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Salutatorian Tendai Kwaramba celebrated Commencement with a special guest: Her 93-year-old grandfather, who flew on an airplane for the first time to travel here from Zimbabwe. *Photo by Tyler Gaskill.*

SECOND COVER

Boys and baseball may be the image of spring. Ben Denley (son of SC athletic director Dave and Sara (Peterson) '00 Denley) was at opening night of the Wichita Wingnuts sponsored by Southwestern College. More pictures are on page 5. *Photo by Andrea (Schneider) Nuss '09.*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

Every Commencement weekend brings a changing of the guard at Southwestern, with familiar and well-liked student leaders receiving

their diplomas and moving forward with their lives.

We're sorry to see them go, but we remind ourselves that successful launches are the purpose of the college, and that new students will soon be arriving.

This spring we're also seeing a changing of the guard in our advancement program, which connects alumni and friends with the college. Mike Farrell, our wonderful vice president for institutional advancement, has decided he's going to slow down a bit (I'll believe it when I see it) and move to a part-time role. He'll still be out and about, meeting with old friends and making new friends for Southwestern. Ronnie Jenkins has decided to retire after

20 years as head road warrior, cheerleader, and ambassador for the college. He and his wife, Anita, are looking forward to – what else? – traveling. Jill Johnson has decided to accept a terrific job at another institution, managing at the same time to get closer to her family. Jill combined great people-meeting ability with excellent data, reporting, and management skills. We'll miss her.

I'm very grateful to these Builders, and to you who have responded so positively to them. If you want to see what they, and you, have meant to Southwestern, come to campus. The monuments are everywhere.

Thanks for all you do for Southwestern.

Best regards,

Dick Merriman

Dick Merriman, *President*

ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



Having been at Southwestern College for more than a few years now, I have learned that there are a number of ways to count our success. Sometimes we like to talk about alumni such as David Swartz

'64 who started our Center for Belarusian Studies after retiring from the U.S. Foreign Service. Or Larry Cantrell '71 who worked in global engineering and now lends a hand through the SC Asian Association. Moundbuilder talent is everywhere and it is unbeatable.

Another way to count our success is to tick off the 'firsts.' In 1986, SC was granted authority to award master's degrees in teacher education – our first graduate degree. SC won the right to offer our first doctoral degrees in 2011. We thought we'd start small with that program, but after just two years, the Ed.D. program is now home to about 60 students. And that is the cause of another first! We recently

launched a search for a new dean of education, SC's first discipline-specific dean.

This string of firsts is the culmination of efforts from the unwavering support of alumni such as Elizabeth Baumgart '60 and Marvin Estes '66 to the guiding hands of people such as Brilla Highfill Scott '59 and Bill Medley '49 to the financial contributions of benefactors. Our 'firsts' are the work of virtually every teacher education major who ever took the Moundbuilder spirit into a classroom. They also are the work of our amazingly innovative teacher education faculty. I hope you will continue to do all that you can to encourage them as they push for even more SC success.

James A. Sheppard

J. Andrew Sheppard, *Academic Dean*

Southwestern College President

Dick Merriman

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PS program continues SC nursing tradition

A new chapter in Southwestern College nursing education is being written, as the college discontinues its pre-licensure clinical nursing program. Instruction for seniors in the program, offered on the main campus in Winfield, concluded this spring. The college will continue to offer its online Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree through Professional Studies for learners who have earned associate degrees in nursing at other institutions.

Southwestern has had a nursing education program since 1985, when it picked up the Winfield program being lost with the closing of St. John's College. (The St. John's program began in 1975, filling a void left by the closure of the William Newton Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, which had operated from the early 1900s through 1967. Other students have been educated in Winfield at the St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing.)

The first class of five SC nursing students graduated in 1987, and classes ranging in size up to 20 graduated

each year since. In addition, a degree completion program in Professional Studies was initiated in 1997, transitioning to a completely online format in 2006. Both locations are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

"We're extremely proud of our graduates," says Martha Butler, chair of the Division of Nursing until her retirement in May. "We have graduates who work in a wide geographic area, from Arizona to Tennessee and from South Dakota to New York, as well as internationally. Most work in acute care but they're also found in community health, in occupational health, in school health, and any other health care setting you can imagine.

"Our graduates have had a special impact on health care in the Winfield area," Butler adds. "The majority of the nurses at Newton Memorial Hospital are SC grads, and nearly all of the nursing managers have come from our program."

"This change is a response to enrollment and other pressures com-

ing from Kansas' hyper-competitive environment for prelicensure clinical nursing education," says President Dick Merriman. "We're sorry we had to make this change, but we believe

our best niche for nursing education is in giving working nurses an online bridge to a bachelor's degree in nursing. So we will be concentrating our efforts there."



Nursing students participate in hands-on clinicals at local and regional health care facilities.

PS alumni award winners

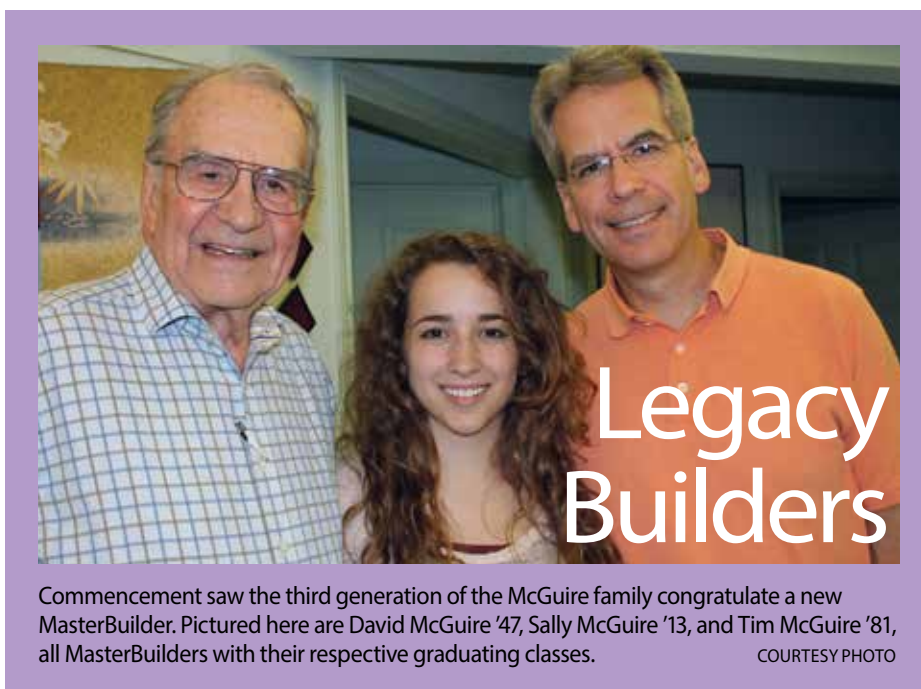
BY CHARLY HARTLEY, PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Southwestern College Professional Studies (SCPS) recently held the first annual alumni awards reception to recognize two alumni who have excelled in their professional endeavors. The two alumni honored were nominated by their peers, and selected for their advocacy of SCPS, contributions to their community, measurable success in their industry, and demonstrated commitment to both their own education and that of others.

On Friday, May 10, Southwestern College's President Dick Merriman presented Gregory Cole with the SCPS Outstanding Professional Studies Alumni Award. A resident of Wichita, Cole graduated in 1994 with an Associate in Education degree, and in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. In May 2010 Cole earned a Master of Science in Leadership from SCPS. Cole is the owner of Good Life Company, LLC, and is a Certified Civic Leadership Coach for Kansas Leadership Center. He also teaches hospitality and culinary arts classes for Butler Community College.

Tom Prunier, Derby, was presented the Lifetime Learner Award. Prunier has demonstrated a commitment to his own education and the education of others as an affiliate instructor for SCPS. He graduated from SCPS in May 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Operations Technology, then earned a Master of Arts in Information Technology Management from Webster University in 2004 and a Doctor of Computer Science in 2012 from Colorado Technical University. Tom has been an affiliate instructor at SCPS since 2004.

In addition to receiving the alumni awards, Cole and Prunier were guest speakers at the Southwestern College graduate Commencement ceremony on the main campus in Winfield on May 5.



Commencement saw the third generation of the McGuire family congratulate a new MasterBuilder. Pictured here are David McGuire '47, Sally McGuire '13, and Tim McGuire '81, all MasterBuilders with their respective graduating classes.

COURTESY PHOTO

Tennis reunion invites former players to hit new courts

A chance to play on the new T.H."Curley" Vaughan Tennis Complex courts and to connect with old friends awaits tennis alumni at Homecoming 2013. Alumni from all classes who participated in the sport at Southwestern College are encouraged to gather Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12.

Coach Jason Speegle '99 will welcome alumni to a Builder Tennis Reunion reception on Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 in Deets Library on campus. Then on Saturday morning, alumni are invited to bring their own rackets and play on the new courts at the Vaughan Complex. Built through the cooperation of SC, U.S.D. 465, and the City of Winfield, the complex is located next to Whittier Elementary School on Mound Street.

Named after legendary SC graduate Curley Vaughan 1914, the complex is scheduled to be completed by the fall

semester and will be available for both interscholastic and recreational use.

During the weekend the 1953 CIC champion doubles team of Jim Farney '53 and Neil Frank '53 will be honored. Farney explains that although the team is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the championship, few students at the time knew of the victory. Farney calls it "the story no one ever knew."

"Neither Neil Frank nor I played tennis in high school," Farney wrote. "I played baseball, basketball and track and Neil played golf. Southwestern discontinued its baseball program in my freshman year, so I ran track and played basketball.

"I was taught tennis by Bob Sneller, a member of the Southwestern

Athletic Hall of Fame. Winfield and Arkansas City were the perennial state tennis champions. Curley Vaughan, a legendary tennis coach in Winfield,

was the power behind Winfield tennis and he let Neil and me play daily against his championship teams. I was encouraged to play in the intramurals at Southwestern my sophomore year, and won it. Neil played on the Southwestern varsity that year. Our junior year, we both played on the Southwestern tennis team, but not much as partners.

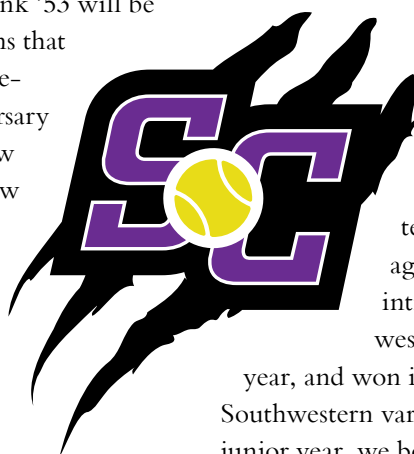
"Finally our senior year, as co-captains of the basketball team, we teamed up for doubles in the spring of 1953. We became the Kansas champions, winning the Central Intercolle-

giate Conference (CIC) in doubles and then defeating Friends University, the Kansas Conference Champions, in five sets on the Southwestern courts. We didn't have a tennis coach or anyone in sport information in 1953, so our sports events went unreported.

"That summer, after our graduation, Neil and I traveled to Abilene, Texas, to the NAIA National Championship for Track & Field, Golf and Tennis. Eventually we lost in the semi-finals to Drury College of Springfield, Mo., the ultimate national champions, and lost in five sets in the third-place match to North Carolina AT&T.

"And that is the rest of the story no one ever knew!"

For more information on the tennis reunion contact Susan Lowe, director of alumni programs, at susan.lowe@sckans.edu, or tennis coach Jason Speegle at jason.speegle@sckans.edu.



Southwestern mourns quiet supporters

Southwestern College has long been supported by many who believed deeply in the college’s mission but did not attend the institution. Over the past few months two of the most prominent of these have died – George McNeish and Ken Norland each contributed to the college they had adopted but not attended.

George McNeish was a quiet man who believed in Southwestern College and in Winfield, backing up this confidence with support that was generous and thoughtful. He died May 3, 2013, at age 84, after several years of declining health.

Although he had graduated from the University of Kansas, George and his wife, Marilyn ’54, are among the most generous supporters in SC’s history. They almost always chose to make their contributions anonymously: President Dick Merriman described George as “a quiet, humble, self-effacing person who epitomizes the concept of servant leadership.”

He was an involved member of the Southwestern College Board of Trustees from 1971 to 2000, serving as board chair from 1983-1987. During that time he functioned for six months in 1984 as interim executive officer of the college while a search was underway for a new president. He and Marilyn were co-chairs of the highly successful Builders of Excellence Capital Campaign, and personally supported student scholarships, building programs, and the annual operating budget.

The McNeishes (“in spite of his personal reticence,” Merriman adds) were recipients of every award possible to a friend of the institution – an honorary Doctor of Sciences in 1991, the Servant Leadership Award, and the first-ever Ambassador Award from the alumni association.

A native of Winfield, George had returned to his hometown after graduating from KU with a geological engineering degree. He created and operated his own successful small business, McNeish Oil Operations. Later, he and Marilyn saw a long-held dream fulfilled when they built Cumbernauld Village, a continuing care retirement community named for his ancestors’ home in Scotland.

Like his service to Southwestern, George’s service to Winfield was hands-on and steady. He was mayor of Winfield in the late 1960s, played wind instru-

ments in the city band, and helped organize the Winfield Community Theatre. He was a committed Christian and an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

McNeish summed up his life philosophy when he accepted his doctorate from Southwestern.

“In my travels along life’s trails, what I’ve done has been, in large part, a cooperation with Marilyn. We work together in planning for the future. Someone did it for us, so it’s up to us to do whatever we can for others....I encourage each of you to make the effort to become interested and involved in your church, your college, your community. Do something to make them a better place for the next generation.”

His survivors include Marilyn; four children, Greg, Jerry, Tom, and Marya; and their families.

Kenneth Norland often was in the background at Southwestern College, not an easy feat for a tall, silver-haired Swedish-American. When he and his wife, Madeline (Magnusson) Norland ’83, moved to Winfield, though, he became a hands-on SC booster willing to take on any task necessary.

Ken died March 4, 2013, from complications of pneumonia. He was 61.

When Ken and Madeline returned to her hometown of Winfield in 2000 after 20 years in Fort Worth, they almost immediately reconnected with the college. Madeline was elected a member of the Board of Trustees.

Later their interest in the arts would lead them to become co-chairs of the Great Performances Capital Campaign. They took a personal interest in the renovation of Richardson Performing Arts Center, advocating for its renovation with energy and passion. They urged other donors to join them in contributing to the cost of renovation, and were leaders with their resources as well as their time.

This passion was a natural extension of their interest in the arts in Winfield: Ken spent countless hours helping behind the scenes with such tasks as landscaping the site for the Symphony on the Prairie. Bluestem Bed & Breakfast, which the Norlands built



east of Winfield, became a restful haven for visitors and incorporated Ken’s dreams for such features as a labyrinth and a performance amphitheater. They were devoted fans of the Walnut Valley Festival, and often invited performers to stay with them.

Ken and Madeline’s support of the college played out in their generous hospitality to visitors to SC, and their warmth especially extended to new faculty members.

“I feel privileged to have met Ken and his loving family after relocating to the United States from Europe,” says Alice Bendinelli, associate professor of English. “His kindness and genuine sense of hospitality always made me feel at home, and I surely miss him.”

Ken also contributed to Winfield through his service in the Winfield Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Winfield Convention and Tourism, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Kanza Committee, Winfield First United Methodist Church Stewardship and Finance Committee, South Kansas Symphony on the Prairie construction team, and more neighborly construction and landscaping projects than one would realize. He was director of membership services for the Kansas Bed & Breakfast Association.

A complete obituary is found www.stmfh.com/obituaries/#norland

He was preceded in death by a son, Jonathan, in 2010. Survivors include Madeline and a daughter, Annika.

SC Halls of Fame

APRIL 19-21, 2013

EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME (far right) Marilyn (Stanton) Davidson ’63, Bobby Joe Slade ’57, Diane Nickelson ’95, Marilyn McNeish Special Education award winner Vicki Hitchcock ’72

SCHOLARS HALL OF FAME (near right) Jubal Tiner ’88, Christian E. Downum ’79

BUSINESS HALL OF FAME (far right below) Leonard R. Wolfe ’79, Business Builder Award winner Blenda Hoskinson, Otis W. Morrow ’70

FINE ARTS HALL OF FAME (below) Leora K. (Martin) Kline ’66, Kenneth A. Forsyth ’61, and Lou (Edwards) Tharp

LEADERS IN SERVICE HALL OF FAME FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (left) Victor C. Scherring ’41 (deceased, represented by Elizabeth Scherring and V.J. Scherring), Carl M. Metzger ’71
Inducted but not pictured: Scott Hecht ’90



Havin' a ball together

PHOTOS BY ANDREA (SCHNEIDER) NUSS '09



Southwestern College alumni get together to reminisce, to meet other Moundbuilders, to greet old friends and break out their purple T-shirts. Sometimes, though, alumni events feature extra flourishes.

Opening night for the Wichita Wingnuts on May 16 had some of these flourishes: President Dick Merriman threw out the first pitch, the Jinx took on Wingnuts mascot Spinner the Squirrel in the dizzy bat race, and the next generation of Moundbuilders begged for concessions. Nearly 100 Builders enjoyed the game co-hosted by Professional Studies and main campus for alumni and current learners/students.

"We try to offer all kinds ways for our Moundbuilder alumni to connect – this one was family friendly, and we saw Builders there with their kids and grandkids," says Susan Lowe, director of alumni programs. "It was a gorgeous night and not only were the Wingnuts winners, we felt like our alumni were, too!"

For more information on upcoming events in your area, watch the *Southwesterner* and check out the alumni home page at www.sckans.edu/alumi.



On a musical note



Alumni events during the past year have included a Tulsa get-together that focused on music. **Timothy Myers '00**, artistic director and principal conductor of North Carolina Opera, was in town Feb. 9 as guest conductor with the Tulsa Orchestra and talked about music with alumni, faculty, students, and staff over pizza and salad.





Valedictorian:
Matthew Tatro



Rick Cowlshaw, associate professor of biology, was named the 2012-13 Charles and Verda Kopke Outstanding Faculty during Commencement, and his remarks reflected on the impact Southwestern has on all who come to the Hill. He is shown below at right.

Growth. Maturation. Transformation.

Unusual weather for an unusual day. I am more than a bit floored by this honor and I am profoundly grateful to Charles and Verda Kopke for making this kind of recognition possible for the Southwestern faculty. That they make it possible is true testimony of the Kopke family's love for the college and what happens here. Their love for what happens here.

What does happen here? Growth, maturation, transformation. More precisely, it is the opportunity for these kinds of changes that the college offers, for students and faculty alike. My receipt of this award is evidence that these things happen here. That I am still here in Kansas after 10 years is evidence that these things happen here.

I was raised and schooled in Oregon, among mountains, the ocean air and towering fir trees. First a Beaver, then a Duck. I was a tree-hugging, liberal idealist by most standards. If you would have told me ten years and two months ago that I would be spending the next 10 years of my life teaching biology in Kansas, I would have retorted, "Get outta here!" But, as it happened, the opportunity to come and teach biology at Southwestern College for one year fell out of the sky as I was finishing up my dissertation at the University of Oregon. I had done some teaching as a graduate student and liked it, so I thought a one-year stint in Kansas was tolerable and would allow me to see what kind of teacher I could be.

So, I applied. They flew me out for an interview and I was offered the job. I journeyed to the heartland with my Birkenstocks, my vegetarian wife, Nancy (God bless her heart), and our two-year old son Evan. I taught my courses and one year quickly passed by. They asked me if I would stay another year, and then another. And then they offered me the tenure-track position. By then the place had its hooks in me.

And how is that? How did that happen? How did a tree-hugging liberal fall for a tiny United Methodist liberal arts college in south-central Kansas? Because during my first three years at Southwestern College I realized that three things had happened to me: growth, maturation and transformation. I would be a liar if I said I don't miss my West Coast roots, or that I don't care that Winfield is hundreds of miles from an ocean breeze or mountain peaks. But, I know that what has happened to me and by me over the past 10 years at Southwestern College is special and would be very difficult to find elsewhere.

It is a place where I can grow and be surrounded by incredible people who nurture my development by their example, encouragement and interaction. My colleagues in the natural science division are truly co-recipients of this award. What an awesome group of people to have to work with day in and day out. I want to especially voice my appreciation to Dr. Charles Hunter, who has been so much more than just a mentor to me. Thanks, Charlie.

And, as much as anything else, this place is special to me because of the students and the opportunity I have to get to know them in a way that only a college of Southwestern's size could offer.

Graduates, it may surprise you to know that as much as we have helped you to grow, I am keenly aware of how you have helped me to do the same. We have voyaged together, each changed by the journey. To paraphrase the poet T.S. Eliot, we are not the same people who saw the harbor receding four years ago. Now, we part but I say not farewell, but fare forward, Moundbuilders. May you never stop growing and building. My deepest thanks to the Kopke family and the college for this recognition.



Rick Cowlshaw



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To see more photos and webcasts
from Commencement 2013 visit
sckans.edu/commencement





1950s

Fred '50 and **Lois '78 Satterthwaite**, Udall, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23. Fred served as Cowley County sheriff and Lois was a school nurse for USD 465. They have three children, **Sherry Elliott '69**, Colorado Springs, **Paul Satterthwaite '72**, Udall, and **Bruce Satterthwaite '74**, Winfield.

Donald K. Hanks '56 was recently honored at the University of New Orleans by a bequest of more than \$2 million dedicated to the Donald K. Hanks Endowed Scholarship Fund in Philosophy. The gift of the late Carl E. Muckley provides scholarships for majors in the Department of Philosophy at the University of New Orleans, where Hanks is professor emeritus and where Muckley was a distinguished student. Don continues to teach and is currently a member of the philosophy faculty at Western Nevada College in Carson City.

Deryl Schuster '57 has been the president and CEO of Midwest Community Bank for the past three years. The bank is located in Plainville, and has over \$70 million in assets. Deryl, who has spent his career specializing in small business finance, took over the management of the bank when it was facing major financial struggles, with a goal that he would stay long enough to turn it around. Recently bank regulators went through an extensive exami-

nation and have given it a favorable recommendation. Deryl said that he is about to work himself out of a job! He and his wife, **Anita (Martin) '57**, live in Wichita.

Myrne Roe '58 is author of the book *Radiating Like a Stone* that formed the basis of a dramatic adaptation presented Feb. 16-17, in Wichita. The book is about Wichita feminism in the 1970s and changes that have occurred since then.

1960s

Russell Vail '63 won the 3000m race walk in the 70-74 age group for the state of Michigan at the Open and Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships in March at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He will compete in the 5k for the outdoor state title in June.

Ken Sargeant '64 was inducted into the Pratt County Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in April 2013. While a student at Pratt, Ken set several records in track and field and was a member of their outstanding football team which compiled a two-year record of 18 wins and 1 loss.

Dr. Lawrence Will '69 is retiring after practicing medicine in Sumner County since 1976. The Wellington Family Practice Clinic, founded by Dr. Will, Dr. Joe Baker, and Tammy McCue in 1994, closed its doors on May 24, 2013.

1970s

The **Rev. A. Mark Conard '70** is retiring at the end of this conference church year. He is currently serving as senior pastor at First United Methodist Church in Hutchinson, where he and his wife, Joyce, plan to retire.

Bruce DeHaven '70 is the assistant special teams coach for the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C.

Doug Gilbert '78 has accepted the position as dean of the School of Organizational Leadership at the University of the Rockies. His new role began in February 2013.

Beth (Richardson) Wilke '78 was elected a new Winfield city commissioner and installed in April 2013.

1980s

Kim Mercer '86 has been awarded the 2013 Soroptimist Ruby Award by Soroptimist International of Winfield. This award honors women who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of other women. Mercer is a school social work program coordinator, currently working at Lowell Elementary School. She has been working with children for 26 years, and this is her 18th year in the Winfield school district.

Tony Myers '88 is the new department head of business degree completion programs at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark.

1990s

Dan Lara '91 is the deputy secretary for public affairs at the Kansas Department of Commerce in Topeka.

Seth Bate '93 has earned the formal designation of certified Civic and Community Leadership Coach according to the Kansas Leadership Center. The certification means Bate has met standards developed by the Kansas Leadership Center for training, practice, and assessment of those who are coaching in civic and community settings. These standards supplement and align with standards of the coaching profession as developed by the International Coach Federation. Bate is among 20 Kansas Leadership Center coaches who have earned the certification.

Terry Quiett '94, web producer at SC, led a team that produced the Southwestern College Jinx & Bobo Christmas e-card that was selected as the winner of the Humorous Presentation category for the 2013 Sharkie Awards. These annual awards are presented by the company Brainshark, which hosted the video.

Sarah (Dillingham) Shipman '95 was appointed the chief counsel for the Kansas Department of Administration in January 2013.

Christopher Burley '98 has been appointed vice president of communications and outreach for Women Thrive Worldwide, in Washington, D.C.

plumb worn out

Bathroom renovations are being made in Wallingford Hall over the summer, and used porcelain on the lawn gave photographer and SC webmaster Terry Quiett '94 a sinking feeling shortly after school was out in May.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Founded in 1998, this organization works to create a world in which women and men work together as equals so that they, their families and their communities can thrive. Previously, Burley has led online efforts at Defenders of Wildlife, spearheaded media relations and online efforts at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, and assisted with design, media and online communications for Taxpayers for Common Sense. In 2012, he was the New Mexico digital director for President Barack Obama's re-election campaign.

2000s

In 2014, **Timothy Myers '00** will conduct the world premiere of Ricky Ian Gordon's *A Coffin in Egypt* at Houston Grand Opera, featuring Frederica von Stade. Tim also will have the privilege of joining the same production for his debut at Opera Philadelphia just a few months later.

Tylor Struckman '03 was recently promoted to public works operations manager for the City of Goddard. He has received his State of Kansas Water Supply System Class II operator license and achieved the National Rural Water Association Utility Management certification.

Rachel (Wilder) Niehoff '05 has accepted a development position for the National Portrait Gallery with the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.

Leah Hartman '07/'08 was recently hired as the coordinator of young adult ministry at First United Methodist Church in Winfield. This is a new position that encourages discipleship of those in their 20s and 30s by providing them with resources to grow and opportunities to serve.

Kimberly Swartz '08 graduated with a Master of Divinity degree at Saint Paul School of Theology in May 2012. On June 16, 2012, she was married to Keith Shank at the Tonganoxie United Methodist Church. Kimberly has accepted the position of pastor at Cottonwood Falls (Kansas) First United Methodist Church. The Shank family is at home in Cottonwood Falls.

Jeremy Higgs '10 participated in the 39th annual meeting of the Mississippi chapter of the American Fisheries Society at Percy Quinn State Park in McComb, Miss., and received the third place award for best student presentation.

2010s

Benjamin Harrison '12 has accepted a position as an examiner for the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), Mid-Atlantic Region. Benjamin completed his MBA at Southwestern College.

NOTES ON FRIENDS

Marquee Performing Arts Center and **Curtis Dick**, executive director, received the first Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce's "Chamber Champion" Award for the campaign they have begun to restore Winfield's downtown theater.

Anita Judd-Jenkins, wife of Ronnie Jenkins, director of major gifts at Southwestern College, and mother of **Hans Judd '01** and **Aaron Judd '00**, has retired after nearly 26 years with Home National Bank/RCB Bank of Arkansas City. During her career with the bank, she was in charge of advertising and marketing for many years, but is best known for her popular travel program to locations around the world.

Donna Boese, registrar, received the Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Mid America Nazarene University on Jan. 24, 2013.

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communication and film, has three stories included in the winter edition of *The Realm Beyond*, distributed by Fortress Publishing. The stories are "Dig Deeply the Grave," "The Dream Within a Dream," and "Karma Chameleon." These three, among several others, are included in his recent collection of stories titled *Mortal Silences, Graveyard Talk*. Another of DeArmond's stories has been accepted for publication in *Cemetery Moon* magazine.

Pam Green, associate professor of education and director of secondary education, was involved in several academic presentations during the spring semester. On Feb. 17, 2013, Green gave a conference presentation titled "Charting the Course: Navigating Career Planning and Preparation in Teacher Education Programs" at the ATE (Association of Teacher Educators) 2013 annual meeting in Atlanta. The same day, as co-chair for the Network of Secondary Education Professors (NSEP) Special Interest Group (SIG) session, she gave a joint presentation with Dr. Tammie Brown of Middle Tennessee State University that addressed "Examining the Role of Teacher Work Samples in the Preparation of Future Teachers." Green is the new president of ATE-K (Association of Teacher Educators – Kansas), taking on her responsibilities in April.

Nili Luo, professor of early childhood, has been selected 2013

member-at-large for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) governing board.

Max Thompson, emeritus professor of biology, has been honored by the University of Kansas through the naming of a species of bird newly discovered in the Philippines. *Sierra Madre Ground-Warbler, Robsonius thompsoni*, recognizes Thompson for his decades of contributions to natural history collections and ornithology in particular. Thompson's involvement in diverse initiatives has produced science insights and extensive specimen collections not only from the Philippines, but also from Africa, Asia, Australia, the Southwestern Pacific, and numerous sites in the New World. His collections are deposited at the University of Kansas, Smithsonian Institution, Bishop Museum, and American Museum of Natural History, and have provided an invaluable resource for the ornithological community.



DEATHS

Victor L. Sponenberg '36 died June 9, 2012. His wife of 68 years, Katie, had died Jan. 8, 2012. Victor is survived by three children, Susan, John, and Phillip, and one grandson.

June (Hays) Lindsey '38, a Topeka elementary teacher for 37 years, died Feb. 7, 2013. After retiring, June volunteered at Stormont-Vail Hospital, completing a "second career" of 30 years with over 10,000 hours of service. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, and her brother, **Wendell Hays '41**. Among survivors are a nephew, **Larry Hays '64** and his wife, **Barbara (Blackburn) Hays '65**.

Eugene A. "Gene" Setzkorn '40 died Dec. 26, 2012. He grew up on the family farm in Dodge City, but spent most of his career in Ponca City where he was a research chemist for Continental Oil. Gene is survived by his wife, Pat; daughters, Karen

Musselman, Margene Osgood, and Lynette Setzkorn-Cly; a stepson, Jake Skidmore; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Phyllis (Shook) Street '41 died Dec. 28, 2012, with family by her side. The daughter of a Methodist minister, Phyllis grew up in Kansas. She enjoyed reading, painting, quilting, and writing in her journals, which she kept up her entire life. She is survived by sons, J. Stephen, David, Daniel, and Harry, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Freda (Bridgewater) White '41 died on Feb. 13, 2013, in Santa Barbara, Calif. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Steve, whom she met at Southwestern College while she was working her way through college as a secretary in the physics department. She was predeceased by children David and Lynn, and is survived by

daughter Peggy and son John, along with seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.



Annabel (Beck) Miller '42, Prairie Village, Kans., died on March 28, 2013. Annabel was active in many community

organizations and served eight years on the Board of Trustees at Southwestern College. She loved gardening, birds, reading, music, art, and the many international medical supply trips she took with her husband, Dr. Max Miller. Annabel is survived by her children, Annette McLaughlin, Max Miller Jr., and Marilyn Pattison; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Dr. Ray Elton Parsons '48 died April 2, 2013 in Wichita. Ray started his dental practice in Winfield in August 1954. His son, David, joined the

practice in 1983. Ray retired in Jan. 1991, to pursue his hobbies of golf, bridge, and travel. Survivors include his wife, Lola, daughter Patty Martin, sons **Bob '75** and David, three brothers, two sisters, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

David J. "Mac" McCampbell '50 died March 28, 2013, in Liberty, Mo. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War, before receiving his degree from Southwestern College. Mac was a chemist for Armco Steel for 33 years. He was active in Scouting, enjoyed woodcarving, and volunteering at a nature sanctuary. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Molly; son David; daughter Sally; a grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

Wanda "Joanne" Powell '50 died on Jan. 7, 2013. Joanne had a love of music and utilized her vocal talents throughout her life to entertain oth-

ers. She is survived by her son, Greg Wilson, daughters, Kelley Kent, Kerri Schwartz, Diane Patterson, and Kathy Goshen, along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Clarence Rethorst '50, of Costa Mesa, Calif., died on March 7, 2013. Among survivors are his wife, Carolyn Rethorst; sister, **Mary (Rethorst) Adams '51**; nephew, **Steven Rethorst '85**; niece, **Jan (Rethorst) Luciola '87**; and great-nephew **Scott Rethorst '12**.

Ruth “Dolly” (Wolfram) Gowan '53, died Jan. 22, 2013, in Sacramento, Calif. Ruth had a long career as a teacher. She began teaching first grade at Bryant Elementary in Winfield and later moved to California where she taught first grade and kindergarten in the Valley Oaks Union School District, Ventura County. Dolly is survived by her daughter, Katherine Bell.

Wanda (Kirkhart) Smith '53 died on April 7, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband, **E. Dale Smith '51**. Survivors include her son, Scott; daughter, **Pam (Smith) Paul '77**; a sister, and four grandchildren.

Raymond Potter '55 died March 12, 2013, in Winfield. Ray played basketball and was inducted into the SC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. Ray was preceded in death by his wife, **Phyllis '57**, and a son, **Ray Potter Jr. '78**. Survivors include a son, Stan, Winfield, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lowell Dierking '58, of the Dierking Law Office in Caldwell, Kan., died on April 13, 2013.

Jack L. Dancer '59 lost a hard-fought battle with cancer on Feb. 15,

2013, in Boise, Ida. Jack was a teacher and football coach in Coffeyville and Garnett, Kan. During his coaching career he built winning programs, taking teams to triple championships. Jack is survived by his three children, Dana Dancer, Julie Walker, and Rick Dancer, and several grandchildren.

Harold F. Stocking, Jr. '60 died on Dec. 31, 2012, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was a retired Boeing machinist, union steward, and U.S.D. 259 school bus driver. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Barry; sister, Sherry Kline, sons, Daryl, Bradley, and Marlon; daughters, Tammy Titus and Kristi Sims-Miller; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bob Otto '61 died on Feb. 14, 2013. As an educator and guidance counselor for Brookville, Zenda, Rose Hill, Winfield, and Central of Burden high schools, he touched many lives. General psychology was his love, and he taught it for a combined 30 years at Butler Community College and Cowley County Community College. Survivors include his wife, Arlene, of Burden; daughters Judy Mareda, Wichita, and Barbara Brown, Lee’s Summit, Mo.; his son, Gary, Parker, Colo.; and his sister, Evva Morris, Arlington, Texas.

Linda (Nonken) Bouse '64 died on March 26, 2013, in Bakersfield, Calif., from cancer-related complications. She is survived by her husband Robert; sons Timothy and Robert; two sisters and two grandchildren.

Evelyn (Boicourt) Ford '64 died on Aug. 31, 2012. Evelyn is survived by her husband of 48 years, Roger; her daughter, Regina; her son, Stephen; a brother and a and sister.

A daughter, Jayne Adara, born Jan. 29, 2013, to **Travis** and **Claire (Myers) Hastings '03 '04**. Jayne was welcomed by sister Liv (2).

A son, Gregory Sawyer, born Dec. 29, 2012, to **Scott** and **Kari (Groom) Kent '05**. The Kent family lives in Winfield.

A son, Jack Curtis, born Dec. 31, 2012, to **Curtis** and **Sunni (Sheets) Goentzel '07**. Jack has a big brother, Gage.

A son, Preston Daniel, born April 24, 2013, to **Cordairo '07/'08** and **Alayna Hansen**.

A daughter, Rylea Paige, born Dec. 29, 2012, to **Lucas** and **Janet (Smith) Davidson '09 '10**. Grandpa is **Eddie McGowan '76**.

Anne Grigsby: Energetic friend of SC



Anne (Ewing) Dix Grigsby '43 died March 13, 2013. Anne was an elementary school teacher at Coats, Milton, and Anson, and a counselor at Winfield High School from 1959 until her retirement in 1986. She enjoyed teaching and counseling and was a member of P.E.O. A strong and energetic supporter of Southwestern College, Anne served on the board of trustees from 1990 through 2001. She and her husband, Charles, were recipients of the Alumni Recognition award in 1995, and supported the college both financially and through service. Anne was a class agent and took special interest in athletics at the college. Both Charles and her first husband, Carle Dix (who died in 1980 at age 62), were members of the national championship 1939 basketball team. Among survivors are her husband, **Charles Grigsby '42**; a brother, Don Ewing; a son, **Michael Dix '65**; Charles Grigsby’s daughter, Parthena Owens; and several grandchildren, nieces, and a nephew.

Raymond Caum Sparks Jr. '76 died April 16, 2013, at his home in Plano, Texas. Ray worked as a technical writer at Texas Instruments for 20 years after serving 20 years in the Air Force. Then he worked for 10 years at Hobby Town USA building planes and trains. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, Plano; a daughter, Cindy; his son and wife, Mike and Michelle Sparks, and two granddaughters.

Frances Raines '87 died March 12, 2013, in Kansas City after a short illness. Frances was a teacher for many years in Kansas public schools in Sylvia, Burrton, Plains, Ulysses, and Winfield. She was active in Delta Kappa Gamma and the National Education Association. Frances is survived by her husband of 64 years, Gerald, Olathe; a daughter, **Vicki Raines '79**, Liberal, Kan.; sons, Doug, Lenexa, and **Randy '86**, Phoenix; and a brother.

Dr. Carla Waller-Schauberger '94 died April 4, 2013, following a sudden illness. After obtaining her medical license, she was assistant director of the Caney Valley Medical Clinic. She worked as a hospitalist with the Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville and then as a family medicine doctor with the Gemini Medical Clinic/Jane Phillips Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, Kurt Schauburger, Bartlesville, Okla.; a son, William, of the home, her parents, Carl and Pat Waller, and a brother.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Bwana Drennan, Winfield, passed away Jan. 8, 2013. Bwana was raised and educated in Winfield and graduated from Winfield High School in 1962. Survivors include her husband, **Robert '60**; a brother; two sisters, a brother-in-law, **Jerry Drennan '61**; a sister-in-law, **Nancy Drennan '59**; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Leona Glenn, retired administrative secretary at Southwestern Col-

lege, died March 27, 2013. Following retirement, Leona donated over 2,000 hours of service to the William Newton Hospital auxiliary. Survivors include her daughters, Repha Buckman, Sterling, Kan., and Del Glenn, Kirkwood, Mo.; three brothers, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Sula McSpadden, Winfield, passed away Jan. 28, 2013. Sula was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, and her parents. Survivors include her sons and their wives, Steve and Marilyn McSpadden, Winfield, and Dean and Deb McSpadden, Palm Harbor, Fla.

George McNeish (*see page 4*)
Donald Newell died March 16, 2013, in Stafford, Kan. He was a farmer and a lifetime Stafford resident. Survivors include his wife, Jenny, and son, **Dr. Bradley Newell '02**, Andover.

Kenneth Norland (*see page 4*)
Mildred Rose passed away March 12 in Oxford, Kan. Mildred worked for 10 years in the Winfield Newton Memorial Hospital kitchen and was a homemaker who enjoyed quilting, seamstress work, listening to music, and taking care of her plants. Survivors include her daughter, **Margaret Robinson '93 '02**.

Bernice Walker, Winfield, died Feb. 11, 2013. Among survivors is her daughter, **Kathy Barner '65** of Brandon, Fla.

Jeanette Weinert, Winfield, died April 14, 2013. She was a partner in the United Methodist ministry of her husband, Glenn, throughout his pastorate and during their retirement in Phillipsburg, Kan. They had moved to Newton and after his death she moved to Winfield to be near family. Her three surviving sons include **Lyle '78**. She also is survived by two daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

A son, Leonardo (Leo) Aaron, born Jan. 18, 2013, to **Aaron '92** and **Vicki Murray**. Leo was named for Leonardo da Vinci, and his middle name was chosen because he and his dad share the same birthday and nearly the same birth time. Aaron continues to work at Graland Country Day School in Denver as a middle school science teacher and sustainability coordinator.

A daughter, Kassidy Marie, born April 17, 2012, to **Patrick '98** and **Kenna Whelpley**. Kassidy has a sister, Kennedy (4).

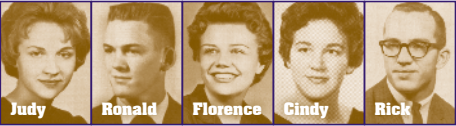
A son, Leo Christopher, born March 29, 2013, to **Brent '03** and **Megan (Galliard) Wolf '02**. Leo joins a sister, Norah Kate (5) and a brother, Callum (2½). Grandparents include **David** and **Carol (Tillotson) Galliard '69 '71**; great-grandparents are **Dwight** and **Nadine (Means) '47 Tillotson**.

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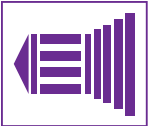
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