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Administrative Viewpoint

It seems like a new acronym shows up everyday. Just when I got used to EU for the European Union, the media came up with the BRIC countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China, whose rapidly-growing economies put them on course to eclipse some of the richest countries in the world within the next few decades.

These clever bits of shorthand suggest to me that we are increasingly working in a world economy. The good news is that the Moundbuilders are prepared for it. This semester, we have visiting staff members from Brazil, Belarus, and Kyrgyzstan.

Adding them temporarily to a faculty that already boasts full-time professors born in China, Brazil and France gives a remarkable robustness to the quality of education Southwestern College students receive.

They are wonderful additions to our community and they bring our students both new perspectives and an opportunity for intercultural engagement. Plus, they are helping to make sure that our future graduates are prepared to embrace their service in a world without boundaries.



J. Andrew Sheppard
Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Very Much Like You

visiting scholars add global perspective

Kishimjan Bektashova greeted her new colleagues at Southwestern College with a slide show.

“We are very much like you,” the soft-spoken nurse said. “You love to shop, and we love to shop.” And on the screen appeared a picture of a traditional Kyrgyzstan market, its stalls filled with colorful flowers.

Kishimjan is representative of a new type of international influence at Southwestern. In residence for the spring semester, she gives a perspective on world cultures that SC students (most of whom share a middle-class American perspective) would otherwise not have.

Dzmitri Korenko, a visiting scholar from Belarus, and Marlisa Wahlbrink, a member of the Brazilian national women’s soccer team now assisting with the SC women’s team, give additional world views in the visiting scholars program that has been established by Dean Andy Sheppard.

Some of these scholars teach classes, while others interact with students as coaches or mentors in ways that increase global awareness.

“If that happened all over campus, in everything we do, we really would have a world without boundaries,” Sheppard says.



Kishimjan Bektashova (center) wears traditional Kyrgyzstani dress as she greets faculty members Martha Butler and Nili Luo.

New Coach Brings Coach-of-the-Year Credentials



Eloy Mendoza

Ken Crandall has been named head football coach at Southwestern College. Crandall had been head

coach at NCAA Division III University of Minnesota—Morris.

Crandall is a graduate of Fort Hays State University, and had coached at UMM for 11 years, nine as head coach. During the 2006 season his team was undefeated during the regular season and Crandall was named Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Coach of the Year.

“Coach Crandall made it quite clear that he knows how to run a program that fosters success in all realms of his players’ lives,” says SC President Dick Merriman.

Crandall had been a graduate assistant coach at Pittsburg State University during the Gorillas’ national championship run in 1991. In addition, he was assistant coach at Norwich (Vermont) University and at the Maine Maritime Academy.

The opportunity to return to Kansas, where the Crandalls have family ties, was one factor that attracted the coach to apply at Southwestern. He and his wife, Jodi (a native of Abilene, Kan.), have three sons—Ty, 13; Blake, 11; and KC, 5.

EGYPTIAN TRAVELS



SC Travels ‘Down to Egypt’ During Break

Stephen Woodburn, assistant professor of history, organized a nine-day trip to Egypt for SC students and faculty, seen here at the Step Pyramid at Saqqara. Back row, l-r: Stephen Woodburn, Kayla Drake, Janelle Renz, Jenn Nicholson, George Gangwere, Nicole Guthrie, Patricia Gangwere, Sara Tolle, Robert Jackson, Shelley Soldan, Kylie Jackson. Kneeling from l-r: Kourtney McLeland, Traveling Owl, Laura Morgan, Danielle Patton, Linda Hawk.



George Gangwere, professor of physics, tries his hand at making an alabaster bowl, near Luxor. The group toured Cairo, cruised the Nile, and explored Aswan, Luxor, and the Valley of the Kings over Christmas break. The tour was organized through V.J.’s Exotic Safaris, run by SC alum Vijay Sherring ’79.

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Another Legacy Freshman!

When **Cameron Siefkes** enrolled at Southwestern in the fall of 2006, she completed a perfect dozen Moundbuilders in her family.

John ’80 and **Gerry ReQua ’79** (Cameron’s grandparents) both attended SC with Cameron’s mother, **Reneé (ReQua) Smith ’79**, and her father, **Kelly Siefkes ’79**.

Cameron’s other relatives who attended SC include her aunts, **Kathy (ReQua) Brazle ’69** and **Jessie ReQua Bradley ’71**; her uncle, **Jim Bradley ’58**; cousins **Bill ReQua ’70** and **Cheryl (ReQua) O’Connor ’72**; great-aunt **Nella (Bryan) Hartley ’56**; and cousin **Sarah (Hartley) Doubek ’83**.

“In our midst we have a former All-KCAC football player, a Scholar of the College and valedictorian, a former SC teacher and women’s volleyball and basketball coach, a former SC trustee, and a former basketball player,” Reneé Smith writes. “We are very proud that she has chosen SC—especially her granddad, who went with us on every visitation to the campus when Cameron was a prospective student!”

Southwestern to Honor Forrest Robinson



Southwestern College will present its Servant Leader Award to the Rev. Forrest J. Robinson at the college's annual Founders Day Dinner on April 14, 2007. The Award will recognize Robinson's distinguished service to his country, to the United Methodist Church, and to Southwestern College.

Forrest Robinson attended Southwestern College, but his studies were interrupted by World War II. He received his bachelor of science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1948 after serving in the U.S. Army in Europe. Robinson received his master of divinity degree from Drew University in 1959 and received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Southwestern College in 1969.

Robinson has served United Methodist Churches in New York and Kansas, including Johnson United

Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church in Wichita, and his home church, First United Methodist Church in Winfield. In July of 1980 he was appointed interim president of Southwestern College and later served the college as vice president for development. In 1985 he was appointed executive director of the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation.

Robinson had a distinguished career in public service as well. He ran for the office of governor of Kansas in 1974, subsequently served the governor as liaison in economic development, and later served as Secretary of the Kansas State Department on Aging.

During World War II Robinson participated in the liberation of the Nordhausen concentration camp in Germany and has given many

presentations to schools, clubs, and churches telling of the horrors of the Holocaust. His photos of the camp are in the permanent collection of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

In conjunction with the presentation of the Servant Leader Award, Southwestern is seeking contributions from friends of Forrest Robinson to create a scholarship in his name to assist students at SC who are preparing for careers in Christian ministry. Contributions may be sent to Dick Merriman, Office of the President, Southwestern College, 100 College St., Winfield, KS 67156-2499.

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upcoming **EVENTS**

APRIL Saturday, April 14 **FOUNDERS DAY**

will include three halls of fame to honor alumni and will be held in the SC Memorial Library: Business Hall of Fame, beginning at 1:30 p.m., and Educators and Scholars Halls of Fame which will begin at 3:30 p.m.

MAY Sunday, May 8 **COMMENCEMENT**

in Sonner Stadium. Baccalaureate services at 10:30 a.m. in Richardson Auditorium, and the graduation ceremony begins at 4 p.m.

JULY Saturday, July 7 **2ND ANNUAL ULYSSES MOUNDBUILDER REUNION**

at the Landmark Restaurant in Ulysses, Kan. If you have a connection to SC and live or have lived in Ulysses, you are invited to attend. Host is Pam Annis.

For more information check the alumni website at www.sckans.edu/alumni2 or contact alumni programs (800) 846-1543, ext. 6334, or slowe@sckans.edu.

HOME COMING

HOLD THE DATE! Homecoming this year will be on the weekend of Oct. 19, 20, and 21, 2007. Mark your calendar and call your classmates. Reunion years are classes ending in "2" and "7." Additional reunions are being planned for BSU (Black Student Union) and tennis participants. Plan now to attend!



A new page has been added to the alumni Web site. The Moundbuilder Family Album can be found at www.SCKans.edu/alumni2

under the directory listing of Family Album. If you have recently connected with a classmate or friends from college, send in a photo, along with names, class years, and an e-mail address if you would like, so that other Builders can get in touch with you!

2007 Halls of Fame

Three prestigious Southwestern College halls of fame will recognize outstanding alumni at Founders Day, April 14, 2007.

A reception for the 2007 Business Hall of Fame inductees will be at 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Library. The induction ceremony will follow at 2 p.m. in the library reference room. Inductees for the 2007 Business Hall of Fame will be **Ronald R. Denton '79**, **Ralph C. Hanna III '78**, and **Rodney N. Strohl '66**.

Inductees for both the 2007 Educators Hall of Fame and 2007 Scholars Hall of Fame will be honored at a reception at 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Library. The induction ceremony for both events will begin in the library reference room at 4 p.m. New members of the Educators Hall of Fame and the recipient of the Marilyn M'Neish Special Education Award will be announced prior to the ceremony. New to the Scholars Hall of Fame will be **Daniel J. Callison '70**, **E. Dale Dunlap '43** (deceased), and **David A. Nichols '60**.

Alumni and friends of the college are invited to attend these halls of fame.

ALUMNI NOTES

1940s

Jack “JJ” and Dorothy (Brown) Banks ’41 ’44 celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Dec. 7, 2006. JJ was a member of the SC Board of Trustees for many years.

1960s

Bob Firebaugh ’66 has retired from full-time ordained ministry in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church. As soon as his garage/shop is finished he will enjoy his new career as a builder of fishing rods, www.bobsfishingrods.com. As part of retirement, he and his wife, Julie, moved to Casper, Wyo., along the banks of the North Platte River.

Larry Jantz ’67 recently completed his fifth year as play-by-play announcer for the Kansas eight-man football state play-offs. These games were filmed and produced by Smoky Hills Public TV and shown on public television stations around the state of Kansas.

1970s

John Marshall ’70 has been inducted in the International Barbershop Harmony Society Central States District hall of fame. The district covers Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Martha (Lawrence) Fitzwater ’71 has received the Community Cornerstone Award for the month of November 2006. The Cornerstone award is given to volunteers who are dedicated to serving people and enhancing the quality of life in Cowley County.

Steve Savarese ’74 has been named executive director of the Alabama High School Athletic Association. Currently the athletic director and head football coach in Mobile, Savarese began a six-month transition period in the AHSAA office Feb. 1, before assuming his fulltime duties July 31, 2007. Savarese is the winningest active coach in Alabama with an overall 286-80 record.

Gloria (Struble) Daniels ’75 retired from teaching family and consumer science in Graybull, Wyo., in 2002. In June of 2006 she and Larry relocated to Grove, Okla.

Lynn (Watkins) Felts ’77 has been named the National Secondary Art Educator by the National Art Education Association (NAEA). Felts will receive her award at a ceremony in New York March 15 during the annual NEAE convention.

1980s

Todd Diacon ’80 has been promoted to vice provost for academic operations at the University of Tennessee. In this position, Diacon will lead efforts to improve student retention and graduation rates at Tennessee, and to increase the number of Tennessee students studying abroad. For the past five years he has served as head of the history department, and will continue to serve as the SEC/NCAA faculty athletics representative for the university.

Terri (Robinson) Keener ’85 received her master of science in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1991. She is currently working as the assistant manager of quality assurance for Clark County Department of Family Services. She has three children, Nathan, 18, Kelsey, 10, and Valery, 7. She and her husband, Steve, reside in Las Vegas.

1990s

Thad Leffingwell ’92 has been awarded tenure at Oklahoma State University and promoted to associate professor. He has also become the director of the clinical psychology doctoral training program.

Chris and **Jessica (Callison) Fisher ’92** and were married June 10, 2006. Jessica teaches biology at Maize High School.

Lonnie (Nichols) Lee ’92 married Tim Boyd in Terrell, Texas, Oct. 21, 2006. Boyd was also recently named president/CEO of the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce, effective Nov. 1, 2006. Lonnie has been with the Winfield Chamber since 2001.

Jaime Davila ’98 has happily remarried her high school sweetheart, Daniel. They have two children along with Jaime’s oldest daughter—Katelyn, 9, Belicia, 3, and Tony, 1. They live in east Texas and love it. She is the office manager of a nursing home and Daniel is a cabinet maker.

Marlene Finney ’99 has received the Heart of Healthcare Award, given by the University of Kansas School of Nursing. Finney, who lives in Winfield, was one of 10 Kansas and Kansas City area nurses chosen.

2000s

Jessica Sisson ’00 and Matt Bryson were married Oct. 14, 2006. Jessica is a child life specialist at Children’s

Rehabilitative Services and Matt is a child life specialist at Phoenix Children’s Hospital.

Frankie and **Melissa (Burdett) Parks ’00** were married Nov. 17, 2006, at the Brookridge



Teresa LeVelle’s ’89 newly-released CD, *The Shadowlands*, was shaped by her Kansas childhood. Now a tenured faculty member at Whittier (Calif.) College, LeVelle was inspired by the sounds along Timber

Creek that she remembers from her childhood.

LeVelle earned her doctorate at Indiana University, where she was the 1996 winner of the Dean’s Prize for Composition.

She and her husband, paleontologist Donald Prothero, are parents of Zachary, 3, Gabriel, 2, and Erik, 15.

Country Club in Overland Park. The couple resides in Norman, Okla. Melissa owns a media buying service called Direct Effect Media, and Frankie is the program coordinator and juvenile counselor for the Cornerstone Boys Group home.

Simon Luhur '01 and **Augusteady Silky '03** were married Dec. 10, 2006, at the Gereja Methodist Church, Indonesia North Jakarta.

Kelli (Cox) Croucher '02 is a speech-language pathologist working part-time in Tulsa, where she specializes in children from 18 months to 12 years of age with specific language impairments. Kelli and her husband, Marcus, reside in Bartlesville, Okla.

Sid and **Sarah (Pfannenstiel) Mohr '02** were married Aug. 5, 2006. They live in Clearwater, where she teaches freshman English and creative writing at Mulvane High School.

Adam Catlin '03 and Sarah Torkelson were recently married. Currently they reside in Salina. Adam's third novel, *Night Wind*, a romantic chase thriller set over a 12-hour period in Cowley County, is currently being repped by a literary agency in New York, and, Adam hopes, will be published by the end of 2007.

Christopher Rinehart '04 and Heather Hrabec were married June 17, 2006. Chris is a fifth-grade teacher at USD 269 in Palco where he also coaches volleyball and basketball at the high school.

Sarah Kimball '04 married Daniel Dancer on Nov. 4, 2006. For the past year she has been working at Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., in apparel planning and execution.

Demont Burdine '05 is a member of the San Angelo Stampede Express intense football league. During the '05 season, Burdine led the team in scoring with 150 points on 25 touchdowns. He scored touchdowns three ways last season: rushing, receiving, and on kick-

off returns. He scored 14 touchdowns on the ground, six on pass receptions, and five on kick-off returns. Demont amassed 1,111 yards on 51 kick-off returns last season. He was among the top 10 in the N.I.F.L. in 2005 in kick-off return average scoring and all-purpose yards. He set individual game highs for San Angelo in '05 in rushes, yards rushing, rushing touchdowns, longest rush, touchdown receptions, and longest kick-off return.

Josh Melcher '06 is working full-time at First United Methodist Church in downtown Wichita as the director of young adult ministries and director of "The Free" youth choir.

Robert C. Lee '06 has accepted a position with Target as an executive asset protection team leader.

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

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Marion Potts

Lynn (Watkins) Felts '77

was named National Secondary Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Education Association. The award recognizes active NAEA members who have performed outstanding service on the national level.

An art teacher for 30 years, Felts has taught at Winfield High School for two decades. She also taught elementary art for 10 years and at Southwestern for six years.

She will receive her award March 15 in New York City.

BIRTHS

A son, Cody Ethan, born Nov. 10, 2006, to **Brandon** and **Rebecca (Swenson) O'Brien '95 '95**.

A daughter, Madeline Claire, born Aug. 30, 2006, to Sean and **Stephanie (Gonzales) Bracy '96**. She joins older brother Jackson, 2½.

A son, Abram Joseph, born Nov. 27, 2006, to Mick and **Janaye (White) Shaffer '97**. He joins big brother Aidan.

A daughter, Katie Jill, born Dec. 12, 2006, to **Doug** and **Tiffany (Granzow) Hall '98**. She joins bother Darren, 2.

A daughter, Ella Katherine, born Oct. 30, 2006, to **Daniel** and **Sarah (Melcher) Miller '00 '02**.

A son, Christian Michael, born Oct. 19, 2006, to **Rich** and **Kara (Adams)**

Bartow '01 '02. He joins brother Adam, 2½.

A son, Brant Matthew, born Sept. 19, 2006, to Marcus and **Kelli (Cox) Croucher '02**.

A daughter, Jovi Marie, born Nov. 7, 2006, to Jason and **Edeka (Velardes) Hauser '02**.

A daughter, Karlee Dawn, born May 2, 2006, to **Heath** and **Kristy Grinstaff Horyna '02 '02**.

A son, Pablo Antonio, born Nov. 26, 2006, to **Cynthia (Ramirez) '03** and Pablo Mendoza. He joins a sister Celine.

A daughter, Emily Nicole, born Dec. 28, 2006, to Sarah and **Tylor Struckman '03**.

CAMPUS ACHIEVEMENTS

Kevin Carnahan '99, Southwestern college visiting instructor in religion and philosophy, defended his Ph.D. dissertation in religious studies/ethics at Southern Methodist University in February. The title of the dissertation is "Sin, Guilt, Justice, and War: Paul Ramsey and Reinhold Niebuhr on the Moral Framework for Just War Thought." Carnahan will present some research from his dissertation at the Florida State University Religion Department Graduate Symposium in March.

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communication and film, is author of several poems and stories accepted for publication in January:

- Poem "Sins of the Father" and story "The Conversation" in *Children, Churches & Daddies*
- Story "Karma Chameleon" in *Down in the Dirt*
- Story "Just a Stranger on a Bus" in *Trial of Indiscretion*
- Poem "The Quiet" in *Outer Darkness*
- Poem "Chosen" accepted for the Spring 07 edition of *The Meridian Anthology of Contemporary Poetry*

DeArmond's latest book *The Quest for a Rational Faith* is due to be released by Lulu Publishing the first week of March.

Pam Green, associate professor of education, is co-author with Susan Twombly, Lisa Wolf-Wendel, and James Williams of "Searching for the Next Generation of Teacher Educators: Assessing the Success of Academic Searches." The article was published in the November/December 2006 edition of the *Journal of Teacher Education*. This work related to a funded research study for which Dr. Green provided assistance with data analysis while completing her doctoral work at the University of Kansas.

Margot Kelman received her Ph.D. from Wichita State University. Commencement ceremonies were held Dec. 10, 2006. Kelman's dissertation was "An Investigation of Preschool Children's Primary Literacy Skills." Kelman is the wife of President Dick Merriman.

Nili Luo, professor of early childhood education, has been selected to the national board of directors of the International Association of Asian Study (IAAS). She presented the following research at the IAAS conference in Baton Rouge, La., in February 2007:

- "A Cross-Cultural Study on Relationships among Early Childhood Educators' Expectations and Children's Food Choices, Eating Habits and Physical Activity," and
- "Early Childhood Curriculum in Physical and Health Education: A Perspective from China," co-presented with Dr. Janet Arndt.

The articles will be submitted to the *Journal of Intercultural Discipline of Childhood Education of ACEI (The Association for Childhood Education International)*.

Dr. Luo is the author of "China and International Adoption: Its History and Acceptance" in *China Connection*, May 2007.

Steve Rankin, associate professor of religious studies, presented a paper at the Conference on Faith and History titled "The Christian Historian's Dilemma."

Cheryl Rude, assistant professor of leadership studies, **Lindsay Morgan '07**, and **Natalie Carlson '06** were contributing authors to *Why We Care: Reflections of Service-Learning from Kansas Institutions of Higher Education*.

Sunni Sheets, graphic designer, attended the University and College Designers Association's vision creativity workshop in Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 9-11. The sessions centered on providing creative viewpoints for digital photography.

Michael Tessmer, associate professor of chemistry, **Rick Cowlshaw**, assistant professor of biology, **Charles Hunter**, professor of biology, and **Jason Coy**, now assistant professor of history at the College of Charleston and formerly of the Southwestern history department, recently had a case study included in the peer-reviewed collection at the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science. The case study is a classroom simulation of the negotiations that went into the Kyoto Protocol agreement

to attempt to limit global greenhouse gas emissions. The case can be found online at: www.sciencecases.org/kyoto_protocol/kyoto_protocol.asp



Stephen Woodburn, assistant professor of history, was in New York Sept. 11, 2006, to attend the dedication of the 9/11 monument by Russian sculptor Zurab Tsereteli (called "To the Struggle Against World Terrorism" but better-known as the Tear of Grief). Based on that, Woodburn gave a Brown Bag Lunch Seminar talk titled "Zurab Tsereteli's 9/11 Monument and U.S.-Russian Relations," at the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, on Oct. 17.

DEATHS

1920s

Esther Cawthon Peattie '28 died Jan. 20, 2006. At the time of her death Esther was living in Pascagoula, Miss., where she had resided since 1941.

1930s

John Davis '36 died May 26, 2006. His wife Irma preceded him in death in 1999. He is survived by two daughters.

William "Bill" Musick '39 died Nov. 30, 2006, after an extended illness. His wife **Marian (Lippoldt) Musick '39** preceded him in death in 2003.

1940s

Robert Wayne Wilson '40 died Dec. 6, 2006. He was a retired farmer. Survivors include a sister, **Mary Wilson '47**.

Sara Glaser '49 died Nov. 15, 2006, at the age of 81. Sara was employed with the Internal Revenue Service and the Army Corps of Engineers. A member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a national women's music organization, her hobbies included singing, music, and writing letters.

1950s

Harold Holliday '50 died Oct. 22, 2006. Harold was a mainstay in Arvada, Colo., since 1953 and was actively

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Here's something new in my life: (job, address, marriage, baby, etc.)

involved in Arvada's growth. His civic service involvement was extensive. He was a charter member of the Arvada Jaycees and Elks Club, a member and officer of Arvada Lions Club, and a member of the Arvada United Methodist Church. He was honored as Arvada Citizen/Man of the Year in 1974, recognizing his contributions and influence in Arvada and as one of the most influential persons in Arvada's first 100 years. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, **Ruth Craig '51**.

Luther Kiser '50 died Jan. 20, 2007. A retired educator, Luther had taught in the Kansas City area before moving to Des Moines where he retired. He wife **Naomi Curfman '56** died in 1996.

William McFall '51 died Jan. 6, 2007. A retired United Methodist minister, he was 82. Survivors include his wife **Ramona (Hauser) '52** and a son, **Glenn '77**.

Dean Ramsay '52 died Nov. 12, 2006. Survivors include his wife, Glenna, of Boulder City, N.J.

Harold Henderson '54 died Jan. 16, 2007. He was 74. Survivors include a son, Richard.

Jay Schwartz '58 died Nov. 26, 2006. A retired United Methodist minister, Jay served churches in Mt. Hope, Mayfield, Kanorado/Ruleton, Salina Trinity, Derby Woodlawn, and Burchfield/Bluff City. He was also the administrator of Wesley Towers in Hutchinson.

Betty (Champlin) Smith '59 died Oct. 27, 2006. Betty taught in the public school system for over 25 years. In 1978 she opened and ran the Overland Park Day Care and Preschool until she retired in 2000.

Jacquelyn M. Wilson '63 died Dec. 5, 2006. She was a retired USD 353 schoolteacher.

Charles Van Arsdale '67 died Aug. 16, 2006 at the age of 62. Charles is survived by brothers **William O. III '68** and **Robert '71**.

Ted Biby died Jan. 12, 2007 at the age of 90. Survivors include his wife, **Lois Akers '40**, sons **Parke '74** and **Roger '70**, daughters **Carol Myers '67** and **Lela Boyer '71**.

Lester Herridge died Oct. 31, 2006. Survivors include his wife **Pat '54**.

Wallace Martin died Dec. 31, 2006. A WW II veteran, he was 87. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, **Virginia Cranston '57**.

Joanne Forsyth died Nov. 23, 2006. An accomplished musician, she was 70. Joanne is survived by her husband, **Kent '61**, sister-in-law **Paula Henry '55**, and brothers-in-law, **Don '58** and **Charles '70**.

Donna Beth Hovey died Nov. 5, 2006. Survivors include her husband, **Robert '57**, and a daughter, **Donna Smith '84**.

Gerald Lawrence died Dec. 20, 2006. Survivors include his wife **Junea (Cranston) '70**.

T. Eugene Branscum died Dec. 28, 2006. Branscum was the former president of Gott Corp., whose business leadership benefited Winfield years after his tenure at Gott ended. He was also a member of the executive committee of the SC Board of Trustees from 1988-89.



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And the Winner is...SC!

Southwestern College and its "Builders of Excellence" capital campaign were recognized for excellence during the annual CASE District VI awards competition. CASE (the Council for Advancement of Secondary Education) is the premier professional organization for institutional advancement among colleges and universities, and its eight-state District VI annual conference was held in January.

Southwestern was named runner-up for the sweepstakes award in its enrollment category, an honor based on a variety of award-winning entries in fundraising, communications, and graphic design. The individual awards competition is not based on enrollment of institutions, so SC was competing not only against such Big 12 schools as Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, Nebraska University, and the University of Missouri, but also against distinguished private institutions including Washington University in St. Louis.

Builders of Excellence received a gold award for the college's capital campaign completed in October.

The award marked the first time SC has placed in the sweepstakes competition.

"This was a terrific showing for the college, and showed that our publications and programs stack up with the best from the best institutions," said Sara Weinert, vice president for communications at Southwestern. "It showed excellence campus-wide in the qualities CASE values."

Persons from the offices of institutional advancement, communications, admission, and the president were involved with winning entries.

Individual entries honored and persons credited for their creation included:

- 🏆 **GOLD AWARD**, Builders of Excellence capital campaign (Dick Merriman and Paul Bean).
- 🏆 **SILVER AWARD**, graphic design for "Leadership Giving" mailing, (Sunni Sheets).



- 🏆 **SILVER AWARD**, "Why Wireless?" student recruitment publication (Sara Weinert and Brandon Smith).
- 🏆 **SILVER AWARD**, "Heart of the Hill" annual fund campaign (Jessica Hornbostel and Sunni Sheets).
- 🏆 **BRONZE AWARD**, "Campus Visitors Wallpaper" electronic student recruitment publication (Eloy Mendoza).