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The information in this newsletter is meant to inform you of selected current and upcoming events at the University of Kansas as well as information that parents can discuss with their students. Your feedback is important and you are encouraged to send your comments to parents@ku.edu.

More About Student Organizations

The Student Involvement and Leadership Center in room 400 of the Kansas Union has plenty to offer for KU students. From student groups, to Fraternity & Sorority Life, to Leadership Programs, to the Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center, to the Student Senate...there is plenty to do! Each month the Center sends the InvolveMEnt Spotlight to over 2300 freshman students. You can see the Spotlight at www.ku.edu/~nvolveMme.

Did you know that students who join an organization, take an active role in their living organization or student group, or volunteer their time:

• Develop important academic and job-related skills (communication, leading groups, budgeting, organization, decision-making, problem solving)
• Are more likely to persist in school
• Earn higher grades
• Graduate in four years

To learn more about the services of the Student Involvement and Leadership Center, visit: www.ku.edu/~silc
To learn more about over 450 campus organizations, visit: www.ku.edu/organizations.

Commencement Regalia Information

The “walk down the hill” is part of the KU commencement tradition and a sight not to be missed. Students will take part in this KU tradition on May 21, 2006 at 2 p.m.
Bachelor's and master's degree recipients purchase souvenir regalia that need not be returned. Members of the Class of 2006 can visit the KU Bookstore in the Kansas Union or Burge Union to purchase anytime after February 20, 2006.

Purchase price: Bachelor’s cap, gown, and tassel, $25; Master’s cap, gown, and tassel, $28; Master’s hood, $20. Prices do not include tax. Students should check with their school’s office to find out if a master’s hood is required or optional for a particular degree program.

The bookstore’s annual Grad Fair event is scheduled February 21-23 from 10 am - 4 pm in the Oread Books browsing area, Kansas Union Level 2. This is a great opportunity to order Official KU Graduation announcements, and be fitted for and purchase caps, gowns and tassels. Other fair representatives include Balfour (college rings), the Kansas Alumni Association, KU Career Center, and Commerce Bank.

A wide selection of diploma frames and other perfect gifts for the KU grad can be found at the KU Bookstore or purchased on-line at www.jayhawks.com. Call 785-864-4640 for additional information.

Enrolling for Summer and Fall

The advising process for both summer and fall terms begins on March 27th. Freshman and sophomores must have an advising appointment before they can enroll. All students are encouraged to speak with an advisor before enrolling. The Freshman-Sophomore Advising Center provides an advising tutorial that is helpful for students to take before making an advising appointment. The tutorial is found at: www.advising.ku.edu/tutorial/ie.shtml

The academic calendar for Summer 2006 is at www.registrar.ku.edu/timetable/066academiccalendar.shtml
The academic calendar for Fall 2006 is at www.registrar.ku.edu/timetable/069academiccalendar.shtml

Tutoring Options at KU

Students have a number of tutoring options at The University of Kansas. Depending upon student needs, they may choose from help rooms, to one-on-one tutoring, to small group tutoring. They may also choose to get help as needed or request a tutor for the entire semester and meet on a regular basis. The following alphabetical list outlines the tutoring options that are available:

Departments may keep a list of prospective tutors in their main office. Keep in mind that tutors may work independently from the department and fees may vary. For more information, students should speak with their instructors and/or visit the department offices.
**HAWK Link** is an academic based retention program for first-year students. Tutoring and peer mentoring are available through HAWK Link’s stEp program. For more information, you may visit [www.oma.ku.edu/hawklink/](http://www.oma.ku.edu/hawklink/).

**Help Rooms** are available for specific courses. Students should check with instructors and/or departments to see if a help room is available for their specific course.

The **Student Senate** maintains a list of students willing to tutor a variety of subjects. Fees may vary. For more information, you may visit [www.studentsenate.ku.edu/services/index.html](http://www.studentsenate.ku.edu/services/index.html). Scroll down the page to Tutor Database.

**Supportive Educational Services** offers tutoring for students who are first generation college students, students with disabilities, or students whose families meet the federal guidelines for low income. For more information, you may visit [www.apex.ku.edu/ses/](http://www.apex.ku.edu/ses/).

**Tutoring Services** is a small group, course specific tutoring operation. Students meet twice a week for one and one-half hours per session. They meet with the same tutor on the same days at the same times in the same location throughout the semester. A $100 fee per group is necessary to pay the tutor; fee waivers are also available. For more information, you may visit [www.tutoring.ku.edu](http://www.tutoring.ku.edu).

The **KU Writing Center** offers free writing assistance to all students. For more information, you may visit [www.writing.ku.edu/](http://www.writing.ku.edu/).

**Majors’ Fair**
The Freshman-Sophomore Advising Center will sponsor the Majors’ Fair on March 29th from 11 – 3 p.m. in the Kansas Union. Students can learn about employment opportunities in the various majors. If you have ever wondered what type of career someone can enjoy with a specific major, this event is for you! Students who are undecided about a major will find this event helpful.

Another helpful resource for undecided majors is the Career Services career counseling office. Their web site has lots of information to help students find their academic passion and future employment. To learn more, visit: [www.ucc.ku.edu/counseling/index.shtml](http://www.ucc.ku.edu/counseling/index.shtml).

**Spring Break Housing Information**

Student Housing offers Spring Break housing in McCollum Hall for students who live in the residence life system.

McCollum Hall residents must sign up for break housing, and will be allowed to reside in their own rooms. Other residents will be assigned to McCollum Hall rooms according to available space. Spring Break Housing runs from March 18th – March 26th -- $112.00 (deadline of Mar. 10th)
Break housing applications are available at www.housing@ku.edu under "Applications & Forms", or students can stop by the Department of Student Housing office in Corbin Hall. Reservations received after the deadline will include an additional $15.00 late fee.

**Hall Government Elections**

Each Student Housing living area has a hall government. There are elected positions of leadership, each with specific duties and functions. These positions typically include hall president, vice president, treasurer, social chair, etc. The hall government plays a key role in the functioning of the hall, including the development of educational, social, and community service activities. The hall government also has input on housing policies and facilities planning. Elections for next year’s hall government positions take place in April.

To get involved, students should talk with current hall government members, or ask the residence life staff about it. The hall government is advised by the Complex Director (CD) in each area. The CD provides training and development related to leadership skills, group dynamics, needs assessment, and programming. The hall government is a great way to develop leadership skills! All returning residents are encouraged to get involved!

**Rock Chalk Revue**

Rock Chalk Revue is an annual campus wide variety show that features student talent and raises funds for the United Way of Douglas County. This year’s show will be presented March 9th, 10th, and 11th at the Lied Center. Tickets may be purchased through the Student Union Activities Box Office. To learn more about Rock Chalk Revue visit: http://www.ku.edu/~rcr/

**Spring Etiquette Dinner**

The University Career Center cordially invites all students to participate in the Spring Etiquette Dinner to be held Thursday, March 2, 2006. An etiquette dinner provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn how to navigate successfully through one of the most difficult social encounters in the professional world: Fine Dining with Strangers!

Students who participate in this lighthearted educational event will enjoy fine dining guided by Ms. Catherine Corey, Director, Greater Kansas City & Johnson County Chapters of the National League of Junior Cotillions. Ms. Corey will use her social expertise to skillfully and humorously guide participants through a reception and multi-course meal. The meal begins with an overview of the table setting, and each course provides an opportunity to discuss topics ranging from which direction to pass the food to what to do if you drop your silverware.

Each table will seat seven students and one sponsoring employer. Employers as well as individuals can sponsor a table. This partnership and participation from regional employers provides students the opportunity to practice networking skills.
Communication skills and social savvy can set students apart during the job search process and help them be more successful in their professional careers.

Student tickets are $12 and may be purchased at the University Career Center, 110 Burge Union. Dress for the event is professional business attire. For additional information, visit the University Career Center website www.ucc.ku.edu/event/etiquette/index.shtml or call 785-864-3624.

**Student Health Services Wants Your Opinion**

The staff of Student Health Services is in the process of creating a long range plan that will serve as an essential guide in their decision making over the next five years. The Student Health Services would greatly appreciate your input. Information about the current services and hours can be found at: www.studenthealth.ku.edu/ If you have suggestions to add, delete or alter existing services, please send your suggestions to: Carol Seager, Director

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**Selected Important KU Dates**

March 20 – 26 Spring break, no classes and University offices are open
May 12  Stop Day - no classes
May 15  Finals begin
May 19  Finals end
May 21  Commencement
June 6   First day of summer term
August 13 University housing opens & Hawk Week begins
August 17 First day of fall term
September 8-9 Family Weekend at KU
September 9  Band Day
Fall Break October 12 – 14 (No classes, University offices open)

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To be removed from this list, visit: www.vpss.ku.edu/KUPA/listserv_remove.shtml
To change your e-mail address, send your old and new e-mail address to parents@ku.edu.
To subscribe to the list, visit www.vpss.ku.edu/KUPA/listserv.shtml.

Helpful Links:
KU Parent Association: http://www.parentassociation.ku.edu/
KU Alumni Association http://www.kualumni.org/
KU Endowment Association http://www.kuendowment.org/
Parents are invited to learn more about legislative affairs at:
http://www.govrelations.ku.edu/
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