

oh, by the way...

Kristine Young gains interim post

Kristine A. Young has been appointed interim associate provost for international programs effective immediately.

The provost's office will begin a national search to fill the regular appointment. "In the meantime, I know you will join me in congratulating Dr. Young on her interim appointment," said Duane Nellis, provost and senior vice president.

Afghan soldiers make K-State visit



Lori Goetsch, dean of libraries, and Lt. Col. Michael Landers, commander of the Directorate of Cultural Influence and Counterinsurgency at Fort Riley, met with members of the Afghan National Army Feb. 28 in Hale Library. The Afghan partnership reception was a part of cultural training to enable the soldiers to work more effectively with their American counterparts in Afghanistan.

The informal event also helped library faculty add to their skills in working with the increasingly international population on campus.

points of pride

UFM marks 40 years of community links

UFM Community Learning Center will celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2008.

UFM, originally known as University for Man, was created in 1967 by a group of faculty and students who wanted to build a bridge between the campus and Manhattan. The first class brochure was published in January 1968: Seven classes, with 150 people participating. Last year, UFM coordinated 1,097 classes along with several community service programs, and 16,739 people participated.

UFM has served as an incubator for many local programs through the years. UFM was involved in helping establish at least 19 community programs and services. The most notable programs that continue to operate include People's Grocery, downtown farmers market, Manhattan Community Gardens and the Crisis Center Inc.

on campus March-April

March 27

Civic discourse lecture

"Democracy Without Citizens?" by David Matthews, president of the Kettering Foundation, is part of the Lecture Series on Civic Discourse for the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy. 3:30 p.m., K-State Alumni Center.

March 28

Amazon to Galapagos

"Land Use Dynamics and Drivers of Change along the Equator: Examples from the Ecuadorian Amazon and the Galapagos Islands" is the Geography Public Seminar by Stephen Walsh, professor of geography at the University of North Carolina. 3:30 p.m., Little Theater, K-State Student Union.

March 31

Operatic pointers

World-class Wagnerian soprano Jane Eaglen leads a guest master class. The public is invited free of charge. 7 p.m., 204 McCain Auditorium.

L.T. Fan Lecture

"Novel Fluid-Particle Interaction Mechanisms in Dispersions" is the topic of Darsh T. Wasan, Motorola Chair and professor in chemical engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology. 10:30 a.m., Fiedler Auditorium, Durland Hall.

April 3

Opportunity knocks

"Entrepreneurial Leadership: Seize the Opportunity!" The 2008

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Daxun Zhang, double bassist, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, in McCain Auditorium. The Washington Post wrote that "If the bass is finally to produce a headliner, the instrument can have no better champion than Zhang." Ticket information at 532-6428.

K-State Leadership Seminar borrows successful strategies to add value to the workplace and an employee's personal and professional life. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., K-State Student Union.

April 4

Visiting writer

Creative non-fiction writer Allison Wallace, author of "A Keeper of Bees," will read from her work. 3:30 p.m., Little Theater, K-State Student Union.

Presented by participants from various colleges as a Vernon Larson Lecture. 6 p.m. Holiday Inn. Make reservations at 532-5990.

Spring Dance

Students in the K-State dance program present jazz, ballet and modern dance pieces. 7:30 p.m. April 4-5, McCain Auditorium. Tickets at 532-6428.

April 8

The Afghanistan mission

Presented by participants from various colleges as a Vernon Larson Lecture. 6 p.m. Holiday Inn. Make reservations at 532-5990.

opportunities

Classified

• A list of employment opportunities is posted at <http://www.k-state.edu/hr/>
• A recording of classified job opportunities is available 24 hours a day on the Employment Information Line, 532-6271.
• For additional information, call 532-6277 or visit the Division of Human Resources at 103 Edwars Hall. Applications are accepted 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Unclassified

• A complete listing of vacancies can be seen at <http://www.k-state.edu/affact/>
• For additional information, call the office of affirmative action at 532-6220 or visit 214 Anderson Hall.

Noteworthy, continued

Sociology, anthropology, and social work

Brad Logan presented "Spatial Analysis of the Scott House: A Central Plains Tradition Site in Northeastern Kansas," 30th Annual Flint Hills Archaeological Conference, March 7-8, University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Special education, counseling and student affairs

The following faculty members presented at the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavioral Disorders, Feb. 22, Kansas City, Mo.:

Marilyn Kaff and **Jim Teagarden**, "Looking Back to Move the Field Forward: Preliminary Results of an Oral History Project with the Founders of and Leaders in the Field of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders."

Teagarden, "Do You See What I See? The Impact of Nonverbal Receptive Ability Upon Behavioral Adjustment."

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Teagarden presented "Online Project Based Parental Involvement Practicum Experience for In-Service Teachers," American Council on Rural Special Education 28th Annual National Conference, March 13, Charleston, W. Va.

Heavy lifting, continued

Fitness has always been important to Wright. In his younger days, he trained to increase his speed, strength and agility. He attained a personal best of 37 inches in the standing vertical jump and 27 repetitions with 225 pounds on the bench press, both popular testing measures in the National Football League. A current "stretch" goal is to dead-lift 500 pounds.

The dead-lift is probably the oldest test of human

strength, Wright said. Its roots go back to ancient competitions involving who could lift the heaviest stone. Today the goal is to successfully lift a loaded barbell off the floor from a stabilized, bent-over position.

"Weightlifting is a great benefit to increasing my overall energy level, and it makes me feel young," Wright said. "What I lack in strength I'm OK with, because I'm all natural and I'm healthy." ◆◆

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Home team goes to bat for NBAF



State leaders from both sides of the aisle joined Kansas' congressional delegation in

February to support the state's bid for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility.

A site at K-State is one of six being considered nationally by the Department of Homeland Security.

The gathering in Washington, D.C., showed Kansas' commitment to a project that, if realized, will capitalize on K-State's research strengths even as it increases the state's scientific resources.

Kansas goes to Washington: U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt (standing, from left), Manhattan Mayor Tom Phillips, U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, Kansas Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, U.S. Rep. Dennis Moore, U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, Kansas House Minority Leader Dennis McKinney, Kansas Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson, U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran. Seated: Speaker of the Kansas House Melvin Neufeld, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, and Kansas Senate President Steve Morris. Also present at the meeting in Roberts' office was U.S. Rep. Nancy Boyda.

Two years ago, the Department of Homeland Security issued a call to communities interested in becoming home to a 520,000-square-foot biocontainment lab charged with tackling threats to the food supply and public health.

K-State already had a history of working on just such challenges. In early 1999, K-State launched the Homeland Defense Food Safety Security and Emergency Preparedness Program. Later that year, the U.S. Senate's Emerging Threats Subcommittee invited Jon Wefald,

K-State's president, to testify about the threat of agricultural bioweapons. And K-State had long been active in the USDA-funded Food Safety Consortium. The university created the National Agricultural Biosecurity Center in 2001 and, more recently, completed the Biosecurity Research Institute in Pat Roberts Hall.

Today more than 150 K-Staters work in the arenas of food safety and animal health, and more than \$70 million has been invested in related research since 1999.

The university's agricultural heritage and its central location in a region bustling with bio-science activity make Kansas a strong contender for NBAF. Homeland Security recognized those advantages last summer by putting K-State on the short list of six potential sites.

The next step in the selection process comes in May with a draft of an environmental impact statement, at which time the Department of Homeland Security will hold public meetings. A final decision is expected in October. ◆◆

Moxley, Murray honored for work in continuing education

Two faculty members have received national awards from the University Continuing Education Association.

Virginia Moxley, professor and dean of K-State's College of Human Ecology, received the 2008 Faculty Service Award, while Ann Murray, associate professor of family studies and human services, was given the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award. The awards were presented at the University Continuing Education Association's 93rd annual conference March 26-29 in New Orleans.

Among her many accomplishments, Moxley is a founding member of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, an alliance among 11 universities that sponsors inter-institutional graduate programs, shares distance education programming and develops model distance education policies and practices.

Murray teaches assessment of young children and infant behavior and development, both online courses. She was an early adopter of distance learning technologies on campus and was one of the first professors to use K-State's course management system, K-State Online, in teaching courses to on-campus and distance students.

In addition to the faculty awards, K-State received two national marketing and publication awards from the University Continuing Education Association for print materials produced by the K-State Division of Continuing Education.

Wendy Blank earns anti-violence award

Wendy Blank has received the Ally of the Year Award from the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. The award is given in recognition of Kansans who work to address sexual violence and domestic violence on their own time.



Wendy Blank

Blank is the Women's Clinic Director at Lafene Health Center. "Addressing the needs of victims of sexual and domestic violence takes all of us, including members of the medical community throughout our state," said Judy Davis, executive director of the Crisis Center Inc., who nominated Blank.

The Crisis Center is one of the coalition's 30 member programs across Kansas. Davis described Blank as a "tenacious and effective ally for women" in Manhattan whose determination and leadership were essential to the city's developing a sexual assault nurse examiner/sexual assault response team program.

Blank also has contributed to the Crisis Center's volunteer training and provided leadership in the community's efforts to address and end sexual and domestic violence against women, Davis said.

IT professionals recognize colleagues' work

The behind-the-scenes work of K-State's many information technology employees recently enjoyed the spotlight during the Information Technology Awards and Recognition Reception.

The event was dedicated to Brad Harwell, senior application services administrator in the office of mediated education, who died recently after battling a genetic liver disorder.

This year's winners:

IT Innovator: Chris Casey, computing and telecommunications services. Spirit of IT: Laurie Amrine, information systems office. Customer service: Ben Ward, office of mediated education. IT Gold: John Letourneau, information systems office.

Meritorious achievement: Eddie Gadson, computing and telecommunications services; Beth Alloway, Josh McCune and Cathy Rodriguez, all of the information technology assistance center; Dylan Zehr, office of mediated education; K-State TV, a project of the educational communications center (Susan Jagerson, Jim Mock, Robert Nelson, Traci Taylor, Tyler Traxson and Doug VonFeldt); Gamage Dissanayake, Karen Lynn and Gary Kepka, all of K-State Research and Extension.

Team Gold went to the Person Database 1.0 project: Project manager: Loren Wilson, office of mediated education. Team members: Vance Baker and John Letourneau, information systems office; and Matthew Baxa, Rob Caffey, Angela Chauncey, Mark Grinter, Teresa Hammett, Brad Harwell, Dusty Herrman, Priyatham Porika, Bryan Rall, Daniel Rucker, Jeremiah Shirk, Sunil Varghese, Lloyd Walker and Dylan Zehr, all of the office of mediated education.

Don Hogg IT Lifetime Achievement Award: Fred Damkroger, former director of computing and telecommunications services.



Dan Thomson has worked with a vaccine that prevents a virulent strain of E. coli from reproducing by blocking its ability to absorb iron. (Photo by David Adams, College of Veterinary Medicine)

Beef cattle and E. coli

Veterinary researchers test promising vaccine

Despite millions of dollars spent on food safety research over the last 10 years, ground beef recalls due to E. coli O157:H7 were higher in 2007 than in 2006. Dan Thomson, an associate professor of clinical sciences, is working to change that. "We have been studying the effects of a novel vaccine technology to make beef safer," said Thomson.

He's working with Guy Loneragan of West Texas A&M and T.G. Nagaraja of K-State to examine the vaccine's ability to decrease E. coli shedding in beef cattle.

"We had a decrease in cattle shedding E. coli by 54 percent in our first field study," Thomson said. "However, we increased the amount of SRP exposure in the second field study and decreased the rate of shedding by 85 percent."

SRP is "siderophore receptor and porin" technology, which was developed by Epitopix LLC in Willmar, Minn.

Reducing the burden of E. coli O157 on cattle entering packing plants would represent "tremendous progress toward preventing E. coli O157 from ever getting into ground beef," Loneragan said.

The team's findings were presented at the 2008 Beef Industry Safety Summit in Dallas March 5.

Food-borne pathogens use siderophore receptor and porin proteins to acquire iron. "Iron is to bacteria as oxygen is to humans," Thomson said. "Without iron consumption, the bacteria suffocate and can't grow or replicate."

The SRP vaccine keeps the bacteria from taking up iron.

"We conducted a challenge study, a natural infection study

and two large pen field studies at commercial feedyards," Thomson said.

"All studies showed positive results of this vaccine, making an impact on decreasing not only the number of the cattle shedding the bacteria but also decreasing the concentration of the bacteria being shed."

The number of "super shedder" cattle also was reduced.

The two large pen studies used 20 pens and more than 1,200 head of cattle.

The first study, conducted in 2006, was funded in part by beef and veal producers and importers through their \$1-per-head checkoff and was produced for the Cattlemen's Beef Board and state beef councils by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Epitopix sponsored the second study in 2007. ♦♦

noteworthy

Accounting

Richard L. Ott presented "Managing Change: Balancing the Tactical Work with the Strategic Responsibilities of Your Position," fourth annual Accounting Programs Leadership Group/Federation of Schools of Accountancy Joint Seminar, Feb. 10-12, Charleston, S.C.

Continuing education

Jeff Mills presented "So Many Countries, So Little Time: Identifying Potential International Markets," University Continuing Education Association's 16th annual marketing seminar, Feb. 14-16, San Diego.

English

Elizabeth Dodd published "Moonrise Over Chimney Rock," Notre Dame Magazine, Winter 2007-08.

Jim Machor and colleague edited "New Directions in American Reception Study," New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. The edition included Machor's "The American Reception of Melville's Short Fiction in the 1850s."

Phillip Marzluf published "Mainstreaming Diversity Writing," WPA: Writing Program Administration, Vol. 31, Nos. 1 and 2.

Tanya González presented "Buscando Betty: Transnational Representations of the 'Good Girl' on TV," Nuestra América in the U.S.?: U.S.

Latino/a Studies Conference, Feb. 9, Lawrence.

Dean Hall presented "Bapsi Digs Deepa: Bapsi Sidhwa's Novelization of Deepa Mehta's Movie Water," 18th Annual British Commonwealth and Post-Colonial Studies Conference, Feb. 15, Savannah, Ga.

Deborah Murray presented "When I'm Eatin' I'm Home': Food Fantasies in the Plays of Sam Shepard," 29th Annual Meeting of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association, Feb. 13, Albuquerque, N.M.

Modern languages

Emma Betz and colleague published "Remembering Relevant Information and Withholding Relevant Next Actions: The German Token 'achja,'" Research on Language and Social Interaction, Vol. 41, No. 1, January 2008.

Multiple departments

The following K-State faculty members presented at the sixth annual Harvard Alumni of Color Conference, Feb. 22-23, Cambridge, Mass.:

Gabriela Diaz de Sabates, Academic Assistance Center, and Amanda Morales, education, "Against Winds and Tides: Latinas in College."

Diaz de Sabates, panelist at the roundtable on "Meritocracy and Diversity."

Bruce Prince, management; Kevin Gwinner and David

Andrus, marketing; published "Applicant Expectations and Decision Factors for Jobs and Careers in Food-Supply Veterinary Medicine," Journal of Veterinary Medical Education, Vol. 35, No. 1.

Lauren W. Ritterbush, sociology, anthropology, and social work; and Brad Burenheide, education; and student completed Project Archaeology Facilitator training at the Smithsonian Institution, Feb. 8-9, Washington, D.C. The training allows them to lead future Project Archaeology teacher workshops in Kansas in association with the Kansas State Historical Society.

Music

Frederick Burrack presented "How to Survive your First Years of Teaching," "Enhancing Transfer Between Community Colleges and Four-Year Institutions in Kansas," "Teaching Comprehensively Using the National Standards" and "Developing Student Portfolios in your High School Music Program," Kansas Music Educators Conference, Feb. 28-March 1, Wichita.

Psychology

Mary Cain and colleagues published "Individual Differences in Amphetamine Self-Administration: The Role of the Central Nucleus of the Amygdala," Neuropsychopharmacology, Vol. 33, No. 5.

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No stranger to heavy lifting

Thomas Wright balances teaching with competitive weightlifting

When Thomas A. Wright was told he was "pretty strong for an old guy," he saw it as a backhanded compliment. And a challenge. "I want to see just how strong of an old guy I really am," Wright said.

Wright, 57, is a professor of management, Jon Wefald Leadership Chair and a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science. He also belongs to the World Association of Bench Pressers and Dead Lifters.

Those two aspects of Wright's life might seem to have little in common, but his research interests include optimizing employee performance and finding innovative ways to enhance employee health and well-being.

"As a lifelong fitness nut, I have found weightlifting beneficial to both my physical health and mental well-being," Wright said. "I love the idea of competing against myself, with the possibility of continuous improvement."

Power lifters compete in categories based on age and weight. Wright has competed in 10 meets since 2004; in 2006 he won the title of World Champion Bench Presser in the men's masters division for his age and weight class. His personal best on the bench is 435 pounds, a little more than two times his body weight.

If he competes in the World Championships this November in Las Vegas, it will be his third time in five years to compete on that level.

"The people are great and come from a variety of professions, such as doctors, lawyers, dentists and many others," Wright said. "Power weightlifters are not bodybuilders; we enjoy things like beer and chocolate. We fo-



Thomas Wright, professor of management, has been a competitive powerlifter for years. "The people are great and come from a variety of professions."

cus on strength, not a small waist."

Some of the people Wright has met at competitions have become friends and role models. "At one meet there was an 80-year-old man who bench-

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Thomas Wright

pressed around 300 pounds," Wright said. "It's nice when you're a middle-age guy to have inspiration like that."

Wright is recovering from shoulder surgery, but he still trains.

"I exercise six days a week with stretching, dumbbells, free weights, running, walking and a lot of other cardiovascular activities," Wright said. "I'm looking forward to working out on the Flint Hills trails with my wife and family."

When working out at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Center, Wright doesn't blast rock music or put on a show. "Sometimes I catch students glancing over to see what the grey-haired guy is doing," Wright said. "I'm new to Manhattan and to K-State this academic year, so I don't have workout buddies yet, although I really enjoy the social aspect of working out with others."

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