

ALUMNI NOTES

1950s

Peggy (Miller) Snyder '52 was recently recognized by her church for her service as organist for the past 40 years. She is the organist at the First United Methodist Church of Bowling Green, Ohio. Peggy is a retired piano teacher with the Creative Arts Program at Bowling Green State University.

Harold and **Carolyn (Combs) Smith '53** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 23, 2005, with their family. Carolyn is still working in her private counseling practice in Wichita.

Colleen (Wartick) Bennett '56 has mostly retired after spending 37 years in development work for Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Mo.

Richard E. Hagen Ph.D. '59 has received notice that his review titled "Introduction to the Chemistry of Hazardous Materials" has been published in the *Hazardous Materials Management Desk Reference*, 2nd Ed. The Desk Reference is a publication of the American Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers. Prior to retirement in 2000, Hagen enjoyed a career as an industrial biochemist with specialties in food science and nutrition, food and drug regulatory affairs, and later in his career, as an environmental manager at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Hagen and his wife, Barbara, are enjoying retirement in Fort Collins, Colo.

1960s

James Dean '63 has been appointed to a reporter position for the National Council of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). Recognized nationally as an expert on cooperative associations and former president of the American Agricultural Law Association, Dean has been asked to assist in the drafting of a uniform law concerning new types of cooperative associations.

Dennis and Nova (Kilgore) Maack '64 '65 recently returned to their home in Overland Park after two years of service with the Peace Corps in Balti, Moldova. While there, Dennis worked with at-risk children, youth, and orphans, and Nova worked with organizations of both university students and high school students. Both of them also taught a group of advanced high school students in a school for future leaders.

Loeda (Grundeitz) Westphal '65 received recognition for 50 years of

membership in Grange, a farm fraternal organization. Loeda has served six years as chaplain for the Colorado State Grange and 18 years as deputy for Colorado.

Dr. Phil Dudley '68, Hastings College president, was selected as Nebraska Music Educators Association (NMEA) Outstanding School Administrator for 2005. He was nominated by students who are members of the Hastings College chapter of Music Educators National Conference (MENC). He received his award on Nov. 18, 2005.

1970s

George Colebrook '70 writes that after 14 years as a bank vice president and 29 years of government service, he has finally retired. George is currently living in a retirement community which has four golf courses, a fishing lake, two state-of-the-art fitness centers, and much more.

Marilyn (Brown) Corbin '70 has received Kansas State University's 2005 College of Human Ecology Distinguished Service Award, and the 2005 National Diversity Award from the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Marilyn is currently the associate director and state program leader for children, youth, and families with Penn State Cooperative Extension at Pennsylvania State University.

Steve Hiebsch '70 has retired after five years of teaching economics at Oklahoma City University then 26 years at OGE Energy Corp., working in the areas of economics, finance, and project development. Steve will be starting his next career as a financial planner. He plans to take courses in personal financial planning and taxation to augment his background in economics and corporate finance.

Col. Cliff L. Walker '71 became the incoming commander of the United States Army Veterinary Command (VetCom) in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on June 24, 2005. The U.S. Army VetCom provides centralized command and control over veterinary assets supporting Department of Defense installations, ships, and deployed forces in America, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and most of Asia and the Pacific. VetCom is a major subordinate command of the U.S. Army Medical Command (MedCom), both headquartered at Fort Sam Houston. It is the only MedCom major subordinate command with an extensive tri-service mission.

1980s

Todd Diacon '80 is the author of *String Together a Nation*, a history of the construction of the first telegraph line across the Amazon Basin. The American Historical Association's Conference on Latin American History awarded this book the prize as the best book on Brazilian history published in 2003-04. Todd is a member of the faculty and head of the Department of History at the University of Tennessee.

Dennis Hodges '81 manages marketing and sales for UPC (cable TV, satellite TV, internet, telephone ad content) for Central Europe, which includes Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Slovenia. He was recently named part of the "Euro 50" by *Cable and Satellite Europe* magazine, which recognizes the top media leaders in Europe.

Marvin Diener '82 has accepted a teaching/coaching position in Gardner/Edgerton. Marvin had been at Salina Central for 19 years and won six state championships in class 5A, his most recent win in 2005, when his team went 13-0. Diener was inducted into the SC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

1990s

Albert Bacastow '91 has retired from the United States Post Office. Bacastow has served as postmaster in Winfield for the last 12 years.

Trevor Bridges '95 accepted a position with the law firm of Shook, Hardy, and Bacon at their international branch in Switzerland. Trevor and his wife Gina (Godsey), along with their daughter, Hadley, 2, will reside there for three to four years.

Liz Crickard '97 has accepted the position of director of institutional research at College of the Redwoods in Eureka, Calif. This is a new Title III grant-funded department which she will be responsible for launching.

Ginger A. (Wilcox) '97 and Ken Davidson II were married Sept. 10, 2005, in Oxford. Ginger is employed at Wal-Mart, Inc., as a replenishment manager.

Brandon Smith '98 spent part of his fall working as a graphic designer on *Law & Order: SVU*. Smith also is teaching Photoshop at New York University/Tisch School of Design. He is a 2004 graduate of NYU/Tisch.