as '85

• *Hometown:* Topeka

- *Current residence:* Topeka
- *Current occupation:* Owner, executive director, physical therapist at Rebound Physical Therapy
- *Additional education:* Bachelor of science, physical therapy, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.
- *Honors and accomplishments:* Legislative Leadership Award, American Physical Therapy Association
- *Professional and community service:* Chairman, Kansas Physical Therapy Association Legislative Committee; Arthritis Foundation; volunteer, clean up after Greensburg, Kan., and Joplin, Mo., tornadoes; coach, girls soccer club; co-chairman, Mayor's Council for Community Health and Wellness in Topeka.
- *Washburn memory:* "My best memory is the time frame of 1983-84, when I was a part of the 1983 championship football team, got married to my wife Roxanne in the spring of 1983 and had our first child in the spring of 1984, all while attending Washburn! It was the formula for winning in life through education, family and athletics. It was definitely one of the most exciting and accomplished times of my life that set the tone for the future."



TRAVEL EUROPE

Forty-nine travelers made the trek to Paris and London from Oct. 7 to Oct. 16 during a Washburn Alumni Association trip.

Those who traveled to Europe were John Adams, Gary Adkins, Mary Adkins, Carol Armstrong, Chris Armstrong, Tim Bethel, Gerry Bingham, Janice Bingham, Brooke Boten, Tami Boten, Gary Doyle, Susan Farley, Washburn President Jerry Farley, Mary Fitzpatrick, Fern Freeman, Ross Freeman, Bill Haag, Marcia Haag, Martha Hodgesmith, Alumni Association Director Susie Hoffmann, Linda Hubbard, Steve Kitchen, Brenda Kitchen, Larry Livingston, Linda Livingston, Jean Lundt, Jean Macfee, Mike Miller, Barb Miller, Deacon Oroke, Pam Oroke, Shelby Peek, Shean Peek, Richard Peek, Sue Peek, Marsha Plush, Becky Sanders, Jeanie Schuler, Debbie Schultz, Maureen Sheehan, Karen Tappan, Carole Thrasher, Jim Turner, Susan Turner, Judith Walker, Carolyn Wiley, Marjie Wills, Bridget Wood and Ed Wood.

TWO JOIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Washburn University Alumni Association welcomes two new members to its board. Billie Jean (Bergmann) Graham, bba '09, and Barbara Leabo, b ed '64, are the newest members.



Graham is a senior analyst in Revenue Management at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway in Topeka. She received a degree in accounting at Washburn, where she served in

several roles in the Washburn Student Government Association.

Graham, who was married to husband Bobby in September, was also on the Campus Activities Board and a student ambassador.



Leabo is a retired science teacher who worked for Blue Springs (Mo.) Schools. She was involved in Young Republicans, Modern Dance Club and the Kaw Yearbook while at Washburn.

Leabo, a member of Kappa Alpha

Theta, is married to Washburn alum Gary Leabo, ba '65. Gary Leabo was a member of Kappa Sigma. The couple lives in Blue Springs, Mo.

GIFT OF A LIFETIME

By Sarah Van Dalsem
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In the future, the education department at Washburn could send more students abroad, provide scholarship incentives for undergraduate students to return and pursue a graduate degree, or recruit more students interested in teaching English as a second language.

Anything is possible because Delores Mueller, b ed '62, m ed '70, provided a planned gift of \$494,563 in unrestricted scholarship money to the education department through the Washburn University Foundation.

Judith McConnell-Farmer, interim chairwoman and professor, education, said the scholarship money comes at the perfect time, as financial aid from the federal government is becoming more restricted and many students are holding full- or part-time jobs.

"As more of our students are becoming self-supporting, it is becoming more important to invest in the future of our students," McConnell-Farmer said. "This is a wonderful recognition of our program by a former student. She leaves a wonderful legacy of her education by preparing our students to become teachers."

The department anticipates awarding 10 to 12 scholarships worth \$2,000 each. The scholarship committee will decide how to divide those funds. When the gift is fully vested, it will increase the scholarship budget for the education department by 25 percent. Full distribution of the scholarships will begin in 2015.

"Because the money is designated for unrestricted scholarship use, we could

use it to recruit minorities, or even target disciplines that need more teachers, like science and math," McConnell-Farmer said.

While officials from the Foundation were aware Mueller made a planned gift, they did not know the amount until the check arrived in August.

Before her death in 2010, Mueller supported the university through the Foundation in smaller amounts. Those dollars were combined with other small gifts and given to the university immediately.

Larger planned gifts, such as Mueller's, are endowed and make an impact through many years.

"Washburn is just the right size that a planned gift of a half-million dollars can make a tremendous difference," said JuliAnn Mazachek, president of the Washburn University Foundation. "This major increase in scholarship money for the education department will be a great asset for years to come."

McConnell-Farmer said any donation, large or small, to the department is greatly appreciated.

"A planned gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to a profession you've worked in for years as well as to re-invest in the future of education," she said.

TRAVEL INTEREST?

To inquire about travel opportunities, contact Susie Hoffmann at susie@washburn.edu or visit washburn.edu/alumni.





A thumbs-up for the Ichabods

Chipping away at 700

By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu

Washburn basketball coach Bob Chipman reached yet another milestone. Early in his 33rd season at the helm, Chipman picked up win No. 700 at Washburn. The longtime Ichabod reflects on his past and upcoming years at Washburn:

Q: What does winning 700 games mean to you?

A: I think it'll mean a lot more when it's over, when I reflect back. The thing I'm proud of is it being 700 wins at one school. That's just unheard of nowadays. It's difficult to do that. You've got to keep a lot of people – alumni, players, administrators, fans – happy, and that takes consistency.

Q: You've won several championships, including a national title. What are you most proud of?

A: More than anything, it's the players, all the great people I've had who have gone on and done some great things. I'm more proud of being a part of that maturation process than anything else.

Q: What's the biggest change since you took over as head coach here in 1979?

A: You know, I have to tell kids to take out your earrings and pull your pants up now. Back then, the pants were so tight, you could barely get your pants on. The game is faster and quicker, the players are stronger. I really don't think the kids have changed that much, though. They still want to work hard and want discipline.

Q: Why have you coached for so long?

A: I love the teaching part of the game. For me, when practice starts at 2:30 and goes until 4:30 or 4:45, I'm having the time of my life.

Q: You're 60 now. How long do you plan on coaching?

A: I'd hate to be one of those who stays longer than (age) 65. I feel as good as I ever have, and I think I'm enjoying the game more than I have before. But there comes a point when you need to let somebody else have an opportunity. Sixty-five is a common retirement age and makes sense to me.

Q: You won 18 games and reached the NCAA Tournament last season. How about this year?

A: We've got a great group with great chemistry. Washburn kind of guys, as I like to say. We're not ultra-talented, but we've got great depth, good chemistry. I think we'll have a good team. We always feel like we can line up and beat anybody.

Longtime men's basketball coach Bob Chipman had 696 wins entering the season and doesn't plan on stopping any time soon. Photo by Gene Cassell

REMAINING 2011-12 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Saturday, Dec. 31	*at University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3	*at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7	*MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11	*at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan.	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14	*EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18	*at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25	*NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28	*at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 1	*at Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4	*FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	*UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 11	*SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 15	*at Missouri Southern State University, Joplin	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18	*PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22	*at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25	*LINCOLN UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.

Home games in all caps; *MIAA Conference game.



The Washburn women's basketball team will be bidding for another trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2011-12.



Blues reloading

By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu

At a school with multiple women's basketball conference championships and a national title, great expectations come with the territory. That didn't change last season when Washburn lost a starter to departure and another to injury.

Despite those losses, the Lady Blues contended for a Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) crown, topped 20 wins and earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"Around here, we know it's not a great year if you don't make the tournament," said coach Ron

McHenry, ba '85, Topeka. "The goal is to be good enough to be there."

With four starters returning and a talented group of newcomers in the fold, Washburn figures to contend for another conference title and postseason honors.

Injury problems last season did force several players to fill the void. Senior guard Stevi Schultz, Neodesha, Kan., became Washburn's go-to player, garnering first-team all-MIAA recognition while averaging 15 points and 7.6 rebounds. Senior center Cassie Lombardino, Bonner Springs, Kan., landed on the second team after

averaging 15 points and 5.8 boards.

"We've got those two back, plus (junior guard) Laura Kinderknecht (St. Marys, Kan.) and our starting point guard (senior Megan Lassley, Wichita, Kan.)," McHenry said. "We had some kids who were going to come off the bench last year and had to be starters. They played well, and that should help this year."

Washburn also has a pair of Division I transfers in junior forward Sierra Moeller, Pierre, S.D., (Boise State) and senior guard Ebonie Williams, Hagerstown, Md., (Seton Hall). Moeller sat out last season with an injury.

McHenry signed a recruiting class that includes three junior college transfers and three high school standouts.

"We've got a good mix, with a lot of experience back and some talented kids coming in," McHenry said. "We'll have a lot of depth and that's extremely important in a league as tough as the MIAA."

Ichabods set to swing away

By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu

Washburn's baseball team made its first appearance in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) tournament since 2006 last year. The Ichabods, 22-28 (20-23 in the MIAA) in 2011, don't plan on waiting another five years for their next trip.

"We had a quick exit last year, so obviously the goal is to get back and stay longer, do some damage this year," said longtime coach Steve Anson, who topped the 800-win plateau in 2011. "I like the experience we have back, and we have a good recruiting class coming in."

Junior right-hander Brett Ash, Topeka, returns to anchor the pitching staff after finishing 7-5 with a 3.99 ERA. Ash hurled six complete games and struck out 48 in 76 2/3 innings.

"He got off to a rough start, then won six straight," Anson said. "We'll build the pitching staff around him."

Senior righty Kerry Schachenmeyer, Raymond, Neb., might move into the rotation after serving as Washburn's closer last year. Schachenmeyer had four saves and a 3.60 ERA in 2011.

The Ichabods also return their top hitter in senior infielder Tyler Bean, Topeka. The Washburn Rural High School product led Washburn with a .331 average and seven home runs.

Also back are senior outfielder Marcus Peavler, Topeka (.310, 27 runs) and senior infielder Boone Plager, Spokane, Wash., who hit .268

2012 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Friday, Feb. 24	at Drury University, Springfield, Mo.	4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25	at Drury University, Springfield, Mo. (DH)	noon
Sunday, Feb. 26	at Drury University, Springfield, Mo.	noon
Wednesday, Feb. 29	ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY	3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6	NEWMAN UNIVERSITY	3 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	*at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan. (DH)	2 p.m.
Sunday, March 11	*at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan. (DH)	noon
Friday, March 16	*at Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.	3 p.m.
Saturday, March 17	*at Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo. (DH)	1 p.m.
Sunday, March 18	*at Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.	1 p.m.
Friday, March 23	*SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	3 p.m.
Saturday, March 24	*SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	noon
Tuesday, March 27	*at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan. (DH)	2 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	*at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Mo. (DH)	2 p.m.
Sunday, April 1	*at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Mo.	noon
Friday, April 6	*MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY (DH)	2 p.m.
Saturday, April 7	*MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY (DH)	noon
Tuesday, April 10	*FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY (DH)	2 p.m.
Friday, April 13	*LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	4 p.m.
Saturday, April 14	*LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI (DH)	2 p.m.
Sunday, April 15	*LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	noon
Saturday, April 21	*at University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo. (DH)	2 p.m.
Sunday, April 22	*at University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo. (DH)	1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24	at Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Mo.	6 p.m.
Saturday, April 28	*at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo. (DH)	1 p.m.
Sunday, April 29	*at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo. (DH)	noon
Friday, May 4	*at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan. (DH)	3 p.m.
Saturday, May 5	*EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY (DH)	3 p.m.

Home games in all caps; *MIAA conference game

REMAINING 2011-12 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Saturday, Dec. 31	*at University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3	*at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo.	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7	*MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11	*at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan.	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14	*EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 18	*at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25	*NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28	*at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph	1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 1	*at Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo.	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4	*FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	*UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 11	*SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 15	*at Missouri Southern State University, Joplin	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 18	*PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22	*at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25	*LINCOLN UNIVERSITY	1:30 p.m.

Home games in all caps; *MIAA conference games

while scoring 30 runs.

Notable newcomers include Division I transfers Blaine Matthews, Topeka, and John Calhoun, Kansas City, Mo. Matthews is an infielder transferring from Mercer University, McDonough, Ga., while Calhoun was an infielder at Cleveland (Ohio) State University. Both players are seniors.

Anson said local high school standouts Mark Biesma, Shawnee, Kan., and Connor Crimmins, Topeka, will contribute.



Ace Brett Ash returns to lead the Washburn baseball team, which ended a drought between MIAA postseason tournaments last year. Photo by Gene Cassell

BLUES REBUILDING WITH BECERRA

After 14 consecutive winning seasons, a three-year stretch under .500 seems like a lengthy drought for Washburn's softball team. First-year coach Vanessa Becerra's first duty is to restore the Lady Blues' confidence.

"That's a lot of what we need to work on," said Becerra, who takes over for longtime coach Lisa Carey. "We're going to be doing a lot of mental training, building confidence."

Washburn finished 19-30 last season and is 65-87 during the past three years. In the previous 14 seasons, the Lady Blues won at least 30 games 10 times, including two 40-victory campaigns.

"Getting to where we need to be is not going to happen overnight, but this is a desirable place to coach. There's a lot of talent to work with in this area," said Becerra, who led her alma mater Metro State, Denver, Colo., to a 34-18 mark and conference championship last season. "I'm very excited about working with these girls. They're excited, ready for a change and want to be pushed."

The Lady Blues return their leader in home runs and RBIs in junior Alex Zordel, Baldwin City, Kan. Zordel, a junior first

baseman, hit .299 with five homers and 20 RBIs. Also back are senior utility player Britny Cushing, Topeka, and senior outfielder Kacy Covert, Topeka. Cushing had four home runs in 2010, while Covert hit .299.

Becerra also plans to mine local talent in building for the program's future.

"I've already done quite a bit of recruiting in the area. There's a ton of a talent to look at," she said. "More than anything, though, I'm looking for somebody who is going to buy into this program and who wants to be here. That's just as important."

Also returning for the Lady Blues is senior Lindsey Moore, Edmond, Okla. Moore pitched in six games and led the squad in batting average at .305.

Washburn's 2012 schedule was not available at press time. Please visit wusports.com to see the schedule.



CAMPUS NEWS

NOTHING TO FEAR ON HOMECOMING

By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu

"Fear the Bod" was the theme for Homecoming 2011 at Washburn. But any fears of an Ichabod loss to Fort Hays State University evaporated shortly after kickoff on Oct. 29 as Washburn rolled to a 45-20 win over the rival Tigers.

The Ichabods' eighth victory of the season was the exclamation point to a whirlwind week that began with the Oct. 24 Homecoming Ball and included such events as Yell Like Hell, Ichabod Race, Scorch on the Porch and a campus parade.

"We celebrate a lot of great traditions at Washburn, and Homecoming is one of those wonderful traditions," said President Jerry Farley. "It's an important event not only for our university, but also for the alumni and community."

The Alumni Association honored six fellows with a luncheon on Oct. 28. Those receiving awards and certificates were George Barton (School of Law), Barry Feaker (College of Arts and Sciences), Daniel Hutchins (School of Business), Nialson Lee (School of Nursing), Daryl Palmer (College of Arts and Sciences) and Paul Silovsky (School of Applied Studies).

The Alumni Association also hosted After Hours on Oct. 28 and a tailgate on Oct. 29 before Washburn's game against Fort Hays State.

Blake Bryant, Independence, Kan., and Joni Wiley, Lansing, Kan., were crowned as Homecoming king and queen at game halftime, which also featured the Washburn University Foundation's Alumni Fellows reception in the Bianchino Pavilion.

Other homecoming candidates were Claire Crawford, Topeka; John Henderson, Alma, Kan.; David Hrabik, Emporia, Kan.; Brett Johnson, Bonner Springs, Kan.; Jason Kealy, Belvue, Kan.; Ashley Persinger, Lyndon, Kan.; Daphne Phillips, Lawrence, Kan.; and Brooke Rollison, Independence, Kan.



Student floats highlighted the Homecoming parade before Washburn rolled to a victory on the way to a 10-win season.

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2011 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS

The 2011 class – former basketball star Ewan Auguste, former baseball standout Pat Colley and former softball all-conference pick Kathy (Mohler) Harrington – were enshrined during an Oct. 15 ceremony at Bradbury Thompson Center.



Ewan Auguste | Basketball
1998-2001

Auguste, bs '02, Topeka, scored 1,636 points and

had 888 rebounds during his career, both among the top four all-time at Washburn.

He was a two-time Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) MVP and earned multiple All-America honors. Auguste averaged 15.5 points and 7.6 rebounds while leading the Ichabods to the 2001 NCAA championship game. He is one of eight Washburn players to have 1,000 points and 500 rebounds during his career.



Pat Colley | Baseball
1998-2001


Colley, bba '01, Topeka, is Washburn's all-time leader

in triples with 23, more than twice as many as any other Ichabod. He is also among the all-time leaders in hits with 223, and his .459 batting average as a junior is the third-highest at Washburn. During that season, he established school records with 94 hits and 14 triples, which led the nation. He was first-team all-conference and is the only Ichabod to hit for the cycle.



Kathy (Mohler) Harrington
Softball | 1997-2000

Harrington, ba '05, Silver Lake, Kan., led Washburn to its first

NCAA Tournament appearance in 1999. She won 69 games, second all-time at Washburn, and had 152 strikeouts as a senior. She holds the school record with 727 2/3 innings pitched and earned first-team all-conference honors as a junior and senior. Mohler owns the school record for most innings pitched in a game with 13. 

WRIGHT MOMENTS IN HISTORY

By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu

In the midst of covering the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, journalist Robin Wright couldn't resist. An alumna of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, she had to know how her Wolverines were faring in their annual grudge match against archrival Ohio State.

"I was living in South Africa, and a colleague of mine went to Ohio State, so we were friends 364 days a year," said Wright, who visited Washburn on Sept. 21 to discuss her book "Rock the Casbah." "One year they were playing for the Rose Bowl, and we were in the middle of covering the uprising. We were both dying to know the score, so I called the press box to find out.

"My mom was at the game that day, and it was announced that somebody from South Africa called to get the score. My mom said, 'I knew that was you.'"

Though Wright has had an impressive career covering international affairs everywhere from Angola to the Middle East, she began her career in sports.

"I had no interest in working for a newspaper, but a friend joined The Daily (Michigan's student newspaper) and I thought I'd tweak my dad, a big Michigan fan, and join the sports staff," said Wright, the first female journalist to cover a football game in the press box at UM. "That's how I got started. I'd always had an interest in foreign affairs, so that seemed like a natural fit. I've been covering foreign affairs since."

In "Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic



Renowned journalist Robin Wright visited campus on Constitution Day to discuss her latest book, her work in the Middle East and college football. Photo by Ernie W. Webb III

World," a title taken in part from the song of the same name by the 1980s punk rock band The Clash, Wright examines cultural and social forces behind the Arab revolt.

"I've been covering the Islamic world for 40 years now, and it was clear to me that something was happening and things were beginning to change in the region," Wright said. "What's happened, particularly over the last nine months, is an epic convulsion, arguably the greatest period of change anywhere in the world in the early 21st century."

Wright's latest book is the fifth in a career that includes a five-year stint in Beirut. During the time she lived in Lebanon, Wright covered multiple wars, conflicts and uprisings.

"I had every possible conflict in the world in this country smaller than Connecticut at my fingertips," she said. "I go to places because of that moment in history, and I'm very lucky that way. My father once said he wouldn't go on vacation with me to Bermuda because he was sure there'd be a coup d'état."



Cindy Barry, a longtime employee at KTWU, joined the Washburn Foundation during the summer of 2011.

BARRY JOINS FOUNDATION STAFF

By Kathy Busch • kbusch@wufoundation.org

Cindy Barry joined the Washburn University Foundation as a senior development director in July after a 30-year career at KTWU, the university's public television station.

"Cindy's experience as director of development and educational services at KTWU is a really great fit for the work we do at the Foundation," said JuliAnn Mazachek, president of the Foundation. "Having worked at KTWU, Cindy knows many of our donors and supporters, and she is well connected to Washburn University."

During her tenure at KTWU, Barry led the station's development team and created the educational services department, focusing on programs such as

Ready to Learn and Teacherline.

At the Foundation, Barry will focus on raising private funds to support Washburn students and faculty.

"It's exciting to share with current and potential donors the innovative programs and opportunities that Washburn has to offer and how their financial support can impact the educational experience of future Washburn students," Barry said. "I'm really looking forward to this new challenge and sharing the Washburn story with our supporters."

Barry and her husband Jack have been Washburn University donors for many years. Their son, John, ba'ro, works in historic preservation and is pursuing a master's degree in history at Kansas State University.

LOSING WEIGHT, GAINING LIFE

Miserable. That's the word James Frager used to describe his former life as a 320-pound man. Even seemingly simple tasks were a struggle.

"I remember having to hold my breath and suck in my stomach to tie my shoes," said Frager, a technology support technician in the Information Systems and Services department at Washburn. "People treat you like you don't exist when you're that overweight."

After 20-plus years of being "miserable," Frager finally had enough by the end of 2009.

"I had lost some weight and got down to about 280, but I really started and committed in December 2009," he said. "I was ready. I think if you try to change your life, be it diet or exercise, and you find that you're miserable doing it, it's not your time. You're not ready."

Frager, 27, ended his days as a junk-food junkie, trading cheeseburgers and ice cream for a steady diet of fruits, vegetables and lean meat. He also stopped drinking alcohol and quit smoking. Hours of watching TV became hours of walking, running and lifting weights at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

"It wasn't uncommon for me to eat 5,000 calories in a day. Three cheeseburgers off a dollar menu was a snack," Frager said. "I started by drinking a lot of protein shakes, mainly because I'm always on the go and that helped with portion control. Then I found things I could eat in high quantities, like vegetables."

His workout regimen began with walking and became 3-1/2-mile runs on Shunga Trail in Topeka. He also routinely lifts weights at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

"About a year ago, I ran a full mile for the first time in my life, so that was a big deal for me," he said. "Now I run on my dinner break while I'm at work and lift at the center, which is as good as any gym in town."

About a year after he transformed his life, Frager weighed 200 pounds. In 2010, he hit his goal weight of 180 and has maintained it since.

"I was two points away from being diabetic and having to take insulin," said Frager, a recipient of the Living Well at Washburn Award. "It's hard to describe how different life is now. My only regret is that I didn't commit to somebody's healthy menu items so I could get a Jared (from the Subway commercials) type deal."



WEIGHING IN

To put James Frager's weight loss in perspective, 140 pounds is ...

- the average weight of an American woman
- the approximate weight of Floyd Mayweather, Jr., arguably the best boxer in the world, throughout much of his career
- the approximate weight of seven car tires
- 10 pounds more than Beyonce Knowles
- the weight of Mariah Carey



Artist Nathan Sawaya worked with children June 18 during his visit to Washburn to kick off his exhibit at Mulvane Art Museum. Crowds drawn to his artwork topped museum attendance records by nearly 50,000.

Photo by Cindi Morrison

BY THE NUMBERS

60,412

Mulvane attendance record for "The Art of the Brick"

11,000

Previous attendance record for Koch Family Collection

30,103

ArtLab attendance during exhibit

3,000

Average monthly attendance at Mulvane before exhibit

44

States represented by visitors

BRICK-BREAKING RECORD

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"People will most definitely come." That classic line from the sports movie "Field of Dreams" certainly applied to Nathan Sawaya's "The Art of the Brick" exhibit during the summer at the Mulvane Art Museum.

With more than 60,000 visiting the exhibit, the museum's attendance record grew by nearly 50,000 people.

"I thought we'd hit 30,000, maybe 35,000, for this show," said Mulvane director Cindi Morrison. "We ended up with an attendance of 60,412. It was incredible."

Sawaya's LEGOs® sculptures attracted more than 1,000 visitors on several days, including a high of nearly 1,900 on Sept. 3, the Saturday before Labor Day. On the final weekend of the exhibit – Sept. 17-18 – about 2,700 people viewed the display.

"I am absolutely thrilled that so many folks were able to experience my artwork firsthand," said Sawaya, whose work includes life-size sculptures of people and objects, such as a cello. "It's a credit to Cindi Morrison and the great team at the Mulvane Art Museum for bringing the exhibit to Topeka. It was a great event for me and I am happy to come back any time."

Sawaya kicked off the exhibit on June 17 with a press conference and first-look event. His sculptures were on display from June 18 through Sept. 18.

"First trip to Kansas," said Sawaya at the press conference, "and it's been awesome. The museum has done a wonderful job, and the staff has been fantastic."

Sawaya, 37, is a former corporate lawyer who began to transition to full-time artist five years ago. "The Art of the Brick" has become one of the world's most popular shows and has been on display everywhere from Melbourne, Australia, to Paris, France.

The exhibit also resulted in a busy summer at Mulvane's ArtLab, where more than 30,000 artists of all ages built their own sculptures out of LEGOs.

"This increases our visibility. For the ArtLab, it's like 24-7 advertising," Morrison said. "The vast majority of the 30,000 who went to the ArtLab had not been there. This is great for Washburn University from a standpoint of marketing, visibility and advertising."



HITTING A HOT CHORD

Cheryl Childers and Diane Wysocki knew they were addressing a hot topic – sexting and infidelity in cyberspace – but they didn't expect the explosive response to their research and article published in the journal *Sexuality & Culture*.

Childers, an associate professor and chairwoman of Washburn's sociology department, and Wysocki, a professor of sociology and women's and gender studies at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, have been fielding media requests on their work for months.

"The first day the press release on our article came out, it went viral," Childers said. "This is a topic that affects a lot of people, but we weren't expecting this response. It's been amazing."

The article, "Let My Fingers Do the Talking: Sexting and Infidelity in Cyberspace," gained notoriety in June after the publisher issued a press release. During the same month, the Anthony Weiner sexting scandal exploded.

Weiner, a former Democratic congressman from New York, ultimately resigned after admitting

he sent sexually explicit photos and messages to women before and during his marriage.

Wysocki has been researching sex on the Internet since her dissertation work in 1992 and published one of the first articles on the topic in 1998. In 2009, she approached the owner of the website ashleymadison.com about placing a survey on sexting and infidelity online.

The website's home page states that it is the "world's leading married dating service for discreet encounters."

The survey drew more than 8,000 responses, resulting in a sample size of 5,187 adults. Some of the surveys were not included because they were not completed.

"Considering the amount of time we had the survey up (about three months), that is a great response," Wysocki said. "There was plenty of data to work with."

Wysocki approached Childers about helping with the project shortly thereafter, and the duo finished their work in the summer of 2010.

"I am not a statistician, so I needed somebody like Cheryl to work on

that side of it," Wysocki said. "We work very well together. We'd meet in Lincoln (Neb.) for a weekend about every other month until we got the research and article finished."


Among the notable findings in their research on the website's population was the revelation that women sext more than men. About 75 percent of women aged 19 to 29 had sent nude photos on their cell phone or through email. In addition, 43 percent of women over 50 sent nude photos.

"We were surprised that the percentage was as high as it was for older women because the widespread perception is that sexting is done primarily by younger women," Childers said.

The research also shows that the majority of people who start a relationship with someone online eventually meet those people in person.

"What it ultimately comes down to is humans need that physical connection," Childers said. "The population we surveyed definitely conveyed that once they found somebody they connected with online, they were going to meet them."

Wysocki, who said a book on their research is possible, handled all of the media requests on the article. Childers' only interview on the topic has been with *The Ichabod*.

"Cheryl has been an integral part of this, so she deserves more credit than she's received. I am hoping her administration is as happy with her as mine is with me considering all the press we have obtained for our small universities," Wysocki said. "And this is something we can build on and educate people about. It's obviously a compelling topic." 

CLASS NOTES

1940s

William Stahl, ba '49, jd '50, Junction City, Kan., retired after 60 years of practicing law.

1960s

Michael Conner, b ed '65, Omaha, Neb., was assigned to a retirement appointment at Brownville-Nemaha (Nebraska) United Methodist Churches and is a chaplain at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

Janet (Oberle) Larson, b music '66, Rio Rancho, N.M., retired as an elementary school librarian from Albuquerque Public Schools. She was in the choir and marching band at Washburn.

Warren Wray, bs '67, Rolla, Mo., was named interim chancellor for Missouri University of Science and Technology. He previously served as provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at the school. Wray was a member of the Sagamore Society and played football at Washburn.

1970s

Keith Adams, bs '72, Bedford, Texas, retired from Burlington Northern Santa Fe after 37 years, including a stint as a project engineer. Adams was a member of Alpha Delta while at Washburn.

Dolan Bayless, b music '72, St. Louis, Mo., is the director of traditional music ministries and worship at the Kirkwood United

Methodist Church. In 2009, he organized a group of handbell directors to form the Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis.

Gary Conwell, bs '78, Topeka, opened his practice, the Law Office of Gary L. Conwell, in June.

David Couch, bsn '78, Topeka, has joined the staff of Stormont-Vail HealthCare as a family nurse practitioner.

Chuck Cuff, ba '75, Fairhope, Ala., is general manager of Homewood Suites East Bay. Cuff's hotel was awarded top honors in the chain of 300 hotels earlier this year.

Jeannine (Zielke) Jordan, b music '75, Lincoln City, Ore., is the co-creator of two organ and media events, "Bach and Sons" and "From Sea to Shining Sea."

Michael W. Myers, b ed '70, Topeka, is the assistant director of strategic operations for the Kansas City Metro Region, State of Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services. He played tennis while at Washburn.

Victoria (Billau) Seeger, ba '76, b ed '95, m ed '05, Topeka, is an assistant professor teaching literacy to graduate and undergraduate students at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Mo.

William Sneed, bba '77, jd '80, Auburn, Kan., was appointed to the Washburn Board of Regents by Gov. Sam Brownback. Sneed is also a Washburn University Foundation trustee.

Brian Vazquez, jd '79, Topeka, has been the deputy counsel

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of the Kansas Health Policy Authority since 2008. He has been at KHPA since 1992.

Sue Jean White, bba '77, jd '80, Bellaire, Texas, retired as associate general counsel of Shell Oil Company after 29 years.

Robert Wertkin, bs '70, Kalamazoo, Mich., received the Distinguished Service Award from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Wertkin, a professor of social work, has been at Western Michigan for 30 years.

1980s

Kathy Armstrong, jd '81, Lenexa, Kan., was appointed to the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board by Gov. Sam Brownback. She is an attorney with a private practice.

Ken Calwell, bba '84, Vancouver, Wash., is the CEO of Papa Murphy's, the fifth-largest pizza chain in the United States.

Calwell also serves on the board of directors for the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

Elizabeth (Ragsdale) Ensley Deiter, ba, '81, Topeka, is the president of Internal Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers. She is the election commissioner for Shawnee County.

Stephen Fiebiger, jd '83, Burnsville, Minn., was appointed to the Merit System Council by Gov. Mark Dayton. Fiebiger practices employment law and civil litigation.

Greg Greenwood, bba '88, Topeka, was promoted to senior vice president of strategy at Westar Energy. He joined Westar as an accountant in 1993. Greenwood played baseball at Washburn.

Daron Hall, ba '89, Ulysses, Kan., is city administrator for Ulysses. He was named to the 2011 Leadership Kansas class in March.

Michelle Hostetler, jd '88,

Superior, Wis., was named executive director of The Development Association in Douglas County, Minn. **Robert D. Jones, jd '84**, Monument, Colo., has joined the board of directors for the Colorado Defense Lawyers Association. He was elected to the executive committee as secretary of the organization. Jones was a member of Delta Theta Phi while at Washburn. **Craig Kaufman, jd '82**, Tucson, Ariz., is a co-managing partner at the national law firm Quarles & Brady LLP's Tucson office. He has been at the firm since 1984. **James Lane, ba '87**, Olathe, Kan., has been named dean of arts, humanities and social sciences at Johnson County Community College. He was on the spirit squad while at Washburn. **Brenden Long, bba '82, jd '85**, Topeka, is the general counsel for TFI Community Services Inc. He previously served as the associate general counsel and director of human resources for the company. **Stuart Lowry, jd '85**, Hays, Kan., was named president and CEO of Sunflower Electric Power. He served as executive vice president and general counsel from 2004 to August 2011. **Brad Miller, mba '89**, Raleigh, N.C., was named chief financial officer for Coastal Federal Credit Union. He has more than 15 years of experience with credit union organizations. **Michael Patrick, bs '86**, Topeka, was named CEO of TFI Community Services Inc. He joined TFI in 2000 and has served as president of

operations/chief operations officer for the past four years. **Michael W. Peters, jd '88**, Sun Prairie, Wis., was elected to the board of directors of American Transmission Co. Peters is the president and CEO of Wisconsin Public Power Inc. **Virginia "Ginger" (Hales) Powell, bba '80**, Topeka, was selected as one of the 2011 Women to Watch award winners in the Experienced Leaders category by the American Institute of CPAs and Kansas Society of CPAs. She is the managing director at Berberich Trahan & Co. PA. **Mike Racy, bba '87**, Fishers, Ind., was named as an American Council on Education Fellow for the 2011-12 academic year. Racy, a member of Phi Delta Theta while at Washburn, is vice president of NCAA Division II. **Bradley Rigor, jd '80**, Naples, Fla., was named to Florida Trend Magazine's list of Florida Legal Elite 2011. He is a partner in the Naples office for Quarles & Brady LLP. **Steven D. Scheiwe, jd '86**, Encinitas, Calif., was appointed to the board of directors for Primus Telecommunications Inc. Scheiwe is the president of Ontrac Advisors Inc., a provider of analysis and business management systems. **Arlene (Eagan) Talbert, b ed '85**, Olathe, Kan., is a teacher at Visitation School in Kansas City, Mo. She and husband Martin celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in September. **Kenley Thompson, jd '89**, Neodesha, Kan., is the director of

fraud investigations for Social and Rehabilitation Services in Kansas. He is also a lieutenant colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve. **Vita (Aaron) Tucker, bba '83**, Burlingame, Kan., was elected to the Burlingame Community Cemetery board of directors. **Richard Vaughn, bba '88**, Linwood, Kan., was promoted to national director of channel and public sector sales for Toshiba America Information Systems.

WEDDING

Debra (Rodenbaugh) Schaub, as '89, Manhattan, Kan., and Patrick Schaub on May 28. She works for the Kansas Department of Commerce.

1990s

Shari (Pitko) Berry, jd '94, Peoria, Ill., joined the law firm Herl, Royster, Voelker and Allen as counsel. **Mark Buchele, ba '96**, Lawrence, Kan., is the media director at Gragg Advertising in Kansas City, Mo. He was a member of Alpha Delta at Washburn. **Steven Ebberts, ba '90, jd '93**, Topeka, was appointed to a seat on the Shawnee County District Court. He had been Topeka's chief municipal judge since 2003. **Kent Galley, jd '98**, Olathe, Kan., is the vice president and CFO of Saepio Technologies Inc., which specializes in marketing automation software. The business was named top small company by the Kansas City Business Journal. **Margaret (Schroll) Galvez, ba**

'90, bs '98, bsn '05, is attending Des Moines University, pursuing a master's degree in public health. She married Hugo Galvez in 2009. **Chris Gilbert, jd '98, mba '98**, Hiawatha, Kan., is a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers International Tax practice. He previously worked as the tax director for GE Commercial Finance and GE Capital Asia Pacific. **Jess Hoeme, ba '99**, Murdock, Kan., is a defense attorney at Joseph & Hollander law firm. He and wife Jennifer (Roberts) Hoeme, bas '97, have four children. **Terry Holdren, jd '97**, Manhattan, Kan., is general counsel for Kansas Farm Bureau. Before working there, he was a legislative aide and worked as an assistant county attorney in Riley County (Kan.). Holdren was a member of Delta Theta Phi at Washburn. **Kimberly Kearse-Lane, ba '95, jd '03**, Lawrence, Kan., opened Mutual Security Insurance LLC. She also joined the Principal Financial Group. **Jared Maag, jd '95**, Topeka, was appointed to chief of the criminal division in Kansas by U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom. He joined the U.S. attorney's office full-time in 2009. **Danny Marshall, b ed '95**, Raytown, Mo., is a teacher at Van Horn High School in Independence, Mo. He and wife Jonni, bs '93, have three children. Marshall played football while at Washburn. **Heath Martin, ba '99**, Fremont, Ohio, is the dean of students at Terra State Community College.



PROFILE

MARK HEYKA, BA '83, MISSOULA, MONT.

Mark Heyka's fascination with weather began long before he arrived at Washburn in the late 1970s. As a native of the north central Kansas community of Belleville, he often was in the eye of the storm.

"I can remember being 10 years old, watching the weather, just drawn to it," said Heyka, who majored in broadcast journalism at Washburn. "I'd pretend I was a weatherman."

Forty years later, the 1983 graduate's fascination has become a successful 28-year career as a meteorologist. For the last 12 years, Heyka has been the chief meteorologist at KECI-TV, the NBC affiliate in Missoula, Mont.

"There are times when I miss home and want to be closer to family, but this really is a great place and I love being here," said Heyka, who worked at KOLN-TV in Lincoln, Neb.; KOAM-TV in Joplin, Mo.; and Pittsburg, Kan. before moving to Missoula. "It's beautiful here, my kind of town."

Gone, however, are the days of tracking tornadoes.

"I do miss tornadoes. I know that sounds a little crazy," he said. "I think most people probably hear Montana and think we get all this snow and it's cold, but Missoula is in a valley, so it's not bad. We get about 44 inches of snow per year, and the humidity is very low. Summers here are just gorgeous. We'll have days where even if it's 90 during the day for the high, it'll be a low in the 40s."

Heyka has made the most of his stay in Montana, serving the community in several capacities. He is a co-founder of the Missoula Men's Chorus, a volunteer usher for the Missoula Children's Theatre, on the board of directors for the Missoula AIDS Council and active in the Western Montana Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

"It's important to give back to the community and I enjoy doing all of those things," he said. "This is one of the best cities you can live in."

Heyka returns to Kansas once or twice a year to see family in Topeka, Belleville and Kansas City. While at Washburn, he was in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, on the student council and worked as a reporter for the Washburn Review.

He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and WSGA at Washburn. **Patti Petersen Klein, jd '97**, Topeka, was named executive director of the Kansas Corporation Commission in June. She previously worked for the Kansas Court of Appeals and the Kansas Supreme Court. Petersen Klein was a member of Phi Delta Phi while at Washburn. **Brian Rowley, bba '92**, Udall, Kan., is the principal at Udall Middle and High schools. **James "Buddy" Sims, bba '94**, Buckeye, Ariz., was enshrined in

the Ring of Honor at the Anthem Veterans Memorial in November. He had a long career in the Marines and Air Force. **Eric Slimmer, as '96**, Oklahoma City, Okla., is the CEO of Eagle Imaging Partners. **Tracey (Spencer) Stratton, ba '95**, Topeka, is a shareholder in the advertising/marketing/PR firm jones huyett Partners. She is director of public relations. **Wes Sturgeon, b ed '94**, Topeka, is the principal at Jefferson West Elementary School in Meriden, Kan. **Gregory Valentine, bs '93**,

Osawatomic, Kan., is the director of the Delaware Psychiatric Center. **BIRTHS** **Kirk Haskins, ba '93**, Topeka, and Kristy Haskins, a girl, Gwendolyn Grace, on June 17. Kirk is a business consultant for the Kansas Department of Education. **Heather (Gish) Wachslicht, bba '97**, Sammamish, Wash., and Trent Wachslicht, a girl, Ella, on June 30. She joins a brother, Tyler.

2000s

Edward Bergman, ba '00, Newnan, Ga., was named associated director of programs and services for the Central New York chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. **Brian Biermann, m ed '02**, Pittsburg, Kan., was hired as assistant superintendent at Pittsburg Unified School District. Biermann previously spent four years as principal at Louisburg Middle School. **A.J. Bingham, jd '08**, Austin, Texas, is a legislative aide for McWilliams Governmental

Affairs Consultants.
Lara (Blake) Bors, jd '01, Garden City, Kan., was appointed to the Unified School District 457 school board. She is a lawyer in Garden City.
Lana Carr-Metzger, as '07, Blue Springs, Mo., is the compliance coordinator for the Village Hospice at John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Mo.
Heather Cooper, m ed '08, McCune, Kan., is teaching English at the American International School in Cairo, Egypt.

Tara (Kemp) Cunningham, ba '00, Surprise, Ariz., was chosen as one of 10 participants in the University of Arizona Academic Leadership Institute, a yearlong fellowship program for faculty and administrators.
Reagan Cussimano, jd '04, Topeka, is a senior fiscal analyst with the Kansas legislative research department.
Sheyvette Dinkens, bs '06, Topeka, is the founder of a non-profit with a mission of empowering young and

teen girls.
Ryan Flannagan, mba '06, Tucson, Ariz., is the CEO of Nuanced Media, assisting Tucson area companies with business consulting, marketing and website design and development.
Eric Gares, bs '07, Herington, Kan., is a police officer in Herington. He was one of 24 Kansans selected to attend the 10th annual Kansas Police Administrators Seminar in July.
Jessica Garner, jd '09, Wichita, Kan., works at

Kutak Rock LLP in Wichita, specializing in employment administration and litigation.
Ashley Gordon, b ed '09, Hutchinson, Kan., is a first-grade teacher at Hutchinson Magnet School. She and David Farney married in July.
Reaona Hemmingway, mba '04, Topeka, published a book, "Mariah," in 2010. The author also works in accounting at an auto dealership and previously served in the Air National Guard.

Pamela (Burrough) Jacobs, jd '06, Columbia, S.C., was hired as director of the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
Blake Jones, bba '06, Houston, Texas, is a senior consultant in the energy group for Deloitte & Touche. He was in Kappa Sigma while at Washburn.
Kinsley Krupich, ba '06, Olathe, Kan., was promoted to branch manager of the Corinth Neighborhood Library in the Johnson County (Kan.) Library System.
Jake Lenherr, b ed '07, Enid, Okla., accepted a position as the baseball coach at Chisholm High School. He played baseball at Washburn.
Shelly Maas, b ed '04, Lawrence, Kan., is a pre-kindergarten teacher at David Brewer Elementary School in Leavenworth, Kan.
Lauren Markward, bs '05, San Francisco, Calif., is a legal policy associate in the trust and safety department at Twitter.
Alicia (Phillips) Mowder, ba '08, Topeka, is pursuing a master's degree in journalism at the University of Kansas and is a senior retail marketing analyst at Payless ShoeSource.
Christopher Mowder, bba '07, Topeka, is a marketing communications associate at Security Benefit.
Pamela Musgrave, jd '00, Monett, Mo., is the manager of the Monett public defender trial office.

Melody Rayl, mcj '03, Olathe, Kan., joined the law firm Zerger & Mauer LLP in Kansas City. Rayl represents clients in commercial matters through all phases of litigation.
Stephanie Seales, b ed '05, Topeka, was awarded a Boxley Graduate Scholarship from Peru State College, which covers full tuition, fees and books for a 19-month online cohort program. Seales is a kindergarten and pre-kindergarten teacher at Avondale East Elementary.
Jennifer (Sifford) Sourk, bba '02, jd '05, mba '08, was appointed to the Washburn Board of Regents. She is an attorney with the Kansas Insurance Department.
Ashley Turner, jd '09, Chesterfield, Mo., is an assistant prosecuting attorney for Audrain County in Missouri.
Megan (Edwards) Walawender, jd '06, Lenexa, Kan., is an attorney at the firm Constagny, Brooks and Smith LLP.
Zach Watkins, bba '09, Independence, Mo., was one of six captains for the U.S. men's national football team in July. After the team won a gold medal, he accepted a position as linebackers coach at Fort Hays State University. He was an All-American linebacker at Washburn.
James Wilmoth, bba '01, St. Louis, Mo., joined the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America. He is a lawyer at St. Louis-based

Brown & Crouppen.
Luci Ziemann, b ed '06, Worcester, Mass., is the area coordinator at Becker College.
WEDDING
Billie Jean Bergmann, bba '09, Topeka, and Robert Graham Jr. on Sept. 10. She is a senior analyst at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.
BIRTHS
Shannon (Charbonneau) Bergmann, ba '01, and **Matthew Bergmann, bba '01, jd '05**, Silver Lake, Kan., a boy, Hagen John, on May 25. He joins a brother, Grady.
Karen (DeDonder) Garrison, bs '05, and **James Garrison, bs '04, jd '07**, Paxico, Kan., a boy, James Isaac, on June 24. Karen is an athletic trainer/clinical coordinator of athletic training at Washburn, while James is an assistant county attorney in Manhattan, Kan.
Julie (Hoytal) Gould, ba '06, and **Grant Gould, ba '07**, Topeka, a girl, Elliott Jo Ann, on July 23. Julie works for Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Grant for St. Francis Heart and Vascular Center.
Jessica (Bergmann) Newell, ba '06, Olathe, Kan., and Mark Newell, a girl, Elena Sue, on May 9. Jessica is a psychologist for the North Kansas City school district.
Dave Uhler, ba '02, Topeka,

and Laurie Uhler, twins (boy Gibson Grant, girl Lydia Lynn) on March 16.
2010s
Kelly (Zeller) Appelhanz, b ed '11, Topeka, is a fifth-grade teacher at Meadows Elementary in Topeka.
Laura (Dunn) Henderson, bsn '10, Chandler, Ariz., works on the endocrinology floor at Phoenix Children's Hospital.
Nicholas Hill, bs '11, Topeka, works for the Shawnee County Sheriff's Dispatch and for the Shawnee County Coroner's office.
Tina (Bryant) Kleiner, b ed '11, Topeka, is an elementary special education teacher for the Seaman School District.
Shelby Schmidt, bba '11, San Antonio, Texas, is a marketing and outreach business specialist for Google, assisting local businesses in gaining a greater online presence.
Jamie Shrewsbury, b ed '10, Wichita, Kan., is a kindergarten teacher at Valley Center (Kan). She previously worked as an intervention teacher for Topeka Public Schools.
Ryan Ward, bs '11, San Antonio, Texas, is attending dental school at the University of Texas Health Science Center.
Theresa L. Young, ba '10, Manhattan, Kan., is the site administrator at the First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site at Fort Riley (Kan.).



PROFILE

CHAD HICKMAN, BBA '06, OLATHE, KAN.

Chad Hickman's early success as a professional photographer and co-owner of Blixt Photography and 8183 Studio garnered the 2006 Washburn graduate an impressive accolade last summer.

Hickman, who holds a bachelor's degree in marketing, was listed on Ingram's Magazine's "20 in Their Twenties" list released in June. Ingram's covers business in the greater Kansas City area.

Despite the accomplishments, the budding businessman remains humble.

"I'm not really sure how I ended up on that list," he said. "There are a lot of bankers,

financiers, people like that on that list. I think they just wanted to throw someone artistic in the mix."

Hickman knew he wanted to be a photographer when he left Olathe North High School to attend Washburn. While attending college, he worked as a freelance photographer, including shooting weddings on weekends.

"It's what I've always wanted to do," Hickman said. "I learned that it's better to learn by doing, and Gene Cassell (Washburn's sports information director) helped me out a lot while I was at Washburn. I learned a lot about business, especially in marketing, and that's been very valuable."

Hickman co-owns Blixt (www.blixtphoto.com) and 8183 Studio (www.8183studio.com) with Ryan Hill. Blixt specializes in wedding portraits, while 8183 Studio focuses on commercial clients.

"It's important for me to stress that this is not all about me," Hickman said. "We've got a great team here, and none of this would be possible without this team. I think our teamwork is what sets us apart."

Among the clients for 8183 Studio, which opened in early 2010, is Clear 10 Vodka, Kansas Builders Supply and The Maids.

"Our niche has been beverage photos, but we've got a variety of clients," he said. "The ultimate goal would be a Bud Light billboard or something along those lines someday. We know this is a process, and we're still building."

In addition to running a pair of businesses, Hickman is a family man with two children, Calvin, 1, and Ellis, 2. His wife, Megan (O'Dell) Hickman, graduated from Washburn in 2006 with a bachelor of education degree. She is a first-grade teacher at Shawnee Elementary School in the Shawnee Mission school district.



IN MEMORY

1930s

Ruth (Walker) O'Riley, bfa '36, 96, Topeka, on July 25. A member of Friends of Mulvane Art Museum, she was in the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and worked for the Kaw yearbook while at Washburn.

1940s

Ella Aley, ba '47, 96, Wichita, Kan., on July 21. She was a teacher for 46 years, including 35 in Topeka. A member of numerous teaching organizations, she authored four poetry books after retiring.

Dorothy (Culbreth) Bridwell, ba '46, 86, Olathe, Kan., on July 8. She taught high

school and was active in the Shawnee County Medical Alliance, American Association of University Women at Washburn and the Ronald McDonald House.

Josef Derryberry, ba '49, 86, Bartlesville, Okla., on June 17. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and received several honors, including a Certificate of Valor. Derryberry owned and operated Derryberry Jewelers from 1961 until his retirement in 2004.

Joan (Webb) Ellis, ba '45, 87, Southern Pines, N.C., on Sept. 10. She worked for the North Carolina Department of Revenue and was a member of Colonial Dames in Kansas. Ellis was a

member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Willia (Coffman) Gades, ba '41, 90, Topeka, on Sept. 16. A member of Delta Gamma, Gades also participated in Nonoso, the Topeka Dental Auxiliary and the Kansas Dental Auxiliary. While at Washburn, she was in the pep club and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Tommie Hillmon, ba '49, 86, Topeka, on May 26. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Army Reserve during the Korean conflict. Hillmon was a history professor at Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, then a cartographer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

1950s

Lyle P. Baker, ba '54, jd '56, 81, Panorama Village, Texas, on April 2. A longtime judge, he was the first hearing officer for Kansas 18th Judicial District.

Eberle Baldwin, jd '55, 85, Bartlesville, Okla., on June 8. He served in the Army Infantry during World War II and the Korean conflict. Eberle, a member of Delta Theta Phi, worked for Phillips Petroleum Company for 30 years as a tax counsel and assistant general tax officer.

Charles Buehler, ba '50, jd '52, 84, Great Bend, Kan., on April 21. A Navy veteran who served in World War II, he had a private law practice for 50 years in Great



PROFILE

DOROTHY BRINK ARMSTRONG, BA '32, 100, TOPEKA, ON AUG. 5

Armstrong was on the board of the Washburn University Alumni Association and a trustee of the Washburn University Foundation from 1985-97. She was also a Foundation trustee emerita.

Spanning across the community, her service included work as a member of the board of directors for the Civic Symphony Society, president of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, director of the board of the Shawnee County Historical Society and volunteer at Stormont-Vail HealthCare.

A dedicated world traveler, Armstrong made the trek to several destinations abroad with the Alumni Association. While at Washburn, she was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority, elected to Nonoso and served on the Panhellenic Council.

She was preceded in death by Chris Armstrong, her husband of more than 50 years, in 1989. Survivors include sons Chris Armstrong, bba '69, Lawrence, Kan., and Jim Armstrong, bba '71, Overland Park, Kan.; daughter Karen (Armstrong) Bowen, five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and 10 step-great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Chris W. and Dorothy B. Armstrong Scholarship Fund at Washburn University, 1729 SW MacVicar Ave., Topeka, KS, 66604 or First Presbyterian Church, 817 SW Harrison St., Topeka, KS, 66612.



PROFILE

ELWAINE POMEROY, BA '55, JD '57, 78, TOPEKA, ON JUNE 29

Pomeroy served in the Kansas senate for 16 sessions, including four years as chairman of the local government committee and eight years as chairman of the senate judiciary committee. He practiced law for many years in multiple fields and worked as a lobbyist for such groups as the Motion Picture Association of America. From 1984 to 1990, Pomeroy served as chairman of the Kansas Parole Board.

The longtime lawmaker was a member of several professional organizations, including the Topeka Bar Association, Kansas Bar Association, American Bar Association, Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star Masons, Scottish Rite and Arab Shrine.

Though he was too young to serve during World War II, Pomeroy sold war bonds and earned the top war bondsman award from the Boy Scouts of America.

While at Washburn, he was in the Sagamore Society, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities and Delta Theta Phi. Pomeroy graduated magna cum laude.

Pomeroy was married to his late wife, Joanne (Bunge) Pomeroy, for 59 years. Survivors include sons Carl Pomeroy and Duane Pomeroy, ba '78, b ed '79, who is a teacher in Topeka. Elwaine Pomeroy is also survived by seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a brother, Charles Pomeroy, bba '65.

Bend and Claflin, Kan. Buehler worked on the Kaw yearbook and Washburn Review staffs while at Washburn.

Donald Brunnert, ba '57, 81, Topeka, on Aug. 15. He served in the Army during the Korean conflict and worked in the accounting department for the Santa Fe Railway. Brunnert worked in the railway's Chicago and San Francisco offices before returning to Topeka, where he retired in 1986.

Doris (Atley) Casserly, bba '58, 90, Cape Coral, Fla., on May 25. She served three years in the Marines during World War II and graduated cum laude from Washburn. During her time at Washburn, she was also a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

Donna (Reed) Cocks, ba '56, 76,

Whitesboro, Texas, on July 26.

She and her husband, Robert, had traveled to 49 states during her lifetime. Cocks was a member of Delta Gamma and Phi Kappa Phi. **Jerry Griffith, ba '53, jd '57,** 80, Derby, Kan., on May 25. He served in the Army before working as an attorney until his retirement in 2001. Griffith was a city attorney in Derby for 17 years and a state representative from 1960 to 1968.

Charles Long Jr., bba '57, 80, Topeka, on May 29. He served in the Air Force before entering a career in banking. Long retired in 1991 as a senior vice president at Bank IV. He was a member of Kappa Sigma, worked on the Kaw yearbook and played football at Washburn.

Louis Reeder, ba '50, 91, Boise,

Idaho, on June 2. He was a member of Phi Alpha Delta.

Eugene Sallee, ba '54, 87, Topeka, on July 18. He worked at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment before retiring in 2000. Sallee also worked for several years at American Can Company in Chicago, Ill., and at Farmland Industries in Kansas City. Survivors include his brother James Sallee, ba '51.

Joseph Snell, ba '55, 83, Topeka, on June 9. He served in the Army, was a member of the Reserves and director of the Kansas State Historical Society before retiring in 1988. An author of several books, including "Why the West Was Wild," he was named Kansan of the Year in 1985.

Robert Snyder, b music '57, 77, Hudson, Wis., on Aug. 10.

He was a professor of music at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.

Max Woodall, jd '59, 81, Tampa, Fla., on Nov. 28, 2010. He had a long career with the United States Veterans Administration, working for a time at the White House. Woodall served in the Marines from 1951 to 1955.

1960s

Marion Auman, ba '68, 70, Bonner Springs, Kan., on Aug. 20. She worked for the State of Kansas before retiring in 1998.

Ronald Baxter, ba '62, jd '65, 76, on July 19. He practiced law for 35 years, serving as legal counsel for Gov. Robert B. Docking. Baxter also worked at Scott, Quinlan, Hecht and Baxter

law firm. He was a member of Kappa Sigma and Phi Alpha Delta while at Washburn.

Paul W. Clark, jd '69, 73, Mulvane, Kan., on Aug. 12. He was an Army veteran, serving as a special forces medic. Clark also served as a district court judge from 1981 to 2009, had a private law practice and worked in the Sedgwick County (Kan.) District Attorney's Office.

Robert Dillon, ba '60, 81, Nevada, Mo., on July 1. He was a math professor at the University of Arizona for nearly 30 years and also taught high school in La Junta, Colo.

Kenneth Drees, bba '66, 72, Olathe, Kan., on Aug. 24.

He worked for Royal Globe Insurance for 29 years before retiring as a claims manager in 1996.

Bate Hamilton, ba '65, jd '68, 68, Elkton, Va., on Aug. 3. A retired lieutenant colonel, he was an assistant district attorney in Kansas City, Kan., and served in the Army primarily in the Judge Advocate General's office before retiring in 1997. While at Washburn, he was in the Sagamore Society, debate and student council.

Charles McNish, ba '69, jd '72, 69, Topeka, on July 20.

He retired as a systems designer from Southwestern Bell in 2000. McNish served in the Marines from 1963 to 1967, including a tour in Vietnam. Survivors include his wife Melinda (Duncan) McNish, b ed '72.

David Mize, ba '68, 65, Winchester, Kan., on June 9.

Robert Mulch, ba '63, jd '66, 70, Scott City, Kan., on June 24.

He was a municipal judge in Scott City for 20 years.

Betty Nall, m ed '63, 85, Topeka, on June 13. She operated several preschools in Topeka before teaching at Lafayette Elementary.

Gary L. Pauley, jd '61, 75, Normal, Kan., on April 8. He retired in 1994 as associate general counsel at State Farm Insurance.

He started at State Farm as a field claims representative in 1961 and moved to the corporate law department in 1964. Pauley served in the Army.

Bertha (Barfknecht) Rayburn, ba '68, 95, on July 12. A member of Alpha Delta Pi, she served in the U.S. Naval Reserve and worked as a substitute teacher in the Topeka area. Survivors include her son, Frederick Rayburn, ba '83.

Clara B. Rhoades, m ed '66, 85, Coffeyville, Kan., on Aug. 15. She

was a longtime teacher.

Loren Rosson Jr., ba '65, jd '68, 67, Merrimack, N.H., on Sept. 14, 2010. An Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, he was an attorney for years in the Nashua, N.H., area. Rosson played on the football team while at Washburn.

Nelson Simmers, ba '62, 75, Yates Center, Kan., on Nov. 23, 2010.

Norma Sohl, b ed '66, 81, Topeka, on July 2. She taught in the Topeka school system for 28 years, including stints at Highland Park and McCarter Elementary Schools. She was a member of the Topeka Teachers Association and was in Phi Kappa Phi while at Washburn.

1970s

James Handley, bba '71, 70, Topeka, on June 10. He served

in the Navy from 1959-63, then worked for Kansas Public Employees



PROFILE

EDWARD MCKERNAN III, BBA '58, 74, ADMIRE, KAN., ON JUNE 21

McKernan was a radio broadcaster and retired in 1984 after owning the KVOE radio station in Emporia for 27 years. He was involved in numerous civic, charitable and community organizations throughout his life and was a lifetime member of the Washburn Alumni Association.

While at Washburn, McKernan worked on the Washburn Review, served on the student council and competed in football and track. He was named to the Sagamore Society and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Survivors include wife Doris (Yockey) McKernan, b ed '59, Admire, Kan., and daughter Connie (McKernan) Tilton, aa '88, Berryton, Kan. Other survivors include sons Edward McKernan IV, Michael McKernan, William McKernan and Daniel McKernan, and daughter Catherine (McKernan) Hull. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren.

Retirement System before retiring in 1995. Handley was a member of Delta Sigma Psi at Washburn.

William C. Mueller, ba '74, 58, Lenexa, Kan., on July 22. He was a night auditor at Holiday Inn for more than 20 years.

Paul G. Perez, jd '74, 65, Lufkin, Texas, on July 12. He was vice president and secretary of Lufkin Industries. Perez began working at Lufkin Industries in 1993 and served on several boards, including a stint as president of the board of trustees of Stubblefield Learning Center.

1980s

Alfred Adams, bba '88, 67, Topeka, on July 29. He worked for IBM and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway as a computer engineer and for the Kansas Department of Administration. Adams was in the

band while at Washburn. Survivors include wife Connie (Bloomquist) Adams, aa '89, ba '91.

Kevin Drain, bba '88, 50, Topeka, on Sept. 1. He owned and operated Mobile Insurance Assessments.

Fay Hester, aa '85, 58, Nettleton, Miss., on June 25. She was a licensed practical nurse at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

Beverly Hiegert, ba '85, 52, Louisburg, Kan., on May 25. She worked for the IRS for more than 20 years.

Laurie (O'Shea) Parsons, ba '84, 49, Auburn, Kan., on June 25. She worked at TARC, Stormont-Vail HealthCare and as a social worker in the Auburn-Washburn School District. Parsons was a member of the Phi Tau Omega sorority.

Deborah Rogers, aa '82, 61,

Topeka, on July 14. She worked as a bus driver for Topeka Transit and was a medical transcriptionist at several medical offices.

1990s

Michael Card, jd '95, 56, Kansas City, Mo., on June 27. A Navy veteran, he was an attorney for the United Auto Workers union after a long stint as a General Motors autoworker.

Natalie Gibson, bs '97, jd '04, 40, Topeka, on July 21. She was a research attorney for the Kansas Judicial Council and previously worked for the Kansas Department of Corrections and Kansas Sentencing Commission.

Judith (Cazier) Peddicord, bas '93, 85, Wamego, Kan, on June 15. She taught grade school music and was a member of the Order

of Eastern Star and a volunteer at the Topeka Correctional Facility. **Judy (Bauer) Pratt, mba '95, 65,** Topeka, on July 17. She was an accountant at Silver Lake Bank and previously worked as an accountant for B.R.B. Contractors.

2000s

Sheila (Awtrey) Hachmeister, as '09, 58, Topeka, on Sept. 10. She worked in medical records and the cancer registry department at St. Francis Hospital.

FRIENDS

Emory Groves, 94, Topeka, on June 24. He taught at Washburn for 21 years before retiring in 1982. Groves taught secondary and graduate education.



PROFILE

GUNNAR ALKSNIS, 79, WOODLAND, CALIF., ON MAY 15

Gunnar Alksnis was a longtime professor in the history department, working at Washburn from 1968 until his retirement in 1997. He received a bachelor of divinity degree in 1955 and was ordained at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russell County (Kan.) in 1956.

Alksnis earned a master of sacred theology degree in 1965 and a doctorate in philosophy from Kansas State University in 1970. He taught history and theology after arriving at Washburn. After retiring, Alksnis moved to Woodland, Calif., in 2000 to be closer to his daughter, Maria Grimes. In California, Alksnis served as a guest speaker at

Lutheran churches, passing on his knowledge of Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Out of Alksnis' lasting devotion to Washburn and the students he whole-heartedly adored, the family has created a \$25,000 endowed Professor Gunnar Alksnis History Scholarship. Memorial contributions to that fund are welcomed.

In honor of Alksnis, three alder trees were planted on campus during the fall semester.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Alksnis is survived by his wife of 54 years, Pauline; daughter Maria, son-in-law Michael Grimes, grandson Nicholas Grimes and brother Tally Alksnis.





WASHBURN ROCKS, PART II

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Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series. The first part was published in the August edition of The Ichabod and focused on the Ritchie Rock, 1906 Boulder and Stone Wall.

The theme for 2011 Founders' Day was "Washburn Rocks," bringing to mind the boulders on campus, all of which honor one or more individuals or commemorate an event.

FLAGPOLE ROCK

Location: Flagpole plaza just west of Carnegie. Plaque: Erected and dedicated as a silent lesson in patriotism at the base of a flagpole in front of the Thomas Gymnasium. In memory of those who fell in the war for the preservation of the Union by the surviving veterans of Shawnee County in Kansas. President William Howard Taft made the dedicatory address on Sept. 27, 1911.

A 1954 Topeka newspaper article noted that Robert Collins, ba '56, saw a reference to Taft's visit in a paper written by his professor, John Bright, and went to look for the pole and plaque. He discovered that the plaque was missing and learned the flagpole had been replaced several times. He decided that the only president's visit to campus should be remembered and honored.

Collins petitioned the student council to take on the project of replacing the plaque. They embedded the plaque on a rock placed to the east of Thomas Gymnasium because the flagpole circle was removed temporarily for the construction of Morgan Hall.

Thomas was destroyed and the flagpole was damaged in the 1966 tornado, but the rock with the plaque stood firm. A new flagpole, donated by the Sons of the American Revolution, was raised in 1967 on the original flagpole site, and the rock was placed nearby.

PRESIDENTIAL GROVE ROCK

Location: Southeast of Falley Field facing 21st Street. Plaque: Established in April 1998, this grove of London planetrees honors all Washburn presidents – past, present and future. These sturdy shade trees are symbols of the character, dedication and integrity of all who have served in the university's highest office.

President Jerry Farley was inaugurated as the 14th president of Washburn on April 18, 1998. To mark the occasion, the inauguration committee arranged for a grove of trees to be planted on campus. These trees are a symbol of Farley's vision of Washburn's future that is rooted in the past.

MORTON ROCK

Location: Just north of the tennis courts on campus. Plaque: Dedicated in 1999, the plaque and three Cimmarron ash trees were placed at the corner of Durow Drive and College Avenue, where the Student Recreation and Wellness Center is located. Moved to its current location when the SRWC was being built, the rock honors longtime Washburn maintenance employee John A. Morton.

Mike Jauken, chief of groundskeeping at Washburn, said Morton started working on campus not long after the 1966 tornado and was an employee until his death on Aug. 25, 1999. "He was well-liked, a very easy-going guy," Jauken said. "He did a little bit of everything here, from painting the sports fields to working on the grounds crew. He'd been here so long everybody knew him."



The Presidential Grove Rock was built in 1998 to honor all Washburn presidents – past, present and future. *Photo by Martha Imparato*



The John Morton Rock is dedicated to Washburn's longtime maintenance employee John A. Morton. *Photo by Emie W. Webb III*

CALENDAR of EVENTS

ALUMNI EVENTS



Alumni Association board member John Ybarra entertaining at After Hours. Photo by Ernie W. Webb III

JANUARY

- 6 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 11 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Alumni board meeting (via Webcast), 9 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 3 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 8 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Phoenix, Ariz., event, noon (Please check washburn.edu/alumni)
- 12 Tucson, Ariz., event, noon (Please check Washburn.edu/alumni)
- 23 Wake Up with Washburn, Linda Gilligan, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minn., 7:30 a.m.

MARCH

- 1-4 MIAA basketball tournament in Kansas City, Mo.
- 2 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 14 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 6 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 11 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Wichita alumni event with Washburn School of Law (please check washburn.edu/alumni)
- 21 (through May 3) French Polynesia alumni trip
- 26 Manhattan, Kan., alumni event, TBD (Please check washburn.edu/alumni)
- 28 Alumni board meeting, 9 a.m.
- 28 Alumni Awards banquet, Washburn Room, Memorial Union, 6 p.m.

Alumni events are in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, unless otherwise noted.

MULVANE EXHIBITS & EVENTS

Note: The galleries at Mulvane Art Museum will be closed until Feb. 3, 2012, during replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.



Crossword II by Fernando Pezzino

FEB. 4-MARCH 18

“Parallel Views”

Works by Miguel Angel Giovanetti and Fernando Pezzino, a lecturer of modern languages at Washburn

FEB. 4-APRIL 15

“Twist & Turn”

Artwork by participants in the Museum’s Twist & Turn Project.

“Industrial Nature: Works by Michelle Stitzlein”

Stitzlein creates sculptures out of recycled objects including slide carousels, headlamps and piano keys.

“Ichi-mai Ori”

Origami works by artist Robert J. Lang

APRIL 7-JUNE 3

Department of Art Student Exhibit

The annual juried exhibit of work by Washburn art students

Unless otherwise noted, exhibits and events are in the Mulvane Art Museum located in Garvey Fine Arts Center. For information, call (785) 670-1124 or visit Washburn.edu/mulvane

THEATRE EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 23-25 “Ruined,” 7:30 p.m., a play by Lynn Nottage
- 26 “Ruined,” 2 p.m.

APRIL

- 20-21 Shakespeare project, 7:30 p.m.
- 27-28 Shakespeare project, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Shakespeare project, 2 p.m.

Theatre productions are presented in the Andrew J. and Georgia Neese Gray Theatre, Garvey Fine Arts Center. For more information, call (785) 670-1639.

ACADEMICS & STUDENT LIFE

JANUARY

- 3 Spring classes begin for entering School of Law students
- 10 Spring classes begin for School of Law students
- 16 Martin Luther King Day (university closed)
- 17 Spring classes begin
- 28 Leadership Institute spring orientation

FEBRUARY

- 9 Wellness Fair, Washburn Room, Memorial Union, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 12 College Goal Sunday, hosted by Kansas Association of Financial Aid Administrators, Room 100, Henderson Learning Resources Center, 2-4 p.m.
- 14 Recycled Rides Vehicle Give-a-way, Washburn Tech, 10 a.m.
- 15 Career Fair, Lee Arena, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 17 Leadership Institute Scholarship Interview Day

MARCH

- 3 Ichabod Junior Day, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 8 Education Interview Day, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 19-25 Spring recess
- 29 Leadership Challenge Event Conference, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center and Henderson Learning Resources Center, 1-5 p.m.
- 30 Leadership Challenge Event Simulation Competition, Washburn campus, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

APRIL

- 9-15 National Student Employment Week
- 25 Last day of classes for School of Law students

SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY

- 27 Ichabod Senior Day, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Washburn University Board of Regents meeting, location TBD, 4 p.m.
- 6 Founders’ Day, Lincoln Lecturer Richard Norton Smith visits campus
- 16 Who’s Who Among Students at American Colleges and Universities awards, Washburn A, Memorial Union, 6 p.m.
- 20 Ichabod Junior Day, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

MARCH

- 3 Ichabod Junior Day, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 14 Washburn University Board of Regents meeting, location TBD, 1-4 p.m.
- 15 Topeka Scholarship Reception, Washburn Room, Memorial Union, 6-9 p.m.
- 27 Shawnee County Scholarship Reception, Washburn Room, Memorial Union, 6-9 p.m.

APRIL

- 3 Honors Spring Banquet, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 SOAR Awards, Washburn Room, Memorial Union, 6-8 p.m.
- 13 Ichabod Junior Day, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 16 Transfer Student Orientation, 3-7 p.m.
- 17 Employee Recognition, Washburn Room, 3:30-5 p.m.
- 20 Apeiron, Washburn campus
- 24 Leadership Institute Spring Banquet and Awards

SCHOOL OF LAW

JANUARY

- 18 Lunch and Learn: Assisted Reproduction Technology, Room 100, noon

FEBRUARY

- 9 Lunch and Learn: Real Estate and Construction Law in a Troubled Economy, Room 102, noon
- 10-12 Great Plains Regional Mock Trial Tournament
- 22 Lunch and Learn: Juvenile Offender, Parent’s Role, Custody and Detention, Room 100, noon

MARCH

- 3 Board of Governors meeting, Room 327, 8 a.m.
- 14 Lunch and Learn, Room 100, noon

APRIL

- 5 Center for Excellence in Advocacy Awards Ceremony, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, 5-7:30 p.m.
- 11 Lunch and Learn, Room 100, noon
- 18 Law Journal Banquet, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, 5 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, School of Law events are at the School of Law.