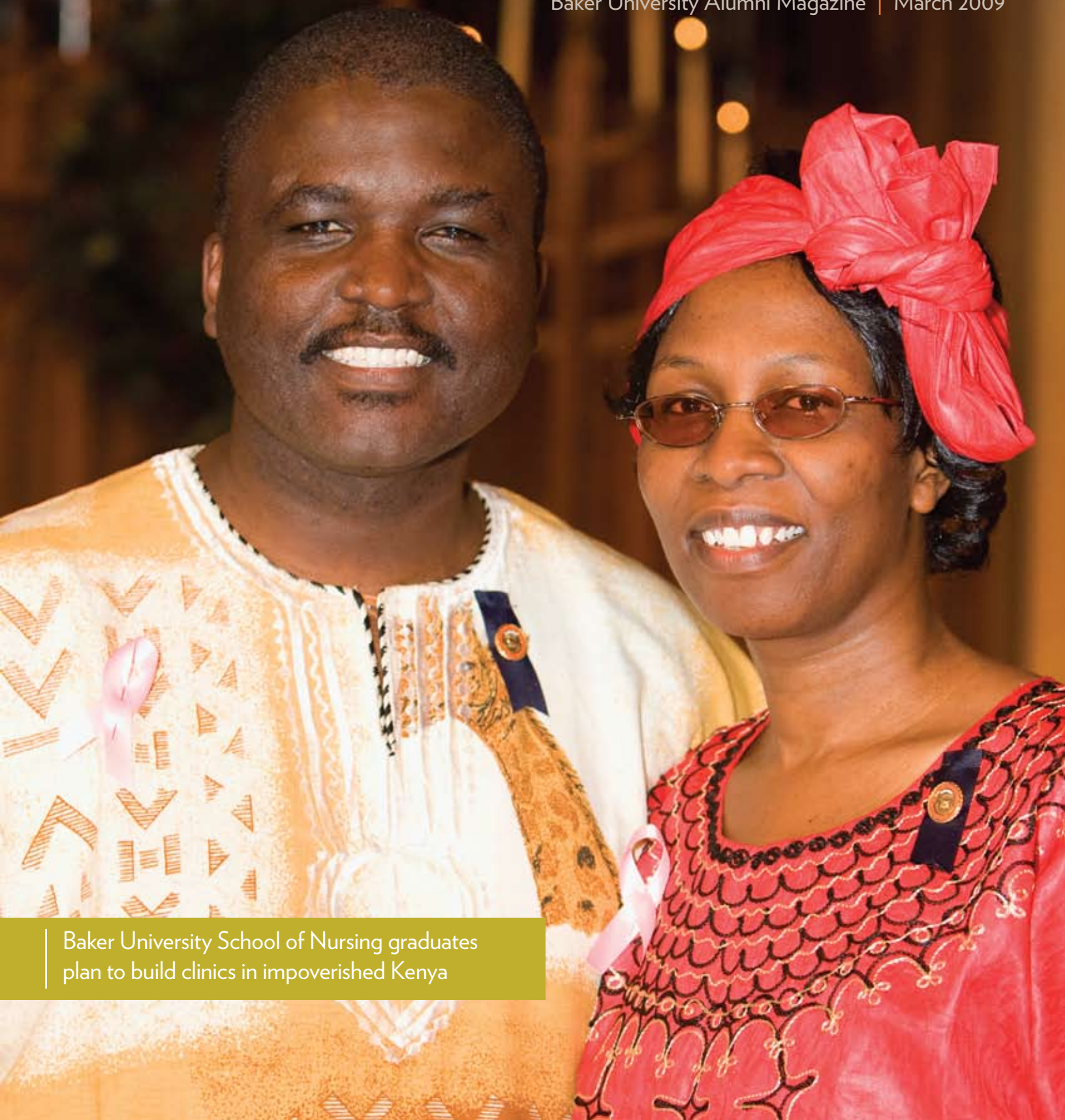


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

The Baker Spirit is strong! Whether it be in the classroom, on the field, in sororities and fraternities, or in life, Baker students, current and past, continue to thrive and amaze. In this edition of the *Baker World*, you will meet and reconnect with many of these students and alumni.

In these challenging economic times, that Spirit is the distinguishing factor that will differentiate Baker from other institutions. Although we are having to take measures to trim our budgets, the feeling of community and caring continues. We are committed to emerge from these times stronger than ever. We are having bold discussions and imagining a future that preserves our traditions and propels us into a bright future. Baker and the "Baker Family" have shown great fortitude and creativity adapting to economic changes throughout the last 150 years. As we begin our next 150-year journey, we do so with courage, renewed energy, a clear vision and an unwavering commitment to the University's academic goals.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope to see many of you during Alumni Weekend.

With Baker Pride,

Patricia N. Long



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Students, professor attend Obama inauguration



Sixteen Baker University students and their professor witnessed history on January 20.

As part of a travel interterm titled "Our Nation's Capital," Lee Green, professor of business and economics, coordinated a 12-day trip to Washington, D.C. Besides visiting the Capitol Building,

the White House, the Supreme Court Building and museums, the students joined millions of people for the inauguration of Barack Obama.

The students who attended the inauguration were Briana Bever, Eris Blaser, Stephanie Brockmann, Dana Hacker, Kendra Hanson, Melissa Hasty, Jordann Johnson, Adam Kenne, Andrew Linenberger, Sarah Luecke, Caitlin McGowan, Adam O'Trimble, Jessica Porter, Shannon Pulkabrek, Emily Stephens and Lena Sweyko.

"They all have different majors, but the one goal these students all have is that they all aspire to careers in public service," Green said.

Green has been taking Baker students to presidential inaugurations since George H.W. Bush's term began in 1989.

The class was popular with students. Green had to turn some students away because of space limitations.

"I think it's just the sense of hope that's been engendered by president-elect Obama," Green said.

Director of enrollment honored



Kelly Belk, director of enrollment at the School of Professional and Graduate Studies, was recently selected as the 2008 recipient of the Annual

Achievement Award from the Institute for Professional Development (IPD). She received a crystal award as recognition for her outstanding service and dedication to adult higher education. The honor was presented to the outstanding candidate who demonstrates exceptional service to IPD and the partner institution, contributes to the growth and success of both organizations, practices superior relationship building with all customers, proves successful in problem solving and displays model ethical behavior and uncompromising integrity.



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Chris Lash, principal of Rising Star Elementary in Lenexa, greets kindergartner Gareth Oehrig before school.

A Rising Star

It is early morning on a brisk fall day and Chris Lash, dressed sharply in a suit and tie, is making the rounds at Rising Star Elementary School.

Trailing a group of students who are walking in single file, Lash picks up a fallen mitten and a pencil dropped from a backpack. He returns the pencil to the student and says, “Make sure you hold the pencil with the sharp point facing down while you walk.”

Looking out for the well-being of his students is a role Lash takes seriously as principal of the K-6 school with an enrollment of 400 students and an English learners program.

“Every day is different,” said Lash, who is in his third year at the school in the Shawnee Mission School District. “You wear a lot of hats here.”

Lash is familiar with all of his students and greets them by name, with a wave, hand-shake or high-five. He enjoys popping in classrooms or the lunchroom for impromptu discussions and saying ‘Good morning’ to teachers and students.



Chris Lash interacts with students in a kindergarten classroom.

In the past decade, Lash has come a long way. In the mid-1990s, Lash worked part time as a night custodian at Bonjour Elementary School while he attended an area community college. For 18 months, he scrubbed floors and bathrooms while maintaining a full load of classes. During his journey to becoming a principal, Lash has gained a greater appreciation for the roles everyone plays in making a school succeed daily.

Eventually “retiring” from the custodian business, he became an educational aide before receiving a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. He began substituting in the Shawnee Mission School District and taught fifth grade for five years. Aspiring to be a school administrator, he received a Master of Arts

in Education in 2004 from Baker University and later received his building licensure from Baker.

Based on his experience serving in various capacities, Lash is confident he can relate to all personnel in a school setting.

“It doesn’t matter what your job title is,” Lash said. “The value you give to the district is important. I believe in people. Having walked in the shoes of a custodian and now a principal, I understand regardless of your job title the importance everyone has to the school. As principal, I am another part of the team. Everyone is

“I am motivated by the opportunity to make a positive difference in the life of a child”

working together, doing what it takes to maximize their efforts to achieve at their highest level.”

Lash is a proud product of the Shawnee Mission School District, where he gained a love of learning. He knew as an elementary student that someday he wanted to be a leader in education.

“I remember for Career Day dressing up in a suit for the day with a Dr. Lash nametag,” he said. “I did set a goal to be a principal and I knew early on that’s what I wanted to be.”

Having an impact on the development of students inspires Lash.

“I am motivated by the opportunity to make a positive difference in the life of a child,” Lash said. “Every day you have the opportunity to make a difference. I want every child to achieve at his or her highest level and be successful in life. That is our calling as educators. Every day brings new opportunities. I look at every situation, every challenge as an opportunity to do something great.”

The classroom setting has benefited his personal life, too. He met his wife, Kodi, at Westwood View Elementary when he was teaching fifth grade and she was a paraprofessional. He proposed to her in his classroom.

“The students were involved in the entire proposal production,” Lash said. “One of the students was the camera guy, another was in charge of the music and one student was the lookout guy to let us know when she was getting close to the door. On a screen I had the words, “Will you marry me? Check yes or no.”

Eight months later they were married at the school and had a reception in the gym for all the students, faculty and staff. The Lashes welcomed their first child, Drew, on Dec. 11. 🍁



Chris Lash checks out first-grader Brian Aguilar’s pencil as classmate Maxwell McDonald looks on. In back are Ashleigh Neyman and Gabi Viveros.



Military magazine honors University

As a member of the Navy Reserves who has served two years in Iraq and as a Baker University student, John Pugh appreciates the support provided by the University while pursuing his business administration degree.

“The financial aid personnel have been really helpful,” said Pugh, who lives in Independence, Mo., and attends classes at the campus in Lee’s Summit, Mo. “I fill out the required paperwork and if I need help with something they

fix it right away. I appreciate all they do.”

“The discount has been most helpful,” Lisa said. “I checked on a couple of other colleges before deciding on Baker. The Overland Park location is close to my work and I didn’t want to have to travel.”

Because of its commitment to military personnel such as Pugh, the University has been named one of America’s 2008 Top Military Friendly Colleges and Universities by *Military*

Advanced Education magazine. Pugh is on pace to graduate a year from now.

Baker offers reduced tuition rates and waives the application for all active duty service members and spouses. Students receive college credit for all military training and specialized schools. The University also received high marks for having a corporate education specialist travel to military bases to visit with prospective students and educate them about the degree programs.

“Baker strives to help our service members gain new educational advantages, and the discount is the most important tool that we use,” said Marvin Hunt, dean of Baker’s School of Professional and Graduate Studies. “Military personnel often pursue one of the many business degrees we offer.”

Lisa Fassett, a system integrator in the billing wholesale division at Sprint in Overland Park, is a benefiting from the 25 percent tuition discount for military spouses. Her husband, Stanford Fassett, has served 20 years in the Marine Corps.

“The discount has been most helpful,” Lisa said. “I checked on a couple of other colleges before deciding on Baker. The Overland Park location is close to my work, and I didn’t want to have to travel.”

Fassett is close to obtaining an associate’s degree before advancing to the bachelor’s degree program in business administration.

“I want to own my own business someday and this degree will help me further my career,” she said.

CLASS NOTES



updates from classmates

1970s

Martha (Doty) Harwell, BA '75, and Douglas Harwell of Houston were married on the Catawba Peninsula, Lake Erie in Ohio. Her brother David, '71, walked her down the aisle on July 12, 2008, and her brother Mark, '69, officiated with other clergy. Martha and her husband reside in Pearland, Texas.

1990s

Anna (Ronsick) Norris, BS '97, and her husband, Jay, welcomed a daughter, Heidi Grace, on Oct. 8, 2008. Heidi joins her sister, Sarah, who is 2.

Jennifer (Patterson) Keeton, BS '99 and MLA '01, and Kevin Keeton welcomed Aurelia Louise Keeton on Aug. 21, 2008. Aurelia joins Augustus "Gus" Keeton, who is 2.

Jason Koch, BS '99, and Beth (Peer) Koch, BS '99 announce the arrival of Jacob Carl Koch, who was born on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008.

Karlen Jones Haury, BBA '00, MBA '02, was recently named Director of the Office of Research Administration at Wichita State University.

2000s

Tara Kenney, BS '02, and Charles Ammeen were married May 10, 2008.

Amy (Howard) Hunsaker, BS '02, and Jerry Hunsaker, BA '03, live in Gardner, Kan., where Jerry recently earned his master's degree in teaching through Mid-America Nazarene University. Amy works on her master's through Baker's SPGS program. Jerry is currently an eighth-grade history teacher at Spring Hill Middle School in Spring Hill, Kan. Amy is an accounting manager at State Street in downtown Kansas City. Jerry and Amy welcomed a son, Jerry Allen Hunsaker III (Trey), on May 5, 2008. Trey is the grandchild of **Laura Howard, BSM '02**.

Lauren (Brown) Taylor, BS '03, and Andrew Taylor, BS '03, were married June 21, 2008 on the grounds of the bride's family home in Cleveland, Mo.

Beth Kroll, BSN '04, received a Masters of Science in Nursing from KU Med Center. Beth accepted a position as a Nurse Practitioner in Pawnee City, Neb.

Heather (Simmons) Shaw, MBA '04 welcomed a daughter, Riley Madison Shaw, on April 14, 2007.

Kaitlyn Hills, BS '07, and Alexander Riestler, BA '08, were married by Ira DeSpain on Aug. 2, 2008 at Broadway United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Mo.



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IN MEMORIAM

March 2008 - November 2008

1930s

Clinton Acheson, BA '36, 94, Oct. 15, 2008, in Topeka, Kan. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta.

Charles Banker, BA '32, 95, April 19, 2008, in Overland Park, Kan. He was a member of Theta Kappa Nu and Alpha Delta Sigma. Survivors include a son, Douglas Banker, '67, and his wife, Janet, Ferris Banker, '69, a sister Susan Banker Dussell, '68, and grandson Scott Banker, BS '96.

Dr. Ellen Counts Binckley, BA '38, 91, March 2, 2008, in Eureka, Calif. Survivors include her sisters, Margaret Counts, '40, and Maryann Counts Arndt, '43.

Clarence Browning, BS '38, 91, Oct. 4, 2008, in Stilwell, Kan. He was a member of Zeta Chi.

Helen Hersh Franklin, fs '38, 93, Sept. 7, 2008, in Topeka, Kan. Survivors include her brother, George Hersh, '41.

Dr. Louis Gilles, BS '37, 92, Sept. 10, 2008, in Kansas City, Mo. He was a member of Zeta Chi. Survivors include his daughter, Kay Gilles Pepin, MLA '91.

Hazel Brown Hall, fs '33, 96, May 22, 2008, in Olathe, Kan. She was a member of Phi Mu.

Geraldine "Gerry" Porterfield Haskin, '33, 97, Dec. 6, 2008, in Lenexa, Kan. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Delta Sigma. Survivors include two sons, Mike Haskin, BA '71, and Mark Haskin, BS '72, and nieces Janie (Haskin) Wilson, BA '58, and Judy (Haskin) Rapp, BA '68.

Dana Jacobson Hollen, '39, Aug. 3, 2008, in Ball, La. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta.

Helen Beauchamp Peterson, BA '33, 96, Sept. 11, 2008, in Boulder, Colo. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega.

Jane Dice Stoner, '38, 91, May 5, 2008, in Chambersburg, Pa. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta.

Harry "Wuzzy" Weible, '39, 90, June 21, 2008, in Hialeah, Fla. Survivors include his sister, Henrietta Weible Schoepflin, '41, his son, Rev. David Weible, BA '67, his daughter-in-law, Diane Talbot Weible, BA '67, and his niece, Janet Schoepflin Breithaupt, BA '74.

1940s

Dr. Clarence Garder, BA '42, 88, July 3, 2008, in Edmond, Okla. He was a member of Zeta Chi.

Cleland Miles, fs '42, 89, May 21, 2008, in Baldwin City, Kan.

Dr. H. Chester "Chet" Moore, BA '41, 89, July 18, 2008, in Redding, Calif. He was a member of Zeta Chi. Survivors include his brothers, Don Moore, BA '32, and Phil Moore, BA '34, and a sister, Martha Moore Tipps, BA '37.

Kletia McKinley Phillips, BS '41, 87, May 31, 2008, in Gig Harbor, Wash. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta. Survivors include her husband, John Phillips, BS '42.

Mildred Booth Stoerker, BA '40, Nov. 11, 2008, in Claremont, Calif.

Gerald Wait, '42, age 88, June 19, 2008, in Liberty, Mo. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta.

1950s

Mary Beth Barnett Johnson, BA '53, 77, Nov. 4, 2008, in Woodland, Calif. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta. Survivors include her husband, Stanley Johnson, BA '52.

Frank Carver, fs '51, 77, Aug. 18, 2008, in Wilmington, Del. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Martha Denni Dorrell, fs '51, 78, Aug. 12, 2008, in Spring Hill, Kan.

Mary Lou Morris Dyer, BS '52, 78, Oct. 10, 2008, in Marietta, Ga. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Dr. John Hane, BS '53, 76, Oct. 11, 2008, Warrensburg, Mo.

Marilyn Harrison Morris, BA '50, 80, Nov. 22, 2008, in Leawood, Kan. She was a member of Phi Mu and Alpha Delta Sigma. Survivors include her husband, Wayne L. Morris, BA '50, a daughter, Melinda Morris Kearney, BA '78, and a son-in-law, Tom Kearney, MLA '92.

Glenn Layton, fs '53, 77, July, 20, 2008, in Wellsville, Kan.

Robert D. Merrill, BS '52, 78, Oct. 27, 2008, in Raymore, Mo. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Bacher Merrill, fs '54.

Robert Ramsey, BA '53, 76, April 25, 2008, in Merriam, Mo.

H.R. Ritter, '51, Aug. 26, 2008, in Bangkok. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta.

Martin Rollert, BS '51, 78, Dec. 1, 2008, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Survivors include a brother, Henry Rollert, BS '51.

Robert Seitter, BS '51, 77, April 16, 2008, in Leawood, Kan. He was a member of Kappa Sigma. Survivors include his wife, Liz Frandsen Seitter, '51.



Baker campus during the fall.

Marc Roudebush Scholarship Golf Tournament a Huge Success

Determined to memorialize her late husband with a fitting tribute, Debbie Roudebush created a scholarship for adult learners who possessed a work ethic like Marc.

Marc Roudebush died in a workplace accident on July 1, 2007, two weeks before he was to graduate with a bachelor's degree from Baker University's School of Professional and Graduate Studies. The degree was awarded posthumously to the Roudebush family.

Debbie wanted to make sure people working full time with a desire to complete degrees received financial assistance. To provide ongoing support for the scholarship, one of Marc's co-workers, Jeremy Helt, thought of a golf tournament since that was one of Marc's hobbies. In October, the first Marc Roudebush Scholarship Golf Tournament at Hidden Lakes Golf Course in Derby, Kan., was a success as nearly \$7,000 was raised, bringing the total amount of the scholarship to \$12,000.

The fully endowed scholarship will be awarded in fall 2009 and directly benefit students at Baker's Wichita campus, where Marc was enrolled.

C. David Whipple, BS '50, 80, Sept. 22, 2008, in Weatherby Lake, Mo. He was a member of Zeta Chi. Survivors include his brother, Lyle Whipple, BS '43, and his sister, Launa Whipple Weeks, BS '43.

Harold Williams, fs '52, 78, Oct. 16, 2008, in Kansas City, Mo. He was a member of Zeta Chi.

Roger B. Willis, BA '56, 73, Oct. 26, 2008, in Pittsburg, Kan. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Ann Simmons Willis, BA '60.

1960s

Dr. Larry Irwin, BA '60, 70, March 23, 2008, in Philadelphia.

Linda Schendel, BS '67, 63, Aug. 21, 2008, in Eudora, Kan.

Norman Tanner, BA '66, 64, June 29, 2008, in Kansas City, Mo.

Darrel Volz, BS '69, 62, July 12, 2008, in Springfield, Mo. He was a member of Zeta Chi. Survivors include a sister, Linda Volz Amyx, BS '64, and a brother-in-law, Mike Amyx, BS '64.

John R. Williams, fs '66, 64, Sept. 2, 2008, in Lawrence, Kan. Survivors include his wife, Mary Clark Williams, fs '66, his brother, Jim Williams, BA '74, and his sister-in-law, Krystal Marrs Williams, BS '75.

Ronald Wooldridge, BS '64, 71, March 22, 2008, Ames, Iowa.

1970s

Lt. Colonel David E. Banks, BS '76, 54, Aug. 15, 2008, in Gainesville, Fla. He was a member of Kappa Sigma. Survivors include his wife, Jan Lea Virden Banks, BA '76, his sister, Janet Banks McDowell, BA '68, and brother-in-law, Robert McDowell, BA '67.

Dr. Betty J. Bullock, BS '70, 59, Aug. 11, 2008, in Baldwin City, Kan. Survivors include her son, Evan Durnal, BS '05.

Wayne M. Stewart, BS '72, 57, Aug. 23, 2008, in Topeka, Kan.

1980s

John Haddad, fs '89, 41, March 27, 2008, in Las Vegas.

1990s

Dr. William Haggerty, MLA '94, 75, Aug. 24, 2008, in Altamont, Mo.

2000s

Emilie Brumit, fs '06, 23, June 18, 2008, in Louisburg, Kan. Survivors include her sister, Pamela Brumit, current Baker student.

Jeremy Frye, BME '08, 23, June 10, 2008, in Overland Park, Kan. Survivors include his mother, Carol Vaughan Frye, BA '66, and his father, Harold Frye, Baker Master of Education chair.

Roland Klundt, fs '10, 20, June 7, 2008, in Lawrence, Kan.

Friends of the University

John Cobb, June 21, 2008, in Osage Beach, Mo. Survivors include his daughter, Myra Glover, assistant to the president, and two grandsons, Chad Glover, '02, and Blake Glover, '04.

Mary DiMaggio, June 25, 2008, in Kansas City, Mo. Survivors include her son, Dennis Long, and daughter-in-law, Dr. Pat Long, President of Baker University.

Evelyn Doudna, 96, June 18, 2008, in Baldwin City, Kan. Survivors include her daughter, Christine Doudna, '65.

Carl Gump, June 16, 2008, in Omaha, Neb.

Donald R. Mather, Oct. 19, 2008, in Overland Park, Kan. Survivors include his wife, Martha Hardy Mather, BS '49.

Dr. Marylouise Meder, 81, March 14, 2008.

Martha Ann Jones, 86, April 19, 2008.

Floyd Smith, retired Baker staff, 86, May 24, 2008, in Baldwin City, Kan.



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While most kids his age were playing video games,
a budding entrepreneur was tuning into
“Nightly Business Report” on public television.

The logo for Saepio Technologies, Inc. features the word "Saepio" in a large, serif font, with the "i" and "o" in a light blue color. Below it, "TECHNOLOGIES, INC." is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. A small mouse cursor arrow points to the right of the "o".

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John Thomson, BS 1995, is CEO of Saepio Technologies Inc.

Driven to Succeed

Video games were not allowed in John Thomson’s household, the home of two educators.

“I can remember sitting with my dad watching business news and he would explain things to me most 7 or 8 year-olds had no business talking about,” Thomson said.

Thomson’s early curiosity has served him well professionally. After graduating from Baker in 1995 with a business degree, Thomson worked six years in Kansas City for Cerner Corp. in various roles before moving on to Boston-based EMC Corp., where he spent six years managing account strategy for one of the largest software companies. At both jobs, he strategically developed multiple skills to advance his career by writing electronic code, overseeing big projects, serving as an internal business analyst and being involved in sales.

"I knew early in my career that I had executive aspirations," Thomson said. "I knew I wanted a technology foundation. I needed some operational experience and got that through a large scale. I needed to learn more of the inner workings of the

"When you are in sales, you are not only driving revenue," Thomson said. "You learn a lot about the problems of an industry and company and how to solve those. You learn a lot about contracts. If you can't learn a company's problems and figure how

to solve their problem with what you're selling, you're not going to be very successful."

Those problem-solving skills began at Baker, where Thomson played soccer for two years and was an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He is serving as Alumni Board President of Sig Ep. He received the Alumni Citation Award in 2008.

"Baker taught me how to think," Thomson said. "It's more important to



John Thomson and his staff gather ideas in the conference room.

company as a business analyst and I knew I needed to learn how to sell. That's what executives do at the end of the day. I am a sink or swim type of person. I throw myself into a project and figure it out or I don't."

Since July 2007, Thomson has been well above water as CEO of Saepio Technologies Inc. The nine-year-old company offers Web-based technology that provides big businesses marketing asset software solutions by combining digital asset management, collateral customization and marketing automation technologies. Saepio (a Latin word for encircle) is a rapidly growing company of nearly 50 employees and represents more than 200 brands, including Nike, Harley-Davidson, BMW Motorcycles, Sonic, Sprint, Omni Hotels, Valvoline and most recently General Motors.

When Thomson arrived at Saepio he had Whiteboards installed throughout the fourth level of the MMG office building in Kansas City. He wanted to make sure his staff had ample opportunity to collaborate and share their ideas. The mission statement for the company: Saepio makes distributed marketing effective, engaging and easy.

know the how versus the what. I think Baker was really instrumental helping with critical reasoning and helping me think on my feet. That is the business world."

"When you are in sales, you are not only driving revenue. You learn a lot about the problems of an industry and company and how to solve those."

Despite the struggling economy that often curbs marketing and advertising expenditures, Saepio continues to increase its sales and was recently listed as one of the four companies to watch in 2008 by Gartner Corp., a software analyst. Sales for the company are up 250 percent from the previous year.

"We help our clients get marketing out faster at a substantially lower cost," he said. "Marketing budgets are typically the first to get cut. People will always spend money to save money."

Posted on Thomson's office window is one of the creeds he follows. It simply states "Refuse to Lose."

"I am stubborn and hyper-competitive," he said. "I am maniacally focused and make sure our clients get the full value of our solutions. We are focused on growth, focused on innovation."

At the current rate, viewers might be focusing on Thomson on the "Nightly Report." 🍁



School of Nursing Graduates Plan a Return to

Kenya

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A proposed clinic in Kiserian upper Matasia in Ngong, Kenya.



A woman gets a shot before she receives dental care at the health fair.

Ephantus Kimori Mwangi and his wife, Hottensiah Kimori, remember the helplessness they felt when their plane had taken off from a Kenya airport in 2003 to head back to the United States.

The couple had returned to their homeland for a visit and were stunned by the explosion of HIV/AIDS, persistent typhoid fever and deepening poverty there.

People wait in line for hours to get medical care at a health fair in Kenya. The number of cases of HIV/AIDS and typhoid fever is growing rapidly in the African nation.

“AIDS has devastated the country, and every home we went to had a sad story or they were sick,” Hottensiah, 40, said. “On the plane back, we said, ‘We have to do something. But where do we start.’”

“We were just so depressed,” her husband added. “We sensed there was something we could do to help and realized we needed an understanding of health care. It was not easy to feel so helpless.”

It was at that moment that the couple made a commitment to help their fellow Kenyans. It was a decision that would lead them to enroll at Baker University School of Nursing and begin making plans to establish health facilities in Kenya.

“It was on that plane that we knew we had to get into health care and we started looking at schools,” Ephantus, 42, said.

Five years later, the couple have made good on their commitment. They graduated the School of Nursing on Dec. 14 and already are helping establish a health clinic and Neema Hospital in Kenya.

Hottensiah grew up in an underdeveloped rural community in the Rift Valley Province, west of Nairobi. She lived with her parents, eight sisters and three brothers.

“We were quite poor,” she said, adding that her family had to walk two hours to get to the nearest clinic.

While most men toiled on farms, her father was employed as a clerical worker by British governmental officials. He eventually returned to school and later was able to get a job as an entomology technician at a research lab.

Hottensiah said her father valued education and broke tradition when he decided to send his daughters to school.

To get to her elementary school, Hottensiah had to walk one hour. To go to high school, she had to pass a national exam and then leave home to live in a missionary boarding school. It was at the boarding school where she realized a better life was possible.

“One of my motivations was the poverty I saw around me and the dream of a way to break it,” she said.

Hottensiah had to take another national exam to qualify for college. The names of those passing the test were published in a newspaper. She remembers walking two hours to buy a newspaper to find out if she was among those who could continue their schooling.

“I remember crying when my name was there,” she said.

She attended Kenyatta University in Nairobi from 1988 to 1991 and majored in education arts.

“The girls were told, ‘You can’t do sciences.’ You could be a teacher or nurse,” she said.

Hottensiah worked as a high school teacher and used her salary to help her father pay for her siblings’ schooling. Later, she worked for Compassion International, a Christian child advocacy ministry, to ensure children living in the slums of Nairobi were attending school.

Hottensiah and Ephantus married in 1997 and lived in Nakuru, where Ephantus was born. Nakuru, known for the flamingos and pelicans that flock to a nearby lake, is the capital of the Rift Valley Province. His family had eight children.

Ephantus’ father grew up in Kenya when it was a British colony. At that time, native Kenyans couldn’t attend school and were hired mainly to work menial jobs, such as a cook or housekeeper.



Ephantus Kimori Mwangi joins his classmates at Baker University’s traditional pinning ceremony.



Ephantus Kimori Mwangi, left, and his wife, Hottensiah Kimori, reflect during the December 2008 School of Nursing pinning ceremony.

But like Hottensiah’s father, he also valued education. So, he took evening and summer classes and eventually was hired as the city’s accountant and chief internal auditor.

Ephantus said he went to elementary and junior high schools, where his Irish missionary teachers taught him English and about different cultures and opportunities within his reach.

He left home to attend a secondary-level boarding school in central Kenya, about 20 minutes from his home, where he met British missionaries and a biology teacher with the Peace Corps. He next enrolled at Egerton University in Njoro, where a teacher from Nebraska taught him agronomy.

“So I had an opportunity to interact with foreigners,” he said.

Ephantus graduated in 1990 with a bachelor’s degree in agriculture and was hired to teach at a high school in a rural community.

“I learned about the hardship of the rural people and farmers, and how the weather made them so vulnerable,” he said. “I still had a nagging desire to come to America, and realized I did not have much of a future in teaching high school. I wanted to do something meaningful to help those around (me). America was the land of opportunity.”

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Hottensiah said it was also a dream of her father that someday his children would be able to live in the United States.

After a while, Ephantus stopped teaching and established a computer business. He bought used computers from USAID, an independent federal agency that supports economic growth overseas, and then upgraded and sold them. He also served as a computer consultant.

He and Hottensiah tried to obtain U.S. visas three or four times before they learned in 1998 they could have their names placed in a lottery that would allow 50,000 people to gain green cards and legal entrance into the United States.

The luck of the draw was on their side, and in August 1999 they landed in the United States and came to Lawrence, where one of Hottensiah's sisters was a graduate student at the University of Kansas.

"It was a cultural shock, and we realized we had to think in a hurry what we wanted to do here," Hottensiah said. "It had to be

Juggling jobs, nursing school and parenting of their two daughters, ages 4 and 6, wasn't easy.

"But it was fulfilling," Hottensiah said.

The couple took out student loans and received scholarships from the Stormont-Vail Foundation and help with child care and gas from Heartland Works, Inc.

During their first year at the School of Nursing, Hottensiah and Ephantus contacted a community near Nairobi to see if its residents were interested in establishing a one-day health fair there. They were.

In June 2007, more than 900 people were treated at the health fair; 500 of those people were screened for HIV/AIDS. Some of the pregnant women who stood in line had never seen a doctor; others had never seen a dentist or had immunizations.

"We realized the need is so huge," Ephantus said.

"We said, 'Now, we are right. We need not one day, but we need something that they can come to continuously,'" Hottensiah said.

In the next five years, the couple hopes to build five clinics and finish Neema Hospital to offer immunizations, prenatal care,

screenings for HIV/AIDS and treatment of typhoid fever. They also want to drill boreholes so residents can have running water and water-borne diseases can be prevented.

Hottensiah and Ephantus said Baker University nursing students have donated items to send to the clinics in Kenya, and the couple is working toward establishing a medical outreach trip to Kenya for the university's nursing students in 2010.

The couple said they plan to return to Kenya in the summer of 2009. In the meantime, they will continue to work to pay off their student loans, keep their

skills honed and take the national nursing board exams.

Hottensiah said she hopes her success will inspire girls in Kenya to get an education and let them know "they can be whatever they want to be."

"I hope I can be an example to them," she said. 🍁



Left: Patients' prescriptions are filled for free following a consultation with volunteer physicians. Right: Children play on the grounds of a proposed clinic, currently used for worship services.

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Ephantus was hired by Cottonwood Inc., an agency serving those with developmental disabilities. Hottensiah got a job as a housekeeper in a nursing home, and by 2002 she had finished the requirements to be a certified nurse's aide, certified medication aide, home health aide and licensed practical nurse.

After they returned from their visit to Kenya in 2003, Hottensiah decided to apply to Baker University School of Nursing. When Ephantus saw the application form, he decided to fill one out, too. Both of them were accepted.



Faith inspires recent graduate

Inspired by the unwavering optimism of one of Baker University's newest alumnus, commencement speaker Tony Brown reflected in mid-December on Greg Rogers' remarkable journey as an undergraduate on the Baldwin City campus.

"One of the people who has taught me to see the world differently over the past few years is sitting among you today, a person who ironically has never actually 'seen' me," said Brown, former chair of the psychology department at Baker and current State Representative for the 10th District of the Kansas House.

With his right hand placed on a shoulder of a classmate, Rogers was guided to the commencement platform at the Collins Center. Blind since birth, Rogers walked without assistance across the raised stage before being presented his diploma by Baker President Pat Long as more than 2,000 in attendance applauded.

"I am a strong believer in God and that he will walk with me as I go through the good times and struggles," said Rogers, who received the loudest ovation at commencement. "I feel like I have been pretty fortunate with what I have been given."

Faith, family and friendship served Rogers well as he pursued a business degree.

Born with microphthalmia, a condition in which the eyes never fully develop, Rogers embraced his time at Baker. A member of

Zeta Chi fraternity, Rogers was a greeter at the University's weekly chapel services, president of Cardinal Key and excelled playing the piano.

"I think God does a lot in terms of giving me resources," Rogers said. "I have been very blessed with a really good family. A lot of

visually impaired people don't get jobs or do well in society because they don't have an effective upbringing."

Small classes, academic and music scholarships, and a campus easy to navigate attracted Rogers to Baker. After he enrolled at the University in the fall of 2004, he was determined

to receive his diploma.

"I knew I would eventually graduate," said Rogers, who might attend law school. "I come from a family with a long line of graduates. It should be a bigger deal. It was kind of expected."

Near the end of his keynote address, Brown was reminded how Rogers taught him the importance of other senses in addition to sight.

"And I smile every time Greg bids goodbye to someone with the phrase, 'It was good to see you,' Brown said. 🍁

To see more about Greg Rogers' story, go to www2.ljworld.com/stories/2008/nov/28/no-vision-required/

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GREEK LIFE

highlights from the Greek community

Advocate of Greek communities serves as international president



As an 11-year-old delivering *TV Guide* in Baldwin City, Jim Selzer looked forward to a certain stop on his route: the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house.

“I was always impressed when three or four guys made a point to take the time to talk to me because I did not merit that kind of attention,” Selzer said. “I am sure they had much better things to do than visit with me.”

The hospitality shown by the Greek members made a lasting impact on Selzer, who a few years later became an active member of Delta Tau Delta at Baker. A longtime advocate for the Greek community since graduating in 1970, Selzer was elected last summer to a two-year term as international president of Delta

Tau Delta. The values-driven fraternity, which has 120 chapters, celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2008 with approximately 110,000 living alumni members.

“The primary function of fraternities is to try to motivate young men to make wise decisions throughout their life,” Selzer said. “Delta Tau Delta prides itself on its values and most fraternities operate on the same principles. The goal is to give young men the tools to be better men, better fathers, better husbands and better supporters of the charities.”

In October, Selzer was honored at the Collins House for his contributions to Delta Tau Delta and his new role as president. Current members of Delta Tau Delta presented him a plaque.

“I reconnected with a lot of good friends and learned more about the current members,” said Selzer, who is a lawyer with Sinson, Morrison, Hecker LLP in Kansas City, where his practice focuses on corporate finance and securities. “A fraternity lends itself to long-term relationships.”

A lot of those relationships are fostered at STAG dinners during Alumni Weekend in May. Selzer hopes Greek members appreciate the annual event.

“Most undergraduates believe similar things happen across the country, but that is not always the case,” Selzer said. “STAG creates a tremendous opportunity for people to maintain connections and is unique to Baker.”

Greek news

Baker University’s Greek community actively participates in campus programs, community service and leadership opportunities. Here are recent highlights from Baker’s five fraternities and five sororities:

Alpha Chi Omega

The Omicron chapter of Alpha Chi Omega has engaged in many activities over the past year to celebrate its centennial. In honor of its 100 years on the Baldwin City campus, members, alumnae, faculty, staff and students gathered on Sept. 17 to dedicate a tree across the street from the chapter house. After the dedication, President Pat Long hosted a reception at Collins House. In addition, active members completed 100 hours of community service that week for 100 years of Alpha Chi Omega.

Submitted by: Darcy Nance, 2008 President of Alpha Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

The Lambda chapter of Delta Delta Delta received several awards at the 2008 Delta Delta Delta National Convention. The chapter received second runner-up for the House Improvement Project of the Year, along with Outstanding Academic Accomplishment

and Outstanding Membership Recruitment for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Submitted by: Chelsey Forge, 2008 President of Delta Delta Delta

Delta Tau Delta

The Gamma Theta chapter of Delta Tau Delta volunteered with the Baldwin City Train of Terror and used the \$300 raised to sponsor three Angel Tree children for Christmas. The chapter raised \$385 for BleedPurple, one of Delta Tau Delta’s national philanthropic efforts where the money raised goes to help undergraduate members of Greek-letter organizations pay the medical costs associated with battling cancer. Chapter members Levi Calhoun and Phil Collins received all-conference honors for the Baker University Wildcat football team, earning first-team and honorable mention, respectively.

Submitted by: Jeff Skillman, 2009 President of Delta Tau Delta

Kappa Alpha Psi

The Nu Epsilon chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi was recognized by its Province Council for having the highest chapter cumulative grade-point average. The council covers chapters in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado and Arkansas. Chapter member Ron Atkinson was crowned 2008 Baker University Homecoming King.

Submitted by: Ron Atkinson, 2008-2009 President of Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Sigma

The Beta Tau chapter of Kappa Sigma received the National Silver Bowl of Academic Achievement at the 2008 Leadership Conference. The chapter also engaged in several community service and philanthropy projects, including painting a house for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, leaf raking in Baldwin City with Rev. Ira DeSpain, and donating and laying mulch at Baldwin Elementary School's playground. Chapter member Andy Clifford was accepted into physical therapy school and members Seth Malloy and Dan Conway participated in the North American Tardigrade Project.

Submitted by: Dan Kalkman, 2008 President of Kappa Sigma and Travis Knoll, 2009 President of Kappa Sigma

Phi Mu

The Zeta Alpha chapter of Phi Mu participated in Trick-or-Treat for Children's Miracle Network in which chapter members raised more than \$300 in spare change from the Baker University campus community. The chapter was recognized at its national convention for having a grade-point average higher than 2.75 for the past two years.

Submitted by: Amanda Acree, 2008 President of Phi Mu

Sigma Phi Epsilon

The Kansas Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has a current chapter grade-point average of 2.9. The chapter visited the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., to raise money for the Salvation Army. Chapter member Chad O'Bryhim was inducted into Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars.

Submitted by: Zack Rockey, 2009 President of Sigma Phi Epsilon

Zeta Chi

The Zeta Chi chapter has participated in various community service projects that have benefited the Baker University and Baldwin City communities. In addition, the chapter has maintained a cumulative grade-point average higher than 3.0. The chapter has continued to embody the principles on which their fraternity was founded: brotherhood, scholarship and living in an alcohol-free atmosphere.

Submitted by: Andrew Linenberger, 2009 President of Zeta Chi

Zeta Phi Beta

The Pi Sigma chapter of Zeta Phi Beta completed more than 50 hours of community service during November to support its national philanthropic organization March of Dimes. The campaign focused on premature birth awareness.

Submitted by: Tiffany Bagsby, 2008-2009 President of Zeta Phi Beta



Zeta Tau Alpha

The Sigma chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha received the Activities Award for Small Campuses at the 2008 International Convention. The award is given to chapters from three different-sized campuses for outstanding leadership in activities for the biennium. The chapter also received the Crown Chapter honor for reaching quota in recruitment, maintaining chapter

total and financial excellence. Chapter members hold several leadership positions on campus, including Panhellenic Council president and vice president of recruitment, Student Senate vice president, public relations chair, junior class vice president, dance team captain, co-head parMentor, Mungano secretary, Baker University School of Education Association secretary, Cardinal Key secretary and a Sigma Xi honors grant award winner. The chapter will celebrate their centennial in 2012.

Submitted by: Katelyn Brewer, 2009 President of Zeta Tau Alpha

Don't miss **STAG** Dinners

During Alumni Weekend | Saturday, May 16 | 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Alumni Relations at 888.781.2586 or your chapter houses.



PURR-SUITS

Cynthia Appl, associate professor of German, was host to the 23rd Annual German Immersion Weekend of the Kansas Association of Teachers of German.

Marsha Bacote-Alleyne, instructor at School of Nursing, completed a graduate certificate in education through Washburn University School of Nursing.

Inge Balch, professor of art, was the artist speaker for the two-day Kansas Art Education Association conference in Lawrence.

Senior associate admissions directors **Terri Blake** and **Rick Cowart** have been chosen to represent private schools in Kansas and Missouri on the Kansas ACT Council.

Mike Boring, administrative assistant in the Office of Student Development, is performing with the Fine Arts Chorale in Kansas City.

Roger Boyd, senior professor of biology and director of natural areas, presented a paper, "Baker Wetlands Mitigation Project - South Lawrence Trafficway," to the Kansas Department of Transportation/American Council of Engineering Companies - Kansas Partnering Conference.

Kay Bradt, director of library services, received the Distinguished Service Award from the College and University Library Section of the Kansas Library Association.

Brett Bruner, director of Greek life and health education, was the keynote speaker for the Kansas FCCLA District H Chapter Officers Leadership Academy — FCCLA Heroes Take Charge at Burlington High School. He also was featured in the Summer/Fall 2008 edition of Orientation Review, a publication of the National Orientation Directors Association and was selected by the association board of directors to be the National Small College Network Chair. He will be serving as the co-chair for the Region IV 2010 Conference.

Alan Grant, associate professor of economics, presented a paper, "Yada, Yada, Yada: The Economics of Seinfeld," at the Missouri Valley Economic Association annual conference in St. Louis. A research paper co-authored by Grant has received national attention. The survey results were reported in the June issue of the Economic Record. Grant and Lloyd Thomas, head of the economics department at Kansas State University, analyzed surveys of U.S. and Australian consumers collected from 1978 through 2005. To see more, go to www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26424178/ and www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D92S1JH81.htm.

Martha Harris, professor of business and economics and Harlaxton program coordinator, served as intern in the office of Kansas Attorney General Steve Six.

Mr. Brown goes to Topeka



A professor of psychology at Baker University for nearly two decades, Tony Brown made a difference in the lives of hundreds of students.

As one of 125 members of the Kansas House, Brown hopes to continue making an impact representing the 10th District, which includes Baldwin City.

"I have often been accused, even by my friends, of having ideals that are too lofty," Brown said. "I can be realistic, but I guess I'd rather aim too high and be disappointed by what I didn't accomplish rather than aim too low and be disappointed by what I did accomplish."

During his tenure at Baker, Brown accomplished plenty. He received several teaching honors, including the Distinguished Faculty Award, the Most Outstanding Professor Award, and the Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Brown believes his experience as an educator will serve him well in Topeka working at the Kansas House, especially in the area of problem solving. He is not new to the political arena, having served four years as a member of the Baldwin City Council.

"Studying issues in detail, evaluating various and often conflicting opinions, formulating positions based on the available evidence are the kinds of abilities that are most useful for legislators," Brown said. "I would like to have some influence on statewide issues that affect all our lives on a daily basis — the quality of education in Kansas, the availability and affordability of health-care services, and reducing our long-term degradation of the environment. I think progress on these issues will benefit all Kansans."

Brown has fond memories of his time at Baker and plans to teach part time.

"Baker University has been too important a part of my life for me to give it up," he said. "I'm hoping that I may be able to develop some cross-disciplinary courses on state politics or current policy issues to which I might be able to bring a unique perspective because of my political position."

Tom Hedrick, BS '56, broadcasting instructor and the Voice of the Wildcats, addressed a session of the National College Media Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Hedrick's session, "Play-by-Play Basics," was attended by more than 70 college broadcasting students and faculty.

Lowell Jacobsen, Rhodes Professor of International Business, presented a paper at the History of Economics Society International Conference in Toronto. He also organized and chaired a session, "Getting Published," at the Missouri Valley Economics Association annual conference in St. Louis.

Trilla Lyerla, professor of music, presented a session on developing young pianists' collaborative skills through graded accompaniments at the Kansas Music Teachers Association Conference at Bethany College in Lindsborg. She was an adjudicator for two area music competitions, the Lawrence High/Free State High School concerto competition and the Kansas Music Teachers Association Honor Auditions for pre-college students at the University of Kansas.

A paper presented by **Gwyn Mellinger**, professor of mass media, to the GLBT Interest Group of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, received the top faculty paper award in that division. Her paper "Hellcats and Frivolous Hats: Women's Struggle Against Gender Barriers in the ASNE" received the American Journalism Historians Association's award for a top faculty paper in women's journalism history. She has been named to the editorial board of the journal "Journalism History," published at Ohio University.

Marti Mihalyi, adjunct instructor, taught creative writing in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a regional site of the National Writing Project. She was the keynote speaker for the Northwest Inland Writing Project Conference on Feb. 27-28 in Spokane, Wash.

Randy Miller, assistant professor of biology, and two Baker students attended the North American Tardigrade Research Workshop at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where they learned and practiced the extraction, replication and sequencing of DNA from individual tardigrades. Miller and Mark Wellendorf, '08, participated in a Water Bear Hunt, sponsored by the New York Microscopical Society. They found five species of tardigrades previously unknown from the state of New York.

Kay Osinski, assistant dean at the School of Nursing, presented Legal Issues in Nursing for staff at Midland Care in Topeka. Midland Care is a not-for-profit community based organization providing options to families with challenging health care needs.

J.D. Parr, music professor, taught and performed at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in the Manistee National Forest near Muskegon, Mich. He also was the principal clarinetist in the Festival Band and Festival Orchestra, which performed several concerts throughout the camp season that were broadcast live over West Michigan Public Radio.

Thomas Peard, associate professor of philosophy, presented a paper "Is There a Right of National Defense?" at the XXII World Congress of Philosophy in Seoul, South Korea. He also presented "Sexual Harassment in the Classroom: Exploring the Limits of Free Speech" at the 2008 meeting of American Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy in Philadelphia.

Merrie Skaggs, acting chair for Undergraduate School of Education, was a presenter at the Kansas Association for Middle Level Educators "KAMLE 2008 Symposium" in Topeka.

Pete Stobie, SPGS assistant dean of finance and operations, received the 2008 Paul E. Hoffner Outstanding Service Staff Award at the Biennial Meeting of the Consortium for the Advancement of Adult Higher Education.

Jerry Weakley, vice president for endowment and planned giving, received the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VI Distinguished Service Award at the annual CASE conference.



Alumni Weekend

| May 15-17, 2009

Celebrate One Baker Traditional alumni, nurses, teachers and professionals spend some time reconnecting with classmates. Join us for Alumni Weekend events and make it a time to remember.

Friday, May 15

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All Classes to Celebrate Together

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Overland Park Marriott
10800 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kan.

Tickets are \$45 per person

Medallion Presentation to the Class of 1959 • 5:30 p.m.

For graduates of the class of 1959 and their guests.

Registration and Social • 5-9 p.m.

Dinner • 7 p.m.

DJ • 9 p.m.

School of Nursing

Pinning Ceremony • 7:30 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Cathedral,
701 SW Eighth Ave., Topeka, Kan.



Saturday, May 16

Registration • 9 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Harter Union Lobby

Campus Tours and Oral History Interviews • 9 - 11 a.m.

Van or walking tours available.
Harter Union. Reservations required.
RSVP to alumni@bakerU.edu
or 888.781.2586

The Alpha Delta Sigma

Annual Meeting • 10:30 a.m.
McKibbin Recital Hall, Owens Musical
Arts Building

Reception for Award Recipients • 11 a.m.
Collins House

Alumni Luncheon • Noon
Seating begins at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are
\$20. Allen Dining Room, Harter Union

Class Photos • 1:30 p.m.
Class of 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959

Annual Alumni Association Board Meeting • 2 p.m.

Memorial Service and Endowment Dedication • 3 p.m.
Clarice L. Osborne Memorial Chapel

Co-op, Co-opperette, Independent (non-Greek) Dinner
Tickets are \$20
6 p.m., Harter Union

STAG Dinners • 6 p.m.
Greek Houses



Sunday, May 17

Baccalaureate Service • 9:30 a.m.
First United Methodist Church

Brunch • 10:30 a.m.
Allen Dining Room, Harter Union
Tickets are \$7

Class of 1959 prepare for Commencement March • Noon
Collins Center

Commencement • 1 p.m.
College of Arts and Sciences,
School of Nursing, School of Education
Undergraduate Degrees

Reception • 2:30 p.m.
Collins Center North Lawn
For all undergraduates, graduates,
family members and friends.

Commencement • 4:30 p.m.
School of Education Graduate Degrees



If you have questions, contact Alumni Relations at 888-781-2586
or alumni@bakerU.edu

Throughout the Weekend

Founders Bookstore

Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Clarice L. Osborne Memorial Chapel

Saturday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Sunday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Gallery

Saturday, 9:30-11:00 a.m., 1:30-3p.m.
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Old Castle Museum

Saturday, 9:30-11:00 a.m., 1:30-3p.m.
 Sunday, 10 a.m. - Noon

Quayle Bible Collection

Saturday, 9:30-11 a.m. , 1:30-3p.m.

Open House

Saturday, 1:30-3p.m.
 Old Castle Museum
 Gallery
 Quayle Bible Collection

Lodging Information

Baldwin City

The Lodge, 785.594.3900
 Three Sisters Inn Bed and Breakfast, 785.594.3244

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Best Western Hallmark Inn, 800.528.1234
 Days Inn, 800.325.2525
 Hampton Inn, 800.426.7866
 Holiday Inn Express, 785.749.7555
 Holiday Inn Holidome, 800.465.4329
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 Best Western Hallmark Inn, 800.528.1234
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 Holiday Inn Holidome, 800.465.4329
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Alumni Weekend Registration

Return this form with payment by May 8 to: Office of Alumni Relations, Baker University, P.O. Box 65, Baldwin City, KS 66006-0065.

Please print your name and names of your guests and class years, if applicable, as they should appear on name tags.

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Friday Events	No.	\$ Total
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Class Photo 8" x10" (also available online to download) \$5 each (reunion classes only)		
Saturday Events	No.	\$ Total
Alumni Luncheon \$20 per person		
Co-op/Co-opperette, Independent (non-Greek) Dinner \$20 per person		
Sunday Events	No.	\$ Total
Brunch \$7 per person		
Total Enclosed \$		

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calendar

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"It's A Jungle Up There
– Exploration of Rain
Forest Canopies"

7:30 p.m.
Owens AV Room

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Alumni Career
Exploration Fair
Collins Gym
Noon to 4 p.m.

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Digs & Divots
Dan Harris Roast
Holiday Inn, Olathe
6 p.m.

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Digs & Divots Golf
Tournament
8 a.m.

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SPGS Commencement
1 p.m.
Undergraduate Ceremony
4:30 p.m.
Graduate Ceremony
Collins Center

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**Alumni
Weekend!**

Golden Alumni
Presentation | 5:30 p.m.

Reunion Classes
Reception & Dinner
7 p.m.
Overland Park Marriott

School of Nursing
Pinning Ceremony
7:30 p.m.
Grace Episcopal
Cathedral Topeka,

16

**Alumni
Weekend!**

Registration, Campus
Tours and Interviews
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Alumni Awards
Luncheon | 11:30 a.m.
Harter Dining Room

Alumni Association
Board Meeting
2 p.m.

Memorial Service
3 p.m.
Osborne Chapel

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Commencement/
Golden Alumni March
1 p.m.

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For a complete schedule of alumni
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Wildcats savor memorable run

Baker University enjoyed a fall sports season to remember by competing on the national stage.

A trip to the NAIA Men's Soccer National Tournament and return to the NAIA football playoffs highlighted a memorable run for the Wildcats.

"This has to be one of the best overall fall seasons in many years," said longtime Baker athletics director Dan Harris, who will retire at the end of the academic year. "I am so proud of our coaches and student-athletes for their commitment and dedication to winning in our conference. We have one of the most competitive conferences in the nation, and success for us is a great measure of the level of our accomplishments."

Playing in the national soccer tournament for the first time in program history, the No. 21-ranked Wildcats defeated Park University 1-0 in overtime at Liston Stadium in the opening round before falling 1-0 to Westmont College in the quarterfinals. Nate Houser, '94, is the director of soccer and head coach of the Wildcats, who finished 14-7-2.

The Wildcat football team finished the regular season ranked 12th nationally and qualified for the NAIA playoffs for the first time in 15 years and the 11th time in program history. Baker closed the season with a

loss to Morningside College to finish with an 8-4 record for its best mark this decade.

In men's cross country, Arnold Sirorei became the Wildcats' first national qualifier in four years.

In volleyball, the Wildcats peaked in the final month of the season, winning nine of 10 matches before falling to Lindenwood in the Heart of America Athletic Conference championship match. Baker finished with a 23-13 record.



Matt Germain scores winning goal for the Baker soccer team.



Register online at: www.bakerU.edu/digsanddivots

Let's salute the Baker athletic director after his 26 years of service to the University.

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GOING GREEN

As part of a campus-wide sustainability initiative, Baker University will be merging the *Baker World* and *Baker Pride* alumni publications.

The Baker World will be published twice a year — in the spring and the fall. Content previously reserved for the *Baker Pride* now will be included in the *Baker World*.

Also, Baker alumni now have the opportunity to receive their *Baker World* online. If you are interested in going green, please go to www.bakeru.edu/goingGreen

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