Dear friends,
What a year!
What an amazing year we just completed. What a promising year we are beginning.

Last year at this time, as I was preparing to make my first remarks to the faculty, I was new to Southwestern College and focused almost exclusively on all the reasons I had fallen in love with Southwestern. Our wonderful people, our impressive programs, our picturesque campus, and that uniquely inspirational “Builder spirit.” I was on my way to becoming a true Moundbuilder.

This year my perspective is more informed, and my passion for this college is even deeper. I know now what I loved then, and there’s even more to be excited about.

There is, for example, the near-record number of new students we’re welcoming this year. On move-in day, 174 freshmen were welcomed and over the next week another 50 transfer students moved onto campus. This is an extraordinary jump from last year’s number, and while we couldn’t have done it without the equally extraordinary effort of our admission staff, they had an extraordinary school to talk about when they were recruiting these new students.

The Class of 2020 is bustin’ out all over.

A relaunch of a tradition that began nearly a century ago was symbolic of a new spirit on campus as students participated in “Keeping the Spirit” during BuilderFest. Beginning in 1918 first-year students prepared a picnic. In 1965 the “SC” was moved into town, men were charged with painting the “S” north of town while female students prepared a picnic. In 1965 the “SC” was moved into town, to its current site east of the practice field, but during the past few decades this tradition had faded away. On Aug. 19 more than 50 students (and President Brad Andrews) used brooms, mops, and paintbrushes to apply a fresh coat of paint to the stones.

The relaunching of an old tradition was symbolic of the launching of a new era at Southwestern College. See story of “Keeping the Spirit” this page.

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Q&A with Wendy Mohler-Seib

The Summit Youth Academy, a week-long experience for high school students, will debut on the Southwestern College campus July 23-29, 2017. This new program is funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment and administered through the Institute for Discipleship. Wendy Mohler-Seib ’01 has returned to SC as director of faith formation for youth and young adults, and will oversee The Summit.

What did you love most about your time at Southwestern?

I love Southwestern College! The excellent academic education I received, along with space to explore my gifts and passions at Winfield First United Methodist Church, provided me the foundation to succeed professionally. It is a great joy to be coming home to SC.

What is The Summit? Who will attend?
The Summit Youth Academy is a week-long academy for rising juniors and seniors within a 350-mile radius of SC. The week is dedicated to helping youth hear God’s calling. The 55-65 youth will be nominated by pastors, youth workers, or laity to attend the Summit. The Summit aims to connect youth to God, one Bible study where we will mentor them to answer God’s call to serve others and the world.

What’s special about the Summit?
One of SC’s strengths is that it is very good at equipping and celebrating young people as Christian leaders in their churches, communities, and families. The Summit is the perfect place for devoted Christian youth to experience the very best of what SC has to offer in this area. SC’s Discipleship Team, Worship Outreach team, the Institute for Discipleship, and the SC Department of Philosophy and Religion are partnering with SoCo Life Wichita, United Methodist Open Door Ministries, Camp Horizon, and pastors and laity from the United Methodist Church to expose Summit participants to the many facets of a life of faithful discipleship. Many of these partnerships have been formed through the many alumni who create our Builders in Ministry network and because of the great partnerships Southwestern has developed over the years. Summit participants will meet Wesleyan scholars from around the U.S., participate in diverse worship, serve in a variety of settings, and encounter God through a myriad of spiritual disciplines.

To recommend students for The Summit, email wendy.mohlerseib@sc.kans.edu.
Every one a Builder

A thletic director Matt Shelton spent the spring and summer talking to coaches. He was new to Southwestern, having spent most of his career at Graceland University in Iowa, and he wanted to make sure the team leaders were on board with what he thinks is the most important part of small college athletics:

Every experience an athlete has during the college years is important. Not just game days, not just practices, not just workouts. Classes, friendships, dorm conversations, research papers—all of these are equal in importance to competition.

“Every second, every minute, every day, our student athletes need to be intentional and be focused on being the best Builders they can be, for Southwestern College and for themselves,” Shelton says. “This is an experience that they will remember for a lifetime, and every piece is a valuable piece.”

That, he says, is the essence of athletics in the liberal arts college, and this philosophy must be shared by the coaches.

“We expect our coaches to do three things—recruit for their teams, stay under budget, and make sure their players are having an excellent college experience,” Shelton explains.

Instead, Shelton says, the coaches should set performance goals that are attainable (conference championships rather than national titles, for example) while making sure “every practice, every game, every moment” players are preparing for life after college.

Shelton believes the pieces are in place to start to achieve both these athletic and life goals. This year, for example, football coach Brad Griffin has brought in a bumper crop of freshmen. Sixty-five new recruits will beef up a squad that was undermanned last year and finished near the bottom of the KCAC.

“I love Coach Griffin,” Shelton says with a grin. “He’s experienced, and has had plenty of opportunity to move up the ladder in Division I and II (NCAA) schools. Instead, he’s chosen to dedicate his skills to small colleges because of the small college values.”

New institutional scholarship guidelines have given more leverage to the coaches in bringing in top players, and Shelton believes this may be the key to a return of Builder prominence in KCAC football.

“It takes a long time to build a football program, so we don’t expect change overnight, but the building blocks are in place,” he says.

Volleyball also is climbing out of a longstanding slump and has been predicted to finish seventh in the 12-team KCAC in preseason media polls.

“Gabi (Coach Carolina Garbato) is definitely a ‘Builder spirit’ coach,” Shelton adds. “Her drive and intensity are unmatched.”

The athletic director is equally complimentary about other fall coaches—men’s soccer coach Kyle Pond is “bright, articulate, detail-oriented”; new cross-country coach Tim Testa “is going to knock it out of the park—he can recruit a new generation of cross country runners who are married to the great tradition of this sport at SC”; women’s soccer coach Joe Wood “understands and is enthusiastic about...
**Alumni role ends, not Lowe’s love of SC**

Susan Lowe laughs when she is asked to describe her first day at Southwestern College.

“Which one?” she says.

Susan, who will retire in December after 16 years as the college’s alumni director, has been part of the Moundbuilder community practically her entire life.

She was a student here in the 1970s, a Winfield girl who had chosen her hometown college to major in floriculture.

In 1991 she started working at SC in the Office of Institutional Advance ment as administrative assistant. After three years in that role, she quit to become a full-time non-traditional student, returning to campus at the same time her older son was starting his years as a Moundbuilder, when it became important to Susan to complete the final year of the degree she had deferred to marry George Lowe ’74.

After graduation in 1995, she was the part-time secretary several years for the college’s bishop in residence when Dick Wilke was working to establish the Institute for Discipleship at Southwestern. In the late 1990s, she left that job to found the local community to give their time to the school at that time, and had seen the alumni weren’t being similarly involved more than 3,000 volunteers as some of the most committed.

They give up a year of their lives to invest in connecting with their classmates, she explains. “They are the ones who send letters, come up with ideas, post on Facebook, set up the reunion dinners. They do the work.”

And because a classmate is invested in the reunion the response to Homecoming invitations has been markedly improved in the past decade, she points out. Attendance at Homecoming has increased from a few hundred in the late 1990s to several thousand last year. “Having a familiar person contact you, and make plans you would enjoy – it makes alumni want to come back and see their friends,” she says.

Today there are two major annual gatherings at Southwestern. In addition to Homecoming, the annual Founder’s Day celebration has gone from being a simple banquet to being a days-long celebration that in cludes inductions into several Halls of Fame. The Educators and the Athletic Halls of Fame were in their formative years when Susan joined the alumni staff. In cooperation with institutional advancement personnel, five more now have been established – Business, Fine Arts, Natural Science, Scholars, and Leaders in Service.

Thousands of details are involved in coordinating two major campus weekends plus dozens of smaller alumni events around the country, but Susan is meticulously organized.

By the day after Homecoming I am already making reservations at venues for the next year’s Homecoming,” she says. “By December I’m meeting with class hosts to start planning the following October’s event, letting them know what affinity group will be meeting and any special things that will be going on.”

Still, every detail can’t be controlled. Susan points at the year that the Homecoming theme was “An SC Paradise,” complete with tropical color and life-sized palm trees as décor. “Such a fun theme – we were dressed in Hawaiian shirts, capris and flip-flops, and then it began sleeting,” she says with a laugh. “It was so cold.”

She won’t miss worrying about Homecoming weather every year, but when Susan talks about what she will miss about her job, her eyes fill with tears.

“I've had the most wonderful friendships with alums,” she says. “They're such a joy to work with, and they work so hard, then they turn around and thank me!”

In January, she will be retiring these alumni over to another director, and hopes to spend more time with her seven grandchildren and 14 gardens. But she doesn’t plan to leave SC behind.

“I love Southwestern,” she says fervently. “I so hope our Southwestern family legacy that started when my uncle and my mother graduated from here will continue and one or more of my grandchildren will come to Southwestern in the future.”

A reception for retiring alumni director Susan Lowe will be held during Homecoming.

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**China: Exceptional hosts, grateful guests**

By Pamela S. Thompson, affiliate ESL faculty and Academic Press editor

When an American couple told me they might actually “have more friends in China” after five trips there, I didn’t know whether to believe that statement. Now that my husband and I are back from three weeks in China during May, though, I fully understand. Our group of travelers included four Kansas college professors, and five American students studying at a Chinese university for 10 weeks.

From megacity to town village and back to two more sophisticated cities, we were well cared for by our Chinese hosts, picked up and delivered to business meetings, private lunches, campus tours, and dinners with university officials. At restaurants, our hosts would order platters of tofu, fish, pork, beef, shrimp and noodles, steamed bamboo baskets of dumplings, cauldrons of soups, bowls of flavored rice, and containers of unusual juices and local beers. We toasted our China dinner at the colorfully lighted bridge. Traveling back to the hotel, I marveled at photos at the colorfully lighted bridge. Traveling back to the hotel, I marveled at the evening I spent in the company of these people who had been strangers to me a mere six hours earlier.

**ABOVE:** Pamela Thompson, Southwestern College Affiliate faculty, was one of a group that traveled to China in June. She is shown with Shulin (Nancy) Fang and relatives.

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**Did you marry your SC sweetheart?**

If so, be sure to check out the Homecoming schedule with special events planned just for Moundbuilder Marriage alumni!

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**Mark Your Calendar**

Two special alumni events are scheduled for this fall. On Sept. 10 from 6-8 p.m., a Young Alumni (8 Young at Heart) Event will be held at College Hill Coffee in Winfield. Food, drink, and live music with the Student Loans will make for a fun evening! Mark your calendar for Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. for Christmas at the Mansion at the Marland Mansion in Ponca City. A catered meal and live music by SC students, plus a tour of the mansion in all its holiday glory, will be provided. For more information on price or to RSVP for either event, contact Susan Lowe at the alumni office, 620-229-6334.

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The 2016 incoming freshman class is the biggest and most geographically diverse in decades. At Builder Camp there were 168 domestic and six international freshmen.

- 32% from Kansas
- 28% from Texas
- 27% from Oklahoma
- 10% from nine additional states
- 3% from Mexico, Indonesia, Canada, Zimbabwe, Argentina, and Saudi Arabia
Raymond Nichols ’50, Winfield, celebrated his 90th birthday July 23. Raymond retired from teaching after more than 30 years at Winfield High School. He also is an active member of the First United Methodist Church. His wife, Virginia (Chisom) ’53, helped Raymond celebrate the special day.

Jim ’53 and Bette (Popp) Farney ’52 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends on June 2, 2016.

Arby ’67 and Linda Rector celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 28, 2016. They have four children, Tammy Kelly ’90, Angela Morris, Allen Rector, and Tim Rector, plus 10 grandchildren. Family celebrations were held with Tim and family in Kiowa; with Tammy and Angela and families at DisneyWorld; and with Allen and family at the Hard Rock Hotel Resort in Mexico.

Otis ’70 and Terri (Lough) Morrow ’76/’96, were named recipients of the Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award by the Cowley College Foundation in May 2016, because of their achievements in their chosen professions and their service to the community. Otis served as city attorney for Arkansas City for 30 years and also served as senior vice president and senior trust officer at Home National Bank for over 18 years. He continues to practice law, now in his 43rd year. Terri worked at Cowley College for over 17 years in the foundation office, leading the endowment association in fundraising activities and developing alumni relationships through class reunions. She established the Great Cowley Duck Dash (which continues to be a fun way to raise scholarship funds), organized banquets, booked speakers, and helped grow the foundation funds substantially. She also was a trustee at Southwestern College.

Gage Overall ’72 was appointed a member of the Summer County Medical and Dental Health Clinic. Gage is chairman and CEO of the Stock Exchange Bank and serves as a board member of USD 360 (Caldwell).

Gary Robbins ’72 has retired after 34 years as executive director of the Kansas Optometric Association. He has formed Robbins Consulting Services to provide governmental relations and association management consulting, and he will continue to assist the KOA with its legislative efforts. Robbins can be reached at garyrobbinsconsulting@gmail.com.

Norval Greuer ’74 retired in June 2016 after 26 years as a test engineer at John Deere Coffeyville Works.

John ’80 and Geraldine “Gerry” RoQua ’79 celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a “denim & diamonds” party at Cambernauld Village June 26, 2016. It was a crowded party with their children and grandchildren in attendance. Gerry credits their long-lasting marriage to good, clean living!

F. James “Jim” Robinson Jr. ’80 received the Kevin Driscoll Outstanding State Representative Award from the Defense Research Institute (DRI) last fall. Recently, he was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Lawyer’s Committee of the National Center for State Courts in Washington, D.C. In May 2016, at the Wichita Bar Association Law Day and Awards Luncheon, Jim received the Howard C. Kline Distinguished Service Award. Also, Jim has co-authored an article with Justice Barbara Pariente of the Florida Supreme Court that is under contract with the Florida Law Review.

Bill Gies ’81 has retired from his positions as professor and chair of the health and physical education department and assistant golf coach at Bethany College.

Dennis Hodges ’81 has upcoming exhibits of his work in three different cities with three different installations:

* Fototube – 10 years of deconstructions: “Wherever you go, there you are” (Pereria, Colombia); Zoonamb – sub-objective: “Eyedentity, Candidate 757” (Medellin, Colombia); Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma: “A sense of his soul, Governor 34” (Norman, OKLA).

Jerry Kill ’84 has been selected for induction into the 2016 Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, which will take place Oct. 2 at the Wichita Boathouse.

Naomi VonHollen ’87 has joined Optum in Seattle, Wash., as a nurse practitioner focusing on geriatrics.

Bill and Betty “Jane” (Rasmussen) Moore ’91 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 10, 2016. In 1966 when they were married at the Mount Hope Methodist Church, Rev. Carl Martin ’60 (former SC president) officiated at the ceremony. The Moores are proud of the Moundbuilder family legacy that began with Jane: Their daughter, Gretchen Moore, graduated in 1992 and Gretchen’s son (their grandson) Connor Stone earned his MFA from Southwestern in 2016. (See also Gretchen Moore ’92.)

Paul McDonald ’91 presented a session at the 2016 National Association of Parliamentarians training conference in Bloomfield, Colo., in August 2016. The session was titled “Debate Camp” and included a hands-on, live-fire training on how to rapidly present ideas in parliamentary debate so that short speeches have the greatest impact. Attendees learned how to structure a delivery, what effective influential speech includes, and what to avoid at all costs.

Gretchen Moore ’92 was married to Will Scobee on May 31, 2016. Following their destination wedding in St. Thomas, the Scobees have made their home in Wellington, KS. (See also Bill and Jane Moore ’91.)

Seth Bate ’93 has been recognized as the first ever recipient of the Kansas Leadership Center Level 2 coach certification.

Misty McWilliams (Cunningham) ’99 and Steve Kramer, SC assistant director for advising and student success, were married June 19, 2016.

**2000s**

Ephanie DeBay ’00 graduated with a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Oklahoma State University. Her dissertation topic was “An Analysis of the ToOLS Online Readiness Instrument Instructor of Student Success in Online Courses in a Community College Environment.” Ephanie has accepted a position as assistant professor of biology at Tulia Community College.

James B. Kirkbride ’00 is the new president/CEO of Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado.

Bradley J. Newell ’02 obtained credentialed as a Board Certified ABA-Certified Care Practitioner in June 2016. Currently, there are only 2,400 practitioners in the U.S. with this credential.

Brian Carr ’04/’16 and Caitlin Craig were married May 21, 2016. The Carrs are at home in Tulsa, Okla.

Nicole Howie ’04 is teaching in the Life Skills program at Owatonna.

Elise (Eilts) Blas ’05 is eLearning Developer at OPTIV Security out of Overland Park.

Jason Venjohn ’05 will continue as the coach of the Winfield Lady Viking basketball team, but will not be returning to the classroom. He has accepted a full-time position with Kollegiate Sports as a sales representative for Kansas and Western Missouri. Kollegiate is an official partner with Riddell Sports, Under Armour, and Fanatike.

Erick Byrd ’06 was promoted to sergeant in the United States Army on April 1, 2016. Erick became a criminal investigator, special agent, for the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division Command on June 1, 2016.

Alex Chen ’07 is the data manager for the Bacterial Meningitis Lab Center in the Office of Infection Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. His wife, Jess, also works at the CDC.

Scott Nuss ’07 is now assistant athletic director as well as sports information director at Southwestern College.

Andrew Pearson ’07/’09 married Christian Nicole Reyes on July 2, 2016. The Pearsons are at home in Oklahoma City.

Kelli Jean Bunnel ’08 married Mark Burns July 11, 2016, at Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, Calif. The Burnses are at home in San Diego.

Jason Maisog ’08 has accepted a fifth-grade teaching position in Ellis (USD 327).
Andrew Merz ’08 has been promoted to product deployment manager at Cactus Software in Overland Park, where he has worked since graduating from Southwestern. He now manages a team of seven that oversees the deployment of the company’s entire web-based product suite.

Amos Scott Dailey ’09 is now a software developer for an online company.

Brooke Godbye ’09 is a sales associate at Farm Bureau Financial Services in Winfield.

Katy Maddox ’09 is now an occupational therapist in Winfield (USD 335).

2010s

Nathan Morrison ’10 is now assistant athletic trainer at Southwestern College.

Samantha Gillis ’11 and Justin Adams were married March 29, 2016, in Taos, N.M. The Adames have made their home in Loveland, Colo.

Katie Gomez ’11 became the admission office manager at Southwestern College on June 1, 2016.


Nicole Wilson ’11 and Kyle Morgan were married on May 21, 2016. The Morgans are at home in Edmond, Okla.

Jennifer (Hendrixson) Kirkhart ’12/’13 has accepted the position of accounting instructor at Seward County Community College. She can’t wait to help make a difference in the lives of her students, just as her instructors did for her.

Molly (Komlofske) Just ’12 earned her Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in May 2016. Molly is director of Discipleship at Southwestern College.

Lucas McConnell ’12 earned his Master of Divinity degree in May 2015 and his Master of Sacred Theology degree in May 2016, both from Yale University Divinity School.

Katie (Bipes) Morrison ’12 has accepted a position as pediatric nurse in the Pediatric Acute Care Unit at Via Christi Health – St. Francis campus in Wichita.

Jacob McGuire ’12 is owner of a new business in Winfield, Main Street Games. The business buys, sells, and trades video games and offers playing space for video, card, and board games. The shop keeps up to date with the newest game technology and will host weekly events.

Laura-Beth Pennington ’12 is now a 911 operator/dispatcher for the Lyon County Emergency Communication Center (LCECC).

Nick Morris ’13/’15 has accepted the position of associate athletic director/sports information director at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. His duties will include game administration for all athletic events, as well as sports information at athletic events. This helped him reach the decision to end his coaching career and fully pursue athletic administration.

Luke Arneson ’14 is now internal auditor for Boyd Gaming at the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane.

Chris Paddock ’14 graduated in May 2016 from Oklahoma State University with a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in College Student Development. He assumed the position of coordinator of student conduct at the University of Colorado – Boulder on July 1, 2016.

Joe Schwartz ’14 and Taylor Fogle ’15 were married June 4, 2016. The Schwartzes have made their home in Arkansas City.

Alex Tyler ’14 married Kaitlyn Morris on July 9, 2016. The Tyler’s are at home in Oklahoma City.

Allyssa Zentner ’14 graduated from Arkansas State University with a Master of Exercise Science degree in May 2016. She has accepted the position of assistant athletic trainer at Hutchinson Community College. She lives in Hutchinson.

Cameron Clark ’15 has signed his first pro contract to play basketball with Paroosti Tarmo in Finland for the upcoming season.

James Mikolajczyk ’15, who received a Master of Theological Studies from Southwestern College, is author of a book Jesus the Jew, Christ the King. This book unites biblical scholarship with established theology.

Alyssa Richardson ’15 has accepted a position with the Northern Texas PGA located in Dallas as the coordinator of player development and community golf. She began her full-time role in February 2016, following an eight-month internship with the NTPGA.

Ryan Crowell ’16 has been accepted into the University of Kansas School of Law for the fall of 2016.

Austin Davis ’16 married Allie Petrovich ’17 on May 21, 2016. They will reside at Southwestern for the next year, as Allie completes her degree.

Luke Nicolay ’16 has accepted a position as music director and organist at Peace Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Mo.

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Kenneth M. McCaffree '40 died in Everett, Wash., on May 13, 2016. He retired from the University of Washington as a professor emeritus in 1981. He is survived by his five children: James McCaffree, Charles McCaffree, Nancy Carter, Mary Johnston, and David McCaffree.

Anelle (Trumbull) O’Neil ’41 died on July 26, 2016, in Winfield. Her hobbies included music, traveling, and being a faithful choir member for nearly 60 years at First United Methodist Church in Winfield. She is survived by a sister, Mattie Nemeth ’38, and children Rodney O’Neil ’72 and Jerry O’Neil.

Marjorie (Gee) Williams ’41 died June 23, 2016. She taught home economics and science for 10 years before marrying the Rev. James H. Williams. He served in Presbyterian churches in four states throughout his ministry, and Marjorie was very active as an elder and deacon, and served in Christian education. Marge is survived by two sisters.

Charles W. Hayes ’50 died in Rockford, Ill., May 14, 2016. He was a retired regional superintendent of Ogle County schools. He is survived by his children, Terrill Hayes, Paula Stenfel, and John Hayes.

Robert H. Martin ’50 died on June 23, 2016. Bob attended Southwestern College after his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an industrial engineer at Boeing Aircraft in the early 1990s before retiring in 1995. His true passion was being able to serve his Lord and being minister to people. He served as pastor at many churches with his last position being at IXL Southern Baptist in Ark City. Henry is survived by his wife, Lois; and children, LeRoy Cox, Annetta Cox, John Henry Cox, David Cox, and Robert Cox ’82.

Daryl E. Johnson ’60 died June 23, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sue; and children, Suzanne Johnson, Lisa Doyle, Andrew Johnson; four brothers and five grandchildren.

Junea ( Cranston) Lawrence ’70 died on July 27, 2016, in Winfield. She married Gerald Lawrence in 1949. While helping on the farm and raising their five children, Junea finished her college degree from Southwestern College. She went on to complete her master’s degree in education at Wichita State University and taught school in the Winfield school system until she retired in 1995. Her most important pastimes included spending time with family and being a faithful member of Winfield Church of Christ. Junea is survived by sister Neva Wilcox and children Julia White ’94, Kathleen Michael, Terry Lawrence, and Joanna Orr.

Jonele (Blackburn) Turner ’74 died peacefully July 20, 2016. Jo earned her master’s degree in public administration from Wichita State University and was assistant director of Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs there. She served WSU for 30 years before taking early retirement. She enjoyed her college years at SC, art classes, cheerleading and tennis. She is survived by her husband, ( Floyd) Leonard Turner, daughter AmyJo (Turner) Owens ’98, and Moundbuilder relatives brothers-in-law Barbara Blackburn Hays ’65 and Larry Hays ’64, Betty Blackburn Hightfill ’68 and Jerry Hightfill.

Brian Odell Raney ’83 died June 24, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Angela, and children Krystal Raney, Brian Raney Jr., and Corey Raney.

Eric Dickson ’07 died May 23, 2016, of a rare form of cancer called cholangiocarcinoma ( bile duct cancer). He is survived by his wife, Kelly Anne (Monahan) Dickson ’07; children, Steven Dickson and Kristen Dickson; parents, Raymond and Carla Dickson; mother-in-law, Donna Monahan; and brother-in-law, Todd Molony.

Michael Trollman died June 15, 2016. Winfield. He taught music at public schools and at Southwestern College before earning his master’s degree in social work. He retired after 19 years in the social work field. He is survived by his wife Julie Wooddring, and five children.


A son, Jacob Daniel, born June 7, 2016, to Andrew ’08 and Jennifer ( Cox) Merz ’08. Jacob has two sisters, Madison (7) and Emily (4). A daughter, Ambree Rose, born May 21, 2016, to Kirk and Kassie (Wendler) Lewis ’08. Ambree has brother, Hurton Joe (25).

A son, Anderson Clark, born Aug. 9, 2016, to Taggart ’11 and Elizabeth (Hill) Wall ’11. Anderson has an older sister, Ashlynn. They live in Sterling.

A daughter, Elora Rae Lane-Olivier, born July 13, 2016, to Carrie Lane, associate professor of psychology, and Nathan Olivier ’18.

Dr. Reza Sarhangi, professor of mathematics at Southwestern College from 1994 to 2000 and founder of the international Bridges Conference, died July 1, 2016, following a heart transplant.

Dr. Charlie Maddin, a longtime friend and former trustee of Southwestern College, died Aug. 5, 2016. Dr. Maddin, an analytical chemist, spent the majority of his career with the Dowell Division of the Dow Chemical Company in positions including manager of analytical laboratories and environmental manager. Upon retirement, he became a consultant for Dowell Schlumberger. Dr. Maddin served on the Southwestern College Natural Sciences Advisory Council for over a decade, bringing his expertise as an analytical chemist to the development of SC’s science programs. Maddin provided an invaluable volunteer service to the college in the late 1990s during the remodeling of Mossman Hall. He identified, labeled, and arranged for disposal of years of accumulated chemicals and supplies, preparing the former science building for renovation. Maddin was a member of the college’s Board of Trustees, serving on the academic affairs committee for many years before having to resign for health reasons.

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Moundbuilder Market open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, plus additional off-site locations. The President’s Gallery in Darbeth Fine Arts Center will feature the artwork of Jerry Thomas ’83. The display may be viewed 7-8 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. or by special appointment.

First Day: Thursday, October 6
3-4 p.m. 1981 Reunion Registration
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4-5 p.m. 2006 and 2011 Reunion Registration
2-5 p.m. Book Signing of Southwestern College, The Campus History Series, by Jerry Wallace and Pam Thompson, Christy library.

NEW THIS YEAR
2-5 p.m. free Builder Bingo hosted by Dets Library. Come & go before and/or after you register in Christy library.
3 and 4 p.m. Campus Tours, top of 77 Steps. (Allow 30 minutes per tour)
3-5 p.m. Class of 1971 Welcome Reception, Sutton Lobby.
3-5 p.m. Farewell Reception for alumni director Susan Lowe, Deets Library. All who have interacted with Susan over the past 15 years are encouraged to attend, so she can say thank you!
5 p.m. SC Women’s Soccer vs. Ottawa, Jantz Stadium.
5:15 p.m. Registration moves to Java Jinx.
6-7:30 p.m. “All-Class Homecoming Dinner, Dining Hall. Limited seating, 525 guests. Master of ceremonies, Hooty Callison ‘71. Special treat for Moundbuilder Couples Reception. Recognition of 50-year class, 51 alumni, reunion year class hosts, SC trustees, football alumni, and IPO alumni. Ambassa- dor Award recipient, Dan Nutter, former SC librarian; Young Alumni Award recipient, Brett Annis ‘06; Alumna Award recipients, Vernon ‘66 and Candy (Batt) Goertz ‘66 /2. 6 p.m. Alumni Volleyball Game, Stewart Field House
7:30 p.m. Alumni Men’s Basketball Game, Stewart Field House
8 p.m. SC Men’s Soccer vs. Ottawa, Jantz Stadium
8 p.m. Kaleidoscope performing arts production, Richard Peterson Performing Arts Center (RPFC).
9 p.m. Bonfire, north end of Soccer Field
10 p.m. Campus Player/Theatre Alumni Party. Moons’ house, 1606 Fowler.

Saturday, October 8
7:45 a.m. “Iota Pi Omicron Reunion Breakfast, Bierdman’s Restau- ranteur, 801 Main. Hosts: Judy (Smith) Kraus /8 and Candy (Bolton) Kriese’ 75. Dutch treat.
9 a.m. Moundbuilder Marriage Coffee Reception, Marquise on Main. $5. All who pre-register will receive a coffee mug.
8:30 a.m. Class of 1966 Loading for parade, First United Methodist Church parking lot, 11th Street.
9 a.m. Homecoming Parade. Main Street. Parade Marshals—SC football coach Brad Griffin and honorary football coach of the day, and SC soccer coach Joe Wood and honorary women’s soc- cer coach of the day. Moundbuilder Marriage couples will walk in parade. 15th St. north to 10th St.
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Alumni Registration, Stewart Field House foyer.
10 a.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Reception, Dining Hall.
10:30 a.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Dining Hall. 2016 Inductees: Ken R. Adams ’91, Lisa (Buller) Brunner ’95, Anthony G. “Tony” Gray ’41, Brant J. Lattrell ’04, and Gerald M. House ’93.
10:30 a.m. Communication/Computer Science/English Come & Go Reunion Brunch, in Christy Hall lower level. For majors and non-majors who were a part of SCI, Jantz, College, Moundbuilder, Jinx Radio, SCTV, debate, English journal and Sigma Tau Delta.
10:30 a.m.-12 noon Alumni Band Rehearsal, Darbeth Re- hearsal Hall. The band will perform at the football game.
10:30 a.m.-12 noon Jewelry Gallery Exhibit & Performing Arts Re- ception, Darbeth.
10:30 a.m.-12 noon “Sunflower Espresso, Keyhole Drive. Mobile cafe/pastry shop with Kate (Hutchens) Chance ‘05. (Also available during the football game in Jantz Stadium.)
11:45 a.m. Book Signing and IPO Reunion, Darbeth. $10 reserved seats, $9 adults, free for class of 2006 and under.
11 a.m.-1 p.m. “Homecoming Picnic, Stewart Field House. 56 person, $3 children under 6.
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Say Cheese Photo Booth, Stewart Field House.
11 a.m.-1 p.m. 1986 & 1991 Registration
11-4:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Professional Class Photos, King Plaza. $50-75 photo, $10-20 photo, other groups or family photos may be arranged with photographer at this time.
11:45 a.m. IPO Reunion
12:45 p.m. Moundbuilder Marriage 1 alumni Band
1:25 p.m. 51+ Photo(s), at Winfield Country Club
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1:25 p.m. 10-year and under / 2006 & 2011 Book Signing of South- western College, by Jerry Wallace and Pamela Thompson, Stewart Field House.
1:15 p.m. Outreach Worship Service, south patio, Student Center.
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2:30 p.m. “Alumni Golf Tournament, Darbeth Field House. SC Men’s Golf and Women’s Golf, $125 each, first 16 teams. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. “Homecoming Picnic, Stewart Field House. 56 person, $3 children under 6.
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