

oh, by the way...

Gifts to costume museum on display

A collection of wearable fiber art recently donated to the Historic Costume and Textile Museum of the College of Human Ecology is on display through April 27 at Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Ave.

"Mantles for Women: Rites of Passage" shows the explosively colorful work of Anita Luvera Mayer.

"Mayer is known as an artist who transforms fiber into sculpture and elevates clothing to an artistic communication between cultures and generations," said Marla Day, curator for the Historic Costume and Textile Museum.

Newer work by Mayer also will be on display.



'Guardian of the Spirit,' a 2006 work by Anita Luvera Mayer

First Tee names program coordinator

Jeff Greene has accepted the position of program coordinator with The First Tee of Manhattan. His appointment was announced by Jon Kropilak, executive director.

A Manhattan native, Greene graduated from K-State with a bachelor's degree in social science. He was a two-year member of the football team at K-State. His professional experience includes 10 years with Manhattan-Ogden USD 383.

Greene will be responsible for delivering The First Tee Life Skills Experience to area youth and will coordinate community outreach.

points of pride

Greek organizations gain national honors

K-State's Panhellenic Council has been recognized as the top Greek sorority council, while K-State's Interfraternity Council has been recognized as the runner-up for the top Greek fraternity council award.

K-State's Panhellenic Council was named the winner of the 2007 Sutherland Award for Division III.

It is the seventh time in the last 12 years the K-State Panhellenic Council, which represents the university's 11 Greek sororities, has received the Sutherland Award, the top award for a Greek sorority council. Division III includes colleges in the U.S. with nine to 12 Greek sorority chapters.

Interfraternity Council was recognized as the runner-up for the 2007 Jellison Division IV Award. Division IV consists of all colleges in the United States with 24 or more Greek chapters.

Both recognitions came at the Mid-American Greek Council Association conference Feb. 21-24 in Chicago.

on campus

April

April 10

Diversity Summit

"A Time for Bold Visions, Critical Analyses and Strategic Actions." With keynote speaker Mary Frances Berry, University of Pennsylvania, and featured speaker Mike Hill, State University of New York at Albany. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., main ballroom, Student Union.

April 10-12

'Dancing at Lughnasa'

Enter the world of 1936 Ireland through the memories of Michael as he recalls struggles of his boyhood in a poor Irish home full of his aunts and mother all trying to survive, and trying to live. Tickets at 532-6428. 7:30 p.m., Purple Masque, East Stadium.

International Week

Festivities continue with the Philippine Barrio Fiesta (April 10), international dance lessons (April 11) and the Central Kansas Japanese Festival (April 12). All events take place in the Student Union; schedule online at <http://www.k-state.edu/icc/Activities/>

April 11

Travel and dining auction

Annual auction raises money to support the Hospitality Management Society's scholarship and its travel to industry conferences. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call 532-2210. 7-10 p.m., Alumni Center.

Ag for a Cure concert

Bleu Edmondson and the Randy Rogers Band entertain at this

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'Gypsy' blasts into town on Friday, April 11, as part of a national tour. One of Broadway's favorite musicals, it serves up such standards as "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "You Gotta Have a Gimmick" and "Let Me Entertain You." 7:30 p.m. in McCain Auditorium; for tickets call 532-6428.

benefit concert. 8 p.m. in Weber Arena

April 12

Country concert

Sara Evans, the Academy of Country Music's 2005 female vocalist of the year, performs the Changing Lives Campaign Thank-you Concert. 8 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

April 15

Retiree reception

Come honor the contributions of retiring faculty members and unclassified staff. 4 p.m. in the Alumni Center ballroom.

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.

China connection, continued

nese students at K-State, as well as facilitating high-quality partnerships with Chinese universities," Nellis said.

China too is pushing for foreigners to learn Mandarin, the country's official language. (Cantonese is the language of Hong Kong.) The China-sponsored Confucius Institutes are expanding operations abroad, including in Kansas.

The February Landon Lecture by Zhou Wenzhong gave one of Wu's students, Brent Pinkall, a Great Bend sophomore, the opportunity to test his skill by questioning the Chinese ambassador in his own language.

"Our students have a lot of potential," Wu said. "Some come to the course thinking, 'I could never learn Chinese,' or they might only take it for a foreign-language credit. But it becomes part of their lives.

"And it's very good for the state of Kansas. We're one of the first states to establish a relationship with China, and so this is also preparation for our workforce."

She mentions that one of her students is working in the Chinese operations of local clothing firm GTM Sportswear. Five K-Staters are studying in China this semester, and two graduates with

minors in Chinese now are teaching English there.

"Wei has been an extremely positive force for Chinese language and culture on this campus," Corum said. "For many K-Staters, she has become the face of China. She is a tireless advocate for East Asian studies and for the many Chinese students who come here to study."

Wu grew up in Gongzhu Ling in the northeastern province of Jilin. She was one of only two Jilin students to earn a place in the international economics program at Peking University. She earned her master's degree in public service and administration from Texas A&M.

If Wu is a lifeline for puzzled visitors, they represent for her "a very good resource for our students." She matches native Mandarin speakers with American "language partners" and requires them to meet every other week.

"To practice Chinese and English, of course," she said, "but most important is the cultural information you can't teach in class."

In bringing students together, Wu hopes she is leading two countries to a better understanding of each other as well. ♦♦

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Open invitation to campus

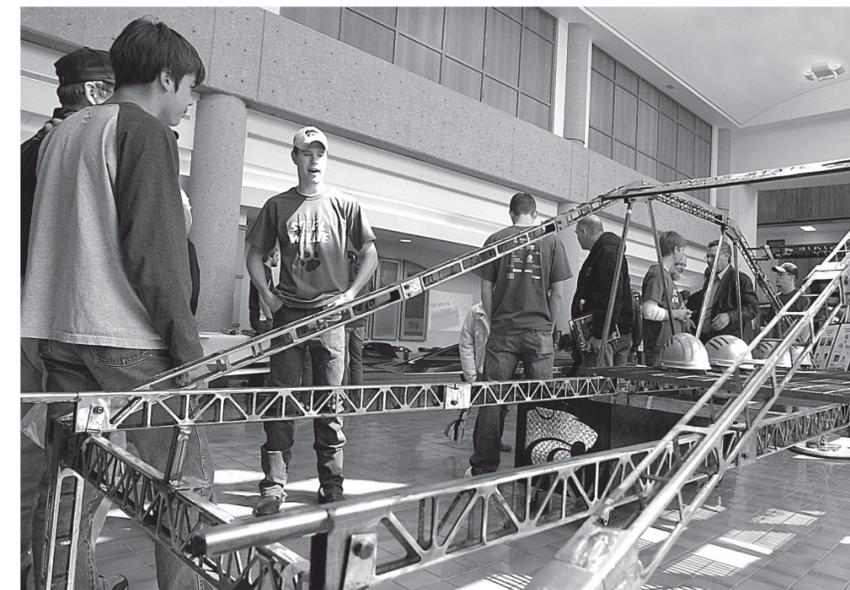
This year's All-University Open House connects with spring game

The annual All-University Open House once again is offering visitors the chance to see what life is like on the K-State campuses in Manhattan and Salina. ★

Exhibits, entertainment and tours demonstrate not only what K-Staters are learning, but also what the university's many colleges have to offer future students. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

Open house answers questions about admissions, student financial assistance, on-campus or Greek living, and campus life, including K-State's nearly 450 student organizations. Open house will have information specifically for transfer students, students from military families, minority students and out-of-state students.

Each K-State college has demonstrations, games and food, and faculty and students will answer questions about the more than 250 majors at the university. To help prospective students, a free on-



Building bridges to future K-Staters is a goal of open house. Civil engineering students explained their national contest entry to onlookers in 2007. (Photo by Dan Donnert, Photo Services)

line career assessment will be given each hour beginning at 10 a.m. in 14 Holton Hall.

Walking tours, given each half hour, will include a 1 p.m. tour in English and Spanish. Shuttles run every 15 minutes from the Union to sites across campus, including the Peters Recreation Complex, residence halls and Hale Library, the centerpiece of K-State's Manhattan campus.

For K-State's youngest visitors, open house includes chil-

dren's activities like the exotic animals booth and the stuffed animal clinic in Mosier Hall and a moon walk near the engineering complex. A balloon-animal artist will stroll through campus.

Entertainment for people of all ages includes music on Bosco Plaza, the Kansas City Marching Cobras drill team, and the spring football game Saturday evening, as well as carnival rides outside the Bill Snyder Family Stadium. (For

more information, visit <http://www.kstatesports.com/>)

At open house, there's always plenty to eat, including pancake feeds, goodies made by students in bakery science and management, pork sandwiches from the Swine Practitioners Club and healthful snacks from students in K-State's consumer sciences education program.

A complete list of events is at <http://consider.k-state.edu/openhouse/> ♦♦

Leadership studies to get new home

Leadership studies, K-State's largest academic program, has outgrown its modest space three times since its beginnings in 1997.

K-State will have a ceremonial groundbreaking for a new three-story building at 3 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Old Campus Road and Mid-Campus Drive.

Warren and Mary Lynn Staley, Edina, Minn., contributed the lead gift for the 34,000-square-foot facility, which is to be built exclusively with private funds. Warren Staley is the retired CEO of Cargill Inc.

"Thanks to the Staleys' generosity, other supporters can see this dream becoming a reality," said Mike Holen, dean of K-State's College of Education.

"In all of history, the destiny of societies has been highly impacted by the quality of its leaders," the Staleys said. "K-State students have evidenced a desire to better their world by assuming roles in leadership. With pride we support this core value of education."

M. Duane Nellis, provost and senior vice president, said, "K-State's leadership studies program has gained national recognition for excellence. Now this beautiful new building will give our leadership studies faculty an opportunity to take these efforts to the next level."

Susan Scott, assistant vice president and director of leadership studies and programs, said no other major or minor tops the 1,400 students enrolled in leadership studies, an interdisciplinary minor.

The building will house a 250-seat lecture hall, three seminar rooms, classrooms seating 50-60 each, a library, faculty offices and more.

Classified employees honored for service

The 31st annual Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony April 2 honored more than 200 workers for their service.

Thirty-eight classified employees who retired in 2007 were recognized, and more than 100 employees were honored for their length of service to K-State, ranging from five years to 35 years.

Lori Goetsch, dean of libraries, was guest speaker at the event. Honored as classified employees of the year were 43 people selected by their college, administrative unit or university agency:

Sam Allbritton, safety and security officer I, K-State Police; Beth Alloway, technical support consultant I, ITAC; Melinda Bainter, senior administrative assistant, department of biochemistry; Fredrick Black, agricultural technician, Southeast Agricultural Research Center; Sara Blankley, technology support consultant I, undergraduate admissions; Jack Carlson, project designer, Division of Facilities; Katherine Carlgren, senior administrative assistant, department of clinical sciences; Evelyn Dakken, administrative assistant, Educational Communications Center; Dona Deam, senior administrative assistant, dean's office, College of Education; Christy Dipman, administrative officer, department of horticulture, forestry and recreation resources; Carolyn Elliott, administrative specialist, office of student life.

Cindy Friedrich, administrative assistant, department of speech communication, theater and dance; Jeanne Gerhard, administrative specialist, office of educational and personal development; Mike Hays, microbiologist III, department of diagnostic medicine and pathology; Lisa Heller, senior administrative assistant, department of communications; Judy Jensen, administrative specialist, department of hotel, restaurant, institutional management and dietetics; Dennis Jones, accountant II, Division of Human Resources; Susan Koch, administrative specialist, department of economics; Joan Koehler, accountant I, dean's office, College of Architecture, Planning and Design; Kathleen Leonard, information technology licensing specialist, computing and telecommunications services; Mark Leuthold, senior equipment mechanic, department of agronomy.

Robin Loader, accounting specialist, controllers office; Robin Millington, administrative specialist, Lafene Health Center; Andrew Moeller, university police officer, K-State Police; Bonnie Mongeau, senior administrative assistant, admissions office, K-State at Salina; Barbara Nagel, public service administrator I, registrar's office; Debra Owens, administrative specialist, career and employment services; Jaime Lou Parker, administrative specialist, office of affirmative action; Tari Phillips, accounting specialist, Division of Biology; Marcia Quick, administrative specialist, Division of Continuing Education; Colette Remsbecker, general maintenance and repair technician, Advanced Manufacturing Institute.

Sue Robinson, administrative specialist, office of the director, K-State Extension; Kim Saak, administrative officer, student financial assistance; Pam Schierer, administrative specialist, department of statistics; Connie Schmidt, administrative specialist, department of finance; Brenda Schoendaller, accountant II, counseling services; Kathy Shike, veterinary technician II, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital; Douglas Smith, facilities maintenance supervisor, parking services; Kathryn Talbot, library assistant III, Hale Library; Darla Thomas, public service administrator I, department of animal sciences and industry; Elsa Toburen, administrative specialist, Food Science Institute; Linda Towne, accounting specialist, budget office; and Jun Yang, microbiologist II, department of anatomy and physiology.



The Applied Aviation Research Center has formed under the leadership of Kurt Barnhart, head of the department of aviation at K-State at Salina. Barnhart joined K-State in July 2007.

Toward better aviation

Kurt Barnhart to lead new joint research center at Salina

K-State at Salina has formed a new center for applied aviation research and testing.

The K-State Applied Aviation Research Center will advance aerospace technology through application of research in propulsion, airframe, avionics and aviation training.

The center is a cooperative venture of K-State at Salina, the Salina Airport Authority and the Salina Chamber of Commerce. It will be under the leadership of Kurt Barnhart, professor and head of the department of aviation at K-State at Salina. Barnhart specializes in aviation safety and human factors research.

“K-State’s Applied Aviation Research Center brings together government, business and academia to fill the

void between futuristic development and the application of available technology to increase general aviation efficiency and safety,” said Dennis Kuhlman, dean of K-State at Salina.

The center’s projects and studies will deal with advancing aviation technology. Several areas will form the core of the center, including the application and testing of emerging technological improvements in propulsion systems, airframe systems, avionics and navigation for general aviation aircraft, and unmanned aerial systems. Related pilot and maintenance training programs also will be an essential element of the center.

Before joining K-State in July 2007, Barnhart was acting chair of Indiana State University’s aerospace tech-

nology department, where he also has served in a teaching capacity since 1996.

He has been a Master Flight Instructor since 2003 and brings industrial experience from the airline industry and a major aviation engine manufacturer.

Barnhart has a bachelor’s degree in aviation administration from Purdue University, a master’s in business administration from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a doctorate in educational administration from Indiana State University.

He also has several flight and mechanic ratings, has received King Air and Citation advanced training from Flight Safety International, and has completed the Federal Aviation Administration’s accident investigation course. ♦♦

noteworthy

Anthropology

Janet Benson presented “As American As We Could Be,” Finney County Historical Society’s Brown Bag Lunch series, Feb. 12.

Economics

Michael W. Babcock presented “Determinants of Motor Vehicle Fatalities: A Kansas Case Study,” 49th annual meeting of the Transportation Research Forum, March 18, Fort Worth, Texas.

Geography

Marcelus Caldas and colleagues published “Road Building, Land Use and Climate Change: Prospects for Environmental Governance in the Amazon,” *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society* (published online).

Grain science and industry

Subramanyam Bhadriraju and student presented “Antibiotic-Resistant and Virulent Enterococci in Animal Feed,” American Society for Microbiology, Missouri Valley branch meeting, March 14-15, Liberty, Mo.



David L. Wetzel and colleagues presented “Thermal Processing of Protein on Optical Substrate Reveals Structural Changes via FT-IR Microspectroscopy,” “FT-IR Microspectroscopic Imaging Provides Objective Chemically Defined Morphological Class Discrimination in



Gary Brase published “Frequency Interpretation of Ambiguous Statistical Information Facilitates Bayesian Reasoning,” *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, Vol. 15, No. 2.

Education: A Glimpse at the Past, A Peek at the Future,” Alabama Dietetic Association annual meeting, March 14, Birmingham, Ala.

Multiple departments

Diane Swanson, management; and **Dann Fisher**, accounting; edited “Advancing Business Ethics Education,” Information Age Publishing, 2008.



Yasuyuki Arakane, Karl J. Kramer and **Subbaratnam Muthukrishnan**, biochemistry; **Renata Bolognesi, Susan Brown, Rob Denell, Teresa D. Shippy** and **Yoshinori Tomoyasu**, biology; **Bin Li, Marce Lorenzen, Jeremy Marshall** and **Yoonseong Park**, entomology; and student and colleagues published “The Genome of the Model Beetle and Pest Tribolium Castaneum,” *Nature*, March 23.

Music

Frederick Burrack published “Using Video Conference Technology to Enhance Supervision of Student Teachers,” *Academic Intersections*, Vol. 2.

Physics

Zenghu Chang, Cheng Quan Li, Hiroki Mashiko and students published “Double Optical Gating of High-Order Harmonic Generation with Carrier-Envelope Phase Stabilized Lasers,” *Physical Review Letters*, Vol. 100, No. 10.

Hotel, restaurant, institution management and dietetics

Deborah D. Canter presented the 26th annual Karen Wright Memorial Lecture, “Dietetics

K-State’s China connection

Wei Wu brings students up to speed while avoiding cultural collisions

As director of K-State’s Chinese language program, Wei Wu has the challenge of clarifying the complexities of Mandarin for her 60 or so American students. In her less formal role as cultural go-between, Wu has perhaps a bigger job of explaining America to Chinese students who find themselves on campus, but still at sea.

“The students are very young when they come to American universities,” Wu said. “I like to say that they are born at the age of 18 on the plane over here.”

She tells of a chance meeting with a Chinese student aboard the Road Runner shuttle from Kansas City International Airport. He wasn’t sure where he was headed, though Wu eventually discovered that K-State was his goal. Other fresh arrivals have had no idea about where to buy toothpaste or groceries. (A shopping shuttle service from the Jardine apartment complex has since reduced that uncertainty.)

Her aim in her language programs as well as in her advising is to turn such “culture shock” into “culture balance,” in which diverse populations enrich one another while maintaining their identities. China and the United States are two influential and competitive countries whose populations know little about each other. That has implications for business and education as well as diplomacy.

“The Chinese language has become a hot topic since 2005,” Wu said. Mandarin has been dubbed “the new Latin,” and in 2006, the U.S. government included it among the critical languages Americans need



Writing Chinese characters is one skill Wu brings to her students, in addition to teaching the complexities of a tonal language like Mandarin. They use fine-point pens; she has plied the traditional calligraphy brush to depict the characters for “America.”

to pursue. “I have this urgency,” Wu said. “If our students don’t catch this

“I have this urgency. If our students don’t catch this train, then they will fall behind.”

Wei Wu, instructor in Chinese

train, then they will fall behind.” Which brings up Wu’s third job, as “unofficial assistant to the provost”

on China. In addition to translating at home and abroad, Wu has worked with two Chinese universities on establishing exchanges.

“I see Wei as having an expanding role at the university in strengthening our China initiatives,” said M. Duane Nellis, provost and senior vice president. She will work not just with the provost’s office but also with Steve White, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Robert Corum, head of the English department; and with the office of international programs.

“This will include developing more activities to support our Chi-

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