

ALUMNI NOTES

1920s

Faith (Chappell) Callahan '26 writes that at a recent talent show she was one of four persons over 100 years old who startled the audience by marching in to the strains of "When the Saints Go Marching In" and issuing invitations to join the centenarians.

1930s

Garland '34 and Frieda Hattan celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Feb. 15, 2006.

Helen (Duckworth) Wells '37 writes that since the death of her husband, Howard, in 2001 and heart surgery in 2002 she's been trying to grow lovely, growing old. She writes that roles change: Someone brings her Meals-on-Wheels instead of her delivering them; friends drive her to various activities when she's up to it. She describes this as being "the challenge of being 90...gracefully!"

Harold Dryden '38 celebrated his 90th birthday March 12, 2006.

1940s

Maxine (Crow) '40 and Tommy Weiss celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7, 2005. This year they will also celebrate the birth of their first great-grandchild.

Gerrie (Tuttle) Warren '42 is doing well and living in Tucson, Ariz. She enjoys reading one to two mystery books a day, watching westerns on TV, and visiting her daughter, Susan.

1950s

Bill and Marilyn (Stayton) Bunyan '54 '54 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 2005. They were married in Winfield at First United Methodist Church.

Jo Ann (Robieson) '56 and Kenneth Coy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 27, 2006. Their daughter and husband will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary and the two families and grandsons will celebrate their anniversaries in Hawaii this summer. Ken and Jo Ann have been retired 12 years from teaching and are enjoying retirement.

1960s

David Buehrens '60 has relocated to Virginia, less than a half hour from Charlottesville. David is going to begin working soon on a public access TV documentary in connection with the quadricentennial of the Jamestown, Va., landfall next year.

Roger Lungren '62 was awarded the Community Cornerstone Award on Feb. 24, 2006. The Community Cornerstone Award is sponsored by CornerBank and honors volunteers in the Winfield area.

Janice (Moore) Hill '66 retired after teaching first and second grade for 38 years. She taught 10 years in Juneau, Alaska, and 28 years in Council, Idaho.

Don Hapward '68 will be attending The Gilder Lehrman Institute's summer workshop titled "Interpreting the Constitution."

1970s

Susan (Bowersox) Fieser '70 reports that she is still farming in Plains, Kan. Recently she has gone back to teaching Sunday School for elementary age children.

Hal Reed '71 recently became assistant vice president for planned giving at the University of Connecticut Foundation. He will be in charge of the planned giving program.

Dianna Parmley '75 is now dean of educational services at Central Community College in Columbus, Neb.

Lynn (Watkins) Felts '77 has been selected by the National Art Education Association to receive the Western Region Secondary Art Educator of the Year award. This award recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of an outstanding NAEA member. Lynn teaches art at Winfield High School.

1980s

Don Smith '82 has been named director of marketing and public relations for the Carolina Performing Arts Series at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Smith began his duties March 13.

Tim Otte '83 is displaying his portraits of pop entertainment icons (collectively known as the Iconicatures series) in a solo New York gallery show June 1-30. Otte's work was featured in the March 2006 issue of *Art Business News* magazine, and in several regional publications in South Florida, his base of operations until he recently moved to New York. He has been showcased in five gallery exhibitions in Florida, where his work initially began selling to private clients. In Florida Tim's Iconicatures were first noticed on the walls of popular nightclubs. "As soon as the first club in which my work was part of the décor opened, I began receiving requests for commissions," Otte says. Tim exhibited at the International Art Expo in New York in March, where he worked to open up markets in the Northeast. For a look at Tim's work, visit www.timottestudios.com.

Maria J. (Frey) Hoecker '84 was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests of the Episcopal Church in Brevard, N.C., on Feb. 4, 2006. Maria went to seminary from her hometown of Atchison. She is a 2005 graduate of the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., with a master of divinity degree.

1990s

Tim Bob Kitsmiller '90 has been a media salesperson for the last seven years. He has sold radio advertising for most of that time and has recently started working for a local NBC station, KHAS-TV Channel 5. Tim has found he has a knack for writing good commercials and enjoys the creative process. He and wife, Cindy, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in February and son Izaak just turned 11.

Hazel Darrow '92 is working for Sylvan Learning Center in Wichita as director of education.

Aaron Murray '92 and Vicki Counter were married March 25, 2006, in Oahu, Hawaii in a family ceremony. Aaron is the co-director of Keystone Science School in the mountains west of Denver and Vicki is a fourth grade teacher in Northglenn, a suburb of Denver. Vicki most recently was a sixth grade teacher at Maize East Elementary School in Maize until moving to Colorado two years ago.

Leroy Worley '92 is an instructional technologist at Godwin Middle School, Woodbridge, Va., and head coach of cross country and the track and field program at Freedom High School in Woodbridge. **Wendy (Brenn) Worley '94** is assistant vice president and trust officer at the Fauquier Bank, Warrenton, Va. (*see Births*)

Seth Bate '93 has accepted a position with Self-Help Network in Wichita. For the past five years Bate has been the president and CEO of the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chad Hittle '93 recently moved from Amarillo, Texas, to Tyler, Texas, where he is currently a sales representative for the Hartford Insurance Company. Chad and his wife, Shauna, have two sons, Matthew, 6, and Tyler, 3.

Tori (Helmer) Arther '99 is teaching math and coaching track at Colonial Forge High School in Stafford, Va. Her husband, Jay, coaches track with her and next year will be teaching art at Colonial Forge. (*see Births*)

Scott Metz '99 was wounded in Iraq and is expected to make a full recovery from his injuries. He is a member of the Army's First Armored Division. Metz received the Purple Heart while he was in the hospital in Baghdad.

2000s

Jeana Clark '00 is working as a graphic designer at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. She graduated from the seminary in December 2005 with a master of arts in Biblical studies.

Julie (Brewer) Gray '01 has completed her master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She is in her fifth year of teaching at an at-risk preschool in Arkansas City.

Randall Schaller '01 and Rachel Lee Haas were married June 5, 2004. Randall will finish his MBA/HCM degree in July 2006 from the University of Phoenix.

Eric Carter '02 is currently working as a nondestructive testing technician with Adams Aircraft in Englewood, Colo.

Kelli (Cox) Croucher '02 received her master of science in communication sciences and disorders from Oklahoma State University in spring 2005. She is employed at the Tulsa Scottish Rite RiteCare Childhood Language Clinic in Tulsa.

Heidi (Bates) Kirby '03 is working on her master's in education so she can teach first graders. She and Aaron Daniel Kirby were married on Dec. 18, 2004. They have a one-year-old daughter, Victoria Elise. Heidi is in the Air Force and just recently earned Airman of the Year for 2005. She and her family are stationed in Ramstein, Germany.

Jenny (Sawyer) Nolan '04 is working at Land Title Guarantee Co., in training to be an escrow officer. She and **Donovan Nolan '03** have been married for two years now. Donovan is a project manager for a residential and commercial design building company. They are building a new home and should move in Labor Day weekend.

Jeff Hashbarger '06 is a police officer with the Wichita Police Department.

Alumni notes in this issue are compiled by Nan (Brummett) Hinson '97, alumni events manager.

MASTERBUILDERS

Five Masterbuilders were chosen from the main campus class of 2006 as best typifying the spirit of Southwestern. Elected by faculty and classmates were (l. to r.) Brent Inkelaar, Douglass; Melissa Williamson, Paola; Josh Melcher, Topeka; Adam Thompson, Salina; and Eloy Mendoza, Houston.

