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Additionally, renovations and improvements to the Geology Building and Neff Hall were possible through these funds. Wichita State now has the most up-to-date science facilities of the Kansas Regents' schools.

We also celebrate the addition of 12 new faculty, listed on page 3 of this newsletter. We hired eight instructors who also teach departmental courses for the college.

Foundation giving to our college for fiscal year 2000 totaled \$1.7 million. Through your generosity we met 140% of our goal. For the same fiscal year, we received \$8.8 million in grants for research and training contracts, an increase of 43% over the previous year. These two increases and our maintained enrollment indicate the overall health of the college.

Thank you for your support of Fairmount College, whether it is in service, teaching, or resources. Your participation is vital to our continued growth.



William D. Bischoff  
Interim Dean

## COLLEGE EVENTS

Fairmount College hosts a large number of events that are open to the public. Some of the fall 2001 semester events include or have included such prominent speakers as Dr. Niles Eldredge, paleontologist, American Museum of Natural History; authors Maxine Clair, Jane Hamilton, and Patricia Traxler; panel discussions on terrorist attacks; Lake Afton Public Observatory programs; and, departmental open houses.

To learn about upcoming Fairmount College and WSU events, go to <http://www.wichita.edu/online/calendar/calendar.asp>. You may choose a daily or monthly view of events.

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grassroots organizations, state/local government, and non-profit health and human service organizations. For each entity, the goal is to facilitate and support positive community change.

"Self-help group techniques work with all kinds of organizations. Citizens can do great work with these principles in creating long-term stable initiatives for solving community problems. Once they facilitate the building of partnerships within, people support each other in their solution," said Meissen.

The Kansas Health Foundation; National Institute of Health; Social and Rehabilitation Services; United Methodist Health Ministry Foundation; and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration are major supporters of the network. WSU mill levy funds also support it.

For more information about the Self-Help Network of Kansas, or to find a self-help group near you, call (316) 978-3843 or toll-free in Kansas, (800) 445-0116; e-mail, [selfhelpnetwork@wichita.edu](mailto:selfhelpnetwork@wichita.edu); or on the Web, [www.selfhelpnetwork.wichita.edu/](http://www.selfhelpnetwork.wichita.edu/)

## SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS...?

Since this is the third issue of the Fairmount College newsletter, we'd like to hear your comments about its content, format, readability, and the like. What appeals to you? What needs to be changed?

Call or send your responses to Cheryl K. Miller, coordinator of college outreach activities, Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, Kansas 67260-0005; (316) 978-6659; [cheryl.miller@wichita.edu](mailto:cheryl.miller@wichita.edu)

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## FACULTY / STAFF PROFILES



**Greg Meissen** earned the PhD degree in community psychology at the University of Tennessee after receiving the BA in psychology at Wichita State. After holding

faculty appointments at the University of Boston Medical School and the Harvard School of Medicine, Meissen, a native Kansan, returned to WSU in 1980; he began working with the Self-Help Network in 1986. Meissen received the 1998 John R. Barrier Distinguished Teaching Award, presented to a WSU professor in the humanities or social sciences. He has published approximately 25 articles in refereed journals such as the *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science*, and *New England Journal of Medicine*. Meissen is married and has two grown children.



**Mary Warren** began working at the Self-Help Network in 1986. A native Kansan, she earned the MA in community psychology at WSU and the BA in political science at Fort Hays State

University. Warren has co-authored nine articles in peer-reviewed journals, offered more than 80 community workshops/presentations, and managed the start-up of numerous grant-funded projects. She currently directs a statewide initiative funded by the Kansas Health Foundation to support volunteers who improve their communities for young people. Recipient of Wichita State's 1998 President's Award for Distinguished Service, Warren was one of 40 Wichitans to receive the *Wichita Business Journal's* 2001 Forty Under Forty Award. She is married and has two children.



# Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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## NEWS

### DEAN'S MESSAGE

Fairmount College is working hard toward supporting alumni, faculty, students, and community members. As our fall semester nears its end, I want to highlight some of our accomplishments:

We have hosted four Watkins Visiting Professors: Dr. Ahmed Zewail, chemistry (and 1999 Nobel Prize Winner for chemistry); Dr. Niles Eldredge, geology; Dr. Alan Feduccia, biological sciences; and Dr. Mike Gross, chemistry. The support of foundations, such as Watkins, makes it possible for Fairmount College to host these world-class scientists. In addition to their scheduled lectures, these individuals spend time with our students and faculty sharing their knowledge and research experiences.

We celebrated the McKinley Hall rededication September 26. Governor Bill Graves was on hand for the ceremony, signifying his act as governor in authorizing the "Crumbling Classroom" bill. Funds raised by the Chemistry Campaign and this bill allowed for McKinley's complete renovation.

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## Helping Kansans Help Themselves

The atmosphere of the Self-Help Network of Kansas is lively and positive, hardly a surprise given its purpose.

"Our vision is 'that all Kansans have a voice and share their talents and experiences to create thriving, supportive communities,'" said Mary Warren, co-director of the Self-Help Network.

Evelyn Middlestadt founded the network in 1984, spearheading the organization with the belief that the best help for families in crisis came from within—each other—and not by professional intervention alone. It became part of WSU's department of psychology in 1986.

Co-director and professor of psychology Greg Meissen has data indicating the effectiveness of self-help groups. "Research done at the network is part of substantive national research literature documenting that member-run, self-determined groups provide powerful psychological and social supports. Research also indicates the social support inherent in self-help groups has a measurable effect on the body's immune system and subsequent measurable health outcomes," said Meissen.

Self-help groups generally require no fees to join, although some may accept a free-will offering to cover the cost of coffee or printed materials. Some of the more widely recognized groups address the issues of physical disabilities, addictions, and mental illness. Some of the lesser-known groups discuss obsessive/compulsive disorders, mothering multiple births, low vision ability, or celiac sprue, a liver disease. These groups legitimize the issues affecting participants.

Self-help participants find that interactions with fellow group members go beyond the regular meetings. Strangers become friends. Also through these groups, a greater public awareness of physical health, quality of life, and mental health concerns has occurred, and politically powerful individuals have been successful in procuring legislation and funding to support these issues.

Human services professionals recognize the Self-Help Network of Kansas as the premier self-help clearinghouse in the U.S. Now considered a center for community support and research, network activities involve

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## Preparing students for teaching youth

Fairmount College and the College of Education are collaborating to improve teacher education programs at WSU. The newest major collaboration between the colleges is preparation for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) visit in 2002.

The accreditation visit is occurring during a time when all educational levels—federal, state, and local—are concerned about teacher shortages and preparing students to function in a technological society. “Wichita State, Fairmount College, and the College of Education are strongly positioned to prepare teachers to be successful in the classroom and to work effectively with their students,” said Sharon Iorio, associate dean of Fairmount College and associate professor of communication.

In a long-standing partnership, Fairmount College provides the subject training and the College of Education

teaches pedagogy and educational methods. Preparation for the visit requires a complete review by an external party of each course for every program in pre-K through 12 subject areas. For its part, Fairmount College produced more than 300 course syllabi, course outlines, and the table of contents of each text used in a subject area course for teachers. The College of Education forwarded this material to the Kansas State Department of Education, which is serving as the external reviewer for Wichita State. Fairmount College also provided faculty to participate in the review process.

“We are good teachers and present outstanding content areas for teacher education. All of WSU’s (teacher ed) programs are strong,” said Iorio. “Fairmount College faculty worked hard and did as much as they could to help the College of Education for the KSDE review of standards.

Some of our faculty were selected by the Kansas Board of Education to serve with public school administrators, teachers, arts and sciences faculty from other Kansas universities, and community leaders statewide. Each committee worked for more than a year to identify basic knowledge and skills important in the university education of prospective teachers.”

The selected Fairmount College faculty were Ellie Skokan, sciences; Judy Johnson, social sciences; Brigitte Roussel, foreign languages; Tina Bennett-Kastor, language arts; and, Sue Neal, math. They and other faculty spent much of this past summer preparing materials for KSDE and writing rejoinders. A rejoinder is a response to the reviewing party to requests for clarification of the original submissions.

“Fairmount College is a wonderful place to train to be a teacher. There’s no stronger place in this part of the country to learn how,” said Iorio. “Our programs role model for students how to be a scholar and teacher. Teachers must be current in their field if they are to teach well.”

## Former Sheriff Mike Hill donates unspent campaign funds to WSU



Congratulating Mike Hill '76 seated, left, for his \$80,000 donation to the WSU Foundation are, standing, from left, WSU President Don Beggs, Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams, Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed, and Ed Flentje, director of the Hugo Wall School. Seated, right, is Lt. John Speer, one of the first scholarship recipients.

Former Sedgwick County Sheriff Mike Hill presented WSU President Don Beggs with \$80,000, the largest gift the University has ever received from unspent campaign funds.

The contribution will establish a fellowship in Hill’s name in the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs.

“These funds were contributed to me for the purpose of assuring professional, well-managed law enforcement, and I believe this gift to WSU will continue to serve this public purpose,” Hill said at an August 7 luncheon held in his honor.

The monies were accumulated over Hill’s four campaigns for sheriff. Under state law,

the WSU Foundation is an eligible recipient for such contributions.

Hill earned the BS degree in administration of justice at Wichita State in 1976.

Edward Flentje, director of the Hugo Wall School, says the Mike Hill Fellowship will provide financial assistance to individuals with education and experience in law enforcement working toward WSU’s master of public administration degree to advance in the public management field. Selection will be based on undergraduate record, demonstrated leadership abilities, and potential for a successful career in public management.

The gift honors Hill’s 37 years of public service on behalf of the citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Hill announced last year that he would not seek a fifth term as Sedgwick County Sheriff, a position he has held since 1984.

Hill began his career in 1963 as a beat officer with the Wichita Police Department and rose over a period of 21 years to commander of special investigations. Now he is chief operating officer of Midwest Corporate Aviation at Jabara Airport.

Lt. John Speer of the Wichita Police Department and Maj. Daniel Bardezbaïn of the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department were awarded the first Mike Hill Fellowships for fall 2001. Both Speer and Bardezbaïn are in the MPA program.

## Undergraduate Students Participate in Research Forum

Several Fairmount College students participated in WSU's first Undergraduate Research Forum on April 5, 2001. The event was open to undergraduates across the University who were conducting research in their curriculum. "Numerous studies have shown that undergraduate programs most successful at producing individuals who make an impact in their field of endeavor are those that include research as a part of their curriculum," said Ken Pitetti, chair, Undergraduate Research Forum committee, and professor of physical therapy.

Listed are some of our students and their topics:

**Kristopher Duda**, philosophy, "Some Problems for McDowell's Criticisms of Davidson's Theory."

**Kerry Kay Grosch**, psychology, "Congruence of Parental and School Goals for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders."

**Frank A. Provenzano, Jr.**, chemistry/biochemistry, "Use of N-15 in Organic Synthesis and Spectroscopy: Preparation of N-15 Labeled Tert-Butylamine."

### Student accolades

**Michael Bruemmer**, geology, received a second-place award and prize for his undergraduate poster presentation at the annual Kansas Academy of Sciences meeting. His poster was entitled "Dynamic Evolution of Fluvial Environments—Preliminary Results of the Ninescah River Monitoring Program of Department of Geology, Wichita State University."

**Salyi Vu**, McNair Scholar, field major/sociology, presented her research study at the University of Puerto Rico Research Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Her pilot study investigated the resiliency of Wichita State students and the reasons why our students are able to succeed.

*The Image of Europe*, a journal published by the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, selected several English graduate students' essays for publication. They include

**Stephen Swartz**, "The Existential Prometheus: Absurdity and Morality in the Frankenstein Myth";

**Keri Elizabeth Sanburn**, "A Marxist Perspective of Angela's Ashes"; and,

**Jeannine Saunders**, "The Revival of the Roman Carnival."

### COLLEGE NOTABLES

**The Midwest Criminal Justice Institute** is developing the Kansas Crime Poll to gauge Kansans' opinions about criminal justice issues. The poll will survey areas including the performance of criminal justice agencies, fear of crime, and sentencing issues. The annual poll will be distributed to a randomly selected sample of Kansans in the spring or summer, beginning in 2002. The results will be published annually each fall before the Kansas Legislature convenes. Results may also be accessed through the School of Community Affairs Web site, <http://sca.wichita.edu> or by contacting Brian Withrow, assistant professor of criminal justice and director of MCJI, (316) 978-7200.

**Rhonda Lewis**, assistant professor of psychology, received a grant of \$300,000 a year for three years for HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention in the African American community, specifically targeting adolescents ages 12-17 and their parents. The "Youth Empowerment Project" will help build refusal skills and safer sex practices among adolescents while training parents and adults how to discuss these issues with their youth. This program is a collaboration between Knox Center, Center for Health and Wellness, Boys and Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas, and Wichita State University.

### NEW FACULTY / STAFF

The following individuals have joined Fairmount College for the 2001-2002 academic year.

#### APPOINTMENT

**Keith Pickus**, to interim associate dean and associate professor of history

#### FACULTY

**Chin-Chih Chang**, assistant professor, computer science

**Elizabeth Gasparim**, assistant professor, mathematics

**Emily Hind**, assistant professor, modern and classical languages and literatures

**Svetlana Kouznetsova**, visiting assistant professor, computer science

**Daniel McConnell**, assistant professor, psychology

**William Parcell**, assistant professor, geology

**Ayla Schbley**, visiting assistant professor, criminal justice

**Gregg Schwendner**, visiting assistant professor, history

**Carolyn Shaw**, assistant professor, political science

**William Vanderburgh**, assistant professor, philosophy

**Jackie Williams**, Distinguished Senior Fellow, criminal justice

**Xiufen Lu**, visiting assistant professor, philosophy

#### LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES ADVISING CENTER

**DeeAnne Byer**, academic advisor

**Larry Callis**, academic advisor

**Natalie Grant**, academic advisor

**Joan Snodgrass**, academic advisor