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Nominations

are being accepted
for the 2006

Marchbanks Award for Teaching Excellence

The Marchbanks Award was established in 1983 to recognize a faculty member on the Salina campus for teaching excellence in the development of student talents and abilities.

To submit a nomination, contact David Delker at 785-826-2963 or ddelker@k-state.edu

Student life center campaign announced at kickoff

K-State at Salina has announced plans to build a new student life center on campus. In October, students passed a \$3.3 million referendum to help fund the recreational fitness center portion of the project, and on Nov. 17, Dennis Kuhlman, dean of K-State at Salina, announced that another \$2.5 million had been pledged by private donors.

"Thanks to the support of our student body and generous donors," Kuhlman said, "we can move forward with this project that will raise K-State at Salina to levels that have never before been experienced. And in order to do that, we must have a student life center."

Kuhlman added that, without this building on campus, enrollment and the college in general will be limited in growth.

"The top reason we hear from students who do not choose to attend or stay at K-State at Salina is the lack of a student union," he said.

The importance of a growing enrollment is critical, not just to the campus, but also to the community of Salina, he said.

"Every 200 students that we add to our college," he said, "brings another \$3 million to the local economy."

Due to state building procedure guidelines, the student life center must be funded entirely by student fees and private dollars. To make a donation to the project, call director of development Kelly Carrico, at 785-826-2609 or send an e-mail to kellyc@k-state.edu.

The project is awaiting final approval through the state building system, which is expected to take place in January. Once the project is approved and fund raising nears its overall goal of \$8 million, the design team will get input from students, alumni, faculty and staff.

Ground breaking could take place as early as this June, with the construction estimated to take 14 to 24 months.

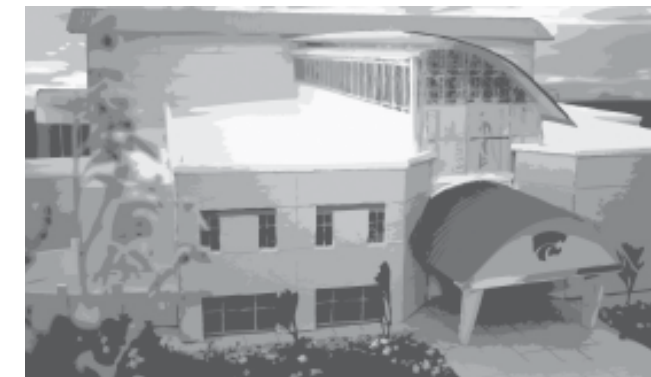
The location and design will make the student life center a campus landmark, Kuhlman said, that brings together prospective students, current students, alumni and community members.

"This will become the identifying building on campus," Kuhlman said.

For more information about the plans, and to see a list of proposed features, see inside this issue, or go online to <http://www.salina.k-state.edu/studentlifecenter>



K-STATE AT SALINA DEAN DENNIS KUHLMAN ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR A NEW STUDENT LIFE CENTER.



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE PROPOSED STUDENT LIFE CENTER. THE FACILITY IS PLANNED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE FIELD ALONG CENTENNIAL RD., SOUTHEAST OF THE COLLEGE CENTER.

ALUMNI UPDATES

1999

James McCosh (PPIL), Meriden, is a captain with the U.S. Air Force.

2001

Jake Fager (MET), Olathe, is stress analysis engineer for Black & Veatch.

2003

Adama Allmond (PPIL) and **Renae Branstetter Allmond** (PPIL '04), Peoria, Ill., are co-owners of Allmond Aviation LLC.

2005

Darrin Achenbach (CWD, CMST), Gardner, is a software engineer technician for

Garmin International.

Andrew Andoga (AVM), Wichita, is an A&P mechanic for Mead Aircraft Services.

Calvin Brichat (PPIL, AVMB), Manhattan, is a flight instructor and mechanic at Kansas Air Center.

Donald G. Crawford (ECET), Salina, is a field engineer at KASA Industrial Controls.

Joshua Frasier (MET), Salina, is a control engineer at KASA Industrial Controls.

Paul Hendrickson (MET), Salina, is an assistant electrical engineer at EIDorado National.

Paul Homan (MET), Salina, is an assistant

electrical engineer at EIDorado National.

Paul Isabell (AVM), Kansas City, Mo., is an A&P mechanic for Hetrick Flying Service in Lawrence.

Jeremy Johnson (MET), Merriam, is associate design engineer at PACCAR Inc. Peterbilt Motors.

Jared Manly (MET), Lakin, is mechanical engineer I at L-3 Communications.

Kyle L. Martin (MET), Salina, is a CAD technician at Grain Belt Supply.

Dan Mathewson (MET), Axtell, is a drilling supervisor for Exxon Mobil.

Adam Meyerkorth

(AVM), Rock Port, Mo., is a mechanic/pilot for Kurtz Aviation.

Jeremy Niederwerder (CET), Fremont, Neb., is project manager for Perrett Construction.

Mitchell Ochs (PPIL), Wichita, is a simulator co-pilot at Flight Safety International.

James Scheibmeir (CMST), Bentonville, Ark., works for Wal-Mart Corp.

Matt Shelly (PPIL), Wichita, is a pilot with the U.S. Air Force.

Brian Youngers (PPIL), Hutchinson, is an aerospace educator for the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center.

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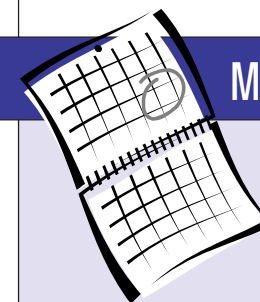
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Feb. 15 & 19** Telefund, the world's largest all-volunteer phone-a-thon for higher education
- **March 7** Student mock interviews with business partners (call 785-826-2623 for more information)
- **April 7** Putt It Purple golf tournament (see Page 2 for reservation information)
- **April 8** Open House and Wildcat Fly-In
- **May 6** Commencement



A message FROM THE DEAN

Dear alumni and friends,
It is difficult to believe that 2005 has come and gone — it was a momentous year for

K-State at Salina in so many ways.

The year began with our involvement in the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer, a project that provided some of the most amazing opportunities for our students, faculty and staff. It also gave us new connections with the Salina community, the state of Kansas and the world! K-State at Salina has assisted in encouraging the dreams of people, young and old, who had an interest in this historic flight.

As we progressed through the year it has become even more clear that this college is ready to move to the next level of excellence.

On Nov. 17, I was excited to announce the public campaign for a new Student Life Center to be built on our campus. This facility will be critical to the continued growth of K-State at Salina, and it will lay the foundation for future success. It will become the landmark for K-State at Salina.

The proposed Student Life Center will address the physical, mental, academic and social development of student potential in a single building. This addition will foster the development of new student learning initiatives, expanding the well-rounded education received by our graduates. It will allow the best and brightest of K-State at Salina to excel.

The students sent a message, loud and clear, that they are ready to see their campus move to the next level by passing a \$3.3 million referendum in October. This was a history-making process as it was the first referendum ever held on this campus.

I encourage you to read more about this project in this issue of the *K-Techer*. And, upon reading about the plans, I hope you will consider lending your support. In addition to serving the current and future students, it will be a treasure for alumni and for the community of Salina.

This continues to be among the most exciting times in our college's history. Based on the foundation of excellence established in the 1960s and '70s, I am pleased to have your support as we take K-State at Salina into the future.

Dennis K. Kuhlman
Dean

Open House 2006 to welcome families

As plans come together for the 2006 **Open House** on April 8, several events are being planned. **Family Night** will honor current K-State at Salina students and families on the evening before Open House. The event will include a dinner, program and casual entertainment.

"We plan to recognize all the important support that our students' families provide to them," said Dixie Schierlman, associate dean of student life.

Also on Friday will be the annual **Putt It Purple golf tournament** for students, alumni, families and friends. Reservations are due March 28 and may be made by calling the K-State at Salina Rec Center at 785-823-6594.

The annual campus Open House will also feature some regular favorites, including a return of the **Wildcat Fly-In**. Among the Open House activities will be a disc golf tournament, concrete strength testing demonstrations, water balloon cannons, airplane simulators and dozens of other displays and activities representing the academic areas and student organizations.

General Open House events are free, and no reservations are required. For information, go to www.salina.k-state.edu/openhouse.

GUESTS AT THE 2005 WILDCAT FLY-IN, HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPEN HOUSE, CHECK OUT A LIFESTAR HELICOPTER ON DISPLAY. THE FLY-IN ATTRACTED AROUND 100 INDIVIDUALS, ARRIVING IN PLANES AND CARS TO ENJOY BREAKFAST. THE 2006 FLY-IN AND OPEN HOUSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8.



Brockway recognized by university



In May 2005, Kathy Brockway, assistant professor of arts, sciences and business at K-State at Salina, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching — the first time a Salina faculty member has ever been recognized in this way. The annual award is given to only six individuals university-wide, honoring leadership and outstanding work with students. Recipients of the Presidential Award receive a \$2,500 honorarium and plaque.

Brockway joined K-State in 1994 and has spent the past four years on the Salina campus, where she teaches economics and accounting. She has been recognized numerous times for her excellence in teaching, including being the recipient of the 2004 Marchbanks Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, K-State at Salina's highest honor for faculty members. She also received the 1999-2000 Ernst & Young LLP Teaching Fellowship; the 2000 Baird Kurtz and Dobson Teaching Excellence Award; and the 1998 Kansas State Bank Teaching Excellence and Kansas State Bank Outstanding Adviser awards.

Field lights up for students, community

The Thaemert Park Recreational Field received more improvements this past year, including lights and a small building housing a concession stand and restrooms.



"The lights give us the ability to do so much more with the field," said Shana Meyer, assistant director of college advancement for student life. "It gives us flexibility with intramurals and other student activities and programs."

The ball field is also home to the TechnoCats softball team, a college softball preparatory program designed to address the academic, social and athletic needs of high school juniors and seniors, as they explore softball scholarship opportunities at the collegiate level. The 2005 season marked the second year for the TechnoCats program. Highlights of the season included a second-place finish at the state tournament.

Answer the phone!

Listen for your phone to ring — it's Telefund time!

Telefund is the largest all-volunteer fund drive in the world, and it's a K-State original. Students from K-State at Salina will be calling the homes of alumni and friends on Feb. 15 and 19.

All money raised during the Salina Telefund is used for excellence funds, which support K-State at Salina student clubs and other campus projects. This year marks a new tradition of the Telefund Road Trip, where Salina students will travel from campus to use the Telefund call center in Manhattan.

"Telefund is a great time," said student co-chair Lindsey Boeckman. "The best part is the chance to talk to alumni, fill them in on what's new on campus and thank them personally for their support."

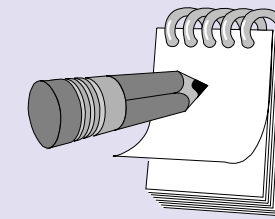


KTI books displayed at Alumni Center

A complete set of yearbooks from Schilling Institute, Kansas Technical Institute and Kansas College of Technology are housed in the library of the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan. The set includes one issue from each year the books were printed. Complete sets are also kept in the Salina campus library.

"This is a great way to strengthen our ties with the alumni programs on the main campus," said Dennis Kuhlman, dean of K-State at Salina.

The Alumni Center is at the corner of Denison and Anderson in Manhattan. It is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; extended hours often are in place for special events.



BRAG SHEET

K-State at Salina has four accredited Master Certified Flight Instructors — more than any other academic institution with an aviation program in the United States, and a number that accounts for one third of all MCFIs in Kansas.

Programs in the engineering technology department were granted reaccreditation by the Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET, responsible for accreditation of college and university programs in applied science, computer, engineering and technology.

K-State-sponsored GlobalFlyer events enabled more than 4,000 young students and community members to see the historic airplane while it was in Salina.

Patricia Ackerman was professor of the week during the Nov. 19 football game versus Missouri. She teaches English and is co-director of the K-State at Salina Writing Center.

Meet Rebecca Armstrong: Assistant professor of aviation maintenance



REBECCA ARMSTRONG IS K-STATE'S FIRST WOMAN FACULTY MEMBER IN THE AVIATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. WITH EXTENSIVE FIELD EXPERIENCE AT RAYTHEON AND CESSNA, SHE JOINED K-STATE IN AUGUST 2005.

Rebecca Armstrong isn't exactly a stereotypical A&P. For starters, she is a woman — and while the number of women working as airframe and powerplant mechanics is small now, when she entered the industry nearly 20 years ago, she was truly a pioneer of sorts.

But then there's the fact that she didn't start out knowing she wanted to work with aircraft.

"I resisted it for awhile," she said of the idea of pursuing a career in aviation maintenance.

But the former business school graduate who enjoyed her job training adults with mental retardation to live and work independently, said that, eventually, the signs all pointed to aviation maintenance.

"First, I graduated at a bad moment," she said about trying to find a job with a business degree in the late 1970s. "There just weren't a lot of jobs."

Needing some extra cash, she realized she could buy old cars, fix them up and resell them for a profit.

"I was a 'closet mechanic,'" she said. "I bought a copy of the 'Idiot's

Guide to Volkswagon Maintenance.' I would read it and figure out how to do it all on my own."

Then a trip to the EAA AirVenture Fly-In in Oshkosh, Wisc., made her even more interested in the aviation industry.

"I loved going to Oshkosh," she said. "The people I met were very encouraging, very open and sharing, very professional."

That was in 1983, and it would be another five years before Armstrong would graduate with a bachelor's degree in aviation maintenance management and A&P certificate.

From there, she was hired by Raytheon, moved to Wichita, and spent the next 17 years working in the aviation industry in positions ranging from non-destructive testing inspector for the Starship to flight line mechanic for Cessna. She also earned her private pilot certificate and worked for the Beech Flight Club to keep up on her A&P skills.

But regardless of what title she held at any given point, her gender determined a great deal of her experiences.

During her career in industry, Armstrong saw many instances of institutional cultures that were less than fair or welcoming. But she saw those challenges as opportunities for change. Much to her pleasure, in fact, she has witnessed

extraordinary change throughout her career.

"At Raytheon," she said, "the senior leadership started the Women's Networking Initiative to help establish mentors for women in aviation.

That concept, along with the support of the leadership, has made a difference in the culture at Raytheon."

She also has seen K-State taking on some of these challenges with the human factors curriculum.

In her role as professor and mentor to young people studying aviation maintenance, including one current female student and more to come, Armstrong said that she finds satisfaction in seeing these cultural changes. And she emphasizes that the changes are important for all

workers, not just females.

"In companies that are well run," she said, "people are comfortable. If the culture is bad for women, it's bad for everyone.

"If you've been picked out as a target, then everybody becomes

afraid. Eventually that woman is gone, and someone else becomes the target."

The most rewarding challenge, she said, is the opportunity to expose her students to new ideas and new experiences.

The idea of a woman in the aviation

maintenance hangar isn't always what students expect, but, she said, with time, the students learn from it.

"Human factors in aviation requires embracing differences and remaining focused on the task at hand," she said. "Our students will understand this when they graduate, making them valuable in an industry that is undergoing constant change."

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— Armstrong



ARMSTRONG ASSISTS A STUDENT WITH A BRIEF INSPECTION ON A PLANE IN THE AVIATION MAINTENANCE TEACHING HANGAR. ARMSTRONG STRIVES TO EXPOSE HER STUDENTS TO DIFFERENT IDEAS SO THAT THEY MIGHT VALUE THE BENEFITS OF DIVERSITY AND ENGAGE IN CRITICAL THINKING IN THE WORK FORCE WHEN THEY GRADUATE.

POP QUIZ: REBECCA ARMSTRONG

College degrees

Sonoma State University
1977, Bachelor's in management
Lewis College
1988, A&P license, bachelor's in aviation maintenance management
Baker University
2002, Master's in business administration

Profession

Assistant professor of aviation maintenance

Last book read

"Tipping Point," Malcom Gladwell

Favorite food

Indian food

Favorite movie

"The Princess Bride"

Favorite type of music

Symphony music

The best thing about K-State at Salina

"The people are phenomenal. I have never felt so encouraged. I love the openness, the professionalism. I see so much potential here."



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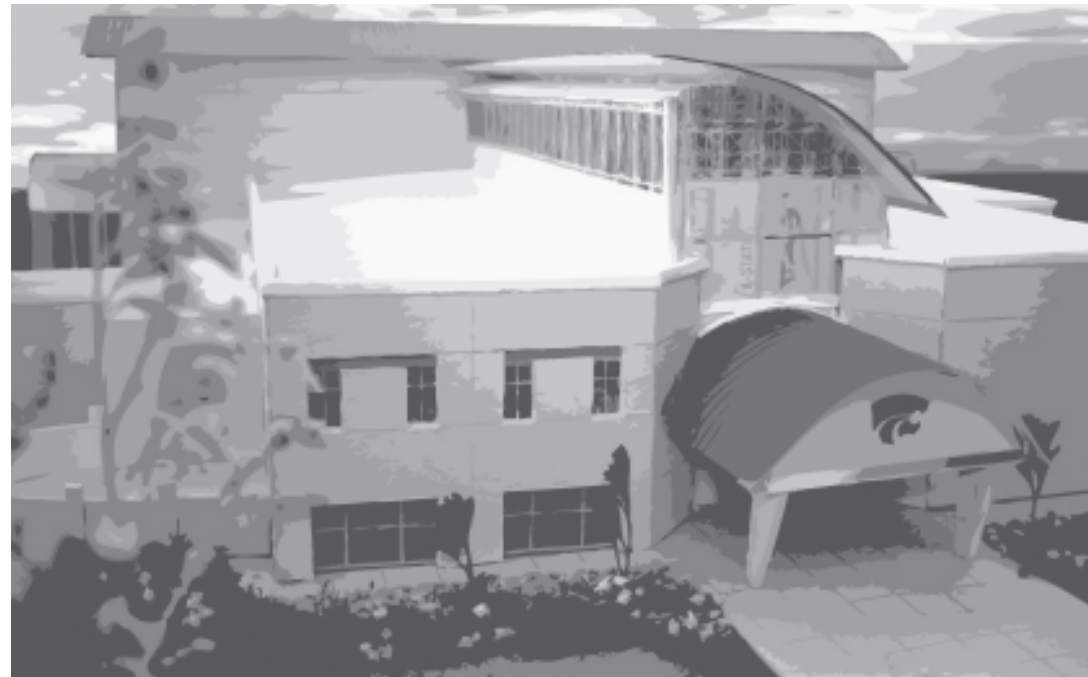
Student Life Center Project

Building the future

A goal of K-State at Salina is the creation of an atmosphere that not only allows students to succeed, but also to excel. Student life is an important component of a broad academic experience. A new Student Life Center is critical to achieving this goal. The design of this facility will address the physical, mental, academic and social development of student potential.

Proposed features include:

- Recreational facilities to replace the aging and remote gym
- Student union and bookstore facilities
- Cafeteria and food services
- Student services, including career services, the academic achievement center and student government offices
- Office space to meet medical and psychological counseling needs
- A high-technology auditorium seating 300-500 people to allow for student-led productions, movies and other stage-critical needs
- Additional conferencing and meeting facilities for use by Continuing Education in meeting student and community needs



Benefits to alumni & the community

A new Student Life Center will benefit not only the campus, but also alumni and community members. The attractive landmark will become a point of pride for alumni and the citizens of Salina.

Alumni. Alumni of K-State at Salina will have a place to connect with their alma mater, take advantage of services and meet with students.

- Alumni will have a room dedicated to the history of K-State at Salina, including memorabilia from the early days of Schilling Institute, through the present.
- Career counseling will be offered to alumni as a continuing service to graduates.
- Alumni will have a place on campus to network with potential interns or interview future employees.

The community. Salina and the surrounding communities will have a facility for meetings and the campus will have a facility to highlight the college to community and industry partners.

- Conference facilities will provide media-equipped space for community meetings, industry training and other events.
- Increased enrollment will have a positive economic impact on the community of Salina — for every 200 students that are added to the college's enrollment, another \$3 million is added to the local economy.
- The admissions office will provide prospective students and community guests a place to learn about what K-State and the community of Salina offers.

Project timeline

While the entire project will be funded by student fees and private gifts, state building procedures still must be followed. Currently, approximately \$6 million has been raised toward the completion of the project.

Plans for the Student Life Center have been submitted to the Board of Regents and are awaiting final approval through the state system, expected in early 2006. When the project is approved and fund raising has progressed to its \$8 million goal, a design team will be selected.

The design team will have the responsibility of soliciting input and suggestions from students, alumni, faculty and staff.

If the project moves forward as expected, ground breaking could take place as early as this June. Completion of the construction project is estimated to take a total of 14 to 24 months.

The students say 'YES'

On Oct. 20 and 21, K-State at Salina students voted to help fund the Student Life Center, proposed to be built on campus in the next two years.

More than 66 percent of the votes were in favor of creating a new student privilege fee to pay for the recreational center portion of the building.

Nearly a third of the student body — 241 students — cast a ballot in the two-day election, the first referendum ever held on the Salina campus. A minimum of 60 percent was required to pass the referendum. The new fee is slated to take effect in fall 2006 and will eventually raise an estimated \$3.3 million.

"I am thrilled that the students have demonstrated their commitment to the new student life center project," said Dennis Kuhlman, K-State at Salina dean.

"By voting yes, they have shown that they are invested in their college's growth and success not just today, but well into the future. Their investment will foreverchange the student experience at K-State at Salina."

Brendan Haiduk, student body president, and a senior in professional pilot from White Deer, Texas, said he was pleased with voter turnout and thought that the facility will benefit future students.

"The social environment is a big part of what college is all about," he said. "Something like a Student Life Center just adds to the college-like atmosphere. It's something students are interested in."

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Gifts of cash. Most contributions to K-State at Salina are cash gifts.

Deferred gifts. Remember K-State at Salina in your estate planning. By notifying us of your intentions, we can include your future gift in our planning for the Student Life Center, or any other project of your choice.

Gifts-in-kind. Gifts such as equipment, building materials, and furnishings that further the mission of K-State at Salina may be donated. Feasibility of acceptance should be determined in advance of the gift.

Gifts of securities. Gifts of long-term appreciated stocks or bonds entitle a contributor to two income tax benefits: avoidance of capital gains, and the contributor may use the securities fair market value on the date of the gift on the income tax charitable deduction.

For more information, go to www.salina.k-state.edu/studentlifecenter, or call Kelly Carrico at 785-826-2609.