

ALUMNI NOTES

1960s

Marvin Estes '66 was tuba soloist in the final summer concert of 2007 for the Winfield Municipal Band. Marvin is also a member of the Southwestern College Band, the Winfield Regional Symphony, the South Kansas Symphony Orchestra, and the Classy Brass Quintet. He is superintendent of schools in the USD 465 (Winfield) school district.

Dr. Sherry Lynn Ahrens '67 is now director of the South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative in Pratt.

Charles Yingling '67 was a trumpet soloist in the final summer concert for 2007 for the Winfield City Band. Charles has been a member of the band for 13 years. He retired this year after having been the instrumental music teacher at Dexter.

Russel Adams '67 continues working in retail marketing at the Wal-Mart in Evanston, Wyo.

William and Marilyn (Stillwell) Walker '67 '68 (see entry for William "Yancy" Walker '01).

Don Hapward '68 attended a National Endowment for the Humanities: Landmarks in Education workshop at Mr. Vernon, Va. The workshop was titled "Mt. Vernon: Shaping the Constitution." Don was among 50 teachers selected to attend the week-long seminar to study George Washington, James Madison, and other founding fathers of the constitution. The workshop was also sponsored by the Bill of Rights Institute. Don just completed his third year at Wichita Collegiate School teaching advanced placement U.S. government.

1970s

David Fansher '70 has completed the requirements to receive the Financial Services Specialist designation and has received his FSS certification from the American College at Bryn Mawr, Penn. He is one of only 109 persons in the U.S.A. with this designation.

Ron Helmer '70 was named director and head coach of men's and women's cross country and track and field at the University of Indiana in May 2007. Helmer served in the same capacity at Georgetown University the last eight years. He was promoted to director in July 1999 after serving as associate head coach with the Hoyas for seven seasons and assistant coach for five years. In January 2006, he was recipient of the Coaches Achievement Program award presented by OppenheimerFunds, Inc. He was named Virginia Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1980 and 1983, and Virginia Girls' Track Coach of the Year in 1981. Helmer was also selected as the Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Decade in Virginia. Ron and his wife, Mary, have three children—**Tori '99**, a high school math teacher and track coach; **Justin '04**, a high school business teacher and basketball and baseball coach; and Kari, 19, a college sophomore.

Kim Moore '71, United Methodist Health Fund president, was elected to represent the Kansas West Conference as a delegate to the United Methodist General Conference in 2008.

Gary Robbins '72 was recently named Association Executive of the Year by his colleagues in the Kansas Society of Association Executives. Presented at the KSAE annual meeting in Topeka,

the award recognizes excellence in professionalism, association management, and leadership. Under his leadership KOA has been honored on the state and national levels for his role in the development of the "See to Learn Program" which provides free vision assessments to three year old children. Robbins was KSAE president in 1988 and continues to volunteer his time to the society.

Doug Dungan '74 transferred July 1 from the Wal-Mart SuperCenter in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to the one in Indianola, Iowa, after his wife, the Rev. Karen Dungan, was named an assistant to the bishop in the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church. Doug is also teaching math as an adjunct with DMACC or Simpson College.

Dr. Randall L. Duncan '77 gave the keynote address to the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in New Orleans on May 30, 2007.

Beth (Richardson) Wilke '78 was honored at a special reception by the USD 465 (Winfield) school board on the occasion of her retirement after 9½ years as a member of the district's Board of Education.

1980s

Jeff Anderson '83 has a new position as the principal of Greenfield High School in Greenfield, Mo.

Marcus Payne '87 is in his 21st year of coaching college basketball. He is at Austin Peay State University (assistant women's coach) for the second time in his career.

Brad J. Johnson '88 received a Good Apple award from USD 259 (Wichita) for the spring of 2007.

1990s

Paul McDonald '91 will serve as the public relations officer for Toastmasters International District 22, an area that includes the state of Kansas and about half of Missouri. His term is from July 2007 to June 2008. Paul also earned the designations of Advanced Communicator Gold and Advanced Leader Bronze through Toastmasters.

Peggy (Dunaway) Frieouf '92 has begun her 23rd year of teaching elementary/middle school students. She is also beginning her seventh year as K-12 librarian in South Haven.

Lance Rhodd '95, as well as a member of the Cedar Vale high school football team he coached, participated in the Division II East squad of the all-Kansas eight-man football game in June 2007, where the East squad came out victorious. Since then Lance has resigned his coaching positions and has become principal of Cedar Vale High School.

Jon Schneider '96 and Dedre Smith were married June 23, 2007. Jon is now assistant principal at Cottonwood Intermediate School in Liberal. He graduated from Fort Hays State University in May 2005 with his master's in building administration.

Kim Curran '97 was named Teacher of the Year and was presented a check for \$1,000 and a Wal-Mart gift card for \$100. Kim teaches middle school social studies in the USD 286 (Sedan).

Karissa (Wright) Boyd '98 is in a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.



Timothy Myers '00 conducted the acclaimed Jerusalem Symphony in a mixed repertoire concert July 5, 2007, in the Henry Crown Concert Hall in Jerusalem. Myers is receiving outstanding reviews as he builds his reputation as an outstanding young conductor. When he made his recent Palm Beach Symphony debut with an all-Mozart program the *Palm Beach Daily News* said: "... his touch with Mozart was undeniably fine. The entire concert was delivered with taste, refinement, sparkle,

Laura Morford '98 just received her M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe.

Kim Regneir '98 graduated with a master of physician assistant studies degree from the University of North Dakota. She is now working as a PA-C in family practice in Harrison, Ark.

2000s

Dana (McDorman) Krause '00 is working for Andrews McMeel Universal, Kansas City, as their payroll/benefits specialist.

Shane Alford '01 and Jennifer Winblad were married May 12, 2007, in Winfield. They now live in Wichita.

Chris Brummett '01 and his partner won the Indiana Section PGA Pro-Am May 31, 2007. Brummett recently completed his testing for the PGA and is now a member. He is certified in all areas of golf. He is the assistant golf pro at the Highland Golf and Country Club in Indianapolis. In January 2008 he will assume the head golf professional position.

Christine Allen '01 and Dustin Smith were married April 28, 2007.

Ryan Turner '01 has been named head men's and women's cross country coach at the University of Houston. He will also be serving as assistant track and field coach. Turner has spent the past three years as an assistant at Cowley County Community College, and three years before that as an assistant track and field coach at Southwestern College. During Turner's three years at Cowley, he helped lead the men's cross country team to a Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title and a top five finish at the NJCAA national championships, while also helping the women's cross country team to a pair of top seven national finishes. Ryan is married to **Cassie (Helmer) '02**, and they have a daughter, Lauryn.

William "Yancy" Walker '01 is in his second season as assistant men's basketball coach at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu. He is also the assistant athletic director and serves as the chief recruiter. His parents are **William and Marilyn (Stillwell) Walker '67 '68**.

Kristin Leigh Kraemer '02 married Steven Michael Halouska on June 23, 2007, in Lincoln, Neb.

Sindy Dick '03 has joined the real estate sales staff at Prudential Dinning-Beard, Newton. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Wichita Area Association of Realtors, Newton Area Board of Realtors and the National Association of Home Builders.

She and her husband, Roger, reside in Harvey County. They have six sons and a granddaughter.

Nathan Swink '03 has taken a job at Connors State College in Warner/Muskogee, Okla. He is in charge of student and teacher assessments for the campus and also has teaching responsibilities, including personality adjustment and developmental psychology.

Abby Dickey '04 has joined the marketing team at Presbyterian Manor in Arkansas City.

Aspen Ukens '04 was recently inducted into the National Scholars Honor Society. Ukens, a third-year doctor of physical therapy student at Wichita State University, was recognized for scholastic achievement and excellence. She recently finished an eight-week in-patient rehab clinical at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, Mo.

Amber Bratcher '05 is a scientific technician at Connell Lab located in the School of Marine Sciences at the University of Maine. She is focusing on projects in molecular biology, specifically the genetic differences between clam populations and between species of toxic algae. She also oversees work/study students in the lab and handles purchasing and adherence to all environmental, health, and safety guidelines and codes.

Scott Souza '06 is employed with General Electric Aviation as a field service engineer. He lives and works in Egypt with the Egyptian Air Force, providing managerial, technical, and training support for the aircraft engines used in powering their fleet.

Jason VenJohn '06 and Sarah Benton '07 were married June 2 in Salina. Jason will receive his master's in sports administration from Wichita State University in September. Sarah is a math teacher at Winfield High School.

Emily S. Cook '07 has been accepted to the master's program in family therapy at Southern Nazarene University.

Eric J. Roth '07 has been accepted to the doctoral program in cognition and brain sciences at the University of Nevada in Reno.

Scott Morgan '07 completed a summer internship at the Garland Law Firm in Tulsa, Okla. He now attends the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Amanda (Smith) Salzman '10 attended a summit on international law organized by the Atlantic Council and Americans for Informed Democracy. It was held Aug. 1 in Washington, D.C.