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On-site health screenings

K-State will offer on-site health screenings in April. Those eligible for the testing include benefits-eligible employees, spouses and dependents over the age of 18, retirees and their spouses and dependents over the age of 18, all with state health plan coverage. Benefits-eligible employees who have waived coverage also may register.

The screenings take about 15 minutes and include checks on cholesterol (tested via a single fingerstick), diabetes, blood pressure, body mass index, and measured height and weight. The screening is a fasting test, which means participants may consume only water or black coffee for the nine hours before the test. Participants should take any medications as usual.

The screenings will take place from 7 a.m. to noon April 15 at the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex and from 7 a.m. to noon April 16 and 17 in the K-State Student Union Ballroom.

To register, visit <http://www.khpa.ks.gov/healthquest>. Select the link for the Dialog Center and click on the "sign up for a health screening" window.

Bring a current state health plan insurance card, employee badge or recent pay-stub to the screening. Walk-up screenings are available but may require a wait. Questions should be directed to Gina Lowe, 532-1878 or glowe@k-state.edu.

iSIS training for advisers begins Jan. 23

Training sessions for advisers for iSIS, the new student system to replace SIS and KATS that will be used for advising and enrollment for the fall 2008 semester, begin Jan. 23. Some colleges have requested specific training times and will communicate the dates and times to their advisers.

To register for a session: Visit <http://www.as.ksu.edu/HRIS> and sign in with eID and password. In the left side menu, click "employee self service," then click "training and development." Then click "KSU training enrollment" and "search by course name." In the "course name" field, type iSIS and then click "search" for a list of possible courses. Next to "iSIS: Advising using iSIS" (course number WS0011), click "view available sessions," then select the desired session number. On the next screen, click "continue." Confirm the date and time of the training session, and enter any comments. Click "submit," then click "OK." Then sign out from HRIS. Contact Brian Arthaud-Day, bcad@k-state.edu, 532-7657, for additional information.

points of pride

International agribusiness course awarded

After 10 years of providing agribusiness distance education, K-State's master of agribusiness program and its instructors continue to win awards while developing agribusiness leaders.

In October, the program was awarded the Association of Continuing Higher Education's Distinguished Program Award for its Comparative Food and Agriculture Systems elective course.

on campus

January

Jan. 17 Web training opportunity

"Introduction to Cascading Style Sheets," from 1:30-3:30 p.m., 202 Fairchild Hall. Call 532-4918 to register.

Jan. 23 Van operator training

K-State at Salina will conduct van operator training from 9:30-11:30 a.m., 101 Facilities Room, K-State at Salina. National Safety Council training will be conducted for all operators and potential operators of motor pool vans operated by K-State faculty, staff and students. This training is mandatory for all operators. Register by visiting <http://www.k-state.edu/facilities/depts/resources/signup.html>

Jan. 24 Dreamweaver training

"Working with CSS in Dreamweaver," from 1:30-3:30 p.m., 202 Fairchild Hall. Call 532-4918 to register.

Week of festivities planned to honor King continued

tions. The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil will be at 7 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. A hot chocolate social will follow at 8:30 p.m.

* Jan. 24: The fundraising campaign, "Bring Forty to Celebrate Dr. King," will commemorate King's visit to K-State 40 years ago. Proceeds will go to build the Coretta Scott King Gardens of Engagement. Donations will



"Giselle," a ballet popular with audiences and dancers alike, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at McCain Auditorium. This ballet has drawn the best dancers to its leading roles since its creation in the 19th century. For tickets call 532-6428.

be accepted from noon to 5 p.m. outside the Wildcat 91.9 radio studio in the Union.

* Jan. 25: Kevin Burnett, vice president of sales, Lucent Technologies, will present the College of Business Administration Diversity Lecture at 10:30 a.m. in the Union's Forum Hall. Patrons of K-State's commemorative bust of King will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center to discuss

plans for the Coretta Scott King Gardens of Engagement. At 3:30 p.m., campus and community members are invited to a wreath-laying ceremony at the commemorative bust, which is on the southeast lawn of Ahearn Field House.

Throughout the week K-State's College of Engineering will display King-themed poster presentations in the Rathbone Hall atrium. ♦♦

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 Edwards 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.

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in the birds. So even the most benign form is not allowed to exist in flocks. If we do have an H5:N1 outbreak, which is the highly contagious kind, our system would pick it up very quickly."

If anyone sees a sick bird or birds, K-State also manages the Avian Influenza Hotline at 800-566-4518. The hotline is a cooperative service provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the K-State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. All questions concerning dead birds or birds that appear to

noteworthy continued

Bonnie Rush participated in the Kester News Hour, a review of the year's clinically relevant literature, at the 53rd American Association of Equine Practitioners Convention, Dec. 1-5, Orlando, Fla. She presented several topics: influenza in Australia; methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus; cervical stenotic myelopathy in older horses; immune-mediated myositis; the Horse Slaughter Protection Act; prevention of Rhodococcus equi; the British Emergency Services Protocol and Fund for horses; and neu-

ropathic equine herpes virus.

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A single dead bird should not cause significant concern, Anderson said.

"We start to worry when there is a large group of dead birds or migratory waterfowl in a relatively small area," he said.

Anderson encourages anyone with questions to call the hotline so those manning the phones can help determine whether the death or sickness is an indicator of serious disease. ♦♦

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Greg Grauer spoke Dec. 3 at the Vetoquinol State of the Art Renal Conference in Nice, France. He presented "Update on the Current Theories of Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease by Proteinuria" and "Early Diagnosis of Kidney Disease – Microalbuminuria and Other Possible Markers."

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Mike Sanderson presented on "Bovine Viral Diarrhea" at a USDA Training Conference, Dec. 4-6, Fort Collins, Colo.

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For Kansas State University faculty and staff

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Diagnostic Laboratory is the state's first line of defense against avian flu

If the highly pathogenic strain of avian influenza ever comes to Kansas, diagnosticians at K-State's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory will be the first to know.

The lab, which is part of K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine, is the first place samples would be tested if there were a suspected case of avian influenza in Kansas.

Dr. Gary Anderson, director of the lab and professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, says that the lab has been certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to perform avian flu testing. The lab also tests for swine, equine and canine versions of influenza.

"K-State's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is known for thorough and timely diagnostic services," Anderson said. "And in the case of bird flu, were it to make it to Kansas, time would be of the essence. We presently have five employees who are certified by the National Animal Health Laboratory Network to perform avian influenza testing, which allows handling of a large number of samples and



Gary Anderson and Tanya Purvis, microbiologist III, review diagnostic bacteriology samples at K-State's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. The lab also tests for the viruses that cause avian flu. (Photo by Dave Adams, College of Veterinary Medicine.)

reporting the results within a short time frame."

Avian influenza was recently in the news because

of two pre-Thanksgiving outbreaks in Britain. To date, the pathogenic strain of avian influenza — also known as

H5:N1 — has been reported in Southeast Asia and a handful of European countries, but not in the U.S. It affects chickens, turkeys, ducks and other poultry and is particularly contagious among domestic flocks, although the disease is thought to originate with migratory fowl.

"From a poultry standpoint, our biggest concern is that migratory birds from the North will mix in the summer breeding grounds and spread avian flu when they fly south for the winter," said Scott Beyer, a K-State poultry expert and associate professor of animal sciences and industry. "However, this has not yet happened in North America, which is somewhat of a surprise."

According to Beyer, if the bird flu does make it to the United States, poultry producers have been taking precautions against the disease for some time.

"The chicken and turkey industries screen all flocks for avian influenza prior to sending them to the processing plant," Beyer said. "For many years, the U.S. policy has been never to allow any form of avian influenza to persist

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Sebelius praises Wefald

K-State President Jon Wefald was recognized by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius at the December Kansas Board of Regents meeting for his 21 years of service to K-State.

"To see President Wefald's impact on Kansas State University, one needs to look no further than the 2 million square feet of new buildings, 9,000 additional students and incredible athletics program that have all come into being under Jon's leadership," Sebelius said.

Wefald began his tenure as the 12th president of K-State in 1986. Under his leadership, K-State has led the nation's public universities in the total number of Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall scholarship winners.

In addition to the increase in building space and enrollment under Wefald, K-State also has built a healthy endowment program, established a national presence in athletics and has increased total research funding to record numbers.

Aerospace consultant to teach at K-State at Salina

Chuck Jarrot, a veteran Army Blackhawk pilot who organized unmanned aircraft missions in Afghanistan, will bring his expertise on such craft to aviation students at K-State at Salina.

Jarrot will teach an introduction to unmanned aerial systems starting this semester through K-State's Division of Continuing Education.

The course will cover the history of the rapidly developing field, "which should take about 10 minutes," Jarrot said, before delving into programming software, the many different airframes and the volatile regulatory environment.

Robel tapped as national wind turbine adviser

K-State professor emeritus of biology Robert J. Robel is one of 22 individuals appointed to a national Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne.



Robert J. Robel

Members will advise Kempthorne and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on measures to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife and their habitats from land-based wind energy facilities.

Robel is an authority on the ecology and management of red deer and grouse in Scotland, where he travels frequently for research and consultation. He also is an authority on bobwhite quail, grassland birds and greater and lesser prairie chickens.

Business faculty honored for teaching, research

Two faculty members in the College of Business Administration have been recognized for contributions in teaching and research.

Janis Crow, instructor in marketing, is the fall 2007 recipient of the Kansas State Bank Teaching Excellence Award.

Richard McFarland, associate professor of marketing and the L.L. McAninch Chair of Business Administration, is the fall 2007 recipient of the College of Business Administration Outstanding Contribution in Research Award.

Forestry professor elevated to fellow

Wayne A. Geyer, professor of forest science, has been elevated to fellow status in the Society of American Foresters for his outstanding service to the American forestry profession.

This honor is reserved for the top 3 percent of the 15,000 members in the society. Geyer has been on the faculty of the College of Agriculture since 1966.

Professor renews master flight instructor status

Eric Shappee, flight and ground instructor and associate professor of aviation at K-State at Salina, has earned renewed master certificated flight instructor accreditation from the National Association of Flight Instructors.

Shappee has held the professional accreditation continuously since 2001. He is one of only 15 Kansas aviation educators with the prestigious designation. According to the National Association of Flight Instructors, the title is awarded only to the top instructors in the nation.

In all, K-State at Salina has five faculty members who have earned this top designation — the most of any college or university in the nation, according to the association.

New ways to recognize faculty

Alumni Association creates two annual awards

The K-State Alumni Association is providing two \$5,000 awards for K-State faculty this year made possible with funding from Ron and Rae Iman, Albuquerque, N.M.

The Dr. Ron and Rae Iman Outstanding Faculty Award for Research will be awarded to a full-time K-State faculty member who has contributed significantly through research to improve the educational experience or whose research has had a significant effect on the faculty member's field of study.

The Dr. Ron and Rae Iman Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching will be awarded to a full-time K-State faculty member and is designed to honor excellence in instruction, strong relationships with students inside and outside the classroom as well as scholarship and distinguished service



to the university.

Both awards will be presented April 9 during a reception at the K-State Alumni Center.

Ron Iman earned his bachelor's degree in math education from K-State in 1962. He went on to earn a master's degree and a doctorate in statistics. He has been a life member of the K-State Alumni Association since 1963. He is a past member of the K-State Alumni Association board

of directors, a KSU Foundation trustee and a member of the Arts and Sciences Advisory Council. He received the university's Arts and Sciences Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

"We are grateful to Ron and Rae for their generous commitment," said Amy Button Renz, president and CEO of the K-State Alumni Association. "Excellence in teaching and research is vitally important for a strong university, and the Alumni Association is so pleased to be able to honor outstanding K-State faculty members."

To download a nomination form and view a complete listing of the criteria for each award, visit www.k-state.com/programs/awards. Nominations are due to the K-State Alumni Association by Feb. 18. For more information, call 532-6260. ♦♦

Week of festivities planned to honor King

Lectures, entertainment and a fund drive to build a memorial to the late Coretta Scott King are some of the events organized as part of K-State's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Week. The week, Jan. 20-26, is a celebration of the civil rights leader's legacy.

King week events include: * Jan 21: An 8 a.m. prayer breakfast at the Clarion Hotel, 530 Richards Drive; and music, a job fair and King holiday activities at the Manhat-

tan Town Center, starting at 10 a.m.

* Jan. 22: District Magistrate Judge Tommy B. Webb, Sublette, will present the College of Agriculture's Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Luncheon lecture, "Making a Positive Difference," at 12:30 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room of the K-State Student Union. Also scheduled is a reception for the recipients of the Commerce Bank Presidential Faculty and Staff Award for Distinguished Service to Mi-

nority Students and the Commerce Bank Presidential Student Award for Distinguished Services in Enhancing Multiculturalism from 3:30-5 p.m. at the K-State Alumni Center. * Jan. 23: The civil rights film "February 1: The Story of the Greensboro Four" will be shown at 11:30 a.m. in the Union's Grand Ballroom. Tickets cost \$5 in advance and include concession foods. Call 532-6276 for reserva-

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Agronomy

Mary Beth Kirkham was awarded the Carl Sprengel Agronomic Research Award at the 2007 American Society of Agronomy annual meeting. Her research includes the physiology of drought resistance and crop uptake of heavy metals.



Fred A. Cholick was selected as an American Society of Agronomy fellow at the group's annual meeting in New Orleans. Cholick and 20 other society members were named fellows for their professional achievements and service.

Educational supportive services

Kathleen V. Greene presented "Alumni Perceptions of the McNair Scholars Program at Kansas Universities," Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel Conference, Nov. 6, St. Charles, Ill.

English

Anne Longmuir published "Performing the Body in Don DeLillo's 'The Body Artist'" in "Modem Fiction Studies," Vol. 53, No. 3, 2007.



Tim Dayton presented "America in the First World



Krishna K. Tummala, political science, was recognized in October by the national honor society for public administrators, Pi Alpha Alpha, for his "outstanding leadership and service."

War: Poetry and Ideology," Fourth "Historical Materialism" annual conference, Nov. 10, London.



Elizabeth Dodd's "The Scribe in the Woods" was named a notable essay in "Best American Essays 2007."



Gregory Eiselein published "Emma Lazarus and Jewish Poetry" in "Options for Teaching Nineteenth Century American Poetry," edited by Paula Bernat Bennett and Karen L Kilcup, New York: Modern Language Association, 2007.



Phillip Marzluf presented "The Specter of Religion Upon 21st Century Literacy," 2007 annual National Council of Teachers of English Convention, Nov. 15, New York.

Political science

Dale Herspring's book "The Kremlin and the High Command" will be reviewed in Choice magazine, 2008 edition, a publication of the Association of College Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

Modern languages

Benjamín Torrico presented "De Sitios y Sitiados: El Subgénero Bélico Como Nueva Tragedia," Teatro Español Clásico: Hacia la Tragedia, organized by the University of Chicago and the Instituto Cervantes, Nov. 8.

Veterinary medicine

Mike Apley presented "A Veterinarian's Viewpoint on Managing Antimicrobial Resistance in Animals" at the Global Animal Health Conference, Nov. 18, London.



Robert Larson spoke on "Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine" at an Intervet meeting, Nov. 26, Montgomery, Ala.



Dan Thomson presented "Thinking Outside the Shots: Managing High-Risk Cattle" at the Kansas Livestock Association convention, Nov. 30, Wichita.

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Leslie Hannah says, "America knows very little about its indigenous peoples."

'Myth buster' for Indians

Leslie Hannah seeks to educate Americans about native culture

Leslie Hannah, an assistant professor of English at K-State at Salina, is on a mission to change the way the world sees American Indians.

Hannah, a Cherokee, is originally from Tahlequah, Okla., home to the headquarters of the Cherokee Nation. Addressing groups about his Cherokee heritage and dispelling many misunderstandings about American Indian culture have made Hannah into what he considers a "myth buster."

"I hate being stereotyped," Hannah said, "and I think you would be shocked to know how many people know only stereotypes about Indians. America knows very little about its indigenous peoples, and generally

what the nonnative world does know about Native Americans is wrong. What Americans know about American Indians generally comes from movies."

Hannah has spent many years speaking both formally and informally to groups of all ages about Native American culture.

Visual aids are an important part of Hannah's presentations. He shows videos of actual powwows and brings authentic musical instruments for audiences to examine. In addition, his 4-year-old daughter, Lexi, sometimes accompanies her father, dressed in traditional Cherokee attire. Together, they demonstrate elements of Cherokee powwow dance.

"On an educational level, Lexi

adds an immeasurable level of authenticity," Hannah said. "People see her as a real human being. She has no political agenda. Whereas I am often times accused of being almost militant in promoting my native culture and values, Lexi is not political; she's a child who happens to know she is Cherokee and that there is nothing wrong with that."

Hannah plans to continue speaking to local and regional audiences. He has several appearances scheduled at Salina schools in the next several months, and the list of invitations continues to grow.

For more information about his presentations, e-mail Hannah at ldhannah@k-state.edu. ♦♦