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*From the President*



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 I 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 University will be realized.

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

With Baker Pride,

*Pat Long*  
Patricia N. Long



'CAT CHAT

steaming hot serving of chatter from those in the know

**St-e-H-a!**

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 placers 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.



**Sally Williams, '06**, and **Elisabeth Creswell, '06**, pose for a photo during Spring Commencement.

**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.



# Introducing Pat and Dennis Long



*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 neighborhood 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 28<sup>th</sup> President of Baker University.

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.

On the job for only a few weeks, it is obvious that this president has a professional yet comfortable style, for no matter where she travels or with whom she meets, Long's ease with people and with herself shows.

"In all situations she has the same personality and way of working with people," said former Johnson County

Community College colleague Jackie Snyder, now Chancellor of Metropolitan Community Colleges. "She 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 Carolina University who was a provost at the University of Missouri-Kansas City during Long's time

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there, refers to her as "the ultimate colleague and leader."

"She always paid attention to others. 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. Somehow 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 Honse, 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," Honse 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 character 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 profession 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 said. "The ability to have real conversations without authoritative or emotional overtones is a great leadership strength, but not a common one."

Long's leadership abilities have been recognized her whole life, and it is evident in the way she has consistently 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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## Chronology:

**1951 – 1969** Born in Wheatland, Mo., Long was the middle child of three girls. The family lived on a cattle farm then moved to a home on Lake Pomme de Terre when her father started a construction business. A good student, Long also was a cheerleader, homecoming queen, and point guard on the basketball team.

**1970 – 1973** Attended Southwest Baptist University where she played basketball, volleyball and majored in mathematics. She worked as a student assistant in the math department where Associate Professor John Smashey became her mentor. Long credits him with helping her finish her degree so she could marry her fiancé who was headed overseas.

**1972 – 1974** Married high school sweetheart Dennis Long who, with draft number 30, had enlisted in the U.S. Army. In 1972 she accompanied him to his new station in Germany where she taught soldiers on base who wanted to earn their G.E.D.

**1974 – 1981** Taught in the adult education program in the Kansas City, Mo., School District. During that time she earned her master's degree in adult education from Central Missouri State University.

**1982 – 1999** Earned her Ed.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership in Higher Education from the University of Kansas in 1993 while she was working her way up the ranks at Johnson County Community College.

**2000 – 2006** Left JCCC to become a member of the administrative team at UMKC. At the time she departed, UMKC was without a chancellor and Long, as Acting Executive Vice Chancellor, was one of the top administrative officers. Selected in March 2006 to become Baker's president, Long began her new duties on July 1, 2006.



about working together to move the University forward.

“‘Forward, together’ is a phrase I use because it truly will take each of us for Baker to continue to thrive and lead the pack. We have an outstanding faculty and committed staff and Baker clearly is student-centered – from our undergraduates through our graduate, nursing, professional and doctoral students. We have a rich history of success but we can not stand still. We will need to build buildings, fund new programs, and raise our scholarship endowment,” Long said.

Her big accomplishments may have something to do with her enthusiasm for diving into new things – a quality she's always exhibited. Her mother describes Pat as a bit of a “daredevil” and recalls one instance when a man traded the family a motorcycle for a parcel of land. “Charles (her father) was wondering how we were going to get the thing home and Pat said, ‘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 she 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

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’m still the same Pat they always knew, 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.”



(L TO R) – Kristin Doyle, Rob Schobert and Kelly Armstrong. Kathy Harr, Dean of the School of Nursing, is at right.

## Awards bestowed at pinning ceremony



**B**aker University's School of Nursing honored 39 graduates on May 19 with its annual pinning ceremony at Grace Cathedral Church in Topeka. Graduates Tara Harding and Kelly Armstrong were recognized as outstanding students of nursing and Abbe Obermueller for clinical excellence. Jessica Larson, Margaret Lewis, Amber Stroup and Jessica Ward received distinction in Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges. Jaime Thompson received a scholarship from Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Eta Kappa Chapter at Large.

The graduating class honored Anne Cleverdon, a registered nurse at Stormont-Vail HealthCare, with the Professional

Recognition Award for serving as an excellent role model and teacher. Nursing faculty member Linda King was recognized by the class for teaching excellence.

Retiring assistant professors Sonja Feist and Elaine Shutt received outstanding faculty service awards from faculty colleagues. Both received Faculty Emeritus status as conferred by the Board of Trustees. This honor is afforded to faculty members who have been with the university for at least 10 years and have demonstrated excellence in teaching and professional service.



# Baker year survivors mission work

*The children, desperate to change the deformities on their faces, arrive by canoe, train, bus or foot after a 15-hour hike.*



hey leave with a renewed sense of hope thanks to Baker University alumnus **Travis Tollefson, '93**, and other volunteers who perform facial reconstructive surgeries.

Tollefson, a medical doctor originally from Hiawatha, Kan., joined two surgical teams in remote China and Ecuador the past two years for four total missions to educate local surgeons and operate on children born with cleft lips and open palate or other congenital deformities. If not for the volunteer efforts of Smile China and Operacion Esperanza, the children's facial flaws would go unrepaired due to lack of money or surgeons.

"I honestly feel that I am doing exactly what I was intended to do during these trips and I truly respect those volunteers, such as the Peace Corps members, who give up so many amenities to dedicate themselves," said Tollefson, an assistant professor of facial, plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, Calif.

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 KU Med School in 1998 and completed a head and neck surgery residency in 2003 at KU.

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

"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."

Tollefson credits Baker's broad liberal arts education for preparing him for a career in medicine. He concentrated on the biological sciences and worked closely with

professors Gary Giachino, Cal Cink, **Roger Boyd, '69**, and Michael Barbush.

"Dr. Boyd inspired my studies of the interconnectivity of life ranging from botany to participating in a research mission to Mexico over interterm in 1991 where we studied bats and tropical birds," Tollefson said.

"These early experiences in the scientific process prepared me well for the research on Parkinson's disease that I was involved with at KU Med Center and has served me well as I continue my research at the UC Davis Med Center."

As an assistant professor, Tollefson often incorporates some of the classroom lessons passed on by Barbush. Tollefson came to UC Davis for a facial plastic and reconstructive sur-

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gery fellowship for the reputation of its cleft and craniofacial program.

"I now lecture to residents and medical students on a frequent basis on surgical reconstruction of the head and neck and find myself using some of Dr. Barbush's unique teaching techniques to get my point across," he said. "I really doubt that a graduate of a large public university can recall their eight-person biochemistry class as well as his students do simply because each topic was presented with such a unique perspective."



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.





## 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 great-grandchildren.

## 1960s

**Dennis Storer, '61**, was inducted in April into Hastings (Neb.) College's Pro Rege Society. Storer, Professor Emeritus, was a member of the Hastings College political science and sociology departments for 33 years.

**Bob Sarna, '63**, is owner of Hastco, 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.

**Arthur Nadler, '74**, is public information officer for the Nevada State Contractors Board. Nadler, a Las Vegas resident, also has a Web site for photography, [www.gicleephotography.com](http://www.gicleephotography.com)

## 1990s

**Amy Rardin, '93**, married Jan Hennes Oct. 29, 2005. They live in Overland Park, Kan.

**Staci Wokutch, '93**, competed Jan. 15 in the Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon in Phoenix.

**Amy Austin Colwell, '94**, and her husband, Greg Colwell, welcomed their fourth child, Garrett Ryan, on Nov. 9, 2005. He joins his sister, Ali, 6, and brothers Tyler, 3, and Braeden, 2.

**Kit Harris, '95, and Sarah Becker Harris, '95**, welcomed their third child, Malin Graycelen, on April 26, 2006. Kit is in his seventh year of teaching language arts and coaching wrestling at Baldwin High School. He is in his third year officiating NCAA wrestling and is serving his third term as president of Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association. Sarah is in her 10th year

teaching at Baldwin Elementary School. They also have two sons, Cael, 6, and Ty, 3.

**Carla Otto Thomas, '95**, and her husband, John, welcomed their second child, Braeden James, on Jan. 2, 2005. He joins a brother, Joseph, 4. John is a project manager for K.C. Gunite. Carla is a fourth-grade teacher in Lee's Summit, Mo.

**Joe Hood, '96 and '01 SPGS**, is CFO of Strategos International, a military supply and tactical training company. Joe and his wife, **Lisa Mack Hood, '96**, live with their two daughters in Lee's Summit, Mo.

**Dan Brobst, '97, and Moira Ozias, '01**, were married June 11, 2005, in Baldwin. Dan is a graduate student and research assistant in the Department of Toxicology and Pharmacology at the University of Kansas. Moira is assistant director of KU's Writing Center.

**Nichelle Steele Portsche, '97**, and her husband **Jeffrey Portsche, '96**, welcomed their second daughter, Hailey Marie, on Nov. 17, 2005. She joins a sister, Madisyn Claire, 3.

**Christopher Garcia, '99**, married Celeste Anderson Nov. 5, 2005, in Manhattan, Kan. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

**Kevin Oldham, '99**, married Ann Marie Bennett Sept. 17, 2005, in Mission Hills, Kan. Kevin is a senior marketing coordinator with HNTB Architects and Engineers. They live in Kansas City, Mo.

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

**Kelly Bovaird, '00**, married Jeff Farmer Aug. 6, 2005, in Topeka. Kelly graduated in May with a D.D.S. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. They live in Perry, Kan.

**Chris Green, '00**, is a correspondent for the Harris News Service bureau in Topeka, Kan.

**Jeremy Presley, '00, and Stella Heim, '02**, were married July 16, 2005. Jeremy is in the KU School of Medicine residency program, and Stella teaches kindergarten in Clearwater. They live in Wichita.

**Sheree Tinder, '00**, is on the legal counsel for the House of Delegates

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**Cindy Pressgrove Buchanan, '02**, married Dave Buchanan Oct. 13, 2005, in Colorado Springs, Colo., where they live.

**Andrea Burrows, '02**, married Ryan Bresee Jan. 13, 2006 in Eureka Springs, Ark.

**Ashley Cleveland, '02**, married David Douglas June 25, 2005, in Courtland, Kan. She is a retention specialist at Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Kan. They live in Courtland.

**Jamie Scott, '02, and Aaron Hollingshead, '02**, were married Oct. 1, 2005. They live in Phoenix.

**Brian Williams, '02**, a business analyst at Black & Veatch in Lenexa, is commander of the 2nd Battalion 130th Field Artillery, headquartered in Abilene, Kan.

**Sarah Jensen, '03**, recently received a Horizon Award given to first-time teachers in Kansas. She teaches at Shawnee Heights Elementary School in Tecumseh, Kan.

**Pam Sprock, '03, and Luke Walters, '04**, were married Sept. 10, 2005, in Shawnee. Pam is a customer representative for Americo Insurance in Kansas City, Mo. Luke is a commercial real estate appraiser for Adamson and Associates in Shawnee Mission. They live in Overland Park.

**Amber Burklund Befort, '03**, is a graduate student at Wichita State University. She is studying physical therapy and plans to graduate with a doctorate degree in May '08.

**Sarah Gooding, '04**, has joined the staff of *The Wabaunsee County Signal-Enterprise*.

**Ben McMahan, '04, and Beth Jakle, '05**, were married Sept. 3, 2005.

**Martin Updike, '04**, is working in Washington, D.C. for U.S. senator Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

**Megan Hart, '05**, married Eric Nickelson Sept. 10, 2005, in Hill City. She works for Kansas Teachers Credit Union in Independence, Kan., where the couple lives.

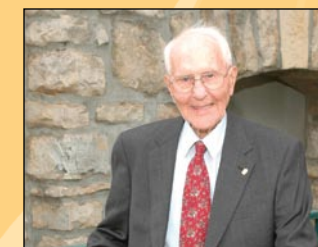
**Tracy Wasinger, '05**, married Chris Fischer July 28, 2005, in Lawrence, Kan., where they live.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

**April Seghorn, '00**, has been in the Army Nurse Corps since January 2001. She is a captain and the head nurse of the heart team at Tripler Army Medical Center in Mililani, Hawaii.

**Tonya Rahjes, '02**, married Justin Lee Aug. 21, 2005 in Peaceful Valley, Colo. She is employed at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, Neb.

## Class of 1936



Clinton Acheson

## Class of 1941



Jean Bradley Glasebrook; Marjorie Randall Maxwell; Florence Kirby Schadt.

## Class of 1946



FIRST ROW (L TO R) – Carolyn Hucke Gray; John Sinclair; Mary Leathers Montello; Barbara Bussing Bradley. SECOND ROW (L TO R) – Betty Christensen Delamater; Mary Stoskopf.

## Class of 1951



FIRST ROW (L TO R) – Jeanne McDaniel Sulley; Greta Kanzig Chubb. SECOND ROW (L TO R) – Ernie Mai; Richard Sulley; Gene Chubb; Frank Creason.

## SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE STUDIES

**Joel Frank, MBA '00**, married Erin Day Appenfeller Sept. 3, 2005, in Wamego, Kan. They live in Alhambra, Ill.

**Mbula Mutuku, MAED '00**, married Sterling C. Ratzlaff Dec. 17, 2005, in Barnstead, N.H., where they live.

**William Heideman, MBA '01**, married Paula Chrzanowski June 11, 2005 in Overland Park. They live in Olathe.

**Dustin Stull, MBA '01**, is a trust officer at Central National Bank, serving its Kansas locations in Concordia, Beloit, Glen Elder, Tipton, Mankato and Superior, Neb.

**Paul Ulasien, MBA '02**, has written his first book, "The Corporate Rate Race: The Rats Are Winning, A Game Plan for Surviving and Thriving in Corporate America."

## IN MEMORIAM

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

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

**Dorothy Jillson Bailey, '35**, age 90, died May 16, 2005.

**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, '32**, a sister-in-law, **Gerry Porterfield Haskin, '33**, and two nephews **Mike Haskin, '71**, and **Mark Haskin, '72**. He 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 92, died March 5, 2006, in Baldwin City, Kan. Survivors include a sister, **Lois Ricketts Aiello, '42**, and a brother-in-law, John Aiello, a friend of the University.

**Frank Allen Gibbon, fs '37**, age 87, died Oct. 15, 2005, in Augusta, Kan.

**Elinor Lucille Lacy, '37**, age 90, died April 13, 2006, in Garnett, Kan. Survivors include a daughter, **Nancy K. Lacy Horn, fs '66**.

**Dolores H. Long Powell, fs '38**, age 88, died Jan. 3, 2006, in Coffeyville, Kan.

**Marian Cannon Cox, '39**, age 87, died Dec. 25, 2005, in Sacramento, Calif.

**Catherine C. "Kay" Robertshaw Heine, fs '40**, age 86, died Oct. 13, 2005, in North Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include her husband, **Frederick Heine, '37**.

**James K. Peckham, fs '40**, age 87, died April 4, 2006, in Ottawa Kan.

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

**Watson H. Wynkoop, '40**, age 89, died March 2, 2006, in Lansing, Kan. Survivors include a daughter, **Betty Wynkoop Caudill, '64**.

**Donald Darwin Hough, fs '41**, age 88, died Oct. 7, 2005, in Overbrook, Kan.

**Roberta 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**.

**Gorby R. Martin, '43**, age 85, died Jan. 11, 2006, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Eunice Philgreen Martin, '50**, four sons, **Gorby R. Martin II, '73, Phillip H. Martin, '82, Steve K. Martin, '75, Alan J. Martin, '77**, a daughter, **Sue E. Martin, '80**, a daughter-in-law, **Deborah Jones Martin, '79**, three brothers, **Burley Martin, '47, Nelson**

**Martin, '50, Chalmer Martin, '56**, two nieces, **Patricia R. Martin, '75**, and **Deborah Martin Trickey, '77**, a sister-in-law, **Marilyn Mills Martin, '56**, and a brother-in-law, **Edward Philgreen, '50**. He was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, **Catherine Busch Martin, '45**, and a brother-in-law, **Floyd Philgreen, '39**.

**Dortha J. Deyo Collins, '46**, age 80, died Nov. 1, 2005 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

**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. Gilles, '48**, age 81, died April 10, 2006, in Sun City West, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Luanna "Peggy" DeShazer Giles, '47**, and a daughter, **Patricia Gilles McHenry, '74**.

**Roxann Shipp Jones, fs '48**, age 78, died April 1, 2006, in Azle, Texas.

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

**Robert E. Shepherd, '49**, age 78, died Dec. 14, 2005, in Warrensburg, Mo. Survivors include his wife, **Nancy Marquis Shepherd, '49**.

**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.

**Phillip L. Woodworth, '50**, age 77, died Nov. 17, 2005, in Overland Park. Survivors include his wife, **Pauline Cater Woodworth, '50**.

**George "Richard" Ensley, 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.

**David D. Pengelly, '51**, age 78, died March 21, 2006, in Upland, Calif.

**Don E. Randel, fs '51**, age 78, died Feb. 1, 2006, in Eudora, Kan.

**Harold "Bud" Elliott, '53**, age 73, died Nov. 1, 2005, in Lubbock, Texas.

**Larry J. Noll, '54, age 78**, died Dec. 16, 2005, in Lee's Summit, Mo. Survivors include his wife, **Sue Shepard Noll, fs '51**.

**Van A. Kempin, '56**, age 73, died March 18, 2006, in Overland Park, Kan. Survivors include his wife, **Donna Lidikay Kempin, '56**, and a son, **Vance Kempin, MSM '01**.

**R. Chalmer Martin, '56**, age 76, died March 26, 2006, in Lawrence, Kan. Survivors include his wife, **Marilyn Mills Martin, '56**, a daughter, **Deborah Martin Trickey, '77**, a son-in-law, **Randall Trickey, '77**, two brothers, **Burley Martin, '47**, and **Nelson Martin, '50**, a sister-in-law, **Eunice Philgreen Martin, '56**, four nephews, **Alan J. Martin, '77, Gorby R. Martin II, '73, Phillip H. Martin, '82**, and **Steve K. Martin, '75**, and a niece, **Sue E. Martin, 80**. He was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, **Catherine Busch Martin, '45**, and a brother, **Gorby R. Martin, '43**.

Class of 1961



FIRST ROW (L TO R) - Kathleen Kirker Faulkner; Ruth Brown Hamilton; Barbara Craig Lewis; Karen Eisiminger Every; Marcia Brickey Holland; Carol Clark Musgrave; Nancy Morse Tjoflat. SECOND ROW (L TO R) - Carole Collister Love; Vernell Courtney St. John; Robert Young; Dorothy Collins Housh; Hal Every; Emmalie Gessner Cowherd. THIRD ROW (L TO R) - Dave Gibson; Dean Steriotis; Charles Mansfield; Ronald Holland; Alice Calderwood Hawk.

Class of 1966



FIRST ROW (L TO R) - Kathryn Swalwell Scott; Nancy Goldwood Farrow; Linda Brickey Howe. SECOND ROW (L TO R) - Martha Burnett Crow; Sam Deel; Robert Mead; Jane Glasebrook Harper. THIRD ROW (L TO R) - David Scott; Nelson Elliott.

Class of 1971



FIRST ROW (L TO R) - Jill Ramel Doty; Rebecca Allison; Jill Meakin Halstead; Beth Bebb Herman. SECOND ROW (L TO R) - David Doty; Bruce Gilbert.

Class of 1956



FIRST ROW (L TO R) - Phyllis Flickinger Braun; Norma Norris Purdy; Donna Lidikay Kempin; Dorothy Kochan Hann; Caryl Cooley Fullman; Pauline Schwartz Nusser; Marvel Rogers Sandon; Cynthia Spear; Yvonne Rayl Achterberg; Margot De Leon Mendoza; Roger Willis; Norma Steck Porterfield; Margi Wilson Malicky; George Earnshaw. SECOND ROW (L TO R) - Conrad Braun; Dewey Knowles; Kenneth Burres; Robert Nusser; Larry McDonough; Richard Moherman; Richard Leker; Jon Stack; Thomas Armstrong; Wilmagene Frank Noonan; Neal Malicky; Morilla Hursh Fothergill. THIRD ROW (L TO R) - Robert Shermwell; Richard Purdy; Robert Shelton; Larry Parkin; Charles Hill; Stewart Bradshaw; Charles Tucker; Thomas Hedrick; Anthony Ahnemann; Roberta Mouser Ahnemann; Carolyn Bell Shelton; Thomas Johnson.



## Class of 1976



FIRST ROW (L TO R) - Eric Ikenberry; Patty Marquart Ikenberry; Mary Jane Calliham Brooksher; Lou Ann Harmless Preston; Michael Preston.; Marion Starcher Burnham; Dena Myers Kaeberle. SECOND ROW (L TO R) - Stan Amick; James Hager; Thomas Dmytriw; Rich Bulkley; Beverly Blevans Wellington. THIRD ROW (L TO R) - Robert Jardon; Randi Ruark; Craig Hackett; Linda Quazza Morini.

## Class of 1986



L TO R - Dan Mai; Ann Snyder McGlumphy; Robert Lane.

## Class of 1991



FIRST ROW (L TO R) - Kelly Nawroth Johns; Tracy Martin Rider; Corina Rother Dulecki; Charisma Lo Greenwood; Anne Wills. SECOND ROW (L TO R) - Jennifer Barlow Bradley; Melinda Simpson Cisneros; Teresa Sherman Mustan; Lisa Anderson Roberts; Scott Stemmermann. THIRD ROW (L TO R) - Mark Bowerman; Kevin Weakley; Dallas Polen.

## Class of 1996



FIRST SECOND (L TO R) - Elizabeth Lewis Manning; Brian Manning; Ellen Jones Lewis. SECOND ROW (L TO R) - Laura Lawrenz Brown; Tivonya Cole; Jennifer Vollweider Ravenscroft.

**John Moffett Robson, fs '57**, age 70, died Nov. 1, 2005, in Lawrence, Kan.

**David Michael O'Byrne, '58**, age 69, died Oct. 17, 2005, in Kailua, Hawaii. Survivors include two brothers, **Bill O'Byrne, '53**, and **Robert O'Byrne, fs '55**, and a sister-in-law, **Jeanne Mueller O'Byrne, '53**.

**Sherrill J. Martin Barker, fs '59**, died Nov. 23, 2005, in Longmont, Colo.

**Patricia "Pat" Ann House Rose, '59**, age 67, died Sept. 30, 2005, in Olathe, Kan.

**John Douglas "Doug" Lee, '60**, age 68, died Jan. 23, 2006 in Omaha, Neb. Survivors include a daughter, **Courtney E. Lee, '92** and **MSM '02**, and a son, **Bryan D. Lee, '88**.

**James "Jim" Robert Maret, '60**, age 69, died Oct. 30, 2005, in Anthem, Ariz.

**Dale R. Evel, '61**, age 65, died March 9, 2006, in Hutchinson, Kan. Survivors include his wife **Carolyn Tarvin Evel, '61**, and a sister, **Shirley Evel Clews, fs '63**.

**Charles A. Elliott, '62**, age 66, died Dec. 1, 2005, in Olathe. 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.

**Marlena Baber, '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.



The rocks are available in different sizes including a 2' x 3' bench.

For more information, call Trent Schnakenberg at (620) 757-4413 or e-mail [trent@tdsrocks.com](mailto:trent@tdsrocks.com)

**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.

**Patricia A. Crow, '69**, age 58, died Jan. 7, 2006, in Shawnee Mission, Kan. Survivors include her partner, **Lois Reitz, MLA '78**, and brothers **Donald Crow, '64**, and **Frank Crow, fs '66**.

**Marlys Ann Lieneman 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.

**Gregory E. Best, '83**, age 44, died Oct. 12, 2005. Survivors include his mother, **Kay Keirns Best, '58**, a brother, **Chris Best, '81**, a sister-in law, **Judy Miller Best, '81**, a sister, **Leighann Best Ruby, '84**, an aunt, **Nancy Keirns Jacobs, '62**, an uncle, **John Jacobs, '63**, and his former wife **Kelly Krisman Best, '82**.

**Nancy Misenhelter Baker, '88**, age 58, died March 25, 2006, in Lee's Summit, Mo. Survivors include her husband, **Gary Baker, '69**.

**Lorene "Lori" Martin Tallman, 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.

**Peter E. Newallis Jr., BBA '05**, age 46, died Oct. 23, 2005, in Overland Park, Kan. Survivors include a sister-in-law, **Kathy Newallis, BBA '99**.

**Floyd H. Coffman**, friend of the University, age 86, 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, **Berton Starkey, '74**, and **Rodney Starkey, '75**.

## Driver family finds satisfaction at Baker

**Richard Driver, '61**, transferred to Baker in the late 1950s after starting at the University of Kansas. His mother, Hannah Windert Driver, attended Baker from 1917 to 1921.

"When I started at KU, my mother didn't say anything," said Richard, who grew up on a farm west of Ottawa in Quenemo. "After two years I wasn't happy, then she wondered why I didn't go to Baker. I was glad I did decide on Baker. It was smaller and I liked that. I liked everything about it. It was what I needed."

Richard, who majored in sociology at Baker, was among four generations of Drivers honored during Alumni Weekend as the University's 2006 Family of the Year. He has a master's degree in mathematics from Boston University and a Ph.D., in mathematics from Kansas State. He teaches mathematics at Washburn University in Topeka.

Richard's nephew, **Roger Driver, '75**, and **MAEd '04**, also found a home at Baker after starting at Kansas State University.

"I should have gone to Baker right off the bat," Roger said. "I had a good friend at K-State, my brother went to K-State, but it was just too big. A girl from my high school was having a wonderful semester at Baker. I went to a Baker football game and thought that was the place for me. I received a good education and made lifelong friends. I hope my children developed friendships, too."

Two of Roger's three children, **Laura**

**(Driver) Peek, '02**, and **Lee, '03**, are Baker graduates. Scott is a senior in molecular biosciences at Baker.

During Alumni Weekend, Richard accepted the

## FAMILY OF THE YEAR

L TO R - Laura Driver-Peek, Zachary Peek, Lee Driver, Jill Noel-Driver, Roger Driver, Ann Driver, Scott Driver, Annie Driver, Michael Driver, Richard Driver, Ruth Driver

Family of the Year plaque and passed it on to Roger to give to his children some day.

"When our kids were babies, we had them take photos with Baker T-shirts," Roger said. "We kind of brainwashed them from the start."

1936 · 1941 · 1946 · 1951 · 1956 · 1961 · 1966 · 1971 · 1976 · 1981 · 1986 · 1991 · 1996 · 2001

Alumni Weekend 2006



*A symbol of Baker University's rich history, the Presidential Medallion will be presented to Pat Long during inauguration ceremonies Oct. 26 at Rice Auditorium on the Baldwin City campus.*

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.



**MONDAY**OCTOBER **23**  
Evening student event  
and reception

**TUESDAY**OCTOBER **24**  
Osborne Chapel 10th Anniversary;  
Covenant Renewal Ceremony

**THURSDAY**OCTOBER **26**  
Inaugural Ceremony  
in Rice Auditorium

**FRIDAY**OCTOBER **27**  
Annual Awards Banquet at the  
InterContinental Hotel Plaza

A full schedule of Inaugural Week activities will be published in the next edition of *The Baker Pride*.

# Fall Inaugural Celebration



## 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 intramurals program, 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 55.8 percent participation. Those who supported class gifts, as well as the percentage of the class who donated, are listed below.

### Class of 1936

26.7%

Mr. Clinton Acheson  
Mrs. Lois M. Levering  
Mrs. Gladys Downs Limbird  
Mrs. Marietta Price

### Class of 1941

31.4%

Mrs. Jean Glasebrook  
Mrs. Doris Hummon  
Mrs. Jean Konz  
Mr. Joseph E. Lake  
Mrs. Marjorie M. Maxwell  
Dr. Chester Moore  
Dr. and Mrs. John W. Phillips  
Mrs. Betty Rhodes  
Florence R. Schadt  
Mr. G. Laverne Smith  
Ms. Marilyn Souders

### Class of 1946

39.0%

Barbara Bradley  
Dr. Robert and Rev. Ladonna Carey  
Mrs. Modena Chiddell  
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Virginia Deskin Galle  
Mrs. Carolyn Gray

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Wendell and Louese Winkler  
Mrs. Ella Mary Yoe  
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### Class of 1951

22.0%

Anonymous  
Dr. Richard A. Brown  
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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Chubb  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Doleshal  
Norman E. Gaar  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Haas  
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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hitchcock  
Mary Hallman Hurrel  
Dr. and Mrs. Donald W. Janes  
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Joan Marshall  
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Mrs. Carol G. Spivey  
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Mrs. Patricia Wyne  
Dr. and Mrs. James W. Yeater

### Class of 1956

55.8%

Mrs. Yvonne Achterberg  
Tony and Roberta Ahnemann  
Jack and Ramona Armstrong  
Connie and Phyllis Braun  
Kenneth Burres  
Mr. and Mrs. Hal R. Cummings  
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Mr. and Mrs. Jim R. Ewbank  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ferguson  
Morilla Hursh Fothergill  
Mrs. Caryl Fullman  
Dorothy Kochan Hann  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hayes  
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill  
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Mr. and Mrs. I.L. Malm  
Mrs. Mary Jane Marvuglio  
Mr. and Mrs. Wes McAnally  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry McDonough  
Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Mendoza  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moherman  
Wilmagene Frank Noonan  
Bob and Pauline Nusser  
Nancy Holland O'Mara  
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Dr. and Mrs. Bob Shemwell  
Mrs. Helen Silvia  
Ms. Cynthia Spear  
Jon and Marge Stack  
Chuck Tucker  
Douglas M. and Faith C. Whitley  
Cecil and Elizabeth Williams  
Roger and Ann Willis

### Class of 1961

23.0%

Dr. Nancy J. Abdou  
Toni and George Blackwood  
Mrs. Donna Bratton  
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Cowherd  
Dr. Beverly J. Crute  
Dr. and Mrs. Richard T. Driver  
Elinor and Stu Entz  
Jim and Kathy Faulkner  
Mrs. Sonja Franklin  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave W Gibson  
Mrs. Ruth Hamilton  
Alice and Mel Hawk



**Kenny Hultman, '06**, chats on a cell phone outside Collins Gym, site of Spring Commencement ceremonies. The SPGS graduate from Wichita received a Bachelor of Science in Management degree.

Ron and Marci Holland  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Housh  
Barbara and Richard Lewis  
Carole Collister Love  
Charles and Sylvia Mansfield  
Ronald and Carol Jean Mitchel  
Carol Clark Musgrave  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Noonan  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Schrader  
Dr. and Mrs. Karl Spear II  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis C. Storer  
Nancy K. and James Tjoflat  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trowbridge  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warner  
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Warner

### Class of 1966

12.6%

Mrs. Karen Anderson  
Mr. John H. Bartle  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Wright Beck  
Mr. Bruce K. Crockett  
Ms. Janet D. Delsemme  
Nancy Goldwood Farrow

Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Hawk  
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Dr. and Mrs. James F. Hilgenberg Jr.  
Mrs. Linda Howe  
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Janice Ackors Jackson  
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Paula Lynch McCurry  
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Mr. and Mrs. Mike Philpot  
Kathryn Swalwell Scott  
Dr. Carl (Rusty) and Marilyn Stout, Jr.

### Class of 1971

12.9%

Mrs. Rebecca Allison  
Dr. and Mrs. David Doty  
Dr. Douglas Emery  
Mr. Gary J. Faler  
Mrs. Wendy Fisher  
Mr. Bruce Gilbert  
Mr. Theodore L. Glasser  
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Mr. and Mrs. Ted J. Hempy  
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Ms. Sandra Maison Rosen  
Mike and Cheryl (Todd) McClay  
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Phillips  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Sollars  
Barbara Wiens Titterington  
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Lt. Colonel Jerry L. Wilper

### Class of 1976

16.3%

Roger and Nancy Hey Arnold  
Janie Calliham Brooksher  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burnham  
Tom and Gail Dmytriv  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Hager  
Marilynn Rodrick Hemenway  
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ikenberry  
Mr. Doug W. McKinney  
Mrs. Linda J. Morini  
Ms. Sandra K. Otto  
Mike and Lou Ann Preston  
Paul and Susan Shepard  
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Snavely  
Mr. Ed W. Spence

### Class of 1981

10.5%

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Best  
Mr. Jeff E. Faulkner  
Dr. Debbie A. Field-Kresie  
Ms. Anne Henderson  
Dr. Daniel E. Lucas  
Anne and Dennis Marley  
Ronald L. McMillan  
Mrs. Cynthia S. O'Bryhim  
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Tom and Teresa Young

### Class of 1986

14.1%

Mrs. Megan C. Barry  
Dr. and Mrs. Mark D. Butler  
Mrs. Laurie Chapman  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Danzig

Dane and Sharla Ditto  
Ms. Lynne Fothergill  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gager  
Mr. Lee R. Greenstreet  
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Gretchen Kuehn Koller  
Mr. Jeffrey L. Magee  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan S. Mai  
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Ms. Christine K. Preheim  
Diane Drake Rose  
Mr. Gregory Stoskopf  
John Warne  
Todd Wegener

### Class of 1991

3.4%

Mr. and Mrs. Darren Beck  
Mrs. Judee E. Evans  
Mrs. Christina M. Lowry  
Chris and Karin Travalent  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin D. Weakley  
Ms. Anne E. Wills

### Class of 1996

2.5%

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Chrisco  
Mrs. Ellen S. Lewis  
Mrs. Beth A. Mattox  
Ms. Allison L. Storrs

### Class of 2001

2.8%

Mr. Douglas E. Adams  
Mr. Jared W. Miller  
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Mr. David J. Seibolt  
Ms. Julie N. Vosilus



# CALENDAR of Alumni Events

## September

**Friday, Sept. 8**

### Network Luncheon

Noon-1 p.m., Brio Tuscan Grille on the Plaza, Kansas City, Mo.  
Dr. Pat Long, Baker University president, guest speaker  
\$15 per person

**Friday, Sept. 15**

### Baker Soccer in Oregon

4 p.m., vs. Simon Fraser University at Concordia University, Portland, Ore.  
Alumni dinner to follow

**Sunday, Sept. 17**

### Baker Soccer in Oregon

12:30 p.m., vs. Concordia University, Portland, Ore.  
Alumni tailgate before game

## October

**Saturday, Oct. 7**

### Homecoming

Precise times of events to be determined

**Reservations required for all events through the Alumni Office: 1-888-781-2586 or alumni@bakeru.edu.**

# PORTLAND



Alumni are invited to watch Baker University's men's soccer team play in mid-September in Portland, Oregon.

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 be host to 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.



David Pape, CAS '67, was the 2006 Alumni Story Contest winner for recalling his thrill of being accepted into Baker University.



The **ART**  
of healing

"Loneliness", a papier mache sculpture by Anne Domonoske

**October 12-20, 2006**

Join Baker this fall in

# Switzerland

Discover towering mountains and serene lakes in two of Europe's most picturesque areas.

Baker's New Generations Travel program is offering a trip to Switzerland and Northern Italy Oct. 12-20.

The trip features four nights in Lucerne, Switzerland, and three nights on Italy's Lake Como in first-class hotels.

**Don't miss an opportunity to travel with Baker alumni and friends. Contact the Alumni Relations Office (1-888-781-2586) if you are interested.**

School of Nursing students blended art and their nursing skills in the spring while sharing messages about loneliness, powerlessness, anxiety and fear during Concepts Day.

As part of Ruth Ohm's Concepts of Health and Nursing course, students selected a nursing concept and wrote a paper about it. To share the meaning of the concept, students created a poster that visually captured the essence of the concept and presented key information.

"Loneliness," a papier mache sculpture by first-year student Anne Domonoske and "Powerlessness," a black and white poster by first-year student Jamie Wolf, received the most votes from the students to encourage creativity and fun. The top placers received blue and orange water bottles.

"Response to the posters this semester has been exceptional," said Ohm, assistant professor of SON. "And the papier mache depicting loneliness has received numerous positive comments from faculty, upperclassmen and visitors to the School of Nursing."

Domonoske works at Kansas Dialysis in Topeka, is earning her EMT certification and volunteers at a site that offers therapeutic horseback riding for handicapped children.

She is considering a career as a flight nurse or surgeon. Wolf plans to pursue a career in mental health nursing.



# HOMECOMING

**October 7, 2006 2 p.m.**

**Baker-Missouri Valley football game.**

**A schedule of events will be listed in the upcoming Baker Pride.**





- **Bruce Anderson**, associate professor of political science, presented his paper "Circling the Wagons: Democratic Redistricting, The Open Primary, and Damming 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 Wrzenski, 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 Kansas Athletic Trainer Society Hall of Fame on March 17.

- Baker University music professors **Susan Buehler** and **J.D. Parr** judged high school musicians at the Topeka Symphony's Youth Talent Auditions. In January. J.D. Parr, associate professor of music, was principal clarinetist for the Topeka Symphony Orchestra during two "school day concerts" at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Buehler also was host May 13 to an organizational meeting on the Baldwin City campus to reactivate the local chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship and Arts.
- **Timothy Buzzell**, associate professor of sociology, participated in the 2006 Midwest Sociological Society annual meetings March 31-April 2 in Omaha, Neb.

- **Cal Cink**, 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 presentations.
- **Tom Conoley**, assistant professor of computer science, was a guest panelist Feb. 15 on KCUR 89.3 FM's "Up To Date" program. Conoley discussed "digital divide" in Kansas City and how area 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 Yetmar**, assistant athletic director, and **Karla Wiscombe**, Champions of Character sponsor, attended the 65th annual NAIA 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 Hoaglund?" at the group session of the Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking. Hatcher attended the Central Division American Philosophical Association meetings April 26-28 in Chicago. He 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 Heiman**, assistant professor of theater, attended the United States Institute of Technology Conference March 29-April 1 in Louisville, Ky.
- **Lowell Jacobsen**, Rhodes professor of international business, has learned his paper "Penrose's and Robinson's Influences on Strategic Management." Has been accepted for presentation at the Global Conference on Business and Economics July 6-8 in Cambridge University.
- **Jean Johnson**, professor mathematics, and **Merrie Skaggs**, 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.

### SPGS professor honored

Russ Pieken, 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.

Pieken 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.

- Former Baker University President **Daniel Lambert** attended the U.S. State Department's University Presidents Summit in January in Washington, D.C. The summit was hosted by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Education Secretary Margaret Spellings.
- **Gwyn Mellinger**, associate professor of journalism, was contest coordinator for the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press community college newspaper contest.
- **Ruth Ohm**, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, presented her dissertation research, "Symptom Perception and Adherence to Controller Medications Among Adults with Asthma," at the Midwest Nursing Research Society's 30th annual research conference April 2 in Milwaukee, Wis.
- **Thomas Peard**, associate professor of philosophy, presented "Can National-Defense Be Morally Grounded in Personal Self-Defense?" in the main program of the 2006 Pacific division meeting of the American Philosophical Association March 22-26 in Portland, Ore.
- **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 physics and engineering program coordinator, attended the Workshop on Astronomy Education Feb. 10-12 in Tucson, 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 VI Board Chair during the CASE conference in January in St. Louis.

### Distinguished Teacher honored

Ryan Beasley, associate professor of political science at Baker University, has been named 2006 recipient of the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching.



Ryan Beasley

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, a former member of the Board of Trustees and friend of the University, created the award to honor his mother, Jennie Howell, and his wife, Verda.

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

### Professor selected for national training corps

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.

The corps is a team of experts who will offer technical assistance to educators and school districts on using strategies that have been successful in raising student achievement, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings recently announced. The corps' goal is to increase teachers' subject content knowledge and improve instruction skills as a means to improve student academic performance.

"The caliber of the Corps is top-notch," Spellings said. "These educators are professionals who are using research-based strategies to help students learn and who are willing to share their classroom experiences with interested teachers and school districts."

The corps' expert teachers and administrators will provide on-site technical assistance and help lead regional professional development workshops for teachers and districts throughout next year.



Pauline Schwartz Nusser, '56, and her classmates were honored during Spring Commencement.





### Annual faculty awards

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 Charmaine 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 and has made notable contributions in teaching and advising. The criteria are: knowledge of discipline; sound pedagogy;

rapport with students; advising skills; enthusiastic teaching; and growth in teaching.

The Distinguished Scholarship 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 Sheryl 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.



Case Hall

# WALL of HONOR

# unveiled

**Kay Swalwell Scott, '66**, left Baker University a confident teacher while launching her career at Ridgeview 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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**KAY SWALWELL SCOTT**

“I felt so prepared when I walked into the classroom,” said Scott, a national certified teacher in 1999 who recently retired as primary multiage 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 **Amy Berg, '89**, kindergarten teacher, Baldwin Elementary, and **Bruce Courtney, '82**, science teacher, Basehor-Linwood High School.

“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, '03**, 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, '82**, 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, '97**, band director, Osage City High School; **Kit 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@bakeru.edu](mailto:peggy.harris@bakeru.edu).

### Students pursue Doctorate of Education

Ed.D. student Doug Sumner is all for practicality.

When he realized faculty members for Baker University’s Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership were former practitioners, Doug jumped at the chance to be part of the School of Education’s first doctoral class.

“It seemed they were taking a more practical approach to the doctoral program,” said Sumner, human resources director for the Gardner-Edgerton school district. “Most of the other doctoral programs have been real heavy in theory. I think this program incorporates some of that, but a lot of the emphasis has been practical information. I would guess that’s the number one reason we’re all here.”

Baker is the first private university in Kansas to offer an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. Classes for the 25 students in the program are conducted weekly at Baker’s Overland Park site.

“At this point in my professional career, I think it is more important that I learn from people who have preceded me with the type of jobs that I think I will sometime have,” Sumner said. “It’s nice to have a course taught by somebody who was an HR director or a superintendent. I find there’s a lot more I can extrapolate from them. I want to stay in the administrative realm in public administration. I know this program will help me in whatever direction I take.”

Sumner and the other 24 doctoral students have completed six credit hours toward their degree. They spent May and June crunching numbers in Karl Krawitz’s statistical analysis class.



“They’re on the ground floor of something that’s truly unique,” said Krawitz, assistant professor of education and a former high school administrator in the Kansas City area. “Each of us who are going to be involved in this program have all been through the traditional doctoral program. This new process that allows people to begin doing research while taking classes is significant.”

The class includes teachers, and high school and college administrators.

“We have an excellent cross section of students,” Krawitz said. “It’s a diverse mix. Since the first class, people have been so together and supportive of one another.”

Doctoral students must finish 61 hours to obtain their degree.

“This is a test of perseverance,” Krawitz said. “They won’t have any break for the next two years. If they stay the road, they will get finished.”





Photograph of the new Wildcat turf at night.

**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 play-

**“The field is exactly what we’ve needed. It will be a tremendous uplift for our football program.”**

ing 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.

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.”



Nancy Richard and her son, Pat, '91, stand next to the portrait of Charlie Richard at the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

**The legacy of Charlie Richard lives on at the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame**

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.

Former Kansas State University football coach Bill Snyder, one of the enshrinees, played college football with Richard at William Jewell College. He saluted his former teammate during the induction ceremony.

“Charlie was my roommate at William Jewell College and a very, very special man who also had a tremendous impact on my life,” Snyder told the crowd at the John Q. Hammons Plaza, the site of the Hall of Fame. “Charlie was a small-town, friendly guy with good moral character and excellent values. He had an awfully good football mind at a young age.”

Charlie’s wife, Nancy, and son, Pat, '91, and daughter, Amy Hercules, '95, attended the induction ceremonies. Nancy retired in 2005 from Baker as Associate Dean of Students.

“He’d be pretty excited about it,” Pat said of his father, who was enshrined in the national College Football Hall of Fame in 2004. “It’s such an honor. It’s so exciting for him and the family and for everybody who played for him and coached with him. If he was up there

talking, he would have talked about the kids who played for him, their dedication, their work that made it all possible, and the people he coached with.”

While at Baker, Charlie led the Wildcats to 11 Heart of America Athletic Conference championships and 10 NAIA playoff appearances. The 1986 team reached the NAIA Division II championship.



Former KU broadcaster Max Falkenstien served as master of ceremonies.

**SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS**

**FOOTBALL SEASON TO OPEN AGAINST BENEDICTINE**

Baker will open the 2006 football season Sept. 2 against Benedictine in Atchison.

The Wildcats will play their first game on the new artificial surface at Liston Stadium on Sept. 9 against Graceland. Kickoff for Baker’s home opener is 6 p.m.

Sept. 2 – at Benedictine, 2 p.m.

Sept. 9 – Graceland, 6 p.m.

Sept. 16 – at William Jewell, 1 p.m.

Sept. 23 – Evangel (Family Day), 6 p.m.

Sept. 30 – at Central Methodist, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 7 – Missouri Valley (Homecoming), 2 p.m.

Oct. 14 – at Mid-America Nazarene, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 – Avila (Maple Leaf Festival weekend), 6 p.m.

Oct. 28 – open

Nov. 4 – at Culver-Stockton, 1 p.m.

Nov. 11 – Lindenwood (BU Preview Weekend), 1 p.m.







## 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 Longton, and pitcher Jana Smith, a junior from Topeka, were named to the all-HAAC first squad.
- Jade Geuther, a senior pitcher from La Moille, Ill., and Leslie Kersting, a junior first baseman/outfielder from Shawnee Heights, were second-team picks.

## 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 Marti Eidson, a junior from Weatherford, Texas, was the lone player to win her singles match at the Region V dual against McKendree.

## 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.



## 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 .980 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 honorable mention.

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



## TRACK

### Randle places third at NAIA Outdoor

- Brent Randle, a junior from Dallas, placed third in the triple jump at the NAIA Outdoor Championships with a school-record 50-6 3/4 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 (42.65) and 4x200 relay (1:29.15).

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



### *Dr. Daniel M. Lambert presented his final address as president during College of Arts and Sciences and School of Nursing Commencement in May. Following are excerpts.*

My grand adventure here began some 19 years and three weeks ago today. It will wind down substantially when we march out this afternoon, though it will never fully end. Early on here there was an opportunity to talk about teachers. My first was at Greenwood School in Kansas City, now long boarded up awaiting whatever fate befalls the unwanted, unneeded and the no longer useful.

Think retirement!

But in my day it was a special place, teeming with hundreds of 7-to 12-year-olds, and buoyed by the country's hopefulness of parents and families just two years removed from the Great War.

We kids had lived often unknowing amid the great suffering of that time when few families escaped the ultimate sadness.

# President Lambert delivers final address

But Greenwood gave me a silent partner who has stood with me since the early fall of 1947. We were introduced by a wonderful kindergarten teacher.

My name was Danny Mike — most everyone had two first names back then — but he had only one. It was Babar. He has been a member of our family ever since. It seems fitting that he should share in this ceremony.

So, assisted by the Reverend Dr. DeSpain, he will pass among you while I talk and I will pick him up on the way out.

That kindergarten teacher I thought at the time to be 10 feet tall and 200 years old, but she was an amazing woman who understood that the most powerful force within a child is his imagination.



Standing at her front door years later with two children of my own, we knocked and then heard a slow shuffling from inside. And, when the door opened, there she was. It had been almost 40 years, but she remembered me, and it was a stunning affirmation.

As I leave you today, I want to again visit about teachers.

You see, teaching is not just one task among many. Daily, teachers hold the quality of the whole human destiny in their hands. And every day, here and across the country, they go into their classrooms — described by some as those mellow, gentle giants entering dens of Daniels. And, they carry with them our future.

Now I know that there are some who would deny that devotion to teaching has any significant spiritual well-spring. But, for me, I have never worked with a truly great teacher who did not seem to be aiming for something far more important than the mastery of the discipline. There seems always to be a keen awareness of that special — indeed sacred — trust that resides in those who

teach well. And, I will never cease to believe that whatever our calling, we are never so much a reflection of our God as when we share what we know with somebody else.

Some years ago, Tracy Kidder wrote a wonderful book called "Among School Children." It



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 always expect the best because they know that the best hope for all of humankind is always the next generation.*

"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.

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 — those 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 all across 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 anguished cries 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 Lamberts 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 Lamberts plan to spend time in Lawrence and at their home in Hilton Head, S.C.

## Help document life during your Baker years



Taylor Hall

The University has specific needs for stories and photos from alumni. In preparation for the 150th anniversary in 2008, Baker is putting together a coffee table book for publication. If you have photographs or stories to share about the campus and the University, please send them to the Baker University Marketing Office, P.O. Box 65, Baldwin City KS 66006, or e-mail them to [marketing@bakeru.edu](mailto:marketing@bakeru.edu). All photographs will be returned. Of particular interest are memories of things that took place in buildings, on campus, in housing or in Baldwin.



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Karen Exon, head marshal at the Baker University Spring Commencement, leads the bagpipers across the campus.



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