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Individual gifts, individual moments, and a grand total of more than \$26 million spelled success for the *Builders of Excellence* capital campaign. A campaign wrap-up kicks off the annual honor roll of donors that begins on page 5.

**SECOND COVER**

Before classes begin, new students find homes in SC's residence halls. See more pictures on page 4.

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# From the President



Dear friends,

The college recently hosted a visit by Gus Lee, a best-selling author and a recognized expert on ethics and leadership. He spoke to our opening convocation for students and met with several classes and student organizations.

Near the end of the day he said to me, "You really have quite a machine here. It's amazing what you are doing for your students." I agreed with him (but humbly, as is my nature). Then he said "You are doing things for students here that Ivy League schools don't do." I agreed with him (but modestly, because I'm inclined that way). Then my reserve cracked and I told him, "Southwestern is really good at helping our students unlock their talents and become leaders, and it's been that way here for a long, long time."

There are days when I'm so proud of Southwestern that I can barely stand it. That day with Gus was one of them. Today is another one. Tomorrow will probably be another one. I hope you feel the same way.

The *Builders of Excellence* campaign wasn't about money, though \$26,000,000 is a big number. The campaign was about the amazing things the college does for our students. Thanks for keeping the machine humming right along.

Best regards,

*Dick Merriman*

Dick Merriman  
President

## Administration Viewpoint



Dear Moundbuilder,

Have you ever sat down with a good book or DVD, filled with anticipation – not sure what to expect? Homecoming weekend is much like that, a story yet to be told, full of promise, but one that can be experienced only if you choose to immerse yourself in it.

Twelve months of planning have gone into this year's production, including countless hours of effort by more than 25 class hosts and reunion gathering hosts. Of special note this year is the theatre production of *Peter Pan* (yes, he will fly across Richardson Auditorium!), a spectacular fireworks celebration in Sonner Stadium, AND the rededication of the Mound (there is nothing like the SC Mound anywhere else in the world!). All this is for one purpose: to provide Moundbuilder alumni with a weekend of great entertainment and a chance to meet up with longtime friends and classmates. So make plans now to come to Winfield Oct. 13-15... on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, no doubt it will be the hot topic of conversation at office water coolers everywhere!

Contact me at [susan.lowe@sckans.edu](mailto:susan.lowe@sckans.edu) or (620) 229-6334 if you have questions, and don't forget to RSVP if you plan to attend!

See you at Homecoming!

*Susan Lowe*

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