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The Cole Mound Plaza is the first place the entire student body gathers after school begins each fall. This year several soccer players were needed to move the team rock into position. (Photo by Susan Burdick.)

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This was one huge, smelly flower. Mary Ann Parsons '64 and her daughter and son-in-law (Bruce and Debra Schwyhart seen from the rear) check out the corpse flower featured on page 4. (Photo by Kenna Corley '08)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I write this, the campus is filling with new and returning students. An observer from outside Southwestern might say the college is coming back to life after its traditional summer break. That observer would be wrong.

Quite a while ago, on the day I was inaugurated as president, I peered into the future and stated that "I see a campus that hums morning, noon, and night, in all four seasons, and doesn't confine its gifts to people between the age of 18 and 21." I haven't batted a thousand with my predictions about Southwestern's future, by that one was on the money.

Southwestern never sleeps. Adults in our Professional Studies online programs study year-round and, with active duty military personnel studying while they are deployed overseas, around the clock. Much the same could be said of people around the world who are engaged with the Wilke Institute for Discipleship. Our graduate programs

in education bustle in the summer as teachers and school administrators work toward needed credentials.

On the Winfield campus we've seen a nice surge of activity with summer camps and conferences, including a leadership camp offered in partnership with Rotary, the Cole Family Music Festival, and summer theatre camps. Not forgetting athletics and our rural roots, the college hosts the only football camp in the state for eight-man teams.

The college touches many thousands of people each year. Your encouragement and support make that possible, and all of us at Southwestern are in your debt.

Thanks for all you do for Southwestern!

Best regards,

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Dick Merriman, President

ADMINISTRATION VIEWPOINT



Since joining Southwestern College last February, I have been excited to experience the exceptional environment of Southwestern College and the collegiality of the Builder Nation. Both the main campus in Winfield and Profes-

sional Studies have rich histories.

Professional Studies is working to integrate with the institutional brand in Winfield—with a comprehensive presentation of Southwestern, we can better serve our communities at both the main campus and Professional Studies.

Residential students can benefit from the relationships we are building in PS with employers and organizations. Our PS students are working professionals, many willing to be mentors to main campus students. And certainly our residential students will someday be working professionals who may want to continue their education online.

Students attending through Professional Studies are keen to know we are a 'real' college...with football, basketball, choir and other residential campus activities. And of course they have children who we hope will consider the exceptional experience on our Winfield campus.

The essence and mission of Southwestern College transcends physical location and student demographics. Our uniqueness is in providing all our students with a transformational experience through value-based learning that emphasizes intellectual, personal and spiritual growth with leadership through service. That is a story worth telling!

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Small schools, big impact: Private colleges show collective pride

n economic study commissioned by the Kansas Independent Colleges Association resulted in news that was unsurprising to persons who watch the economic climate of the state:

Small colleges make a big impact.

Released in mid-July, the study showed that Kansas' 18 private colleges generate nearly \$981million in new income each year for the Kansas economy. The economic impact of the college is enough to create 21,968 new jobs in Kansas every year and generate \$1.8 billion in social benefits to the state through increased business output and improvements in health and public safety that accrue from the private college graduates.

"To put the impact of Kansas private colleges in context, \$981 million is more than the state could expect to earn from hosting the NFL Super Bowl nine times," says Matt Lindsey, president of the Kansas Independent College Association and Fund which

commissioned the study "Collectively they are the seventh-largest private employer based in Kansas."

When counted as a group Kansas' private colleges enroll more out-ofstate students to Kansas than any other Kansas university - and those students, often as not, stay in Kansas after graduation, Lindsey adds.

In addition, private colleges collectively are the largest single philanthropy in the state, and the nearly 261,000 visitors to private college each year is more than the number of visitors who come to Kansas for hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching combined

"We have always known that Kansas' independent colleges were important to the Kansas economy," Lindsey says. "This study demonstrates just how truly powerful the contribution is that our students, faculty, and institutions make and how essential Kansas' independent colleges are to Kansas' future."

And the collective impact of the colleges in Kansas is mirrored on a

local level in each of the communities where a college is located. Southwestern's impact in Winfield, for example, is not limited to its status as one of the community's largest employers. In celebration of its 20th anniversary of its founding, Leadership Southwestern has compiled statistics showing its impact over the past two decades:

Service hours contributed to the **community:** 50,845

Grant dollars contributed to the **community:** \$277,800

Service Learning Team Alumni in service careers: 102

Besides the 21,968 jobs that the colleges' activities could generate, the colleges themselves employ 4,390 faculty and staff in Kansas, making the colleges collectively the seventh largest non-governmental employer based in the state. KICA colleges receive zero institutional funds from the state budget, thus nearly all of the colleges' operating budgets are privately funded.

Other highlights of the study include:

- Kansas' private colleges gave nearly \$120 million in privately-funded student aid to college students, making the colleges collectively the single largest charitable organization in Kansas.
- Kansas private colleges enroll more than 10,500 out-of-state students each year, more out-of-state students to Kansas than any other college or the university in the state.
- 261,500 visitors come to Kansas' independent colleges each year on average and generate \$14.1 million in income to the state. The number of visitors is nearly 90,000 more than the number of visitors who come to Kansas for hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching combined.

The full report can be found at www.kscolleges.org/economicimpact.html



New faculty faces include two deans

n unusually large group of new faculty - including new deans - greeted students on the first day of classes Aug. 18. The newcomers included academic deans for main campus and Professional Studies, a reflection of a new administrative structure that has Provost Andy Sheppard overseeing the two deans and directing a more unified academic program throughout the institution.

New faculty include:

Peter Heckman, academic dean for main campus. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Northwestern University. Before joining Southwestern College, Heckman was serving as the professor of interdisciplinary studies and associate dean at the University College, Zayed University in United Arab Emirates. Prior to that he held a variety of administrative and teaching positions at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Neb.

Amy Lash Esau, academic dean for professional studies. She was the director of academic development for adult learner undergraduate and graduate programs at University of

Northwestern in St. Paul, Minn. She holds a Ph.D. in family social sciences from the University of Minnesota.

Christopher Barker, assistant professor of political science, Ph.D. in political science from Claremont Graduate University. Most recently, he has been the Th.W. Smith postdoctoral fellow in U.S. Legal/Constitutional History at Ohio State University

Lalith Gamage, assistant professor of chemistry, Ph.D. in organic chemistry from New Mexico State University. He has been an adjunct professor and lab director at Western New Mexico University.

Debbie McAlister-Gallander, director of the MBA program, M.S. in organizational development from Pepperdine University.

Diane Nickelson, assistant professor of teacher education, Ed.D. in educational leadership from Wichita State University. She served as the principal at Clearwater Elementary School and then as assistant principal at Clearwater High School.

Amber Peterson, assistant professor of music (strings), Ph.D. in music

education from Case Western Reserve University. Peterson has served as an adjunct instructor at a variety of schools including the University of Florida and Kent State University.

Heather Pianalto, instructor of mathematics, master's degree from Oklahoma State University.

Marcia Stoesz, math literacy center instructor, master's degree in statistical sciences from Southern Methodist University. She has been serving as an instructor of mathematics at Hutchinson Community College and had taught math at McPherson College.

Shoshana Wernick, assistant professor of psychology, Ph.D. in community psychology from Wichita State University. She has been a community researcher for the Center for Community Support and Research and she was a coordinator for the first multiracial elections in South Africa.

Brian Winnie, assistant professor of music (choir), doctor of musical arts from the University of Washington, Seattle. He has served as a part-time lecturer at the University of Washington, Tacoma.

makeovers

A visit to the Southwestern College website is looking different these days. Over the past few months both the main campus and Professional Studies pages have undergone facelifts.

The latest and best information is still available on the web

ps.sckans.edu or sckans.edu/campus





ow big a deal can it be when a single flower blooms? In the case of the Southwestern College corpse flower, a very, very big deal.

Greenhouse director and professor emeritus Max Thompson had known that the Amorphophallus titanum he had cultivated was getting ready to bloom in mid-July, so he let the public know this beautiful but stinky plant was ready for its close-up. Not only did the news media (including the Associated Press and CNN) pay attention, enough viewers tuned into the college's live stream of the event that it gave the campus servers problems.

On Friday, July 17, when the flower finally opened, though, everyone wanted to experience the strong stench of the plant with their own noses. About 400 people visited the greenhouse that day, and on Saturday Byron Rinke (above) had to direct visitors in one door and out another when an estimated 1,400 persons came for a sniff.

Native to Western Sumatra in Indonesia, this plant gets its name from the odor it produces when it blooms - the smell of a dead mammal. This odor attracts blowflies and carrion beetles which the plant uses to pollinate itself. It is a rare event to bloom this plant as it takes years for the corm to get large enough to produce a flower, Thompson explains.

"The Southwestern College plant came from a corm from Selby Gardens in



Sarasota, Florida. The corm was about 2" when received it from the garden," he says. "Although we don't know the exact size of it now, the last time we repotted, it weighed about 20 pounds. The world record for weight comes from Germany where a corm weighed 258 pounds."

Phantom plus organ music to highlight Homecoming

n unusual treat is in store for movie buffs during Saturday evening of Homecoming 2014: The classic 1925 silent film The Phantom of the Opera will be presented Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Performing Arts Center with live organ music by Brett Valliant.

An American organist in demand for his ability to perform many different genres of music Valliant is wellknown for scoring and accompanying films but is best known for dramatic films such as King of Kings, Phantom of the Opera, The Ten Commandments, Broken Blossoms, Wings, and The Eagle. He plays annually for film festivals including the International Film Festival hosted by the American Film Institute, and has been a featured performer at national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the American Theatre Organ Society.

Valliant has toured extensively as a solo artist, as featured soloist with orchestras, and as film accompanist abroad and throughout the United States. He lives in Wichita where he

is a full-time musician at First United Methodist Church, overseeing a music department seen by thousands across the Midwest on the church's television programs.

Cost is \$15 general admission, \$12 alumni, \$8 students. For ticket information, contact Jessica Falk at 800-846-1543 ext. 6141.





Nortons, Drennans bridge national boundaries for students and families

world view that stretches far beyond Winfield has resulted in two Winfield couples being named the 2014 Southwestern College Ambassadors. Allan and Susan Norton and Don '52 and Betsy Drennan will be honored during Homecoming festivities Oct. 4.

The Nortons and the Drennans have been deeply involved in work with Southwestern's growing international student population. They have been foster parents, and have recruited dozens of other families to join them in providing homes away from home for the international Moundbuilders.

Allan and Susan had long been involved with international students in other ways. As a customer issues manager for major airlines, Allan had traveled extensively overseas; Susan (a self-employed cosmetologist) had been on the American Field Service board that brought many international high school students to Winfield. The parents of three children, they discovered they missed having kids around the house when their daughter left for college.

"My friend Candy Pettey, who was a trustee at the college at the time, told me there were two young Irish men attending Southwestern. They had not connected with anyone from the Winfield community, and Candy told me they probably would enjoy coming out for supper," Susan recalls.

So Susan called Dawn Pleas-Bailey, then dean of students, and Pleas-Bailey connected the Nortons with Jamie Boyd and Keith McGovern. Soon a close relationship developed between the Americans and the Irishmen.

The next year Pleas-Bailey called Susan Norton and asked her to help organize a host family program with families in Winfield. That first year about a dozen students were paired with families but within a few years, 36 international students were scheduled to enroll at SC so Susan asked Betsy Drennan to help with the program.

The Drennans had been involved with international visitors for many years through Rotary International, hosting the visitors in their home, organizing activities, and hosting two exchange students on three-month stays.

"When the host family program began, we felt that it was important to get the students into homes in the community," Betsy says. "We felt that would ease their transition from one culture to another culture and help them get a good start their first year at SC."

Susan spent many hours matching the students with host families, and the Drennans hosted at least two gatherings each year on their deck. Food was always a big part of the gatherings, and occasional guests (including Santa) were welcomed.

"Once the student graduates you may never hear from them again, and then you may have a friend forever," Betsy says.

After hosting students for 17 years (the Nortons) and 15 years (the Drennans), this year the two couples are retiring from the program.

"They were wonderful, fulfilling years," Susan adds. "We became very close friends, the program expanded, and we got many Winfield couples involved with the international students and the college. We made friendships with students all over the world."

Alumni Award winners will be honored at 2014 Homecoming during the all-class dinner Friday, Oct. 3. Recipients will include:

David Swartz '64

Brian '04 and Emily (Bauer) Holthus '03

Allan and Susan Norton Don '52 and Betsy Drennan







Summer at Southwestern

here is no traditional summer session on Southwestern College's main campus. No one is attending early morning classes and earning credit hours in core courses. But that doesn't mean learning isn't happening on the hill.

"The campus puts out its welcome mat in the summer to further its educational mission," says Steve Wilke, vice president for planning and new programs.

The summer program is an intentional effort by the college to give year-round use grounds and facilities. Aside from a few isolated cases, summer college classes had not traditionally been part of the institution's culture, but upgrading and air conditioning made the college's dorms and classrooms

perfect for hot weather usage. The first director of camps and conferences was hired in 2000, and in 2010 the college trustees approved a strategic direction designed to grow an even more robust summer program.

The plan is working: Between May 24 and July 31, more than 1,500 different individuals attended an event on campus. These included teachers taking part in the residential component of their doctoral program and international students who chose to remain on campus during break, but the vast majority of these individuals were middle school and high school students involved in an expanding menu of summer camps.

Among the camps were both brand-new offerings and others that have around for years. Jessica Falk, who is now director of camps and conferences, is on-campus administrator for all of the camps, plus the family reunions and athletic camps sponsored by individuals. She points out that most camps need a few years of low attendance before they mature; it takes about five years to establish a camp, she estimates.

This year, for example, the Amp It Up Camp attracted 15 high school

students to a five-day camp for aspiring worship leaders. They worked with professional music ministers as well as with Martin Rude, Stephen Butler, and other SC staff members, and next year Falk has set a goal of 40 to attend the event.

The Cole Family Summer Music Festival, on the other hand, has grown steadily and in its seventh season 70 students from Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma were on camp for six days. A noted conductor and faculty and counselors from all over the nation produced outstanding final concerts and an affinity for the college – before they left campus, 40 of these campers had reserved their places in next year's festival.

That's the goal, of course. Summer at Southwestern has educational goals, but it also serves to give exposure to Southwestern.

"It's a great recruiting tool," Falk says. "These students experience life on campus, and have interaction with our faculty and staff.

2014 Summer Camps

Leadership Rotary Camp

Amp It Up! Worship Band Camp

Basketball Day Camp/ High School Camp

Summer Theatre Festival Day Camps

SC Tennis Camp

Cole Family Summer Music Festival

Truesdell Middle School Camp

Jardine Middle School Camp

All-American Wrestling Camp

SC Football Camps (2)

Zimbabwean Alumni Family Reunion

Cheer Camp

Dance Camp

Soccer Camp

Speed and Agility Camp

Even for the camps that are not administered by our staff, we have students from all over the area who are playing in the new Jantz Stadium, or performing in the Richardson Performing Arts Center, and we're confident they will remember these opportunities when they're choosing a college to attend."

This has had proven success – social sciences chair Cheryl Rude estimates at least 15 Builders have enrolled at SC after attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp since it began as a cooperative venture between Leadership and the Winfield Rotary Club, and two of this year's Summer Music Festival counselors came to SC because they had enjoyed their camp experience.

"We still have room to grow," Falk adds. "There are weeks we can fill with camps and conferences, and organizations that can use the technology we have in our classrooms and residence halls. Campus is a great place to host a family reunion or a church retreat or conference."

For more information on camps and conferences, contact Jessica.falk@sckans.edu – summer will be here soon, and the welcome mat is out.

____ 1970s _____

Bonnie and Bob Niles '70/'69 have started a new business, Summit Realty, in Arkansas City. Bonnie is the managing broker and Realtor and Bob is a Realtor.

Thornton House '72/'95, author of Sonja, recently released his second book, "Stoneheart." To check out his books go to http://pages.suddenlink. net/sonja2011/.

Mark Webb '72 has retired after spending 41 years in public education in Kansas. Webb began his career as a teacher and coach at Ingalls, and spent his final 36 years at Southwestern Heights Jr./Sr. High School at Kismet. He served as a classroom teacher, coach, activities director, and junior high principal during his time at Southwestern Heights. Mark and his wife, Marilyn, live in Plains. They plan to travel and spend time with their six grandchildren.

Dale Voth '74 retired last year after teaching for 39 years. Marla (Rowe) Voth '75 retired in May after teaching for 38 years. Dale is currently the Gray County recreation director in Cimarron, and Marla will probably substitute teach this fall.

____ 1980s _____

Linda (Voth) Coleman '80 was recently named senior human resources manager for TECT Aerospace, overseeing human resource activities for six plants located in the Wichita and Seattle areas. Linda and Erle '92 live near Winfield and are anticipating the arrival of two grandchildren this summer.

Kimberly Snapp '81 is a wound care physician with Via Christi's Wound and Skin Clinic, as well as working as the executive director of House of Hope Wichita for the last nine years. House of Hope Wichita works with troubled teens and their families to restore passion, love, honor, and respect to the home. With their counseling office established, plans for the organization's next growth phase include building a residential home for the teens. www.houseofhopewichita.org

____ 1990s ____

Paul McDonald '91 has been named the parliamentarian for Toastmasters District 22 for the term of July 2014-June 2015. He will serve as a parliamentary resource for Toastmasters clubs in all of Kansas and the western half of Missouri. Paul was recently accepted as a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and achieved a perfect score on his entrance exam. (He says he has proof, in case some of his SC professors have any doubts!)

Brian Dutton '92/'02 has been promoted to vice president of asset management at CornerBank in Winfield. Dutton joined CornerBank in 2005, serving as both a trust officer and investment executive. Dutton is also a certified trust and financial advisor (CFTA).

Neil Dougherty '93 retired as MICT/

lieutenant of the Winfield Area EMS after 32 years of service.

Karen Tatro '93 retired from Winfield Consumer Products as human resources/accounting manager after 17 years. Karen and Charles '94 welcomed a grandson, Charles Henry, son of Mike and Kate Tatro.

Charles Osen '94 and his son Avery spent the summer broadcasting all the home games for the El Dorado Bronco baseball team. The team is made up of collegiate baseball players from around the United States who come to El Dorado to play summer baseball. Osen, who broadcasts as Curt Caden, will continue for his 15th year as the play-by-play voice for Southwestern College football and basketball games for the upcoming seasons. His El Dorado broadcasts have been archived on YouTube and can be seen and heard searching www.youtube. com for "Curt Caden."

Justin Waite '95 retired as director of Winfield Area EMS after 25 years of service.

2000s

Justin Olmsted '01 has accepted a position of assistant professor of history and director of history education at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Lisa (Reynolds) Kuchar '02 will be teaching kindergarten next fall in South Haven. She, husband Lewis, and their four boys will relocate to South Haven as soon as construction on their home is finished.

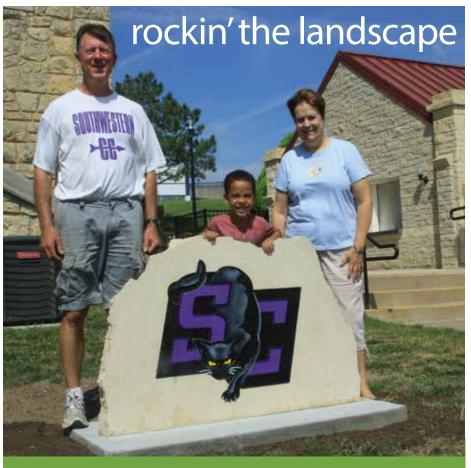
Eren Martin-Beat '03 is a marine biologist at Shark Reef Aquarium in Las Vegas. In addition, she works with intuitive children at Earth Angels Sanctuary & Learning Center, helping to develop their gifts and abilities. www.earthangelsnetwork.net

Cornel Hubbard '04 graduated from the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, La., with a Juris Doctor degree in May 2014. Cornel currently serves as the senior manager of Permanent Supportive Housing for the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership.

Lacy (Mohler) Cleveland '05 received her Ph.D. in biological education from the University of Northern Colorado in May 2014. She began as a post-doctoral research fellow in July with the Math and Science Teaching Institute housed within the University of Northern Colorado.

Joseph Hamlett '07 completed a doctorate in business administration (DBA) specializing in organizational leadership in May 2014 from Northcentral University, Prescott Valley, Ariz. Joseph was recently promoted to chief master sergeant (E-9) in the Missouri Air National Guard.

Hayley (Holthus) Stolzle '07 will be starting a Global HIV Prevention Fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. The fellowship begins in September 2014 and its focus is to help "partner countries" in sub-Sahara Africa develop and imple-



When a large tree at the northeast corner of Stewart Field House had to be removed, Jim '71 and Deb '71 Helmer (shown here with grandson Parker) thought the space needed a pick-meup. So they donated a limestone rock embossed with the Jinx in honor of the cross country team, which Jim coached for 35 years until his retirement last spring.

ment gender-based violence prevention programs to help prevent HIV.

Marci Bartow '08 married Trent Ruxlow on March 15, 2014. Marci is a special education teacher for the McPherson USD 418 school district and Trent works at Hospira in McPherson.

Jessica (Bernhardt) Heidebrecht '09 joined HDR, Inc., at the end of March as the marketing communications specialist. HDR is an architectural, engineering, and consulting firm. A global company with more than 8,500 employees, HDR is headquartered in Omaha.

Miwa Ishii '09, theatre major from southern Japan, has worked since September 2013 at Eric Winterling, Inc., one of New York City's top Broadway costume shops. As she completed her Master of Fine Arts degree in 2013 at the University of Tennessee, Miwa was chosen along with select MFA graduates from across the nation to display her portfolio at the Bohemian National Hall in New York City and at the National Design Portfolio Review. She was also recipient of the Southwestern Theatre Conference "Ready to Work Award," and was selected by the United States Institute of Theatre Technology to present at the Young Technician's Forum, and received the Young Designer's Forum Award. Last summer Miwa worked at the Santa Fe Opera before beginning work in New York City, and this last February she designed costumes for Eugene O'Neill's Anna Christie at the Triad Stage in Greensboro, N.C., where she was invited to return to

design an original production in 2015.

Dallas Leonard '09 was nominated and selected as a Top 10 Manager Under 30 "Young Gun" in the ski industry by Ski Area Management magazine. Dallas is the employee housing manager in the human resources division for Copper Mountain Resort in Colorado.

2010s

Jordan Stalder '13 and Mark Elliott were married on April 26, 2014, in Manhattan, Kan. The Elliotts are at home in Chapman.

Allyssa Zentner '14, a certified athletic trainer, has moved to Jonesboro, Ark., and is currently studying to obtain her master's in exercise science at Arkansas State University.



New Ministers

Three Southwestern College graduates were among those participating in the Ordination and Commission service at the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church June 13. From left are Kim (Swartz) Shank '08, Wendy Mohler-Seib '01, and Amanda (Bennett) Baker '05.

Be sure to check out the alumni website for up-to-date Homecoming schedule information and motel contact numbers for Winfield and surrounding area, sckans.edu/homecoming.



June Elizabeth (Menzie) Sturm '39 died Jan. 15, 2014. She is survived by her son, Gary, her daughter, Gail, and three grandsons.

Dorothy (Dressler) Woodard '39 died June 3, 2014. She is survived by two daughters, Carol Peel and June Scott; a sister, Alice Keist; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dorothy (Brown) Banks '44 died on July 13, 2014 in Winfield. She married Jack "J.J." Banks '41 on the morning of the day Pearl Harbor was attacked, and their marriage lasted 66 years until he died. Dorothy is survived by her son Jim '75 and wife Robbie (Gilger) '72, daughter Sally Swanson and husband Bob, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Dora (Lawrence) Mundinger '45

died June 13, 2014, in Desoto, Miss. Dora touched many lives through her passion for teaching and her selfless dedication to Christian values. She is survived by her son, Norman, three daughters, Carol Mundinger, Sara Anderegg, and Dora Monahan; two sisters; and extended family members.

Martha (Logsdon) Asbury '46

died on May 16, 2014. Martha taught school for a brief time and, after some travel for employment reasons, settled in Cambridge to be a homemaker. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Lahar '71 and Margaret Bing, one sister, Maxine Tredway, one grandson, and two great-granddaughters.

Corlie (Martin) Mason '50 died May 27, 2014. She grew up in Winfield and after graduating from Southwestern, she was listed in the "Who's Who in American Colleges." Corlie is survived by her husband of 59 years, Dean Mason; sons Mark Mason

and Ted Mason; five grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Gary T. Barnhart '60 died on June 10, 2014, after fighting cancer for 10 years. While enlisted in the Air Force, Gary was responsible for helping to train Ham, the first chimp in space. Gary also participated in gravitational force studies during the space race. He is survived by his wife, Pamela (Brown); two daughters, Sabine Barnhart and Brett Adkins; and a grandson.

James "Jim" Duryea '60 died May 19, 2014. He was a high school administrator and coach in Kansas and then moved to Texas to be a district sales manager for Krause Plow Corp. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, LaVona; sons Todd and Tim; six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Ben Bartlett '61 died on February 3, 2014, after a 12-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by Mary E. Bartlett.

Elaine (Evans) Clark '63 died July 5, 2014, with her family by her side. Elaine was a community philanthropist, historian, teacher, newspaper columnist, book author, and benevolent farmer's wife. She is survived by her husband, Larry; sons, Cy Clark '89, Rustin Clark, and Troy Clark; sister, Mary Lou Holcomb '56, and seven grandchildren.

Dale Kunkel '67 (also known as Orren Dale) died suddenly on April 28, 2014, in Texas where he was serving as department head for the School of Social Work at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Dale was a social work clinician and teacher for 45 years, having taught in almost every college and university west of the Mississippi. His latest publication, with Rebecca Smith, Ph.D., was the 7th edition

2012) of Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Social Systems Theory. Dale will be remembered for his dynamic personality, his wit and proficiency with words, and his love for just about all animals. He is survived by his wife Rita (Magnuson) Kunkel '65, a sister, one niece, two nephews, and a cat named Jinx.

Sheri Gentzler '68 passed away June 24, 2014 of ongoing physical decline and cancer. Sheri taught English at Osawatomie before earning a master's degree in counselor education. She was one of the first teachers at Project Stay, the Department of Alternative Education of Leavenworth High School. Later she was the first principal at Richard Warren Middle School. Survivors include her niece and nephews.

Chester "Chet" Logue '89 passed away on May 20, 2014. Chet was an adjunct instructor at Cowley College where he started the A & P program. He retired from General Electric at Strother Field. Chet is survived by five sons, 18 grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren.

Suzanne Politsch '90 passed away June 30, 2014, at William Newton Hospital in Winfield.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Marilyn Crowley passed away on June 25, 2014. Marilyn, known as the grandmother of EMS, developed and coordinated the first paramedic class in Cowley County at Southwestern and later developed the standard curriculum for the State of Kansas EMICT course.

FRIENDS

Rev. Kevin Hopkins, former minister at Grace United Methodist Church in Winfield, has accepted a position as the campus minister at Baker University. He and wife, Joni (Everhart) and family have moved to Baldwin City, where Baker is located. Their daughter, Navya, is attending Southwestern this fall as a freshman.

BIRTHS

A son, Peter Brendan Bonaventure, born April 4, 2014, to **Timothy '00** and Kristin Putnam. Peter was welcomed home by siblings Israel (6), Naomi (4½), Jeremiah (3), and Catherine (1).

A daughter, Colston Marie, born Dec. 31, 2013, to Dong and Lindsay (Nusz) Min '02. Colston was welcomed home by brother Calhan (age 2). Colston's uncle and aunt are SC alumni Macklin Nusz '10 and Shelby (Cue) Nusz '11.

A daughter, Daelynn Maxine, born June 6, 2014, to Brian '02 and April (Tobler) Grunder '03 of Rose Hill. Daelynn joins brother Caiden (4).

Grandparents are Barbara Tobler and Allen and Beverly (Jarboe) Grunder '77/'91.

A son, Cullen Michael, born May 28, 2014, to Brendt '14 and Krystal (Cole) Winn '08. The Winns are at home in Haslet, Texas.

A daughter, Amelia Ransom, born March 16, 2014, to Matt '03 and Angela (Pooler) Douglass '04. The Douglass family lives in Arkansas.

Twin sons, Kyler Blake and Nixon Ryan, born May 7, 2014, to AJ and Traci (Lungren) Lewis '04.

Alumni Gatherings

he first Great Plains United Methodist Conference session took place June 11-14, 2014, in Lincoln, Neb. Approximately 50 alumni and spouses were at the conference, and 35 of those attended a "Builders in Ministry" dinner. Those in attendance were: Ashlee Alley '98, Stephanie (Wall) Brown '93, Angela DeFisher '98, Lindsey Graber '16, Larry '64 and Mary Lou Grove, Leah (Rankin) Hartman '07, Kyle '11 and Jen Luttgeharm, Jacob Maforo '02, Wendy Mohler-Seib '01, Kim Moore '71, Madelyn (Magnusson) Norland '83, Megan Otto '04, Dennis Phelps '75, Greg Reffner '16, Eric and Holly (Clayton) Rook '01, Martin Rude, Bill '65 and Karen Seyb, Keith and Kim (Swartz) Shank '08, Jan Tucker '64, April (Chlumsky) Wegehaupt '00, Joel Wilke '07/'08, Paul '80 and Janelle (Dreier) Wilke '80, Steve '78 and Beth (Richardson) Wilke '78. Also joining the group were Ben Hanne and Dave Smith.

ver the weekend of July 4th, alumni from the Chi Chi Chi or Tri Chi sorority (made up of Wallingford and Sutton women who played on volleyball and basketball teams) met in Omaha at the home of Cheryl Lindly '81 to reconnect and reminisce after 30+ years. It was a great time of laughter, stories, old photos, and more laughter! In addition to Cheryl, those in attendance were Kenna Utt '78, Kim Snapp '81, friend Sandy Baker, Vicki Raines '79, Sharon Shepard '97 and Kim Mercer '86.

Have you gathered with Builder friends recently? Send us the information and we'll let others know. Pictures may be submitted digitally to Susan Lowe, susan.lowe@sckans.edu. (Be sure to identify everyone in the photo.)

ALUMNI EVENT SCHEDULE

For more information or to RSVP for all alumni events, contact the alumni office at susan.lowe@sckans.edu or 620-229-6279.

OCT. 21 | 7-8:30 p.m. Liberal Alumni Event at the home of Jim and Nancy (Bergdall) Bowman '63. 400 Fairway Drive, Liberal, Kan.

NOV. 5 | 6-7:30 p.m. Lawrence Alumni Event hosted by Doug Womack '73 at Famous Dave's, 4931 W 6th St., Lawrence, Kan.

NOV. 6 | 6-7:30 p.m. Lenexa Alumni Event at the home of Dan and Steph Sharp Bruyn '98, 2119 W 81st Terrace, Lenexa, Kan.

NOV. 8 | 5:30 p.m. Natural Science Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony in Deets Library, Southwestern College main campus.

Be on the lookout for contest information about an opportunity to be chosen as the lucky winner of an iPad! Details will be found on the alumni website, or at registration during Homecoming. For questions, contact the alumni office

at susan.lowe@sckans.edu or 620.229.6279. /Vin an iPad!



ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lonnie Boyd, director of human resources/Title IX coordinator, was appointed to the board of the South Central Kansas Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) as vice president of communications in June. SHRM provides resources and services to serve the needs of HR professionals and advance the professional practice of human resource management. The South Central Kansas SHRM Chapter serves communities in Cowley and Sumner Counties as well as Kay County, Okla.

Lonnie Boyd, director of human resources/Title IX coordinator, Dan Falk, associate vice president for student life, and Dawn Pleas-Bailey, vice president for student life, attended the July 2014 Title IX ASAP (Awareness and Sexual Assault Prevention) Training for Campus Administrators sponsored by Hirschfeld Kraemer LLP of California. The training was undertaken as part of mandated government compliance regarding Violence Against Women Act and commitment to the Clery Act, Title IX, and the new Campus SAVE (Sexual Violence Elimination) Act.

Melinda Current, associate professor of health and wellness promotion, completed her Doctor of Health Science degree through Nova Southeastern University.

Brenda Hicks, director of financial aid, was chosen recipient of the NASFAA Leadership award for the RMASFAA region at a conference in July. She will be presented the award in October. The NASFAA Regional Leadership Award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the financial aid profession at the regional and state levels over a sustained period of time. They do not need to be financial aid administrators.

Margot Kelman, wife of college president Dick Merriman, presented "Early Literacy Skills in Infants and Toddlers: Research-based Strategies for the Speech-Language Pathologist," a continuing education seminar, at Syracuse University in May 2014. The seminar was part of the "Gebbie Gala," which celbrated the 40th anniversary of the university's Gebbie Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic and the dedication of its new facility. Kelman's service to the university as director of the clinic was recognized with the naming of the clinic director's office in the new facility in her honor.

Nili Luo, professor of early childhood education, was early childhood education keynote speaker at the National Association for Non-Government Preschool Education in Xi'an, China on June 8. Luo spoke on "Early Year Learning in Cross-Culture Settings." On June 19 Luo provided training for parents at the Beijing Dinqi Learning Center on "Early Childhood Education in the U.S.A." She also attended the NAEYC Governing Board Meeting in Washington, D.C., July 27-31. Luo will be speaking Sept. 20 at the National Early Childhood Education Conference in Beijing, China, regarding positive discipline in the classroom. In October, she will be presenting at the Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children conference on how to be culturally responsive early childhood educators.

Dalene McDonald, director of Deets Library, attended the UCCS Copyright Conference in Colorado Springs in June. The UCCS Copyright Conference offers librarians the opportunity to learn about U.S. Copyright Law and how it impacts the services offered patrons. She also attended the American Library Association Conference in Las Vegas during June.

Dawn Pleas-Bailey, vice president for student life and special assistant to the president for community engagement, has been elected vice chairperson for the 2014-2015 Alumni Advisory Board of the Executive Doctorate Higher Education Management at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education. A 2007 doctoral alumna, Pleas-Baily was initially voted onto the advisory board in 2013 and her tenure has been extended as a result of this leadership position. Pleas-Bailey will serve as the chair of the Alumni Advisory Board, providing key leadership in the future of Higher Education Management at the University of Pennsylvania through the 2015-2016 academic calendar year.

Fawzia Reza, affiliate faculty, presented a paper at the Southern California CSU Ed.D. Research Symposium,

"Teacher perspectives on assessment strategies and professional development for Transitional Kindergarten." She also wrote an article for the Race, Equality, and Education Journal (RET) based in the UK, "Do schools perpetuate racial profiling? A qualitative study on immigrant Pakistani parents," which will be published in the autumn 2014 issue.

Stephen Woodburn, associate professor of history, attended the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, "The Late Ottoman and Russian Empires: Citizenship, Belonging, and Difference" June 9-27 at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He attended workshop sessions three times a week, and spent the balance of his time researching and writing in the Library of Congress.



A film crew from the United Methodist Church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry participated in freshman orientation and Builder Camp along with new freshmen. The resulting video will be used in highlighting how a United Methodist college integrates new students into campus life. Watch Southwestern's Facebook page for announcement when the



What's new with you?

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

Name	Class Year		Name	Year of Graduation	
Street Address	P.O. Box		Street Address	P.O. Box	
City	State	Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number			Parents' Names	Phone Number	
Here's something new in my life: (job, address, marriage, baby, etc.)			E-mail Address (if you know it)	High School/College	
			Relationship to you (daughter, friend, nephew, etc.)		
			Any special interests you know of?		



*Indicates there is a cost involved with the event. Use form below to register attendance.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

The President's Gallery in Darbeth Fine Arts Center will feature photos by Davo Muttiah '99. The display may be viewed from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

Pounds Lounge is available for visiting and resting throughout the weekend. No refreshments are provided in Pounds, but may be purchased upstairs at Java Jinx and brought in.

9 A.M.-4 P.M. Moundbuilder Market, the Southwestern merchandise store, will be open.

9 A.M.-2 P.M. Focused Professional Learning: Using Data to Inform Decisions in Education

9-10:15 A.M. Keynote Speaker

10:15-10:30 A.M. Break

10:30-11:30 A.M. 1st Session (3 choices of topic groups to choose from)

11:30-11:45 A.M. Break

11:45-12:45 P.M. Lunch

1-2 P.M. 2nd Session (3 choices of topic groups to choose from)

10 A.M. *Jinx Invitational Golf Tourney, Winfield Country Club. Shotgun start. Sign up by contacting SC coach Brad Sexson at (620) 229-6161, or brad.sexson@sckans.edu. \$100 per person or \$400 per team. Fee includes green fees, cart, 3 drink tickets, range balls, and prizes. (Golf registration begins at 9 a.m.)

12 NOON *Class of 1969 Welcome Luncheon. Meet at Burger Station to purchase your favorite college-era meal, then join classmates at Island Park to start the weekend right!

2 P.M.-5 P.M. Registration for class reunions in Christy Lobby.

2-3 P.M. 1964 & 1969 Class Registration 2:30-3:30 P.M. 1974 & 1979 Class Registration 3-4 P.M. 1984 & 1989 Class Registration 3:30-4:30 P.M. 1994 & 1999 Class Registration 4-5 P.M. 2004 & 2009 Class Registration

2-4:30 P.M. High Jinx Spoken Word/Slam Poetry Contest. Alumni division, Christy 201. Alumni may participate in the contest by bringing an original work of poetry or spoken word performance piece, or perform a classic instead. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, with the 2014-15 SC Alumni Performance Poet Laureate to be announced at 4:15 p.m. Audience members are welcome and will be allowed to vote, serve as a judge, or just come to applaud, heckle and munch on goodies! Contact michelle.boucher@sckans.edu to register, sign up to be a judge, or for more information.

2:30-5 P.M. Performing Arts Showcase, Richardson Performing Arts Center. A variety of entertainment will be provided by SC students with a new performance starting every 30 minutes. (20 minutes of entertainment, a 10-minute break, then a new performance will begin.) Stop in for one or all of the performances!

3 AND 4 P.M. Campus Tours, top of the 77 Steps. Student Ambassadors will give campus walking tours. (Allow 30 min.

5:15 P.M. Homecoming Registration moves over to Java Jinx.

6-7:30 P.M. *All-Class Homecoming Dinner, Roy L. Smith dining hall. Limited seating, \$25 per person. Master of Ceremonies, David Lungren '74, blessing by Rev. Barry Dundas '89. Recognition of 50 yr class, 51+ alumni, reunion year Class Hosts, SC Trustees. African Drum & Dance Ensemble will perform. Homecoming award recipients are: Ambassador Award - Don '52 & Betsy Drennan and Allan & Susan Norton; Young Alumni Award - Brian '04 & Emily Bauer Holthus '03; Alumni Award - David Swartz '64.

7 P.M. *SC Volleyball vs. Bethel College, Stewart Field House. Cost \$6 adults, \$2 senior citizens & students.

8 P.M. Kaleidoscope, performing arts production, Richardson Performing Arts Center.

9:30 P.M. Bonfire, north end of soccer field.

SATURDAY. OCTOBER 4

8 A.M.-1 P.M. Alumni Registration, Stewart Field House foyer.

8:30-9:30 A.M. Come & Go Continental Breakfast at the SC Learning Center (home of pre-school & after-school programs), 120 W. 12th. Come for breakfast and walk a few steps over to the Homecoming parade on Main Street!

9 A.M.-2 P.M. Moundbuilder Market, the Southwestern merchandise store will be open.

9 A.M. Class of 1964 Trolley Loading for parade, First United Methodist Church parking lot, 11th & Millington.

9:30 A.M. Homecoming Parade, Main Street downtown. Parade Marshals, Etcyl '47 and Ruth (Gross) Blair '47.

10:30 A.M.- 12 NOON Rock Painting at the Mound - Add a new rock to celebrate your reunion! Rocks, paint and brushes are provided, and family members are welcome to paint a rock as well. Volunteers are Teresa Bevis-Yeoman '80 and George

10:30 A.M.- 12 NOON Petting Roo-Zoo, Library Lawn. Free family fun activity for kids of all ages... come and meet a kangaroo and a giant tortoise!

10:30 A.M.- 12 NOON Performing Arts Come & Go **Reception**, Darbeth Lobby. Conversation, coffee & rolls, as well as a chance to see the President's Gallery exhibit.

10:30 A.M. Communications/ Computer Science/ English Reunion Brunch, come & go in Christy Administration Building lower level. Alumni who were in SCUpdate, The Collegian, Moundbuilder yearbook, Jinx Radio, SCTV, debate, the English journal, and Sigma Tau Delta, are invited to attend. RSVP to Cindy.Stevens@sckans.edu or 620-229-6293.

11 A.M.-1 P.M. *Homecoming Picnic, Stewart Field House. \$6 person, children under 6, \$3

11 A.M.-1 P.M. Book Signing by Sherry (Galloway) Willis '70/'95, for her new children's book, Rex the Mighty Rectangle, Stewart Field House foyer. Copies of this book and the first in the series, Cowboy Tad the Triangle Man, may be purchased at the signing.

11 A.M.-1 P.M. Say Cheez Photo Booth, Stewart Field House stage. Free zany photo booth photos, just like you remember as a kid... pair up with your spouse or your old roommate, and take some fun photos! Props provided.

11:15 A.M. Outreach Worship Service, south patio of Roy L. Smith Student Center.

11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. President's Luncheon for 51+ years alumni at Winfield Country Club. Class Hosts: Betty (McGowan) Bradley '51, Don Drennan '52, Phyllis (Riggs) Bigler '54, Melba (Travis) Cook '59, and Marilyn (Lungren) Houlden '61.

12 NOON - 12:30 P.M. *Professional Class Photos, King Plaza. \$6-5x7 photo, \$10-8x10 photo; other groups or family photos may be arranged with photographer at this time.

Photo times as follow (class photos will be done separately

12 NOON Classes of 1964, 1969, 1974 12:15 P.M. Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989 12:30 P.M. Classes of 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009

1:15 P.M. Class Reunion Gatherings, Jantz Stadium. Find your decade banner and sit with your classmates and friends at the football game... Go Builders!

1:30 P.M. *Homecoming Football Game, SC vs. Tabor College. \$10 reserved seats (if available), \$8 per adult, \$5 for senior citizens (age 65-up) & \$2 for college students w/ ID.

5-8 P.M. *Child Care Services, Grace UMC, Cost \$2 per hour per child, which includes evening meal. Reservations required, walk-ins accepted if space allows.

5 P.M. Class of 1964 Reunion Photo, Winfield Country Club, 2916 Country Club Rd.

5 P.M. (after the football game) Volleyball Reunion & recognition of 1994 Conference Championship Team, Cafeteria. Volleyball alumni will be recognized during the Homecoming football game and at the Saturday night volleyball game.

5:30 P.M. *Class of 1964 Reunion

Dinner, Winfield Country Club. 50-year gala celebration, \$25 per person. Class Hosts: Stephany (Brown) Hughes, Jim Reed, and Sherry (Redick) Reed.

5:30-7 P.M. *Class Reunion Gatherings, Dutch treat unless otherwise specified. Bring your old college photos and memorabilia for reminiscing! (For full details on class reunion activities, check the Homecoming website for specific class.)

1969 Reunion Dinner, at Wroten Hall, SC campus. Catered meal \$20, pay at the door. Class Hosts: John Esche, Dave Galliart, Linda (Petit) Lucero, and Bill H. Stephens.

1974 Reunion Dinner, at Biederman's Bistro, 801 Main St. Class Hosts: Kimy (Durbin) Christie, Kathy (Cooper) Delcarpio, and Gavin Russo.

1979 Reunion Dinner, at Kathryn's, 822 Main St. Class Hosts: Janis (Matthews) Angermayr, LaMar Burks, and Ron Denton.

1984 Reunion Dinner, at Woodchuck's, 1014 Main St. Class Hosts: Joni (Matthews) Davis, Lu King, Ann (Channel) Leppke, and Brad Smith.

1989 Reunion Dinner, at Pizza Hut, 1912 Main St. Class Host: Keri (Ramsay) Griffin.

1994 Reunion Dinner, at Nieves' Mexican Restaurant, 119 E 9th. Class Hosts: Sandra Gasca-Gonzalez and Kim (Brewster) Wilson.

1999 Reunion Dinner, at Montana Mike's Steakhouse, 3727 Quail Ridge Dr. Class Hosts: Cory Helmer, Davo Muttiah, Jason Pond, and Stacy Thomas.

2004 Reunion Dinner, at Gambino's Pizza, 1400 Main St. Class Hosts: Brian Carr, Ann (Chartier) Wilcoxson, and Laura Zink-Koiner.

2009 Reunion Dinner, at College Hill Coffee, 403 Soward. Class Hosts: Ericka (Franklin) Joiner, Roger Klein, Dallas Leonard, Blake Morgan, Kate (Topham) Morgan, Julie Wilke, and Rebecca (Richmond) Young.

6 P.M. Women's Soccer, alumni vs. current students, Jantz Stadium.

7 P.M. Men's Soccer, alumni vs. current students, Jantz Stadium.

7 P.M. *SC Volleyball vs. University of Saint Mary, Stewart Field House. Cost \$6 adults, \$2 senior citizens & students.

8 P.M. *The Phantom of the Opera 1925 silent film with live organ music by Brett Valliant, an American organist in demand for his ability to perform many different genres of music which will add drama to the movie experience in Richardson Performing Arts Center. Cost \$15 person, \$12 alumni, \$8 students. For ticket information, contact Jessica Falk at 800-846-1543 ext. 6141.

10:30 P.M. Tom Jones, production by Campus Players alumni in the Little Theatre.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30 A.M. *Alumni Breakfast Buffet, Roy L. Smith dining hall. \$6 person. RSVPs appreciated.

10:50 A.M. Homecoming Worship Service, Grace UMC. The Rev. Barry Dundas '89 will be guest speaker. The service will include a memorial to deceased SC alumni from Sept. 1, 2013 to Aug. 31, 2014. A Cappella Choir members and alumni will be invited to participate in singing "Beautiful Savior."

11:15 A.M.-1:30 P.M. *Sunday Brunch Buffet, Roy L. Smith dining hall. Cost \$7.50. RSVPs appreciated.

11 A.M.-2 P.M. Moundbuilder Market, the Southwestern merchandise store will be open.

*Cost Involved

QUESTIONS?

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