

# Snyder Foundation Gift Nears \$1 Million

equipment, library materials benefit science programs

The H.L. Snyder Medical Foundation has given Southwestern College resources worth nearly \$1 million following the recent reorganization of the foundation.

The gift includes equipment, chemicals, and supplies from the now-closed Snyder research laboratory, as well as an extensive library collection. In addition, the foundation will continue to support the Snyder Scholarship and Grant Program, which assists Southwestern and Winfield students interested in medical careers.



Pat Ross, head of the division of natural sciences, and sophomore Lissa Stroud examine centrifuge equipment donated by the Snyder Foundation.

The foundation has a 60-year history of support of medical research. Its gift to SC and to science programs at Winfield High School will be instrumental in local education of future scientists.

“We are grateful to the foundation for the equipment and research materials that will help continue the tradition of scientific excellence in Winfield,” says SC President Dick Merriman. “Southwestern shares this emphasis on science education, and appreciates the opportunity to be part of the Snyder vision.”

Hannelore Snyder Brown explains that the gift continues an educational relationship that began long ago.

“The Snyder family originally moved to Winfield over four generations ago,” she says. “David Snyder, a cattleman, moved here so that his five sons could attend Southwestern College. There has been a family tradition of seeking higher education ever since.”

The foundation will continue to support the scholarship program that has been an important source of aid to Winfield students aspiring to medical fields, she adds.

“For Winfield to continue its tradition of quality medical health care professionals, we need to foster, mentor, and support our young talent so that they come back home,” Brown emphasizes. “Obviously, not all students will come back to Winfield, but we only need to have a constant and steady stream of talent to come back.”

To this end, the Snyder foundation supports scholarships and grants that allow students to graduate with less debt, and make their return to Winfield more possible, Brown adds.

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## New Trustees Bring Variety, Expertise

Southwestern College has added six new members to its Board of Trustees.

• **Sue (Lewis) Hale '77**, Oklahoma City, serves as the executive editor of *The Oklahoman*. Along with her professional obligations, including various press organizations and commitments, Hale devotes much of her time to the Areawide Aging Agency, the Alzheimer's Association, the Arthritis Foundation, and Eldercare Access Center.

• **Bishop Scott Jones**, new bishop of the Kansas Area of the United Methodist Church, is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Perkins Theological Seminary. Jones spent nearly three decades in Texas, where he was the pastor at three churches. In 1997 Jones became the McCreless Assistant/Associate Professor of Evangelism at Perkins Theological Seminary where he also directed the Center for the Advanced Study and Practice of Evangelism.

• **Rodney Kreie '77**, Ulysses, a certified public accountant and consultant, has been active in professional, civic, and church activities. At First United Methodist Church, he serves as chairman of the

church council, executive committee member, and treasurer for the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund. Kreie is the Grant County Economic Development Council president and board chair as well as a member of the Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

• **Lynn Nichols**, president and owner of Yingling Aircraft, Inc., Wichita, is board chair for The Independent School in Wichita and is a member of the board at The State Bank in Winfield. He is a member of East Heights United Methodist Church.

• **Madeline (Magnusson) Norland '83**, gallery manager for the Wichita Art Museum, is a long-time supporter of the arts at Southwestern College. Norland serves as program coordinator for the Winfield Arts and Humanities Council and is a member of the Winfield Regional Symphony.

• **The Rev. Anne Rosebrock** is senior pastor of College Hill United Methodist Church in Wichita. She received her bachelor's degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and her master of divinity degree at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Rosebrock lives in Wichita.

## Beth Sheppard New Director of Memorial Library



Beth Sheppard has been named director of Southwestern College's Memorial Library.

Sheppard had been on the library staff since 1999, and had served as interim library director for the past year. She also is an affiliate instructor for religious studies at SC.

“Dr. Sheppard has shown innovation and enthusiasm for the huge task that is administering a library during these changing times of information management,” says President Dick Merriman. “I am confident she will continue to expand the library's central role in the academic life of the college.”

The new director earned her Ph.D. in Biblical studies from the University of Sheffield (United Kingdom) in 2000, and a master of library sciences from Emporia State University. Sheppard is a widely-published scholar, with an extensive list of reviews and presentations.

## LEADERSHIP SOUTHWESTERN

Leadership Southwestern has been recognized by the Kansas Volunteer Commission as Organization of the Year. The \$1,000 award was presented to team representatives Sept. 22.

“The leadership team was honored to receive **hundreds of hours** the You Make a Difference Award from the Kansas Volunteer Commission,” says Cheryl Rude, director of the Leadership



Rachel Pollock and Dani McCaulley deliver commodities to the elderly.

Southwestern program. “The leadership students spend **hundreds of hours** in service as a way of helping and learning about themselves as leaders. **learning about themselves** It is affirming to have that effort recognized and rewarded.”

During the past year, Leadership Southwestern students volunteered nearly 4,000 hours in **as leaders** Winfield and Cowley County.

Examples of recent projects include participating in the building of the Island Park Playground; providing day care for other volunteers at the park; a half-day downtown cleanup; a small-enrollment middle school training day; elementary leadership and service training at Webster elementary school; a robotics building competition for area high school physics students; an elementary music exploration event for local third- to fifth-graders; development of materials for Cowley County's Tiny Teeth program, and a long-term effort that implemented a campus-wide recycling program.



Leadership Southwestern student Paul Farney facilitates a middle school planning group.