From the Arbor...

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

Quick News Notes and Travel Opportunities for Visiting Baldwin City This Summer...

If you are looking for an inexpensive and interesting short jaunt to take by yourself or with your family late this summer, you may want to consider one of these two following opportunities right here in Baldwin City!

The Baldwin City Tourism Committee’s trolley is offering free rides and tours of the city and surrounding area every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The trolley leaves from The Lodge at 502 Ames St. Call 785.594.3900 for more information or confirm departure times. (I have taken the ride and it is very interesting!)

Also, while in Baldwin City, you may wish to stop by the Baldwin City Public Library. In addition to the normal range of services provided by any library, the Baldwin City Public Library also maintains ever-increasing amounts of local history, pictures and records for inspection or research.

The focus of a special section within the library is on Southern Douglas County and its surrounding townships. Some of the items include: newspaper microfilm on births, marriages, death records, land records, family history files, photographs, local church history, rural school directories, area maps, land ownership maps, telephone directories, Battle of Black Jack history, information and history on local organizations, Baldwin City newspapers on microfilm and a special Kansas collection. The Kansas collection brings together information on the Santa Fe Trail, Baker University (most yearbooks from 1893-1999), funeral homes, opera houses, Bishop Quayle, orphan trains, a Douglas County genealogical publication (1970-present), ghost towns, Baldwin area newspaper articles on local residents, Vinland and Coal Creek history, and Baldwin City businesses from 1887.

The library is located downtown at 800 Seventh St. Call 785.594.3411 for additional information or hours of operation.

Wildcat Watch…

See for yourself what is new on the Baldwin City campus by going to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ap4upvrGdSQ&list=UUpYdUtchg_j51KCM

Help Baker Recruit its Next Class (It’s NEVER too early to start)...

Please consider those among your family, friends, church or social activities groups who may have a student who would benefit from and find future success by enrolling at Baker’s College of Arts and Sciences in Baldwin City. For more information, contact Kevin Kropf, senior director of admissions, at 785.594.8327.

Professor Moves Into Administration…

Alumnus and current associate professor of sociology Dr. Jacob Bucher BA ’02, was recently named the new associate dean of the School for Professional and Graduate Studies (SPGS). Bucher has been connected to Baker for more than 10 years and will bring a strong sense of insight into the position based on experience with the university, what it is and what it can be. A major portion of his responsibilities will be to oversee the development of new programing consistent with current needs of both the adult student and, of course, the university. Congratulations, Jacob. We look forward to great things at SPGS in the future!
Baldwin City Hosts Cyclists…

Baldwin City was the final stop of this year’s Biking Across Kansas, which was held in mid-June and started on the Kansas/Colorado line west of Johnson City. The riders ranged in age from 9 to 85 and hailed from 36 states and 70 counties in Kansas. They travel from 46 to 89 miles a day before peddling into the home of Baker.

Once they arrived in Baldwin City they were treated to shower opportunities and sleep accommodations at the junior high school. In addition, the community put together a number of activities to rehydrate, feed and entertain the bicyclists while showing off what the community has to offer. Included in the offerings were a cold drink stand at the junior high as well as a band and entertainment held at Joe Spurgeon Park, downtown. Buses shuttled the bicyclists throughout the community as most of the riders had already had their fill of riding for the day. :) Also, the trolley transported visitors to five different sites.

As I drove to the campus that next morning on Highway 56, I saw lots of smiles on the faces of the participants making their way toward the final stop. Great job by Baldwin City and the organizers and committee of this year’s event!

Baker Grad and Author Writes a Screenplay…

James Houston Turner, ’69, formerly of Baldwin City and a noted author of several books, has announced that he is writing a screen play that could potentially get to the silver screen. The subject of the writing takes place right here in Douglas County and is a 1920s sports drama based on a true story. The quick synopsis: When the Haskell Indians football team began beating every college team they played, a campaign was hatched by embarrassed political officials to undermine the school and destroy the team.

I looked up Baker’s all-time record against what is now Haskell Indian Nations University and found that during the early years of the 20th century that Baker and Haskell met 12 times on the gridiron in what was then considered varsity competition. The result would certainly support the thought that Haskell was beating college teams left and right as the record with Baker stands at 10-2 in favor of Haskell! Since that time, Baker and Haskell have only met in junior varsity competition. Good luck, James, on taking it all the way! I’ll be anxious to see it on the “big screen”!

Reader Responses…

From Gloria Christie ’71…

“I enjoyed reading your "Arbor." Lots of info in a small space! I’ve noticed through your updates that your feet rarely hit the ground…flying around the world.

I worked at the radio station, too, in the good old days. That experience helped me get a full grad-school scholarship to TCU, where I was music director at KTCU-FM. Since then I lived in Mexico for a while when I had a contract with a U.S.-based corporation, I "drove" an ore train on the Iron Range and now I write for a liberal political site.

Keep up the good words. Oh, I wanted to mention I’m from Baldwin City (now live in Fairway), and when I was a kid I took all the bus rides. The older people who were our tour guides told us the trees were left here once when the train went through. And they couldn’t find where they should be sent - so they planted them. I’m sure Dr. Boyd would have expanded that program, though.”

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Thanks Gloria!!! I remember you well from ours days together at KNBU!!!

Another Response…From Charles Agro ’79…

“Great Arbor edition! One of the things you forgot to mention as part of the Maple Leaf Festival was the Battle of Black Jack play. One of the Baker’s professors wrote and performed/directed it every year (Don Mueller). Bob Courtney starred in it (at least) one year (1975???) as John Brown.

Anyway, I saw Rick Quattrini ’75 this morning. The name Jerry Weakley did come up. (Editor’s note: “No wonder my ears were aching that day!”) I also understand Disco Dan (former AD, Dan Harris) will be making another appearance on Broadway shortly.” (Editor’s note: “Probably nothing can be done at this point to prevent that!”) :)

Thanks, Charlie!
A Second Trivia Question for the Month…

I took this picture in 1967 in West Baldwin...Can anyone identify what it was?

Baker Football on ESPN3 Twice This Fall...

Several Heart of America Athletic Conference football games are going to be featured on ESPN3 this fall. Baker will be featured twice with the games being not only on ESPN3, but also in the Kansas City area on KSMO-TV, an affiliate of the Meredith Corporation. ESPN3 is ESPN’s live multiscreen sports network, a destination that delivers thousands of exclusive sports events annually. It is accessible online at Watch-ESPN.com, on smartphones and tablets via the Watch-ESPN app and streamed on televisions through Amazon Fire TV and Fire TV Stick, Apple TV, Chromecast, Roku, Xbox 360 and Xbox One. The network is currently available to more than 99 million homes at no additional cost to fans.

The two games No. 16-ranked Baker will be featured on the televised game schedule are, first of all, the season opener on Saturday, Aug. 29, at No. 6-ranked Grand View in Des Moines, Iowa. That contest will be the first Heart of America Athletic Conference game in the program history for Grand View.

The second televised contest for the Wildcats will take place inside Liston Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 24 against rival No. 9-ranked MidAmerica Nazarene in the Orange-out game, where all Baker fans are asked to wear all-Orange apparel to the game. Kickoff time for both of Baker’s games and all of the other teams in the HAAC will be 11:00 a.m.

Go, ’Cats!!!
Common Abbreviations Used in the *Arbor*… (Reprinted from Last Issue)

From time to time I am reminded by readers that I have used an abbreviation for one of Baker’s schools or other common word particular to our school and the meaning of such is lost on that reader. So, to help prevent future uncertainty, let me place before you a few of those abbreviations:

**CAS**=College of Arts and Sciences (The Baldwin City Campus)

**SOE**=The School of Education (some of which is located on the Baldwin City Campus and some of which is off-campus/online)

**SPGS**=The School for Professional and Graduate Studies (Off campus undergraduate and graduate programs as well as online offerings)

**SON**=School of Nursing (located in Topeka, Kansas in conjunction with Stormont-Vail HealthCare.

**HAAC**=Heart of America Athletic Conference

**Alumni/Campus Activities…**
Stay in Touch…and Get Engaged with BU!!!

**Wichita After-Hours…**

Thursday, August 20 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
*Oeno Wine Bar / 330 N. Mead St., #100
Wichita, Kansas 67202*

We look forward to meeting all of you and hearing your Baker story during an enjoyable evening with friends from your alma mater.

Hors d’oeuvres and soft drinks provided by the Baker University Alumni Association. Please RSVP by August 18 by contacting the Alumni Relations Office at 888.781.2586 or alumni@bakerU.edu.

See you there!

Trivia Question For September 2015…

The College of Arts and Sciences in Baldwin City identifies each of its entering classes with designation as being in one of four distinctive “classes”…House of Hanover, King Arthur’s Court, Columbia Commonwealth or Senatus Romanus. The entering class of 1919, however, received designation as the House of Windsor Class instead of House of Hanover...

**The Question:** WHY????? (Thanks to Steve Sublett ’58 for offering this historic brain teaser!)

**The Answer:** Will be featured in the next issue of From the Arbor…If you have a question or a topic that you believe would make a suitable “Monthly Trivia Question,” please send it to me at jerry.weakley@bakeru.edu.

Friend the Baker “Official” Facebook site and receive all the news as it happens on the university’s several campuses, athletic fields or with students/alumni!!! Friend us today!!!

Have a great MidSummer...

I’ll write again in September...

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What is a Blended Gift??? And, How Best to Achieve Your Goals Through Using One…

Often I have been asked how to fund a scholarship or other type of endowment fund both with a current gift as well as through making an additional donation to this same fund through a Planned Gift. Not only is this possible, but it is what is now in the business being referred to as a “Blended Gift”.

During life, a donor desires to support the university and to “pay-forward” for having received a scholarship of some nature while he/she was in school. Knowing the realities of day-to-day living they are not in a position to make such a significant gift to fully support a student (s) during their lifetimes, but yet want to make a move to do so while they are yet able to enjoy knowing that some benefits are going out to support an outstanding student.

At Baker, we can establish a named endowed fund with a minimum donation of $10,000. Based upon the current spending policy developed by the Board of Trustees, such a fund will deliver an annual benefit of approximately $500 to a specific student (using criteria either entirely or partially developed by the donor) in perpetuity. The $500 goes directly to pay for the cost of a student’s tuition. (Endowment funds created not specifically for scholarships will support whatever operation or program so identified within the Fund Administration Agreement that is created by the donor and a university representative working together.)

The benefit for the donor of such a fund during their lifetime is that they have the opportunity to know something of the student recipient (program etc.) and in many cases, to have the opportunity to meet them and communicate with them during that students’ time, and others who later receive the scholarship, while they are in school.

The “blending” portion of the gift comes through a final testamentary distribution for the donor’s estate plan following their death. At this time, many previous endowment donors have been able to add substantially to the corpus of the fund earlier established and provide for significant and permanent increases to the level of support of their scholarship or endowment fund supporting any number of programs or other critical university operations.

As always, if you would like to visit regarding the establishment of a permanent endowed fund that can be funded either now, through a current gift, one that would be created through a planned gift or even one that can be created now and added to later through a blended gift, please contact me at jerry.weakley@bakeru.edu or 785.594.8332.

Thank you for your continuing support of Baker...YOU CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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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, send a copy of your plan to us! Or, call me to discuss the BEST way for you to achieve your goals for Baker’s future! 785.594.8332.