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The ethanol plant Rod Kreie '77 is helping bring to western Kansas could be fueled by milo. Read about it on page 4. (Photo by Dana Kreie.)

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From the President



Dear friends,

This past week I was out and about visiting with alumni and several commented that they had just finished meeting with their tax accountants. It still feels like fall to me, but if the tax accountants are cranking up that means the end of the tax year is in sight. And if the end of the tax year is in sight, that means it's time to think about a gift to Southwestern, right?

This year a graduate of the college has stepped forward with a unique generous incentive for you to give to Southwestern. This proud alum has pledged to match – dollar for dollar up to a total match of \$100,000 – all new and increased gifts to the Builder Fund. If you gave \$100 to the Builder Fund last year, and increase your gift to \$200, this donor will add \$100 to go with it. If you didn't give last year and make a gift this year, our loyal donor will match it.

If the opportunity to spend someone else's money doesn't push your buttons, there are lots of other good reasons to give to the Builder Fund. Your gifts provide support for scholarships, academic programs, technology, student travel, and everything else that makes Southwestern a great place to live and learn. We need your help and we truly appreciate your support.

Thanks for all you do for Southwestern!

Best regards,

Dick Merriman
President

Administration Viewpoint



Dear Builders,

With Southwestern College athletics, there's nearly always something to cheer about. Right now, though, it seems we have more than our usual reasons to be proud Moundbuilders.

Our runners extended their winning streak in our cross-country programs, with the men recently earning their 28th straight KCAC conference championship, and the women winning their 11th of the past 14 titles (third in a row).

Both the men's and women's basketball teams are nationally ranked and pre-season favorites to win conference championships. (Follow the Builders live throughout the season as games are Webcast on www.moundbuilder.com) In addition, we have several teams (men's and women's track, men's and women's golf, and women's tennis) that will be looking to defend titles this coming spring.

But even more gratifying than these past achievements, more exciting than the future opportunities, is an honor that arrived just in the past few weeks: Southwestern College athletic programs were named Champions of Character by the NAIA for the 2006-07 academic year.

Our athletic programs at SC are built around our belief that hard work, integrity, and strength of character are the most important championships that can be won by our student-athletes.

And that, we can all agree, is something to cheer about.

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