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

2008 Athletic Hall of Fame History..

Every year at Homecoming since 1977 the University inducts a few select individuals into its Athletic Hall of Fame. Now in it's 32nd year, the Baker Athletic Hall of Fame has inducted only 101 former athletes, coaches and other individuals who have given meritorious service to athletics in general and to Baker University specifically. As originally designed, Baker's Athletic Hall of Fame encourages anyone, regardless of their relationship to the college, to make nominations of worthy individuals to the University for potential election in any of the three following athletic categories:

Former Baker Athletes

Nominees are to have played a minimum of two full seasons for any Baker University intercollegiate athletic team. Former students as well as graduates are eligible for election. Multi-sport athletes, who have earned several athletic "letters", or who have set school, conference or national records, or who have won school, conference or national honors will be given weighted preference for election. In order to be considered for induction, a candidate must have been away from the University for a minimum five (5) years. There will be a concerted effort on behalf of the University to insure that under-represented populations have equal access to election.

Current and Former Coaches/Athletic Administrators

Nominees shall have spent a minimum of 20 years in the field of coaching at any appropriate level of sport, or combinations thereof, including, but not restricted to: high school, junior college, college, university, or professional. In the case of head coaches on the professional level, the 20 year minimum may be waived.

Nominees should be acknowledged to have not only achieved significant success (by virtue of wins versus losses and/or
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Response from May Arbor...

With regard to the Wildcat Yearbook trivia question in the May Arbor I received a note from Joe Peters '42, Bella Vista, AR. "I have seen bob-tailed wildcats many times in Kansas. The last time was four years ago just outside of Fort Scott on my way to campus for Alumni Day. If you have ever heard one scream at night—it will make your hair stand on end!"

New Student Residence Set to Open...



Just a few items remain to be completed by the builder on the “tick” list before officially turning the new student residence over to the University this month. Since I had only witnessed and reported on the construction from the outside of the building these past several months I decided that I needed to do a more complete job of investigation as a “reporter” and view it also from the inside. So, late last week I accompanied Gary Walbridge, Directors of Buildings/Grounds/Maintenance on an inspection tour of the new facility. What I witnessed while on that tour is that Baker has built a truly remarkable facility with all of the current “must haves” for a top notch student residence. Rooms in the new facility have two different designs. One has a common living/study room, bathroom facility and separate sleeping quarters for two students. The other design that features an expanded common living/study rooms has two baths and 4 bedrooms in each separate apartment. Each room features individually controlled heating/cooling systems, energy efficient windows, wireless internet, cable connections and of course, new furniture and new beds/mattresses. Common areas in the overall facility include those for laundry, vending machines, a kitchen and a computer lab. Also included in the facility are two classrooms that will seat approximately 40+ students. The building has keyed entrances that are accessed with a student I.D. card and each wing of the facility can only be accessed by those living in that particular wing of the facility.

I was fortunate to have had the opportunity in the winter of 1966 to become the first resident of room #12 of a new dorm, East Hall, (now Gessner Hall). While Gessner continues to serve the University well, the new student residence will be highly sought after as a preferred residence on campus. (I’m ALMOST ready to re-enroll, just to live there!!!) :) **There will be an open house for the new Living Learning Center on Thursday, August 21st from 4:30 to 6:00. Ice cream will be served!!!**

Baker Trivia ??? for August...

The first official college debate tournament was held in 1923. Where was it held and what college won the tournament???

The Answers will be featured in the September issue of the **Arbor**.

(Hint: Those of you who have received the new Alumni Directory may find the answer hidden somewhere within!)

Former BU Coach to SMU...

Tim McClements who coached the Baker Men’s soccer team for two years in the mid 1990’s was recently hired as head coach of the SMU men’s soccer program. Before joining Baker, McClements had played three years of professional soccer before becoming an assistant coach at the college level. Following his first head coaching stint at Baker he went on to become the head coach, first at Eastern Illinois and later, Vanderbilt. After Vanderbilt discontinued its soccer program as an intercollegiate sport prior to the 2006 season, McClements joined SMU as an assistant coach. Congratulations Tim and best wishes at SMU!!!

NAIA Announces Scholar Teams...

The NAIA national office in Kansas City recently announced its list of spring sport teams from universities and colleges across the nation who maintained a minimum composite 3.0 g.p.a. on a 4.0 =A system. Included in the list were a number of teams from Baker.

Woman’s Soccer	3.11
Men’s Basketball	3.25
Men’s Soccer	3.28
Woman’s Softball	3.31
Woman’s Volleyball	3.39
Congratulations players and coaches!!!	

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winning percentages) in their corresponding athletic field of endeavor, but also should be acknowledged to have been known for the positive influence and impact they have made in developing the full potential of the student/athletes they have coached. Coaches who have successful records and whose individual team members and teams as a whole have won local; conference, state or national awards will be given additional consideration. There will be a concerted effort on behalf of the University to insure that under-represented populations have equal access to election.

Meritorious Service to Baker University's Athletic Program

Any person, regardless of affiliation to the University, who has served and or supported the overall field of athletics and the University and its specific athletic program for 20 years, and in a significant manner, is additionally eligible for induction to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Broadcasters, athletic officials, leaders of local, state or national organizations that support athletics and significant financial supporters to the University's athletic program are examples (though not limited to those listed) of those eligible. There will be a concerted effort made on behalf of the University to insure that under-represented populations have equal access to election.

Nomination procedure:

Any person is eligible to write an open letter of nomination regarding an individual they believe worthy of induction to the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. Once an individual is nominated, the individual shall remain in an active file for election in perpetuity. Previously, individuals were to be removed from active consideration after a ten-year period similar to the Baseball Writers of America procedures for the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York. This procedure was no longer deemed appropriate to Baker University and was rescinded in 2000. Nominees who are deceased at the time of their nomination or who pass away following their nomination are also left in the file on a permanent basis and will be given consideration so as to provide a continued stream of posthumous inductees.

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The Baker Buzz...

Former Baker Professor has Play in New York...

Dr. Dean Bevan, former English professor at Baker who has been seen in a number of theater productions in the area the previous few years now has a one-act play that he has written in production in New York. The play "Haunted" was at the Algonquin Theater recently where it was produced by Love Creek Productions.

In an article in the Lawrence Journal World Dr. Bevan was quoted as saying "The theater it's being performed in is a small, typical off-Broadway black box theater," Bevan says. "But hey, it's New York."

Bevan wrote the play in 2002. Prior to its production in New York it also has been presented at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., and in 2006 at the EMU Theatre in Lawrence. Nationally it has been presented at the Playwright's Circle in Palm Springs, Fla., and at tri-State Actors Theater in Sussex, N.J. Congratulations on this new "stage" of your career, Dean!!!

Wrestling Program Begins....Coach Hired...

A veteran Missouri and Nevada wrestling coach has been named to head Baker University's first wrestling program in it's 150-year history. Jimmy May of Las Vegas, NV, was selected following a national search, according to Athletic Director Dan Harris.

May will be responsible for developing the Wrestling program for Baker which is slated to begin competition in 2009. "I believe Coach May is the right person to help us develop a solid and respected wrestling program from its inception," said President Pat Long.

"Jimmy May comes to us with legendary status and a level of energy that could turn our program into a contender quickly," Harris said. "He has a passion for the sport that is contagious and he creates an environment of success using a sound coaching philosophy."

As I mentioned in the last issue of the Arbor, Baker has officially added not only wrestling but woman's bowling to its intercollegiate athletic competition. A coach for the Bowling squad will be hired in the spring. The addition of these two sports will bring the total intercollegiate teams to 21. Welcome aboard Coach May!!!

Upcoming Events...

August 21 Open House—New Student Living/Learning Center 4:30-6:00

August 23-26 **Wildcat** Welcome Activities

August 27 First day of class (Baldwin campus)

September 6 Football VS the University of Tennessee @ Martin. Martin, Tennessee 4:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame History Continues...

Individuals who have been appropriately nominated through any available means are considered by a selection committee who meet in the late winter to consider inductees for the fall of that year and beyond. Currently, Mr. Jerry Weakley is the Chair of the committee. He is responsible for receiving nominations and biographical/statistical information, communicating with nominators and nominees, and maintaining the official nomination files. He serves along with Mr. Dan Harris, the University's Director of Athletics. A third member is from the University's Board of Trustees. This trustee is appointed to serve a two-year term by the President of the University. Currently, Mr. Hoot Gibson '72 serves in this position.

It is the responsibility of the selection committee to consider each candidate's comparative credentials and make a two-year selection recommendation to the President of the University. The President will review the findings of the committee and either affirm their selections or make recommendations for further consideration. The two-year selection recommendation (with the 2nd year group being a preliminary selection) has been found to be effective in insuring that those who have been in the nomination system for a period of time are not without due cause continued to be passed over in favor of an individual who has received the most recent nomination.

It is the current intent of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee to select and recommend no fewer than three and no greater number than five inductees in any given year. In order for a candidate to be considered in any following year their nomination must be received by December 31st of the previous year.

June/July's Trivia Answer...

The question: Name the **Baker** graduate author of this poem...

"To every morn there is a noon
With sun swung high and light divine,
When affluent glories burn and shine
And dawn and midday are in tune.

If clouds dash black across the deep
And light is dim though noon be here,
We lose not faith nor banish cheer
Nor let our hearts learn how to weep.

Because we know the sun rides far
Serene beyond our tempest's gloom,
And sky-deeps are in wealth of bloom
Of light and grace no storm can mar.

So, morning, know the noon is thine!
Those tall steepes of the midday own
To be thy heritage and throne
Whereupon to sit by right divine."

Answer: (No one sent in a correct answer)
**William A. Quayle...The first
Graduate of Baker to become President of the
University in 1890.**

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

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