

A photograph of two female graduates in black academic regalia. The graduate on the right is smiling and holding the tassel of the graduate on the left. They are standing on a red track with a crowd of people and trees in the background.

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*Photo by Charles Osen '94.*

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# From the President



Dear friends,

Every Commencement ceremony brings a revelation about Southwestern College. Last year, when half the graduates gave me hand-written messages on Post-It notes, I got a fresh glimpse of slightly off-color student humor. The year before that, when my arm ached for a day after shaking hands with over 300 graduates, I got a very tangible reminder about the growth of Southwestern. This year, it was the master's degree students. Once they started coming across the stage for their diplomas they didn't stop coming for quite a while.

The college now offers six graduate degrees, in business administration, in education (curriculum and instruction, and special education), leadership, specialized ministries (youth ministry now, maybe media and ministry in the future), management, and security management. The degrees are offered to working adults who study part-time in either traditional classroom or online settings, and to residential students on the main campus in Winfield. We look to the day, not too far distant, when Southwestern will be serving 500 graduate students and conferring 200 to 300 master's degrees each year.

We excel at meeting the needs of a wide variety of graduate students. Tell your friends and co-workers, and keep us in mind when it's time for your next Southwestern degree!

Best regards,

Dick Merriman  
President

## Administration Viewpoint



My family arrived in Winfield to become part of the Southwestern family on my oldest son's first birthday.

One of the first faculty members I met was Dan Daniel, who already was legend in the English department. He'd come to Southwestern in 1970, a product of such left-thinking hotbeds as the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin. But he also was a Kentucky kid, and Kentucky folks (even those nurtured in hippy havens) aren't stereotypically liberal.

Perhaps it was this dichotomy that gave him the audacity to think he could do some of the things he did at Southwestern. Things like getting together with a bunch of friends and founding the Walnut Valley Festival, or collaborating with another bunch of friends to birth the Bridges Conference that annually explores mathematical connections in art, music, and science. Things like constructing a new type of general education program that would value connections in academia over disciplinary barriers, or co-founding the Earth Ethics Institute.

This "Hey! I can do this!" attitude carried over to his students. Doug Delaney '83 (profiled on page 4) remembers Dan and his colleagues and their insistence that students achieve beyond their own imaginings. These students wrote stories, and submitted them, and actually saw them published.

This spring Dan has retired from Southwestern and returned to Kentucky to be near his family. The one-year-old I was a toting around when I first met Dan completed his bachelor's degree.

It's a proud graduation for both of them.

Sara Severance Weinert  
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# An Uncommon Expertise

## SC Meets Needs of Graduate Students' Varied Lifestyles

One is stuck in Maryland traffic as he commutes 2½ hours to his workplace.

Two answer the questions together—they've become best friends in the past few years, although they've been brothers much longer.

Another is a video producer, a dance instructor, and an urban minister for Youth for Christ.

So what do these young professionals have in common? All are students in Southwestern College's graduate degree programs and will earn master's degrees within the next several months.

And all are able to earn these degrees while maintaining their busy schedules because of an uncommon expertise SC has developed: "We excel at meeting the needs of a wide variety of graduate students," President Dick Merriman explains.

As of this month, more than 291 graduate learners have been active students in Southwestern College's Professional Studies programs within the past six months. SC offers six graduate degrees—master of arts in specialized ministries, master of business administration, master of education (two majors), and master of science programs in security management, leadership, or management.

Graduate degrees are not a new development at Southwestern (the master of education program has been a main campus staple for decades) but in the past several years the professional studies approach has specialized in new delivery methods that combine options of classes in traditional classrooms, and online delivery that appeals to learners around the world.

Rich LeMaster and Jeremy LeMaster, for example, are brothers from Wellington now working and studying in Wichita. A software developer, Rich had sworn off school after finishing his bachelor's degree, but Jeremy, a sustaining engineer in customer support services, knew he needed an MBA to enter the highly-competitive human

resources field.

"A colleague approached me about going through the program at Southwestern about two years ago, but I wasn't ready at that time," Jeremy explains. "During the summer of 2007, Rich and I were discussing getting an MBA and decided to pull the trigger and jump in."



**Rich LeMaster and Jeremy LeMaster**

They opted to take classes in a Wichita center, studying with a core group that entered the program together.

Chris Hall, on the other hand, studies from half a continent away. He knows his professors and classmates through a computer screen; all of his classes are online.

A civilian security specialist for the Army, Hall lives and works in the Maryland area. In addition to developing security protocols for the Army (working with scientists and engineers to ensure information security), he is in charge of devising protection programs "to keep bad guys from getting our information," he says.

So Hall is working toward a master of science in security management, a credential he hopes will give him more credibility with the multi-degreed personnel in his professional life. "There are guys in my field who have done

this for 35 years, but that doesn't cut it any more," he says. "You've got to have some kind of parity with your peers and contemporaries, and since I work with scientists and engineers, if you don't have that credential, they're not going to take you seriously."

For Laurey Pike, SC's program is part of a ministry journey.

"I was watching a modeling show on cable TV and the casting agents were completely degrading the young models. I remember yelling at the TV and saying 'No! They are fearfully and wonderfully made!'" Pike recalls. At that moment, she says, she was led to found a young women's ministry that would empower women to make faith-based decisions. "Fearfully~Wonderfully" helps young women explore four virtues—modesty, health, respect, and spirituality.

She's now studying for a master of arts in specialized ministry, which has a track designed specifically for persons in ministry with youth and young adults. Her specialized degree wasn't required for her day job (video producer at Tinker Air Force Base) or for her role as a minister at Taft Middle School in Oklahoma City, or as a dance instructor at a dance studio. Instead, Pike knew she needed the depth of knowledge the advanced courses would provide as she works toward finding a job in full-time ministry.

"I am now more aware of ethical and Biblical issues and how they relate to and are affected by youth and young adult ministries," she says. "The Biblical coursework on both the Old and New Testament have challenged me the most, but they were also the most beneficial to me, as a learner and as a Christian."

In all of SC's graduate degrees, practical application of knowledge is

stressed. Karen Pedersen, vice president for professional studies, explains that before a program is constructed, a thorough study is conducted. An advisory council is established to review the curriculum and consider marketing and recruiting opportunities,

**“Individuals are looking for ways to position themselves in an increasingly competitive environment.”  
—Karen Pedersen**

and the competitive, community, and business environments are thoroughly scrutinized. The availability of qualified faculty and appropriate facilities are factored into the decision, as is the financial impact on the college.

"Whether it's a graduate course, certificate or degree program, individuals are looking for ways to position themselves in an increasingly competitive environment. Differentiating yourself from others in all employment sectors (e.g., business,

health care, education, military service) as well as growing personally and professionally are key factors that often prompt individuals to take their first graduate course. Having the right programs is critical to our ability to continue to serve those needs," Pedersen says.

The most important factor in start-up of a new graduate degree program, though, is whether the program will be academically sound as well as convenient and accessible to learners.

"The Southwestern program is good because I can flex my class time for when it's convenient to me," online learner Hall says. "While I'm at home, I can be on the computer at 2 a.m. if I want to do it then."

But the programs cannot be completed without sacrifice. Most learners find that while juggling family, jobs, and studying isn't impossible, it can be stressful.

The LeMaster brothers point to time constraints and pressures as the most difficult part of the journey, and Pike says she has learned important life lessons in delegation, and time and resource management.

"To do this, I missed out on my daughter's junior year of high school," Hall says simply. His daughter, a highly-regarded field hockey player in northern Maryland, has gone through much of her college search without her father's input. Still, the experience of being students at the same time has brought them closer, Hall says:

"We have competition on grade point averages."



**Laurey Pike**



A new site for the Wichita West Professional Studies Center has relocated the center to 3460 N. Ridge Rd., Suite 50, for the convenience and easy access of its learners. Cutting the ribbon in a March 14 ceremony were (l. to r.) Tracy Iles, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce; Marie Greene, professional studies program representative; Lavonta Williams, Wichita city council member; Brilla Scott, Southwestern College trustee; Jeff Longwell, Wichita city council member; Karen Pedersen, vice president for professional studies; Thomas Winters '68, Sedgwick county commission chair; SC President Dick Merriman; SC President Emeritus Carl Martin; and Wichita Chamber of Commerce ambassador Paul Blissett.

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Professional Studies graduate  
programs (online or on-ground) see  
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Southwestern College's  
main campus Fifth Year Program  
master's degrees, see  
[www.sckans.edu](http://www.sckans.edu)**



## FOCUS on FRIENDS

Doug Delaney makes his living writing movies that never get made. Even though he's been a writer since he graduated in 1982 (and has made a living writing for the past decade), this SC English major has learned the hardest lesson most writers ever learn: It's a tough way to make a living.

Now, though, a movie Delaney wrote is turning heads. *All Roads Lead Home* was named Best Feature Drama in the International Family Film Festival, and is being well-received at film festivals before its expected fall general release. Starring Peter Coyote, Peter Boyle (in his final film) and Jason London, Delaney describes the movie as "the little movie that can."

"Though ARLH is a 'small' film by Hollywood standards, it plays much bigger," he explains. "I think its success at the festivals is indicative of how it can do in theatres."

*All Roads Lead Home* began as a sequel to a well-received family film that had not been released to theatres, but had done well in DVD sales. Even though he's not primarily considered a family film writer, Delaney had worked with the movie's producers before, and they asked him to submit script proposal.

"I've written scripts and developed projects for Universal, Columbia, Fox, Focus Features, and many large independents," he says. "The sad truth is, even at the studio level, a very small percentage of projects ever get green-lit. So, essentially, I make my living writing movies that never get made. That is not to say they won't get made—just that they haven't."

This one, he knew, would be made. From the start Delaney knew he would be delivering more than a simple sequel. He describes the script as a multi-layered story that stands on its own.

"It's funny to me when people say 'That was a lot more complicated than I expected to be.' That's what I wanted. I didn't want the movie to be defined by genre as often films of this type are," the scriptwriter explains.

## DELANEY FINDS SCREEN SUCCESS

### SC Grad Writes 'Little Movie That Can'

Delaney began work on the script in November of 2005 and delivered the first draft before Christmas. The following month the final draft was completed (except for rewrites done on set), and shooting in the Kansas City area was completed during May and June 2006. During most of the shooting he was close enough that director Dennis Fallon could turn to him for help in fixing problems with specific scenes. That, he says, was the exciting time; most of the on-location time, though, he describes as phenomenally boring.

"I had been on movie sets before but never for the duration of the shoot," he says. "Orson Welles called a movie set the 'world's biggest train set,' and it is a lot like that." He found himself thinking, so that's what a grip does! So that's a best boy! Knowing these roles will help him in his future; now, Delaney says, he understands how much a "snow-covered landscape" will cost before he blithely writes it into a script.

But working with a first-rate cast was far from boring. He describes cast member Oswalt Patton (known by many from his television work in *King of Queens*) as totally intimidating. "There was no way I could be as funny as that guy," he says. "I should have just left the lines blank and let him fill them in."

And he worked with the poignant knowledge that he might be the final writer to put words in the mouth of the great Peter Boyle. Boyle's rapidly-progressing illness was evident as the shoot progressed.

"At one point he had a large block of dialogue and honestly, he was struggling. It was one of my favorite collections of lines in the film, but the director had concerns and we agreed

to cut it down from nine to two lines," Delaney recalls. "Peter was appalled! He looked at us and said, 'But you took out all the beautiful words.'"

The lines went back in.

Now the film is experiencing a better-than-expected reception. Entry in festivals wasn't something originally



planned, but should help with broader acceptance.

"The real value of playing well at festivals and picking up some awards is to enhance the film's marketability on a larger level. And that choice was made by Fallon once he realized we made a much better movie than we originally thought we could," Delaney says.

So does the success Doug Delaney has had with this film mean he's on a direct route to the Academy Awards? He laughs at the idea. Past successes that he was sure would lead to instant stardom (publication in Samuel French, a two-picture deal with Columbia) weren't the ticket up he expected them to be.

"The next job always comes from the fact you did a good job last time, that you kept your employers happy, and the next thing always comes from what seems like left field," he says. "You chart your future in this business with your past. And a whole lot of luck."

**Doug Delaney credits faculty members such as Dan Daniel, Troy Boucher, and Darnell Lutt for preparing him to make a living as a writer. Daniel retired during the spring semester—see a tribute to him in the Administrator's Letter on page 2 of this issue of *The Southwesterner*.**

## Center Focuses Belarusian Attention

Southwestern College provided Wichita with an unusual gathering of dignitaries April 19 when the college hosted the grand opening of the Center for Belarusian Studies.

Organized largely through the efforts of David Swartz '64 (the first United States ambassador to the independent nation of Belarus), the center was established "to promote the revival of the Belarus nation through higher education," Swartz said. Academic dean Andy Sheppard also has been instrumental in the center's founding.

Dignitaries attending included keynote speaker Stanislau Shushkevich, who (along with Presidents Boris Yeltsin of Russia and Leonid Kravchuk of Ukraine) signed documents dissolving the Soviet Union in 1991; and Ivonka Survilla, president of the Belarus Democratic Republic in Exile.

Today Belarus is governed by Alexander Lukashenko, who has led the nation in a steadily more authoritarian manner.

Survilla described education as the means to keep the Belarusian issues and culture alive.

**For more information on the Center for Belarusian Studies, contact the academic dean's office at (620) 229-6227.**

"There have never been any centers where people can come and study Belarusian culture, Belarusian history—anything which is connected with Belarus," she said.

Belarusian art, literature, and music were displayed at the grand opening in Wichita (the center will be housed on the main campus in Wichita) and round table discussions prompted lively discussion.



**Alexander Lahvinets (left), who had been a Visiting Scholar at Southwestern, translated for dignitaries including Stanislau Shushkevich at the opening of the Center for Belarusian Studies.**

## SWEET FOOTNOTE

Mike Brummett '79 felt the tap on his shoulder just as he was finishing conducting recessional band music for Greensburg High School's Commencement ceremony May 4. He didn't turn around, but he recognized the voice:

"I really enjoyed your music," it said. And Mike knew exactly what to reply:

"Thank you very much, Mr. President." President George W. Bush was guest speaker for the ceremony, marking the one-year anniversary of the tornado that devastated the town. Brummett has been band director there for four years (he splits his time between Greensburg and Bucklin High School).

*CBS Morning News* coverage of the anniversary also included announcement that Brummett's 49-member band will receive a check from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation to cover replacement of instruments destroyed by the tornado.

"It was a pretty screwed-up week having to work around all of that, but it was really a neat experience for everybody," Mike says.

And having the president on site didn't change his traditional recessional plans: After a single verse of *Pomp and Circumstance*, the band swung into the piece they play each year following Commencement—*Hit the Road, Jack*.

## BUILDER TRAVEL BREAKS BOUNDARIES

Leadership through service in a world without boundaries.

This phrase from the mission statement is part of the fabric of Southwestern College, and travelers from SC continue to weave the story.

In December, George Gangwere, associate professor of physics, will take 18 Moundbuilder students to Ecuador.

International study has long been part of the SC tradition, and in the past few years, SC alumni and students been accompanied by faculty to such sites as Italy, Costa Rica, Egypt, Russia, and the Dominican Republic. The trips spur intense interest among students: Sign-up for the trip to Ecuador lasted just 15 minutes before all available slots had been filled; seven more students on a waiting list.

"We are on a roll," Gangwere exclaims "I think a lot of credit goes to (academic dean) Andy Sheppard and Sheila Krug. Sheila has made it so much easier to do."

Vice president for finance at Southwestern, Krug and her staff take care of the insurance needs, trip accounts, and student billing. Students now have the option of charging the trip to their student bill.

In spite of their exotic locales, these trips are not advertised as vacation. Students going on the Ecuador trip will take a one-credit course during the fall semester to learn about Ecuador. Once in Quito, focus will be on learning about Ecuadorean people. The group will spend five days and four nights in the rain forest learning rain forest ecology and how the native people use the rain forest to live.

Director of leadership Cheryl Rude, who traveled with students to Costa Rica last year, says that these international trips provide a "great learning laboratory."

"There is great potential to excite students about learning," Rude Says. "How cool is it to be in Red Square and learn from (history professor) Stephen Woodburn or to learn about the rain forest with George Gangwere? I think that is why these trips are so attractive to students and alumni."

"We have bright, talented faculty members and getting out into the world is the greatest thing they can do for their students," Andy Sheppard sums up.

**STORY BY  
CHARLES OSEN '94**



# BUONA MUSICA E BELL'ITALIA



story and photographs by Stacy Sparks

*Stacy Sparks is an assistant professor of journalism at Southwestern College. Her daughter Kara is a sophomore majoring in music education. Kara sang in the A Cappella Choir and played trumpet in the band and the orchestra during the Italy tour.*

The same excitement that once characterized an elementary school field trip was in the air that early spring morning. After more than a year of planning and saving, we were about to embark on a 10-day tour of Italy.

We learned the most important lesson first: We remembered that field trips often involve waiting.

And just like traveling with a herd of fourth graders, we remembered there will be complications. Even when everything goes well, on a trip of this magnitude there are inevitable glitches and occasional headaches.

Split into four parts to accommodate connections, the 88-member entourage arrived in stages. One group spent an extra day in London because of travel complications. They reached Rome just in time to perform for the first concert Sunday evening, and we shared the relief in their arrival and the delight that we were finally all together.

We learned that part of the adventure was getting acquainted. The band, choir, and orchestra included 41 students and 19 adults. Children, parents, siblings, and spouses of the musicians; performing arts staff, as well as a group of 28 community members went along. We learned to share, whether the sharing was of umbrellas, change, guidebooks, directions on finding a toilet, or recommendations for a great gelato stand.

As we experienced Italy together, we learned that the ancient streets of Italy are not designed for tour buses. The drivers maneuvered their motor coaches as close as possible to the destination and then we walked.

And we learned that walking is taken for granted in this beautiful country. It is the custom in Italy to build the church at the top of the hill in each town, and streets are narrow and winding. We carried or rolled instruments, music stands and concert attire up steep inclines or from the walls of the city into the square.

But the glitches and headaches were easily outweighed by the beauty and tradition that is Italy. In addition to the art and architecture of Rome and Florence, we were able to take pleasure in the beauty of the Italian countryside. The canals

and narrow walkways of Venice were saved for last.

Each of the travelers learned different lessons during the week-long field trip. We experienced the history of Italy. We shared the adventure of exploring a new country. We enjoyed the food or the shopping or the splendor of the churches or the beauty of the countryside or the delight of performing in Italy.

The focal point of the trip, though, was music.

The musicians performed in churches, a theatre, and a palace. The choir also performed a short informal concert in the baptistery outside the cathedral near the Leaning Tower, a spot known for its wonderful acoustics. For Cody Davis, a sophomore from Montrose, Colo., this was a highlight of the trip.

"It was as though the walls were singing back at us."



**Music faculty members conducting and performing during the tour included Timothy Shook, chair of the performing arts division; David Gardner (shown in top and bottom photos), director of choirs; Christopher Schmitz (shown playing string bass), director of bands; and Daniel Stevens, director of strings.**





Phil Schmidt, professor of history, received the Kopke Distinguished Teaching Award.



# SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

# MOUND BUILDERS

Valedictorian Lindsay Morgan was also named co-winner of the Professor Fran Jabara Leadership Award, along with Brandon Hessing.





# COMMENCEMENT by the Numbers

Students eligible to receive degrees: **554**

Master's degree recipients hooded: **50**

Temperature at start of 4 p.m. ceremony: **72°**

New inductees to Order of the Mound: **19**

Number of face-plants immediately preceding degree presentation: **1**



Hours of sleep President Dick Merriman had the night before, after attending his son's college Commencement in Virginia on Saturday: **5**

Years Professor Phil Schmidt (recipient of the Kopke Distinguished Teaching Award) has been on faculty at Southwestern: **41**

New flags added to Builders Around the World: **1 (MYANMAR)**

LEADERS of the weekend's festivities included the chair of the Board of Trustees, LARRY EASON '55 (below, left), and David SWARTZ '64 (below, right), speaker at Saturday's Honors Convocation.





# ALUMNI NOTES

1940s

**Eugene “Hank” and Marilyn (M<sup>c</sup>New) Balke ’46 ’48** celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary March 31, 2008, in Coquille, Ore.

1950s

**Emmet G. Smith ’50** spent his career after 1950 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. He retired in 1996 as Herndon Professor of Organ and Church Music. In February of this year Emmet retired again, this time as organist of the university chapel, after 55 years and 2,600 weddings.

**David C. Warren ’51** was inducted into the Wichita Officials Association Hall of Fame March 19, 2008.

**Deryl Schuster ’57** is now the director of sales and marketing for SBA Community Express & Patriot Express at US Bank, which recently opened in Wichita.

**Myrne (Richards) Roe ’58** is campaign manager for the Betts for Congress Campaign. Donald Betts is running for the 4<sup>th</sup> District seat.

1970s

**C. Darnell Jones ’72** is being backed by Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell as a Democratic nominee for a position that will open in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2009. Jones is the president judge of Philadelphia Common Please Court.

**Jeffrey Boone ’73** is a consultant in preventive cardiology for the Denver Broncos. He has been named the national co-director of the NFL Alliance Cardiovascular Program and was named one of America’s 17 top cardiovascular doctors for men in 2007 by *Men’s Health* magazine.

**Craig Dewell ’75** retired from the Kansas Highway Patrol on March 10, 2008. He served the citizens of Kansas in this role for more than 31 years, and at the time of his retirement, had reached the level of major, and was serving as West Region commander.

**Lou Mignone ’77** will complete his 30<sup>th</sup> year of teaching this year at Dexter High School. In 2007 Lou refereed the 6A state football championship game and also the 3A state basketball tournament this year.

**Lamar Burks ’79** had his sports art illustrations on exhibit in two Tulsa libraries during the month of February (Black History Month). He is currently the art teacher and athletics coach at Hamilton Middle School in Tulsa.

1990s

**Julie Leonard ’92** and Barton Oestreich were married on Nov. 9, 2007. Julie will graduate in May 2008 from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., with a master’s degree in deaf education. She has worked as an educational interpreter and teacher of the deaf in Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

**Christa (Pickens) Kagin ’93** received her master’s degree in expressive arts therapies from the University of Louisville in 1999. She now is a professor at Benedictine College and has a private practice in art therapy. She is also the vice president of the Kansas AA Therapy Association. Christa is married and has two children.

**Natalie Harrison ’95** married Bert Hawn on Dec. 8, 2007, in Valley Center. Natalie is secretary of the First United Methodist Church of Valley Center.

**Scott Jagodzinske ’96** is the new director of student ministry at First United Methodist Church in Claremore, Okla. His wife, **Stacy (Houlden) ’98**, is a consultant with Southern Living at Home and takes care of their two daughters, Audrey, 3, and Addilyn, 3 months. *see Births*

2000s

**Mandy (Myles) ’00** and Steve Buonaugurio wrote during the final week of post-production for their first feature-length documentary called *Pregnant in America*. It was to be released spring 2008. They also have a Web site with lots of information about pregnancy and childbirth that they hope will help families make educated and conscious decisions during their pregnancy and birth experience. [www.PregnantInAmerica.com](http://www.PregnantInAmerica.com).

**Stephanie (Shy) Burton ’02** was to take a test for the NCE to become a licensed professional counselor in April 2008, and in May 2008, was to graduate from Emporia State University with a master of science degree in mental health counseling. She plans to continue her education and learn to speak Spanish.

**Brian Grunder ’02** and **April Tobler ’03** were married Dec. 8, 2007, at Grace United Methodist Church in Winfield. They now live in Merriam, Kan.

**Lauren Streiff ’03** has been accepted into the physician assistant program at Wichita State University and will begin there in June.

**May Wells ’05** recently moved back home to Glasco, Kan., to take over the family farm operation with her husband and two sons. She now works for the Saline County Conservation District as district manager/NPS coordinator.

**Andrea Woolf ’05** married James Twedell on July 14, 2007 in Wichita. They live in Chicago.



**Mark Your Calendar: SC Music Reunion** | Musicians from throughout the years at Southwestern College should reserve space on their schedules now for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10 and 11. A reunion for all who have participated in music at SC is being held in conjunction with the annual Homecoming celebration.

Singers and instrumentalists will make up the alumni choir and orchestra. Rehearsals will be held Friday during morning and afternoon, and a concert is set for that evening.

On Saturday, instrumentalists may join the pep band that will play at the football game. A special banquet for musicians will complete the music reunion festivities.

Watch your mail for more information or call Susan Lowe, director for alumni programs at (620) 229-6334.

# MASTERBUILDERS



Six graduating seniors who embody the spirit of Southwestern are chosen by their classmates as Masterbuilders. 2008 recipients of the award are (back, l. to r.) Brandon Hessing, Kinsey Colclasure, Meggie Mojica, Drew Logsdon, (front) Lindsay Morgan, and Sarah Morton.

# OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETES



CROSS COUNTRY  
**DANIEL JOINER**



TRACK  
**SARAH MORTON**

- Business Education Major
- KCAC Academic All Conference (2006, 2007, 2008)
- NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete (2006, 2007)
- Teacher of Promise Award (2007-2008)

- Computer Science and Digital Arts Major
- NAIA Champions of Character Award Recipient (2008)
- NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete (2007, 2008)
- STUFU (Student Foundation) President (2007-2008)

# Track Win Streaks Continue

Southwestern College’s winning ways at the KCAC track and field championships extended for one more year during conference meets May 2 and 3. It was the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive title for the men, and 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive title for the women.

Jim Helmer’s men’s team dominated the meet, scoring 252 points to runner-up Bethel’s 96 points. Mike Kirkland coached the women to 177 points, 11 points better than second-place Friends.

As of press time, the teams were at national competition in Edwardsville, Ill., from May 22-24. Check the Web at [www.sckans.edu/track](http://www.sckans.edu/track) for final results.



**WANTED: “Elijah” alumni singers and orchestra members for a public performance on Sunday, March 8, 2009 • 2:30 p.m. • Winfield High School**



# DEATHS

1930s

**Charles “Keith” Franks ’38** died March 3, 2008. Keith was senior vice president in charge of the trust department at the Merchants Bank in Kansas City, Mo. He was a World War II Air Force veteran. Survivors include a son, **Will ’67**; a daughter, a brother, and a sister, **Kathleen Lucero ’44**.

1940s

**Virginia (Phillips) Miller ’42** died Jan. 4, 2008, in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Virginia worked as a secretary for the Southwestern College president. Virginia is survived by her husband, **Rev. J. Heber Miller ’40** of Spirit Lake; and two daughters, Judith Ann Miller and Linda Sue Wittstruck.

**Glennys M. (Kirkhuff) Kent ’47** died March 23, 2008. She and her late husband, **James ’47**, lived in Wichita where she taught school before becoming a full-time homemaker. Survivors include a son James; a daughter, Janice Evans; and a sister, **Phyllis Edwards ’51**.

1950s

**Carl Collier ’51** died April 30, 2008. Survivors include his wife, Bernice; a daughter Donna (Collier) Saylor, and a son, Gary.

**Donna J. (Guilinger) Palmer ’51** died March 31, 2008. She was a school teacher in Arkansas City, retiring after 40 years. Survivors include two sisters and a brother.

**Carol V. (Elder) Compton ’57** died Feb. 7, 2008. She taught in rural Butler and Cowley county schools, as well as in Winfield public schools from 1957 to her retirement in 1981. She was also a substitute organist in several Winfield area churches, and a member of the Chancel Choir at the First Presbyterian Church for 59 years. Survivors include her daughter, **Cynthia Compton ’68**.

1980s

**Mike Howe ’86** died March 30, 2008, in a skiing accident. He was 43. Mike spent 19 years as a high school teacher and coach at Bonner Springs and in Wichita, as well as serving as head cross country and track coach at Friends University. In 2006 he decided to pursue a new career and at the time of his death was a sales representative for Zep Manufacturing. Mike was an avid runner and enjoyed landscaping. He is survived by his wife, Jill; two daughters, Hayleigh and Hannah; a son, Logan, and his parents, Larry and Linda. Memorials include Southwestern College’s cross country scholarship fund.

1990s

**Jill A. (Waldschmidt) Ratzloff ’99** died Feb. 6, 2008. In 1987, Jill began employment with Boeing Aircraft in Wichita where she was a manufacturing engineer. At the time of her death she was employed at Spirit AeroSystems. Survivors include her husband Patrick; son, William Looney; and daughters; Bairelle Blancas, Charnetta Looney, and Velicia Campbell.



**Virginia (Allen) McKnab ’39** died Dec. 4, 2007. Virginia was the niece of Leroy Allen, the famed Dean Allen who instituted the Moundbuilding Ceremony at Southwestern College. She grew up in Pittsburgh, Penn., and during the Depression she traveled to Winfield to attend SC and to live with her uncle and aunt. For employment, she provided secretarial assistance to Dean Allen in his position as national secretary of the social science honor society, Pi Gamma Mu, which Dean Allen co-founded. In addition, Virginia had French reading and writing skills, and was able to assist Dean Allen with correspondence to European contacts. Her son, Paul, stresses that Mrs. McKnab’s association with Southwestern was a significant event in her life. “She possessed a tremendous, uncanny, unfailing memory,” he says. “She related many detailed stories of events of her time at Southwestern College. When the Mound was recently renovated, we purchased a paver stone for Mother. She was pleased we included the reference to Micah 6:8, an inscription also included on Uncle Leroy’s tombstone.”

# Hall of Fame Inductees



Stacy Sparks



Stacy Sparks

New inductees in Southwestern College Halls of Fame were honored Saturday, April 19. Selected for the Business Hall of Fame were (top photo, l. to r.) Steve McSpadden, Builder Business Award; Mike Foster ’71, Keri Crask ’82, and Rich Jantz ’70. New to the Educators Hall of Fame are (bottom photo, l. to r.) Larry Williams ’60, Bruce Williams ’62, and H. Bertram Keller ’38 (deceased), whose award was accepted by his son, Richard Keller. Kathy (Heitschmidt) Cavalier ’69 received the Marilyn McNeish Special Education award.

# BIRTHS

A son, Haden Joseph Paul, born April 8, 2008, to Staci and **Stan Kennedy ’80**. Haden joins sisters Hannah (former SC student), Emma (current SC student), Ellie, and Jensyn. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Rose Kennedy of Atlanta, Kan.

A daughter, Virginia Jane Alexandra Matthews, was born Nov. 6, 2007, by surrogate to James Matthews and **Joe Cobb ’83**.

A daughter, Eleanor Irene, born Oct. 2, 2007, to **Scott** and **Sarah (Dillingham) Shipman ’94 ’95**. They also have a son, Jeremiah, 10.

A daughter, Addilyn, born Feb. 25, 2008, to **Scott** and **Stacy (Houlden) Jagodzinske ’96 ’98**. They also have a daughter, Audrey, 3. *see also Alumni Notes*

A daughter, Hannah Mae, born March 12, 2008, to **John** and **Stacie (Fraley) Nelson ’00 ’00**. She was welcomed home by Chloe, 3, and Lydia, 17 months.

A daughter, Karsyn Diane, born Dec. 9, 2007, to **Heath** and **Kristy (Grinstaff) Horyna ’02 ’02**. She has an older sister, Karlee.

A son, Israel Thomas, born Jan. 17, 2008, to Kristin and **Timothy Putnam ’00**.

A daughter, Clare Grayce, born Oct. 23, 2007, to Patric and **Casey (Abernathy) Morford ’04**.

# FRIENDS

**Jerry L. Bryan** died Feb. 2, 2008. Survivors include his wife **Jeannine (Lygrisse) ’69**.

**Joe Krafels** died April 2, 2008. He was a teacher and coach at Hoisington and Hutchinson high schools, then served as director of student activities at Hutchinson High School until his retirement in 1988. Survivors include his wife, **Jane (Wheeler) ’50**, and three sons, Rodney, Rick, and Ron; a daughter, Carla; and a sister, Billie Anderson.

**Garth Peacock**, a former SC faculty member, died Oct. 7, 2007. He had been a faculty member at Oberlin College after he left Southwestern. Survivors include his wife, Jean.

# SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Southwestern College’s women’s tennis team was named both a Daktronics NAIA Academic Scholar-Athlete Team and an ITA Scholar-Athlete Team. Team members included Lauren Pettay, Madison Lumm, Mehvesh Shahzada, Kelsey Reynolds, Molly Kerns, Kourtney McLeland, Lindsay Morgan, and Lacey Hibbs.



SC ACHIEVEMENTS

**Ashlee Alley**, director of youth ministries and coordinator of Discipleship Southwestern, gave a presentation on the spiritual development of emerging adults, aged 18-30, at a medicine/religion conference hosted by HCA Wesley Medical Center. The talk was titled “The Roaring Twenties: Spiritual Development in a Decade of Transition.”

**Marsha Amoy Fraser**, professional studies affiliate faculty, presented a workshop, “De-Mystifying the Process: Grant Funding for Research and Programs,” at the Third Annual Conference of the Florida Consortium for Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Fraser also is author of “Exploring a Subculture of Violence Thesis to Explain Violence in Jamaica,” a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Cincinnati, Ohio; “Victims of Violence in Jamaica,” a poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Victimology in Fresno, Calif.; and “Violence in Jamaica,” a paper presented at the same conference.

**Tracy Frederick**, associate professor of speech, participated in a spotlight panel for the Health Communication Interest Group of the Central States Communication Association Convention in Madison, Wis., April 4. The panel was titled “No Matter What I Say It’s Wrong: Issues of Social Support Among Family Members,” and continued the discussion from her paper on “Parenting Parents.” She also was a speaker/respondent for the undergraduate honors conference at Northeastern State University at Tahlequah, Okla., April 22.

**David Gardner**, assistant professor of music and director of choirs, has joined Distinguished Concerts International New York (www.dciny.org) as a program advisor. In this part-time consulting role he will assist DCINY in finding and preparing top choirs from across the United States and around the world to participate in concerts in New York venues such as Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

**Pam Green**, assistant professor of education, gave a presentation at the

Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) 2008 annual meeting in New Orleans Feb. 24-27. The presentation was titled “Assessing the Incidence of Teacher Attrition Pursuant to the Retirement of Veteran Educators: A Trend Analysis.”

**Fr. Terry J. Hedrick**, affiliate faculty in philosophy and religion and professional studies, received his Ph.D. in New Testament Theology from the University of Durham, England. Hedrick finished his dissertation/thesis, “Jesus as Shepherd in the Gospel of Matthew,” and oral exam in the fall of 2007 and graduated in January 2008. Peter Lang Ltd. has contracted with him to publish the 350-page book in the fall of 2008.

**David Hofmeister**, professor of teacher education and chair of teacher education, chaired a program review committee for the Kansas Department of Education this spring. He also was a team member representing NCATE’s Board of Examiners for a site visit to evaluate a teacher education program in Tennessee.

**Dan Lioy**, professional studies affiliate faculty, is author of *Jesus as Torah in John 1-12*, which was recently published by Wipf and Stock. In this volume, he explores the Fourth Gospel’s portrait of Jesus as the fulfillment of the Mosaic law.

**Nili Luo**, professor of early childhood education, presented at the ACEI (Association of Childhood Education International) Annual International Conference & Exhibition, Atlanta. Her topic was “Social-Emotional Well Being Among Early Childhood Education: Cross Cultural Implications.” She also was selected to serve on the Infant and Early Childhood Education Committee and Diversity Committee. Luo’s paper, “Exploring Bullying: Early Childhood Perspective from Mainland China,” has been accepted for publication in the international theme issue of *Childhood Education*.

**Cindy Lynch**, professional studies affiliate faculty, was elected president of the Okinawa Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

**Allyson Moon**, associate professor of theatre and speech, presented workshops on improvisational acting



Awards for outstanding faculty and staff were announced April 18. Presented were (shown l. to r.) the Fasnacht Outstanding Faculty Award to David Hofmeister, professor of education and head of the division of education; the Fasnacht Outstanding Administrator/Staff (Campus) Award to Stacy Townsley, registrar; and the United Methodist Exemplary Teacher Award to Daniel Steven, assistant professor of music and director of strings. The Fasnacht Outstanding Administrator/Staff Award (Professional Studies) went to Marie Greene, Wichita West program representative, who is pictured in the ribbon-cutting photo on page 3.

troupe development at the Kansas Thespian Conference and at the Region V, Kennedy Center American College Festival.

**Allyson Moon** and **Roger Moon**, associate professors of theatre and speech, were selected by Winfield’s CornerBank to be the Community Cornerstone Recipients for April and May. The award recognizes community volunteer service.

**Kristen Pettey ’98 ’03** has been named assistant professor of business at Southwestern College.

**Tami Pullins**, associate vice president for student success, presented in March at the 90<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in Boston. The presentation, titled “Sophomore Success: Engaging the ‘Invisible’ Student,” discussed best practices on campus for engaging sophomores in learning and development so that the sophomore slump becomes a thing of the past. More than 3,000 student life professionals, faculty, and administrators attended the conference.

**Stephen Rankin**, professor of religious studies and campus minister,

has been endorsed by the Kansas West Annual Conference delegation as a candidate for bishop of the United Methodist Church. Election of bishops will take place at the Jurisdictional Conference in Dallas July 16-19.

Two **Southwestern College history faculty members** presented papers at the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., during March. The theme of the conference was “The Image of the Outsider.” **Phil Schmidt**, professor of history, presented “Woman as Outsider: Editors of the *New York Times* Fight Woman Suffrage, 1867-1920.” **Stephen Woodburn**, assistant professor of history, presented “Russia as Outsider: Nikolai Danilevsky on European Hostility and Russian Difference.”

**Jennifer Woodruff Tait**, professional studies affiliate faculty, presented a paper to the Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting at Duke University in March 2008. The title was “‘When the People Take Poison No More:’ Alcohol, Science, and Common-Sense Realism in the Methodist Eucharistic Grape Juice Debate, 1830-1900.”

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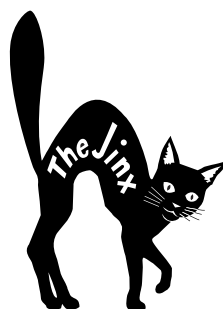
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