

sis in special education in the spring of 2003. She teaches special education at Oxford High School.

Mollie (Junk) Roberts '99 is working for the *Salina Journal*, where she is the circulation sales assistant.

2000s

Eric Hunt '00 graduated in December 2004 with a master of science in education degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. In August 2004 he became head cross country and assistant track coach at Northern State.

John Nelson '00 graduated from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2004. He works in a mixed animal practice at Countryside Veterinary Associates in Great Bend. He and **Stacie (Frale) '00** reside in Great Bend with their daughter, Chloe Donissa.

Jeffrey Lowe '01 received a juris doctorate from Washburn University School of Law in December 2004. Jeff will be practicing law in Wichita, where he lives with his wife, **Brooke (Youle) '01**, who is a pharmacist. (see also Births)

Ngan (Nguyen) Morris '01 was selected by the Texas Girls' Coaches Association to be one of six athletic trainers to serve as an athletic trainer at the state all-star game. Ngan will be athletic trainer for the winning north 1A-3A and 4A-5A All-Star Basketball team.

Tracy Crockett '02 is living in Kirksville, Mo., where she is the morning anchor at the ABC affiliate KTVO.

Heath Horyna '02 has accepted a position at K.D.H.E as an environmental technician.

Trey Jones '02 is working for Ark Valley Distributors at Strother Field in Arkansas City. His wife, **Amy (Jones) '00**, is a second grade teacher at IXL Elementary School in Arkansas City. They have one son, Hunter, 3, and are expecting a daughter in March.

Mandy (Strano) '02 and Forrest Courville were married Nov. 20, 2004. They reside in Sulphur, La.

Gloria Tham '02 has graduated from Wichita State University with a master of music in piano perfor-

mance. She was a graduate teaching assistant and taught applied and class piano. She is looking for a temporary job and will proceed with doctoral school auditions, hoping to begin doctoral studies in the fall of 2005.

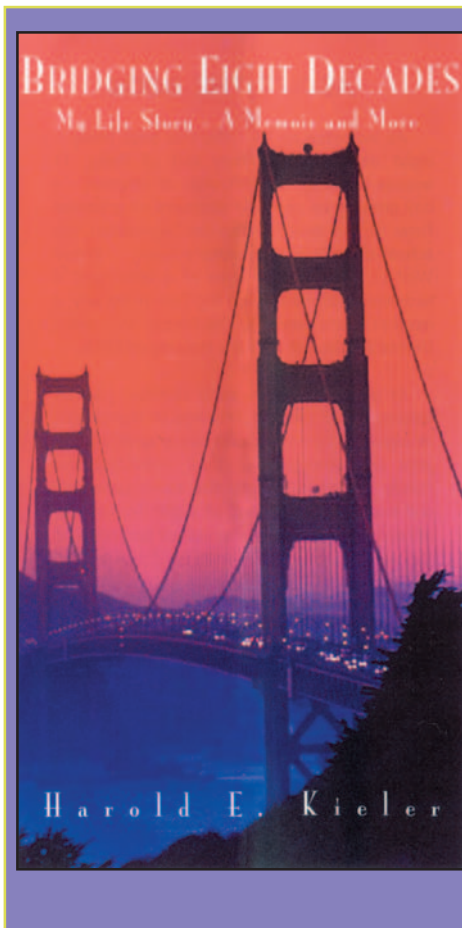
Adam Catlin '03 is author of the novel *Until August*. The story focuses on Frank Archer, a man in his mid-20s, who, while on a research job for the Kansas State Historical Society, stops one evening in the summer of 2003 at the Kansas Jaycees Cerebral Palsy Ranch, so he can interview the executive director. While he is waiting for the person to show up, Archer remembers an earlier time, five years before, when he was at the ranch under far different circumstances. The remainder of the plot focuses on the eight months in 1998 when, during the course of his romance with a Winfield girl, he stumbles onto the path he will be on for the rest of his life. *Until August* was released by Publish America, and is available from online bookstores.

Kari Good '03 and Matt Harris were married July 9, 2004 in Wichita. Kari is a second year student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Rachel Ferguson '04 has accepted a job with Custom Marketing Concepts and Solutions, an Olathe marketing firm. Ferguson will be doing photography, graphic design, event coordinating, sales, and public speaking. She will also be working on two television programs the company plans to launch in the Kansas City area.

FRIENDS

David Andreas was the recipient of the CornerBank Community Cornerstone Award for November 2004. An active resident of the Winfield community, Andreas has served on many boards. He has practiced law for 24 years. His father, **Warren** (a member of the SC Board of Trustees), and brother, **Eric '97**, are previous Community Cornerstone winners.



Harold Kieler, a member of the Southwestern College Board of Trustees for 13 years during the 1960s and the 1970s and former pastor of Winfield's Grace United Methodist Church, is author of the newly-published *Bridging Eight Decades, My Life Story—A Memoir and More* published by Xlibris. Much Kansas history is featured in the book, as are Kieler's days in several Kansas communities and churches. Included is a description of the Easter Civil Rights and Voting Registration Mission from Grace Church and Southwestern College to Mississippi in the 1960s. Kieler's wife, Lorine, is also featured prominently in the book. Lorine completed her degree in French at SC and acquired her secondary teaching certification here. The Kielers are parents of Bill Kieler '85. Kieler is now retired from the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church. *Bridging Eight Decades* may be ordered through major bookstores in either hardback or soft cover.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Jan Cartwright, of Syracuse, Kan., died May 6, 2004. Survivors include son, **John '80**, and daughter, **Jana Rhea '95**.

Alexis Jade "Lexy" Crittenden, 13, of Winfield died Nov. 9, 2004, in a house fire. Survivors include her mother, **Rigaile Lawless '97**.

Lyle Eaton died Dec. 12, 2004, at the age of 69. Lyle was a past president and 40-year member of the Kiwanis Club, served on the Board of Trustees of Cowley Community College, and was named Outstanding Alumnus in 1994. Survivors include his wife, **Terry (Hodkin) '58**, and a daughter, **Lee Ann Sturd '86**.

John Fellers died Dec. 17, 2004, at the age of 84. A farmer, Fellers was a member of the Kismet Baptist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. Survivors include his wife, Betty, and a daughter, **Joyce Fellers '89**.

Avis Hilfinger, Bloomington, Ill., died July 18, 2004, at her home. Avis was an avid tennis player at Bloomington Country Club and Evergreen Racquet Club, winning three Gold Balls from the United States Tennis Association, most recently at age 88. She was also an active member of the National Senior Women's Tennis Association. Survivors include her husband, **Dean '32**.

Alma Mae McMichael died Oct. 28, 2004, at the age of 88.

Dorothy Murray died Nov. 24, 2004, at the age of 91. Mrs. Murray was a high school English teacher in Boswell and Jericho, N.Y., later becoming the coordinating reading specialist in Jericho. She also taught English classes for immigrants, tutored at a drug rehabilitation facility, and was a private tutor. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Ralph F. Murray.

Dean Nolte, 77, died Nov. 22, 2004, in Garden City. A retired educator and U.S. Army veteran, Dean was inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame in 1992. Survivors include his wife, Norma, a son, **Jerre '80**, and a daughter, **Beth (Nolte) Reeder '84**.

Darrell Nelson died Dec. 20, 2004. A wheat farmer, teacher, and coach, Darrell also made furniture and kept cows and calves. Survivors include his wife, **Margaret (Roderick) '54**.

Mary P. Robson died Dec. 4, 2004. Mary was a homemaker, a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and was very active in the SCKRMC Auxiliary. Survivors include her daughter, **Kathleen Caliguero '83**.

Turk Wade died July 30, 2004, at the age of 76. A former college referee and avid Moundbuilder basketball fan, he is survived by his son, **Kelly '88**.

Jack Warren died in May 12, 2004. Jack is survived by his wife of 58 years. **Jean (Dilworth) Warren '43**.



Alums Bring Country Festival to Winfield

Four Southwestern College alumni are among a group of investors who hope to make country music the next big festival focus in Winfield.

The Winfield Country Roundup is set for June 1-4 at the Winfield fairgrounds, and Paul and Donna Homan '83 '80, Kevin Seal '81, and Molly (Lockhart) Ahlerich '97 are among those working to make the roundup possible.

Groups already on the three-day ticket include Trick Pony, Chely Wright, Against the Grain, and others to be listed at WinfieldCountryRoundup.com.

Paul Homan explains that Winfield's musical heritage played a role in the Winfield Community Entertainment Group (WCEG) decision to launch the country format. While no one anticipates matching the success of the September bluegrass festival this year, the community could be ready for more fairground music, Homan says.

"Our long-term goal is to bring in additional events, such as Christian concerts, and other styles," Paul adds.

The SC Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team will work with WCEG to boost attendance at the country roundup. Students are planning ticket sale strategies, and will receive a percentage of the sales for their efforts.

Shown at a news conference announcing the new festival are (left to right) Ron Lindley, LuAnn King '84 (who bought the first ticket to the County Roundup), Paul Homan, SIFE student Tara Revell '05, Donna Homan, SIFE student Ryan Cramer '06, Kevin Seal, and Larry Hoover.