

LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Dean Virginia Moxley, Ph.D.

2008 College Calendar

March 6-7

4th Annual Culinary Enhancement Workshops

April 11

34th Annual Shugart Lecture (Contact canter@k-state.edu)

April 11

12th Annual Travel and Dining Auction (Contact pesci@k-state.edu)

April 11-13

Changing Lives Campaign Celebration (see story, page 3)

April 19

All-University Open House

April 23-25

50th Alumni and Golden K Reunion

May 16-17

Commencement

October 17

Legacy of Excellence Celebration

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he K-State College of Human Ecology has been an influential presence in higher education since its earliest days. In this issue of FOCUS, you will read about alumni and faculty members who are advancing the core value of this college — a concern for human significance.

As you read about Betty and Ron Miner and Betty and Dale Allen, you will find that these K-Staters credit the University and the College with providing a solid foundation for their future successes. Now they are giving back — creating opportunities for future students to gain a solid foundation for their professional ventures.

You will also read about faculty members Chuck Smith and George Wang. On the surface, their work seems to have little in common. Dr. Smith is creating a documentary on the impact of National Guard and Reserve deployment on children and families. Dr. Wang is seeking a cure for cancer. Yet, as divergent as their scholarly paths are, each of these faculty members works from a shared dedication to improving human life, right here, right now.

I cannot heap enough praise on the alumni and friends who enabled the College to soar past our fundraising goal in the recently completed Changing Lives Campaign. Gifts to that campaign have allowed us to expand services to families and children in the Campus Creek Complex, to maintain and enhance current facilities, to plan for a major and much-needed expansion to Justin Hall, to fund faculty of distinction positions, and to significantly expand scholarship support for our students. In April, the University will celebrate the conclusion of the Changing Lives Campaign — I'm already celebrating every day as I see the impact these gifts are having on our students and faculty.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the College. To keep up with our work, please visit the Dean's blog at www.humec.k-state.edu where I post information about activities and accomplishments of Human Ecology students and faculty.

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Sincerely,

Virginia Moxley, Ph.D.

Dean

Faculty and Staff Recognized for Leadership on Campus

College honored for highest level of support for 2007 All-University Campaign

Since 2000, K-State and the College of Human Ecology have been up to something big. Very big. K-State's \$500 million Changing Lives Campaign is wrapping up, and the College of Human Ecology lived out its motto to "focus first on people" by supplementing the extraordinary generosity of alumni and friends with outstanding financial support from faculty, staff and students. In fact, the College was officially recognized by K-State president Jon Wefald and KSU Foundation CEO Gary Hellebust for its efforts in a ceremony on Nov. 14 in Justin Hall.

The Changing Lives Campaign helped ensure student success through scholarships, fellowships and leadership opportunities. It aided K-State in attracting and retaining outstanding faculty members, and it provided support for enhanced facilities and technological infrastructure.

One component of the Changing Lives Campaign was the All-University Campaign, which encouraged faculty and staff to join alumni and friends in investing in the future of K-State. The University community responded to this year's effort with commitments of over \$1.3 million.

The College of Human Ecology won the All-University Campaign Excellence Award for the outstanding participation of its faculty and staff. The College was judged on several criteria, including engagement across all groups in the College; inspiration, camaraderie and motivation to participate; and the personalization of the appeal.

In October, at the Legacy of Excellence event, Gayle Doll, director of the K-State Center on Aging and co-chair of the 2007 All-University Campaign, thanked alumni and friends for their investment in the Changing Lives Campaign.

"As a faculty member who directly benefits from your generosity, I'm here to say, on behalf of my many colleagues, thank you! We literally couldn't do it without you!" Doll said. She continued:

"Did you know that 75% of the faculty and staff of the College of Human Ecology also gave to the Changing Lives Campaign? I want you to know the faculty in this college also share your commitment to its future. Our percentage of giving is the highest of all nine colleges in the University!"



K-State president Jon Wefald with campaign leaders Denis Medeiros, Joy Kozar, Gina Jackson and Gayle Doll as they receive the award

It was this level of participation and leadership that helped win the Excellence Award for the College. Gina Jackson, administrative specialist, Joy Kozar, assistant professor, and Denis Medeiros, associate dean, professor and department head, served as College representatives for the campaign.

The K-State student body also answered the call with their own fundraising campaign, K-State PROUD. Human Ecology faculty and staff supported the students' efforts with funding and opportunities to spread the word about the campaign within the College. K-State PROUD raised over \$70,000 for K-State students.

The campaign, a seven-year effort, officially wrapped up December 31, 2007, and will culminate in a celebration of its success April 11-13, 2008.



human nutrition researcher works to W1PC OUT Cancer

Understanding how foods and exercise impact health are key



Cancer. Few words dredge up more fear, pain and anxiety. Few of us completely escape its devastation, to ourselves or our families. And few of us have the knowledge, talent and persistence to contribute to its eradication.

But George Wang does.
Weiqun "George" Wang, associate professor of human nutrition, is figuring out how we can beat cancer with what we eat or how much we move. Technically, he investigates the molecular mechanisms of weight control and certain natural chemicals on cancer prevention.

One aspect of his research focuses on the cancer-fighting properties of phytochemicals such as isoflavones (found in many soy products), lignans (found in cereal grains such as wheat) and flavonoids (found in citrus fruits, green tea and many other sources).

"We generally say cancer is a genetic disease, because some genetic mutation causes cancer initially," Wang said. "However, there are also environmental factors — including nutritional factors such as the food you eat — that affect it as well.

"It's a complicated disease. Of course, we have to focus on something; we can't study everything. But we don't want to miss anything because many factors contribute."

Another aspect of his research looks at exercise and calorie restriction.

"So far, the most potent and reproducible means proven to prevent cancer is calorie restriction. Also, that's the only nutritional way that's proven to extend the lifespan. But application is really difficult! You can't expect people to eat less every day," Wang said.

So he's trying to determine whether a person could burn enough calories with exercise to achieve a cancerprevention benefit, as opposed to eating a very low-calorie diet.

"We try to understand the difference between calorie restriction and exercise, because most people enjoy exercise of some sort. However, the results from exercise are not consistent," Wang said. "Some studies show it works in cancer prevention, some studies say it doesn't. Calorie restriction always works. So we're trying to find out what causes the difference."

Wang wants to someday see his research lead to practical, effective cancer-prevention strategies.

"If we can understand the mechanisms (of cancer prevention), our research may eventually help to develop some pharmaceutical or dietary product to prevent and treat cancer by mimicking the anti-cancer mechanisms of calorie restriction."

Wang has looked closely at what we currently know about cancer prevention, and has discovered that (no surprise here) following the general principles of good health also helps keep cancer at bay. We should exercise, eat more

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Denis Medeiros

vegetables, avoid smoking, drink alcohol only moderately and get enough sleep. Wang also advocates caution in using dietary supplements.

"I believe that if you keep balance in your diet and follow good nutrition, you don't need supplements, except when you have a special requirement such as if you're pregnant or elderly. Then you may need additional vitamins. Otherwise, you should be fine."

Funding to hire more graduate students would help hasten Wang's progress. He needs four graduate research assistants to help him advance his research, but it's not always possible to hire four.

"We have many good candidates, but we can't offer them enough assistantship funding to keep them. Sometimes we can't give them enough (financial) support so they can stay," he said.

Wang also usually has three or four undergraduate students working in his lab, many in the Kansas Bridges to the Future program (for promising biomedical students from underrepresented groups), the Developing Scholars program or the honors program. Working in his lab gives them research experience and improves their opportunities for admission to medical or graduate school.

Wang grew up in China, earned his Ph.D. in animal physiology and biochemistry at Nanjing Agricultural University, and originally came to the United States as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Hawaii.

Although he joined the Human Nutrition faculty in 2002, he almost didn't end up at K-State at all. He had four other offers, but thanks to a full-court recruitment press by associate dean and department head Denis Medeiros, Wang brought his expertise to K-State.

"Denis asked everybody (in the Human Nutrition faculty) to call me and e-mail me. Every day they asked me to join them! I felt very welcome, and I've never regretted my decision," Wang said. "Denis is a good leader, and he's also a respected researcher in our field."

"The students really like him and he relates to them very well," Medeiros said of Wang. "And the work he's doing is really ground breaking. We've known that caloric restriction can prevent cancer, but he's examining the other side of the equation. He's looking at input (of calories eaten) versus output (of calories burned). It's a unique way of looking at it."

"If you can find out what's changing when you restrict calories or exercise more, maybe you can find a biochemical trigger that can prevent cancer. It's very exciting."

If you would like information about how you can support Dr. Wang's cancer research, please contact Jennifer Rettele-Thomas, director of development, at jenniferr@found.k-state.edu or 800-432-1578.

JUSTIN HALL REVITALIZATION PROJECT IS VITAL COMPONENT OF COLLEGE'S MISSION

More space, sustainable design and innovative construction mean new opportunities

Homes of the College

1873-1875

Bluemont College Building



Farm Machinery Hall



Anderson Hall

n the face of phenomenal growth and demand for the College's expertise, plans are underway to ensure that K-State's College of Human Ecology will have cutting edge facilities for the very best in teaching and learning. In 1898, when Kedzie Hall was constructed, it was the first building in the nation built to house an academic program in domestic science. Since then, the College has moved twice, settling in Justin Hall in 1959.

"Justin Hall has served faculty and students well for five decades, without a major renovation," College of Human Ecology dean Virginia Moxley said.

"K-State built the first human ecology building in the world, and now we want to have the finest!" she added.

Built to house 1,000 students, Justin now serves 1,900 undergraduates and 300 graduate students. Undergraduate enrollment is up 53% since 1997, and research funding in grants and corporate support has increased 212% in that time, with extramural support in 2006 of over \$12 million. Thanks to these impressive numbers, Justin Hall is bursting at the seams.

"The wise use of physical resources has always been a major priority of our college," Moxley said. "We will receive some 'crumbling classroom' funding, but it will be confined to electrical, plumbing and air conditioning systems. In 2007, we relied on generous private support for building renovation and a major faculty-led space reallocation study to better serve our current needs. We are committed to preserving the space we have and utilizing it as efficiently as we can.

"The fact of the matter is, we've simply outgrown the building."

The first phase of the Justin Hall Revitalization project will add approximately 15,000 square feet, providing urgently needed classrooms and student services space. The new classrooms will be state-of-the-art, enabling faculty members to teach students with the best of today's technology, in spaces designed for teaching and learning.

Moxley also foresees important benefits for research and outreach when Justin Hall expands.

"Space for cooperative work is especially vital because the College is engaged in many interdisciplinary and interinstitutional partnerships," Moxley said. "We're doing

- Extensive use of locally sourced materials to reduce energy consumed in transportation
- Low volatile organic compound paints and adhesives
- High-efficiency fixtures and mechanical systems
- Point-source water heating and low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Possible reduced energy consumption of 35% to 50%
- "Green roof" system to reduce storm water run-off by up to 50%

Not only will environmental responsibility be a hallmark of the project, but fiscal accountability is also an integral part of the plan.



Kedzie Hall



Calvin Hall



Justin Hall

great work in fields such as food safety, nutrition, health, sustainability, gerontology and support for military families. With additional classrooms, we will be able to convert some existing spaces for research and collaboration."

The Justin Hall addition will be good for the College on several levels. Sustainable design and construction will help ensure a healthy classroom environment today, and environmental responsibility far into the future.

"Sustainability' encompasses behaviors and practices we've valued for decades in our college — providing for our own needs while looking out for the well-being of future generations," Moxley said. "This addition will adhere to nationally accepted standards for sustainable building design, construction and operation. We will lead the way at K-State."

"Sustainable" design and construction practices being studied for the addition include:

- Recycled and renewable materials in every possible application
- Optimization of natural light and ventilation

"We are responsible to those who will follow us in Justin Hall," Moxley said. "We must ensure that funding is in place to maintain our facilities, long into the future. An endowment fund for future maintenance and preservation has been a crucial element of our planning from the very beginning."

Moxley is confident that the heritage of the College of Human Ecology will stand it in good stead in the face of today's challenges.

"Justin Hall was a model of progressive and innovative design in 1959. We have always been proud of our home at K-State, whether it was in Kedzie, Calvin or Justin. Today, we must update our facilities so we can continue to serve our students, our state and our world," Moxley said.

If you would like more information about the Justin Hall Revitalization project, please contact Jennifer Rettele-Thomas, director of development, at 800-432-1578, or jennifer@found.k-state.edu.

K-State Interwoven in Family's Life

Ron and Betty Miner made giving back a priority

Sometimes families lose the stories. The stories of hardship and opportunity, struggle and accomplishment. It's natural. Memories fade, people pass on.

Betty Miner has hung on to the stories, and she and her late husband Ron have melded their love for their families with their gratitude to K-State, and have given back to their alma mater for decades.

Miner, B.S. '59 home economics education, M.S. '60 foods and nutrition, now lives in Corvallis, Ore. She came (on the train, her first trip by herself) to K-State in 1955.

"Kansas State was chosen first for its excellence in home economics, and second because it wasn't too far away from home." Plus, there was a strong family connection. More about that in a minute.

Ron Miner, Ph.D. '67 chemical engineering, earned his bachelor's from the University of Kansas and his master's from the University of Michigan. However, the two Midwesterners met in 1961 at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., where they were both instructors. They married in 1963 and returned to Kansas.

When Ron's dream to pursue a Ph.D. at KU took a discouraging turn, Ron approached K-State. Faculty members in several departments created a multi-disciplinary plan of study for him, allowing him to earn his Ph.D. in chemical engineering in 1967. Betty taught for two years at K-State as well. Ron and Betty never forgot the lengths to which K-State went to help them.

"K-State put together something so my husband could achieve his dream of a Ph.D.," Betty said. "It's the thing that has made the difference in our lives. K-State saw the promise."

Teaching and research took the Miners to Iowa State University,

and then to Oregon State University, where Ron retired in 2003; he died

in 2004. Betty retired in 2002.

Now let's go back a generation or two for the reason that Betty was destined to attend K-State.

Betty Miner's grandfather "rose

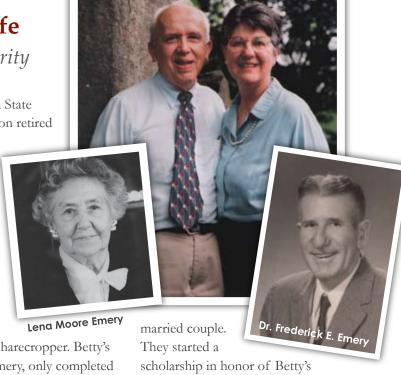
to be" an itinerant sharecropper. Betty's father, Frederick Emery, only completed the eighth grade but didn't graduate. Then his sister, Phoebe, graduated from Baker University, a turning point for the future of the whole family. Phoebe spent 30 years as a Methodist missionary in India, but before she left in 1917, she and Frederick had a talk. Betty tells it as if she were there.

"They went off into the woods and sat on a log. She says to him, 'Bub, you need to go to school, and I will find out what you need to do.' They knew nothing beyond agriculture, so she wrote to Kansas State and because he wanted off the farm, veterinary medicine was the choice."

Frederick earned a high school diploma and then his DVM from K-State in 1923, and his M.S. in zoology in '24. He went on to earn his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, and divided his career between the University of Buffalo Medical School and the University of Arkansas Medical School, teaching physiology. He married Lena Moore in 1928, and he died in 1957.

Lena graduated from K-State in 1925 in home economics education. Lena taught and eventually became a junior high special education teacher.

Back in the '60s, the Miners made an unusual decision for a young



Ron and Betty Miner

scholarship in honor of Betty's parents, the Dr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Emery Memorial Scholarship in Human Ecology, and another one for veterinary medicine students.

"Engineering professors were encouraged to work outside (academia) so they have industry experience," Betty said. "So the first thousand dollars that Ron earned beyond his university salary, he wanted to start a scholarship with it. We had all the money we knew how to spend, and we wanted to do this."

Betty, who is a Founder of the Legacy of Excellence Society, eventually gave land to K-State in the Auburn, Kan., area, specifying that K-State first offer the land for sale to her family; her first cousin bought it.

Betty is clear about what has motivated her to invest in the future of K-State.

"Both my family and my husband's family became middle class through education. College led to a better life, not only economically, but it enriched our daily lives. We grew to appreciate other cultural opportunities, thanks to our college education.

"The gratitude for education is what motivated us to give back."

Supporting Human Ecology for Future Generations

Betty and Dale Allen invest in K-State students

Everybody cares about something.
Betty (Turner) Allen, '55 B.S.
home economics education, is strongly committed to the future of human ecology. Betty and her husband Dale, '55 B.S. electrical engineering, have given generously to K-State in support of the disciplines that they know can make a real difference in the world.

Betty graduated from high school in Valley Center, Kan., in 1951. Dale graduated from Wichita North High School in 1944, then served in WWII and later the Korean Conflict. They met at K-State and were married in 1956.

Betty's mother graduated from Friends University, and Betty grew up thinking that's where she would go to

college, too. However, a 4-H trip to Manhattan changed her mind.

"I went to the Spring Round-Up at K-State, and I went home and said, 'Mother, could I go to K-State?' I just loved the campus and fell in love with the place."

K-State's exemplary teacher preparation program in home economics education meshed with Betty's long-time ambition to teach and her interest in all things household-related.

"I knew from first grade that I was going to be a teacher," Betty said. "My mother didn't really like to do housework, she preferred to be out in her garden. But she was very good in that she taught us how to cook and sew and lots of other things. I was sewing on machines before I went to elementary school, making doll clothes."

Betty and Dale settled in New Jersey, and Dale enjoyed a long career in various aspects of production and engineering.

Betty taught one year in Pennsauken, N.J., then took time off to design and supervise the construction of their home in Riverton, N.J., and concentrate on raising their two daughters, Karla and Denise. Betty got back into teaching when Denise was a third grader.

"I taught from 1974 to 1985, and I had fifth through eighth grades. My class was always very hands-on and the kids just loved it! The boys were fascinated by how the equipment worked."

The Allens now live in
Pennsylvania, just south of Lancaster, in
a retirement community about halfway
between each daughter.

The Allens always thought "giving back to K-State was the thing to do. When we started out, we really didn't have much. So we started out small, giving what we could afford at the time. But we knew that someday, we'd really like to give more.

"Eventually, we inherited land (east of Wichita), and it seemed unwise to own land in Kansas when living in New Jersey," Betty said.

In 2003, the Allens sold the land, and since they would have to pay capital gains taxes, they donated

the proceeds of the sale to K-State and benefited from a tax write-off. They set up a charitable remainder unitrust, which provides them with an income during their lifetime.

The Allens' gifts fund two scholarships: the Betty T. and C. Dale Allen Graduate Scholarship in Human Ecology, and the C. Dale and Betty T. Allen Electrical Engineering Scholarship.

Betty said they thought it was "only fair" to set one up for each of their majors. Certainly she'll get no arguments from the many students who have benefited from the Allen's generosity.

If you would like more information about how you can make a difference for the College of Human Ecology, please contact Jennifer Rettele-Thomas, director of development, 800-432-1578 or jenniferr@found.k-state.edu.



Dale and Betty Allen

y Allen Betty has long been an advocate and practitioner of active learning in the classroom. Her students responded well to her teaching style.

She also remains passionate about the value of family and consumer sciences education. Betty believes strongly that "kids today need education and guidance in how to manage a home and put food on the table."



on't get Chuck Smith started.

If Smith, professor and

Extension specialist in family studies
and human services, gets going about
the kids he's interviewed lately, you'd
better grab a cup of coffee and get
comfortable, because you'll want to hear
all about it.

Smith and Ron Frank, professor and TV unit coordinator for the Department of Communications, are partnering on a documentary video project called "On Our Behalf." When completed, it will relate the experiences of National Guard and Reserve families who have a parent deployed, usually to Iraq or Afghanistan. They are focusing on the stories of the children and how they manifest courage when dealing with their parent's service in a war zone.

Smith, who has been at K-State for 27 years, has long been fascinated with, and has written a book about, courage in children. The specific trigger for the book, "Raising Courageous Kids," was the tragedy of 9/11, when Smith felt compelled to delve into the question of what caused so many people to carry out so many acts of heroism and self-sacrifice.

After the book was published, Dean Virginia Moxley urged Smith to continue his work on courage in children. Smith and Frank decided to form the National Center for Courage and Character in Children, the goal of which is to "improve the lives of children by nurturing their power to succeed in the face of adversity." The pair decided to lead off their efforts with the documentary.

National Guard and Reserve families frequently lack the built-in support system that living near a base or installation brings. Often, friends, colleagues and neighbors don't even realize that a family is part of the Guard or Reserves, until suddenly Dad or Mom isn't around anymore.

Smith has noticed that many of the children take on more-adult characteristics.

"Stoicism is really apparent in lots of the kids. They don't want to dwell on what they're facing," Smith said. "They don't want to be constantly asked 'how's your dad?' The rest of us need to look at what's enabling them to get through it."

Smith and Frank, who is himself a retired lieutenant colonel in the National Guard, hope one outcome of "On Our Behalf" will be a greater awareness about what the families go through and what the rest of us can do to help. Although the children often show unusual courage in coping with the difficulties of their situation, the pair wishes they didn't have to.

"I was with the Guard for 27 years and I saw what happened in the first Gulf War," Frank said. "I saw what the

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families went through. So I was very enthusiastic about this project. We want to make sure families are taken care of. This is a very personal thing to me."

"We're looking at the noble purpose of the sacrifice these families make," Smith said. "It's very clear that these families have pride. They don't want pity or to be fawned over. They want to be understood. They want to be supported in effective ways."

The issue of respect is also very important to the families.

"Some of them feel the media don't accurately communicate what soldiers are going through," Smith said. "And the good things soldiers do to rebuild the countries in which they serve often seem to be shunted aside, so the families want to tell the other side of the story."

Smith and Frank will spend 2008 piecing the documentary footage together. Ron Frank will be traveling to Iraq later this year to interview deployed Guard and Reserve members.

Then they will concentrate on the narration. To garner a national audience — along with access to greater funding opportunities to produce and distribute the program — they need the right person to narrate. They would like a high-profile celebrity to step forward to be the spokesperson.

They have also pitched their project to several companies and philanthropies, and are seeking a major sponsorship.

Carl and Mary Ice, Colleyville, Texas, have designated funds to support the documentary. Mary, B.S. '80, M.S. '88, home economics education, and Carl, B.S. '79 industrial engineering, are proud to be part of the project.

"It is a project that Carl and I felt would directly and immediately impact these families," Mary said.

"In our 'risk-averse' culture, adults are prone to promote safety-seeking over courage in children," dean Virginia Moxley said. "Chuck Smith's work allows children to confront their fears, not by avoiding them, but by facing them with courage and integrity. He does this by finding heroes at every age who demonstrate remarkable and age-appropriate courage."

"This is just such an important story that needs to be told," Smith said. "These soldiers are serving our country, and in very real ways, their families are too."

If you are interested in learning more about the "On Our Behalf" documentary and its release, please visit www.onourbehalf.org. If you would like to learn more about how you can support this project, please contact Jennifer Rettele-Thomas, director of development, at jennifer@found.k-state.edu or 800-432-1578.

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The Legacy of Excellence Honorary Society was established in 2001 to recognize all who contribute \$100 or more annually to the College with membership in annual gift clubs. Donors renew their membership each year by making an investment at one of the five levels: Directors (\$2,500+), Leaders (\$1,000 to \$2,499), Partners (\$500 to \$999), Colleagues (\$250 to \$499) and Associates (\$100 to \$249). This list includes gifts of \$100 or more for the fiscal year July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007. All private gifts to the K-State

College of Human Ecology ensure that the legacy of outstanding accomplishment and leadership will continue.

All benefactors are honored during the Legacy of Excellence Celebration event held each fall. Last year's event was celebrated Oct. 19, 2007. During the celebration, the Alumni Board presented its annual alumni awards. Those recipients are highlighted on the following pages.

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Public Advocacy Award **Steve Shields** '94 B.S. social work and gerontology

K-State graduate Steve Shields has been the president and CEO of Manhattan Retirement Foundation DBA Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community in Manhattan, Kan., since 1994. He is a sought-after international consultant on leadership and transformation in long-term care.

Mr. Shields is the only known development and start-up consultant within the resident-directed framework who has worked as an operator, a developer, an educator and a consultant. He travels nationally to keynote speeches, learning seminars, and strategic planning services, all in the area of organizational transformation.

He is now actively collaborating with foreign governments to shape their policies in longterm care. Mr. Shields coauthored a book, "In Pursuit of the Sunbeam: A Practical Guide to Transformation From Institution to Household." Mr. Shields serves on the advisory board of Kansas State University's Center on Aging, is a board member of the Fort Hays State University Foundation, and was awarded Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year award in 2004.

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Distinguished Service Award R. Elaine Turner, Ph.D., RD '82 B.S. dietetics

In her role as associate dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Florida, Dr. Turner provides leadership for undergraduate programs and faculty development.

At the University of Florida, Dr. Turner taught undergraduate courses in introductory and life cycle nutrition and collaborated in the development and teaching of a graduate course on dietary supplements. She has also coauthored two popular introductory nutrition texts, both of which are endorsed by the American Dietetic Association.

Dr. Turner has been recognized by the UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences as both Undergraduate Teacher of the Year and Undergraduate Advisor of the Year. In 2004, she was a national winner of the Food and Agriculture Sciences Excellence in College and University Teaching Award.

Dr. Turner graduated from K-State's coordinated program in dietetics in 1982. Although she is an esteemed University of Florida faculty member, Dr. Turner still "bleeds purple."

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Entrepreneur Award Carol Banister, RD, LD, M.S., CDE '83 B.S. dietetics and management '83 M.S. nutrition

After graduating from K-State with a B.S. in dietetics and management and an M.S. in nutrition, Carol Banister opened Banister and Associates, LLC, a nutrition consulting company in Oklahoma City, Okla.

With over 20 years experience in counseling and application of medical nutrition therapy, Ms. Banister has expanded Banister and Associates' consulting work to include individual counseling for diabetes, heart disease, eating disorders, weight control, and cancer, as well as services for hospice, home healthcare, and dialysis centers.

Ms. Banister is a member of the Oklahoma Dietetic Association, National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, American Dietetic Association, and is former president of the Oklahoma City District Dietetic Association. She has also served as the president and reimbursement chairman of the Oklahoma Dietetic Association.

Ms. Banister has taught at the University of Oklahoma College of Health and at the University of Central Oklahoma.



Distinguished Research Award Mary Gregoire, Ph.D., RD '85 Ph.D. foodservice and hospitality management

Mary Gregoire, Ph.D., has built a career based on leadership and research. Dr. Gregoire serves as the director of food and nutrition services at Rush University Medical Center and professor of clinical nutrition and health systems management at Rush University in Chicago, III.

She has published extensively, with more than 270 research articles, books and abstracts to her name, and has served as principal investigator or co-investigator on more than 20 funded projects.

Dr. Gregoire earned her B.S. in dietetics from North Dakota State University, M.S. in institution management from North Dakota State University and Ph.D. in foodservice and hospitality management from Kansas State University. She holds distinction as a charter fellow of the American Dietetic Association.

Dr. Gregoire has most recently earned the lowa State University Foundation Award for Outstanding Achievement in Department Leadership and the lowa State University Student Affairs Faculty Recognition Award. She also received the Omicron Nu Excellence in Research Award from Kansas State University.

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Young Professional Award Aaron Rolfe Anderson '04 B.S. interior design

Upon earning a B.S. in interior design from K-State in 2004, Ms. Anderson was invited to join Gensler, the world's leading interior design firm. She began her career creating design and construction packages for small retail projects, before moving on to larger restaurant and retail projects.

In the fall of 2005, Ms. Anderson was the youngest designer chosen for the Gensler Dallas Margo Group, which recognizes rising leaders with networking potential.

After just two years in this position, Ms. Anderson is responsible for completing design drawings and construction documents, and coordinating large-scale projects. She has also built upon code compliance knowledge from classes at K-State and is now considered an office expert on the Americans with Disabilities Act and Texas Accessibility Standards.

Ms. Anderson serves as director of communications for the International Interior Design Association's Dallas City Center Board, and is studying to become a registered interior designer in the state of Texas.

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Friend of the College Award Patricia F. Raskob, EA, CFP, ATA '59 B.S. business administration

In 1992, Ms. Raskob co-founded Raskob Kambourian Financial Advisors, Ltd., a feeonly comprehensive tax, financial planning and asset management firm with trust services offered through National Advisors Trust Company.

Enrolled to practice before the Internal Revenue Service, Ms. Raskob represents clients before the IRS and is also an accredited tax advisor. Since 2002, she has been named an outstanding estate planner in each printing of the J. K. Lasser book on estate planning and tax issues.

Ms. Raskob earned her B.S. from K-State and her Certified Financial Planner™ designation from the College for Financial Planning in Denver, Col. She is a founder and past corporate director of the National Advisors Trust Company.

Ms. Raskob has given seminars across the country on all areas of financial planning. She is frequently quoted and published in magazines such as Smart Money, Mutual Funds, the Wall Street Journal, and Consumer Reports.

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Human Ecology Partner Award H. Duane Saunders, M.S. '61 B.S. physical education '81 M.S. adult and continuing education

Mr. Saunders is a renowned clinical physical therapist and industrial consultant whose contributions to research and development, and clinical practice, have earned him the title of a "giant" in his field by the magazine Advance for Physical Therapists and PT Assistants.

Mr. Saunders has provided significant support to the sports medicine program and the Sports Medicine Center at K-State. He also established the Col. H. Duane Saunders Excellence Fund, was awarded a Kansas State University Alumni Fellow designation in 2006, and serves on the KSU Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Saunders earned his B.S. in physical education and an Army officer's commission from K-State in 1961; his certificate in physical therapy from the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, Minn., in 1963; and his M.S. in adult and continuing education from K-State in 1981.

Mr. Saunders and his wife, Bonnie, live in Eden Prairie, Minn. The business he founded, The Saunders Group, Inc., is located in Chaska,

SOLDIERING ON: HOW YOU CAN HELP

About 92,000 National Guard and Reserve personnel are currently deployed. They need to know that their loved ones are not struggling alone. Here are a few suggestions to help you reach out to National Guard and Reserve families.

Start with simple acts of kindness. Mow the lawn. Shovel the snow. Drop some cookies by the house.

- Attend a kid's football, soccer or volleyball game. Go to a recital or play. You are NOT a dad-substitute; you are a friend of the family who's paying attention.
- SUPPORTING GUARD & RESERVE FAMILIES If Mom wants to talk about her husband's deployment, she'll bring it up. Don't force the situation with lots of personal questions. Don't fish for details.
- Trust is built over time. When your friend or neighbor seems worried or sad, if the trust is there, you are ready to be a good listener.

If you're opposed to the war, how do you talk with your kids to make sure they're supportive of other kids whose parents are deployed? Chuck Smith has a few suggestions, which you can adapt to your child's age and understanding of the issues.

- Emphasize to your children that many brave men and women from our country care about the people in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are defending the people who want to build free, safe countries.
 - However, there are other people who don't want that to happen and who want to hurt others. Our servicemen and servicewomen are trying to stop the bad people.
 - Use simple words. Be careful what you say. Be honest. Don't preach slogans around kids. It's difficult to tease out the political issues from the human issues, but it's necessary.

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