

1930s

Al Hodges '36 celebrated his 90th birthday Aug. 1, 2004. The celebration began July 30 at the final Winfield City Band concert of the summer, when Al directed a number that he had first directed in a music contest in the spring of 1937. Nine members of the Hodges family played in the band that night. The festivities concluded on Sunday with church service with the Hodges' sons, **Woody** and **Carol (Kleinsasser) '65 '65**, and Don. Al was an SC faculty member and band director for 18 years. In 1976, he was the second living person inducted into the Kansas Music Educators Hall of Fame. At halftime of the Homecoming football game that year one of his former students presented him with the alumni citation. Al was also on the alumni board from 1968 to 1995. His wife, Winnie, was hostess at the student center for 15 years.

1950s

Larry '55 and **Lequita Eason** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 28, 2004. Larry is a member of the SC Board of Trustees.

Robert Jones '51 is namesake of a new scholarship established by graduates of Leadership Southern California, who have created the award for a program participant

from a not-for-profit organization. The Robert M. Jones Scholarship Fund was named in honor of the founding president. There are now more than 400 graduates of Leadership Southern California, the centerpiece program of the Southern California Leadership Network.

Ray Waller '59 spoke to the SC Math Club in December 2004 on the "The World of the Statistician."

1960s

Dean Angeles '67 was the conductor at The Midwest Clinic, an international band and orchestra conference, in December 2004. The clinic draws 15,000 musicians, and 30+ performing groups by audition. Angeles has conducted the Loyola University chamber and symphony orchestras and coordinated a comprehensive string education program for the Loyola College of Music in New Orleans since 1980.

1970s

Michael Allen '74 has been named chair of the Department of Plant Pathology at University of California Riverside.

Mike Lewis '74 recently returned to SC to speak as part of the "Lunches With Leaders" program hosted by the service learning coalition and the president's office.

Jim Thomas '76 has joined Fleishman-Hillard as a vice president specializing in consumer research in the firm's St. Louis headquarters. Thomas brings to the agency nearly two decades of experience in qualitative and quantitative research, business-to-business marketing, advertising, strategic planning, database analytics, and public opinion polling. Over the years, he has managed research projects for a diverse clientele, including American Express, McDonald's, Sears, Sprint, and Wal-Mart.

1980s

David Anderson '85 is the director of outpatient services at High Plains Mental Health Center in Hays. He has worked there for the past 17½ years. He and his wife, Charlene, live in WaKeeney with their two children, Emma, 4, and Benjamin, 3. David spends his free time with his family, playing golf, and sailing.

Suni Barker '83 has moved to Wichita from Texas and is teaching a K-I loop at Lewis Magnet School.

Joe Cobb '83 has been named executive director of the Roanoke Valley Interfaith Hospitality Network. The agency mobilizes faith communities to return homeless families to independence by providing skills development and temporary housing. The network consists

of 27 congregations that provide shelter and meals year round

Robin Rivers '83 is an athletic trainer working in Wichita for a physician who sponsors a rodeo sports medicine outreach program. She travels extensively throughout Kansas and Oklahoma.

Jerry Kill '84, Southern Illinois University football coach, was named winner of the Eddie Robinson Award honoring the Coach of the Year in NCAA I-AA football. In his fourth year at the helm of Southern Illinois, Kill guided the Salukis to a 10-2 record and a Gateway Conference championship, posting a perfect 7-0 league mark. The Salukis spent 10 weeks atop the I-AA polls and earned a playoff bid for the second year in a row. Also for the second year in a row, Kill was named the American Football Coaches Association Region 4 Coach of the Year, as voted by the AFCA membership. Jerry was inducted into the SC Athletic Hall of Fame Jan. 27, 2005, in a special ceremony.

Jubal McDonald Tiner '88 teaches creative writing, film, and world literature at Western Carolina University. He has published short stories in *Jabberwock Review* and *The Florida Review*.

Robert Whetsell '88 married Lisa Borowik of Stamford, Conn., on Nov. 13, 2004. Robert is the teaching professional at Hampshire Country Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

1990s

Bryan Dennett '92 spoke to the SC Beta Beta Beta club in November 2004 on "The World of the Small Town Doctor."

R. Don Gifford '93 recently returned to SC to speak as part of the "Lunches With Leaders" program hosted by the service learning coalition and Leadership Southwest-ern.

Jana Rhea Cartwright '95 has accepted a job with Kansas Foundation for Medical Care as a trauma plan specialist. She has moved to Topeka and will be working with six regions of the state to help facilitate the development of the Kansas Trauma Plan.

Stuart Graham '94 is currently the drama teacher at Heights High School in Wichita. His wife, **Kelley (Rogers) '94**, is executive director for a small non-profit called the Wichita Womens' Initiative Network (WIN). Check out the Web site at wichitawin.org.

Greg Wood '95 is the executive director for Hospice of North Central Oklahoma, Inc. in Ponca City, Okla. It is a not-for-profit, community-owned hospice and has been around since 1982. He is also a

licensed minister with the Assemblies of God and a licensed social worker. He and his wife have been married 20 years and their sons, Seth, 17, and Caleb, 14, are drummers in the Ponca City High School drumline.

Anne Farmer '96 completed her master's degree (with honors) in curriculum and instruction from Wichita State University in 2002, was named Kansas Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year, and was one of eight finalists for Kansas Teacher of the Year. She received a \$2,000 cash award for the honor. During the 2005 school year, she will continue teaching but will also be traveling with the 2005 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team advocating for kids and education. Her husband, **Chris '93**, completed his master's degree in special education at Wichita State University in May 2004. Both teach at Douglass High School in Douglass. They have two sons, Sam, 7, and Jack, 2.

Jason Wilson '96 was recently promoted to area manager with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. He oversees rental operations in Manhattan, Fort Riley, Salina, Emporia, and Hays. Jason and his wife, **Kim (Brewster) '94**, and daughter have relocated to Manhattan

Brandon Sommer '97, head soccer coach at Winfield High School, was named *Winfield Daily Courier* Coach of the Year. After Winfield's 2004 soccer team was reeling with a 1-6 record, Sommer guided the team to an 8-3 record finish that included some of the Vikings' biggest wins in their history.

Amy Alley '98 recently returned to SC to speak as part of the "Lunches with Leaders" program hosted by the service learning coalition and Student Life.

Dina (Suarez) Martinez '98 is a project administrator with Phillips/May Corporation in Dallas, Texas.

Pam Ireland '99 has been chosen as Oxford High School's 2005 Teacher of the Year. She was also nominated by former students to Who's Who Among American Educators. Pam received her master of education degree with an empha-

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

And the winner is...



Homer Baker, SC class of 1942, Sun Lakes, Ariz., was the lucky winner of the drawing for the authentic Nichols and Stone captain's chair with laser engraving of the Southwestern College seal. The chair was given away by Harris Publishing, which compiled a new alumni directory for the college.

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