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# K-TECHER

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The newsletter for alumni and friends of K-State at Salina  
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## ALUMNI UPDATES

**1968**

**Don Oller** (AVM), Wichita, is configuration analyst at Raytheon Aircraft Co.

**1970**

**Curt Caskey** (ELET former student), Neodesha, owns Solar, Synthetics and Robotics. He would like to hear from other alumni by e-mail at [caskey51@yahoo.com](mailto:caskey51@yahoo.com).

**1986**

**Terry Krause** (CMET, TCMG '01), Emporia, was promoted to manager quality at Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.

**1999**

**Marsha Carpenter** (EVET, TCMG '04), Salina, is an environmental technician for the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment.

**2001**

**Matt Kenney** (CMST, CMIS, TCMG '04), Salina, is a computer programmer for Saint Francis Academy.

**2004**

**Ty Maltbie** (MET), Salina, works for Vanguard Piping Systems in McPherson, which manufactures and distributes water distribution systems for domestic use.

**Ryan Cunningham** (CMST, TCMG), Salina, is a Web developer for Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure.

**Jason Drayer** (ABA), Salina, is a sales associate with Midwest Music.

**David Harvey** (CET), Lawrence, is survey crew chief for Survey Inc.

**2005**

**Jim Scheibmeir** (CMST), Salina, has accepted a computer programming job in Bentonville, Ark., with Wal-Mart Corp.

### DROP US A LINE!

We'd love to know what you're up to — and so would your classmates!

Send us news of job changes, weddings, births, deaths, retirements and other significant updates! Be sure to include your name, class year and how we can contact you!

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## GlobalFlyer brings opportunities to students, faculty

K-State at Salina was the site of an international project for a few short months in early 2005. With the announcement of the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer in December, it wasn't long before students and faculty were involved with the historic flight in a variety of ways — often working side-by-side with the famous experts who planned and executed the solo, non-stop flight around the world.

"One of the missions of a university," said Dennis Kuhlman, dean of K-State at Salina, "is to provide the chance for students, faculty and staff to have unique learning opportunities. In our wildest dreams, none of us could have imagined an opportunity like GlobalFlyer coming to our campus."

For a select group of students, the project began in early January, upon arrival of the aircraft in Salina. Seven aviation maintenance students began work on the ground crew, under the supervision of leaders from Scaled Composites, the Mojave, Calif., company that designed, built and tested the experimental plane.

Meanwhile, four professional pilot students were selected to support flight planning and work in Mission Control, which was housed in the College Center on campus. These four students worked directly with Steve Fossett to plan the flight, taking into



AVIATION MAINTENANCE STUDENTS FUEL THE GLOBALFLYER AIRCRAFT IN PREPARATION FOR FOSSETT'S FLIGHT. PHOTO BY DAN DONNERT, KSU PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES.

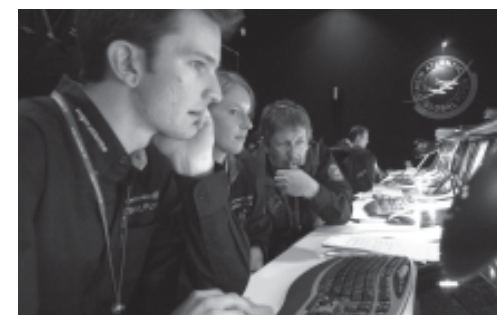
account the changing weather and jet stream readings. During the flight, two students were always in Mission Control, assisting with additional flight planning and air traffic control communications.

During the two months of preparation for the Feb. 28 launch, it was also discovered that some of the plane's parts needed to be modified and re-machined. Mechanical engineering technology faculty were able to use a K-State lab to create and modify these critical parts on site, saving the Scaled Composites crew valuable time.

"By the time Steve took off, it was clear that K-State at Salina was an important part of this project," Kuhlman said. "And judging from Steve's comments when he landed, he felt like our college was a major part of his success."

For more coverage of the college's involvement in the GlobalFlyer project, check out the K-State at Salina Web site, [www.salina.k-state.edu](http://www.salina.k-state.edu).

PILOT STUDENTS  
PATRICK  
RINEARSON  
(LEFT) AND  
NANCY MILLERET  
DISCUSS THE  
FLIGHT'S  
PROGRESS WITH  
MISSION CON-  
TROL DIRECTOR  
KEVIN STASS.  
PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM  
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### DID YOU KNOW?

- Pilots from K-State will attend the **2005 EAA AirVenture in Osh Kosh**, July 27-Aug. 2. Look for the K-State planes or stop by the Kansas booth to say hello! The Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer also will be on special display.
- K-State at Salina will be the host to an elite 18 and under girls' softball team, the **TechnoCats**. The team will live in the residence halls, take a few college classes and compete in games and tournaments throughout the summer!
- The **Mini Baja** team from K-State at Salina competed against teams in the western division competition in Green Valley, Ariz., June 1-4. Results, not yet available at press time, can be found at [www.students.sae.org](http://www.students.sae.org).



## A message FROM THE DEAN

Dear alumni and friends,  
Just a few short months ago at the beginning of the 2004-05 academic year, I

announced to faculty, staff and students that the coming year would be a year of new achievement and higher levels of success than any of us had ever seen before. And, indeed, what a year it has been!

We were partners in our first international-scale event, the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer. We also awarded the first professional pilot degree in our partnership with Tuskegee University. Tiji Allen graduated from Tuskegee in May and was the first participant in this program to complete his associate degree in professional pilot from K-State.

Another tremendous illustration of our college's continued growth and success was the recognition of both a student and faculty member with elite awards given at the all-university level. Seth Short, a May 2005 graduate from Burrton, was one of just 14 seniors from all of K-State honored with the Dean of Student Life Outstanding Graduating Senior Award.

Additionally, Kathy Brockway, assistant professor of arts, sciences and business, was one of only six faculty members, university-wide, who received a 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

This was such an exciting year to be a part of K-State at Salina. And I firmly believe that the coming months and years will only bring more tremendous success. Thank you for being a part of our growth — and a special thank you to those listed in this newsletter as donors to the college. Your generosity is reflected as the bar continues to be raised for achievement and excellence at K-State at Salina.

Dennis K. Kuhlman  
Dean

## Open House 2005 attracts hundreds

Approximately 600 guests visited the Salina campus on Saturday, April 9, for K-State's All-University Open House and the second annual Wildcat Fly-In. Departments across campus had activities and programs for families, and student ambassadors gave away free Purple Pride ice cream cones.

"We were glad to have so many visitors this year," said Ambassador and Open House chair Sarah Corbett, junior in technology management. "It was fun to have families come out with their kids to enjoy the activities that each department had worked so hard to plan."

One special feature of this year's event was a presentation by two Russian Cosmonauts. They spoke about possible missions to Mars and spent a long time answering questions and signing autographs.

"Having the Cosmonauts was something that made this year's Open House really special," Corbett said. "All kinds of people came out to see them — from community members and alumni to faculty and students."

Plans are underway to make Open House 2006 even better for families, future students, alumni and other special guests. Mark your calendar for April 8, 2006, to participate in this great tradition and see everything that's new on campus.

## Aviation pioneers reflect on progress

Four pioneers in the aviation industry met at K-State at Salina to discuss the past, present and future of minorities in aviation during "Dreamers and Achievers: Black Aviation Pioneers."

Speakers were retired Kansas Civil Air Patrol Col. George Mills Boyd (pictured, right), former commander with the Civil Air Patrol who trained with the Tuskegee Airmen; retired Kansas Sen. U.L. "Rip" Gooch, a pilot in the Black Aviators Hall of Fame; John Hightower, an air traffic controller with the Federal Aviation Administration and founder and executive director of the Aviation Youth Academy; and Clovis Jones, a captain with Federal Express.

The panel presentation was viewed by students during the SAFECON competition and by the general public.



## Marchbanks presented to Ackerman

Patricia Ackerman received the 2005 Marchbanks Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence at the spring commencement ceremony. She teaches writing and critical thinking.

"Pat is a magnificent teacher and huge asset to the educational system at K-State at Salina and the university as a whole," said Dean Dennis Kuhlman.

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.

## Disc course designed, built by students

It started as an idea for a campus improvement project in a 2002 leadership class. Students in the class were put into groups and challenged to develop a



project that could improve life on campus and benefit the entire student body. Most ambitious was a plan to put a nine-hole flying disc golf course on the north end of campus. After more than two years and campus-wide involvement, the project is finally complete.

"The project was feasible, and the student group did an excellent job of outlining everything in their project," said Shana Meyer, assistant director of college advancement for student life. "They went through all the steps, from planning to approval by the dean."

Originally, the group had planned on purchasing the baskets from an outside source, Meyer said. At one point, however, she said it was suggested that the baskets be made on campus. As a result, development was turned over to four mechanical engineering technology students as a group project for class.

Using computer aided design software, the group designed the baskets. They then got to work cutting, bending and rolling the steel for the first one. Metal inert gas welding techniques were used, as well as a sheet roller purchased specifically for the project. Students also used a laser to cut the Powercat emblems that adorn the tops of the baskets. From start to finish, the group spent more than 300 hours on the project.

Funding for the project came from the campus student activity center, which also loans flying discs to students for the course.

The original course layout was changed to accommodate the recently completed Thaemert Recreational Field and to reflect the input of a local competitive disc golf player. In addition, the tee boxes and baskets were specially designed to allow the course to be altered every few years, creating a new challenge for players.

## SAFECON nationals take flight at K-State

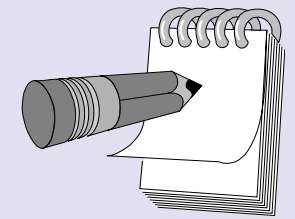
K-State at Salina was the location of the National Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON). As K-State student leaders were busy planning the conference, which included nearly 300 student pilots from 29 colleges and universities, the K-State flight team was preparing to compete.

A highlight of the week was the awarding of the Wally Funk Competition Safety Award to the K-State team. The award, never before won by the K-State team, recognizes a single team for displaying the highest degree of safety during the week of competition.

K-State's top individual finish went to Patrick Rinearson, senior from Olathe, who took fourth place in the preflight inspection competition.



THE K-STATE FLIGHT TEAM PREPARES ALONGSIDE OTHER TEAMS IN SALINA AIRPORT HANGAR 509.



## BRAG SHEET

A university-wide survey of student satisfaction with academic advising put K-State at Salina at the top of all the other colleges in the university, for the second year in a row.

Six K-State at Salina students traveled to Southern Illinois University to compete in the Concrete Canoe regional contest in April.

Nearly 100 guests attended the Cessna Fly-In in Independence, Kan. The event included a ceremonial exchange of keys for K-State's fleet purchase of five Cessna 172s with G-1000 glass cockpits.

Nine students traveled to the National Association of College and University Residence Hall conference in May on the campus of Syracuse University.

## Meet Reggie Redetzke '96: College Alumni Fellow 2005



JUSTIN "REGGIE" REDETZKE (AWS '96) GUEST LECTURED IN SEVERAL AVIATION CLASSROOMS, INCLUDING THIS AVIATION MAINTENANCE CLASS. HE SPOKE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY, INCLUDING TIPS ON GETTING A JOB AND ADVICE ON BRIDGING THE GAP OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PILOTS AND MECHANICS. AS AN ALUMNI FELLOW, REDETZKE WAS ON CAMPUS FEB. 28 AND MARCH 1.

It wasn't that long ago that Justin "Reggie" Redetzke was entering college and wondering if he would ever find anything to keep his attention. After a bit of a rough start, he eventually settled at K-State at Salina in the professional pilot program.

And, not unlike the students preparing to graduate today, he was faced with questions of what would come next, where the jobs were and where his life would lead him.

But in the less than 10 years since graduating from K-State at Salina with a bachelor's degree in airway science-professional pilot, Redetzke has found his way to a position with Mesaba Airlines, supervisor of training for the Avro and Saab fleets, that he said brings him satisfaction both professionally and personally.

"I started off on the wrong path initially in college, and so it was a huge satisfaction to me to graduate," he said. "And today, I firmly believe that what we do (in the Mesaba training department) helps prevent accidents and people getting hurt. I'm very proud of all that."

Not long after graduation, Redetzke accepted a job with

FlightSafety Raytheon in Wichita, instructing on the Baron and Bonanza, as well as a small amount on the KingAir 90.

"I had the opportunity to deliver several brand new aircraft all over the country," he said, "and meet some very interesting people. Guitarist Don Felder, TV evangelist Kenneth Copeland, Senator John Glenn, just to name a few."

Between his experiences as a flight instructor at K-State and later at FlightSafety, Redetzke said he began to see where his professional passions might lie.

"Being an instructor with K-State, particularly under the tutelage of Bill Gross and Pete Kennedy, really prepared me for an instructing career," he said. "FlightSafety honed these skills even further, and from there, I always knew that I wanted to be a professional instructor."

After a couple of years with Air Midwest, he took a position in 1998 with Mesaba Airlines as a first officer on the Avro RJ85 regional jet. About a year later, Redetzke was asked to join the training department as an instructor on the Avro. He was stationed in Berlin for three years with the training

department, and it was during that time that he was upgraded to captain on the Avro and eventually made a check airman.

Today, Redetzke's responsibilities include ensuring the training and safety of 1,000 pilots on two different fleets, which total more than 100 aircraft. He also is a liaison to the Federal Aviation Administration, making sure that the Mesaba training department continues to comply with the federal regulations.

Although his career hasn't even yet spanned a decade, Redetzke said that his greatest success is his relationship with his father and family.

"I couldn't have done and seen all the things in my short career that I have, without the support and care of my family," he said. "My dad and I haven't always seen eye-to-eye, but he has always stood behind me, no matter what I did."

With his family in tow, Redetzke had the opportunity of being on campus for Alumni Fellows Week during the takeoff of the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer. Although some of his appointments during that time

had to be juggled around the demands of a major project, he said it was a good opportunity to see the college and students at work.

"The GlobalFlyer was a huge event with the support of the K-State student body," he said. "It was fun just sitting back in the shadows watching those students do their work. And they worked hard."

At a conference in Dallas about a month later, he even saw some of the results of the international event and the notoriety it brought to K-State's programs. "I happened to run into Virgin Atlantic representatives, and we brought up the discussion of the GlobalFlyer," he said.

"It's kind of funny, normally, when I get into discussions talking about KSU — the faculty, students and facilities — I'm the one that can't quit talking.

"I couldn't hardly get a word in edgewise with these two. They just raved about the support of the students and the campus. It was nice for me to sit back and just listen to two people that I have never met from across the 'big pond' sit and talk about KSU."

*Being an instructor with K-State ... really prepared me for an instructing career.*

— Redetzke



AS THE 2005 ALUMNI FELLOW, REDETZKE SPENT TWO DAYS ON THE SALINA CAMPUS, SPEAKING TO CLASSES IN THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT. HIS VISIT CONCLUDED WITH A BANQUET FOR ALL NINE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ALUMNI FELLOWS AT THE K-STATE ALUMNI CENTER IN MANHATTAN.

### POP QUIZ: REGGIE REDETZKE

#### College degrees

1995, associate degree in professional pilot  
1996, bachelor's degree in airway science

#### Profession

Supervisor of training, Mesaba Airlines

#### Favorite hobbies

Hanging out with his son, weight lifting and mountain biking

#### Favorite meal

"I'm from western Kansas. Steak and a beer are the only way to go. Throw in a loaded baked potato, and I'm set!"

#### Favorite memory of college

"Too many to count — granted, once I turned 21, there were a lot more favorite memories!"

#### If you could give current students one piece of advice, what would it be?

"You need a support system in life, whether it's family or friends. You can't make it through without."



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# K-STATE AT SALINA

## ANNUAL REPORT OF DONORS

APRIL 2004 – MARCH 2005



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- **Bequests**

Bequests are important in assuring the college's position as a leader in technology and aviation. All bequests should be made to the Kansas State University Foundation. The donor can then designate the college(s) or program(s) to benefit from the bequest. Bequests enable the college to consider these expectancies in long-range planning for gift support.

- **Matching gifts**

Many corporations match their employees' gifts to the college with an equal or greater corporate contribution. Information on gift matching is generally available through a company's human resources department.

- **Gifts in kind**

Gifts such as equipment, art, book collections and furnishings that further the mission of the college may also be donated.

- **Gifts of life insurance**

When properly arranged, life insurance offers an attractive way to benefit the college. Donors wishing to support the K-State at Salina through a gift of life insurance will find numerous advantages.



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