



# From Alumni Programs



As the holidays approach, days grow shorter and life slows down. It's a perfect time to reflect back on old friendships and great memories. Many alumni were able to make the trip back to campus for Homecoming 2004 and the dedication of the renovated 77 Steps. If you weren't here, I hope you will make an effort to reconnect with old friends and classmates to catch up and hear about it.

If you've been out of touch and don't know how to reconnect, you are in luck! The process of creating a new Southwestern College alumni directory is well underway. In October, you should have received a questionnaire to fill out and return with updated information about you. If you've not yet returned it, please do so right away. This directory process will not only update our college database with current alumni information, but it will provide an opportunity for Moundbuilders everywhere to obtain a book or CD-ROM copy if they so choose.

Meanwhile, if you can't wait for the directory to come out, check the online SC class e-mail directory at [www.sckans.edu/campus/directory](http://www.sckans.edu/campus/directory). (If you aren't listed there, this is a perfect time to do so.) I hope you will set a goal to get in touch with fellow classmates this year!

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## Thanks to All Who Helped At Homecoming 2004!

Click on the volunteer link at [www.sckans.edu/alumni2](http://www.sckans.edu/alumni2) to see a complete list of all the great volunteers for this year!

## Two Southwestern College Halls of Fame Will Induct New Members April 9, 2005.

For qualification standards and nomination forms for the Scholars Hall of Fame or the Educators Hall of Fame, contact the Office of Alumni Programs at (800) 846-1543, ext. 6334, or check online at [www.sckans.edu/alumni2](http://www.sckans.edu/alumni2). In addition to inductees into the halls of fame, one educator will receive the Marilyn McNeish Award for Special Education.

Nominations are due Jan. 15 for the Scholars Hall of Fame, or Feb. 1 for the Educators Hall of Fame.

## Do You Have Memories of Grace Methodist Church?

Grace United Methodist Church in Winfield is being nominated to a place on the National Register of Historic Places, a process that includes collecting artifacts concerning the church.

The church's roots began to grow in 1886 when a group of Southwestern College students, tired of walking two miles each way on muddy, unpaved streets to attend church downtown, organized their own Sunday School class in the home of a faculty member who lived close to the college. By 1888 it had attracted not only students and faculty, but local residents of the College Hill area as well.

That year the annual conference recognized the "student church" as Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. For the 116 years that followed, the story of Grace Church has remained closely tied to the story of Southwestern College.

If you have old photographs, stories, or other memories of Grace Church, please contact Ronald Surface at (620) 229-9015, or e-mail [surface@canoemail.com](mailto:surface@canoemail.com).

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winning stories  
of this year's  
Moundbuilder  
Memories

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JAN. 22 @ 6 - 7:30 P.M. ~ TOPEKA AREA ALUMNI EVENT** at the Capitol Plaza Hotel/Maner Conference Center. Join alumni hosts **Fred Baker '59, Bill Ervin '61, and Larry Montgomery '60**, and Topeka area alumni for dinner and a program by **Ann (Myers) Richardson '79**, "Signatures from History."

**JAN. 23 @ 9:45 A.M. ~ TOPEKA AREA OUTREACH EVENT.** Outreach group Selah will participate in worship services at Countryside United Methodist Church in Topeka.

**FEB. 19 @ 5 - 6:30 P.M. ~ TULSA AREA ALUMNI EVENT** at Sheridan Lanes. Whether you are a bowler or not, join alumni co-hosts **John '01 and Nicole (Ledbetter) Brannon '00**, and **Warren Shockey '49** for an evening of bowling, order-off-the-menu food, and fun!

**MARCH 14 @ 5:30 - 7:15 P.M. ~ THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM A-LA-LUMNI**, in the Roy L. Smith dining hall.

**MARCH 18-22 ~ SC TRAVEL TRIP TO CARNEGIE HALL**, New York City, with David Gardner. Be part of Moundbuilder history as the A Cappella choir sings on stage at Carnegie Hall Monday, March 21.

**MARCH 19-25 ~ SC ARTS TRIP IN NEW YORK CITY**, with Roger Moon. Arrive in time to hear the SC choir sing at Carnegie Hall, then stay for a week of the arts in New York City.

**MARCH 21 @ 6 - 7:30 P.M. ~ NEW YORK REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENT** at Bricco Ristorante, New York City. Join area alumni and SC travel trip participants for dinner before the choir performs on stage at Carnegie Hall.

**MARCH 21 @ 8 P.M. ~ SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE A CAPPELLA CHOIR AT CARNEGIE HALL.** For ticket information, contact Southwestern choir director David Gardner at [dgardner@sckans.edu](mailto:dgardner@sckans.edu) or call (620) 229-6272.

**APRIL 9 ~ FOUNDERS DAY, EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME, AND SCHOLARS HALL OF FAME**, Southwestern College main campus.

*All alumni and friends of the college are welcome to attend any of our events, regardless of location. Check the alumni Web site at [www.sckans.edu/alumni2](http://www.sckans.edu/alumni2) or contact the Office of Alumni Programs, (800) 846-1543, ext. 6334, or [slowe@sckans.edu](mailto:slowe@sckans.edu), for more information.*



### 2004 Business Hall of Fame

The SC Business Hall of Fame added three new names Sept. 11.

- In a related ceremony, **Craig Duncan '02** (far left) was honored with the 2004 Business Builder Award.

Shown beginning second from left are new inductees:

- **Charles Kopke '44**, who retired as senior vice president of Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Mo., after 40 years.
- **Becky O'Neal '77**, an executive with State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Ill.
- **Steve K. Stone '74**, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Morris Communications Co., a privately-held media company.

### 2004 Science Hall of Fame

Inductees were honored on Nov. 6 (from left)

- **Frank Newman '53**, professor emeritus of veterinary virology and medical science at Montana State University. His research in the enteric infections of humans and cattle led to the development of a vaccine for calf scours, and his studies of anthrax and cholera contributed to the understanding of virus host-cell interaction.
- **Max Thompson '57**, professor and research associate in biology at Southwestern College for 33 years. He helped build the biology curriculum into the college's most popular major.
- **Melvin L. Cheatham '55**, whose achievements have been both as a neurosurgeon and as a humanitarian with the Samaritan's Purse Christian relief organization.



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