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## *The Greening of Baker University...*

As a portion 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 again in the fall. Content previously reserved for the *Baker Pride* will now be included in the *Baker World*.

One important feature included in this move toward sustainability on our multiple campuses will be that you will now have the opportunity to receive your copy of the *Baker World* online. If you are interested in helping us go Green, please go to [www.bakeru.edu/goingGreen](http://www.bakeru.edu/goingGreen). You can find the current issue of the *Baker World* online at [http://bakeru.edu/images/pdf/alumni/bakerworld\\_march09.pdf](http://bakeru.edu/images/pdf/alumni/bakerworld_march09.pdf).

## *Digs and Divots Honors Retiring A.D. Harris...*

Athletic Director, Dan Harris, has never been referred to as either a shy or “retiring” individual until recently. The oft flamboyant and always outgoing “Disco Danno” is set to retire as Director of Athletics on June 30th. In his honor the Athletic Department along with the Department of Alumni Relations has developed two special events to have some fun and at the same time, raise some money for Baker Athletics.

Everyone is invited to attend both events. First is the Sunday evening, April 26th, Roast in Dan’s honor. The banquet/roast will be held at the Olathe Holiday Inn on 151st. The cost of the banquet is \$37.50. The entertainment alone should be well worth that amount! I will be serving as the MC for the 12 round scheduled event and I truly believe that it will go down in University annuals as either the funniest event ever or the biggest fight to ever break out at a college sports banquet...or both! :) (Just kidding!)

The golf tournament is the next day, 8:00 a.m. at Prairie Highlands in Gardner, KS. Cost is \$165. For info or reservations for both events– call Alumni Director, Doug Barth, at 1-888-781-2586. Call TODAY and plan to attend one or both!

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## Baker Greeks Excel...Win Awards...

The [Baker Orange](#) recently featured an article that highlighted some of the awards that have been won by local sororities and fraternities on the [Baker](#) campus. Included in the article was news of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity having received “Most Improved Chapter in the Western Plains Division” as well as recognition for having achieved 10% growth in their [Baker](#) chapter. The Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority received the Activities Award for chapter participation in activities on a small college campus and received a Crown Chapter Award. The Crown Chapter Award is one of the most prestigious of all Zeta Tau Alpha national awards. Other [Baker](#) Greek organizations which have recently received awards by their international organization, national or regional chapter include Delta Delta Delta and Phi Mu sororities and Kappa Alpha Psi and Kappa Sigma fraternities. Congratulations to all these fine organizations that add so much to [Baker's](#) rich campus environment!!!

## Follow-up (The Teepees) from [March...](#)

When Larry Patterson '67 wrote to give me the following link to follow for a great picture and a brief history of the Teepee in Lawrence little did I know that I would find that it was built by [Frank McDonald](#), [Baker](#) class of 1920!!! [Frank](#) was inducted in 1985 to the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. Here's the link followed by [Frank's](#) most interesting personal history and bio from his induction plaque...<http://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/16562> (Cut and paste this in your browser.)

[Frank McDonald](#) '20 was an integral part of the football, basketball and track teams at [Baker](#), where he lettered in each. He was elected captain of the state championship basketball team that lost only one game in 1919. He served as president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the [Baker](#) University Athletic Association. He worked three summers on the Chautauqua circuit where he became well acquainted with the honorable [William Jennings Bryan](#). Following [Baker](#) he spent 13 years at Haskell Indian School serving as assistant football coach, head coach of basketball and track, chairman of the stadium financial committee and director of athletics. There he was responsible for the fund raising and building of Haskell Stadium-dedicated in 1926. He later organized and served as president of the Young Democrat Club of Douglas County and served as State President of the Young Democrats. He became close personal friends and a consultant to former Kansas governors [George Docking](#) and [Robert Docking](#) serving them both as chairman of all their gubernatorial campaigns. He founded and owned the McDonald Beverage Company of Lawrence, Kansas and also served concurrently as chairman of the Kansas Turnpike Authority for eight years. Before being inducted to the [Baker](#) Hall of Fame he was inducted into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame and the State of Kansas Hall of Fame. Thanks Larry for the link that led to this!!!

## Bits and Pieces...

1). If you would like to see some old pictures of [Baker](#) (or your own home town) follow this link provided by [Don Thompson](#) '63 to “Penny Postcards”...

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgenweb/special/ppcs/ppcs.html> . First click on the state and then the county and you will find a number of old Penny Postcards from the early 1900's...very interesting!

2). When [Jon-Christian Suggs](#) '62 (Professor Emeritus of English from New York University) wrote me last month I thought he was going to gig me on word usage/spelling or grammatical inappropriateness. Instead he suggested that the female singer referred to in previous [Arbors](#) as “Anne Brewer” of Anne Brewer and The Flames was in fact known as “Velma” when she attended Baldwin High School. [Charlie Mansfield](#) '62 later confirmed that was her name as well. Thanks Chris and Charlie!!!

3). Additionally from [Chris Suggs](#)— “Baldwin trivia floats to the surface now and then because my mother's family homesteaded before the Civil War just south of town and my grandmother was a housemother at [Baker](#) for years after running a cafe on the corner, catty-cornered from the bank before WW II.”

## 4). [Baker](#) Trivia for ...[April](#)

What was the title of the first degree awarded for study at [Baker's](#) Overland Park Campus. For extra credit, what was the year the school in Overland Park first opened???

The answers to these two questions will be provided in the [May](#) issue of the [Arbor](#).

## Baker on YouTube...

<http://www.youtube.com/user/BakerUniversity> (Cut and paste into your browser.)

## Baker's Selzer Leading Delta Tau Delta...

James O. Selzer '70 was chosen by Delta Tau Delta international fraternity at their Summer 2008 Karnea as president for the period 2008-2010. Jim grew up in Baldwin City as one of three sons of Otto and Irene Selzer who owned Selzer Jewelry. The Fraternity's main alumni publication, *The Rainbow* had a number of pictures and a feature story about their new president. Jim, who served a term on the Baker Board of Trustees in the 1970's, continues in his day job as an attorney in Kansas City with Stinson, Morrison, Hecker LLP. He is married to the former Barbara Phillips Selzer '73. For more of Jim's story and bio see the on line version of the Baker World referred to on page one of this Arbor. Congratulations Jim!

## School Of Education Hosts K.C. Star's Diuguid...

Lewis W. Diuguid, vice president for community resources at The Kansas City Star and a former columnist, led a lively discussion recently in Robby Warren's classroom management and diversity graduate course on the Overland Park campus. Diuguid outlined the five functions of media — surveillance, correlation, transmission, entertainment, economic — to students enrolled in the School of Education Continuing Education program. Diuguid is working on a third book and is author of "A Teacher's Cry: Expose the Truth About Education Today" and "Discovering the Real America: Toward a More Perfect Union." One of the inspiring messages he inscribed on the whiteboard: "You are really only as good a teacher as the depth and breadth of your experiences as a human being."

## Did You Know???

Baker's "official" Face Book site now has 415 fans and is growing every month!!! You may sign up to be a fan and find interesting facts/faces and information on classmates and others who have attended the University.

## Denious Hall Under Renovation and Renewal...

The University has completed the first phase of the renovation of Denious Hall. Denious was completed in 1959 and was named for the major donors to the project, Wilbur Franklin Denious '1898 and his wife, Edith Boughton Denious. The Denious' had left the largest testamentary gift to the University in its history up to that time and were honored for their gift by the naming of the residence hall for them. Recently, the property committee of the Board of Trustees decided rather than spend the enormous amount of money it would take to renovate the facility into an accessible and efficient residence hall the Board should allow instead for its re-creation as a one-stop shop for offices will better serve students' needs—further making additional classroom space available in other facilities across campus. The Physical Plant staff recently completed the interior deconstruction, necessary prior to the project moving forward. Basically, the building is now a shell with all interior walls that were not "weight-bearing" in nature having been removed. As funds within the budget become available, the project will be completed.

In researching the archives I found that the building was dedicated on Founder's Day in February, 1959, the 101st anniversary of the founding of Baker. Pictures from the file revealed that several of the Denious' grown children attended and participated in the dedication ceremony along with treasurer W.R. "Tommy" Evans '14 and President William J. Scarborough.

In preparing this article I also happened to remember a quote relative to Denious Hall that has stuck in my memory for 29 years. It came during the 1980 Commencement address of the speaker, former Dean and acting President, Neal Malicky '56. Just prior to the 1980 commencement, the Baker Board had decided to allow Denious Hall to move from being a dormitory for just woman to a co-educational facility. Though the genders in this dorm were segregated by floor there was much discussion and angst raised by the decision. The Methodist Church came out against the move as did numerous alumni. Dean Malicky's remarks that day certainly woke those of us up who sat sweltering on the Liston Stadium football field in 80 degree temperatures attired in academic regalia...as best I remember he said, "The current situation with Denious Hall is really not that much different than when I was in school. Male and female students used to sleep in the same room all the time— only then it was the room where Man and the Physical World was being taught!" :)

## “Dancing With the Stars” Update...

As mentioned in the **March** issue of the **Arbor**, Janet Hill Wozniak’s ‘84 husband, Steve, is a participant in the most current “Dancing With the Stars” syndicated show on ABC. Though perhaps not as light on his feet on the dance floor as some of the other contestants, Steve continues to hang in the competition (at least to the time this was written) by having generated a large turnout of votes by calls and e-mails from the viewing public on each of his first few dance routines. Steve is perhaps best known (instead of for his Mambo) as an American computer engineer who along with Steve Jobs co-founded Apple Computer. Janet has been seen in several camera shots during the series while anxiously watching husband Steve perform. By the look on Steve’s face, he seems to be having the best time of all the participants! So, go Woz!!!

## Alumni Weekend Set For May 15-17...

So, what if you haven’t lost those 5 extra holiday pounds or earned that 1st or 2nd million dollars...it just doesn’t matter! If you haven’t made reservations to attend this year’s Alumni Weekend activities...that matters...but, there is still time to make reservations to attend!!!

Activities will begin on Friday evening in Overland Park-continue on campus on Saturday, Saturday evening and into Commencement Sunday. Each year from 500-1000 former students and alumni attend some or all of the reunion festivities...why not be one of them this year?

The honored classes this year will be those that end in either a “4” or a “9”...like 1984 or 1959. Though these are the honored classes, all classes are equally welcome to attend!

By going to the alumni pages on the **Baker** Web Site you can make reservations for any or all of the weekends activities on-line at [www.bakeru.edu](http://www.bakeru.edu). If you prefer, call the Alumni Office to make reservations at 1-888-781-2586. The friendly voice of **Debbie Papps** will be there to take your reservation and answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you all in **May!!!**

## March’s Trivia Answer...

**The question was:** This interesting geological sight is located approximately 5 miles west of Baldwin City. Though located on private property, it was often used in class biology labs as well as for picnics and parties held by students from the 1910’s to approximately the 1980’s. Name the area that has been featured in several Kansas Geological Surveys...

**The answer is:** Hole-in-the Rock. The correct answer was received within minutes of posting from a host of those of you who have been there (for academic purposes no doubt)...including: Roger Boyd ‘69 (1st), Connie Deel ‘79, Woody Hopson ‘69, Curtis Coffman ‘06 (MLA) and Perk ‘59 and Tom ‘55 Snow. Congrats to all!

## Additional Trivia Information...

Several persons replied to last month’s trivia that they believe that as the Kansas Highway Department widens and expands the roadbed of 59 highway from Lawrence to Ottawa that the Hole-in-the Rock may be endangered and in fact a part of the new roadbed/shoulder area. If so, it will certainly be a shame to lose such a unique geological feature of this area! Woody Hobson added that his father who grew up 1 mile south used to swim at Hole-in-the Rock and thought that it was bottomless. Also mentioned in Curtis Coffman’s recollection of Hole-in-the-Rock was about a “fascinating waterfall on the north side of 56 HW at that little rest stop”. I haven’t been out to see that waterfall yet, but I plan to visit it when the weather warms just a bit more! :)

I Hope You Have a Great  
Month of **April!**  
I’ll write again in **May!**

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## Planned Giving/Endowment Feature...

### There's More to an Inheritance Than M..o..n..e..y...

People have differing philosophies about bestowing an inheritance. Some parents hold strong beliefs about having their heirs make their own way, teaching them to overcome adversity and improving their character.

Unearned wealth, even when passed on with the best intentions, can lead to discord and discontent. Few parents actually take the time to sit down and discuss the financial philosophies and value systems they are trying to pass down. Without an explanation, a sense of unfairness may prevail when one child feels that another sibling was favored. Many times siblings take issue with distributions from their parents estates which lead to life-long lingering discord and disassociation.

#### Equal May Not Be Equitable

The reality is that equal distributions aren't necessarily fair or best. For example, the faithful son or daughter who has worked in the family business for years is under-rewarded when nonparticipating heirs come into an equal share of the business. A son or a daughter who has looked after (housed-fed-supplied on-going medical care etc.) a parent may feel wronged if their siblings who did little to care for their parent(s) are given equal shares of the estate. Family discussions are invaluable and are critical in addressing those types of disparities. This can be a good time also to talk about who wants or will get certain heirlooms or memorabilia. Plans that ignore human frailties will find the estate wasting too many of the assets in legal expenses to defend itself from heirs who feel they have been wronged.

If you include a gift to **Baker** in your estate plan, a personal statement to establish your intent and the reasons behind it may be the best defense available to avoid family discord. Good team planning is critical for success; take the time and do it now.

Here's a handy checklist for planning an inheritance:

1. Does your plan promote either equal or equitable distribution?
2. Are intra-family gifts a component of your estate plan?
3. Have your heirs been prepared to manage the estate's assets?
4. Does your wealth create ethical burdens?
5. Can wealth be used as a tool to modify character development, responsibility or skills?
6. Are philanthropic gifts exemplified in your plan?

**\*The Above information is provided only for your consideration and should not be construed as "Legal or Tax Advice". You should always consult your own professional advisor before acting upon this or similar information.**

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