WRIGLEY EVOLUTION. Broadbent applies both biochemical and biotic strategies to the study of the plant enzyme photosystem II that catalyzes the light-induced oxidation of water to dioxygen and a reduction of quinones to quinols. The WRIGLEY Foundation also made it possible for Fairmount College to offer summer fellowships to area science educators. These fellowships allow recipients to arrange areas of interest and enhance their teaching abilities. Four teachers received fellowships in 2002.

• Heather Jansen, West High School, assisted Mark Schneegurt, biological sciences, with the study "Evaluation of Chemical and Biological Assays as Indicators of Toxic Metal Bioavailability in Soils."

• Gary Hendry, Bethel College, worked with Dennis Burns, chemistry, on the project "Initial Studies in the Synthesis of a Selective Bacterial Membrane Receptor for the Preparation of Novel Antibiotics."

• Amber Lane, Bishop Carroll, assisted Michael VanStipden, chemistry, with the project, "Preparing Science Teachers to Teach Chemistry sans Anxiety."

• Karrie Rathbone, McPherson College, helped William Hendry, biological sciences, with the project "Extraction of High Molecular Weight DNA from Hamsters."

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Graduate student Nathan Harper also speaks highly of Moore-Jansen’s ability as professor and mentor. He said, “His mentorship helped me gain a Fulbright Fellowship to Cyprus, something that would not have been possible without his guidance.” Harper continued, “I would like to think his impact upon my life is unique, but Howard is only one of thousands of students he has reached. I will always look to Dr. Moore-Jansen as the measuring stick of an outstanding teacher, mentor and friend.”

Moore-Jansen begins his 14th year of teaching at Wichita State this fall.

Dr. Peer Moore-Jansen, associate professor and chair of anthropology, now has the recognition many of his students and colleagues say has been long overdue. He is the 2002 Kansas Professor of the Year.

The award, given by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Standards in Education, recognizes professors who epitomize “extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching.”

IT BEGAN WITH BONES

Moore-Jansen holds a lifelong interest in archaeology. As a very young boy, he and his stepfather rode their bicycles every weekend around their native Copenhagen, visiting museums and archaeological sites. He retains one vivid memory: his fascination with the skulls and skeletal parts he saw at the Æbelholt Museum, the ruins of an Augustinian monastery founded in 1175. Coincidentally, Moore-Jansen’s son, Ronik, found bones fascinating as a child. Ronik helped his father sort bones and drew sketches of skeletons he saw in the WSU anthropology lab.

Moore-Jansen’s interest in archaeology and anthropology deepened as a young student. In seventh grade he interned at the Institute of Copenhagen where he preserved the ancient skull of a Viking ship. He later completed the Gymnasium (the Danish general upper secondary school) and finished the Institute of Prehistory at the University of Copenhagen.

In 1975, Moore-Jansen came to the United States to work on an archaeological dig in west Texas. His attention was turned back to Copenhagen with his new friend, Cathy Moore. However, he stayed in Texas and married Cathy, then completed his bachelor’s degree in anthropology at Texas Tech University. While a master’s student at the University of Arkansas, Moore-Jansen became interested in dental anthropology and morphology. He then attended the University of Tennessee for his PhD program and shifted his focus to general scale anthropology with an emphasis in forensic anthropology. This is his specialty field today.

RECOGNITION AS A TEACHER

Moore-Jansen admits that he always felt a pull towards teaching. His mother was a teacher and nurse. Moore-Jansen’s father knew when Peer was seven that he would be a professor. It makes his selection as Kansas Professor of the Year more meaningful.

For Moore-Jansen, the award is about teaching and his students. “The most rewarding part of teaching is when students ask me serious questions after a lecture: it’s evident that they’ve thought about the material,” he said. “They are turned on about the material, sometimes at a level where they will read books I suggest that are not part of the required reading.”

Moore-Jansen is especially impressed with students who work hard and put in a lot of hours in the lab. “It takes a lot on their part to stay involved and work on their own,” he said.

Being Kansas Professor of the Year is an intrinsically and extrinsically rewarding experience. “This is recognition that I’m not in isolation and that others do notice what I am doing. Everyone has been kind, friendly and supportive,” Moore-Jansen said. Recently, a colleague from Kansas State University attended the same conference as Moore-Jansen in Chicago. At the end of his presentation, he announced to the group that Moore-Jansen (who was sitting in the audience) was the Kansas Professor of the Year, and he also recognized his affiliation with Wichita State University.

Locally, recognition also has come from Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Sedgwick County Commissioner Mary Dudley, and Sedgwick County District Attorney Nola Foulston. The best recognition, Moore-Jansen said, has come from students and colleagues.

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DEAN’S MESSAGE

Dear Fairmount College Community:

We have many good things to celebrate as this academic year closes. First is the recognition of Peer Moore-Jansen, associate professor and chair of anthropology, as 2002 Kansas Professor of the Year. This distinction is quite an honor as it is awarded based upon student recommendations, academic achievements and community service. We celebrate also that WSU’s former Kansas Professors of the Year, Neil Kahn, political science, 1989, and Erach Talaty, chemistry, 1999, are members of the Fairmount College community.

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I am delighted with these pieces of positive news. It is celebrations and achievements such as these that sustain faculty and staff morale and keep productivity high. They are rays of light upon the dreary budget days Kansas faces.

As the college and the university navigates through the uncertainty regarding fiscal year ‘04 budget issues, we will strive to offer the best See Dean, page 8

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“I am very happy and pleased that Carol is honored in this way,” said Ramona Liera-Schwentenberg, chair of women’s studies and religion.

“An outstanding member of the community and is recognized for her efforts to promote acceptence, understanding and respect for all people.”

Sandra Harrison, special events coordinator for NCC, said the award honors those whose contributions through education, civic service and actions advance understanding and respect among the people of our community.”

Konek received the award at the 50th NCC Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner in March.

Mock homicide case gives students chance to practice skills

For Carl and Ginette Adamson, MCLL-German and French, respectively, it’s one adventure after another. They married in 1966 and their daughter Stephanie was born in 1972. They started teaching in the same department at Wichita State in 1972 and finished their doctoral programs through Washington University in 1975. They’ve traveled extensively through Europe and have lived in France and Germany for months at a time.

Now they’re completing their academic careers with the public roles of co-commencement marshals for the Fairmount College commencement ceremony.

As the faculty and graduates enter the arena, the Adamsons will lead the academic procession and officially open the ceremony. They will carry the Wichita State University mace. The Adamsons also will close the event and lead the procession out of the Coliseum.

The Adamsons will retire in Strasbourg, France a few weeks after the ceremony.

Daniel C. Russell, assistant professor, philosophy, is the recipient of the Young Faculty Scholar Award. It recognizes faculty members who are between their third and eighth year of service and have records of excellence in teaching performance and substantial achievement in research and/or creative activity. The WSU Board of Trustees gives this award.

The convocation address, “The Magic of the Academic Environment: A Focus on Teaching, Research and Service,” was given by Rhonda K. Lewis, associate professor, psychology.
Fairmont College responds to displaced workers

It was a tough year, 2002. Experts suggest 2003 may not be any better. Economic recession and job layoffs have affected South Central Kansas and Wichita heavily.

Chuck Koeber, assistant professor of sociology, studies the social costs of layoffs and how workers react during these periods. Koeber is the author of the new displaced worker manual, “I’ve Been Laid Off – What Should I Do?: A Manual for Displaced Workers of South Central Kansas,” which he wrote with assistance from sociology graduate student Skye Stanley.

“The aircraft industry is the major base of Wichita’s economy,” said Koeber. “It has been hardest hit by a decrease in new plane orders and significant numbers of layoffs. This, in turn, affects other portions of Wichita’s economy.”

According to research by Janet Harrah, Director of the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University, “third-quarter wage and salary employment in the Wichita metro area in 2002 was down 2.8 percent, a net job loss of $800, compared to third-quarter 2001.” As of now, it is not clear if the U.S. economy will experience another recession or slow economic recovery in 2003. Job creation will be slow. This, coupled with continuing layoffs, will create a fiercely competitive job search environment.

“Fairmont College is a community college and serves a large number of displaced workers,” Koeber said. “We have been working on a new displaced worker manual to help lessen the blow. Based on his research and expertise, Koeber offers the following advice.

• Don’t blindly jump at the first job offered. Before accepting a new job, consider the pay, whether the job is appropriate for your skills and the time commitment.
• Consider a transitional job. A transitional job may be on a wish list—one that’s not really your first choice, but acceptable. It can be an area you’ve wanted to get into or something financially sustainable. It differs from a “panic job” in that it’s chosen after a rational, thoughtful method of job selection.
• Make a budget that accounts for your education in earnings and stick to it. Carefully scrutinize spending choices and savings habits. Be prepared to change your current lifestyle. Are major purchases really necessary? Can you get your kids by without designer jeans? Can you spend more time cooking with your spouse? Meet with financial or credit counseling professionals and be willing to adjust lifestyle choices. Avoid making large financial decisions. Some of the most harmful mistakes displaced workers make are financial. They may run up credit card debt, sell possessions or cash in pension funds (that may carry significant tax penalties). All this can work against the future.
• “That’s your wheels in education and retraining without a plan.” Employers may offer education plans as part of a severance package. Thoroughly explore training opportunities and determine if they will increase your chances of finding a suitable job. Plan education choices carefully and with the end in mind. Education may require student loans, a time commitment, and, where small children are involved, day care.

Chuck Koeber earned his bachelor of arts in journalism and his master of arts in sociology, both at the University of Wyoming. He completed his PhD at SUNY- Binghamton with sociology of work and labor markets as his areas of emphasis. Koeber’s current research areas are the social impact of job loss and the employment change of displaced workers.

Koeber is a Nebraska native. He is married and is the father of two young children. His other interests include water skiing, guitar playing and home brewing.

WSU support for laid off Fairmont College alumni and students

Ellil Pletcher, director of career services, sees an increase in the number of laid off alumni and students seeking assistance with job search activities. Her office provides services to aid with career exploration and job searches.

“Looking for a job is as difficult as holding one,” Pletcher said. “The maxim ‘it’s a full-time job to find a job’ is true, particularly when the job market is tight.”

Pletcher’s office provides free services to students enrolled in a minimum of one credit hour. For alumni, the fee is $40 per hour. Services include career counseling, job search assistance, resume guidance and critiques and use of the career library.

For a registration fee of $35 for six months, alumni will be included in resume referrals, campus interview opportunities and the online Web Resume Book. They may also browse an online listing of available positions.

Preparation throughout the job search process is paramount. “During times of economic recession, the job market is highly competitive,” said Pletcher. “With many more applicants for each position, employers can afford to be selective about things they might previously have overlooked.”

Will an employer notice a coffee stain on a jacket during an interview or a misplaced comma on a resume? Pletcher says yes. “Someone who pays careful attention to detail with an eye for excellence in every aspect of the job search will make a strong impression.”

The Career Services Office is open 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday during the regular academic year. The office is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. during the summer sessions and university break periods. Please call (316) 978-3435 for more information.

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Career Related Classes at WSU

Fairmont College offers two career related courses which may be helpful to displaced workers.

Topos in Career Exploration, LAS 1102, involves students in career and life planning strategies. It explores personal values, interests and skills as they relate to college major and career path choices. In this two hour course, students learn how to write a resume.

Majors and Career Paths, LAS 151D, is a Friday night and all-day Saturday workshop. Participants focus on the decision making process used when selecting a major or career path. The course is offered one hour credit.

See WSU’s online Schedule of Courses for information about class scheduling. http://secure.wichita.edu/register/index.asp
When Fairmount College faculty talk, the media lists.

During the Fall 2002 semester, several media sources across the United States quoted Fairmount College faculty. More than 6.8 million newspaper subscribers nationwide may have read articles quoting Fairmount College faculty. Fairmount College faculty were cited for their expertise in areas ranging from Native American ancestry to the DC area sniper case in a variety of newspapers such as the Albuquerque Journal and the national edition of the New York Times. Quotes from Ken Ciboski, political science, and James Snyder, psychology, appeared most often in newspapers on a national basis. Ciboski commented on the Kansas GOP race and Snyder received coverage for his research on children.

Dorrels Craig-Moreland was quoted extens-ively regarding the Washington DC area sniper case. Jay Price, history, led on the statewide level. A number of newspaper articles featured Price’s commentary on roadside history in Kansas. Ciboski and Jim Sheffield, political science, were quoted 16 times for their insights into Kansas election bids. Kansas publications as diverse as The Nemaha Valley News and The Wichita Eagle carried articles on topics such as the paleodemographic survey of the cemetery in Fairview and Kansas tax policy. Approximately 1.8 million subscribers of Kansas newspapers received these articles. Local television stations drew more heavily upon the expertise of two professors. Ciboski gave commentary on different aspects of the races governor’s race and candidates for United States Senate. Brian Withrow, criminal justice, provided an assessment on various stages of the Carr broth- ers’ murder trial. An estimated one million audience members viewed 49 hours and 26 minutes of footage related to Fairmount College faculty and their academic disciplines.

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• Jason Bennett, biological scientists, served as an intern for U.S. Senator Pat Roberts during the Spring 2003 semester. His primary duties included addressing constituent concerns, attending committee meetings for the Senator’s staff, assisting with policy issues and leading U.S. Capitol Building tours.

• Patricia Conrad, Michael Grey, Jon Lee and Elizabeth Levy, English, presented papers at the Southwest Texas Pop Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

• Sze-Chiick Ng, computer science, won first place in a poetry recitation contest at the 9th Annual Mid-American Japanese Language Contest. He will participate in the Japan Festival in Kansas City in September.

• Monica Turner, geography, received $300 from the Kansas Geology Foundation for her thesis research on Pennsylvanian pale-ossils. She also won the best presentation award from Sigma Gamma Epsilon in the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America. The title of her poster presentation, “Micro-variability of flood-plain paleosols in the Snyderville Shale Member, Oread Limestone Formation (Upper Pennsylvanian) Southeast Kansas”, was co-authored with Wan Yang, assistant professor and Michael Brummeier, stu-dent. Her abstract was selected to be pre-sented in the SEPM Society for Sedimentary Geology Student Poster Award Session at the 2003 SEPM-AAG (American Association of Petroleum Geology) meeting in Salt Lake City.

Faculty accolades

• Kevin Hager, assistant professor, Elliott School of Communication, won two awards for “Ready to Respond,” a program he produced in cooperation with the Sedgwick County Department of Emergency Management. The video, broadcast on KWCH last year, shows people how to respond whether it is a severe weather or a terrorist attack. Hager received the Award of Excellence from the Broadcast Education Association’s International Festival of Film, Video & Media Arts. The program also took first place in a video com-petition of the International Association of Emergency Managers.

• Walter Barteldt, Regent’s Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Banking and Finance, Hugo Wall School of Public and Urban Affairs, recently returned from China where he joined a five-member team of nationally known munici-pal finance and urban planning experts. The group consulted with Chinese officials on the use of municipal bonds in meeting demands for local infrastructures. The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations asked Hildreth to serve on the committee.

• Rhonda K. Lewis, associate professor, psychology, is the recipient of the Urban League of Wichita’s Up with People Award. She was recognized for her volunteer work with the Boys & Girls Clubs, Family Service Institute, Wichita Center for Health and Wellness and Knox Center. Lewis is the creator of the Risk Reduction Program known as R3. She is working with African-American and other at-risk youth.

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For young men and women who served in the war, the experience opened a Pandora’s box of opportunities for the world beyond the farms, towns and cities from which they came. All came away from the experience changed men and women.

“Millions of war veterans have not shared the most important experience of their lives. What was it like to leave home at 17 or 18? What was it like to be shot at? What was it like to see your buddies die and to kill another human being?" Conventional wisdom says that veterans find it painful to talk about combat experience. That wisdom is often wrong, or at least incomplete.”

Veterans will often discuss their experiences when appropriate, but they are likely to fear that others, even their own family members, will misunderstand.

“The veteran is speaking about things that happened in a different time, a different culture,” he said.

After a year in hospitals and rehabilitation, Fisher met with fellow veterans, some of whose stories were published in books and articles. He found that “the expertise of two professors. Ciboski gave commentary on different aspects of the races governor’s race and candidates for United States Senate. Brian Withrow, criminal justice, provided an assessment on various stages of the Carr broth- ers’ murder trial. An estimated one million audience members viewed 49 hours and 26 minutes of footage related to Fairmount College faculty and their academic disciplines.

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So long, Nancy!

After 17 years of service to four deans, Nancy Dorsey moved to California. As assistant to deans Phillip Thomas, Skip Loper, David Cleen-Lewin and Bill Busch, Nancy fulfilled many administrative and supervi-sory duties essential to the efficient functioning of the college. This required her involvement with candidate searches, department chair evaluations and recruitment and promotion processes. “Nancy fulfilled her duties in a pleasant and effective manner. Her service to our office is missed,” said Bill Busch, dean.