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New hybrid maples being planted as part of the Heart of the Hill Campaign give a splash of color to the view from the 77 Steps.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

The country's economic situation poses some challenges for Southwestern. When the parents of prospective students and continuing students are concerned about their finances, they look to the college to do a little more with financial aid to make Southwestern affordable. Our ability to do a little more with financial aid depends, of course, on the ability of our alumni and friends to provide gifts to the college. And this is exactly the time that some alumni and friends feel less able to make a gift to SC.

Please, if you can, make a gift to the college this year.

Gifts to the Builder Fund provide significant support for financial aid to the college's students. So do gifts that come specifically earmarked for scholarship aid and for scholarship endowments. Please remember us at the holidays.

Best regards,

Dick Merriman

Dick Merriman, *President*

P.S. Please read the message below from Marla Sexson, our new director of admission. She is eager to hear from you about young people who ought to be recruited to Southwestern.

ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



No matter what college, the most powerful recruitment tools that the admission office can tap into include current students, their friends and family and alumni. I invite you to reconnect with your alma mater by visiting the admission pages on the SC Web site www.sckans.edu, or better yet, come back to Winfield and let one of our student ambassadors take you on a tour of the campus.

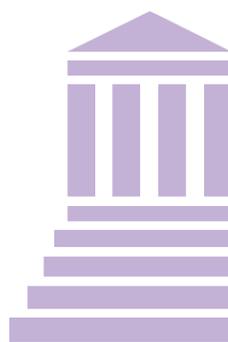
As you reflect on your experiences at SC, take a moment to think about children and/or grandchildren of your friends and family or high school students in your church or other organization that would be a good fit to Southwestern College. You can e-mail me at

Marla.Sexson@sckans.edu with the information of the prospects so we can follow up or complete the inquiry form at the Web site listed below.

We invite you to become our friend on our Facebook account. Visit www.facebook.com and search for Southwestern College Admission Avenue. You will be able to view admission events that are happening on campus as well as check out where we are traveling. If you see that we are in your neck of the woods, come by to visit. We would love to see you.

Marla Sexson

Marla Sexson, *Director of Admission*



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E-mail the campus admission office, scadmit@sckans.edu

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Call Professional Studies, 1-888-684-5335

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Professor, Students Lead Drive to Register Builders

Dr. Jean-Gabriel Jolivet didn't vote in the Nov. 4 election. He won't be voting in the 2012 presidential election either.

Born in France, Southwestern's political science professor is five years away from United States citizenship so he won't be casting a ballot here for some time. Nevertheless, he was one of the campus's most involved and passionate voices during the recent presidential campaign.

"We need to have students involved," he says intensely. "They need to acquire political information and get involved in the political process."

Studies have shown that students who jump into political involvement between ages 18 and 25 are more likely to continue to be involved throughout their lives, he points out; an apathetic attitude at this age also tends to persist.

So Jolivet organized a voter

registration drive on campus that registered 181 new student voters during the weeks leading up to Nov. 4. Almost-daily e-mail messages in the JinxTale electronic newsletter reminded these citizens that voting requires preparation – and registration.

Student and staff volunteers helped man registration tables every day for one week in October, and individuals and groups took advantage of "Dr. J's" offer to mail their voter registration paperwork for free. The women's basketball team, for example, achieved 100 percent registration among its members. It wasn't the free postage that drew the participants, though, Jolivet stresses. The attraction was the excitement of being part of the political process and the knowledge that registration was part of the excitement.

"The key is for them to know about voter registration, to be aware and gather information, then to make up their own minds," he says.

Representatives from both major political parties had tables set up in the same hallway as the registration process to make this information more accessible.

As for Jean-Gabriel, he'll continue

to work behind the scenes for at least the next few elections until he becomes a citizen.

"Patience is a virtue," he says with a laugh, "and until then, I can still be part of the process."



Student volunteers help with registration paperwork before the Nov. 4 elections. The effort resulted in 181 new voters on campus.

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New Directors to Head Key Areas on Campus, in PS

Marla Sexson has been named director of admission at Southwestern College. She began her duties at the college Oct. 13.

"Marla knows our region and its competitive environment very well, and that's a plus, but she's also well versed on best practices nationally and is eager to bring those to Southwestern," says President Dick Merriman. "Because we've had success with recruiting, we don't need to make dramatic changes. I see her role as building on our strengths."

"I am looking forward to building relationships and coordinating recruiting," Sexson says. "This college is really on top of what kids today want. SC is aware of what activities students want to be in – for example the Green Team. Southwestern tries to be on the cutting edge, which is huge for a recruiter."

Sexson, a native of Belle Plaine, graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in radio, television, and film. Although interested in becoming a television journalist, she was also passionate about the college experience and wanted to stay in that environment.

After working in the financial aid department at Friends University for two years, she became director of financial aid at Newman University in 1993. In 2000 she was named dean of admissions at Newman. She returned to Friends University in 2005 to become director of admissions.

Sexson's husband, Brad, is the head

golf coach at Southwestern. They are now living in Winfield with their children, Jordyn, 6, and Bryce, 4.

New PS Position Stresses Retention of Learners

A newly-created position in Professional Studies will focus on the factors that help learners successfully complete degrees through the program.

Bryon Bailey will become director of academic advising and learner engagement on Dec. 3. Because of continued and sustained growth in Professional Studies, this position was created to focus on four key areas – academic advising, learner success coaching, learner engagement, and retention.

Originally from Kansas, Bailey has been living in the Portland area for eight years. His undergraduate degree is from Central College of McPherson.

"What is unique about Bryon is that he has relevant experience as a success coach, both with college/university learners and with business/industry professionals. He also has a marketing and sales background which will be valuable in this position," says Karen Pedersen, vice president for professional studies.

Pedersen says this was one of the

most challenging searches she has launched as an academic administrator, largely because the new position is unique and multi-dimensional.

"There simply isn't an array of individuals with relevant experience employed at higher education institutions today," she explains. "What we were looking for is not part of the traditional college administrator career track at this point in time, so,

we're ahead of the curve in focusing on the increasingly diverse needs of our online and on-ground learners.

"While we continually benchmark our operations with best practices from other institutions," Pedersen adds. "I believe with Bryon's leadership we will be positioned to become the benchmark in learner success coaching, learner engagement and retention."

Alumni Awards

The Young Alumni Award, the 2008 Ambassador Award, and the Alumni Recognition Award were presented Oct. 10, during the Homecoming 2008 all-class dinner.

The honorees were Bryon Rinke, Stephanie Bruyn, and George Cole. **Bryon Rinke**, shown here, received the Southwestern College Ambassador



Award. Rinke has been a valued friend of the college for more than 16 years and has volunteered countless hours in the SC greenhouse. Rinke has been an award-winning radiologic and MRI/CT technologist for more than 25 years. He also is an award-winning cultivator and judge of orchids, and has been president of the Kansas Orchid Society.

Stephanie (Sharp) Bruyn '98 was awarded the Young Alumni Award.

This honor is presented to a recent graduate who has made an outstanding commitment to the college

Bruyn was a legislative aide for foreign affairs, defense, international trade, and agriculture issues in the Washington, D.C., office of Sen. John Ashcroft from Missouri. After relocating to Kansas City, Bruyn became the Kansas government relations director for the American Cancer Society. In 2002, Bruyn was elected to two terms representing northern Lenexa and southern Shawnee district in the Kansas House of Representatives. She and her husband, Dan, live in Lenexa.

George Cole '63, Dallas, was presented the Alumni Award. Cole is an orthopedic surgeon and a former member of the Board of Trustees. He provided funds to help establish a summer music camp at Southwestern College, providing scholarships that enable youth to have summer music experiences. The summer of 2008 was the inaugural year for the well-received Southwestern Summer Music Camp.

Fall Speakers Emphasize Responsible Citizenship

The common theme of responsible citizenship permeated presentations by guest speakers at Southwestern College during the fall 2008 semester.

Chuck Todd, (below) political analyst for NBC News, drew a nearly-full house to Richardson Auditorium Oct. 20 in spite of the fall break scheduling.

Hosted by the Docking Lecture Series, Todd analyzed the national presidential election that would take place only two weeks later, and what

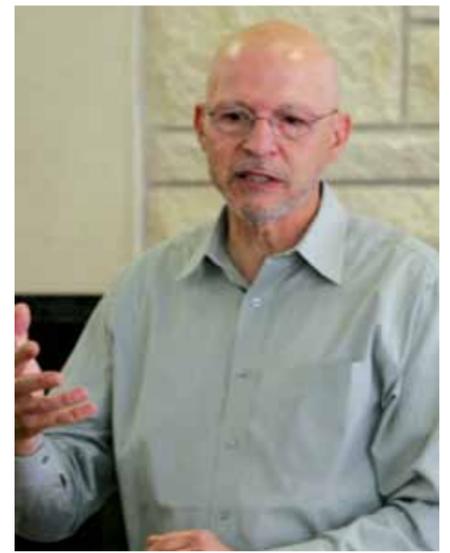
the implications of that event might have in the nation's future.

By this point, Obama was leading polls, and Todd pointed out that the country was standing on the verge of a new political landscape. The most important difference between the candidates, he pointed out, was not race but age.

"The visual difference is striking," Todd said. "This is the first time a lot of people have voted for someone younger than themselves, so they struggle with it, but it's a marker. We vote on the future, we don't vote on the past."



Sen. Sam Brownback (above) chose Southwestern College as a stop in his fall listening tour Oct. 9. Brownback spoke to a community crowd gathered in the SC library, taking questions from students as well as faculty, staff, and other interested persons.



Anthony Cortese (above right) spent Sept. 29-Oct. 1 on campus as part of a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows

program. Cortese is the co-director of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. Southwestern College President Dick Merriman was an early signer of this compact, and the college now is engaging in progressively green practices.

Cortese met with classes and with the Green Team as he discussed ways the college can encourage a lifestyle that encourages sustainability.



Thirty student leaders joined President Dick Merriman in Wichita Nov. 11 for dinner in Old Town and a public lecture by noted historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin** on "Lincoln and Leadership."

New Graduate Program Helps Aspiring Teachers

A graduate program that will help college graduates earn teaching licenses will roll out in January through Professional Studies.

The Master of Arts in Teaching is designed for persons who have baccalaureate degrees but have not taken the teacher education components necessary for licensure. Completion of this degree at Southwestern College qualifies graduates to apply for Kansas teacher licensure for grades 6-12 if they already have bachelor's (or higher) degrees in biology, business administration, chemistry, English, social sciences, mathematics, physics, or speech/theatre. In addition, persons with degrees in music or physical education can be licensed in grades K-12. The graduate program does not include a pathway to early childhood or elementary licensure.

The 36-hour non-thesis program

will be offered completely online in six- or 12-week courses beginning in January 2009.

"As we looked at the courses that would be necessary for this degree, we realized that they often mirror the professional courses now being taught at the undergraduate level, but we will require more rigor for completion," explains David Hofmeister, chair of the teacher education program at Southwestern College. "As a result, we've worked with area employers to craft a program with the result that the teacher who obtains this degree is a comparably qualified teacher to other teachers with master's degrees. The MAT curriculum goes deeper, and there is additional course work than the teacher who starts teaching with only a baccalaureate degree completes."

The Master of Arts also qualifies the new graduate to enter the job market at a higher pay step than bachelor's-level teachers, he points out.

Faculty members from various parts of the nation with knowledge and experiences in rural, suburban, and urban schools will be teaching in the program, Hofmeister says, and although the program is tailored to Kansas licensure requirements, Southwestern personnel can help learners from anywhere in the United States.

"We have an understanding of how licensure works in all 50 states, and we will use that knowledge and understanding to determine what an

individual might need to complete licensure in any individual state," he adds.

Even though the complete program is 36 hours, learners can obtain licensure after only 30 hours. Classes are online, but field experiences in high schools and practica/student teaching are required.

For more information, contact Lindy Kralicek at Lindy.Kralicek@sckans.edu, or call (888) 684-5335 ext. 130.

Builders in Ministry to Hear Jones

Developments in ministry will be examined by a nationally-prominent church leader during the third annual Builders in Ministry Week Feb. 17-19, 2009.

Tony Jones, formerly national coordinator of Emergent Village, is a sought-after speaker and consultant in the areas of emerging church, postmodernism, and Christian spirituality. He will deliver the Parkhurst Lecture as part of the special week, as well as speaking at chapel and hosting a question-and-answer session.

"Builders in Ministry Week is Southwestern's effort to enrich the life of our students while reconnecting with our graduates and continuing our educational role in their lives," says Steve Wilke, executive director

of the Institute for Discipleship.

"Southwestern takes very seriously its role in developing a new generation of leaders for the church, and part of that responsibility includes bringing in speakers of Tony Jones's caliber."

This is the third year the special week has brought back graduates working in ministry to participate in workshops, discussion sessions, and other activities. A pre-conference workshop will be led by Justin Lefto, director of youth and camping ministry for the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Workshop leaders will include Ashlee Alley, Steve Rankin, Cheryl Rude, Martin Rude, Jason Speegle, Kate Topham, and Kansas West staff member Corey Godbey.

Green Experts Needed

If you are involved in sustainable future projects in your home, your business, or your community, Southwestern College needs you. Advisors are being assembled for the new Green Team, and your expertise is valuable. Contact Jason Speegle at (620) 229-6311 or e-mail Jason.Speegle@sckans.edu for more information.



**Green Team
SOUTHWESTERN**

TREES

GLORIOUS TREES

Max Thompson knows the trees on the Southwestern College as if they were old friends.

There are the maples he and the students planted outside of Mossman Hall back when he was first on campus, some 40-odd years ago. Or the one north of the greenhouse he planted at about the same time, when he first joined the SC biology faculty.

He knows the sweet gum in the Admission Center yard was planted by the Bartletts (of Bartlett Arboretum fame), who landscaped the campus right after Richardson Hall burned in 1950.

He's seen the arborvitae on The Hill age and near the end of their lifespan, with snaggletooth branches that are apt to break during heavy wind. And he's seen the first brown needles on Southwestern's pines that signal nematode infestation and the beginning of the end for these trees.

That's why Thompson takes a special interest in the trees now being planted at Southwestern. This fall marked the first time the saplings have burned with spectacular color as a late and protracted autumn has shown off the new hardwoods.

Now that several dozen trees have been planted in the campaign to add 125 trees for the college's 125th anniversary of founding, they are announcing their presence with bright reds and golds.

"I wanted maples to get some color on the hill, to get some more color on the hillside," Max explains his choice of species. As the evergreens on the hill succumb to age, disease, or weather, more colorful trees are continually planted.

It isn't a fast process. Maples take decades to reach full size, and many take almost as long to achieve their signature colors.

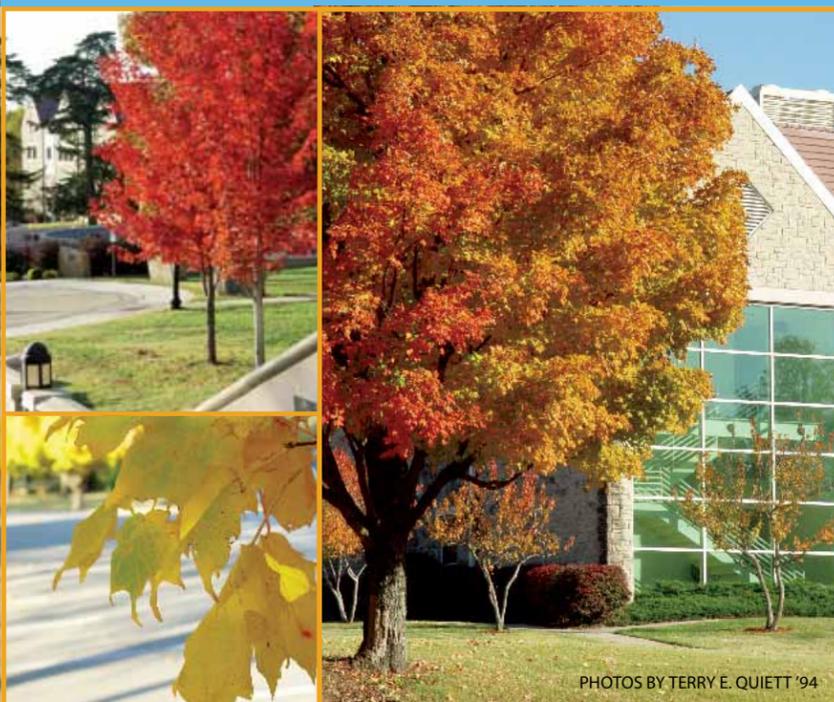
"When we put the maples in when I first came to campus, they would go from green to brown without being very pretty," Thompson says. "Then after they got older, they started giving some nice colors."

The hybrid trees being planted now, though, have been brilliant almost from the first year. Even their names are dazzling – Autumn Blaze, and October Glory.

"Unless it's a sequoia," Thompson points out, trees have a lifespan. So some day, many decades from now, these trees will be shading generations of Southwestern students who barely remember a hill covered with evergreens.

It's part of the cycle of nature.

For information on the Heart of the Hill campaign and the Legacy Tree program, contact Jessica Hornbostel, (620) 229-6155.



HOLD OFF WINTER FOR AFEW MORE DAYS

Tour campus foliage online at www.sckans.edu/fall2008atSC.

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HOME COMING 2008

Perfect weather and special events combined to make Homecoming 2008 memorable for dozens of Builder alumni. The weekend combined the nostalgic – class gatherings and music reunions – with the momentous – unveiling of plans for a proposed new stadium and remodeling of Richardson Auditorium.



▲ Katy Raybern, Seward, and Aric Cherry, Ozawkie, were crowned Homecoming royalty.

▼ Lonnie Howerton '69 was among several dozen attending Saturday's all-class football reunion



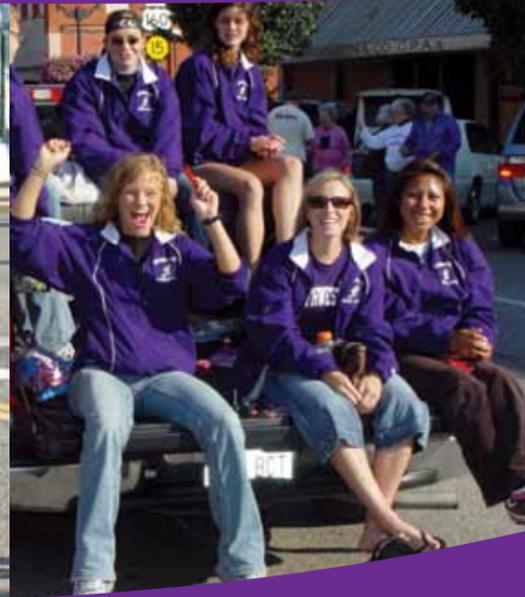
▶ Rick Jantz '70, right, served as honorary football coach as the Builders met Bethel.



Perfect weather drew a large parade crowd.



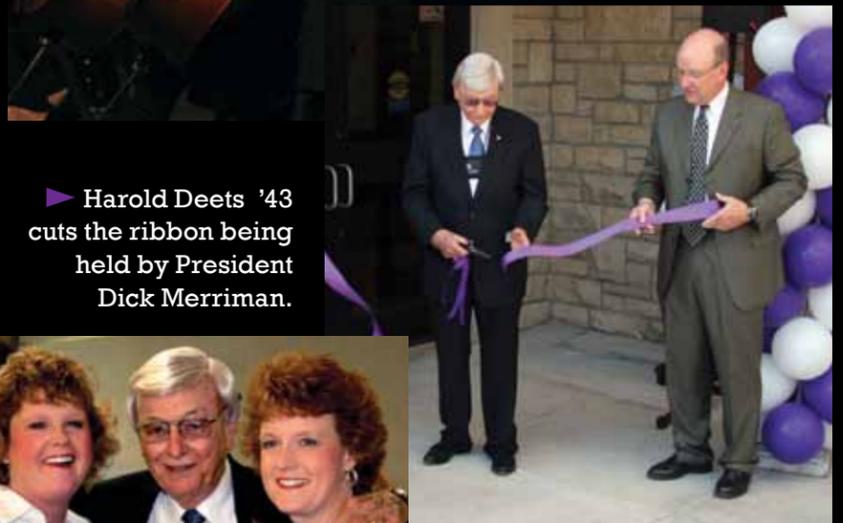
ALUMNI 2008



▶ Class of 1978



▶ Music reunions combined alumni with current South Kansas Orchestra and A Cappella Choir members for a Kaleidoscope concert. Don Gibson '61 and Shirley Coad '53 led the cello section.



▶ Harold Deets '43 cuts the ribbon being held by President Dick Merriman.



▶ Deets was joined by nieces Susan Floyd and Julie Vancuren following the dedication of the Harold and Mary Ellen Deets Library.

1930s

J. Graydon Wilson '36 has celebrated 75 years in ministry, and will turn 95 years old in February. Now living in Fremont, Neb., Wilson was called to the ministry at a YMCA camp during his teens, and was ordained in 1940 after earning a Master of Theology degree. After serving churches in Nebraska for many years, Wilson's ministry changed when he was in a serious car accident that required months of hospitalization and years of rehabilitation. He began a ministry to persons with mental and physical ailments. "I was always interested in health. Not just medicine — auxiliary therapies — physical therapy, music humor, nutritional and ecotherapy," a portrait in the *Fremont Tribune* explained. He is an organic gardener, a poet, a writer, and a world traveler.

1940s

Margaret (McIntosh) Wilson '40 turned 90 on Oct. 23, 2008. Margaret started her music teaching career in Tonganoxie. At that time, her band was so skilled that it was invited to play at the University of Kansas as a special recognition. After she and her husband started their family, she no longer taught in public schools but continued teaching private music lessons (piano and instrumental) in their home. During four different moves the family made, every school system where they have lived has sought Margaret out and sent their music students to her for music instruction. To celebrate her birthday, the family gathered in Lagrange, Ind., where Margaret lives, for a special party.

1950s

Louis and Dona (Bettis) Kovach '51 '49 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 16, 2008. The couple renewed their wedding vows in the Memorial Garden at Newburg

(Mich.) United Methodist Church with 16 family members witnessing the ceremony. Their daughter and son hosted a backyard picnic at the Kovach home in Westland, Mich., after the service. "It was a beautiful, sunny day, and we will always cherish the memories," Dona writes.

George R. McNeish, husband of **Marilyn (Powers) '54**, is celebrating his 50th year of doing business as McNeish Oil Operations in Winfield.

1960s

David Nichols '60 is working on a second book for Simon & Schuster, this one investigating President Dwight Eisenhower's role in the Suez Canal Crisis of 1956. His first Eisenhower book, *A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution*, also was published by Simon & Schuster and was widely acclaimed.

Janice (Savely) Jacobsen '63 retired from the medical oncology department at Colorado University in May 2008.

Linda (Delamarter) Lee '68 has retired after teaching elementary music for 25 years. She taught 22 of those years in Derby at Oaklawn Elementary School, and for the last five years also taught reading. She sings in the Woodlawn United Methodist Church choir and is an avid quilter. Linda's husband, **Ray '67**, died June 20, 2008. (see also *Deaths*) Linda has a daughter, Lara, who lives in Derby; a son, Scott (and wife Jen), who lives in Overland Park; and three granddaughters.

1970s

C. Darnell Jones '72 has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a federal judge. This lifetime appointment came Sept. 16 when Judge Jones was one of 10 nominees who received Senate confirmation. Jones, 58, earned his law degree from

American University Washington college of Law. Before becoming a Common Pleas Court judge in Philadelphia, he practiced law at the Defender Association of Philadelphia, where he served as chief of the Family Court Division.

Linda (Hill) Kraus '73 is a new counselor in USD 262 (Valley Center). She had previously served as counselor coordinator at Southeast High School in Wichita for 27½ years, and taught seventh- and eighth-grade science. Her husband, **Rex '75**, is a retired tech support and math and science teacher.

Orville Walker '77 is now teaching music at Humboldt Elementary School. He had retired from Yates Center High last year, where he had taught band and vocal music. He has worked 18 years in school administration, part of that time at Altoona-Midway, and 14 years teaching music. He and his wife, Cathy, who teaches elementary music in Chanute, live in Chanute. They have two grown sons, Mathew and Devin.

1980s

Dennis Hodges '81 has been selected for a feature in the December 2008 issue of *Black and White* photography magazine. The article features some of Hodges's recent photographic works involving flypaper — an advertising technique whereby a public wall is covered by the same poster. Dennis is a self-taught photographer, but gives credit to both his father and to SC staff member Howard Stephens for some of the techniques he acquired. He credits his love of graphical, abstract images on his Kansas upbringing with the strong sunlight and Kansas fields.

Kenny Mossman '81 is author of the newly-released *University of Oklahoma Football Vault*. Kenny has been part of the OU staff since August of 2001, when he became director of media relations. In August of 2002, he was promoted to assistant athletics director. He was promoted to associate AD for media relations and communication in August 2004, then became senior associate athletic director for communications in 2006. Previously, he worked at Illinois State and Kansas State. At OU, he supervises media

relations, publications, graphic design, the department's Web site, licensing, and Sooner Vision.

Kristy (Gentz) Rivers '82 is teaching in Rose Hill High School's English department. She and her husband, **Randy '80**, now live in Leon, where he is superintendent of the Leon-Bluestem district. Their son, Logan, is a student at Kansas State University and their daughter, Kelsey, is a senior at Bluestem.

Callie Seaton '86 and her art will be featured during a spring exhibit at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center in Iola. "An Abstract Approach" will be shown April 5 through May 8, and will include a workshop and public reception for Seaton to start the month-long exhibit. Seaton has advocated the arts for many years, having served on the Kansas Arts Commission in the early 1990s and more recently as a member of the board of directors of the Winfield Arts and Humanities Council. She coordinated Winfield's Art in the Park for six years.

Richard Mack '87 announces that his firm, Mack & Associates, P.C. and Watson Law Firm, P.C. have joined into partnership now known as Mack Drucker and Watson (MDW) in Phoenix, Ariz.

1990s

Ginger (Cauble) Senseman '92 recently joined the Ellsworth County Medical Center Outpatient Clinic Staff. She received her M.D. from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, and completed internal medicine pediatrics internship and pediatrics residency at Baylor College of Medicine-Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. Dr. Senseman is employed by Salina Pediatric Care in Salina, but in August started seeing patients in ECMC's new Outpatients Service Area. Ginger is married to **Greg Senseman '91**.

Scott Bugbee '93 is now a science teacher at Maize Middle School, Maize, Kan. He has moved to Wichita.

Walter Craig Maddox '95 has been promoted to assistant pastor at Lane Tabernacle Church in St. Louis, Mo.

BIRTHS

A son, John Willoughby, born Feb. 7, 2008, to **David F. Willoughby '91**.

A daughter, Genevieve Alexa, born April 25, 2008, to **Michelle Calvert '96** and **Mauricio Herrera**. They also have a daughter, Gabriella (5).

A daughter, Kyndal Simone, born July 1, 2008, to **Scott '96** and **Kari Galliard**. She was welcomed home by big sister, Makenzie Shea (2). Grandparents include **David** and **Carol (Tillotson) Galliard '69 '71**.

A son, Benjamin Aaron, born summer of 2008, to **Matthew** and **Marianne (Potts) Herman '01**.

A daughter, Sadie Alexis, born Sept. 15, 2008, to **Nathan** and **Shelley (Good) Eckert '01 '02**. Sadie has a sister, Abigail Louise (2½).

A daughter, Rhys Renee, born Aug. 26, 2008, to **Sam** and **Kristen (Baalman) Hauserman '05**.

A son, Christian Brandt, born Aug. 9, 2007, to **Luke** and **Kristen (Johnson) Zimmerman '10 '08**.



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WHY I GIVE THROUGH ACH: The process is straightforward. I completed the automatic withdrawal form and each month a set amount is applied to my pledge. As a young alum breaking the pledge into a set amount each month makes purchasing a brick affordable.

If you would like more information about how to make a gift through automatic withdrawal, please contact Jessica Hornbostel at (800) 846-1543 ext. 6155.

Michelle Calvert '96 and her husband, Mauricio Herrera, recently moved to Texas where he has started his residency in family practice. She is a radiologist for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wichita and is now working from home. (see also Births)

Kim Curran '97 has joined the Northeast Junior High School staff (USD 246 - Arma) and is teaching sixth grade reading, seventh grade social studies, and an elective class in leadership. She had been Teacher of the Year as middle school social studies teacher in the Sedan school system.

Amy Alley '98 and Brett Foster were married on July 26, 2008. They are living in Andover.

Beth Erickson '99 and Benjamin Foster were married July 5, 2008, at the Hobbs Building in Kansas City, Mo. Beth and Ben live in Clay Center, and Beth, is self-employed as a relief veterinarian. Ben is the son of **Mike '71** and **Jackie Foster**. Mike is a Southwestern College trustee.

Amy (Headrick) Weatherford '99 has moved from Jacksonville, Fla., to Corinth, Texas, with her three sons, Christopher (5), Joshua (3), and Benjamin (18 months). They moved to be closer to family since the death of her husband, Petty Officer William Weatherford. He served in the U.S. Navy for almost 12 years and was killed in a helicopter training exercise near Fallon, Neb., in May 2007. Amy now is a stay-at-home mom adjusting to life in the Midwest again.

2000s

Daniel Miller '00 has joined the Sunflower Ob-Gyn office in Winfield. He attended the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City before completing his residency in Grandview/Southview Hospitals, Dayton, Ohio. He and his wife, **Sarah (Melcher) '02**, have a daughter, Emma (2).

Tracy Stapleton '00 and Jarrod Robson were married May 31, 2008, in a beachside ceremony at Sandals Whitehouse European Village and Spa in Westmoreland, Jamaica. Tracy is an ob-gyn nurse practitioner in Springfield, Mo., and they live in Mount Vernon, Mo.

The original information has been removed at the request of the alum.

Karen Adams '02 recently accepted the position of head volleyball coach as NCAA Division II Oakland City (Ind.) University. She was hired by OCU athletic director Mike Sandifar, who was SC men's basketball coach from 1981-87.

Heath Horyna '02 was nominated Oct. 14 by the Derby (Kan.) mayor to fill a vacant city council seat. Heath is an environmental

scientist in the Wichita office of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. He and **Kristy (Grinstaff) '02** are parents of two daughters.

Gloria Tham '02 has reached ABD (all but dissertation) status to receive her Doctor of Musical Arts in piano performance at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Her research topic is "The Influence of Socialist Realism in the Yellow River Piano Concerto." She is currently spending a semester abroad in China studying Chinese language, culture, and history at the Central University of Nationalities, Beijing. She was able to attend some of the Olympics (including the men's marathon finals and the closing ceremony fireworks).

Joshua White '04 and Megan Provenzano were married at First United Methodist Church in Winfield. Joshua is employed as an internal sales specialist at Thermo-Fisher Scientific and Megan is the director of community relations for Sunrise Assisted Living. The couple resides in Lenexa.

Travis Phillips '05 married Kaylan Lytle on Aug. 16, 2008, in Catoosa, Okla. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2005, then from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 2008. They have moved to Terre Haute, Ind., after she accepted a position there.

Sarah Hodgkinson '06 completed her one-year AmeriCorps Vista service in the Leadership Southwestern program in August. She now is working at Rice University in Houston in the Community Involvement Center.

Rico Marquez '06 has graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., as an Army specialist. The nine-week program included such topics as Army mission and history, physical fitness, basic combat skills, military weapons, field tactics, and field training exercises.

Cordairo Hansen '07, defending Miss Casa, handed down his crown to the new winner of the 10th annual CASA of Cowley County Men in Tights, Under the Lights pageant.

Jason Maisog '07 is teaching sixth grade math and history at Sunflower Intermediate in Liberal.

Braden Smith '07 and **Susannah Willhite '09** were married June 21, 2008, and are now living in Winfield. Braden teaches fourth grade in Arkansas City and coaches high school football and middle school basketball for the Arkansas City Schools. Susannah will graduate in May with a degree in biology and a double minor in environmental studies and leadership.

Jodi McCarty '08 is an all-day kindergarten teacher in USD 263 (Munson).



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Trisha Roudybush '08 has joined the faculty of USD 286 (Sedan) as a music teacher. She helped start a stringed instrument program there last year while still an undergraduate.

Monica Springer '08 is working for the *Garden City Telegram* as the paper's area reporter. She covers agricultural and rural life issues in 11 surrounding counties.

Kara Gilbert '08 is teaching seventh grade science at Mulvane Middle School.

Alex Gottlob '09 helped Winfield Brownie Troop 209 complete a service project in September. The project was to renew the flower beds in front of Webster Early Learning Center. Alex operates his own landscaping company, Gottlob Lawn and Landscape, LLC, which donated the plants.

Tarasina Pack '09 is director of marketing and business development at Towne East Square. Now an MBA student at Southwestern, Pack oversees the mall's business development and

marketing as well as its guest services program. She had been guest service manager at Towne West Square while attending college, and was interim market manager and lease representative at Crossroads Mall in Omaha.

Jay Tedder '09 received the 2008-09 Kansas Teacher Service scholarship. The scholarship is for students pursuing degrees in hard-to-fill disciplines and is worth \$5,000.

Arden Moon '12 won the first annual Marquee Star Search conducted in the spring and summer of 2008. The talent competition was hosted by the organization raising funds to remodel a closed movie theater in downtown Winfield into a performing arts space. Other SC winners included: **Jeff Sadler '08**, winner of the March production; **Brooke Rowzee '10**, the April winner; and **Katie Baltzer '09**, April People's Choice award winner. Katie performed with a band consisting of Sadler, Adam Schiltz, and **Joel Alejandro '10**.



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Elsie (Marriott) Simon '31 died on June 30, 2008.

George Lancaster '35 died Sept. 17, 2008, in Winfield. He was 97. Although he had been co-owner of Winfield Floral for several decades, he was perhaps best known for his love of the theatre and his lifelong involvement on the boards. Acting and theatre got in George's blood when he was a student at Southwestern, and he was a founding member of Winfield's Community Theatre. His final WCT performance was in 2003, but his love for performing and audiences never wavered. George continued to be actively involved with business and economics following his retirement from the floral business, serving as a national Service Corps of Retired Executive counselor by computer. He also was considered a patriarch of the Winfield Kiwanis Club. He was preceded in death by two wives, Juanita (Dugan) in 1951, and Jane (Riddle) earlier this year.

Delmar E Caywood '38 died Jan. 14, 2008, at age 90. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, who died Oct. 17, 2007. He was the first city manager of Springfield, Mo. He became famous in 1953 after a dozen cobras escaped in the city and he used snake charmer music to lure them back into captivity. The story was featured in *Life* magazine. Del held many positions in Springfield including a seat on city council, president of the Chamber of Commerce and board chairman of city utilities. He was also general manager of the Smith Glynn Calloway Clinic. The Caywoods celebrated their 65th

wedding anniversary in October 2007.

Nora (Krause) Fieser '42 died July 11, 2008. She began a teaching career in Wichita and then taught in Norwich before she and her husband, Everett, moved back to Plains to farm on the same farm where she grew up. She was a school teacher for 22 years. Her survivors include her husband, Everett, sons: **Dean** and **Susan (Bowersox) '69 '70**, and **Carl '67**; a daughter, **Joyce Conard '71**, and grandson **Jonathan Conard '00**.

Gertrude (Fox) Methvin '42 died Dec. 31, 2007. She is survived by her husband, James.

Rosemary (Templin) Chapman '48 died June 12, 2008. Survivors include a sister, **Elaine (Templin) Nix '46**.

Edna (Shirley) Richards '42 died Feb. 3, 2008.

Rheba (Helm) Moore '43 died July 5, 2008. She was 86. She enjoyed needlework, and especially liked traveling with her husband, Phil, in their recreational vehicle. They were Sunday school teachers for a young adult group, and she was a Circle chairman for many years. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, **Phil '43**.

Sue (Kirk) Rozum '50 died Aug. 14, 2008. Her husband, John, passed away just six weeks earlier. Sue was a lifelong educator, retiring as principal of Del Vista School in Delano, Calif., in 1990. She had been a resource teacher and had taught middle school, high school, special education, and gifted

children. She was named Teacher of the Year many times. She was active in her community and was the first female president of the Kiwanis chapter in Delano, Calif.

Donald R. Warren '51 died June 8, 2008. Survivors include his wife, **Colleen '53**, and a brother, **David Warren '51**.

Wendell H. Piehler '58 died Sept. 10, 2008, following a lengthy battle with cancer. After graduation from Southwestern, he earned two master's degrees from Yale University and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. His music career included teaching at Colby Women's College in New Hampshire and serving as organist and choir director for numerous churches throughout Connecticut and for the Temple Mishkan Israel in Hamden, Conn. Before retirement, he worked as manager of the Office of Development at Yale Medical School. He is survived by his wife Nancy, New Haven, Conn.

Gloria Ann (Vail) Freuchting '57 died June 19, 2008, in her home in Plains, Kan., after a four-year battle with cancer. She was 72. She was a farm wife and played the organ for the Plains United Methodist Church for nearly 50 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane, and is survived by a brother, **Russell Vail '63**; a sister, **Joyce (Vail) Knott '59**, and a nephew **Russell Weihe '86**.

C. Ray Lee '70, died on June 20, 2008, while on vacation in his home state of Florida. Ray was a member of the 1967 undefeated football team at Southwestern and was married to **Linda (Delamarter) '68**. He was an Air Force veteran, teacher, counselor, and football coach, and worked in civil service. (see also *Alumni Notes for Linda Lee*)

Randy M. Hart '82 died April 18, 2008, in Oklahoma City. He was a popular teacher and coach at Sequoyah Middle School in Edmond for more than 25 years and valiantly fought cancer for some time before his death.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Frances Whitehead Dunlap, 87, died Oct. 13, 2008, in Topeka. She was the wife of **E. Dale Dunlap**, who was a faculty member at Southwestern College before becoming a founding faculty member of Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. Dr. Dunlap died in 2003.

Paul Harper, husband of **Bena (Brewer) Harper '58**, died Aug. 12, 2008.

Vada L. Holt, mother of **William T. Holt '60**, died June 1, 2008

Gary "Jake" Jacobsen, husband of **Janice (Savely) '63**, died April 22, 2008.

Mary Jane (Riddle) Lancaster, wife of **George Lancaster '35**, died March 27, 2008. (see also *Alumni Deaths*)

Theodore "Ted" Lungren, Caldwell, died Oct. 6, 2008. He was 95. Ted and Pearl (who preceded him in death in 2001) were both active members in the Corbin United Methodist church, helped with the Skylark 4-H Club, and together made a living raising livestock and farming. They were proud of their relationship with the college and were honored in 1991 with the Alumni Association's Ambassador Award. They were the parents of **Marilyn Houlden, '61**, **Roger, '62**, **Linda, '68**; **Virginia Vanek, '69**; and **David '74**. Grandchildren who are also SC graduates are **Trent Houlden '91**; **Trevor Houlden '91**; and **Stacy (Houlden) Jagodzinske '98**.

Barbara M. Odgers, mother of **Marsha (Odgers) Blackstock '74** and **Karen (Odgers) Krill '72**, died July 24, 2008. Survivors also include her husband, Marvin.

Geraldine "Jerry" Roberts, wife of **Bob Roberts '50**, died June 15, 2008. Survivors include Bob, a son, and a daughter.

Erma O. Sims, wife of **F. Joe Sims '51**, died June 7, 2008. Survivors include two daughters, **Ronda (Sims) Marshall '70** and **Vicki (Sims) Hitchcock '72**.

James Vernon Viele Jr. died Aug. 20, 2008, in Ponca City. He had been employed by Conoco, Inc., and retired in 1994 after 22 years service. He enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, hunting and fishing. He also served 10 years in the U.S. Army Reserves at the rank of sergeant first class. His survivors include his wife, Sue.

Necia May Warren, mother of **Carolyn Harrison '65**, **Nelson Warren '67**, and Gordon, Janelle, and Allen Warren, died on Sept. 4, 2008, in Arkansas City, Kan.

Athletic Hall of Fame



New members were inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Nov. 15. Shown (l. to r.) are inductees Kris Cummins '94, Wade Cargile '82, Mike Farrell '67, Mike McCarthy '76, James Glenn '62, Eileen Broadie, Dane Broadie, and Sharon Coffman. The Broadies and Coffman accepted the award for the late Steve Broadie '36.

Southwestern College's Natural Science Hall of Fame welcomed three new members Nov. 8. Honorees are (l. to r.) Roger M. Rowell '61, Bob Hamilton '80, and Bill Stanley '48.



Science Hall of Fame

Be Part of Elijah The 2009 reunion performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* will continue the Winfield Oratorio Society tradition during the weekend of March 6-8. Make plans now to sing with the choir, play in the orchestra, or attend the performance marking the 25th anniversary of the presentation of *Elijah* in Israel.

For more information, contact Lou Tharp at (620) 229-6272, or e-mail Lou.Tharp@sckans.edu.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communications and film, had his poem "Flight" featured on the back cover of the Fall 2008 issue of *Nomad's Choir*.

Wallace Gray, professor emeritus of religion and philosophy, is author of second book with Eiji Hattori, *Deep Encounters*, now being processed by a previous publisher (Asian Research Service) for UPA. It will go to University Press of America for release some time next spring. The ISCSC (the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations) has endorsed the book and offered to help in its circulation. In addition to being co-author, Dr. Gray is editor and translator (from the Japanese). He also was editor and translator of *Letters From the Silk Roads* (UPA, 2000). Several SC students and faculty have had a hand in this book, Gray says. Sidney Brown '47 advised on his areas of expertise, as did Nick Warner '70, former pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson.

Brenda Hicks, director of financial aid, was selected to be a trainer for the NASFAA 2008 Fall Training Workshop Series on Aspects of Student Eligibility. She led a two-day workshop with a fellow RMASFAA (Rocky Mountain Association of Financial Aid Administrators) colleague for the state of Kansas as well as training in an additional state in the RMASFAA region.

Nili Luo, professor of mass communications and film, was asked by a German publisher, VDM Publishing House – one of the largest academic publishing houses in Germany – to publish her dissertation. It will be available in the U.S. through the American Booksellers' Association. Her text, "The Adoptive Parent Process: A Study of the Experiences

of Parents Who Adopt Infant Girls From China," will be available as an 'on demand' publication throughout Europe and the U.S.

Karen Pedersen, vice president for professional studies, attended the WCET 20th annual meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 5-8. The conference theme was "Celebrating E-Learning's Bright Role in Transforming Higher Education." Additionally, she presented a session in collaboration with other Transparency by Design institutional representatives. The session was titled "Fulfilling Promises of Transparency and Accountability: Charter Members' Experiences." She also attended the Eduventures Online Higher Education Learning Collaborative (OHE-LC) annual meeting in Chicago Oct. 23 and 24. Professional Studies recently joined Eduventures OHE-LC. This is a member-based research consortium designed to assist colleges and universities grow their online enrollments and make their online operations more efficient and effective. The meeting was attended by representatives from a full range of educational institutions including public, private, and proprietary institutions.

Stacy Sparks, assistant professor of journalism, has published her first book, *Isolation and Community on the High Plains*. The book was created during a workshop taught by Douglas Holleley at Anderson Ranch Arts Center during the summer of 2008.

Melissa Williamson, affiliate music faculty member, was the "reward" for students of **Andrea (Carlson) Mendoza '08** in Udall Elementary School. High-achieving classes attended Williamson's presentation on the flute. Williamson earned her master's degree in flute performance from Oklahoma

State University and now is directing SC's Community Music School. During the program students learned about the history of the flute, heard it being played, and answered trivia questions, earning Frisbees as prizes.

FACULTY & STAFF BIRTHS

Aimee and Nathan Campbell are parents of Breckin Emory, a daughter born Oct. 3, 2008. Aimee is a financial aid counselor.

Daniel and Sarah Stevens are the parents of Isaac Nathan, born July 9, 2008. They have a daughter, Hannah. Daniel is assistant professor of strings and Sarah is affiliate faculty in voice.

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Class of 1958

The class of 1958 gathered for a photo during Homecoming 2008. Shown are (l. to r., front row): Bena (Brewer) Harper, Ann (Haney) Nispel, Marilyn (Maddux) Holdeman, Joyce (Matthews) Dudeck, Bonnie (Dougherty) Day, Anne (Williams)

Burgess, Lois (Fieser) Short, Gyla (Brock) Conklin, (second row) Julie (Brinckman) Andrew, Shirley (Stewart) Ross, Joyce (Wise) Polen, Darlann (Swayze) Rial, (third row) Alice (Holmes) Sinclair, Myrne (Richards) Roe, Margaret (Miller) Snyder, Charlene (Randall) Hughes, Pat (Shrauner) Moore, Jane (Rinkel) Skehan, Jean (Jones) Wilson, Ann (Hoelscher) Hendrickson, (fourth row) Bill McIntosh, Dennis Finley, Jerry Howard, William Kobs, Rex Wade, Ron Burgess, David Conklin, (back row) Bill Williams, Bill Tharp, Jack Kater, Art Modschilder, Guy Stamps, Les Hogue, Wendell Morgan, (between rows) Bob Harms, Dale Moody.



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