

# ALUMNI NOTES

1920s

**Elizabeth Everly '27** celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Sept. 20. Elizabeth resides at Good Samaritan Village in Winfield.

1930s

**Winifred (Jones) Broadie '37**, mother of **Jane (Broadie) Wilson '63**, **Joan (Broadie) Feldmeier '63**, and **Eileen Broadie-Feay '68**, turned 90 on Oct. 6, 2005.

1940s

**C. Hugh Snyder '41** has a book, *The Youngest Brother*, just off the press. It is a first-person account of life on a Kansas wheat farm during the Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression, and of a family's struggle to preserve the family and maintain the farm after the father is seriously disabled. Hugh was the youngest of five children born to a prosperous Kansas wheat farmer. His father was seriously crippled when Hugh was a toddler. The book is entertaining and contains a touch of humor, yet it describes life as it was in the "good old days" when considerably more than half of all Americans lived on farms. It describes in detail amenities of the day but challenges the reader to make modern comparisons. Hugh was

**Mel Cheatham '55** was a guest speaker for the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Humanitarian Symposium Oct. 31 in Geneva, Switzerland. Subject of the meeting was "Vulnerable Populations: International Community Responsibilities," and Dr. Cheatham's participation focused on the challenges presented by North Korea and its nuclear threat and the implications of this as relates to achieving the U.N. Millennium Development Goals worldwide. He is director and special adviser to Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world.

**Jim '55** and **Jean Matthews** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year by working in the First United Methodist Church Volunteer in Mission family work teams with their grandchildren. Jim is also enrolled in the Clown College in Wichita and plans to be part of a group that starts a clown ministry.

**Colleen (Wartick) Bennett '56** has mostly retired after spending 37 years in development work for Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Mo.

1960s

**Cliff Conaway '60** is now retired from laboratory research in cancer prevention, and has turned to teaching. He provides lectures in classes in pathology, pharmacology, and toxicology in New York Medical College, and offers a course, Introduction to Toxicology, this semester at Pace University in New York City.

**Judy (Wedel) Arthur '62** was recognized for her efforts in education and named the USD 407 (Russell) Teacher of the Year for 2004-2005. Arthur has been involved in education for 36 years. The first three years she taught in Topeka and the remainder of her teaching career has been with USD 407.

**The Broadie Sisters** have a new CD out, titled "Memorial Songs for Patriots." **Joan (Broadie) Feldmeier '63**, along with sisters **Jane (Broadie) Wilson '63**, and **Eileen Broadie-Feay '66** compose this singing group. More information can be found on their Web site at [www.broadiesisters.com](http://www.broadiesisters.com).

**Glenn Wooddell '63**, a charter member of the American Film Institute in Los Angeles, Calif., was recently appointed as a juror to help select the 25 most popular film scores for a concert with the Hollywood Bowl Symphony which was performed Sept. 23, 2005, at the Hollywood Bowl Amphitheater. Glenn has been a producer for NPR radio for the last 15 years, and his specialty is American, British, and Russian film music and popular culture. He was been a member of AFI for the last 35 years.

1970s

**Jack Gumb '70** was recently elected by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Eighth Western Rivers Board to serve as district vice commodore for 2006. His area of responsibility will include 13 states from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains and from the Canadian border south to Oklahoma and Arkansas. He previously served as rear commodore—west for Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, and western Missouri and is a member of the Auxiliary National Staff serving as Legislative Liaison Coordinator for the Atlantic west region. Jack initially joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1988 and is currently a member of Flotilla 31-2 in Topeka. He also served as Flotilla Commander of this Flotilla and served as Division Captain of Division 31 working with flotillas in Perry, Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka. Gumb is qualified as a coxswain, vessel examiner, personal watercraft operator, aids verifier, and master instructor. He continues to work as a project manager for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

**Jean (MacMillan) Bowers '71** has moved from the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., where she's been director of the Office of Database Services with a small subordinate agency, the National Technical Information Service, for 6½ years. Her new position with the FBI will be doing intelligence research to help fight terrorism. She has also been a librarian with the Library of Congress.

**Don and Margaret Anderson '72** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sept. 10, 2005. Don is

emeritus professor of psychology at SC and Margaret is retired from USD 465 (Winfield) as a primary teacher and reading specialist.

**Dianna (Callison, May) Parmley '75** is now dean of educational services at Central Community College in Columbus, Neb.

**Mike M'Carthy '76** was named honorary chairman for the Steel City Bowl played at Ivor Wynne stadium in Hamilton, Ontario. Teams were selected from 60 high schools in the area to play in the 15<sup>th</sup> annual all-star football game with an east-west format. In July he was awarded the oldest player award for the fourth time in the annual Rome (N.Y.) Free Academy High School alumni field lacrosse game. He was a member of the first team at the high school in 1969, and now, at the age of 52, played in the full-contact alumni game. M'Carthy reports that the San Diego Chargers are the 16<sup>th</sup> team he has been with in over 25 seasons in professional football in the NFL-CFL-USFL that have either won the league championship, a conference title, division title, or qualified for the playoffs.

**LaMar Burks '79** is artist of sports art illustrations selected to be exhibited in the Oklahoma Sports Museum, located in Guthrie. The museum is recognized as Oklahoma's official sports museum and houses a collection of memorabilia honoring athletes, coaches, and teams with Oklahoma ties. The museum has more than 600 items from the sports careers of nearly 300 Oklahomans. Burks is an art teacher at Franklin Youth Academy in Tulsa.

**Nancy (Swope) Lambing '79** was appointed as pastor of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Besides concentrating on the role as pastor, she has created a discussion guide for the recently published book, *The Bible for Men: Women Friends and Male Power* by Richard D. Mills.

1980s

**Earl Brownlee '84** has been named sales executive at Paragon Bridge Works in Evans, Colo. Paragon specializes in steel bridge projects across the country and in Canada. Earl's wife Mary continues her battle against terminal cancer. She has many fond memories of her visits to Southwestern and the friends she made on campus. She would enjoy hearing from SC students she knew, especially those involved in the great statue heist of the Pride of the Prairie. Earl, Mary, and their five children enjoy living near the Rocky Mountain front range of Colorado, and take advantage of hiking and fishing in the mountains as often as they can.

1990s

**Robert "Don" Gifford '93**, an attorney serving as a federal prosecutor for the Department of Justice, recently published articles for the American Bar Association on appellate advocacy, for the Oklahoma Bar Association on grand jury practice, and a future article on ethics for prosecutors. He has also been selected to write on a number of topics in an upcoming encyclopedia on civil rights. Don has recently lectured for the Nevada District Attorneys' Association on federal firearms prosecutions; the National Judicial College on



Several members of Southwestern College's 1946 C.I.C. conference-winning football team were on hand to celebrate former quarterback Joe Vann's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on Aug. 27. Those pictured are "Bo" Spoon, Robbie Robinson, John Spigarelli, Marty Sidener, Joe Vann, and Ralph Shaw.

born in 1915, and graduated from SC in 1941. He is now a retired meteorologist who served in WW II and worked for the National Weather Service. He has three daughters, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He has written technical material on the job, and after retirement, has written articles for publications. *The Youngest Brother* rekindles nostalgia among the author's contemporaries and challenges younger generations to learn and appreciate the trials and triumphs of their parents and grandparents.

**Philip and Rheba (Helm) Moore '43 '43** celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sept. 5, 2005. Phil completed his college education prior to enlisting in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

1950s

**Velma Grier '53** again this year won two first place medals in the Senior Olympics of Northern Virginia. She placed first in her class for both the 50-meter dash (12 seconds) and the 100-meter dash (25 seconds).

**Lafayette Norwood '56** has been named to the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame for 2005. While at SC Lafayette led the Moundbuilders to a CIC championship and a berth in the NAIA national tournament. Norwood's 48-year coaching career began in 1957 when he took over the Wichita Bidy Basketball team. One of his teams won the national championship. He also has been successful coaching Kansas AAU boys' teams. His teams have five top five finishes nationally, including two national championships while capturing the Missouri Valley championship in all but one season since 1989. In 1968 he was hired as an assistant at Wichita East. He then became the head boys' coach at Wichita Heights where he coached for eight years. He compiled a 109-56 record and three city championships. His 1975-76 team placed second in the state tournament and his 1976-77 squad was the 6A undefeated state champion. Lafayette served as an assistant coach to Ted Owens at the University of Kansas from 1977-91. He then served as the head men's basketball coach from 1982-1991 at Johnson County Community College. In 1993 he was inducted into the SC Athletic Hall of Fame.