

# BAKER UNIVERSITY

## Wichita Campus Newsletter

“Own Confidence”

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO GREG ROGERS!

Greg Rogers does not want to be thought of as special, but he truly is. His determination to succeed is what makes Greg special. Greg is completely blind, has been from birth, but he has not let blindness get in his way. Greg attended Baker University's Baldwin City campus; he graduated in December with a minor in music to compliment his major in business.

Music plays a large role in Rogers' life. He learns music by ear and rote memorization, without the help of sheet music. Braille music proved to be more of a hindrance than a help, said one of his professors, Tilla Lyerla.

“You just learn it chord by chord, note by note, measure by measure, and it eventually gets down to groups of measures,” Rogers said in an Associated Press interview. “I've memorized pieces since the age of 5.” Professor Lyerla said that it doesn't hurt that Rogers has perfect pitch.

“I'm a strong believer in God, that he'll walk with me as I go through good times and through struggles as well,” Rogers said. “I feel like I'm pretty fortunate in what I've been given.”

Ira DeSpain, campus minister, said Rogers will often serve as a greeter for the university's morning chapel services. “If he hears a girl in heels, he'll stop them and say, ‘You look nice today,’” DeSpain said. “It usually weirds them out a little.”

Rogers says he has no interest in joining any disabilities clubs, “I'd rather just participate in society as it is.”

Information provided by *The Wichita Eagle*, AP

# SAVE THE DATE

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- January 5th** SPGS classes resume
- January 7th** DFE Orientation for Jan '09 - Oct '09 Group  
5:00-6:30 pm, Room 5
- January 21st** Salina DFE Orientation  
5:30-7 pm, Cottonwood Elementary
- January 22nd** MSSL Orientation, 5:30-8:30 pm, Room 5
- January 27th** SOE on-ground classes resume

## **GRADUATING IN MAY????**

**Jostens will be here on February 4th from 5:00-7:00 pm in Classroom 1.**

Jostens is one of the leading providers of graduation products, including announcements, invitations, class rings, diploma frames, etc. Jostens' products are designed to help you celebrate and recognize this important time in your life. Please stop in on February 4th to see what Jostens has to offer!

## **POLICY CORNER**

### **COURSE RESCHEDULE**

A student who finds it necessary to reschedule an individual course should contact the Student Services office to make the necessary arrangements.

Students repeating a course incur additional tuition expense for that course and possible educational resource expense if materials have changed.

For information regarding academic assessment, see the "Repeat" paragraph in the student handbook.

This policy is found on page 21 of the student handbook. An electronic version can be found at [www.smartermind.com/pdf/spgs\\_catalog.pdf](http://www.smartermind.com/pdf/spgs_catalog.pdf).

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE**

The class with the highest volume of donations was: **BBA 175**

BBA 175 students won a dinner on their class night!

**Thank you for all of your giving to those in need!**

Donations went to The Union Rescue Mission

# Instructor Profile



**Names:** John & Joan Blazek

**Years at Baker:** 4-5 years (they think!)

**Employer/Career Info:** USD 266, Maize Public Schools. John's current assignment is Principal of Maize South High School (scheduled to open August 2009). Joan's current assignment is Counselor at Maize South Middle School.

**Subjects Taught:** MAS 5040 Curriculum for Administrators and SOS 5085 Children and Youth in Crisis Children in Crisis.

**Family Info:** Married. John has 2 grown children: AJ & Amber, both married; 4 grandchildren and the fifth due in July 2009!

**Favorite Sport Teams:** We follow lots of teams. Any team our son AJ has played & the current team he coaches. We try to go to Green Bay every summer for their summer camp team.

**Hobbies:** We love to head off to the gym for weight lifting

**Fun Fact:** We have actually been able to work in the same school, teach together, and still stay married for 19 years!

**Favorite Thing About Baker:** We like knowing that the students get the best from practitioners in the field. And we really enjoy the diversity in our classrooms. We can all learn from each other!

# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES PAGE

## MORE THAN FREE STUDENT CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH COMMERCE BANK

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

American General Financial Services is currently looking for students who have completed their junior year and seeking a bachelor's degree in a business-related field to participate in our paid, temporary part-time internship program. The internship is structured to train you in all aspects of consumer finance branch management.

**As a Management Trainee Intern you will** gain valuable experience in key aspects of branch operations including:

- Sales skills and business development
- Loan applications and processing
- Loan closings and customer service
- Risk analysis and credit decisions
- Routine collections

### **A Management Trainee Intern should:**

- Possess an outgoing personality and competitive nature
- Be able to work 16-20 hours per week during the school year
- Have full-time availability during summer months (if applicable)
- Be flexible in scheduling to allow exposure to all aspects of branch management
- Be able to rotate between nearby or local branches

**Program Structure:** Each intern will have an experienced branch manager as a mentor and trainer. Training consists of:

- On the job training
- Basic sales training
- Computer-based, business simulation training
- Advanced sales training

### **What we provide the intern:**

The program provides valuable training and hands-on experience in the field of consumer lending. Upon completion of the internship, you will have a good understanding of what it takes to be a branch manager. You may also be offered full-time employment.

"When you don't expect much, you don't get much."

David German, District Manager AGFS

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