Dear Friends,

For three months, I eagerly awaited July 1, my official start day as the president of this great University. The day has finally arrived and I am here, proud to be a member of the Baker family and excited to be a part of shaping the University’s future.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet you personally this year, and I encourage you to attend an alumni event in your area or visit campus. Alumni have met during this transition time have had wonderful Baker stories to tell and each story is unique to the individual. Some are serious and some funny, but a common thread weaves through the memories—a special feeling of connectedness with Baker University. Many have spoken of the importance of honoring Baker’s history while looking forward to ensuring future students a quality educational and campus life experience in the Baker tradition.

I want to publicly acknowledge and thank Dr. Dan Lambert for his support and guidance throughout this transition period. I believe Baker University is poised for facing future opportunities and challenges from a position of strength. Because of Dr. Lambert’s outstanding leadership for 19 years, enrollment at each of campuses remains strong and continues to grow. Baker’s educational programs reflect a commitment to quality and excellence, and student focus and commitment to student success is a priority in all we do. Perhaps most importantly, we have the talent and dedication of our trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and supportive friends to help reach ambitious goals.

Over the next few months, I will be working with each of our stakeholder groups to develop a collective vision for Baker’s future. As you can imagine, one of our top priorities is to ensure adequate resources and funding for student scholarships, educational programs, faculty initiatives, and physical facilities. Each time you tell your Baker story, you advance the University’s visibility and help bring new friends and supporters into our family. Thank you for your continued support of this institution. I believe that together our dreams for Baker will be realized.

I look forward to meeting you, and please know I am humbled and proud to represent you/our University.

With Baker Pride,

Patricia N. Long

President

From the President

Stella Hall

In May, a Baker American literature class organized the University’s first Stella Yelling Contest. For a $1 entry fee, participants yelled at the top of their lungs outside Mabee Hall trying to impersonate Marlon Brando’s famous Stella yell in “A Streetcar Named Desire.”

The 30-minute event raised more than $100 for The New Orleans Literary Arts Institute Katrina Arts Relief and Emergency Services.

The event, organized by a Baker American literature class, served as a stress reliever to students on the last day of class.

John Richards, assistant professor of history, placed first in the men’s yelling contest. Baker student Brian Berrens placed second and Tom Heiman, assistant professor of theater, finished third.

The top three places in the women’s division were Kelly Vaughan, Kaci Benjamin and Laura Langseth.

Nursing student to cheer for Chiefs

Two, four, six, eight, who do the Kansas City Chiefs appreciate? How about Brooke Glenn, ’05. Now a student at the School of Nursing, Glenn found out in April that she had been selected for the 2006-07 Chiefs cheerleading squad.

Glenn was a member of Baker’s dance team her freshman and sophomore years and was a cheerleader her sophomore and junior years. She also played volleyball at Baker.

“I was in the office at school and screamed so loud. I felt bad because the class down the hall was taking a test and they could hear me screaming,” Glenn told the Topeka Capital-Journal after being notified of her selection.

Graduate’s findings published in New England Journal of Medicine

Jared Grantham, ’58, an internationally renowned researcher in the study of polycystic kidney disease, had his new findings for the treatment of PKD published in the May New England Journal of Medicine. It is Grantham’s fourth report in the prestigious journal.

Grantham, the Harry Statland professor of nephrology at Kansas University’s School of Medicine, worked with researchers and scientists from the Mayo Clinic, Emory University, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Washington University in St. Louis, Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Oregon and the National Institutes of Health.

Polycystic kidney disease causes kidneys to fill with cysts and often leads to renal failure. By measuring kidney volume, using magnetic resonance imaging or CT scans, the researchers were able to show a definite disease progression reflected in an increase in kidney size. The research gives physicians a tool to determine the severity of the disease early in its course, and to determine how fast it is progressing.

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Metropolitan Community Colleges.

“Always fills you up and helps
you out, yet is very focused on doing
a good job. She’s a terrific leader, a
natural born leader.”

Steve Ballard, chancellor of East
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there, refers to her as “the ultimate
colleague and leader.”

“She always paid attention to oth-
ers. When she knew I had a rough
day, she would come by the office
late, drag me out the door, and we
would go to our favorite ice cream
place. Somewhere a hot fudge sundae
with Pat Long cured most ills,”
Ballard said.

The ability to bring people
together was one reason Long was
selected for the Baker Presidency.
Baker Trustee Chair Bob House, who
led the search for a new president,
said he knew that expectations would
be high for anyone who followed
Dr. Lambert’s long and successful
tenure.

“Pat is very bright and is highly-
regarded in educational circles for
her breadth of experience and success
in managing change. She rose to the
top of the candidate pool because
of her great presence, her leadership
qualities and her solid record of
accomplishments,” House said.

“Those who know Long agree that
there is more to her than charisma.
“Pat is a complete leader,” Ballard
said. “Great leadership starts with
integrity and trustworthiness and
Pat excels at both. I’ve never worked
with anyone who has greater charac-
ter strengths than Pat Long.”

Long’s younger sister, Debbie
McCaslin, explains that those
strengths came from the farm and
the family.

“We were fortunate to have both
sets of grandparents growing up and
they taught us our work ethic and
values. She’s honest and her moral fiber
truly is what it is. Her Lord comes
first, her husband second and we
come third,” McCaslin said.

Long applies honesty in her profes-
sion in a healthy but not all-together
common way, notes Ballard.

“She knows the value of direct
conversation. When something didn’t
seem right, she would come and say,
‘Steve, that didn’t feel right to me,’
and we would always talk about it.
She knew how to do this without
blame or emotion, so that made the
conversations productive,” Ballard
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Long’s leadership abilities have
been recognized her whole life, and it
is evident in the way she has consis-
tently moved up the career ladder.

She started out teaching adult
basic education in the Kansas City,
Mo., school district and soon became
head teacher in that program. Long
later moved on to Johnson County
Community College where she
would work for 17 years, first as a
testing assessment assistant. Then,
through a series of promotions, she
was appointed Dean of Students.
From there she went to UMKC
where she was Vice Chancellor for
Student Affairs and Enrollment
Management. Within a year she was
promoted to Deputy Chancellor for
University Communications and

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
and Enrollment Management. When
the school’s chancellor resigned
suddenly in 2005; the president
quickly tapped Long to help lead the
university as Acting Executive Vice
Chancellor. While at UMKC she
is credited with accomplishing big
things. Long helped move a $200
million capital campaign toward
completion and developed and
implemented the university’s first
marketing plan and first enrollment
management plan. She managed a
budget of more than $50 million
and over her career led the design,
acquisition and construction of three
new facilities.

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Sundays in tiny Wheatland, Mo., full from grandmother’s fried chicken
dinner that followed church, was anything but peaceful for the McCaslins.

That’s because Pat was on the porch attracting a crowd.
After all, there were other youngsters in the neighbor-
hood who wanted to pretend they were famous singers,
too.

“I had an uncle who was deaf and he thought we were
just fabulous. “Sing some more!” he would tell us, “Sing
some more!”

It wasn’t uncommon for Pat to have four or five friends
over. “It was never just one,” explains her mother, Bernice
McCaslin. “She always liked a lot of people around. She’s
very outgoing and it was easy for her to make friends.”

And so it was that the little girl with big dreams and
lots of charisma grew-up to be the 28th President of
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Dr. Pat Long began her duties on July 1, succeeding
Dr. Daniel Lambert who had been Baker’s president for
19 years. Long and her husband, Dennis, a soon-to-be
retired electrical engineer who has worked for Honeywell
his entire career, will take up residence in Collins House
on the Baldwin City campus. Joining them are two great
friends: dachshunds Frankie and Morgan, who themselves
are attention magnets.

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In her first two weeks on the job, Long signaled the importance of fundraising when she hired a new Vice President for Advancement – a position that had been awaiting a new president’s appointment. Long chose Lyn Lakin, a colleague from her days at UMKC. Lakin comes to Baker with a long history of success in fundraising for non-profits.

With all of her accomplishments to date, and those that are sure to come, Long would be most pleased if people know her for one thing. “I would be happy if people say ‘I’ll ride it!’” The family watched in amazement as she hopped on and rode away.

“She was so fearless in taking on new challenges,” Long’s sister said. “She wasn’t afraid to try anything. She loved skating and water skiing and worked in the hayfields. She wasn’t afraid to fail, and she rarely did.”

While she’s not risk-averse, Long makes it clear that she’s a risk-taker with boundaries. “I have strong intuition about whether something can be successful and I think I have enough experience to know when you can and when you can not take risks.”

It is no surprise then that Long has jumped into her new role full force, and she speaks repeatedly about working together to move the University forward.

“If you’re not willing to do the things you don’t know you can do, you’re not pushing the envelope,” she said. “Forward, together” is a phrase I use because it is what I believe Baker needs – to take risks and make it happen, she added.

“It’s like that old adage, ‘If you can dream it, you can do it,’ Long said. “If people know me, that I’ve stayed true to who I am.”

That seems to be the case (minus the singing), for Long still has a ready smile and a multitude of friends. Perhaps, however, the greatest authority on the subject is her husband Dennis, who recalls his attraction to Pat in a high school Algebra class.

“She was bright, competitive, honest and loyal, and she was pretty cute. In fact, she was a lot then like she is now.”
The children, desperate to change the deformities on their faces, arrive by canoe, train, bus or foot after a 15-hour hike.

Baker grad savors mission work

Tollefson never forgets the profound effect and relief the surgeries have on the children and parents in need.

"Each hug and tear from the kids and their parents pushed me to help more with this population that is essentially ignored due to their poverty," said Tollefson, who graduated from Baker University in 1993.

On his two mission trips to China, Tollefson and the team of doctors performed 45 surgeries on each trip. In January of 2005 and 2006, he worked with a surgical team in Riobamba, Ecuador. The team included surgeons, recovery room nurses, an anesthesiologist and nurse anesthetists.

"I chose Operacion Esperanza because of the unique consistency of the group returning to the same hospital every year so that patient follow-up and continuity of care is maximized for these children," he said. "The children come back every year just to be sure that everything is going well even if they are not needing further treatment that year which doesn't always occur with some surgical teams."

All members of the Operacion Esperanza team are fully focused on doing whatever it takes to care for the beautiful children and comfort them.

"It is not unusual for a surgeon to be mopping the floor, or a recovery room nurse to be helping the operative room staff just to provide the most care to the most children at a level of excellence that is uncompromised," Tollefson said. "I simply believe that the opportunity to just connect with these families is a gift that alleviates fatigue at the end of a long day, offers a genuine sense of accomplishment, and provides an essential shift in perspective as one considers the difficulties we face in our daily life's compared to these much less fortunate."

Tollefson is amazed at how the people of Ecuador and China's farms and mountains take care of their children.

"As soon as I walked out of the operating room with the infant and handed her to the mother, the mom began caring for the child with bottles, cleaning the wound, giving antibiotics and sleeping side by side on a cot with the father and other children," he said.

The most impressive children Tollefson has met was at an orphan school in Ecuador.

"This school has the street kids come into the classroom after a day of odd jobs on streets like selling gum and polishing shoes," he said. "These kids are from 22 months to 18 years old. The Peace Corps volunteers teach the kids Spanish and to read and write. The kids want to learn so badly that there are no discipline problems. They get some food and water and, most importantly, attention and hugs."

"Dr. Boyd inspired my studies of the interconnectivity of life ranging from botany to participating in a research mission to Mexico"
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

1940s

Virgil Lucas, ’49, and his wife, Mary Turner Lucas, ’47, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 3, 2006. They live in Vancouver, Wash. They have six grandchildren.

1960s

Dennis Borer, ’61, was induced in April into Hastings (Neb.) College’s Pro Rege Society. Storer, Professor Emeritus, was a member of the Hastings College political science and sociology department for 33 years.

Bob Sarna, ’63, is owner of Hasto, an industrial and agricultural construction firm in Emporia.

1970s

Al Johnson, ’71, has been promoted to Vice President of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The agency is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the regional accreditor for institutions of higher education in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Nevada and Alaska.


1980s


Amy Austin Colwell, ’84, and her husband, Mark, were married Jan. 5, 2006, in Baldwin. Dan is a graduate student and research assistant in the Department of Toxicology and Pharmacology at the University of Kansas. Mara is assistant director of KU’s Writing Center.

Nichelle Steele Portsche, ’91, and her husband Jeff Portsche, ’96, welcomed their second daughter, Hailey Kathleen, on Nov. 17, 2005. She joins a sister, Madisyn Claire, 3.

Christopher Garcia, ’93, married Celeste Anderson Nov. 5, 2005, in Manhattan, Kan. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Kevin Oldham, ’93, married Ann Marie Bennett Sept. 17, 2005, in Mission Hills, Kan. Kevin is a senior marketing coordinator with HNB Architects and Engineers. They live in Kansas City, Mo.

Tim Kalkman, ’93, and Eve Lloyd Kalkman, ’99, welcomed a son, Reid Timothy, on May 6, 2006. Tim was a former athletic trainer at Baker University.


Amber Burklund Befort, ’00, is a graduate student at Wichita State University. She is studying physical therapy and plans to graduate with a doctorate degree in May ’08.

IN MEMORIAM

Harold C. Harpster, fs *30, age 97, died March 3, 2006 in Hiawatha, Kan.

John W. Carwell, fs ’33, age 94, died Nov. 17, 2005, in Hiawatha, Kan. Survivors include a daughter, Sue Carwell Miller, ’73, and a grandson, Jamie Carwell, ’91.


Samuel B. Haskin, ’35, age 92, died Jan. 20, 2006, in Lenexa, Kan. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Cunningham Haskin, ’34, two daughters Judy Haskin Rapp, ’68, and Janie Haskin Wilson, ’58, a son-in-law, Larry Wilson, ’58, a brother, Harley V. Haskin, ’52, a sister-in-law, Margaret Hanley, ’53, and two nieces Mike Haskin, ’71, and Mark Haskin. Mike was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Haskin Fox, ’63, a brother, H. Glenn Haskin, ’31, a sister, Bernice Haskin Penner, ’27, and a nephew, Larry Haskin, ’55.
Genevieve McCabe Spencer, fs ‘35, age 92, died Dec. 20, 2005, in Topeka, Kan. Survivors include a son, John J. McCabe, a friend of the University.

Edward R. Dissinger, ‘36, age 94, died Feb. 2, 2006, in Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include a daughter, Frankie Dissinger, a friend of the University.

Marjorie Ricketts Cooper, ‘36, age 93, died March 5, 2006, in Baldwin City, Kan. Survivors include a sister, Lois Ricketts Aioello, ‘42, and a brother-in-law, John Aieio, a friend of the University.


Elinor Lucille Lacy, ‘37, age 90, died April 13, 2006, in Garnett, Kan. Survivors include a daughter, Nancy K. Lacy Horn, fs ‘68.


Catherine C. “Kay” Robertsaw Heine, fs ‘40, age 86, died Oct. 13, 2005, in North Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include her husband, Frederick Heine, ‘37.


Ivan Lee Swope, ‘40, died Nov. 18, 2005, in Asheville, N.C.


Robert Palmquist Lewis, ‘41, age 85, died Nov. 24, 2005, in Eau Claire, Wis.

Mary Frances Trigg Shupe, ‘42, age 85, died Dec. 3, 2005, in Galveston, Texas. Survivors include a sister, Dorothy "Ellen" Trigg Magee, ‘49, and a brother-in-law, Lawrence Magee, ‘44.


Miriam E. Scudder Foster, ‘47, age 80, died Nov. 6, 2005, in Olympia, Wash. Survivors include her husband, Bill Foster, ‘48, and a cousin, Dottie Welty Harder, ‘52.

William F. Gilley, ‘48, age 81, died April 10, 2006, in Sun City West, Ariz. He was preceded by his death by his wife, Luanna “Peggy” DeShazer Giles, ‘47, and a daughter, Patricia Gilley McHenry, ‘74.


David L. Quick, fs ‘48, age 80, died Feb. 3, 2006, in Kansas City, Mo.


Robert L. Holwick, fs ‘50, age 81, died Feb. 8, 2006, in Kansas City, Mo.

Barbara D. Johnson Roden, ‘50, age 76, died Sept. 15, 2005, in Aurora, Mo.

Bryce Duane Stallard, ‘50, age 79, died March 1, 2006, in Topeka.


George “Richard” Ensilver, fs ‘51, age 76, died Dec. 9, 2005, in Huntsville, Ala.

Robert L. Jennings, fs ‘51, age 77, died March 29, 2006 in Peoria, Ariz.


Larry J. Noll, ‘54, age 78, died Dec. 16, 2005, in Lees Summit, Mo. Survivors include his wife, Sue Shepard Noll, fs ‘51.


John Moffett Robison, fs '57, age 70, died Nov. 1, 2005, in Lawrence, Kan.
David Michael O'Byrne, fs '58, age 69, died Oct. 17, 2005, in Kaalia, Hawaii. Survivors include two brothers, Bill O'Byrne, '53, and Robert O'Byrne, fs '55, and a sister-in-law, Jeannie Mueller O'Byrne, '53.
Sherrill J. Martin Barker, fs '59, died Nov. 23, 2005, in Longmont, Colo.
Dale R. Evel, '61, age 65, died March 9, 2006, in Hutchinson, Kan. Survivors include his wife Carolyn Tarvil Evel, '61, and a sister, Shirley Evel Clevs, fs '63.
Charles A. Elliott, '62, age 66, died Dec. 1, 2005, in Olathe, Kan. Survivors include a daughter, Laura Elliott, BBA '00.
Lance L. Campbell, '64, age 63, died March 12, 2005, in Henderson, Nev.
Frank L. Harra, fs '66, age 67, died March 9, 2006, in Kansas City, Kan.
Mariona Baker, '67, age 59, died April 29, 2006, in Rochester, N.Y.

**Baker Rocks**

Baker University engraved limestone rocks are available and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Alumni Association's Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call Trent Schmoker at (785) 505-4432 or e-mail trent@bakers.edu

Paul B. Roberts, '68, age 58, died Oct. 2, 2005, in Anchorage, Alaska. Survivors include his wife, Paulette "Anna" Roberts, a friend of the University.
Maryls Ann Lienemann Harmon, fs '72, age 55, died Oct. 17, 2005, in Lincoln, Neb.
Denny C. Peterson, '72, age 76, died Jan. 14, 2006, in Minden, Iowa.
Timothy Griffith, fs '77, age 50, died Nov. 10, 2005 in Lawrence, Kan.
Loome "Lori" Martin Talmann, MSM '96, age 48, died Feb. 15, 2006, in Newark, N.J.
Barbara J. Adams Lalk, MBA '99, age 57, died March 24, 2006, in Kansas City, Mo.
Floyd H. Coffman, friend of the University, age 64, died Feb. 2, 2005 in Lawrence, Kan.
Lawrence E. Colson, friend of the University, age 70, died Oct. 22, 2005 in Baldwin City, Kan.
Richard Y. Eckman, friend of the University, age 61, died Feb. 16, 2006 in Baldwin City, Kan. Survivors include his wife, Linda Eckman, CAS staff, and a son, Mike Eckman, '99.
The Rev. James Starkey, friend of the University, age 80, died Oct. 6, 2005, in Newton, Kan. Survivors include two sons, Bertton Starkey, '74, and Rodney Starkey, '75.
Worn during ceremonial occasions such as commencement and convocation, the medallion signifies the official authority and responsibility bestowed on the president.

The sterling silver and gold medallion contains a lamp between two posts bearing the University’s name. It was inspired by the University seal. The enamel flame of the lamp represents the school’s official color, cadmium orange.

The medallion was first displayed at the inauguration of Baker president James E. Doty on April 22, 1967. It was a gift to Baker from Doty’s alma mater, Mount Union College in Ohio.

Former Baker President Daniel M. Lambert will present the medallion to Long during the October inauguration, signaling the official transfer of leadership.
Recognition given for class projects
Honored reunion classes have raised $46,808 for a dozen class projects including library on-line resources, the Baker Orange, the intramural programs, and musical and theatre activities and productions. The Class of 1956 won the Pinnacle Award for the highest percentage of donors. The class was honored during the Alumni Weekend Luncheon for 58.8 percent participation. Those who supported class gifts, as well as the highest percentage of donors. The class was honored during the Alumni Weekend.
The Wildcats will play Simon Fraser at 4 p.m. Sept. 15 at Concordia University. After the game, there will be a dinner and an opportunity to meet new coach Alan Koch.

On Sept. 17, Baker will play Concordia University at 12:30 p.m. The Alumni Office will host a pregame tailgate picnic at 11 a.m.

For more details, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@bakeru.edu or call 1-888-781-2586.
• Bruce Anderson, associate professor of political science, presented his paper “Circling the Wagons: Democratic Redistricting, The Open Primary, and Dismantling the Republican Flood in Louisiana 1968-2003” at the annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Assn. in Atlanta. The paper was co-authored with Baker alum Zach Baumann, now a graduate student at Ole Miss and Rhonda Wroenski, a Ph.D. candidate at Louisiana State University.

• Inge Balch, professor of art, attended the yearly National Council for Education of Ceramics Art in March in Portland, Ore.

• Lynn Bott, director of sports medicine, was inducted into the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Bottler also was host May 13 to an organizational meeting on the Baldwin City campus to reconstitute the local chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Artistry.

• Timothy Buzell, associate professor of sociology, presented in the 2006 Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings March 31-April 2 in Omaha, Neb.

• Cal Clink, professor of biology, attended the 138th annual meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science April 7-8 at Wichita State. He served as a judge of the student paper competition and for the student poster pre sentations.

• Tom Conoley, assistant professor of computer science, was a guest panelist Feb. 15 on KTLR 89.3 FM’s “Up To Date” program. Conoley discussed “digital divide” in Kansas City and how various individuals and organizations were attempting to bridge the gap on computer literacy.

• Sandy Davidson, advising and tutoring coordinator at the Learning Resource Center, attended the On Course National Conference March 23-25 in St. Louis. The conference provided an immersion in learner centered strategies that empower students to become active, responsible learners.

• Tracy Floreani, assistant professor of English, spoke April 27-30 at the Society for the Study of Multi Ethnic Literatures in Boca Raton, Fla. She represented the four-year liberal arts college in a roundtable discussion titled “Expectations of the Profession,” which explored professional issues for junior faculty at various types of institutions.

• Dan Harris, director of athletics, Theresa Youltzr, assistant athletic director, and Karla Wiscombe, Champions of Character sponsor, attended the 65th annual NCAA National Convention in San Diego. Harris is chair of the National Council of Athletic Administrators.

• Peggy Harris, professor of education, was invited to serve as an assessor for the newly implemented Kansas Performance Assessment and attended a workshop Feb. 11 in Junction City.

• Donald Hatcher, philosophy professor, attended the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meetings March 24-26 in Portland, Ore. He presented “Is the Debate Between Formal and Informal Logic a False Dilemma: A Reply to Hoagland?” at the group session of the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking.

• Hatchett attended the Central Division American Philosophical Association meetings April 26- 28 in Chicago. She presented a paper, “A Little Learning May Not Be A Dangerous Thing: Integrating Critical Thinking Skills into General Education Courses,” at the Association for Informal Logic and Critical group session.

• Tom Holman, assistant professor of theater, attended the United States Institute of Technology Conference March 29-April 1 in Louisville, Ky.

• Lowell Jacobson, Rhodes professor of international business, has learned his paper “Peronoss’s and Robinson’s Influences on Strategic Management,” has been accept ed for presentation at the Global Conference on Business and Economics July 6-8 in Cambridge University.

• Jean Johnson, professor of mathematics, and Merrie Shaggs, associate professor of education, attended the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual meeting and exposition April 26-29 in St. Louis.

• Erin Joyce, associate professor of French, presented the paper “Languages Across the Curriculum” at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages March 9-11 in Chicago.

• Former Baker University president Daniel Lambert attended the Kansas Department’s University Presidents’ Summit in January in Washington, D.C. The summit was hosted by Secretary of State Conoleezza Rice and Education Secretary Margaret Spellings.

• Gayn Mellingor, associate professor of journalism, was contest coordinator for the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press college magazine newspaper contest.

• Ruth Ohm, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, presented her dissertation research, “Symptom Perception and Adherence to Controller Medication Among Adults with Asthma,” at the Midwest Nursing Research Society’s 30th annual research conference April 2 in Milwaukee, Wis.


• Ruth Sarna, director of student health services, has been appointed by the American College Health Association to the National Consensus Process Board.

• Ran Sivron, associate professor of mathematics and engineering program coordinator, attended the Workshop on Astronomy Education Feb. 10-12 in Tuscon, Ariz. Sivron’s contributed tutorial will be published by the Center for Astronomy and Physics Education Research, which offered the workshop.

• Sivron attended the Summer Science Program Faculty Workshop April 21-24 at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif. Sivron, the academic director for Summer Science Program in Ojai, Calif., led several sessions at the workshop.

• Judy Smrha, associate professor of business and economics, has been selected to participate in the Teaching Innovations Program, sponsored by the Committee on Economic Education of the American Economic Association and funded by the National Science Foundation.

• Jerry Weakley, Vice President for Endowment and Planned Giving, served as CASE District V Board Chair during the CASE conference in January in St. Louis.

• Dee Hansen, an associate professor of music at Baker University, has been selected as a member of the U.S. Department of Education’s Teacher-to-Teacher Training Corps. Hansen is one of 101 corps members. She was selected from more than 1,800 applicants.

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SPGS professor honored

Russ Pfeen, a longtime Baker School of Professional and Graduate Studies faculty member, has been recognized for his work with the Missouri Department of Education on “Project Success.”

He was one of 25 educators who served as a mentor to Missouri middle and high schools in a statewide effort to improve student proficiency in communication arts and mathematics. Pfeen served as the mentor for Hickman Mills High School, which won the award for most improved of all 25 participating schools. The award was based upon the academic accomplishments of students and program implementation by the faculty and staff at Hickman Mills High School.
The winners of three of the College of Arts and Sciences most prestigious teaching awards were announced in April. They are:

- Assistant Professor of Biology Chamaine Henry, Distinguished Faculty Award;
- Assistant Professor of Computer Science Denis Popel, Distinguished Scholarship Award;
- Professor of Speech Susan Emel, Exemplary Teacher Award.

The Distinguished Faculty Award recognizes a full-time faculty member who has served Baker a minimum of three years. The criteria are: published a book or article; edited a journal; presented a paper at a professional meeting; guest lecturer at another school; external grant recipient; and performance or research project.

The Exemplary Teacher is awarded through a partnership with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. The criteria are excellent teaching, civility and concern for students and colleagues, commitment to value-centered education and community service.

The School of Education’s Graduate Education Department recently recognized Cheryl Erickson and Julie Winterboer as Outstanding Adjunct Instructor award winners.

Erickson, a member of the Wichita adjunct faculty, teaches courses in the Master of Arts in Education program. Winterboer, part of the Overland Park adjunct faculty, teaches in the Master of Arts in Education, Master of Liberal Arts and Continuing Education programs. Both faculty members were nominated by students.

Kay Swanwell Scott, ‘66, left Baker University a confident teacher while launching her career at Ridgeway Elementary School in Olathe, Kan. In May, she returned for the Wall of Honor induction ceremony and reflected on the impact the University had on her 40-year career in education.

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“I felt so prepared when I walked into the classroom,” said Scott, a national certified teacher in 1999 who recently retired as primary multirage teacher in the Burlington, Kan., school district where she worked for 17 years. “Every new teacher is nervous, but I could fall back on the vigorous training I had here at Baker. It gave me a structure so that I didn’t feel lost.”

Scott, who taught kindergarten through eighth grade during her career, and 10 other Baker alumni shared stories about their careers.

May 20 in front of family and friends as part of the University’s inaugural Wall of Honor class. Plaques recognizing Baker alumni who have received national and state teaching awards are on display outside Case Hall 205. “Baker has really been fortunate to have great people accomplish great things,” said Bill Neuenswander, dean of the School of Education. “We have a number of people in undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Education who are trying to keep pace with what you’ve accomplished.”

Other national award winners included in the Wall of Honor are:

- We fell in love with Baker so much we never left,” Berg said. “I can’t tell you how prepared I felt because of all the work we did.”
- In 1999, Courtney received the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. He received a degree in Baker in 1982, worked for Johnson County parks and recreation for 10 years before deciding to pursue a career in education. He received an education degree in 1993 from Baker. Courtney’s father taught at Baker for 40 years.
- Baker has been a part of our family for a long time,” he said. “I met a lot of very neat people.”

State honorees in the Wall of Honor are:

- James Fox, ‘83, music teacher, Fort Scott High School; Kyleigh Gragg Lohmeyer, ‘02, math teacher, Washburn Rural Middle School; Sarah Jensen, ‘03, sixth-grade teacher, Shawnee Heights Elementary School; Tim Brady, ‘92, Wheatridge Middle School principal, Gardner-Edgerton; Jay Harris, ‘91, director of food, transportation and physical plant, Raymore-Peculiar in Missouri; David Brown, ‘85, history teacher, Fort Scott High School; Phyllis Kidd, ‘69, social studies chair, Wheaton North High School; Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Dan Wooge, ‘72, band director, Osage City High School; KX Harris, ‘96, English and journalism teacher, Baldwin High School; Bobby Bovaird, ‘02, English teacher, Washburn Rural High School; and Jarrod Steffens, ‘04, science teacher, Harrisonville High School.

Wall of Honor inductees must have completed student teaching at Baker University; be recognized at the state or national level; and recognized for school-based duties. Honorees will be added each year in a ceremony during Alumni Weekend.

For more information about the Wall of Honor or to nominate a candidate, e-mail Peggy Harris at peggy.harris@baker.edu.
A BOLD BU LOGO EMBLAZONS MIDFIELD. ORANGE BOUNDARIES OUTLINE THE DIMENSIONS FOR SOCCER GAMES. WHITE LINES PRECISELY MARK THE YARD LINES.

The aesthetics on the Liston Stadium field are part of the final phase of renovations to the Charlie Richard Outdoor Sports Complex. FieldTurf, a synthetic sports surface that resembles the playing conditions of real grass, was installed in June at Baker University’s sports facility for football, soccer and track.

FieldTurf, also the surface of choice at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta and Seahawks Stadium in Seattle, is known for its durability and shock-absorbing features with grass fibers surrounded by rounded silica sand and rubber granules.

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The logo at the 50-yard line also impressed Harris.

“I think our logo is really attractive and adds a lot to the field,” Harris said.

Baker’s first home football game is Sept. 9 against Graceland. Wildcat football coach Mike Grossner is eager for fans to see the new field.

“It is awesome,” Grossner said. “It’s exactly how we pictured it. I thought it was so nice that I was scared to walk on it. The field is exactly what we’ve needed. It will be a tremendous uplift for our football program.”

Outside the stadium football fans will notice improvements to the parking lots north and west of Liston. The lots will accommodate more than 300 vehicles.

“The additional space in north parking lot will make a huge difference in our home events,” Harris said. “We need to get more cars off the streets and into the parking lot.”

In late June, workers began installing an eight-lane track after removing the seven-lane track that had circled the football field for 15 years. The track is to be completed by Aug. 10. Baker is scheduled to host the Outdoor HAAC Track and Field Championships in spring 2007.

“The fall athletes are scheduled to show up Aug. 13 and I want to make sure we’re ready for athletic events,” Harris said. “I think we’re on schedule. The weather has cooperated so far.”

Harris plans to schedule an open house in mid-August for the public to get a glimpse of the field and track. The renovated athletic venue will benefit the entire Baldwin City community by being the site for several recreational activities, the athletic director said.

“Similar facilities have used the FieldTurf as an excellent financial resource,” he said. “We can do the same thing because of our location.”

Charlie Richard, who compiled a 123-28-1 record from 1980 to 1994 as head football coach, was posthumously inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame June 3 in Wichita.

“Charlie built Baker University into one of the best small-college football programs in the country during the 14 seasons he coached there in Baldwin City,” said Max Falkenstien, master of ceremonies and University of Kansas broadcaster who retired in March.

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SOFTBALL

Two named to all-HAAC first team

The softball team placed two players on the all-
Heart of America Athletic Conference First team.

- Kendra Cody, a junior from Longmont, and
  pitcher Jana Smith, a junior from Topeka, were
  named to the all-HAAC first squad.

- Jade Geuether, a senior pitcher from La Moille,
  Ill., and Leslie Kersting, a junior first baseman/
  outfielder from Shawnee Heights, were second-
team picks.

BASEBALL

Shortstop receives honorable mention

Shortstop Tommy Griffin received honorable mention
for the all-Heart of America Athletic Conference team. He
led the Wildcats with a .340 batting average and had a
.380 fielding percentage.

BASKETBALL

Ohlman receives honorable mention

- Baldwin City, Kan. — Baker University’s Ashley Ohlman, a
  senior guard from Emporia, received honorable mention for
  the NAIA Div. II All-America women’s basketball team.

Ohlman, a first-team all-HAAC pick, averaged 15.2 points a
game to lead Baker in 2005-2006. She scored 1,093 points
in three seasons at Baker to finish sixth on the Wildcats’ all-time
scoring chart.

- Junior Amanda Yates was named to the HAAC third team.
  Junior Molly Ediger and sophomore Allie Heinen received hono-
  rable mention.

- In men’s basketball, junior Nate Pedrow was a third-team all-
  HAAC pick and senior David Wand received honorable mention.

GOLF

Golfers place second in HAAC

Baker University’s women’s golf team finished third overall
and second in the conference in the NAIA Region V / Heart
of America Athletic Conference Tournament at The Falls Golf
Course in O’Fallon, Mo.

Head coach Karen Exon was named HAAC Women’s Coach
of the Year.

TRACK

Randle places third at NAIA Outdoor

- Brent Rondal, a junior from Dallas, placed third in the triple
  jump at the NAIA Outdoor Championships with a school-record
  50.6 7/10 mark.

- Brett Weir, a senior from Topeka, placed sixth in the 110-
  meter high hurdles in 14.46. Weir, a biology major, also
  was named an NAIA track and field scholar-athlete.

- Brandon Hubbard, a junior from Hutchinson, placed eighth
  in the 100-meter dash in 10.82.

At the NAIA Indoor Championships, Weir finished second in
the 60-meter hurdles with a school-record 8.12.

- Baker also set outdoor track records in the 4x100 relay
  (42.85) and 4x200 relay (1:29.15).

- In women’s track, LaTasha Roberts set a school record in
  the 60-meter dash in 8.06.

TENNIS

Netters undefeated in HAAC

Baker women finished 14-3 overall and 7-1 in the Heart
of America Athletic Conference. The Wildcats finished
the regular season undefeated in the HAAC. No. 1 singles player
Mari Edson, a junior from Weatherford, Texas, was the lone
player to win her singles match at the Region V dual against
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was about the life of a fifth-grade teacher back in New England; it could have been about a teacher anywhere, even here. Kidder says, “Teachers usually have no way of knowing that they have made a difference in a child’s life even when they have made a dramatic one. But for children who are used to thinking of themselves as stupid or not worth talking to or deserving rape and beatings, a good teacher can provide an astonishing revelation. A good teacher can give a child at least a chance to feel, “if she thinks I’m worth something, maybe I am.”

“Good teachers put snags in the river of children passing by and over the years they redirect hundreds of lives. Many people find it easy to imagine unseen webs of malevolent conspiracy in the world. They are not always wrong. But there is also an innocent that conspires to hold humanity together and it is made up of people who will never fully know the good they have done.”

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You see good teachers never lose that kind of innocence. They know that soon they will turn the world over to their students, sooner than those students think or perhaps sooner than they would like and then it is going to be their turn to hold humanity together.

Good teachers always expect the best because they know that the best hope for all of humankind is always the next generation. We owe much to such men and women who have snagged us in the river and redirected our lives. There are so many among us here.

These people see their students as wonderful jigsaw puzzles and struggle to put the piece in place that is uniquely theirs. Sometimes they have no way of knowing what the final picture will be and they work with that terrible ambiguity every day. But they are compelled to do their very best because they know the puzzle can never be fully complete without their contribution.

Great teachers see a university that has mystery written over its face and it is wonderful. Most, I think, see that divine connectedness between what one does for a living and the ultimate issues of the human experience.

I believe that good teachers feel profoundly the pain of the imperfect creation and that they hear more acutely the anguish of injustice and somehow relate their teaching to that. “If I can just teach well,” they say, “maybe one of my students, maybe even the least likely one, will be the one to assuage the pain and quiet the cries.”

...Each of us stands as testimony to the wonderful men and women who offered themselves to us as our teachers. Probably not all of them have been good teachers, but then not all of us have been good students either.

But there have been more than enough in both that this precious legacy endures and it will live on. And, now finally I ask that you indulge me in the tradition of farewell which began so many years ago...

...For most of us these years at Baker will become the memories by which every future happiness will be measured. Some of us will never come back this way. But, in our minds each of us will walk this campus 10,000 times in the years remaining to us. It will be with us every day of our lives. We may forget some of the names, but the faces, smiling or sad, and the voices, laughing or weeping, we will remember forever.

The seasons will come and go for those who remain, but for those of us who leave it now, it will always be spring here, green and bright and blossoming with the vitality that we gave it and then left behind.

So, listen carefully to the haunting melody of the pipers as they fade into the distance; that melancholy tune which one called the fierce Highland warriors to courage in battle now call us. It calls us to uncommon valor in search for lasting peace and the dignity of all humankind.

May God grant us these happy endings. May God grant us our new beginnings.

Goodbye and Godspeed.

The Lambers won’t be far from Baldwin City

Dr. Daniel M. Lambert’s final day in office as president of Baker University was June 30. Lambert was named President Emeritus of the University and awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters at Spring Commencement. His immediate plans include consulting and writing a book.

The Lambers plan to spend time in Lawrence and at their home in Hilton Head, S.C.
Karen Exon, head marshal at the Baker University Spring Commencement, leads the bagpipers across the campus.