

ALUMNI NOTES

1920s



Faith (Chappell) Callahan '26 retired social worker and teacher, celebrated her 103rd birthday this fall. According to our records, Faith is our oldest living alumnus.

1950s

Rex Dulaney '50 was recently inducted into the Wyoming Sports Officials Association Hall of Fame at the 24th annual WCA and WSOA Hall of Fame Awards Banquet held in Casper, Wyo.

Wendell Piehler '58 is an organist, choir director, and fund-raiser in New Haven, Conn.

1960s

Roger Rowell '61 retired from the USDA, Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory and the University of Wisconsin on Sept. 2, 2007. He retired from the Forest Service as a senior technical pioneering scientist—one of only two persons to attain this position in the 97-year history of the Forest Products Laboratory. He also became a professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin after teaching and working with graduate students for over 30 years in three different departments—forestry, biological systems engineering, and the Research Center for Plasma Technology. Roger now begins a new career as the chief wood scientist for Titanwood, a company with headquarters in London and manufacturing plants in Holland. He is also a visiting professor for the EcoBuild Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. He will remain as a volunteer at the Forest Products Laboratory, continuing research on several ongoing projects. He also will continue to teach graduate classes. Roger and Judy still live in Madison, and along with traveling with his new jobs, Roger will continue singing in a barbershop quartet, restoring antique reed organs, and writing short stories.

Judy (Wedel) Arthur '62 retired as a second grade teacher at Simpson Elementary School in Russell, after 45 years of teaching first and second grades. Her plans are to spend more time with her eight grandchildren now that she is retired.

Paul A. Morris '67 is retired from ministry with the United Methodist Church and living in Atlanta, Ga.

Donald G. Hapward '68 has been selected by the Bill of Rights Institute to attend a symposium in Boston on "John Adams: The Presidents and the Constitution."

1970s

Jackson Gumb '70 was elected Commodore of the 8th Western Rivers Region of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is responsible for

16 states. His term runs until the end of next year.

Paul Huber '71 retired this past spring after more than 31 years in public education. He was district superintendent of Wolf Point Public Schools in Wolf Point, Mont., from 2003–2007. He coached, taught, and was principal in various locations around Montana for more than 29 years. Paul is the son of **Manly C. Huber**, who was a professor at Southwestern College for 28 years.

Robert Gottlob '72 was recently elected president of Unified School District 465 (Winfield) Board of Education for the 2007–2008 school year. He is now serving his fifth year on the board.

Tom M'Carthy '75 has retired as police chief of the Fayetteville, N.C., police department after 31 years. He is currently doing some consulting and teaching graduate school in public administration at Methodist University, and teaching a graduate course in leadership at the University of North Carolina, Pembroke.

Donna (Mugler) Surles '79 is now food service director for Morningside Assisted Living in Concord, N.C. Most recently, she became grandmother to Lydia Marie Waller, daughter of Carly and Cedric Waller of Concord. Sheri and **Randy Brooks '79** are also grandparents. Bill and **Sue Jean Brooks '79** of Winfield and Paul and Margie Mugler, Salina, are the proud great-grandparents.

1980s

Joni (Matthews) Davis '84 and her family were thankful that her husband, Charles, received a liver transplant on June 30, 2007. Charles is back home and doing fine.

Jo Ellen (Parker) Cates '85 is a new project manager with CCH, Inc., a company in Wichita that develops tax and accounting software.

Chris Bergstrom '86 completed an ophthalmology residency and vitreo-retinal fellowship at the Emory Eye Center and has been promoted to assistant professor with the vitreo-retinal section of the Department of Ophthalmology at Emory University in Atlanta. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and a member of the American

Academy of Ophthalmology and Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.

Chuck Sturgis '88 has moved to Marysville, Wash., where he is working for CellNetix doing patient care and diagnostic work.

1990s

Barb Henthorn-Thompson '92 participated with the Hosanna! Lutheran adult choir along with 10 other Liberty, Mo., church choirs in a benefit performance in February 2007 for Love INC (In the Name of Christ). This charity raises awareness and funds to help those less fortunate get back on their feet in the Northland. She also directed a 40-member cast in eight mini-dramas titled "The Life of Christ" during Lent 2007 at Hosanna! She has been asked to develop a liturgical dance ministry with some of the youth in the church, which should be in place by spring 2008.

Eric and Christy (Darkow) Kurtz '92 '90 have moved to Claremore, Okla., where Eric has been promoted to senior vice president for commercial lending at RCB. Christy will be teaching in the Owasso public school system.

Sandra Gasca '94 was recently recognized as one of the "40 Under 40" in the *Wichita Business Journal*, September 2007.

Diana Casebolt-Hayes '95 was promoted to vice president of independent living at Larkfield Place.

Mary (Black) Loftis '99 and her husband both have accepted teaching positions at Haysville Middle School. Their family moved back to the area after being in Colorado for seven years.

Molly (Schulte) '99 and Sean **Novosad** were married July 1, 2006, in Lakewood, Colo. They live in Apopka, Fla., where Molly continues to work for the Sprint Nextel Corporation. (see also Births)

2000s

James Espinoza '02 was recently recognized as one of the "40 Under 40" in the *Wichita Business Journal*, September 2007.

Amanda Ginther '04 has started her physician assistant program at Wichita

State University and will graduate in 2009. SC has four alumni in the PA class of 2009 at WSU, including **Mindy Woydziak '05**, **Margo Straub '03**, and **Shane Alford '01**.

John W. Osborn '06 recently completed Homeland Security training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Ala. John has received his Federal Instructor Certification and specialized Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) instructor certificate. The CDP is operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally-chartered WMD training facility in the nation.

Monica Morrison '05 is the associate director of music ministries at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church in Arizona. During the summer she was featured as a guest artist for the Downs (Kan.) Christian Concert Series.

Ricci Tucker '07 is sports director for the Winfield Recreation Commission in Winfield.

Allan Murdock, a student in the Professional Studies program in Wichita, was sworn into the Wichita Housing Authority Board Oct. 2, 2007. Chosen through a selective process, Murdock will assist the WHA in overseeing public housing and Section 8 programs.



DO YOU HAVE NEWS?

Contact the alumni office at
(620) 229-6334
or e-mail information to
southwesterner@sckans.edu

CONTACT FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS:

Southwestern College
100 College St.
Winfield, KS 67156-2499



MARK CONARD '70, Hutchinson, recently completed a four-year term of service on the General Commission of Communications for the United Methodist Church. UMCOM is headquartered in Nashville, and provides leadership for the denomination in communication, public relations, marketing, and news. A highlight of his service was a trip to Zimbabwe in January 2007, with a visit to Africa University and a Volunteers in Mission project with AIDS orphans. He was also elected to serve as a delegate to the 2008 General Conference of the United Methodist Church, which will meet April 23-May 2, 2008, in Fort Worth.

