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From the President

I just finished reading *Tuesdays With Morrie* by Mitch Albom. It's a real life account of the efforts of a harried and ambitious sportswriter to reconnect with his college mentor, Morrie, who is slowly dying of ALS. One Tuesday, Morrie and Mitch talked about their definition of "a perfect day." That phrase caught my attention, because last December I had "a perfect day at work" at Southwestern. Let me tell you about it.



Dick Merriman

It happened on Wednesday, Dec. 2. It started with a meeting of the Homecoming Committee, a group of administrators who are working together to make our Homecoming event more memorable and attractive. At this meeting we finalized plans for blending our alumni Reunion Weekend program, our class giving and class agent programs, and our Homecoming program. There is an article in this *Southwesterner* about the result. I spent the next hour on the telephone talking with members of the Board of Trustees about a couple of items. Then I had some time to work on a couple of letters and think about some issues the college is facing. At noon I attended the Winfield Rotary meeting and visited with friends from Winfield.

After lunch I had two meetings with faculty members and then drove up to the Cumbernauld Village complex for a Christmas reception with the residents. We were led in singing Christmas carols by the Keynotes, an enthusiastic SC student performing group who got everybody into the action. The reception was a lot of fun. Many of the people at Cumbernauld have long ties with Southwestern. They are extraordinarily fond of SC and very well informed about Southwestern.

At 5:30 I met with Professors Andy Sheppard and Steve Rankin and a group of students interested in religion and philosophy. I led a seminar on the development of classical liberal thought (don't ask, I'd need the whole *Southwesterner*) and America's racial history. We had a good conversation and the students more than held their own. Andy and Steve are growing some thinkers.

After that I met my wife, Margot, at Southwestern's first home KCAC basketball game of the season. The opponent was Friends, and the game provided a great occasion to welcome Carl and Mary Lou Martin back to campus. The renovation of the Stewart Field House is a monument to their vision and tenacity, and their ability to motivate SC's alumni and friends to work together to accomplish great things. Just to top it off: We beat Friends.

Why was this "a perfect day at work"? It had all the things I thrive on: opportunities to meet new people, opportunities to visit with friends and colleagues, brain work, time to think about the history of Southwestern and honor individuals who have built the college, interesting work that will build the future of SC, and good time spent with bright and interesting young people.

The next day was good, but it wasn't perfect. So it goes.

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The Southwestern College Wetlands near McPherson will attract dozens of species of wetland birds when the project is completed. The full story is on page 5 of this issue.



NEWS BRIEFS

Winfield children have 'siblings' at Southwestern

Several students from Southwestern College have volunteered their time to the Big Brothers and Sisters program. In fact, of 43 Big Brothers and Sisters now in Cowley County, eight are SC students and another student is in orientation for the program. Five were matched in the last three months.

The Big Brothers and Sisters program was designed to provide children ages five to 17 with one-to-one relationships with adult role models. These friendships are intended to help the children improve self-esteem and school performance, and to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.

"The recent push has been wonderful," says Melissa Raschen, case manager for Big Brothers and Sisters of Cowley County. The Christmas wish of many children to have a Big Brother or Sister has been fulfilled with the help of SC students, she says, and "we've really seen some improvements in the kids."

Each volunteer Big Brother or Sister spends three to four hours a week with the Little Brother or Sister during a period of at least six months. SC students and their matched siblings participate in such activities as movies, bowling, sporting events, and recreational sports.

SC students and student organizations also participate in the Southwestern College Bowl for Kids Sake, an annual fundraiser. In its first two years the event raised more than \$1,600; the third Bowl for Kids Sake will be March 11.

Jason Sutton, '97, was the first SC student to become a Big Brother match in May 1996.

—by John Richmeier, '00

Official spring enrollment figures are out, and once again records have been set. Total headcount is 957 students, up from last spring's 868. This includes the full-time equivalent of 504 on-campus students and 190 professional studies students.

The number of students at every college location (campus, Winfield downtown, Wichita east, Wichita west) was up from last year. The biggest jump came at the Wichita west center, now in its second year of operation.

Three Southwestern College faculty members have been approved for tenure by the board of trustees.

Jackie Berryman, assistant professor of nursing; Michelle Boucher, assistant professor of education and director of integrative studies; and Bob Gallup, assistant professor of physics and mathematics all began teaching at Southwestern in 1993.

With seven games remaining in the season, senior Kyle Wollenberg was on his way to becoming Southwestern College's all-time leading scorer in men's basketball. On Feb. 4 the point guard from Purcell, Okla., had 1,573 points.

The record of 1,690 points is held by Donald Carter, '98.

When we last left you, *Philemon* was waiting to hear whether it had been accepted as a participating production at the regional Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival.

Days after the mailing of the last *Southwesterner*, the word came: *Philemon* had been selected. The play was one of only six shows evaluated from a six-state region chosen for presentation.

Directed by Roger Moon, the play was presented twice during the festival. Although it was not selected to move on to the national presentations, costume designer Mitch Nam received commendation for her work. (Debbie Shaffer-Mattel, '96, also was commended as best new playwright for *50 Ways to Leave Your Lover*.)

Order tickets now for the 20th season of Horsefeathers and Applesauce Summer Dinner Theatre—"A Season of Unions and Reunions." The schedule includes *I Do, I Do* to open the year June 5 and 6 and 10-12. (This show-only production has optional dessert.)

Regular season offerings are *The King and I*, June 17-20 and 23-27; *Charley's Aunt*, July 1 and 2 and 8-11; and *1776*, July 15-18 and 21-25.

For more information and ticket prices contact the Horsefeathers box office at (316) 221-7720.

Having a Wonderful Time— Wish You Were Here...

College Seeks Faculty, Librarian

Southwestern College is searching for qualified candidates to fill faculty and administrative positions beginning with the fall 1999 term. These include:

Beech Chair of Business Administration

Tenure track position. Business-related Ph.D. required although highly qualified ABD would be considered. Responsibilities include teaching, advising, and developing an MBA program.

Reference Librarian

Ten-month appointment. Duties include reference services for students and faculty and assisting the director in collection development. ALA-accredited MLS required.

Nursing Faculty

Tenure track position. Qualifications include master's degree in nursing with clinical specialty preparation, successful nursing practice experience, evidence of scholarly work, and Kansas RN licensure.

Director of Teacher Education

Duties include teaching and supervision of the master of education degree program. Doctorate required, ABD will be considered.

Review of applications begins March 8 and will continue until candidates are selected. Provide a current vita, graduate transcripts, three letters of reference, and a statement of educational philosophy to David A. Nichols, Dean of Faculty, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas 67156-2499. E-mail: <dnichols@jinx.sckans.edu>. Phone: (316) 221-8205. An EEO/AA employer.



Jan Term may no longer be an official requirement for Southwestern College students, but trips over Christmas break are far from forgotten.

During the weeks before second semester classes began at least two groups of students were on the road: a liberal arts class, Politics and the Arts, spent Jan. 7-12 in Washington, D.C.; and the men's basketball team participated in the Palm Beach Atlantic Classic in Florida.

Music faculty member Tim Shook and eight students were in the thick of the historic impeachment trial during their Washington trip. "We really experienced the political buzz of this historic time while we examined the fusion of the arts and politics," Shook says.

Highlights of the trip included a VIP tour of the White House (thanks to help from Southwestern's Bishop in Residence Richard Wilke); meeting with aides of Kansas' senators to discuss views on NEA funding; visits to the Kennedy Fine Arts Center, the Holocaust Museum, the Hirschhorn Museum, the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian Institution, and other museums; attendance at a production of *Annie Get Your Gun* and at a performance by the National Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin, conductor.

One of the most gripping moments of the trip came during a concert at the Holocaust Museum, when Holocaust survivors in the audience could not contain their grief and despair while reliving their personal tragedy through music, Shook says.

Photos of this group of three freshmen, two sophomores, one junior, and two seniors show them shivering in front of famous Washington landmarks (left).

Photos of the basketball team's trip to Florida, on the other hand, are filled with sun and surf.

Only 16 of the Florida Moundbuilders were players, but a traveling group of more than twice that many escaped the Kansas winter for a few days on the beach. An alumni/team meeting and meal Dec. 30 drew 43 players, coaches and trainers, parents, grandparents, foster parents, and alumni. (The Moundbuilders were 1-1 at the tournament.)

College Formalizes Plans: Homecoming/Reunions, Anniversary Class Gifts

Starting with Homecoming/Reunion Weekend '99 on Oct. 23, 1999, Southwestern's alumni classes will be invited back to campus every five years to celebrate the anniversaries of their graduation. Class agents for the classes returning to campus are beginning work now to plan a memorable weekend for their classmates. Activities will include class parties, presentation of class gifts, and recognition of distinguished alumni.

Classes returning for Homecoming/Reunion Weekend are being asked this year to participate in the college's first ever "class gift" program. The program is simple: It asks alumni to make a special effort to make a gift to SC during anniversary years and to make the gift as generous as possible.

To encourage class pride and to recognize the important role alumni play in supporting the college, a little friendly competition will be part of each year's class gift effort. During the 1999 Homecoming/Reunion Weekend Southwestern will be celebrating the class that makes the largest class gift (the total of all dollars given to SC for all purposes by members of the class), the class that has the highest percentage of participation in giving to SC, and the class that returns the largest percentage of its members for Homecoming/Reunion Weekend.

The winning classes will be announced during the weekend and forever glorified on a plaque outside the president's office in Christy Hall. For the 1999 Homecoming/Reunion Weekend, the class gift results will be based on giving to Southwestern during the current 1999 fiscal year, from July 1, 1998, to June 30, 1999. Members of the classes listed below will soon be receiving information about their reunions and their class gift drives.

Homecoming/Reunion Weekend '99 Saturday, Oct. 23

Anniversary	Class
5 th anniversary	1994
10 th anniversary	1989
15 th anniversary	1984
20 th anniversary	1979
25 th anniversary	1974
30 th anniversary	1969
35 th anniversary	1964
40 th anniversary	1959
45 th anniversary	1954
50 th anniversary	1949
55 th anniversary	1944
60 th anniversary	1939
65 th anniversary	1934
70 th anniversary	1929

Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2000 will celebrate anniversaries of classes with years ending in 0 and 5, including the Class of 1995, the Class of 1990, and so on.

Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2001 will celebrate anniversaries of classes with years ending in 1 and 6, including the Class of 1996, the Class of 1991, and so on.

Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2002 will celebrate anniversaries of classes with years ending in 2 and 7, including the Class of 1997, the Class of 1992, and so on.

Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2003 will celebrate anniversaries of classes with years ending in 3 and 8, including the Class of 1998, the Class of 1993, and so on.

Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2004 will see the return of the 4s and 9s.

Honor Roll Corrections

Following are the corrections to the *Legacy of the Land* honor roll of donors published by Southwestern in early December:

- Donors listed for Stewart Field House are those who have contributed \$3,000 or more to the project.
- Henry and Helen Murray, Newton, were not recognized for their contributions to the Henry and Helen Murray Endowed Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarship aid for preministerial students at Southwestern.
- David and Ronna Swartz, '64, '66, should have been listed as members of the President's Council.
- The surname of Richard E. and Barbara J. Hagen was misspelled in the list of donors to the Beech Science Center and Mabee Laboratory Complex.

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HELP A NEW TEACHER

Southwestern College's education advisory council is looking for alumni to help new teachers—and you might be that alumnus.

"We are looking for alumni to adopt or mentor Southwestern's teacher education students who take teaching positions in the alumni's communities," says Sarabeth Farney, associate professor of education.

Even though 90 per cent of Southwestern's teacher education graduates in the past two years are employed the year after graduation as teachers, research shows that a high percentage of teachers leave teaching after the first five years, Farney points out. The national employment rate for teacher education graduates is only 50 per cent.

One reason for this drop-out, Farney says, is the financial strain on teachers who are spending their own money for teaching supplies and materials. "I personally have known teachers who spent as much as \$2,000 a given year to buy supplies and materials."

"When a teacher graduates in May, it is usually four or five months before they receive a paycheck from the school," Farney says. "New teachers have many expenses related to the job—bulletin board supplies, curriculum materials, professional clothing, etc."

The education advisory council suggests that Sunday school classes, individual alumni, teacher education organizations, and other groups might be interested in providing personal support through classroom visitations, volunteer tutoring and/or clerical help, mentoring, care packages, notes of encouragement, gift certificates at education supply stores, and/or other financial help.

Persons interested in more information on helping Southwestern teacher graduates should contact Sarabeth Farney, <sfarney@jinx.sckans.edu>, or (316) 221-8331.

The Alumni Connection

A new alumni relations network—connecting Southwestern's nearly 9,500 alumni—is taking shape at the college. This network utilizes a class agent from each graduating class who then acts as liaison between classmates and SC. Exactly what is a class agent? And what does it mean to the Moundbuilder community?

"Let's put it this way," says Jerre Nolte, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Winfield and class agent for the class of 1980. "Say I know something about genetic research." He pushes back in his desk chair, thinking up the scenario. "I live in Houston, and Southwestern is looking for a convocation speaker on genetic research, or a place for a student to do an internship, or any number of other things." He pauses and thinks some more. "We [alumni] are a valuable resource pool. We have gained knowledge, experience, and connections, and can consolidate those resources for the benefit of education at Southwestern College."

Most grads have lasting memories from their years at SC, he adds. Keeping those connections is important. Vivian Glenn, Winfield, is class agent for the class of 1942. Hers is an extension of an on-going relationship with Southwestern: She worked for many years in the registrar's office, is a former writer for *The Southwesterner*, and has served as president of the alumni board. She had organized her class's 50th reunion and enjoyed the contact with old friends. "Since I know so many people," she says, "I thought I could be helpful."

Duties of a class agent include writing letters at least twice a year to classmates, keeping them informed of events and developments on campus, and advocating for the annual fund; planning (with the help of the office of alumni programs) the class's reunion every five years during Homecoming; connecting resources, and compiling memories.

"Class agents are basically making a conduit of relations, a communications link," says David Dolsen, vice president for development operations. "It's a continuation of the family relationships many students developed while at Southwestern. It's a willingness to share successes, experiences, and failures with fellow classmates. It's an extension of the SC family."

More than 40 class agents are in position for this effort. With a goal of acquiring class agents back to 1939, only 16 class years still lack agents ('39, '40, '44, '46, '49, '50, '51, '54, '78, '84, '87, '89, '94, '95, and '97).

Homecoming '99, when class reunion rotations begin, will see the new class agents in their first official role. (See related story on Homecoming/Reunion Weekend.)

—by Joni Rankin

Current Class Agents

1941	Mildred Erhart	McAllen, Texas
1942	Vivian Glenn	Winfield
1942	R. Stephen White	Santa Barbara, Calif.
1943	E. Dale Dunlap	Raymore, Mo.
1943	Anne Grigsby	Pratt
1945	Helen Counsell	Charlottesville, Va.
1946	Virginia Fikes	Carlsbad, Calif.
1947	Mary Lois Smith	Liberal
1948	J C Fikes	Carlsbad, Calif.
1952	Eldon Snyder	Bowling Green, Ohio
1952	Lois Gullerud	Champaign, Ill.
1953	Phyllis McMurry	Spring Hill
1955	Eugene Lowry	Kansas City, Mo.
1956	Norman Simmons	Manhattan
1957	Keith Dudeck	Wichita
1958	Jane Grier	Hutchinson
1959	Darrel English	Flagstaff, Ariz.
1960	Vere English	Newton
1960	Yvonne English	Flagstaff, Ariz.
1961	Lyle Kallenbach	Bartlesville, Okla.
1962	Kathryn Schuster	Winfield
1963	Florence Metcalf	Hugoton
1964	Dennis Maack	Overland Park
1965	Fred and Shelly Hopkins	Benton
1966	Rodney Strohl	Arlington, Texas
1967	Ronald Scheffler	Topeka
1967	Charles Yingling	Winfield
1968	David Froman	Columbia, Mo.
1969	Diane Sudmalis	Evergreen, Colo.
1970	Jack Gumb	Topeka
1971	Thomas Graber	Wichita
1972	Steven and Sally Cauble	Liberal
1972	Vicki Hitchcock	Wichita
1973	Jana Waite	Champaign, Ill.
1974	Robert Nation	Winfield
1975	Susan Cooksey	Denton, Texas
1976	Dana Smith	Pretty Prairie
1977	Becky O'Neal	Nor mal, Ill.
1979	Ronald Denton	Bartlesville, Okla.
1980	Jerre Nolte	Winfield
1981	Kenneth Mossman	Bloomington, Ill.
1981	Rick Cotton	Central, S.C.
1982	Don Smith	Wichita
1983	Carol Wimmer	Pittsburg
1985	Michael Dunbar	Overland Park
1986	Cindy Neely	Lenexa
1986	Harold Small	Caldwell
1988	Charles Sturgis	Pittsburgh, Pa.
1990	Wendy Coleman	Fort Worth, Texas
1990	Rick Liby	Wichita
1991	Paul McDonald	Schaumburg, Ill.
1991	Dan Lara	Alexandria, Va.
1992	Thad and Kimberly Leffingwell	Kent, Wash.
1993	Douglas Wolff	Overland Park



Donna (Wacker) Homan, '80, was the cover girl on the September 1998 issue of *Floral Management* magazine. The owner of Donna's Designs in Winfield, Homan was featured in an article about selling giftware in floral shops. Giftware makes up half of Donna's store's total sales.

Donna also was pictured on the front page of the *Wichita Eagle* during the Christmas season, in an article about Winfield's Isle of Lights.



“See, the shorebirds fly four miles up, and they can see 80 miles on either side of their head. That means they can see water that’s in a 160-mile area around where they’re flying,” Pesch explains.

Big Basin (four square miles of water), Little Basin, Clear Pond, and the dozens of smaller marshy areas and ponds stretched in a chain 43 miles long and as much as six miles wide. They marked a depression Pesch says was the old river bed of the Smoky Hill River before its course shifted north centuries ago.

But not everyone appreciated this chain of lakes. Settlers living near the basin were convinced it should be drained: the smell of drowned prairie animals when they became caught in high waters after a storm was almost overpowering; a 1901 *McPherson Sentinel* article spoke of a toad invasion 12 years earlier in which an epidemic of toads from the basin made walking in town after dark impossible; crops that were planted in the basin vicinity often were flooded out.

So in 1901, John Schrag, a Harvey County engineer-farmer-carpenter, was contacted by McPherson County engineers to drain the basin. For the next decade Schrag bought up Big Basin land, and began building a system of dikes and ditches around the Big Basin that would eventually drain run-off from 20,000 acres south into the Blaze Fork Creek. The wetlands, which had become second only to Cheyenne Bottoms (near Medicine Lodge) as a migratory stopover, was converted to farmland.

For decades the land was farmed, but the land contours made the going tough. In dry times, crops were possible, but during wet years harvest was doubtful or impossible. “We had one farmer who told us in 18 years he harvested one crop,” Pesch says.

So in the late 1980s the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks began working to buy back land in the wetlands area. It was decided the time had come to restore the wetlands to at least a semblance of its



At this time of the year, not much appears to be happening in the McPherson Valley Wetlands.

The Kansas Wildlife and Parks office where public lands manager Todd Pesch oversees the wetlands is in one end of a Morton building that blends in with the browns and grays of Kansas winter foliage. Despite the bright red 1900s-vintage barn across the gravel driveway, late January is a collage of muted colors and stillness.

It’s cold, and although the ice has melted on the marshy ground a few hundred yards away, as Pesch strides toward the water the most apparent wildlife movement comes from a rabbit scared out of a long-unused fence row. No ducks. No whooping cranes. No blue herons. No red-tailed hawks.

But listen to Pesch for even a few minutes, and you’ll begin to believe you hear flocks of geese gliding toward Clear Pond on their migration back from the south. You’ll begin looking over your shoulder in anticipation of hundreds of Mallards that surely must be on their way.

Todd Pesch goes way past enthusiastic when he talks about the wetlands project Southwestern College is becoming a part of. He’s passionate, ardent, even frenetic.

As Pesch talks, you begin to see the market hunters who lived in the region in the late 1800s. These local farmers would climb into punt boats and head out into the marshes, some less than a foot deep, where birds had settled thick around them.

“The guy in the back of the boat would stand up, see,” Pesch pantomimes the boaters, “then as the birds started to fly up, the guy in the front would light the fuse on this big, six-inch gun. They called ‘em punt guns, and you didn’t have to use any special ammunition. Gravel, or tacks, or little pieces of broken glass, or whatever they had. Then they’d fire that gun, and they’d get hundreds of birds without even making a dent in what was out here.”

These market hunters, who were harvesting the birds with the same dispassionate dispatch as they harvested their wheat on dry ground, would field dress the birds and pack them in ice onto trains bound for Kansas City or St. Louis. Or they’d can them—“not in those little Ball jars; they’d put birds into 55-gallon drums, with a layer of birds, then a layer of wax, another layer of birds, another layer of wax, and fill the whole barrel.”

Back then the marshy area and lakes made up a huge wetland that migrating flocks could see for hundreds of miles. Most of it was shallow; only Lake Farland and Lake Inman were slightly deeper, more than five feet deep at high water mark. But the birds could spot the landing areas even in dry years.

Todd Pesch, public lands manager of the McPherson Valley Wetlands is enthusiastic about the role the new Southwestern College Wetlands will play as the area is restored. The photos above show progress of the work. Inset with the picture of Pesch is a late 1800s photo of market hunters and their catch from the Big Basin.

Dedication of the Southwestern College Wetlands will be in late April.

(Photo of Pesch by Karen Mages. Inset photos courtesy of Todd Pesch. Background photo courtesy of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.)

former magnitude. And that’s where Southwestern College’s involvement with the project began.

At about the midpoint of the former chain of lakes lay a 160-acre parcel that was part of the Southwestern College endowment. It had been given to the college in the late 1920s by the Huston family; the college was only the second owner of the property.

Last year, when the board of trustees decided to sell some of the less productive land in the endowment holdings, the continuing stewardship of this land was a top priority. So the college began negotiations with The Nature Conservancy and other wetland project partners with the intent of selling the farm to them for eventual transfer to Kansas Wildlife and Parks. Although the plot is only 160 acres of what will eventually be nearly 5,000 acres of wetlands, Pesch describes the spot as “prime acreage” in the restoration—halfway between the Big Basin and Lake Farland.

This area will be named the Southwestern College Wetlands, and will be managed by the state to give educational, recreational, and conservation opportunities. The potential for migratory birds, Pesch says, is almost unimaginable.

“Early in the project we had 86 ducks per acre, so multiply that by the 5,000 acres and we have the potential for upwards of half a million birds to come though here during the migrating seasons,” Pesch points out. “Cheyenne Bottoms is a wetlands of international importance, with 76 percent of all migratory shorebirds staying at Cheyenne Bottoms during the spring or fall migration. We have every reason to believe the McPherson Valley Wetlands will be just as important.”

So for now, the Southwestern College Wetlands are quiet. The information kiosk, parking area, identifying sign, and other paraphernalia will be dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony later in the spring when the browns and grays are beginning to change to green.

Then, as the flocks pass overhead, they’ll look down, and like their ancestors of a century ago, they’ll glide to a halt.

—by Sara Weinert

Editor’s note: Historical references in this article came from “Draining the Big Basin,” written by Rynnell R. Schrag in 1991. Schrag is the great-grandson of John Schrag.



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A Lifetime of Preparation

In some ways, it seems as if Dick Merriman has been preparing all his life to be president of Southwestern College.

Oh, he hasn't been around for a while. For the past 20 years, in fact, he's been away from Kansas; he left in August of 1978, and returned in August 1998.

He grew up all over the state, the second oldest of four children in the family of a United Methodist minister and his wife. The towns he lived in were tiny. Chetopa. Galena. Alta Vista. When he graduated from high school in Hardtner, he was one of 16 seniors.

But he learned some big lessons in those little towns. The most valuable lessons came from his parents—his father, who had grown up in the coalmining country of western Maryland; and his mother, a native of western Kansas whose own mother had lived in a sod house. His parents met when William Richard Merriman, Sr., came to Kansas from Duke University to run the Wesley Foundation at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia.

From his father he got his love for learning; from his mother he inherited his love for Kansas.

"The fact that my father was a Methodist minister was a big influence on my life," he says. "In most of the towns where we lived, he was one of the best-educated people in town. Our house was full of books. And it connected in my head that education was the way to leadership, a pathway to service, and that influenced my thinking about what I wanted to do with my life.

"My mom did more to give me a Kansas look at life," he continues. "She grew up in Colby during the Dust Bowl years, and used to tell us about crawling home from school during dust storms by feeling the edge of the sidewalk. It was perseverance in the face of adversity."

In fact, when he completed his undergraduate and master's degrees at Emporia State University and left the state for what would become a 20-year hiatus, he began to recognize the depth of his own Kansas persona.

"Midwesterners are a weird combination of defensiveness and defiance," he says. "I saw it a lot in my personality when I got out of Kansas."

This combination, partly excuse-me-I'm-from-Kansas and partly want-to-make-something-of-it?, began to show when he entered a doctoral program in political science at Indiana University. One of 16 students accepted into the program, he began to make more self-discoveries. What did he discover first? "I was as smart as the students from 'name brand' colleges. I figured I was, but it was good for them to find it out, too."

What did he discover second?

"That I wasn't very good at mathematics," Merriman recalls his statistics course with a grimace. "I got clobbered, a bit fat F." He took it again: D. Not good enough.

The statistics class was a "tool skill" requirement. He had to complete two tool skills to graduate. His next discovery?

"Persistence. I had to figure out a way to pass this program, so I convinced my advisor I needed to learn French and Spanish so I could read political commentaries in their original languages without wading through a translation. As it ended up, I had six weeks one summer to learn French, and six weeks the next summer to learn Spanish, but I did it."

And then he took statistics again with nothing on the line but his own view of himself. He got a B.

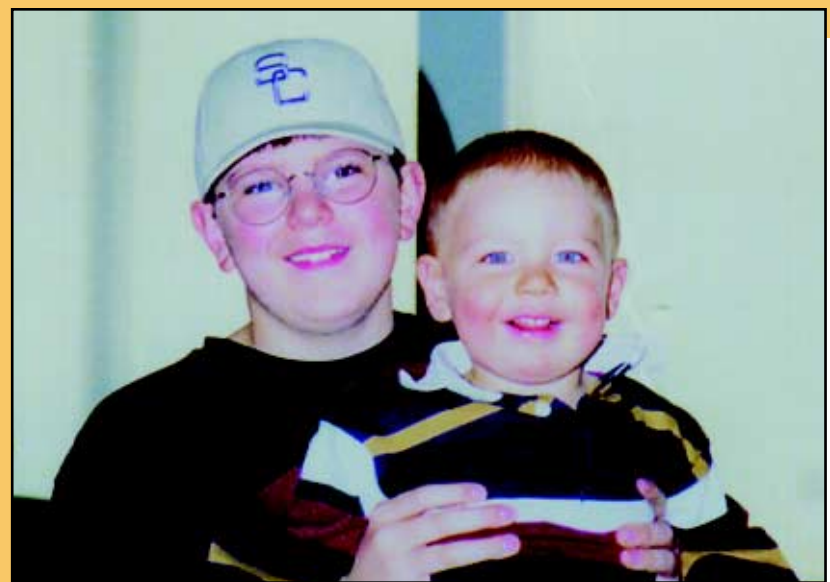
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Southwestern College presidents face-to-face: Dick Merriman shares a moment with C. Orville Strohl, SC president from 1954 to 1972, at the September dedication of the Strohl House as the college welcome center (courtesy photo)



The list of presidential duties includes greeting trick-or-treaters from Grace Little Builders Preschool outside Merriman's office in Christy Administration Building. (photo by Karen Mages)



Benjamin (13) and Aaron (2) already are fully-participating members of the Winfield lifestyle: Ben was starting center for the seventh grade Vikings football team; Aaron's social schedule includes the Parents as First Teachers play group in SC's Memorial Library. (courtesy photo)

Inauguration of
William Richard Merriman, Jr.
as Southwestern College's 17th president
will be Monday, March 15.
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“Stubborn? Yes, I guess I am. I tend to bite off something a little more than I can chew, then do it,” he says.

Intellect, persistence, defensiveness, defiance, whatever the reason, it worked. Only two of the 16 students admitted into the doctoral program finished; Merriman was one of them. He found a home in a university of 35,000 students, won the Katherine C. Greenough Dissertation Prize, and was named the outstanding associate instructor in Indiana’s political science department. His first two professional years were spent on the faculty at Berea (Ky.) College.

If the story had ended here, though, Southwestern College might not have him as a president. The next step in Dick Merriman’s preparation for the presidency came when he accepted a position as executive director of the Jefferson Foundation in Washington, D.C. He discovered he not only enjoyed development work, he was very good at it. But he missed higher education.

Four years later he was back in academia, in the development office at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. He would spend the next nine years there—eventually becoming vice president for advancement—gaining an unusual combination of academic credentials and development expertise. It was this combination the Southwestern presidential search committee would be looking for when Carl Martin announced his decision to step down as president in January of 1998. By this time, the Kansas native was yearning to return home.

“I always told people I was a temporarily displaced Kansan,” Merriman says. “It used to get to me, when I was addressing envelopes and would write ‘Syracuse, N.Y.’ in the return address. It certainly wasn’t what I was planning on.”

But then he saw the ad for the Southwestern presidency. He’s quite aware of the sequence of circumstances that had to fall in line for him to be sitting in the corner office of Christy Administration Building.

“I could have had a busy couple of weeks and not read *The Chronicle (of Higher Education)*,” he marvels. “If that had happened, I might never have even heard about this position.”

When the dozens of applications had been screened, and the interviews completed, and the job offer made, though, Merriman was the new president of Southwestern College. He is a president not in the traditional Southwestern mold.

“I had several search committee members tell me I was the scary choice,” he says. He is the first president who is not a Methodist minister; at 43, he is one of the youngest.

He seems to be a calm person, but he is a man in motion. In the first six months of his presidency, he estimates he has met more than 2,000 alumni. He has traveled to Florida, California, Michigan, Illinois, Arizona, Texas (Dallas, Houston, Ft. Worth, and Austin), and crisscrossed the state of Kansas. He has attended church services, picnics, concerts, recitals, football games, tailgate parties, ice cream socials, and breakfasts with students. He runs with faculty during the noon hour. He calls himself a human billboard for Southwestern College.

So what is the vision of this scary president for Southwestern College?

First, Merriman says, he wants to enhance the self-image of the college, thereby changing the image it shows

the world.

“This institution is entitled to be a lot more confident than it is when it presents itself to the public,” he says. “We leave far too many talented students to their mistaken choice of going to a large university and getting lost in the shuffle. They belong here.” He adds, “I attended one of the biggest universities in the United States. It is like watching an elaborate theatrical production: ‘The Pageant of Indiana University.’ But you are just watching. Students can go to those places and find a niche—but they will be confined. At SC, our students *do* it, they don’t just watch it happen.”

Then the college must continue its evolution from describing itself as strictly a liberal arts college, to a more accurate claim of being a comprehensive college that meets the needs of all kinds of learners.

“We are very good educators. We know what makes for good education—lots of contact with faculty, and small classes, for example,” the president points out. “We need to take these things we value and translate them to the things we could be doing, being competitive in offering graduate programs, for example. Many different kinds of students need the education we offer. Let’s meet that need.”

And then there’s the money issue.

“We’ve got to get this college some financial running room,” he says emphatically. “This is a financially viable institution, but just being ‘viable’ forces us to make very tough choices. We miss opportunities. Of any 10 good opportunities that come up, we can afford to pursue, maybe, three of them. We *have* to double the endowment, and double giving to the annual fund. We have to revolutionize the way we think about raising money, and that means involving volunteers.”

Adding vibrancy to campus cultural offerings, such as convocations and speakers, will be a priority.

Finally, Merriman hopes to make the college a center of Methodist culture, a resource for United Methodist pastors, for youth directors, for choir directors, for church members.

“This is an important part of SC’s identity that we need to continue to honor. We really work hard to be a visible resource to United Methodists, but I know there are many needs we should be addressing,” he says.

The list of projects is imposing, but Merriman seems undaunted by the prospect.

“The nice thing is that in the situation I inherited, these things already were starting to happen,” he says. He credits past presidents (especially Carl Martin) for the vision that brought Southwestern to its current position—“a beautiful campus, great facilities, a good curriculum—SC is ready to take off.”

But don’t expect the ignition of this take-off to be explosive.

“When it gets to the end of my time at SC,” he says, “I think people will say, ‘Look at the things this college has accomplished,’ and ‘Gee, when did that happen?’ It won’t be sudden, no one is going to shout ‘Eureka!’ but I know what this place can be, and I know how we can get there. We do it by dreaming together and empowering our whole community to pursue our dreams.”

It’s the job Dick Merriman has prepared all his life to do.



Margot Kelman cuts the ribbon to inaugurate the Grace Little Builders Preschool.

It was very early on in their relationship that Dick Merriman defined himself to Margot Kelman.

“I’m from Kansas,” he told her.

And even then, Southwestern College’s newest first lady knew he wasn’t giving her a minor detail. What he really was saying, Margot says, is that his heart was here. Even though he was well into his second decade of living outside the state, and they had met in Syracuse, N.Y., she knew that if they had a future together, it would be in the Midwest.

So now, Margot, “the adventurous one” described by SC’s 17th president in his first matriculation convocation, is living half a continent away from her native New York and taking a break from her professional career. (For eight years she had been associate chair of the program of communication sciences and disorders, and director of the speech-language clinic at Syracuse University.)

The priorities right now are the Merriman family’s children (13-year-old Benjamin and two-year-old Aaron) and settling into her role in relation to the college. Her enthusiasm at being involved at Southwestern is evident.

“In eight years at Syracuse University I never personally met the chancellor,” she points out. “Dick and I were really attracted to the opportunity to work at a smaller college, to get to know the people in our community and be in a situation where our efforts could make a difference.”

In a few years, Margot says, she probably will be returning to her profession. For now, though, she’s learning names and faces, and especially looking for opportunities to interact with students and promote Southwestern. “A lot of really great things are happening at Southwestern and I’m looking forward to telling the college’s story,” she says.

30s

1930s

E. Marie Burdette, '32, was featured in an extensive article in the *Winfield Daily Courier* of Dec. 12, 1998. A member of the Southwestern College music faculty for 45 years until her retirement in 1970, at age 97 she is still giving about 40 piano students private lessons each week in her home. She has played the piano for 91 years and taught it for nearly 80. Some of her pupils are the fourth generation in a family. Marie lives at 1103 E 7th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-3013.

Cecil Coffey, '32, and his wife, Eleanor, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1998. A family dinner is planned for a later date, but they would appreciate receiving notes and cards at 111 Red Bud Dr., Winfield, KS 67156-5319.

Gene Wilcox, '33, was honored at the December 1998 meeting of the Cowley-Sumner County Medical Society. He has served 56 years as the society's executive secretary. He was presented a clock engraved with his name and years of service and a gift certificate. Gene and his wife, **Sally (Duttoin), '92**, live at 1604 Mound St., Winfield, KS 67156-5245.

40s

1940s

Esther (Merriam) Rice, '41, celebrated her 80th birthday in April 1998 by playing her cello in the orchestra for her church's Easter cantata. On Jan. 31, 1999, she helped her still-active husband, Pleasant, celebrate his 97th birthday with family and friends. The Rices live at 795 Topaz Ave., Hemet, CA 92543-7838.

Dwight Couch, '43, and his wife, Mardelle, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a drive across the nation to Virginia, Mardelle's birthplace. Their travels included a stop at Southwestern College where they were welcomed by Dick Merriman, president of the college; **Tom Wallrabenstein, '59**; Patrick Ross, assistant professor of biology; George Gangwere, associate professor of physics; and **Jessie Brass, '99**, and given tours of the new science complex and the renovated Stewart Field House. When at home the Couches reside at 1508 San Felipe Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005-3450.

50s

1950s

Thomas and Vera (Mead) Clark, '51, '51, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 21, 1998. Their five daughters, four sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren hosted a reception for family and friends at Trinity United Methodist Church, Moberly, Mo. The Clarks spend the winter months in Arizona living in their motor home and encourage friends to write them at 400 N Plaza Dr # 352, Apache Junction, AZ 85220-5506. When the weather warms they will return to 1410 Hulen Dr., Moberly, MO 65270-3531.

Juanita (Hardy) and Joe Gillaspie, '52, '53, were recently awarded a national trainer certificate for Family and Community Leadership (FCL). Only one other couple in the United States has been so honored. Sponsored jointly by Family and Community Education and the Kansas Association of Extension Family and Consumer services, FCL has been training leaders in Kansas for more than ten years. Training is in the area of communication skills, networking, conflict management, working with the legislature, and styles of leadership. The Gillaspies have worked for community improvements in Rozel and Pawnee County, served on the state policy board, and given many workshops and lessons. They receive mail through PO Box 28, Rozel, KS 67574-0028.

Kathryn Green Pearson, '55, retired from the faculty of the University of South Carolina, College of Nursing, in May 1997. She now is in private practice in psychiatric and mental health nursing. Kathryn lives at 229 Darby Way, West Columbia, SC 29170-2728.

Maurice Wise, '56, retired Dec. 31, 1998, from the camping ministry of the United Methodist Church. He had served as the director of camps in Missouri, Texas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas (Horizon United Methodist Center), and Michigan. He and his wife, Ruth, have recently moved to 814 W Minckler St., Iron River, MI 49935-1248.

Richard Hagen, '59, and his wife, Barbara, have relocated to Fort Collins, Colo., where Dick serves as western division manager and vice president of Koester Environmental Services which is headquartered in their home town of Evansville, Ind. The Hagens have moved to 5920 Palmer Ct., Fort Collins, CO 80528-8865.

60s

1960s

Chrystal Kellogg, '62, was recognized by the Metro Atlanta YMCA as its 1998 Volunteer of the Year. She was honored for her outstanding contributions to the Y and to the community during the past year. Chrystal's involvement with the YMCA dates back to her college days. More recently she is a charter member of the Cowart/Ashford Dunwoody YMCA and has been an active volunteer with the Metro Atlanta YMCA for the past 14 years. Chrystal is a Metro Atlanta board member and serves on the endowment and executive committees. Chrystal and her husband, James Cowie, have recently moved to 3944 Ashford Trl. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319-1897.

Doris (Warner) Richardson, '63, and her husband, Newton, celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 1998. On the following day their children hosted a reception in their honor at the First Presbyterian Church in Winfield. Married Dec. 26, 1948, in the Presbyterian Church of Arlington, Ky., the couple moved to Winfield in 1955. Newton was co-owner of Richardson Bros. Construction Co. until retiring in 1987. The Richardsons live at RR 1 Box 197, Winfield, KS 67156-9745.

70s

1970s

Nick Warner, '70, gave the benediction at the Jan. 11, 1999, inauguration of Kansas Gov. Bill Graves. Nick is pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hutchinson. He and his wife, Mary, live at 710 Loch Lommond Dr., Hutchinson, KS 67502-2002.

Patti (Feist) Morgan, '71, and her husband, Mike, run ROCK-n-M Llamas, a llama ranch east of Arkansas City. Mike bought Wildfire for Patti as a surprise Christmas (1995) present. Patti then purchased her first two llamas the following April. Today the Morgans have 23 llamas, including six males, two geldings, and 15 females. Their first cria, Mister Jay Tee, is already performing in the show ring. He is the first-born at the ranch and is their junior herdsire. He placed second in the 1998 ALSA Grand Nationals. Their senior herdsire—SV One-Eyed Jack—was 1998 Grand National Champion Adult Heavy Wool Male, quite an honor in the llama world. Patti will give tours of about one-hour duration, with advance arrangements, to groups. With their son, **Michael, '02**, now a freshman at Southwestern, Patti and her husband, Mike, live at RR 3 Box 177-1, Arkansas City, KS 67005-8631. Patti receives e-mail at <Patti@rock-n-mllamas.com> or the farm's website can be visited at <http://www.rock-n-mllamas.com>.

Linda Watson, '71, was named the Kansas State Department of Education Woman of Color for 1998. She was also the Distinguished Principal nominee from her district for the Kansas Association of Elementary Principals. Linda is a career educator, having spent 20 years as an assistant principal at Arkansas City Middle School before becoming principal at Frances Willard Elementary School in 1995. Linda lives at 608 W Cedar Ave., Arkansas City, KS 67005-2500.

Bob Gottlob, '72, served as the 1998 president of the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Connie, live at 5201 E 9th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-3436.

Rodney O'Neil, '72, now owns and operates the Katy O'Neil Bed and Bikefest on the Katy Trail in Rocheport, Mo. The boxcar shown on page 26 of the 1972 *Moundbuilder* is one of the rooms available. Southwestern alumni are especially welcome at 101 Lewis St., Rocheport, MO 65279-9340, but a call to Rodney at (573) 698-BIKE is advisable.

Karyn Whitley, '72, reports that she continues to enjoy helping out on the farm with her parents and brother. She remains, with pleasure, an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Her address has recently changed (because of 911 requirements) to 188 County Road 4653, Berryville, AR 72616-5033.

Gordon Hunter, '73, reports that for the past 12 years he has been working for Gilson, Inc., a scientific instrument manufacturer (liquid chromatography). Gordon, his wife, Kelli, and their three children, Megan (15), Michael (12), and Eric (5), live at 707 S Klein Dr., Waunakee, WI 53597-1516, and receive e-mail through <GKMME@aol.com>.

Joseph Calise, '74, has been promoted to director of nursing of the emergency room at Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas. He and his wife, Diane, live at 8885 Windsor Hill Way Las Vegas, NV 89123-3637.

Donna (Sanders) Hansen, '74, recently received her private pilot's license. Her husband, **Rory, '74**, a pilot for Southwest Airlines, was her instructor. They are currently building an air plane (RV-6) in their garage. They live at 14810 E Cerro Alto Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268-1202.

Gregory Hall, '77, was a presenter at the National Middle School Association conference in Denver, Colo., Nov. 4-8, 1998. His topic was "Connecting the Classroom to the Playing Field." Gregory and his wife, Nancy, receive mail at PO Box 1277, Saint Helena Island, SC 29920-1277.

Buffy Sawyer, '77, is now working for Kansas Cardiology Associates as a physician's assistant. She has recently moved to 1625 S Beech St. Apt. 206, Wichita, KS 67207-5524.

David Rogers, '78, and Shelli Moffitt were married on Christmas Eve 1998, at the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Sedgwick. The couple receives mail at PO Box 274, Sedgwick, KS 67135-0274.

Beth (Richardson) Wilke, '78, has filed as a candidate for the Winfield Board of Education. She is currently filling the unexpired term of a former board member. In her tenure on the board she has had a hand in passing a bond issue that will provide for expansion of the high school, wiring of the buildings in the district for computers, telephones, and video, and the purchase of computers. Beth and her husband, **Steve, '78**, dean of students at Southwestern College, live at 811 E 10th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-3708.

80s

1980s

Ali Abdollahpour, '80, reports that after leaving Southwestern College he received a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla. He is now a senior electrical engineer with Montgomery Watson America. Ali lives at 1661 Forest Ave. Apt. 79, Chico, CA 95928-6378 and receives e-mail at <jinx1@worldnet.att.net>.

Kandice (Caldwell) Joyce, '81, is an ordained clergywoman in the United Methodist Church. She has recently moved to New Jersey where her spouse, Michael Humphrys, is completing a master of divinity degree at Drew Theological Seminary. Kandice and Michael, along with Kayla (8) and Noah (22 months), now live at 34 Madison St., Morristown, NJ 07960-5260.

Karlan Yager, '81, has accepted a position as director of business services with Utilicorp United, a large utility company with offices in downtown Kansas City. He will be involved in financial and

operational analysis, performance metric review, benchmarking, strategic planning, acquisition evaluations, and many special projects. Karlan, his wife, **Lu Ann (Howard), '79**, and their two children moved to the Kansas City area shortly after Christmas. Their new home is at 16413W 138th Ter., Olathe, KS 66062-5317.

Brad Johnson, '88, passed the certification process outlined by the Kansas Case Managers Organization and is a certified case manager. Brad and his wife, Dee, receive mail through PO Box 237, Oxford, KS 67119-0237.

Kevin Potts, '88, manager of the Pizza Hut Delivery/Carryout store in Winfield, has been named Manager of the Year (1998) in Area 9. Kevin and his wife, **Leisa (Askins), '89**, live at RR 5 Box 69, Winfield, KS 67156-9036.

Barry Dundas, '89, has been appointed associate pastor at East Heights United Methodist Church in Wichita. He and his wife, **Diana (Bitker), '89**, have moved to 728 S Kokomo Ave., Derby, KS 67037-1232. Barry's e-mail at work is <barr.y@ehumc.org> and his home e-mail is <BDUNDAS@aol.com>.

Sheri (Prochaska) Murfin, '89, reports that she is selling real estate with Long Realty, Southern Arizona's largest real estate company. While Long has several offices, she is working at the number one office in Tucson and was the top listing agent there in the summer of 1998. Sheri receives mail at PO Box 64742, Tucson, AZ 85728-4742.

Georgana (Weigle) Fischer, '89, reports that her husband is recently out of the Marine Corps and that the family has moved to Nebraska. Georgana stays home with their two children, Sarah (6) and Jacob (4). The Fischers' new address is PO Box 404, Sterling NE 68443-0404.

90s

1990s

Teresa Thurman-Zuck, '90, has accepted the position of library director at the Augusta Public Library. She began her duties Feb. 1, 1999. Since 1992 Teresa has been the reference/automation librarian at Southwestern College. She and her husband, Greg Zuck, library director and associate professor of library science at Southwestern College, live at 1506 Lynn Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-2423.

Brett Butler, '91, has accepted the position of director of operations with Clocks Medical Supply of Winfield. Brett, his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Jessica (3), live at 1 Deveron Dr., Winfield, KS 67156-3401.

Brett Stone, '91, and Sarah Pack were married Nov. 28, 1998. Brett is employed as a sergeant for the Winfield Police Department. Sarah is a substitute teacher in the Arkansas City and Winfield school districts. The couple resides at RR 3 Box 137, Winfield, KS 67156-9454.

Neil Bass, '92, having graduated from Fort Hays State University with a master's degree in biology, is currently working for the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a wildlife conservationist in Greenfield, Mo. He spent a year being trained by the Missouri Department of Conservation and is supposed to spend another year with them and then work solely for NRCS. With MDC he has been a wildlife biologist working on managing 8,000 acres on Stockton Lake. Neil spent August 1996 to February 1997 hiking the entire length of the Appalachian Trail, from Maine to Georgia. He describes the altitudinal zonation as amazing as were the isolated glacial relics stranded at altitude in the South. Neil and his wife, Sara, live at RR 1 Box 509, Greenfield, MO 65661-9730, and receive e-mail at <wellsee@hotmail.com>.

Eric Kurtz, '92, was recently promoted to vice president—commercial lending at Pioneer Bank and Trust in Ponca City, Okla. Eric is also in his third year in the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is attending as the recipient of the annual Oklahoma Bankers Association Prochnow Scholarship Award. Eric and his wife, **Christy (Darkow), '90**, and their three children currently reside at 928 N 3rd St., Ponca City, OK 74601-3341.

Dan Smith, '92, graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College in March 1997. He worked for Dr. Brad Swanson in Winfield for one year and in March 1998 bought a chiropractic practice in Derby. His wife, **Kyndal, '93**, is a new sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics. The Smiths and their two sons, Christian (5½) and Parker (2½), live at 209 N Willow Dr., Derby, KS 670372433.

John Zink, '92, has been touring with the Troika National Tour of *Grease* since February 1998. As property supervisor he has been part of the road company in San Diego, Vancouver (Canada), Dallas, Denver, Seattle, Portland, and other cities. In the course of the production he has worked with Fabian, Chubby Checker, Sandra Dee, Erik Estrada, Charo, and Frankie Avalon. Mail may be sent to him at 1531 Grand Ave., Parsons, KS 67357-4260.

Seth Bate, '93, regional editor at the *Winfield Daily Courier*, won the Kansas State Nurses Association's 1998 Media Award for his story about Anna Mae Wilcox, R.N. The annual award honors writers who accurately portray nurses in the media. Seth and his wife, **Jenny Muret-Bate, '96**, receive mail through PO Box 26, Winfield, KS 67156-0026.

Tina Branine, '94, has been promoted to senior market development coordinator for J. C. Nichols Alliance, a division of J. C. Nichols Real Estate which franchises the J. C. Nichols name around the Kansas City area. Tina lives at 5350 MacKey St. Apt. 2, Overland Park, KS 66202-1056, and receives e-mail at <tinab@jcnichols.com>.

Terry Quiett, '94, Southwestern's acquisitions/technology librarian, has received a \$500 continuing education grant from the South Central Kansas Library System to study Web design, FrontPage 98, advanced HTML, Java programming and scripting, and Visual Basic scripting. Terry lives at 612 E 12th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-3725.

Kelli Schanbacher, '94, and Terry Wilkerson were married Dec. 12, 1998. Kelli is a physical therapist at the Coffeyville (Kan.) Regional Medical Center, having graduated from the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1997 with a master of science in physical

therapy. She is employed by Square One Rehabilitation. Terry is a process engineer at Farmland, Inc., in Coffeyville. He graduated with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering from Kansas State University in 1995. The couple is at home 2130 N 10th St., Independence, KS 67301-2158.

Kim (Brewster) and Jay Wilson, '94, '96, have been very busy. Kim, still with the American Red Cross, serving as the Midway-Kansas Chapter's disaster specialist, recently returned from a three-week assignment in Puerto Rico helping the people there recover from Hurricane Georges. Jay has accepted a position as a research chemist with The Center for the Improvement of Human Functioning. There he will be assisting with the cancer research project that has been going on for the past nine years. The Wilsons are at home at 737 Apache Dr., Wichita, KS 67207-2117, and can be reached through e-mail at <jkwilson@feist.com>.

Dena Allison, '95, was honored Jan. 26 as the past president of the Sunflower Outreach Services Board and for being in the organization since its inception six years ago. SOS is an organization serving the needs of the less fortunate in Cowley County, with a thrift store in Burden, school supplies distribution, Christmas distribution, and food commodities distribution. Dena lives at RR1 Box 15, Cambridge, KS 67023-9705.

Monroe Anderson, '95, is now a police officer with the Department of Public Safety in Houston. He and his wife, Shea, have moved to 1811 Fountain View, Houston, TX 77057-3043.

Maureen Pate, '95, reports that in early May 1998 she graduated from Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi with a master of arts degree in criminal justice. On May 23, 1998, she married Jason Morton, a naval aviator stationed at Tinker Air Force Base. In September Maureen accepted a position as a crisis advocate with the Oklahoma CityYWCA. She works with sexual assault and domestic violence victims. The Mortons are at home at 4317 SW 22nd St. Apt. 2316, Oklahoma City, OK 73108-1951.

Jason Braun, '96, and **Lisa Ashenfelter, '98,** were married Dec. 19, 1998. Jason is a machinist at Galaxy Tools in Winfield. Lisa is an assistant women's basketball coach and a graduate assistant in athletic training at Southwestern College. The couple presently receives mail through RR 2 Box 24A, Dexter, KS 67038-9658.

Scott Jagodzinske, '96, is the new director of youth ministries at First United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Ind. He and his wife, **Stacy (Houlden), '98,** have moved to 2386 Brandon Ct.,

Bloomington, IN 47401-4512. They can be reached through e-mail at <stacyjag@hotmail.com>.

Rick Price, '96, and his wife, Evelyn, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 12, 1998, with a family dinner. The couple married Dec. 22, 1973. They reside at 507 N College St., Winfield, KS 67156-1403.

Debbie Shaffer-Mattel, '96, won commendation as best new playwright for *50 Ways to Leave Your Lover* at the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in Ames, Iowa, in January. She lives at 405 E. Marion Rd. Apt. 303, Wichita, KS 67216-1061.

Jared Bastion, '97, reports that since June 1997 he has been employed at KHUT Country 102.9. His shows air from midnight to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Jared lives at 1315 N Adams St., Hutchinson, KS 67501-4079.

Ryan Nolting, '97, and Julie Francque were married May 2, 1998. Ryan is sports director with the Dodge City Parks and Recreation Commission. Julie works as a billing manager at the hospital in Dodge City. They live at 1602 Oklahoma Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801-6145

Dawn Uplinger, '97, received a master of arts degree in history-museum studies from the University of Central Oklahoma. Having received the degree Dec. 19, 1998, she believes she may be the first of the 1997 graduates to receive a master's degree. Dawn now receives mail at PO Box 1263, Great Bend, KS 67530-1263.

Stephery Berry, '98, reports that she has survived the first semester of medical school at the University of Kansas Medical Center and had an exciting Christmas vacation. A little sister, Shelby Dale, arrived on Dec. 22, 1998. Stephery lives at 6565 W Foxridge Dr. Apt. 335, Shawnee Mission, KS 66202-1372.

Anne Keith, '98, and **Christopher Holt, '97,** were married Nov. 28, 1998. Anne is currently a student in the medical technology program at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. Chris is in his second year at the University of Kansas School of Law in Lawrence. The couple is at home at 9105 Lichtenauer Dr. Apt. 311, Lenexa, KS 66219-2142.

Amy (Slingsby) Otey, '98, and her husband, Rick, have moved to Adana, Turkey. Rick is in the Air Force, working in ground radio in the communication squadron. They will be stationed there until November 2000. Mail gets to Amy and Rick through the armed forces mail system: PSC 94 Box 609, APO, AE 09824-0601.

Stephanie Sharp, '98, reports that she is now working at Sen. John Ashcroft's office (R-Mo.). Additionally she is studying at George Washington University. Stephanie lives at 1201 S Courthouse Rd Unit 410, Arlington, VA 22204-4640.

Joyelle Pickett, '98, reports that she is working as a nanny in Connecticut for one year and volunteering at the Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Conn., where she is working with the sea lions. She lives at 1046 Pequot Ave., Southport, CT 06490-1422 and may be sent e-mail at <Majik33923@aol.com>.

Shawn Papon, '99, has been awarded a \$10,600 per year graduate research assistantship with the Fisheries and Wildlife Department at the University of Missouri. He will be working under Leigh Fredrickson and Mickey Heitmeyer. Fredrickson is considered one of the premier wetland biologists in North America. Shawn's research will involve studying bird communities inhabiting the remaining native wetlands along the Mississippi River floodplain. He hopes to provide a management and restoration plan for these wetlands and the wildlife associated with them. Shawn and his wife, **Carrie (Cook), '99,** have moved to the UMC campus and live at 705 University Vlg. Apt. F, Columbia, MO 65203-3489. They can be reached through e-mail at <C762389@showme.missouri.edu>.

Stosh Seller, '99, and Jill Petrie were married Dec. 31, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church of Valley Center. Both continue as students at Southwestern. The couple receives mail at 1820 Warren Ave # 222, Winfield, KS 67156-1937.

Danielle Williams, '99, and Anthony Commarota were recently married. Danielle is a dancer and has performed at many prestigious theaters including the Grand Palace. Anthony is a world renowned Guinness record holder in juggling. He has traveled to many countries, received numerous awards, and performed at many showrooms, theaters, and circuses, including the Magical Mansion. The couple is at home at 425 Country Tree Apt. B12, Branson, MO 65616-3328.

2000s

James Burkett, '01, and Kimberly Carlyle were married Aug. 1, 1998. James continues in the professional studies program at Southwestern College. Kimberly is attending Cowley County Community College and plans to transfer to Wichita State University. She is majoring in dental hygiene. Following a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, the couple is at home at RR 5 Box 25, Arkansas City, KS 67005-9805

Staff Notes

Dena Allison, '95 (see alumni notes).

Maurice Baker, formerly of the biology department at Southwestern College, died during 1998. His wife, Beth, continues to live at RR 3 Box 107, Clarion, IA 50525.

Bruce Blake, bishop of the United Methodist Church and former president of Southwestern College, was awarded the honorary degree doctor of humane letters by Oklahoma City University during the school's commencement program May 9, 1998. Bruce is a trustee of Oklahoma City University and headed the university's recent presidential search committee. He has a long record of activity within the United Methodist Church and is currently chairman of the General Board of Pensions. Bruce and his wife, Karen, live at 12317 Val Verde Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73142-5401.

E. Marie Burdette, '32 (see alumni notes).

Michael Conover, former public relations director at Southwestern College, and his wife Emmalee (Martin), are the parents of a son, Cameron Michael, born Dec. 14, 1998. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins his parents and brothers, Christopher (4) and Cole (1), at 1009 E 12th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-3826.

Charles Cope, husband of A. D. Cope, formerly of the English department at Southwestern College, died Dec. 28, 1998. The former co-owner of Winfield Floral Company, he was 73. A. D. continues to live at 1123 Alexander St., Winfield, KS 67156-4023. Also surviving is a daughter, **Deborah (Cope) Barker, '74,** who receives mail through PO Box 651, Ottawa, KS 66067-0651.

Mildred (Rusch) Dees, former choir director, died Dec. 26, 1998. A resident of Port Richey, Fla., she was 87. She was a retired teacher and an administrator for the Mount Pleasant (Mich.) Presbyterian Church.

Jack Embrey, widower of Clara (Tripp) Embrey, former employee of the development office at Southwestern College, was recently presented with a National Public Relations Volunteer Award from the American Legion. Active in Post 10 (Winfield) for more than 50 years, Jack writes the post's public relations articles and is a former editor of the post newsletter, *The Bombshell*, winner of a 1997 first place national award. The Public Relations Volunteer Recognition Program encourages active, ongoing local media relations efforts to raise public awareness of the aims and purposes of the American Legion. Jack's award included an expense-paid trip to an American Legion National Information Conference held at Champaign, Ill., where he led a group discussion on public relations. Jack lives at 1420 E 2nd Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-2434.

Irene Fulcher recently celebrated her 95th birthday. She worked at Southwestern College from 1958 until 1968 as a housemother at Smith Hall and also as the bookstore manager. She maintains an

active lifestyle in Overland Park, close to her daughter and son-in-law, **Judy (Fulcher) and John Stephens, '61, '61,** her three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She would enjoy hearing from former Builders who knew her. Her address is 8580 Farley St. Apt. 305, Overland Park, KS 66212-4623.

Wallace and Ina (Turner) Gray celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 18, 1998, in Dallas, Texas. Their daughters, **Toni Gray, '76,** and **Tara Gray, '81,** hosted a dinner at the Adolphus Hotel where the couple had honeymooned in 1948. The family also attended Highland Park Presbyterian Church, where the wedding ceremony had taken place. Wallace taught philosophy at Southwestern College for 40 years. Ina was executive director of Pi Gamma Mu, the international honor society in social science, for 20 years. The Grays live at 1701 Winfield Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-1919.

Rick Gregory, former director of SHARE and career planning, and **Carolyn Herman,** former chemistry faculty member, visited campus in January. They now live near St. Louis, where Rick is manager of a Goodwill Career Center and Carolyn is adjunct instructor of chemistry at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Their daughter, Hope (five months old) is "growing like a weed," Rick says. The family lives at 3061 Bellerive Dr., Saint Louis, MO 63121-4621. Their e-mail address is <rgregory_99@yahoo.com>.

Craig Johnson is the new laptop computer technician at Southwestern College. He joined the staff on a part-time basis while completing specialized schooling, and became a full-time staff member in January 1999. Craig works with software and hardware support on the laptops used by faculty and students as the college becomes more heavily involved in laptop usage in the classroom. Craig completed a two-year course of study at the Wichita Area Technical College. Before returning to school he had been with Total Petroleum for 21 years. He and his wife, **Suzie (Kerr), '87,** are longtime Winfield residents.

Debbie Kearns, former faculty assistant in the natural science division, has joined the staff of the Kansas Turnpike Authority as secretary for the director of communications. Debbie lives at 115 Park St., Winfield, KS 67156-2452.

Charles Kerr, former professor of teacher education and chairman of the division of social science at Southwestern College, died Oct. 14, 1998. Before coming to Southwestern in 1962 he had worked in the public schools in Latham and Peabody (both Kan.). In 1970 he began employment at Winfield State Hospital and Training Center as program director. While on the staff there he wrote the original grant for the foster grandparent program. He retired from WSH&TC in 1985. He served on the board of trustees of Cowley County Community College. The Charles D. Kerr Business and Technology Building on that campus is named in his honor. Survivors include his wife, Mary (Graham), 111 N Park St., Winfield, KS 67156-1832, and a daughter, **Suzanne (Kerr) Johnson, '87,** 1608 Hackney St., Winfield, KS 67156-5136.

Bernice (Teter) Murray died Dec. 19, 1998, in Tampa, Fla., at the age of 90. A former resident of Winfield, she had been a bookkeeper in the Southwestern College business office. Survivors include a son, **Warren Murray, '52,** 18425 NE 95th St. Unit 43, Redmond, WA 98052-2913, and a sister **Myrna (Teter) Conrod,** former bookkeeper in the development office at Southwestern College, of 1004 E 13th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-4513.

Marilyn Plain, Book Cave assistant, and previously mail clerk at Southwestern, left the college Dec. 31, 1998, to pursue other interests. Marilyn and her husband, Huberton, live at 1012 Stewart St., Winfield, KS 67156-3546.

Terry Quiett, '94 (see alumni notes).

Michael Tessmer, assistant professor of chemistry, was featured both in *The Winfield Courier* and on KAKE Channel 10 news during January. Since arriving in Winfield for the fall semester, Tessmer has walked all the streets of the town.

Teresa Thurman-Zuck, '90 (see alumni notes).

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Deaths

Florence (Irwin) Fisher, '23, died Nov. 19, 1998. She was a resident of Peoria, Ill., at the time of her death.

Velma (Kuhl) Hansen, '27, died Sept. 27, 1998. She was a resident of Fort Lupton, Colo. Survivors include a cousin, **Pearle (Haas) Davis**, '30, 10000 Wornall Rd. Apt. 3102, Kansas City MO 64114-4367.

Floyd Burk, '28, died Nov. 1, 1998. A former employee at Phillips Petroleum, he was a resident of Bartlesville at the time of his death.

Elizabeth (Walter) Borgelt, '31, died Nov. 20, 1998. A retired teacher, she was a resident of the Kansas City area at the time.

Pauline (Nossaman) Etter, '32, died Dec. 24, 1998, in Hays, Kan. A retired teacher, she was 87. Survivors include her sister, **Leona (Nossaman) Scott**, '34, 97 Pleasant St., Woburn, MA 01801-4137.

Beryl Folks, '32, died during 1997 according to word received recently. His wife, Elizabeth, continues to live at 10250 N 64th Pl., Scottsdale, AZ 85253-1318.

John Moorman, '32, died Dec. 23, 1998, at the age of 90. He was a retired farmer, a former delivery driver for National Oil Co., a former produce manager at Dillons, and a school bus driver for 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Nellie, 620 Monterey Pl. # 206, Hutchinson, KS 67502-2256.

Evelyn (Yoder) Porter, '33, died Nov. 11, 1998. A homemaker, she was 87. Survivors include her husband, **Gene**, '34, RR 1, Viola, KS 67149-9802, a son, **Gary**, '57, 10311 S 263rd St. W, Viola, KS 67149-9571, and brothers, **Howard Yoder**, '22, Showalter Villa, PO Box 5000, Hesston, KS 67062-2095, and **Dayton Yoder**, '25, 1000 S Elk St., Hemet, CA 92543-6906.

Richard Gibson, '35, died Jan. 7, 1999. An osteopathic physician in Winfield, Kan. for 50 years, he was 85. Long active in the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine, he served as president of that group during the time it was instrumental in forming legislation to create the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, of which he was a charter member. He had been a ruling elder and deacon at First Presbyterian Church and president of the local Lions Club, Winfield Oratorical Society and the Winfield chapter of the American Red Cross. In retirement one

of his favorite activities was volunteering with the children in Julie Satterthwaite's first grade at Whittier Elementary School. Survivors include sons **Benn**, '61, 1620 Ames Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-2542, and **Don**, '61, 910 E 11th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-3821; a daughter, **Janie (Gibson) Lewis**, '69, 1225 E 8th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-3124; and his companion, **Viola Schwantes**, former comptroller at Southwestern, of 3 Fleetwood Dr., Winfield, KS 67156-5429.

William B. Hanna, '38, died on July 23, 1998. He had been retired for the past 15 years. His wife continues to reside at 6741 Lincoln Ave. Spc. 31, Buena Park, CA 90620-4170.

Mildred Eslinger, '41, died Dec. 26, 1998, at the age of 93 in Hutchinson, Kan. A retired teacher, she taught in Kinsley, Copeland, Montezuma, and Minneola. She was also a former superintendent of schools of Edwards County. Survivors include a niece, **Evelyn (Hatfield) Stofer**, '47, 15 29th Ct., Hutchinson, KS 67502-2417.

Marjorie (Plank) Newbery died Dec. 7, 1998 in Colby, Kan.

Richard Powers, '47, died Dec. 29, 1998. The retired president of Garden National Bank, he was 74. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, 1864 Turnberry Dr., Vista, CA 92083-5349.

Joseph George, '50, died Sept. 19, 1998. A retired FBI agent, he played on the 1946 championship Southwestern College football team with his brother **George George**, '49 (deceased 1988). Joseph's wife, **Betty**, a former Winfield resident, continues to live at RR 7 Box 7520M, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-8901.

Thurman Cook, '54, died Dec. 15, 1998, at the age of 69. He had been an instructor at St. John's Academy and College, Winfield, Kan.; a teacher in the Winfield public schools; principal of the Winfield rural attendance centers; director of instructional services in the Montrose (Colo.) school district; and in the 10 years prior to his retirement in 1982, principal of Lincoln Elementary School in Independence, Kan. Survivors include his wife, Dolly, who continues to live at 301 N 10th St., Independence, KS 67301-3349.

Jack DeFrees, '59, died Jan. 3, 1999. A resident of Arkansas City, Kan., he was 70.

Don Mohlstrom, '59, died Jan. 2, 1999. Minister of membership development at College Hill United Methodist Church, Wichita, he was 61. Survivors include his wife, **Nianne (Nichols)**, '59, 1901 S Lorraine St., Wichita, KS 67211-4756.

Michael Robinson, '65, died Nov. 29, 1998, at the age of 55. A resident of Vicksburg, Miss., since 1981 he was the first historian of the Mississippi River Commission/Lower Mississippi Valley Division and served in that capacity until he was appointed chief of public affairs in 1994. He had written extensively on civil engineering and environmental history. Survivors include his wife, Diane, 309 Goodrum Rd., Vicksburg, MS 39180-9720, and his parents, **Robert and Margie (Stanley) Robinson**, '47, '47, 558 N Stratford Ln., Wichita, KS 67206-1528.

Luella (Morris) Noble, widow of **Max Noble**, '20, died April 15, 1998, in Wichita, Kan. She was just four months shy of her 100th birthday.

Herbert Pickens, widower of **Margaret (Varns)**, '27, died Dec. 4, 1998, at the age of 94. Originally a barber, he later sold beauty supplies, and then built and operated the Arctic Locker in Burden, Kan.

Margaret (Elliott) Smith, wife of **Roy Smith**, '27, died Dec. 7, 1998, at the age of 91. A former schoolteacher, she had been active in her church and many civic functions. Roy continues to live at 1500 Terrace Ave. Apt. 124, Liberal, KS 67901-5703. Also surviving are a son, **John T. Smith**, '64, 150 Plaza Dr., Liberal, KS 67901-2784, and a daughter, **Nancy (Smith) Allen**, '71, 1113 N Jordan Ave., Liberal, KS 67901-2409.

Millard "M. E." Jenkins, husband of **Harriet (Sutzman; Muret)**, '36, died Dec. 7, 1998, at the age of 80. An ordained Baptist minister, he had pastored churches in Hackney, Altamont, Topeka, Cherryvale, and Oxford (all Kan.). Additionally, he had been active on many regional and local church boards and committees. In his retirement he had served as minister of visitation for the First Baptist Church of Winfield. Harriet continues to live at 922 E 19th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-5102. Other survivors include a stepson, **Joe Muret**, '90, RR 3 Box 66, Winfield, KS 67156-9419, and a stepdaughter, **Lee (Muret) Kelly**, '70, RR 3 Box 68, Winfield, KS 67156-9421.

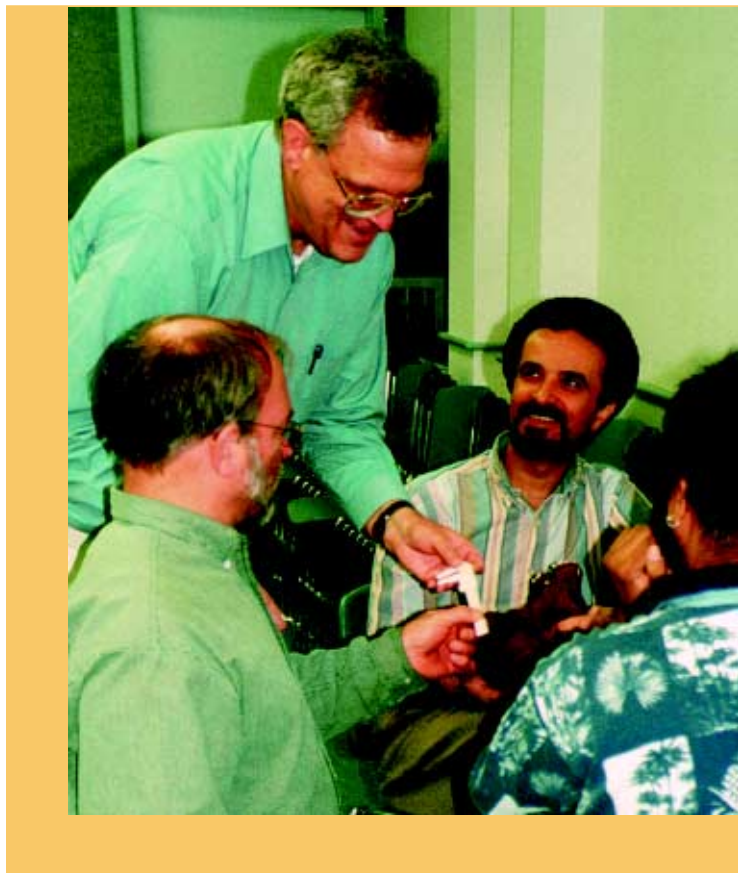
Joseph Blackstock, husband of **Doris (Robinson)**, '43, died Nov. 25, 1998. A market research executive, he was 78. Doris continues to live at 309 E San Marino Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801-4835.

Eugene "Gene" Grier, husband of **Jane (Rinkel; Morgan)**, '58, died Nov. 28, 1998. A retired U.S. Navy chaplain and Presbyterian minister, he was 68. He had been co-pastor at Partridge Community Church, worked for Habitat for Humanity and for Hospice of Reno County and was a facilitator for the Central Kansas AIDS Community Support Group. Jane continues to live at 1028 E 8th Ave., Hutchinson, KS 67501-2562.

Thomas Milburn, husband of **Dorothy (Higgins)**, '60, died Dec. 6, 1998. A farmer, he was 77. A member of the Rolla United Methodist Church, he was a member of the Morton County Hospital Board for 19 years and the Cimarron Basin Advisory Committee. Dorothy continues to live at HC 1 Box 45, Rolla, KS 67954-9713. Among other surviving family members is **Shurma (Milburn) Messenger**, '83, 702 S Madison St., Hugoton, KS 67951-2724.

John D. Parmley, husband of **Dianna (Callison; May)**, '75, died Dec. 2, 1998. Dianna continues to live at 709 Ridgewood Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502-3231 and may be reached through e-mail at <dmay@dce.ksu.edu>.

Phil Schmidt, professor of history (standing), and Charles Hunter, professor of biology (kneeling), demonstrate to Reza Sarhangi, professor of math (sitting in back), and Mukul Patal, instructor in math, the technique for reading caliper measurements using the cast of Rhodesian Man, a 300,000 year old skull found in Kabwe, Zambia in 1921. (photo by Karen Mages)



Faculty Forum

Lifetime learning, one of the ideas in the vision of Southwestern College, is first modeled at SC before it is preached. Southwestern faculty members spend the last Monday of every month in Faculty Forum—showing that a terminal degree must never be the finish of education.

In place for the last four years, the Faculty Forum highlights current research topics or topics related to teaching strategies. With subject matter ranging from critical thinking skills to birds of Kansas, the forums keep professors informed of their colleagues' research plus act as a time of intellectual give-and-take. No administrative planning takes place at Faculty Forum; the time is strictly designed for academic pursuit.

The most recent Faculty Forum was presented by Phil Schmidt, professor of history. Schmidt has integrated a quantitative unit in his ancient civilizations

class using first quality skull casts of archaic *Homo sapiens*. Using a caliper to measure molar number one in five ancient skulls and one contemporary skull, faculty students were taught to compute tooth surface area and compare molar size with cranial capacity. The results showed the smaller the tooth, the larger the cranial capacity. Schmidt also demonstrated the need for math skills in classes generally considered unrelated to math.

Other Faculty Forum topics have included a survey of developmental theorists in social science (in relation to economic development in the past two centuries) by Larry Wilgers, professor of history; sabbatical reports by Terry Barnett, professor of chemistry, in Bulgaria, and Max Thompson, professor of biology, in Madagascar; and a presentation on critical thinking by Andrew Sheppard, assistant professor of philosophy.

—by Joni Rankin

Notes on Friends

Warren Andreas recently retired as Winfield's city attorney. He had held the post for the past 20 years. He is also retiring from private practice and is making plans for travel and golf. He and his wife, Colleen, live at 515 E 10th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-3702.

Cline Burnam died Jan 5, 1999. A retired insurance adjuster, he was 90. Survivors include his wife, Mary Bess Burnam, 1501 N Pinecrest St., Wichita, KS 67208-2343.

Ellis Cave died Nov. 16, 1998. The president of Dodge City Terminal Elevator Co., he was 87.

Willard Claassen died Dec. 26, 1998. A retired dairy farmer, he was 87. Survivors include a daughter, Linda (Claassen) Buchmueller, 1113 Glenarm St., Pratt, KS 67124-1310, and grandchildren, **Marlies Buchmueller**, '98, 333 N Oak St., Pratt, KS 67124-1850, and **Daniel Buchmueller**, '00, a current student at Southwestern College.

Dana Driskell and **Steve Saffell** were married Dec. 19, 1998. Dana is a teacher at Argonia Elementary School. Steve is a police officer with the Wichita Police Department. The Saffells are at home at 914 Waldo St., Wellington, KS 67152-2969.

Robert Gordon died Nov. 8, 1998. A retired United Methodist minister, he was 79. Survivors include his wife, Mary Gordon, 2645 NE 74th St., Gladstone, MO 64119-5349, and a son, **Mark Gordon**, '70, 4021 NE 57th Ter., Gladstone, MO 64119-2373.

Seymour Ingerson died Nov. 7, 1998. A retired executive from Phillips Petroleum, he was 85. Survivors include daughters, **Myrtle Ingerson**, '73, PO Box 266, Bartlesville, OK 74005-0266, and **Christine (Ingerson) Hindle**, '73, 1530 Fair Ln. # 3, Manhattan, KS 66502-4219. A memorial service was held Dec. 13, 1998, in Spavinaw, Okla., where he had pastored a church for many years after retiring from Phillips.

Scott Rankin died Dec. 17, 1998. A farmer, he was 91. He was a board member of the Dodge City Credit Union and was a former leader of the Prairie Schooners 4-H Club. Survivors include his wife, Margaret, who continues to receive mail through PO Box 1553, Dodge City, KS 67801-1553.

Basil "Barney" Ross, major, U.S. Army (Ret.), died Dec. 5, 1998, at the age of 71. Having served many years in the Army, he saw duty in both Korea and Vietnam. He received many commendations including the Bronze Star. After retirement from the military he owned and operated a Phillips 66 station in Winfield and later worked for Winfield Bus Service, the Winfield Correctional Facility, and the Wichita Work Release center before fully retiring in 1993. His wife, Betty, continues to live at 1701 E 12th Ave., Winfield, KS 67156-4011. Also surviving is a daughter, **Kathleen (Ross) Ferris**, '86, 313 E Pine Ave., Arkansas City, KS 67005-1455.

Mel and Gloria (Wiggins) Short celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a three-day cruise to Bahamas, Nassau. They were joined by 17 family members, including their children and grandchildren. Mel was a United Methodist minister for 41 years, retiring in June of 1991. Gloria was a legal secretary. The Shorts are at home at 7700 E 13th St. N # 103, Wichita, KS 67206-1308.

(Contact faculty, staff, and students at Southwestern College, 100 College St., Winfield, KS 67156-2499.)

Orland Kolling, professor emeritus of chemistry, has recently had two more research publications released. The first, "Solvent reaction field effects upon the trans/gauche conformational equilibrium of 1,2-dichloromethane," is included in the Fall 1998 issue of the *Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science*. The second, "Re-examination of the effect of aprotic solvents upon the fundamental vibrational peak of the carbonyl group in 1,1,3,3-tetramethylurea," is in the January 1999 issue of *Applied Spectroscopy* (an international journal). Both investigations are based upon high resolution infrared spectroscopic measurements. Kolling has now had more than 100 papers published in refereed scientific journals since his first one came out in 1953. Of these, 14 have been from projects completed since his retirement from teaching at Southwestern in 1992.

William R. Miller, research associate in biology, has been appointed adjunct curator in the Division of Invertebrate Zoology at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum. Miller has been asked to develop a world class reference collection for the phylum *Tardigrada* at the museum. He plans to contribute examples from his extensive personal collection of animals from Antarctica, Australia, South America, Greenland, Canada, and such remote places as Heard Island, Iles Kerguelen, and the Crozet Islands. The collection will include examples of several species new to science that Miller has described, including a new yet undescribed one from here in south central Kansas. Miller also is the coauthor of "*Tardigrades* In the Classroom, Laboratory, and on the Internet," the lead journal article in January's *Bioscene: The Journal of College Biology Teaching*.

Mitch Nam, junior from Korea, won a commendation for costume design at the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival in Ames, Iowa. Nam designed costumes for *Philemon*. In addition, **Debbie Shaffer-Mattel**, '96, won commendation as best new playwright for *50 Ways to Leave Your Lover*.

Julie Voelker, associate in theatre, is designing and costuming *The Island of Anyplace*, a children's fantasy and musical theatre production, for Northern Oklahoma College. The fun, fantastic creatures such as the Blind Spider, the Blues fish, and the Rhinoceros (takeoffs of Ray Charles/Steve Wonder, Elvis, and Liberace) come out of the woodwork to create a magical world.

Rodney Worsham, associate director of admission, completed his master of science in business management (MSM) degree at Friends University.

Mark Hutto, '82, and his wife, Amy, are the parents of daughter, Brianne Grace. Born Dec. 18, 1998, she weighed 9 pounds ½ ounce and was 20½ inches long. The Hutto family receives mail through PO Box 295, Winfield, KS 67156-0295.

Standard Brown, '87, and Angie Adams announce the birth of their son, Standard Lee Brown Jr., born Jan. 6, 1999. He weighed 8 pounds 4.5 ounces and measured 19 ¾ inches long. He joins his parents and brothers and sisters, Matthew, Betty Ann, and Ashley at 615 N B St., Arkansas City, KS 67005-2241.

Kim (Brink) Newton, '87, and her husband, David, are the parents of a daughter, Aubrey Nicole. Born July 17, 1998, she weighed in at 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. She joins her parents at 2523 N Center St., Fayetteville, AR 72701-9457. The proud grandmother is **Kay Newton** of the Southwestern Book Cave.

Wendy (Dolsen) and Clif Coleman, '90, '92, are the parents of a son, Kerry David. Weighing 9 pounds 10 ounces and measuring 20 3/4" long, he was born Dec. 23, 1998, the 36th wedding anniversary of grandparents **David and Jo Pat (Johnson) Dolsen**, '62, '63. The Colemans are at home at 1805 Dakar Rd. E, Fort Worth, TX 76116-2036.

Scott Sisson, '95, and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of a daughter. Born Dec. 11, 1998, she weighed 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces. She joins her parents and a brother, Baden Scott (3 ½), at 19 Deveron Dr., Winfield, KS 67156-3401.

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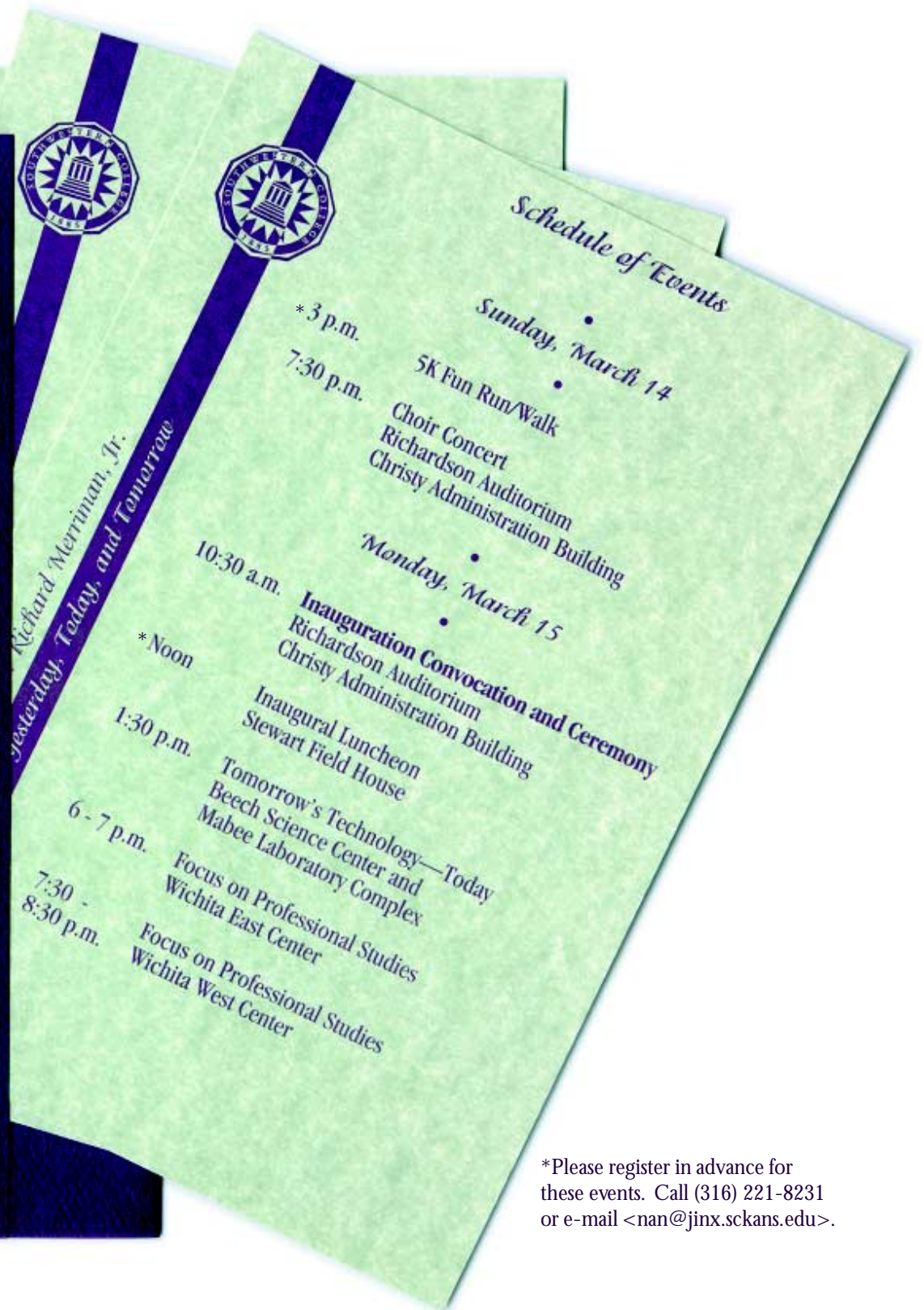
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