A Homecoming 2011 Celebration

that has been 125 years in the making will mark the end of a special anniversary year at Southwestern College. Highlight of the event Oct. 7-9 will be the dedication of the Richardson Performing Arts Center, the second major facilities improvement of the Great Performances Campaign. (Richard L. Jantz Stadium was dedicated at Homecoming 2010.)

A SCHEDULE OF HOMECOMING EVENTS IS FOUND ON PAGE 11.
Dear friends,

Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 7, 8, and 9, will be a grand culmination of our yearlong celebration of the college’s 125th anniversary. Even if this is not a Homecoming for which your class will be holding a reunion, I encourage you to come and take part, especially if you were involved in the performing arts during your time at Southwestern.

At last year’s Homecoming the spotlight was on athletics, with the dedication of Richard L. Jantz Stadium. At this year’s gathering, we’ll be celebrating the performing arts and unveiling the astonishing (no other word suffices) kind of thing. The Skin of Our Teeth is a wonderful example of how the performing arts bring students, faculty, and alumni together.

These projects are the opposite of invisible – they will be the most visited places on campus. Today I walk around these spaces and smile because they’re absolutely beautiful, and they were only possible because Southwestern’s donors are generous and loyal. So thank you. Thank you for your support of ALL our projects, both the invisible and the visible, and for all you do for Southwestern College.

Best regards,
Dick Merriman, President

Above left: President Merriman adds his rock to the Mound.

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China partnership brings new energy

Five years ago, and for most of SC’s first dozen decades, the Chinese students on the Southwestern College campus could be counted easily. They were here one or two at a time, but usually the number of students from the most populous nation on earth stood at zero.

Times have changed. This fall, nearly a tenth of Southwestern’s on-campus population is from China. These students are bright and involved, and are making their mark on this generation of Moundbuilders.

“We talk a lot about the importance of educational and cultural understanding, and how that plays out in the student culture,” says Andy Sheppard, academic dean. “But when you think that a typical course meets three times a week for 16 weeks during a semester, that’s only 48 hours of instructional time.”

Instead, Sheppard says, American and Chinese students here are learning about the similarities and differences of their two cultures not only by studying but by living and working and playing side-by-side.

“It goes to the heart of our mission statement – leadership through service in a world without boundaries,” Sheppard says.

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“So we are excited to begin offering the Microsoft Office Essential certificate as long as we can guarantee them, and provide faculty to think differently, and we will continue to add international students as long as we can guarantee them, and our American students, an excellent educational experience at Southwestern College.”

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As part of any of the undergraduate programs or as a stand-alone certificate.

“We are continually reviewing our academic programs to ensure we are offering what our learners and the market demands,” said Deb Stockman, associate vice president of Professional Studies. “Our research indicated that both the master of accountancy and Microsoft Office Essential certificate are in demand in a variety of industries, so we are excited to begin offering these programs this fall.”

Southwestern College Professional Studies offers six-week sessions (the only exception are classes offered within the education curriculum) that begin eight times per year.
Halls of Fame announce new athletic, science members for fall inductions

The Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame will induct eight new members Saturday, Oct. 22, in Stewart Field House. A social time at 9:30 a.m. will be followed by the induction at 10 a.m. The inductees will also be introduced at halftime of the Southwestern-St. Mary football game.

Rick Peterson ’79, Kingsville, Texas. Peterson is in his 14th season as head basketball coach at Texas A & M University at Kingsville and is the only coach in the school’s history to win 200 games (208-178).

Mark Bliss ’87, Ozark, Mo. As head football coach at Conway Springs Bliss racked up a record of 81-4 and won four Class 3A state championships.

Terry Rhea ’76, Wichita. Rhea ranks third in SC basketball history for most field goals made in a season and is the single season scoring average leader (24.0).

Loren Evans ’69, Flower Mound, Texas. Evans was a 1968 and 1969 first team all-KCAC in basketball. He led the KCAC in scoring during his senior year.

Dr. Leroy Moore ’17, deceased. Moore was the first documented African-American to participate in athletics at Southwestern College.

Raquel (Rios) Stucky ’97, Pretty Prairie. A four-time NAIA All-American, she holds five women's track records. She recently qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic trials.

Elliot Rodda ’88, Winfield. He was a three-time NAIA All-American in men's track, KCAC cross country champion, and KCAC MVP in track in 1988.

Tyree Myles ’98, Atlanta, Ga. Myles was the only three-time first-team NAIA All-American offensive lineman in Southwestern College history.

For more information about the SC Athletic Hall of Fame or the induction ceremony, call (620) 229-6218.

On Nov. 12, the following alumni will be inducted into the Natural Science Hall of Fame: Jeffrey Boone ’73, Darrel English ’59, Jesse Gulick ’44, and Kenneth Laws ’72. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Deets Library. Contact the alumni office for reservations.
Grad’s life set in stone

Tombstone to mark the grave of Southwestern’s first African-American graduate

The life of Elijah Pilgrim Geiger could be an inspiration for today’s students as they look at this man whose education at Southwestern is a model for “leadership through service in a world without boundaries.”

Elijah Pilgrim Geiger was born near Gainesville, Ala., in 1864, an infant slave born before the Emancipation reached Alabama the following year. His parents (Henry and Charlotte Geiger) lived on a large plantation with 77 slaves and 15 homes owned by Alexander Geiger, the wealthy son of a prominent South Carolina slave-owner and politician.

Elijah was raised in the legendary Black Belt region named for its rich, fertile soil which was perfect for growing cotton, sweet potatoes, and corn crops. The result was high demand for slave labor to work the farms and plantations. The 1860 Slave Census indicated that Sumter County ranked 18th in the entire United States for its slave population with almost 19,000 slaves.

Called Elia as a child, he was the third of 11 children. Although everyone in the family over age 12 worked on the farm, all the younger children attended school and learned to read and write. Elijah was educated at a private school in Vicksburg, Miss. During his late teenage years, he worked as a farm laborer and lived with his brother and sister-in-law, Isham and Ella Hall in Preston Beat, Alabama (now called Geiger, Alabama).

In 1890 he migrated to St. Louis and accepted his calling in the ministry by joining the Methodist Episcopal Church. He served at small congregations in St. Louis, Greenfield, and Stockton, Mo.

Geiger enrolled in Southwestern College in September 1892 only seven years after the college had been founded as the South West Kansas College. His calling to the ministry did not lessen during his college years and he frequently preached, usually at the local African Methodist Episcopal churches.

During his last year in college, he was unanimously elected as literary speaker (president) of the prestigious Athenian Society, the first African-American elected to such a position. He graduated from Southwestern College (with honors) in 1899 and was described as “one of the truest, most faithful and hard-working students that we have ever had.” He married his first wife, Florence V. Hoyt of Greenfield, Mo., in 1900 but she died only two years later. They did not have children.

While attending Southwestern, Elijah spent significant time in T-Town (the black community in Lincoln, Neb.). African-Americans began moving to Lincoln because the state of Nebraska offered housing and employment incentives to move to the state. Starting in 1897, he began working tirelessly at Newman Methodist Episcopal Church and the T-Town community. His hard work and dedication paid off when the membership of the church grew. He was named to the pastorate of Newman Methodist Episcopal in 1899. He was remembered as a strong pastor, who was “deeply loved by the church and community.”

Elijah had discovered his calling—that of a gifted encourager and church shepherd.

Over the next 17 years, Elijah Pilgrim Geiger created his legacy by establishing congregations of believers in small rural African-American communities throughout the Central Jurisdiction of Missouri. Without acknowledgment or recognition, he served the black populations that remained after the mass migration to larger urban areas. He established churches where the poor sharecroppers, domestic servants, day laborers, and the unemployed remained.

He would establish a church anywhere: in a home, school, abandoned building, log cabin, or even in the bottoms (the least desirable location). The goal was to transform the former slave plantations into vibrant thriving communities.

Geiger married his second wife, Elizabeth J. Mack of Polk County, Iowa, on July 9, 1909. They remained married for 34 years. Elizabeth worked closely beside Elijah in her role as the pastor’s wife. She taught Sunday School, hosted dinners in their home, and served as treasurer for fundraising drives to help the poor in the community.

Starting in 1917, Elijah began his most prominent position at Fifteenth Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church in Wichita (now known as St. Mark United Methodist Church). Although he was only at this position a year, Geiger:

• Eradicated the long-standing building debt ($400).

The church celebrated in a mortgage burning ceremony on March 22, 1918.

• Led the Ministerial League of Wichita.

• Served on the committee that organized the Emancipation Rally on Sept. 20, 1920, in Central Riverside Park. The featured speaker was the Honorable George L. Vaughn, orator, lawyer, and civic leader from St. Louis, Missouri. Vaughn spoke to thousands about historic and political significances of African-Americans.


• Was described in the Oct. 20, 1920, edition of the Wichita Negro Star’s society and personal column as “arousing great interest in this section of the city in his church.”

• Mentored Southwestern College students Leroy Moore and Ambrose Price Woodard. Moore went on to receive his master’s and doctorate in law from the University of Kansas and had a successful career as professor and dean at Langston University and Texas College. Woodard went on to a career as a lawyer and civil rights speaker and his son, A. Price Woodard (born in Winfield), was an attorney and the first African-American mayor of Wichita.

After serving Fifteenth Ave. Methodist Church for five years as pastor, Geiger served the Methodist Episcopal Church for two more years before withdrawing in 1923. He settled in Sapulpa, Okla. He made occasional trips to Wichita to preach.

He became seriously ill on Aug. 18, 1939, and died a few years later on March 27, 1943. His funeral was held at St. Mark on April 16, 1943, and was attended by many older members of the church. He was buried in an unmarked grave in Wichita at Maple Grove Cemetery.
Two Southwestern College students spent the summer teaching children in China. Seniors Chastity Osen and Christy Rude, both early childhood education majors, spent 11 weeks in Inner Mongolia, interning at the Dingkey Early Learning Center at Hohhot (pronounced Who-Hot), China. Nili Luo, coordinator of early childhood education at Southwestern, is their major professor at SC and continued as their direct supervisor during the summer internship.

Founded in 2003, the Dingkey center offers 14 kindergartens, three nurseries, and one special training school in China. More than 1,000 children attend the Dingkey kindergarten. Richard Zhai, a current Southwestern online student in the early childhood education master’s program, is director of the learning center.

With the support of David Hofmeister, chair of the education division at Southwestern, Luo designed a summer internship that allowed Osen and Rude to practice their textbook knowledge in classroom teaching.

“I always want to provide a cross cultural learning experience for college students,” Luo says. “I think it will better prepare them as pre-service teachers, who will be leaders for tomorrow’s leaders.”

The SC students’ primary objective was to provide English instruction through non-language subjects. Osen taught health and physical education while Rude taught the arts (music, creative movement, creative cooking, and visual arts).

During the first week, Luo led the SC students in observing the different age classrooms, and helped them to understand the daily routine and classroom environments. By the third week they were leading their own five- and six-year old classroom, eventually spending three weeks as full-time lead teachers. During a second session, they worked with three- to four-year-olds for half days with two different student groups. They greeted parents daily and organized a parents’ social event. Each day, they wrote a journal of their experience for Luo. During their free time the two toured the Great Wall of China and the desert in Inner Mongolia.

Rude and Osen were amazed at what they had accomplished by the end of their internship. None of the children spoke any English, nor did many of the assistant teachers.

“The relationships we built were just incredible,” Rude says. “The contrast from early on, when we were not being able to converse, to the end was amazing. We used lots of communication through movements and demonstration. By using non-verbal communication, we made some very good relationships.”

“Our biggest struggle was not being able to speak the same language, which made classroom management difficult,” Osen says. “It was rewarding seeing the children grasp the English concepts as we taught them the alphabet, shapes, numbers, and colors.”

According to Luo, Osen and Rude handled their experience in Inner Mongolia well.

“I think they both have done fantastic jobs by being so far away from home, working with young children all day as lead teachers with limited Chinese language abilities,” Luo says. “These Chinese parents are very demanding. However, the children and parents fell in love with their fun learning activities, and creative teaching skills. It is a true eye-opening experience for Dingkey teachers, children, parents, as well as our SC students.”

Osen and Rude both figured things would be different in Hohhot than they are in Winfield but neither was expecting some of the restrictions they encountered. Due to some governmental unrest, they weren’t able to leave the kindergarten alone and internet wasn’t always available. And when internet was available, they were unable to visit some popular social network sites such as Twitter and Facebook. Fortunately, Skype was available and both used it frequently. Skype’s text, voice, and video capabilities allowed the girls to keep in touch with family and friends in the United States.

“I knew food would be different but it was far more different than I expected. The United States is pretty advanced. I think everyone should try something like this. I really appreciate things more,” Rude says.

Osen added that she took for granted simple things like going for a walk by herself or driving a car, but not anymore.

Luo, Osen, and Rude will present information about their experiences to the Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children (KAECY) annual professional development event Saturday, Oct. 1, in Manhattan.

by Charles Osen
Overseas travel is an opportunity for both learning and service. Discipleship Southwestern students spent May 9-21 in the Dominican Republic working with a mission organization and volunteering in a health clinic. The trip took an unexpected twist when Lucas McConnell was hospitalized with dengue fever, but faculty sponsor Ashlee Alley (shown at left with McConnell and Chad Pickett) had nothing but praise for local health services. A Leadership Southwestern European trip May 17-28 included stops in Barcelona, Venice, Athens, and Poros. Projects ranged from painting at a children’s shelter and conducting a basketball tournament to working with refugee populations and beach cleanup.
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2000s

Jeana Clark ’00 accepted a position as senior interactive media specialist in the Gatton College of Business and Economics at the University of Kentucky.

Gloria Tham ’02 has accepted a position as professor of music and creative arts at Southwestern Christian University in Bethany, Okla. She provides leadership for publication in the reach teams and chapel worship team, teaches some music classes, develops academic programs in music, encourages student involvement in professional organizations, and also works with international students.

Janet Myers ’04 has been appointed pastor at the Burden United Methodist Church. Her appointment became effective on July 1, 2011.

Nate Jones ’09 has accepted a position as the managing editor of the Wellington Daily News and WellingtonDailyNews.com. His employment with the newspaper began a few months after his graduation from Southwestern, in the role of a reporter.

Dallas Leonard ’09 has been hired as the employee housing coordinator in the human resources division for Copper Mountain Resort in Colorado.

Blake Morgan ’09 and Kate Topham ’09 were married June 24, 2011. They live in Fort Collins, Colo.

Carissa Kelley ’09 was crowned Miss Kansas June 11 at the Kansas pageant in Pratt. She will represent the state in the Miss America contest later this year. Carissa is a graduate of Cowley College and a former student at Southwestern College. She has worked as a substitute teacher and will promote a platform of empowering youth.

2010s


A son, Kemper Scott, born May 26, 2011, to Scott ’96 and Kari Galliart. He has two sisters, Makenzie (5) and Kyndal (3). Moundbuilder grandparent are David ’69 and Carol (Tillotson) Galliart ’71, and SC great-grandparents are Dwight and Nadine (Means) Tillotson ’47.

A daughter, Clara Ann, born April 7, 2011, to Brian and Janet (Walton) Miller ’08. Clara has a brother, Noah (4).

A daughter, Finley Ericka, born April 9, 2011, to Ben and Beth (Erickson) Foster ’99. Finley joins a brother, Jack (1½). Grandparents are Mike ’71 and Jackie Foster. Ben and Mike are Southwestern College trustees.

A son, Tyler Aaron, born Aug. 13, 2011, to DJ ’01 and Angie (Busch) Bell ’02. Tyler has two brothers, Logan (5) and Brock (3).

A daughter, Jenna Grace, born June 21, 2011, to Jonathan ’00 and Melissa (Strauss) Conard ’02. Jenna was unexpectedly delivered at home by Jonathan after a very quick labor. She was joyfully welcomed to the family by sister Katie (4), and grandparents Mark ’70 and Joyce Conard.


Lindsay Wilke, associate director of Leadership Southwestern, is author of a presentation article in the Journal of Community Psychology. The title of the paper is: “The Mediating Influence of Organizational Characteristics in the Relationship between Organizational Type and Relational Power: An Extension of Psychological Empowerment Research.”

Leadership students Kaley Rodriguez, Alyssa Zentner, Hannah Podschun, Sally McGuire, and Erin Biner participated in the first-ever Leadership Challenge Event at Washburn University in April 2011. The team competed against teams from seven other colleges and was awarded the Citizens Bank & Trust Award for Team Collaboration, one of seven other colleges and awarded the Citizens Bank & Trust Award for Team Collaboration.

Leadership Southwestern will present at the regional service learning conference hosted by the Campus Compact Heartland Sept. 22-23. Two students from Southwestern, Dylan Moore and Caitlin McCurdy, will travel with directors Cheryl Sweet and Lindsay Wilke to present on the topic “Service Learning Travel and Leadership Development: Growing at Home and Abroad to service learning professionals from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Several communications students had their papers and panels accepted to the Oklahoma Speech Theatre Association Convention held at Oklahoma City Community College Sept. 10. Each paper had been selected as a top paper from the Persuasion class. Papers accepted were by Alissa Sheppard: “Jennifer Hudson: The New Celebrity Face of Weight Watchers,” and by Alexandra Hopkins: “Controlling Danger: The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.” The panel is titled It Takes A Village: Empowering Diverse Voices On Campus Campuses. Participants include:

• “Lifting Diverse Voices & Attitudes: Enlarging Prospective Student Visions by Increasing Intergroup Expectations,” Kristal Cole Wynn, multicultural admission counselor

• “Creating Room for Diverse Voices in the Academic Classroom,” Tracy Frederick, professor of communication

• “Empowering My Difference: Finding My Voice in the Academic Classroom and Beyond,” Alissa Sheppard Leadership Southwestern students have been asked to present at the District Rotary Conference on Sept. 18 in Wichita. The Rotarians found Leadership’s partnership with a Rotary Club in Barcelona, Spain, on the team’s service learning trip in May 2011 and the Leadership Southwestern Rotary Youth Leadership Camp to be models for the district. Southwestern students Sally McGuire and Kaley Rodriguez will present these experiences.

Andy Sheppard, vice president for academic affairs, was recently elected to the board of directors at The IDEA Center, a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve colleges and universities committed to improving learning, teaching and leadership performance. In addition, Sheppard has published an article, “Charlemagne’s Tactic: Using Theology as a Weapon in the Fight Against Al-Qa’ida,” in The American Intelligence Journal. This journal is published by the National Military Intelligence Association, a non-profit, non-political professional association supporting American intelligence professionals and the U.S. intelligence community primarily through educational means.

Steve Wilke, vice president for planning and new programs, co-presented with Sharon Conley of the Upper Room a July workshop titled E-Learning: Finding God and Community On-line at SoulFeast, a four-day spiritual development conference held at Lake Junaluska, N.C.
Faith (Chappell) Callahan ’26 died July 7, 2011 at the age of 106. Faith was a teacher, writer, political activis-
tist, hiker, world traveler, and home-
maker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Callahan ’23, and daughter Glee. Survivors include her daughter Blythe Stanton.

Ruth (Huggins) Gillock ’39 died June 22, 2011. Ruth held several posi-
tions at Cowley County Community College throughout her 31-year career, retiring in 1986. She is survived by her only son, Thomas Gillock.

Bonnie Jean (Brown) Shaw ’41 died on Aug. 5, 2011. Jean’s primary interest in life was caring for her family.

Vena (Condit) Hiebsch ’46 died June 3, 2011. She started Southwestern with the Southwestern class of 1944, and graduated in ’46. Vena was married to longtime SC trustee Ken Hiebsch ’43 for 67 years before he died last fall. She is survived by her children, Carl, Marcia, Clif ’69, and Steve Hiebsch ’70, and their families.

Bill Hamm ’48 died July 28, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World II. He worked at the DX Refinery in Tulsa, the John Deere-Nipak plant in Pryor, and at Total Petroleum in Arkansas City. He was preceded in death by his wife, Fern, and survived by two daughters, Linda Hamm and Becky Drake.

Caleb “Max” Stout ’50 died May 4, 2011. He spent his entire career with Dowell Research in Tulsa and in Columbus, Ohio. Max was awarded numerous patents in his name for oil well cementing and completion technology. Survivors include his daughter, Marcia Hicks, and two sons, John and Joseph.

Donald Faust ’51, Chicago, died Jan. 11, 2011. He loved music and used it to touch the hearts and minds of hundreds of inner city children that he taught in Chicago elementary schools for more than 30 years. He was a well-traveled connoisseur of life and is missed by surviving family members including sisters Mary Jane Faust-Freeman ’51 and Ann Faust ’50, and brother Kenneth Faust.

Shirley Merry McGuire ’51 died on April 1, 2011. Among her survivors are daughters Joella Zimmerman and Janelle Merry, and brothers David McGuire ’47, and Sheldon McGuire ’53.

Bill McKinley ’51 died June 5, 2011. He taught high school science and bi-
ology in Arkansas City, Caldwell, and Liberal before retiring in 1976. Bill served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Irene (Picking) ’41 and son, Ian McKinley ’77.

John Thomas ’51, Stevens Point, Wis., died June 2, 2011. He taught organ at the college level for 37 years, until his retirement. He served many different churchs as an organist for over 50 years, and was actively in-
volved in the Boy Scouts of America throughout his life. John shared some of his SC memories for the script of the Richardson Fire play project in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Mary; and six children: Cathie, Mike, John, Dan, Peter, and Stephen.

Frederick R. Freeman ’52, Leawood, Kan., died June 15, 2011. Fred was a member of the Missouri Bar, American Bar, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He served as presi-
dent and director of the Income and Retirement Corp. from 1973 to 1987. He was one of the founders, and until his retirement at age 70, corporate of-
ficer and director of Jones and Babson, Inc., Kansas City, Mo. Before becom-
ing an attorney in 1954, Fred served as secretary-treasurer and manager of the common carrier, Ark Transportation Lines, Inc., Kansas City, Mo, and as a partner in Freeman Insurance and Real Estate, Arkansas City. Survivors include a daughter Sheryl (Freeman) Mathews, and daughter-in-law Betty (Marlock) Freeman.

Jane (Majors) Kroth ’52 died March 20, 2011. Her husband, Roger Kroth, preceded her in death in No-
vember 2010.

Jerry Griffith ’53 died May 25, 2011. He is survived by his children, Jeffrey, Scott, and Lynn (Griffith) Robertson ’85.

James Morrical ’61 died May 22, 2011. James taught earth and space science at Winfield High School for many years. Prior to that, he was a chemistry teacher at Oxford High School. His interests included collect-
ing rocks and fossils, cooking, organic farming, music and acting. Among survivors are his wife Ruby, son Scott, and daughter Lauren Resa.

Bonnie (Jandreau) Hittle ’62 died July 5, 2011. Bonnie enjoyed teaching elementary school for 36 years, and was a church school teacher as well. She is survived by her son, Thomas Hittle and daughter Jan Dread Miller.

Carolyn Minor ’63 died July 13, 2011. She taught home economics in the St. John school district and was campaign manager/treasurer during her husband’s legislative terms. She is survived by her husband, Melvin Mi-
nor and daughters Gayle Stiggins and Mary Jo Mann.

Dr. Stephen Abbott ’64 died May 10, 2011. Abbott was a retired optom-
ivist from Lawrence, Kan. Survi-
ors include his brother, Dr. Caleb Abbott ’63 and his cousin, David Miller ’76.

Ava “Carol” (Kleinsasser) Hodges ’65 died May 6, 2011. She and her husband, Woody Hodges ’65, just celebrated their 45th wedding anni-
versary last summer. A beloved wife, mother, dedicated teacher and faithful church musician, Carol is also survived by sons Eric and Scott.

Cheryl R. Lytle ’65 died on July 22, 2011 in Larned, Kan.

Robert Lindly ’70 died at 81 years old on July 24, 2011. Robert served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and the National Guard in Kansas and California; worked for the AT&SF Railway and the I.R.S. as a revenue officer, and assisted his wife in operat-
ing Dexter Automotive Service. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, a son, James, and a daughter, Cheryl.

Lillian Stewart ’72 died April 29, 2011. Lillian taught high school in the Seattle school system and, after years of teaching, she became a librarian for the City of Seattle. She retired in 1998. Lillian is survived by her mother, Irma Nichol.

Tom Gilmore ’74 died June 1, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Adrienne Freeman; a daughter, Ashley Gilm-
 ore; a son, Clayton Gilmore; and his mother, Irene Gilmore.

Graham Frazier ’90 died on June 14, 2011. Graham worked for the city of Winfield and farmed. He was an active member of the community, having served on the board of direc-
tors of the Cowley County Livestock Assn., Cowley County Farm Bureau, and Rural Water District #3. He was serving on the board of directors of the Valley Co-op and Cowley County Extension executive board at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Jana (Nittler) ’92 and son Kody Frazier, and sister-in-law Elizabeth (Chamberland) Frazier ’75, as well as other family members. Graham’s family was honored as Farm Family of the Year by Cowley County Farm Bureau. Jana ’92 and Kody accepted the honor.

Calvin Waits Jr. ’99 died July 25, 2011. He was 50. Calvin worked as a heavy equipment operator for Winfield State Hospital & Training Center and later as a registered nurse for the prison health systems in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Florida. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; a daughter, Cait-
in; and a son, Raymond Lamb.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

S. Clark Bedell died May 5, 2011. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Bedell ’70.

Louise D. Boles, widow of Robert J. Boles ’38, died March 31, 2011. Dr. and Mrs. Boles established the Robert J. Boles Endow-
ment at Southwestern College in 2007. Dr. Boles was a professor of biology at Emporia State University

Joan Conrad, widow of James Conrad ’45, died May 23, 2011. Among her survivors are a daughter Karen (Conrod) Metz ’88, grand-
sons Scott Metz ’99 and Aaron Jack ’99, and niece Kim Mercer ’85.

Paul Ewins died May 15, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Esther (Sheldon) Ewins ’51.

Sarah Goertz died June 21, 2011. Among survivors are her son and his wife, Vernon ’66 and Cindy (Bart) Goertz ’66/’92 and granddaughter, Kelle (Goertz) Thompson ’06.

Betty Hayes died Dec. 23, 2010. Among survivors is her husband of 63 years, Charles Hayes ’50.

Alberta Huber, widow of Manly Huber, Southwestern College teacher of mathematics, physics and astronomy for 28 years, died on July 9, 2011. She is survived by her son, Paul Huber ’71, and daughter Ruth Huber-
Rohlfis ’73 and their spouses.

Neita (Foiles) McGhee died Aug. 9, 2010. She was the widow of Rev. Austin McGhee ’35, and mother of Melba (McGhee) Hauser ’59.

Mildred Kliwer, 93, died July 11, 2011. She was a former dorm mother at Southwestern College. She is sur-
ived by two sons, Howard and Gary, of Colorado.

Seth Norwood, son of Lafayette Norwood ’36, died May 26, 2011. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Norwood, on May 11, 2010. Among survivors are his daugh-
ters Ashley and Jane.

LaVern (Vern) Tooley died April 1, 2011. Among survivors is his wife Ruth (Beggis) Tooley ’53.
Schedule Highlights

2011 Southwestern College Homecoming & Anniversary Celebration

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

2 - 5:30 p.m. Registration for class reunions in Pounds Lounge.

ART EXHIBITS: Watercolor artwork by Ron Andrea ’68 on display in Pounds Lounge. Hand-blown art glass by Scott Hartley ’97 on display in the President’s Gallery in Darbeth Fine Arts Center.

2:15-4:30 p.m. *Professional Class Photos, Pounds Lounge area.

3 and 3:30 p.m. Campus Tours, Pounds Lounge. Walking tours, allow 30 minutes.

3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Natural Science Presentation, “A History of the Use and Misuse of Radioactivity in Medicine” by Kim Bever ’79, Beech 104.

4:30-5 p.m. Natural Science Reception, Beech Lobby.

4:30-5:45 p.m. Fine Arts Alumni Welcome Reception, Christy Administration Building, Richardson lobby.

6 -7:30 p.m. *All-Class Homecoming Dinner and 125th Anniversary Wrap-Up, Roy L. Smith dining hall. Auction of 2011 SC quilts and North Hall Stones watercolor will take place immediately following.

8 p.m. “Theatre Production, “The Skin of Our Teeth,” Richardson Performing Arts Center. Prior to this performance, there will be a tribute to honor Norman & Roxy Callison.

9:30 p.m. Bonfire, north end of Soccer Field.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

8 -10 a.m. Alumni Registration, Pounds Lounge.

8 -9 a.m. Fine Arts Alumni Coffee and Performers’ Registration, Darbeth lobby.

8 a.m. Class of 1946 Country Breakfast, at Lois Somer’s home, 3542 U.S. Hwy 160.

8:30-9 a.m. Iota Pi Omega Reunion Breakfast, Kathryn’s, 822 Main St. Dutch treat.

8:30-9:30 a.m. Come & Go Continental Breakfast, SC Learning Center, 120 W. 12th.

9 a.m. -2 p.m. Moundbuilder Market, the Southwestern merchandise store will be open.

9 a.m. Class of 1961 trolley loading for parade, 1st UMC parking lot, 11th & Millington.


9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade, Main Street.

10:30 a.m. Dedication of New SC Wind Turbine, grass soccer field, east side of campus.

10:30-11:15 a.m. Rock Painting at the Mound – rocks and paint are provided.

10:30 a.m. -12 noon Alumni Orchestra Rehearsal, Richardson Auditorium.

10:30 a.m. -12 noon Alumni A Cappella Rehearsal, Darbeth rehearsal hall.

11 a.m. -1 p.m. Alumni Registration, Stewart Field House foyer.

11 a.m. -1 p.m. Book Signing with Max Thompson ’57, and David A. Nichols ’60, Stewart Field House foyer.

11 a.m. -1 p.m. Homecoming Picnic, Stewart Field House.

11:15 a.m. Outreach Worship Service, on south patio of Roy L. Smith Student Center.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. President’s Luncheon for 51+ years alumni at Country Club.

12:15-1.p.m. Box Lunch For Fine Arts Performers, Darbeth main lobby.

12:15-1:15 p.m. Ice Cream Cones, Farney Plaza. One cone per person, while supply lasts.

1-2:30 p.m. Tour of Richardson Performing Arts Center.

1:15 p.m. SC Science Safari, Farney Plaza, for children, ages 4-12. Participants must be pre-registered to participate.

1:15 p.m. Class Reunion Gatherings, Jantz Stadium. Look for decade banners.

1:30 p.m. Homecoming Football Game, SC vs. Ottawa University.

2:30-4 p.m. Alumni Orchestra Rehearsal, Richardson Fine Arts Center.

2:30-4 p.m. Alumni A Cappella Rehearsal, Darbeth rehearsal hall.

2:30-5 p.m. Fine Arts Hospitality Room, Darbeth main lobby.

4 -5 p.m. Communications & English Reunion, come and go in Christy Administration Building lower level.


4:15-5:15 p.m. Combined Ensemble Dress Rehearsal, Richardson Fine Arts Center.

5-8 p.m. Child Care Services, Grace United Methodist Church.

5 p.m. Class of 1961 Reunion Photo, Winfield Country Club, 2916 Country Club Rd.

5:30 p.m. Class of 1961 Reunion Dinner, Winfield Country Club.

5:30-7 p.m. Class Reunion Dinners:

1966: Kathryn’s, 822 Main St.

1971: Wrotton Hall, north end of campus.

1976: Montana Mike’s Steakhouse, 3727 Quail Ridge Dr.

1981: Grace United Methodist Church, 320 College Ave.


1991: Montana Mike’s Steakhouse, 3727 Quail Ridge Dr.

1996: Gambino’s Pizza, 1400 Main St.

2001: Bluestem Bed & Breakfast, 13292 172nd Rd.

2006: College Hill Coffee, 403 Soward St.

8 p.m. Dedication of Richardson Fine Arts Center at Kaleidoscope Concert, including alumni joining South Kansas Symphony and A Cappella Choir. Reception with jazz band will follow.

8:30 p.m. Class of 1976 Party, VFW, 115-1/2 W 10th Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 a.m. *Alumni Breakfast Buffet, Roy L. Smith dining hall. $5 person.

10:50 a.m. 125th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service, Richardson Fine Arts Center.

11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. *Sunday Brunch Buffet, Roy L. Smith dining hall.

12-3 p.m. Moundbuilder Market, the Southwestern merchandise store will be open.


*ADMISSION IS CHARGED

What’s new with you?

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Here’s something new in my life: (job, address, marriage, baby, etc.)

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