



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

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

### Former **Baker** President Passes Away...

The Rev. Dr. James Edward Doty, 86, passed away at Alliance Community Hospital, Alliance, Ohio, on Father's Day, June 15, 2008. He was born on May 8, 1922, in Lakewood, Ohio and was the son of Ordello and Margaret McCurdy Doty. He was married to Merciel Smith Doty for 65 years, and she survives her husband. Together, the Doty's have three children, all of whom are graduates of **Baker** and who survive their father: The Rev. Dr. Mark Allen Doty '69, Brewer, Maine, Dr. David Wesley Doty '71 of Maysville, and Ms. Martha Suzanne Doty '75 of Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Doty received his BA degree from Mount Union College in 1944, his M. Div. degree cum laude from Boston University School of Theology in 1947, his Ph.D degree from Boston University Graduate School in 1959. He also did graduate work at Harvard and Oxford Universities. Dr. Doty was awarded Doctor of Divinity degrees from Mount Union and DePauw. He was an ordained Elder of the Northeast Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Doty served 15 pastorates during his professional career in Massachusetts, Indiana, Texas, and Ohio. He was the founding pastor of two churches in Indiana, and he served as the Interim Pastor of nine congregations. He retired from active ministry in 2007.

From 1957-66, Dr. Doty served as the Director of Pastoral Care and Counseling of the Indiana Area of the Methodist Church. In 1966, Dr. Doty was named to serve as the 22nd President of **Baker University**, a post he held until 1973. Following his tenure at **Baker** Dr. Doty served as the Director of the Corpus Christi Pastoral Counseling Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, from 1973 to '84. As a Diplomat in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Dr. Doty founded 12 Pastoral Care and Counseling Centers in New England, the Midwest and in Singapore. For 25 years, he had a private practice in Marriage and Family Therapy before moving to Sebring, Ohio, in 2000. Dr. Neal Malicky '56, former Dean and Interim President at **Baker**, represented the University and spoke at the funeral service in Ohio. The University wishes to pass along its sincere condolences to the entire Doty family.

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### **Methodists Meet on Campus...**

800 Kansas East Conference Methodist delegates came to **Baker** in early June to meet for four day as they have for years. Trustee Myron McCoy delivered two outstanding Keynote addresses and University Minister, Dr. Ira DeSpain '70, lead a Friday session that was the final event in the year-long celebration of the University's **150th** year.

## Final Projects Underway on Dorm Construction...



The project lists at the new dorm have changed dramatically as workers are in full sight of the finish line in August. Gone are the bricklayers and roofers and arriving daily are the “finish” folk who are installing sidewalks surrounding the facility, the ac/heating people, the plumbers who are handling all of the final plumbing and trim for baths and the finish carpenters who are doing the small trim work. The flooring/carpets will be installed just before the furniture arrives and all of this will hopefully be installed and awaiting the arrival of the first wave of students in August.

## Baker Trivia Question for June/July...

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 steep of the midday own  
To be thy heritage and throne  
Whereupon to sit by right divine.”

## Baker Adds Two Sports...

Women’s bowling and men’s wrestling have officially been added to the number of sports in which the University will field intercollegiate teams beginning this next year. Wrestling has been on the radar screen for some time as many of the participants of this spring sport also play football. Woman’s bowling is a more recent interest and the word across campus is that we may already have a quality kegler (had to use that term) or two on campus. A wrestling coach is being actively sought at this time and a bowling coach will be added in the spring. The addition of these two sports will bring the total intercollegiate teams to 21.

## The Baker Orange Wins Again!!!

The Kansas Associated Collegiate Press has named Baker’s student-run newspaper the Orange as the best 4-year private college newspaper in Kansas. The award is the 4th in a row for the University and the 9th in the last 11 years. In addition, several individual awards for excellence were received by members of the staff as well. Congratulations to Gwen Mellinger, faculty advisor to the Orange, and to the entire staff as well!!!

## Alumni Weekend a Huge Success..

Hundreds of former students and alumni made the trek back to Kansas City and Baldwin City for activities associated with the annual Alumni Weekend in May. Bolstered by the 250 some guests who attended the events of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority’s 100th celebration, the University enjoyed one of the largest turnouts for the overall number of events it hosted in many years. I hope you will place the 3rd weekend of May, 2009 on your schedule now and make plans to attend next year as we continue to make this “Stag” weekend one of the biggest for a school of our size in the nation!!!

## New Website Launch Nears....

For the past several months the University has been working with an outside consultant to ready a new university-wide web site for launch this summer. This new site will significantly change how the University (through its four individual school units) will be viewed by the myriad of daily web site visitors. The new site will to a greater extent than the current web site also integrate tone, functionality and unification of these four schools.

A select committee of web users from within the University community will begin testing the site in late July. They will be looking specifically for updates and modifications that will need to be accomplished prior to the official "public" launch on August 13th (don't worry...it's not a Friday!) :) Members of the testing committee have been appointed and represent the staff, faculty, department heads, the Board of Trustees, the Educational Technology Committee and members of the Alumni Board of Directors.

I will keep you informed as we move closer to the official launch!

## 2008 Athletic Hall of Fame Class Selected...

Homecoming weekend 2008 will see the induction of 5 individual athletes into the Baker's storied Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's inductees include:

Ted H. Potter '54...Tennis (Posthumously)  
Robert D. (Bob) Shores '58... Football  
Richard D. Hedges '60... Football/Coaching  
Roger A. Farmer '78...Football/Professional NFL  
Brent J. Dorsey '98...Basketball

The Hall of Fame induction banquet will be held at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park, KS on Friday evening October 3rd with a social beginning at 6:00 p.m. The entire evening's events are open to everyone. Contact Debbie Papps in the Alumni Office for further details. (785-594-4526). **To nominate an individual for the Athletic Hall of Fame send their name/accomplishments (as best you know them) to me at my address on the back page.**

## The Baker Buzz...

### Campus Busy with Groups This Summer...

Baker's campus in the summer is not exactly deserted as you might think. Though most of our traditional students have departed for homes/jobs elsewhere we have a constant stream of activity throughout the summer. Here's a sampling of some of the camps and activities that have or will be held at Baker this summer: two sessions of summer school, the Kansas East Conference of the United Methodist Church Annual Conference, sessions of the Methodist Youth Institute, wrestling camps, basketball camps, cheerleader camps, soccer camps, a camp for woodcarvers, two sessions of Broadway at Baker (a theater camp), a summer basketball league and classes for Music Educators. A one-day gathering of folk from Missouri and Kansas who comprise a National Heritage group interested in the Civil War in this area are set to meet late in July.

### Wandering Wildcats Return Refreshed...

All 28 members of the Wandering Wildcats returned from their 15 day adventure and cruise around the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas refreshed and with fond memories of newfound favorite spots and with new friendships. I am still working on details for next year's trip that will include several days in Vienna and Central Europe. I will try to have all details and pricing firmed up by the August issue of the Arbor.

### Former Baker V.P. Receives Honor...

Former Vice President for University Relations, Dr. Bill McCollum, recently was named by BG O'Neill at the US Army Command and General Staff College as the 2008 Civilian Instructor of the Year! This is a considerable honor as Bill was selected from among more than 200 civilians who teach at this school... Congrats Bill!!!

### Baker to Field "Race for the Cure" Team...

Baker has a team signed up to participate in this important annual fund raiser. To register go to [www.active.com/donate/kc2008/bakeruniversity](http://www.active.com/donate/kc2008/bakeruniversity). The Race for the Cure will be held Sunday, August 10, 2008 at 7:30am. Details will be found at the official web site. Basically though, you register as a team and then look for Baker University and sign up under our team. We have a goal of \$5,000 as a university. Mary Kay Brooks '69 is the Baker contact person. You may contact her at [mkeybros@yahoo.com](mailto:mkeybros@yahoo.com).



## Upcoming Events...

### Colorado:

Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> - 4pm

Back-to-School Picnic

Inviting area new students, potential students, returning students, alumni and former students.

Hosts: Bob '77 and Marion '76 Burnham

9526 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Way

Arvada, CO

We will have food and lots of time for visiting!

President Long will be in attendance.

Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Baker After-Hours Social

Connecting Baker alumni

Indigo Joe's

6120 Barnes Road

Colorado Springs, CO

Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks provided.

President Long will be in attendance.

Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – 6pm to 8pm

Alumni/Former Student Bowling Social

Connecting Baker alumni, former students, current students, new students, and potential students.

AMF Bowling Lanes

4900 S. Federal Blvd.

Englewood, CO

NE corner of Belleview and Federal

Cost will be \$10 per person for bowling and shoe rental. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

If you're not a bowler, come for the networking opportunity!

Please RSVP by Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to  
[alumni@bakeru.edu](mailto:alumni@bakeru.edu) or 1-888-781-2586.

### Attention Seniors...

If you are on or nearing status known as "fixed income", you may want to check with me on the current prevailing interest rates you could receive by starting a Charitable Gift Annuity with the University. Current CD rates continue to hover around 3% while some of those receiving payments from Baker on annuities begun after they attained such an age are continuing to receive payments as high as 8-9%. An additional bonus of a charitable gift annuity is that a portion of the corpus given to the University to begin such a life-income arrangement is tax deductible and a portion of the payment back to you is excludible from Income tax. Upon your passing, the charitable remainder can be earmarked for a named endowment if you so desire. To see what interest rate you qualify for call me at 785-594-8332. .

### May's Trivia Answer...

The question was: In what year did the Baker yearbook officially change it's name to the "Wildcat"? For extra credit...what were other names used for this mostly annual publication prior to being named the "Wildcat"?

The answer is: 1921...

Other names given the Baker Annual through the years include: (Based on the Alumni offices' collection)

The Baker Beacon...1893

The Orange Blossom 1895,1899,1911,1913,1914 & 1916

The BU Hatchet...1896 (that sounds very ominous)

Excalibur...1897

The Curfew...1906

The Forty-Niner...1908

The Jubilee...1909

The Trailer...1910

The Yank...1919

The Centurion...1958

From the 1921 Wildcat..."The K.U. Jayhawk, the Princeton Tiger, and the other animals of the college menagerie must note the entrance of our fighting "Wildcat" and realize that now Baker has a "pet" just as many other schools have. It is the hope of the makers of this book that Bakerites will yield this adopted kitten the place he deserves; not merely that of our athletic figurehead but as the sign of every student enterprise."

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

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