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From the editor

It is a great privilege to bring to you so many exciting stories from Pittsburg State University. From a national championship football team to a multi-million-dollar gift for a new fine and performing arts center, this spring issue is packed with great news from the campus and wonderful stories about our alumni.

We hope you enjoy the magazine and its online companion. And when you've finished reading, please take a few minutes to send us your letters, comments, story suggestions and alumni news. It is always great to hear from you!

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As Kansans, we are used to beautiful sunsets, but as University Photographer Malcolm Turner was taking aerial shots of an evening football game, he couldn't resist capturing this special westward view from the campus on another perfect fall evening.



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From the editor:

Carney Hall memories

Our letters this issue are in response to our request for memories of old Carney Hall. Clearly, that building and especially its well-used auditorium played an important role in the life of the campus. Following, are some of the responses. You can read the remainder at the PittState Magazine online at magazine.pittstate.edu.

Steve Martin was unforgettable

As a 1976 graduate of Pitt State (then called Kansas State College Pittsburg), I have many great memories of the University and Carney Hall in particular.

The stately red brick building anchored the east flank of the college Oval. I walked past the site daily and had several classes within. However, it was an event, not a class that holds fast in my memories.

Each year the university hosted several special guests or events at the auditorium in Carney Hall. It was during my senior year that I was joined by several Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers as we attended a young musician/comedians performance. The young upstart was none other than now famous Steve Martin. The "wild and crazy guy", entertained a packed house with jokes, banjo songs and antics including a faux arrow through his head. The entire audience was enthralled and just when we thought it could not get wilder, Steve Martin invited the crowd to stand up and follow him out of the building. Several thousand students followed the jester around the oval as he told jokes, climbed lamp posts and skipped along the sidewalk. As I recall he finally finished his show addressing the crowd from the front steps leading into Carney Hall.

Now that is a great memory from the old days! Keep up the good work at the magazine.

Doug Huntington, BA '76
Bend, Oregon

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

I took a Virology class the summer of 1976. I enjoyed being in this historic building. I also remember attending the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band concert in either 1976 or 1977. I also took several nursing classes in Carney Hall.

Rita Byler-May, BSN '77

Carney a big influence

Carney Hall...played a big part in my life in music, drama and science. In 1929, I started as student in kindergarten at the Horace Mann Training School and remember that the school's biggest events, such as the Christmas Pageant, were held at Carney Hall. For instance, I and a number of other boys did a sort of quadrille as Chinese tea presenters at a performance of "The Nutcracker." The conductor of course was Dr. Walter McCray, the head of the college's music department. The whole thing was a big deal. Carney Hall's auditorium seemed huge. Even when Gov. Alf Landon came to address the school, he didn't rate Carney Hall! I heard my first grand opera there: "Cavalleria Rusticana." Members of the music department played the lead roles.

An annual event was a performance of Handel's "Messiah" shortly before Christmas. Soloists were: Marjorie Jackson, soprano; Lavon Graham Holden, contralto; Claude Newcomb, tenor; and Rollin Pease, bass. Mr. Pease was a vigorous basso. When he sang "I Will Shake," my father said he could feel the shake.

Many famous musical artists of the day performed evening concerts there. I remember Alec Templeton the blind English pianist. He asked the audience to shout out five letters of the alphabet; composed

a tune based on those letters and then improvised a sonata in the style of Mozart.

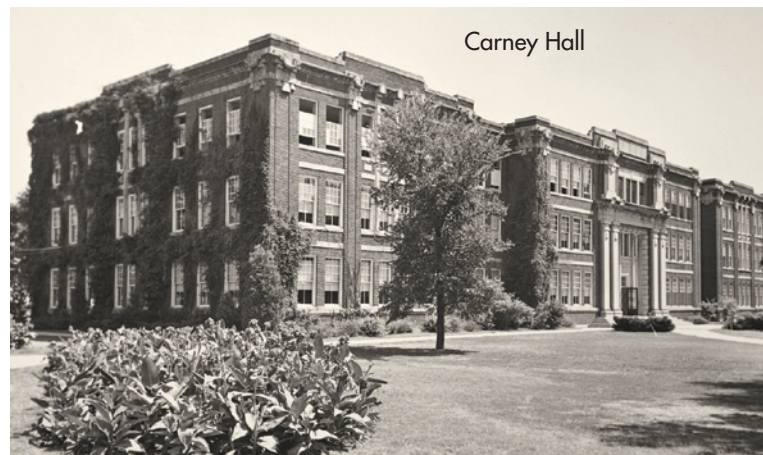
When I started college in 1940, I enjoyed the many college occasions in Carney Hall, but it was still the big place. Almost too large to take in. Imagine the thrill it was, when in 1943, I was selected to play the lead role in "Seven Keys to Baldpate" by George M. Cohan. It still is the pinnacle of my memories of the place.

Shortly after, I went off to the Army Air Force to spend 3 years. When I came back, my perspective had changed; I was going to become a doctor, paid for by the GI Bill. So my last year in college was spent in Dr. J. Ralph Wells' Biology Dept. Where? In Carney Hall, of course.

Philip S. Norman, M.D., BS '47
Professor of Medicine
Johns Hopkins University School
of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.

Some students lived there

Marian Gant German, stage star, cheerleader and Gorilla homecoming queen (1st on left) poses in front of her living facility, Carney Hall with classmates Ellen Horner from Carthage and Eva Crow from Joplin. In 1946, females were moved from Willard Hall to make room for the Navy residents. Ten girls lived on the third floor of Carney. The area was fitted with dressers and dividers. Marian graduated in three years and was married to the all-star football (50-year and 100-year PSU Hall of Famer, Don German.) She



Carney Hall



successfully taught English, speech and drama until 1990. She resides in Neodesha, Kansas. Christmas cards are still sent among the Carney Clan.

Twenty three years later, daughter Kay rushed from the old gymnasium's swimming pool from a 7:30 a.m. class in order to take Anatomy and Physiology classes. Her memory was having wet hair, putting on a wig (no air dryers invented yet) and wearing a mini-skirt to science lab where the cadaverous cats' formaldehyde drippingly dissolved her panty hose.

Carrying on in mother's footsteps, Kay starred in the play, "The Rainmaker." One night a hairless hamster was found on the stage. It was an escapee from a lab. Kay took it to live in Mitchell Hall. Her roommate, Julie Fisher, irritated by the animal told Kay the beast must go because it was loud and may be infectious. Silently placed in a tennis ball can provided by Doris Tracy, the rodent returned late for play practice with Kay. Not a word was said from the head of the biology department when he found "Mickey" on his desk.

Kay German Bunn, BS '72

Watching for enemy aircraft

Having grown up in Pittsburg, attended Horace Mann Laboratory School (starting with 4-year old kindergarten), College High School and PSU (Class of '66), I have many fond memories of Carney Hall.

One memory from high school

days involved working in a little glass enclosed building (just a room, really) on top of Carney Hall. We worked for The Civil Air Patrol, and watched the skies for aircraft. When we saw one, we reported the sighting, via the telephone, to headquarters, wherever that was. We filled out a form that included aircraft type, location, direction and approximate altitude. We took our duties quite seriously, and thought we were possibly saving America from attack from, probably back then, Russia. I remember one time sighting a tornado in the distance west of Pittsburg.

Roger Smart, Kansas City, Mo.

Terrific productions

I graduated from PSU in 1964. I had no classes in Carney (as a transfer business major), but I remember two events I attended in the auditorium. One was "West Side Story." It was a terrific production. I especially remember the dancing; don't recall the singing, though I was very impressed that we had that sort of talent on campus. I was a transfer student from Ft. Scott Community College (as it is known today), and I remembered the lit teacher talking about the new production of WSS, as a modern retelling of Romeo & Juliet. So, that's why I wanted to see it.

I also saw Basil Rathbone, the famous actor, especially of his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes. He came on stage with a table, chair, and candle. Lit the candle, and proceeded to talk about his life and career. I always wondered how it was that he found his way to Pittsburg. I read later that having a single lighted candle on stage sort of mesmerizes the audience, and should be avoided. Maybe that was his way of drawing attention away from himself.

From those early experiences, I have continued to enjoy the theater, and my wife and I attend many performances here in the Chicago area.

Thanks for the Carney Hall memories!

Ron Barlow, Skokie, Ill.

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Pathways to PSU

To open the fall 2011 semester, the university launched a major fundraising campaign that will make college more affordable for students and parents. "Pathways to PSU," a three-year, \$12 million scholarship campaign will provide more scholarships than ever to students in need.

The campaign, PSU's first concentrated effort to raise money solely for scholarships, focuses on increasing the number of endowed scholarships for students. These are private gifts that live in perpetuity, meaning the interest accrued from them will provide students with scholarships for years to come.

"One of our strategic priorities has been to give students better access to higher education," said University Development Director Kathleen Flannery. "We've always had loyal support for our campaigns, and this effort is near and dear to people because often they remember that someone helped them along the way as they were trying to achieve their dreams."

The campaign was formulated when the PSU Foundation raised its goal of student scholarships awarded to \$3 million each year. With state support consistently declining and student loan debt on the rise, Flannery said the foundation recognized the need to focus on student scholarships.

"The ideal would be to grant a scholarship to every single student in need," she said.

Kylie Kunshek, a nursing major beginning her freshman year at PSU, said scholarships were an important factor in her choice of Pittsburg State.

"There was a part of me that wanted to go away to a larger university," she said. "But this swayed me. It made the decision to go to college here so easy."

For more information, contact University Development at 620-235-4768 or go to www.pittstate.edu/pathways



Residence halls fill up as more choose PSU

The campus continued to grow in 2011, with fall headcount up 2 percent to 7,275 students. At the same time, the number of students living in the nine residence halls on campus soared past the record set in 2010, thanks to the opening of Crimson Commons.

In the fall, new freshman on campus increased by nearly 7 percent over the previous year and students in the Gorilla Advantage program increased by 5.5 percent.

"Those numbers bode well for the long-term growth of Pittsburg State,"

In the fall, new freshman on campus increased by nearly 7 percent over the previous year.

said Dr. William Ivy, associate vice president for enrollment management and student success.

Ivy said the numbers included about 30 new students in Benton and Washington counties in northwest Arkansas, which were added to the Gorilla Advantage Program for the first time in the fall. Johnson County Kansas continues to lead all other counties by a wide margin as a source for new PSU freshmen.



President Steve Scott joined the Move-In Crew to help a record number of students move into the residence halls in August.

Those new students snapped up room contracts in the residence halls early and as the opening of the fall semester approached, some students were put on waiting lists for the university's 1,300 residence hall slots. Fortunately, according to Dr. Steve Erwin, associate vice-president for campus life and auxiliary services, the university was able to accommodate just about everyone.

"We're halfway through our six-year, \$12 million residential hall renovation plan," explained Dr. Erwin. "We've already renovated three halls. In addition, we opened the \$10 million Crimson Commons apartment complex last year. We've made a major commitment to modernize our student housing, and it's extremely gratifying to see students responding to the improvements."



Just a few of the recent campus projects: The University House, top left; Hartman Hall, above; and Hughes Hall, right.

Master plan guides campus work

With a physical presence the size of Pittsburg State's, it is not surprising that there seems to be repair and renovation in progress somewhere on campus at almost any time of the year. And although the various projects may seem unconnected to the casual observer, a closer examination reveals the campus master plan beginning to unfold.

"The point of reference is the master plan," said Paul Stewart, director of Facilities Planning, "and every individual project needs to fit into that plan."

Stewart points to work on Hartman Hall, one of the seven buildings that frame the Oval, as an example.

"The master plan identified Hartman Hall as a prime location for an academic building," Stewart said. "Eventually we expect to reclaim that space for academics."

But Hartman, now a mixed-use building including the Physical Plant and the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, was in desperate need of work. Serious issues with the roof and the overall structure, built in 1925, meant delaying repairs until the university was ready to transform Hartman into an academic building wasn't an option.

"I always begin with preserving the



envelope," Stewart said, referring to the basic structure and systems of a building.

Crews worked through the summer on the roof, parapets, tuck pointing the masonry and the mechanical systems. Next up, he said, will be replacing windows and doors.

It was a similar story at other locations on campus. The Weede PE Building got a new aluminum skin, Hughes Hall got new windows and mechanical systems and Tanner Hall was renovated as part of an ongoing multi-year project to remodel all of the university's residence halls. At the same time, the university made important progress on projects designed to increase energy efficiency in buildings across campus.

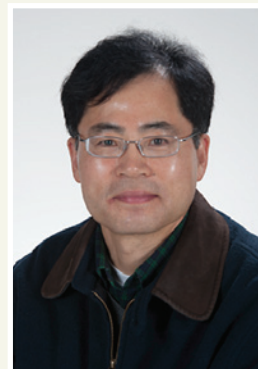
This summer, masonry work is planned for Kelce, new seating will be installed in McCray Recital Hall and several other projects will begin.

"The master plan is our guide," Stewart said. "It calls on us to preserve and modernize the structures we have while we also plan for new facilities such as the Fine and Performing Arts Building. The plan keeps us focused on our long-term objectives."

— from **TheOval**

Song new director at KPRC

Dr. Jin Song was appointed research director for the Kansas Polymer Research



Song

Center in January.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Song to PSU," Myers said. "He brings with him a wealth of experience both in research and commercialization of polymers and bio-polymers. Dr. Song will provide excellent leadership for our strong scientific team."

Song said he was excited to lead research at a center with a history of success, talented people in place and high quality facilities.

"The Kansas Polymer Research Center has a record of great achievements in polymer research with excellent R&D facilities," Song said. "I am very excited with this opportunity to work with the many talented people at KPRC."

As research director, Song follows Dr. Zoran Petrovic, who established the Kansas Polymer Research Center in 1994. Petrovic will maintain ties to the KPRC in his role as senior research adviser.

The Kansas Polymer Research Center (KPRC) focuses primarily on polymer research using bio-based materials. The KPRC has been awarded many patents and in 2007 received the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

More information about Dr. Jin Song can be found at magazine.pittstate.edu



PSU hosts HLC accreditation workshop

One of the roles of a pioneer is to show the way for others. That's what PSU did for 13 other universities and community colleges last November with a workshop that told the story of its work implementing a new way of earning accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission.

Pittsburg State and Butler Community College, another HLC "pioneer," teamed up to offer the workshop to representatives from institutions in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The HLC accredits about 1,100 degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region of the U.S. In 2010, PSU was one of a handful of institutions selected by the HLC to help lead the way in a very different approach to accreditation.

The new model that PSU is pioneering moves away from the traditional, exhaustive self-study and instead focuses on a self-improvement "pathway." PSU's Pathway zeros in on student learning. One of the university's goals in the new process is to assess the general education core, which includes writing, math and communication. A second goal is to begin assessment of co-curricular learning, which is generally defined as student learning that takes place outside the classroom.

"It is ultimately about student learning," said Dr. Lynette Olson, provost and vice president of academic affairs. "This is a rare opportunity for PSU to be a leader in a process that not only helps us improve student learning, but also has the potential to radically change university accreditation across the region."

PSU revs up online presence

Need a question answered fast? Want to simply get the latest news about your alma mater? If you haven't "liked" Pittsburg State University on Facebook yet, what are you waiting for?

Last fall, the university began making big strides with its online and social media presence. As of mid-January, our Facebook page has garnered nearly 11,000 fans who get

daily entertainment, news updates, and the occasional special freebee (gift tags, pennants, door hangers, wall papers - heck, even a free T-shirt or skybox ticket now and then).

Many fans prefer Twitter: Our followers there grew by nearly 22 percent last November and December. But the coolest trick up our sleeve is the official PSU YouTube channel,

Plastic gorillas support scholarships

Think of him as a big watchdog - or, watchgorilla - for your yard. The Barnes and Noble Gorilla Bookstore at PSU has partnered with a local plastics company to begin selling large, plastic gorillas perfect for gardens, offices - pretty much anywhere you'd like to see a nearly 4-foot-tall Gus.

Manufactured by Charloma, Inc., a small plastics company in Cherryvale, Kan., the sale of the gorillas supports the Charloma Gorilla Scholarship, a new scholarship fund that provides money to students majoring in plastics engineering technology who have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Derek Renfro, engineering sales manager for Charloma, said the original mold was developed by a student during PSU's centennial in 2003. After the castings were complete, Charloma framed the mold and has been manufacturing the very detailed, seated Gorilla ever since. The gorillas sell for \$115 each - \$25 of which goes to the scholarship fund.

"We're always trying to figure out a way to support plastics students," said Renfro, adding that several PSU alumni work for the company.

The first Charloma Gorilla Scholarships will be awarded this spring for next fall's academic semester. To purchase one, contact the bookstore at 620-235-4875.



Rider

Rider an 'icon' of education

Dr. Virginia Rider, a professor in the Department of Biology, has won many awards in her career. This spring, Ingram's, a regional business magazine published in Kansas City, selected Rider as an "Icon of Education."

Rider joined the PSU faculty in 2000 and has developed a reputation not only as an outstanding teacher and respected scientist and researcher, but also as a passionate advocate for students and for undergraduate research. The latter won her recognition as the first winner of the Sidney A. McNairy, Jr.

Mentoring Award through the National Institutes of Health. The award, which is given to one professor in the nation every two years, honors faculty for their dedication and focus mentoring students.

"I am committed to the idea that quality undergraduate research experience is the cornerstone for generating educated professionals and plants the seeds from which future scientists arise," Rider said.

The results bear that out. About 20 PSU students apply to professional schools and graduate programs each year and more than 90 percent of them are accepted on first application. Dozens of former students who were involved in undergraduate research are currently in medical schools, in residencies, doing biomedical research or practicing medicine.

Rider holds a BS and MS from Louisiana Tech University and a Ph.D. from Arizona State University. She has done post-doctoral study at the Institute of Animal Physiology in Cambridge, England, and the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Rider Came to PSU from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where she was an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. Previous to that, she was an assistant professor in the Department of Anatomy and Cellular biology at the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in Boston.



Callie Wheeler and Hal Rivard

ROTC leaders named Homecoming King and Queen

Last October, Hal Rivard of Wamego, Kan., and Callie Wheeler of Olathe, Kan., were named 2011 Homecoming King and Queen. Both are senior psychology majors and members of the PSU Army ROTC program. Rivard and Wheeler will both be commissioned as officers in the United States Army when they graduate this May. Wheeler will be serving as an officer with the Kansas Army National Guard and Rivard will be selected active duty and will serve as an infantry officer.

"I'm so excited," said Wheeler after the announcement, which was made at Carnie Smith Stadium. "I am really, really honored."

For the first time this year, PSU students voted for King and Queen electronically rather than casting paper ballots at convocation. Eva Sager, coordinator of campus activities, said the change resulted in a nearly 30 percent increase in votes over 2010, with close to 1,000 students going online to vote.

Wheeler and Rivard both come from military families and have been friends since their freshman year.

"It's an awesome feeling to be recognized by your peers," said Rivard. "It shows what they think of you, and that's a really nice thing."



Encouraging Recycling

Jon Bartlow, associate director of admission, President Steve Scott, and Nate Garrett, director of planned giving, sort trash on the Oval to highlight campus recycling efforts and opportunities.

Faculty and staff exercise on the Oval as part of a program intended to highlight the benefits of exercise as part of an overall wellness program. The weekly activity is led by graduate students in the Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation.



Donation for Pipe Laser

The Construction Management and Construction Engineering Technologies department at Pittsburg State University has a well known history for giving back to the community, and last fall a statewide organization once again returned the favor.

Roger Heckert, a PSU alumnus and representative of the Kansas Contractors Association Education Foundation, presented a check for \$6,000 to the department in order to assist in the purchase of a pipe laser.

Pipe lasers are used in civil works to align pipes in a pipeline to ensure proper slope and positioning. The laser will be used in the curriculum of several CMCET courses and will help with the addition of a new course on utility construction.

The KCA routinely funds grant requests from Kansas colleges and universities with construction-related programs. In total, it has awarded PSU approximately \$86,000 over the past 15 years.

"It's something we've had on our needs list for several years," said Jim Otter, chairman of CMCET. "We have several courses that will benefit from the addition of this equipment."

New exercise science degree attracts students

Just half way through its first year, PSU's new degree program in exercise science is booming. According to Dr. Mike Leiker, assistant professor in HHPR, said there are more than 70 majors and 13 minors in the program.

"This first semester was a little chaotic at times," Leiker said. "We were trying to promote the program with the admissions office on the counselor days and the many students were signing up to be a part of the program. It seemed like the flood gates were wide open."

The new degree was created in order to give students a wider range of career options.

"Our changing national demographics, coupled with an expanding view of exercise as either rehabilitative or preventative medicine, indicates the opportunities for students with degrees in exercise science will only increase over the years to come," said Dr. John Oppliger, chairman of the HHPR Department.

Finding Gus Gorilla

Our "Finding Gus Gorilla" contest has drawn such a large and enthusiastic response that we are doing it again! The image you must find is that iconic bronze Gorilla created by Larry Wooster in 1965.



Find the 1965 Gorilla hidden in this issue of the Pitt State Magazine and enter to win two (2) sky box tickets to the Gorillas' Football home opener on September 8th.

Send an email to psumag@pittstate.edu to submit your entry for our Hidden Gorilla Contest. Please include your first and last name as well as the page number and location you found the hidden gorilla. Please only one entry per person. Good luck!

**Entries must be received by May 13, 2012. The winner will be contacted by May 29, 2012 and announced in the next issue of the Pitt State Magazine.

Congratulations to Paul Gobe, BBA '87, who found the hidden Gorilla in the fall magazine! Paul receives a copy of "Pittsburg State University, A Photographic History of the First 100 Years."

Regent McKechnie gives Apple Day address

"Much of who I am is because of this special place."

With those words, Ed McKechnie, chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents and a 1986 graduate of Pittsburg State University, summed up the influence of many faculty, administrators and staff on his life and career.

McKechnie delivered the keynote address at PSU's 105th Apple Day convocation where he reflected on the faculty and staff who helped shape his life. He noted his long association with the university, which began when he was a first-grade student at Horace Mann Elementary, a laboratory school on campus. That association continued through his college years, during which he was active on campus and served as editor of the student newspaper, The Collegio.

McKechnie offered advice to Pitt State students and shared his thoughts about the future for Pittsburg State and higher education overall.

McKechnie said the Kansas Board of Regents will lead a new initiative on excellence that will have three basic themes. Those are: greater access to post-secondary education, making sure universities are graduating students who are entering the workforce, and higher aspirations for the state's universities.

"America's future and the future of Pittsburg State is excellence," he said.

The convocation also included recognition of the Ralf J. Thomas Distinguished Service Award recipients, Dr. Donald M. Holsinger, and Don Smith, as well as the Outstanding Faculty Award winners: Dr. Craig Fuchs, director of the Honors College and a member of the faculty in the Department of Music; Dr. Paul McCallum, a professor in the Department of English; and Dr. Grant Moss, an assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

Fine Arts Calendar

ArtDept.

Lecture and reception dates and times to be announced. Contact sbowman@pittstate.edu or call 620-235-4305 for more information.

University Gallery

Porter Hall

March 30 – May 6

Misha Kligman, Amy Kligman,
Kansas City, Mo.

Visual Territory 1st Place Award

Paintings and Drawings

Reception & Awards Ceremony TBA

Harry Krug Gallery

Porter Hall

March 15 – May 4

Jessica Gardner

"groWING UP"

Ceramics

PSU Theatre Productions

For ticket information on PSU Theatre productions visit www.pittstate.edu/ticket or call 620-235-4796

"Dead Man Walking"

April 26-29, 8 p.m., and

April 26, 2 p.m.

Grubbs Studio Theatre

MusicDept

APRIL

10..... Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band
7:30 p.m., Memorial Auditorium

12.....PSU Chamber Orchestra
7:30 p.m., McCray Hall

13.....PSU Opera
7:30 p.m., McCray Hall

14.....Kansas Regional Solo & Ensemble Contest
McCray Hall

15.....PSU Opera
3 p.m., McCray Hall

22.....Southeast Kansas Symphony
3 p.m., McCray Hall

24.....PSU Jazz Ensemble
7:30 p.m., Memorial Auditorium

29.....PSU Oratorio
3 p.m., First United Methodist Church,
415 N. Pine, Pittsburg

30.....PSU Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m., McCray Hall

MAY

3.....Four State Band Festival Concert
7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium



"Where in the World is Gus?"



Cruising the North Sea

Don Willson, (MS, Mathematics '71) and his wife, Gay Gregg-Willson (BSED, Home Economics '78), hauled their PSU memorabilia to Tallin, Estonia last August. Their trip included eight countries in both the Baltic and North Sea areas.



Among the Myan ruins

Cynthia Woodburn (BSED '86, MS '87) traveled to Central America in June 2011 to study Mayan Mathematics. She showed her Gorilla pride while exploring ancient Mayan ruins in Guatemala with fellow mathematicians. Dr. Woodburn is currently a professor of mathematics at Pitt State.

We are the champions!

Wilma K. (Graham) Chambers (BS '67) displays the three medals she won at the Illinois State Senior Olympics on September 25, 2011, in Springfield, Ill. Wearing her PSU Gorilla shirt, she won silver in the 50-meter dash and gold in both the 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash.



Pride of France

Russ Rosmait ('92) shows his Gorilla pride in Belfort, France, in front of the Lion of Belfort. This sculpture, by Frédéric Bartholdi, expresses the people's resistance against the siege in the Franco-Prussian War (1870). Shortly after, Bartholdi built the Statue of Liberty in New York.

Across the pond

Ron Downing (BS '70, MS '99) and his wife, Susan, were proud to wear their Gorilla gear in London this past summer. In the background is the famous London Eye. Ron, a member of the PSU Automotive Technology faculty, was in London for the World Skills competition. Ron trained Daniel Lehmkuhl, a student from California, who finished fifth in competition with 30 other nations.



Gus visits Ireland!

This group took Gus all the way to County Clare, Ireland last June to visit medieval Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. From left to right: Ralph White ('69 BS, '75 MS), Clara White ('83 BBA), Linda Garrison ('73 MS), Randy Pierce, Mike Langerot, Lorna Stover ('73 BS, '80 MS), Rick Langerot ('76 BA, '77 BA), Irene Langerot, Alan Casella ('76 BS, '79 MS), Karen Koons ('90 BS), Karen Langerot ('01 MS), Kathy Casella ('77 MS) and Richard Correll ('78 MS).

We would like to know what interesting places Gus has visited.

E-mail your photo and a brief story to psumag@pittstate.edu



Gorillas hit the beach

One Gorilla family in Pensacola Beach, Fla., left to right: Caylee Gudde, Anna Gudde ('05), Eric Gudde ('02 & '05), Megan Baker ('05), Claire Baker, Ryan Baker ('04), Lily Baker, Aaron Stephens, Madison Stephens, Brayden Stephens, Ryan Stephens, Cindy Stephens, Elyssa Stephens, Gage Stephens, Jamie Stephens ('96), Carol Stephens and Gary Stephens.



Far East

Ashley Savage (BA '05) shows her Gorilla Pride on the campus of Zhejiang Normal University in Jinhua, China.



Sun and sand

Gus looks right at home in balmy Bermuda with Randy Cook (BS '75, MS '76) and his wife, Debbie, last October.

Gorilla girlfriends

Six girlfriends from Pitt State's class of 2008, Laura (Toman) Sponsel, Kimberly (Flory) Beasley, Carrie Campbell, Kala (Truman) Jacobs, Samantha Pinkal and Sarah Brannock met over Memorial Day Weekend 2011 for their first annual Girlfriends Getaway in Oklahoma City, Okla. Beth Perrey was with us in spirit as our 7th member of our group. This picture is taken at E.C. Hafer Park in Edmond, Okla., at the annual Rhythm & Q's BBQ Festival.



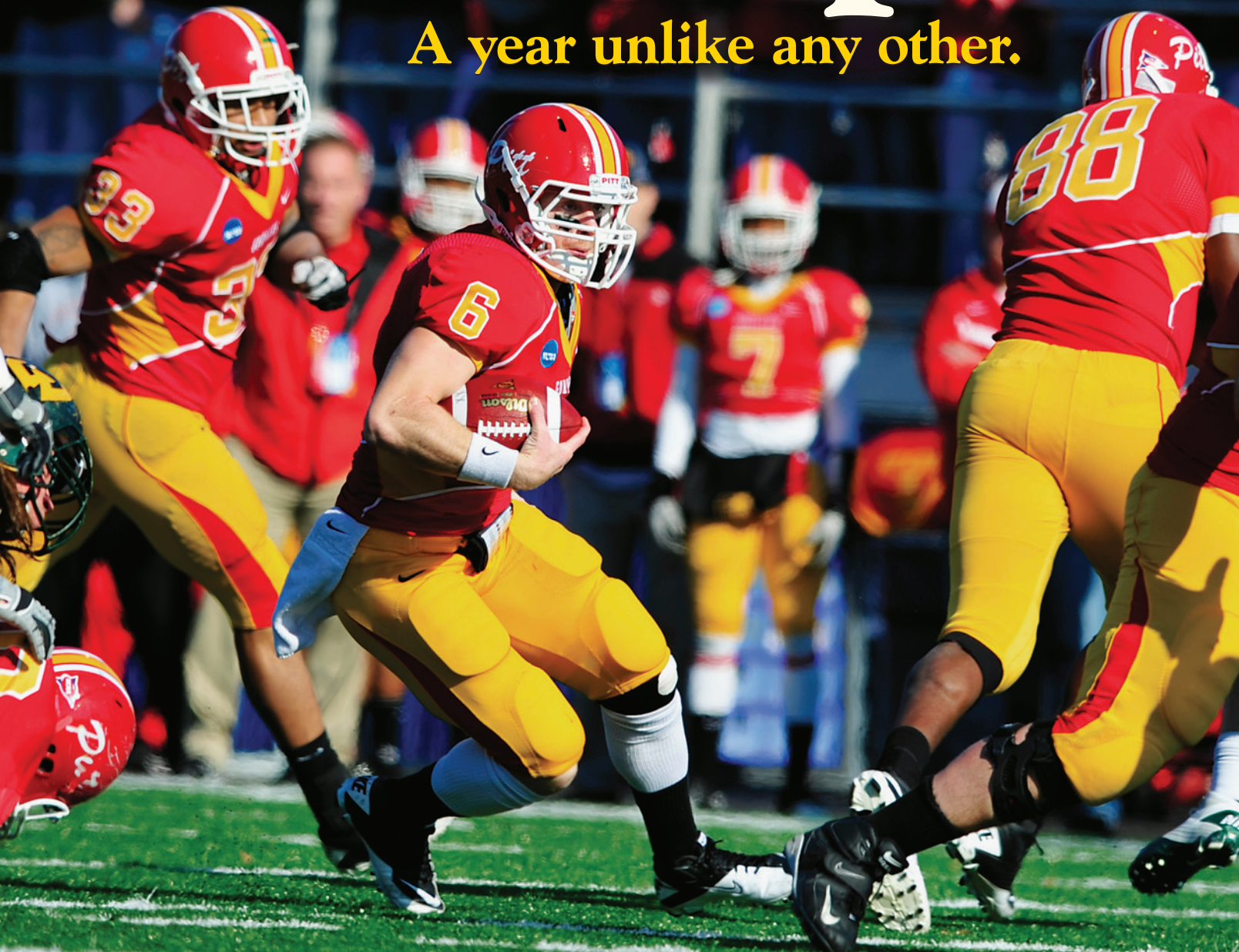
Gorillas on vacation

This family of Gorillas paused for a photo during a vacation in Cancun, Mexico. From left to right: Don Durkin ('79), Kathy Martin, Joe Martin ('78), Monica (Handshy) Durkin ('81), David Martin ('81), Robie (Curtis) Martin ('83), Ryan Hellwig ('07), Jenny (Durkin) Hellwig ('07), John David Martin, Janet Campbell, Kathy O'Malley, Mike O'Malley ('79), Daniel O'Malley, Sherri Martin, Mark Martin ('83), Chris Durkin, Sandi Westerhouse, Richard Campbell and Mike Westerhouse.



National Champs!

A year unlike any other.



Each of Pittsburg State University's football championship seasons was special in its own way. That's a given.

But ask just about anyone involved in the program or any fan who attended a game in 2011 and they'll wear out superlatives telling you about the Gorillas' most recent march to the NCAA Division II National Championship.

HEAD COACH TIM BECK agrees that 2011 was a year unlike any other and he has something to compare it to. Beck came to PSU in 1985 to play for the Gorillas and was an assistant coach on the team that last took the national title in 1991.

"I think (the 2011 season) was so much different, number one, because the expectations weren't maybe as high," Beck said. "In '91 we came off losing in the semi finals the year before, so the expectations were pretty high."

That certainly wasn't the case in 2011. After finishing 5-6 in '09 and 6-6 in '10, the Gorillas entered the 2011 season picked to finish in the middle of the pack in the MIAA.

Beck said the 1991 and 2011 teams were different, as well.

"There are some huge differences between that team and our team," Beck said. "Back then, when you look at the scores, we blew so many people out. But football in the MIAA is a lot different than it was in 1990 and 1991, because of the parity in the conference. There are just so many teams – five, six – that could actually do what we were able to do this year."

Beck believes the fans' lower expectations for the team were a primary reason for the excitement that seemed to build with each successive victory.

"I think because the expectations weren't as high with the community and Gorilla Nation, then when we started to win, the anticipation of the next game just continued to grow throughout the season," Beck said. "We had people tell us the

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season was a success after we beat Northwest at Arrowhead. But there was a lot to come.”

With each win, the excitement was growing on the team and among the coaching staff, but Beck said he worked hard to keep everyone grounded and focused on the next challenge ahead.

“We always talk to our players about having short-term memory,” Beck said. “You can’t worry about what happened last play. You can’t worry about what happened last week. We’ve got to focus on the next play and the next challenge. We tried to keep people level headed. After a couple of big wins in the middle of the season, it was important for us to keep them humble and hungry. It was something I talked to our team a lot about. To keep our guys well grounded and to keep them hungry every week was pretty important.”

That was no small task, especially as the Gorillas won some hard-fought games and Carnie Smith Stadium was packed week after week with increasingly delirious fans.

“We had to fight, scratch and crawl through every single game to get a win,” Beck said. “The excitement and the anticipation of the next game just continued to grow and grow. I’ve been to a lot of games at Carnie Smith Stadium, but I think the Delta State game (D-II semifinals on Dec. 10) might have been as electric a game as I’ve ever experienced. It was exciting.”

Beck praised his experienced coaching staff, a supportive university and a terrific fan base. But he said character also had a lot to do with bringing home a national championship.

“The team chemistry was second to none,” Beck said. “That’s a credit to our seniors.”

He also praised the team’s commitment to academics.

“We played every weekend for 14 weeks and we had one of the highest team GPAs ever,” Beck said.

Beck and his staff paused only briefly in the weeks after the national championship game to savor the 2011 success. His focus quickly shifted to the months ahead.

“We’ve got a lot of work to do this spring,” Beck said. “This is where you build mental toughness, is in the spring. We push our kids extremely hard. They’ve got to be accountable for everything they do. We’ve got to make sure we’ve got our guys ready to go because we have less time in the fall than we’ve had before the first game.”

And in that process of getting ready for the 2012 season, returning members of the Gorilla football team are going to hear a familiar refrain.

“It’s really important that we are able to stay hungry and humble,” Beck said.

For more on the Gorillas’ 2011 championship season, visit the Intercollegiate Athletics website at pittstategorillas.com. •



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EXTREME

EXPERIENCE

Last October, Pittsburg State students and faculty got the experience of a lifetime when they were tapped to help build seven homes in seven days through the ABC hit Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. Armed with unbeatable preparation - and a lot of caffeine - our students stepped up to the challenge and walked away with unforgettable memories.

A FEW YEARS AGO when professor Justin Honey began thinking about how his students in the Construction Management and Construction Engineering Technology department could get some exciting, real-world experience, he sent a letter to producers at the ABC hit “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” offering their services should the show ever come near Southeast Kansas.

Little did he know that when the opportunity would arrive, it would be on a bigger scale than anyone ever imagined.

After the historic May 2011 tornado in Joplin, producers from the show contacted Honey to see if his offer was still good - and if he thought the students were really capable of project management on the level they envisioned: they planned to essentially take over a city street and build seven homes for seven families in one week.

Although he realized the magnitude of the



project to which the department was about to commit, Honey never hesitated.

“We had to do a lot of talking to show them our students could handle it,” said Honey, who placed a handful of seniors in charge and quickly had them interviewing other students who flooded the department with requests to volunteer. Faculty members also stepped up. Soon, they had formed robust day and night crews for each home who would work alongside professionals from other construction companies. PSU was also assigned to take the reins in critical areas including materials staging and handling. When the nearly 200 PSU volunteers were accounted for, they constituted the largest single group participating in the build.

Then in October, at the blare of Ty Pennington’s bullhorn, the work began. With foundations already poured, the framework began climbing up. A bare neighborhood stripped by the tornado began to take shape once again.

The students and faculty shuttled back and forth from Pittsburg, working around the clock day after day. Between the construction and special projects (students in PSU’s wood technology program were commissioned by the show to build unique furniture pieces for some of the homes), the stories began to emerge.

There was Mitch Albright, a collegiate baseball player and transfer student to the PSU

construction department who had been working at Academy Sports in Joplin the night it was literally blown away. With tears in his eyes, he stood in front of the house he was helping to wrap with Tyvek. His work - like the contributions of countless others - was personal.

It wasn’t just about construction students: PSU’s nursing students arrived to hand out water and drinks to the volunteers, who came from across

When the nearly 200 PSU volunteers were accounted for, they constituted the largest single group participating in the build.

the country and by the end of the week numbered nearly 13,000. Students from the Family and Consumer Sciences department also joined in, going inside the homes to apply their interior design expertise.

Some PSU construction students traveled ahead of time to complete “House #5,” which was pre-constructed for the build in Pinckneyville, Ill.; even Dr. Bruce Dallman, dean of the College of Technology, pulled 12-hour overnight shifts each

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Eight Construction Management and Construction Engineering Technologies seniors were selected to lead the four main crews responsible for getting the homes built. Four took the day shift while four worked throughout the night. “This has been an amazing experience to take into our careers,” said crew leader Rebecca Dallman (pictured with the other leaders). “Talk about a capstone project.”

The building supplies were donated by area lumberyards and supply companies. PSU students led the materials handling crews, which made sure the builders in each home had the supplies they needed.





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day to work on House #7. Honey, who caught a few hours of sleep here and there in his nearby camper, also played host to representatives from the National Association of Home Builders in between his work on the homes.

Aside from their tired bodies and minds, the expressions of gratitude at the end of the week made the work well worth it. When the show - Extreme Makeover's final taping - aired in January, the students and faculty gathered together to reminisce.

"It was an incredible challenge to bring everything together," said Honey. "But it was an experience like no other." •



Crews worked around the clock to take the homes from foundation to completion. Volunteers learned afterward that it would be the show's last episode - an epic project that would mark the end of a TV era.

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Dream is one step closer to reality

SOME DREAMS DO COME TRUE and PSU's dream of a new fine and performing arts center is tantalizingly close to becoming a reality.

In March, the university announced a \$5 million gift through the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation made possible with support and a recommendation from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation.

The gift was made in honor of PSU alumnus and former Walmart President and CEO, H. Lee Scott. It brings the total raised for the 90,000-square-foot, \$30-million project to nearly \$20 million.

"We are extremely grateful to the foundations for this generous gift," said President Steve Scott. "We are now closer than ever to being able to fill a void that has been on our campus for more than 30 years."

"The fact that this gift honors H. Lee Scott is significant," said President Scott. "In many ways, he embodies the very values we strive to help develop in all of our students."

Upon graduating from PSU in 1971, Lee worked for Yellow Freight Systems prior to joining Walmart in 1979 as an assistant director of transportation. In 2000, he was named CEO and president of Walmart. He served in that position for nearly a decade, before fully retiring in 2011.

"Today's announcement of a \$5 million contribution in support of the creation of the fine and performing arts center at Pittsburg State is exciting and for my wife, Linda, and me, it is also fulfilling," said H. Lee Scott. "Our appreciation of Pittsburg State and the role the university plays in the lives of students dates back to 1969, when we were students there. Linda and I would like to thank the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation for supporting this wonderful and generous gift."

University officials are quick to note that there is still much work to be done.

Additional details about Pittsburg State University's fine and performing arts center, including ways individuals can help support the project, can be found at pittstate.edu/fpac or call the PSU Office of Development 620-235-4768. •



"A Fine and Performing Arts Center will make it possible for the university to more fully realize its responsibility to enrich the lives of our students and our community."

– PSU President Steve Scott,
announcing a \$5 million gift,
March 8, 2012



Close to home— Chief Judge remains a part of KC

WHEN CHIEF JUDGE Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., looks out his office window on the seventh floor of the Charles Evans Whittaker Courthouse, he sees places he knows well.

“You can almost look out the window to where I lived in the northeast part of KCK,” Gaitan said, “gesturing to the northwest where the Kansas and Missouri Rivers meet.”

Then, pointing to the northeast, Gaitan looks at the building where he worked for the first five years of his legal career.

“When I finished law school, I went to work right across the street in that building there,” Gaitan said. “I was a lawyer for Southwestern Bell and I can look out of this office and look at the old office I had.”

Gaitan has served as a judge for more than 30 years. He has served by presidential appointment on the bench of the United States Court for the Western District of Missouri for more than 20 of those years. Prior to his appointment, he served as an appellate judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District and as a state trial judge. Gaitan was the youngest person ever appointed as a trial judge for the Missouri Sixteenth

Judicial Circuit and was just the second Africa-American judge in state history.

A national legal magazine has described Gaitan as one of the 500 leading judges in the U.S. and he has received the Difference Maker Award from the Urban League of Greater Kansas City, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurion Leadership Award, the 2009 Pittsburg State University Meritorious Achievement Award and numerous other honors.

Gaitan came to Pittsburg State University after attending community college in Kansas City, Kan., where he took math and science courses and prepared for a career in medicine. In his first year at PSU, he decided he didn't want to be a doctor and changed his major to psychology, but he still wasn't clear on what he wanted to do for a career.

"When I graduated from Pittsburg (BS '70), I got a nice job with a big company as a sales rep," Gaitan said. "It was great pay with an expense account and all that stuff, but the job wasn't satisfying to me."

Gaitan switched direction and took an offer to work for Rebound (later to become Y-Pals), a YMCA program that served juveniles.

"It was co-sponsored by the YMCA and the young lawyers section of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association," Gaitan said. "I started working with volunteer lawyers who worked with juveniles who didn't have a role model in the family. There was usually not a father and often there was a mother who was heavily burdened with responsibilities and kids were getting in trouble. That's where I got my interest in law."

Gaitan earned his law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1974. His decision to pursue a career as

The Hon. Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.

Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
BS, Psychology, PSU (1970); J.D. - UMKC

Married to his wife, Sylvia, for 37 years

Children: Avier and Trey

a judge grew out of his strong desire for public service.

"At the time I was growing up, I was very aware of the strides made in the Civil Rights movement," he said. "In newspapers and television, I learned the importance of courts and of legal decisions. They had a real impact on civil rights and on people's lives. I saw a legal career as a way for me to be a positive force for change."

He also said he was fortunate to have parents who impressed upon him the value of education and teachers at Sumner High School who would not accept anything but his best.

"Sumner High School was segregated, too," Gaitan said. "We had some of the finest teachers there who saw teaching as a mission, not just a job. If you were not working to your capacity, those teachers would push you. They pushed me. I knew I didn't want to end up like some of my friends did. Some of them didn't go to college, they went to jail."

Even segregation, in its own way, influenced Gaitan.

"Ironically, segregation created those role models for us, because I lived in a neighborhood where bankers and

lawyers and teachers lived because segregation prevented them from living anywhere else," Gaitan said. "They lived in my neighborhood or in the nearby neighborhoods, so I grew up with their kids. I got a glimpse of what could be."

In his own professional life, Gaitan has tried to be that same kind of mentor for others. Gaitan said the demands of his role as chief judge have made public service more difficult, but he looks for opportunities to serve. He sits on the Second Chance Advisory Committee, an advisory panel to the KC Crime Commission, and on the Board of Trustees for the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Over the years, he has served on many boards and advisory groups, including more than 25 years on the St. Luke's Hospital Board and many years on the DeLaSalle Alternative School Board, where he served as president.

"I try to reach out as much as I can to others," Gaitan said. "It is nice to think that maybe you are making a difference." •

Read more of the interview with Justice Gaitan online at: magazine.pittstate.edu

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The Long Road Back

Huff leads Joplin school rebuilding

C.J. Huff stands in front of East Middle School, just one of many examples of creative solutions the district has relied on as it rebuilds following a devastating tornado.

THE EASY SMILE that lights up C.J. Huff's face belies the stress, long hours and even tears of the past 10 months.

Huff, superintendent since 2008, is leading the Joplin (Mo.) School District back from a tragedy matched only by the courage and hard work of the community that has rallied around it.

May 22, 2011, began early for Huff. It was graduation day and Huff arrived at his office around 6:30 a.m. to work on the speech he would give that afternoon at graduation.

"Graduation is a great day of celebration," Huff said, "It is one of my favorite days of the year."

That day of celebration turned quickly into one of horror, however. A half hour after the last diploma was handed out, one of the most powerful tornados in recorded history carved a slice through Joplin, killing 160 and doing billions of dollars of damage to homes, businesses and public works.

Although it would take days to assess the total damage, the Joplin schools were particularly hard hit.

"From a square footage standpoint, half our district had been destroyed," Huff said. "We had 40 percent of our kids who were displaced, who didn't have a school to go to. We identified more than 3,000 kids who lived in the path of that storm."

In the first hours after the storm, the biggest problem was getting information.

"Communication was very limited," Huff said. "Text messaging was the best method of communication. We didn't have phone service, but we could text message to a degree, but that was spotty. You'd send a text message and maybe 10 minutes before it was sent and maybe a half hour later you'd get a response back. It would just come in batches. I'd get 10 or 12 text messages all at once."

Huff said his greatest anxiety came from not knowing what had happened to the district's 7,700 students. Eventually he would learn that seven students and one staff member perished in the storm.

"We had 7,700 kids who were essentially missing," Huff said. "Not knowing where they were and knowing that the outcome was probably not good in a lot of cases, was heart wrenching."

Because one of the buildings lost was the district administration building, the district set up a command center at North Middle School. From there the administrative team worked around the clock gathering information about students and staff and damage to buildings.

"It was awful. I can't even put it into words. It was a very emotional time," Huff said. "You run on adrenaline and fear. You can't sleep. You can't eat. Everybody was just working; day, night, it didn't matter."

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 24, Huff lay down on a cot in the North Middle School nurse's office, but sleep eluded him.

"I had a good cry. I'm not going to lie about that," Huff said. "I thought

about what to do. I thought about the responsibility and finding our place as a school district in this whole disaster."

It was then that Huff decided that the Joplin schools would start on time on August 17.

"People have asked me, 'What made you think you could do that? That was crazy,'" Huff said, "but I never doubted we could do it."

Huff said he was confident because of the people around him.

"I looked at my leadership team. They're just workhorses and they have a lot of really good skill sets," Huff said. "I've got a great relationship with my leadership team. I'd walk through fire for them and they'd walk through fire for me."

He also knew some things about construction.

"We had just built three middle schools and had good relationships

"...half our district had been destroyed. Forty percent of our kids were displaced...didn't have a school to go to. We identified more than 3,000 kids who lived in the path of that storm."

with local architects and contractors. So I felt I could count on them and knew what they were capable of," Huff said.

Although he knew the community would rally around the school district, the level of that support was both surprising and gratifying, Huff said.

"We had done a lot of work with community building prior to the storm with our Bright Futures initiative and our graduation efforts and engaging our community," Huff said. "We had such strong relationships with the businesses,

faith-based organizations and human service agencies in the community, that when we made the decision to start school on time, the people we had been working with were the first ones to come knocking on our door to say, 'How can we help?'"

But putting kids back into classrooms when half the schools, including Joplin High School, had been either destroyed or severely damaged was a Rubik's Cube on a gigantic scale. Huff's administrative team dove into the work immediately. They met every day, beginning each meeting with a celebration.

"Sometimes we didn't have a lot to celebrate and we'd celebrate the fact that at that given time, maybe it was 63 days until the kids came back to school," Huff said.

To help keep the focus on opening

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C.J. Huff

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MS Missouri State Univ.

Ph.D. Univ. of Arkansas

PSU Outstanding Alumni Award 2009

Married to Jennifer Wilbourn Huff

They have four children

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day, Huff borrowed a countdown clock that the high school football coach used to mark the approach of the first football game. Instead of football, however, the clock was set on August 17.

"We hung that up in the front entry of north middle school and everybody got to see that as they walked in," Huff said. "That included the architects and the contractors and everybody else. It became a symbol that reminded us we were under the gun. It was a reminder that we needed to do the right things for the right reasons and we didn't have time for bickering."

The solutions the district found were creative. For example, an empty anchor retail space at the NorthPark Mall was remodeled to accommodate 11th and 12th graders. In an industrial park on the east side of town, a spec building with no interior walls or even a floor was snatched

up to become a middle school. The State of Missouri, which had just announced the closing of the Missouri Department of Transportation Office in Joplin, offered the district that building for its administrative offices. At Cecil Floyd Elementary School, the roof was replaced and interior spaces rebuilt.

The work was a ballet that took place in a half dozen locations across the city over the summer, rushing headlong toward the August 17 finale. That it all came together at once was a minor miracle.

"For our community, I think the first big celebration after the tornado was the opening of school on time on the 17th. That was a huge event," Huff said. "That was the greatest day of my professional career."

As special as that day was for Huff and his team, it was even more important

to the students and their families, Huff said.

"Seeing those kids back in school was amazing. Some of these families have been through so much. It was important to get back to the security and stability of school," Huff said.

Opening school on time was not a finale, however. It was just the first step on the road to recovery, Huff said. The next step in the process will be passing a bond issue so new schools can replace the temporary ones.

For Huff, that means another August deadline, but this one is a little farther out on the horizon.

"If we get through this bond issue in April, August 2014 is our finish line." •

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Beau Gatewood, BST '05

Living the dream in Mongolia

BEAU GATEWOOD, is living his dream and right now, that's in Mongolia, where he's helping build one of the largest mines in the world.

Gatewood, a Columbus, Kan., native, said he always knew he wanted to work in the mining industry, but wasn't quite so focused in his university career.

"Perry (Cummins), a member of the faculty, and I clashed like no other," Gatewood wrote. "However, to this day, I have the utmost respect for Perry, as he molded me into the person I have become today."

After college, Gatewood said he struggled – not in finding work, but in finding the job that fulfilled his passion. He worked as a diesel technician in Kansas City; Livingston, Mont.; and Joplin, Mo., and even for a time as a wildland firefighter in Montana. In 2008, Gatewood took a position as a master driller/technician with Excel Drilling, but was soon caught in the recession. Discouraged, he moved home to Columbus and started working at a sporting goods store in Joplin.

A call from an uncle, who works for Atlas Copco Drilling Solutions in Garland, Texas, changed everything.

"He had me send my resume and I got an interview," Gatewood said. "With my degree from Pittsburg State, I was hired as an electrician for their Road Paver Division. I got my foot in the door and started to work my way up the ladder. It was slow, but I got a break. I applied to be a Contract



Beau Gatewood's job with an international mining company has taken him from the tropics of Indonesia to the icy frontiers of Mongolia. He says it is a dream come true.

Training Manager. I had no idea where it would take me but I applied."

Gatewood took the job and it has taken him to China, South Korea, Czech Republic, Indonesia, and now Mongolia. The next stop is Africa.

At the Oyu Tolgoi Copper & Gold mine in the Gobi Desert in Mongolia, Gatewood is responsible for coordinating blasting and driller training to all the nationals.

"This is my dream job and it has taken me all over the world," Gatewood said.

Gatewood said he has many people to thank for his success including his wife and father.

"I want to say thank you to Pittsburg State University for the education and knowledge to secure my dream," Gatewood said. "Without this I would have never made it come true. Also, I want to thank Perry Cummins for testing me the whole way through the program. Without his input, it would have been all but impossible for me to reach this milestone in my life." •

A special friendship

AMONG THE THOUSANDS OF FANS at the NCAA D-II Championship Game in Florence, Ala., was Shirley Luton, one of the Gorillas' biggest fans.

"It was the best day of my life!" Luton said.

It happened because of the friendship of long-time PSU Police Officer Ricky Faucett and his family.

Faucett said he has known Luton, who attends every PSU athletic event he can, for about 10 years.

"I go to football games, the basketball games and track and field," Luton said.

"I saw Shirley at a football game and he was telling me we were going to win," Faucett said. "I saw him at Ron's (IGA) a few days later and asked him if he was going to the next football game. He said he didn't know because the tickets were getting expensive."

Each PSU employee gets one free ticket to athletic events, so Faucett began giving his to Luton. The friendship grew and now includes Luton riding with Faucett in his campus police car at the head of the Homecoming parade.

As the exciting season neared its end, Faucett and his wife, Tracy McMurray-Faucett, planned a special surprise for Luton – a trip to the championship game with the whole Faucett family.

"It was a long ride, but it was worth it," McMurray-Faucett said. "Shirley had the best time."

To make the trip even more memorable, the Faucetts took Luton, a big Elvis fan, to Graceland.

As a special memento of the trip, the Faucetts gave Luton a football autographed by the PSU football players and coaches and his ticket to the championship game when he visited their home on Christmas Eve.

"Seeing his face and seeing his excitement brought joy," McMurray-Faucett said. "It really made the holidays special."

In recognition of his friendship with Luton, Faucett has received the Friends of CLASS LTD Award. CLASS LTC is an organization that provides services for persons with developmental and other disabilities in Cherokee, Crawford, Labette and Montgomery counties. •



Rickey Faucett, his wife, Tracy McMurray-Faucett and Shirley Luton have formed a special bond around PSU athletics. The Faucetts made it possible for Luton to attend the NCAA D-II Championship in Florence, Ala. "It was the best day of my life," Luton said. At right, he poses with Jason Peete and the championship trophy.

Feeding the hungry

IT'S NOT AS IF KARA HIXON doesn't have enough to do. As a senior nursing major, Hixon, from Olathe, Kan., is busy with challenging courses, clinical rotations and a host of other campus activities. But to an already long list of "to-do's," Hixon this year also added wiping out world hunger.

"I like dealing with important issues; to feel as if I'm making a difference," Hixon said.

Hixon did make a difference. She organized an event in October at which about 400 students and community volunteers packaged more than 20,500 meals for distribution to some of the world's poorest persons. The event, SWIPE Out Hunger, was staged at campuses across Kansas and was sponsored by Numana, a non-profit hunger relief organization.

Over several hours, volunteers put together packets that included rice, beans and other nutritious ingredients. Organizers said although small, each packet contained enough to feed six people. According to Numana, each packet cost about \$1.80, making the cost of a single meal just 30 cents.

Hixson said her involvement in the project began with Barbara McClaskey, a professor in the Department of Nursing, who asked Hixon if she would like to represent PSU at a hunger dialog planned in Kansas City.

"As a future nurse, I understand the need for proper nutrition for good health," Hixon said, "so I was interested."

Hixon came back from that event inspired to organize the PSU event, which was more successful than anyone dreamed. Now, with plans to graduate in May, Hixon is working to sustain the hunger battle even after she has left campus.

"We're putting together an organization on campus to keep this going," Hixon said. "Also, we understand that hunger is an issue locally as well as in other parts of the world, so we want to work with Wesley House and other agencies in the area to include regional issues of hunger." •



Kara Hixon

Hundreds of volunteers assemble meals during a Swipe Out Hunger event in John Lance Arena. Kara Hixon worked tirelessly over many months to organize the event, which produced more than 20,500 meals.



then & now



As the campus looks forward to renovations to John Lance Arena, many still remember cheering the Gorillas in the original gymnasium, which was built in 1922 and razed in 1971. Known for its tight confines and steep balcony seating, the gym was noisy and raucous.

Please share your special memories of the old gymnasium and the events you remember. (psumag@pittstate.edu or by regular mail to: PittState Magazine
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We'll publish your responses in the fall issue of the PittState Magazine.



Giray performs at Carnegie Hall

For musicians, a performance at New York's historic Carnegie Hall is a milestone. Dr. Selim Giray, associate professor of violin and viola at PSU, achieved that in January. Giray and Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti, assistant professor of music at Ohio Wesleyan University, performed in Carnegie Hall's elegant Weill Recital Hall on Jan. 8.

Although performing at Carnegie Hall is a special event, Giray has a long list of prestigious performances to his credit.

Giray, who is music director and conductor of the Southeast Kansas Symphony Orchestra and the PSU Chamber Orchestra has performed extensively on four continents and has appeared frequently on radio and television. In addition to his duties at Pittsburg State University, Giray also serves as the concertmaster and assistant conductor of the Ohio Light Opera. In 2010, he was appointed field editor for the Mellen Press.



Giray

Cadets help dedicate new rappel tower

Two ROTC cadets pushed off and skillfully rappelled down the side of a new rappel tower, officially dedicating the new structure this past fall. The 40-foot tower was built just outside the Student Recreation Center/National Guard

Armory and serves as an important training tool for cadets in the ROTC program.

The tower was a gift to the university by a group of donors including the Ivan Crossland, Sr. family and has been named the Ivan Crossland, Sr., Rappel Tower.

President Steve Scott told the crowd at the dedication that the relationship between Army ROTC and the campus is strong.

"It's a relationship that is built on the common goal of providing our students with the education, the training and the leadership skills that will allow them to achieve their full potential," Scott said.



Bank reps tout analytics

Students interested in math have career options they may not have dreamed of, according to representatives of the banking industry. Two officials from Commerce Bank told high school students at PSU's annual Math Honor Day that the world of business offers many opportunities.

A good option is analytics, the bank representatives said. These specialists use computers, research and data to help guide the choices companies make.

"At Commerce Bank, we use math and statistics to help make better decisions," said Tim Fitch, technology analytics manager. "Good use of data helps us to play outside our weight class."

Commerce Bank confirmed the value of these specialized employees by working with PSU in recent years to create a new degree option, the bachelor of integrated studies degree with an emphasis in analytics.

"That program combines math, business and communication to produce a well-rounded person," Fitch said.

McDaniel editor of English journal

The College English Association recently named Dr. Jamie McDaniel, assistant professor of English and assistant director of technical/professional writing at PSU, editor of the CEA Forum. The Forum is the organization's online peer-reviewed journal for the scholarship of teaching and learning in English studies.

At PSU, McDaniel teaches courses in technical communication, document design, writing for the web, contemporary British literature, and literary and cinematic horror.

McDaniel has received the PSU Summer Teaching Enhancement Grant and the College English Association's Robert Hacke Scholar-Teacher Award for his work concerning the incorporation of new media and civic engagement into the professional communication classroom.

Success rewarded

What do tacos and public relations have in common? Usually not much, but this past fall a Big Truck Tacos unit sold food at

GorillaFest because of the great work of several PSU public relations students.

Earlier in the year, PSU students competed in the Oklahoma Speech Theater Communication Association (OSTCA) conference in Oklahoma City where they helped their teams take the top three spots in the competition.

The client for the competition was Big Truck Tacos, which has been featured on the Food Network. Students were briefed on the client, and given just a few hours to construct and present promotional campaign solutions and strategies.

The students' great work resulted in Big Truck Tacos sending one of their units to sell food at a PSU football game.



Physics students have rare opportunity

For a physics student, visiting the prestigious Max Planck Institutes for Nuclear Physics and Astronomy is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. A group of PSU students had that remarkable opportunity this past summer, thanks to a major German government grant.

Dr. Alex Konopelko, an assistant professor in the Department of Physics, led a group to the ancient German city of Heidelberg in August where the students had the opportunity to learn from some of the top physicists and astronomers in the world.

The trip was possible because of a DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst) grant. DAAD grants are funded by the German government and are intended to foster international student exchanges.

"I'm still surprised that we got it," Konopelko said of the grant. "It is extremely competitive. The grant application is like a small book. Most of the schools that receive grants are big names like MIT and Georgia Tech."



Konopelko

Scholarly research takes an interesting turn

Sometimes scholarly research becomes personal. That's what happened to Don Viney, a philosophy professor and member of the faculty in the Department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences.

Viney not only discovered, but ultimately edited an unpublished book by prominent American philosopher Charles Hartshorne, who died in 2000. It was a labor of love, Viney said, because Hartshorne was not only a major figure in his academic research, but also a mentor who helped shape his career.

In 2001, Hartshorne's daughter asked Viney to prepare her father's papers to be sent to the archives at the Claremont School of Theology. It was there that he discovered the manuscript.

"I agreed to edit the book with the explicit understanding that I be paid no royalties," Viney said, noting that Hartshorne's books are among the few books written by philosophers that actually make more money than they cost. "Somehow, it seemed inappropriate to be paid for something I regarded as a privilege."

"I consider my work on this book as the only way I can repay Hartshorne for the tremendous difference he made in my career," Viney said. "I never planned to become known as a Hartshorne scholar, but I guess that's one of the things I am."



The Magic Flute

The PSU Opera Workshop, the Department of Music and the SEK Symphony combined to present Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" last November. Under the direction of Patrick Howle, the production was a showcase for students' vocal and theatrical skills as well as their talents in costume and set design.

Marketing class promotes PSU scholarship campaign

How do you get graduates to donate to their alma mater?

Develop marketing strategies that motivate them by speaking their language.

That consensus - along with some new ideas like "Texting for Tuition" that would enable alumni to make small, quick donations over their smart phones - were some of the recommendations developed last fall by Dr. Lynn Murray's Advanced Marketing Management class, who used PSU's new Pathways Scholarship Campaign as their most recent case study.

The class creates marketing strategies for different organizations and campaigns every semester. This year, Murray chose the Pathways campaign, which she said has energized students because it hits so close to home. Her graduate level Marketing Strategies course is also making recommendations for the campaign this semester.

In addition to creating some interesting new methods to get alumni engaged in the campaign, Murray said her students' research uncovered a need for marketing to current students and recent graduates.

"I think the most interesting things to come out of this were the identification of current students as the target market, as well as how much these students wanted to participate in giving," said Murray, who passed along her findings to University Development this spring. "It makes a powerful statement about what our students think of the education they're receiving and that they're willing to give back."

Alum helps Atari focus on mobile games

A PSU business alumna with an impressive career in the field of mobile gaming is helping to guide entertainment legend Atari as it redefines itself.

Maria Pacheco ('98), who was named vice president for marketing and mobile games at Atari last year, has been a key player in the company's move to develop mobile gaming as its sole focus.

Beloved in the '70s and '80s for creating classics like Asteroids®, Breakout® and Missile Command® the company, which turns 40 next year, announced last fall that it would be releasing updated versions of its arcade classics for iPad, iPhone and Android devices. Last November it released Asteroids:Gunner (the game reached #6 in the App Store) and in December launched Breakout:Boost which earned two million downloads in its first two weeks.

This spring, the company is launching new takes on old hits including Circus Atari® (February), Missile Command®, Tempest® (March), and Centipede® (April).

Pacheco, who has held key positions with companies including Sprint, Vivendi Games, and EA (Electronic Arts), said the strategy to redefine the company's focus has pleased mobile gamers - whether they're experiencing Atari games for the first time or falling in love all over again with the games they played as kids.

"Mobile device technology has evolved very quickly, and thanks to the launch of the iTunes App Store and Android Market the mobile games ecosystem has flourished," she said. "It's been a lot of fun to reimagine these titles and bring them up-to-date in terms of design and technology. The future of mobile gaming is really strong."



Pacheco

Grimes assumes editorship

As the dean of the College of Business, Dr. Paul Grimes knew he'd have a lot on his plate as he stepped into his new role last fall. But he also knew he couldn't pass up the opportunity to head up one of the most well-known economics journals in the nation when he was asked to assume editorship of the famed publication The American Economist.

A historic, bi-annual journal comprised of research articles, book reviews and biographies, The American Economist has long been regarded as a leading economics publication. It had been led by Michael Szenberg, a distinguished professor at Pace University in New York City, since 1975 before Grimes took the reins.

At its core, the journal has a mission of fostering young scholars and became well-known for publishing autobiographical essays by imminent economists. As editor, Grimes will oversee a team of associates and sit on the executive board of Omicron Delta Epsilon, which founded the publication.

"I'm kind of like the conductor of a symphony. I'm learning a lot about the publishing end of things," Grimes said. "It just blows my mind that Michael was the editor when I was a college student and he's the one who asked me to replace him. It's an honor to be asked to serve in this role for such a well-respected academic journal."



Grimes

International magazine features PSU alumnus

A new online international magazine featured one of PSU's outstanding recent graduates in its debut edition.

The magazine, *International Student Voice*, launched in the late fall and includes stories from all over the world about international travel and study. Cathy Lee Arcuino, PSU's associate director of International Programs and Services, said when announcements for the magazine came across her radar, she immediately nominated Ivan Hunnicutt to be featured in the magazine's "Spotlight" section. Hunnicutt's profile can be viewed at www.isvmag.com by clicking on the "ISV Spotlight Award" tab.

Arcuino, who worked with Hunnicutt for years and long admired his work ethic and readiness to find solutions to issues faced by international students. "He is proof that international students can adjust to a new culture and have incredible experiences while they're here."

Originally from Sao Paulo, Brazil, Hunnicutt certainly made the most of his time at PSU. After being selected to study at a Taiwan business camp sponsored by the Kelce College of Business in 2010, he spent last summer working in a prestigious and competitive internship with Wal-Mart at the company's Bentonville, Ark., headquarters. He accrued a long list of involvement with various student organizations and Greek life before graduating in December with a degree in computer information systems.

"PSU was a great place to be, and I want to make sure other students know that," Hunnicutt said. "Hopefully this will get more international students to study abroad and get out of their comfort zone, because learning new things is the whole point."



Hunnicutt



Cortes

JMI included in exclusive database

A premier academic journal produced at PSU has been honored with its inclusion in a prestigious line-up of publications.

JSTOR, an organization that digitally preserves research journals at its online site (www.jstor.org) has recently invited the *Journal of Managerial Issues* for its "Management and Organizational Behavior" journals lineup. Only 30 journals, including publications from Ivy League schools, are included in the listing.

Dr. Bienvenido Cortes, chairman of the Department of Economics, Finance and Banking at PSU, took over leadership of JMI a few years ago when longtime editor and founder, Dr. Chuck Fischer, stepped down. The JMI, which publishes research articles by scholars from all over the world, started in 1989 and continues to be edited and managed through PSU's Kelce College of Business.

Since its creation in 1995, the JSTOR platform has archived 7 million articles and 1,500 journals. Its user base is primarily institutions of higher learning and university libraries.

"We're listed among a group of really top-notch management journals," said Cortes, who said that inclusion in the JSTOR database gives JMI an opportunity to be electronically archived and easily searched and tracked.

"Our publication has developed quite a reputation over the years because of the authors we've published and the leadership of Chuck Fischer," he said. "Being included in JSTOR gives us greater exposure. This is quite a feather in PSU's cap."

Fraud research gets recognition

Dr. David O'Bryan, a professor in the Department of Accounting and Computer Information Systems, has been published in *Fraud Magazine* for his work on an article examining the issue of fraud in intercollegiate athletics.

O'Bryan and his co-author, Dr. Herbert Snyder of North Dakota State University in Fargo, analyzed the ticket scandal that came to light last year at the University of Kansas. The article, which is available on the publication's website, identifies how better controls and practices could have curbed the fraud at KU.

"We hope our recommendations can help prevent future occurrences of fraud in intercollegiate athletics," O'Bryan said. "It's an honor to have been published by this leading anti-fraud organization."

Research: Keys to helping 'at-risk' children succeed

Educators have known for a long time that a strong predictor of a young child's early development is a combination of economic and social factors that put children "at risk." The good news, according to research conducted by graduate students in the Department of Psychology and Counseling, is that given the proper support, so called "at-risk" students perform as well as their peers.

The research was conducted in conjunction with the Family Resource Center, a non-profit organization that provides affordable child care and preschool services to nearly 400 children in Pittsburg, Kan. The results of the study were published this spring in Kansas Child magazine.

Monica Murnan, director of the Family Resource Center, said the work began with a Smart Start grant. Murnan said the Center, the only nationally accredited childcare facility

in the area, has always operated on the belief that all children, regardless of their social or economic status, can succeed if given support. The research, she said, was an opportunity to validate that belief and to evaluate the effectiveness of strategies and investments in staff training.

"From 2005-2009, the Center teamed with PSU to create a graduate assistant position to help with the Smart Start project," said Dr. Jan Smith, director of PSU's clinical psychology program. "Graduate students were involved in assessment, data collection, and communicating with teachers. In addition, the graduate assistants provided essential training to teachers in use of the assessment tool."

The assessment tool used to measure and track child development over the five-year period was the Assessment, Evaluation and Programming System (AEPS). The

data from the AEPS testing was used to target classrooms or groups needing improvement and also to focus staff training.

The results were encouraging.

"Using assessment data to provide feedback and inform teaching activities produced highly successful outcomes," Smith said. "Children who have been identified as at-risk often exhibit developmental delays compared to other children their age. However, assessment data revealed that this was not the case for at-risk children involved in the Center's Smart Start efforts. During the five-year period, almost all children at the Center, including those who were identified as at-risk, met or exceeded anticipated developmental progress."

"It is especially significant to note that many children who were in danger of experiencing developmental delays actually exceeded developmental progress typical for children their age, regardless of their socio-economic status," Smith said.

Murnan said the research at the Center offers an important lesson for educators and lawmakers.

"The big picture of it and probably the most important lesson to take from the research," Murnan said, "is that if you invest in the people who work on a day-to-day basis with children, it will pay off in achievement."

The research proved to be valuable not only to the Center, Smith said, but also to the graduate students who worked on the project.

Ashleigh Horton, one of the GAs who worked on the project and who is now a school psychologist, said she uses some of what she learned almost daily in her work for the Barton, Dade, Jasper Counties Special Education Cooperative in Missouri.

For more information about the Family Resource Center visit the website: www.frcpittsburg.org



Wheelchair basketball

Members of the Madonna Magic and Mizzou compete during the fourth annual Via Christi Home Medical Invitational Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in November at the PSU Student Recreation Center. Dr. Dan Ferguson, a professor in HHPR and organizer of the event, said the tournament grows each year and attracts highly skilled wheelchair athletes. Ferguson teaches classes in therapeutic recreation and advises therapeutic recreation majors.

Sagehorn to lead Department of Teaching and Leadership

In the fall, the College of Education made organizational changes designed to bring its teacher licensure programs under one umbrella. The college combined the departments of Curriculum and Instruction and Special Services and Leadership Studies into one new Department of Teaching and Leadership.

"I appointed a study committee (on organization) last year," said Howard Smith, dean of the College of Education. "After studying the current organization of the college, the committee unanimously recommended combining C&I and SSLS."

Smith said no programs were changed and students are unlikely to notice the new structure.

Although the reorganization was driven by a desire to pull teacher



Sagehorn

licensure programs together, "a secondary benefit is that it creates some efficiencies," Smith said.

Dr. Alice Sagehorn, a long-time faculty member in and previously interim director of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, was selected to head the new department.

Sagehorn joined the College of Education as a lecturer in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in 1992. She holds a BS from the University of Missouri, an MS from Pittsburg State and a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas.

Fulbright award sends Sildus to Serbia

The University of Kragujevac in Serbia was looking for an expert in second language acquisition and English language teaching methodology. They found that person on the faculty in PSU's College of Education.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange activity selected Dr. Tatiana Sildus, an associate professor in the College of Education, for its 2011-2012 Fulbright Specialists Program. The committee paired her with the Serbian university because of her primary area of study.

Sildus is one of the authors of the textbook "Spotlight on English, Grade 2," with Santillana USA. At PSU, she teaches a wide range of courses in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement program. A native of Russia, Sildus received a BSEd and a master's degree in English and German from Vladimir State Pedagogical University. She earned a Ph.D. from Kansas State University.

In Serbia, Sildus is working with undergraduate and graduate students.

"I present lectures and seminars for undergraduate and master's degree level students," Sildus said, "and I also work with their doctoral students on the topics of language and cognition and communicative language teaching approaches."

In addition to interactive lectures, Sildus conducts master classes in which she models the teaching methods she talks about.

"I think it is beneficial for university students to experience the strategies first-hand, the way I teach my classes here," Sildus said.

Sildus traveled to Serbia in December 2011 for the first of the two-part program and will return to Serbia to complete the project in May.



Sildus

Kansas Teacher of the Year leads students in rediscovery

Tiffany Richard helps students find something they've lost.

Children are born with a natural curiosity about the physical world around them, Richard said.

"They want to know why the sky is blue or what makes a rainbow," Richard said. "But something happens by the time they get to high school and for many, biology and chemistry are seen as difficult and boring. My goal is to help them rediscover what it is they loved about science."

Richard is a biology and chemistry teacher at Olathe East High School. Her passion for helping students rediscover their love of learning was a key factor in her selection as the 2012 Teacher of the Year.

Richard's father, Bill Biggs, was superintendent at USD 246 from 1988 to 1997. Her mother, Martha, taught English at Northeast High School from 1993 to 1997. Both are PSU alumni.

Despite the fact that both of her parents are both long-time educators, Richard nearly chose a different career path, beginning as a pre-med major at Kansas State University.

A summer calculus course at PSU changed everything.

"I loved the summer class," Richard said. "It was amazing to be at a school where people were really interested in me!"

Richard, still in pre-med, transferred to PSU. An opportunity to work in the after-school program at Northeast caused Richard to make another change in her plans.

"I started helping with after-school and I thought, 'I absolutely love this!'" Richard said.

Richard graduated from PSU in 1995 and began her teaching career at Joplin High School and then moved to California, where she taught in El Segundo until returning to Kansas with her husband, Bryan, also a southeast Kansas native, and their two sons in 2003. She has taught in the Olathe school district since.



Deborah, Rebekah and Bruce Dallman.

Extreme Makeover a family affair

Bruce and Deborah Dallman can remember when their youngest daughter Rebekah got her first taste of construction as she worked alongside her dad while he built their home in Terra Haute, Indiana.

"She would put bricks in her little red wagon and bring them to him, one brick at a time," recalled her mother. "She couldn't have been more than 3 years old. That was her way of helping."

You could say it was her first experience with materials management. Rebekah's come a long way since then: a December graduate of construction engineering technology at PSU, she and her parents participated in "the opportunity of a lifetime" as volunteers for the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition build in Joplin last October.

Rebekah, who worked the nightshift along with her dad, served as the materials staging manager. Dr. Dallman was the team leader for one of the "Cobra Teams" for House #6 (the "craftsman" house), and Deborah worked the day shift organizing people at the main volunteer tent.

"This was the first time I've gotten to work in a project like this with my dad, so it was neat seeing him in that kind of role," said Rebekah, a student leader who also earned valuable internship experiences each summer during her college career. "The Extreme Makeover experience though was the best job experience ever."

When the family relocated to Pittsburg six years ago in order for Dr. Dallman to take the role as dean, Rebekah was still in high school and unsure what path she wanted to take. Her older siblings had pursued civil engineering and musicology, and although she loved music as well, ultimately chose to follow in her father's footsteps.

For Deborah, volunteering with her daughter and husband was a meaningful way to share the end of her daughter's college experience.

"I don't want to get emotional," she said, smiling at her daughter. "But what a way to end her last semester. This has been amazing."



Joplin school leaders gain insight in technology education

Last year's tornado in Joplin, Mo., caused unparalleled damage to many of the Joplin School District's buildings. But it also brought new opportunities for the district to look at best practices and envision a future that might never have been possible before.

Professors with the Department of Technology and Workforce Learning at PSU have been helping with that vision by offering their expertise on how to create ideal learning environments.

Last fall, PSU technology education professors Mike Neden and Andy Klenke hosted a group of Joplin administrators at the Kansas Technology Center for a day focused on how technology can improve curriculum in all areas. The Joplin group toured PSU's Technology and Engineering Education Center to see what kinds of tools and hands-on projects PSU technology and engineering education students are using as they prepare to be teachers.

Neden, who has worked for years with the Pittsburg School District to develop ways of integrating technology into all disciplines, said schools following this trend are heading the right direction.

"The whole philosophy behind technology in education is that students today need a certain level of technology literacy," he said. "Most kids learn best by doing. And when you have a chance to have a clean slate and restructure your school, you have to think about how you can best facilitate those kinds of experiences for kids."

While helping to plan on the broader scale, the professors haven't neglected the need in individual classrooms. As the school year began last August, they notably assisted recent PSU alumni Brandon Teel, now a technology education teacher at East Middle School in Joplin, as he got his classroom ready.

With virtually no supplies or books, Teel, who was hired just after the tornado, was challenged to put together a very hands-on classroom. Neden and Klenke quickly networked and found donations and supplies for Teel's class to supply his students with an impressive amount of hands-on activities.

"What they did is a testament to PSU's commitment not only to students, but alumni," Teel said. "They have a genuine love for the work, and care for their students."



PSU was the first school in the nation to participate in a "tilt-up" concrete panel demonstration at a special presentation by the international Tilt-Up Concrete Association in November. During the activity, students learned how to place concrete panels, deal with the various openings, joints, and bracing, and operate tilt-up machinery.

PSU technology and workforce learning students show off their CO2 speedsters before a big race against 8th graders from East Middle School in Joplin, Mo. "Grudge Match at Gorilla Ridge" gave the PSU students a fun experience while learning to "teach specific concepts and organize and manage educational events," said their professor Mike Neden.

Company Day 2011



Pretty cool technology! General Motors was one of hundreds of companies who visited PSU last fall for Company Day 2011. Students had a chance to network with employers from across the U.S. including the General Motors representatives, who let students and faculty check out the company's newest "range-extending" vehicle, the Chevrolet Volt.



Arkansas students consider technology programs

Last year's expansion of the Gorilla Advantage program to Benton and Washington counties in Northwest Arkansas has led many high school students to consider the university when making their future plans.

Especially when they discover the unique programs offered through the College of Technology.

Last fall, as nearly 400 high school and community college students roamed the halls of the Kansas Technology Center for Technology Day, one group from Rogers, Ark., seemed to be taking special notice.

"I'm a big fan of Pittsburg State. I really like the hands-on engineering programs," said Barry Knight, machine tool instructor at Heritage High School in Rogers. "The problem has always been out-of-state tuition. Now, I think the doors are wide open."

PSU's Gorilla Advantage program allows qualified students in selected nearby counties in Missouri, Oklahoma and now Arkansas to attend PSU and pay in-state tuition. This year, about 30 new students are attending PSU from Arkansas under the program.

Knight said he came to education from a career in manufacturing, so he appreciated the emphasis on real-world experiences that he saw in programs in PSU's College of Technology.

"I have some really bright kids in my classes," Knight said. "I think there are good opportunities for some of them here."

Jim Sours, chairman of the Department of Graphics and Imaging Technologies, said the positive responses from students didn't surprise him.

"We believe that if we can get the students here for a visit, we have a very good chance of getting them into any of our programs in the College," he said.



Fall 2011 highlights

- Women's Cross Country finished 15th at the NCAA Division II National Championships
- Women's Cross Country capture MIAA Cross Country Title
- Women's Basketball set a new school record for most consecutive games won on Dec. 30, 2011 and continued the streak into 2012
- Hall of Fame Class of 2011: Chuck Broyles, former head football coach and athletics director Oscar Gonzalez (1996-99), two-time All-American, Men's basketball Leslie (Dudley) Morrow (1997-2000), three-time All-American, Women's Basketball Justin Annin (1999-2000), All-American, Baseball Albert Schmidt (2968 0 71), All-American, Football Floyd Leroy Scott (1918-21), first four-time all- conference player, Football, "Legacy" Frank C. German, volunteer and member of Athletic council for four decades, "Legacy"
- Football captures 2011 MIAA Championship
- Football captures 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship – school's fourth overall national title (1957, 1961, 1991, 2011) and first in 20 years



Eric Love

Fall honors

- Four volleyball players earned All-MIAA honors:
Third Team - Morgan Voorhes (Fr.)
Honorable Mention - Brooke Fay (Jr.), Lauren Brentlinger (So.), Christa McCaw (So.)
- Adam Volkert (Jr.) earned All-MIAA honors by finishing in fourth place at the MIAA Cross Country Tournament and raced to an All-American finish at the 2011 NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country National Championship.
- Melissa Peden earned All-MIAA honors by finishing in sixth place at the MIAA Cross Country Tournament
- Don Hansen All-Super Region Four Honors:
Nate Dreiling (So.) – Player of the Year
Tim Beck – Coach of the Year
First Team: Nate Dreiling (So.), Gus Toca (Jr.), Elijah Olabode (Sr.), John Brown (So.)
Second Team: Zac Dickey (Sr.), Kell Smalley (Sr.), Chase McCoy (Sr.), John Brown (So.), Spencer Worthington (Sr.)
Third Team: Eric Love (Sr.), Cody Holland (So.)
- Associated Press Little All-America Team Honors:
Nate Dreiling (So.) – First-Team Linebacker
John Brown (So.) – Second-Team All-Purpose Back
- American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) All-America Honors:
Nate Dreiling (So.) – First-Team Linebacker
- Don Hansen All-America Honors:
Tim Beck – Coach of the Year
Nate Dreiling – Defensive Player of the Year
Second Team: John Brown (So.)
Third Team: Elijah Olabode (Sr.), Gus Toca (Jr.)
Honorable Mention: John Brown (So.),



Game officials have new space at Carnie Smith Stadium

Private donors made it possible to overhaul an underutilized space at Carnie Smith Stadium to better facilitate game officials.

The Officials Locker Room is now located on the west side of the stadium.



Zac Dickey (Sr.), Chase McCoy (Sr.), Kell Smalley (Sr.), Spencer Worthington (Sr.)

- Eric Love (Sr.) wins Elite 89 Award for NCAA Division II Football Championship
- Eric Love (Sr.) was named to the second-team Capital One Academic All-America team for NCAA Division II Football
- Chas Smith (Jr.) and Eric Love (Sr.) were named to the Capital One Academic All-District Four Team for NCAA Division II.
- All-MIAA Football Honors
Nate Dreiling (So.) – Player of the Year
Tim Beck – 2011 MIAA Coach of the Year
First Team: Gus Toca (Jr.), Elijah Olabode (So.), John Brown (So.)
Second Team: Zac Dickey (Sr.), Kell Smalley (Sr.), Cody Holland (So.), Spencer Worthington (Sr.), Luke Stringer (Sr.), John Brown (So.)
Honorable Mention: Briceton Wilson (Jr.), Jon Thomas (Sr.), Nick Pugh (Jr.), Chase McCoy (Sr.), J.R. Jones (Sr.), Chas Smith (Jr.)



Bever to retire following 2012 season

Pittsburg State University head baseball coach Steve Bever announced in January that he will retire from his position at the university following the 2012 season.

Bever, 65, has been the architect of the Pitt State baseball program since the school restarted the sport on campus prior to the 1991 season. He played baseball for the Gorillas from 1966-69 during the initial era of the program that spanned from 1962-72.

Steve Bever enters his 22nd season as head coach of the Pittsburg State University baseball program.

Starting literally from scratch in 1991, Bever has hand crafted the Gorilla baseball program into one of the most successful programs in the South Central Region of the NCAA Division II ranks.

Bever's formula for success has been an impressive one. He resurrected a defunct program in 1991, weathered the tough times early on in building the program from the ground up, then led the program's emergence onto the national scene with four NCAA Division II Regional appearances in a six-year span (1997, 1998, 1999, 2002). Since 1994, Pittsburg State has averaged 29 victories per season.

During his tenure, Bever has coached seven NCAA Division II All-Americans and 25 first-team All-MIAA performers. Five former players have gone on to compete in the professional baseball ranks, while numerous other former players have gone on to successful high school and college coaching. Additionally, Bever has coached 10 players who have earned Academic All-America honors.

In addition to his coaching duties, for many years, Bever also served as an assistant athletic director, managing all home football and basketball



Bever

Jewett named MIAA Women's Coach of the Year

For the second consecutive year, Pitt State's Russ Jewett was selected as MIAA Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year by league coaches.



Jewett

Jewett has now won six MIAA Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year awards. His Pittsburg State women claimed their eighth MIAA title, the most of any current conference school. Four Gorillas finished in the top 15 individually, including Melissa Peden, who earned All-MIAA honors by finishing in sixth place.

The team finished 15th in their ninth overall trip to the NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championship.

events. At the conclusion of the 2012 season, Bever will return to his role as an assistant athletic director for a period of time. His duties during this time will include fundraising for future facility upgrades for the Gene Bicknell Sports Complex and the coordination of a program to initiate formal outreach to all of the former baseball lettermen that played for Bever throughout his coaching career as well as those who played from 1962-72.

Steve and his wife, Johna, have two adult children: Dawn and Gabe. Dawn and her husband, Greg, live in Wichita. They have two sons, Alex, 11, and Isaac, 8. Gabe and his wife, Amy, reside in Manhattan, New York. Steve and Johna reside in rural Farlington, Kan.

Women's Cross Country captured the 2011 MIAA Cross Country Title



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Tim Beck voted Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year

After a season marked by the school's first national championship in 20 years, Pittsburg State University Head Football Coach Tim Beck received the ultimate reward for his inspirational leadership both on and off the field. Liberty Mutual Insurance announced Coach Beck as its 2011 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award winner for Division II. The Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award is the leading college football honor recognizing coaches for their sportsmanship, integrity, responsibility and excellence, on and off field. Coach Beck is the second Pittsburg State coach to receive the Liberty Mutual honor, following his predecessor Chuck Broyles (2008).

Coach Beck rose above a group of five Division II coach finalists through fan votes cast December 6-22 at CoachoftheYear.com and ballots from elite selection committees of national media and College Football Hall of Fame players and coaches.

"When Liberty Mutual created this award in 2006, we set out to establish an award that is more than an acknowledgement of a great season, but rather the highest recognition of the responsibility coaches have

to their schools and their communities, on and off the field," said Greg Gordon, Liberty Mutual senior vice president, Consumer Marketing. "Every year our winners use their award to positively impact so many people in their communities, and we are excited to help extend the reach of Coach Beck's favorite charities in 2012."

Coach Beck will be honored in the permanent Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year display at the College Football Hall of Fame. In addition, Liberty Mutual will make a \$50,000 charitable donation on his behalf, which Coach Beck has designated to Angels Among Us, a Kansas-based cancer support organization; the Bradley Richard Research Fund of the Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Fund; the Mirza Shrine Center Hospital Dads Fund in Pittsburg; and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Memorial Fund in Pittsburg. Liberty Mutual also will make a \$20,000 scholarship donation to the Pittsburg State Alumni Association in Coach



Beck

Beck's honor. With this year's awards, Liberty Mutual now has donated more than \$1.5 million to over 80 charities on behalf of the 21 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year winners since 2006.

"Today we celebrate Coach Beck for the latest honor he has brought to Pittsburg State University, our alumni and fans as well as the Pittsburg community," Athletics Director Jim Johnson said. "Being named the 2011 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award winner is a testament to his significant impact and positive influence on our students and our community."

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Alumni honored

Homecoming is a time when thousands of alumni return to campus to reminisce and reconnect with their alma mater. For four Pittsburg State University graduates, however, that weekend was especially meaningful.

Maria Pacheco, Lisa Paterni, Gina Pinamonti and Brett Potts, this year's Outstanding Alumni Award recipients, spent Oct. 14 speaking with students and getting reacquainted with the campus.

"This is overwhelming and humbling," said Paterni, who is president of Pitsco, Inc., an education company that provides curriculum and hands-on products in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Maria Pacheco, vice president of mobile games at Atari in Los Angeles, Calif., said she was traveling when she got word of the honor.

"It took me completely off guard. I didn't have any idea that I was nominated," Pacheco said. "After I got off the phone, I thought, 'Of course! Rough week, a busy day, busy schedule, crazy at work and who's calling me to make me feel good about myself and to remind me about the love and warm coming from Kansas and back home but Pittsburg State University.'"

The honorees agreed that life had taken them down some paths they hadn't expected since they graduated and none of them ever dreamed that one day they would receive PSU's Outstanding Alumni Award. Dr. Gina Pinamonti, an orthodontist and dentofacial orthopedic specialist in Pittsburg said, however, that her plan from childhood was to be an orthodontist in her hometown.

"I'll attribute a lot of it to Dr. Huff. He was my orthodontist and starting around third or fourth grade, I would tell him I was going to come back to Pittsburg and be an orthodontist," Pinamonti said. "That was my goal and I was very focused."

Unlike Pinamonti, Paterni said she



Outstanding alumni, left to right: Lisa Paterni, Maria Pacheco, Gina Pinamonti and Brett Potts

had no idea where life might take her.

"I think I frustrated a lot of my first supervisors," Paterni said, "because they would ask, 'Where do you want to be in five years?' I don't think I ever really had plans or a vision for myself. I always just said, 'If I work hard, I do a good job and I take advantage of the opportunities that come my way, I'll be fine.'"

The award recipients said it was exciting to be able to spend part of their time on campus talking with students. Paterni and Pinamonti, because they live in Pittsburg, lecture frequently on campus. But for Brett Potts, a former Kansas Teacher of the Year and currently the principal of Pleasant Ridge Middle School in Overland Park, Kan., and Pacheco, it was a rare opportunity.

"I emphasized to students how great it is to be here," Potts said. "I'm told them to cherish the moments that they're here, because there's something special about Pittsburg State."

Pacheco said one piece of advice she shared with students was to keep an open mind about work, especially those first jobs.

"I took a few jobs early on in my career that weren't exactly the jobs that I wanted, but I knew they were stepping stones to get me to where I wanted to be."

Pacheco said she also tells students

to be brave enough to take some risks, don't burn bridges, travel as much as you can and meet people from other cultures and other parts of the world.

"As I've done those things, it has just reminded me how lucky I am that I was raised in Kansas and got my education at Pittsburg State University, because it's a really special place. I don't think I would have appreciated it so much if I hadn't been around the world."

Potts and Pinamonti also talked about family connections to Pittsburg State that go back generations.

"My dad was on the 1961 National Championship football team so he was back meeting and with his old buddies and reliving the experiences they had," Potts said. "My mother is also a graduate of Pittsburg State. My grandmother was actually a Pittsburg State grad back in the '30s. So we've got a lot of Gorillas in our family."

Pinamonti said she has been involved with Pittsburg State since she was in pre-school on campus.

"It's just part of my life," Pinamonti said. "My grandparents went to school here. My grandmother was an Alpha Sig. My mother was an Alpha Sig. I was a Tri Sigma and my sister and sister-in-law were Tri Sigmas. My father and my husband were both in fraternities."

Full biographies of each recipient can be found at magazine.pittstate.edu.

Update—

Gorilla Legislative Network

The Gorilla Legislative Network (GLN) is celebrating its second anniversary ... or would be if its members could find the time. An active state legislative session in Kansas has kept the group busy as they attempt to keep up with the latest news coming out of Topeka.

"It's been one of the most active sessions in recent history," said Shawn Naccarato, director of government and community relations.

"GLN members have been incredibly supportive of the university and the region as they help remind legislators about the importance of Pittsburg State University and southeast Kansas."

In only its second year of existence, the GLN boasts an active membership of 225 people. If you would like to combine your love of Pittsburg State with your passion for politics, be sure to sign up for the GLN today. Membership is free and includes a bi-weekly electronic newsletter, invitations to special GLN social events and more. Sign up today at pittstate.edu/gln.



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License plate program supporting students

A program encouraging Pittsburg State supporters to sport PSU license plates on their cars in Kansas and now Missouri is resulting in more scholarship dollars for students.

The Legacy Scholarship program, facilitated by the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations, awarded more than 100 students scholarships from revenue earned through the Gorilla License Plate program.

The Legacy scholarships are awarded to students who had a parent graduate from PSU and who carry a 3.0 GPA or scored at least a 21 on their ACT.

The office held a congratulatory reception for the students, who shared a total of \$40,000 in scholarship money. Students from counties that have a large number of license plate holders received slightly higher awards.

Class of 1957

Guy E. Sutherland (BS), Bartlesville, has been appointed to the board of the Bartlesville Community Foundation.

Class of 1980

DeAnn Auman-Hill (BBA), Baxter Springs, was selected as one of the 2011 'Woman to Watch' award winners in the experienced leaders category. The award is given by the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants in conjunction with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Paula Baker (BS '80, MS '99), Joplin, Mo., was selected president and chief executive officer of Freeman Health System, effective Jan. 1. Baker served as chief clinical officer for the system from 2008 through 2011. She was CEO of the Ozark Center from 2003-2008. Freeman Health is a not-for-profit, community-owned, three-hospital, 407-bed health system serving southwest Missouri, Southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma and northwest Arkansas.

Class of 1987

Dr. Michael Shonrock (Ed. Spec.) was named the new president of Emporia State University in 2010. Prior to his appointment, Shonrock served as the vice president for student affairs at Texas Tech.

Class of 1991

Dennis Manning (BS, Chemistry), Commerce, Okla., was a recipient of the Northeast Oklahoma A&M outstanding alumni award in 2011. Manning is vice president and general manager of Boron Products, LLC. He also serves on the board of directors for Yamanaka-Ceradyne, Inc.

Class of 1995

Tiffany Richard (BS) was named Kansas Teacher of the Year for 2012. Richard has been a biology and chemistry teacher at Olathe East High School since 2003. Prior to that, she taught at Joplin High School and then in El Segundo, Calif. Richard lives in Olathe with her husband, Bryan, and two sons.

Class of 2000

Julie Lucas (BA) is the editor of the Outlook, a weekly military newspaper in Vicenza, Italy. Prior to that, she served as a public affairs specialist for the Army in Fort Carson, Colo.

Class of 2001

Marla F. Beatty (MBA) is administrator of the Division of Orthopaedics at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, and is president of the Mid-America Healthcare Executives' Forum, a chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Class of 2002

Taylor J. Wine (BS) was appointed as the new Osage County district magistrate judge in October. Wine is a member of the law firm of Coffman & Gilliland in Lyndon, Kan., and is the president of the Osage County Bar Association. Wine received his

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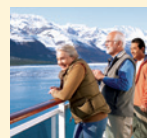
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law degree from the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He and his wife, Heather, have two sons. They live in Vassar, Kan.

Class of 2003

Sheila Bolte (BBA, Finance) has joined the financial services department of the Insurancenter as an account service manager responsible for providing customer service for employee benefit clients. Most recently Bolte worked as an insurance coordinator for a local medical office, and prior to that worked for an independent insurance agency.

Class of 2009

Josh Letner, (BS) was one of three Joplin Globe reporters honored by

Gorilla babies

Charlee Smith 11 weeks (parents Emily and Bo ('99), Smith), Kennedy Baker, 20 months (parents Darcy ('05) and Nathan ('05) Baker) and Mason Majors, 5 months (parents A.J. ('06) and Andy ('06) Majors)



the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association for their coverage of the May 22 tornado. Letner and co-reporters Wally Kennedy and Emily

Yunker shared the first place award for best local story for a series of four stories about 100 of the storm's victims.

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Lavonne M. Monroe, 1928, Alhambra, Calif.
Edna Mae Schmidt (Musick), 1933, Eudora, Kan.
Ione Fornelli, 1933, Independence, Mo.
Stella A. Oden, 1934, Sterling, Kan.
Mary Agnes Hund (Radell), 1937, Paxico, Kan.
Joe T. Scepansky, 1939, Houston, TX.
Merle Demoss, 1939, Aurora, Colo.
Mildred E. Thompson, 1939, Albuquerque, N.M.
William H. Stoskopf, 1939, Lenexa, Kan.
Janus J. Rue, 1940, Lakeside, Calif.
Mary L. Rataczak (Baker), 1940, Joplin, Mo.
Mary L. Spurrier, 1940, Wichita, Kan.
Nora C. Daugherty, 1940, Picher, Okla.
Rose M. Rice, 1940, Eldon, Mo.
Max W. Struble, 1941, Pittsburg, Kan.
Wallace Smith, 1941, Kansas City, Kan.
Woodrow M. Kramer, 1941, Hutchinson, Kan.
Leland D. Crapson, 1942, Tarkio, Mo.
Naomi C. Maze, 1942, Fort Scott, Kan.
Elizabeth Ryan (Pocock), 1943, Coffeyville, Kan.
Charlotte A. Van Leuven (Miller), 1946, Laguna Hills, Calif.
Helen M. McDaniel, 1946, Ozawkie, Kan.
Keith D. Graham, 1946, Bella Vista, Ark.
Leah Jeanne Buckland (Caulkins), 1946, Borger, TX.
Norma L. Agnew, 1946, Billings, Mont.
A. Lorraine Finnigan, 1947, East Wenatchee, Wash.
Betty J. Hammack (Jackson), 1947, Byron Deill, 1947, Pittsburg, Kan.
Cassidy L. Riggs, 1947, Twin Falls, ID.
Cliff J. Mattivi, 1947, Sebring, Fla.
Cora R. Roberts (Robinson), 1947, Webb City, Mo.
David W. Olson, Jr., 1947, Prairie Village, Kan.
David Webster Olson, 1947, Prairie Village, Kan.
Donald W. Patrick, 1947, San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Eugene D. Ridenour, 1947, Summerfield, Fla.
Harold D. Hardy, 1947, Pittsburg, Kan.
Lettie J. Fenderson, 1947, San Ramon, Calif.
M Jane Holland (Anderson), 1947, Garland, TX.
Margaret H. Demchock, 1947, Orlando, Fla.
Raymond L Tarry, 1947, Independence, Kan.
Richard G. Simon, 1947, Sunnyvale, Calif.
Virginia M. Gearhart, 1947, Overland Park, Kan.
Warren E. McLellan, 1947, Fort Smith, Ark.
Betty B. Hudson (Multhaup), 1948, Tulsa, Okla.
Dale C. Hettick, 1948, Pawhuska, Okla.
Edward M. Oberzan, 1948, Kansas City, Mo.
Gladys M Purdum, 1948, Carrollton, TX.
Margaret H. Lewellen (McKinney), 1948, North Las Vegas, Nev.
Marjorie Balafas, 1948, Alhambra, Calif.
Mary E. Washburn, 1948, Tulsa, Okla.
Myron C. Stockebrand, 1948, Iola, Kan.
Robert J. Lehr, 1948, Wichita, Kan.
Robert P. King, 1948, Blaine, Wash.
Roy E. Schoonover, 1948, Pratt, Kan.
Edward C. Siegfried, 1949, Bradenton, Fla.
Elizabeth M. Robinson, 1949, Wichita, Kan.
Ermal G. Cosman, 1949, Hastings, Neb.
Howard F. Jones, 1949, Enon, OH.
James Brown, 1949, Shawee, Kan.
James R. Roberts, 1949, Overland Park, Kan.
Maurita Anderson, 1949, McPherson, Kan.
Norma J. Dawson (Valentine), 1949, Derby, Kan.
Robert L. Hardesty, 1949, Tallmedge, OH.
Robert M. Ferguson, 1949, Fort Scott, Kan.
Vi J. Crews, 1949, Carmel, Ind.
Warren H. Brinkman, 1949, Springfield, Mo.
William A. Flynn, 1949, Coeur D Alene, ID.
Albert J. Armstrong, 1950, Arlington, TX.
Barbara J. Williams, 1950, Kansas City, Kan.
Byron D. Breedlove, Jr., 1950, Fort Worth, TX.
Charles V. Howard, 1950, Wichita, Kan.
Clarence R. Keeton, 1950, Friendsville, Tenn.

Donald E. Simmons, 1950, Brookshire, TX.
I.D. Newton, Jr., 1950, Wichita Falls, TX.
James J. Cattelino, 1950, Kingwood, TX.
Lewis D. Einsel, 1950, San Clemente, Calif.
Nadyne E. Draper, 1950, Lakeside, Mont.
Philip R. Falcone, 1950, Atlantic Beach, Fla.
William D. Hilton, 1950, Overland Park, Kan.
Alva L. Whitney, 1951, Kansas City, Mo.
Charles E. Clark, 1951, Del Mar, Calif.
Dale S. Felty, 1951, Lamar, Mo.
Donald B. Johnson, 1951, Eugene, Ore.
Edward J. Finley, 1951, Wichita, Kan.
Frank E. Powell, 1951, Leawood, Kan.
Richard O. Blackman, 1951, Pomona, Kan.
Robert D. Birdwell, 1951, Sallisaw, Okla.
Roscoe B. Bass, 1951, Seattle, Wash.
Ruth M. Elliston, 1951, Manhattan, Kan.
Stephen W. Young, 1951, Malawi, Africa
Thomas J. Clark, 1951, Columbus, OH.
William H. Fish, 1951, Rochester, Ind.
Arthur L. Smith, 1952, St. James, Mo.
Charles P. Rasmussen, 1952, Kansas City, Mo.
Charles R. Lee, 1952, Tyler, TX.
David R. Dodge, 1952, McPherson, Kan.
Deloris G Person (Taylor), 1952, Belton, Mo.
Don E. Smith, 1952, Sierra Vista, Ariz.
Francis I Gant, 1952, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Joanna C. George, 1952, Cimarron, Kan.
John E. Gonser, 1952, San Jose, Calif.
Joyce V. Johnson (Howard), 1952, Hobbs, N.M.
Kenneth L. Adams, 1952, Whitehouse Station, N.J.
Mary M. Sorg, 1952, Mission, Kan.
Max E. Stacy, 1952, Conway, Ark.
Patricia E. Christianson, 1952, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Robert B. Varner, 1952, Topeka, Kan.
Walter W. Cox, 1952, Minneapolis, Minn.
William R. Lyerla, 1952, Overland Park, Kan.
Bob G. Wootton, 1953, Topeka, Kan.
Doris I. Reeves, 1953, Arkansas City, Kan.

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- Dwight P. Linkhart**, 1953, Boulder, Colo.
- Gordon V. Lohr**, 1953, Kansas City, Mo.
- Irene H. Forch**, 1953, Decatur, Ill.
- John D. Frame**, 1953, Fulton, Mo.
- Lulu M. Briggs**, 1953, Elon, N.C.
- Marjorie R. Hutton (Jackson)**, 1953, Florissant, Mo.
- Rowland D. Klink**, 1953, River Falls, Wis.
- Susan Johnson (Turner)**, 1953, Long Beach, Calif.
- William M. Atkinson**, 1953, Manhattan, Kan.
- Benjamin A. Mevey**, 1954, Wichita, Kan.
- Carl D. Spicer, Jr.**, 1954, Sand Springs, Okla.
- Don D. Owen**, 1954, Elk City, Kan.
- Donald B. Testerman**, 1954, Houston, TX.
- Emilio J. Bartoli**, 1954, Backeye, Ariz.
- Hal K. Barlow**, 1954, Joplin, Mo.
- Hubert Owens**, 1954, Pleasant Hill, Mo.
- Martin J. Wagoner**, 1954, Austin, TX.
- Mary L. Wilson (Copeland)**, 1954, Tulsa, Okla.
- Shafer A. Gross**, 1954, Lake Ozark, Mo.
- Ted P. Kistler**, 1954, College Station, TX.
- Vern M. Taylor**, 1954, Marina, Calif.
- Zeola Bass**, 1954, Seattle, Wash.
- A. Gene Collins**, 1955, Bartlesville, Okla.
- Charles W. Foley, Jr.**, 1955, San Diego, Calif.
- Delores J. Workman (McGowan)**, 1955, Tuscan, Ariz.
- Dick Currey**, 1955, Commerce, Okla.
- Gerald L. Hutton**, 1955, Florissant, Mo.
- Harold L. Russell**, 1955, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Hazel Jones (Miller)**, 1955, Baxter Springs, Kan.
- Helen Dunn (Thompson)**, 1955, Edna, Kan.
- Joe R. Sample**, 1955, Overland Park, Kan.
- John E. Davis**, 1955, Westwood, Kan.
- Lucille A. Liebert**, 1955, Coffeyville, Kan.
- Mary Ann Kiser (Hyndman)**, 1955, Girard, Kan.
- Orval V. Taylor**, 1955, Redondo Beach, Calif.
- Virgil F. Williams**, 1955, Carpinteria, Calif.
- Anna M. Herod**, 1956, Derby, Kan.
- Art L. Handley**, 1956
- Carol L. Evans**, 1956, Springfield, Mo.
- Derril D. Granger**, 1956, Woodstock, Ill.
- Donald D. Adams**, 1956, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Gerald R. Graner**, 1956, St. Louis, Mo.
- Harry L. Culps**, 1956, Booneville, Ark.
- Jack L. Barnett**, 1956, Arvada, Colo.
- Janice L. McGregor**, 1956, Pittsburg, Kan.
- John E. Naylor**, 1956, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Keith F. Ester**, 1956, Conifer, Colo.
- Larry N. Gorrell**, 1956, San Jacinto, Calif.
- Mary Ball Schuultz**, 1956, Girard, Kan.
- Noel P. McGregor**, 1956, St. Paul, Kan.
- Owen R. Kerns**, 1956, Lake Oswego, Ore.
- Rosalind M. Rapp (Elliott)**, 1956, Caney, Kan.
- Sherrell P. Bohannon**, 1956, Midland, TX.
- Shirley A. Simmons (Jackson)**, 1956, Springfield, Va.
- Stephen Waldron Davis**, 1956, Overland Park, Kan.
- Thomas M. Gray**, 1956, Weaterford, Okla.
- Wanee M. Butler**, 1956, Boulder, Colo.
- Warren L. Miller**, 1956, Van Nuys, Calif.
- William Saunders**, 1956, Garden City, Kan.
- Bill R. Ervin**, 1957, Shell Knob, Mo.
- Billy R. Ervin**, 1957, Shell Knob, Mo.
- Charles W. Dohner**, 1957, Kingston, Wash.
- Chester M. Gross**, 1957, Houston, TX.
- Delbert B. Jenkins**, 1957, Melber, Ky.
- Donna M. Sanders (Nevitt)**, 1957, St. Ann, Mo.
- Farell Ballenger**, 1957, Springfield, Mo.
- Floyd L. Huggins**, 1957, Olathe, Kan.
- George T. Baker**, 1957, Riverdale, Ga.
- James E. Finkenbinder**, 1957, Garrison, TX.
- James R. Teal, Sr.**, 1957, Miami, Okla.
- Jean M. Kirby (Burdick)**, 1957, Valley Center, Kan.
- Paul T. Dodson**, 1957, Topeka, Kan.
- Robert E. Strack**, 1957, Iola, Kan.
- Velma T. Clemence**, 1957, Sarasota, Fla.
- William R. Wagoner**, 1957, Derby, Kan.
- Albert Pike**, 1958, Girard, Kan.
- Dr. Phillip L. Bruce**, 1958, Schoolcraft, Mich.
- Harvey D. Engelhardt**, 1958, Arizona
- Herman R. Honas**, 1958, Chanute, Kan.
- Hervey R. Fox**, 1958, Bonner Springs, Kan.
- Jacob H. Kimmel**, 1958, Sacramento, Calif.
- James M. Huelskamp**, 1958, Sun City, Ariz.
- Janice Killion (Strubhart)**, 1958, Salina, Kan.
- Jim R. Harvey**, 1958, Las Vegas, Nev.
- Marshall E. Blosser**, 1958, Topeka, Kan.
- Wes Nichols**, 1958, Reno, Nev.
- Agnes L. Carpenter**, 1959, Mohomet, Ill.
- Charles E. Honey**, 1959, Webb City, Mo.
- Clifford B. Elbrader**, 1959, Harrison, Ark.
- Harold L. Roach**, 1959, Prairie Village, Kan.
- Jack R. Van Ness**, 1959, Austin, TX.
- James F. Swinney**, 1959, Loxley, Ala.
- John P. Carter**, 1959, Honolulu, HI.
- Karene K. Hill**, 1959, Parsons, Kan.
- Lowell E. Mulch**, 1959, Coffeyville, Kan.
- Marion H. Alkire**, 1959, Plano, TX.
- Robert K. Wheeler**, 1959, Columbia, Mo.
- Roy D. Koopman**, 1959, Overland Park, Kan.
- Russell K. Mann**, 1959, Tocca, Ga.
- Sharon A. Haines**, 1959, Laguna Woods, Calif.
- Sue J. Smith**, 1959, Payson, Ariz.
- Alfred L. Price**, 1960, Albany, Ore.
- Andrew V. Stevenson**, 1960, Kansas City, Mo.
- Arthur G. Parkhurst**, 1960, Alva, Okla.
- Bobby R. Speedy**, 1960, St. Louis, Mo.
- Daisy Ellen Wilkins Caress (Farren)**, 1960, Parsons, Kan.
- Donald L. Leyda**, 1960, Elco, Pa.
- Donald R. Ross**, 1960, Tuscan, Ariz.
- George E. Marriott**, 1960, Rockport, TX.
- Jack S. Mauterer**, 1960, Ogden, UT.
- Marilyn J. Hawkins**, 1960, Kansas City, Mo.
- Mary F. Lynch**, 1960, Cleveland, OH.
- Nancy J. Onelio**, 1960, Lawrence, Kan.
- Robert J. Blazer**, 1960, Weatherby Lake, Mo.
- Roger L. Rierison**, 1960, Wichita, Kan.
- Stephen W. Brannan**, 1960, Denver, Colo.
- Wilbert Parkinson**, 1960, Frontenac, Kan.
- Delbert L. Lovelace**, 1961, Welch, Okla.
- Edward Leroy Simpson**, 1961, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Frank Miller**, 1961, Sedan, Kan.
- Jack E. Dye**, 1961, Miami, Okla.

John K. Ryman, Jr., 1961,
Anthony, Kan.
Julia 'Judy' Leaman (Coop), 1961,
Coffeyville, Kan.
Keith E. Ayers, 1961, Nevada, Mo.
Lucille McQuitty, 1961, Clinton, Mo.
Richard M. Fairchild, 1961, Salem, Ill.
Willard L. McCormick, 1961,
Bakersfield, Calif.
Charley J. Nelson, 1962,
Bartlesville, Okla.
Marian Shuff (Hughes), 1962,
Hot Springs, Ark.
Mike B. Riley, 1962, Carthage, Mo.
Ruth K. Rogers, 1962, Columbus, Kan.
Ruth M. Coltrain, 1962, Benton, Kan.
Sara A. Gilstrap, 1962, Joplin, Mo.

Stuart J. Horn III, 1962,
Wilmington, Del.
Vera E. Dawson, 1962, Tempe, Ariz.
William A. Knarr, 1962,
Dripping Springs, TX.
Bill G. Brady, 1963, Joplin, Mo.
Darlene Evans, 1963, Ballwin, Mo.
Katherine A. Gladwin, 1963,
Cuba, N.M.
Steven Speakman, 1963, Grove, Okla.
Taylor E. Day, Jr., 1963, Shiloh, Ill.
Theda M. Wilson, 1963, Chetopa, Kan.
Truman L. Dearing, 1963, Joplin, Mo.
William H. Loughridge, 1963,
Bethany, Okla.
William L. Tolliver, 1963,
Hutchinson, Kan.

Wilma G. Karstetter (Fish), 1963,
Cherryvale, Kan.
Clara N.M. Stark (Doty), 1964,
Coffeyville, Kan.
Danny L. Thomas, 1964, Nevada, Mo.
Elvira Pearl Rice (Emry), 1964,
Tonganoxie, Kan.
Gary Verdell Richardson, 1964,
Lenexa, Kan.
Howard T. Thornhill, 1964, Tulsa, Okla.
Janis Lin Bair (Derrill), 1964,
Hutchinson, Kan.
Winferd E. Hamm, 1964,
Pittsburg, Kan.
Charles R. Hukill, 1965,
Martinsburg, W.Va.
Cole E. Creason, 1965, Picker. Okla.
Gary E. Kahmann, 1965, Olathe, Kan.
Linda P. Marqueling, 1965,
Hutchinson, Kan.
Max E. Green, 1965, Alexandria, Va.
Morris Mau Shion Chen, 1965,
Orange, Calif.
Walter Alexander Golladay, 1965,
La Cynge, Kan.
Alice M Daum, 1966, Seabrook, TX.
Billie J. Gleason, 1966, Grove, Okla.
Ellen M. Gaertner, 1966,
Stotts City, Mo.
Francis P. Diskin, 1966, Parsons, Kan.
Henry N. Heckert, 1966, Carthage, Mo.
James A. Chisham, 1966,
Wellington, Kan.
Laurence D. Berg, 1966,
Bonner Springs, Kan.
Earl R. Maffett, 1967, Bronaugh, Mo.
Hollie L. Dennis, 1967, Fort Scott, Kan.
Ida B. Umbarger (Greenwood), 1967,
Chanute, Kan.
Ida Bernice Umbarger (Shroder), 1967,
Thayer, Kan.
James A. Shoultz, 1967, Miami, Okla.
Kathrine Scully, 1967, Leawood, Kan.
Lawrence R. Stutts, 1967, Clovis, N.M.
Richard E. McClure, 1967,
Pittsburg, Kan.
Robert L Egly, 1967, Marshall, Minn.
Arthur L. Stevens, 1968, Boliver, Mo.
Eunice Ann Doolittle, 1968,
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Jacqueline J. Finke, 1968, Allen, TX.
Judith A. Mielke, 1968, Arnold, Md.
Larry M. Scott, 1968, Lacombe, La.
Marjorie Webb (Conway), 1968,
El Dorado, Kan.
Rosemary Brocker, 1968,
Goodyear, Ariz.
Virginia M. Gilmore, 1968, Eustis, Fla.

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- Gary W. Bunce, 1969, Stover, Mo.
- Helen Marie Porter (Payne), 1969,
Cherryvale, Kan.
- John M. Tadych, 1969, Neosho, Mo.
- Kathryn B. Parish (Brown), 1969,
Miami, Okla.
- Linda Jones McCoy (Jones), 1969,
Pittsburg, Kan.
- Theodore A. Lemser, 1969,
Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Frank L. Sager, 1970,
Bonner Springs, Kan.
- Jack D. Carrico, 1970, Bartlesville, Okla.
- Philip R. Morgan, 1970, Sedalia, Mo.
- Thelma Wade (Spencer), 1970,
Nevada, Mo.
- William J. Williams, 1970,
Siloam Springs, Ark.
- Gerald L. Weaver, 1971, Pratt, Kan.
- Janet J. Perron, 1971, Chanute, Kan.
- Phillip Jon D'Amico, 1971,
Marquette, Kan.
- Richard C. Vernon, 1971, Parsons, Kan.
- Ronald G. Henry, 1971, California
- Vicki L. Pennell, 1971,
Warrensburg, Mo.
- Deane Yencic, 1972, Pittsburg, Kan.
- Michael D. Wolrich, 1972, Warwick, Pa.
- Carlos M. Polk, 1973, Pratt, Kan.
- Donald D. McGuire, 1973,
Edmond, Okla.
- James Arthur Burnett, 1973,
Pleasant Hill, Mo.
- Richard L. Kublnick, 1973,
Claremore, Okla.
- Thomas Fredrick Compton, Sr.,
1973, Pittsburg, Kan.
- Bobby L. Truitt, 1974, Augusta, Ga.
- John R. Mitchell, 1974, Coffeyville, Kan.
- Irvin F. Bennett, Jr., 1975, St. Paul, Kan.
- Jerry L. Waddell, 1975, Columbus, Kan.
- Alden C. Drouin, 1977, Joplin, Mo.
- Bonnie M. Cullum, 1977, Neosho, Mo.
- Marilyn M. Elliott, 1977,
Oklahoma City, Okla.
- William E. Markham, 1977,
Silver Spring, Md.
- James R. Mathis, 1978, Coffeyville, Kan.
- John R. Buckle, 1978, Wellington, Kan.
- Bertha Shaffer (Smith), 1979,
Carthage, Mo.
- George A. Kenyon, Jr., 1979,
Marshville, N.C.
- Harry N. Fields, 1979, Mt. Vernon, Mo.
- Judith Ann Bernhardt, 1979,
Arkansas City, Kan.
- Lowita Mitchell, 1979, Springfield, Mo.
- Jeff W. Pope, 1980, Pittsburg, Kan.
- Milton Unruh, 1981, Coffeyville, Kan.
- Charles J. Hottle, 1982, Martin City, Mo.
- David W. Bradfield, 1982,
Kansas City, Mo.
- Susan C. Epps, 1982, Olathe, Kan.
- Barbara J. Mattingly (Schafer), 1984,
McAlester, Okla.
- Charles F. Butler, 1984, Renton, Wash.
- Dorothy M. Parker, 1984, Lenexa, Kan.
- Mary C. Brown, 1984, Tecumseh, Kan.
- Jeff S. Cannon, 1985, Olathe, Kan.
- Nicholas K. Moore, 1989,
Pittsburg, Kan.
- Bill E. Doxon, 1991, Hutchinson, Kan.
- Dawn Ellen Carter, 1991, Denison, TX.
- Dennis D. Burge, 1992, Hastings, Neb.
- Michael DeWayne Barr, 1993,
Baxter Spring, Kan.
- Merl L. Hanson, 1996, Chanute, Kan.
- Brian Harris, Sr., 2000, Iola, Kan.
- Brian W. Harris, 2000, Hepler, Kan.
- Lisa A. Hays, 2001, Oswego, Kan.
- Jeffery Lynn Findlay, 2004,
Nevada, Mo.
- Shyrell Smith (Cranor), 2004,
Joplin, Mo.
- Laurel Mason, 2005, Nevada, Mo.
- Michael E. Summers, 2005, Joplin, Mo.
- Amanda K. Smith, 2006, Nevada, Mo.
- Patrik F. Jackson, 2009,
Kansas City, Mo.



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The Flemings (Lori, BME '96, and Kyle, a Notre Dame grad who once worked as PSU's General Counsel) have been longtime supporters of PSU's music department.

"Music is a very important part of life," said Lori, who studied voice and piano before going to law school at Washburn University. Now a private attorney practicing at Wilbert and Towner, P.A., she and Kyle, the general counsel and controller at Pitsco, have instilled that love in their children.

Aidan, 7, whom the couple adopted from Kazakhstan, and Keagan, 6, adopted from China, are already trophy-winning piano aficionados. Miriam, 5, adopted from India, loves "singing with Mom at home," said Lori, and will start piano lessons this year.

To have a facility that can be a premier place for their children to practice, perform, and develop their music skills, would be a dream come true.

"We're making an investment in our entire region," she said. "It would be wonderful to someday see our kids performing on that stage."

Kyle hopes their support of the fine and performing arts center benefits not only their children, but many others, as well.

"Pittsburg State is an integral part of the future growth of Pittsburg," he said. "It's a wonderful university, rich in tradition, and it's our honor to support it."

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