

# SOUTHWESTERN

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## *Progress, looking much like* **destruction**

*Sonner comes down  
to make room for  
new Jantz Stadium*



**S**onner Stadium stood for more than five decades, but was gone in less than a week.

Demolition began in January, and construction of the new Richard L. Jantz Stadium is on schedule despite an unusually snowy winter.



A huge boost to the project came when the Mabee Foundation issued a challenge grant of nearly \$1 million to complete funding of two facilities projects

of the Great Performances Campaign. See details on page 2 of this issue.



*I wonder why progress  
looks so much like*  
**destruction**

— John Steinbeck



# Mabee Challenge Grant Boosts Great Performances

The timing couldn't have been more perfect.

President Dick Merriman was midway through the January meeting with the SC Board of Trustees when word came: The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation had approved a challenge grant for \$959,000 to the college.

By meeting the challenge, SC donors can ensure funding of the two major facilities projects included in the Great Performances Campaign – construction of a new stadium and renovation of the college's main auditorium to create a performing arts center.

Under the terms of the challenge grant, Southwestern College has one year to secure pledges for 80% of the roughly \$4.8 million needed for the two projects. If the college's fund drive meets this goal, the Mabee Foundation will provide the final 20% needed to complete project funding.

"The math is pretty simple," Merriman said. "We currently have cash and pledges totaling \$2.6 million for the two projects. We need additional commitments of \$1.3 million to reach the 80% mark and claim the challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation to complete funding for the projects."

The college is accepting pledges payable over three to five years for the projects. "We don't need to have cash

in hand to meet the Mabee Foundation challenge," Merriman noted, "just firm pledge commitments from individuals and organizations."

Headquartered in Tulsa, Okla., the Mabee Foundation assists religious, charitable, and educational organizations in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New

The facility will host athletic contests for Southwestern College and Winfield High School, Commencement exercises for both schools, and other community events.

The second performance venue slated for improvement with campaign funds is the auditorium in the Christy

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— Dick Merriman, *President, Southwestern College*

Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Recent Mabee Foundation grants to Southwestern College have supported the construction of the Beech Science Center and Mabee Laboratories, and the renovation of Mossman Hall.

The college's new stadium, to be named for leadership donor Richard L. Jantz, will have a synthetic turf playing surface for football and soccer and a new eight-lane oval for track events. ADA-compliant home grandstand seating for 3,000 and visitor seating of 600 will be built. The stadium will include a press box complex providing accommodations for coaches, broadcasters, and game administrators. Restrooms and a concession stand facility will be built at the south end of the stadium.

Administration Building which will be renovated to create an up-to-date performing arts center. 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. The renovation will include a box office, ADA-compliant seating, new seats, production and technical areas in the rear of the hall, a reconfigured hall to improve acoustics, and significant improvements for staging and production of concerts, plays, and lectures.

"We have 12 months to reach our goal, and we'll need help from everyone who loves Winfield and loves Southwestern," concluded Merriman.

For more information on how to make a donation, and to learn more about naming and memorial opportunities, contact Mike Farrell, vice president for institutional advancement, at (620) 229-6286.

## Up and Running

Check out SC Athletics' new Web site. Click the "Athletics" button on our homepage or go to [www.buildersports.com](http://www.buildersports.com).

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**Southwestern College President**  
Dick Merriman

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# Founders Day Activities Set



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HALLS OF FAME

Southwestern College will honor new inductees of five halls of fame over Founders Day weekend April 16-17.

## Friday, April 16

**Leaders in Service Hall of Fame for the Social Sciences:** Billie A. Day '60, Lyman S. Johnson '28, Hon. C. Darnell Jones '72.

## Saturday, April 17

**Fine Arts Hall of Fame:** Dennis P. Akin (SC instructor 1958-67), Norman D. Callison '63, Gayle C. McMillen '71.

**Business Hall of Fame:** Brad A. Bennett '73, Roger D. Crossman '92, William T. "Bill" Seyb '65, Bruce Schwyhart (Business Builder Award).

**Educators Hall of Fame:** Thomas G. "Tom" Mundinger '72, Clinton C. "Trilly" Trillingham '21, Lois J. (Dryden) Vasey '49, and Kimberly I. "Kim" Mercer '86 (Marilyn McNeish Award for Special Education).

**Scholars Hall of Fame:** Randall L. "Randy" Duncan '77, John W. "Jim" Ward '50.

Other Founders Day events include an art exhibit by Dennis Akin, a theatre production of *Anton in Show Business*, and the spring concert for A Cappella Choir and SC Jazz Band. Alumni and friends are invited to attend all of the Founders Day weekend activities. For more information and reservations, contact [susan.lowe@sckans.edu](mailto:susan.lowe@sckans.edu) or 620-229-6334.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hot Off the Press

It's official: The first book has been published by the Southwestern College Academic Press. *Belarusian Jewish Writers of the Twentieth Century: Origin, History, Discourse, and Biographies* was written by Zina Gimpelevich, a board member of the Center for Belarusian Studies.

Established in 2005, the SC Academic Press will publish peer-reviewed manuscripts submitted in disciplines associated with traditional liberal arts courses of study. Dean Andy Sheppard is director of the press.



will conduct a Distinguished Concerts International New York presentation in the Isaac Stern Auditorium. Member of the A Cappella Choir will be part of a massed choir that will perform Mozart's *Vesperae solennes de Confessore*, K. 339, on Friday, March 19.

### Mark Your Calendar

The dates for Homecoming 2010 are Oct. 1,2,3, and reunion classes will be years ending in 0 and 5.

### Practice Pays Off

Southwestern College will be well-represented in Carnegie Hall over spring break.

Daniel Stevens (*below right*) and his brother, Phillip Stevens (*left*), will be accompanied by pianist Tim Shook (*center*) in a duo viola recital in Weill Recital Hall Tuesday, March 16. Daniel Stevens is director of strings at Southwestern, and Shook is chair of the division of performing arts. The three will be premiering a specially-commissioned piece by Christopher Schmitz, SC assistant professor of music.

That same week director of choral music David Gardner



### Dan Daniel

65, Southwestern College professor emeritus, died Dec. 13, 2009, at Edgewood, Ky. He taught English literature at SC for 29 years until retiring in 2008. Dan was an early supporter of "Jan Term" at Southwestern, and was the originator of the unique Integrative Studies program. This interest in interconnectedness of fields of knowledge led him to found (with Reza Sarhangi) the Bridges Conference on connections between mathematics and art. Survivors include his daughter, Rachel Daniel Green.

"One of Dan's most significant contributions to the college was his leadership in the Integrative Study program," says Troy Boucher, Dan's colleague in the English department. "It was a unique way of bringing to first- and second-year college students the understanding of the connections and inter-relatedness of all disciplines."

## 1930s

**John Grover '30** celebrated his 104th birthday Nov. 3, 2009. He lives with his wife, Sandra, in Liberal.

## 1950s

**Duane Harms '53** baptized three great-grandchildren Oct. 18, 2009: Isaac, son of **Molly (Harms) Armijo '03**, Micah and Jonah, children of **Mary (Harms) Lee '08**. Grandparents of the three are **David Harms '81** and **Teresa Myatt '81**. Other great-grandparents include **Shirley (Bailey) Coad '53**, **Glayda (Toothaker) Wilcoxon '57** and **Jerry Wilcoxon '59**.

**Val Cheatham '55** was recently awarded the Citation of Merit for Exemplary Service Class of 1958 from McPherson College, in recognition of his published works of books, plays, operettas, short stories, informational articles, and cartoons.

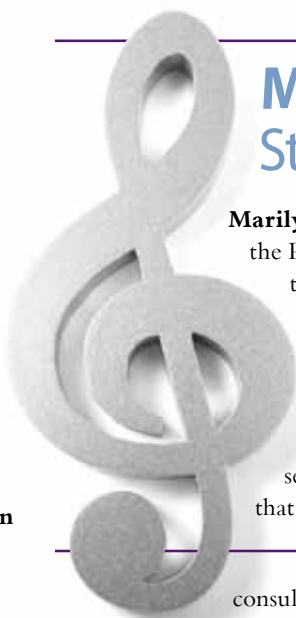
**Ed '59** and **Sharon Horton** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 6, 2009.

## 1960s

**Bruce Birch '62** retired July 1, 2009, after 38 years on the faculty of Wesley Theological Seminary and 11 years as dean. He has been named dean emeritus and special assistant to the president in a



Bruce Birch



## Marilyn McNeish: Standout Symphony Supporter

**Marilyn (Powers) McNeish '54** became the third person ever to receive the Robert G. Braden Award in recognition of her uncommon service to the Wichita Symphony. Marilyn has been a symphony board member since 1976, and was appointed to the executive committee in 1984. Over the years her service has included hosting the entire orchestra in her home for dinner before a concert, and underwriting (with her husband, George) the appearance of one of the world's leading oboists during the orchestra's 50th anniversary season. The McNeishes also purchase 10 season tickets each year so that students of Southwestern College can attend the symphony.

consulting relationship with the seminary. In

addition, the school named its new residence hall in Washington, D.C., after him - Bruce C. Birch Residence Hall was dedicated on Oct. 27, 2009. To keep him busy in retirement, Bruce is part of the translation team that is working on a new translation of the Bible to be called the Common English Bible, slated for publication in 2011.

**Ron Andrea '68** recently had a showing of his artwork "Dramatic Watercolors," in an art show at Windemere Art Gallery in Mechanicsville, Va.

**Phillip Dudley '68**, president of Hastings College since 2000 and economics professor for nearly 40 years, has announced plans to retire from the presidency effective July 2011. Phillip and wife **Donna (Norden) '70**, will move to Omaha following his retirement where he will work for the Hastings College Foundation. This group manages the college's fund raising and alumni activities.

**Don Hapward '68** attended the Bill of Rights Institute's seminar at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene titled "Presidential Power: Constitutional Theory" Oct 26-27, 2009. This seminar was sponsored by the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation.

**Russel Adams '67** is semi-retired and doing oil field consulting out of Evanston, Wyo. He and wife Yvonne are the grandparents of a baby girl, Hazel Marin Jeffrey, born Dec. 9, 2009. Proud uncle is **Bruce E. Adams '88**.

## 1970s

**Jim Helmer '71** received the CornerBank's Community Cornerstone Award for the month of November. Helmer is in his 32nd season as cross country and men's track coach at Southwestern College. His work has produced a total of seven 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. In the fall of 1991, Helmer was honored with induction into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame and in 2001, he was inducted into the NAIA Cross Country Hall of Fame. Jim is the husband of **Deb (Settle) '69/'71**, father of **Cory '99** and **Cassie Turner '02/'08**, and brother of **Ronald '70** and **Lynette St.Vrain '76**.

**Rich Wigstone '71** has reunited with his band mates from the '70s to form The Willing. They recently released their debut CD, "Unfinished Business." Rich and the band can be found at [thewillingband.com](http://thewillingband.com) and on Facebook.

**Mike McCarthy '76**, a professional football scout with The Montreal Alouettes for the past two seasons, announces their winning of the coveted Grey Cup — the pinnacle of Canadian football success. This marks the fourth Grey Cup win for Mike. He has spent 22 of his 30 years in professional football north of the border. It was his eighth time in the Grey Cup final. A member of the Moundbuilder Athletic Hall of Fame, Mike



has previously won the Grey Cup in 1986 with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, in 1991 with the Toronto Argonauts, and in 1999 with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. McCarthy resides with his wife **Robin (Tietze) '76** in Stoney Creek, Ontario.



**Doug Gilbert '78** completed the Doctor of Business Administration degree program at the University of Phoenix in December 2009. In November 2009, he was reelected to the city council of Castle Pines, North, Colo. He currently serves as the chair of graduate business at the University of Phoenix, Colorado campus.

## 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) '85** and the brother of **Jeffrey Anderson '83/'91**.

**Lori Williams '86** was recently promoted to director of operations for the Social Security Topeka Office of Disability Determination. The office has 150 employees and is responsible for assisting disabled Kansans in receiving their benefits through the Social Security Administration. She is the daughter of **Patricia Williams '93** and **Larry R. Williams '60**.

## 1990s

**Danny Lara '91** is the communications director for the Jerry Moran Campaign for the Kansas U.S. Senate position.

**Robert "Don" Gifford '93**, a federal prosecutor in Oklahoma City, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves JAG Corps and has also been

appointed to serve as a judge for the Kaw Nation tribal courts.

**Libby and Heath Perry '93** were married Oct. 24, 2009. They reside in Columbus, Kan.

**Carmen (Doramus) Shaffer '98** is the recipient of the National Federation of State High School Associations Volleyball Official of the Year award for the state of West Virginia.

## 2000s

**Shane Alford '01** graduated from the Wichita State University physician assistant program on July 31, 2009, and passed his certified boards in early August. Shortly after that, he began working for Orthokansas in Lawrence.

**Erin Rankin '01** married Brian Jewell on March 7, 2009, in Frisco, Texas. She was recently appointed to a year-long educators' panel for the Dallas Museum of Art, where they are revamping the museum's online curriculum.

**Marathana (Furches) Prothro '03** recently joined the staff of Hesston College as director of marketing and communications.



## BIRTHS

A son, Parker James, born Oct. 3, 2009, to **Wendell Riley '06** and **Ashley Helmer**. Grandparents are **Jim '71** and **Deb (Settle) Helmer '71**.

A son, Andrew Miles, born June 2, 2009, to **Brandon '95** and **Rebecca (Swenson) O'Brien '95**. Andrew has a big brother, Cody (3).

A son, Hayes Thomas, born Jan. 2, 2010, to **Brian '96** and **Kristen (Martin) Pettet '98/'02**. Grandparents are **Tom '68** and **Candy (Batt) Pettet '68**.

A daughter, Charlotte, born May 4, 2009, to **Molly (Schulte) '99** and **Sean Novosad**.

A son, Olin Michael, born Jan. 7, 2010, to **James '01** and **Amy Govert-Larson '01**. Olin has a brother, Alton James, born September 2007.

She will complete a master's degree in communication in May 2010 at Wichita State University. Marathana is the wife of **Brett Prothro '02**.

**Bret Bement '05** and his fiancée, Hannah Koppelberger, were part of a biological team that traveled to Panama over the Christmas holidays to study the conservation of several species of frog. The couple plans to marry on April 29, in Front Royal, Va.

**Joe Wood '05/'07**, and **Brae Johnson '07/'09**, were married on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2009. Joe is the current women's soccer coach at Southwestern and Brae is an AmeriCorps VISTA working at Southwestern with the Leadership team.

**Becky (Jarvis) Christner '06** finished her master's degree in journalism/mass communications in May 2008 and is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education.

**Katie Burrow '07** and Ryan Cody were married Nov. 7, 2009. They live in Tulsa, Okla.

**Sunni Sheets '07** and Curtis Goentzel were married in late September 2009 in a private, *Continued on page 6.*

A son, Christopher Wesley, born Oct. 8, 2009, to **Eric** and **Holly (Clayton) Rook '01**.

A daughter, Adalyn Lee, born Jan. 11, 2010, to **Spencer** and **Tessa (Ball) Duncan '01, '02**. Grandparents are **Craig '03** and **Diana (Hess) Duncan '93**; great-grandparents include **Jane (Gary) Duncan '46**.

A daughter, Haylie Ann, born Oct. 28, 2009, to **Ryan '02** and **Cassie (Helmer) Turner '08**. Grandparents are **Jim '71** and **Deb (Settle) Helmer '71**.

A son, Logan Eric, born Aug. 29, 2009, to **Ryan** and **Becky (Jarvis) Christner '06**. Logan has a brother, Ethan Patrick (2).

A son, David Tallon, born Nov. 24, 2009, to **Tallon '08** and **Jennifer (Crank) Mitchell '07**.

## ALUMNI NOTES

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outdoor ceremony. Friends and family joined them to celebrate at a reception Nov. 7.

**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.

**Andrew '08 and Jennifer (Cox) Merz '08**, Olathe, were recent winners of Community America Credit Union's Financial Makeover.

**Scott Morgan '07** and **Dani McCaulley '07** were married in Wichita Dec. 19, 2009. Scott is in his final semester of law school at the University of Tulsa and will graduate May 2010. Dani is in her third year of medical school at the University of Oklahoma.

**Kimberly Swartz '08** is a full-time seminary student working on her M.Div. at Saint Paul School of Theology while working as a student pastor just outside of Kansas City.

**Christy (Glave) Ryman '09** recently passed her nursing boards and is employed at the Morton County Hospital.

**Kate Topham '09** has been accepted into the Colorado State University Coordinated Program in Dietetics and will start her dietetic internship in August 2010.

**Matthew Webb '09** was recently hired as a firefighter for the Winfield Fire Department.

## NOTES ON FRIENDS

**Sue Jean Covacevich's** artwork is on exhibit at the Beach Museum of Art at Kansas State University. "Following the Sun: The Art of Sue Jean Covacevich, 1905-1998" will be on display until May 2. Sue Jean, a former art instructor at Southwestern College, died in 1998.

## DEATHS

**Leila (Shannon) Miller '27**, Kinsley, died Dec. 10, 2009. She was 102. Leila began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse and later taught at Fellsburg Elementary School. She lived most of her life in rural Edwards County.

**Garland M. Hattan '34** died Jan. 7, 2010. He was 97. He spent his career as a personnel director for the U.S. Postal Service. He was a charter member of East Heights United Methodist Church, serving as its first choir director, lay leader, and as a founding member of the Wichita East Shepherd Center. Family, church, and a love of the land were his passions. Garland received Southwestern's Alumni Recognition Award at Homecoming 2003. He is survived by wife, Freida, and two daughters, Diane Coughenour and Janet McIlvain.

**Rozella (Welch, Glenn) Jones '37** died Dec. 20, 2009. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Vivian C. Glenn, and is survived by her daughter, Maxine Barber, Wichita.

**Rozella Maxine (Welch) Jones '37** died Dec. 20, 2009. She was a homemaker who enjoyed music, crafts, and sewing.

**Dorothy (Wilson) Marvel '38** died Nov. 3, 2009 at age 92. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, **Victor Marvel '31**. Survivors include daughters **Cynthia Swanson '63**, **Judy Barrett '65**, Sara Townsend, and son-in-law **Orville Barrett '65**.

**Cecile B. "Cece" (Mossman, Fugit) Brewer '43** died on Nov. 16, 2009. She was a stay-at-home mom until her children were raised, then began working in outside sales with Swift & Co., then with L'Eggs Hosiery. She moved to Perry, Kan., in the early '80s and became involved in nutrition, and the ministry at a Christian retreat, Horse Creek Ranch. She is survived by son, Bill W. Fugit and family, and daughter Jacque R. Gharst and family.

**Dorothy (King) Eis '47** died Jan. 17, 2010. She worked at Boeing, taught school for 10 years and later served as the office manager for Winfield State Hospital and Training Center. Dorothy was an avid bowler and loved sewing and reading. Among survivors are daughters **Jeri (Eis) Carson '86** and **Nancy Eis '82 '02**; a sister **Vada Ruth (King) Tjaden '45**; and a brother, **David King '47**.

**Rev. Donald O'Hara '48** died Jan. 7, 2010. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church. He served as pastor for several churches and retired from the ministry in 1989. He also was known as "the puzzle man" and at one time he had 1,200 worked jigsaw puzzles displayed on the ceiling, walls, and floors of his home.

**Marvin Ross '48** died Oct. 26, 2009. Marvin served his country in three branches of the military. He taught with the Tulsa Oklahoma School System from 1946 to 1965 then entered higher education. He was an emeritus faculty member of the University of

Wisconsin-Whitewater, where he taught in the health, physical education, and recreation department from 1965 until he retired in 1989. He was a varsity swimming coach, and his team finished second in the NAIA Conference meet during his fifth year of coaching. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Ann, and three sons.

**Rev. George E. Weber '50**, died Nov. 9, 2009. George's survivors include his wife of 55 years, Wilma.

**Jack R. Amburgey '52** died Dec. 23, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and a daughter, Debra Phillips.

**Norman Harris '52** died Oct. 14, 2009.

**Dale Mason '53** died Oct. 30, 2009. He had spent 45 years in construction as an architectural draftsman, estimator, inspector, project manager and administrator. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Joann (Haun) '55**.

**Dennis Cooper '56** died Nov. 12, 2009, at age 75. He served in the Air National Guard. He is survived by sister-in-law, Janis, and nephew, Brian.

**Earl Grinnell '57** died Oct. 10, 2009.

**Glenford McDonald '57** died Jan. 9, 2010. He spent most of his career as a bulk plant oil field auditor, beginning at Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, in 1960, and later headquartering out of Colorado Springs, Colo. He audited territories all over the country, i.e., Montana and much of the northwest, Illinois-Kentucky, Western Slope

of Colorado and Wyoming. In November 1979, Glen was transferred to Minnesota where he took the early retirement offered by Conoco-DuPont in 1985. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Lucy, and two daughters, Dell and Pamela.

**Joan “Jody” (McGowan) Leland ’60** died Dec. 1, 2009. She taught at Valley Center High School where she retired in 1995. She is survived by her sister, **Betty (McGowan) Bradley ’51**, her brother, Ed McGowan, and several nieces and nephews, **Debra (McGowan) Ledford ’82**, **Paula Bradley ’78**, **Penny (Bradley) Fell ’87**, **Terri (McGowan) Pressnall ’83**, **Daniel McGowan ’79**, **John McGowan ’77**, **Phillip Bradley ’76 ’01**, and **Edward McGowan ’76**.

**Albert Wood ’63** died Dec. 1, 2009 from cancer. After graduating, he worked for Union Fidelity Life Insurance in Lincoln, Neb., and Manhattan. He later joined Allstate Insurance Company as a life and financial specialist. He is survived by his wife, Marcie, and sons Ty and Fritz.

**Gary Greer ’64** died Dec. 25, 2009. Gary worked for many years as a draftsman for the Office of City Planning in East St. Louis, Illinois. He retired in 2006 from the Cowley County sheriff’s department. Survivors include his son, Christopher Gardenhire, and sisters, **Joan (Greer) Baptista ’68** and **Kimberly Greer-Duru ’96**.

**Ron McCleary ’71** died of cancer on Dec. 15, 2009 in Oklahoma City. He was 63. Ron was a school teacher and administrator for 34 years, most recently at Community Elementary in Coffeyville, Kan. He was a member of the Southwestern College 1967 undefeated football team. He and his wife, Celeta, celebrated their

40th anniversary in July 2009. He is survived by Celeta and a son, Matthew.

**James York ’82** died Jan. 9, 2010. He worked as an emergency medical technician for Sedgwick County and later as a substitute teacher in Udall. He is survived by his wife, **Kris (Helmer) ’73**.



**Dr. Ginger (Cable) Senseman ’92** died Dec. 28, 2009, after fighting a year-long battle against inflammatory breast cancer, a rare aggressive form of the disease. Her death occurred one

day after her 40th birthday. Ginger was a pediatrician, and had founded her own practice, Salina Pediatric Care, on the principle of “friendly, exceptional care.” With kids, Ginger was patient and caring, but behind the scenes she was an unrelenting businesswoman and tireless advocate for quality care. She is survived by her husband, **Greg ’91**, her sons, William (11), and Samuel (8), her parents, **William “Jack” Cable ’67** and **Linda (Cash) Cable ’67**, and other family members.

**Leslyn (Allen) Thompson ’97** died Nov. 3, 2009. She was a social worker for the state of Kansas serving in the Wellington and Winfield offices for the last 12 years. Survivors include her husband, Charles.

**Jeff Rahm ’00** died unexpectedly on Dec. 2, 2009, from surgical complications. He had been a corporate bond analyst for the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. Jeff’s survivors include his wife, Michele; his father, Jim; his mother, Lynne; and an

uncle, **Tim Shook**, head of Southwestern’s Division of Performing Arts.

## DEATHS OF FRIENDS

**Lois Adams** died Nov. 12, 2009, after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband **Don Adams ’51**.

**Bill Carroll**, a former football coach at Southwestern in the 1950s, died Dec. 4, 2009. He and his wife, Carolyn, were invited to Homecoming 2007 as guests of the class of 1957, to thank him for the positive impact he had on the students he coached.

**Gladwin Chaffin**, 91, died Nov. 28, 2009. He had been an associate professor of piano at Southwestern.

**Eloise De Lay Hayes**, a generous donor to Southwestern College, died May 6, 2009. At the time of her death, Hayes was an emeritus professor of education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

**Madge Hebb** died Jan. 27, 2010. Among survivors is her son **Joe Hebb ’70**.

**Charles C. Lennen**, father of **Mike Lennen ’67**, died on Dec. 28, 2009.

**Joseph Mignone** died Jan. 29, 2010. Among survivors is his son **Lou Mignone ’77**.

**Jonathan Norland** died Jan. 18, 2010. He is survived by parents Ken and **Madeline (Magnusson) Norland ’83**.

**Elizabeth Nutter**, wife of Daniel Nutter (director of the Southwestern College Library from 1968-1986), died Dec. 8, 2009. She was the secretary in the education department at Southwestern in the 1970s and early 1980s, and was very active in SC and Winfield community arts while the family lived in Winfield. She is survived by her husband, a son, Charles Nutter, and daughter, **Margaret (Nutter) Wofford ’87**.

**Dorcas (Speer) Severance** died Dec. 30, 2009. Among survivors is a daughter, Sara Weinert, SC’s vice president for communications.

**Gene Somer** died Jan. 26, 2010. Gene enjoyed playing the trombone in Southwestern orchestra, band and jazz groups. He is survived by wife **Lois Ann (Ramsey) ’66**.

A black silhouette of a cat in a pouncing pose, facing right. The words "The Jinx" are written in white, stylized font across the cat's back. The background is a solid purple color.

**Do you have news?**

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## Window of Opportunity

We are excited to announce that the Mabee Foundation has approved a grant of almost \$1 million for the new Richard L. Jantz Stadium and the creation of a performing arts center in the Christy Administration Building.

To claim the Mabee Foundation's grant of \$959,000, the college's alumni, parents, and friends must meet a fund-raising challenge. We need to work together to commit to \$1.3 million in new gifts and pledges for the stadium and the performing arts center by January 13, 2011. That \$1.3 million, combined with \$3.6 million already committed, and topped off by the Mabee grant, will complete funding for both projects.

**We have a one-year window to succeed, so we need your help – now!** Fortunately, we don't need to raise \$1.3 million in cash by next January. The Mabee Foundation will let us "count" gifts and pledges. Southwestern is seeking both one-time gifts and three-to-five year pledges for the stadium and the performing arts center.

You can learn more about the stadium and plans to convert Richardson Auditorium into a performing arts center – and see a list of naming and memorial gift opportunities – by visiting [www.sckans.edu/stadium](http://www.sckans.edu/stadium) and [www.sckans.edu/auditorium](http://www.sckans.edu/auditorium). You'll be amazed by the plans and will instantly realize how valuable the arts center and the stadium will be for the college, our community, and our region.

For more information on how to make a donation, or to discuss naming and memorial opportunities and possible pledge and payment scenarios, please contact Mike Farrell, vice president for institutional advancement, [mike.farrell@sckans.edu](mailto:mike.farrell@sckans.edu), (620) 229-6286.

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