



From the Arbor @ Baker University...

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

Baker Wins Kansas Humanity Council Grant...

A grant from this agency for just under \$14,000 will help the University create a short documentary film about how a former Baker professor brought electricity to Baker and then Baldwin City just after the turn of the 20th century.

The original research for this project was conducted by Baker student, Tracy Light, a member of Professor John Richard's Historic Research Methods class. Professor Richards who felt that the research had uncovered a previously little known, yet compelling tale recommended the work to Terry Manies, Director of Grant Programming in the Office of Advancement. Manies prepared a grant request and sent it on to the Kansas Humanity Council. The funding was just recently announced.

The University will produce the project along with a professional organization from Lawrence. Ms. Light continues on the project as a research assistant and joins Joanne Tolckoff, Director of the Marketing and Communications department, who will be serving as Project Director. The following is a synopsis of the topic to be covered:

W.C. Bauer, Baker University and Baldwin City were forever linked in 1906, when the young professor electrified the institution and then the entire town. While citizens argued about the merits of this new technology across Kansas, Baldwin residents embraced electricity and in doing so became models of independence and self-sufficiency. After having created numerous other important pieces of equipment for his science classes, Bauer built a power plant and electrical infrastructure on campus so that clean and safe electrical lighting could be installed, allowing students and faculty to work securely day and night. After constructing a generator in the basement of Parmenter Hall, Bauer lit up Baker's buildings one-by-one. After some debate the residents of Baldwin City approved Bauer's electrification plan which led the Town Council to support construction of a municipal power plant. Almost immediately upon completion in February 1907, Baldwin City's electrical plant and miles of wiring brought great changes to town. Congratulations to Tracy and Joanne! We hope to see you accepting an Oscar for a Documentary Short Subject sometime in the near future!!! :)

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More Than 600 Graduate...

More Than 600 students from Baker's four schools/colleges graduated in Ceremonies on the Baldwin Campus on December 13th and 14th. Congratulations to all of our new Alumni and welcome to the Baker Alumni Association!!!

Memories of Baker Entertainers...

Other individuals who replied to the December Trivia question with the right answer (John Denver): Dona Johnson '70, Jeanie Benz Balke '69, Jan Boyd '69, Meredith Hocking '95, Phil Tilghman '70, Ingrid Lohneiss '86, Joyce Fischer (SPGS), Martha Harris '78 and Judith Ackeret (School of Nursing). Congratulations and thanks for playing!!!

Now, the memories that many of you provided... I just wish I would have had space that would have allowed me to use more of the individual memories that you sent in...they were great!!!

1950's...“This was a subject dear to my heart: the performers who came to Baker in the late 50s. My dad (Dr. Heaton) was the chair of the Baker University Lyceum Association ("BULA") during the 40s and 50s and I was very lucky to experience some world-class performers at Baker. During the time I was a student at Baker, 1956-58, there was Buddy Guy, "Chicago Blues" performer just doing his first recordings and Les Elgart's Orchestra also performed in the gym. In 1956, when Rice Auditorium had just opened, the Cell Block Seven came to campus...A comedic Dixieland group, who arrived late for their performance. In the Baker Centennial year, 1958, the Baker Choir performed with the Kansas City Philharmonic. Going back before Rice was built we had the Longines Symphonette Orchestra, the folksinger John Jacob Niles, the Don Cossack Singers, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine perform in creaky old Centenary Hall.” James T. Heaton '60

“I will always remember the Les Brown and his band of Renown. I think it was about 1957, but can't find my book right now.” Lynn Holmes '59

George Blackwood '60 remembers having seen Jerry Lee Lewis in concert at Baker during the late 1950's...**Editor's note: If that's the case, then that undoubtedly explains the crack in the old wooden piano bench that I saw in Rice in 1966! :)**

“Dolan Ellis '57, a fraternity brother of mine performed with the New Christy Minstrels before going off on his own where he later became (and still is) the official Balladeer for the state of Arizona.” Howard Haynes '57. **Editor's note: Dolan is still performing in concert by himself and is again performing with the New Christy Minstrels. He has appeared on the campus several times...**

1960's...“The Ramsey Lewis Trio performed in the early 60's. He played keyboard with a drummer and bass player. For sanity's sake, you may want to verify this with someone else from those years.” Sandra K. Beaty '66

“I remember that Marcel Marceau, mime, performed at one of our convocations in the late 60's. I can still picture him on the stage inside a box he created with his hands. I have always wondered how Baker scheduled such outstanding events.” Donna DeNota Spellman fs'68

“O.K., my memories of entertainers does not include the happenings on the Baldwin City campus or sponsored by Baker, however, it was with a group of sorority sisters that I traveled to Lawrence to see Ike and Tina Turner. When the news is told over and over of her age (yes, it is amazing that she is still performing as she does) I am not surprised at the years given because I remember her when.” Susanne Teel '69

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Baker Holiday Tradition held in Baldwin City...

Standing room only conditions prevailed again this year at Christmas Vespers. Guests enjoyed the combined voices of Baker's many talented singers from the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and University Singers. Also a significant part of the service was instrumental as the Baker Orchestra, a saxophone quartet and flute section performed traditional and special holiday music much as they have for over 50 years. This year's performances marked the end of the long association with this event for Dr. John Buehler who along with his wife, Dr. Susan Buehler, plan to retire at the end of the spring semester. Having attended the first service I can only report that the Buehler's certainly went out on a “high note” as the entire performance was wonderful! Mark your calendar now for the first Sunday in December, 2009!

Baker Trivia for January...

Walter Anderson, Baker class of 1922 has been generally recognized through research for having created something...what was it? The answer will appear on page four of the February Arbor.

Ten Nursing Students Inducted into Honor Society...

Ten members of the Baker School of Nursing graduating class were inducted on Sunday into the Eta Kappa Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society. New members are Esther Bowman, Melissa Burdick, Ryan Conner, Heather Kimber, Hottensiah Kimori, Danielle Reed, Cheryl Riddle, Jennifer Schneider, Nona Stoss and Brett Weir. Kimori was selected by the faculty counselors to receive a \$250 scholarship. Congratulations one and all!!!

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“Hi Jerry, I don't remember any musicians sponsored at Baker or by Baker, but I do remember seeing Ike and Tina Turner at the Red Dog Inn in Lawrence.” Jan Chase, Class of '68.

“I vividly recall the Lettermen coming to BU. It was my senior year: the spring of 1967—April I think. For some reason tough, I didn't attend the concert. Although by 1967 the Lettermen were passé and had been recycled several times, I think they were the closest thing to “big names” to perform at Baker during my four years there. It generated a lot of excitement. I guess things were simpler back then in the late '60s. We were fortunate to be young adults during that era. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Baker.” D. Larry Patterson '67

“My husband, Frank Tague '68 did all of the back stage lighting for the Lettermen. They even asked Frank and I to go out to dinner with them after the show. My housemother gave me permission to stay out after hours (what a laugh today) so I could go. The only place in town was the little restaurant that was opened by one of the former professors from Baker. Remember, at that time Baldwin City was "dry." You can imagine what they thought of their after-show-dinner in Baldwin City, KS. - burgers, fries, pizzas and cokes! Still it was “fun to be with them after the show.” Lu Kerin Tague '67. **Editor's Note: I had dinner with you too that night—at the Potpourri--don't you remember???** :(

Curt Eddy '69 mentioned having danced to the Shadows of Night at Homecoming '66 and seeing Wayne Cochran and the C.C. Riders at the Red Dog among other acts.

1970's...“I remember during my years (72 -76) we had the Ozark Mountain Daredevils and Jim Croce come to Baker for a concert. I was picked to introduce them and had to announce not to smoke or lite up pocket lighters in the auditorium because of the fire codes. As soon as the lights went out there were more lighters going off than a Bic convention at RJ Reynolds. Bob Hope also came by during my years but I can not remember why.” Jim O'Keefe '76. **(Raise \$\$\$)**

“1975-1979 we had Roy Clark on campus and Bob Hope for a benefit, though I didn't see him on campus but I know he did a benefit for BU in Kansas City.” Connie Deel '78

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Student Hits Lottery...

A Baker University student from Wichita recently won a \$500,000 cash prize in an instant scratch game offered jointly by the Kansas and Iowa lotteries.

Sandra Vines was drawn as the winner of \$500,000 in the Midwest Millions drawing conducted Friday, January 9, 2009, at Kansas Lottery headquarters in Topeka. She said she submitted 4-5 entries for the drawing.

“I was telling everybody that I was going to win – I just felt it!” she said when contacted by a member of the Wichita Eagle Beacon staff after the drawing.

Ms. Vines is currently enrolled at Baker on our Wichita campus and is a single mother of five. She reports that she is going to use the prize money to buy a house for her family!” As if this wasn't excitement enough, Ms. Vines was to begin a new job on Monday the 12th at Via Christi Hope in Wichita. Congratulations and best wishes, Sandra!

Memories Continued...

“Bob Hope actually did a gig on the stage, I was able to shake his hand as he walked up the isle to go out the back way of Rice. And Peter Paul and Mary did a great concert. This was sometime in the 75 to 79 range.” Toni Rotunda Frye '79

1970's-1980's...“I remember seeing Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul, and Mary fame) at Baker when I was a student. I don't remember anything really special about the concert, just that he was there and I enjoyed it. Also, Kevin Mahogany '81 performed before he became famous.” Janet (Jones) Goodenow '81

1990's-“I remember when the Vienna Boys Choir came to Baldwin during my time there (90-94). Going from San Diego to little, tiny Baldwin was quite a shock, but I remember being even more surprised to be sitting in little, tiny Baldwin listening to the Vienna Boys Choir perform at my university. It was a thrill that I still remember fondly.” Sherri Baildon '94

“So here I was at Baker and my favorite dance troupe-The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater came and performed! I had seen them before and they were my favorite. So, the fact that they were coming to little ole' Baker was HUGE! It was one of my best Baker memories. Big City New York dance troupe comes to Baldwin City!!!” Kylie Colin Toone '99

Also mentioned was the Chinese Acrobats during the 1990's...

I hope this article will spur further memories of your own!!!

Did you Know???

Oldest Baker Alumnae—Oldest Person Living in the State of Oregon...

A recent article from the Register-Guard of Eugene, Oregon featured the amazing fact that Baker University indeed has a 110 year old graduate living in that state and that she is in fact, more than likely, Oregon's oldest resident.

Delma Kollar turned 110 years old on Oct. 31, and is now thought to be the oldest person in Oregon, joining an elite group of about 100 people in the world who are 110 years or older. She enjoys her family of one daughter (two children are deceased), six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. The University's Alumni Office had lost touch with her sometime during the 1960's.

Delma was born Delma Dorothe Lowman in Lone Elm, Kan., in 1898, and was raised on a farm along with her four siblings. She reportedly rode to school on horseback, studied by oil lamplight and got to ride in the town's first car. After high school she spent a year at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri. Following some years of teaching in a two-room schoolhouse in Prairie Dell, Kansas she enrolled at Baker where she earned degrees in Biology and English graduating with the class of 1946. As many students did in those days, she worked her way through school by doing odd jobs — raking leaves, ironing, baby-sitting and managing the food service at one of the sororities. While at Baker, she met and later married William "Earl" Hoggatt. Earl was a Baker grad of the class of 1922 who had returned to campus to take additional classes. In the early 1950s she and Earl moved to California to continue their teaching careers. Earl passed away in 1966. Several years later Delma married Harry Kollar. In 1982 they moved from California to Oregon. Harry passed away in 1986.

In retirement Delma has been an avid gardener and an accomplished painter. Although life moves more slowly these days, it is reported that she still has a lot of sparkle in her eye and can still set straight anyone using incorrect English! Congratulations Delma on your 110th and welcome back into the Alumni Association—Baker is honored to have you as an alumnae!!!

December's Trivia Answer...

The question was: Name the former member of the Chad Mitchell Trio, a 1960's American Folk Music group who performed in concert with the trio at Baker in 1967, who later went out on his own to become a national recording superstar ... **The Answer is: John Denver!**

I received numerous correct answers to the question...the first came from Connie Deel '79, who works in the Human Relations Dept. at Baker, who included this note: "My dad, Chuck Fothergill '52, gave him fly fishing lessons in Aspen and I babysat in his home when he had friends with children come and stay with him." (That would have been a true "Rocky Mountain high"!)

Upcoming Alumni and Advancement Events...

Athletic Luncheon
810 Sports Zone-KC on the Plaza
Thursday, January 22nd—11:30-1:00
(Anyone welcome!)

President's Club Dinner
Lake Quivira Country Club
Sunday, January 25th—6:00 p.m.
(By Invitation)

Alumni Weekend
(Honoring all those whose classes end in either a "4" or a "9".
May 15-16th

I Hope You Have a Great
Month of **January!**
I'll write again in February!

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The **Arbor's** Monthly Planned Giving/Endowment Feature for Those Primarily 50 and Above...

You can create a lasting Legacy...

You can create your own legacy at **Baker** University by endowing a scholarship, program or project. Endowments such as these are truly the “lifeblood” of our University and are recognized and appreciated for years to come.

What is an endowment? **Baker's** overall endowment is the sum-total of all of the University's “permanently restricted assets”. **Baker** currently has around 500 individually named Endowments that have a current value in excess of thirty million dollars. These endowments are named in honor of the individual or family that created them or a person (perhaps a former professor) of the creator's own choosing. Individual endowments support a wide range of scholarships, student loan funds, the **Baker** Library, academic programs and professors, lectureships and the overall general support of the entire University through “un-restricted” endowments. In each case the principal of the fund remains continuously invested and is managed to not only perpetuate the fund, but with a strategy aimed at growing each individual fund in perpetuity.

What would you Endow???

Perhaps you would like to see an annual award or scholarship that would encourage an outstanding student to enroll (or remain) at **Baker**. Or, perhaps you would like to ensure that a particular academic program or department receives additional annual support.

How to Set Up an Endowment...

It's really very simply: For information, contact me, Jerry L. Weakley, vice president for endowment and planned giving at 785-594-8332/913-449-9540 or jerry.weakley@bakeru.edu. I will be most pleased to talk with you in regard to your specific desires or to just answer questions with no obligation on your part. Should you decide to pursue creating an endowment I will prepare a “Letter of Agreement” that will place in writing all of your desires and the University's agreement to proceed per your wishes. Though you may not wish to seek recognition for your generosity, we always welcome the chance to show our appreciation. Beginning in 2009, you will receive an annual Endowment Report from Advancement Services that details the current funding level of your own personal endowment and details about how it is helping at **Baker**! To learn more about planned giving visit <http://www.bakeru.edu/alumni/giving/honor-roll/planned-giving>

*As Dr. James Chubb '22 used to say when he visited classmates and alumni while on the road for **Baker**...
“Please Remember to leave a little something for **Baker** in your will!”*

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