

Stacy (Welk) Ellis '97 was featured in a *Dallas Morning News* story July 6. Stacy is now executive director of the Wesley-Rankin Community Center in West Dallas, the same social-service center where she had shown up as a homeless high school drop-out when she was 17.

Judy Kunkel '97 was installed in June as the president for Soroptimist International of Winfield. Soroptimist's focus is to improve the lives of women and girls in our local community and throughout the world. Kunkel is employed with General Electric at Strother Field in the finance department. She is also an Honor Society representative with Avon Products, Inc., and in the leadership program.

Marlies (Buchmueller) '98 and Tim Lamer were married Jan. 8, 2005. Tim is managing editor of *WORLD* magazine, a conservative Christian news magazine. Marlies works for the Webster Groves school district in the St. Louis area.

Tava Jo (Ingram) Foster '98 will be joining her husband, Christopher, in Seoul, Korea, this October. She recently resigned as a member of the board of directors for the Apartment Association of Colorado Springs and as associate publisher of *Renting, Colo.* She has started her own promotional solutions business, Xian Productions, which she will continue while living in Seoul. Chris and Tava have a two-year-old son, Gunnar. Tava's new address will be SFC Foster, Christopher and Tava SOCKOR PSC 303 Box 97 APO, AP 96204. tavajo_foster@hotmail.com

Tyree '98 and LaShawne Myles were married June 26, 2004. He has a four-year-old daughter, Alexis Marie Myles. Tyree currently teaches physical education and is head football coach at Phoenix High School in Braithwaite, La.

Ulysses Wright '98 is a construction site superintendent in San Antonio, Texas. His wife, Karen, is a physical education teacher in Austin.

Kevin Carnahan '99, Dallas, was awarded the Schubert Ogden Fellowship from the graduate program in religious studies at Southern Methodist University, and a Dempster Fellowship from the United Methodist Church. Each is in recognition of past achievement and future promise in the religious studies field. He is currently working on his dissertation: "Sin, Guilt, Justice, and War: Paul Ramsey and Reinhold Niebuhr on the Moral Context for Just War Thought."

2000s

Ephanie DeBey '00 recently graduated from Oklahoma State University with a master of business administration. She

works at Tulsa Community College as the director of student activities.

Dana McDorman '00 and Ryan Krause were married July 9, 2005, at the Central Christian Church in Caldwell. They live in Olathe. Dana does accounting and human resources for BSC Holding, Inc., in Mission and Ryan is an electrician for Cimmaron Electric in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Jeff Rahm '00 graduated in May 2005 with an MBA from the University of Iowa. In June, he started a new job as a fixed income securities analyst at the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. The board manages the state pension funds (Wisconsin Retirement System). The Wisconsin Retirement System is the 10th largest public pension fund in the United States and the 23rd largest public or private pension fund in the world with \$74 billion in assets.

Nathan Turner '00 is now the head football coach at Waskom ISD, Waskom, Texas. He is in his sixth year of coaching.

Joanna Moss '01 and Chris Robinson were married May 21 in Tulsa. They will be making their home in Norman, Okla. In August Joanna began her new job with the University of Oklahoma. She is the Oklahoma Memorial Union programming coordinator and Union Programming Board advisor.

Karla Defore '02 is a social studies teacher at Arkansas City High School.

Brian Grunder '02 is employed with the Kansas Highway Patrol and his first duty station is in Johnson and Wyandotte counties.

Jill L. Megredy '02, Southwestern College registrar from 1996 to 2005, now is registrar for Emporia State University. **Tod Megredy**, who had been on the communications faculty at SC and was director of publications, is now director of journalism at Emporia State. Jill and Tod and their two daughters, Sarah, 12, and Hannah, 8, moved to Emporia in August.

Robert Jones '03 graduated from Webster University in the spring of 2005 with a master of science degree in human resource management. He has been reassigned from McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita to Brooks City Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is the superintendent of the health and safety division.

Jacob Maforo '03 is working with over 300 young people in Harare, Zimbabwe, at a Christian center there. Now in its second year of existence, the center provides an after-school program, youth camps, leadership training, team building exercises, and much more. Staff from the center have held mission schools, one of which included participants on an international level, coming from South Africa, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya, and the U.S.A.

Tasha (Doty) Schmeidler '03 has been accepted to the Ph.D. program in neuroscience at the University of Kansas. She began her graduate studies this fall and, in addition to her coursework, will be working with individuals conducting research in cognitive neuroscience.

Rachel Ferguson '04 has accepted a position with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the management training department.

Angie Hampton '04 has been hired for her first teaching position—K-5 music

at Harry Street Elementary School in Wichita.

Elise Eilts '05 and Drew Blas were married Aug. 20, 2005, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

SC ACHIEVEMENTS

Berdardo Alvarez, senior history major, was awarded a Kansas City Area Archivists' Minority Internship for the 2005 summer. The award provides a generous stipend for working in the archives at the Union Station Museum in Kansas City, where Alvarez worked with professional archivists, learning basic archival skills in acquisition, cataloging, referencing, and preservation of historical documents.

Rich Bicker, associate professor of teacher education, and **Bob Gallup**, professor of physics and mathematics, facilitated two week-long workshop sessions for the math and science teachers of Arkansas City High School and Middle School during June and July. These sessions, funded by a grant under the Mathematics and Science Partnership Program, are part of a three-year process to help classroom teachers focus upon research-based instruction and best practice, with the ultimate goal of helping students improve performances in the areas of math and science. During this second year, the primary topics centered around differentiating instruction and curriculum mapping. Participants engaged in work sessions that culminated in teaching plans and curriculum alignment to be implemented in the Arkansas City school district.

Christopher M. Caldwell, assistant professor of philosophy, is author of "Using Nontraditional Approaches to Teaching Ethics in College," to be published this fall in the *Journal of College and Character*.

Careth Eaton, junior theatre major, performed during the summer at the Brownville (Neb.) Village Theatre.

Physics professors **George Gangwere** and **Bob Gallup** participated in a workshop July 7-9, 2005, at the University of Washington in Seattle. The workshop, titled "Exploring the Extragalactic Universe Using the Sloan Digital Sky Survey," was sponsored by the National Science Foundation's Chautauqua program. Workshop participants surveyed current explanations of the formation and evolution of galaxies and the evolution of the universe.

Pam Green, assistant professor of teacher education, completed her Ph.D. at the University of Kansas this summer. Her degree is in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in teacher education.

Jim Helmer, associate professor of physical education, and head cross country and men's track coach, spoke on "Training Distance Runners" at the Oklahoma Coaches Association convention in Tulsa July 26.

Rebecca Jarvis, senior theatre major, worked in a technical theatre internship at the Bailiwick Arts Center while studying at Chicago's Urban Life Center.

Roger Moon and Allyson Moon, associate professors of theatre and speech, attended the Association of Theatre in Higher Education Conference in San Francisco July 28-31.

Southwestern College was the only Kansas college or university represented at the International Theatre Festival in Lincoln, Neb., during June. **Roger Moon** and senior **Aaron Rose** auditioned actors, interviewed technical students, and talked to other students about the benefits of pursuing theatre in their undergraduate education.

Marguerite Regan, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "Wegge-bobbles and Fruit: Bloom's Vegetarian Leanings" at the North American James Joyce Conference held at Cornell University June 15-19. She also chaired the session.

Ten students and staff from the Southwestern College Outreach program attended the Willow Creek Arts Conference in the Chicago area in June through the generous work of **Jean Blount**. Jean is originally from Winfield, and her mother is a 1920s SC alumna. Jean currently is the executive assistant for senior minister Bill Hybels at Willow Creek Community Church of South Barrington, Ill. "So much of what is written about in the church today makes some reference to the Willow Creek Church so we are thrilled for Jean to help make a way for our students to see it firsthand," says **Martin Rude**, director of the Outreach program at SC.

Aaron Rose, senior theatre major, was cast in the title role of a new script performed at the Theatre for Independent Artists in Minneapolis, Minn. The original script was written in part by Laura Wilhelm, guest artist at Southwestern as director of the 2005 production of *The Government Inspector*. Wilhelm directed Aaron in that production.

Jane Schlickau, associate professor of nursing, graduated in August with a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She recently returned from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, where she has volunteered to assist with the implementation of distance education for Kyrgyz physicians and nurses. She will be working through internet and e-mail with staff at the Tubakov Medical Institute in the Bokenyova Polyclinic to develop learning modules.

Stacey Strickland, serials librarian and student worker supervisor in Memorial Library, graduated with a master's degree in library science (M.L.S.) from Emporia State University in August 2005.

Stephen M. Woodburn, assistant professor of history, traveled in June to the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, England, where he presented a paper at the conference, "1848: The Year the World Turned?" The paper summarized his research into the repression of Russian intellectuals by the tsarist state, in response to the 1848 uprisings across Europe. In addition to the conference, Woodburn toured the medieval city of Shrewsbury in the Welsh borderlands, and the region of Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland, where the Woodburn family name originates.

