

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.