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

Athletic Hall of Fame Class Announced...

The 2014 Baker Athletics Hall of Fame Class has been announced and the newest members of the esteemed group include Robert (Bob) London '79, Rayburn Moore '98, Janet Moore Nickel '80, Jimmie Rose '94 and Michael (Mike) Stouffer '70.

The five members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Friday, September 26, 2014 at the Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet at 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton at 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kan., 66210.

Bob London started at right guard for the Wildcats and in his two seasons and became a first-team All-HAAC performer, All-District and second-team All-American. He was a key contributor to the Wildcats first appearance in a Bowl game, the 1978 Boot Hill Bowl.

After Baker, London began a long and distinguished career in coaching. He was the offensive line coach at Arizona Western and later the University of New Mexico. After a stint as assistant coach at the University of Georgia, he returned to Arizona to serve as Blue Ridge High School's assistant head coach. While at Blue Ridge, London has helped lead the squad to 13 state titles in addition to numerous other athletic achievements.

Rayburn Moore was one of the most prolific scorers in Baker men's soccer history, as he holds the record for most goals scored in a career with 86 and was a four-time All-Conference winner and a four-time NAIA All-American. He earned NAIA honorable mention All-America honors his freshman season and NAIA third-team All-America his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. He was the HAAC Player of the Year his senior year.

After graduating from Baker he earned his Doctor of Medicine in 2003 from University of Texas Southwestern. He now is a private practice gastroenterologist in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Janet Nickel lettered in softball, basketball, volleyball and bowling at the onset of woman's intercollegiate athletic competition at Baker. Her outstanding contributions to her teams earned her a HAAC first-team All-Conference Softball Player of the Year Award and she was named the MVP of her softball team. In 1978, she helped lead the Wildcats to a HAAC volleyball conference title.

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After graduation she began a career at Hallmark in Kansas City, Mo., and coached high school basketball and volleyball. She served as St. Pius' assistant varsity basketball coach and junior varsity coach. Nickel also was the assistant varsity volleyball and assistant varsity basketball coach at Bishop Ward HS .

Jimmie Rose was one of the best receivers in the history of the Baker football program, earning first-team All-HAAC honors in 1992 and 1993 and was named a NAIA National Player of the Week in 1993. He also earned NAIA first-team All-America honors in 1992 and 1993. At the time, he set Baker records with most receptions in a game with 14 and most receptions in a career with 168 to help lead the Wildcats to two NAIA playoff berths.

He has volunteered hundreds of hours of service to coaching youth athletics for which he has been highly praised by parents and the athletes. His son Jaylen has signed a national letter of intent to play at Baker this fall out of Lyndon B. Johnson High School in Austin, Texas.

Mike Stouffer lettered all four years in football and baseball for the Wildcats. He started at left tackle and at left guard and was defensive end at times, playing as a two-way starter. He was a honorable mention All-America offensive lineman his senior season and hit a .344 for the Wildcat baseball program.

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Baker's Online Courses and Programs Continue to Expand...

While continuing the more traditional campus-based classes both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, **Baker** has clearly moved well into the 21st century and in many ways is leading the way with its large selection of online programs and courses. These online programs and courses offer students the flexibility to engage in coursework whenever and wherever it's convenient. **Baker** offers both individual online courses and degrees earned entirely online.

The following undergraduate degrees are currently being offered: Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Business Leadership, Bachelor of Science in Mass Media, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Arts in Business, Business Concentration Courses and Certification in Online Teaching and Learning.

Baker is also taking a leading position in offering a wide selection of graduate level degrees and programs, including the following: Master of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, Master of Liberal Arts & Liberal Arts Courses, Master of Business Administration, Business Concentration Courses and Recertification Courses.

If you are looking to expand your education, but are unable to do so in a more traditional-classroom setting, perhaps you should look into the online courses and programs at **Baker**. For more information on requirements/enrollment/FAQs etc. visit **Baker's** website at <http://www.bakeru.edu/online>.

And...Speaking of New Courses...

Beginning in the 2014 fall semester, **Baker** will be offering an Interdisciplinary Pre-Law Minor (details about the minor will be available in the 2014-15 Course Catalog as soon as it is posted online at the registrar's website). One of the required courses for the minor will be offered for the first time during the fall semester. It is titled Introduction to the Law and the Legal Profession and it will include coverage of a wide variety of topics about the law, about preparing for law school, and about career options with a law degree. It will be taught by Professor Lee Green.

The Dr. Patricia (McCaslin) Long Student Center is Up and Running...

Completed just in time for its dedication at Alumni Weekend, this state of the art Student Center is both stunningly beautiful as well as creatively utilitarian. I hope you will make plans to visit the Baldwin City Campus soon and stop by for a cup of "joe" in the new lounge area of the Long Center!

Wandering Wildcats...Return from Bermuda/New York...

The **Wandering Wildcats** returned from their New York/Bermuda trip having had a wonderful time! The cruise to Bermuda and the three days there were perfect! The weather allowed for lots of activities-sight seeing tours-diving-Segway adventures and other adventures on the beautiful and well kept island.

Upon the return to New York, **Baker** alumnus, **Charlie Agro '79**, hosted the group for a memorable and touching tour of the World Trade Center grounds and memorial fountain at "ground zero".

Charlie played an important role with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey with logistics surrounding the search, recovery, salvage and cleanup in the aftermath of one of this nation's most devastating tragedies. As Chief of the Logistics Section at the Port Authorities' Emergency Operations Center he was a critical member of the recovery team and functioned in that position until the recovery operations were completed eight months later. He spoke at the CAS commencement in 2010.

Another important and fun part of the New York portion of the trip was a visit to the ABC studios and the set of Good Morning America. I don't know if you saw us, but on Tuesday, **June 10th**, the entire group was on the set and in the background of Good Morning America! What fun we had!!! (See picture on page 3!)

Through the years the University has hosted a number of alumni travel trips. Here is a list of some of the other memorable trips the **Wandering Wildcats** have taken over the last 15-20 years: Vienna/Salzburg Austria, A Caribbean cruise (91 travelers went on that tour!)...the Panama Canal...two Alaska tours and cruises...France barge trip with tours to Paris and Monte Carlo...England/Scotland/Ireland...Hawaiian Islands cruise including Fanning Island...Australia/New Zealand/Fiji...Mediterranean Cruise...Greek Island Cruise and of course, New York and Bermuda.

Future travel for this group is being discussed.

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As a first baseman, Stouffer was twice selected an All-Conference and All-District player.

After graduation he taught elementary physical education for 19 years and he just retired this past spring after serving as an elementary principal for 22 years. His schools earned such honors as the National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in 2001. Many of his summers were filled with thousands of slow-pitch softball games and tournaments in which he was highly honored, played on countless league and regional championship teams. He also played in three national ASA championship tournaments.

The induction ceremony is a part of the annual Sports Banquet and will take place the day before the **Wildcat** football team takes on Graceland on Saturday, **September 27** at 2 p.m. in the annual **Homecoming** game.

Football Game to be Played at Arrowhead...

October 11th promises to be a memorable day in the annals of **Baker Wildcat** football. Just a few weeks ago, it was announced that Arrowhead Stadium (home to the Kansas City Chiefs of the NFL) would be hosting two NAIA Heart of America Conference football games on the same day.

In the first game, scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., the MidAmerica Pioneers will take on the Missouri Valley Vikings. This game will be followed at 7 p.m. with our own **Baker Wildcats** taking on the always tough Benedictine Ravens.

Featuring the best of the best from the HAAC, these games match three of the four teams that shared the 2013 Heart of America Athletic Conference championship. **Baker**, Benedictine and Missouri Valley all finished with a record of 8-1 in league play last season and qualified for the 2013 NAIA Football Championship Series. MidAmerica has as of recent been a perennial powerhouse in the HAAC.

The four participating teams have combined to win or share a total of 38 conference championships and have totaled 46 NAIA postseason appearances.

I'm certainly anticipating that this could become an annual event, so I hope you will make plans to come to Arrowhead and support this great KC area sporting event. Go to www.bakeru.edu/athletics for discounted ticket information.



Pictures of people and activities around the campus during the fiscal year of 2013-2014.

Alumni/Campus Activities...

July 1, 2014...Dr. Lynne Murray became the 29th President of **Baker University!**

September 26...Athletic Hall of Fame/Athletic Banquet, 6:00 p.m. Doubletree by Hilton, O.P., KS.

September 27...Homecoming

October 11...Baker Wildcat football game vs. Benedictine 7 p.m. at Arrowhead Stadium, K. C. Mo.

October 30...The Inauguration of Dr. Lynne Murray as **Baker University's** 29th president.

Help **Baker** Recruit its Next Class...

Please consider those among your family, friends, church or social activities who have a student that would benefit from and find future success through enrolling at **Baker** in Baldwin City. Thanks in advance for your help in this most important activity. For questions and further information, call **Angela Martin Butell '93**, Director of Recruiting at 785-594-4569.

CAS Students Honored for Research...

The Department of History, Culture, and Society has announced that Baker students — **Michael Preut** and **John Patchen** — recently won the top research paper awards, sweeping the undergraduate categories, at the Kansas Association of Historians annual conference in Wichita. They become the third and fourth Baker students to win the statewide award.

In Category I (papers produced in a senior seminar level course), Preut, of Baldwin City, Kansas, won for "Hungary in Crisis: The Making and Breaking of Eastern Europe in the Post-War Era." In Category II (papers produced in a class where the paper is not the focus of the course), Patchen, of Lawrence, Kansas, won for "Surviving The Dirty Thirties: A Story of Kansas Farm Families and Survival in the 1930s."

"The Kansas Association of Historians Undergraduate Writing awards are quite prestigious as our students compete against students from every college or university in Kansas," said **Leonard Ortiz**, associate professor of history.

Question For **Summer of 2014...**

The Question: Who was Lucius Kibbee and what three significant events occurred in his prairie cabin in the Palmyra district north of the current Baldwin City???

The Answer: Will be featured in the next issue of *From the Arbor...*

If you have a question that you believe would make a suitable "Monthly Trivia Question"? Please send it to me at:
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(This current question was prompted by an article sent to me by **Kathy Weidman Keefe '59** of Colorado)...Thank you, Kathy!



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Have a great **Summer...**

I'll write again in **September!**

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Is it time for you to make a charitable gift annuity work for you???

Many friends of **Baker** and other charities have acquired varying amounts of appreciated property over time. Such appreciated property is often a great way to make a charitable gift. A donor of appreciated property receives a charitable tax deduction and also benefits from bypassing capital gains tax on that gift property.

It has been a common theme now for years that donors who possess these types of appreciated assets would sometimes like to find a way to make a charitable gift with them but at the same time, find a way to use these types of assets to increase their current income. Two agreements that can be handled by me working with you that are popular for this purpose are gifts of appreciated stock for a charitable gift annuity or a gift of real estate into a special trust called a charitable remainder Unitrust. For today's discussion I will deal with just the transfer of assets into a Charitable Gift Annuity which is the most simplistic of all the planned giving instruments.

Using an appreciate asset (like stocks) to fund a Charitable Gift Annuity you will receive income for life and you may receive both a charitable tax deduction and favorable capital gains benefits. Because you receive income, your charitable deduction is for only a portion of the value of your property.

Therefore, a gift annuity (or charitable remainder trust) is a very good way to combine a charitable deduction now, income for one or two lives and an eventual significant benefit to **Baker** or other favorite charity.

Let's say for this discussion that you have a stock that has a basis of \$10,000 but through the years the value has grown and increased to the extent that today it is valued at \$25,000. If you sold the stock outright you would be paying capital gains taxes on the \$15,000 worth of gain that the stock has experienced. Instead, you could gift the stock directly to **Baker** for the purpose of funding a Charitable Gift Annuity. Based upon the amount of the gain and other considerations such as your age and whether or not it is a one-life annuity or a two-life annuity, you may find a great amount of benefit—while also greatly benefitting **Baker**.

For more information on the potential advantages and returns to expect on funding a Charitable Gift Annuity with **Baker** using an appreciated asset call me at 785-594-8332 or e-mail me at jerry.weakley@bakeru.edu.



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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!*