

More women than men pursue veterinary medicine, school says

MANHATTAN — It began as a man’s profession. But now, so it seems, women are taking over. Kansas State University’s first veterinary medicine graduation was in 1907 with seven graduates — all male. In the recently graduated class of 2004, the number of graduates had grown to 107 and women outnumbered men almost two to one. “For many years admissions committees discriminated against female applicants,” said Ronnie Elmore, associate dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. “Fortunately, this is no longer true. Part of the reason for increased numbers of women in the program relates to their knowing that they are welcome.

“Along with this we now have an adequate number of female role models in the profession for young women to emulate.” K-State’s legacy of women veterinarians began in 1932 with Helen Richt, a native of Omaha and K-State’s first woman graduate. Another graduated in 1934, but there would be no more women graduates from the program until 1944. By 1936, there were 30 female veterinarians in the United States, two of

whom had graduated from the college at K-State. Female graduation in veterinary medicine remained rather sporadic until the mid-1960s. By the late 1970s females made up 14 percent of the college’s graduating veterinarians. “The early graduates were all very courageous and gutsy women,” said Lesley Gentry, author of “The Lady is a Veterinarian,” an account of the pioneer women who graduated from the school of veterinary medicine at K-State. “From a very early age they made up their minds they were going to take care of animals. They were very determined.” Gentry attributes the increased enrollment and interest to a variety of factors including the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which guaranteed equal opportunity in training and in salary. The Women’s Educational Act of 1974, which helped prevent sex discrimination in the school system, also played a role in the increase in women veterinarians, Gentry said. But Gentry also attributes the 1970s enrollment increase to the success of the books written by James Herriot, a British veterinarian and author. Herriot wrote and

published tales based on his life as a veterinarian. They had international readership and were adapted for film and television in Britain and the United States. “The way he depicted the life of a veterinarian really attracted women and encouraged them to go seek out what it takes to be vet,” Gentry said. Since its first commencement in 1907, K-State has graduated more than 1,100 women into the profession of veterinary medicine. K-State’s female graduates have gone into all areas of the profession, including private practice as well as governmental and food industry positions. Gentry, who has worked for 30 years as a veterinary nurse both in her native country of England and at her husband’s practice in Beloit, said she believes veterinary medicine offers a lifestyle women will continue to pursue. “I really think it’s an area where women are going to be accepted and be able to work at their own pace,” she said. “They’re going to be able to both work and raise a family — and do an excellent job.”

Grant writing workshops still available

Just a reminder that the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development is hosting grant writing workshops. These workshops will be held at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 South Range, Colby. The dates are as follows: Grant Writing I, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26-28; Grant Writing II, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 10-12; and Grant Writing III, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 26 - 28.

Workshops are \$200 per 3-day session or \$500 for all three 3-day sessions, said Duane Cheney, with Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development. For other information or to register, call the office at (785) 462-2602 .

School test scores delayed until October

WICHITA (AP) — Results from state tests taken by school children across Kansas this spring, which provide school districts with information about where students are both succeeding and struggling, won’t be available until October — two months later than last year. State Department of Education spokeswoman Kathy Toelkes said officials are taking the extra time to double check the results before they are released to the public. The only information the state plans to release in August is a list of

schools that both receive federal Title I money, which is aimed at providing extra help to low-income students, and “need improvement.” Such schools must allow students to transfer to a school that meets state goals for annual improvement on the tests. Under the federal No Child Left Behind law, the schools could also face additional sanctions. Last year, working under the impression that federal law required the release of test results in early August, state officials rushed to re-

lease all the information, Toelkes said. Kerri Briggs, a senior policy analyst in the office of elementary and secondary education at the U.S. Department of Education, said, “We encourage states to get that information out as soon as possible.” But states now have the authority to release the scores when they see fit, so long as a list of list of schools “needing improvement” is published before the first day of class. ^

Storms pound parts of Kansas

TOPKEA (AP) — The Fourth of July fireworks silenced for another year, nature filled the noise void earlier this week with a series of thunderstorms that caused damage in northern Kansas. The storms packing straight-line winds hit northeast Kansas about 3 a.m. Monday, cutting power to the city of Leavenworth and half of Tonganoxie, said Joy Moser, the spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Emergency Management. The winds downed power poles, large trees and caused some structural damage. By noon, streets in Leavenworth had been reopened, Moser said. In northwest Kansas, the Phillips County towns of Speed, Glade and Kirwin were left without power after violent weather struck about 11 p.m. Sunday, Moser said. Winds flipped a small plane at the airport outside Phillipsburg, she said. In Rooks County, a storefront

was damaged in Plainville after the storm hit Sunday night. Eighteen power poles were snapped along a 10-mile stretch from Plainville to Stockton, Moser said. There were no reports of injuries from the storms, which brought heavy rain, hail and high winds. “It seems like this year they’ve come with a little more frequency and maybe little more strength,” Moser said. On Monday, Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius declared a state of disaster emergency for the counties of Atchison, Butler, Jefferson, Labette, Leavenworth, Montgomery, Sedgwick and Shawnee. More than 3,400 customers lost electricity in those counties, the Kansas Department of Emergency Management said in a news release. The declaration allows utility employees to work longer hours to get power restored, the department said.

Plant reopens after fatal shooting

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Four days after a ConAgra Foods Inc. employee killed five co-workers and then himself during a 10-minute shooting spree, the meat-packing plant in Kansas City, Kan., reopened Tuesday morning. A recorded message at the plant’s main telephone number says first shift employees should report to work at 7 a.m. and that their shift will begin with an employees’ meeting. The second shift is to report at 1 p.m., and will start with a similar meeting. “We want to meet with employees for short memorial services and to address any concerns they have about returning to work,” ConAgra spokeswoman Julie DeYoung said Monday.

Elijah Brown, 21, of Kansas City, Kan., shot and killed one man near the men’s locker room at the plant Friday afternoon, then killed four others in the plant’s break room before turning the gun on himself. Two others were wounded. DeYoung said the mood at the plant was obviously different when workers returned on Tuesday. “Everyone’s changed forever by events like this,” she said. DeYoung said workers who don’t feel like coming back to work so soon after the shootings won’t be required to do so, and can use sick leave or personal days so they don’t miss any pay. “We’re not going to force anyone to return to work if they feel they’re not ready,” she said.

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
As required by K.S.A. 25-209, notice is hereby given there will be a primary election held in Thomas county, Kansas, August 13, 2004. The candidates for members of the National Offices, State Offices and District if composed of more than one County, have been approved by the State Board of Canvassers and certified to this office the Secretary of State, the names of candidates being arranged in the manner in which they will appear on the Official Ballot in Thomas County, Kansas. The candidates for County Offices and Township Offices have filed declaration papers in the office of the County Clerk and being found regular are entitled to have their names on the Official Primary Ballot of Thomas County, Kansas, subject to the rotation of names pursuant to law governing the same. The names of the candidates for National, State and District offices are shown and arranged as they must appear on all the printed ballots of the County.

Public Notice

NATIONAL TICKET – REPUBLICAN –

UNITED STATES SENATOR - Arch Naramore, Lawrence; Samuel D. Brownback, Topeka;
U.S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 1st District - Jerry Moran, Hays;
STATE TICKET – STATE SENATE - 40th District — Ralph Ostmeier, Grinnell; Dan Rasure, Goodland; STATE REPRESENTATIVE 121st District – Jim Morrison, Colby; 15th JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE, Division 1 Glenn D. Schiffner – Division 2 Jack L. Burr, Goodland; DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE, Dis. 15, Pos 5, Richard J. ‘Rick’ Ress
COUNTY TICKET – COMMISSIONER – 2 District – Paul M. Steele, Colby; COMMISSIONER – 3 District – Ken Christensen, Colby; Bill Miller, Jr., Colby; Bert Stramel, Colby; COUNTY ATTORNEY - Andrea Wyrick, Colby; REGISTER OF DEEDS – Maybelle Moore, Colby; COUNTY SHERIFF – Mike Baughn, Brewster; TOWNSHIP BOARDS – Barrett Trustee – Lyman Bear, Brewster; Kingery Trustee – Robert L. Siruta, Levant; Kevin Ryan, Brewster; Lacey Trustee – Vernon L. Roemer, Gem; No. Randall Trustee – Lonnie D. Wilson, Colby; So. Randall – Jim Felthoelter, Oakley; Rovohl Trustee – Wilbur F. Henry, Colby; Smith Trustee – Thomas M. McCarty, Rexford; Summers Trustee – Barry B. Kaaz, Colby; Summers Treasurer – Everett L. Theimer, Colby; Menlo Trustee – Jack Steiger, Menlo; Menlo Treasurer – Susan Guill, Rexford, Wendell Treasurer – Darrell K. Dible, Rexford
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