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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Dear friends,

People who lead organizations  
usually develop a saying or two that  
expresses their personal approach to  
the organization's work. Years ago  
I heard, and have now embraced,

this one: "The world doesn't want to hear about the labor  
pains. It just wants to see the baby." It's true. That's why I  
don't bother you with a lot of commentary about how hard  
the college's people are working or the challenges they  
must meet and overcome. They do work hard. Fine.  
That's the deal.

That having been said, I have given myself permission,  
just this once, to acknowledge the tremendous amount  
of hard and effective work that has been done by Karen  
Pedersen, the college's vice president for Professional Studies.  
During her 11 years at Southwestern, Karen has led the way  
as the college moved into online learning, built connections

with companies and the military, and began to offer graduate  
degrees to adult learners.

Enrollment at Southwestern has roughly doubled in the  
past decade, and a large share of that growth is attributable  
to the growth of our Professional Studies program. More  
important than an enrollment headcount is the increased  
regional and national relevance of Southwestern as we've  
learned to meet the needs of a wider variety of people,  
companies, or organizations.

Karen has accepted a new position at Northern Arizona  
University, where her husband, Mark, is a professor. We're  
sorry to see her go, but grateful for all she has done for  
Southwestern. She's a true Builder and we all wish her the  
very best.

### Best regards,

*Dick Merriman*

Dick Merriman, *President*

## ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



### Dear friends,

**My challenge:** It started as a ques-  
tion. President Merriman asked if  
I knew who the first African-  
American graduate of Southwest-  
ern College was. It did not matter

that the president already knew the answer, or that former  
SC archivist, Jerry Wallace, had unearthed the answer years  
ago. I became a Bold Moundbuilder Archeologist and dis-  
covered "the rest of the story." The life of Reverend Elijah  
Pilgrim Geiger is a captivating story of perseverance and  
determination.

**Elijah's challenge:** Born into slavery, he graduated  
from Southwestern College with honors in 1899. He was  
described as "one of the truest, most faithful and hard-  
working students that we have ever had." Over the next  
23 years, he established Methodist Episcopal congregations  
in small rural African-American communities throughout  
Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma.  
Without acknowledgment or recognition, he installed

churches where the poor sharecroppers, domestic servants,  
day laborers, and the unemployed resided; anywhere it was  
feasible, a home, school, abandoned building, log cabin,  
or even the bottoms (the least advantageous location). The  
challenge was to transform the undesirable into vibrant  
thriving communities.

**Your challenge:** Reverend Elijah Pilgrim Geiger died  
March 27, 1943, and was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery  
in Wichita. There is no headstone to mark his grave, just  
a barren piece of land. I challenge the Bold Moundbuilder  
Archeologist in you. As the college celebrates its 125th  
anniversary, will you assist the college in commemorating  
the life of this great man? On the back of this *Southwesterner*  
is information indicating how you can participate.

### Blessings,

*Dawn Pleas-Bailey*

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# College moves toward a green future

Southwestern College's emergence as one of the nation's most environmentally-responsible colleges has been underlined this spring by three college announcements: The institution was named to *The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges*, was selected as recipient of a free wind generator to be installed on campus, and will add a cross-disciplinary sustainability minor to give academic emphasis to this responsible lifestyle.

All of these reflect the college's mission statement, adopted in 2010, that commits SC to "live by and teach a sustainable way of life."

That viewpoint has been formally embraced by the college community since 2008, when President Dick Merriman made Southwestern a charter signatory of the American College and University President's Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). At that point the college completed a greenhouse gas emission inventory that now serves as a baseline for tracking the institution's energy consumption.

In August of 2008, Jason Speegle was hired as the director of Green Team Southwestern and given the task of launching a program that would transform Southwestern into a sustainable institution.

Since then the Green Team has become the college's fastest-growing activity (11 new members are expected to enroll in the fall) and is the public face of the college's sustainability efforts. That a well-known education services company (*Princeton Review*) included the college among its most environmentally responsible underlines that the school is moving

in the direction

"We were especially pleased by the inclusion in the *Princeton Review* list because being environmentally friendly has become such a priority for our administration, staff, and students. Southwestern is trying to become a model of sustainability and it is wonderful to be recognized for our efforts," Speegle says.

Created in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the green college guide is the only free, comprehensive guidebook profiling institutions of higher education that demonstrate a notable commitment to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation. Schools for this guide were chosen following a survey of administrators at hundreds of colleges, polled in 2010 about their school's sustainability initiatives.

Released on April 20, the guide has profiles of the colleges that provide application information plus facts, stats, and write-ups reporting on the schools' environmentally related policies, practices, and academic offerings. The free guide can be downloaded at [www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.aspx](http://www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.aspx) and [www.centerforgreen-schools.org/greenguide](http://www.centerforgreen-schools.org/greenguide).

By the time students return for fall classes, a visible symbol of the sustainability efforts will have been added to the campus landscape. Southwest Windpower chose SC to receive a free wind turbine through the Wind for Schools program instituted as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America program that began in 2006.



The Green Team tours the Flat Ridge Wind Farm near Medicine Lodge.

Tentative plans are to install the turbine on the east side of campus, where it will provide power for the new theatre tech building (formerly the Dixon Operations Center), Reid Hall and White P.E. Building. Cates Supply will install the turbine.

"We see this not only as an educational opportunity for our own students, but also as a teaching moment for everyone who drives past the college," explains Andy Sheppard, academic dean. "As high school students are on their way down Warren Avenue they'll pass this turbine, and it will remind them that energy alternatives exist."

More formally, educational opportunities will be provided to any student on the campus through the new sustainability minor that expands on an environmental studies minor established by Charlie Hunter and Larry Wilgers.

Biology faculty member Rick Cowlshaw has been instrumental in

developing the minor that moves sustainability at SC into the curriculum. He explains that the Sustainability and Environmental Studies minor is intended to get students to think about sustainability beyond recycling and energy, and about the philosophy of sustainability and how it exists in their own lives, and consequently, in society. "We are a great school to make that happen – we have the students here who want to make that happen," Cowlshaw says.





Faculty from several departments will be teaching in this minor. Although Speegle will teach several of the classes, this minor will be free-standing among the divisions, with classes taught by faculty in business, natural sciences, English, and other areas.

For more information on SC's sustainability efforts, contact Jason Speegle, [Jason.Speegle@sckans.edu](mailto:Jason.Speegle@sckans.edu), or Andy Sheppard, [James.Sheppard@sckans.edu](mailto:James.Sheppard@sckans.edu)

## Recyclemaniacs!

The results are in from the 2011 RecycleMania event and Southwestern College earned state wins in four categories. RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities.

Southwestern ranks #1 in the state of Kansas in the following categories:

-  **Grand Champion Division**, percentage of waste being recycled
-  **Per Capita Classic**, the amount of recycling collected per student at SC
-  **Cumulative paper recycled per person**
-  **Bottles and cans**, includes steel, aluminum, plastic, and glass

Southwestern finished in front of the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, and Johnson County Community College in each of the above categories.

SC also finished second in the Waste Minimization category and in the cumulative cardboard recycled per person. Complete results can be found at [www.recyclemaniacs.org](http://www.recyclemaniacs.org).

"The Green Team is trying to make it easy for students, faculty, and staff by placing recycling bins in convenient locations," says Jason Speegle, director of Green Team Southwestern. "We will try to keep changing and improving the recycling program in order to make it more convenient to recycle more. Our hope is that the SC family would make decisions that lead to less waste, such as using reusable coffee cups and water bottles in lieu of disposable ones and not printing materials unless necessary."

The law firm of Stinson, Morrison, and Hecker financially supported Southwestern in its RecycleMania participation.

## Pedersen leaves PS legacy

Karen Pedersen, vice president for Professional Studies during a transformational decade, has accepted a position closer to her home at Northern Arizona University. Pedersen began working at Southwestern in 2000, and guided the Professional Studies program through 11 years that saw the degree completion program move into online learning and become a major provider of degree completion for the military. With a learner base that was expanding to cover the globe, she was able to continue her leadership when her husband accepted a faculty position at NAU and they moved to Flagstaff.

"We've been through some big changes together in the past decade," President Dick Merriman told the college community when he announced the transition. "Some change we brought on ourselves (picture the

dog that catches the car) and some just found us. Through it all, Karen has been a committed advocate for Southwestern, for Professional Studies, and for adult learners. I am very grateful to her for all she has done for the college and I'll certainly miss working with her."

"Given my husband's positive tenure decision two years ago, this was a unique opportunity I simply couldn't pass up," Pedersen added. "I have confidence that Professional Studies will continue to be a leader in serving the educational needs of adult learners long after my departure."

Deb Stockman, the college's associate vice president for Professional Studies will lead the college's program for adult learners after Pedersen departs on June 30. A national search for a new vice president, led by President Merriman, is underway.



# Builders Builders

Sierra Bergstrom and Jess Eberle hadn't been on campus since they graduated in 2010, but a visit in early April took a surprising twist.

Sierra wasn't surprised that Jess, a cross country and track runner at SC, wanted to go for an early-morning run and workout, and she wasn't surprised when he suggested they walk through campus later. What appeared on the walk, though, was unexpected.

"He wanted to take a walk on campus, go around to the places we

remembered, and we hadn't been to Mound, so walked around and talked," Sierra says. "As we looked for new rocks, that was when I found them."

"They" were the rocks Eberle had painted before the two came to campus, and arranged in a fitting proposal for a Moundbuilder bride.

The wedding is set for Oct. 8.

## Do you know everything there is to know about Builder romance?

If you have a sentimental streak and can answer a few easy questions, you could win a T-shirt that proclaims that you love a Builder!

Send your answers to the following questions to [Sara.Weinert@sckans.edu](mailto:Sara.Weinert@sckans.edu), or to Sara Weinert, 100 College St., Winfield, KS 67156-2499. The winner will be drawn from the correct entries. Hint: All the answers can be found in the romantic stories told at [sckans.edu/marriages](http://sckans.edu/marriages).

1. These Builders fell in love when they played the romantic leads in *The Fantasticks* during the spring of their senior year. What a kiss!
2. This SC runner was feeling sorry for himself after a bad race at the SC cross-country invitational. When he complained that no one loved him, she chimed in that she did!
3. Dr. Laws sent him to be her math tutor – the rest is history.
4. Their first date happened at the first activity – Campus Y – watermelon feed and hayride in the fall of 1954.



## Class on trail of showy professor

A Southwestern College professor and three students are digging into the life of one of SC's most notorious faculty members, and the result of their research may turn out to be a book.

Stephen Woodburn, associate professor of history, was looking for a subject his senior seminar students could explore in the college's archives when he discovered an intriguing set of archival boxes labeled "SC Travel Club." The materials focused on the educational tours biology professor William Goldsmith organized in the United States and Europe.

Goldsmith was a brilliant and entrepreneurial professor during the 1920s, a man who caused uproar with his promotion of evolution to students at a church-related college. (He also was keenly interested in eugenics.) Perhaps his most lasting legacy, though, were the educational tours that took hundreds of students on extended tours of the United States before the operation went bankrupt.

Woodburn and the three students (Chad Pickett, Brent Trujillo, and Alexandria Hopson) scoured the materials in the Deets Library archives, then expanded their search to the Wichita State University library and to private collections. Mary Lou (Bauer) Martin and Mari (Waite) Wallrabenstein have contributed materials left by their mothers, who participated in the Omnibus Tours. The class will continue to research through next year, when they hope the project culminates in a book.

"If any alumni have family mementos that relate to Goldsmith, we would be very interested in these materials," Woodburn adds. He can be contacted at [Stephen.Woodburn@sckans.edu](mailto:Stephen.Woodburn@sckans.edu), or through the college at 620-229-6000.

## ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

### Hall of Fame news

On Nov. 12, outstanding alumni in the field of science will be inducted into the Natural Science Hall of Fame. 2011 inductees will be Jeffrey Boone '73, Darrel English '59, Jesse Gulick '44, and Kenneth Laws '72.

Sept. 1 is the deadline for nominations to the following Southwestern College Halls of Fame: Business, Education (including the Marilyn McNeish Special Education Award), Fine Arts, Leaders in Service for the Social Sciences, and Scholars. Please take a few minutes to send in names of worthy alumni for these awards. Nomination forms may be filled out online at the alumni website, [www.sckans.edu/alumni](http://www.sckans.edu/alumni) or forms may be obtained by contacting Susan Lowe at the alumni office.



**Founders Day Weekend** April 15 and 16 included induction ceremonies for four Southwestern College Halls of Fame. **Business:** (above, left) Mike Lewis '74, Bob Jewell '77, Larry Jarvis '39 (deceased, accepted by Virginia Jarvis), and Bob Tyler (Business Builder Award). **Educators:** (above, right) Lynn A. (Watkins) Felts '77, Lonnie Howerton '69, and Yvonne (Osgood) English '60. **Fine Arts:** (below, left) L. Dean Angeles '67, F. Joe Sims '51, and (not pictured) Gordon E. Young '49 (1919-1998). **Leaders in Service:** (below, right) Forrest J. Robinson '44, Mary Kristine (Lange) Cheatum '59 (deceased, accepted by Myrne Roe), and Jim Shultz '61.



### Auctions to help mark anniversary wrap-up

Homecoming 2011 will be the wrap-up of the 125th anniversary year of Southwestern College. In addition to the dedication of the newly-renovated Richardson Auditorium and reunions of alumni in the performing arts, another special event will be the live auction of two exclusive 125th anniversary quilts, made by **Carole (Aspedon) Nelson '61**. The handmade quilts feature several unique Southwestern symbols, including the Mound and the Jinx. Money raised for the quilts will go to student scholarships.

The Homecoming auction will also include a new interpretation of the North Hall stones in a watercolor

painting by artist **Ron Andrea '68** (above). Proceeds from the painting will go toward the Richardson Auditorium renovation.

### SC 125th Anniversary cookbook & history DVD

Copies of the Southwestern College 125th Anniversary Cookbook and History DVD are still available.

The cost per cookbook is \$25 each or three books for \$70. For shipping and handling, please add an additional \$5 per shipment/address. Order by phone at 620-229-6334 or online at [sckans.edu/cookbook](http://sckans.edu/cookbook).

Cost of each 125th DVD is \$20, plus \$1.50 for shipping. To order, call the alumni office at 620-229-6334.





# Hold on to your hats



**T**here had been some talk that Southwestern College's 2011 Commencement should be held inside Stewart Field House. After all, that would avoid last-minute scrambling to accommodate Kansas's famously changeable weather and last year's exercises proved the inside option was quite workable.

The Class of 2011, though, made its preferences clear: They wanted to be the first class to graduate in the new Richard L. Jantz Stadium.

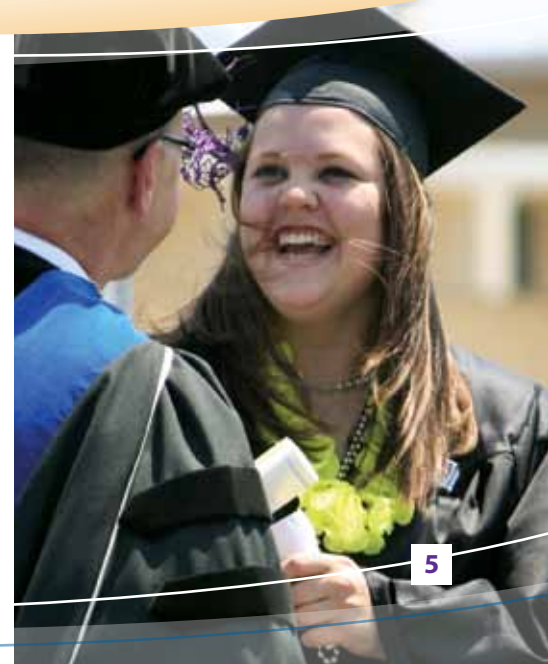


So on May 8, under brilliant blue skies, the newest SC alumni turned their tassels outside.

A strong wind created a few unplanned moments (President Dick Merriman was hit in the face by three different errant mortarboards as he shook hands with the new graduates) but the stadium was shiny and bright and filled with equally shiny and bright graduates.

Hold on to your hats, world – here comes the Class of 2011.

**To see more photos visit**  
**[sckans.edu/commencement](http://sckans.edu/commencement)**





# College Hill? Not in Wichita

BY JEFF A. ROTH

Wichita was trumped by Winfield when it came to landing the site of a new Methodist college in 1885.

Surveyors were taking measurements amid the ripening corn fields on the hill east of Wichita in the summer of 1884. The wagon path reaching out from Chisholm Creek would soon be graded as the eastward extension of Wichita's Douglas Avenue (nearby farmers having acquiesced to the opening of the 80-foot wide road through their hedges). Land owners and realtors alike speculated about news that September of a college to be built on the rising slopes. A newly platted addition, filed on September 30, 1884, was the first official mention of the name College Hill. But the recruitment of a college would involve competition with other Kansas communities vying for the same economic benefit and cultural symbol, all touting their respective advantages and "inducements." The final decision was followed by recrimination by some, relief by others, and servings of sour grapes in the local papers.

South Central Kansas was "all ears" the following spring when the Methodist Episcopal Church officially announced

The day of reckoning arrived May 12, 1885. Delegations from Winfield, Newton, Harper, El Dorado, Hutchinson, and Wichita presented their offers of land, cash, pledges and other inducements. Hutchinson offered, in addition to land and cash, a "cabinet of minerals valued at \$4,000."

Wichita's proposal was presented by J.C. Rutan, whose home at the northwest corner of Douglas and Park Streets would be a stone's throw from the college campus and directly across from the proposed trolley loop. He presented the College Hill backers' package of incentives: 20 acres of land and \$15,000, the latter being upped to \$30,000 during the proceedings. But Wichita was trumped by the town of Winfield, which offered \$40,000, 20 acres of land, a promised \$20,000 annuity, and all the free limestone required to build the building. The *Wichita Beacon* observed dryly, "Winfield having the longest pole gets the persimmon."

In the aggregate, the competing towns had pledged \$275,000 for the proposed Southwest Methodist school, bids seen by some to be entirely out of proportion with the value of such a school. The *Eagle* decried the "auction style of the disposing of the matters." It carped that the Methodists had

lost site of College Hill's natural advantages and were distracted by the lucre in the game. In one of its harshest indictments it stated, "Nobody but a body of preachers destitute of business ideas would have made such a mistake." In the heat of the moment the *Eagle's* editor, Marshall Murdock, took a swipe at one of their previous Kansas colleges, Blue Mount, calling it a "failure" since the Methodists had given it up to the state in 1893. It was turned into an agricultural school, today's Kansas State University.

Subsequent editorials carried a sour grapes theme: that Wichita's leading spirits were, after all, relieved that the college would be located elsewhere and that they would be relieved of the burden it inevitably would have brought. Winfield was sarcastically congratulated by the *Eagle* editor for having "captured the elephant."

Winfield citizens read the poem in the *Eagle*, and their editors responded in kind: "We sympathize with the 'Deacon' in his afflictions, but must inform him that Winfield likes the elephant and will hold on to him. He will graze on the Winfield 'College Hill' where the feed is so much better than in the 'Deacon's' pasture." *Winfield Course*, Thursday, June 25, 1885.

As if to rub salt in an open wound, the school's building committee ran ads in the *Wichita Eagle* a few months later soliciting sealed bids from local contractors for the construction of Winfield's new college building. The resulting edifice was Southwestern College's North Hall, opened in 1887 (and used until 1949, its demolition undertaken in 1950 after having been declared unsafe by the state fire marshall).

"Central University," the college that was hoped for College Hill, remained a concept in print for a few more years, still being mentioned in the maps "booming" Wichita as late as July 1887 (although the specific location for the college was left unstated). Advantages and incentives were still being tried during the last of the boom years to get a school or church built in "College Park." However by 1887 the darkening specter of Wichita's real estate crash was looming and the vision of College Hill's own college amidst the streets of Vassar, Yale, and Holyoke was forever extinguished.

*This story is a condensed version of one that first appeared in the December 2010 issue of The College Hill Commoner, and is used with permission. It is presented as part of the ongoing celebration of the college's 125th anniversary.*



An offer of \$40,000, 20 acres of land, a promised \$20,000 annuity, and all the free limestone required to build the building meant the real college hill was in Winfield.



its intention to locate a college (or seminary) somewhere in the region then considered "southwest" but central to the Methodists' four conferences in Kansas. The name proposed for the institution was Central University. The towns of Newton, El Dorado, Wellington, Winfield, and Wichita began to assess their changes to land the school. In Wichita, Rev. Dr. D.W. Phillips was successful in convincing M.R. Moser, James Haward, A.C. Payne and Samuel Deenan on Wichita's eastern slope to organize their College Hill Addition to feature a rectangular 15-acre park, aptly named College Park, to offer to the Methodists for their college campus. It was squarely situated over the half section line where Douglas Avenue would otherwise be graded, bounded by the streets of Park Avenue (Rutan) to the west and East Park (Yale) to the east.

The natural beauty of the site, plus the support of such a large and centrally located city as Wichita bode well for the College Hill site. Optimism reigned supreme. Early on prominent real estate brokers of the day, the Stites Brothers, jumped the gun and advertised "Choice 2 1/2 acre lots in the College Hill Addition...near the park and seminay."

The trustees of the Methodist Church appointed their "location committee" who in turn announced the minimum requirements they would consider. These were euphemistically called "offers of aid." The competing communities would have to come up with no less than 20 acres of land for the school, at least \$15,000 in cash, plus whatever else that would distinguish their proposal. Additionally, the committee's travel expenses would have to be paid by those communities wanting to be visited, reviewed and considered.

An alarm went up among some of Wichita's civic leaders that prompt and unified action would have to be taken to raise sufficient cash to accompany the naturally desirable site being offered. Throughout Wichita, however, there wasn't a unanimous desire for a college for the hill, some viewing the recruitment of commerce and manufacturing to be better investments. "I wouldn't give a tinker's anathema to make this a college town," opined one critic.









## 1950s

**Eldon and Peggy (Miller) Snyder '52 '52** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 20, 2011. Eldon is a professor emeritus of sociology at Bowling Green State University. He continues to teach part-time in the University Honors Program. Peggy is a retired piano teacher and organist (44 years) at the First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green. She continues to substitute as organist at the church.

## 1960s

**David Nichols '60**, author of *Eisenhower 1956: The President's Year of Crisis*, spoke on his new book at American University in Washington, D.C. The occasion was the third annual Eisenhower Symposium sponsored by the School of International Service at Arlington. In April, his book tour included stops in Atlanta, Miami, and Dallas, with a special appearance at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Highlights of his week in D.C. included long conversations with Susan Eisenhower and former Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel. Hagel, who bought 27 copies of the book initially, told Nichols he had purchased more and confirmed that he had given copies to the president, vice president, and secretary of defense. *Eisenhower 1956* also was quoted in a *Newsweek* column attributed to Eleanor Clift. Nichols wrote a March op-ed for the *Los Angeles Times* titled "Eisenhower: Master of the Middle East" in which he noted that Obama would do well to follow Dwight Eisenhower's firm, steady lead during the current crisis.

**Larry Williams '60** was named (one of six) "Volunteer of the Year" by the Kansas City (Kansas) United Way. He was cited for his work as organizing chairman of the Books for Kids project that has collected and delivered 21,400 books for the KC Metro area Head Start programs in the past four years. His club, the Johnson County Rotary Club, is partnering with 12 Rotary

Clubs on both sides of the state line to help the 3,500 kids enrolled in Kansas City area programs.

**Phil Jarvis '64** retired from the Winfield City Commission after serving for 20 years. He plans to spend more time with his family, including his wife, **Mary '87**, and do more volunteer work.

**Cindy (Batt) Goertz '66 '92** recently received the Winfield Main Street Volunteer of the Year Award at the annual Winfield Main Street meeting. She was also introduced as the 2011 president of the board. Cindy is the wife of **Vernon Goertz '66** and mother of **Kelle (Goertz) Thompson '06**.

**DeWitt Clinton '68** is author of an article in the online *Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue* titled "Sitting at the Buddha with the Tanna'im: Walking Through the Dhammapada and Pirke Avot." Clinton recently presented his artistic work of blending images of Auschwitz with the Tao de Ching at an international conference at Jagellonian University in Krakow, Poland. He is a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin—Whitewater, and lives with his wife in Shorewood, Wisc.

**Jan Nittler '68** is retiring after 33 years of owning and operating Jan's Sport Shack in Arkansas City. The store will close after all inventory is sold. His daughter, **Jana Frazier '92**, is the store manager.

## 1970s

**Chris Jarvis '70** has opened a new business, Home on the Range, in downtown Winfield. He sells firearms and gun accessories and will eventually offer gun safety classes and a shooting range.

**Connie (Robinson) Adams '71** retired in March 2011 from Appalachian State University after 32 years in information systems with the Alumni

## Kern Gordon: Soul of an Engineer

Merrill "Kern" Gordon Jr., 91, died March 13, 2011. Even though he did not graduate from Southwestern College he became one of the college's most loyal and hands-on supporters, both as a trustee for 30 years and as a donor. A pilot in World War II, Gordon came to Winfield in 1949 where he and a partner co-founded Gordon & Piatt, a gas burner company that sold burners nationally and internationally. After his retirement in 1984, he became involved in waste heat recovery from boilers and served as president of Heatmizer Inc. His early training as a pilot provided him lifelong enjoyment, and he flew until he was in his late 80s, when a heart condition grounded him. Kern's support of Southwestern led him to become a trustee of the college in 1969 and an emeritus trustee in 2000 when he left the board. He was awarded an honorary doctorate and the college's ambassador award. "Kern was an astute businessman, but he had the soul of an engineer, so he was very helpful in evaluating facilities and technology issues at the college. He loved his adopted hometown of Winfield and gave a lot back to the town and its college," President Dick Merriman noted. Among survivors are his wife, Bette; his children Merrill, Helen Johnston, Suzanne Lecht and **Barbara Gordon '75**; and grandson **Chad Gordon '93**. Memorials can be made to Southwestern College.



Development and Advancement Services offices. In July of 2010 Connie was inducted into the Founders Society of the Appalachian Summer Arts Festival, honoring her involvement since the first 1982 festival year and her continuing support as employee, volunteer, and patron.

**Vin Benevento '72** (who was all-KCAC in the 100-yard dash and the 440-yard relay during 1971/1972) completed his 19th marathon in January 2011 at Walt Disney World in Florida. His next and final marathon will be either New York, Boston, or Long Island in 2012. Vin extends thanks to Barbara, his wife of 37 years, and his coach.

**Mark Webb '72** of Southwestern Heights Junior High School has been selected as the Middle School Athletic Director of the Year for 2011 by the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Mark is the current junior high/high school athletic director and is also the junior high principal. He is completing his 20th year with the district in that position. He has been at Southwestern Heights for 38 years altogether. Prior to being an administrator for Southwestern Heights, Mark was a social studies teacher. His coaching duties have included both boys and girls basketball, football, and tennis.

**Diane (Cook) Rosecrans '77** returned to full-time employment as the new director of the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Diane retired two years ago after 32 years with the City of Winfield. She is the wife of **Steve Rosecrans '77**.

**Ann Richardson '77** has been promoted to assistant vice president, internal audit and compliance officer, at CornerBank. She joined CornerBank in 1998 as a personal banker. Ann has received a Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer designation from Independent Community Bankers of America.

## 1980s

**Cozetta Crawford '80** and David Richardson were married Feb. 14, 2011. David is the son of the late **Leonard Richardson '50** and Eleanor Richardson.

**Tracy (Juden) Adams '86 '96** was chosen as the Health Teacher of the Year for 2010 by the Kansas Learning Center for Health in Halstead. Tracy is the physical education teacher for Oxford Elementary School. She is the wife of **Dale Adams '91**.

**Barry Dundas '89** is co-author of a book, *Love Never Ends*, a true story of the sudden death of the 17-year old daughter of Connie and Mark Martin, from Abilene, Kan. Connie collaborated with Barry, her pastor, to write the book 12 years after her daughter died. The book concludes with a sense of healing and hope that love and one's connection with loved ones never ends – even in death.

## 1990s

**Brian Dutton '92 '02** has been promoted to assistant vice president, asset management, at CornerBank. He joined CornerBank in 2005, serving as both a trust officer and an investment executive. Brian has been a registered investment representative since 2003.

**Krys Clift '94** opened a new business, Pet Room, in Winfield. The store specializes in kids' pets and also the accessories and foods for the pets.

**Terry Quiett '94** and the Terry Quiett Band signed with Chicago-based record label High Tone Music Group and is scheduled to release their new album "Just My Luck" on June 14. The album was produced by Grammy-winning veteran Jim Gaines known for his work with Huey Lewis and the News, Journey, Steve Miller Band, Santana, Stevie Ray Vaughan and many more. "Just My Luck" has already debuted at #21 on the Roots Music Report Blues Chart and has been receiving positive reviews from

## Harold Kolling: Generous Friend

Harold Kolling died Feb. 18, 2011. In 1933, when Harold was 13 years old, his family made an extended car trip to Chicago to attend the World's Fair. Harold had submitted a small exhibit, which had been accepted in the Kansas exhibit at the fair, and he decided at this point to spend the rest of his life studying history. He became a teacher and academic dean at Friends University, Wichita University, Oklahoma City University, DePauw, and Texas College. He became university historian for Baker University in 1977, and wrote a history of the school. He generously supported Southwestern College, where his brother, Orland, was a professor of chemistry, physics, and geology. Scholarships Harold established included:

- The Orland Kolling Memorial Endowed Scholarship for chemistry students.
- The Orland Kolling Endowed Library Fund to provide funds for the purchase of library resources in the subject areas of chemistry, geology, paleontology, astronomy, and how-to carpentry.
- The Donald Viets Endowed Library Fund for the purchase of library resources in the subject area of religion. (Donald was Harold's cousin.)

Although he did not establish the scholarship, Harold chose the Huber-Kolling Endowed Scholarship (for students majoring in physics or math) for his memorial.



across the globe. More information at [terryquiettband.com](http://terryquiettband.com).

**Cathy Newland '96** left retirement to be the director of the Silver Lake Library. Before retiring in 2009, she was the director for Morrill Public Library in Hiawatha for about 12 years.

**Aaron Jack '98** was nominated to be the Securities Commissioner for the State of Kansas.

**Zachary Mathews '99** was promoted to lieutenant commander, United States Coast Guard, at a ceremony held at the Coast Guard's National Capitol Region Air Defense Facility in Washington, D.C., in November 2010. Having completed his three year assignment at Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron, Jacksonville, Fla., he has received orders to report to Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City later this spring. Mathews will continue to pilot the Coast Guard's MH-65C Dolphin helicopter for search and rescue missions along the nation's coastline stretching from Long Island Sound to Norfolk, Va.

**Matt Scholfield '99** joined UMB Bank as vice president and private banking client manager in private banking. In his new position, Matt is responsible for advising clients on customized banking and credit options, as well as creating and managing comprehensive financial plans. Prior to joining UMB, Schofield was employed with Bank of Blue Valley where he served as vice president and manager of private banking for eight years.

**Mollie (Roberts) Purcell '99** recently changed jobs and is now the State Circulation Sales Manager, in charge of all sales and marketing for five newspapers in Kansas.

2000s

**Jill Megredy '02** recently joined Bethany College as registrar. In this position, she is responsible for class scheduling, course registration, the college academic catalog and other relevant issues and topics.

**Aron Fast '04** and his wife, Annie, plan to open a general family practice clinic in Hesston in September 2011. Both are completing their family medicine residency this year at Via Christi in Wichita. They will be setting up a new clinic, after substantial renovation, in the old library building in downtown Hesston. The new facility will have nine exam rooms, a laboratory and other ancillary services.

**Angela Mitchell '07** is in her fourth year of teaching at Wellington Christian Academy. After graduation from SC with her B.A. in elementary education, she obtained additional certification to teach middle school English/language arts and now teaches reading and language arts to grades five through eight. Her husband has re-

cently assumed the pastorate of the Mt. Vernon Church of God in Wichita.

**Michael and Hayley (Holthus) Stolze '07 '07** have been invited to serve in the Peace Corps in Albania from spring 2011 to summer 2013. Michael will be teaching English at the secondary school level and Hayley will be a community health educator working with different schools and clinics on public health initiatives.

**Nicole Pierce '08** and Nathan Yarnell were married on Nov. 13, 2010. They are at home in Mulvane.

**Andrew Manley '09 and Heather McFall '10** were married on June 25, 2010. The couple lives in Salina where

Heather works as an assistant at the Chiropractic Center of Salina and Andrew works as a financial accountant at Salina Regional Health Center.

2010s

**Kari Roth '10 and Drew Logsdon '08** were married on June 5, 2010. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and now lives in Wichita.

**Taggart Wall '11** became the youngest mayor in Winfield's recorded history this spring. Taggart appointed seven Winfield students to the new Mayor's Youth Commission, which is a leadership program that teaches students not only about local government, but also about local business.

NOTES ON FRIENDS

**Charlie Maddin**, Southwestern College trustee and longtime member of the Natural Science Advisory Council, was notified April 1, 2011, that he had qualified for the Senior Veteran (over 80) All American Skeet Shooting Team for 2011. He has qualified for this team since 2009.

**William "Yancey" Walker**, son of **William and Marilyn (Stillwell) Walker '67 '68**, is in his third year as the head men's basketball coach at Missouri State University - West Plains, and has brought the Division I Grizzlies to a No. 1 ranking in the nation.

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# DEATHS

**John Morgan ’35** died April 18, 2011. John spent his life in the ministry and finally retired after 61 years of service from all active ministries in 2009. He officiated at the marriages of all of his children, grandchildren and most recently the marriage of his great-granddaughter. Among survivors are his three children.

**Lucille (King) Jarvis ’36** died March 2, 2011. She was a Sunday school teacher for many years and had been a Pink Lady at William Newton Hospital. Among survivors are her son, **Steve Jarvis ’73** and her daughter.

**Hazel (Byer) McComb ’39** died Jan. 20, 2011. She taught school in Zenith and the Lulu Valley Country School and was a primary Sunday school teacher. Survivors include a daughter, five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy M. (Wilson) Hannah ’41** died Jan. 26, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

**Edna (House) Boyd ’41** died Feb. 22, 2011. Edna is survived by two sons and a daughter.

**Margery (Johnson) Gorsuch ’41** died Jan. 18, 2011. Among survivors are a son and two daughters.

**Margaret Louise (Smith) Henderson ’41** died Jan. 21, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, **Paul ’43**, in 2007. She is survived by four daughters and five grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, **Leonard Smith ’44**.

**Esther (Merriam) Rice ’41** died April 20, 2010, at her home in Hemet, Calif., at the age of 92 years. Esther was born in Winfield where she completed grade school, graduated from Winfield High School, and obtained her bachelor’s degree in music from Southwestern College. She taught music, both in public schools and college, and gave private lessons for many years, and she

enjoyed gardening – especially raising irises. Esther is survived by a sister and by numerous stepsons and daughters, and many nieces and nephews.

**Erva Jane Walker-Bowen ’42** died Feb. 15, 2011, in Stone Mountain, Ga. Erva lived in Santa Cruz, Calif., all of her married life and retired from Social Services. She was a member of the Santa Cruz County School Board and also for the State of California. Survivors include five children.

**Freda (Holt) Grade ’43** died March 22, 2011. Freda taught piano for several years and served in various ministries for her church. Among survivors are her husband, Max, and her daughter.

**Mary Nell Wilson ’47** died March 21, 2011, just three days before her 89th birthday. Mary taught business classes at Stafford, Kan., for a few years before her 33-year career of teaching at Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City. She was one of many from her family who attended Southwestern College, including her five brothers (**Harold ’33, James ’34, Paul ’38, Wayne ’40, and Curtis ’42**) and a nephew (**Kenneth ’60**), all deceased. Surviving second-generation family members who are Moundbuilders are **Marcia Wilson ’66, Jeannette (Wilson) Christian-son ’66, Sara (Wilson) Shirk ’67, Steve Wilson ’74, Julie (Wilson) Van Sickle ’77, and Esther Wilson ’79**. A third generation member, **Daniel Van Sickle**, is an SC student.

**Willis Conover ’49** died March 3, 2011. Willis retired from Boeing as a production control supervisor with 35 years of service. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, helping with Boy Scouts and was a Pee Wee ball coach. Survivors include his wife, Beverly; a son and a daughter.

**Miriam (Deskin) Overstake ’50** died April 16, 2011. Miriam was a teacher for 44 years. She is survived by

her husband of 65 years, **Don ’50**.

**Leonard O. Richardson ’50** died on April 1, 2011, in a tragic accident at his farm. He was a generous volunteer and donor for Southwestern. He is survived by his wife Eleanor, son David Richardson and wife **Cozy (Crawford) ’80**, daughters **Ann L. Richardson ’77**, and **Beth Wilke ’78** and her husband, **Steve Wilke ’78**. Grandchildren are Kalen Richardson, Krista (Wilke) Ranby and her husband Scott, Katie Wilke, **Joel and Lindsay (Morgan) Wilke ’07 ’08, and Julie Wilke ’09**. A memorial has been established at Southwestern College.

**Robert “Bob” Dvorak ’51** died on March 16, 2011. He is survived by wife **Dorothy (McCoy) ’53**; five children: **Todd Dvorak ’76**, Kim (Dvorak) Ward, **Missy (Dvorak) Lathers ’82**, Tad Dvorak, and Carla (Dvorak) McCoy; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A memorial has been established to the Southwestern College athletic department.

**Ravera (Rolf) Edwards ’51** died Jan. 25, 2011. Ravera was a secondary special education teacher for 20 years, retiring in 1995. She was a member of her church’s bell choir for over 20 years and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and adult literacy. She is survived by her husband **Harold ’50**, two daughters and two sons.

**James Jackson ’51** died Feb. 8, 2011. James held medical technologist positions with both William Newton Memorial Hospital and St. Mary’s Hospital. He was a leader in veterinary science until his retirement in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Lena, two sons and four daughters.

**David C. Warren ’51**, retired teacher, coach, and athletic official, died April 18, 2011. Dave was an outstanding football and basketball official for more than 20 years. A great accomplishment of his coaching career was a state championship in baseball for Winfield in 1972 with his son Mike on the team. Dave was a member of the Kansas Collegiate Officials Hall of Fame, the greater Wichita Officials Hall of Fame, and the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Luanne, and sons Mike and Pat. A memorial has been established to the Southwestern College athletic department.

**Darlene (Branson) Smith ’53** died May 16, 2010. Darlene worked as an accountant for a software company in Silicon Valley for eight years before taking over as office manager of her husband’s orthodontic practice where she worked until 1996, when they both retired. She loved the San Francisco Symphony concerts and attended them for many years. She also enjoyed visiting areas of historical significance and traveled extensively in Europe and Asia. Darlene is survived by her husband of

56 years, J. Hardin Smith; daughters Carol Tokar and Stacey Smith; and son Mark Smith.

**Donna (Cochran) Boyles ’59** died Sept. 2, 2010. Donna spent several years as a real estate agent and later became an international tour director, coordinating and leading tours for several global companies. Survivors include her husband, **Murry Boyles ’56**.

**Lucille (McCreight) Lord ’60** died Feb. 17, 2011. Lucille was an elementary school teacher for 17 years. Among survivors are a daughter, a son, and stepdaughter **Elaine Lord ’65**.

**Veda (Bennett) McClure ’61** died Nov. 9, 2010. Veda taught in the Wichita school system for 22 years after teaching in various county schools in Cowley and Chautauqua counties. She retired from Black Elementary School in 1976. Over the years and especially after retirement, Veda became quite a skilled quilter and maker of dolls, doll clothes and teddy bears. Survivors include her two sons and a niece, **Virginia (Nellis) Hensley ’72**.

**Calvin Hashimoto ’66** died Dec. 27, 2010. Calvin is survived by his wife, Chloe, and two sons.

**Maxine Coffey ’68** died Oct. 27, 2010. Maxine was a primary and secondary teacher, teaching over 40 years in Arkansas City and rural areas. She retired in 1985. She is survived by a son.

**Daniel Grandin ’70** died Feb. 24, 2010. Dan taught art at the college level before going back to school to study computer technology. He then became a computer systems analyst and eventually moved to California to work with computers in Silicon Valley. Dan is best remembered for his artistic and theatrical abilities. He had the lead in many plays including “Macbeth” and “Oliver” at Southwestern.

**Dorothy (Sturgeon) Haden ’70** died March 24, 2011. Dorothy was a business teacher at Dexter High School until her retirement. She enjoyed reading and quilting and was a member of the Walnut Valley Quilters Guild. Among survivors are her husband, Joel, a daughter and three sons.

**Anna “Marie” (Marquis) Vannoy ’75** died Feb. 14, 2011. Marie began teaching at Serendipity School located at the Winfield State Hospital and Training Center. She also taught in USD 470 schools and stayed active in teaching long after she retired. Among survivors is her daughter, **Nancy Talbert ’94**.

## DEATHS OF FRIENDS

**Charles E. Cowdrey**, 77, former Southwestern College Head Coach, Ft. Scott Greyhounds football coach, and MU assistant coach, died Jan. 18, 2011, at his home. He is survived by his wife,

# BIRTHS

A daughter, Ashlyn McKenna born Dec. 22, 2010, to **Damion and Teresa (Latta) Walker ’98 ’96**. Ashlyn joins siblings Gage (13), Kaitlyn (6), and Logan (5).

A daughter, Cora Jo, born Feb. 3, 2011, to **Chris and Michelle (Dabney) Douglas ’94 ’98**. Cora Jo joins sister Anna (9) and brother Zac (6).

A son, Gage Keith, born Feb. 3, 2011, to **Dennis and Brandy (Richardson) Coogler ’01 ’01**.

A daughter, Kate Elizabeth, born Jan. 31, 2011, to **Chris and Joanna (Moss) Robinson ’05**. Kate has a brother, Grant (3). Grandparents are **Danny ’70 and Annette Moss**.

A daughter, Ava Rebecca, born Oct. 9,

2010, to **Rachel (Stueve) ’02 and Jeff Matile**.

A son, Callum John, born Oct. 17, 2010, to **Brent and Megan (Galliard) Wolf ’03 ’02**. Callum has a sister, Norah Kate (2). Grandparents are **Dave and Carol (Tillotson) Galliard ’69 ’71**; great-grandparents are **Dwight and Nadine (Means) Tillotson ’47**.

A daughter, Lillian Jean, born Oct.24, 2010, to **Brian and Emily (Bauer) Holthus ’04 ’03**.

A daughter, Henley Allison, born Jan. 21, 2011, to **Ryan and Katie (Burrow) Cody ’07**.

A son, Elijah Christopher McKown, born Oct.24, 2010, to **Sean McKown and Robyn Crosby ’07**.



**Nancy ’88**; daughters, Paula and Paige; and son, Bruce. A memorial has been established to the Southwestern College athletic department.

**Mehl Cruitt** died Feb. 7, 2011. Among survivors is his daughter, **Megan Zapata ’98**.

**Donald Ehmke** died Dec. 28, 2010. Among survivors are his wife **Ruth ’67** and son **D. Keith ’69**.

**Don Enholm** died on April 15, 2011. Don taught and was a debate coach at Southwestern College in the 1960s, where he was the first faculty member to receive the college’s SGA teaching citation. He is survived by his wife, Sue.

**Marie Reeves** died Feb. 16, 2011.

Marie and her late husband served as foster football parents for many years and housed international students from time to time. She is survived by her sons Larry, Steve, and **Neil ’77**.

**George Westphal** died Dec. 6, 2010. He is survived by his wife, **Loeda (Grundeitz) Westphal ’65**.

**Betty L. Young**, retired Wichita school nurse, died on Dec. 30, 2010. Survivors include her daughter, Martha Butler (SC faculty), son-in-law **Clayton “Butch” Butler ’75**, and granddaughter **Amy (Butler) Watson ’07**.

**Ed Zeller**, longtime friend of the college, died Feb. 17, 2011. Among survivors are his wife, Karen, and three daughters.



**Jared Alden** graduated Sunday, May 8, but this Professional Studies student wasn’t able to walk across the stage at the graduate hooding ceremony. The Mount Juliet, Tenn., native is currently deployed overseas so his wife, Stephanie, and children, Lily (7) and Josh (5) accepted his hood, were photographed with Southwestern College President Dick Merriman, and received a standing ovation from the audience. Alden, who earned his master of science degree in management is deployed out of McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita.

## FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

**Tracy Frederick**, associate professor of communication, presented “The Mosaics of Motherhood: The Feminine Experiences of Mothering” on a top panel for the States Advisory Council for the Central States Communication Association April 7, 2011, in Milwaukee, Wisc.

**Pam Green**, director of secondary education, was elected vice president of the Association of Teacher Educators – Kansas at the group’s spring meeting. This six-year commitment will include stints as vice president and president, and service on the executive board. On Feb. 14, Green was co-chair for the Network of Secondary Education Professors Special Interest Group session at the 2011 ATE Annual Meeting. On Feb. 15, she gave a conference presentation at the ATE 2011 Annual Meeting in Orlando. The presentation was titled “The ‘Passions’ Within: Identifying Factors That Impact Pre-service Teachers’ Decisions

to Enter the Teaching Profession”

**Claudia Geer**, associate professor of psychology, received the Charles H. and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching during Commencement 2011. Acknowledging that she is known as a tough teacher, the head of the psychology department urged the graduates to not settle for mediocrity in the future – “because we’ve taught you better than that.”



**Mike Harper**, assistant professor of philosophy, presented “Why Become a College Professor” at the Mulvane United Methodist Church April 16. In February he participated in Pearson Education’s online philosophy focus group to review their MyPhilosophyLab website.

**David Hofmeister**, professor of education, chaired a team of examiners for a teacher education program accreditation visit for the Kansas State Department of Education in February, and chaired a team of examiners for a teacher education program accreditation visit for The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) in March. Hofmeister was chosen president of the Kansas Association of Private Colleges of Teacher Education (KAPCOTE) 2011-2012, and convened the initial KAPCOTE Conference hosted by Ottawa University on April 15

**Allyson Moon**, associate professor of theatre, directed *The Music Man* May 27 through June 5 at The Ponca Playhouse in Ponca City, Okla.

**Roger Moon**, associate professor of theatre and speech, was recognized for “The Pillars Stand: Richardson Fire Project,” SC’s Fall 2010 Homecoming

production, when he presented a January workshop on Devising Original Scripts at the Region 5 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival at Iowa State. The script was honored as the outstanding original script of Region 5 and was a finalist for the national KCACTF David Mark Cohen playwrighting award.

**Bin (Crystal) Peng**, assistant professor of computer science, chaired a paper session, Summer Experience, at the 42nd ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2011), March 9 - 12, 2011, in Dallas.

**Christopher Schmitz**, assistant professor of music and director of bands, completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Texas at Austin. Schmitz’s “Trio for Violin, Horn and Piano” will be released this summer on the Beauport Classical label, and his “Three Moods for Tuba and Piano” has been published by Cimarron Music Press.



## What’s new with you?

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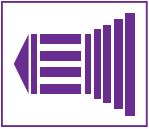
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The late 19th Century was a tumultuous time for African Americans. Southwestern College was only 11 years old when Elijah Pilgrim Geiger enrolled at SC in 1892. Born into slavery, during this time of Jim Crow laws and race riots he entrusted his future to education.

Elijah Pilgrim Geiger's historical role as Southwestern's first African-American graduate symbolizes the educational empowerment Southwestern College has provided deserving students for more than a century. Elijah is buried in Wichita at the Maple Grove Cemetery. Currently there is no headstone in place. Southwestern College would like to honor his memory by raising funds to place a marker at his burial site.

## Toward a Standing Stone

This memorial stone will be a lasting reminder of Elijah Pilgrim Geiger's life.

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