To see a photo gallery of this year’s Moundbuilding ceremony, visit sckans.edu/moundbuilding.

To see a photo gallery of this year’s Builder Camp, visit sckans.edu/buildercamp.
Dear friends,

Every year I have the opportunity to speak to our new freshmen during Builder Camp, the college’s energized orientation program for our new freshmen. In recent years I’ve tried, among other things, to give our new students a quick lesson on making progress in college:

It’s OK to go home after your first year at SC and work at your old high school job and spend time your old high school friends. But it’s not OK to do that after your sophomore year at SC. By then you need to have chosen a major and you need to work in a summer job that is connected, somehow, to your intended career path.

By your junior year you need to have a firm plan for an internship or practicum experience. By the start of your senior year, you need to be talking with members of the faculty about a job search strategy or a plan for graduate school.

In this day and age, when I want news of my favorite people and causes I’m as apt to turn to social media as to a newspaper. I’m on Facebook and Twitter and a dozen or more blogs every day, catching up with everything from my dad’s Senior Olympics schedule to what’s new in higher education to celebrity gossip.

Southwestern College is on social media, too, so if you’re only getting your SC news from our quarterly issues of The Southwesterner, you’re missing out. The issue you hold in your hand features photography and reflections by new freshman Ashley Smith ’17, but you’ll find a reaction by Ashley’s mom (Renee Smith ’89) on our website, along with pictures of the rest of her family (dad Randy ’85 and big sister Kelsey ’15). Ashley’s also going to be blogging from time to time about her first-year experience.

Our Facebook pages alert you to happenings on campus (have you seen our picture of the campus roadrunner?) and in-game updates of most of our sports are tweeted by sports information director Scott Nuss ’07. Just search for Southwestern College on Facebook, and for Moundbuilders on Twitter.

I’m glad you’re reading The Southwesterner, but I hope you also follow us on the internet. It’s almost like being back on campus.

Best regards,

Dick Merriman, President

Southwestern College President

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From the President

If you miss any of these benchmarks you are off schedule. A little warning light should be flashing on your mental dashboard.

Of course, freshmen who are just arriving at Southwestern aren’t super-interested in getting a plan to leave, but those four years go by fast! So we’re being that certain students hear repeatedly about getting a plan: during the college’s new first year experience course, from academic advisors, from the college’s internship coordinator, and in PREP 499, the college’s career-focused capstone course for seniors. It all starts at Builder Camp.

Thanks for all you do for Southwestern!

Sara Severance Weinert, Vice President for Communications
I magine for a moment that Southwestern College’s information highway is an actual highway.

When the college began its transition to the network age in the 1990s, the highway was the original Route 66 of information highways: top-of-the-line and more than adequate for any computing needs. Modern devices and usage patterns on campus changed in the next two decades, though, and users of this highway began to experience road rage.

Within the past year the college has upgraded to a modern interstate, and with some shaping of traffic patterns, believes it can now fulfill a commitment it makes to its students and staff: Southwestern College guarantees you will have the bandwidth you need to do your work. It will help if you use your college-issued device (laptop or desktop computer), and if you need access to Blackboard or the library, you will have top priority.

To see how it reached this result, some history is in order. In the mid-1990s the college installed a T-4 network, the most powerful and up-to-date technology available. Offices were connected, and computer connections were hard-wired into every residence hall room on campus.

Over the years, though, network traffic and technology changed. SC became a laptop college in 1999 and every incoming student was issued a computer. Wireless access was installed on campus and “anywhere internet” was marketed to prospective students.

The internet became the primary means of communication and recreation – the occasional e-mail gave way to always-connected access through social media. Rather than gather in a single dorm room for videogame competitions or a DVD movie students logged in to online games and streamed videos.

The result was a traffic jam.

Ben Lim, vice president for information technology, has watched the demands on SC’s network capacity increase exponentially since he came to the college in 2007. He arrived just before the explosion of internet use, and even then could see an overload coming.

“When I arrived, I wasn’t sure how the infrastructure we had was going to keep up with the demand we knew was coming,” he says. “Over the past couple of years, what we were afraid was going to happen began to be reality – during the peak hours, our resources just couldn’t keep up with demand.”

Academic, administrative, and recreational uses of the internet meant that during some hours of the day network speed slowed to a crawl. Student complaints were heard but new technology continued to emerge – within the past five years students transitioned away from using telephones provided in residence halls; each brought a smart phone that logged onto SC’s network.

Students today arrive on campus with an array of technology that did not exist a decade ago: smart phones, iPads, gaming devices such as xBoxes, Netflix subscriptions, etc. Each of these devices and subscriptions puts more strain on the college network.

During the past year the computing team has completed a three-stage improvement SC’s network. Last Thanksgiving equipment was installed that increased the college’s bandwidth “pipe” from 40 megabits per second to 100 mbps, and established protocols to shape traffic that give first priority for internet use to devices that are supplied by the college – laptops and desktops – with Blackboard and library usage taking precedence over all other kinds of internet use. In addition, a caching device was installed so that popular media would not need to be downloaded separately by every viewer/listener. Over the summer, a $200,000 upgrade in network hardware was made, replacing old access points and switching equipment.

“This was a major improvement that should make our internal data flow much faster,” Lim says. “Now if the network is slow, we know the slow-down is on the part of our internet provider and not because of Southwestern’s internal issues.”

Today the computing center is still working on isolated network issues to blanket the campus more evenly with wireless access. (The college’s historic buildings often work against even wireless distribution.) “We are working with the SGA and Student Life to avert a future crisis through various methods of registering and limiting access to devices that are logical and fit with the needs of the students,” Lim adds.

Southwestern College has added its largest crop of new faculty in several years, thanks to a combination of new positions, retirements, and moves. The new faculty were introduced during the employee welcome back dinner Aug. 12.

Deepak Aralumalliage Subbarayappa, math instructor. Ph.D., Wichita State University.

Amanda Alliband, visiting assistant professor of chemistry. Alliband will be filling in for Michael Tessmer, professor of chemistry, during Tessmer’s fall semester in China. Ph.D. in organic chemistry in progress at Wichita State University.

Nathan Clements, coordinator of the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Two master’s degrees: Spanish, University of Kansas; teaching ESL, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Large group of new faculty joins Southwestern team

Jacob Goodson, assistant professor of philosophy. Ph.D., philosophical theology, University of Virginia.

Jared Larson, assistant professor of political science. Ph.D. in progress, University of Delaware.


Raphael Servantez, visiting instructor in digital media and graphic arts, B.F.A., Wichita State University.

Matthew Sigler, visiting scholar for the Institute for Discipleship. D.Th. in liturgical studies, Boston University.

Dalene McDonald, library director. M.L.S., San Jose State University.

SC’s information highway improved for better traffic

Be A Builder Banner Bomber

It’s a world without boundaries for Moundbuilders all over the globe! If you’re living in or traveling to someplace unusual, take SC with you by being part of the Banner Bomber program.

1. Cut out the Jinx pennant printed on the back cover of this issue of the Southwesterner, or print it off the alumni website at sckans.edu/bannerbombers.
2. Put the Jinx pennant in your suitcase or backpack, then put it out in front of something that symbolizes the location and get a picture of yourself, the picture, and the landmark.
3. Send the photo to alumni@sckans.edu or post it on the Southwestern College Alumni and Friends Facebook page.
4. Include the names and class years of everyone in the photo, and the location where the picture was taken.

In addition to the photos posted on the college’s Facebook page, we will also post them on the alumni website and some photos may be used in future issues of the Southwesterner. If you have any questions, contact Susan.Lowe@sckans.edu.
The studio for Southwestern College campus radio station KSWC FM 100.3 has received its first facility renovation since its inception in 1981. Work in the studio located in the basement of Christy Administration Building was done over the summer of 2013.

Listeners can hear results of the improvements 24 hours-a-day in Winfield at 100.3 FM. Outside of the city limits, KSWC can be heard online at jinxradio.com, on smartphones with the TuneIn Radio app, on Twitter at twitter.com/JinxRadio, and on Facebook at facebook.com/scjinxradio.

In charge of the summer project were Tommy Castor ’08/’10, program director at Channel 963 at Clear Channel in Wichita and academic advisor to the radio station; Jeff Franck, chief engineer for Clear Channel; Andy Sheppard, academic dean at Southwestern; and Tom Jacobs, chair of computer science and communication.

Most of the upgraded equipment was donated by Clear Channel Media + Entertainment, and the remainder was purchased by the college.

According to Castor, the room that housed KSWC was gutted. A wall was knocked down and new drywall was installed, with new carpet on the walls and floors for soundproofing. Also added was equipment that included studio furniture, microphones and stands, speakers, processors, emergency broadcast equipment, and new broadcasting software. The existing sound board was refurbished along with other less major upgrades such as a new website, mobile listening capabilities, and sports broadcasting equipment.

“We need to provide students with a professional radio station, so that’s our mentality. I want these kids to be ready to get a job in radio when they graduate, so that’s our mentality,” Castor says. “Since KSWC exists within the academic program and communication department, the radio station has a responsibility to educate students in the best possible way. It is necessary for KSWC to be the most accurate representation of what a professional radio station is. So, the upgrades killed two birds with one stone.”

We improved facilities and equipment, so the students who are interested in pursuing radio can use equipment that is the industry standard, and this should make them more employable when they leave college. The hope is also that with the new equipment, the station will be able to produce higher quality programming and attract more listeners.

Castor also adds that college radio stations such as KSWC must abide by guidelines set by the college and the federal government.

“KSWC is in an interesting position because not only is the radio station governed by the college, there are a whole other set of guidelines from the federal government that govern KSWC that the station must abide by, given that the station is broadcasting its signal over the public airwaves. The upgrades were essential so we could stay compliant with federal guidelines,” Castor says.

Radio at Southwestern has been around since the 1940s when students began a radio club and traveled to stations in Winfield to shadow the disc jockeys. In the early 1960s a radio club was formed using a carrier current to broadcast. Then in 1968 the new station was established with an over-the-air signal. A transmitter was purchased for $125 from Wichita State University and the station debuted on 88.3 FM. In 1981, the signal changed to 100.3 and the studio moved from the basement of Stewart Field House to the basement of Christy Administration Building.

Castor feels that the station is ready to soar. “We now have a fully functional and operational radio station that honestly may be set up better than some professional radio stations,” Castor says. “I’ve worked in professional radio for close to a decade and it’s my goal as the advisor to operate the station just as I operate my radio stations in the professional world. I want these kids to be ready to get a job in radio when they graduate, so that’s our mentality. “Also, for listeners, the quality of sound rivals any professional station. We may only be 10 watts, but those 10 watts sound incredibly good. We hope down the road we can increase power, but for right now, I believe that the listening audience at the college, in the community, and worldwide online and on their mobile devices would be very impressed with what they hear and would probably come back to listen again.”

The format for the station is Top 40. The station is also entering its 10th year of broadcasting Southwestern College football, along with men’s and women’s basketball. All 11 football games, 18 basketball doubleheaders, a handful of non-conference games, and post-season games will be broadcast.

Tommy Castor, ’08/’10

Kyle Killgore prepares for a career in broadcasting with a stint on the new Jinx Radio equipment.

**Alumni & Friends Event Schedule**

**OCTOBER 11-13** | Homecoming Weekend, various campus locations.

**OCTOBER 22** | 7 p.m. Washington, D.C., dinner event with President Dick Merrinn, at The Monocle Restaurant, 107 D St. NE, Washington, DC. The program will be given by Steve Livengood, public programs director and chief guide of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. Dinner is Dutch treat, reservations required by Oct. 14. Call the alumni office at 620-229-6279.

**OCTOBER 23** | 7 p.m. Martin Rade and the SC Outreach Teams will provide music. Cumbernauld will provide holiday treats.

**OCTOBER 24** | 6:30 p.m. Women’s Basketball Reunion, Winfield Country Club. Hosted by Coach Dave Denly. Contact Coach Denly for more information, 620-229-6218.

**DECEMBER 6** | 1:30 p.m. SC Athletic Hall of Fame, Roy L. Smith dining hall. Social will be immediately followed by the hall of fame ceremony. Inductees will be: Bill Shaw ’76, Nicole (Ledbetter) Brannon ’00, Janaye (White) Shaffer ’97, Andrea (Mohr) Stafford ’04, Niki (Nicholas) Schadegg ’04, Terry Baront. Women’s and men’s basketball games that evening against Friends University. Be sure to check out the alumni website for up-to-date Homecoming schedule information and motel contact numbers for Winfield and surrounding area: sckans.edu/homecoming. To see names of this year’s and past Homecoming Award Recipients click on Homecoming Awards.

**SC to end E-Mail for Life program**

Southwestern’s E-Mail for Life program will be discontinued in the coming year, a victim of changing demands on the college’s network. Started in 2006, the program will no longer be available after Feb. 1, 2014, and alumni should have transitioned their e-mail to a non-campus program by this time.

“We discovered that we had a lot of unmonitored accounts in this group (of alumni addresses) and those are the accounts that tend to attract spam,” explains Ben Lim, vice president for information technology. “We also would like to migrate to a newer e-mail system, and the program limits our options in that respect.”

Lim adds that a wide variety of free e-mail services are available, including Gmail, Yahoo Mail, and Outlook Mail. For more information, contact Lim at Ben.Lim@sckans.edu.
Endowment to fund scholars program

A program that brings top young scholars to SC’s religion program has been permanently endowed following a successful matching-funds campaign spearheaded by the Institute for Discipleship. The Windgate Foundation, a nonprofit headquartered in Siloam Springs, Ark., agreed to provide $200,000 to fund the Visiting Scholars program if Southwestern’s donors could match these funds. This summer the match was successfully met under the direction of Steve Wilke, vice president for planning and executive director of the Institute for Discipleship. A Visiting Scholar, who must have a new or nearly-completed doctorate in an area of religion, spends one year at Southwestern teaching in both the undergraduate and the online Master of Arts in Specialized Ministries graduate program, participating in campus ministry, and assisting with the Discipleship program and with Worship Outreach teams. In return, the recipient receives $20,000 and lives in a house provided to the college by Virginia Fikes and the late JC Fikes.

The Windgate Foundation came out of concern that religion departments in some colleges have become detached from the practical aspects of raising up future church leaders, Wilke explains. “Even without taking into consideration the huge wave of retirements coming in the United Methodist pastorate, the huge wave of retirements coming in the United Methodist pastorate, the Windgate Foundation was interested in supporting a United Methodist college that would be intentional with its work in supporting a United Methodist pastorate, the Windgate Foundation was interested in supporting a United Methodist college that would be intentional with its work in supporting a United Methodist pastorate, the Windgate Foundation was interested in supporting a United Methodist college that would be intentional with its work in supporting a United Methodist pastorate.

Cheryl Rude, who is chair of the social services division that houses the religion department, says a major advantage of the program is the infusion of knowledge and new ideas on a yearly basis. “Not only can we offer more courses than we normally would, we can also expose the student to more people as we prepare them to go on for advanced degrees,” Rude explains. “In the four-year span we expect an undergraduate to be here, they will know four different Visiting Scholars, with four different sets of contacts and networks. Our advising system is very rich because of what they bring.” Since the program began it has supported four individuals and one couple as visiting scholars—

2006: Kevin Carnahan, a 1999 Southwestern graduate, earned his Ph.D. at SMU and now is on faculty at Central Methodist University.

2007: Matt Thompson is now on the humanities faculty of Trinity School at River Ridge in Eagan, Minn.

2009, 2010: Stephen and Sarah Sours graduated from Duke and shared the Visiting Scholars position during two academic years. Stephen and Sarah are now both professors of religion at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala.

2011: Meredith Minister, a graduate of SMU, is now an assistant professor of religion at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

2012: Kevin Minister has a PhD in Religion from SMU.

Current: Matthew Sigler, who has a doctor of theology in liturgical studies from Boston University.

While the benefits to SC’s program are easy to see, Rude adds that the Visiting Scholars also gain invaluable experience by working as part of a faculty. “We keep in touch with our former Visiting Scholars, especially when they’re in the job market. We’re able to show that they have been an integral part of an established and successful program— they’ve done long-range planning, budgeting, and committee work so they have experience that puts them ahead of other candidates,” she explains.

And the new ideas that the short-term faculty members add are invaluable, she adds. “It’s very refreshing,” Rude says. “It’s another colleague in the division and that gets us out of our routine, and helps us see things with new eyes.” Wilke also appreciates the life experiences the Visiting Scholars bring to SC students, when often Methodist views don’t. He points to Kevin Minister, who had been heavily involved in efforts to improve conditions for blue-collar workers in Texas, and to Matt Sigler’s Alabama roots. “We believed a decade ago when we added Discipleship Southwestern to the college’s co-curricular activities that we were fully integrating academic and applied opportunities for students to explore their call to ministry,” he says. “Today, I would say— maybe arrogantly— that we’re nationally recognized as a school that takes seriously our responsibility of helping student go into United Methodist vocations.” For more information on the Visiting Scholars program, visit institutefordiscipleship.org.

Collegiality among social science faculty has been praised by former Institute for Discipleship Visiting Scholars. Here current scholar Matthew Sigler (left) visits with Jackson Lashier, assistant professor of religion.

Stephen Sours ‘99

I was always struck by the collegiality and hospitality that I found among the faculty and staff at SC. Everyone in the SC community works as a dedicated and enthusiastic team and is committed to giving the best education possible to students. Not only was this a blessing to me, personally, but it serves as an example of the type of educational and professional environment that I hope always to contribute to and be a part of. The little town of Winfield on the Kansas prairie is one of the most delightful places that I have ever lived—I miss it!

Kevin Carnahan ‘99

As a student at Southwestern, I gained a great deal from being in the first class of students to participate in the Institute for Discipleship. It was one of the influences that prompted me to go on and get a Ph.D. that focused on Christian Ethics. As such, coming back to serve as the first Institute for Discipleship Visiting Scholar was really like coming home. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to dive into my vocation as a professor, to see my alma mater from a new angle, and to reestablish relations with many of the faculty who had come to be my friends even when I was a student. Through my time as a visiting scholar, I was able to meet a new generation of Southwestern students, some of whom are still my friends on Facebook. The position also served as a jumping-off point for the further development of my own career, as I moved from Southwestern to Hendrix College and eventually to my current appointment as a tenured faculty member at Central Methodist University.

Helmer to end stellar run

The 2013-14 cross country and track and field seasons will mark the last in a coaching era that has spanned more than three decades. Southwestern College head cross country coach and head men’s track and field coach Jim Helmer has announced his plans to retire following the 2013-14 seasons.

Helmer has coached the Moundbuilder cross country and track and field programs to 83 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference championships, which has resulted in 17 KCAC outdoor track and field championships, and a KCAC indoor track and field championship. Helmer is a 31-time KCAC men’s cross country coach of the year, and has been named the KCAC men’s track and field coach of the year 32 times.

The women’s cross country program at Southwestern have also seen success under Helmer. In the last 35 seasons, the Lady Builder cross country program has won 18 KCAC championships, which has resulted in 17 KCAC women’s cross country coach of the year awards for Helmer. A 1971 graduate of Southwestern College, Helmer was inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. Ten years later, he was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Cross Country Hall of Fame.

Helmer came to Southwestern after a seven-year term as head cross country and track and field coach at Winfield High School.

“I have no regrets about the last 35 years,” Helmer said. “Winning all those championships was fun, but the opportunity to work with hundreds and maybe thousands of kids and their families has been even more rewarding. I’ve been very, very fortunate.”

Helmer will coach the cross country and men’s track and field programs through the 2013-14 seasons. Additionally, Southwestern College has hired an associate head cross country and track and field coach who will work under Helmer this season. Following his retirement, Helmer plans to remain involved with the cross country and track and field programs by assisting with meet operations and historical records.
New freshman Ashley Smith’s enrollment this fall completes perfect attendance at Southwestern College for her family – her parents, Randy ‘85 and René ‘89, met playing tennis at Southwestern, and sister Kelsey ‘15 is a junior. We asked Ashley and René to reflect on what it’s like to be a first-time freshman and a second-time Moundbuilder mom. They’ll also be telling their first-year stories at sckans.edu/freshmanexperience.

It was so much fun, buying decorations, appliances, and other things for my dorm room. I was able to envision my first “home” away from home! This is also when I realized the high cost of living! Eck.

Freshman Work Day was an awesome opportunity to work together with my new classmates to help someone in the community – plus it was FUN!

The Moundbuilding ceremony was so neat because it is a tradition that no other college has, and all of the teams, clubs, students, faculty, and community were able to come together for this annual tradition.
I had expected Builder Camp to be good— but AWESOME is actually an understatement. I made so many friends and learned so much about myself and everyone around me. By the second day of Builder Camp I knew Southwestern was the school for me. We weren’t just family, we were blood.
Louis ’53 and Elizabeth (Ploughe) Kiltzke ’55 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 6 with their three sons, Peter, Paul, and Philip, and their families. Both have been active volunteers in the United Methodist Church and community services during work years and retirement. After retiring, Lou was elected to the athletic hall of fame of University of Wisconsin-Stout for coaching both men and women distance runners.

Armand ’62 and Barbara (Schellhammer) Hillier ’64 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 7, 2013, in Augusta, Kan., where they have been associated with the Augusta school system for 34 years. They have two children, Curt and Ashley Hillier, and Jennifer and Shaven Found, and four grandchildren.

Russell O. Vail ’63 won the 3000m walk in the 70-74 age group for the State of Michigan at the Open and Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 17, 2013, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and won the 1500m Outdoor State Championships on June 8, 2013, Olivet College, Olivet, Mich.

Dr. Woodrow Hodges ’65 and Dr. Dianna Callison (May) Parmley ’71 were married June 15, 2013, at Grace United Methodist Church in Geneseo, Ill., and have a new granddaughter, Elizabeth (Ploughe) Parmley. Dianna has been dean of educational services at Central Community College in Columbus, Neb., for the past eight years. The couple will live in Geneseo.

Dr. David Froman ’66, while still working full time with his solo business and immigration law practice, just finished teaching Legal Writing II as an adjunct professor for Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego. This course takes the students through writing a memo- randum to the client, a trial court brief in support of a motion to dismiss, and an appellate brief to appeal the trial court’s ruling and making an oral argument to the appellate court. The fictitious problem presented to the class centered on a question of jurisdiction over a foreign defendant in the federal court system. Contemporaneous with the students’ assignments, David ended up authoring a complaint in Federal District Court and an appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, so he was having to apply the same lessons he was teaching them. David said the students were great, and he really enjoyed being back in the classroom again. The Froman Law Firm website is www.getvisas.com.

James Oehlert ’68, Burlington, Kan., retired as a physician assistant. James was in the first class of the Wichita State University physician assistant program and has been in prac- tice since 1973.

Deb (Settle) Helmer ’69/’71 has retired from her position as Irving Elementary School Library media specialist. Deb was a teacher in the Winfield school district from 1972-2013.

Mark Conard ’70 retired from min- istry in the United Methodist Church on July 1, 2013, after 42 years of service. This included appointments at Geneseo (1978-81), Maize and Bentley (1981-87), Wichita-Pleasant Valley (1987-95), Salina district superintendent (1995-2003), and Hutchinson-First United Methodist Church (2001-13). Along the way, he was elected to General and Jurisdictional Conferences five times and also served on the General Commission on Archives and History (1984-92) and the General Commission on Communications (2004-2012).

Becky (Dubrin) Dawson ’71 retired from USD 465 as the vocal music teacher for Irving and Country View Schools, a position she held 1994-2013.

Carol (Tillotson) Galliart ’71 has retired from her position as Winfield High School FACS teacher. She had been at WHS since 1994.

Cheryl (Thompson) Underwood ’71 is retiring as co-op interrelated teacher after 35 years with USD 465.

Cynthia (King) Hanes ’72 is retiring from USD 465 as fourth grade teacher at Lowell Elementary in Winfield. She began in the district in 1980.

Ann Richardson ’77 has been promoted to vice president, internal audit and compliance officer, at CornerBank. She joined CornerBank in 1998 as a personal banker. Ann has received Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer and Certified Community Bank Internal Auditor designations from Independent Community Bankers of America.

Sheryl Barrier ’79 retired from USD 465 where she was a social science teacher at Winfield High School for 27 years.

Vicki Raines ’79 retired after 33 years of teaching in the Plains/Kismet school district. She has relocated from Liberal to Lawrence to be closer to her dad, former Southwestern employee Gerald Raines.

Teresa Bevis ’80 is retiring after teaching for Winfield USD 465 for 33 years. She recently was the art teacher for Winfield Intermediate School. Bevis began her career at Whitter and Lowell Elementary Schools. She plans to begin producing the beautiful bas-reliefs she once sold at the Walnut Valley Festival and other festivals.

Charles Golladay ’80 was one of three children’s authors chosen to present his work at the Liberty Arts Square Festival on June 1, 2013, in Liberty, Mo.

Donna (Wacker) Homan ’80 and Todd DeMint ’94 were married July 27, 2013. The DeMints make their home in Winfield.

Susan Dean ’81 retired from USD 465 as Irving/Country View art teacher. She taught in the district from 1989 to 2013.

Laura Belle Haines ’81 was recognized for 15 years of service to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice. She began volunteering with Hospice, Inc., in 1998 and has continued to serve the Cowley County community with her time and talents.

Marcy (Mugler) Cone ’82 recently moved to the Nashville, Tenn., area to become the director of the Peanut Gallery Child Care Center in Spring Hill. This move brings Marcy close to her daughter Ashley and family in Nashville, and son Paul and family in Knoxville.

Callie ’86 and Dave Seaton cel- ebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 29, 2013. Dave is chairman of the Winfield Publishing Company and was publisher of the Courier from 1981 to 2011. Callie is an artist who has shown her colorful, non-objective work in Kansas and Maine.

Marjorie “Maggie” Bicker ’88 was one of three art teachers recently honored at a reception in the district office of Winfield USD 465. Maggie is retiring as Winfield High School art teacher. She had been in this position since 2001.

Susa (Carden) Sutter ’89/’93 has accepted an affiliate faculty position with Southwestern College at the Professional Studies Center in Wichita.

Ruth McCauley ’93 was recognized on May 17 as Winfield NEA Music Teacher at a reception held by USD 465.

Kelley (Rogers) Graham ‘94 has accepted a position as grants coordina- tor for the Derby public school district. For the past 2½ years Kelley was as- sistant director of a U.S. Department of Education grant at Wichita State University that helped foster children with college access and scholarships. She is thrilled to be working in the Derby district, which is using a combina- tion of cutting-edge technology with dedication and strong connec- tions to empower Derby students to be successful graduates and citizens who will change the world.

Marilyn L. James ‘97 has accepted a position as a consultant on a project that will develop and implement one of the first health care exchanges in the state of Vermont. She says this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will affect the lives of not just this generation, but of generations to come. In Marilyn’s words, “Thank you, Southwestern College, for giving me a great foundation on which to build my education and my career.”

Stephanie Sharp ’98 was re-elected to her second term on the Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees in April. The board of JCCC, the largest undergraduate institution in Kansas, is chosen in a countywide election. In 2011 she launched Sharp Connections, LLC, and the VoteSharp app (www.SharpConnections.biz) to help translate politics into English for
state and local elected officials and candidates. Stephanie and her husband Dana Bruyn live in Lenexa with their daughter, Anna (4).  

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Stacie (Frale) Nelson '00 recently published an at-home preschool curricula called God's Little Explorers. It is a downloadable digital curriculum available at GodslittleExplorers.com. The proceeds from the sales of the curriculum benefit AHH— an orphanage in India. Stacie is also creator of MotherhoodOnADime.com, a blog to encourage moms and provide creative yet simple activities to do with their children, along with money-saving tips, deals, coupons, and freebies.

Tylor Struckman '03 was recently promoted to Public Works Operations Manager for the City of Goddard. He has received his State of Kansas Water Supply System Class II operator license and achieved the National Rural Water Association Utility Management Certification.

Julie (Sapp) Purin '05 has accepted a music position with the Tecumseh, Okla., school district. She will be teaching first and second grade music and will be the high school assistant choral director. She will also be an adjunct dance instructor for Oklahoma Baptist University.

Jennifer (Batson) Randall '05, Whitrier Elementary School third grade teacher, was recently recognized as a Kansas Teacher of the Year nominee at a reception by USD 465.

Mark Chan '06 received his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Kansas in August 2012. Mark resides in Winchester, Va., where he is a faculty member at Shenandoah University.

Scott Nuss '07 has been named Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Sports Information Director of the Year. Scott, who began his work as Southwestern College’s first full-time sports information director in 2012, was formally recognized at the KCAC football media day, held in August 2013 in Wichita.

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Christian Carawan '10 recently completed his master’s degree in network and communications management at Keller School of Management. He is currently an adjunct professor with Sinclair Community College and will start as an adjunct professor at Ohio Christian University in October 2013.

Jeremy Higgs '10 participated in the 39th annual meeting of the Mississippi chapter of the American Fisheries Society at Percy Quinn State Park in McComb, Miss., and received the third place award for best student presentation. Jeremy was recently elected the 2013–2014 president of the American Fisheries Society: Southern Mississippi Student Subunit.

Amanda “Mandy” Ely ‘11 married James Boening on May 23, 2013, in New York City. They met in 2007 at an orientation day ice breaker at the University of Kansas. The Boenings are at home in N.Y.

Lisa Roth ‘11 is the new assistant director for the Pottawatamie Wa-banne Regional Library. She also is attending Emporia State University’s School of Library and Information Management, beginning work on a Master of Library Science.

Elizabeth Hill ‘11 and Taggart Wall ‘11 were married on June 22, 2013, in Winfield.

Denae Weber ‘11 joined the board of the Baker Arts Center, Liberal, Kan., in May 2012 and became the center’s director on June 1, 2013.

Arden Moon ‘12/13 and Danny Mouangdy ‘12 were married June 15 in Richardson Performing Arts Center. The Mouangdys are living and working in Winfield.

Chad Richardson ‘13 and Katie McNett ‘13 were married June 7, 2013, in Mulvane. Chad’s parents are Rob ’87 and Wendy (Reiser) Richardson ’87, of Dallas. Chad and Katie Richardson live in Derby. Katie is a sixth grade language arts teacher at Coleman Middle School in Wichita, and Chad is pursuing his career in the golf industry.

NOTES ON FRIENDS  

Several Moumbuilders friends were inducted into the Winfield Community Theatre Hall of Fame in August 2013, for their long and esteemed history with WCT. Those honored were Janet Calvin, Worrall Clift, Jim Karasek ’77, George McNeish, and Eleanor Richardson. Recognitions took place during intermission of the WCT performance of Bye, Bye Birdie.

Artwork of Dennis Akin, faculty member at Southwestern from 1958 to 1967 and SC Fine Arts Hall of Fame inductee in 2010, was recently featured in a gallery showing at the George B. Stuart Gallery, Carlisle Arts Center, Carlisle, Penn. The exhibit, titled “Time & Memory,” is a collection of his expressive figurative paintings and drawings, which date from the 1970s to the present, and was inspired by his trip back to Southwestern in 2010. Many of his former students attended the event and brought back memories of his wonderful years of teaching at SC.

Dr. Roy House, president emeritus and president and CEO of Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, Kan. from 1957-1981, passed away on June 12, 2013. Roy held an honorary doctorate from Southwestern College.

Marjorie Mossman passed away Aug. 5. Marjorie served as a secretary at Southwestern College from 1972 to 1975. Survivors include her husband Larry, and children, Kenny ’81, and Sharon Mossman-Seck.

Allan and Susan Norton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. Susan has been a volunteer host family coordinator for the international students at Southwestern College for the past 16 years. Allan and Susan have hosted 17 international students themselves.

David Okeanos retired from USD 465 as science teacher for Winfield High School, 1987-2013.

Constance Sorrentino reports that the International Labor Comparisons (ILC) program she directed for many years will now be maintained and updated by the Conference Board, a global, independent research association working in the public interest, that will offer the data available free of charge on its website. It previously had been housed at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The program produces competitiveness indicators widely used for business analysis and research purposes.

Bishop Richard and Julia Wilke marked their 60th wedding anniversary on June 20, 2013. The couple celebrated with a series of small family gatherings. They have many Moumbuilders in their family of four children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, including Steve Wilke ’78 (wife, Beth Richardson Wilke ’78); Paul Wilke ’80 (wife, Janelle Dreier Wilke ’80); Joel Wilke ’07 (wife, Lindsay Morgan Wilke ’08); and Julie Wilke ’09.

Mary Lynn (Lucas) Winery died March 20, 2013. After earning her degree at KU, she went on to study at New York City’s Juilliard School and spend several summers studying (and then working) at Michigan’s Interlochen Music Camp. After moving to Wichita in the 1970s, she taught voice at Southwestern College and gave private piano lessons.

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EARL JAMES “JIM” REINBOLT ’48 died July 6, 2013. Jim was a veteran of World War II, a recipient of the Bronze Medal and the Purple Heart. He was a physicist with NASA for 40 years and a pioneer in the development of successful space travel, moon landings, and the space station. He is survived by Aida, his wife of 67 years; sons Bruce and Brian; and two grandchildren.

VELMA HANKINS ’49 passed away Aug. 4, 2013, in Winfield. Velma taught at numerous Kansas schools and retired in 1989 following 45 years of service. Survivors include her husband, Vernon, and son, Clinton ’83.

Wayne H. Clark ’50 died June 25, 2013, at his home in Bella Vista, Ark. He served as an educator, coach and administrator in Kansas for more than 40 years before retiring to Arkansas. Wayne is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons, Craig and Kevin; daughter Debra Hadix; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

MAX RAMSAY ’52 died July 3, 2013. He and wife, Gwen (Simon) ’52, lived in Johnson, Kan., farming and raising their family. He was instrumental in developing deep well irrigation, soil conservation and the use of hybrid seeds in Western Kansas, and designed and built Western Feedyards in Stanton County. He is survived by his wife; and grandchildren.

DEATHS
A daughter, Leighton Renee, born Aug. 8, 2013, to Nathan and Aineee (Groene) Campbell ’10. Leighton has a sister, Brecskin, and a brother, Macklin.

A daughter, Tymber Raegan, born March 4, 2013, to Travis and Stacy (Kahn) Charbonneau ’01. Tymber joins big brothers Taybon (7), Blaize (5), and Tucker (2).

What’s new with you?

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

Name Class Year

Street Address P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

Phone Number

Here’s a student who may be interested in SC: (please fill in all information you know)

Name Year of Graduation

Street Address P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

Parents’ Names Phone Number

E-mail Address (if you know it) High School/College

Relationship to you (daughter, friend, nephew, etc.)

Any special interests you know of?
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

President’s Gallery in Darbeth Fine Arts Center will feature artwork by Marilyn (Powers) McSmith ’74 and Tom Topper ’63 from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Watercolors by Ron Andrea ’68 will be exhibited in Pounds Lounge throughout the weekend.

7:30 P.M. “Theatre Production,” “The Good Person of Szechwan” by Bertolt Brecht. Messenger Recital Hall. A comedy about the challenge of reaching our hopes and dreams. Tickets $10 for adults and $5 for youth through college. For tickets call (620) 221-7720.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9 A.M.-5 P.M. Moundbuilder Market open

14 A.M.-4 P.M. Jinx Invitational Golf Tourney, Winfield Country Club. Shotgun start. Sign up by contacting SC coach Brad Sexson at (620) 229-6161, or Brad.Sexson@sckans.edu. $100 per person or $400 per team. Fee includes green fees, cart, 3 drink tickets, range balls, and prizes. (Golf registration begins at 9 a.m.)

11 A.M.-1 P.M. SC Career Fair, Java Jinx snack bar.

2-5 P.M. Registration for class reunions in Pounds Lounge area.

2-3 P.M. 1963 & 1968

3-4 P.M. 1983 & 1988

3-4:30 P.M. 1993 & 1998

4-5 P.M. 2003 & 2008

3 AND 5 P.M. Campus Tours, Pounds Lounge. Student Ambassadors will give campus walking tours. (Allow 30 min. per tour.)

4:30-5:30 P.M. Builder Tennis Reunion Reception, Duits Library, hosted by SC tennis coach Jason Speegle ’99. Refreshments will be served.

5 P.M. Homecoming Registration moves to Java Jinx.

6-7:30 P.M. “All-Class Homecoming Diner,” Roy L. Smith dining hall. Limited seating, $25 per person. Master of Ceremonies: Ted Hresko ’73. Ambassadors Award recipient: Ron Holt. Young Alumni Award recipient: Travis Hasting ’03. Alumni Award recipients: Ted ’94 and Florence (Cutter) Metcalf ’63. Recognition of 60-year class, 50-year class, 51+ seniors (age 65-up) & $2 for college students w/ID. (Golf registration begins at 9 a.m.)

11 A.M.-1 P.M. Moundbuilder Market open

9:30 A.M. Homecoming Parade, Main Street. Parade marshals, Jim Farny ’53 and Neil Frank ’53.

10:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Sweet Potato Toss on library lawn – 1973 Class Hosts are sponsoring this activity. Join us!


10:30 A.M.-12 NOON Rock Painting at the Mound with George Lowe ’74 and Teresa Brevo-Tooman ’80 – rocks and paint provided!

10:30 A.M. Communications/Computer Science/English Reunion Brunch, come & go in Christy lower level. Alumni of these majors and SCUpdate, Moundbuilder yearbook, Collegian newspaper, Jinx Radio, SCTV, debate, The English Journal, and Sigma Tau Delta are invited for tours, refreshments and conversation. RSVPs are requested to Jane Handlin@sckans.edu or call (620) 229-6293.

10:40 A.M.-1 P.M. Alumni Registration, Stewart Field House foyer.

11 A.M.-1 P.M. “Homecoming Picnic,” Stewart Field House. $5/person. children under 6, $2.75.

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 Winfield Country Club, 2916 Country Club Rd. Hosts: Betty (McGowen) Bradley ’81, Don Brennan ’82, Melba (Travis) Cook ’59, Marilyn (Lungren) Houlton ’81.

12 NOON - 1:30 P.M. *Professional Class Photos, King Plaza. $3 per photo; other groups may be arranged with photographer, Bill H. Stephens ’69. Class photo times:

NOON 1963, 1968, 1973


1:15 P.M. Class Reunion Gatherings, Jantz Stadium. Find your decade banner and sit with your classmates and friends at the football game – Go Builders!

1:30 P.M. “Homecoming Football Game, SC vs. Bethany College. $10 reserved seats (if available), $8 per adult, $5 for senior citizens (age 65-up) & $2 for college students w/ID.

2:30-5 P.M. Fine Arts Come & Go Reunion, Darbeth lobby.


5 P.M. President’s Luncheon, Grace pastor, Rev. John Martin ’70. Includes a memorial to SC President’s Luncheon, SC alumni deceased from Sept. 1, 2012 to Aug. 31, 2013.

5 P.M. Kaleidoscope performing arts production, Richardson Performing Arts Center. Donations may be given to support the arts at SC.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13


10:30 A.M. Homecoming Worship Service, Grace UMC. Dr. Kelly Brender ’68 will be the guest speaker, along with Grace pastor, Rev. John Martin ’70. Includes a memorial to SC alumni deceased from Sept. 1, 2012 to Aug. 31, 2013.

11 A.M.-1:30 P.M.* “Sunday Brunch Buffet,” Roy L. Smith dining hall. Cost $35 per person. RSVPs appreciated.

11 A.M.-2 P.M. Moundbuilder Market open.

2 P.M. “Theatre Production, “The Good Person of Szechwan” by Bertolt Brecht, Messenger Recital Hall. A comedy about the challenge of reaching our hopes and dreams. Tickets $10 for adults and $5 for youth through college. For tickets call (620) 221-7720.

QUESTIONS?
Please call (800) 846-1543 ext. 6279 or e-mail Susan.Lowe@sckans.edu.

We would LOVE to have you to join us!

Alumni from all classes who participated in tennis at Southwestern College are invited to come back and celebrate the great history of this Moundbuilder sport. Two special tennis gatherings are planned for Homecoming this year, including a reunion event at the new T.H. “Curley” Vaughan Tennis Complex. Bring your racket and join the fun!
Cut out the pennant below and see story on page 2 to learn how you can be part of the Alumni Pennant Photobomb Project. To see a photo gallery of this year’s Moundbuilding ceremony, visit sckans.edu/moundbuilding.