



From the Arbor @ Baker University...

Monthly news from Jerry Weakley, VP for Endowment and Planned Giving

Baker Names New Enrollment Management/ Student Development Vice President...

Baker President Dr. Pat Long recently announced the appointment of Mark Bandré '89 to the position of vice president of enrollment management and student development. In his new role, Bandré will provide leadership for the areas of admissions, financial aid and student development.

"I am pleased Mark has decided to join the **Baker** University administrative team," Long said. "With an extensive background in strategic enrollment management, Mark will be focused on our **Baker** students from the time they apply until they graduate. I know Mark from my time working in enrollment management in the state of Kansas and his role as a **Baker** alumnus. I have confidence in his ability to develop a comprehensive and robust plan for all four of our schools."

Bandré, has more than 20 years experience in higher education after graduating from **Baker**. He currently serves as associate vice president for enrollment and director of financial aid at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. He has been at Hendrix since August 2005 and oversees all phases of a financial aid operation that annually manages more than \$35 million in federal, state, private and institutional funds. Before joining Hendrix, Bandré was the associate director of financial aid at Ohio Wesleyan University and the director of student financial assistance at Tabor College. He began his career in higher education as an admissions counselor at his alma mater the year he received his bachelor's degree in business and psychology. He has a master's degree from Friends University and is completing coursework on a Doctor of Education in higher education administration at George Fox University.

His wife, Trish (Teel) Bandré '91 will also return to her alma mater as a faculty member at **Baker's** Graduate School of Education. She will join the faculty on July 1 after completing her assistant professor responsibilities at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Trish, has a master's degree from Kansas State and a doctorate from The Ohio State University.

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Baker Athletic Hall of Fame to Induct Five...

Five outstanding college and life-long athletes have been slated for induction to the University's Athletic Hall of Fame in October, 2010. Joining the other 111 inductees that the Hall of Fame has welcomed since it first opened in 1978 will be:

Robert (Bob) Courtney '57, William (Bill) White '59, Fred Purvis '70, Brad '83 and Terry '85 Roepke and Jessica Walters Ohlde '01.

Bob Courtney: a four year letterman in both basketball and track where he ran the high and low hurdles and was the conference champion in the high-jump as a senior. He spent most of his career teaching math at Baker and served for numerous years as the University's Athletic Representative that verified individual athletes grades for eligibility to participate in sports.

Bill White: came from a successful Jr. college career at Chanute to letter for two years each in football, basketball and track. In football he played quarterback and lead the Wildcats to the 1958 Conference Championship. Among other conference honors he was named to the All-Methodist-All-American first team. He spent much of his career in coaching and school administration.

Fred Purvis: a four-year letterman in both football and baseball. Started on defense at safety in football. He had a career .400+ batting avg. for the Wildcats where he was all-conference all four years and all district 10 and NAIA all-American his junior and senior years. Military service precluded a possible professional career but following service he enjoyed a long career in amateur softball where he played on numerous local championship teams, participated in national level tournaments and was a member of a national championship co-ed team. He worked as an assistant for home football games in the press box for over 20 years for Baker as well.

Brad and Terry Roepke: these brothers from Waterville, Kansas came to Baker following successful football careers at Coffeyville Jr. College. At Baker they formed the heart and soul of a solid and stingy Defense for Coach Charlie Richard. Both were known for their bone-jarring tackles as well as for their leadership on the field. Both enjoyed numerous conference, district and national honors for their outstanding play.

Jessica Walters Ohlde: One of the greatest female athletes in the University's history. Jessica was a multi-sport letter-person in both Volleyball and Track. In Volleyball she was named an NAIA All-American and led the team, and conference in numerous stats and categories. In track she was the team's leading long-jumper and high-jumper.

The Induction Banquet and service will be held at Arrowhead Stadium Club on Friday, October 22nd with other honors ceremonies to follow on campus during Homecoming the next day.

Baker Trivia for April...

This pastel painting was recently uncovered on campus behind some files without a name of either the artist or the subject. If you recognize the person, or have any potential information about the artwork please send your answer in so



we can begin to research the artist. Good Luck!!! If an answer is forthcoming it will be featured on the 4th page of the **May Arbor**.

Baker to Renew Ottawa Rivalry!!!

Coming this fall is the return of what was at one time the oldest college football rivalry west of the Mississippi River. Head Football Coach **Mike Grossner** recently announced that he had been able to secure a home and away schedule for the next two years with **Ottawa University** of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. The date for the first game is Saturday, August 28th in Ottawa at the **Braves** new stadium, Peoples Bank Field. At the time the two teams were unable to schedule games due to conference scheduling and conflicts, Baker held a favorable record over the **Braves** with a total of 42 wins-32 losses and 2 ties. Last season the **Braves** were the KCAC champions and had an 11-1 record with their only loss coming in the 2nd round of the NAIA playoffs to the HAAC Champion, **Lindenwood**.

A visit with Alumnus George Hood '43...

While visiting alumni in Florida in late February I had an opportunity to visit with Dr. **George Hood** and his wife, **Mary**, at their lovely home in Orange City. I have known George for many years and have had the pleasure of several visits with him through the years...one was even at a Wednesday Lunch Bunch gathering of faculty and staff from Stetson University where he spent much of his career on the faculty and in the office of Counseling. I knew that George was one of 12 special **Baker Men** who were commissioned into the US Navy in May of 1943 at the time of their commencement. The spring 1999 issue of the *Baker World* actually carried the picture of those 12 young Ensigns on its cover along with an accompanying story.

During this visit, George told me more of his naval story than I had known before and one that I thought I would share with readers of the *Arbor*. After commissioning and having taught for a few months at a naval school, George finally joined his ship, a Destroyer—The U.S.S. Drexler (DD741) which had just been completed at Bath, Maine, and began duty as the ship's first Navigation Officer. After escorting a contingent of ships down the east coast to Trinidad, the Drexler made its way through the Panama Canal, up to San Diego for resupply and then on to Pearl Harbor where it joined other ships in its fleet in exercises prior to deployment to the Pacific Theater. In May of 1945, while in convoy escort operations north of Okinawa, the Drexler was hit by two Kamikazes and sunk in 49 seconds according to the ship's official record. George was miraculously one of a minority of the ship's crew to survive the sudden sinking of the ship. A framed picture of the Drexler now hangs in George's library along with the two things that were in his billfold at the time the ship went down. The first is a US \$1 bill and the other was this handwritten quote on a piece of paper: "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it". George didn't know the source of the quote or quite remember why he was carrying it at that time but thinks that it may have been from a Psychology class he had taken at **Baker** or a quote he had heard from **Dr. James Chubb**. Having Googled the quote one night while still on my trip I was able to later call George and inform him of the quotes' origin. It came from William James (1842-1910)...U.S. Pragmatist Philosopher who wrote "The Principles of Psychology" in 1890.

Baker Football Memory...

As we continue to march toward the huge football celebration that will be held at Homecoming next fall, the *Arbor* is featuring a "Football Memory" in each issue until October. In case you haven't heard...If you played even a single year in the pads and helmet of a **Wildcat** football team member you are invited to join your teammates in a commemoration of the 120 Years since **Baker** played in the first college football game in the State of Kansas. As you may know, our opponent in that first game was the **University of Kansas**...a game which the **Wildcats** won by a score of 21-9!

Friday night the 22nd of October will feature the Annual Athletic Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction. A special video honoring **Baker's** football past will be featured throughout the dinner and program. The next day on campus will once again bring together all former players for a huge tailgate cook-out, introduction of all team members by decade at the game and a post-game victory BBQ along with Coach **Mike Grossner's** 2010 edition of the **Wildcats**. I hope you will plan now to attend! We will also be looking for former players/volunteers to help us communicate with and recruit their teammates to attend and assist in other meaningful ways. If you would like to help, please contact Alumni Director, **Doug Barth '91** at doug.barth@bakeru.edu.

And now, here's a Football Memory from the fall of 2007...through my own eyes. In the 44 years that I have attended **Baker** football games (both regular season and playoff) there have been numerous memorable plays. One that continues to stick out in my memory is the thrilling come-from-behind win in 2007 against **William Jewell**. With 39 seconds remaining, down 13-12 and facing a 4th down and 18 situation, Coach Grossner called on sophomore kicker, **Derrick Doerfler**, who already had 4 field goals in the game to try a 62 yard field goal even with a significant right to left cross wind. After calling a time out, the **Wildcats** discussed options once again and finally Doerfler convinced his coach that he could kick a 62 yarder. The **Wildcats** trotted confidently out on the Liston Stadium turf, the snap was crisp and was placed down and Doerfler summoned up all the energy his right leg possessed and met the ball firmly. The ball started out to the right but with the wind it came back left and easily cleared the crossbar. The **Baker** stands erupted in celebration while many of the **Cardinal** players fell to the turf in disbelief while their side fell deathly quiet! I still get goose bumps just remembering that play!!!

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She was a classroom teacher at Salina Public Schools and Marion Public Schools before pursuing a career in higher education.

Mark will be working closely with Dr. Long in the coming months to establish specific enrollment management goals before officially beginning his new duties at **Baker** on June 1.

“I plan to devote my first 60 days at **Baker** listening to the University community to learn more about the **Baker** culture of 2010 and where we are headed,” Bandré said. “I look forward to teaming with Dr. Long, the rest of the administrative personnel and faculty to form a vision that includes working to unify all parts of the University toward enrolling qualified students and retaining as many as possible of these individuals through graduation. We will work to maintain appropriate average class sizes, make maximum use of the residence hall facilities in Baldwin City and classroom space on all campuses. The most effective enrollment management programs literally include every member of the community.”

Congratulations, and welcome back “home” Trish and Mark!!!

Alumni Weekend Not Far Off...

Lots of great new and improved activities lie ahead in **May** during **Baker's** annual Alumni Weekend Celebration. Included in the activities this year is the return after several years of absence of a golf tournament on Friday, **May 21st** that will be open to everyone. Also a new place to meet and greet fellow classmates and friends from 3:00-11:00 p.m. on Saturday the 22nd was announced in the **Baker Pride** magazine. Hopefully you have received the **Pride** by now! You can also check details and sign up for events connected with the event on line at www.bakeru.edu/alumni. Remember, Alumni Weekend is NOT just for members of the reunion classes...but is open to every former student and alumnus...so make plans to be there!!!



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March's Trivia Answer...

The Question was:

During the University's 59th Commencement week of activities a new "Gateway" to campus was dedicated by members of this graduating class. What was the year of this classes' graduation and which gateway was dedicated by the class which represented Senatus Romanus???

The Answer is:

The class of 1917 and the gates on the north end of the campus which now mark the entrance to the parking lot that adjoins Parmenter Hall, Harter Union and Rice Auditorium.

Harlaxton Reunion to be Held May 21st...

If you have been one of the 431 individual students or 31 faculty sponsors who have spent a semester at **Baker's** English College, Harlaxton, there will be a special 20th Year reunion held at this year's alumni weekend celebration. A separate room of the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park will be set aside for you to meet, look at pictures, share stories and visit with fellow Harlaxton "grads". The reunion will take place as part of the overall annual reunion party on Friday evening, **May 21st!**

Invitations to those for whom we have e-mail addresses are being readied and will be out shortly. I hope you will plan to attend! (There will be no planned exhibitions or re-running of the "special" mile at the reunion!) :)

Have a Blessed **Easter** and a Great
Month of **April**...
I'll write again in **May!**

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Benefits of a “Gift and Sale”...

Nancy and Richard Wilson began investing in stock in the 1990’s with money left over after expenses and saving for their children’s college fund.

Richard: At that time there was a store in the local mall that we seemed to like and in which we often found ourselves shopping. After some discussion we decided to invest-what for us was a significant amount of money in the future of that company. Through the years we have watched and followed the company as it expanded and as the stock in the company continued to increase and even split several times. Even with the downturn in the nation’s economy in 2007-2009 the stock is back “up”. Back when we originally invested, we paid \$10,000 for it. As of last week, it is worth over \$50,000!

Nancy: Since the stock’s value had returned to its high point since we bought it we began considering selling the stock to help us make a significant down payment on the purchase a small vacation/retirement home in Arizona where there are some real estate bargains just now. At the same time, we had decided to begin the funding of a named endowed scholarship fund at **Baker** and were looking for a way to make the stock help us do both if possible.

Richard: Recently I happened to run into a friend who is a CPA. I told him of our plans and he told me that we could probably give about twice as much to **Baker** by giving shares of the stock and not by selling and making a gift.

Nancy: We spoke with our own tax advisor and were delighted to find that if we gave \$10,000 of stock to **Baker**, we would receive two benefits. By giving the stock instead of writing a check, we would get a significant income tax deduction. Plus, we also save the capital gains tax on the \$10,000 worth of gifted stock.

Richard: So, that is what we decided to do. By giving the \$10,000 of stock we saved the capital gains tax on that part. Then the deduction on that part offset a large portion of the tax on the \$40,000 worth of stock that we actually sold. We are very pleased with the "double benefit" from giving the stock. **Baker** will now have a scholarship fund to attract a new student and we are using the remaining money to put a significant down payment on the purchase of a wonderful desert home that we can use for many years.

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Jerry L. Weakley

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*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!*