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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Dear friends,*

About once every twenty years, usually in connection with a serious economic downturn, the country is treated to a big media splash around the question: "Is college worth it?" We're in the middle of one of those media blitzes right now.

The evidence confirms that college is very much worth it. College graduates earn higher incomes, live longer, and have more successful marriages and more engaged and happy lives. Of course, that's the view from 50,000 feet. For students and their families who are contemplating the cost of college, those long-term pay-offs for earning a college degree are hard to see. Many are actively questioning whether college is worth it, and that puts Southwestern in a vulnerable spot.

There are several things you can do to help, and they really will help. Make a gift to the college and help us provide adequate financial aid to our students. Talk up Southwestern. The college is an exceptional value. Our students graduate with about the same amount of debt as graduates from state universities, but they receive an intimate and challenging education from people who are personally invested in their future success. Tell us about prospective students – whether they are in high school, community college, or working adults – and we'll get in touch and tell them about the college.

Thanks for all you do for Southwestern!

*Best regards,*

*Dick Merriman*

Dick Merriman, *President*

## ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



*Alumni and friends,*

I love a good partnership. It's hard to get a true win-win sometimes, but we have one in the new partnership with the Center for Youth Ministry Excellence.

The Center's main program is its Youth Worker Movement with over 4,500 members nationwide. These are persons working with youth in the local church on a daily basis. Some are paid, others are not.

In Southwestern College's mission statement we state a commitment to be a leader in church related vocational education. What better group for a college to serve than folks working with youth? Our plan is to use this part-

nership to provide online workshops for youth workers and to launch a totally online Bible study, Youth Disciple Online, next year. Both projects will be hosted at BeADisciple.com with content assistance and marketing coming from the Youth Worker Movement.

Keep your eye out for more news coming from this partnership in the days ahead.

*God's best,*

*Steve Wilke*

Steve Wilke, *Vice President for Planning and New Programs*  
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# KDHE recognizes Southwestern’s green efforts

Green Team Southwestern was recognized with the Sustainability Education award at the fourth annual Kansas Green Team Assembly in Topeka.

Sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment’s (KDHE) Bureau of Waste Management, the assembly celebrates the success of the state’s Green Teams and shows appreciation for the commitment to environmental stewardship made by businesses in Kansas.

The Sustainability Education award recognizes a Kansas Green Team that is an outstanding leader in the education and outreach of sustainability.

Green Team Southwestern members lead sustainability trainings in the residence halls and various institutional departments each year. They are also involved in community outreach sustainability efforts.

In 2010, in collaboration with USD 465, Green Team Southwestern began a community garden in Winfield. The garden emphasizes the importance of locally grown food and supports the local food bank. To commemorate Earth Day, they have planned activities such as Park-It Week, Plant-a-Tree Day, a nature hike, various educational

speakers, and Sweep Winfield.

“This annual event is a great way to showcase the green work taking place year-round,” explained Megan MacPherson, KDHE’s State Green Team Coordinator.

It’s red on the outside but green under the hood: This 1948 Ford grain truck belonged to the late Melvin Odgers, Sublette, and runs on liquid propane. Carol Ann (Odgers) Zimmerman helped facilitate the gift of the truck to the college for use by maintenance and the Green Team. SC also was donated a Hustler Zeon electric riding mower by Excel Industries. David Helsel, head of security at SC, arranged the donation. The mower is expected to save around \$245 each year in gasoline and maintenance expenses.



## Alumni, ambassadors represent SC

The 2011 Ambassador Award, the Young Alumni Award, and the Alumni Recognition Award were presented during Homecoming 2011.

**SC Ambassador Award:** Kent and Sharon Olmstead. This award is given to a person or persons who are not alumni of the college, but yet are involved and supportive of the mission and role Southwestern strives to fulfill. Kent and Sharon Olmstead have been active members of the Winfield community for several decades, and valued friends of Southwestern College since Kent became an active volunteer and member of the Southwestern College Natural Science Advisory Council. Sharon is a strong advocate for youth and is board chair of Safe Homes, Inc. Kent has special interest in the college’s Dutch Creek field station, where he is a volunteer on a regular basis.

**Young Alumni Award:** Jeff Lowe ’01. This honor is presented to a recent graduate who has made an outstanding commitment to the college. After Southwestern, Lowe attended law school at Washburn University and in 2005 he became an attorney (later a member) of Stinson, Lasswell & Wilson. He is an active volunteer in a legal capacity, and was class host for his 10-year reunion.

**Alumni Recognition Award:** Steve ’87 and Pam (Ferguson) Thomas ’86. Pam is an optometrist at the Keller Eye Care Center in Keller, Texas, and Steve is the co-owner/manager and business side of the family optometry business. They have been financial supporters of the college and class hosts.

Homecoming recognition went to (top to bottom) Steve ’87 and Pam (Ferguson) Thomas ’86; Jeff Lowe ’01; and Kent and Sharon Olmstead.



Celebrating a new partnership at SC are (left to right) Institute for Discipleship leaders Lisa Buffum, Steve Wilke, Julia Wilke, and Richard Wilke, and CYMX executive director Charles Harrison.

## CYMX moves headquarters to SC

The Center for Youth Ministry Excellence (CYMX) has moved its national office to Southwestern College and partnered with the Richard and Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship (IFD). Charles Harrison, chief executive officer of CYMX, met with the Southwestern College Board of Trustees Oct. 7 to officially launch the partnership. The office had been located in Nashville.

“The Center has an extensive network of 4,500 members of The Youthworker Movement around the country and this partnership provides us the opportunity to better meet the educational needs of our members,” Harrison said.

Some of the immediate advantages include a physical identity for CYMX, a co-hosting opportunity for Youth Disciple Online, and national and local workshop possibilities.

“The college has a strong tradition of supporting area youth ministries and helping to educate students for careers in youth ministry,” says Dick Merriman, president of Southwestern College. “This partnership will strengthen our commitment to helping to equip the church with effective youth ministry leadership.”

The first week of October helped to celebrate this new partnership with several events and workshops including Re-Think Connection (a national gathering of UMC youth staff), as well as a local workshop for area youth workers, and a workshop for youth directors in Wichita.

“This partnership helps us make a major step forward in supporting the educational needs of persons in ministry with youth,” says Steve Wilke, executive director of IFD.



# Unlikely Builder finds ‘purpose in life’ at SC

**T**okuro Narazaki may have been the most unlikely Moundbuilder in the college’s long history. Certainly his profile was not that of the Kansas farm kid most commonly found on campus in the early 1950s.

Born in New York and raised in Japan, he was older than most of his classmates. He already had a job (he was a television repairman in New York) and was an engineering student at New York University. When he felt called to enter Christian ministry, though, he knew he did not want to earn his degree at NYU, with its 20,000 students and factory-like atmosphere.

“I had an advisor from Georgia who had gone to Emory University, and I asked him if it was a large university,” Tokuro recalls. “He said it was, and I told him I wanted the smallest student body college in this country, so he pulled out a book, and looked up the smallest one. He said that year, Southwestern had a student body of 240, and that’s where I decided to go.”

It was a life-changing decision, one that put him in daily contact with persons whose Christian faith, as Tokuro recalls, “was in their blood.”

“I wanted to go into Christian

ministry, but I had a stammer, so I couldn’t be a preacher,” he recalls. Instead, he finished his social studies degree then earned a degree in electrical engineering and pioneered the first successful use of silicone transistors.



His first employer was starting a factory in Hong Kong, and Tokuro embarked on what would be a 36-year career in Asia.

He told persons he met in Asia about his experience at Southwestern. “I would try to say that the people of Kansas, in these schools, they have Christianity in them. I couldn’t finish the story without crying.”

During that career as an engineer he supervised dozens of engineers, as managing engineer for TransAire Electronics and the Admiral Corporation, chief engineer for RadioShack, as well as other management of engineering design groups. It wasn’t until recently, though, that he realized that his dream of being a missionary had come true.

“When I was a child, I asked my mother constantly ‘What is the purpose of my life?’ She said she couldn’t tell me the purpose of my life, but that I would find it if I followed certain things. This was Christianity,” Nara-

zaki recalls. “I didn’t realize until as of late that my life changed by going to Southwestern. I did things in the Orient and people liked me, they liked the talks I gave. I realized then that Southwestern changed me,” and his career as an engineer was the opportunity for him to share his faith.

Today Narazaki is retired from his engineering career. He shares his life with Isolde Lebrrie ’54. They have much in common – Tokuro went through war and hunger in Japan during World War II, and Isolde was in a Latvian displaced persons camp during the same time. Now they share a love for Southwestern College and its values. Both wept as they heard “Beautiful Savior” sung by the A Cappella

Choir at a recent Homecoming.

“We had something in common,” Tokuro observes. “Isolde and I talk about Dr. Hoy, Dr. Haywood, Dr. Dunlap, Mr. Snyder who taught sociology and Mr. Monypeny. Miss Cloud. Helen Graham. It’s entirely different from NYU. It’s heart-to-heart communication with professors, mind to mind. That is what Southwestern College did to me.

“Because of my stammering I couldn’t do full-time Christian work, but Southwestern gave me a life equal to that through engineering in foreign countries. I was outside of this country for 36 years and I carried the message of how great Southwestern College was to me in regenerating my life.”

## Builder Fund

The Annual Fund for Southwestern College

**Tokuro Narazaki** is a consistent donor to the Builder Fund through the student Phonathon program. This fund provides scholarship help for students, underwrites programs and faculty projects, and provides general operating funds for the college. If you share Tokuro’s appreciation for SC and would like to support the Builder Fund, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (800) 846-1543 ext. 6279 or make your gift online at [www.sckans.edu/makeagift](http://www.sckans.edu/makeagift).  
**A gift made before Dec. 30, 2011, has tax benefits for this year.**



PHOTO BY CLINTON DICK '13

**S**tudents from across campus partnered with Numana this year to package more than 33,000 meals that will be distributed to hungry people in the Horn of Africa. The event was organized by Leadership Southwestern. With humanitarian group Numana furnishing 20,000 meals, the remaining 13,000 meals were funded by SC and community groups at a cost of 30 cents per meal.

“We appreciate the community’s support as SC attempts to live out its mission of service and allow college students to contribute to a greater cause,” says Lindsay Wilke, assistant director of Leadership Southwestern.

Participants included representatives from Leadership Southwestern, Discipleship Southwestern, Green Team, Student Foundation, SGA, and athletes and coaches from all sports teams.

A summer camp makes a great Christmas gift! Southwestern offers camps during the summer for middle school through high school aged students interested in sports, leadership, music and more.

Go to [www.sckans.edu/camps](http://www.sckans.edu/camps) for details on all the offerings.

Contact Julie Headrick at 620-229-6141 or [julie.headrick@sckans.edu](mailto:julie.headrick@sckans.edu).

### This Will Be the Favorite Gift of Your Favorite Kid

**HOLIDAY SPECIAL**

For a limited time, the alumni department is offering the Southwestern College 125th Anniversary Cookbooks for the special price of \$15 per book (regularly \$25 per book). These cookbooks are huge – over 450 pages and multiple generations of Moundbuilder recipes, including some from the first ladies in SC’s history. Don’t delay in calling the alumni office at 620-229-6334 or e-mail [susan.lowe@sckans.edu](mailto:susan.lowe@sckans.edu) to order your cookbook(s). You will want one before starting your holiday cooking, and don’t forget, they make great Christmas gifts! This special price ends on December 31, 2011.

*Note: Shipping and handling is an additional \$5 per shipment/address for up to 3 books. For purchases over 3 books, the cost is an additional \$2 more per book for shipping to the same address.*

## Five stars for SC, KCAC

**S**outhwestern College and the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) are among the 220 colleges and 23 conferences that received the NAIA’s Champions of Character Five Star Award announced in October. The award promotes competitive athletics, academic excellence, and character values.

Schools named to the list earned at least 60 points out of 100 total points on the NAIA Champions of Character scorecard. Southwestern achieved a score of 75. Areas evaluated include character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition, and character promotion. Conferences are recognized with Five Star Awards when 60 percent of the schools within the conference meet

the qualifications.

Five Star Award recipients are recognized on the NAIA website and at the 71st Annual NAIA National Convention in April. Schools will also receive a special web banner and certificate noting the honor.

“Earning a five star rating as a Champions of Character institution is something that gives our athletic department great pride. I am very happy with how our coaches, athletes, and support staffs each did their part in promoting character in collegiate athletics. Being a back-to-back five star winner is proof that we have embraced the Champions of Character program and are building winners and leaders both for today and for the future,” says David Denly, SC athletic director.





# Fun With a Purpose

**D**on't look at the pictures on this page for a complete picture of student life at Southwestern College.

This Minute to Win It event looks as if it's purely fun, and that's part of its purpose, but it's also teaching teambuilding and organization skills as well as giving a mid-semester break academics. It's fun with a purpose, as defined by the Office of Student Life.

That's the office responsible for seeing that students are housed and fed, socially nurtured and physically safe, cared for while they're being educated. This office is charged with helping students make the transition from teenagers to adults, a process that is exciting and exhilarating and emotional.

Carrying out that charge has become more complicated as new students arrive at Southwestern with more baggage, both physical and emotional. Dan Falk, dean of students, has seen a significant change in the role of Student Life personnel during his 15 years as a college administrator. With housing, student government, student activities, and security staff, his team includes 19 professionals.

"The thing I see today is that students have more trouble with social skills, with low emotional intel-

ligence," he says. "They have a lot of ways to communicate, but they don't want to have a face-to-face conversation if confrontation is involved."

For example, he says, one roommate may be naturally neater than her roommate. In past years, the two might have talked about the issue and each compromised their living standards for the sake of harmony. Today, it's more likely one will post a message on Facebook – "My roommate is so messy." The roommate responds in kind – "At least I'm not a compulsive neat freak." Soon friends are weighing in, and the conflict has escalated without a word being directly exchanged between the two who live in the room.

This skill is important for students because an unresolved conflict can affect a student's academic experience, not the outcome Falk looks for.

"In Student Life, our role is to collaborate, communicate, and make sure our jobs align with academics," the dean says emphatically. Student life staff members keep tabs on the down-slip lists and personally contact each of these students to encourage academic success.

"We're able to meet with these students during times that aren't traditional office hours, and on a

one-on-one basis," he says. "We might suggest they meet with an advisor, or go to the writing center, and they can accept that. We're telling them the truth, and they see that."

Now the Student Life focus is becoming more and more co-curricular. Free movie night and finals Bingo are being balanced by Diversity Day that celebrates Southwestern's increasingly diverse population; and Backpack-to-Briefcase events that stress moving into a professional role. Getting students to take leadership and understand the purpose behind these programs will be the next challenge, Falk says.

"These are skills they will use outside the classroom – leadership, organization, communication – and that's important, too."

Still, college at its best is a well-rounded experience that leaves time for fun, and fun with a purpose is healthy learning.

Place a cookie on your forehead. Now move it into your mouth without using your hands. Students relieved mid-semester stress with a Minute to Win It competition in the Java Jinx. Organized by StuFu (student activities), the contest also required students to blow playing cards off a table (leaving an upturned card behind) and to pick up penne pasta using a length of spaghetti and a no-hands technique.







This is where the execution of scripts and scores challenge our skills, stretch our creativity, and call us to be more than the sum of our basal instincts. This is where music and words present us with universal truths that open our hearts and minds to a world of possibility.

When we embrace the diamonds of these arts, understanding and joy flood our spirits and in that moment our souls are liberated.

May this continue to be a place of magic for Southwestern College, the Winfield community, and beyond.

*Excerpted from remarks by Roxy Callison during the dedication of the Norman and Roxy Callison Stage, part of the new Richardson Performing Arts Center dedicated during Homecoming 2011.*







*is a place of magic.*





## 1940s

**Kenneth McCaffree '40** and his wife Mary Ellen, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Aug. 29, 2011. They were married the year following his graduation from SC, when she graduated from K-State. The anniversary was celebrated at an all-day family picnic at Lake Goodwin near their home in Snohomish, Wash. Their entire family was there to mark the occasion: their five children, 14 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren, including spouses. Although Kenneth retired in 1981 after teaching for 32 years at the University of Washington, he spent the next 24 years as an independent labor arbitrator, actually retiring at the age of 85, to assist Mary Ellen with finishing her book, *Politics of the Possible*.

**Harold Deets '43** was honored with an open house at East Heights United Methodist Church, Wichita, in honor of his 90th birthday Sept. 25, 2011.

## 1960s

**Sue Murrell Robinson '60** and Richard Wike were married in August 2011. The Wikes live in Topeka.

**Russell O. Vail '63**, after a 48-year lacuna in his track and field career, is now the fastest 70-year old 1500m race walker in the state of Michigan after his participation in the Open and Masters Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Russell still holds track and field grade school records from the early 1950s and state high school records from the late '50s. In the early '60s, he was a freshman all-American at Abilene Christian (Texas) then became Southwestern College's first ever all-American. He is in the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame and the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. Russ does not plan to run out of gas in the near future: His mother, Ruth, set the Kansas and national high school girls' basketball record by scoring 90 points in three quarters in 1929 at Plains High School. His 40-year old daughter, DeLynne, has qualified for the Boston Marathon.

**Larry Jantz '67** has been asked by Smoky Hills Public Television to be the play-by-play announcer for the Kansas 8-man football state play-offs for the sixth year in a row. These games are filmed and produced by this PBS station and shown on public TV stations around the state.

## 1970s

**Richard Jespers '70** has launched a website, richardjespers.com, that features links to his published short fiction along with a number of other pages, including photographs (some of SC), reading journals, and a blog. You can also reach him on Facebook.

**Virginia (Nichols) '70** and **Clyde Watt** celebrated their 65th wedding

anniversary on Sept. 26. Virginia retired after 33 years of teaching in Udall. Clyde continues to farm in Winfield. Their children are Joe Watt, Jennie (Watt) Ireton and **Jan (Watt) Witte '78**.

**David Kinkaid '71** has retired after a 38-year career in the environmental health and public health field. He spent the last 31 years at Colorado State University in the Department of Environmental Health Services, Division of Administrative Services, in which he was administrator of the public health program. Before CSU, he served as public health sanitarian and director of the Harvey County (Kansas) Health Department from 1973 to 1978 and the chief of water quality control in environmental health for the Larimer County (Fort Collins, Colo.) Department of Health and Environment from 1978 to 1980.

**Naomi (Carman) Ard '72** and her husband, Nick, have retired to southwest Colorado. This is the realization of a more than 30-year dream. Naomi and Nick have two children, a daughter who lives in Georgia and a son who lives in Boston.

## 1990s

**Chris Douglas '94** is completing his first season as the head football coach

at Division III MacMurray College, in Jacksonville, Ill. He and his wife, **Michelle (Dabney) '98**, have three children: Anna (10) is in fifth grade; Zac (6) is in first grade, and Cora Jo "CJ" is seven months old.

**Lois (Riddle) Sampson '94**, in her 20th year at Cowley College as an instructor in the humanities department, was recognized for her dedication to the profession by being honored with the Paul Stirnaman Award. Lois is also a past recipient of the Kansas Master Teacher Award.

**Amy McWhirt '96**, Cowley College's director of academic preparation for the humanities department for the past seven years, has been named the school's Endowed Chair. In this role, Amy plans to seek out innovative practices for transforming language instruction, and will continue to serve as an academic advisor and a member of several Cowley College committees. Amy is the wife of **Terry Quiett '94**, SC's web producer.

**Derek Long '99** was recently voted one of the top 10 outstanding men of Arkansas in *Today's Man* magazine. He was also voted the best optometrist in central Arkansas by the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* in October 2011. Derek currently owns Arkansas three

eye clinics: Maumelle Eye Care in Maumelle, North Little Rock Eye Care in North Little Rock, and Eye Exams, Inc. in Hot Springs. Derek and his wife, Natalie, live in Maumelle with three-year old daughter Cayman.

## 2000s

**Josh Wheatley '00** has accepted a position as research associate in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Josh will be working as lab manager for Dr. Paige Geiger, studying the effects of heat treatment on insulin-resistance in Type II diabetes.

**Kim Okeson '01** was recently promoted to sales and marketing manager for the Hyatt Escala Lodge in Park City, Utah. She started her career with Hyatt Corporation in 2004 in Hollywood, Calif.

**Travis Hastings '03**, coach of the Montrose (Colo.) High School boys tennis squad for the past three years, has adopted an idea he got while playing tennis at Southwestern College. During his college years, he and his tennis teammates once hosted an all-night tournament to raise funds to help revitalize Winfield's struggling downtown. Travis has used this concept as



## Dennis Hodges: Award winning photographer

**Dennis Hodges '81** of Budapest, Hungary, has received several international awards this year for his photography. Among these are: first place, International Photography Awards for the series "1 Tree, 4 Seasons"; third place, Worldwide Photography Gala Awards, Pollux Awards August contest for a series of abstract street scenes; third place, Worldwide Photography Gala Awards, Pollux Awards July contest for a series of nudes; six honorable mentions, International Photography Awards, across six different categories; finalist, Prix de la Photographie Paris (Px3) with a series titled "A modern relationship"; finalist, "Photographer of the Year," *Black+White Photography* magazine (UK); and the most recent, Honorable Mention, Worldwide Photography Gala Awards Color Contest for his photo "Urban Flamingos" (*above*). Check out his website at [www.dennishodges.com](http://www.dennishodges.com).



a team fundraiser, asking spectators to help with team expenses such as travel, uniform maintenance, equipment and food. In previous years, the tournament has raised as much as \$4,000.

**Jessica (Harr) Cochran '06** graduated with a Pharm.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma and is now working as a pharmacist at Dillons in Wichita.

**Lindsey Harold '06** has accepted a position as the online editor of the *Winfield Daily Courier* newspaper. She will be responsible for uploading content to the web, making revisions to photos and other necessary duties.

**Sara Tolle '08** was married to Billy Hocking on Sept. 4, 2011. The Hockings are at home in Kansas City, Mo.

**Jessica Bernhardt '09** recently finished the Master of Arts program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She defended her thesis, "Comparing Perception and Reality: A Mixed-Methodological Approach Comparing Women's Perception of the Female Body Image to Magazine Portrayal of Body Image," and will graduate on Dec. 17. At UNO, she was a graduate teaching assistant and was nominated as a Graduate Student Representative by her peers, and nominated by the graduate faculty as one of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistants. Jessica is now a marketing communications specialist for an Omaha health-care marketing research company.

**Christie Boote '09** and Daniel Kipp were married June 24, 2011. The Kipps have made their home in Derby.

**Joseph Yeisley '08** and **Katie Timmer '09** were married June 11, 2011. Joseph is the graduate assistant coach for the SC men's soccer team, and Katie teaches mathematics at Arkansas City Middle School.

2010s

**Brian Johnson '10** had his first novel released in October 2011. The book, *Hell to Pay*, is available in both regular print and e-book format.

**Thomas Guess '11** received his MSL degree from Southwestern in May and was promoted the next month to the boating safety education supervisor with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, where he is the state boating law administrator. Thomas has worked for VDGI since June 2008, having started immediately upon retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard after serving 21 years active duty.

**Kaydee Johnson '11** became director of the William Newton Healthcare Foundation Nov. 1, 2011. She worked at William Newton Hospital as an intern for two years while a student at Southwestern, then was promoted to the role of assistant director of the foundation. Kaydee held that position for five months before being promoted

**Jessica Johnson '11** and Thomas Langenwalter were married Oct. 1, 2011, in Winfield. Jessica will graduate from Southwestern in December.



**Class of 1961**

BACK ROW (L TO R): Charles Winter, Al Holdeman, Garry Wade, Larry Wade, Jim Shultz, Bill Holt, Merv Darter, Bill Ervin, Joe Anderson

THIRD ROW: Fred Hill, Clifford Johnson, Fernando Huaroto, Jane (Stickley) Goodwin, Jerri (Krehbiel) Rang

SECOND ROW: Helen (Osborn) Holdeman, Lyle R. Kallenbach, Bev (Howard) Dillman, Jim Dillman, Myrna (O'Neil) Neaderhiser, Roger Rowell

FRONT ROW: Marilyn (Brooks) Hunt, Carole (Aspedon) Nelson, Lois (Adams) Carson, Judy (Dill) Rowell, Beryl Shoemaker, Marilyn (Lungren) Houlden, Glea Means (Not pictured but attending the reunion: Ken Forsyth)

NOTES ON FRIENDS

**Jerry Brown** and Holly Cross were married Aug. 20, 2011, in Branson, Mo. Jerry is the grandfather of **Brett Annis '06/'10**, **Cody Annis '08/'09**, and **Jared Irvin '12**.

**Susan Camp** and **Yvonne Brin Marcotte**, both of whom have been active in theatre productions at Southwestern College, have joined

forces to create CampCotte Productions with the mission of "Reclaiming the Fine Arts for His Kingdom." Their first production was the musical *Godspell*, which was performed over Labor Day weekend.

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FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

**Jennifer Cady**, adjunct faculty in Professional Studies, has had a paper published in the Education Resources Information Center, the world's largest digital library of education literature. Title of the paper is "An In-Depth Review of the Current Practica, Associated with Early Childhood through Twelfth Grade Special Education Programs, for the Benefit of Higher Education Programs, with an Emphasis in Obtaining a M.Ed. in Special Education."

**Brenda Hicks**, director of financial aid, has been certified as an Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC).

**Leadership Southwestern** presented at the Kansas Volunteer Commission's Conference on Service and Volunteerism Nov. 4 in Wichita. **Cheryl Rude**, director of Leadership Southwestern, and **Lindsay Wilke**, assistant director of Leadership Southwestern, and student KICC (Kids Impact Cowley County) intern **Hannah Podschun** discussed the KICC program. The presentation, "A Giving Collaboration," involved a panel of presenters including Pam

Moore of the Legacy Foundation.

**Dan Lioy**, lead faculty for ministry programs in Professional Studies, has a new academic title being released soon by Peter Lang Publishers, *Evolutionary Creation in Biblical and Theological Perspective (Studies in Biblical Literature)*.

**Matt O'Brien**, head men's basketball coach, is author of an article published in the November / December issue of *Winning Hoops* on strategy, coaching tips, plays, drills and techniques for basketball coaches at all levels. "Sprint While Building Unity With Team Ladders" describes a drill O'Brien created to make the task of preseason conditioning more enjoyable for players.

**Patrick Ross**, professor of biology, was a participant in TAM 9 this summer. This annual meeting in Las Vegas is devoted to the promotion of skepticism and critical thinking. Ross spent time discussing the creation and impact of his new course "Science and Pseudoscience" on the Southwestern general education curriculum. Ross also was a consultant for *Bios: Megafauna*, a new board game about the

evolution of mammals and dinosaurs. The designer called upon Ross for help because of his background in evolutionary biology and his interest in the playing and design of board games.

**Daniel Stevens**, assistant professor of strings and holder of the Maizie Barnett Kilmer chair for string education, performed with international opera star Dominique Moralez and pianist Elvia Puccinelli Nov. 4 at the Brown Center in Arkansas City.

**Michael Tessmer**, professor of chemistry, had a case study titled *PCBs in the Last Frontier* selected for inclusion in a case study collection titled *Science Stories: Using Case Studies to Teach Critical Thinking* published in November of 2011 by the National Science Teachers Association. The case was in the section of the book on experimental design since it focuses on students proposing hypotheses and experiments to explain given data.

**Stephen Woodburn**, associate professor of history, is author of the article "Fedotov, Georgy Petrovich," and "Fichte, Johann Gottlieb," in

*Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet, and Eurasian History* (ed. Bruce Adams), published by Academic International Press. He also presented the paper "The Constantinople Controversy: Danilevsky, Dostoevsky and Imperial-Federal Discourse Before the Treaty of Berlin" at the 2011 ASEES convention in November.

**Tracy Frederick**, professor of communication, received the Fred Tewell Outstanding College Communication Teacher Award from the Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association Award.

**Alexandria Hopson**, senior history major, won the top student paper award at the 2011 Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association. She presented her paper, "Controlling Danger: The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence," at the convention Sept. 9. **Alissa Sheppard**, senior in communications, received second place place for her paper "Jennifer Hudson: The New Celebrity Face of Weight Watchers." Both papers were written in Tracy Frederick's Persuasion class.



DEATHS

**Margaret (Broadie) Keller ’38** died on Sept. 17, 2011 at the age of 95. She was preceeded in death by her husband of 64 years, **Bert Keller ’38**. She is survived by her daughter, **Kathleen Keller ’69**, of Cutler Bay, Fla., and son, Richard Keller, of Emporia, as well as her extended Broadie family, many of whom are SC graduates.

**Mary Elizabeth (Story) Lisi ’39** of Saddle River, NJ, died on Sept. 18, 2011. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Blohm, and her son, **Bob Lisi ’69**.

**Eleanor May (Basore) Johnson ’41** died on Aug. 19, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leland. She is survived by a daughter, Olivia (Johnson) Wilbur.

**Bonnie Jean (Brown) Shaw ’41** died on Aug. 5, 2011. Jean's primary interest in life was caring for her family.

**Martha “Martie” J. (Hudson) King ’46** died Sept. 5, 2011, in Winfield. Martie, a homemaker and active volunteer, was the widow of Raymond E. King; the mother of Karen King and **Craig King ’96**; and grandmother of **Chris King ’04**.

**Rev. Ralph J. Jones ’49** died Sept. 16, 2011. Rev. Jones was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II. He was a United Methodist minister for many years in communities throughout Kansas and Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Violet (Swenson) Jones; daughters, Sharon Jones, **Mary Jones ’75**, and two sons, **Ronald Jones ’72**, and **Wesley Jones ’84**.

**Edward Dale Smith ’51**, died April 25, 2010. He is survived by his wife, **Wanda Smith ’53**.

**Walter A. Wolfe ’51**, died Aug. 2, 2011. Walter was a counselor at Madison High School in Portland, Ore. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lu. He is survived by a son, Jon Wolfe and daughter, Cynthia (Wolfe) Taylor.

**Mildred Warren Murphy ’52** died Oct. 23, 2011, in Newton, Kan. As a former instructor in physical education and associate dean of students at Southwestern, Mildred was known to many Moundbuilders of the 1960s and 1970s. She is survived by her sons, Mike Warren and Pat Warren.

**Richard E. Mercer ’56** died Sept. 3, 2011, after battling cancer. He was

a life-long supporter of young people, especially in the area of athletics, and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sherrill, and three daughters, Pamela Hilt, Linda Stump, and **Kim Mercer ’86**.

**Judy (Fulcher) Stephens ’61** died on Oct. 20, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, **John Stephens ’61**, their three sons, Thad, Chip, and Ryan, and five grandchildren.

**Frederick W. Strickland, Jr. ’66**, died Nov. 24, 2010. He was a family practice physician who loved serving his patients and community through his work and volunteering. He will be missed by his biological mother, Zenobia Hardy; wife Gina; daughter Laine, and several other family members.

**Steven White ’68** died Oct. 10, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Joana Lou (Hawkins) White and numerous family members.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

**Neita (Foiles) McGhee** died Aug. 9, 2010. She was the widow of **Rev. Austin McGhee ’35**, and mother of **Melba (McGhee) Hauser ’59**.

**Susan Marie LaFrance Barton**, wife of **George Barton ’71**, died on July 31, 2011, after a brief battle with lung cancer.

**Jim McNinch** died on Sept. 28, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Sue and four sons, **Dennis ’83**, Wayne, Joe, and **Steve ’02**.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Avery Ruth, born Aug. 29, 2011, to **Mick and Janaye (White) Shaffer ’97**. Avery has two brothers, Aidan (8) and Abram (4). The Shaffers live in Shawnee, where Janaye teaches in the De Soto school district.

A daughter, Kambelle Louree-Lee, born Aug. 29, 2011, to **Kevin ’98 and Tanya Colvin**. She has a brother, William Kyle (3).

A son, Weston Oran, born Sept. 10, 2011, to **Scott ’98 and Dana Lowe**. Weston has two brothers, Drake (7) and Corbin (4). Grandparents are **George ’74 and Susan (Richardson) Lowe ’95** and Carrol and Jeanie Campbell.

A son, Everett Dale, born Jan. 20, 2011, to **Branden and Mandy (Mundinger) Banks ’02 ’00**. He has a brother, Mason (2). Grandparents are **Tom and Brenda (Farmer) Mundinger ’72 ’73**.

A daughter, Kamryn Lee, born April 26, 2011, to **Heath and Kristy (Grinstaff) Horyna ’02 ’02**. She has two older sisters, Karlee and Karsyn.

A son, Calhan Chul Hee, born Aug. 11, 2011, to **Dong and Lindsay (Nusz) Min ’02**. This is their first child and they live in Reno, Nev.

A son, Bryson Bradley, born June 3, 2011, to **Justin ’03 and Shelby Kendall**.

A son, Atticus Ross, born June 28, 2011, to **Brett and Marathana (Furches) Prothro ’02 ’03**. Proud uncle is **Jeff Prothro ’97**.

A son, Liam Joseph, born Sept. 23, 2011, to **Delonte and Kaely (Podschn) Harrod ’07**. He has a brother, Jabari.

A son, Hayden Morgan, born June 28, 2011, to **Wade and Amanda (Albert) McCorgary ’07**. He has a sister, Haylee (2½).

A daughter, Jayde Marie Lee Wesley, born Aug. 22, 2011, to **Jessica Dibble ’09**.



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Here’s something new in my life: ( job, address, marriage, baby, etc.)


Here’s a student who may be interested in SC: (please fill in all information you know)

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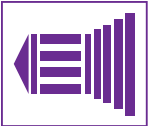


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### Friday, April 20

**4-10 p.m.** South Kansas Symphony: On the Prairie

Bonfy Ranch | \$6 General Admission

**5:30 p.m.** Leaders in Service Hall of Fame for the Social Sciences

Deets Library | \$20 per person/meal

**Inductees:** Larry D. Eason '55, Eugene L. "Gene" Lowry '55, J. Myrme (Richards) Roe '58

### Saturday, April 21

**10 a.m.** Fine Arts Hall of Fame

Darbeth Hall | No cost

**Inductees:** Orcenith Smith - accepted by Nancy (Livingston) Tredway '55, James H.

"Jim" Strand, Jerry D. Thomas '81

**1:30 p.m.** Business Hall of Fame

Deets Library | No cost

**Inductees:** Terri J. (McCorkle) Dalenta '87, H. Leon Mattocks '74, Ron L. Richardson '83

**3:30 p.m.** Educators Hall of Fame

Deets Library | No cost

**Inductees:** E. Katherine (White) Davidson '38 – accepted by her daughter, Margaret K.

Davidson '63, Angela C. "Anne" Farmer '97, James D. "Jim" Wilson '67

**Marilyn McNeish Award for Special Education:** Andrew M. Brenn '01/'06

### Sunday, April 22

**3 p.m.** Spring Choral Concert

Richardson Performing Arts Center

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**Saturday, April 21**  
**8 p.m.**

Dedication of the  
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**FEATURED ORGANISTS**

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