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Administrative Viewpoint

Of all the academic programs at Southwestern College, perhaps none has a more storied history than music. Generations of Moundbuilders have sung "Beautiful Savior" and countless musical careers have blossomed in Darbeth's round-walled practice rooms.

Never, though, have we had so many wonderful opportunities converging simultaneously in the music department.

As you read this, our students, faculty, and many alumni and friends are polishing the final notes for a spring concert—in Italy. We'll not only make music in classic locales, we'll tour Rome, Spoleto, Florence, Pisa, Lucca, and Milan, and we will celebrate Easter by giving our culminating performance in Venice's St. Mark's Cathedral. Our home concert is set for Sunday, March 30, in Richardson Auditorium.

Then, for the first time in recent history, a comprehensive summer music festival will bring the best high school and early college students to campus June 4-8. Dr. George Cole has generously provided scholarship funds for budding musicians in choir, orchestra, and jazz band. If you know a student between ages 14 and 20 who might be interested, give me a call at (620) 229-6270.

On campus or around the world, it's an exciting time to be a musician at Southwestern College.



Dr. Timothy Shook
Division Head, Performing Arts



The winter of 2008 could be summed up in four words: Snow and more snow. Never in recent memory have classes been cancelled and offices closed so frequently, but the frustration of gray days was mitigated by the silent beauty of snowfall on campus.

SC Summer Music Festival



The most comprehensive summer music experience in decades is being planned at Southwestern College for June 4-8, 2008. Choral and instrumental musicians between ages 14 and 20 will be on campus for the festival.

Under the direction of full-time music faculty members, the residential festival will feature a chorus, an orchestra, and a jazz band.

"We're especially delighted to have the support of Dr. George Cole, who will be providing scholarship help to allow many of these young musicians to attend,"

says Dr. Timothy Shook, head of the performing arts division and dean of the camp. "As a musician, Dr. Cole knows how important this kind of enrichment is in the lives of teenagers."

This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students to sample life at Southwestern, Shook adds. Elective activities such as classes in music theory or piano performance will be combined with ensemble rehearsals and leisure camp activities (swimming, Frisbee, etc.).

More information is available on the Web at www.sckans.edu/musicfestival.

Dan Daniel, innovative Southwestern College faculty member since 1970, has announced his retirement this semester.

All are invited to a reception in honor of the longtime English professor Saturday, April 12, from 2 to 5 p.m. at The Ridge restaurant in Winfield.

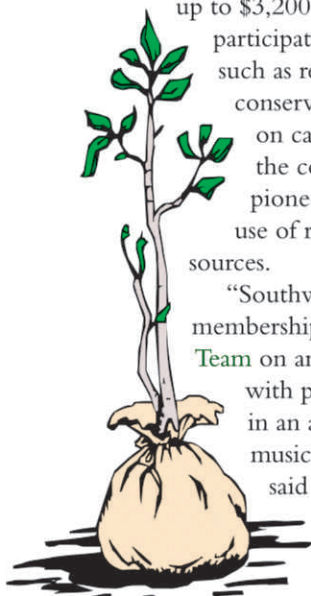
SC Goes Green With Service Learning Program

Southwestern College's hallmark service learning emphasis has grown to four programs with the institution of the new **Green Team**, which will officially launch in the fall of 2008. Students are now being recruited to the program that will promote sustainability education as well as student leadership development. The team joins award-winning service learning options Leadership Southwestern, Discipleship Southwestern, and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

A four-year co-curricular activity, the **Green Team** is part of the college's commitment to "go green" that began when SC joined the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

Members of the **Green Team** will receive scholarship support of up to \$3,200 per year to participate in activities such as recycling, conserving resources on campus and in the community, and pioneering college use of renewable energy sources.

"Southwestern has put membership on the **Green Team** on an equal footing with participation in an athletic team or music ensemble," said President Dick Merriman.



"Many college-bound students are very concerned about environmental issues, and we want to give them hands-on experience with addressing these concerns."

Jason Speegle, valedictorian and 1999 graduate of the Leadership Southwestern program, has been hired to coach the **Green Team**. He has been involved in teaching and mission work in the Dominican Republic since 2003.

Southwestern is one of only two Kansas four-year colleges who are charter members of the American College and University President's Climate Commitment. In doing so Southwestern pledged to take active steps to reduce its carbon emissions, undertake programs to recycle and reduce waste, and increase its use of sustainable energy sources like wind and solar power.

Southwestern has already begun retrofitting fluorescent light fixtures across the campus to reduce power usage and has completed replacement of windows in the college library with energy-efficient double-paned windows. Several other projects to reduce use of energy and to make fuller use of renewable sources of energy are being studied, including electric powered vehicles for plant/custodial employees on campus and a solar or wind power station. Students will also pursue off-campus projects through partnerships and collaborations.

The college's commitment not only underscores the value of being good

stewards of natural resources, but also is an important educational addition and one that will save the college money in the long run, according to Merriman.



Jason Speegle

"All over the globe people are understanding in new ways the importance of sustainable practices," he said. "We want to prepare our graduates to be leaders in a world that values sustainability."

The program's basic structure is that of a co-curricular service learning team in which students may major in any academic program. Members will be required to take Environmental Issues and leadership classes. Projects will become more advanced from freshmen to senior year, and students may apply for the activity grants each year.

"We look forward to becoming one of the first colleges in the Midwest to make such a commitment to green issues and providing leadership on this important issue," Merriman said.

For more information or to apply for a **Green Team** grant, contact (620) 229-6210. More information can be found at www.sckans.edu/green.

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Center for Belarusian Studies Offers Lecture

The Center for Belarusian Studies at Southwestern College will host its inaugural lecture Saturday, April 19, when Stanislau Shushkevich speaks at 2 p.m. in Wichita's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The first head of state of independent Belarus from 1991 to 1994, Shushkevich declared the dissolution of the Soviet Union with Boris Yeltsin and Leonid Kravchuk. With doctoral degrees in physics and mathematics, he also is an author and originator of award-winning textbooks, as well as more than 150 articles and 50 inventions.

For more information, contact SC's academic dean's office at (620) 229-6223.



NOMINATION DEADLINES

for the 2008 Athletic and Natural Science Halls of Fame are drawing near. If you know of any outstanding alumni of Southwestern College that should be considered for recognition, we encourage you to send in their names and details of their accomplishments.

- *Athletic Hall of Fame: April 1*
- *Natural Science Hall of Fame: March 31*

Forms for either of the above may be obtained by contacting the office of alumni programs at (800) 846-1543, ext. 6334, or nominations may be submitted online on the alumni Web site, www.sckans.edu/alumni2.

APRIL 19, 2008

Southwestern College will induct new members into two prestigious halls of fame on **FOUNDERS DAY**, April 19, 2008.

A reception for 2008 **BUSINESS HALL OF FAME** inductees will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Southwestern College Memorial Library. The Business Hall of Fame induction ceremony will follow at 2 p.m. in the Library Reference Room. Inductees for 2008 will be **Michael J. Foster '71**, **Richard L. Jantz '70**, and **Keri (Alexander) Crask '82**. Recipient of the 2008 Business Builder Award will be **Steve McSpadden**.

Inductees for the 2008 **EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME** will be honored at a reception at 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Library. The induction ceremony will begin in the Library Reference Room at 4 p.m. Inductees to the Educators Hall of Fame will be **H. Bertram Keller '38** (deceased), **Bruce J. Williams '62**, and **Larry R. Williams '60**. **Kathryn "Kathy" (Heitschmidt) Cavalier '69** will be the recipient of the Marilyn McNeish Special Education Award.

Alumni and friends of the college are invited to attend these halls of fame. There is no charge for the reception and induction events.



Southwestern College has moved into the MySpace generation! Check out our Web page at www.MySpace.com/southwestern_college, and connect with other Builders there.

HOMEcoming 08

Mark your calendar...the dates for Homecoming 2008 are October 10-12, and the reunion classes will be those years ending in 3 and 8. We hope to see you then!



Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Examines Health Ethics Issues

James Lindemann Nelson, professor of bioethics at Michigan State

Nelson teaches bioethics and moral theory in the philosophy department of Michigan State University. Prior to joining Michigan State's faculty, he taught at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

University, was on campus and in Wichita Feb. 25-29 under a program sponsored by a national fellowship foundation.

His visit was underwritten by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, a group that engages leaders from a range of professions to spend weeklong residencies at small liberal arts colleges, helping connect their work to the world. Now more than 35 years old, the program recently came under the administration of the Council of Independent Colleges.

While at Southwestern, Nelson gave a public lecture on end-of-life issues; led class discussions that examined organ transplant issues; met with medical staff of William Newton Hospital and with Cumbernauld Village staff to talk about end-of-life issues; and facilitated sessions concerning dementia at Kansas Health Ethics, Inc., in Wichita, and at Cumbernauld Village in Winfield.



Normally Kansas doesn't see much of presidential candidates during the primary season, but 2008 has been an exception. Students have been able to attend nearby rallies of major candidates including Mike Huckabee, Barack Obama, and John McCain.

SC freshman Taggart Wall (shown below) was elected a Cowley County Democratic Party delegate for Hillary Clinton.



ALUMNI NOTES

1950s

Neil Frank '53 will retire during 2008 after more than 20 years as chief meteorologist at KHOU—Channel 11 (Houston). One of the nation's foremost hurricane experts, Dr. Frank had come to Houston from the National Hurricane Center in 1987 intending to work for three years then fully retire. Instead, he became an iconic figure as he used his expertise on tropical weather systems to explain what he described as the frequently imponderable nature of Houston's weather.

1960s

Jim Davie '65, who was a KSU assistant football coach from 1978–1984, is now the offensive coordinator for the Shawnee Mission West seventh grade football team. Jim and his wife, **Maggie (Harp) '66**, are parents of Erin Fischer, who is the team's head coach. Erin is breaking new ground as the first and only woman who is head coach of a tackle football team in the Football and Cheerleading Club of Johnson County. Also joining in the family effort is Erin's brother, Pat Davie, who calls the defensive plays.

Jim Christie '67 has more than 20 years of experience in enterprise level software sales and management of organizations producing enterprise level hardware and software. He is now a worldwide vice president of Exinda Networks, an IT company in Australia.

Dennis Hett '69 has had two major life changes in the past few years: He married Audrey Schneider in September 2006. Then in January 2008, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in Bedford, N.H. He is now pastor of the Londonderry (N.H.) Presbyterian Church, a congregation he reports "is experiencing an exciting reformation." Dennis earned a master of theology degree from Boston University after graduating from SC, then pursued a first career as an association executive. A published writer, he also maintains a personal Web site, www.dennishett.com.

1970s

Belinda Vail '76 was awarded the Ruth Bohan Teaching Professorship by the University of Kansas School of Medicine. This professorship is the most prestigious award for teaching in the School of Medicine. Dr. Vail has been

on the faculty of the School of Medicine since completing her residency at the KU Medical Center, and is now a clinical associate professor, vice chair and faculty residency director for Family Medicine.

Beverly Buller '77 has written the first-ever biography of famous Kansan William Allen White. Titled *From Emporia*, it was published by Kansas City STAR Books in August 2007. The book was selected for the 2008 Kansas State Reading Circle catalog.

Nancy (Swope) Douglas '79 has begun her doctoral work in preaching through Area Chicago Theological Schools. She moved to West Allis, Wisc., where she is serving as pastor at Calvary United Methodist Church.

Cesar Garces '79 attended a three-day seminar on social work in Trujillo, Peru, which included social workers from all over South America and Spain. While there, Cesar presented a paper on "Crisis Intervention in Social Work." He also was invited to talk at a seminar in Chile in November 2007 and has been named a professor at The University of Trujillo in Peru. He will teach an online course during the spring semester of 2008. Cesar still works at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in New York City in the intensive care unit. He also mentors student social workers. Cesar is married to **Ellen (Graeser) '78**.

1980s

Jerry Kill '84 is the new football coach at Northern Illinois University. His new position was announced in December 2007, the week after he led Southern Illinois University into the Football Conference Subdivision (FCS) semifinals. Kill was 56–32 in seven seasons at SIU, and had qualified for the playoffs every year from 2003–07. Kill also earned the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award for his efforts on and off the field at Southern Illinois.

Robert Richardson '87 was recently named chief operating officer and president elect of BG Products, an automotive maintenance services company. He is returning to the company who hired him out of college. He had most recently worked for Houston-based Lubrizol, and had worked for Wynn Oil Co. as vice president of research and development.

Kim (Vogel) Sawyer '87 is author of *Waiting for Summer's Return*, which was named 2007 Historical Book of the Year by American Christian Fiction Writers. The book was Kim's first novel and was published by Bethany House. In addition, *That Wilder Boy* received third place in the 2007 Short Contemporary Book of the Year contest and was named Favorite Contemporary Story of 2007 by Heartsong Presents readers.

1990s

Paul McDonald '91 has been invited to present two papers at the June 2008 meeting of PharmaSUG (the pharmaceutical industry SAS Users Group). The first of the papers will focus on creating backups of work in progress and logging of processes for SAS programmers, and the second will explain effective management of title and footnote statements for output reports.

Charles and Karen Tatro '94 '95 have their first grandchild—a son born to Michelle and Doug Fronick on Jan. 9. Karen has been employed as HR/accounting manager at Winfield Consumer Products for the past 11 years, and Charles has been employed at William Newton Hospital for 18 years.

Brian Ziegler '94 married Danyell Harvanek July 14, 2007, in Park, Kan. They now live in Grainfield.

Lori Wedel '95 married Jeremy Zehr Sept. 9, 2006. Lori works as drilling coordinator for Oil Producers, Inc., of Kansas, and Jeremy is a conductor for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. They live in Andover.

Darian Dulin '97 has been named head football coach at Coffeyville Community College. An academic all-American at Southwestern, Dulin worked as an assistant coach at Kansas Wesleyan, Sam Houston State, Butler County Community college, and at Tarleton State.

Jennifer Crispin '98 recently earned her master of science degree in soil, water, and environmental science from the University of Arizona.

Ginger Wilcox-Davidson '98 works for Wal-Mart, Inc., home offices in Bentonville, Ark. See also Births

Kasie (Johnson) '99 and Robert Ferguson were married June 9, 2007, and have just bought their first house. He is a manager at Enterprise Car Rental and she teaches elementary special education. She plans to start a master's program in the summer of 2008.

Marc Parrish '99 married Sarah Anne Giessel June 2, 2007, in Topeka. Marc earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at the University of Health Sciences, Kansas City, then completed an obstetrics and gynecology residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and is participating in a Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Sarah is a labor and delivery nurse at River Oaks Hospital in Jackson.

Molly (Roberts) Purcell '99 has received a promotion and now is circulation office manager for the *Salina Journal*. See also *Births*

2000s

April (Chlumsky) '00 married Demian Wegehaupt Oct. 20, 2007.

Lisa Phillips '01 has been promoted from commercial banking representative to assistant vice president for commercial banking at Security Savings Bank.

Carrie Bloedel '02 and Ryan D. Helmer, both of Winfield, were married on Aug. 4, 2007, in Winfield. Carrie is currently a student in the nurse anesthesia program at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. Ryan is employed by UPS in Lenexa.

Todd McAttee '02 married Heidi Braun on July 21, 2007. Todd teaches and coaches at Shawnee Mission East High School. Heidi is an English as a Second Language teacher in Kansas City, Kan.

Bradley Newell '02 is on track to receive his doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Kansas in May, but KU officials performed a special ceremonial hooding ceremony in Stafford Nov. 8 because of the illness of Brad's mother. Debra Newell died of kidney cancer on Dec. 2, 2007.

Adam Catlin '03 and Sarah live in Augusta, where Adam is a

communications specialist for the Augusta Department of Safety.

Michelle Davidson '03 has brought a nationally-franchised weight-loss program to Wichita with the opening of the Smart for Life Weight Management System. Started in 2002, Smart for Life has approximately 40 clinics in North America.

Matthew Douglass '03 completed a degree at Asbury Theological Seminary and entered the doctoral program in philosophy at Baylor University in the fall of 2007.

Joanna Zayac '03 has moved to Chanhassen, Minn., and loves her new job as a nanny.

Angela (Pooler) Douglass '04 completed a master of science degree in physics at the University of Kentucky in May 2007 and entered the doctoral program in physics at Baylor University in the fall of 2007.

Nick Gronseth '04 has been the site administrator for the William Allen White House State Historic Site in Emporia since July 2007. See also *Births*

Peter '04 and **Julie (Sapp) '05 Purin** have moved back to Kansas. Peter is working on his Ph.D. at KU and Julie is working as a reading instructor with the Lawrence public school system.

Jeremy Wilcoxson '06 and **Ann Chartier '05** were married July 7, 2007.

Chris Bean '07 had a photo selected for the Tangent Lab juried photography contest. Only 67 of the 194 photographs entered were selected for the exhibit.

Alex Chen '07 entered the doctoral program in statistics at Colorado State University in the fall of 2007.

Rachel Pollock '07 entered the doctoral program in physics at the University of Maine in the fall of 2007.

Alexandria Stong '07 married Brian Brazill on Aug. 3, 2007.

Josef Felver '08 participated during the summer of 2007 in the National Science

Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates program in the physics department at Kansas State University.

Laura Welter '10 has had two of her poems accepted for the Fall 2008 issue of *Wavelength*, a poetry journal. Laura wrote the poems in her poetry class this last fall, under the tutelage of Dr. Dan Daniel.

BIRTHS

A girl, Deva Ann Himpel, born July 19, 2007, was adopted by **Don Himpel '85** and Bill McAleer.

A boy, Benjamin Riley Davidson, born Sept. 20, 2007, to **Ginger Wilcox-Davidson '97** and Ken Davidson. Grandparents include **Jennis Irvin '75** and the late **Ben Wilcox '94**.

A boy, Dalton Lance, born Nov. 10, 2007, to **Darren** and **Kori (Jones) Hornback '98 '99**. He joins a sister, Kyla, 5.

A girl, Emerson Chase, born to **Jason '99** and Stephanie **Pond** on Jan. 1, 2008. The New Year's baby weighed 4 lbs. 8 oz.

A daughter, Tayla Addison, born Sept. 12, 2007, to Dustin and **Ngan (Nguyen) '01 Morris**. They also have a daughter, Chloe, 2.

A son, Grant Matthew, born Oct. 22, 2007, to Chris and **Joanna (Moss) '05 Robinson**.

A son, Corbin Kyle, born July 13, 2007, to Matt and **Katie (Woodrow) Smith '02**. He joins sister, Emma, 3, and a brother, Carter, 2.

A girl, Michaela Marie Ostrom Gronseth, on Oct. 13, 2007, to **Nick Gronseth** and **Jessica Ostrom '04 '04**. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Twin daughters, Maya Mercedes and Presley Hope, born Nov. 6, 2007, to Frank and **Karen (Klabzuba) '05 Cornejo**. Maya weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and Presley weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. They have an older sister, Kyra, 23 months.

A son, Carter Lee, born Sept. 18, 2006, to Ben and **Molly (Roberts) '99 Purcell**. He has a brother, Gage, 7.

DEATHS

1920s

Walter Mentze '27, one of Southwestern College's oldest alumni, died Nov. 19, 2007, at age 103. A farm boy from Harper, Kan., Walter was an enthusiastic supporter of Southwestern. He began his teaching career in Milwaukee, Wisc., then earned his master's at the University of Southern California and taught 21 years as band and orchestra director at Roosevelt Junior High School in San Diego. He "consolidated" the music program at Roosevelt when he married the choral music teacher, Margaret Troxel. Walter retired from Muirlands Junior High in La Jolla in June 1969 after a 40-year career teaching band, orchestra, general music, social studies, and history. He then started a new career in real estate sales, and was active in this until his 85th birthday. Walter continued to use his musical talents by playing the trombone with the brass ensemble in his son's church. He continued driving until his 96th birthday, and lived at home until shortly before his death.

1930s

Emily (Kaster) Moore '33 died Nov. 13, 2007 at the age of 102. Her survivors include a daughter.

Roger Dale Kirkwood '34 died Dec. 20, 2007. He was 94. Roger had a long career in journalism and public relations. After school he served as a reporter and editor for several Kansas newspapers, including the *Winfield Courier*, the *Wichita Eagle*, and the Associated Press in Kansas City and Topeka. He was the executive director of the Kansas Centennial Commission in 1960-61, directing observation of the state's centennial celebration. He then served as communications director of the Kansas Bankers Association until his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lynne, and by two daughters.

Robert Joe Boles '38 died Nov. 27, 2007, at the age of 92. He had been a biology professor at Emporia State University for 20 years and a biology teacher at Manhattan High School for two years. He received the Emporia State University Service Citation in 1990. He was author of dozens of papers, and had been editor of the *Kansas School Naturalist*. Survivors include his wife, Louise; a daughter, Christine Martin; a

son, Walter; two brothers, **Paul '39** and **Dan '42**; and a sister, **June Goff '44**.

Kedric B. Cunningham '37 died Aug. 26, 2007, at age 91. He was a retired field supervisor for Halliburton Oilfield Services, and also had worked as a sales clerk for Central Services in McPherson. He was a past exalted ruler of the B.P.O.E. Survivors include his wife, Nadine; two sons and three daughters.

Doris (York) Dove '39 died Nov. 14, 2007. She was 89. During World War II, she was employed at Beech Aircraft, and then worked for Continental Oil Company's patent and legal division for 22 years. Survivors include a daughter and a son.

1940s

Vivian (Compton, Lawrence)

Glenn '42 died Jan. 4, 2008. She was 87. Winfield's first woman pilot, Vivian worked at Southwestern College as a secretary for many years and was a housemother at Wesley Hospital School of Nursing for a period of time. She continued to be a staunch supporter of the college during her retirement years. Survivors include a son; and daughters, **Nancy Travis '69**, **Martha Fitzwater '71**, and **Anita Stull, '78**. Memorials include Southwestern College.

George E. Eckel '43 died Jan. 30, 2008, at age 85. He served in World War II as commander of an LST, transporting troops to the Normandie Coast on V-E Day. He was a real estate developer and contractor building custom homes in the foothills of La Mesa, Calif. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, as well as a brother **Wayne '45**, and sister **Grace Smith '46**. His mother, **Grace**, graduated from SC in 1911.

Robert E. Lee Duncan Jr. '44 died Nov. 16, 2007, at the age of 87. Bob came to Southwestern to play football but left the college after one year to enlist in the United States Navy. He became a decorated naval pilot, receiving recognition including the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Navy Cross for sinking a Japanese battleship during the Battle for Leyte Gulf. After the war he returned to Winfield where he and his wife, Jane (Gary) settled. In 1960 he started Winfield Iron & Metal, a

business he built with his son, Craig, into a successful scrap metal, new steel and welding supply business. During the 1980s he served on the city commission and was mayor when the city's acquisition of the St. John's College campus was negotiated. Survivors include his wife, **Jane '46**, sons **Craig '02** and Gary, and daughter **Dana '69**. Memorials include Southwestern College.

Martha (Welch) Jones '40 died Oct. 23, 2007.

Dorothy Louise (Masterson)

Landman '40 died Oct. 24, 2007, at the age of 89. She was a longtime Hutchinson resident and a homemaker who volunteered for many community organizations. Survivors include a son and two daughters.

Arthur Sebesta '42 died in May 2007. Survivors include his wife, Mary.

1950s

Ramona M. (Hauser) McFall '52 died Nov. 23, 2007. She and her late husband, William, served United Methodist churches in towns throughout Kansas as well as in California, and helped the South Wind Hospice in Pratt when it began operation. Survivors include two sons, **Glenn '77** and Ralph, and a daughter Arlene McFall-Kinsel; and a brother, **Harold Hauser '58**.

Donald L. Vangieson '52 died Aug. 22, 2007, at the age of 77. A lifetime resident of Liberal, he was a retired well tester for Anadarko Petroleum Corp. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy.

Patricia Lois (Troyer, Gregory)

Herridge '54 died Oct. 20, 2007. A homemaker, she had lived in Baldwin City.

Herbert A. Lungren '54 died Dec. 31, 2007, following a long illness. He was 78. Always the salesman, his early careers included furniture sales, department store management, and vacuum cleaner sales. After selling a vacuum to a General Motors representative who recognized his sales talent, he launched an impressive automotive sales career that included ownership of five General Motors dealerships over 39 years. He served on community hospital boards, church

committees, and was active in other city development activities. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, **Darline '54**, and four children.

Rosalie (Thompson) Powell '54 died Jan. 1, 2008, in Lynnwood, Wash., following a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. A graduate of Wesley Hospital School of Nursing, she served in the U.S. Navy at Balboa Park Naval Hospital in San Diego before marriage. She then cherished her role as homemaker and mother. She is survived by two daughters, nine grandchildren, and a sister.

1960s

Dorothy Jane (Dexter) Southard '61 died Oct. 22, 2007, in Pratt. She was 68. She was a registered nurse and worked 11 years at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and for 28 years at the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital. Survivors include her husband, Charles, and a son.

Janet K. (Jewell) Sims '65 died June 21, 2007. Janet spent her life in the pursuit of educational excellence. Beginning as an elementary school educator, she became an elementary school principal and Kansas

Elementary School Principal of the Year in 2001, and in 2002 was awarded the NAESP National Distinguished Principal in Washington, D.C. Janet retired in 2005 but continued to serve as an educator—directing an English as a Second Language program, and coordinating after school tutoring. She was a multiple Fulbright Memorial Scholarship award winner. Survivors include a daughter, her mother, and brothers, Rex and **Robert '77**.

1970s

Nancy L. (Gifford) Ward '73 died Oct. 23, 2007 at the age of 56. She had been a FACS teacher at Belle Plaine High School. Survivors include her husband, Alan, and children, Justin and Amanda.

Dan R. Lambert '75 died Oct. 29, 2007.

1980s

Tina Ielan Taylor '86 died Nov. 16, 2007, at age 43. Born in Sasebo, Japan, she grew up in Independence, where she just recently returned to this year. She had worked for City Publishing for many years before moving to Kansas City, then returning to Wichita. Her survivors include a son.

Janet Owen Laws, 83, died Jan. 19, 2008. The wife of emeritus mathematics professor Leonard Laws, Janet was an active Girl Scout leader, as well as pursuing a deep interest in the art, culture, and history of Native Americans. She was a fiber artist and weaver. Dr. Leonard Laws survives.

Rear Admiral Penrose L. "Whitey" Albright died recently, with funeral services Jan. 30 at Arlington Cemetery. His father was chemistry professor Penrose Albright

Luella Eva Wolfe died Oct. 25, 2007. Survivors include husband, **Walter '51**.

Dr. Helen Wroten, a long-time English faculty member and namesake of Wroten Hall, died Jan. 21, 2008, in Manhattan. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Kansas State University with graduate degrees from the University of Illinois, Dr. Wroten received a doctor of humane letters degree from Southwestern.

Francine I. Yager died Nov. 4, 2007. Survivors include her husband, Roy; three sons, **Dalvin '81**, **Karlan '81**, and **Tyson**, and a daughter **D'Lise (Yager) Lavin '83**.

CAMPUS ACHIEVEMENTS

Paul Baker, affiliate faculty in the Professional Studies master of science in security administration program, will receive his Doctor of Strategic Leadership degree in May from Regent University.

David Hofmeister, professor of teacher education and director of teacher education, is co-author of a text being published by Kendall, Hunt Publishers: *Fundamental Computer Skills: Integration of Technology into Teaching and Learning*. He also obtained a grant through Careers for the Common Good. The \$21,000 grant will be disbursed to student teachers who teach in Title I schools this spring. Each student teacher who serves at least 300 hours of service will be awarded \$1,000 toward educational expenses.

David Gardner, assistant professor of music and director of choirs, was guest festival conductor at the Southern Adventist Honor Choir Festival Feb. 23 in

Collegedale, Tenn. This choral concert is the capstone event of the annual Honors Music Festival. Approximately 175 academy and high school students from the states comprising the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists were expected to attend. In addition, Dr. Gardner was guest conductor of the USD 259 (Wichita) senior high All City Honor Choir during its Feb. 19 concert in Century II.

Jim Morrison, affiliate faculty in the Professional Studies master of science in leadership program, presented papers at two conferences last year: "Blue Ocean Strategies for Program and Curriculum Development," at the Distance Learning Administration conference at State University of West Georgia in June 2007; and "An Interdisciplinary Examination of Quality Improvement in Education" presented at the Association of Integrative Studies 2007 Conference.

Stacy Sparks, assistant professor of journalism, and **Tom Jacobs** professor of computer science and communication, were invited participants in a seminar, "The Transformation," presented by *The Oklahoman* and newsok.com. The Jan. 9 session focused on changes taking place in news groups as media becomes more convergent.

Max Thompson, professor emeritus of biology, traveled to Ghana last fall working with the University of Kansas Museum of Natural History on detecting avian flu, West Nile virus, and Japanese encephalitis in birds. The group was in the country five weeks working from northwest Ghana down to the southwest area. Tissue samples were collected from birds and submitted to the Noguchi School at the University of Ghana for virus detection. The trip was funded by the USAID. Bird voucher specimens will be deposited at the University of Kansas.



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