## ALUMNINOTES

—1940s —

Ray Parsons '48 has been connected with dental care in Winfield for 50 years. Ray began the practice in Winfield 50 years ago, and his son, David, continues to see patients today, many of whom used to see his dad. David is a member of the Southwestern College Board of Trustees.

\_\_\_1950s -

**Bob Roberts '50** is the proud grandfather of Jessica Arnold, who has signed a national letter of intent to play women's basketball at the University of Arizona. Bob was a three-sport letterman at SC and is a member of the SC Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Bob Sneller '51** was inducted into the National Junior College Hall of Fame in Hutchinson during the spring of 2004.

Jim Farney '53 survived hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in Vero Beach, Fla., and hurricanes Frances and Ivan in North Carolina. A 70-foot tree fell on his house in Flat Rock, N.C. Luckily, the house suffered only minor damage, but a giant crane was needed to remove the tree. Before the hurricanes Jim won two doubles tennis titles in Vero Beach, Fla., and Flat Rock, N.C.

**Tokuro Narazaki '56** has been all over Asia since 1965. He retired in 2002 and is back in Baltimore, Md.

Ray A. Waller '59 was honored with the 2004 American Statistical Association (ASA) Founders Award in a presentation ceremony during the ASA Presidential Address at the association's 164th Joint Statistical Meetings, Aug. 8-12, 2004, in Toronto. Waller, who is retired, received the award for his many contributions to the profession and to the association, including serving as executive director and secretary from 1995-2001; for improving service to members and the internal efficiency of the ASA office through effective reorganization and well-chosen hiring; and for constant attention to detail and a continuing sense of responsibility for the welfare of ASA and its members. Waller spent 19 years in both technical and management capacities at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Prior to joining Los Alamos National Laboratory, Dr. Waller was associate professor of statistics at Kansas State University. Additionally, he served as part-time instructor at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

-1960s –

Chris Vollweider '67, a 23-year faculty member at Cowley County Community College, is the 2004–2005 recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. Vollweider, who teaches college reading, study skills, and rapid reading, began her career at Cowley on March 1, 1981. In 1993, she was presented a Master Teacher Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas.

— 1970s —

**Bill Borger '74** has started his own marketing agency, Premiere Partner-

ship Marketing. He works primarily with nonprofits in the realm of sponsorship—creating strategic or tactical relationships between the organization and other organizations or companies. Clients include The Muny, America's oldest and largest (11,000 seats) outdoor musical theatre in St. Louis; the new Kansas Underground Salt Museum in Hutchinsonopening 650 feet below ground in early 2006; and Team Thunder, an organization in Oklahoma that does school workshops in math, science, and technology using an NHRA-style top fuel dragster as a teaching tool. Lori (Alexander) '76 is virtually full time at Manchester United Methodist as head of children's music and drama ministry, which also means she produces a musical every year for her fourth- and fifth-grade choir.

**Debbie (Moon) Riggsby '74, '85** was ordained elder in 2000 in the North Texas Conference. She married Lew Riggsby in 2002, and currently serves as the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Cooper, Texas.

—1980s —

Teresa Bevis '80 is the recipient of the Kansas Art Education Association "Outstanding Middle School Art Educator of the Year for 2004-2005." This award is one of the highest honors the association presents. Bevis was honored at this year's Kansas Art Education Association Fall Conference in Hutchinson Oct. 15.

**Donnell Ruthenberg-Sutherland** '80 is working at Pittsburg State University as a catalog librarian and assistant professor.

Jan (Shelton) Koelsch '87 recently began a new career at United American Insurance—a company that provides affordable health insurance for those who do not have health coverage or are experiencing the increase in the cost of health coverage. "This is a new area of business that will provide challenges, but also rewards in knowing that I am helping people in a muchneeded way," Jan writes. She lives in Wichita with her husband, Marvin. Marvin is owner of Midwest Accounting and Management. Their son, Kevin, recently announced that he is getting married in 2005. Daughter Julia continues to work in St. Louis as a computer programmer.

Will Wabaunsee '87 has been named assistant women's track and field coach at the University of Wisconsin. Wabaunsee will coach the throws, pole vault, high jump and multi-event athletes.

**Kelly Stewart '89** graduated from Wichita State University in May 2004 with a master in social work. She is now an LMSW and is the director of children's services at Cowley County Mental Health.

-1990s —

Mark Detter '91 has accepted a position as the assistant county administrator/financial director for Butler County. He lives in Rose Hill with wife Julie (Underwood) '94 (who works part time for Parents As Teach-

ers) and their children Nicholas, 5, and Wesley, 2½.

**Brett Stone '91** is Winfield's new assistant chief of police. Stone's rank will be police captain. He has worked with the WPD since 1992 and was promoted to sergeant in 1998.

Eric Lybarger '92 and Sarah Werner were married June 27, 2004, in Winfield. Sarah is a speech pathologist employed by Cowley County Special Services Cooperative (USD 465) and Eric is a communications coordinator employed by Via Christi Oklahoma Regional Medical Center in Ponca City.

Carey Eskridge-Lybarger '97 was chosen to represent Kansas as a Mathematics Curriculum Specialist at the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Conference in Baltimore, Md. Carey teaches math and physics at the high school level in Oxford, where she was Oxford's secondary teacher of the year in 2004.

Megan Cruit '98 has obtained her Kansas teaching certificate and has been teaching physical science and biology at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School since fall 2002. She lives in Wichita and is currently pursuing her master of education from Wichita State University in curriculum and instruction.

Cicely (Carlson) Karst '99 married Jonnie Karst on July 27, 2002.

Mary (Black) Loftis '99 graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley in August 2004 with an MA in Reading. She is literacy coordinator for a K-8 school near Denver.

**Kyle Woodrow '99** was the guest pastor at the Homecoming church service at Grace United Methodist Church on Oct. 16. Kyle is associate pastor at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church in Phoenix, Ariz. Paradise Valley has started a new worship service and Kyle is principal preacher.

— 2000s —

**Audrey (Prose) Barron '00** is working part time as a registered nurse in the operating room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence.

Jeana Clark '00 is working full-time as publications assistant in the communications office at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., working with the graphic designer and writing for the school. She is still working towards finishing a master of arts in Biblical studies, and will graduate in December 2005.

Timothy Myers '00 recently completed his second summer on the conducting staff at Central City Opera (Colo.), and will return in 2005 in the post of associate conductor. This fall Timothy assumed posts as assistant conductor of the Palm Beach Opera and cover conductor with the Orlando Philharmonic.

**Daniel Miller '00** is currently an intern with the Kettering Medical Network. In January he will begin his

ob/gyn residency at Southview Hospital in Dayton. His wife, **Sarah** (**Melcher**) '02 is working at Church of the Cross United Methodist Church in Kettering, where they are starting a new contemporary worship service and she is the coordinator.

Kelli (Cox) Croucher '02 married Marcus Croucher on Jan. 3, 2004, at Happy Hill Church in Ramona, Okla. The two have temporarily made their home in Stillwater, Okla., as Kelli finishes her master of science degree in communication sciences and disorders.

Amanda (Gerge) Ramseyer '02 married Richard Ramseyer on Dec. 27, 2002.

Martin Colling '03 is pursuing a master's degree in adult education and distance learning at the University of Phoenix Online. He also teaches five industrial trade classes at Cowley County Community College this semester and hopes to be full time by fall 2005.

Marathana Furches '03 has been promoted to news editor for the *Newton Kansan*. Her primary responsibilities include covering local government, editing news copy, and designing pages. She has been employed by the *Kansan* for one year. Furches graduated with a degree in mass communications and film.

Travis Hastings '03 and Claire Myers '04 were married June 12, 2004, in Winfield. Claire moved with Travis to Colorado at the end of June and she is now teaching third grade in Olathe, Colo.

Mark Rine '04 is sheriff of Greeley County, Kansas. He took the oath of office on Sept. 24. Mark completed the term of previous Sheriff Brad Clark, then won election in November. Mark had been the undersheriff of Harper County since January 2001. He and his wife, Judy Rine '02, plan to make Tribune their home.

Lacy Mohler '05 was featured in the November issue of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes national magazine, *STV.* Mohler was profiled in the "Heart of an Athlete" profile. She has participated on the cross country team throughout her career at SC, and last year finished fifth at the KCAC championships. She also has been named academic all-conference and an NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Alumni notes in this issue are compiled by Nan (Brummett) Hinson '97, alumni events manager.

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