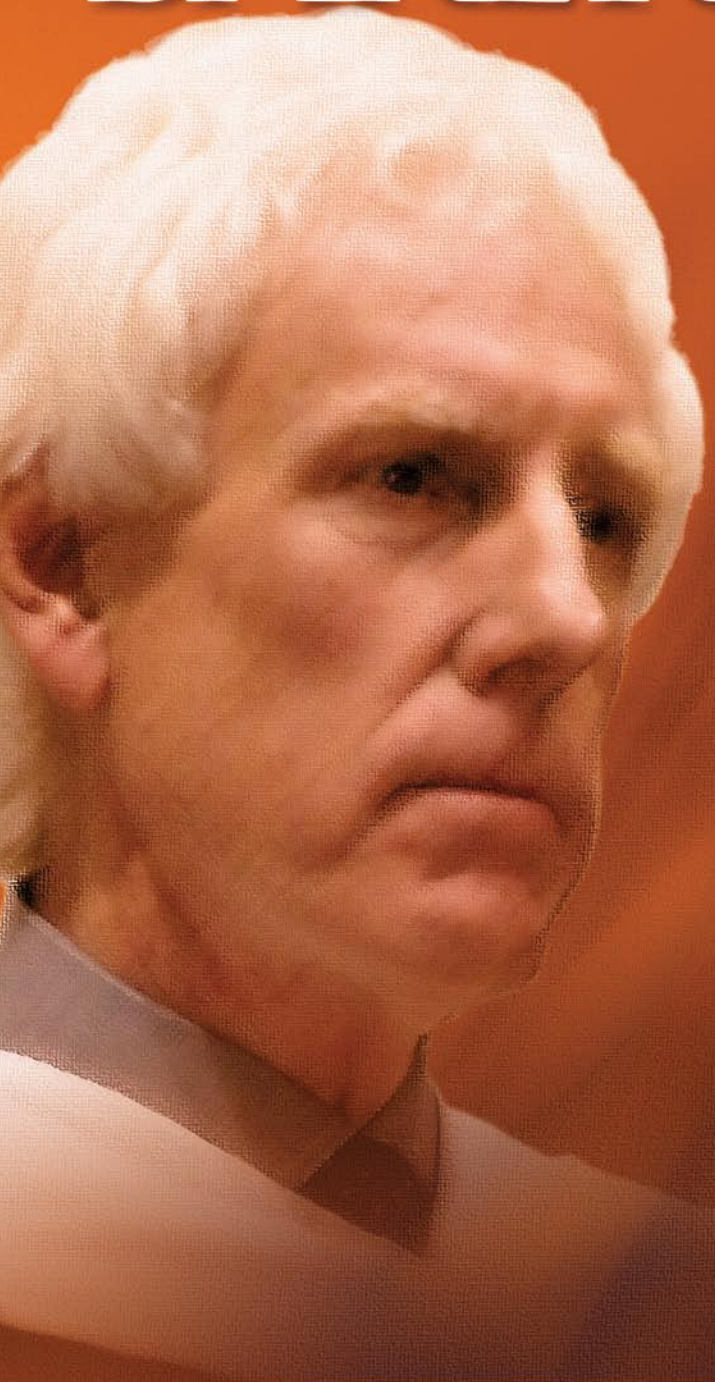


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*From the President*



Dear Friends,

As you will notice in the pages of the Baker World, Baker University has enjoyed another memorable year and we're grateful that our alumni continue to share their success stories. I've met several wonderful Baker alumni in my first year as president of this great University and appreciate your continued support.

Baker is poised for another exciting year in 2007-2008 as we begin a yearlong celebration to commemorate Baker's 150th birthday. Our dedicated students, faculty, staff, alumni and selfless group of volunteers have spent countless hours planning events for all of our campus locations. Please take time to review the 150th celebration calendar inside. We hope you are able to attend an event or two in the coming year and share once again in the Baker experience.

Throughout the year, we will continue to develop our collective vision for Baker's future as plans for physical facilities come to fruition. Construction will begin soon on a new residence hall between Pulliam Hall and Jolliffe Hall on the Baldwin City campus as we continue to focus on providing our talented students an environment in which they can excel. Plans are underway to move into new School of Professional and Graduate Studies facilities in Overland Park and Topeka, as well as an expanded facility in Wichita. As we meet the needs of our working students, one of our top priorities is to provide educational programs with an emphasis on academic excellence.

I have sincerely treasured my first year representing Baker. Thank you for your unwavering support of the University. I look forward to meeting more members of the Baker family as we celebrate the University's 150th.

With Baker Pride,

*Pat Long*  
Patricia N. Long



**New Provost ready to challenge University community**



Dr. Randy Pembroke assumed the duties of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs earlier this month.

Pembroke, previously the Dean of the Conservatory of Music and Dance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, will serve as the chief academic

officer for Baker University's four schools — College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, School of Nursing and School of Professional and Graduate Studies. He will be responsible for ensuring that the University's academic mission, values and strategic goals are accomplished, and oversee all campus locations throughout Kansas and Missouri.

"I believe Randy's experience working with a diverse number of programs and his knowledge in enrollment management, accreditation processes and academic programming are among his strengths," Baker President Pat Long said. "He is a respected educator in the Kansas City area and has leadership experiences that will benefit the entire University."

"He also has worked through budget challenges and

has been part of a very successful fund raising effort for the Conservatory," Long said of Pembroke. "Each of these experiences, combined with his leadership capability and his familiarity with this region will serve Baker University well."

Pembroke has served as an instructor and administrator at UMKC for 20 years. He was associate dean for seven years before becoming Dean of the Conservatory of Music and Dance. He previously served as chair of Music Education/Music Therapy at UMKC.

Pembroke is ready for the new challenges he will face as provost.

"When the opportunity to experience academic life on a different level presented itself, I knew the provost position at Baker was something I wanted to pursue," Pembroke said. "In the new role, I want to challenge people by asking them: 'Tell me where you are; tell me where you want to be; and what are the things between here and there?'"

Pembroke has a Ph.D in music education from Florida State University, a master's in piano performance/music education from Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and a bachelor's in piano performance/music education from SIU.

**Long-time professor evaluates work**



A familiar face will be evaluating the artwork on Baker's campus.

Retired from teaching after serving Baker for 42 years, Professor

Walt Bailey, '62, will be responsible for preserving artwork for the University as Special Assistant to the President for Development of the Arts.

In his new role, Bailey will catalogue and appraise the Baker collection. Any proceeds Baker receives for the sale of excess art pieces will be used to start an art endowment for the restoration and showing of the University's retained artwork. Bailey will continue to oversee the Holt-Russell Gallery and work with University Advancement for the acquisition of new artwork from potential donors.

**Debit cards contribute to scholarship fund**

A hometown bank has designed a debit card to benefit Baker University students.

Baldwin State Bank has created Wildcat Debit Cards, accepted wherever MasterCard can be used. A portion of every signed-based purchase will benefit the Baker University Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact a Baldwin State Bank customer service representative at (785) 594-6421.



**Baker student honored as top journalist**

Baker University's tradition of producing quality journalists continues.

Patrick Lattin, '07, of Lawrence, became the eighth Baker student since 2000 to be named Journalist of the Year by the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press. Also this decade, Baker has had co-journalists of the year.

Lattin, who received the top honor in the four-year newspaper division, was editor of *The Baker Orange* and graduated summa cum laude in mass communication, theater and French.

**Name the Wildcat**

A new Wildcat mascot will be introduced during Baker's home football opener on September 8. As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, a contest is being conducted to name the newest addition to the Baker family.

Wildcat name entries can be submitted to 150@bakeru.edu. Please use the subject line Wildcat Naming Contest.

Finalists will be voted on by students the week before the home opener.

# A Dream... and a leap of faith



Curt Eddy

Late at night with a transistor radio pressed against his ear, **Curt Eddy, '69**, often was entertained as a teenager by the howls of Wolfman Jack.

The raspy sounds of the legendary disc jockey and the songs he played inspired the budding entrepreneur from tiny Marysville, Kan., to follow his

dreams of a career in the music business. In the mid 1970s, Eddy took a giant leap of faith, leaving a secure job teaching at a Catholic high school in

the Kansas City area for a record store in San Francisco, which formed the foundation for his current position as Senior Vice President of Sales for Hollywood Records, a Disney-owned company.

Eddy returned to Baldwin City in mid-May for Baker University's Spring Commencement where he addressed the graduates of the

College of Arts and Sciences and School of Nursing with the message: "If you want to do something, whether it's in the entertainment business or whatever you choose, don't let anybody tell you you can't. If you want it bad enough, you can find a way to do it."

*"Once I got to Baker, I absolutely loved it. I felt at home here. I liked the size of it. I liked the small classrooms."*

*—Curt Eddy '69*



Curt and Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons from KISS.

Coming to Baker from a small town in Kansas, Eddy had no formulated plan on how to crack the music business. He did have desire, though. In his current job in Burbank, Calif., Eddy creates a marketing and sales plan for artists signed to his company's labels.

"I was persistent about it and found a way to have a career," he said.

"When I made the leap to the music business, I knew I was still young and I had to take a chance. I felt so strong and so sure

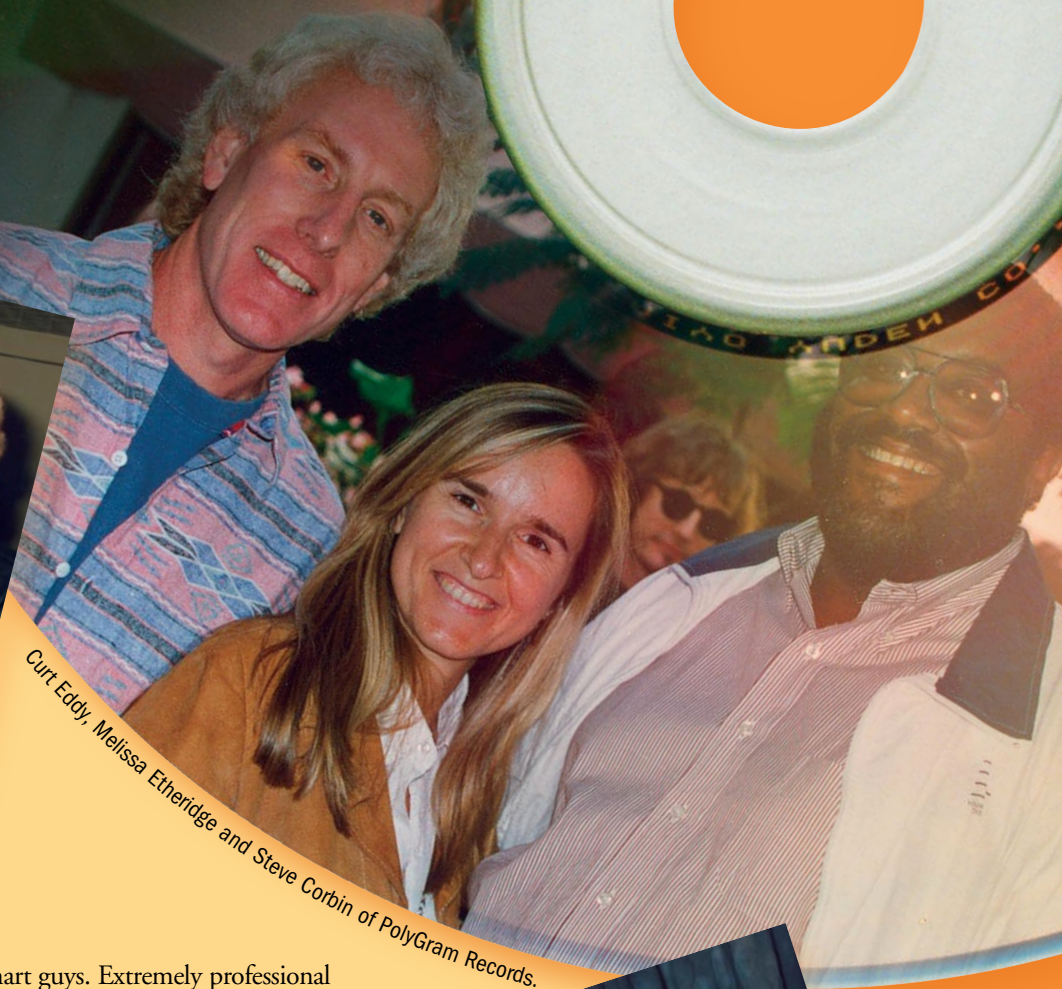
that I could find myself somewhere in the music business."

During his commencement address, Eddy recalled chauffeuring around Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons of KISS fame during business meetings.

"They are great guys," he said. "They are not what you see on stage. They are businessmen."



Curt and Jon Bon Jovi.



Curt Eddy, Melissa Etheridge and Steve Corbin of PolyGram Records.

They put on the KISS act. They are smart guys. Extremely professional when I would want them to meet with somebody. They carry on a rock star aura, but they are first and foremost businessmen."

If not for the recruitment by admissions officer Ken Snow in 1965, Eddy may have never had the opportunity to mingle with such rock icons.

"Once I got to Baker, I absolutely loved it," said Eddy, an active member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. "I felt at home here. I liked the size of it. I liked the small classrooms."

Eddy's transition from small town to a small university was smooth.

"It prepared me for life experiences. I gained confidence as a person at Baker. I understood the necessity of relationships with people. There was a sense of individuality that came out of me because of the personal experiences that I had at Baker and that has lasted a lifetime."

Earlier this year, Baker President Pat Long invited Eddy to be a member of the University's Board of Trustees. Deeply touched by the gesture, he accepted and plans return to the campus regularly in his new role.

"I've always had a strong, emotional attachment to Baker," he said. "I will give them my commitment."



Curt and George Strait.

Photos courtesy of Curt Eddy.

# 2 Sides of Patient Care

By: Heather Swan,  
Kansas City  
Nursing News

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I've been very committed to nursing, and one of my goals with my patients is to empower them. One way to do that is through example.

– Emelia Stephens



Emelia Stephens, '07

**Emelia Stephens, SON '07**, has seen both sides of patient care.

As a recent graduate of the Baker University School of Nursing, Stephens hopes to build relationships with her patients and their families and promote preventative medicine.

Stephens also knows what it's like to be on the receiving end of patient care. In 1999, at the age of 21, she was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension, a rare blood vessel disorder of the lung in which the pressure in the pulmonary artery rises above normal levels. According to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association Web site, pulmonary hypertension has been historically chronic and incurable with a poor survival rate.

"It was quite a shock to me that that's what I had," said Stephens, now 29, who lives in Topeka, Kan.

At that time, she was experiencing chest pain and shortness of breath and it felt like it was getting worse, which it was. At that same time, she also had the desire to go to nursing school, a desire that only increased after her diagnosis.

"I've been very committed to nursing, and one of my goals with my patients is to empower them," Stephens said. "One way to do that is through example."

She can't carry groceries anymore, do laundry, climb stairs, go swimming or take a tub bath. (She uses an IV pump 24 hours a day for one of her medications.)

But Stephens is not about what she can't do. She's about what she can do and what she did was go to nursing school, finish on time along with her peers and receive a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

"I'm trying to show people that when you have a chronic illness to keep pursuing your dreams and your goals," she said. "I really try to stress to people to get out there and do what you can do and focus on what you can do even if it's small."

Stephens is on a total of 10 different medications, three of which are pulmonary hypertension specific. An alarm goes off on her watch when it's "pill time."

During the past year she has been hospitalized three times. Having been a patient herself, Stephens empathizes with how patients feel. She said she tries to determine what her patients' needs are right now and whether they are being met.

And she knows what it's like to be thrown into the health care system.

"I want every patient to feel valued, and not every patient feels valued in the health care system," Stephens said. "They fall into the system and get washed away. I want people to get adequate health care and feel valued as a patient."

She said patients sometimes inquire about her IV pump. They wonder if it's a cell phone, a pager or maybe an insulin pump. Stephens doesn't divulge specifically what she's going through with her patients, but she is able to say, "I'm dealing with a chronic illness. I understand what you're going through."

Her mother, Gillian Stephens, a physician at the University of Kansas Medical Center, also was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension in 1999. Mother and daughter are able to get support from each other; Emelia continues participating in a support group in Kansas City.

Stephens seems hopeful about the future. She started her new job at Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, P.A., in Lawrence, Kan., on May 31. She also is preparing for her Sept. 1 wedding. Medications have come out in the past few years that have given patients with pulmonary hypertension more options with their care. And maybe some day a cure can be found, she said.

"I feel like I have good stamina," Stephens said.

# Opening Convocation

with **Cokie Roberts**

**September 18 at 11 a.m.**

Rice Auditorium  
Baker's Baldwin City Campus



Cokie Roberts, a political analyst and award-winning journalist, is the or the Loreine Collins Dietrich Distinguished Lecture Series.

**Free and open to the public.**

**Also that day,** Four distinguished media experts will address the transformation of journalism, the music industry and media empires in the converged age of internet, pod casting and the latest emergent technologies.

**Redefining Media: Technology's Opportunities and Challenges**

**Workshop 1:30 p.m.**

Check the website for details.



For a complete schedule go to [www.bakeru.edu/150](http://www.bakeru.edu/150)



## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

## 1930s

**Hoover Rupert, '38**, recently was lecturer for the Cranston Memorial Lectures at Epworth Heights Assembly. Rupert lives in Michigan.

## 1950s

**Linda Ladd Hill, '58**, had her book, "Georeferencing," published by MIT Press in September 2006. She lives in Goleta, Calif.

## 1960s

**Brock J. Winans, '60**, and his wife, Sharon. He and his wife are both retired teachers from the Shawnee Heights school district.

## 1970s

**Darrell Franklin, '70**, is on the senior management team of Endurance Reinsurance Corporation of America in Pembroke, Bermuda.

**Kenneth Briggs, '71**, is pastor of Altoona Christian Church in Altoona, Iowa.

**Kathy Menzie, '74**, has been promoted to assistant professor of mass media at Washburn University.

## 1980s

**Stan Stark, '80**, has moved to Haviland with his wife, **Tracey Stark, fs '82**. He is the manager of Haviland's Farmer Cooperative.

**Kelly Willoughby, '82**, is executive director of Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocates.

**Marion Tolon, '85**, is the associate dean of students and the girls basketball coach at Houston Episcopal in Houston, Texas.

**Kathy Soulen Kirse, '88**, ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C. Kirse placed 154<sup>th</sup> out of 1150 other women in her division. She has four children and is the daughter of **Dick Soulen, '54**.

**Heather Obley Layton, '88**, has three children and is an administrative assistant for Operation Christmas Child. She resides in Overland Park.

## 1990s

**Shelley Courtney Marshall, '90**, and her husband, Robert, have adopted a girl, Lucia Isabel, from Guatemala. She was born Dec. 2, 2005. Lucia joins a brother, Carson.

**Ryan McSpadden, '93**, and his wife, Lori, welcomed a son, Drew, in April 2006. Drew joins brother Grant, 2.

**Jeremy Armstrong, '94**, is chief executive officer of St. Luke Hospital and Living Center in Marion. He and his wife, Tammy Ernst Armstrong, have three children, Tristan, Keighlee and Ariana.

**Cheresse Clough, '94**, married Russell Voise March 31, 2007, in Wichita, where they now live.

**Jeff Dingman, '94**, and his wife Janel welcomed their third daughter, Holly Paige, July 19, 2006. Holly joins sisters Hana and Hali.

**Ginger Oberweather Holden, '94**, and her husband, Lon, welcomed a new child, Slade Thomas, in December 2005. Slade joins Kaelin Grace, Haley Morgan and Jake Ryan.

**Chuck Atwell, '95**, is executive director of engineering services for InkCycle of Lenexa.

**The Rev. David Livingston, '95**, is pastor of Burlington United Methodist in Burlington.

**Chad Wilikins, '95, SPGS, '00**, is executive director of the Resource Center for Independent Living in Ottawa. lives in Osage City and serves on the Osage City Council.

**Jennifer Yocham Poersch, '95**, and J.B. Poersch were married April 30, 2005. Jennifer operates her own fund-raising and political consulting firm in Washington D.C. They live in Alexandria, Va.

**Rob Thomson, '96**, has returned to the Kansas City Wizards as Director of Marketing and Communications. He previously worked for the Wizards from 1997 to 2001 as their public relations manager before teaching at William Jewell College, where he still serves as one of the school's soccer coaches.

**Kimberlee Dwyer Speer, '97**, and her husband, Jacob, are parents of a new son, Maxwell O'Neil Speer. Max was born on Dec. 29, 2006. He joins a brother, Mason, 2.

**Kylie Colin Toone, '99**, and Thomas Toone were married June 17, 2006 in Wichita. She is a health coach for the Wellness Clinic at Instel and he is an Audio-Visual engineer. They live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Lisa Whiteside Colletti, '99**, and **Joel Colletti, '99**, live in Shawnee with their two children, Mia, 4, and Samuel, 1.

**Kelly Bovaird Farmer, '00**, graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City's School of Dentistry with her DDS degree. She will be working in Lawrence.



Anthony Billinger celebrates with a family member after Spring Commencement outside Collins Gym. The CAS graduate received a Bachelor of Arts in business degree.

**Christopher Green, '00**, and Sarah Hill were married July 29, 2006, in Hutchinson. Chris is a statehouse correspondent with Harris News Service. They live in Topeka.

**Sarah Jensen Tiedt, '00**, has been elected by Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co., as an Assistant Vice President and Trust Officer.

**Levi D. Broeckelman, '02**, and Laura Isenburger were married July 29, 2006, at Osborne Memorial Chapel on the Baker campus. Broeckelman, an officer in the U.S. Navy, and his wife live in Enid, Okla.

**Laura Driver Peek, '02**, earned her Ph.D. with honors in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Kansas. Her work has been published or accepted for publication in the *Journal of Pharmaceutical Science*, *Vaccine*, *Protein Science* and the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. She will continue to research at KU as a postdoctoral fellow.

**Melissa Roberts, '02**, earned a master's degree in theological studies from the Protestant-Episcopal Seminary of Virginia and is a chaplain resident at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

**Aaron D. Anderson, '03**, and **Laura I. Wells, '05**, were married Nov 6, 2006. He is employed at Lockheed Martin. She works at the Highlands Ranch Learning Center and is also enrolled in graduate school at Denver University. The couple lives in Denver, Colo.

**Dana Corsen, '05**, married Adam Thompson on April 7. The couple resides in Gardner.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Kristen Harris Peterson, '05**, married Brad Peterson March 25, 2006, in Baldwin City. She is a registered nurse with the Lee's Summit Physicians Group. The couple resides in Lenexa.

**Jennifer Bausch Collins, '98**, is the school nurse for Royal Valley USD 337. Jennifer and her husband, Bruce, have two children.

## SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE STUDIES

**Brad Herrman, BSM '97**, married Laura Cribbs Dec. 31, 2006 in Eudora. He is a property inspector and the owner of Antioch Inspection Services in Overland Park.

**Dustin Stull, MBA '01**, joined Raymond James Financial Services Inc., at Central National Bank in Concordia, as an investment representative. He is active in the Lions Club, Board of Directors for the Brown Grand Theatre and the National Orphan Train committee.

**Craig Butler, MASL '04**, married Tracy Steele April 8, 2006 in Olathe. Craig is employed by the Shawnee Mission School District. The couple resides in Merriam.

**Jason Ford, MBA '04**, was named vice president of strategy and planning at Namco Networks America Inc., owner of classic games such as Pac-Man and Galaga.

**Tyler Brown, MBA '05**, is vice president of product development for PuriFan. He also volunteers at various community organizations in Wichita.

**Isabel Schmedemann, MBA '05**, has joined Hutchinson Hospital as vice president for nursing.

**Megan Sullenger, MBA '05**, is delivery coordinator and Citation customer support for Cessna Aircraft Company.

**Pam Wheeler, MSM '05**, has joined Valeo Behavioral Health Care as corporate communication liaison.

**Matt Berens, MASL '06**, is principal of Stanton County Middle School. He and his wife, Cheryl, have four children.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mae Elizabeth Billett Anderson, '33**, age 95, died May 25, 2006, in Olathe.

**Dorothy Cunningham Haskin, '34**, age 94, died Aug. 24, 2006, in Kansas City. Survivors include her daughters, **Judy Haskin Rapp, '68**, and **Janie Haskin Wilson, '58**, her brother-in-law, **Harley V. Haskin, '32**, her sister-in-law **Gerry Porterfield Haskin, '33**, her nephews **Mike Haskin, '71**, and **Mark Haskin, '71**, and a grandchild, **Julie Sutton, '99**.

**Roberta Korff Jennings, fs '34**, age 94, died Feb. 4, 2007, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

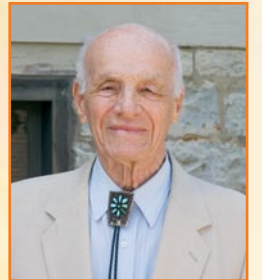
**Harriet E. Runion Woolsey, '34**, age 93, died May 13, 2006, in Middleton, Wis.

**Frederick L. Heine, '37**, age 89, died Aug. 14, 2006, in Platte City, Mo.

**Edith Parott Neal, '37**, age 90, died Oct. 10, 2006, in Pittsburg. Survivors include her daughter, **Catherine Neal Philpot, '66**, her son-in-law, **John M. Philpot, '67**, and her sister-in-law, **Martha Neal Sheern, fs '42**.

**Robert F. Rudolph, '38**, age 90, died Dec. 17, 2006, in St. Louis, Mo.

## Class of 1932



Harley Haskin

## Class of 1937



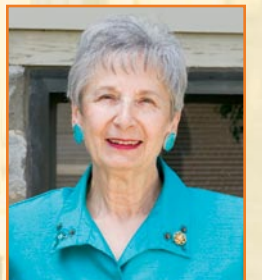
Tom Hart

## Class of 1947



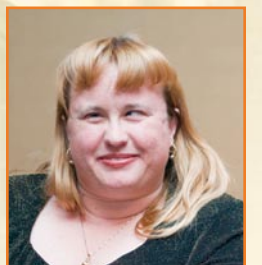
(L-R) Doris Gabriel Lange; Berva Miller Phillips; Elvin Miller.

## Class of 1952



Sue Williams Haner

## Class of 1997



Angie Brunk



Class of 1957



(First Row L-R) Colleen Cummings Schneemann; Barbara Schuster; Joe Evens Hodge; Elizabeth Hopkins Moherman; Marge Rogers Stack (Second Row) Nancy Herold McMillen; Shirley Murray; Corky Stanton Wright; Jean Robinson Vought; Patricia Pasley Dexter; Helen Hubbard McCracken; Pat Corken Sublett; Louis Nevins; (Third Row) Ed Hodge; John Gutschenritter; Jay Hayes; Fred Wicke; Don Wright; Marilyn Bailey Ogilvie; James Kliewer; Dayle Groh.

Class of 1962



(First Row L-R) Donna Jones McDonnell; Pat Cassity Dunnavant; Linda Norris Rowe; Janet Garrett Butterworth; Barbara Erikson Longwell; Karen Knight; (Second Row); Walt Bailey; Marion Shatto Reeves; Charles Reeves; Jim Armstrong; Sue Gordon Bryant; Jim Knight; Richard Hann; Jim Bond.

Class of 1967



(First Row L-R); Karen Thorson Memory; Kay Henderson Erikson; Jolene Kirshe Nesselhuf; Jane Jones Hellmann; Sharon Milliken Crocker; (Second Row Left); Marcia Rossiter Hawk; Josie Lemon; Silvia Nunnelley Reynolds; Marrie Crawford Skaggs; Dawn Spencer Latting; Cissi Berger Glendening; Linda McKinney Woodbury; Susie Schmutz Wilson; Mary Kay MacLean Milks; Diane Talbot Weible; Susan Smith Swanson; Barbara Boyd Pressgrove; (Third Row) Bob Atkins; Joseph Hellmann; Robert Ford; Mike Crow; David Weible; Ron Peck (Back Row) Butch Milks; Rick Tinberg; Rich Simpson; David Pape; Martin Pressgrove.

**Marguerite Carolyn Fleenor Root, fs '41**, age 88, died Oct. 12, 2006, in Westerville, Ohio.

**Jane Lewis Cresap, fs '43**, age 85, died May 27, 2006, in Joplin, Mo.

**Marjorie Leech Rimes, '43**, age 86, died Feb. 21, 2007, in Topeka.

**Bennett Jones Sims, '43**, age 85, died July 18, 2006, in Hendersonville, N.C.

**Tanner G. Stephenson, fs '43**, age 84, died Aug. 16, 2006, in Cottonwood Falls. Survivors include his wife, **Margaret Stephenson, fs '43**, his son, **Tanner G. Stephenson III, '72**, his daughter, **Sally Stephenson Welter, '74**, and his son-in-law, **Richard Welter, '73**.

**Mary Lou Tevis Harder, '46**, age 82, died May 28, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas. Survivors include her husband, **Richard C. Harder, '49**, a brother-in-law, **Robert Harder, '51**, and a sister-in-law, **Dorothy Harder, '52**.

**Elizabeth (Beth) McGuire Meek, fs '46**, age 82, died Jan. 24, 2007.

**Verba Lee White Kays, '49**, age 86, died Oct. 30, 2006, in Portland, Ore.

**James F. Stigall, fs '49**, age 78, died Jan. 24, 2007, in Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include his wife, **Patricia Turner Stigall, fs '53**.

**Fred L. Webb, '49**, age 82, died Feb. 26, 2007, in Lawrence. Survivors include his wife, **Donna Eaton Webb, '70**, a son, **Rick Webb, '77**, a daughter-in-law, **Joyce Maxwell Webb, '77**, a daughter, **Marcia Webb O'Neil, '73**, and a son-in-law, **Roger O'Neil, '71**.

**Roy L. Braley, '50**, age 80, died July 31, 2006, in De Soto. Survivors include his wife, Charlene Braley, friend of the University, and a daughter, **Karen Braley, fs '83**.

**Kenneth H. Broadfoot, '50**, age 80, died Nov. 10, 2006, in Topeka. Survivors include a sister, Catherine David, friend of the University.

**Howard W. Christie, '50**, age 78, died Sept. 9, 2006, in Blue Springs, Mo.

**The Rev. E. Edward Philgreen, '50**, age 78, died Nov. 12, 2006, in Washington, Iowa. Survivors include a sister, **Eunice Philgreen Martin, '50**.

Class of 1972



(First Row L-R) Cathy Painter Anderson; Susie Leake Gilbert; Karen Horvath Odgers; Roxann Hey Heffner; Anita Miller Hempy (Second Row) Danna Durand; Paxton Williams; John Genther; Mark Cutler; Karl Krawitz; Alan Mauch.

Class of 1977



Lisa Christian Smith; Sheri Wilson Barker; Bob Burnham; Jan Haley Maxwell; Sharon Williams Lowry.

Class of 1987



(First Row L-R) Michelle Tuller Swain; Nancy Jo Hodge Blockcolsky; Karin Frakes Young; Debbie Dierks Young; Kristen Snow Depew; (Second Row) Cheryl McCrary; Darin Liston; Amy Bowyer McComb; Dave Garrett; Christina Kartsonis-Woltkamp; Tricia Stewart Shiu.

**Greta D. Chubb, fs '51**, age 76, died Nov. 2, 2006, in Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include her husband, **Gene Chubb, '51**, two daughters, **Katrina Chubb Stoway, '79**, and **Denise Masoner, '79**, and a son, **Stephen Chubb, '75**.

**Dale A. Leathers, fs '51**, age 78, died March 2, 2007, in Prairie Village. Survivors include his wife, **Barbara Leathers, fs '52**.

**Richard D. Simecka, '51**, age 79, died Dec. 14, 2006, in Topeka.

**Robert L. Mangold, '52**, age 75, died Aug. 20, 2006, in LaCygne.

**John Charles Martin Sr., '53**, age 75, died Feb. 8, 2007, in Leawood.

**Ted Potter, '54**, age 75, died Nov. 9, 2006, in Richmond, Va. Survivors include a brother **Orrin T. Potter, '54**.

**James A. Schellenberg, '54**, age 74, died Nov. 6, 2006, in Terre Haute, Ind.

**Marilyn Hall, fs '56**, age 70, died July 24, 2005, in Lemon Grove, Calif.

**Marthell J. Guhl Post, '56**, age 74, died Dec. 7, 2006, in Ketchum, Okla.

**Esther Anne Lawler Becker Nunley, fs '57**, age 71, died Jan. 13, 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Mary S. Williams Turkington, '57**, age 71, died Sept. 30, 2006, in Alpharetta, Ga.

**Charles Richard Fritts, '58**, age 70, died Aug. 6, 2006, in Butler, Mo.

**Donald Hughes, fs '58**, age 71, died Nov. 16, 2006, in Topeka.

**Joseph H. Low Jr., '58**, age 70, died Jan. 10, 2007, in Tucson, Ariz.

**Charles R. Longwell, '60**, age 68, died June 22, 2006 in Estes Park, Colo. Survivors include his wife, **Barbara Erickson Longwell, '62**.

**James Paul Kramos, fs '62**, age 66, died Dec. 12, 2006, in Overland Park. Survivors include a son, **Greg Kramos, fs '89**, and a daughter, **Diane Kramos Kollias, fs '64**

**Harry A. Bartlett, '66**, age 71, died Sept. 18, 2006, in Barrington, Ill. Survivors include his wife, **Carol Mandernack Bartlett, '65**.



# Alumni Weekend

## Class of 1992



(First Row L-R) Melanie Sheffield Key; Mary Evans Kaczor; Christi Barton Detwiler; Michele Travis Altis; Julie Cieraszyński Gardner (Second Row Left) Kellie Lane; Skidmore; Carrie Braxdale; Stacie Ervin Prosser; Melissa Gaeddert Cobain; Kim Dewey Wahause; Julie Cansler Ferguson.

### Baker University honors six Alumni Award winners

Five Baker graduates and a longtime friend of the University were honored during Alumni Weekend at Harter Union.

**Mel Hawk, '58, Alice Hawk, '61, Mary Kay Brooks, '69, and John Bennett, '69,** received Alumni Citation Awards. **Norma Sconce, '55,** was honored with the Grace Irwin Service Award, and Jan Shore received the Honorary Alumni Award.

# 150th Athletics Celebration

October 5-6

**150th Baker Athletics Celebration**  
Oct. 5, 6 p.m., Arrowhead Club, Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.

**Homecoming Tailgate Party**  
Oct. 6, Noon - 2 p.m., Liston Stadium

**Homecoming & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**  
Oct. 6, 2 p.m., Liston Stadium

**Seven former Baker University sports standouts will be inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame in October.**



Scott Bates



Gary Bates



Jeff Johnson



Chris Orel



John Smith



Nate Houser

Six honorees — **Scott Bates, '75; Gary Bates, '77; Jeff Johnson, '78; Chris Orel, '82; John Smith, '91 and Nate Houser, '94** — will be inducted during homecoming festivities Oct. 6, when the Wildcats play host to William Jewell at 2 p.m. at Liston Stadium. The night before homecoming the newest Baker Hall of Fame members will be recognized for their athletic accomplishments and professional careers during the 150<sup>th</sup> Baker Athletics Celebration at the Arrowhead Club at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

## Saturday, October 20

Green Bay Packers coach **Mike McCarthy, '87,** will be inducted during a special ceremony Hall of Fame at halftime of the Baker-Central Methodist game on Oct. 20. Kickoff for that game is 2 p.m.



Mike McCarthy

For more information on the 150th banquet, contact the alumni office at [alumni@bakeru.edu](mailto:alumni@bakeru.edu) or 888-781-2586.



For a complete schedule go to [www.bakeru.edu/150](http://www.bakeru.edu/150)

**Marilyn Mark Stout, '66,** age 62, died Nov. 7, 2006, in Lee's Summit, Mo. Survivors include her husband, **Dr. Carl N. Stout, '66,** and a daughter, **Shannon Stout McIntosh, SON '98.**

**Kathy D. Jardon Stotts, fs '78,** age 52, died Oct. 29, 2006, in Baldwin City.

**Jean Gayle Lighthall Malone, '78,** age 50, died Nov. 3, 2006, in Council Grove. Survivors include her father, **George Lighthall,** a friend of the University.

**Virgil Yeahque, fs '83,** age 71, died Aug. 3, 2006, in Kansas City.

**Douglas W. Brown, MLA '85,** age 56, died Oct. 9, 2006, in Vienna, W. Va.

**Rosemary Steele Evans, fs SPGS '96,** age 61, died March 5, 2007, in Overland Park.

**Michael Owen Gilliam, MBA '98,** age 52, died June 6, 2006, in Overland Park.

**Eric C. Price, fs '03,** age 26, died Jan. 2, 2007, in Overland Park. Survivors include his wife, **Danielle Shuck Price, '03.**

**Deanna L. Rowlen Betts, MBA '04,** age 33, died Aug. 30, 2006, in Wichita.

**Kyle W. Almedia, fs '06,** age 23, died Jan. 30, 2007 in Lawrence.

### FRIENDS

**Claudine A. Greenlee Bell,** age 86, former switchboard operator at the University, died Nov. 2, 2006, in Baldwin City.

**Kathleen M. Donovan Bogle,** age 57, a former professor at Baker University, died Aug. 28, 2006, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Survivors include her husband, **Ronald Bogle, '74.**

**Dr. Vernon L. Branson,** friend of the University, age 88, died June 19, 2006, in Lawrence.

**William D. Gangel,** faculty, age 51, died Jan. 14, 2007, in Lawrence.

**Wyatt Irven Hendry,** former security guard at the University, age 81, died Oct. 23, 2006, in Baldwin City.

**Margery Lichtor,** friend of the University, age 80, died Nov. 21, 2006, in Mission Hills. Survivors include a son, **Dr. Steve Cohen, Interim Vice President and Dean of School of Professional and Graduate Studies.**

**Cordell D. Meeks Jr.,** who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University, age 63, died June 28, 2006, in Kansas City. Survivors include brothers-in-law **Thomas Sutherland, '81,** and **John Sutherland, '82.**

**Earl W. Sauder,** friend of the University, age 89, died March 1, 2006 in Emporia. Survivors include a son, **Stephen,** a Trustee, and grandsons **TJ, '97,** and **James, '01.**

**Vicki D. Groshong Schalansky,** friend of the University, age 38, died Jan 28, 2007, in Topeka. Survivors include her husband, **Jay Schalansky, '99.**

**Merle L. Smith,** former Trustee, age 91, died Nov. 26, 2006 in Overland Park.

**Sherrie Lynn Grammer Wood, fs** and employee at Baker University, age 40, died Nov. 25, 2006, in Baldwin City.



# A PAWS FOR THANKS

## Class Projects Help Boost Baker Fund Past \$800,000 Goal!

Thank you to the 2007 Reunion Classes for raising a total of \$48,230.00 for the Baker Fund which supports annual scholarships, the intramurals program, library resources, academic programs, and athletics. Congratulations to the Class of 1957, which won the Pinnacle Award for the highest percentage of participation in the class giving project. 43% of the class gave to the fund and were honored at the Alumni Weekend Luncheon. Those who supported class gifts, as well as the percentage of the class who donated, are listed below. Thank you again—your support makes a difference!

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### Class of 2002

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# Baker experience influences top teacher



Josh Anderson

As the reigning Kansas Teacher of the Year, Olathe Northwest High School instructor **Josh Anderson, MASL '01**, serves as an ambassador while touring the state representing Kansas teachers at conferences, conventions and in discussions with the state's policymakers.

"I'm sort of the 'Miss America for Education' in Kansas," said Anderson before a Kansas Association of School Administrators meeting in Emporia, Kan. "The experience has been phenomenal. I get to see all the best things a Kansas education has to offer and to work on improving the education in the state and at the national level."

A teacher at Olathe Northwest High School since it opened in 2003, Anderson started the school's debate and forensics program. Both teams are a success, ranking first in the state and second in the nation.

Anderson has gained the respect

of his students. In a letter of support for the Teacher of the Year honor, a student said Anderson was a major influence because of his character, integrity, dedication to teaching and high standards.

Anderson is known to challenge his students to work extraordinarily hard so that they may be better and brighter than they ever thought possible.

Gwen Poss, Olathe Northwest's principal, lauded Anderson for his "intelligence, willingness to take risks and global view of the potential that exists within the staff and students at Olathe Northwest."

In April, Anderson and other teacher of the year honorees from across the country were honored with a ceremony at the Rose Garden outside the White House in Washington, D.C. He was among four finalists for the national Teacher of the Year honor.

"That was a great experience to share similar stories with other teachers, meet President Bush in the Oval Office and to hear from policy makers," he said.

One of the stories Anderson likes to share is how he brings community leaders and residents in the Olathe area together. He is responsible for organizing speech and debate tournaments and working with students to develop presentations for civic groups.

"We rely on the community to assess our work," Anderson said. "It gives the community members a better vision of the work our students do and they get a better understanding of what leaders can accomplish."

A lot of Anderson's teaching style has been enhanced since he obtained a Master of Arts in School Leadership from Baker.

"Baker taught me how to be a team player and work more collaboratively with colleagues where we had a shared vision for success," said Anderson, who was recognized in 2001 as Baker's Outstanding Graduate Student. "In all honesty, Baker was the single most important factor to help shape my philosophy in education leadership and administration."



Cassy Bailey

## New Dean of Students has Baker ties

Cassy Bailey has been named Baker's Dean of Students and will assume her new position on Nov. 1.

Bailey currently is Dean of Students at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. She previously served as assistant, associate and acting Dean of Students at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. Bailey received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, a pre-law degree from Washington State and a Master of Arts degree in higher education student affairs from Bowling Green State.

Her husband, **Erik Bailey, '91**, is a third-grade teacher in Little Rock, Ark. They have two children, Emma, 8, and Jacob, 6. Her father-in-law, **Walt Bailey, '62**, recently retired as a longtime art professor at Baker and is currently the special assistant to the president for development of the arts.

## Sorority, fraternity join Baker Greek system

Known for their longtime commitment to philanthropy and the community, Baker's Greek system expanded in the past year with the addition of a sorority and fraternity.

More than 50 percent of Baker students are members of a fraternity or sorority, active with various organizations in the area.

Since being installed on campus in December 2006, Zeta Phi Beta has brought more unity and diversity to the Baldwin City campus as the first historically black Greek sorority to be established at Baker. The University now has five sororities.

In the spring, Phi Delta Theta became Baker's fifth fraternity. Its membership includes students involved in sports, music and theater performers and leaders in several campus wide organizations.

## Managing conflict is focus of new degree program

A new degree program is available at Baker University's School of Professional and Graduate Studies.

The Master of Arts in Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution is designed to meet the needs of working adults who seek graduate level coursework in this emerging field of study. This 36-hour graduate degree program should help adults wanting to enrich their professional and interpersonal conflict management skills, as well as those wanting skills to become a professional dispute resolution practitioner.

Baker will also continue to offer the 21-hour Certificate of Learning in Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution.

# Auction Gala

An Evening Under the Arbor  
Gala & Auction

April 19 at 6 p.m.  
Westin Crown Center, Kansas City

Are you looking for a getaway weekend in Cabo San Lucas? Or maybe an afternoon at the local spa? How about stadium tickets to your favorite sporting event? Join Baker alumni and friends for a glamorous gala auction and dinner.

For reservations contact **Lindsay Ferrell, Assistant Director of Development**, at 785-594-7866 or [lindsay.ferrell@bakeru.edu](mailto:lindsay.ferrell@bakeru.edu).



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- **Bruce Anderson**, associate professor of political science, presented his paper “Newly Vanishing Marginals: The Disappearance of Political Competition in State Legislative Elections” at the annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans. He also chaired a roundtable discussion on the midterm elections in the South and will contribute several chapters for a book on the history of the politics of the “counter-culture” in the United States. The book project will provide opportunities to Baker students for research and co-authorship.

- **Inge Balch**, art professor, participated in the first Kansas Masters Invitational Art Show at the Columbian Theatre in Wamego, Kan.

- **Roger Boyd**, senior professor of biology, presented “Birdwatching in Southern Ecuador” at a Baldwin Bird Club meeting and “Kansas Birds: Flint Hills in Flight” to the Kaw Mission Council in Council Grove. He also was the lead ornithologist on a collecting expedition to Guizhou, China. The trip was funded by a National Science Foundation grant to the Biodiversity Research Center at the University of Kansas.

- **Tracy Floreani**, associate professor of English, attended the annual conference of the Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the U.S. at C.S.U.-Fresno in Fresno, Calif. She presented on two panels, “Complicated Constructions: A Roundtable Discussion on the Future of Ethnic American Literature” and “Outsights: Images of Italian Americans in ‘Other’ Literatures.”

- **Chuck France**, University photographer, had photographs he took in Kansas City, Kan., for an urban renewal and revitalization story published in a December Wall Street Journal.

- **Peggy Harris**, interim dean of the School of Education, served as a member of the Kansas State Department of Education on-site accreditation team for Central Christian College.

- **Donald Hatcher**, professor of philosophy, led an in-service workshop, “Integrating Critical Thinking into a College Curriculum,” for the faculty of Wilfrid Laurier University in Brantford, Ontario. He also presented “Comparing Standardized Critical Thinking Tests” at the American Association of Colleges and Universities conference on “Innovations in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at the Liberal Arts Colleges” in Northfield, Minn. Hatcher’s paper compared the gains reported from three standardized critical thinking tests used from 1990 to 2006 in the liberal arts program to assess changes in the critical thinking skills of Baker freshmen.

- **Ray James**, director of bands, presented clinics to high school bands at Lawrence, Santa Fe Trail, St. Marys, Atchison, Olathe Northwest and Fort Scott. He also presented to middle schools in Kansas City, Kan.

- **Pablo La Rosa**, assistant professor of Spanish, and five of his Spanish students traveled to Peru during interterm. The students were **Breanna Gibbs, Piper Rainen, Tyler Scifers, Samantha Waldman and Justin Whittaker**.

- **Trilla Lyerla**, professor of music, was the clinician for the Olathe Music Teachers Association Piano Clinic at Mid-America Nazarene University. She also presented “Keyboard Collaborations—Go Live! Educating and Encouraging the Young Accompanist” at the Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop in Wichita.

- **Marti Mihalyi**, adjunct instructor of English, served as a site judge for the National PTA Reflections Program 2007 in January. She judged student cre-

ative writing entries in two division levels of the competition. Mihalyi also was the featured speaker and poet for the annual Northwest Inland Writing Project Conference in Spokane, Wash.

- **Randy Miller**, assistant professor of biology, presented a seminar, “Tardigrades: A Microscopic Animal in Visual World,” at New College of Florida. He also presented a talk, “Lessons learned in Getting that First NSF Grant,” at the second Annual Midwestern Conference on Research at Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions. Miller and Baker student **Hank Dawson** were invited by the National Geographic Society, the Smithsonian Institute, and the EO Wilson Biodiversity Foundation to participate in a BioBlitz of Rock Creek National Park in Washington, D.C.

- **Bill Neuenswander**, former dean of the School of Education, and **Peggy Harris**, interim dean of the School of Education, attended the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education conference.

- **J.D. Parr**, associate professor of music, co-authored “Balanced Programs for Instrumental Teachers,” which was published in the December issue of “SBO, School Band and Orchestra” magazine. Parr spent nine weeks this summer teaching and performing at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in the Manistee National Forest near Muskegon, Mich.

- **Ruth Sarna**, director of student health services, attended the National Consensus Process group meeting in Tucson, Ariz. Sarna is the American College Health Association national representative for the group, formed by former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher. She has been selected to serve on the board of directors of the ACHA.

- **Sandra Schumm**, associate professor of Spanish, presented “Forgiving Medusa: Rosa Montero’s El corazón del tártaro” at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference.

- **Ran Sivron**, associate professor of physics, was a presenter at the 109th annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Seattle during a joint discussion with the American Association of Physics Teachers. He showed the positive assessment results from his in-class activities at Baker University.

- **Judy Smrha**, assistant dean for institutional effectiveness, was keynote speaker for the founding ceremony of the Zeta Pi chapter of Phi Beta Delta at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill. She is the Midwest regional vice president for Phi Beta Delta.

## Distinguished Teacher Honored

J.D. Parr, associate professor of music and associate director of bands at Baker University, received the 2007 recipient of the Jennie Howell Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Parr has been involved with the music department at Baker for 25 years.

“Dr. Parr is a valuable member of our dedicated faculty and engages our students in their learning,” Baker President Pat Long said.

The Kopke Award recognizes a Baker faculty member, without regard to rank or years of service, with a \$5,000 cash award.

The criteria are excellence in teaching; a record of transforming students into scholars; bringing honor to the University; and good moral character.

In 1998, Charles Kopke established an endowment to honor teaching excellence. Kopke created the award to honor his mother, Jennie Howell, and his wife, Verda.

Previous Kopke award winners are Karen Exon (1998), Anthony Brown (1999), Lee Green (2000), Rand Ziegler (2001), Inge Balch (2002), Darcy Russell (2003), Tracy Floreani (2004), John Richards (2005) and Ryan Beasley (2006).



J.D. Parr

## University honors long-time friend

Verda R. Kopke, a longtime supporter of Baker University and higher education, died March 22, 2007.

A plaque in Verda Kopke’s honor hangs in the Lincoln Kemper room in Parmenter Hall. Below is the plaque’s inscription.

*In Memory of  
Verda Rigas Kopke  
A woman of grace*

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Verda Kopke developed a deep loyalty to the city and region she called home. Volunteerism and philanthropic endeavors were an integral part of Verda’s life, as evidenced by her service to several regional health and faith-based organizations.

Verda and her husband Charles shared an enthusiasm for liberal arts higher education. Their generosity leaves an indelible mark on the Baker community by nurturing and enabling individual student and faculty achievement. Their support of the Collins Library reconstruction helped to ensure access to the tools of discovery and their endowed scholarships afford students the opportunity to achieve their academic dreams. The prestigious Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching annually recognizes one of the University’s most outstanding teachers without regard to tenure, rank or discipline.

Sensitive to the significance of educational opportunity, Verda and Charles created The Kopke Endowed Fund for Innovation in Education. This leadership fund enables the University’s president to pursue opportunities of value and merit.

We are forever grateful.

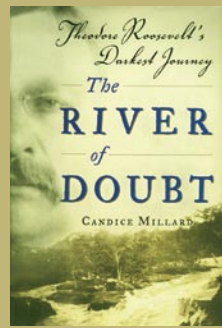
Baker University Faculty, Staff and Students

May, 2007



**Johnny Rowlands, '73**, prepares to land NewsChopper 9 during a May visit to the Baldwin City campus, where he spoke to students in Joe Watson’s mass media and communication class.

# Author Makes Dazzling Debut



## Millard Captures Details of Dangerous Journey

Known as Candi in college, **Candice Millard, '89**, has made a name for herself with her debut book, "River of Doubt," which chronicles Teddy Roosevelt's perilous journey down an unexplored tributary of the Amazon River in 1914.

Millard is comfortable with either name.

"My friends from Baker still call me Candi and my husband (Mark Uhlig) is starting to pick up on it," she said. "I figured I better become Candice when I entered the working world."

With a flair for writing, Millard has flourished in the working world. Before "River of Doubt" became a best seller and was listed among the most notable books in 2005 by the *New York Times*, she worked six years as an editor at *National Geographic*. A passion for adventure, history and nature plus a tip from a friend a few years ago inspired Millard to pursue the book project.

James Chace, a Roosevelt scholar, was researching a book about the 1912 election when he learned more about the ill-prepared journey down

the Amazon. He asked Candice if she had heard startling details from the trip, including a drowning, murder and Roosevelt's near death experience. The more the editor-turned-author learned the more intrigued she became about Roosevelt's tale of survival.

Millard returned last fall to the Baker campus to read excerpts from "River of Doubt" with her former professors in attendance.

"I loved being on campus and I get a good feeling every time I go back," she said. "It is so pretty that time of year. I love the new library."

At Baker, Millard was an active member of Alpha Chi, served on the Panhellenic Council and wrote for the *Baker Orange*. Composition classes contributed to her curiosity about aspiring to be an author.

"I have such high regard for the English department," said Millard, who listed the Fambroughs, Price and Professor Emeritus Dean Bevan in her book's acknowledgements.

After graduating from Baker in the late 1980s, Millard intended to become a teacher. She student-taught at Olathe South High School and pursued a master's at Baylor University. The lure of reaching a wider audience as a writer appealed to her.

"I realized how much I loved writing," she said. "I was interested in history and science writing. I came

back to Kansas City, opened the yellow pages and looked for any publishing job I could find."

Her persistence led to a series of jobs with newsletter companies, trade journals and as the managing editor of a veterinarian magazine. By 1996, she landed her dream job at *National Geographic*, where she developed her research skills and attention to detail.

"The deeper you dig the more you find out and the more illuminating the story becomes," she said. "People tend to lean too much on just their writing skills. Even the best writers can't write a good story without the research to make it more compelling. That foundation was learned at Baker."

Millard said. "You fill out a card and they bring you items on a tray."

For three years, she examined documents and conducted interviews with specialists. A month in Brazil and a couple of weeks in the Amazon proved most exhilarating during the project.

"This river is difficult to reach and it's dangerous," said Millard, who relied on a satellite phone and GPS locator. "It was important to go there. You want to feel it, smell it and hear it."

The four-year book project came at a hectic time in Millard's life. Early in the project, she married and worked in Washington D.C., while her husband was living in Kansas City. A year later she had her first child and by the time the final proof for the book was completed her second daughter was born after complications late in the pregnancy.

The obstacles Millard overcame to complete the project made the process worthwhile.

"I didn't know what kind of response the book would receive," she said. "For a writer, this was a gift. First, you had Roosevelt, a fascinat-

ing, extraordinary character. Then there was the Amazon, an incredible setting with a unique and complex ecosystem. There was so much to work with and there was one thing after another with Indian attacks, the piranha, murder, starvation and illness. If it wasn't good, it would be my fault and not the subject's fault."

Candice lives in Overland Park, Kan., with her husband, Mark, a former foreign correspondent for the *New York Times*, and daughters, Emery, 5, and Petra, 2. They are expecting their first son in late September.

Millard, who is exploring ideas on other book projects, regularly writes book reviews for the *New York Times*.

Her advice to budding authors: "It's important to remember to look for a story, not a subject. Theodore Roosevelt and the Amazon can be subjects. Together they made for a compelling story. Find something you love. If you enjoy it, it will come across in the story."

Also, reading good literature inspires creative writing.

"I learned to identify good writing, appreciate good writing and strive for it," she said. "I tell my daughters if you want to write well, you need to read good writers."

**"I got lucky with the subject for the first book," she said. "A lot of people jump into projects quickly and don't do enough up front research before making a commitment."**



### Athletic director inducted into NAIA Hall of Fame

Dan Harris, Baker University's athletic director since 1994, was inducted in March into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in Kansas City, Mo. The honor recognizes members of the NAIA who exemplify the highest ideals of intercollegiate athletics and fine moral character.

Harris, who has worked at Baker since 1983, was introduced by **Tom Hedrick, '56**, Voice of the Wildcats, at the induction ceremony at the NAIA National Convention at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

Joining Harris in the 2006-07 NAIA Hall of Fame class were Greg Feris, Robert Johnson, Joel Todd Marchand, Jamie Mueller, James Carder, Jerry Carder, Mike Harkins, Bob Wilson, Daniel Payne, Denney Crabaugh, Lew Ford, Ronald "Woody" Hunt, Clyde Miller, John Baumann, Greg Ray, Andrew Rinn, Mary Rinn and David Symonsbergen.

### Site devoted to Baker Hall of Famers

A new link at bakerwildcats.com is devoted to Baker University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

The new site includes a list of all Baker Hall of Famers, their plaque photos and plaque inscriptions.

To see the expanded Hall of Fame coverage, go to bakerwildcats.com and click on the Hall of Fame link.

### New track and cross country coach named

Zach Kindler, a former all-American at Fort Hays State, took over as head coach of Baker University's cross country and track and field programs on July 1.

Kindler had coached track and cross country at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, Kan., since 2004. He replaces Rob Mallinder, who plans to coach in New Zealand or Australia.

"Zach Kindler brings a passion to our program," Baker athletic director Dan Harris said. "His strong desire to serve Baker and his ability to bring accomplished physical education teaching credentials to the department were all factors in his selection as the newest member of the Baker University family."

Kindler has a bachelor's and master's degree from Fort Hays State, where he was a two-time academic all-American and an NCAA national javelin champion in 2001.

Kindler was named KCAC women's cross country coach of the year in 2004 and 2006, when he guided Kansas Wesleyan to conference championships both years.

### Baker graduate to coach tennis teams

Former Baker tennis player **Richard Walsh, '88**, has been named Baker's men's and women's tennis coach, replacing Regan Dodd, who resigned at the end of the spring season.

Walsh was a member of the Wildcat team in 1984-88 and plays competitively in the Missouri Valley. In the final 2006 rankings, he was ranked No. 1 men's 40 singles division and No. 2 in men's open doubles.

In addition to coaching the Wildcats, Walsh will continue working as a consultant for Richards Insurance Agency in Kansas City, Kan.



### Soccer player signs pro contract

Former Baker University senior soccer standout **Marty Johnston, '07**, who scored 53 career goals for the Wildcats, is playing professionally with the Vancouver Whitecaps of the United Soccer Leagues.

The Vancouver Whitecaps, the premier team in the USL First Division, won the USL championship in 2006.

Johnston, a forward from Leawood, Kan., and a Blue Valley North graduate, ranks fourth in career points at Baker with 126. He had 53 goals and 20 assists.

The Whitecaps opened the regular season on April 21.



### Senior places third at NAIA track meet

Senior Brent Randle, Dallas, Texas, placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 49 feet, 7 inches 49-7 3/4 at the NAIA track and field outdoor meet in Fresno, Calif.

Top performers for Baker women at the NAIA Outdoor were freshman Ashlee Miller, Cameron, Mo., in the heptathlon and sophomore Chelsey Orburn, Lawrence, Kan., in the pole vault. Miller finished 13th with 4,129 points and Orburn was 14th in the pole vault with a 10-10 mark.

# CALENDAR of Alumni Events

## AUGUST

### Saturday, Aug. 18

Alumni Association Board meeting lunch at Collins House w/President Long.

### Thursday, Aug. 23

**Baker After-Hours Social** • 5:30 p.m. Wynkoop Brewing Co., 1634 18th St., Denver

This is an opportunity to meet and visit with other alumni in the Denver area. It is a come and go. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks provided by Baker University Office of Alumni Relations.

### Friday, Aug. 31

#### The Kansas City T-Bones Alumni Social

7:05 p.m. game vs Gary-Southshore Railcats

Limited seating in the picnic area for alumni and family members. Tickets are \$7 per person.

## SEPTEMBER

### Saturday, Sept. 15

Tailgate Party before Baker vs. Lindenwood football game at 4 p.m. in parking lot.

In preparation to torpedo the opposition, Baker Alumni Office will provide Sub sandwiches, chips, soft drinks and water.

### Sept. 14 - 22

Alumni trip to Tuscany, Italy.

### September 27

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Baker After Hours Social and Business Opportunity at Barley's Brewhaus, 16649 Midland Dr., Shawnee

Come network with other Baker Alumni.

## OCTOBER

### October 5

Homecoming Hall of Fame Banquet - Arrowhead Club, Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, MO

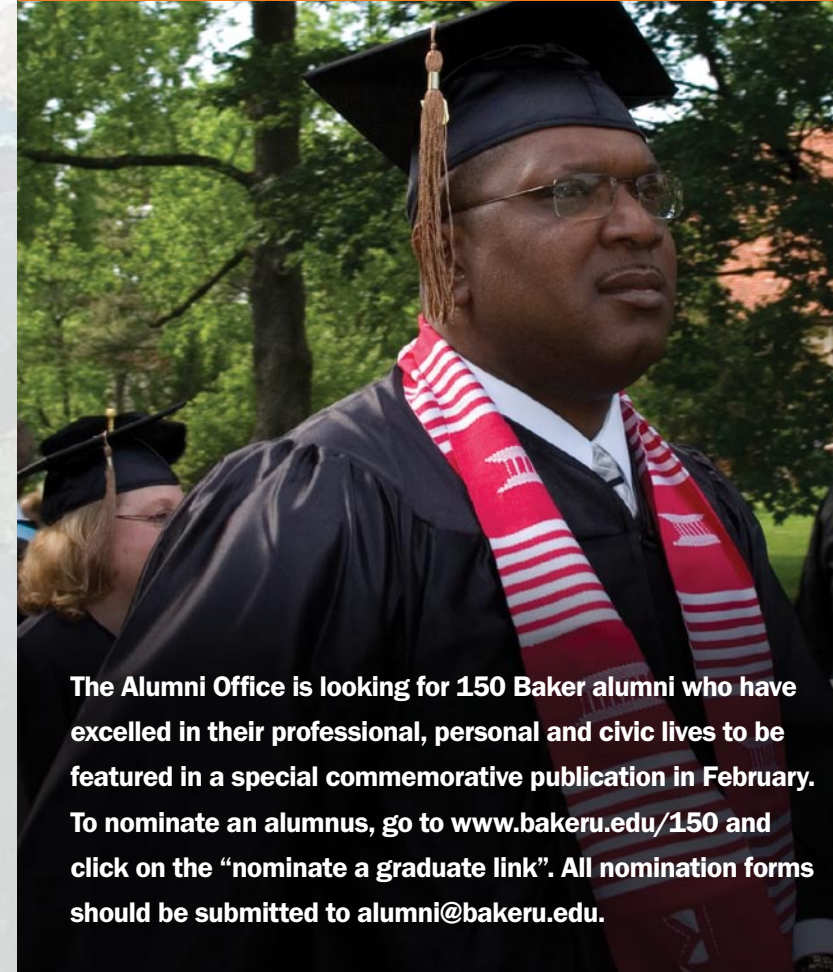
### October 6

Homecoming Tailgate - Noon to 2 p.m. - Baker's Liston Stadium - Under the tent.

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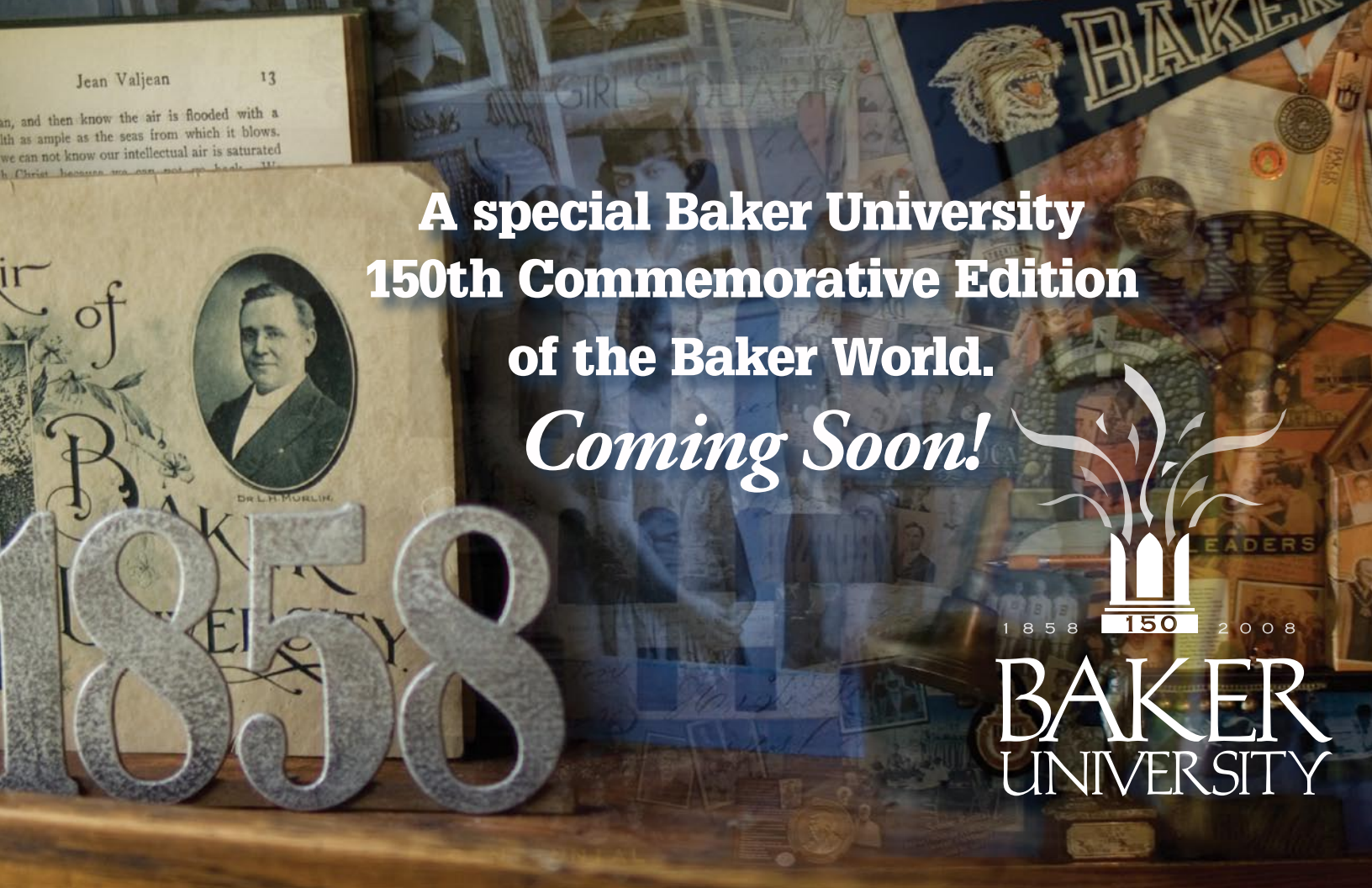
**October 6, 2007 2 p.m.**  
Baker-William Jewell football game.



The Alumni Office is looking for 150 Baker alumni who have excelled in their professional, personal and civic lives to be featured in a special commemorative publication in February. To nominate an alumnus, go to [www.bakeru.edu/150](http://www.bakeru.edu/150) and click on the "nominate a graduate link". All nomination forms should be submitted to [alumni@bakeru.edu](mailto:alumni@bakeru.edu).

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