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## Spring Brings Changes for *The Southwesterner*

You are holding in your hand the end result of many hours of discussion in our end of Christy Administration Building.

*The Southwesterner* has been something of a stable commodity for the past decade or so. For at least that long, it's reached your mailbox four times a year, in an oversized format that let us use big pictures and bold graphics to convey the emotions and relationships that are at the core of the Southwestern connection.

But the spring issue, we admit, has tended to be a bit anemic. We don't have an event around which to anchor the periodical, and winter is not the most spectacularly beautiful time on campus. So we've decided to make a change.

Beginning with this issue, the spring *Southwesterner* will arrive in a newsletter format. It will still contain alumni notes to help you keep up with your classmates, stories about student achievements and interesting alumni, and news that will make you proud to be a Builder. While it won't have complete photo spreads (as we'll continue to have for the fall, winter, and summer issues), it will continue to be designed by our award-winning graphic designer.

Besides giving some variety to our look, the new spring format will save money on printing and postage, and let us explore other communication options.

By next year, when we use this format again, we may have tweaked a few details, but so far we're pleased with this experiment.

What do you think?

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## KCAC Champs: Cut Down the Nets!



Shan Szefto

The 100<sup>th</sup> season of basketball was a year for the record books for the Builder men's team. When this issue of *The Southwesterner* went to print, the team was headed for the national NAIA tournament March 8-14 in Point Lookout, Mo.

Coach Doug Hall's squad headed into post-season tournament play as KCAC champions (15-3 record), and had been ranked as high as number five in the national NAIA polls with a regular-season record of 25-3. This was the first Builder basketball league championship since 1992, and turned around a squad that went 3-26 the year before Hall became head coach in 2001.

Team members cut down the nets following the final conference win over Bethany Feb. 16. Shown above are (front, l. to r.) Kenny Gardner, Eric Waterman, Wendell Riley, Rico Marquez, and Justin Diggles; (middle row) assistant coach Mike Collins, associate coach Gregg Hackerott, K.J. Wilkens, Chris Hanson, Prince Ezeala, Ricky Kendricks, Lafayette Berry, and head coach Doug Hall (with son Darren), and (back row) Jason Jeschke, Cedrick Riley, Kevin Kelley, and Joe Bellinger.

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