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Greeks Make Gains in Recruiting...

Nearly 120 individuals made pledges to Baker's eight Greek houses this fall. This number was up substantially from the last several years and was encouraging to both the Alumni chapters of the respective houses and administration. A number of new initiatives from Greek Life and Student Development were seen as having had a positive impact on both those going through rush and those who pledged.

Sustainability Issues Topic of Convocation...

Sustainability initiatives were the focus of Opening Convocation on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Rice Auditorium. A mixture of students, faculty, staff, trustees and guests attended this opening event on the University's fall calendar. Speakers for convocation included President Pat Long, Provost Randy Pembrook, Roger Boyd, director of natural areas; Randy Miller, assistant professor of biology; Rep. Tony Brown, adjunct professor of liberal arts; and Steve Troester, of PGAV Architects.

During President Long's remarks she quoted one Baker's original trustees at the time of the University's founding who stated: "The goal in founding Baker is to build up and **sustain Baker** as the one great university in Kansas." She noted that **sustainability** as an issue is even more critical now than it was to the founding fathers back in 1858. She closed her remarks with one additional challenge to those attending, "Live in the present in ways that do not jeopardize-- but improve the future".

Dr. Boyd addressed campus based initiatives for recycling that have grown through the years to the extent that in 2008 the University recycled over 133.7 tons of various types of paper, cardboard, aluminum and plastic. He closed his remarks with a challenge to everyone attending to lower their individual consumption of all types of matter.

Dr. Randy Miller of the Biology department presented research based on **sustainability** issues. One of his points was that a single mature tree removes only 20 lbs of CO2 daily...the amount a gallon of gas puts into the environment.

Ks. Rep. Tony Brown discussed Kansas based initiatives for helping fund energy efficient home heating and cooling systems and other state-wide conservation programs.

The final speaker, Steve Troester of PGAV Architects, has designed several projects on the campus. His current project on which he spoke is to redesign Mulvane Science Hall in an economically feasible yet environmentally sensitive manner.

Athletic Hall of Fame...Nomination Procedures...

Though I have attempted from time to time over the past 30+ years to communicate the policies and procedures related to the Athletic Hall of Fame and its nomination process through University publications such as the former *Liston Letter*, the *Baker Pride*, the *Baker World* and through Baker's website I am still often asked "how are individuals chosen for induction to the Athletic Hall of Fame?" Therefore, since there appears to be some mystery and general misperceptions about how a person is nominated and then elected to this high honor I have decided to answer these questions in this issue of the *Arbor*.

Baker's Athletic Hall of fame is now in its 33rd year of existence. Over the course of the 100+ years of the University's participation in sports we have had literally thousands of athletes who achieved great levels of success while here in college, some who went on to outstanding coaching careers and even a few as professional athletes. Out of all these thousands who have enjoyed such success only slightly more than 100 individuals have been selected for inclusion in the Athletic Hall of Fame. To be eligible for induction a person must be formally nominated in one of the following categories: 1). As an athlete at Baker and/or beyond, 2). As a coach for a minimum of 25 years, and 3). For meritorious service to Baker University's overall Athletic program. Only three individuals of those who have been inducted have come from the category of "Meritorious Service to Baker Athletics"...the rest have been inducted as either great players or coaches and in several cases, both.

As a portion of my responsibilities here at Baker I have coordinated the Athletic Hall of Fame nomination and selection process for over 25 years. Currently I have 54 written nominations of individuals in the file that the nomination committee will consider next winter when it meets to select the inductees for the fall of 2010. Many extremely viable candidates have been in the nomination files now for over 10 years as we have so many quality candidates. Due to the extreme expense involved, we induct five or fewer individuals in any given year--thus the backlog of individuals in the file.

This is also an important part: the University itself DOES NOT nominate or chose to induct any individual into the Hall of Fame without having first received a written nomination and having that nomination considered by the committee as a whole. Nominations must be received from signed letters from individuals. Anyone may send in a nomination...Alumni, friends, fans, family of athletes...anyone!

In addition to the quality and records of athletes and coaches the committee also tries to be sensitive to gender issues and to include athletes and coaches of the "minor" sports which adds balance to the entire Athletic Hall of Fame.

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Bits and Pieces...

Swine Flu Precautions in Place...

Director of Student Health Services, Ruth Sarna has announced the University's plan to deal with a potential outbreak of the H1N1 virus, better known as Swine Flu. In the event a student comes down with the virus they are advised to first of all return home if they live close by. They are encouraged to notify the Health Center of their condition, e-mail professors informing them of their illness and remain at home until 24 hours after their fever has subsided without the use of fever reducers. Additional information regarding the virus and the University's plan can be found on the Baker Web Site in the Health and Safety Information section.

Football Broadcasts Return...

You can continue to catch all Baker Wildcat football action on Ottawa's 1220 A.M. station (KOFO) or on the world wide web through the Baker Web Site. (Athletics>Football>Live broadcasts). Calling all the action as he has for the past 20 years is Hall of Fame inductee, Tom Hedrick '56. Along side Tom doing the color commentary is B.U.'s former Athletic Director, Dan Harris. So, if you can't make it to a game you can still catch all the exciting Wildcat football action in 2009!

Baker Trivia for September...

To the nearest hundred...what is the combined 2009 fall enrollment for all four of Baker's individual colleges/schools???

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

Hall of Fame Continued From Page Two...

If you would like to send an official nomination of an individual to the University you may do so by addressing a letter and supporting documentation to:

Jerry Weakley
Athletic Hall of Fame Coordinator
%**Baker** University
P.O. Box 65
Baldwin City, KS. 66006-0065

In the nomination you should have the name of the individual being nominated, his/her class year (years attended) if known, the sport/sports in which they participated, as many details of their playing record as possible--wins/losses, yards gained, points scored, batting avg. etc., any honors they achieved (team captain, All-Conference-All District-All-American) and any records they set while in school. Then additionally, we would like to know what they have done since being in school: i.e. grad school, employment, sports they continue to play--coaching--honors--awards received for sports or other activities...volunteer activities...anything that would help the committee determine excellence in sports and through life in general. Once a nomination for an individual is received it is maintained in perpetuity in a file that will be considered annually.

The **Baker** Athletic Hall of Fame is looked upon by many like institutions for its quality and adherence to a high level of standards. It is my job to see to it that we maintain that same level as we as a committee consider the qualifications of each individual and select each year's induction class from the nominations we have in our files. I hope this will help you better understand the process that is involved with our Athletic Hall of Fame. I also hope that you will either view the plaques of all former inductees that are now on the **Baker** athletic website or even better, that you will visit the actual Hall of Fame located in the Collins Sport and Convention Center here in Baldwin City.

The most recent Hall of Fame Inductees, Charlotte Piper '43, Jerry Steele '53, Clarence Hawk '63, David Johnson '83 and retired A.D. Dan Harris will be inducted on Friday, October 2nd at a 6:00 p.m. banquet at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park. Call 888-781-2586 for reservations.

2nd Annual Gala on Tap for November...

The second annual **Baker** University Gala and Auction will be held on Saturday, 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, vacation homes, 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 (785) 594-7866 or Lindsay.vise@bakeru.edu. I hope to see you there!!!

Men's Soccer Moves Up Nationally...

Congratulations to the men's soccer team who in competing against a difficult schedule of nationally ranked teams currently has a record of 4-0-1 and is themselves ranked #4 nationally in the NAIA's most recent poll!!!

Wrestlers numbers at 41...

A significant addition to the Baldwin City Campus came this September as Head Wrestling Coach **Jimmy May** welcomed 41 student athletes to campus for the beginning of **Baker's** inaugural wrestling season. Beginning in November and continuing into February these wrestlers will take on competition from area and national colleges, many of whom have had such programs for many years. Since the team is extremely young, Coach May expects that there will be some "dues paying" while establishing a solid base from which to grow as a program during the upcoming years. Good luck Coach May and the **B.U.** grapplers!!!

SPGS Goes On-line with Courses...

The School of Professional and Graduate Studies continues to adjust in this quickly changing world to meet adults' educational needs. Four new online degree programs in business and information systems during the past two years have been rolled out with more in the planning stages. Undergraduate and graduate leadership degrees will soon be available online and due to student interest, SPGS will also introduce an accounting concentration soon. For information of these or any other programs through **Baker's** School of Professional and Graduate Studies call 913-491-4432.

Milestone Birthdays for Alumnae/ Friend...

Former Trustee, Norton C. "Butch" Ritter wrote to inform me that a close friend of Baker, United Methodist Bishop, Eugene Frank is now 102 years old. He lives at Kingswood in Kansas City! Also reaching the 100 milestone birthday was Gladys Limbird '36 on August 25th in Peoria, Arizona. I attended her party and presented Gladys with a Certificate of Achievement on behalf of President Long and the University! Congratulations Bishop Frank and Gladys!!!

Upcoming Alumni Events ... 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



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to grow every month!!! Why not join us???

Augusts' Trivia Answer...

The Question was: One final question about buildings on the Baldwin City Campus... In 1971 this campus building became the first of several now listed on the U.S. Registry of Historic Buildings...Name the building, its initial purpose and its current use.

The Answer is: Old Castle! It was initially built to be the University's first academic class building. It currently serves as a museum containing Baker memorabilia and a mixture of other interesting period artifacts.

More about "Old Castle"...

Having been built in Baker's inaugural year of 1858 to serve as the initial classroom for academic purposes, Old Castle was used for this purpose until 1871. Following some internal modifications it became a men's dormitory. In the 1880's, the building was sold, and was the site of a milling operation for the town. Eventually, at the time of Baker's 50th anniversary, its historical significance led the trustees to repurchase the building. During the next 50 years it served a variety of purposes until the University's centennial when it underwent extensive renovation to serve in its current capacity as a museum. It continues to serve in this way and is open to the public on a scheduled basis. Call 785-594-4380 for more info.

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

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Revocable Living Trust: A Case Study

A number of years ago a **Baker** Alumni couple visited with me about wanting to leave a major gift to the University to endow a scholarship fund in their parents name. They were concerned, however, that making the actual gift right then might endanger their financial future. At that time they owned a \$75,000 certificate of deposit which they had considered leaving to the University through their wills.

Being that they were interested in keeping and using the interest that was at that time being spun off from the CD I suggested, and then they decided through their financial advisor, to transfer this CD (along with other assets they owned) into a revocable living trust. By doing so, they were able to name a financial institution as their co-trustee, continue to benefit from the income from that specific CD that was being generated for their lifetimes and in the case of an emergency, they could actually take the \$75,000, or any portion of it, out of the trust to use as needed. Provided the trust was not invaded, upon their deaths, the savings certificate would be transferred into the endowed scholarship fund at **Baker** by their trustee with the rest of their assets passing to family.

Besides being able to keep the income and the right to use the investment during life, the couple was able to avoid any federal estate taxes on the money that was donated to the University. Additionally, since this gift passed outside of probate and through a living trust it avoided the probate process and thus was not a part of public record.

A living trust can also be used as a device to manage the affairs for those who are unable to manage their own business affairs. In addition to CD's, living trusts may be constructed to contain real property, equities, bonds and other assets. All assets contained inside a legal living trust are transferred at death either to named beneficiaries or charities outside of probate and thus avoid the costs and delays of probate.

When used for the right reasons, such as carrying on financial responsibilities on your behalf, the living trust can become one of the most valuable planning tools you can use.

Why not call **Jerry Weakley** today at 785-594-8332 to see what a Revocable Living Trust can do for you with regard to leaving a testamentary gift to **Baker**???

***The Above information is provided by 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!"*



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