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This Just In...

The Baker University School of Nursing was just announced as a winner of the 2009 Best of Topeka Award in the Nurses Schools category by the US Department of Commerce. Congratulations Dean Kathy Harr, faculty, students and staff!!!

Baldwin City Campus Cleanup...Huge Success...

On July 31st and August 4th over 60 members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, student body and administration joined President Long and two former presidents, Dan Lambert and Neal Malicky to help beautify the Baldwin City campus prior to the arrival of students.

Suggested as an idea by Cassie Bailey, Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Development, the idea caught on and by all ways of considering- was a huge success! Following the second of the two days of work, Cassie offered that "the Campus Clean-Up Days were a wonderful testament to the dedication people show for Baker University. I was thrilled to be part of it!"



VP of Information Technology, Simon Maxwell, is up to his...elbows in water while thinning the lily pad population in the campus pond.

The volunteer-workers participated for the most part as a part of a team on specific projects that needed to be accomplished before the start of school. Many of the volunteers brought their own tools and gloves and joined in on projects ranging from weeding the many gardens on and near campus to thinning the lily pad population in the campus pond to trimming trees and bushes to working at the Osborne Chapel grounds and to spreading hundreds of pounds of mulch. Mother nature prepared the way for the work crews by having provided a steady supply of summer rains. I can honestly say without hesitation that the Ferrell Green on the Baker campus has never been any more lovely than it is right now.

Thanks to all the participants in what I hope will become an annual event...providing all my blisters heal! :)

Alumni Memories...

I received two sizable notes from Baker alumni this past week and decided to use some of both their musings in this issue of the **Arbor**. First, writing from her home in Manhattan, Kansas is class of 1946 alumnae, Janice Warders Von Riesen. Janice offered:

“Your “From the **Arbor**” reminds me of Tommy Evans, Alumni Secretary who during the war years of the 1940’s would correspond with every Baker student in the military whose address was available-keeping in touch with them was so great! I had the privilege of working with him which added greatly to my education.”

She went on to add: “I am so proud of my alma mater! Why? How can one compete with Dr. Ziegler and his many “specials WHYS” (Editor’s note: This is Not a reference to the current Dean of the College of Arts and Science-Dr. Rand Ziegler). But here are just a few of the ways Baker was so special to me...

Caring Professors
Christian Atmosphere
Wonderful and Lasting Friendships
Valuable Education
And Pride in our Beautiful Campus

Thanks for keeping us abreast of the activities-news and developments on the current campus!”

You are very welcome, Janice. Thanks for reading the **Arbor**!!!

And, from Germany comes a note from Frank Leitnaker ‘49 in regard to a piece from the last **Arbor** about Dewey Short...

“My Dad and Dewey were in Baker together and belonged to the same fraternity. When Dewey came to deliver the Baker commencement address in 1944, the year my sister Claire Leitnaker Tamblyn graduated, Dad asked Dewey for a copy of his address so Dad could publish it in the Baldwin Ledger. (Editor’s note: Frank’s father “Cherry” owned the Ledger at that time)... Dewey demurred for the reason he hadn’t decided yet what to say. The fact was, Dewey didn’t need to have a speech written out, he could just orate, any time, any place for as long as necessary and he was truly a spell-binder. Well, in general, he was. My sister, fresh from four years at Baker, was under-whelmed. Especially one part of his bloviating, (look it up...I did!) i.e., “While some were saving their dimes and quarters, others were spending them on riotous living.” Even back then Claire opined that dimes and quarters wouldn’t buy much riotous living!” :)

Thanks for the memories Frank!!!

Bits and Pieces...

To go along with a team G.P.A. that exceeded 3.00 last year, Coach Mike Grossner, head football coach, has recruited another outstanding academic team to go with his team’s #12 national N.A.I.A. ranking coming out of the preseason. Four new valedictorians from high schools have been added to the **Wildcat** squad in hopes of adding even more brains to the brawn on the field. Here’s wishing all **Wildcat** Athletes and sports teams a successful season on the grid-iron/field/floor/mat/alley/court and track... as well as in the class-room!!!

Baker Trivia for August...

One final question about buildings on the Baldwin City Campus...

In 1971 this building became the first of several to now be listed on the U.S. Registry of Historic Buildings...Name the building, its initial purpose in being built and its current use.

(The answer will be found in the **September** issue of the **Arbor**).

Dorms Full...Men in Irwin...

Since Irwin Hall, dormitory for female students was constructed, men have attempted by various means to get into that living space. Now in 2009, it finally became reality as there is a significant increase in male students on the Baldwin City Campus and some of the rooms in Irwin have had to be assigned to male residents! (I was 40 years too early!) :(



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Did You Know???

Omicron of Alpha Chi Omega selected for Honors by National Sorority...

Just announced: **Baker's** Alpha Chi Omega chapter received news that they are a National Council Trophy Finalist. Omicron was one of only 4 chapters in the nation to receive this designation including much larger chapters at M.I.T. and Florida State University. Congratulations to all the Alpha Chi's, present and previous active members!!!

Balanced Budget Forecast for **Baker**:

President Long in her "State of the University Address" to faculty, staff and Administration members in mid-August indicated that the University has presented a balanced budget for the forthcoming fiscal year (2009-2010) to the University's Board of Trustees. The total budget exceeds \$35 million but is down significantly from the budget that was initially cast for the year 2008-2009 by nearly \$7 million.

The University is confident that with steady to slightly increased enrollments across all four schools, through better processes being implemented to oversee expenditures and through success in fundraising that we will meet the budget constraints and have a reasonable excess of revenues over expenditures at the end of the year— a sign of any sound business enterprise!

As a critical component of this budget, the University's **Annual Fund** was established at a level of \$605,000...a figure that Vice President for Advancement, Lyn Lakin feels can be achieved. She went on to say that though it will take consistent hard work from the development staff, she has every confidence that the continuing love and support of **Baker's** generous former students, alumni, friends and donors will pull us through to our goal.

I personally hope those of you who give every year will not only continue to give, but where possible will make an increase in your donation! For those who for one reason or another have not given in the past, I invite you to reconsider a gift this year!

President Long Begins her "Senior" Year...

It doesn't seem possible that over 3 years ago the **Baker** community welcomed Dr. Patricia Long as our 28th President. In truth, however, that is the case and Dr. Pat is now beginning her "Senior" year. Let's just hope though that she has no plans to "graduate" at the end of the year! :) Here's hoping you and the University have a great year this year!!!

Baker Moves Forward with Sustainability...

As part of a campus-wide sustainability initiative, the *Baker World* will now be available online.

This online publication still includes your favorite sections and also offers enhanced features:

- frequently updated stories and profiles
- calendar of events
- class notes
- photo galleries
- opportunities to comment on stories
- opportunities to share memories

The *Baker Pride* will still be printed and mailed three times a year—spring, summer and fall.

We are excited to move to this next level of sustainability and hope you will do everything within your power to join us in this effort!

2nd Annual Gala Coming in November...

Please join us for the second annual **Baker** University Gala and Auction on November 14, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center! This year's theme, Experience the **Baker Magic**, is sure to not only entertain but also remind you of the amazing influence that **Baker** has on our students and alumni. The evening will feature a silent auction, dinner, entertainment and a live Fund-A-Scholar auction to help raise funds to support student scholarships. The silent auction promises to be a hit again this year with trips, golf packages and more! If you would like to make a donation to the silent auction or receive information on how to sponsor a table or purchase tickets, please contact Lindsay Vise at Lindsay.vise@bakeru.edu or (785) 594-7866. See you there!!!

Face Book Numbers Continue to Grow...

At last count we now have nearly 900 “friends” of the Baker University “Official” Face Book site. Much work is going into keeping these postings to Face Book current and will hopefully keep you updated with the most current information on happenings at Baker and upcoming events. Why not find the Baker site and join us???

Upcoming Alumni Events ...

September

3rd...5:30-7:30 p.m.

Baker After Hours-Brick Oven, 3030 SW Wana-maker Rd., Topeka, Kansas

17th...5:30-7:30 p.m.

Baker After Hours-JP Wine Bar, 4311 W. 119th St., Leawood, Kansas

October

2nd...6:00-10:00 p.m.

Homecoming Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas

3rd...Noon-1:30 p.m.

Homecoming Tailgate Luncheon
Tent across from NW entrance to Liston Stadium

Followed by the Homecoming Game at 2:00 p.m.
against the Wildcats of Culver Stockton College

November

14th...The Scholarship Gala

6:00-9:30 p.m. Hyatt Regency Hotel at Crown
Center, Kansas City MO.

19th...5:30-7:30 p.m.

Baker After Hours-Fox Sports Grill, The shops at
Legacy, 5741 Legacy Rd., Plano, Texas

February

25th...5:30-7:30 p.m.

Baker After Hours-Oeno Wine Bar, 330 N. Mead,
Wichita, Kansas

June's Trivia Answer...

The Question was:

Building on the trivia question in May we have another Building question...on the Baldwin City Campus, there is an academic building that is on the Historic Registry of Buildings bearing the name— CASE HALL. For whom is it named and what was the building's original purpose for being built? For extra credit, in what year was the construction of the building completed and the building occupied??

The Answers: Chair of the Board of Trustee, NELSON CASE lead a fund raising challenge for a new library in 1898. The corner stone was laid in 1904 and the building was completed and occupied in 1907 and was named in his honor. Many years ago now, the building was placed on the U.S. Historic Registry.

Pssst...It's not a Secret Anymore, but...

I have recently had communications with Stan Shaw '79 and Dana (D.C.) Hutchison '80 from the great football team of 1979 (30th anniversary). It sounds as though a number of players from that team are planning to be in Baldwin City for Homecoming this October 2-3. The Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet (open to everyone) will be held on Friday night at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park and the game will be on campus the next day. Call the Alumni office for information on both of these events. If you were a member of the team of 1979 also be in touch with us as you will be introduced at half-time of the football game!
Call-Doug Barth or Debbie Papps at 1-888-781-2586.

I Hope You Have a Great
Month of **August!**
I'll write again in mid-**September!**

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Federal Income Tax Charitable Deductions

Most everyone realizes that the federal government has provide for Income Tax Deductions for individuals and Corporate entities who make qualified gifts to charity. There are, however some limitations on the process of which you should be aware.

Some of these limitations have to do with the charities' designation as either a 50% charity or as a 30% Charity.

A 50% charity typically includes churches, educational institutions (like **Baker**), hospitals, governmental units, organizations that receive substantial support from governmental units or the general public, and certain private foundations (operating foundations, distributing foundations and pooled fund foundations described in I.R.C. 170(6)(1)(d).

A 30% charity includes other organizations (mostly private foundations) described in I.R.S. pamphlet 170©.

Ceiling on Charitable Deductions

Individual Donor/50% Charity:

Total deductions are limited to 50% of the donor's adjusted gross income with 5-year carryover. Gifts of trust income to a 50% charity are deductible up to 30% AGI with a 5-year carryover.

Individual Donor/30% Charity:

Total deductions are limited to 30% of donor's adjusted gross income, with a 5-year carryover.

Corporate Donor/50% Charity:

Deductions are limited to 10% of taxable income with a 5-year carryover.

Corporate Donor/30% Charity:

The deduction is the same as for a 50% Charity.

As there are numerous limitations based upon the type of property contributed to charity it is best to obtain publications direct from the I.R.S. that spell these out in detail or check with a Certified Public Accountant.



If you have questions about this or any other matter concerning making a major current gift, an endowment gift or a testamentary gift, please call Jerry Weakley at 785-594-8332.

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*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!"*