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

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Gala Raises Most Money Ever...

With gifts for Fund a Scholar still arriving daily, the Advancement Office has announced that the Annual Scholarship Gala held March 2nd was the most successful in history. More than \$300,000 from all sources, including the lead gift from Andrew and Peggy Cherng, will greatly impact the University's ability to attract and retain the best and brightest students as we move toward 2013-2014. Thanks to everyone who attended or gave a gift to this fabulous event!

Presidential Search Committee Named...

With the February announcement of the retirement of Dr. Pat Long June 30, 2014, the University has forged ahead to name a Presidential Search Committee.

The Committee will be chaired by Mr. Hoot Gibson '73, the immediate past chair of the Board of Trustees. Joining Mr. Gibson on the committee will be the following members representing all important constituencies of the University:

- Mr. Alan Mauch '72, Board of Trustees
- Mr. Brandon Scarborough '02, Board of Trustees
- Dr. Nanette Roberts, Board of Trustees/Sr. Pastor, Grace UMC, Lenexa, Kansas
- Dr. Brian Posler, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Darcy Russell '80, Professor of Biology and holder of the Duboc Chair.
- Dr. Joe Watson, Associate Professor of Mass Media
- Dr. Susan Lindahl, Executive Vice President for Administrative Services and Chief Operating Officer
- Ms. Lyn Lakin, Vice President for Advancement
- Mr. Andy Jett, MLA '06 Chief Information Officer
- Mr. Phillip Hannon '86, Head Baseball Coach
- Mr. Mark Sims '92, President of the Alumni Board
- Mr. Zach Aldrich '15, Sophomore from Topeka, Kansas
- Ms. Laura McKnight, Author/Entrepreneur/Community Volunteer/Civic Leader
- Ms. Julie Tea, Senior Consultant with the Search Firm AGB
- Ms. Myra Glover, Administrative Assistant, Office of the President

A web site off of the University's main web page will be up and running later this month. It will have contact information for all of the committee members listed above and will host other important information for anyone searching for any other form of information relative to the search and search process.

Wondering Where The **Wandering Wildcats** Will Wander Next Year...Well, Wonder No More!!!

Before President Pat Long and her husband, Dennis, have a chance to “sail off into the sunset of retirement” they will be sailing into a new **Wandering Wildcats** adventure, that as always, is open to everyone. The next trip for this erstwhile travel group as hinted at in last month’s **Arbor** is in two parts...A...and B.

Part A...Sunday, **June** 1st, 2014, fly to New York City from either Kansas City or your own home city where we will board the brand new NCL cruise ship (sailing for the first time in **May** of this year) the Breakaway...bound for the **pink**-sand beaches of Bermuda! This ship has been designed to offer every possible comfort and unique ways to connect passengers with their experience aboard. With Broadway shows, 28 superb dining destinations and sizzling nightlife...this ship truly has it all!

Our ultimate island destination, Bermuda, has long been known for its intrinsic beauty, history, **golf**, gorgeous **pink** sand beaches and unsurpassed shopping in a modern, clean and safe British island environment.

The cruise is two relaxing days at sea followed by harboring at the famous King’s Wharf in Bermuda. The ship remains your sleeping and dining locale while providing a jumping off point to tours and activities that abound on the island. After three days ashore, the ship returns leisurely to its berth in New York City. Those not continuing to Part B will fly home later that day (Saturday the 7th of **June**).

Part B...Returning to New York, those continuing on will stay for two nights in a midtown Manhattan Hotel convenient to Rockefeller Center, Times Square and the night life along Broadway. Special tours are in the process of being planned that will give **Wandering Wildcats** a true sense of the magnitude of the city. An evening dining adventure on a large luxurious ship specially designed by **Baker** grad, **Rick Quattrini, ’75** as a gourmet restaurant is being coordinated. There you will enjoy a meal to remember as you glide by the skyscrapers and lights of Manhattan. With the other night at leisure you will have the freedom to explore or enjoy one of a multitude of Broadway plays or musicals.

Pricing for the trip is in the works, though I understand that the air portion will not be finalized with the airlines until **July**. An estimate of costs will be provided over the coming months of spring. This notification is simply being done to allow you the maximum amount of time to plan. As always, our travel consultant and advisor, **John Novotny** of Travellers in Lawrence, Kansas, will be handling all the details and heavy lifting. I hope you will plan to join us! For more info: call me at 785-594-8332.

Responses from the **February Arbor...**

Jerry, truly enjoyed the excerpts from Mike's letters. He and Ken (husband **Ken Jones**) were FB (football not Face Book :)) buddies and Ken remembers those games well! Is there anyone who did not have the experience of going to **Joe's Bakery**? I remember the 10:00 PM study breaks; Ken would come by and pick me up to go to Joe's, not only for us, but with orders to bring back to other people. How good those doughnuts were - we always timed it so we would be there right when they were just getting them ready - we always had to stand in line! Sad it is no longer there. Fun memories!

Barbara Roberts Jones, '70

“We used to walk there (Coleman’s Dell) from school in Baldwin. It was a lovely spot that I remember fondly!”

Emilie Gessner Cowherd, '61

“We used to have scout camp-outs at the lake, then hike down that road. When I was 11, I took my first driving lesson by there.”

“Other historical recollections tell a slightly different story: The first murder in what later became the State of Kansas occurred in Douglas County. According to a recent blog about Douglas County Historical sites, **Charles Dow**, a Free-Stater, was reportedly killed in cold-blood by **Franklin Coleman** in 1855 over a dispute about the issue of slavery. Coleman was also reported to have been involved in the Battle of **Black Jack** in 1856 and was responsible for having killed one other Free-Stater. The blog went on to report that according to legend Coleman hid in a cave just north of Baldwin City to avoid a posse that had been formed to bring him in for justice. But, when they located him, he fired his gun at his pursuers causing the cave to collapse, burying him alive. That area is still known as “Coleman’s Dell” and is located along North 375 Road north of Baldwin City. (editor’s note: This legend provides the storyline for The play “The Ballad of **Black Jack**”... **Jim Foreman, ’79**

Baker Trivia Answer for February...

The Question...Identify the area just north of Baldwin City shown in the accompanying picture:



The Answer...The Dell...or as most refer to it...Coleman's Dell.

From the *Baldwin Index*, May, 1887:

"Coleman's Dell is a short distance northeast of Baldwin, and is a deep gorge or ravine, filled with enormous rocks, worn smooth by the water of the little stream that ripples down it. The banks are precipitous, and the sides of the adjoining hills are covered with dense thickets of jack-oak and hazel."

Through the years there are many stories connected with the dell, but the most romantic of the series, is as follows (and here I relate the story as best I can in my own words):

A party of miners fresh from the hunt for gold in California in the year 1854 having made their way to the dell were in need of rest prior to heading on further back East to their homes. After several days of gathering food and their strength back from their already exhaustive travel a "rough, dirty fellow, on a sway backed old pony" rode up and asked to share their campsite and food with them for a night. He claimed to have a sizable sum of gold with him and was afraid to camp alone as he had seen several suspicious looking men riding at a distance behind him for several days. Just a few hours after the stranger arrived a band of three fellows on horseback in fact appeared at a distance before riding over a hill. The newcomer related that these were the same fellows he had taken notice of for days. (Cont...Column 2)

The Legend of Coleman's Dell Cont...

At dark, a watch was set and the newcomer offered to take a 2-hour watch beginning at 2:00 a.m. But, as soon as he perceived all in the camp to be asleep, he stealthily made his way away from camp and into a thicket of hazel trees some distance away. There he encountered about 15 of the most desperate of border-ruffians. But "treachery was at hand" and in conversation with them a plan to attack, kill and plunder the sleeping miners was set into motion.

In the meantime, Coleman, one of the miners, had awakened, and seeing the newcomer was absent from his watch position, awakened his men, told them of his suspicions and directed them and their weapons into a defensive position outside the campsite. Shortly before the ruffians appeared noiselessly from the night to attack the campsite, Coleman had collected the entirety of the miners' gold with the intent of hiding it. Before this task was done, the ruffians attacked the camp loosing volley after volley of gunfire into the now empty tent. As the gunfire subsided, the ruffians approached the tent and were met instead with gunfire coming from outside the camp, dropping several of the attackers on the spot. A gun battle unseen in these parts erupted and eventually hand-to-hand combat with knives. In the end, all the miners but Coleman laden down with the gold were killed in the battle and all but just a hand-full of the robbers as well. Coleman was able to escape to a cave he had earlier discovered nearby that was created out of the overhanging rocks of the dell. There he made his final stand.

The robbers first thought to charge the cave but each time they tried, one of their number was either killed or mortally wounded. All but one of the remaining ruffians returned to the camp to search for the gold but found not an ounce. Thus knowing the gold was with the remaining miner they determined to smoke him out in the morning.

As day light broke, the remaining robbers made their way from several directions back toward the cave entrance. Coleman realizing he was nearly out of ammunition decided to hide the gold behind a large rock. Then, as the robbers entered the cave, he used the butt end of his rifle in a crevice to dislodge a huge overhang onto the approaching men, sealing forever the gold, himself and his enemies in a common grave. To this day no one has ever claimed to have found either Coleman's final resting place or the gold! :)

Alumni/Campus Activities...

March 11-15... Arizona/California Socials/
Dinners...

11th...Dinner...The Grill on the Green at Canoa
Ranch Golf Club...5800 S. Camino del Sol, Green
Valley, AZ. 5pm.

12th...Luncheon...Briarwood Country
Club...20800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West, AZ.
Noon.

12th...After-Hours Social...Stone & Vine...9343 E
Shea Blvd, Suite 100, Scottsdale, AZ. 5:30-7:30pm

13th...After-Hours Social...Edgewater Grill...861
West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 6:00-8:00pm

14th...After-Hours Social...Sapore Ristorante Itali-
ano...1447 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame, CA.
6:00-8:00pm.

Reservations for any of the above Alumni Asso-
ciation sponsored events should be made to Ms.
Debbie Papps at 785-594-4526 or by e-mail at
alumni@bakeru.edu

President Long will be attending all of the above
events along with Ms. Lyn Lakin and other mem-
bers of the Alumni office. I will be attending all
of the Arizona events. We look forward to seeing
any alumnus, former student, parent, donor or
friend of the University!!!

April 11...After-Hours Social...Location TBD,
Leawood, KS. 5:30-7:30.

April 15-18...The Alumni Office is investigating
the possibility of hosting an After-Hours-Social in
the general area around Atlanta, Georgia. More
details will be sent out on this later.

May 17-19...Annual Alumni Weekend...Golf Tour-
nament (Friday, 17th at Alvamar GC, Lawrence),
Alumni Reunion Dinner (17th at 5:00-Sheraton,
Overland Park), Awards Luncheon (18th on the
Baldwin City Campus-Harder Union), Stag ac-
tivities at Greek Houses, and Commencement
(19th-Collins Center). Watch for the *Baker Pride!*



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Trivia Question for March...

Identify the following Baker Wildcat cloth patch
in terms of approximate date/uses:



A discussion of answers will be in the April issue
of the Arbor...

Athletic Hall of Fame...

All nominations of athletes, coaches and others who have
given meritorious service to sport, athletics or to the pur-
suit of same at Baker University may be sent to Jerry
Weakley, Coordinator, Baker University Athletic Hall of
Fame, P.O. Box 65, Baldwin City, KS 66006. Please list all
statistics and other pertinent information relative to the
individuals qualifications in the open form letter. All
nominations must be received by December 31, 2013.

Have a Great Month of March...

I'll write again in April...

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Sequester 101...Where We Are Now...

The 2.6% reduction in federal government spending known as the "Sequester" commenced on **March 1, 2013**. Efforts by the Senate on **February 28** to pass alternative bills were not successful. Democratic Senators supported the American Family Economic Protection Act of 2013 (S. 388). It failed on a 51-49 preliminary vote. This bill would have delayed the Sequester until 2014. It proposed approximately ½ spending cuts and ½ tax increases. The major tax increase in S. 388 is a 30% minimum tax on individuals with incomes over \$5 million. It would be phased in for incomes between \$1 and \$5 million. This has been called the "Buffett Tax" after support in a Congressional hearing last year for this tax by **Warren Buffett**, who reportedly stated, "I always wanted a tax named after me."

Republicans supported an alternative bill. The Cancellation of Budgetary Resources Act (S. 16) gave **President Obama** until **March 15** to submit a bill with re-allocated spending cuts. The plan envisioned giving the White House flexibility to retarget the scheduled \$85 billion in reductions for this year. Under the bill, the White House would submit the proposed changes in the reductions and the Senate would vote to select either the current sequester plan with across-the-board reductions or the White House plan.

The White House rejected the Republican plan and stated, "The President believes the Congress should work on a balanced plan for further deficit reductions that would create the opportunity to help the economy and protect the middle class by bringing down the debt as a share of the economy, reforming entitlements and reforming the tax code. S. 16 would instead harm all these priorities."

The final impact of the Sequester or attempts to cut spending/raise taxes on future charitable giving is unclear at this time but **Baker** and other 501 © 3 organizations are clearly concerned about anything that negatively impacts giving from constituents.



Jerry L. Weakley
VP Endowment & Planned Giving

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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!"...and if you do please let us know your plans!