

SCHOLARSHIPS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communications and film, has released his latest book, *Serving Compassionate Conservatives—A Cookbook: Why the Christian Taliban Is a Greater Threat to American Freedom Than Islamic Fundamentalism*. The book is available from the Southwestern College Book Cave and from Lulu Publishing (lulu.com).

Rich Bicker, associate professor of education, and **Bob Gallup**, professor of physics and mathematics, facilitated two one-week sessions for the middle and high school teachers of USD 470 (Arkansas City) during June and July, focusing upon math instruction. This is the third and final year of this program, funded under a grant made available by the Partnership With Higher Education program of No Child Left Behind. The grant, titled "DATTA" [Direct Achievement Through Teacher Achievement], is intended to facilitate improved student learning in the area of math with an overall goal of improving student learning in mathematics, and subsequently, raising test scores on the annual Kansas State Math Assessments. Bicker provided the math methodology aspects, and Gallup the math content portions.

Martha Butler, professor of nursing and chair of the nursing department, and **Jane Schlickau**, associate professor of nursing, presented sessions at the 15th Annual Conference on Nursing Excellence in Research and Practice at the University of Arkansas School of Nursing in Fayetteville in April.

Butler's presentation was "Mentoring Relationships: The Key to Creating Positive and Healthy Work Environments," and Schlickau's presentation was "Effect of a Prenatal Breastfeeding Education Intervention for Immigrant Hispanic Women."

Butler also presented "Theories and Principles of Teaching and Learning" and "Intergenerational Issues" at the Kansas Collaborative Committee on Nursing Education and Practice inaugural Clinical Teaching Institute, Aug. 10 and 11 in Wichita.

Tracy Frederick, associate professor of speech, and several of her students presented at the Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association Convention held at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., September 16. Frederick spoke on "What a Difference a Town Hall Makes: Audience Response to the October 7, 2004, Presidential Debate."

Students presented competitive papers they wrote in the Communication Theories course last spring:

- "Native American Stereotypes in Film," **Mahgan Miles**
- "Efficacy of Student Government Associations and Student Body: A Case Study of Southwestern College," **Donavan Lawrence**
- "Communication Through Online Gaming: A Fantasy Theme Analysis of Online Game Communication," **Rebekah Krusemark**
- "Adult Humor in Children's Film: A Study of Shrek 2," **Adam Dees**

David Gardner, assistant professor of music and director of choirs, is author of "Ralph Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music" published in the "Choral Range," the state newsletter for the Kansas Choral Directors Association. A member of the group's state board, he attended the annual convention in Topeka July 6-8, helping to plan and execute the conference.

Doug Hall, head men's basketball coach, has been named the recipient of the 2006 John Kurtt Alumni Coach of the Year award at Wartburg (Iowa) College. A 1993 graduate of Wartburg, last season Hall led the Moundbuilders to the conference and tournament championships. Southwestern finished 28-4, reaching the NAIA Division II national tournament where they were defeated in the opening round. The John Kurtt Alumni Coach of the Year award has been given to a college alumnus involved in coaching in either the high school or collegiate ranks each year since 1962.

Jean-Gabriel Jolivet, assistant professor of political science, has been named academic associate for the

Atlantic Council of the United States, representing Southwestern College. The academic associate network of the Atlantic Council transmits information between the council and students and faculty at colleges and universities across the United States. Academic associates pass along open invitations for students and faculty to participate in numerous opportunities, and through the network, faculty also have access to council experts for briefings (either in Washington DC or, potentially, at SC) as well as council reports for use as course materials. More information is found at www.acus.org.

Allyson Moon, associate professor of theatre and speech, led the 9 Lives improv troupe in performance at the Marquee, Inc., building during Friday nights in June, raising money for the development of the old 1950s Winfield Cinema building as a performance space.

Roger Moon, associate professor of theatre and speech, played Harold Hill in *The Music Man* during July at the Great Plains Theatre Festival, the professional theatre in Abilene.

Two Southwestern College **physics students** were involved in Research Experience for Undergraduates during the summer of 2006

- **Alexandria Strong '07** in neutron and neutrino physics at Duke University in Durham, N.C.
- **Rachel Pollock '07** in materials physics at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore.

Amy O'Connor, assistant professor of business, completed her doctoral degree in organizational leadership from Nova Southwestern University.

Patrick Ross, associate professor of biology and chair of the natural sciences division, will serve as district director of Beta Beta Beta District NC-2. Beta Beta Beta is the national undergraduate honor biology society with more 450 chapters at colleges and universities throughout the country. Ross's district includes the states of Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. BBB started at Southwestern and the

SC chapter won the best chapter in the nation award a few years ago.

Andy Sheppard, academic dean, is author of two recent articles: "The Conflict Over Creation from a Medieval Point of View," in *Theology and Science* (forthcoming), and "Financial Leadership from a Medieval Point of View" in *The Academic Leader*, April 2006.

Beth Sheppard, director of Memorial Library, recently presented two papers. "Pliny and 'Christian Persecution': Burial Practices and Johannine Context" was presented at the Regional Society of Biblical Literature meeting, Irving, Texas, March 5, 2006, and "Future Shock: The Inevitable Impact of a 'New Generation of Patron' on Theological Libraries" was presented at the American Theological Library Association Meeting June, 23, 2006, in Chicago. This paper will be published in the forthcoming volume of the *ATLA Proceedings*.

Michael Tessmer, associate professor of chemistry, recently co-authored a book with DJ Mennenga titled *Searching for Anabela*. The novel chronicles a road trip that becomes a quest for finding meaning in life. The book is available through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, or the publisher at PublishAmerica.com.

In June, Tessmer attended a five-day workshop, "Modeling Biomolecules," at Jackson (Miss.) State University. The workshop covered molecular modeling with computers as it applies to biological molecules.

Stephen Woodburn, assistant professor of history, published "Do Old Ladies Make World History? Student Perceptions of Elder Female Agency" in *The History Teacher* (August 2006). The article is about older women taking part in the Tiananmen Square demonstrations in 1989, and the defense of the Russian White House during the attempted Soviet hardliner coup of 1991. He also has an entry on Avdotia Petrovna Elagina (1789-1877) coming out in volume 8 of the *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet, and Eurasian History*, and a book review soon to appear in the journal *Slavic Review*.

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Twenty-eight members of the Beta Rho Mu fraternity met in Winfield June 23-25 for reminiscing and golf. Arriving from homes as far-flung as Pennsylvania and Georgia, the Betas hope to make this an annual event. Among those hitting the links were (l. to r.) Mike Foster, Joe Coles, Ken Valentine, and Rich Jantz. Foster and Jantz are currently members of the SC Board of Trustees.



Homecoming this year will feature a special reunion for alumni who were members of the Black Student Union (BSU) at Southwestern. This organization spanned three decades and brought together many students over the years. Along with the full weekend of Homecoming activities, BSU alumni are invited to attend a Friday afternoon BSU reception and a Saturday afternoon BSU reunion gathering. Check the Homecoming schedule for full details or contact BSU host Willa (Carroll) Jones '73 at (913) 788-3305. We hope to see you there!



OCTOBER

13th-15th • Homecoming! Reunion years end in "1" and "6" ~ a special highlight will be celebrating the end of the campaign and the Mound renovation.

October 2006						
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26th at 7 p.m. • Florida Alumni Dinner, host Jeanne Dexter '81, at The Boatyard Restaurant, 5325 N. Lagoon Dr., Panama City Beach, Fla.

NOVEMBER

November 2006						
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16th at 6:30 p.m. • Dinner at The Cheesecake Factory, 7700 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas.

If you haven't already checked out the Builder Baby Brag Page on the alumni Web site, please do so. Still in its infancy, this site is a bouncing baby joy to behold and it comes to you via special delivery! Visit the alumni home page at www.sckans.edu/alumni2/ and click on this Builder Baby icon.

