

Art educator to be recognized by Governor

Kathrine Schlageck, senior educator at K-State's Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, will receive the Governor's Arts Award for Arts in Education. The Governor's Arts Awards, which were started in 1974, are given each year to distinguished Kansas artists, organizations, patrons and educators.

Schlageck has been with the Beach Museum of Art since before its official opening in 1996. She has 23 years of museum education and curriculum development experience in both art and history museums. She creates programming for a wide variety of museum patrons and her programs have been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Kansas Department of Education and the Kansas Arts Commission.

Schlageck will be recognized at an upcoming awards ceremony.

Two from K-State at Salina honored for dedication to teaching aviation maintenance

The Association of Women in Aviation Maintenance honored two K-State at Salina teachers with scholarships during the Women In Aviation conference, Feb. 26 to 28 in Atlanta, Ga.

Evan Beckman, instructor in aviation maintenance, received the Abaris Training Scholarship, valued at \$3,390. The scholarship will enable Beckman to take part in phases one and two of "Advanced Composite Structures" training. The training will benefit Beckman professionally, as well as his students. As a member of K-State at Salina's department of aviation, Beckman has been instrumental in improving and expanding the composite courses and is currently working on a composite certificate program that will bring the latest in technology to the classroom.

Raylene Alexander, assistant professor of aviation maintenance, was also recognized with the 2008 Mary Ann Eiff Teacher of the Year Award. The award, which is named for its inaugural recipient, honors the aircraft maintenance teacher who has inspired others and respects female students and their potential role in the future of aviation technology.



Evan Beckman



Raylene Alexander



Then and now: Left, K-State President Jon Wefald directs the Pride of Wildcat Land during an ice cream social in 2008. Right, one of the Wefald's first ice cream socials, shortly after they came to K-State.



Transformational leadership marks 23 years, continued

To enhance the university's teaching and research pools Wefald also spearheaded a campaign to increase the number of endowed professorships and University Distinguished Professors. K-State now has three Carnegie/CASE national professors of the year, as well as seven Kansas Professor of the Year recipients and two national silver medalists, not to mention the many internationally recognized researchers in a wide array of disciplines.

"In 1986, there were no endowed professorships and no University Distinguished Professors," Reagan said. "He started the University Distinguished Professor program and we now have 50 professors with that designation. We have raised endowments for 50 more endowed chairs."

As K-State's academic quality has grown, so has its ability to raise money. Private fundraising has multiplied tenfold since 1986, bringing in nearly \$100 million in the last academic year. At the same time, competitive research funding has grown to more than \$100 million, with overall research funding coming in at \$220 million. In 1986, that figure was \$19 million.

"President Wefald's management style is to hire excellent people and let them do their jobs," Reagan said. "Gary Hellebust, president of the Kansas State University Foundation, and Ron Trewyn, vice president for research, are just two of many examples of this."

Wefald's impact on K-State also will be remembered in a physical sense. More than 2.2 million square feet of new buildings have been added during a time characterized by declining funding for capital projects. Besides contributing to the university's academic environment, Wefald has supported a major addition to the library, the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art and the new alumni center.



Wefald and football coach Bill Snyder confer during the Wildcats' 1995 trip to the Holiday Bowl.

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In addition, Wefald helped resurrect K-State's athletics program.

"Without President Wefald's leadership, K-State would be in the Missouri Valley Conference playing basketball, instead of being a member of the prestigious Big XII Conference," Reagan said

Excellence in academics, research and athletics mark the Wefald years at K-State and have made the university one of the top competitive research/doctoral universities in its class, Reagan said. ■

opportunities

Classified

A list of employment opportunities is posted at <http://www.k-state.edu/hr/vac.html>
 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 listing of vacancies can be seen at <http://www.k-state.edu/affact/Opportunities/unclass.htm>
 For additional information, call the office of affirmative action at 532-6220 or visit 214 Anderson Hall.

March 30

Provost lecture series
 Marilla Svinicki will speak at 1:30 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.

April 1

Classified Senate meeting
 12:45 p.m., Staterooms 1 and 2, K-State Student Union.

April 3

Hale Library Concert Series
 Performing are Jenny Lee Cochran Vaughn, violin, and William Wingfield, piano. 7:30 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Call 532-7447 for tickets.

April 3-4

SpringDance 2009
 The K-State dance students will celebrate spring with an outstanding evening of lively tap and jazz, elegant ballet and unique modern dance. Dance faculty and a professional guest artist will choreograph the pieces, many of which will be accompanied by live musicians. 7:30 p.m., McCain Auditorium. Call 532-6428 for tickets.

April 4

Local food fair
 The last event for the 2009 Season of Nonviolence, the Local



The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. April 18 in McCain Auditorium. For tickets call 532-6428.

Food Fair, will feature local farmers and producers, community groups and grocery stores that support the local food economy. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Long's Park, Manhattan.

April 8

Vernon Larson Lecture Series Luncheon
 "Changes in Higher Education on a Chinese Campus: 1988-2008," will be presented by Bill Meredith, director of K-State's School of Family Studies and Human Services. Lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m., with the lecture to follow at 12:20 p.m. Holiday Inn Ballroom. Cost is \$12 and reservations are required. Call 532-5990.

March-April

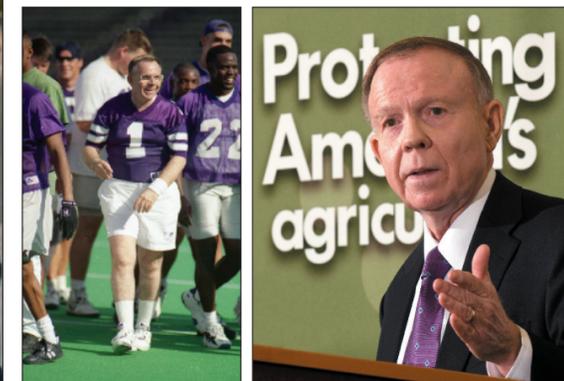
ON CAMPUS

The Wefald Years

His 23 years of transformational leadership turned K-State around



The many faces of Jon Wefald: from the left clockwise, Wefald is pictured in front of Anderson Hall; Wefald, his wife Ruth Ann, and patrons and supporters of the Hoeflin Stone House Early Childhood Education Center take part in the facility's ribbon-cutting ceremony; Wefald talks about K-State's commitment to agriculture and animal health after Manhattan was named the future home of the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility; Wefald comes off the field after 'scrimmaging' with football players in July 1994.



Inspirational. Optimistic. Dedicated. And, above all, passionate. After 23 years as K-State's president these are only a few ways K-Staters will remember Jon Wefald. But most of all, he gets credit for taking a university with declining enrollment, a struggling athletics program and limited

research and graduate programs, and turning it into a nationally ranked top 10 land-grant university. "At the core of his leadership is a 'can-do,' 'will-do' attitude that never gives up," said Charles Reagan, assistant to the president. "He believes that all things are possible if you have the will to do them." During Wefald's tenure, both the size

and intellectual strength of the K-State student body has grown. University enrollment, which was around 16,000 in 1986, has grown nearly 50 percent to more than 23,500. At the same time, K-State produced 125 Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall scholars — the highest among the nation's 500 public universities.

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Button Renz to receive Holen leadership award

Amy Button Renz, president and chief executive officer of the K-State Alumni Association, is the 2009 recipient of the Michael C. Holen Outstanding Leadership Award from the



Amy Button Renz

School of Leadership Studies at K-State. The award will be presented at the School of Leadership Studies Recognition Celebration at 7 p.m. Monday, April 20, in the K-State Student Union Ballroom.

President Jon Wefald said, "Amy Button Renz is not only arguably the best alumni president in the history of K-State, but she has become one of the top alumni association presidents in the nation."

Button Renz is responsible for overall planning, supervision, evaluation, administrative and financial management of the K-State Alumni Association with a staff of 31, a \$3.3 million budget, and the \$12 million K-State Alumni Center. Her additional responsibilities include strategic planning, membership and the Tradition Founders annual giving program. She works closely with university administration, the Kansas State University Foundation and the athletics department.

Inside



Ruth Ann Wefald was an advocate for K-State's cultural side. Up Close

picture perfect



Snowy day

Whether you need creative candid shots for departmental publications, or a professional head shot, contact university photographer David Mayes at 785-532-6304 or photo@k-state.edu

oh, by the way

Center for Engagement and Community Development awards grants, solicits proposals

A statewide project evaluating health care for the underserved, a Shakespeare workshop for high school teachers, a healthy snacks initiative and a learning garden for a Manhattan elementary school are the four projects that will be funded by K-State's Center for Engagement and Community Development.

The Center for Engagement and Community Development works with campus and K-State Extension professionals across the state to leverage campus resources to address important issues in communities across Kansas.

* "Development and Promotion of Healthy Snack Products for School Children" is a collaborative project of Sajid Alavi, associate professor of grain science and industry; Koushik Adhikari and Tandalayo Kidd, assistant professors of human nutrition; and Nancy Muturi, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications.

* "Design and Development of the Northview Elementary Learning Garden" is under the leadership of Katie Kingery-Page and Jon D. Hunt, assistant professors of landscape architecture and regional and community planning. Rhonda Janke, associate professor of horticulture, forestry and recreation resources, will also consult.

* "Measuring and Analyzing Efficiency of Safety Net Clinics" will be led by David Ben-Arieh, professor, and John Wu, associate professor, both of industrial and manufacturing systems engineering.

* "Summer Institute: Camp Shakespeare," is a statewide project led by Donald Hedrick, professor of English, and Charlotte MacFarland, professor of theater, in collaboration with two Manhattan High School faculty members.

The deadline for the next round of proposals is April 1. These proposals should be related to the sustainability of rural grocery stores. Go to <http://www.k-state.edu/cecd/funding/grants.htm> for more information.

Spotlight on Intellectual Property luncheon April 10

To recognize and honor the university's inventors and creators, the sixth annual K-State Spotlight on Intellectual Property luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 10, in the K-State Alumni Center Ballroom.

The featured speaker will be Jeffrey S. Hornsby, K-State's Jack Vanier Chair of Innovation and Entrepreneurship and founding director of K-State's Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship. The title of his speech is "Sustaining Organizational Entrepreneurship."

Hornsby is a nationally recognized scholar in entrepreneurship who was previously involved in the entrepreneurship program at Ball State University. That program is consistently ranked by *Entrepreneurs Magazine*.

The lunch is the finale to a three-day Celebration of Entrepreneurship. For more information, go to <http://www.k-state.edu/tech.transfer/>

The cost for the luncheon is \$15 for students, \$20 for all other guests. If you wish to attend, RSVP by April 6 via e-mail to tech.transfer@ksu.edu or call 785-532-5720. Reservations are required.

research

Growing research

Under Wefald's leadership, K-State became a research powerhouse

Since Jon Wefald took the reigns at K-State more than two decades ago, research has grown into a campuswide enterprise.

This last fiscal year, faculty researchers received 926 competitive grants totaling a record \$118 million, according to Ron Trewyn, K-State's vice president for research. That's a more than six-fold increase in competitive funding since Wefald became president in 1986. Add in \$67.3 million in state and federal research funds, and \$33.6 million in support from the Kansas State University Foundation, the university's funding base for research alone was \$219 million last fiscal year, Trewyn said.

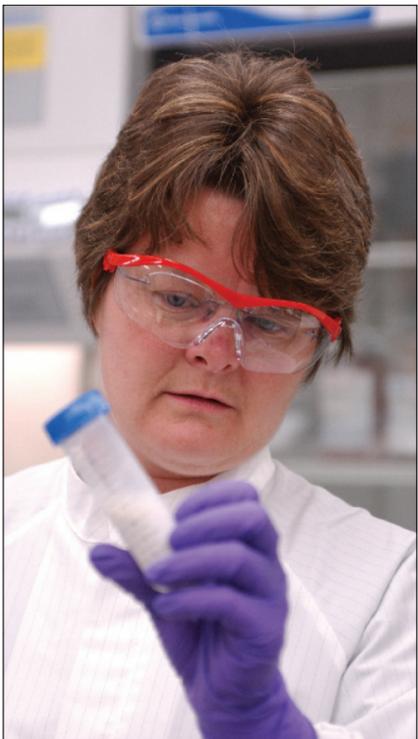
"Since the beginning of his tenure, Jon Wefald has stressed excellence in research," Trewyn said. "From attracting high-quality faculty, to investing in top-of-the-line research facilities, President Wefald has positioned K-State at the top of a distinguished list of research and doctoral universities."

K-State's research excellence was most recently acknowledged by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, when it named Manhattan the new home for the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility. The facility, also known as NBAF, will be the nation's premier federal animal health laboratory.

"Homeland security was looking to put NBAF in a place with an already established and well-respected research program in animal health and food safety and security. Decision makers specifically noted that the research programs at K-State's Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine were an invaluable asset to NBAF's mission," Trewyn said. "Thanks to President Wefald's leadership, K-State was already at the forefront of food safety research initiatives two-and-a-half years before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11."

Today, more than 150 K-Staters are involved in food safety and security and animal health research, with projects tackling issues in plant health, animal nutrition, infectious disease and public health.

To bolster K-State's expertise even further, Wefald spearheaded the campaign to build K-State's



K-State's Biosecurity Research Institute is one of the many forward-looking research initiatives that began during Wefald's 23-year tenure as president.

Biosecurity Research Institute — a task that took a unique combination of visionary leadership and political will, Trewyn said. Having the ability to do secure and sophisticated research helped clinch K-State's bid for NBAF because the Department of Homeland Security could launch its research efforts before the NBAF is complete, he said.

"Over the last 23 years, Wefald created an academic environment where quality research could flourish in all disciplines across campus," Trewyn said. "His visionary leadership has undoubtedly made K-State what it is today — one of the most relevant and competitive research universities in the nation." ■

noteworthy

Geography

The following K-State faculty members presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 22-27, Las Vegas:

Lisa Harrington, "Local Conceptions of Sustainability in the Rural Pacific Northwest."

Kendra McLaughlan, "Ecosystem Response to Changes in Climate and Vegetation During the Holocene: Sediment Records from Deming Lake, Minnesota, USA."

McLaughlan, John Harrington and students, "Climatic Influence on Growth of *Quercus Macrocarpa* in Northeast Kansas, 1890-2007."

John Harrington, "Coupling Natural and Human Systems: A Methodological Assessment."

Chuck Martin, "Recent Changes in Heavy Metal Storage, Lahn River, Central Germany."

Max Lu, panel session, "Advanced Placement Human Geography: The First Eight Years and Beyond."

Lu, "Red States Vs Blue States: Is There a Culture Divide in the United States?"

Richard Marston and students, "Spatial Extent, Timing, and Causes of Channel Incision, Black Vermillion Watershed, Northeastern Kansas."

Marston, "The Geomorphology Specialty Group After 30 Years: Looking Back, Looking Forward."

Deborah Che, "Practices and Landscapes of Militarization VI: Reflection & New Directions."

Che, panel session, "Defining Chinatown."

Che, panel session, "Publishing Tourism Geography Research."

Che and **Bimal Paul**, Rebuilding Tornado Leveled Greensburg, Kan-



Jason Brody presented "Clarence Perry's Neighborhood Unit Concept: Organizing the Production of Space in Twentieth Century America," 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 22-27, Las Vegas.

sas as Greensburg GreenTown: For Whom?"

Paul, "Why So Few People Died? The Case of Bangladesh's Cyclone Sidr."

Jeff Smith and student, "How Long Do We Have: The Changing Distribution of the Mexican Origin Population in the U.S. Between 2008 and 2050."

Smith, panel session, "TAs, RAs, GREs: Helping Undergraduates Decipher Graduate School."

Karen DeBres, "Greetings from Main Street! Postcards as Tools for Geographic Interpretation."

Kevin Blake, "The Iconic Colorado Fourteeners in the Place Imagery of the Mountainous West."

Doug Goodin and student, "Community Diversity, Landscape Structure, and the Presence of Hantavirus at an Atlantic Forest Site, Eastern Paraguay."

Grain science and industry

David Wetzel and colleagues pre-

sented "InSb Focal Plane Array Determines Mixing Uniformity in Formula Feed Production Using an Edible Tracer"; "Processed Mixture Analysis for Ingredient Identity, Concentration and Distribution by Near-IR Focal Plane Array Chemical Imaging"; "Individual Stream InSb Focal Plane Array Imaging Assessment of Unit Operation in Flour Milling"; "Individual Benthic Algal Strands Analyzed by Synchrotron Infrared Microspectroscopy Relate Nutrient Local Uptake to Availability"; "Synchrotron Infrared Confocal Microspectroscopic Imaging of Single Starch Granules with Small Step Sizes Reveals Sites of Chemical Modification"; and "Isogenic Wheat Discrimination via in situ FT-IR Microspectroscopy and Imaging," Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy, March 8-13, Chicago, Ill.

Multiple departments

The following K-State faculty presented at the 26th annual Academic Chairpersons Conference, Feb. 11-13, Orlando, Fla.:

Sue Maes, continuing education, "Harnessing the Collaborative Advantage to Address Workforce Demands" and "Simplifying the Grant Writing Process."

Thomas Gould, journalism and mass communications, "A Baker's Dozen of Issues Facing Online Academic Journal Start-ups."

John Leslie, plant pathology, and Stuart Warren, horticulture, forestry and recreation, "A Vision Seminar as a Part of the New Faculty Recruiting Process."

Jan Middendorf, educational innovation and evaluation, "Using Faculty Ratings to Provide Formulative Feedback about the Chair's Effectiveness."

Angela Powers, journalism and mass communications, "Surviving Program Reviews and Accreditation." ■

up close

A woman's touch

Ruth Ann Wefald leaves imprint on the cultural, artistic side of K-State

Twenty-three years ago when the Kansas Board of Regents chose Jon Wefald as K-State's 12th president, little did they know they were getting quite the package deal.

While President Wefald reversed declining enrollment, resurrected a struggling athletic program, and built top-notch research and graduate programs, K-State's first lady, Ruth Ann Wefald, worked tirelessly to support cultural and social causes on campus.

To her credit, she has helped raise money to build the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, to expand the International Student Center and for a new university boathouse. Wefald has been an active supporter of the K-State dance program and women's rowing team, and has spent countless hours as a volunteer for community organizations, fostering goodwill between the university and Manhattan community.

"She has improved K-State in innumerable ways. One has only to look around campus," said Michaeline Chance-Reay, a K-State assistant professor of women's studies and secondary education and author of "Land Grant Ladies: Kansas State University Presidential Wives."

"There's the Ruth Ann Wefald Gallery at the Beach Museum of Art, the Ruth Ann Wefald studio for dance in Nichols Hall and the Ruth Ann Wefald scholarship offered by the K-



Ruth Ann Wefald will be remembered for her work on cultural and artistic causes at K-State.

State Social Club," Chance-Reay said. "She's also the only first lady to have inspired an exhibit at both the local historical society and at Hale Library, both of which are based on my book 'Land Grant Ladies.' She has very much carried on the tradition of involvement initiated by her predecessors."

Before coming to K-State, Wefald was extensively involved in a long list of orga-

nizations that provided aid for women, rural residents and the arts. The knack she had for working effectively for such causes became immediately apparent when she initiated a \$6 million fundraising campaign to build the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art. Talk of building a museum and centralizing the university's art collection had been going on

for years, but the commitment for such a capital project had yet to manifest itself, according to Chance-Reay.

"Ruth Ann felt a museum would be an optimal way to show our collection and share it with visitors," Chance-Reay said. After a decade-long capital campaign, the museum opened in 1996 — but Wefald's campaign for the arts didn't end there. She has stayed involved with the Friends of the Beach Museum, as well as served on the museum's advisory and visitors boards.

"Ruth Ann Wefald has demonstrated a spirit of commitment of bringing the arts to K-State that is indeed rare," said Lorne Render, director of the Beach Museum of Art. "She knows the arts enrich student, faculty, staff and community members' lives, and her legacy of an outstanding museum will last for many generations to come. We are all grateful."

In addition, K-State's first lady has used her special brand of volunteerism for projects in the Manhattan community, including the Flint Hills Breadbasket, Cats for Cans and the Mayor's Holiday Tree Food Drive — all projects that provide food and other resources to community members in need. For her efforts, she was named the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in 1997.

"Ruth Ann truly enjoys being what she calls a professional volunteer," Chance-Reay said. "Her tireless dedication will not be forgotten." ■