Southwestern to Honor Forrest Robinson

Southwestern College will present its Servant Leader Award to the Rev. Forrest J. Robinson at the college’s annual Founders Day Dinner on April 14, 2007. The Award will recognize Robinson’s distinguished service to his country, to the United Methodist Church, and to Southwestern College.

Forrest Robinson attended Southwestern College, but his studies were interrupted by World War II. He received his bachelor of science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1948 after serving in the U.S. Army in Europe. Robinson received his master of divinity degree from Drew University in 1959 and received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Southwestern College in 1969.

Robinson has served United Methodist Churches in New York and Kansas, including Johnson United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church in Wichita, and his home church, First United Methodist Church in Winfield. In July of 1980 he was appointed interim president of Southwestern College and later served the college as vice president for development. In 1985 he was appointed executive director of the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation.

Robinson had a distinguished career in public service as well. He ran for the office of governor of Kansas in 1974, subsequently served the governor as liaison in economic development, and later served as Secretary of the Kansas State Department on Aging.

During World War II Robinson participated in the liberation of the Nordhausen concentration camp in Germany and has given many presentations to schools, clubs, and churches telling of the horrors of the Holocaust. His photos of the camp are in the permanent collection of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In conjunction with the presentation of the Servant Leader Award, Southwestern is seeking contributions from friends of Forrest Robinson to create a scholarship in his name to assist students at SC who are preparing for careers in Christian ministry. Contributions may be sent to Dick Merriman, Office of the President, Southwestern College, 100 College St., Winfield, KS 67156-2499.

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upcoming EVENTS

April

Saturday, April 14

FOUNDERS DAY

will include three halls of fame to honor alumni and will be held in the SC Memorial Library: Business Hall of Fame, beginning at 1:30 p.m., and Educators and Scholars Halls of Fame which will begin at 3:30 p.m.

May

Sunday, May 8

COMMENCEMENT

in Sonner Stadium. Baccalaureate services at 10:30 a.m. in Richardson Auditorium, and the graduation ceremony begins at 4 p.m.

July

Saturday, July 7

2ND ANNUAL ULYSSES MOUND BUILDER REUNION

at the Landmark Restaurant in Ulysses, Kan. If you have a connection to SC and live or have lived in Ulysses, you are invited to attend. Host is Pam Annis.

For more information check the alumni website at www.sckans.edu/alumni2 or contact alumni programs (800) 846-1543, ext. 6334, or slowe@sckans.edu.

HOLD THE DATE! Homecoming this year will be on the weekend of Oct. 19, 20, and 21, 2007. Mark your calendar and call your classmates. Reunion years are classes ending in “2” and “7.” Additional reunions are being planned for BSU (Black Student Union) and tennis participants. Plan now to attend!

2007 Halls of Fame

Three prestigious Southwestern College halls of fame will recognize outstanding alumni at Founders Day, April 14, 2007.

A reception for the 2007 Business Hall of Fame inductees will be at 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Library. The induction ceremony will follow at 2 p.m. in the library reference room. Inductees for the 2007 Business Hall of Fame will be Ronald R. Denton ’79, Ralph C. Hanna III ’78, and Rodney N. Strohl ’66.

Inductees for both the 2007 Educators Hall of Fame and 2007 Scholars Hall of Fame will be honored at a reception at 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Library. The induction ceremony for both events will begin in the library reference room at 4 p.m. New members of the Educators Hall of Fame and the recipient of the Marilyn McNeish Special Education Award will be announced prior to the ceremony. New to the Scholars Hall of Fame will be Daniel J. Callison ’70, E. Dale Dunlap ’43 (deceased), and David A. Nichols ’60.

Alumni and friends of the college are invited to attend these halls of fame.