From the Arbor...

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

Update: The Baker Wetlands Discovery Center…

As promised in the last issue I want to bring everyone up to date on this wonderful new addition to the university education enterprise.

The 11,000-square-foot Baker University Wetlands Discovery Center located just south of Lawrence, which has been in the planning stage for years and the construction stage for months, will have its official ceremonial opening on September 30 from 4-6 p.m. at the center located at 1365 N 1250 Road, Lawrence, KS 66046. Please RSVP to advancement@bakerU.edu or 800.726.1554 by Thursday, September 24.

The center houses a research lab, classrooms and offices and has been built to provide visitors a dynamic and panoramic view of the wetlands. Raised walkways will lead visitors farther into the actual wetlands landscape for closer inspection of the habitat.

One of the important advantages of this facility to Baker students doing research there is that they will be able to process and further study field samples right at the center rather than having to return to the Baldwin City campus as they have in the past.

Construction of the $1.5 million center was funded by the Kansas Department of Transportation as part of the highway department's mitigation agreement for 58 acres to extend the South Lawrence Trafficway through a small portion of the wetlands. While the trafficway is being constructed, access to the wetlands will be somewhat more limited.

The state also agreed to help restore 410 acres of wetlands, which will bring the land's total to 927 acres. The center was also given $350,000 for site improvements.

Professor Emeritus of Biology, Dr. Roger Boyd, ’69, serves as the education coordinator at the center while his son, Jon Boyd, ’00, serves as the Wetlands Resident Refuge Manager.

I hope you will mark your calendars and attend the center's official opening or one of the center's open houses that will be held there on Saturday, October 3 from (9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and again on Sunday, October 4 from 1-4 p.m.

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 that would benefit from and find future success by enrolling at Baker's College of Arts and Science in Baldwin City. For more information, contact Mr. Kevin Kropf, Senior Director of Admissions, at 785.594.8327.

Baker Featured in KC Star Article…

Baker was recently featured prominently on the front page of the Kansas City Star as part of a story “Small colleges get creative to lure new students.” Star enterprise reporter Rick Montgomery and photographer Rich Sugg were on the Baldwin City campus during a visit day in July. The online version can be found at http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article31989078.html. It includes a slideshow and video interview with Kevin Kropf, senior director of admissions.
Trivia Question For Mid-Summer 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 Sublette, ’59, for offering this historic brain teaser!)

The Answer: Provided by Jim Foreman, ’79, comes from the Topeka Daily Capital...

“Senior Class at Baker Changes Name to House of Windsor...

Baldwin. Feb. 8. 1919 (Special): Students at Baker University have a deep-rooted hate for Germany, and all things of German derivation. For that reason, the present senior class of this university has changed its name from the House of Hanover, to the House of Windsor.

The four college classes at Baker have names associated with and are patterned after the American, English, German and Roman forms of government. These classes were known as the Columbian Commonwealth, King Arthur’s Court, House of Hanover, and Senatus Romanus. Each class has its officers, regalia, ritual, history and traditions, which it bequeaths at the close of its senior year to the incoming freshman class. The House of Hanover was organized in 1900, and has always been one of the strongest class organizations in the college.

The present King of England, George V., belonged to the ancient House of Hanover, from which the Baker organization took its name, but because of its German descent, King George, in 1910, officially declared that his ancestral house should henceforth be known as the House of Windsor.

Numerous others with good solid answers who knew their history responded to this question. Among those responding were Jon Christian Suggs, ’62, Elizabeth Wendorf, ’77, Phil Tilghman, ’70, and Paxton Williams, ’72.

(Editor’s note: Following hostilities in World War I, the designation of the class in question was once again returned to the House of Hanover and remains as such to this day. It was noted by several who responded to this that the university dropped all use of these class designations for several years and that they were unaware of which designation would have belonged to their individual class.)

Reader Responses...

Just a quick note to let you know that I enjoy receiving the Arbor! They/you keep me in the Baker loop!

Dennis Daugherty, fs ’61, NYC

Jerry, thanks for the Arbor. I often go biking on Minnesota hot days. I get "it's too hot." Not by Kansas standards. Best!!

George Funk, ’69, Long Lake, MN

Baker Signs Articulation Agreement with JCCC...

Baker University has partnered with Johnson County Community College to better assist students planning to continue their education. An articulation agreement between Baker’s Baldwin City campus and the two-year college in Overland Park, Kansas, provides a systematic plan enabling students to transfer their JCCC credit hours to Baker. While Baker welcomes applications for admission from any student, this agreement pertains to students who earn an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

“We are proud of the partnership with Johnson County Community College,” Baker Provost Brian Posler said. “The agreement creates a better process for students planning to transfer to Baker’s Baldwin City campus. The students from Johnson County will know immediately which courses will transfer for credit at Baker and will be in a better position to graduate in four years.”

Students admitted via this agreement will have full access to all Baker support services, including admission and financial aid representatives, and academic advising.

Those students who transfer to Baker under the terms of this agreement will benefit from all privileges assigned to other students, including class-standing priority in residence hall selection, access to competitive programs, course registration and more.
Mystery Solved...Accompanist Identified...

This iconic photograph copied from an early *Wildcat Yearbook* provided for some lively chatter and discussion for the past month. Though we had several correct identities provided for the Baker Male Quartet members, we had no correct identity for the female accompanist. Dr. Frank Lietnaker, who provided the question and is pictured, reports that the accompanist was Ruth Reichley Farkas, ’50.

A second question was posed in the last issue of the *Arbor*. I asked if anyone could identify the structure represented by the remains shown in the picture above. I took this picture in 1967 while I was a student.

From the research I conducted at that time, I found that it apparently had been a Catholic Church/Jesuit Mission that was constructed about a half mile west of the train depot in the year 1837! Jon Christian Suggs, ’62, was the only person with the correct answer on this!

Here’s a response that came back to me regarding this picture provided by Cecil Miller, ’53, a former Baldwin City resident:

“I will be glad to hear the answer to your ‘puzzler quiz.’ Having come to Baldwin as a boy in 1942, I had ridden my bike to West Baldwin many times and inquired as to what that stone building had been. I had answers all the way from a grocery store, to a hotel by the railroad tracks, to a warehouse, but no one could actually confirm. I think these answers were all just speculation of some of the locals. Thus, 73 years later, you will be able to solve my life-long curiosity. Thanks for all the work you do to make the *Arbor* possible.”

Opening Convocation Held...

One of the best attendances at any opening convocation in my memory was seen at this year’s service on Tuesday, September 1.

Students, faculty, trustees, staff and community residents came together at Rice Auditorium for this traditional opening of the college’s school year.

The service began with the Brass Ensemble leading the processional. Brief remarks were delivered by Baker Provost Brian Posler, Professor Alan Grant, President Lynne Murray and student senate president, Aaron Greenbaum. An assortment of videos showing members of the incoming class of 2019 were featured along with some of the university’s newer PR videos that are being used to promote Baker. The service was concluded in a prayer delivered by Trustee, the Reverend Dr. Nanette Roberts followed by the Concert Choir in leading the recessional in an upbeat rendition of the spiritual “Oh Happy Day!”

University Names New Archivist...

Sara DeCaro has joined the university as archivist and museum director. Sara comes from Friends University in Wichita, where she served as the serials, online resources, and archives Librarian. Prior to Friends, she completed an internship at the Kansas Historical Society, a records internship at Husch Blackwell, LLP, a practicum at Emporia State University Archives and Special Collections, and a graduate research assistantship at Emporia State University. Welcome to this important position, Sara!!!
Alumni/Campus Activities…
Stay in Touch…and Get Engaged with BU!!!

Alumni Dinner in Pasadena
Wednesday, 16 September | 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Panda Inn / 3488 E. Foothill Blvd. / Pasadena, Calif.
All Baker alumni, former students and friends in the Los Angeles area are invited to join Baker President Dr. Lynne Murray and other Baker staff members

Alumni Advisory Council Meeting
Saturday, 19 September | 9:00AM
Overland Park Campus | 7301 College Blvd., Ste. 120 Overland Park, Kan. 66210
Theatre Production "Treasure Island"
Thursday, 1 October | 7:30PM
Rice Auditorium | 404 Eighth St. | Baldwin City, Kan. 66006
October 1-3, 7:30 p.m. | October 4, 2 p.m.

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction & Student-Athlete Awards Banquet
Friday, 2 October | 6:00PM
Overland Park Marriott | 10800 Metcalf | Overland Park, Kan. 66210
Baker Wetland Discovery Center Open House
Saturday, 3 October | 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Baseball Alumni Game
Saturday, 3 October | 10:00AM
Sauder Baseball Field
To RSVP ryan.goodwin@bakerU.edu or 785.594.7493.

Softball Alumni Game
Saturday, 3 October | 10:00AM
Cavaness Softball Field
To RSVP jamie.stanclift@bakerU.edu or 785.594.4567.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Social
Saturday, 3 October | 10:30AM - 11:30AM
George F. Collins Jr. Sports & Convention Center
Homecoming Tailgate & Football Game
Saturday, 3 October | 12:00PM/2:00 PM
Liston Stadium
Baker Wetlands Discovery Center Open House
Sunday, 4 October | 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Baker Wetlands Discovery Center | 1365 N. 1250 Road, Lawrence.
Kansas City After-Hours
Thursday, 22 October | 5:30PM - 7:30PM
The Dubliner, 170 E 14th Street, Kansas City, MO

Did You Know?? Alumna Advisory Council meetings are open to all alumni. If you would like to join the Alumni Advisory Council, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@bakerU.edu or 888.781.2586.

The Question:
Name the Composer and his or her relationship to Baker University of the great Christian hymn “Great is thy Faithfulness.”

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” Face Book 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 month of September...
I’ll write again in October...

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Response Card Available Here for Convenience…

For literally years I have been placing information in this section of the Arbor related to making either a current gift to endowment, life-income type arrangements (charitable annuities or trusts) or ways to make a lasting gift through a testamentary arrangement. While I always have encouraged those desiring additional information to either contact me by phone or email (and MANY have), I haven’t provided any device that would allow for a person to fill out a form here and then return it by email to me.

So...I have decided to place such a form in this current issue for your convenience. If you even have a glimmer of a thought of a current or future gift to the university utilizing any of the traditional “Planned Gifting” types of gifts, you may copy this document, print it out and keep it for such time that you would like to receive a confidential response to the question you have regarding this important subject matter.

As always, if you would like to visit with me personally 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 at 785.594.8332.

____ I would like to receive information on how to plan a gift from my will/trust.
____ I have already placed Baker in my estate plan.
____ I am considering placing Baker in my estate plan.
____ I would like to receive information regarding the planning of a charitable gift that will provide myself/myself and another loved one income during my/our lives.
____ I would like to receive information regarding making a current gift to the University that shall create a permanent endowed fund and how the income of that fund can benefit programs, scholarships, buildings, etc.

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Jerry Weakley
VP-Endowment/Planned Giving

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.

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