



The **Department Holiday Party** is scheduled for Monday, 15 December, 7:00 -9:00 pm, at the Lawrence Visitor's Center (Union Pacific Depot). All Department members and spouses, partners, and friends are welcome. Art de Cuisine will once again provide refreshments and the Free State High Jazz Combo will pay the Department a return visit after two years' absence. Please make plans to celebrate the end-of-the-semester and the holiday period by attending this festive event.

Publications

Daldorff, Brian

"Silence" (poem). *Kansas City Voices* Nov. 2003. 6.

Dorshorn, Vicki

"Duende" (poem). *Word Journal*, 41.

Review of *When There is No Shore* by Vivian Shipley, *Flint Hills Review* 8 (Emporia State University): 86-89.

Presentations

Bovaird-Abbo, Kristin L.

"The Grail Legend and the Great War: Willa Cather's Failed Quest," South Atlantic Modern Languages Association, 14-16 November, Atlanta, GA.

Announcements, Notes, & News

• **All full- and part-time faculty:** Training sessions for the new online grading procedures will be held on Tuesday, 9 December, 11:00 am and 1:30 pm, Eaton Hall Auditorium, School of Engineering, and on Wednesday, 10 December, 3:00 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union. Grading will be done through the new Enroll & Pay system, which can be accessed at <www.sa.ku.edu> or by going to the main KU website and clicking on "E" in the alphabetical listing. The procedure is not difficult and there are good instructions provided by the KU Help links at Enroll & Pay. Nevertheless, grade rosters are not yet available, so the only way to practice this procedure is by attending a training session. Those who are less comfortable with their computer skills may want to consider this option. Over 100 University faculty and staff members attended the first two sessions on Wednesday, 3 December.

• **Important!** As the end of the semester approaches, the Office Staff reminds full-and part-time faculty that **it is inappropriate—and unwise—to have students turn in final exams or papers to the English offices.** In the past, papers and examinations have been lost because they have been misplaced by students, turned in without names or names of teachers, etc, to the great inconvenience of students, faculty, and staff. During faculty, lecturer, and GTA orientation, this rule is emphasized, but it is difficult to enforce, particularly when instructions to students have already been given. **This semester, please collect papers or take-home exams in class or during office hours.** The staff understands that some students will turn papers in late because of illness or procrastination, and is prepared to accommodate them. Problems arise when the mailroom is used as the depository for entire classes.

• **Paul Stephen Lim** was a respondent on three consecutive weekends for Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival associate entries at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO, Graceland University in Lamoni, IA, and Ottawa University in Ottawa, KS.

• Five poems from **Brian Daldorff's** book, *Senegal Blues*, have been nominated for Puchcart Prizes: "Last Poem," "Eating a Mango," "The Happy Man," "Our Man," and "First Poem."

KU and Regional Events

• **University Theatre** continues Frank Wedekind's *Lulu* on 5 December, 7:30 pm, 6 December, 5:00 and 9:00 pm, and 7 December (2:30 pm and 7:30 pm).

Calendar

F 5 Heike Beineke, M.A. Exam, 11:00 am, 3108 Wescoe (Atkins, Boyd, S. Harris)

Deadline for graduate students to submit evaluation release forms.

M 8 Philosophy & Literature Seminar, "Deferred Vows in *As You Like It*: Historicizing & Rethinking Speech Acts," **William O. Scott**, English, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

Honors Program Alumni Lecture, "Honoring Place – Writers and Kansas," **Tom Averill**, Washburn University (an informal talk and discussion over lunch), 12:30 pm, Nunemaker Center; "Why Kansas, of All Places?" **Tom Averill**, 4:30 pm, Nunemaker Center. Sponsored by the University Honors Program and the Department of English.

Chancellor's Holiday Reception, 3:30-5:00 pm, Adams Alumni Center.

R 11 Last Day of Fall Classes

F 12 Stop Day

M 15 Department Holiday Party, 7:00-9:00 pm, Lawrence Visitor's Center (Union Pacific Depot), 402 N. 2nd (see above).

F 19 Donna Binns, Ph.D. Defense, Dissertation: *Effects of Prior Writing-to-Learn Instruction as Students Make the Transition from High School to College*, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, 3132 Wescoe (Devitt, Eodice, Farmer, Hartman, Bushman)

M 29 Grades Due, 9:00 am.

• **War, Peace, and Diplomacy Seminar**, "The International Effort to Control the Global Trade in Small Arms," Ryan Beasley, Political Science, Baker University, 5 December, 4:00-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

• **Philosophy Lecture Series**, "A Puzzle About Symmetries, Measurability, and Laws of Nature," John Roberts, University of North Carolina, 10 December, 5:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union.

Calls For Papers, Conferences, Symposia, Etc. (Posted)

• **Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies Graduate Student Conference**, 11-12 June, Chicago, IL. Deadline: 1 March. As a Newberry Consortium member, KU has funds to defray the cost of travel and lodging for this event.

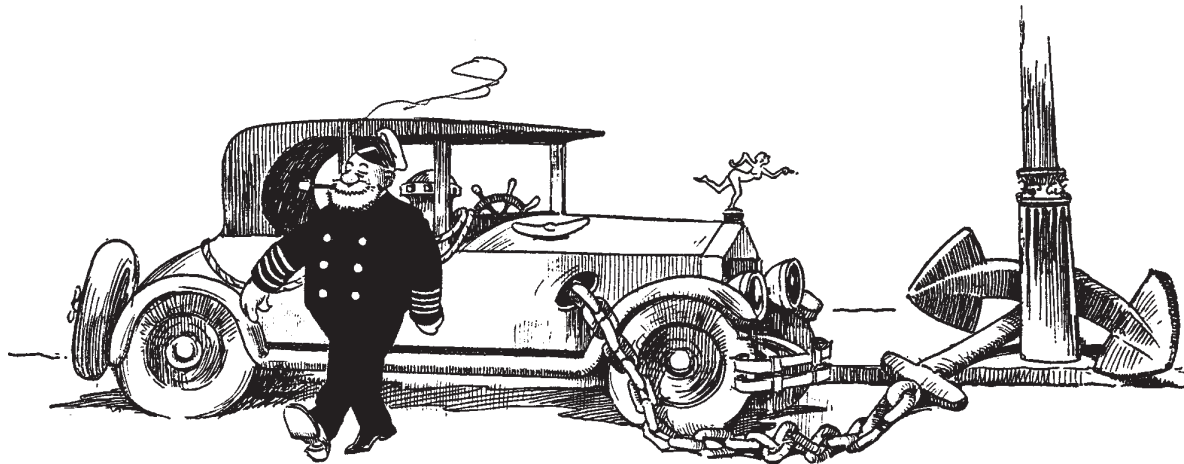
Fellowships, Contests, Awards, Scholarships, Etc. (Posted)

• **Kansas Voices**, 15th Annual Contest for Writers Living in Kansas, youth and adult divisions, short story and poetry. Deadline: 15 March.

Academic Travel Brochures

First snow. Prairie musings. Is this the way I want to spend my life? Are there other possibilities? Cambridge! (Studies in English, History, and the Humanities via University of New Hampshire), Oxford! (British Studies at Oxford summer school via Rhodes College), Villanova! (M.A. in English, Villanova University), Vermilion! (M.A. and Ph.D. in English, University of South Dakota), Roanoke! (Hollins University M.F.A. in Creative Writing), Washington, D.C.! (TESOL at American University), Prague! (Prague Summer Program via Western Michigan University), Boston! (Graduate Programs in Communication and the Arts, Emerson College) Ames! (Graduate Studies in English, Iowa State University).

The next *DNB* will appear on January 16, 2004



Have a Good Break!