



## From the Arbor

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#### Travel to England and Harlaxton...

The University's Alumni Department is busy organizing an alumni tour to England for June of 2013. Using London as a base of operations travelers will visit some of England's most interesting sites along with an opportunity to spend one night at Harlaxton Manor, where Baker students have studied since 1988. President Pat Long and her husband, Dennis, are planning to go! For dates, cost and additional information contact trip coordinator, Doug Barth '91, Alumni Director. You can reach Doug at 1-785-594-4799.

### CAS Back in Session....Boyd Center Opens...

The College of Arts and Sciences on the Baldwin City campus is back in session with students traversing campus and going to classes as they have for the previous 154 years. Not since 1926 though have Baker students had a new science building in which to study. The former structure, Mulvane Hall, named for former trustee and Kansas philanthropist Joab Mulvane has been fully recreated into two separately named facilities. The original portion of the building retains the Mulvane name while the newer 9,000 sq. foot addition has been christened the Ross and Christine Hartley Hall following a leadership gift of \$1.6 million to the project from Ross '70 and Christine Hartley of Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Both of these separately named facilities comprise the overall science education facility which has been dedicated in honor of longtime Baker faculty science professor Dr. Ivan L. Boyd and members of the Boyd family which have also been so closely associated with Baker through the years. The name given is the Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education.

There was much excitement and some cheers mixed with a few tears of joy coming from faculty, staff and students as they entered the completed facility for the start of classes the fourth week of August. Residents of the former Mulvane Hall had endured the past year in makeshift classrooms and facilities so that the work could progress with a targeted opening for this fall. After just the first few days of classes, everyone connected with the project continues to be thrilled with both the design and outcome of the renovation and new construction.

To get to this point, Baker conducted and concluded its most successful and most aggressive fund raising project in its history. The resulting effort led to this now over \$11 million addition to and renovation of the former Mulvane Hall.

Grand opening celebrations are planned for the 4th of October for donors to the project while a public celebration and open house of the completed facility will be held for the general public on the afternoon of October 5th at 3:00 p.m. I hope you will have an opportunity to visit and view this fantastic new facility soon!

## CAS Professor Miller Earns Grant...

William Miller, assistant professor of biology, was awarded a \$176,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to establish a two-year Pilot Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program at Baker. The proposal titled "REU Site: 3D Invertebrate Herbivory and Biodiversity in Deciduous North American Forest Canopies: Inspiring Students with Physical Disabilities to Pursue Field Biology" is a collaborative project by Miller, Meg Lowman (North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences), and E. McCord (New College of Florida). The research idea is to conduct vertical transects up several species of trees on the Baker Campus, in the Baker Woods, and on the Baker Wetlands, sampling at selected strata to identify and analyze the nature and differences in the diversity and distribution of micro-invertebrates (tardigrades). Lowman, who spoke two years ago at the Milford White Lecture, is a pioneer in the exploration of the canopy. McCord is an environmental chemist and Miller specializes in tardigrades. Students will be taken more than 100 feet into the tops of trees. The program has been designed to enable ambulatory disabled students to participate in all aspects of the project from the collections in the canopy, to the laboratory and microscope work, to the presentation of the data and the writing of papers. Baker is honored to be one of the very few small schools selected to participate in this very prestigious NSF funded research project. Congratulations!!!

## A Response From the June Arbor...

"Jerry. . . You may or may not remember me, but I was in your freshman and sophomore classes at Baker. I was a business major but also studied organ. I transferred to KU my junior year and graduated in January, 1971. At the time, Baker didn't seem to be the right fit for me. As I look back I was probably wrong. I returned to campus about five years ago and got a very nice tour from the alumni director. She was very hospitable and I enjoyed the visit very much. I retired six years ago having worked for Motorola for 33 years. I still play the organ and am organist at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal) in Des Moines where I have the privilege of presiding over a magnificent Casavant pipe organ. I should mention that while I was visiting the Baker campus I did spend a few minutes playing the organ in the Methodist Church. Wow, that really brought back a flood of memories.

Anyway, I wanted to let you know I enjoy receiving From the Arbor newsletter. Thank you for sending it.

My best wishes to you and Baker University". . . David Raymond

Thanks for writing, David! Great to hear from you and everyone who takes the time to write...alumni or former student!!!

## This, That and More...

### Baker by the Numbers...

I did a quick check of numbers as we begin the fall semester here in Baldwin City. It was recently announced that the University has 62 new employees. The total number of employees across all of Baker's campuses totals nearly 300. This approximate figure takes into consideration that at SPGS classes that are manned by adjunct professors are constantly beginning and ending. Approximately 280+ of the total 300 are employed at CAS in Baldwin City. It certainly takes a LOT of people to run a University!

### Football Broadcasts...

Tom Hedrick '56, will be manning the microphone as he has for the previous 24 years for Wildcat football. You can listen to Baker broadcasts on FM 89.7 (the Edge) or go to the Baker athletics' website, click on multimedia and then click on live-radio...or you can cut and paste this address directly into your browser to go straight to the streaming media on the internet: <http://www.bakeru.edu/multimedia/live-radio>. After three straight wins going into the game against Central Methodist in Fayette, MO the Cats were ranked #9 in the NAIA and already looking forward to a huge game against MO Valley at Baker on September 22nd...game time 6:00 p.m. If you can't attend in person, listen to Tom's broadcast!

### School of Nursing Enrollment...

The School of Nursing starts the fall semester with 170 enrolled students, including 46 new students. Fifteen of the newcomers transferred from the Baldwin City campus and have begun Level I classes. Welcome to all our new students and welcome back to all of our returning students...Have a great year!

## Baker Trivia Answer for June...

### The Question...

A Yale Law Graduate, **Frank Crawford**, was the head football coach of the **Wildcat** football squad in 1892. In addition to **Baker**, and prior to becoming a noted attorney and a professor of Law at Creighton University, he coached several other University football teams. At what other schools did he serve as head football coach???

### The Answer...

The University of Michigan, The University of Wisconsin, then **Baker** followed by The University of Nebraska, the Texas Longhorns and finally, most sources list that he coached at Nebraska Wesleyan in 1896.

Two individuals came up with the correct answers and the correct order of his coaching...**Kenny Hargrove '80** and **Phil Tilghman '70**.

Here's more on Coach Crawford: From Wikipedia... "In November 1892, Crawford served as "a paid coach-captain player" for the football team at **Baker** University at Baldwin, Kansas. Crawford reportedly "brought many innovations," including the training table, to **Baker's** football program. He led **Baker** to the Kansas state championship and a 2-1 record in "the triangular league," including victories over Washburn (44-0) and Kansas State (18-0). In December 1892, the *Leavenworth Times* reported that Crawford had "succeeded in instilling sufficient football lore into the western farmers to accomplish the defeat of the University of Kansas team by the **Baker** eleven last week." In May 1893, *The Baker Beacon* reported: "The **Baker** team was ably coached and captained by Frank Crawford who had learned the game at Yale and by the close of the season the team ... was in excellent condition."

This question came about following a telephone call from an alumnus of the University of Nebraska who is currently writing a book on the history of that University's football program.

## Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Nears...

Four individuals will be inducted at this year's Athletic Hall of Fame Induction on October 5th. The event is open to everyone and reservations may be made through Ms. Kathy McCrary at 1-800-726-1554. The cost to attend the banquet that also honors current **Baker** student athletes is \$40. It will be held at the Overland Park Sheraton Convention Center with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00. **Players of Coach Girardi who attend the event will also be honored and made a part of the induction.** Those being inducted include:

**Taylor Gill '83.** Taylor was an Honorable Mention All-American his senior year at fullback where he carried the ball 240 times, at that time the most in a season in **Baker** history. In his career he had 35 touchdowns (33 rushing, 2 receptions) and 3,049 rushing yards, both records at that time. He played in **Baker's** first bowl game and first NAIA playoff game. His efforts lead to several team records while helping his team to a collective 4-year winning record of 32-9-1.

**Phil Hannon '86** had a highly successful collegiate athletic career at **Baker** where he earned postseason honors in two sports as a letterman in baseball and football. Following college, he played professional baseball with the Chicago Cubs organization from 1986-1990 before becoming a manager for two different teams for the Cubs at the minor league level. He returned to **Baker** in 2001 as head baseball coach where he continues to lead the **Wildcat** baseball team.

**Coach Joe Girardi** came to **Baker** from Lakeside HS in Pinetop AZ to lead a resurgence in **Wildcat** football. In his four years at **Baker** he took the **Cats** to their first ever post season bowl game (the Boot-Hill Bowl) in 1978 and in 1979 defeated highly ranked Simpson College (IA) and William Jewell who was ranked #2 in the nation at the time. Many of Coach Girardi's players earned conference, district and all-American honors. His grandson, Alex Stebbins, is a sophomore on the football team now.

**Liesel Kirk-Fink '02** is one of the most outstanding female cross country and track and field athletes in **Baker** history. Over the course of her career (cut short by both studying abroad and illness) she set 11 total **Baker** records in her sports. In 2002, she was named the HAAC women's most valuable athlete. She was named an All-American in cross country in both her junior and senior years and an All-American in outdoor track and field her senior year where she finished 4th at the NAIA meet in the 5000m run. Congratulations to all these honorees!

## Alumni/Campus Activities...

**September 18...**Opening Convocation...11:00 a.m.  
Rice Auditorium...everyone is invited—no cost.

**September 20...**After Hours Social...106th and  
Mission Road...Tavern at Mission Farms  
(formerly Avenues Bistro). 5:30-7:30...Hors  
d'oeuvres and soft drinks compliments of **Baker**  
University's Alumni Association...Everyone is in-  
vited—no cost.

**October 4...**Private Reception and Dinner  
Donors of the Mulvane Transformation Project  
By Invitation...6:00 p.m. Mabee Memorial Hall

**October 5...**Dedication/Ribbon Cutting  
Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education  
3:00 p.m. Open House and tours to follow.

### Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and all Sports Banquet

Sheraton Overland Park Convention Center  
Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner and program to follow.  
For reservations: 1-800-726-1554-Kathy McCrary

### October 6...HOMECOMING...

11:00 a.m. Open House in the Athletic Hall of  
Fame rotunda of the Collins Center honoring  
**Baker's** newest and former inductees to the Hall  
of Fame. No Cost...Open to the public

12:00 p.m. Annual Tailgate luncheon. NW Cor-  
ner of 2nd and Fremont....Across from Liston  
Stadium. No Cost...Open to the public

2:00 p.m. Homecoming Football game versus  
Avila. Tickets available at the gate....Ticket  
prices are available on the Baker Athletic web site  
under "Fan-Zone".

**October 12...**Fall Meeting of the **Baker** University  
Board of Trustees...Baldwin City Campus...8:00  
a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**December 2...**Vespers...First United Methodist  
Church ...4:00 p.m./7:30 p.m....more information  
soon!

**Question:** On the Baldwin City Campus....prior  
to the original construction of Mulvane Hall in  
1925-1926 what was the name of the building in  
which the various sciences were primarily  
taught???

The answer will be featured in the **October** issue  
of the **Arbor**.)

## Back Page Bits and Pieces...

Baldwin City McDonald's closed August 31st...

The University has a new-look website...

New student numbers at CAS increase...total student num-  
bers down slightly...

Gessner Hall has heating/cooling work completed...

New press box for softball under construction...

CAS tuition now at \$24,470...

Have a Great Month of  
**September...** I'll write again in  
**October...**

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## Charitable Lead Trusts...

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- \*You make a contribution of your property to fund a trust that pays **Baker** income for a set number of years.
- \*You receive a gift or estate tax deduction at the time of your gift.
- \*After a period of time, your family receives the trust assets plus any additional growth in value.

### Zero Tax Plan...

It is even possible to set up a lead trust that will allow you to transfer assets to your family with zero transfer taxes. The IRS assumes that a lead trust is only earning at the current low federal rate. If the actual investments of the trust produce a higher return than the payments made to **Baker** over the term of the trust, then the full value of the trust may be transferred to family with zero gift tax.

### FLP/Lead Trust Plan...

To discount your gift to family even more, you may consider first transferring your real estate or other assets into a family limited partnership (FLP) which will fund your lead trust. The combination of the FLP, the lead trust and a gift exemption can permit the lead trust to pay income to **Baker** for a number of years and potentially transfer substantial assets tax-free to your family.

### Increasing Payment Lead Trust...

With increased volatility in the stock market you may also want to consider creating a lead trust that makes fixed payments of increasing amounts to **Baker** over time. Because the payments to us are fixed, your family ultimately benefits from any growth in the trust. Low payouts in early years allows the trust to grow, thus allowing protection should the economy produce below-average returns in the future.

*For more timely information on this and other Planned Giving issues please visit our web-site location at <http://bakeru.giftlegacy.com/> or contact me at [jerry.weakley@bakeru.edu](mailto:jerry.weakley@bakeru.edu) or call me at 785-594-8332 (office) or 913-449-9540 (cell).*



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**P.S. \* The Above information is provided only for your consideration and should not be construed as “Legal or Tax Advice”. You should always consult your own professional advisor before acting upon this or similar information.**

*As Dr. James Chubb '22 used to say when he visited classmates and alumni while on the road for **Baker**... “Please remember to leave something for **Baker** in your will!”...and if you do please let us know your plans!*