



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- January 17: **Spring classes begin.**
- January 29: **Military Blogging panel** at Dole Institute of Politics, 7:30 p.m., moderated by **David Perlmutter**. Panelists will be Charles J. "Jack" Holt, chief, New Media Operations for the Pentagon, Ward Carroll, editor of [www.Military.com](http://www.Military.com), and John Donovan, Milblogger from Kansas. Holt and Carroll will stay over to meet with Journalism faculty and students January 30.
- February 1: **Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m., 206 S-F.** This is the first faculty meeting of the semester.
- February 8: **William Allen White Day, honoring Seymour Hersh at a public ceremony at 1:30 p.m. in Woodruff Auditorium of the Kansas Union.** Hersh's journalism awards have included the 1970 Pulitzer Prize for exposing the My Lai massacre and cover up during the Vietnam War, numerous awards in 2005 for his magazine series in *The New Yorker* exposing the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in 2004, and a record five George Polk Awards for investigative reporting, among others. He worked for *The New York Times* for more than seven years, and has been a regular contributor to *The New Yorker* since 1993. The most recent of his eight books on international affairs, "Chain of Command," is based on his reporting on Abu Ghraib.
- February 13: **Craig Moon**, publisher of *USA Today*, and **Ken Kirkhart**, vice president for production, will have informal discussions with faculty and students. Details will be given later.
- February 18, 19: **Will Stebbins, bureau chief of Al Jazeera English, will visit the School.** He will speak in Malcolm Gibson's International Journalism and Barbara Barnett's Media and the Military classes Tuesday. **Contact Gibson to schedule him in other classes.**
- February 22: **Kansas Scholastic Press Association regional competitions, Kansas Union.**
- March 7: **Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m., 206 S-F.**
- March 17-21: **Spring Break.**
- April 11: **Faculty Meeting, 11:30 a.m., 206 S-F.**
- April 13-16: **John Kirby, US Navy, spokesman for Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will visit with faculty and speak in classes. Please contact Barbara Barnett to schedule him in your classes April 14 or 15.**
- April 29: **School Awards & Scholarships Ceremony, 4 p.m., Woodruff Auditorium, followed by a reception in the Big 12 Room.**

- May 3:               **Kansas Scholastic Press Association State competition and annual meeting.**
- May 8:               **Last day of classes.**
- May 16:              **Finals end.**
- May 17:              **Journalism Graduate Recognition Ceremony, 8:30 a.m., Lied Center.**
- May 18:              **KU Commencement.**

### FACULTY NEWS:

- **Susan Novak's paper, "All Who Are Honorable Are in Your Debt,"** will be presented at the 2008 convention of the Central States Communication Association at the University of Wisconsin in April. It was chosen a top paper in the Media Studies division. The paper looks at the writings of the late Russian journalist **Anna Politkovskaya**, a strident and very vocal critic of President Putin. Novak did a cluster analysis of the ideas she presented to her audiences in some of her writings when she was covering the second Chechen War as an investigative journalist for *Novaya Gazeta*.
- **Simran Sethi** is pictured in *Vanity Fair's* issue "2007: The Year in Photographs." Originally published in May, the photo shows her seated in an electric GEM eL XD car with a wind power plant in Rio Vista, California, and grazing sheep in the background. Sethi also appeared in an article in the February issue of *body + soul* magazine.
- **Sethi** will appear on "Jayni's Kitchen" January 16, discussing eating locally. The show at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Channel 6 in Lawrence will air 10 more times.
- **New instructors** for the spring semester are **Tammy Ljungblad**, *Kansas City Star* photographer, J410 Photo I and J610 Advanced Photo; **Mark P. Johnson**, a Kansas City attorney whose specialties include First Amendment and other areas of communications law, J618 First Amendment and Society; and **JaeYoon Park**, a Ph.D. candidate in Theatre and Film who has taught American Popular Culture, film and visual culture courses in that department, J803 Mass Media and Popular Culture. **Ljungblad** taught the photo courses in the latter part of the fall semester after **Tim Janicke** became ill.
- **SPRING SYLLABI: Please give or send a copy of your syllabus for each course this semester to Mary Wallace.**
- **FALL COURSE EVALUATIONS** are available for faculty viewing. See Mary Wallace in 200 S-F.
- **UNITED WAY DRIVE:** The KU campaign reached its goal of \$230,000 to support 27 community agencies.
- **FACULTY SEARCHES:** Visits of faculty candidates will begin January 28 and the last is scheduled for February 20-22. Names and schedules will be distributed closer to each visit.

### STUDENT NEWS:

- **In the Hearst Foundation Opinion Writing competition, Travis Robinett** placed third and **Elizabeth McLeod** placed sixth. **KU now is in fifth place** in total points earned in the first two contests. **Robinett's** column was on controversial Missouri and Kansas T-shirts related to the athletic rivalry. **McLeod** wrote "The War Comes Home," about the effect on families of those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Her fiancé, a Marine, was on his second tour in Iraq.

- **Alex Parker** is one of 51 citizen journalists chosen as “Street Team” members to cover the presidential election from a youth perspective, tailoring their reports for mobile devices. They will seek out the untold political stories that matter most to young people in each of their states. Their reports will appear on The Think community, a dedicated WAP site, video services from the industry-leading carriers in the MTV Mobile family and the Associated Press Online Video Network. This is part of MTV’s Emmy-winning “Choose or Lose” campaign. Select stories will be showcased on other MTV platforms. A Knight Foundation grant helps support the Mobile Media Election Coverage experiment.
- **Ramsey Cox** is one of 13 students chosen nationally as an intern in the Washington Politics Semester for spring 2008. She will report for *Congressional Daily*.

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Summer Peer Advisors are sought by the University Advising Center to work with new students. Application packets** are online at [www.advising.ku.edu/peeradvisor](http://www.advising.ku.edu/peeradvisor). **An information meeting** will be held at 7 p.m., January 29, in the Ellsworth Hall third floor lobby.

#### **Scholarships:**

- **Application forms for scholarships from the School of Journalism for the 2008-2009 school year are available in Stauffer-Flint in the Resource Center and the dean’s office, in 2051 Dole and online at [www.journalism.ku.edu](http://www.journalism.ku.edu). The application deadline is February 14.**
- Notices of scholarships provided by organizations outside the School are posted on the bulletin boards by 202 S-F and in the Resource Room and Dole.
- **The Asian American Journalists Association offers two grants for students studying broadcast journalism. The Sam Chu Lin grant of \$2,500 will be used to defray the cost of living for a student who already has obtained an internship with no or low pay. The Lloyd LaCuesta Scholarship of \$2,500 is for school expenses. For application, see <http://www.aaaja.org>. Deadline is April 25.**

#### **Contest:**

- **Kansas Professional Communicators** has a competition for students and professionals in a wide variety of categories in writing, public relations, advertising, Web site development, electronic media, photography, books, research and more. First place winners in the state contests are entered in the National Federation of Press Women’s annual communication contest. **The deadline to enter the Kansas competitions is January 22.**

#### **Institute:**

- **The American Indian Journalism Institute at the University of South Dakota will be held June 1-20. The application deadline is February 1. It is open to any Native American college student hoping to become a journalist.** Participants are eligible for college credit by taking one of several **journalism courses** taught at the Freedom Forum’s Al Neuharth Media Center. Tuition, room and board, fees and other expenses are paid. Students who successfully complete the program may be eligible to receive 4 credit hours and a \$500 scholarship/stipend when they return to their schools as full-time students in the fall. **A select number of students will go directly from the June Institute to paid summer internships in daily newsrooms.** For information and application, see [www.freedomforum.org/diversity](http://www.freedomforum.org/diversity) or contact Janine Harris, [jharris@freedomforum.org](mailto:jharris@freedomforum.org).

#### **International Opportunities:**

- **The 60<sup>th</sup> Japan-America Student Conference** will be held July 25 to August 21. The 72 U.S and Japanese students chosen will live, study and travel together to four sites in the U.S. where they will work with leaders of business, academia and government on issues that face the U.S., Japan and the world. Applications may be printed from the Web site [www.iscdc.org](http://www.iscdc.org) or contact International Student Conferences by phone 202-289-9088 or e-mail [jasc@iscdc.org](mailto:jasc@iscdc.org). There is an application fee of \$15. The participation fee of \$3,000 covers food, lodging and group travel. **DEADLINE: FEB. 8.**

- **The German Academic Exchange Service** offers a new **11-week summer study/internship program in Germany**. After six weeks study, the 20 journalism students chosen will do a project with students from independent states of the former Soviet Union and intern for four weeks with a German newspaper, magazine or radio station. Applicants must have “advanced intermediate” German language skills. Partial travel costs, health and accident insurance and a monthly stipend of 650 Euros will be provided. See: [www.daad.org/?p=internxchange](http://www.daad.org/?p=internxchange). **DEADLINE: FEB. 15.**
- **A year of study and internship in Germany** is offered by the consortium of German universities of applied sciences and DAAD. The students will study for one semester at a German university and follow with a one-semester professional internship in a company or research institute in Germany. Students will receive a monthly scholarship for the study semester and a stipend for the internship period. Applications are invited from sophomores and juniors in journalism and other fields. For information see [www.uas7.org/content/programs\\_projects/study\\_internship\\_program/index\\_en.html](http://www.uas7.org/content/programs_projects/study_internship_program/index_en.html) or contact Justine Hamilton at the KU Office of Study Abroad. **DEADLINE: FEB. 15.**
- **Phi Kappa Phi grants of \$1,000 for Study Abroad** are awarded to undergraduates who have a minimum gpa of 3.5, and will have completed at least 30 hours and no more than 90 hours by February 18. The study abroad must take place between May 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. See: [PhiKappaPhi.org](http://PhiKappaPhi.org). Membership is not required. **DEADLINE: FEB. 18, 2008.**
- **Other grants available from Phi Kappa Phi:** SEE [PhiKappaPhi.org](http://PhiKappaPhi.org) for information and applications. **Fellowships for the first year of graduate study** are awarded in amounts of \$5,000 and \$2,000 to members of the society who are chosen by the campus chapter. **DEADLINE: FEB. 1.** **Love of Learning awards for graduate study** are awarded in amounts up to \$500 to members. **DEADLINE: JUNE 30.** **Emerging Scholar awards of \$250** go to undergraduates with 3.75 gpa, having earned 30 to 60 hours. **DEADLINE: JULY 14.** **Literacy Grants** of \$300 to \$2,500 are awarded to chapters and individual members for new an ongoing campus or community projects. **DEADLINE: FEB. 4.**

#### Internships:

- **U.S. Olympic Committee Internships for summer 2008 are due February 15.** For information and application e-mail [internprog@usoc.org](mailto:internprog@usoc.org) or write to the Olympic Committee, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5760. There are positions in Colorado and Lake Placid, New York.
- **Minority Science Writers Internships on Science magazine** in Washington are offered in summer by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The application is online at [www.aaas.org/mswi](http://www.aaas.org/mswi) or from the association at 1200 New York Avenue, NW, room 608, Washington, D.C. 20005. **DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2008.**
- **The Institute for Humane Studies** at George Mason University offers internships in newspaper reporting, broadcast news, and film and television production. Deadlines vary. See [www.theihs.org](http://www.theihs.org).

#### ALUMNI NEWS:

- **John Holt**, 1981, WDAF-TV anchor, received an Emmy Award for On-Camera Talent/Anchor News from the Mid-America Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in October. The Fox 4 station received nine Emmys, the most of any Kansas City station. Holt who has been with the station for 13 years had two previous Emmys.
- **Roy Heatherly**, 1978, became president and publisher of *The Jackson, Tennessee, Sun* January 7. He was advertising director of The Sun before taking the same position at *The News-Star* in Monroe, Louisiana, in 1990. Both papers are owned by Gannett.
- **Charles Rotblut**, 1989, is vice president of Web content and senior market analyst for Zacks.com in Chicago.

- **Sara Wilhelm**, 1999, was named corporate director of sales and advertising of The World Company, effective January 1. She joined *The Journal-World* as an account executive upon graduation, after interning there for two summers. Eight months later, she was promoted to sales supervisor, then to retail advertising manager in 2002, and to advertising manager in 2004, overseeing all print and online display advertising initiatives. She took a lead role in the company's sales convergence efforts. She is a 2007 graduate of Leadership Lawrence and is on the marketing committee of Suburban Newspapers of America.
- **Mark Neely**, 1987, moved to the Big 10 Network in August to broadcast football and basketball. He had worked for ESPN and its regional television for the past six years. He continues as the main announcer for the Tulsa Drillers Double-A baseball team.
- **Roger Twibell**, 1973, became morning drive host on 610 Sports, KCSP AM in Kansas City in January. He was a golf and football announcer for ESPN and ABC.
- **Erica Hood Jones**, May 2003, was featured in the "How I Got the Job" column of *The Kansas City Star* CareerBuilder section in December. She is a senior account executive with Fleishman-Hillard Public Relations and a student in the Marketing Communications master's degree program at the Edwards Campus.
- **Kelly Lanigan**, May 2007, was promoted from editorial assistant to senior writer at VFW Magazine four months after joining the staff.
- **Jodi Holopirek**, December 2007 MSJ, started January 5 as a copy editor/designer at the *Vail Daily* in Colorado.
- **Adrienne Rosel**, 2005, became director of marketing for "TEXAS," a musical drama staged each summer in Palo Duro Canyon. She was performing in the show when she accepted the position in August.

#### DEATHS:

- **Dick Clasen**, editor and publisher of *The Eureka Herald* since 1976, died December 9 at 65. He was a Trustee of the William Allen White Foundation and a former president of the Kansas Press Association.
- **Nancy C. Jack**, 1949, of Parkville, Missouri, died December 7.
- **Thomas P. Argubright**. 1973, of Lee's Summit, Missouri, died December 8.
- **Raymond Lynch**, father-in-law of Kara Lynch, died January 6. He owned a market in Everest and retired in 1998 in Lawrence.