

Approved: 3-27-96  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robin Jennison at 1:30 p.m. on March 7, 1996 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Russell Mills, Susan Wieggers, Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes; Mike Corrigan, Revisor  
Tim Kukula, Appropriations Secretary; Todd Fertig, Administrative Aide

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dave Wilson  
Leo Taylor  
LT. Col. George Boyd  
Maj. Gen. James F. Rueger  
Gloria Timmer  
Bob Wunsch  
Jon Josserand

Chairman Jennison called the meeting to order and opened hearings on **SB 661** - Kansas Public Broadcasting, allocation of grants; **SB 505** - Kansas Parole Board/Department of Corrections, consideration of administrative functions; **SB 506** - Civil Air Patrol appropriations and expenditures; **SB 556** - Use of moneys credited to state gaming revenues fund; **SB 588** - KUMC, purchasing exemptions and capital improvements; and **SB 589** - Insurance for study abroad programs.

Chairman Jennison recognized Dave Wilson to testify as a proponent on **SB 661**; Leo Taylor appeared as a proponent on **SB 505** (Attachment 1); LT. Col. George Boyd and Maj. Gen. James F. Rueger testified on behalf of **SB 506** (Attachment 2); Gloria Timmer appeared as a proponent on **SB 556**; Bob Wunsch testified on **SB 588** (Attachment 3); and Jon Josserand testified on **SB 589** (Attachments 4 & 5).

A motion was made by Representative Minor, seconded by Representative Gross to move SB 505 favorably for passage and to have it placed on the consent calendar. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Gross, seconded by Representative Reinhardt to move SB 506 favorably for passage and to have it placed on the consent calendar. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Carmody, seconded by Representative Reinhardt to amend SB 661 making the technical corrections described by Revisor Wilson. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Carmody, seconded by Representative Minor to move SB 661 favorably for passage, as amended. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Carmody, seconded by Representative Gatlin to amend SB 589 making the technical corrections described by Revisor Wilson. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Hochhauser, seconded by Representative Farmer to amend SB 589 by changing the word "including" in line 21 to the word "of". The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Carmody, seconded by Representative Gatlin to move SB 589 favorably for passage, as amended. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, Room 514-S Statehouse, at 1:30 P.M. on March 7, 1996.

A motion was made by Representative Gatlin, seconded by Representative Hochhauser, to amend **SB 588** by removing the sunset provision. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Carmody, seconded by Representative Farmer, to move **SB 588** favorably for passage, as amended. The motion carried.

Chairman Jennison recognized discussion on **SB 556**, but no action was taken.

A motion was made by Representative Lowther, seconded by Representative Nichols to introduce 4 bills: 1) concerning **KPERS**, out-of-state purchases by modified double or triple deduction; 2) **KPERS**, retroactive benefits; 3) **KPERS**, working after retirement; 4) **KPERS**, retirement benefit options. The motion carried.

Chairman Jennison referred **HB 2355** to the subcommittee on Education and Legislative Operations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 1996.

OVERVIEW OF THE KANSAS PAROLE BOARD

March 7, 1996

TO: Chair and Members  
House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Kansas Parole Board  
Marilyn Scafe, Chair

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ACTIVITIES AND DUTIES  
of  
THE KANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
March 7, 1996

The Post Audit Report dated December, 1994, concluded that the State will continue to need a Parole Board for many years to come. Inmates sentenced under the old system, inmates convicted of murder or treason under the new system, and all release violators will continue to be subject to parole procedures. The report suggested that the Board could be restructured to take advantage of time and cost savings that will accrue from advances in video technology and changes in the nature of the Board's work.

A bill is before the legislature which will consolidate the support staff of the Kansas Parole Board under the Department of Corrections. This has taken considerable discussion and planing, and both agencies are now in support of this step. Many of the post audit concerns regarding agency operations will be corrected with the consolidation. It will allow access to the Department of Corrections computerization, data collection, and personnel administration. A transition plan has been put into place to ensure that the system will be operational by June 18, 1996. I remind you that at the time of the Post Audit Report, there were 8 support staff. This number is now down to 6, and the consolidation calls for further reduction by eliminating the Director position.

#### STREAMLINING WORK LOAD:

As we become more efficient, it allows us to reduce personnel. We have engaged the services of the DOC wherever possible.

- \* There is now a cooperative tracking system with Department of Corrections for cases with pending decisions. It is difficult to measure the exact progress, since the lack of a tangible system and a backlog of work made it impossible to identify the numbers. As the system is refined, it will measure both number of cases, and the reason and length of time these decisions are pending.
- \* Restitution responsibilities have been redefined and assigned for more effective follow through.
- \* Fiscal duties are now being transferred to DOC for management. The Board will be accountable for planning based on a monthly budget report. This should assist the Board in assessing the cost of doing business. This information can impact decisions such as Board size and use of technology.
- \* We are identifying Department of Corrections and Kansas Parole Board systems which can become single procedures, thus eliminating duplication of staff time.
- \* Automation of systems will be completed through Department of Corrections and their computers.

#### POLICY & PROCEDURE:

As the Department of Corrections takes over the plan for our operations, the Board will be free to focus on its specific policies and procedures. Our first step was to review and revise our statutes. We are introducing a bill this week to accomplish this. These revisions have been reviewed by the Attorney General's office and the legal department of DOC. The next step is to take a close look at the rules and regulations and make appropriate revisions and additions. It will be a coordinated task to write policy and procedure at the same time. Another urgent goal is to develop a handbook for Board use for sentencing information and decision options. We now have a law intern from Washburn University to help with this project.

#### ORIENTATION & TRAINING:

As we move through these goals, the present Board should be self trained. However, these will be the tools for the in-house orientation and training referred to in the audit. The transition plan addresses training, also. The Board has been holding regular monthly meetings and using this time as an opportunity to call in outside people to "train us". We have met with treatment organizations, legal, and institutional departments in an effort to educate ourselves. This is a task which will never be complete, since there is ongoing need to update.

#### BOARD PERSONNEL POLICIES:

The Division of Personnel Services has been contacted and the Board will place in writing the policies members will follow. A monthly activity report is being implemented and will reflect the individual member's time and productivity. This report should be valuable for planning purposes as well as accountability.

All of the above changes are taking place with an eye to the future role of the Board. Until now, no specific data has been compiled regarding our duties. Currently, several agencies have different numbers in reference to projections of the Board's work load. Therefore, the Governor has ordered a study which will gather information and data relative to the size of the inmate population and the work of the Parole Board over the next twenty five years. The study should define the future role. The Department of Corrections, Kansas Parole Board and the Office of the Attorney General will be involved. Consultants from the National Institute of Corrections and the American Corrections Association have been obtained at no cost to the State. The Sentencing Commission will be used for the projection of inmate numbers. Our first meeting is this week, and initial findings will be reported by April 1, 1996.

## INTRODUCTION OF PRESENT MEMBERS

The current five members of the Board are: Sherman Parks, Chris Cowger, Marilyn Scafe, Bob Mead, and Leo Taylor. I have introduced the members in order of our seniority. Because of previous terms being lengthened or vacated for various reasons, the last three members are all new appointments in the last year. However, our terms expire as follows:

Parks	1/96
Cowger	1/97
Scafe	1/98
Mead	1/99
Taylor	1/99

## HEARING NUMBERS Attachments 1 & 2

Our work load is the key to the downsizing of the Board. One measure of the work load is the number of hearings we must conduct. Attached is the number of hearings from the previous calendar year. The Board held 3,264 regular hearings and 1,809 violation hearings, or total of 5,073. This would be a monthly average of 422. Our figures indicate that hearing numbers have not declined over the past 12 months. In addition to these hearings, the Board conducts 3 Public Comment sessions every month. These are in Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka.

Determining the work hours from these figures is complicated. All facilities must be visited, regardless of the number of hearings at one location. There may be 6 at Winfield and 90 at Hutchinson. We overlap each other's schedules in order to accomplish as many two person panels as possible. Therefore, the hearing hours and travel time are not as simple as using the hearing numbers.

HEARING LOCATIONS  
Attachment 3

By statute, the Board must hold hearings monthly. This requires members in panels of one or two members to visit 10 facilities. in Lansing, Hutchinson and El Dorado, there a multiple locations, so most months, two panels are working at the same time. In July, August and September, there were approximately 200 hearings a month in Ellsworth. These numbers required the Board to work in three panels at a time.

HEARING SCHEDULE

The budgeted amount of time for each hearing is 15 minutes. Also present in the hearings are Department of Corrections staff. The liaison to the Board from the facility is the Institutional Parole Officer who is responsible for the hearing docket and gathering the appropriate institutional information. The Counselor is the facility staff person who works with the inmate on a daily basis and will have first hand information on institutional adjustment. One Board member will conduct the hearing according to the hearing form. (Attachment A) The other member will record pertinent facts and notable behavior. After the interview, the Board members present will review the file and discuss the information gained from the interview. Based on all seven statutory factors, the board members will make an initial decision. (Attachment B) If there is a split decision, incomplete information, inadequate number of votes, or if the inmate is a sex offender, the decision is continued.

Often, the hearings do not conform to the fifteen minute format. There will be unusual circumstances, an attorney present, or perhaps a single person panel who must interview and record at the same time. The first time an inmate appears before the Board is more time consuming since the circumstances of the offense must be understood and noted. All new members will require more time to conduct their hearings. Travel time between multiple units within the facility must be a time consideration. It would make for a difficult schedule to complete thirty hearings in one day.



There is a great deal of opportunity to improve the hearings with proper Board training and coordination with the Department of Corrections. Quality and efficiency of the hearings could be improved by the advanced preparation of the files and the inmates for the hearings, and the advance time for the Board to review the files. Decision making tools, such as risk assessment scales and improved evaluations, would be of help. When this efficiency is achieved, the use of interactive television could be considered. An important part of our decision making is involved in the sentencing options. There are cases in which the majority of the hearing is a discussion of the time the inmate needs to serve and the options. This is a very technical part of our responsibility and one for which we are always striving to improve.

OFFICE DUTIES  
Attachment 4

Post release- The Post Audit shows this as an increasing area of responsibility. The actual numbers do not reflect that as reality to date. This work requires review of file material to determine the areas of liability in order to assign special conditions for the field supervision.

Conditional Release- Many sex offenders serve to their conditional release. Therefore, some of these files will require more time to review. There will be more evaluations to read and a careful assessment of specific conditions for supervision.

Other files-Clemency, Annual File Review, Appeals, Early Discharges.

Continued Decisions- These files are returned from the hearings and need further action from the Board. In many cases, there is a need for further information. With no investigative staff, it is the Board's responsibility to make the contacts.

Other Office Responsibility:

Attorney requests, Inmate family requests, DOC conferences/problem solving, Law suit testimony and work with AG, Board Meeting, Training, Legislative requests, Planning

Outside Responsibilities:

Official organization meetings-CRC, Sentencing Commission, Koch Commission

Community- Local officials, research local programs, liaisons to field offices

AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY HOURS

20 work days-160 hours 5 members to cover workload

Each member:

Hearings- 60 hours

Public Comments- 15 hours

Meetings- 24 hours

Vacation/Sick/Holiday- 18 hours

Average Drive Time- 18.33 hours

Files- 80 to 100 at 15 minutes each- 20 hours

Total=155 hours

Not included: Continued decisions, other office and community duties

FY 1995	REGULAR	VIOLATOR	TOTAL HEARINGS
July 1994	296	202	498
August 1994	339	264	603
September 1994	418	93	511
October 1994	314	189	503
November 1994	333	207	540
December 1994	252	153	405
January 1995	264	141	405
February 1995	289	179	468
March 1995	277	155	432
April 1995	299	167	466
May 1995	266	130	396
June 1995	254	118	372
GRAND TOTALS	3,601	1,998	5,599

FY 1996	REGULAR	VIOLATOR	TOTAL HEARINGS
July 1995	279	197	476
August 1995	311	164	475
September 1995	324	183	507
October 1995	239	124	363
November 1995	273	161	434
December 1995	189	90	279
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GRAND TOTALS			

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October 1996			
November 1996			
December 1996			
GRAND TOTALS			

Destination - City and Institution Total Mileage\*

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Lansing	LCF	112
El Dorado	EDCF	250
Winfield	WCF	308
Wichita	WWRF	290
Ellsworth	ECF	316
Hutchinson	HCF	360
Norton	NCF	522
Larned	LCMHF	524
Topeka	RDU/TCF	6

\* Round trip

Attachment 4

Description of Duty	FY 95	FY 96 **
Clemency	123	38
Annual File Reviews	215	218
Correspondence received	?	1,200
Inmate appeals	674	311
Post Release Supervision Certs. Issued	3,199	1,404
Conditional Release Certificates Issued	270	145
Parole Certificates Issued	1,000	450
Discharge Certificates Issued	1,200	900

\*\* July 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

# KANSAS PAROLE BOARD HEARING NOTES

NAME AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF HEARING \_\_\_\_\_

COWGER \_\_\_\_\_ MEAD \_\_\_\_\_ PARKS \_\_\_\_\_ SCAFE \_\_\_\_\_ TAYLOR \_\_\_\_\_

OTHERS PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

SENTENCE: \_\_\_\_\_ SENTENCE BEGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFENSE(S): \_\_\_\_\_ PRIOR BOARD ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT OFFENSE:**

**After careful consideration of this case, the Parole Board entered the following order:**

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**PASS REASONS**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Serious nature/circumstances   | <input type="checkbox"/> Objections                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History of criminal activities | <input type="checkbox"/> New crimes in institution     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violent nature of crime        | <input type="checkbox"/> Failed at WR or PR            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ( _____ times in prison)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral problems           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denies responsibility          | <input type="checkbox"/> DR's                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure on probation/parole    | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-participation in programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                         |  |
| _____   |  |
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CRIMINAL HISTORY

PROGRAM AGREEMENT

PAROLE PLAN

INMATE COMMENTS

DISCIPLINARY REPORTS

COMMENTS

JUDGE			
DA/CA			
SHERIFF			
POLICE			
VICTIM			
FAMILY			
FRIENDS			

BOARD DECISION

COWGER

MEAD

PARKS

SCAFE

TAYLOR

Attachment B

Parole eligibility is not necessarily the same as parole suitability. In determining parole suitability, the Parole Board looks at the following seven areas: 1) crime; 2) prior criminal history; 3) program participation; 4) disciplinary record; 5) parole plan; 6) comments received from the victim, the public and criminal justice officials; and 7) prison capacity.

Kansas Department of Corrections  
 Old Law Population  
 FY 1996- FY 2020

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Fiscal Year*	Lifer Population	Total Old Law Population
1996	604	4,424
1997	637	3,828
1998	626	3,178
1999	624	2,684
2000	617	2,320
2001	611	2,014
2002	606	1,790
2003	595	1,601
2004	582	1,410
2005	563	1,268
2006	550	1,153
2007	534	1,051
2008	518	953
2009	495	879
2010	477	794
2011	456	719
2012	439	664
2013	421	624
2014	403	580
2015	392	530
2016	374	493
2017	358	474
2018	349	441
2019	336	417
2020	225	412

\*Numbers represent June each year

KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

MARCH 7, 1996

TESTIMONY BY

MAJOR GENERAL JAMES F. RUEGER

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

ON

SENATE BILL 506

3-7-96

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MR. CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

AS THIS COMMITTEE IS AWARE SENATE BILL 506 IS THE RESULT OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE CIVIL AIR PATROL IN THE BUDGET OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

ON JANUARY 29, 1996, I AND MY STAFF ALONG WITH COL DAVE BROWN, WING COMMANDER, CIVIL AIR PATROL AND HIS STAFF MET AND DISCUSSED IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS BILL. AS A RESULT OF OUR MEETING TWO RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REFLECTED IN SENATE BILL 506 AS AMENDED.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AIR PATROL ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 506 AS AMENDED AND REQUEST FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THIS BILL.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

SB 588

Robert S. Wunsch

March 7, 1996

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Bob Wunsch and I am here today representing the University of Kansas Medical Center to testify in support of Senate Bill 588.

This bill is identical to SB 386 which was passed by the Legislature in 1993. SB 386 by its own provision expired on June 30, 1995. SB 588 would reinstate the law, K.S.A. 76-883, without any expiration provision.

Both bills allow totally private funded capital improvement projects at the KU Medical Center of less than \$500,000 to be free from certain state purchasing requirements. These projects would require approval of the Board of Regents and the Secretary of Administration and inspection by the Division of Architectural Services. The Board of Regents could not approve any project without having first advised and consulted with the Joint Committee on State Building Construction.

There is law in K.S.A. 76-757, which allows the endowment association to construct buildings, do repairs and remodeling, etc. free of all of the various purchasing and contracting requirements such as are set forth in K.S.A. 75-3739, et seq. The endowment association does not involve itself in such smaller projects and thus there was and still is a need for the likes of old SB 386 and this SB 588.

It is my recollection that the June 30, 1995 expiration was inserted in SB 386 to make sure that use of these provisions did not get out of hand. Suffice it to say the use of this law has been limited to one occasion. It was important when used, however. This authority was utilized in the Radiation Oncology/Shielding project which had a cost of \$343,000. Even with limited use it does afford the Medical Center the opportunity of assuring private donors of projects under the \$500,000 cap that their projects will be free of much government red tape which is not understood by many private donors. This law should allow for a quicker and perhaps more satisfactory completion of such projects much to the satisfaction of such private donors.

The Senate amended the bill to again have an expiration date. This amendment is understandable and it does give the Legislature an opportunity to have a handle on the inflow of private money and its use.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

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**Testimony - SB 589**  
**House Appropriations Committee**  
**March 7, 1996**

My name is Jon Josserand. I am the legislative liaison for the University of Kansas, Lawrence Campus. SB 589 was introduced by the Senate Ways and Means Committee at the request of the University of Kansas.

SB 589 would amend K.S.A. 76-749 which creates a narrow exemption to the state law containing the general prohibition that state agencies not purchase insurance. The bill would allow educational institutions to purchase insurance for study abroad participants for the purpose of providing emergency medical evacuation and for the repatriation of remains. The cost for this insurance would be recovered by a fee charged to those who participate in these programs.

As you know, the University of Kansas, like other Regents schools, supports an active program of study abroad opportunities. As the world becomes more interconnected, the interest of students in this area continues to grow. AT KU, on an annual basis, over 750 students participate in some type of a international study experience. Some travel for a summer to attend one of our twenty-four summer language institutes. Others can stay for a year or more in a more extended educational experience. We currently provide opportunities to study in more than sixty countries.

Unfortunately, it is true that the quality of medical care in the rest of the world is not always as high as we are accustomed to in the United States. As the number of students participating in study abroad opportunities increase, so does the chance that we will encounter the possibility for one of our students to be seriously injured in a location where the student and family would require assistance. In fact, our students have encountered these situations.

We require our study abroad participants to review their individual medical health insurance situation before traveling abroad. As you might imagine, individual family circumstances and insurance policies can vary widely. Many do afford some coverage in a foreign country, even though the mechanics of reimbursement can be complicated.

From the experience of other foreign travel programs nationally, and from our recent experiences, we believe it would be prudent to afford an umbrella type of protection to our study abroad students for the purposes of medical evacuation and repatriation of remains. These could be obtained on a group basis for a nominal cost (\$5 to \$10 per student per month) by any of a number of insurance companies which have specialized in the area of international travelers insurance. This type of policy would not only afford financial protection for this type of a catastrophe, but it also purchases a great deal of professional expertise when such an incident happens. This expertise is needed when dealing with a foreign country's law's, regulations, and bureaucracy on an emergency basis.

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As an example of a situations which demonstrate the difficulty of these situations I would note a couple of examples. One is a student a few years ago who experienced a broken leg on a remote beach in Mexico. The location and condition of the student suggested a helicopter airlift, which cost in the range of 16 thousand dollars which fortunately was covered by that student's policy. A second situation was that of the KSU student from Emporia who was fatally injured in a bus incident in Spain nearly one year ago to this date. The cost to have her body prepared and returned to Emporia was approximately \$8,000. This did not include the \$700 to \$800 of phone calls and FAX's and the countless hours which were required as members of the University staff worked with Spanish and American officials to work out the necessary details. Again, luckily, the cost of repatriation was not a cost in this incident, but I hope this gives you an idea for the complexity and cost which can occur in these situations.

Today I have with me Mary Elizabeth Debicki, who is the director of our Study Abroad Program, and also Ellen Strubert, who is a Study Abroad Advisor in her office. I would be glad to answer any questions with their assistance.



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# K-State student killed in Spain in bus accident

By Teresa Veazey

Kansas staff writer

EMPORIA — Memorial services were held yesterday for Heather Stewart, a 20-year-old Kansas State student who was killed Saturday in Spain, where she was studying abroad.

A day trip to the coastal town of Muros, Spain, proved fatal for Stewart, who planned to hike and visit the countryside. Stewart was killed when the bus she was riding struck her after she had exited.

Stewart had stopped to tie her shoe when she was struck, said Mary Elizabeth Debicki, director of KU Study Abroad. Stewart was studying in Spain through KU's study abroad program.

Tom Hutton, director of University Relations, said that a medical helicopter was dispatched, but Stewart died at the scene.

"The U.S. Embassy called her parents, initially, about the incident," Hutton said. "It was my understanding they called KU at the same time."

Stewart had arrived in Spain Jan. 10 to begin a semester of study in Galicia, Debicki said.

Stewart decided to study abroad in Spain because she wanted to learn to speak Spanish and broaden her horizons, said Max Stewart, Heather's father.

"Her life goal was to help children, especially Spanish-speaking children," he said.

"We were very excited



Heather Stewart

*"Her life goal was to help children, especially Spanish-speaking children."*

Max Stewart  
Heather Stewart's father

for her, when she went to Spain," said Stewart's mother, Sharon Stewart. "She was very proud that she was going."

Heather Stewart was a junior at K-State studying human development and family studies. She had planned to study in Spain until May, her parents said.

Although Heather Stewart was from another university, KU Study Abroad tries to involve other Regent schools in the program, Debicki said.

More than 5,000 students have participated in the study abroad program without any incidents like this one, Debicki said.

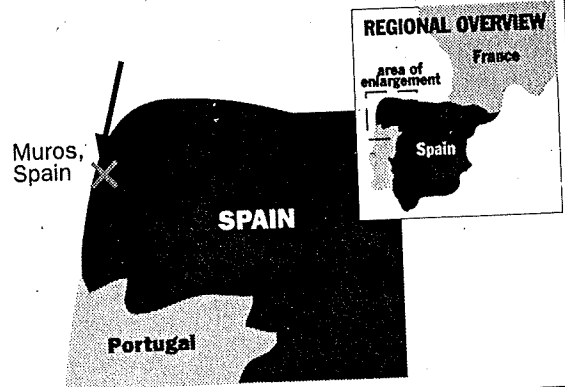
"The horror of it is just awful," she said.

Whitney Ace, Emporia sophomore, went to high school with Heather Stewart and was on the track and cross-country teams with her.

"She was very friendly and very enjoyable to be around," Ace said. "She was always smiling and happy."

Memorial contributions to the Heather Stewart Memorial Scholarship Fund at Camp Wood YMCA in California or the Heather Stewart Memorial Youth Mission Project Fund at the First Presbyterian Church of Emporia may be sent to Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, 605 State St., Emporia, Kan. 66801.

## Location of fatal accident



Kelly Cannon/KANSAN

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