New Coach Brings Coach-of-the-Year Credentials

Ken Crandall has been named head football coach at Southwestern College. Crandall had been head coach at NCAA Division III University of Minnesota—Morris.

Crandall is a graduate of Fort Hays State University, and had coached at UMM for 11 years, nine as head coach. During the 2006 season his team was undefeated during the regular season and Crandall was named Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Coach of the Year.

“Coach Crandall made it quite clear that he knows how to run a program that fosters success in all realms of his players’ lives,” says SC President Dick Merriman.

Crandall had been a graduate assistant coach at Pittsburg State University during the Gorillas’ national championship run in 1991. In addition, he was assistant coach at Norwich (Vermont) University and at the Maine Maritime Academy.

The opportunity to return to Kansas, where the Crandalls have family ties, was one factor that attracted the coach to apply at Southwestern. He and his wife, Jodi (a native of Abilene, Kan.), have three sons—Ty, 13; Blake, 11; and KC, 5.

SC Travels ‘Down to Egypt’ During Break

Stephen Woodburn, assistant professor of history, organized a nine-day trip to Egypt for SC students and faculty, seen here at the Step Pyramid at Saqqara. Back row, l-r: Stephen Woodburn, Kayla Drake, Janelle Renz, Jenn Nicholson, George Gangwere, Nicole Guthrie, Patricia Gangwere, Sara Tolle, Robert Jackson, Shelley Soldan, Kylie Jackson. Kneeling from l-r: Kourtney McLeland, Traveling Owl, Laura Morgan, Danielle Patton, Linda Hawk.

Another Legacy Freshman!

When Cameron Siefkes enrolled at Southwestern in the fall of 2006, she completed a perfect dozen Moundbuilders in her family.

John ’80 and Gerry ReQua ’79 (Cameron’s grandparents) both attended SC with Cameron’s mother, Renée (ReQua) Smith ’79, and her father, Kelly Siefkes ’79.

Cameron’s other relatives who attended SC include her aunts, Kathy (ReQua) Brazle ’69 and Jessie ReQua Bradley ’71; her uncle, Jim Bradley ’58; cousins Bill ReQua ’70 and Cheryl (ReQua) O’Connor ’72; great-aunt Nella (Bryan) Hartley ’56; and cousin Sarah (Hartley) Doubek ’83.

“In our midst we have a former All-KCAC football player, a Scholar of the College and valedictorian, a former SC teacher and women’s volleyball and basketball coach, a former SC trustee, and a former basketball player,” Renée Smith writes. “We are very proud that she has chosen SC—especially her granddad, who went with us on every visitation to the campus when Cameron was a prospective student!”