Eakle is currently undergoing surgery. Barbara and Joe retired in 1990 from Bell Telephone. Their celebration included a 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26, 2005 with a reception in the Roy L. Smith student center on the SC campus. The Eakleys are living in Olathe, where Kent is employed by the City of Olathe.

Stan Kennedy ’80 finished his 25th year of teaching social studies at Holcomb High School, where he started teaching right after graduation from Southwestern. Stan’s daughter Hannah attended SC last year, Estin, is a senior at Garden City High School, and Ellie is an eighth-grader at Kenneth Henderson Middle School in Garden City. Stan remarried two years ago, to Staci Stallings from Garden City. (see also Births)

Dale B. Sims ’80 just completed a six-month assignment as a Fulbright Scholar to Latvia. Dr. Sims taught at a university in Ventspils.

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