Homecoming this year will feature a special reunion for alumni who were members of the Black Student Union (BSU) at Southwestern. This organization spanned three decades and brought together more students over the years. Along with the full weekend of Homecoming activities, BSU alumni are invited to attend a Friday afternoon BSU reunion and a Saturday afternoon BSU reunion gathering. Check the Homecoming schedule for full details or contact BSU Alumni Director (Cont.) at (775) 178-3305. We hope to see you there!

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If you haven’t already checked out the Builder Baby Borg Page on the alumni Web site, please do so. Still in its infancy, this site is a booming baby joy to behold and it comes to you via special delivery! Visit the site at www.sckans.edu/alumniz2 and click on this Builder Baby icon.

If you have any questions, please check the Web site at www.sckans.edu/alumniz2 or contact Susan Lowe at (800) 846-1543, ext. 6394, or s.r.lowe@skans.edu.

SC Achievements

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communication at Southwestern College, has released his latest book, Servant Compassionate Advocates—A Cookbook. Why the Church Turned to Thrivent to Establish Its Social Responsibility, which is available from the Southwestern College Book Cave and from Lulu Publishing (lulu.com).

Rich Bicker, associate professor of education, and Bob Gallup, professor of physics and mathematics, facilitated two one-week sessions for the middle and high school teachers of USD 470 (Arkansas City) during June and July, focusing upon test instruction. This is the third and final year of this program, funded under a grant made available by the Partnership With Higher Education program of No Child Left Behind. The grant, titled “DATTA” [Direct Achievement Through Teacher Achievements], is intended to facilitate improved student learning in the area of math with an overall goal of improving student learning in mathematics, and subsequently, raising test scores on the annual Kansas State Math Assessments. Bicker provided the math methodology aspects, and Gallup the math content portions.

Martha Butler, professor of nursing and director of the school of nursing, and Jane Schlickman, associate professor of nursing, presented sessions at the 15th Annual Conference on Nursing Excellence in Research and Practice at the University of Arkansas School of Nursing in Fayetteville in April.

Butler’s presentation was “Mental Health Nursing: The Key to Creating Positive and Healthy Week Environments,” and Schlickman’s presentation was “Effects of a Parental Breastfeeding Education Intervention on Maternal Breastfeeding Intention.”

Butler also presented “Theories and Principles of Teaching and Learning” and “Interpersonal交往” to the Kansas Collaborative Committee on Nursing Education and Practice inaugural Clinical Teaching Institute, Aug. 10 and 11 in Wichita.

Tracy Frederick, associate professor of music, and seven of her students presented at the Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association Convention held at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, OK., September 15. Frederick spoke on “What a Difference a Town Hall Makes: Audience Response to the October 7, 2004, Presidential Debate.”

Students presented competitive papers they wrote in the Communication Theorists course last spring:

- "Native American Stereotypes in Film," Mahgain Miles
- "Efficacy of Student Government Associations and Student Body: A Case Study of Southwestern College," Donovan Lawrence
- "Communication Through Online Gaming: A Fantasy Theme Analysis of Online Game Communication," Rebekah Kruensmark
- "Adult Humor in Children’s Film: A Study of Shrek 2," Adam Dees

David Gardner, assistant professor of music and director of choir, is author of "Ralph Vaughn Williams’ Arenal to Music" published in the “Choral Rarities,” the state newsletter for the Kansas Choral Directors Association. A member of the group’s state board, he attended the annual convention in Topka July 6-8, helping to plan and execute the conference.

Doug Hall, head men’s basketball coach, has been named the recipient of the 2006 John Kurtt Alumni Coach of the Year award at Wartburg (Iowa) College. A 1989 graduate of Monmouth College, last season Hall led the Moundbuilders to the conference and tournament championships. Southwestern finished 24-8, reaching the NAIA Division II national tournament where they were defeated in the opening round. The John Kurtt Alumni Coach of the Year award has gone to a college alumnus involved in coaching in either the high school or collegiate ranks each year since 1962.

Jean-Gabriel Jolivet, assistant professor of political science, has been named academic associate for the Atlantic Council of the United States, representing Southwestern College. The academic associate network of the Atlantic Council transmits information between the council and students and faculty at colleges and universities across the United States. Academic associates pass along open invitations for students and faculty to participate in numerous opportunities and through the network, faculty also have access to council experts for briefings (either in Washington D.C. or, potentially, at SC) as well as council reports for use as course materials. More information is available at www.acus.org.

Allison Moon, associate professor of theatre and speech, led the 9 Lives improv troupe in performance at the Murphy, Inc., building during Friday night in June, raising money for the development of the old 1956s Winfield Cinema building as a performance space.

Roger Moon, associate professor of theatre and speech, played Harold Hill in The Music Man during July at the Great Plains Theatre Festival, the professional theatre in Ahsin.

Two Southwestern College physics students were involved in Research Experiences for Undergraduates during the summer of 2006:

- Alexandria Stonn ’07 in neutron and neutrino physics at Duke University in Durham, N.C.
- Rachel Pollack ’07 in materials physics at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore.

Amy O’Connor, assistant professor of business, completed her doctoral degree in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southwestern University.

Patrick Ross, associate professor of biology and chair of the natural sciences division, will serve as director of Beta Beta Beta in the 2006-2007 year. Beta Beta Beta is the national undergraduate honor biology society with 450 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the country. Ross’s district includes the states of Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. BBB started at Southwestern and the SG chapter won the best chapter in the nation award a few years ago.

Andy Sheppard, academic dean, is author of two recent books: Conflict Over Creation from a Medieval Point of View, in Theology and Science (forthcoming), and "Financial Leadership from a Medieval Point of View" in The Academic Leader, April 2006.


Michael Tesnor, associate professor of chemistry, recently co-authored a book with DJ Menegola titled Teaching Simplicity. The novel chronicles a road trip that becomes a quest for finding meaning in life. The book is available through Amazon.com, BarnesAndNoble.com or, of course, through your friendly local bookstore.

In June, Tesnor attended a five-day workshop, "Modeling Biomolecules," at the Argonne National Laboratory. The workshop covered molecular modeling with computers as it applies to biological molecules.


ALUMNI NEWS

Twenty-eight members of the Beta Theta Mu fraternity met in Winfield June 23-25 for reminiscing and golfing. Arriving from homes as far flung as Pennsylvania and Georgia, the Betas hope to make this an annual event. Among those hitting the links were (l. to r.) Mike Foster, Joe Calhoun, Ken Valentine, and Rich Joiner. Foster and Joiner are currently members of the SC Board of Trustees.