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Alex Gottlob '09 and his crew from Gottlob Lawn and Landscaping worked through the night to transform Stewart Field House for the Homecoming all-class banquet and campaign kick-off. More than 300 bags of mulch were used to support hundreds of plants and water features, and the 20-foot maple will be planted on the SC campus as part of the Legacy Trees Campaign.

SECOND COVER

A prairie cabin pays tribute to Norman Hege. See the story on page 5.

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CORRECTIONS: We wish to express our sincere apologies for two incorrect entries in the Honor Roll of Donors for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009. The following individuals were misrepresented in their category of giving. Listed below are those individuals with their correct level of giving.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

On a blustery Saturday recently, the college dedicated the Norman E. Hege Education Center at the college's Moore Biological Field Station north of Winfield. You could say that the dedication of a modest log home in the middle of a pasture is hardly a big moment in Kansas. But the people who attended the dedication just couldn't stop smiling. That's because the event symbolizes great things that are happening at Southwestern.

Philanthropy. The Hege Education Center was made possible by a generous endowment gift from Keith and Elizabeth Hege of Tucson, Ariz. They started building the endowment in 2000, during the college's last big capital campaign. Now the first fruits of that endowment are being seen, but there will be more, many more, because endowments give forever.

Sustainability. The Center is the college's first "off-the-grid" facility. Its electricity is provided by a hybrid system that combines solar panels with a small wind turbine,

both of which charge a large bank of batteries that power the building. We'll learn from this project and put our knowledge to work across the college.



A world without boundaries.
Among the guests at the dedication were a group of Chinese educators from Huangshan University. They were in Winfield to sign a faculty and student exchange agreement with Southwestern. Their curiosity and enthusiasm for education were very evident, and it was fun to showcase for them the "hands-on" and active

approach to education that makes our college great.
We expect big things from our little house on the prairie!
Thanks for all you do for Southwestern.

Best regards,
Dick Merriman
Dick Merriman, President

ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



Last summer, as we looked to our students returning from break, there was an intense sense of uncertainty around Southwestern College. For several months we had been hearing forecasts of a new flu strain that could be deadly in the very age range concentrated on college campuses. The H1N1 virus (or swine flu, as it was originally called) was a topic that concerned SC personnel, our students, and their families.

We started educating students as soon as they moved in to take extraordinary precautions against sharing germs – signs were posted that encouraged handwashing and 'vampire' sneezing, students and staff alike were urged to isolate themselves if they felt ill, professors and students prepared to use our advanced technology resources to keep on track without being in contact with others.

As expected, the first two months of the fall semester have been marked by a higher-than-usual amount

of sickness. Our nurse's office has treated more students than usual suffering from colds and fever, strep, and yes, a few cases of H1N1 flu. Because we don't have facilities on campus to isolate students, we've encouraged these ill students to go home and separate themselves from the rest of the campus population. As soon as the vaccine is available (expected to be in early December) we'll have a free on-campus vaccination clinic.

Possibly because we've been so vigilant, we haven't had the debilitating epidemic many had feared. Students are much more aware that their actions in caring for themselves have an impact on the entire community. And for both of these things, we are thankful.

Sincerely,
Daniel L Falk
Dan Falk, Dean of Students

Southwestern College President

Dick Merriman

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Great Performances campaign kicks off

Southwestern College publicly unveiled its Great Performances Capital Campaign and announced plans to build Richard L. Jantz Stadium, a new athletic home for the Southwestern Moundbuilders and Winfield High School Vikings, during Homecoming 2009. President Dick Merriman made the announcement to a large gathering of alumni and friends during a Friday evening banquet in Stewart Field House.

The college also announced the national co-chairs of the Great Performances campaign: Richard Jantz '70, Lawrence; James Farney '53, Vero Beach, Fla.; Madeline '83 and Kenneth Norland, Winfield. Many other alumni and friends of the college are serving as volunteers in the athletic and performance arts facets of the campaign.

The Great Performances campaign began on July 1, 2008, and has focused, to date, on securing leadership commitments for the stadium project, for renovation of the college's Richardson Auditorium to create a new performing arts center, and for the college's endow-

ment and program budgets. Merriman announced that commitments for the campaign total almost \$8 million. The goal for the campaign, which will end on June 30, 2012, is \$25 million in current and deferred gift commitments.

The college announced that construction of the new stadium on campus will begin in early 2010, with the goal of having the stadium ready for competition for the fall 2010 football and soccer season. The stadium will be named for Richard L. Jantz, a 1970 graduate of Southwestern. (See related story, inset.)

"We have a lot of work left to do," Merriman said in announcing the campaign, "but we think that showing progress on the project, and showcasing the college and community leaders who have moved us forward, will mo-

tivate others to get involved and help us wrap this up. The college's alumni and friends have responded well. These pledges, combined with the \$1 million commitment from the Winfield public schools, will allow us to begin construction of the stadium in early 2010. The new stadium should be ready and waiting for the fall 2010 football season."

Superintendent of USD 465 Marvin Estes '66 said, "Southwestern College and the Winfield public schools have a long history of collaboration and partnering which has expanded opportunities for students and faculty in both organizations. The Great Performances Campaign will continue that effort offering students and teachers, patrons, and the



citizens of Winfield quality venues for learning, instructing, and enjoying sporting events, school and community events, and fine arts performances."

The other performance venue slated for improvement with campaign funds is the auditorium in the Christy Administration Building. The college is seeking gifts totaling a little over \$2 million to fund a complete renovation of the facility. The goal of the renovation, said Merriman, is to create a beautiful and well-equipped performing arts center that will properly support teaching, rehearsal, and performances, along with major lectures and convocations. No commencement date for construction has been set and fund-raising efforts are on-going, Merriman said.

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the campaign for Southwestern College

For more information on the Great Performances campaign, see www.sckans.edu/greatperformances.

Richard L. Jantz Stadium to be ready for fall 2010 sports

Next fall football will be played at Southwestern College in the Richard L. Jantz Stadium.

Naming of the new stadium was announced during the Great Performances campaign kick-off dinner during Homecoming 2009. Jantz, a 1970 graduate of the college, lives in Lawrence and is owner of Millard Management, a crop insurance company serving farmers across the region.

"We're very grateful for Rich's leadership in the stadium fund drive," said President Dick Merriman. "He not only made the lead gift for this project, he has been instrumental in building enthusiasm for the project and attracting other

donors. It's a pleasure to recognize his leadership and generosity."

A native of Cimarron, Jantz is a former member of Southwestern's Board of Trustees and has been enthusiastically involved in the fund raising for the stadium project.

During his years on campus he was a member of the tennis team, and co-founded the Beta Rho Mu fraternity.

The new stadium will be used by both Southwestern College and Winfield High School for athletic events including football and soccer, and community events that include the annual July 4 celebration and fireworks. Both schools schedule Commencement exercises in the stadium.



President Dick Merriman and superintendent of USD 465 Marvin Estes '66 turned over the first dirt of the new Richard L. Jantz Stadium during Nov. 14 groundbreaking.

Campus Players hope to name main stage for Callisons

Norman Callison put an indelible mark on the Southwestern College theatre department during years in which he was a student (learning from Helen Graham) and a faculty member (who co-founded dinner theatre at the college).

Now, SC's former and current Campus Players are determined to make the Callison name an indelible part of the arts facilities at Southwestern College.

A drive to raise \$100,000 to name the stage in the renovated main auditorium at Southwestern College for Norman and Roxy Callison has been started by their former students, and more than half the total needed was pledged during Homecoming weekend.

"This is the 40th anniversary of Norman's first class (Roxy was part of

that class), and the group that gathered at Homecoming decided it would be a fitting tribute to have the stage in the renovated auditorium permanently bear his name," Roger Moon says.

Renovation of the stage is one factor in the \$2.8 auditorium project that is part of the college's Great Performances capital campaign.

"We are hopeful that students, friends, community members, and anyone else who might have benefited from Norman and Roxy Callison's enormous impact on theatre in Winfield will want to participate in this effort," Moon adds.

For more information, contact Mike Farrell, vice president for institutional advancement at Southwestern College, at 620-229-6286.



Decades of Campus Players gathered Oct. 17 during a Homecoming 2009 reunion. The group marched in the Homecoming parade, reminisced about past performances, and determined to lead a drive to name the campus's main stage for Norman and Roxy Callison.

Helmer leads Builders to KCAC title (repeat x 30)

By Charles Osen '94

After 31 years of coaching cross-country and 29 consecutive Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference championships, it would be easy to lose a competitive edge.

Not if your name is Jim Helmer.

As he entered his 32nd year as head cross country coach at Southwestern, Helmer felt he might have his most talented team ever. However, for the first time in 30 years, some doubts from those outside the program started to arise.

SC began the season strong until illness took its toll on the men's team during the middle of the season. Then the Builder runners lost to a KCAC team in a race for the first time since the Jimmy Carter presidency. SC entered the KCAC championships as an underdog.

Coach Helmer's belief in his squads talent and ability prevailed, though, as SC won an unprecedented 30th consecutive title by 11 points.

"This was the closest in margin of victory in all the 30," Helmer says. "It was probably the most exciting because we were the underdogs going into the race. I was confident that if we got

healthy and ran like we were capable we would come out on top. I wasn't sure if we were 100%, though, after four of our top five got hit by the flu, one with the swine flu. To win this one was very gratifying."

Helmer's experience and knowledge led this victory as much as anything.

"I have gotten better with experience," Helmer says. "I am pretty careful of keeping track of what we do and how much mileage we do. I look back over several years of workouts and see what has been effective. I think I am smarter than I was. When I first started it was a high mileage time in practice. I have learned that we get better return by working smarter."

Helmer's success speaks for itself. His work has produced a total of seven



Alumni of Southwestern College's cross-country team gathered and signaled "30" to celebrate Coach Jim Helmer (front, left) as he won his 30th consecutive KCAC championship. Jim's son, Cory '99 is at far right of the front row. The photo at left shows the championship 2009 team.

NAIA national champions in men's cross country and track. Eighty-eight of his athletes have earned NAIA All-American status a total of 199 times, and 465 separate athletes have earned all-conference status during his tenure.

Helmer's greatest memory came at the 1982 national championships held at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. His team didn't qualify for the race but two individuals did – Steve Delano and Mike Lambing.

"Steve and Mike had disappeared from our sight as they ran the course," Helmer recalls. "Then a group of three appeared and two of them were ours. It is something I will never forget."

Within Helmer the fire still burns to win conference championships, groom terrific student athletes, and compete with the elite at the national championships. And yet with all of his success, the Lyons native doesn't gloat or brag about his amazing and seemingly untoppable accomplishments.

He and his wife, Deb (Settle) '71, have three children: Cory '99, Cassie Turner '03, and Ashley '10. A few years ago, Cory was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He had surgery and then a year's worth of chemotherapy. He has recovered and serves as a reminder of what's truly important.

"I have always been pretty grounded," Helmer says. "I didn't need a wake-up call but that certainly got my attention. You think things are going pretty good but they can change in a big hurry. We have been so blessed."

Helmer is a family man, a characteristic that spills over into his coaching. Many of his former runners e-mailed him recently wondering what was going on with this men's team. Former runners, some traveling from as far as Kansas City and Oklahoma City, traveled to be at the KCAC championship this year. Helmer, with a warm smile, says that those alumni spread all across the course to cheer and lend support to the SC team.

"It gave me chills," Helmer says. "We had a Builder huddle afterwards and we took pictures. They were a proud group of alumni. Cory got some runners from his era there. He told me that was the most fun and excitement he had experienced since running at SC. You can't replicate or duplicate what it means to be a Southwestern athlete and to have all those alumni there cheering us on and supporting us made it all the more gratifying."

And so Helmer continues, driven to succeed but not obsessed with it. And he has no plans of retiring anytime soon.

NEWS BRIEFS

Builders in Ministry

Theme for Builders in Ministry Week Feb. 22-25, 2010, is Worship as Passionate Theology. Keynote speaker and Parkhurst lecturer is Dr. Lester Ruth, professor of Christian worship at Asbury Theological Seminary. The workshops will focus on the creative aspects of worship and their theological integration. For more information see the Web site, www.sckans.edu/bim-week.



On national stage

The Roberts Brothers (including SC's Jeremiah Roberts, second from left) were a featured group at the mid-November Memphis national convention of the Church of God in Christ. This venue has sparked the careers of such performers as the Winans and other well-known groups.

Butler County 2+2

A new agreement between Southwestern College and Butler Community College will allow BCC graduates to transfer easily into Professional Studies degree completion courses.

"The partnership is designed to allow for maximum transfer of credit hours so that learners can transition seamlessly from pursuit of an associate's

degree into a bachelor's program," says Deb Stockman, director of marketing and new media for Professional Studies.

According to the agreement, all coursework presented by students who have attended Butler Community College will transfer to Professional Studies, with the exception of varsity athletics or courses identified by the first institution as developmental/remedial. Students transferring with an associate's degree from Butler Community College will not be required to take any further general education coursework if they have already completed English composition I and II as well as a college level math course. Learners will only be required to complete coursework in their chosen major plus any additional coursework needed to reach a minimum of 60 hours of upper division course work.

PS offers new public speaking course online

Southwestern College Professional Studies is now offering its course in public speaking online. The course is based on the long-time standard textbook *The Art of Public Speaking* and is the same speech course Professional Studies has been offering on ground. However, the latest edition of the textbook features a connection to modern software that allows learners to complete the course online.

"The unique nature of this program allows learners to upload their four required speeches to a central location where they can view and critique the speeches of other students and learn from each other," says course instructor Gary Rees.

Professional Studies honored by military magazine for second consecutive year

Military Advanced Education magazine has announced the selections for their 3rd Annual Guide to America's Military Friendly Colleges, and for the second year in a row, Southwestern College is among those to be honored. The competition drew hundreds of applications from across the nation, and only 60 schools were designated the most military-friendly.

"The college set a strategic goal to assist military personnel complete bachelor's and master's degrees nine years ago," says Southwestern College President Dick Merriman. "Because so many of our Professional Studies personnel have prior military experience, we feel we are uniquely qualified to work with those in all branches of the service. We understand the culture and

even the military acronyms." Military learners account for about 65% of Professional Studies' total enrollment, and each six-week session includes about 700 military/veteran learners. All programs are completely online, with no charge for transfer hours, no proctored exams and no application for admission fee. As with all Professional Studies learners, military personnel can take classes when convenient, and sit out sessions when needed.

Southwestern College Professional Studies transfers up to 64 hours of military training toward a bachelor's degree and will consider military training that has been evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) at the graduate level to count toward a master's degree.



Building for the Future

As a farmer and a pilot, the earth and sky were important to Norman Hege '64. "When I'm flying over farms I wish I was down there farming. When I'm farming and I see a plane fly over, I wish I was up there flying. I have a very good life," he told his family.

Norman died in a car accident in 1987, but an endowment established by Keith '56 and Elizabeth Hege has now ensured that he will be remembered by others who love the land. Flanked by Keith and Elizabeth, Norman's widow, Phyllis, cut a ribbon to open the Norman Hege Educational Center at Southwestern College's Floyd and Edna Moore Biological Field Station.

For nearly a decade students have studied an astonishingly diverse array of ecosystems at the 240-acre field station, from tallgrass prairie to the rock-bottom Dutch Creek. Faculty taught in the open air, and classes have taken shelter from the elements in an old barn on the property.

The Hege Center will change that.

The newly-constructed log cabin is a large classroom with access to power for light microscopes, overhead projectors, aquarium pumps, and other scientific instruments. Students can plug in their

laptops and work on reports just feet from where they are gathering data.

And the center is unique among the college's facilities: It is completely off the grid, generating its own power using solar panels and a wind turbine. Banks of batteries store up to 20 kilowatt hours of power, and are constantly being recharged by the renewable power sources. A composting toilet (underwritten by Kent and Sharon Olmstead) provides for sanitation needs.

This center, Keith Hege told about 60 guests at the ribbon-cutting, represents the Biblical mustard seed in the college's goal of sustainable living.

"We are planting a little green plant," he said, "and it will put down roots. And we will watch this little mustard seed grow into something that transcends the college."

Builders in the Building

The construction of the Norman Hege Education Center brought together the talents and contributions of many Moundbuilders: **Jeff Camp '82**, contractor for construction of the cabin. **Brian Robinson '05** and **Justin Cates**, Cates Supply, construction of wind turbine. **Alex Gottlob '09**, trees and landscaping.



Before us stands a simple log cabin, perhaps not too much larger than the sod houses that the early settlers might have built. Our hope is that this cabin will become an important nexus for the study of the ecology of the prairie landscape that surrounds us. But it means even more to us than that.

Now more than ever we need to reach out to the next generation to help them learn about the delicate interlocking nature of the prairie ecosystem and all of Earth's ecosystems. If there is one idea that all of my ecology students learn, it is that you can't change just one thing. All life is interconnected. All actions are inter-related. In one sense this lesson teaches us some terrible truths about the devastating environmental impacts that have been produced by some of our species' foolish missteps. But from this idea also comes hope, a hope that small changes for the good can result in an interwoven cascade of effects with far-reaching consequence for the betterment of our home and the species that we share it with. Small changes like the building of this cabin.

(Excerpted from remarks by Patrick Ross, head of the Division of Natural Sciences)



(top) Phyllis Hege, widow of Norman E. Hege, cuts the ribbon to the new Norman E. Hege Education Center on Nov. 14 (top). Shown are (l. to r.) Dean Andy Sheppard, Elizabeth Hege, Phyllis Hege, Keith Hege, and President Dick Merriman. (center) Phyllis Hege and Ginger Hege '84 share a moment with Sharon Olmstead at the education center dedication. Banks of batteries store energy generated by photovoltaic panels and a wind turbine.

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of Homecoming 2009,
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Football



A 34-21 win over Bethany brought a purple-clad crowd to its feet for the first Moundbuilder win of the 2009 season. This was the final Homecoming game played in Sonner Stadium (see *page 3* for complete story).

Homecoming Royalty

Nathan Morrison and
Lindsey Knak reign
over Homecoming
festivities.



Parade





The south patio of the Roy L. Smith Student Center became an impromptu chapel for Saturday worship.

Worship



Alex Gottlob and his crew created a garden setting for the Friday night banquet. Madeline and Ken Norland (*above at right*) are co-chairs of the Great Performances campaign that kicked off following the dinner. *To see award winners, turn to page 9.*



Roxy Callison (*below in the parade*) was on hand for the Campus Players reunion (*see page 3 for complete story*).



Nine Lives improv (*top*), Southwestern Singers (*below*), choir, orchestra, and band music turned the spotlight on performing arts.





ALUMNI NOTES

1940s

Jane Lee (Marsh) '45 and **Worrall Clift** are celebrating 65 years of marriage in 2009. Their children, Marsha, Gary, and **David '85**, hosted an anniversary party at Winfield First United Methodist Church on Nov. 21, 2009.

Genevieve Newton '47 is bell director at the First United Methodist Church in Castle Rock, Colo. She has also directed choirs in Denison and Clarinda, Iowa, and in Palmer Lake, Colo.

Lloyd '49 and **Alice (Johannes) Miller** of Winfield will celebrate 65 years of marriage on Dec. 14, 2009.

1950s

George Weber '50, an admissions counselor at Southwestern during 1951-52, and a retired Methodist minister, also spent 14 years in retirement (about six months a year) volunteering in the Holy Land, England, Italy, Greece, and Austria, for the Florida non-profit travel company, Educational Opportunities. He has had four years of declining health (including four heart surgeries two years ago), and is now in a skilled nursing facility in Fresno, Calif. He continues to have a sense of humor and his dementia is one that is pleasant, and easy for the family to deal with and actually enjoy.

John '57 and **Linda Ryan** have temporarily relocated from Dallas to Colorado Springs so that he can attend

Bible College. He took his first year of study via correspondence and is now two weeks into his second year. The third year is an apprentice program. They are retaining their home in Dallas.

Bena (Brewer) Harper '58 had her mystery, *Murder in Morrill*, published by Avalon Books. Morrill is the name of the building at Oklahoma State University where Bena had her office.

Wayne and Shirley (Reed) Kenyon '58 '58 met at Southwestern in the fall of 1955, fell in love, and eventually married. In July 2009, they celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. They have spent the 53 years in ministry, both pastoral and on the mission field, where they were with OMS International for nine years serving in Ecuador. Presently, Wayne is the pastor of counseling at Grace Community Church in Arlington, Texas.

1960s

Glenn '60 and **Lucy Combs** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 23, 2009, with a trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Glenn and Lucy are the parents of **Troy Combs '01**.

Bill Duckworth '65 officially retired in September 2009 after 27 years with Lockheed Martin/United Space Alliance at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. He worked at the Shuttle Launch Pad (Complex 39) with safety operations. **Ed and Jeannine (Lentz)**

Faith Callahan: Celebrates 105 in style

Faith (Chappell) Callahan '26 celebrated her 105th birthday Oct. 22 by taking a spin on a Harley with her financial adviser. In June Faith was honored at the 2009 United Methodist Pacific Northwest Annual Conference for her years of ministry as a lay church leader. She's also a published writer, with writing skills that complemented the photography skills of her late husband, Bill, during his 40 years as a United Methodist minister. She is the senior-most resident of Wesley Homes in Woodinville, Wash. Find an account of Faith's summer spent as a Forest Service Lookout at [www. Wesleyretirementresources.com](http://www.Wesleyretirementresources.com).



Foster '66 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 4, 2009. Ed retired from Southwestern College as professor emeritus in 1990 and Jeannine retired from USD 465 as an elementary school teacher. The couple celebrated the occasion earlier in the year with a trip to Albuquerque to see the balloon festival.

Cindy (Batt) Goertz '66 '92 recently received the Governor's Award of Excellence on Main Street Community Award, recognizing her commitment to the organization and to the Winfield community as Winfield Main Street Design Committee Chairman. Cindy is the wife of **Vernon Goertz '66** and mother of **Kelle (Goertz) Thompson '06**.

Merle Sharick '68, a certified mortgage banker, is the head of business development activities for LexisNexis in mortgage/real estate and was recently selected to the 2009 *Who's Who in Finance and Business*. Earlier this year, he was called as an expert to testify before the House of Representatives Financial Services Committee on mortgage fraud, which was televised on C-SPAN. His wife, **Cheryl (Easterday) '68**, received her master's degree in elementary education from Walden University in August 2009.

Bill H. Stephens '69 retired after 23 years as manager of electronic communications with the City of Topeka. He managed the city Web site, city e-mail system, and all internet traffic. Bill was director of the news bureau at Southwestern in the early 1970s. Bill and his wife, LeAnn, will be spending more time with their part-time photography business in Topeka.

1970s

Brenda (Ball) Zeborowski '74 retired as professor emeritus after 30 years as professor of HPER (health, physical education and recreation) at Joliet Junior College (America's older community college). She is now coordinator of the JJC Fitness Center and is a certified private pilot. She and her husband, Jerry, a retired police officer, live in Channahon, Ill., with their beloved beagle, Divot.

Jim Banks '75 recently received a Kansas Leadership Forum Leader-Full Community Award. The award honors individuals who have done outstanding work to advance the cause of 21st Century servant leadership and helped make Kansas communities more leader-full. Jim is the husband of **Robbie (Gilger) Banks '72**.

LaMar Burks '79 and **Dr. Rodney**



BIRTHS

A daughter, McKenna Paige, born Oct. 12, 2009, to **Jeff '92 and Tracey Dexter**. McKenna has two sisters, Kelsey (3) and Veronica (18).

A daughter, Rachel Fu Shen Lenz, adopted by **Steve and Joy (Hathaway) Lenz '94**. Rachel was born Nov. 23, 2007, in Guizhou Province, China, and joined her family Sept. 14, 2009. Rachel is welcomed by sister Katherine Guo Dan (5).

A daughter, Esther Anne, born Nov. 3, 2008, to **Tim and Marlies (Buchmueller) Lamer '98**. Esther has a sister, Naomi Christine, born February 2007. Her uncles are **Daniel Buchmueller '01** and **Nathan Buchmueller '10**.

A daughter, Emma Grace, born Sept. 5, 2009, to **Shane and Sara (Montgomery) Batchelder '99, '99**. Emma has a sister, Claire (5).

A daughter, Lucia Violet, born Aug. 14, 2009, to **Justin and Elizabeth (Kramer) Chalen '01**. Lucia has an older sister, Savannah.

A son, Marcus, born March 9, 2009, to **Todd '02 and Heidi McAtee**.

A daughter, Reese Laura, born May 8, 2009, to **Sid and Sarah (Pfannenstiel) Mohr '02**. Reese has a sister, Emily Reed (1½).

A son, Rylan Walker, born June 7, 2009, to **Patricio and Crystal (Goering) Reyes '02**. Rylan has an older brother, Alex.

A daughter, Erin Esle, born Sept. 8, 2009, to **Zach and Mika (Reed) Gray '03**.

A son, Caden James, born Sept. 11, 2009, to **Sarah (Kimball) Dancer '04**.

A son, Bennett Tiger Givens, born April 22, 2009, to **Brian and Amy (Tiger) Givens '04, '04**.

A daughter, Makenzie Marie Beneke, born Feb. 12, 2009, to **Jarod Beneke '06 and Natasha Avila**.

A daughter, Emma Nichole, born Jan. 29, 2009, to **Robbie and Stephannie (Pringle) DeLong '09, '07**.

A daughter, Haylee Michelle, born March 1, 2009, to **Wade and Amanda (Albert) McCorgary '07**.

A son, Daegan A., born Jan. 21, 2009, to **Lance and Leslee (Bennett) Patterson '07, '07**. Moundbuilder relatives include a grandmother, **Patricia Bennett '98**; aunts **Arvilla Bennett '02** and **Amanda (Bennett) Baker '05**; and uncle **Ross Baker '05**.

A son, John P., born Aug. 22, 2009, to **Brian and Ashley (Findley) Robinson '04, '09**.



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Clark '81, have recreated their historical high school football history by making a video documentary depicting the rich championship football history of Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Okla. Burks, with his incredible knowledge of the school's football history, was the producer and Clark was the video coordinator. The video includes footage of previous title teams, players that have played in the national football league, and segments of the years of segregation/integration and the impact on the school and community. Local observers state that watching this video should be a prerequisite for incoming freshmen football players, and should also be included in the school's history curriculum.

Rick Peterson '79 was recently named the 2008-2009 Small College Coach of the Year by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Rick is the head coach of the Texas A&M-Kingsville men's basketball team. He led the Javelinas to a 19-11 record and an NCAA Division II regional tournament appearance this year. This is the third time Rick has earned a Coach of the Year honor.

1980s

Craig Anderson '82 was recently promoted to president of regional banking for UMB Financial, UMB Bank's holding company. Craig has been with UMB Bank for 24 years and has been in charge of the bank's operations in Kansas and Oklahoma. In his new position, Craig will have oversight of the \$8.3 billion bank's operations in Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. This new role

will take Craig from overseeing 24 branches in two states to about 80 in five states. Craig is the husband of **Susie (Leggett) Anderson '85** and the brother of **Jeffrey Anderson '83 '91**.

Ron Richardson '83 recently joined Raymond James & Associates, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC. Ron, along with a partner and a service associate, formed Vista Investment Partners in Oklahoma City. The team will focus on providing comprehensive financial planning to a broad range of clients.

Callie (Gaede) Seaton '86 has her art work on display through Nov. 24 at Watermark Books & Café, Wichita. The exhibit, "The Abstract Approach: New Work," features paintings of natural and man-made subjects using inventive color and abstraction.

1990s

Tim Bob Kitsmiller '90 was recently named the marketing manager for Sunheat International, the manufacturer of the original Sunheat Infrared Heaters, after a decade in advertising sales. This new position allows him to use his experience in advertising and his creative talents to produce advertising on a local, regional, and national level.

Paul McDonald '91 has joined Waddell & Reed as a financial advisor in the Overland Park area. In his new position, Paul will help develop customized financial plans, recommend investment strategies, and counsel clients throughout the area.

Stephanie (Drennan) Hoberecht '92 married Brad Valdois on June 19,

Athletic Hall of Fame



New members were inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Nov. 7. Shown (l. to r.) are inductees Wylie Smith '51, Lori Green '86, Denise (Allen) Mobley '93, Kyle Wollenberg '99, Donald Carter '98, and Steve Savarese '78.

2009. The couple lives in Carl Junction, Mo.

Linda (Rickard) Yearout '93 has opened a private practice, Hope's Place, at Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital in Wichita. Linda is a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist with more than 16 years experience in the field of mental health.

Stephanie Sharp Bruyn '98 has accepted a position as the director of community relations at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC), and she is also a new trustee on the Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees. Stephanie and her husband, Dan Bruyn, live in Lenexa with 1-year-old daughter, Anna Margaret.

2000s

Jonathan Conard '00 completed a Ph.D. in biology from Kansas State University in August 2009. His dissertation was titled "Genetic variability, demography, and habitat selection in a reintroduced elk population." He is currently employed as an assistant professor in biology at Sterling College, where he lives with wife, **Melissa (Strauss) Conard '02**.

Amy (Endorf) Grose '00 accepted the position of marketing manager of 66 Federal Credit Union, a full-service financial institution providing products and services to over 50,000 individuals and businesses. Grose has 14 years of banking experience and is working on her MBA.

Jeffrey N. Lowe '01 has become a member of the law firm of Stinson, Lasswell & Wilson, L.C., in Wichita. He has been with the firm since August 2005, and the effective date of partnership was Jan. 1, 2009. Jeff and wife **Brooke (Youle) '01** are the parents of two children, Avery Jane, (4) and Tucker George (1).

Heather (Jeffery) Roe '02 completed her residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Gloria Tham '02 received her Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Alabama in August 2009. She is now a member of the music faculty at Cowley College in the Humanities Department. She directs the keyboard studies program, teaches aural skills and music appreciation.

Stephanie Luna '04 is working towards her Ph.D. in psychology through Walden University. She works for Management & Training Corporation as a career transition specialist for Flint Hills Job Corps Center. She is also an online instructor of career management and general psychology for National American University and Hutchinson Community College.

Randall E. Mitchell '07 is currently serving in Iraq as an Army nurse, COB Speicher with 47th Combat Support Hospital.

Beth Parker '05 married Gary-Paul Robinett on May 30, 2009. They live in Overland Park where Beth is in her fourth year teaching preschool at McLouth Elementary School.

Shannon Cork '06 was married to Cody Poell on Oct. 3, 2009, in Lawrence. Shannon will graduate in May 2010 with a Pharm.D.

Tia DaNae Leach '05 and **Timothy Charles Benyshek '07** were married Nov. 1, 2008. The couple honeymooned in Branson, Mo.

Kendra Stonebraker '07 married Daniel Kontz on Oct. 17, 2009. Dan is the integration supervisor at Swift-Cor Aerospace in Wichita. Kendra works as a marketing specialist for Fidelity Bank, Wichita. The couple resides in Goddard.

Jeremy Ryman '07 and **Christy Glave '09** were married Aug. 1, 2009, at the Elkhart United Methodist Church. Jeremy serves as the technology specialist at USD 217 in Rolla and Christy just completed her nursing



Honored during the Homecoming banquet were Alumni Award winner **Jim Reed '64**, Young Alumni Award winner **Traci Lungren '04**, and Community Builder Award winner **David Seaton**.





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degree and is preparing to take her state boards.

Carmon Bliss '09 accepted a first grade teaching position at Spearville Elementary in Spearville Kan.

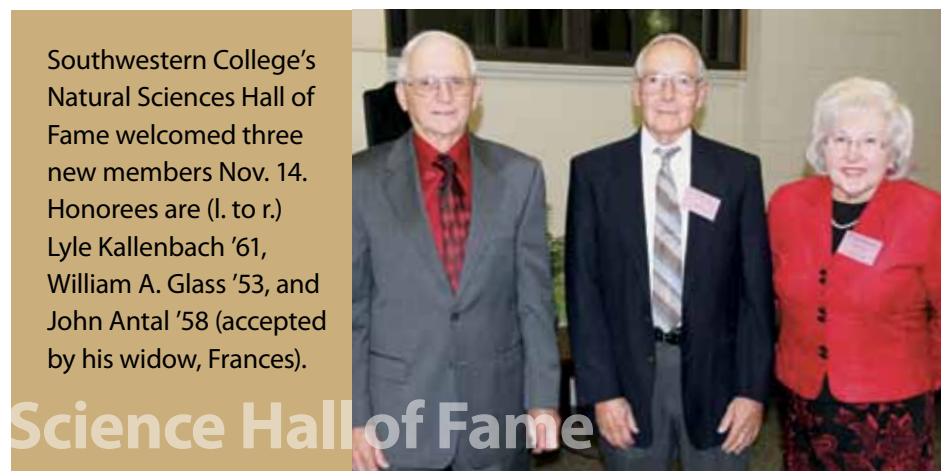
Aric Cherry '09 and **Melanie Robins '08** were married on June 6, 2009 at the bottom of the 77 Steps at Southwestern. They are spending the next 10 months in Shanghai, China, teaching English.

Anthony Cook '09 is the new sports editor for the *Parsons Sun* newspaper

in Parsons, Kan. Before taking this position, he was a staff writer for the Wellington Daily News.

Leonard Momeny '09, at Fort Rucker, Ala., was recently promoted to CW3 and is currently attending the US Army Blackhawk helicopter instructor pilot course.

Nick Mondero '09 recently entered Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry. NSUOCO is recognized as one of the nation's leading institutions in the education of optometric physicians.



Southwestern College's Natural Sciences Hall of Fame welcomed three new members Nov. 14. Honorees are (l. to r.) Lyle Kallenbach '61, William A. Glass '53, and John Antal '58 (accepted by his widow, Frances).

Science Hall of Fame



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Eugene Lowry: Lectures at Yale

Eugene Lowry '55 was guest lecturer at the 2009 Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School. His three-day presentation, "Keeping Time With the Word: The Sound of the Sermon," was presented Oct. 12, 13, and 14, to about 100 persons at each of the three sessions. Most were alumni of the Yale Divinity School. The Beecher Lectures on Preaching were started in 1872 at Yale Divinity School, and are the most prestigious lectures on the subject of preaching. A single presenter is invited each year by the Yale faculty. Watch the lectures online at www.yale.edu/divinity/video/convocation2009.shtml.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Troy Boucher, professor emeritus of English, presented the program "Henry Brown: Epilogue of a Caldwell, Kan., Marshall," along with PowerPoint photographs to the Sumner County Historical and Genealogical Society members and guests. In a Paul Harvey-style "Rest of the Story," Boucher shared articles, information and photographs about Brown, his family, his wife's family and new theories leading up to the reason for the bank robbery.

Tracy Frederick, associate professor of speech, presented at a competitive panel of the National Communication Association in Chicago. Title of the presentation was "Mosaics of Motherhood: Empowering Discourses of Stability and Change." Frederick was nominated by the Religious Communication Association and the Organization for the Study of Communication Language and Gender for Outstanding Dissertation of the Year.

Brenda Hicks, director of financial aid, was elected vice president of the Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. She will be in charge of the training provided at conferences including a two-day fall event and a full conference in April.

Deanna Johnson, affiliate faculty of education in Professional Studies, received an Achievement in Continuing Education award from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for completion of continuing education.

Jill Johnson, associate vice president for institutional advancement, graduated from GiftCollege as a Certified

Planned Giving Associate (CGPA). Johnson completed 50 credits of coursework and a final examination on charitable gift planning.

Roger Moon, professor of theatre and director of theatre, has been honored by the Region V Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) executive committee. Moon was recognized as the 2009 KCACTF Region V Teaching Artist of the year in directing. Moon's reputation and achievements as a teacher and a director were contributing factors in receiving the award, according to the KCACTF.

Karen Pedersen, vice president for Professional Studies, made several presentations recently: "Warriors as Adult Learners: Serving Military Students" at the WCET Conference in Denver, Colo., on Oct. 22, (this session was also streamed live); "Transparency by Design: Taking Distance Learning Accountability to the Next Level" at the Department of Defense Symposium in Atlanta on July 29; and "Transparency by Design: A Transformational and Innovative Approach to Providing Increased 'Consumer' Information" at the ACHE (Association of Continuing Higher Education) in Philadelphia on Nov. 16. Pedersen also served on the panel titled "Community College of the Air Force: Airman-to-Airman Education" at the Department of Defense Symposium in Atlanta on July 29.

Dawn Pleas-Bailey, vice president for student life, presented two conference sessions at the Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Conference at University of Central Oklahoma. The

sessions focused on research regarding the journey of women.

Teresa San Martin, affiliate faculty in education and director of elementary education in Maize schools, is author of "A School/University Collaborative Partnership to Empower At-Risk Students: Increasing Student Achievement Using Appreciative Inquiry," accepted for presentation at the 2010 AERA Annual Meeting. AERA received more than 10,000 submissions this year. The presentation is based on Dr. San Martin's dissertation, and her advisor, Dr. Raymond Calabrese,

now at Ohio State University, will be a co-presenter

Stephen Woodburn, associate professor of history, and **Phil Schmidt**, professor of history, presented papers at the Mid-America Conference on History, Oct. 1-3, 2009, in Norman, Okla. Woodburn's presentation was titled "Biological Determinism: Danilevsky's *Russia and Europe* in the Post-Soviet Era," and Schmidt's presentation was titled "U.S. Press Coverage of Woman Suffrage, 1867-1920: New York, Chicago, and Washington D.C. Newspapers Cover 'Votes for Women!'"



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Dorothy (Elliott) Trumbull '36 died Sept. 15, 2009. She was the widow of **Dr. Merlin Trumbull '35**.

Rachel (Bray) Daniels '40 died Oct. 4, 2009, at the age of 90. Rachel taught for several years at the junior high and high school levels. She taught French, Latin, and girls physical education. Survivors include her sister, **Velma June Vasey '49**, and her brother, Keith Bray.

Robert O. Downing '50 died on Aug. 15, 2009. He is survived by his widow, Florence.

R. Dwight Lee '50 died Sept. 11, 2009. Lee was a retired educator whose teaching career was spent mainly at Pleasant Valley schools in Wichita and the Vail-Eagle Schools in Colorado. He helped establish the first public school in Vail. Among survivors is his wife **Connie (Kerr) Lee '53**.

Robley Rhine '53 died Oct. 26, 2009. Robley began teaching English in Wamego and after teaching in high schools for three years in Kansas, he returned to Southwestern College to teach speech and coach debate for two years. In 1967, Robley earned a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. Later that year he was asked to develop a program in communication at the University of Colorado – Denver campus. He served as department chair and in later years as the assistant dean for the Division of Arts and Humanities, retiring after 27 years.

Rev. Dr. James H. Newton '57 died April 30, 2009. James was a retired clergy member of the Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church, having served as pastor, chaplain, and counselor. His lifelong dream was fulfilled with the confirming of the doctor of philosophy degree in 1998 at age 65. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dr. Geraldine New-

ton, and son Paul Newton.

Lloyd W. Zook '63 died March 7, 2009. Lloyd spent 18 years in court administration and then served as the executive director of several boys/ youth organizations. After his retirement from Goshen Valley Boys Ranch, he became the director of the Canton, Ga., Salvation Army Family Service Canter, the position he held until his death. Lloyd and his wife of 47 years, Ardith, were foster parents to 35 children in four states over a period of more than 30 years.

Judy Hainline '69 died Aug. 1, 2004, from complications of a lung transplant. Although she never smoked, she had, some years earlier, developed pulmonary fibrosis that resulted in a progressive scarring of the lungs. The only “cure” for this condition is a lung transplant. Unfortunately, her transplant was not successful. She is survived by her husband, Dallas Hainline.

Carol Lea Hobaugh-Maudlin '72 died Aug. 14, 2009. She began teaching at Cowley College in 1972 and retired 1999. Survivors include her husband Don Maudlin.

Tom McCarthy '75 died Sept. 7, 2009. McCarthy retired in 2007 from the Fayetteville, N.C., police department after 31 years as police chief. Before becoming chief at Fayetteville he spent 14 years as chief of the Gaston County Police Department and two years as chief in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Most recently McCarthy was serving as interim chief in Hope Mills, N.C.

Kathleen (Wilkerson) Liggett '85 died Sept. 22, 2009. Kathleen taught early childhood and elementary grades in the Winfield area, in Garden City, and for 14 years in Big Spring, Texas. Her greatest involvement was in the life of Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church where she served in a variety of

capacities. Kathleen’s survivors include her husband, Rev. James Liggett.

Ryan Dunlap '94 died March 5, 2009, at age 39. He was a popular athletic trainer at Great Bend high school and junior high, as well as a P.E. teacher at Great Bend grade school. The day after he suddenly died of a heart attack, the Lady Panthers basketball team defeated top-seeded Salina South to advance to the state tournament. They went on to two more upset victories to finish second-place at the state tournament in Topeka, and commemorated Ryan at their wins.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Louise M. (Reed) Burlingham died Aug. 14, 2009.

Daniel Cox died Sept. 12, 2009. Among survivors are his sister, **Jennifer (Cox) Merz '08** and brother-in-law **Andrew Merz '07**.

Tyler Juden died Sept. 12, 2009. Survivors include his parents, **Bob and Reatha (Bruner) Juden '84 '96**.

Janis (McPeek) Kreie died Sept. 23, 2009. Among survivors is her daughter, **Kitra (Kreie) Workman '65**.

Mark and Debbie Morrison, parents of **Nathan Morrison**, current Southwestern College student, and **Monica Morrison '05**, were killed in a car accident near Tonkawa, Okla., on Oct. 5, 2009. Another brother, Matthew, lives in Wichita.

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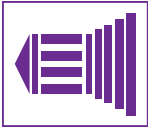
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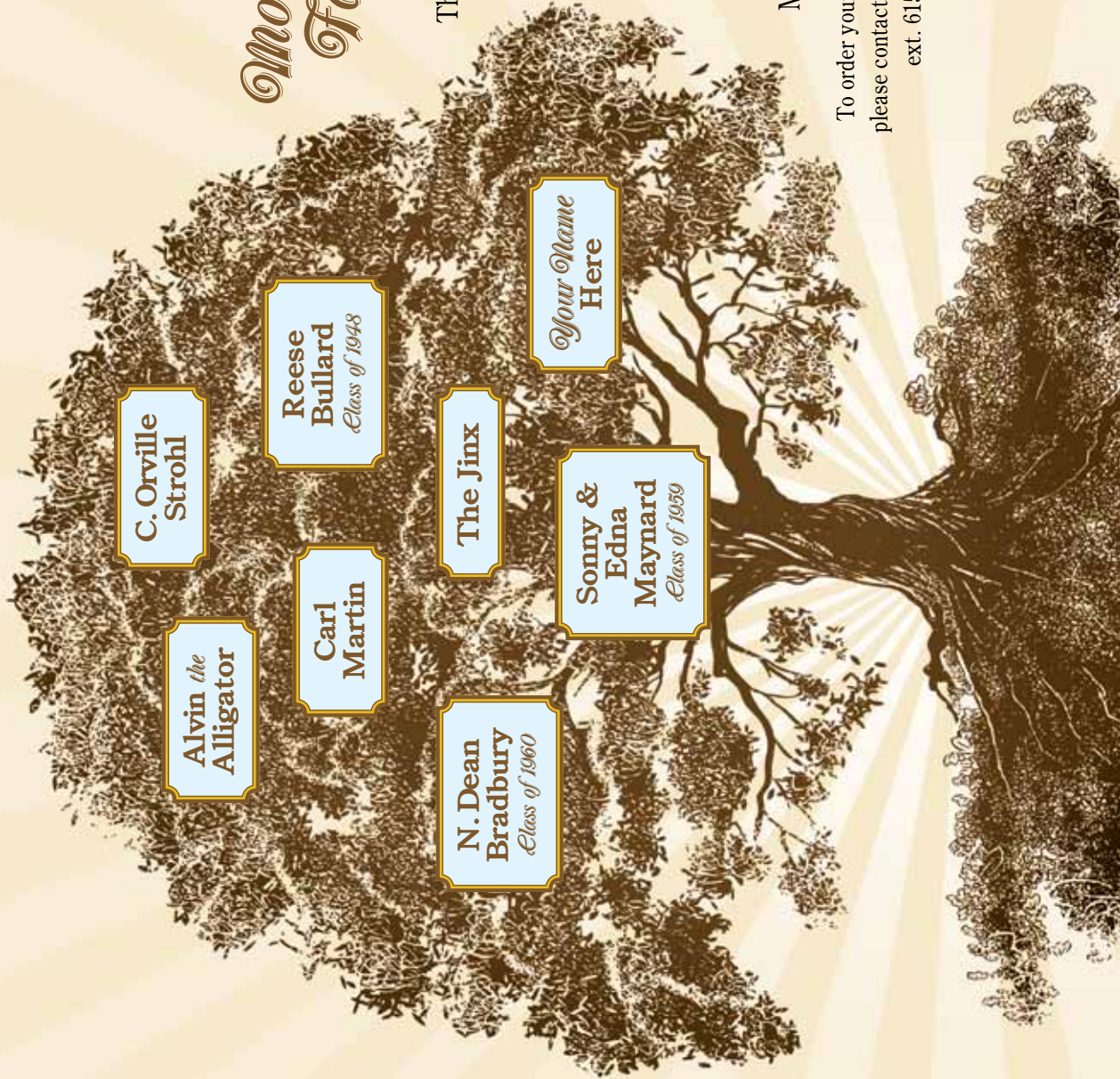


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