



## *From the Arbor* *@ Baker University...*

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

### 2009 Inductees to **Baker's** Athletic Hall of Fame Announced...

Five individual athletes from **Baker's** storied athletic past will be inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame on Homecoming weekend—Friday, October 2nd. Representing over 60 years of competition and service to the University these five represent both the breadth and depth of **Baker's** outstanding intercollegiate athletic program.

The first inductee is Charlotte Lewis Piper '43. The University regrets that just a few days after Charlotte was informed of her selection to the Hall of Fame, she passed away quite suddenly in Aurora, Colorado. She is survived by her husband, John and three children. She will be inducted posthumously.

Charlotte was a physical education major at **Baker** who went on to have an outstanding career in education and coaching (swimming) at the University of New Mexico. She was also active in the AAU and associations for woman's athletics and swimming in New Mexico. She authored the Official Swimming and Diving Rules for the National Association for Water Sports and travelled internationally as a member of the U.S. Swim team staff and as a member of the US Olympic Committee for swimming.

Dr. Jerry Steele '53 resides as he has for many years in Pittsburg, KS. He lettered all four years in both football and basketball and was a member of the 1949 KCAC Championship football team. He was a popular campus leader, a member of Kappa Sigma and the "B" Club and was also active as a member of the **Baker** golf squad. Former **Baker** coach and then **KU** coach, Phog Allen, having watched Jerry play remarked that he was the best basketball player for his size that he had ever seen. Following graduation and a stint in the U.S. armed forces he went on to a notable career in teaching, coaching and school administration. He retired in 1992 as the Superintendent of Schools in Pittsburg.

Clarence (Babe) Hawk '63 is the third inductee for 2009. Babe lives in Osage Beach Mo. Where he continues in the practice  
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### **This Just In...**

It was announced June 10th that the Cleveland Indians have drafted **Baker's** fine senior left handed pitcher, Vidal Nuno, in the final round of the Amateur Draft. Nuno was a stalwart on the **Baker** staff for the last 2 years compiling 15 wins and a collective era of 1.98. Congratulations and best wishes, Vidal!!!

## Hall of Fame Continues...

of law. While in school Babe was a four-year letterman in basketball and established a number of records that remained high water marks in his sport for years. When he graduated, he had scored 1,203 points which nearly 50 years later remains 11th on the all-time list. He continues to hold the record for the most rebounds in a single game with 28. He was selected to the All-Conference team in his junior and senior years and was a member of Delta Tau Delta, serving as its treasurer for a term. He was a member of the Dean's Honor Roll and was in the top 2% of his graduation class. He also served as the editor of the **Baker Orange** and won the "Wall Street Student Award". One of 5 Hawk siblings to go to **BU**.

The next inductee is **David Johnson '85**. David currently resides in Ballwin, MO. where he is Executive Vice President and a corporate Officer of Anchor Packaging Inc. of St. Louis. David was recruited to **Baker** by former Coach and Athletic director, **Jim Irick**. While in school David had the most wins in tennis of any tennis player in modern history at **Baker** and became the most honored. Included in his honors was being chosen All-HAAC all four years, the conference singles and doubles champion all four years, the district singles champion in 1984 and 1985, the district doubles champion all four years and was the team captain in 1984 and 1985. Additionally he was selected to the NAIA Honorable Mention All-American squad his sophomore year and was a first team NAIA All-American his senior year. In 1983 he ranked 15th in the nation in singles and in 1985 he was ranked in the top 10 nationally in doubles. He participated in the NAIA National tournament for **Baker** in all four seasons that he competed.

The final inductee will be **Coach Dan Harris** who retires June 30th after a long and successful tenure as an assistant football coach, head baseball coach, interim-head football coach, athletic director and department chair of Physical Education for the **Wildcats** of **BU**. At Dan's "Roast" in April, attended by over 200 individuals comprised of family members, friends, colleagues and many of his former student/athletes, President Pat Long surprised him by announcing that the Hall of Fame Committee had included his name for induction to the Hall of Fame this year as he retires.

Dan first attended **Missouri Valley College**, before transferring to **William Jewell** where he excelled on the football field for the **Cardinals**. After graduation he coached at Moberly (MO) high school, Lebanon (MO) high school, Central Missouri State University and Grandview high before joining fellow **Jewell** graduate, **Charlie Richard**, on the staff of the **Baker Wildcat** football team who through the 1980's-mid-1990's became one of the winningest football programs—regardless of the collegiate level—in the country. Coach Harris worked primarily with the line and coached numerous all-conference, all-district and All-American athletes. He was inducted into the NAIA Athletic Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service in 2007. Congratulations to one and all of these outstanding coaches and athletes!!! I hope all **Baker** sports fans will plan to attend the induction dinner/ceremony! Details to follow soon!

## Bits and Pieces...

### Nursing Grads Receive Honors...

Thirteen members of the School of Nursing graduating class were inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, an honor society for nursing.

**Meghan Morsches**, a 2009 graduate, was elected to receive the Eta Kappa Chapter at-large-scholarship.

During the recognition service, faculty member **Linda King** received the award for excellence in nursing education; **Patricia Miller**, '08 was recognized as the outstanding new member; and **Stephen Peterson**, '02 received the award for excellence in writing. Faculty member, **Susan Larson** was recognized as a newly elected **BU** counselor and **Heather Kimber**, '08 takes over as secretary of the chapter. Congratulations one and all!!!

### **Baker** Trivia for **June**...

Building on the trivia question in May we have another Building question...on the Baldwin City Campus, there is another 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 answer will be found in the **July/August** issue of the **Arbor**).



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## Did You Know???

While perusing a recent clipping service's finds in the world of journalism that include the words "**Baker University**" I happened upon this most interesting article on a former **Baker** student from the Branson (MO) Daily News. It is reprinted here for your information and enjoyment!

"Known nationwide for his spellbinding eloquence and oratory, **Dewey Short** was known among his peers and followers as the silver-tongued orator of the Ozarks. The visitors' center at Table Rock Dam carries his name. But who was this famous man of the Ozarks?

Short was born April 7, 1898, in Galena. He attended Marionville College in Marionville and **Baker University** in Baldwin City, Kan., before graduating from the Boston University School of Theology in 1922. Short also attended the universities of Berlin and Heidelberg and Oxford University in England.

Short gained statewide attention for his speaking abilities after his splendid address to the Republican faithful assembled at the Lincoln Day festivities in Springfield Feb. 12, 1926. Short's speech, "Republicanism and Americanism," created a sensation and placed him in great demand for speaking engagements throughout Missouri. Short was elected to Congress in 1928, where he served until 1956. While in Congress, Short became the chairman of the Armed Services Committee and was instrumental in establishing the Table Rock Project.

Defeated by Democrat Charlie Brown in 1956, after serving twenty-four years in Congress, Short was appointed by President Eisenhower in 1957 to serve as assistant secretary of the Army. In that capacity, Short had the privilege of dedicating the Table Rock Dam in Stone County, a project for which he had long labored.

At the conclusion of the Eisenhower administration, Short retired from public service in 1961. He died Nov. 19, 1979. As he requested, his body was returned to Galena for burial in the cemetery on top of the hill overlooking the town.

The Dewey Short Visitors' Center at Table Rock Dam was named in his honor, and the Dewey J. Short Memorial Museum in Galena is a lasting tribute to the memory of a famous native son. But the most enduring legacy of this famous statesman is the lifetime of dedicated public service and advocacy of the individual freedom exemplified by the life of Dewey J. Short, the "Silver Tongued Orator" of the Ozarks."

I had heard his name mentioned for years around **Baker** but I didn't know anything of his personal story/history. Now, we all know!!!

## An Open Letter from President Long...

Dear University Community:

I wanted to write to let you know that we are beginning to turn the corner on our economic situation. In spite of the demanding economic climate in our region, we are seeing positive signs:

- The fall enrollment for the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Professional and Graduate Studies, the School of Education, and the School of Nursing all look promising.
- Summer online classes at CAS have increased significantly in enrollment.
- SPGS is expanding off-campus delivery of courses.
- SON enrollment has experienced a record number of applications and enrollment for this fall and spring 2010. SOE recruitment has resulted in an exceptionally high number of applications for their Ed. D program.

The difficult decisions we have made over the past few months are beginning to make a difference, and our Administrative Operations Review is providing a roadmap for efficiency and streamlining.

As forecast during the development of the 2009-10 budget, we are continuing our realignment and repositioning process. Recently seven non-faculty positions were eliminated and the hours and responsibilities for other positions have been reduced. Although we deeply regret seeing any employee leave **Baker**, we know building for our future requires proactive steps in controlling costs, eliminating duplication, and maximizing efficiencies across all of our campuses.

As always, our primary concern is providing the highest quality education and service for our students. Supervisors in impacted areas are working to ensure the continuation of quality service. We ask your patience during the next few weeks as individuals in these areas readjust their workload.

As always, thank you so very much for your continued support of our outstanding University!

Pat



## Face Book Keeping Alumni and Former Students in Touch...

I have read some recent articles about how Face Book may indeed already be on the way “out” as the premier social networking tool on the internet. About the time that older generations/ individuals finally muster the courage to try something new, the fad has usually run its course with the 20 some-things and younger. Regardless, there seems to have been some significant benefit of Face Book for Baker as literally hundreds of Baker alumni and former students continue to reconnect through becoming “friends” with one another on the pages of Face Book.

I am still what I consider to be a Face Book neophyte but have enjoyed getting to communicate with dozens of “kids” (mostly in their 20’s-50’s) though one of my “friends” is D. Allen Polen ‘62. Currently I have over 100 “friends” from Baker and that number is growing virtually every day.

The idea to write a few lines about the reconnection opportunities available through this resource came about because I posted the following thought on Face Book... “Having a bit of a time coming up with stories for the current issue of the Arbor...BU people...Ideas???”

To this, “my friend” Brian (Simp-Dog) Simpson ‘90 wrote back that I should write about how Baker grads are continuing to reunite and reconnect through this forum. And, he is correct!!! Baker now has more than one “official page” on Face Book based upon interest areas and continues to have interested individuals (591+) joining these sites. The University receives an ancillary benefit because as people become “fans”, we get a chance to get them back involved with the University and alumni activities through having a new way to contact and communicate with them.

Regardless of whether Face Book remains the predominant social networking tool or something else (Twitter-LinkedIn or other) comes forward to take its place, it is for certain that Baker alumni and former students will continue to find ways to reconnect through these tools! It is up to the University to find more ways of using the energy created through these social networking arenas to improve its outreach to our alumni family.

Thanks again, Brian...you are a real “friend”!! :)

## May’s Trivia Answer...

**The Question was:** My office is located in the building that bears the name-Parmenter Hall. It is on the Historic Registry of Buildings and was originally built with the help of a personal gift of \$100 from former President Abraham Lincoln. For whom is this building named and in what capacity was the person connected to Baker University?

**The Answers are:** Originally built in 1872 and named “Old Science”, Parmenter was named for Dr. Charles S. Parmenter who served Baker as a professor of science and as a Vice President/Dean.

**The First Person with the correct answer:**  
Andrew McGregor B.A. 2008/M.L.A. 2009  
Thanks, Andrew, and everyone who sent in a correct response to the trivia question!!!

## Professor to Ukraine this Summer...

Val Kolesnikov, assistant professor of computer science, will be traveling this summer on a mission trip to Ukraine. He will spend a couple of weeks in a summer camp for college students who will practice their conversational English. As part of the program, Kolesnikov will lead a two-day workshop on computer architecture for novices. He will also help with the multimedia workshop at the camp. Safe travels Val!!!

I Hope You Have a Great  
Month of June!  
I’ll write again in mid-July!

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## Do you Want to Double the Return You are Getting on Your C.D.???

Case Study of: A **Baker** alumna who is a retired high school English teacher and who has been a careful saver and has a number of certificates of deposit.

Her: “Over the past three years, the return on my CDs has declined significantly. I have looked carefully, but there just are not any CDs with a decent rate of return.

I am also interested in a secure return. I want to know that a good return will be paid. The ideal choice for me would be a secure-yet high, return.

I recently talked to a friend who had found exactly that choice. She had set up a gift annuity with her favorite charity. I began thinking that this would be helpful for me as well.

I called Jerry at **Baker** University and asked about a gift annuity. I was very pleased to discover that based upon my age, a gift annuity would pay 8%. Plus, there would be a good tax deduction and part of the income would be tax-free for many years to come.

After finding out how easy it is to set up a gift annuity, I transferred \$20,000 from a CD that had matured into a charitable gift annuity. I am delighted with my 8% annuity. My CPA is also pleased that the charitable deduction will save over \$3,000 in taxes this year based upon my income tax percentage. With my tax savings and increased income, I plan to take a very nice vacation this year! The fixed payments I receive from the gift annuity are about two times what I was receiving from my one-year certificate of deposit. I am very pleased with the increased income and charitable savings.”

Why not call Jerry Weakley today at 785-594-8332 to see what a Charitable Gift Annuity with **Baker** University can do for YOU???

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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!”*



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