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Ira DeSpain Feature Story
On the cover: A faithful servant to his alma mater since 1992, Ira DeSpain, ’70, plans to retire at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Baker University Alumni Office and Alumni Association are excited to introduce your new alumni magazine, Baker Proud. We treasure sharing the stories of our graduates, faculty and staff who have made a difference in the lives of so many people. Campus news and student successes also will be an integral part of this quarterly magazine. Please enjoy this issue and eagerly await the arrival of the next.
Dear alumni,

It is my honor to introduce your new alumni magazine, Baker Proud. The university’s Marketing and Communications Office has teamed up with the Office of Alumni to deliver this exciting publication filled with news and features dedicated to our Wildcat family, past and present.

While several of you keep tabs on your alma mater via Facebook, Twitter, and our other electronic mediums, we heard from a large group of alumni who still desire a beautifully designed printed piece. You asked and we listened! Baker Proud will arrive in your mailbox quarterly.

Assembling the content for this first issue was an exercise in celebratory recollection. Sometimes it becomes so easy to turn our attention to the next University event that we forget to relish the past; it always amazes me how many accomplishments Baker students, faculty and alumni realize each year. We hope reading this magazine will provide you with the same reason to pause and reflect on not just where the first university in Kansas is going, but where it’s been, too.

This December issue is a bit unique in that you will find the Circle of Giving. This is a change from previous years when donors received an independent President’s Report. We believe this is an excellent way to recognize our generous friends while providing more information to a larger audience. I would also like to call particular attention to our cover story on Minster at the University Ira DeSpain, who is joining me in retirement this June. Steve Rottinghaus, director of public relations, wrote a heartwarming piece that captures just how much Reverend DeSpain has meant to this University during his esteemed 22-year career in Baldwin City. Happy reading!

Proudly,

Pat Long

Dr. Pat

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**Campus News**

**Overall enrollment increases**

For the first time in five years, Baker has seen its enrollment increase. The official fall figures showed a growth of 4.3 percent combined at the four schools — College of Arts and Sciences, School of Professional and Graduate Studies, School of Nursing and School of Education.

“I am encouraged by the positive trends we are beginning to see this fall,” Baker President Pat Long said.

Baker’s overall enrollment is at 3,348, including 942 on the Baldwin City campus (see freshman class photo on back page) and an all-time high of 176 students at the School of Nursing in Topeka, Kan.

**Baker ranked as top Kansas university in Midwest Region**

Baker University remained the highest-ranked Kansas university in the Midwest Regional category for the third consecutive year in the 2014 U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges.

Universities in the 12-state Midwest region were defined as schools that offer a full range of undergraduate majors and master’s programs but few, if any, doctoral programs. In addition to Kansas, the region covers schools from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

“Our faculty and staff continue to create an engaging academic environment and provide a well-rounded education for our students to thrive,” Baker President Pat Long said. “Baker has a reputation of offering educational programs of the highest quality. We are committed to developing leaders who are capable of enacting positive change in their organizations and communities.”

**Top teacher showcased**

In “Heroes in the Classroom” Josh Anderson, MALS ‘01, and a doctoral student at Baker, is one of 50 teachers nationwide featured in the new book American Teacher: Heroes in the Classroom, released in October. Anderson, the 2007 Kansas Teacher of the Year and finalist for National Teacher of the Year, has been the head debate coach at Olath (Kan.) Northwest High School for 11 years. He was inducted into the Baker School of Education Hall of Honor in 2008.

**American Teacher author Katrina Fried has interviewed and written the stories of the nation’s most passionate, innovative and decorated teachers from kindergarten through 12th grade, selected from public and charter schools across America. The result is an inspiring collection of narratives that takes readers into the classrooms of extraordinary educators whose creative and unconventional methods are transforming the lives and futures of their students. Profiles of teachers are accompanied by heartfelt letters from students and captivating portraits by distinguished photographers from all over the country.**

**Theater production honors first responders, law enforcement**

“New York.” Baker’s first theater production of the academic year, generated more than $700 for charities, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association in honor of firefighters and the Cy MST Foundation to help police officers across Kansas in times of need. The play was dedicated to first responders, police officers and firefighters.

**School of Professional and Graduate Studies launches new programs**

The School of Professional and Graduate Studies is accepting applications for two new degree programs that will provide skills that make a difference — the Bachelor of Science in Accounting and the Bachelor of Science in Mass Media.

The 58-credit-hour BSA program prepares students to enter the field of public accounting or for a career in today’s business environment with a focus on financial, managerial and tax accounting; auditing and systems; change management; ethical decision making and effective communication.

The 44-credit-hour BMM program offers students a comprehensive introduction to traditional and alternative media, including print and online journalism, publishing, Web design, social media, television and radio. The program leads to careers in traditional media, public relations, corporate communications, sales, advertising, Web content management, and mass media.

**Online RN to BSN degree program coming to School of Nursing**

The School of Nursing’s RN to BSN degree program continues to attract interest. It is designed to help students meet the complex demands of today’s patient care, develop leadership skills and gain a deeper understanding of community health.

“Baker has earned the reputation as a leader in nursing education in the region,” said Carole Moore, associate dean for post-licensure at Baker School of Nursing. “Professionalism in health care throughout the Midwest routinely seek Baker graduates, and Baker’s RN to BSN online program will build on our tradition of developing outstanding nurses and enhancing the professional nursing careers of our students. BSN preferred” appears more frequently in job postings for registered nurses.”

**Accredited by the Commission on Colleague Relationships and approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, the curriculum is for students who are graduates of community college and hospital schools and are licensed registered nurses. The program can be completed in 18 to 24 months to allow students to work full time while completing their BSN. A minimum of 30 credit hours must be earned at Baker toward the 128 needed for the degree.**

**Sharing the love**

Baker’s School of Professional and Graduate Studies shares lots of love — and cookies — with students and faculty at its campuses. For the final week of September, Baker staff members greeted students and faculty with chocolate chip cookies as part of an “I Heart Baker” celebration.
Wedge between a collection of faith-based and inspirational books in the basement office of the Osborne Chapel, two Bibles contain special meaning and memories for longtime Minister to the University Ira DeSpain, ’70. The first was a childhood Christmas gift from his maternal grandmother and the second was given to him by his parents as he began his career in ministry at Edgerton United Methodist Church.

Forty-two years after being ordained in the Kansas East Conference of the United Methodist Church and serving that small church in Edgerton not far from the Baldwin City campus, DeSpain is approaching the final six months of his ministry. He spent the first half of his career faithfully serving churches in rural, urban and suburban settings, and the second half offering spiritual support for Baker—his University.

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said DeSpain, a third-generation minister. His retirement will mark the first time in more than 100 years in which there isn’t a DeSpain clergy. DeSpain’s ties to Baker run deep. Born in nearby Ottawa, Kan., shortly before his parents, Warren and Marion, graduated from Baker in the late 1940s, he and his high school sweetheart, Barbara, ’71, were married before his senior year. Their children, Jennifer, ’98, and Daniel, ’01, along with Daniel’s wife, Alisha, ’01, are also Baker graduates.

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“For me as an only child I needed to have some miles between me and my parents,” recalled DeSpain, who majored in communication before receiving a master’s degree from the St. Paul School of Theology and a doctorate from Southern Methodist’s Perkins School of Theology. “Baker was a good place to achieve that. I had been in church all the time growing up, and I took time off from things religious during college. As it turns out, God’s call was persistent, and I had a strong urge to be in ministry.”

DeSpain recently turned 65, and his wife retired a couple of years ago as a school counselor. The couple moved earlier this year to Olathe to be closer to family.

“It is time for Barb and me to go on to the next phase of our life together,” said DeSpain, who plans to spend more time with his four grandchildren.

Baker President Pat Long, who also plans to retire in June, has worked closely with DeSpain for nearly eight years.

‘Ira has impacted countless lives in the churches he has pastored and here at Baker,’ she said. ‘Baker’s Unit- ed Methodist heritage is paramount to this institution, and he has been a wonderful embodiment of our founders’ vision and mission. For years he has filled the beautiful Osborne Chapel and entire University community with love and a faithful spirit.’

DeSpain is Baker’s second campus minister. His predecessor held the position for three years.

“When I arrived there were some discussions as to why this position was necessary,” he recalled of his return to Baker in 1992. ‘I don’t think people question that so much any more. I think we have become part of the fabric of the school.’

Before the Osborne Chapel was reconstructed on the campus in the mid-1990s, DeSpain led weekly worship services at McKibbin Recital Hall. The story behind the chapel being moved stone by stone from the village of Spruntown, England, and the dedication ceremony in October 1996 by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, whose father had preached in the building, are among DeSpain’s fondest memories in the past two decades.

‘I enjoy giving tours, and I love telling the chapel story,’ he said. ‘People always seem thankful to hear it. As unique and historic as the chapel is, a job that I hold sacred is to make sure that it never becomes a museum. It is a living, breathing place of worship, a place for students to clarify their values. It is the central core to my mission.’

DeSpain remembers the chapel being a comforting place to gather in times of national tragedy, including the 9-11 attacks, the Matt Shepard beating, Columbine and Virginia Tech, and also after a Baker student had passed away.

‘Those have been profound experiences for me,’ he said. ‘I will never forget any of those things. There were some adjustments in transitioning to university ministry, but there will always be the similarities of experiencing human joy, human misery, helping people in the midst of crisis and leading worship.’
“To hear those vows is a really powerful, intimate experience. I can’t describe the feeling of standing a foot from two people when they commit to each other for life. It’s deeply moving and very spiritual for me.”

- Ira DeSpain
School Activities Association Hall of Fame.

Purdy’s induction into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame were in Lawrence in October for Coach Dick Purdy, ’56, and his wife, Norma, ’56, on Sept. 20. He owned McDaniel Hardwood Flooring in Olathe (Kan.) School District.

Kenneth Burres, BA ’05, has established the website Jews, Christians, Muslims: Common Roots, Seeds of Conflict, Rays of Hope” at www.jewsofchristiansmus. The site is his “to foster greater understanding of the three monotheistic religions by persons of all faiths, to promote interfaith dialogue, to advance the resolution of conflicts, and to encourage reconciliation and peace. The site is also intended to serve the ongoing project of writing and publishing a book of the same title.” Interested people can subscribe to the newsletter and receive a notification of new blog posts. Since retiring from Central Methodist University as professor of religion in 2003, Burres has lived with his wife, Carla, in Sequim, Wash. His email is kburres.jcm@gmail.com.

Jim McDaniel, ’88, was inducted as the first member of the Lyndon USD 421 Ring of Honor during homecoming ceremonies on Sept. 20. He owned McDaniel Hardware and Appliance for several years in Lyndon, Kan. He has served as president of the Lyndon Educational Foundation since 1996 and is a resident of the Lyndon Chamber of Commerce for eight years.

Janet Thompson, ’53, is retired and lives in Lawrence, Kan. She teaches high school social studies and yearbook at Central High School in Burden, Kan.

Hannah Dillon, BS ’05, is a fourth-grade teacher for USD 434 in Fort Scott, Kan. She has taught for 10 years and has coached basketball, cross country and track.

Nicole Edwards, MAEd ’08, is a third-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Clay Center, Kan. She has taught for 14 years.

Angela Ferguson, MAEd ’07, is a second-grade teacher at USD 352 in Goodland, Kan.

Kim Mitchell, MAEd ’07, is an educational agriculture instructor and the FFA advisor at Royal Valley High School in Hoyt, Kan.

Brent McSpadden, BA ’08, is country director for the WorldTeach volunteers in Namibia, Africa. WorldTeach partners with governments in developing countries to provide volunteer teachers to meet local needs. Brent works with the African Ministry of Education and is responsible for training, placement and support as volunteers give of themselves in a developing country and model responsible global citizenship.

Samuel (Willkinson) Miller, MAEd ’05, is a high school math teacher for USD 234 in Fort Scott, Kan.

Stephanie, live in Shawnee, Kan. She teaches high school social studies and yearbook at Central High School in Burden, Kan.

In Kansas City, Mo, Lockhart works at American University. The couple resides in Alexandria, Va.

Dale Allen Rubenking II, MBA ’07, is a SAP MM Analyst for TBC Corporation and lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Bruno Stall, MBA ’07, is the vice president in Wealth Management Services at First National Bank of Hutchinson, Kan.

Lauren Breithaupt, BS ’13, is studying clinical psychology at George Mason University.
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Cynthia Appl, professor of German, serves as the secretary of the Kansas Association of Teachers of German.

Harold Frye, department chair of the School of Education graduate program, was honored in October as the recipient of the Johnson County Library Foundation’s Pinna- clе Award.

Mariana Harris, BS ’79, assistant dean for academic affairs at College of Arts and Sciences, professor of business and economics, served as a judge at the Kansas Future Business Leaders of America 2013 State Leadership Conference in Topeka. Harris partnered with Baker student Paige Rockers to judge the Partnership with Business Project and American Enterprise Project.

Donald Hatcher, professor of philosophy, presented his paper “Is Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum a Plausible Goal?” in May at the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation Conference at the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario.

Tammy Heine, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, was approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing to participate on the NCLEX item development panel of subject matter experts in August in Chicago. She was one of 10 nurses from across the nation to be selected for the assignment.

Charmaine Henry, associate professor of biology, presented a poster at Experimental Biology 2013 in April in Boston. The poster “Dissociation of catterin-caithrin interaction decreases tail regeneration in Lumbricus variegatus” was based on research in collaboration with Megan Reid, BA ’12.


Ray James, assistant professor of music and director of bands, served as a guest conductor and lecturer March 11–15 at Dundalk Institute of Technology in Ireland. James worked with its jazz ensemble, presented master classes on the history of jazz, and advised its music education program. This residency is part of an ongoing partnership that began during his sabbatical in the fall of 2012.

Susan Ludwig, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, presented a poster at the Kansas Public Health Association Conference in September in Wichita.

William R. Miller, assistant professor and director of student research in biology, collaborated with students Logan Colban- do and Tiffany Clark to publish a chapter, “Do Water Bears Climb Trees Too?” in Trees at Risk: Challenges of Global Canopy Ecology and Conservation. Also, Miller and Margaret D. Lowman, director of the Nature Research Center at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and research professor at North Carolina State University, and Elzie McCord, professor of biology at New College of Florida, have published a chapter in the book Trees at Risk, edited by Lowman. The chapter “In the Canopy with Wheel Chairs: A Model for Teaching Field Biology” describes how the began to collect insects from more than 100 trees at different levels on the Baldwin City campus and surrounding area in the summer of 2013. Their research experience for undergraduates, funded by the National Science Foundation, hosted eight students from across the country. Two of those student interns used wheelchairs and ascended into the trees and collected the habitats from which they extracted the barkfrogs in the laboratories of the new Ivan L. Lloyd Center for Collaborative Science Education.

J.D. Parr, professor of music, taught and performed for six weeks at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp near Muskegon, Mich. He joined the opera orchestra with eight per- formances of Beethoven’s “Dr. Miracle” and was the principal clarinetist in the faculty band, orchestra and woodwind quintet. He also served as an adjudicator at the Kansas State High School Activities Association Solo and Small Ensemble Music Festival on April 13 at Andover Central High School and was the principal clarinetist in the last concert of the Topeka Symphony Orches- tra in 2012–13 season at White Concert Hall in Topeka, Kan.

Ruth Sarna, director of student health services, joined 2,000 college health profes- sionals in Rosa Montoro’s El Concierto de Tónde- ro,” on April 5 at the Carolina Conference on Romance Literatures at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C. Also, her article “Transformational Alchemy in Contra el viento and El tiempo entre costuras” was published in the book Performing Transformations, edited by Kathleen Amine and George F. Roberson, by Collaborative Media.

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Wildcats capture first conference title since 1993, advance to NAIA playoffs

Capping the regular season with an eight-game winning streak, Baker University entered the NAIA playoffs with its first Heart of America Athletic Conference title and 10-win season since 1993. The Wildcats (10-1) soared to No. 4 in the final NAIA top 25 poll—their highest ranking in Mike Grossner’s 10 years as head coach—and finished with an 8-1-1 mark in the HAAC.

The outstanding 2013 season featured a 37-20 homecoming victory over Mid-America Nazarene, a hard-fought 13-10 overtime win over No. 7 Missouri Valley and a 25-24 thriller over No. 15 Ottawa in the season opener.

The Wildcats hosted Sterling, the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference champion, in the first round of the 16-team NAIA Football Championship Series.

Senior runner shines

Lauren Jaqua of Lansing, Kan., closed her stellar collegiate career as a three-time Heart of America Athletic Conference champion, cruising to the individual title in 18 minutes, 54 seconds to lead Baker to the team crown on Nov. 9 in Marshall, Mo. Four other Wildcats—Megan Rosa (third), Jillian Benson (fourth), Ashley McBride (fifth) and Kerry Kurta (10th)—finished in the top 10 as Baker claimed its first HAAC title since 2010. It marked Jaqua’s third victory of the year and was Baker’s third team title of the 2013 season. Earlier in the year, Jaqua broke the school’s 4K record, finishing in 14:48. Baker was ranked No. 25 heading into the NAIA National Championships on Nov. 23 in Lawrence, Kan.

University recognizes scholar-athletes

Baker students continue to thrive in the classroom and in athletics.

At the Student-Athlete Awards Banquet on Oct. 4 in Overland Park, Kan., Baker honored 44 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes for their performances during the 2012-13 academic year. To be recognized, the athlete must be a junior or above in academic standing; have been in attendance at the nominating institution two full academic years as a non-transfer student; and have a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 at the time of nomination deadline.

In addition to the number of scholar-athletes, the academic year featured 67 All-Heart of America Athletic Conference team titles won by Baker.

The Wildcat athletic program enjoyed another successful fall season with three teams advancing to national competition in November

Alumnus guides men’s team to HAAC soccer title, No. 3 ranking

Head soccer coach Nate Houser, ’94, guided Baker men’s soccer team to the Heart of America Athletic Conference championship with a 1-0 victory over MidAmerica Nazarene on Nov. 15 in Olathe, Kan. With the win, the Wildcats secured an automatic berth in the NAIA Men’s Soccer National Championship Opening Round. Baker took a 14-5-2 record and No. 3 ranking, the second highest in program history, into the national playoffs in a season in which Houser was named HAAC Co-Coach of the Year.
On the evening of Oct. 4, 2012, as bright orange lights beamed up the corners of the newly renovated Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education, Dr. Pat Long approached the podium to address the gathered donors in neighboring Mabee Hall.

The anticipated message was one of simple gratitude—a thank you to the dinner guests who provided the major gifts required to construct this glowing beacon of a facility at the north end of campus. At $11.3 million, the Mulvane Transformation represents the largest capital campaign in Baker’s 155-year history, and it was time to celebrate.

But the University’s 28th President had more to say than a litany of effusive thanks, she had a powerful story to tell about giving, and it was one that left more than a few guests teary as they later strolled past the grape arbor toward the Boyd Center’s grand opening. She spoke about why she and her husband, Dennis, gave to the Mulvane Transformation in honor of her parents, and why giving had made such a difference in her life.

“I was very blessed to grow up in Wheatland, Mo., a very small town, with a wonderful and supportive family,” Long began. “But we didn’t have a lot of money, so attending college was going to be a challenge. No one else in my family had graduated from college.”

So one can imagine the thrill when the 18-year-old future mathematics major walked out of Southwest Baptist University’s financial aid office with a generous scholarship to study and play basketball for the Bearcats.

“When we got back to the car my mom started crying,” Long recalled. “At the time, I didn’t realize the magnitude of what had happened. To this day, I still remember our financial aid director’s name—Felix Goodson. He changed my life.”

An important chapter of Baker University’s history was written that day in Bolivar, Mo. From there, Long quickly developed what would prove to be a lifelong love for education during her undergraduate years – a passion that would impact tens of thousands of students throughout her 35-year career. Long has established scholarship funds, built multimillion-dollar facilities, grown innovative academic programs and raised the profile of an already esteemed Kansas institution.

But it all started with a single gift.

“That’s why I give,” Long, one of the University’s major donors, said. “It’s part of the president’s duties to raise funds to ensure the sustainability of this one great University.”

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“Pat and Dennis Long have been among the University’s No. 1 fans since joining the Baker family in 2006.”

As we reflect on another successful year and prepare for a year of transition, Baker University proudly celebrates every member of our Circle of Giving for the 2012-2013 academic year. Our success, attributed in large part to your generosity and devotion, has positioned your university to continue delivering on its promise to develop confident, competent and responsible contributors to society.
By now, most of you are familiar with the success stories of the three Baker University students showcased on this page—Zach Aldrich, Katie Thurbon and Sean Webb. The stars of this year’s materials promoting the Baker Fund for Scholarships, all three have greatly benefited from our generous donors and are on track to follow their dreams, leading to rewarding careers in economic development, medicine and finance.

Because of your steadfast support, Sean was able to reach his potential as a pre-med and biology major, becoming Baker’s first student selected to the prestigious Scholars in Rural Health Program as he prepares for a profession practicing medicine in a small Kansas town.

Scholarships enabled Zach to continue his academic interests in economics, math and finance while being one of 15 student-athletes nationally selected to travel to Washington, D.C., to attend a leadership program.

Your gifts matter as we continue to attract promising students such as Katie, who shines as a leader in the classroom and in athletics. Twice a national pole vault runner-up, Thurbon last year became the first Baker athlete named to the Capital One Academic All-America first team. The Baker Fund for Scholarships enabled her to study abroad in Granada, Spain, for the fall 2013 semester, enhancing her interest in helping women in developing countries get a better chance at a bright future.

It was difficult for Susanne Teel, ’69, to put into words what she felt walking through the Student Union’s new dining hall at this year’s opening dinner celebration.

Of course it was not her first time touring the gorgeous new space. As the lead donor for the campaign, which is entering its second phase this spring, Teel had taken hard hat-only tours and routinely made the drive from her home in St. Joseph, Mo., to monitor the construction progress.

But this time was different. This time, more than 700 students, faculty and staff were packed into the orange-walled wonder, enjoying what President Pat Long fondly calls Baker’s new “dining experience.” Calling the $1 million-plus renovation a cafeteria simply does not do the culture-changing space justice, she says.

“I really couldn’t believe it,” Teel said of the opening dinner. “To see all of those people smiling and socializing, well, it just warmed my heart.”

“The social aspect of the new Student Union is what sold Teel on the project in the first place.

“From my experience in talking with students over the years, I had always heard they wanted a place to call their own,” she said. “Baker’s Union had not been that place in the past. Now, I understand we are having trouble getting students out of the dining hall after meals—they just want to stay and enjoy each other. As a donor, that is so rewarding!”

During her tenure on Baker University’s Board of Trustees—she has served as both chair of the entire board and the Student Affairs committee—Teel has proven herself to be one of Baker’s most wonderful ambassadors. Some would call her, and perhaps this is equally accurate, one-half of the institution’s most prestigious cheerleading partnership with dear friend Pat Long.

“It’s really incredible to see what Susanne has done for Baker,” Long said. “She truly is a trustee for the students. She visits campus so frequently that many students know her by name, especially our athletes who so frequently see her in the stands at their games. The University is so lucky to have a friend like Susanne.”

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“That’s why I give,” she said. “I didn’t want to be a board member who just came to a meeting and left. I am doing what I love. It is an honor to do my part in helping those young people receive the best possible education.”

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When she arrived at Baker University in August of 1989, Ruth Sarna, RN, did not expect to work at the school as the director of student health services for very long. Twenty-four years later after approximately 15,000 students have graduated from Baker, the longtime registered nurse is hanging up her stethoscope. The fall semester will be Sarna’s last on the Baldwin City campus before she retires in December. President Pat Long broke the news via an email to the campus in which she stated, “I really cannot imagine Baker University without Nurse Ruth’s smile, words of encouragement, and pure love for our students.” Sentiments were strong as Baker students, staff and alumni who have come to know Ruth also find it hard to see the University without the compassionate care she has provided for many years.

“My daughter kept asking me, ‘Mother, when are you going to retire?’” Sarna said. “I always told her I couldn’t. I just love the students too much. Which is true; I will miss them all terribly.”

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“I don’t know what the refs will do without me,” she joked.

During retirement, Sarna plans to visit Baker and attend the school’s sporting events as much as she can. She looks forward to staying busy by following her 14 granddaughters as they participate in their own events, including dance recitals and volleyball, baseball and soccer games.

Ruth is excited to spend time travelling with her husband, Bob, ‘63, and remain an active member in her church.

As she finishes her career at Baker, Sarna wants to leave students and alumni with one final message: “Follow your dream and always be positive about what may come. You may hit some bumpy roads, but don’t let them get you down. Always know good things will happen.”

Alumnae Greek Council strengthens community

Six Baker University graduates interested in educating incoming students about sorority opportunities have formed the Alumnae Greek Council to strengthen the Baker Panhellenic community and help boost recruitment numbers.

The six members representing the sororities are Diane Blackwell, ’69, and Janice Simpson, ’70 (Alpha Chi Omega), Susanne Teel, ’69, and Carol Farmer, ’69 (Delta Delta Delta), and Anita Hempy, ’72, and Pat Wooster-Jackson, ’71 (Zeta Tau Alpha). The women have been national members of their respective organizations and hold advisory positions.

“We are thrilled by the results of this fall’s recruitment effort with our new member numbers almost doubling over last year,” said Farm er, president of the council. “We are so grateful for the support we have received from the University leadership and administrators to meet this goal. This collaborative effort benefits both the Greek community and the University and ensures a bright future for all.”

The council improved communication efforts by having additional recruiting publications printed along with handwritten notecards to incoming female students before they arrived on the Baldwin City campus.

The volunteers recruited other alumnae to attend the summer orientation and enrollment registration to share their sorority experiences. They also hosted four sorority mixers at the end of those days.

“They were instrumental in encouraging the administration to allow an extra day of Wildcat Welcome, which created time for sorority recruitment to be completed before classes started and major athletic obligations began,” said Jennifer Letter, ’83, fraternity and sorority life coordinator.

A group of fraternity alumni are launching a similar council to be developed in the coming year.

Hedrick reaches 25th year as Voice of the Wildcats

It was a phone call from one Baker University legend that brought another back to Baker’s Baldwin City campus.

Tom Hedrick, CAS ’56, was sitting in his office at the University of Kansas, where he taught sports broadcasting, when he received a call from Baker Hall of Fame football coach Charlie Richard. The coach had a favor to ask. It was 1985 and Baker was heading into a playoff game at Bethany and Coach Richard wanted Hedrick to call the game on radio.

Hedrick believed in Richard and said helping the coach get the Baker football job in 1980 was “one of the best things I did for Baker University.” So there was only one answer he could give. Hedrick said he would be honored, and 25 years later, he is still the Voice of the Wildcats.

Baker has been a part of Hedrick’s life nearly every step of the way. Long before he enrolled as a freshman in 1952, Tom was on campus with his father, a Methodist preacher who began teaching at Baker University in 1943. Even after moving back east for high school, Hedrick returned to Baldwin City for college.

Hedrick knew he wanted to broadcast KU football and basketball games, and he accomplished that in his 20s. His dream was to become a Major League Baseball announcer, and that came true in 1971. He has called World Series, Cotton Bowl and Super Bowl games and witnessed countless historic sports moments firsthand.

Hedrick’s resume is impressive. He was wearing a headset in 1966 when KU faced the original “Cinderella” Texas Western basketball team in the NCAA Tournament. He was the voice of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1969 and has a Super Bowl ring to show for it. He needs two hands to count the number of times he’s been named Kansas Sportscaster of the Year. Hedrick was at the center of the national sports world.

Tom Hedrick, ’56, who has called World Series games and a Super Bowl, recently completed his 25th year broadcasting Wildcat football on the radio.

Yet Baker has something special, which is why Hedrick answered the phone when Coach Richard called 25 years ago and why he has come back year after year.

“It’s marvelous because of the people,” Hedrick said. “I can go to Baldwin City and all of a sudden my life is better. It’s always been like that.”

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Through the years Hedrick has believed in working for love and not money, and for him, there is no greater love than Baker. He insists that the University keeps him young. Now 78, he still teaches sports broadcasting on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is in the radio booth on Saturdays for football and basketball games.

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Baker lost that playoff game against Bethany in 1985. Yet Hedrick still remembers what he said to himself after the game, “I loved that.”

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In the far reaches of the United States, in the land of the Midnight Sun, Andy Bertapelle's nursing career continues to shine. Always looking for an adventure, Bertapelle, BSN ’00, has been a registered nurse for 13 years, serving the past seven months as the director of nursing at Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital in Barrow, Alaska, the United States’ northernmost city. Surrounded on three sides by the Arctic Ocean, Barrow (population 4,346) is a place where the roads are unpaved because of permafrost, and no roads connect the city to the rest of Alaska. “This location was able to provide me with the adventure and challenge that were missing in my life,” said Bertapelle, bracing for sub-zero temperatures in January with no protection from the frigid Arctic air. “We are the only hospital providing services to an area the size of Washington state. We make do with what we have because getting supplies delivered is a challenge. During the summer, when the ice has moved away from shore, we get a few deliveries. But once the ice comes back, the supplies we receive are mainly emergency and trauma supplies with no protection from hazardous material. “We are a critical access hospital and see everything imaginable,” he said. “For our critical and trauma patients, we work to stabilize them while coordinating air medical evacuation services for transport to Fairbanks or Anchorage.”

Bertapelle reflects proudly on his two years at Baker and how the program helped him develop professionally. “I often look back and have joked with Dean Kathy Harr that I wasn’t the best student who went through nursing school at Baker, but the instructors, staff and dean believed in me and kept me on track,” he recalled. “I am grateful for that and realize that level of individual attention and commitment is unique to Baker’s nursing program. They invested themselves in my success. I am proud to wear my Baker nursing pin as I truly credit Baker with getting me to where I am today.”

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**In the far reaches**

In the far reaches Alaskan Adventure worked as a medical/surgery RN and emergency/trauma RN. He served the country as a nurse in Djibouti, Africa, for six months and in northern Kuwait for another six months to support American troops. After leaving active duty service, he moved closer to family in Denver, where he was the assistant director of patient care, and eventually the director, for two 20-bed inpatient units at a Level 1 trauma center.

In Barrow, Bertapelle oversees a team of one assistant director of nursing, 10 nurses, two certified nursing assistants, a unit clerk and five case managers. The inpatient unit in Barrow features 12 beds for medical/surgical patients of all ages and two beds for low-risk labor and delivery patients. The outpatient unit features a six-room clinic, a two-bed emergency room and a case management department.

**“My career and nursing education have prepared me to handle just about anything thrown at me.”**

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A look back at another special year worth celebrating with our alumni and friends.

JULY 2012 | Thirty high school graduates participate in the Summer Bridge Program on the Baldwin City campus, a collaborative effort with the Kaufman Scholars. • Dr. Brian Posler, the former associate provost for academic affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, officially begins his role as executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. • Longtime Baker administrator and faculty member Dr. Rand Zigler begins his role as vice president for institutional advancement.

 AUGUST 2012 | Sean Webb, a junior from Wamego, Kan., becomes the first Baker student accepted into the Scholars in Rural Health Program. • For the second consecutive year, Baker University’s Office of Student Life participates in Serve 2 Succeed, a mentoring program funded through AmeriCorps Kansas and Kansas Campus Compact. • The University reports an overall fall enrollment of 3,208 students.

SEPTEMBER 2012 | The School of Professional and Graduate Studies hosts Dave Ramsey’s “Entreleadership: Building Leaders, Growing Businesses” one-day simulcast at its Overland Park campus. • Baker students visit with several local and area agencies at the Volunteer Fair to learn more about community service opportunities.

OCTOBER 2012 | Baker celebrates the completion of the Mulvane Transformation outside the $11.3 million Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Education, which houses the renovated Mulvane Science Hall, the 9,000-square-foot addition of the Ross and Christine Hartley Hall and a relocated greenhouse. • Marli Harris ’79, professor of business and economics, is named the assistant dean for academic affairs for the College of Arts and Sciences. • Dr. Alan Grant, professor of business and economics, places first at the Economist Educators Best in Class Teaching Award competition for his presentation, “Using Game Theory & Collective Action Experiments to Teach Economics of Social Issues.” • Author Warren St. John discusses his book “Outcasts United,” selected as the University’s common book, and signs copies of the bestseller at Rios Auditorium. • An exhibition of original artwork, “Out of Fifty: Walt Bailey Retrospective 1962-2012,” opens at Hol-Russell Gallery at Parmenter Hall. • Two former Baker standouts, a former Wildcat coach and current coach who started in football and baseball are inducted into the University’s Athletic Hall of Fame at Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Student Athlete Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center. Honorees are Taylor Gill, ’83; Phil Hannon, ’88; Liesl Kerk-Fink, ’02; and former football coach Joe Girardi, inducted posthumously. Also at the event, more than 80 student-athletes are recognized, including 56 NAIA Scholar-Athletes for excelling in the classroom and in athletics.

NOVEMBER 2012 | Jesse Green, a biology education major from Baldwin City, Kan., and Tiffany Steinenbach, an elementary education major from Ene, Kan., are honored as Teachers of Promise at the Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet in Wichita. • Leigh Anne Neal, a student in the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program, is named an American Association of School Administrators Educational Administration Scholarship winner. • Baker celebrates International Education Week, focusing on the theme “Striving for a Healthier Future Worldwide.” • Ten Baker students and three Baker faculty members are inducted into the Delta Pi chapter of Phi Beta Delta, an honor society for international scholars. • Baker Orange Online is recognized with its first national Pacemaker Award at the Associat ed Collegiate Press and National College Media Convention in Chicago. thebakerorange.com, is one of five sites to be recognized in the category for schools with an enrollment of 5,000 or fewer students. The Pacemaker is regarded as the Pulitzer Prize in student journalism. • Baker honors 22 first-year and transfer students for graduating from the 2012 Emerging Leaders Summit, which challenges students to develop their leadership skills by learning styles to enable others to act, develop teamwork and establish values and respect. • Jeanne Mott, director of financial aid, is honored with her induction into the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Hall of Fame. The award recognizes individuals who have made a significant difference for the profession, students and colleagues. Also at the conference of the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Mott receives a regional leadership award—one of six presented nationally—from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. • The University receives accreditation from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

DECEMBER 2012 | The Ella Kappa Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society for nursing, inducts 16 Baker University School of nursing students and two Baker alumni during a ceremony at the Poyser Education Center. • Dr. Lowell Jacobsen, the Rhodes Professor of International Business, receives the Mike Wood Presidential Citation of Merit at the 2012 Elsic S. Bentley Lecture. • Baker recognizes 350 undergraduate students and 330 graduate students during fall commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center. Keynote speakers are Dr. Brian Posler, executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Rusty Meng, Ed.D., ’10, the Baker University Web archivist; Leanne ‘94 School Districts; and Trustee Richard Howell, a 1974 Baker graduate and 30-year veteran of the oil and chemical industry. Howell receives an honorary doctorate. • Rios Auditorium is filled to capacity for the two performances at the 82nd annual Christmas Candlelight Vespers.

JANUARY 2013 | Senior Lauren Amrein, a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, is honored as the St. Jude Collegiate Ambassador of the Year at the Tri Delta’s St. Jude Leadership Weekend for her involvement with the ‘Til Dawn campaign, a benefit for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and to a Tri Delta who “goes above and beyond philanthropy events to support St. Jude.” • The Associated General Contractors honors Baker’s Mulvane Transformation in the Kansas State Building Awards Program during its annual convention at the Marriott Wichita. • Wallace Hartfield, Pastor Emeritus of Metropolitan Masonic Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., is the keynote speaker during the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the Osbome Chapel. • Led by Lee Green, professor of business and economics, six students visit Washington, D.C., for a 16-day trip, including the inaugural ceremony for President Obama as part of the interterm titled “Washington, D.C.: The History of Our Nation’s Capital City.” Seven Baker students are studying at Harlaxton College for the spring semester and other students abroad are in Ireland, Mexico and Italy.

FEBRUARY 2013 | The Arbor Day Foundation honors Baker as a Tree Campus USA, a national program created in 2008 to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. Baker is the first university in Kansas recognized. • Prospective students attend Celebrating Science Day on the Baldwin City campus to learn more about biology, chemistry, math, physics and computer science. • The Board of Trustees announces that University President Dr. Pat Long will retire on June 30, 2014, following the completion of her eighth year leading Baker. • Senior Katerina Shackelford, a Kansas City, Kan., senior majoring in business, is a presenter at the 36th annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government at Kansas State University. • Baker announces on Founders Day plans to renovate Harper Union. • The Delta Tau Delta fraternity wins the Hugh Shields Award at the Western Plains Division Conference in Oklahoma City for being one of the top 10 chapters nationally. • The University announces the following faculty promotions: Mr. Dave Bostwick, assistant professor of mass media, was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Dr. Jacob Bucher, assistant professor of sociology, was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Dr. Sara Cram, assistant professor of psychology, was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Dr. Brett Knappe, assistant professor of art history, was granted tenure; Dr. Erin Morris, assistant professor of biology, was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Dr. Leonard Ortiz, assistant professor of history, was promoted to the rank of associate professor; and Dr. Anne Daugherty, associate professor of education, was promoted to the rank of associate professor.
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MARCH 2013 | Baker’s student-led radio and television stations, KBNU-FM and KBNU-TV, receive five second-place awards from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in the annual student broadcast awards competition. • Baker’s history is featured in The Way We Worked Kansas tour as part of the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum on Main Street program at the Lumberyard Arts Center. • Baker’s Speech Choir receives a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council to make four presentations on the Civil War in locations along the Kansas and Missouri border. • Two School of Education students—Marish Barnett, a music education major from Lawrence, Kan., and Haley Epperson, an elementary education major from Eudora, Kan.—are recognized by the Kansas State Department of Education in Topeka as Teachers of Promise. • Colleges of Distinction, a guidebook highlighting four-year institutions that are considered “hidden gems,” recognizes Baker in its 2012-2013 publication for its commitment to engaging students, excellent faculty, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. • Baker student Billy Wicks, a senior from Princeton, Kan., is elected to the position of State College President for the Kansas Music Educators Association. • The “Live from the Orange Carpet” gala and auction raises a record $306,000 for student scholarships, including a matching gift of $150,000 from Andrew Cheng, ’68, and Peggy Cheng, ’70. • Former Baker baseball standout Vidal Nuño receives the James P. Dawson Award, given annually to the outstanding New York Yankees rookie in spring training. He was the opening day pitcher for the Yankees. • Sigma fraternity are recognized as five-Star Chapters during in the annual Greek Awards ceremony. • Sponsored by the Greek organizations and the Health Center, 150 Baker students signed up as donors for the bone marrow drive. Renowned jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany, a 1981 Baker graduate, participates in a week-long artist-in-residence program, capped by performances at the Chris Grubb Memorial Jazz Concert and Spring Choral Concert at Rice Auditorium. • The Chronicle of Higher Education’s College Completion survey lists Baker as the top university—private or public—in the state for four-year graduation rate at 59.1 percent. • Dr. Brian Poster, executive vice president of academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is one of 21 senior-level administrators in higher education nationwide selected by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute to participate in a year-long Executive Leadership Academy.

MAY 2013 | Dr. Brian Messer, who most recently served as vice president for online studies at Ottawa University, is named vice president and dean of School of Professional and Graduate Studies. • Spring commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center honored 340 undergraduate students and 230 graduate students. • Baker student Tera Lyons, Strasburg, Colo., and Komara Nunez, Dallas, are recognized as national Mark of Excellence winners in the small school division by the Society of Professional Journalists. • Sydney Doster, a senior from Gardner, Kan., receives a Fullbright Scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year to Nepal, where she will teach English. • Two Kansas high school seniors—Rebecca Simkins of Merriam and Madison Wendt of Chanute—are the recipients of the Harter Scholarships, which the University’s most prestigious academic scholarships. • Carrie Coward Bucher is appointed chair of the Quest program at the College of Arts and Sciences. She had served as director of the quest program and was instrumental in establishing the program at the University.

APRIL 2013 | For the 12th consecutive year, Baker and the Baldwin City Recreation Commission partner for the Community Wellness Festival, a free health fair at the Collins Center, with more than 70 exhibitors and 300 attendees. • Two Baker students—Teresa Morse, a junior from Gardner, Kan., and Parker Roth, a senior from Minneapolis, Kan.—place first and second, respectively, in original poetry competition at the Sigma Tau Delta International convention in Portland, Ore. • CNN Hero Mark Kabbar, who has gained national attention for developing a program in California that uses soccer to motivate young immigrants and survivors of war to help transition to a better life, is announced as the speaker for the College of Arts and Sciences commencement ceremony. • Commencement speakers for the School of Professional and Graduate Studies ceremonies are Dr. Jackie Snyder, Chancellor Emeritus of Metropolitan Community College, and Dr. Anne Daugherty, Associate Professor and Chair of Liberal Arts and Professional Journalists. • Sydney Doster, a senior from Gardner, Kan., receives a Fulbright Scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year to Nepal, where she will teach English. • Two Kansas high school seniors—Rebecca Simkins of Merriam and Madison Wendt of Chanute—are the recipients of the Harter Scholarships, which the University’s most prestigious academic scholarships. • Carrie Coward Bucher is appointed chair of the Quest program at the College of Arts and Sciences. She had served as director of the annual Greek Awards ceremony. • Sponsored by the Greek organizations and the Health Center, 150 Baker students signed up as donors for the bone marrow drive. Renowned jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany, a 1981 Baker graduate, participates in a week-long artist-in-residence program, capped by performances at the Chris Grubb Memorial Jazz Concert and Spring Choral Concert at Rice Auditorium. • The Chronicle of Higher Education’s College Completion survey lists Baker as the top university—private or public—in the state for four-year graduation rate at 59.1 percent. • Dr. Brian Poster, executive vice president of academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is one of 21 senior-level administrators in higher education nationwide selected by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute to participate in a year-long Executive Leadership Academy.

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Know someone who should be a Wildcat?

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WOWzer displays his pushup form after another Wildcat touchdown in Baker’s 37-20 homecoming victory over MidAmerica Nazarene.
Since the 1860s, the steps of Parmenter Hall traditionally have been a popular location for class photos. Below is Baker’s freshman class of 235 students for the fall 2013 semester, an increase of 16.9 percent from the previous year and the University’s highest total in five years. At right is an all-school photo from the late 1880s.