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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

I always look forward to this time of year when our schools come alive with the arrival of new and returning students. The University enjoyed a memorable and successful year, highlighted by

many events celebrating Baker's 150th birthday. More than 450 alumni and friends attended a wonderful gala in April. "An Evening Under the Arbor" generated nearly \$100,000 for the Alumni Scholarship Fund to benefit students at all four schools.

On the Baldwin City campus, a three-story 51,000-square-foot Living Learning Center north of Harter Union opened in August. Replacing Jolliffe and Denious halls, this facility will house 190 students and is the University's first new residence hall in nearly 50 years.

I am pleased to announce two of our newest staff members. Doug Barth, 1991, Director of Alumni and Corporate Relations, and Brett Bruner, Director of Greek Life and Health Education. I hope you will have the opportunity to meet these individuals.

We anticipate nearly 4,000 students for fall and are confident our excellent academic programs will continue to attract and inspire students. We value the trust students and families place in us by choosing Baker to fulfill their higher education needs.

Serving as president of the University for the past two years has been extremely gratifying and I thank you most sincerely for your allegiance to your alma mater. The love you have for this place is apparent each and every day.

With Baker Pride,

Bat Love Patricia N. Long



steaming hot serving of chatter from those in the

know

Fountain gift highlights downtown improvement

The water is flowing in downtown Baldwin City.

A yearlong downtown streetscape project, enhanced by the Baldwin City community fountain, was completed in May. Water began flowing in the fountain at Eighth and High streets early this spring. It was dedicated last fall as a gift to the University in honor of its 150th celebration.

The downtown makeover features new lamp posts, handicapped accessible walk and entry ways and railings in front of businesses.

A group of community members raised more than \$20,000 to build the fountain. The overall streetscape project cost \$1.8 million.

"I think the fountain was a neat idea and it definitely adds something to the downtown," City Administrator Jeff Dingman, 1994, told the *Baldwin City Signal.*

BAKER "IDOLS" SING AT GALA

"American Idol" might have some new contestants for the upcoming season.

Hoot Gibson, 1973, Johnny Rowlands, 1973, and John Genther, 1972, sang their rendition of "Happy Birthday" in honor of Baker University's 150th birthday to entertain the audience at "An Evening Under the Arbor" gala and auction at Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Alan Mauch, 1972, requested the ensemble perform a song. The three Baker alumni chose "Happy Birthday" since it was the only song all three knew the complete lyrics. The response was overwhelming for the one-hit wonders with several audience members contributing to the Fund-A-Scholar program because of the performance.



John Genther, 1972, Johnny Rowlands, 1973, and Hoot Gibson, 1973, perform at "An Evening Under the Arbor."



Hot Wheels on campus

A golf cart can be used for more than just golf.

During Baker's yearlong sesquicentennial celebration, the extended cart came in handy for parades, campus tours and as a shuttle service for other events.

President Pat Long showed her school spirit crisscrossing campus in the sixseat cart, complete with Wildcat decals.

The cart escorted Trustees and other dignitaries and was roomy enough to transport WOWzer, the new Wildcat mascot. In case you are wondering, WOWzer does not have a driver's license.

Homecoming King Clayton Kellerman and Queen Dominique Adkins ride in the back of the golf cart during the Maple Leaf Parade.

Trip of a lifetime

Fraternity Brothers Travel to Alaska

Flying between awe-inspiring mountains and golfing at scenic courses renewed a longtime friendship between two fraternity brothers during a recent trip to Alaska.

Bill Bunten, 1953, and Don Parker, 1955, traveled together on an 11-day journey to Alaska on a single-engine plane piloted by Bunten. The Baker alumni also made stops in Nebraska, Idaho, Washington, British Columbia, Yukon and Montana.

"This was simply a trip of a lifetime and I have an old college friend to thank," Parker said.

Flying above winding roads through rain, the two often flew over mountain valleys. One time the engine on Bunten's 1959 Piper Comanche started sputtering before the pilot calmly maintained control.

"Bill quickly switched tanks as we had run out of gas in one of the tanks," said Parker, who also is taking flying lessons. "Bill acted quickly and effectively."

The recent trip was Bunten's fifth to Alaska. In the past year, he has flown twice to Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Georgia and Texas.

"I like to fly in Canada and Alaska," said Bunten, a licensed pilot since 1967. "Flying is the adventure for me."

He was thrilled Parker agreed to join him for the trip to Alaska.

"He learned that in the mountains you fly in the morning and play golf in the afternoon," Bunten said. "Even though he had been in Alaska before, he got an upclose look at it from not very far above."

Their friendship goes back to the mid-1950s while they were members of Sigma Phi Epsilon. They both married Delta Delta Delta sisters, and Parker was in the wedding party of Bill and his wife, Charlene. They have traveled together on Baker alumni trips to New Zealand and Australia, Big XII basketball tournaments and golf outings in Texas and Arizona.

After college, Parker and Bunten kept in touch with Christmas letters and they served on the Baker Board of Trustees.

The Alaskan trip was the first time just the two of them had traveled such a long distance together. Meticulously focusing on every detail, Bunten set the itinerary for the excursion.

"I had complete trust and confidence in his abilities," Parker said. "The amount of homework he did prior to the trip was amazing."



Bill Bunten, 1953, and Don Parker, 1955

SPGS Assists with Ethics in Business Award Program

Baker's School of Professional and Graduate Studies partnered with Midwest Christian Counseling Center (MCCC) for their Ethics in Business Award Program. Baker faculty and students from the leadership ethics course interviewed nominees and assisted with the award presentation.

Dan Falvey and Richard Sumpter taught the course and guided Baker students through the interview and research processes. It culminated with research reports that were given to the Ethics in Business Awards Selection Committee, led by Dennis Schemmel, chair of the MCCC board.

MCCC recognized Kansas City business and community leaders whose work reflects the highest ethical conduct and dedication to social responsibility at a banquet in April at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center.

The 2008 awards were presented to Cancer Action, an organization that provides free assistance to improve the quality of life of those living with cancer; Central Fiber Corporation, an environmentally conscious manufacturer producing products from recycled newsprint and hardwood chips; J.E. Dunn Construction, an 82-year-old family business with a long record of community service and developing employment opportunities for minorities and women; and Robert Miller, founder of Robert E. Miller Insurance Agency for service and philanthropy.

Since 2006, Baker has partnered with MCCC for the awards program.



New Residence Hall Opens | Living Learning Center

Baker's newest residence hall, the Living Learning Center, combines the primary facets of a university student's life in one facility. The three-story residence hall, which replaces Denious and Jolliffe halls, is north of Harter Union and houses 190 students.

Student suites include a common living room area for two or four suitemates and one bathroom per two students. Residents can whip up a quick meal or late-night snack in the community kitchen. The center, true to its name, also houses two classrooms and a computer lab with printing capabilities.

A unique feature of the hall is the inclusion of four special-interest groups in which students who share a common interest have rooms together. Last year students contacted the Office of Residence Life to apply for inclusion. The creative and fine arts group is coed. The Faith First, football and soccer groups are for men. To form a special-interest group, students were required to plan social activities for the group and also for the Baker or Baldwin City communities. Each group elected a student leader and has an adviser.

"For example, the creative and fine arts group might attend a performing arts event or exhibit together on campus and then discuss it," said Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life Teresa Clounch. "And the football group will continue the Easter egg hunt for local children on campus that had been hosted by the residents of Denious Hall."

Barth returns TO ALMA MATER

Director of Alumni and Corporate Relations

Doug Barth began creating fond memories of Baker University the moment he set foot on the Baldwin City campus more than 20 years ago.

In his new role as Baker University's new Director of Alumni and Corporate Relations, Barth now gets to share his stories with all alumni.

"I enjoyed the whole Baker experience," said Barth, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1991 and was an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "I got to meet my professors in and out of the classroom and became close friends with my fraternity brothers who I still remain in close contact



Baldwin City resident Doug Barth, 1991, joined Baker's University Advancement staff on August 1.

today. I definitely have the passion for Baker and it has intensified in recent years. I have so much respect for the University's rich history."

Barth is one of many Baker alumni who met his future wife on the Baldwin City campus. He was introduced to his wife, Sara (Koup) Barth, 1993, a Zeta Tau Alpha, during a Greek Week event his junior year. The Barths moved back to Baldwin City seven years ago.

"When we returned to Baldwin City we absolutely fell in love with this community," Doug said.

For the past 10 years, Barth worked at the University of Kansas Endowment Association. He was the association's creative director the past seven years.

Barth has remained in close contact with Baker. He served on the Alumni Board and assisted with "An Evening Under the Arbor," Baker's successful sesquicentennial gala and auction that raised \$100,000 for the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

"We are thrilled to have a Baker alumnus join our team in this capacity," said Vice President for University Advancement Lyn Lakin. "His well-rounded experience in higher education will be a benefit to all of Baker University. Doug is already connected to many of our alumni and he is looking forward to meeting many more members of our loyal and generous Baker family."

Barth plans to increase alumni involvement and identify new alumni programming. Because of his positive experiences as a Sig Ep, he will work closely with alumni from Baker's fraternities and sororities. He also will focus on developing new and expanded relationships with the corporate and business communities that are employers of Baker alumni.

"I want to find Baker alums of every age and set up networking opportunities," Barth said. "We will focus on setting up students with internships and letting them know what our Alumni Association can provide."



Harold W. Dubach, 1942, enjoys playing the violin with the Church Praise Band at Sunday services in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Richard Ehinger, 1977, was recently named the Miami-Dade County Girls Basketball Coach of the Year by the Miami Herald after his team won the District Championship with a 23-5 record. He also is a math teacher.

Lt. Col. Janet Terrill Hanson, 1982,

is the new commander of the Medical Group for the 190th Air Refueling Wing at Forbes Field in Topeka. She resides in Warrensburg, Missouri, with her husband, Mitch, and three daughters. Janet works as the Clinical Nurse Liaison at Whiteman Air Force Base Tricare Service Center.

Patrick Hulla, 1990 and Becky Braun

Hulla, 1990, live in Overland Park with their four children. Patrick is the managing shareholder for the law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart's Kansas City office and is a member of the firm's management committee. He specializes in complex and multi-plaintiff labor and employment litigation.

Tami Stella, 1990, SON 1993,

moved back to Colorado in 1997 after living in Topeka while obtaining a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She and her husband, Glenn, will celebrate their 10th anniversary on Sept. 9, 2008. They have two children, Hayli, 7, and Jayden, 4.

Vickie Rogers, 1994 and 1996, recently retired after 32 years of service with the State of Kansas. **Gretchen Snyder, 1994,** and her husband, Greg Moyer, welcomed a daughter, Greer, on April 19, 2007. Greer joins brothers Greyson, 8, and Grant, 3.

Stephanie Hamilton, 1995, and her husband, Chris Anderson, live in Erie, Colorado. They are parents to Ava and Erik. Stephanie works for the National Center for Women and Information Technology as a part-time program manager.

Nancy Mallery Powell, 1995, and her husband, Brian Powell, adopted a son, Nathan, from Vladivostok, Russia.

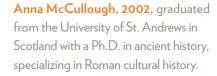
Ellen Jones Lewis, 1996, and her husband, Brad, welcomed a daughter, Katherine Suzanne, on Feb. 27, 2008. Katherine joins her brother, Kenneth Bradley, 4.

Jeffrey Portsche, 1996, and Nichelle Steele Portsche, 1997, welcomed a daughter, Calley Lynn, on June 21, 2008. She joins sisters Madisyn, 5, and Hailey, 2.

Kimberlee Dwyer Speer, 1997, and her husband, Jacob, welcomed a son, Maxwell O'Neil Speer, on Dec. 29, 2006. Maxwell joins his brother, Mason, who is 4.

Jennifer Slane Duld, 1997, and her husband, Eric, welcomed their son, John Randall, on Aug. 30, 2007.

Graham Rees, 2000, and Bethany Tindle Rees, 2003, are teaching in Olathe, Kansas. Beth is a kindergarten teacher. Graham teaches biology and physical science at Oregon Trail Jr. High School and is an assistant football coach at Olathe South High School.



Eryn Myrick, 2002, joined St. Francis Health Center in February as a marketing and communications specialist.

Luke Walters, 2003, and Pamela Sprock Walters, 2004, welcomed a son, Willem Atticus Walters, on May 10, 2007.

Ryan Nichols, 2004, is teaching instrumental music to grades 5-12 in Valley Falls, Kansas. He also is pursuing a Master of Music Education degree at Kansas State University.

Brandy Broce, 2004 and Scott Alexander, 2004, were married Oct. 6, 2007, at the Roeland Park United Methodist Church.

Kristen Harris Peterson, SON 2005, and her husband, Brad, welcomed their daughter, Ali Jo, on Jan. 14, 2008. Ali is the first grandchild of Nick Harris, 1979, and Martha West Harris, 1979.

Jeremy Portlock, MBA 2005, and Angie Heffner Portlock, 2005 and MAED 2007, welcomed a son, Kaleb Carter Portlock, on Jan. 29, 2008.

Ashley M. Maughlin, 2005, is working on a Master of Music Education degree and serves as a graduate teaching assistant with the K-State Bands.

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In late September, join the new Online Alumni Community so we can keep you up-to-date on the latest news about classmates and alumni activities.

Alumni Weekend Winners



Alumni Citation Award Mr. John Thomson, 1995 with Tammy Spiva Hawks, 1972, Board of Trustee member and past award recipient



Grace Irwin Award Mr. Jerry Weakley, 1970, MBA 1992, with Pat Long



Honorary Alumni Award Dr. Jesse Milan with Pat Long



Family of the Year The Rose/Sievers/Seager Families with Pat Long

Stella Grinstead, Missouri Wesleyan, age 105, died Jan. 23, 2008, in North Kansas City, Missouri

Cecelia Cooper Tannehill, fs 1932, age 101, died March 29, 2008, in Delaware, Ohio.

Harley Haskin, 1932 and former Trustee, age 97, died Jan. 16, 2008, in Olathe, Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Gerry Porterfield Haskin, 1933, and sons, Mike Haskin, 1971, and Mark Haskin, 1972.

Robert DeWitt, 1937, age 90, died Feb. 17, 2008, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Helen Allderdice Herrington, 1942, age 87, died Oct. 21, 2007, in Coldwater, Kansas.

Jean Sheely Dunn, fs 1943, age 85, died Sept. 24, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

Mona Frederich Marinelli, 1946, age 83, died Feb. 11, 2008, in Niceville, Florida.

Fanny Lou Leitnaker Zellers, fs 1948, age 82, died Feb. 8, 2008, in Topeka, Kansas. Survivors include a brother, Harold Leitnaker, fs 1950.

Robert McGrath, 1949, age 79, died Dec. 19, 2007, in Prescott, Arizona.

Kenneth Phillips, 1949, age 80, died Feb. 6, 2008 in Wellington, Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Berva Miller Phillips, 1949.

Philip Riley, 1949, age 82, died Jan. 16, 2008, in Independence, Kansas. Survivors include his wife, LaVerne Schuman Riley, 1948.

Clarence Wilson, 1949, age 84, died Oct. 12, 2007, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Jackie Shum Blackman, 1950, age 78, died Nov. 15, 2007, in Pomona, Kansas. Survivors include a son, Jeff Blackman, fs 1971. Lois Cordner Fields, fs 1950, age 78, died Jan. 23, 2008, in Kansas City, Kansas. Survivors include a son-in-law, Chris Gaunce, 1979, and a brother-inlaw, Hal Cummings, 1956.

Mayetta Lathrom Zachow, 1950,

age 79, died Jan. 23, 2008, in Hoover, Alabama. Survivors include her husband, Robert Zachow, 1950.

Richard Blackman, 1951, age 80, died Nov. 10, 2007, in Pomona, Kansas. Survivors include a son, Jeff Blackman, fs 1971.

Rolla Showalter, 1952, age 79, died Feb. 8, 2008, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

John Hann, 1955, age 74, died March 20, 2008, in Alpharetta, Georgia. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Kochan Hann, 1956, and a brother, Richard Hann, 1962.

Carolyn "Sue" Filbert Morgan, 1956, age 73, died Jan. 6, 2008, in Middletown, Ohio. Survivors include a brother, Robert Filbert, fs 1958.

Sonia Minassian Browning, 1956, died in February 2008 in Pensacola, Florida.

Robert Sadler, 1958, age 71, died June 4, 2007, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Survivors include his wife, Ellen Lewis Sadler, 1958, and a daughter, Julie Sadler Work, SON 1988.

Shirley Jo Macy Thomas, 1959, age 70, died Feb. 7, 2008, in Newcomerstown, Ohio. Survivors include a sister, Betty Macy Paparone, 1959.

Louise Beveridge Noonan, 1960, died March 5, 2008, in Lakewood, Colorado. Survivors include her husband, Roger Noonan, 1959.



Mardonna Duncan Hedges, 1962,

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age 67, died March 9, 2008, in Overland Park, Kansas. Survivors include her husband, Thomas Hedges, 1963.

Jack Heflin, fs 1962, age 67, died Jan. 9, 2008, in Webb City, Missouri.

John Folscroft, 1968, age 62, died Aug. 6, 2007, in Kansas City, Kansas.

Janice Ann Manning Crandall, 1974, age 55, died Feb. 22, 2008, in Joplin, Missouri. Survivors include her husband, Douglas Crandall, 1972, and a daughter, Elizabeth Crandall, current student.

Thomas Burns, 1979, age 71, died Jan. 12, 2008 in Yukon, Oklahoma.

Denise Silverman Wheat, MAED 1998, age 61, died April 12, 2007 in Overland Park, Kansas.

Brian Lee Tharp, SPGS 2003, age 35, died Nov. 2, 2007, in Auburn, Kansas.

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Ethel Tench Rogers, friend of the University, age 93, died Jan. 29, 2008, in Fairway, Missouri. Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Rogers Barnes, 1968, and a son, Philip Rogers, 1973.

Pauline "Lily" Johnson Coates, friend of the University, age 90, died April 20, 2007, in Topeka, Kansas.

Violet Acheson, friend of the University, age 90, died April 17, 2007, in Topeka, Kansas. Survivors include her husband, Clinton Acheson, 1936.

Philip Needles, former Trustee, age 76, died Jan. 10, 2008, in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Remembering James Doty

When former Baker University President James Edward Doty passed away at age 86 on June 15 in Alliance, Ohio, the University lost a true leader known for his diverse talents.

Dr. Doty served as the University president from 1966 to 1973, challenging times in higher education during an era of student protests, the Vietnam War, financial stress and social unrest on many campuses.

"Jim Doty was one of the most influential men in my life, and one of the most remarkable people I have ever known," said Neal Malicky, a 1956 Baker graduate who served as the Dean of the College from 1969 to 1975 and acting president in 1973-1974. "I had contact with Jim on a day to day basis for only four of his 86 years, yet his influence was profound, as it was on all of us who were privileged to know and work with him."

Walt Bailey, 1962, became a full-time faculty member during Doty's first year at Baker. As a young professor, Bailey was fond of his alma mater's new president.

"He brought a kind of enthusiasm and commitment to challenge the traditional way of thinking with new appointments and new directions," said Bailey, who retired from teaching in 2007 and serves as the



Special Assistant to the President for the Development of the Arts.

Dr. Malicky remembered Doty for generously sharing his talents as a preacher, pastor, counselor, teacher, administrator, author, world traveler and a Christian. Doty also shared his sense of humor.

"He loved to laugh and to make other people laugh," Malicky said. "He enjoyed life, and he shared that joy with

"He loved to laugh and to make other people laugh."

- Neal Malicky, 1956, Former Dean and Acting President

others. Jim was a man of many talents, and he was a man with the gift of humor. But most importantly, Jim was a Christian man. His faith directed his prayer life and his preaching, of course."

Dr. Doty's three children, Mark Doty, 1969, David Doty, 1971, and Martha Doty, 1975, graduated from Baker.

The Presidential Medallion, worn during Baker ceremonial occasions such as commencement and convocation, was first displayed at the inauguration of Doty on April 22, 1967. It was a gift to Baker from Doty's alma mater, Mount Union College in Ohio. Doty last visited the Baker campus two years ago for the inauguration of President Pat Long.



Introducing the New Baker Brand

Baker's alumni publications have undergone a makeover. As part of a new branding emphasis, all of Baker's communications will bear a similar style.

Looks aren't everything, however. The message in print, electronic and verbal communication all point to a common theme that unites all four of Baker's schools. "Own Confidence" refers to the unique results students obtain from their Baker education.

"Alumni played a significant role in development of the new theme," said Annette Galluzzi, Vice President of Marketing. The common thread in their comments was that Baker gave them confidence to take important steps throughout their lives, whether it was in their competence to perform well at their jobs, when considering career changes, or in making decisions affecting their personal lives.

"Everyone involved viewed the Baker community as very involved and caring. That concern manifests itself at each school. On the Baldwin City campus, the abundance of activities and willingness of professors to engage with students were critical to the sense of community. Adult learners, on the other hand, saw the convenience of programs as a show of concern for students juggling work and personal lives to earn a degree. Students and alumni from all four schools viewed professors as mentors, also signaling the importance of a caring community," Galluzzi said.

A new Baker Web site and online community for alumni will also help keep alumni connected to their alma mater and to one another. The new Web site, **www.bakerU.edu**, and online community, **www.bakerU.edu/alumni**, are scheduled to launch in late September. Alumni with current e-mail addresses on file will receive a notification when the site goes live.

The online community operates similarly to Facebook in that alumni must sign up for an account and post information they want to make available for classmates and friends to see. There is also detailed information about alumni events and other items of interest.

Alumni who wish to provide feedback may contact the Marketing Office directly at 785.594.8376, or by e-mailing marketing@bakerU.edu.

Stork's Cradle Program promoting healthy lifestyles for women

Six Baker University School of Nursing students recently made a difference for expectant mothers.

As part of a "change" project in their last semester, the students coordinated Cradle Rockers to assist Stork's Cradle, a community-based incentive program at Stormont-Vail HealthCare in Topeka. Stork's Cradle seeks to improve the health of pregnant women and their babies by providing maternity and baby clothing. It also allows women to attend educational sessions on pregnancy, birth and infant care.

The nursing students — Cheryl Blanchette, Ashley Henderson, Joanna Schafer, Whitney Bauerle, Lindsie Emerson and Mandie Crabbs - organized a drive to gather maternity and baby clothing and nursing items for women using prenatal care and

> other support services. Liz Gogolski, SON 1997, helped form Stork's Cradle in 2003 after volunteering with the March of Dimes.

"We chose Cradle **Rockers** because we knew we could make an impact."

- Mandie Crabbs, SON 2008

"We chose Cradle Rockers because we knew we could make an impact," said Crabbs, SON 2008, who works in the neonatal intensive care unit at Stormont-Vail. "We were given the task of selecting a community and determining the change needed to be made based on our assessment. We surveyed the mothers and talked to the facilitator of Stork's Cradle before deciding what they needed."

Baker students contributed diapers, baby clothes, diaper wipes and strollers.

"We were able to collect clothes of different sizes," Crabbs said. "A lot of the students who were not involved in the change project still contributed to the drive."

Through the incentive program, women referred to Stork's Cradle "earn" points through various health-promoting activities. Mothers had to agree to follow a healthy lifestyle and attend classes before receiving the baby items. The more points compiled the more baby items they could receive.

"We had a great time with the Stork's Cradle program," Crabbs said. "It was amazing to see how excited the mothers were when they received the baby items."

The Baker students worked on creating handouts, tracking the attendance of the participants, and moving and organizing the "closet," where mothers collected the items.

"It was a worthwhile project," Crabbs said. "It benefited a lot of mothers."

Libby Rosen, an instructor, said students were committed to Cradle Rockers.

"They were very inspired and spent time with the participants of the groups who are mothers with challenging life situations and need support, encouragement and education throughout the pregnancy and postpartum period," Rosen said. "The students put together a very moving DVD of the group with a song. I was very impressed with the students' ability to get so much done in such a short time frame."

Baker salutes professors, retirees

Baker recognized a Hall of Fame inductee, two retirees and six professors at the Faculty Recognition Celebration.

Walt Bailey, 1962, became the 24th member of Baker's Faculty Hall of Fame. Bailey began teaching at his alma mater in 1965 and currently serves as Special Assistant to the President for the Development of the Arts.

Pablo LaRosa, assistant professor of Spanish, and Tony Brown, professor of psychology, were recognized for their contributions to Baker. LaRosa and Brown retired after the 2007-2008 academic year.

Faculty award winners were Randy Miller, Distinguished Scholar Award; Martha Harris, United Methodist Exemplary Teacher Award and Cynthia Appl, Distinguished Faculty Award and the Kopke Teaching Excellence Award.

Winners of the Faculty Incentive Program awards were Gwyn Mellinger, Excellence in Teaching and Academic Advising; Tim Buzzell, Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship; and Ryan Beasley, Excellence in Teaching and Service.



Cynthia Appl, winner of the Kopke for Teaching Excellence Award and Distinguished Faculty Award



Green Bay Packers Coach Mike McCarthy signs autographs during his Hall of Fame induction ceremony last October.

McCarthy, Packers partner in gift

Mike McCarthy has never forgotten the two years he attended Baker University more than two decades ago. As the head coach of one of the most storied franchises in sports, McCarthy, 1987, remembered his alma mater by teaming with the Green Bay Packers to make a \$100,000 donation to Baker. The gift could potentially reach \$500,000 over the next five years.

McCarthy, entering his third season as head coach of the Packers, earned a bachelor's degree in business from Baker and was an all-Heart of America Athletic Conference tight end and senior captain in 1986, helping lead the Wildcats to an NAIA Division II national runner-up finish. He was inducted into Baker's Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 20, 2007.

"I'm very excited to make this donation to Baker University," McCarthy said. "The University made a positive impact on me that continues today. It's a great learning environment, from the classroom to the athletic programs. Much of the success in my career I owe to what I learned and took from my experiences there. It is an honor to be able to give back to the school and support it in a very meaningful way. I also appreciate the Packers organization in joining me."

The donation to the University will aid the football program. A portion of it will fund an endowment for a football scholarship in McCarthy's name. The scholarship specifically will go to an incoming junior college athlete who demonstrates the potential to make a meaningful impact on the program. McCarthy played football at Scottsdale Community College in Arizona before transferring to Baker.

"We value Mike's generosity and loyalty to our athletic program," Baker President Pat Long said. "While visiting with Mike, his family and former teammates during the Hall of Fame induction ceremony last year, I soon learned of the enduring impression Baker made on him as a student and athlete. We are grateful for his longstanding commitment and the confidence he has shown the University."

Additionally, portions of the funds will go to current scholarship funding, as well as into a budget the athletic director can tap for enhancements to the football program, such as facility improvements.

McCarthy was named the Motorola NFL Coach of the Year in 2007 as his Packers team, the youngest in the NFL, went 13-3 and captured the NFC North Division and advanced to host the NFC Championship Game at Lambeau Field. In the process, he became the first Packers coach since Vince Lombardi to lead his team to a championship game in his second season.

LEARNING TO READ Alesia Hamilton's & Alferd Williams' Inspirational Story

With windows cracked open and natural light radiating into Alesia Hamilton's first-grade classroom on the final day of summer school at Edison Elementary School in St. Joseph, Missouri, one of her students is beaming.



While other students are painting and constructing towers with blocks on the steamy afternoon in mid-June, 70-year-old Alferd Williams just completed another book. Quite an achievement for a man who three years ago recognized only a handful of words and avoided opening a book because he knew he would not understand.

"I bypassed books until I was 68 years old because I couldn't read them," Williams said. "When you convince yourself you can't read, you don't bother grabbing things. I now know reading is awesome. It's a new world to me."

Williams' new world looks bright. He is convinced he is on the path to receive a GED and in a few years attend college with the help of Hamilton, who received a Master of Arts in Education from Baker in 2001.

The first book Hamilton presented Williams was "Little Bear," a story about a mother bear caring for her cub. Bill Cosby's children's books are among Williams' favorites. On the last day of school, he followed every word with his right index finger from Cosby's "Worst Day of My Life."

"When I first learned I could really read pretty good I was really excited, but it kind of scared me a little," he said. "I wanted to know if I was right or wrong. You have to be really sure of yourself. I started learning my sounds, then I learned my vowels and became more confident."

Williams has worked with Hamilton since June 2006. After escorting a friend's child to school and impressed by her passion working with the students, he asked the first-grade teacher if she would be willing to teach him how to read. Hesitant at first because she had not taught adults, Hamilton introduced picture books with one word on each page. By the time school began in the fall, Williams became more confident and Hamilton invited him to join her class as a volunteer.

"Everything I learned at Baker was meaningful. I learned games I could incorporate in the classroom. I really strive to be hands-on and Baker provided me with that experience."

- Alesia Hamilton, MAED 2001

"I had never taught anyone over age eight to read," said Hamilton, who drew from her experiences with Reading Recovery, an early literacy intervention program. "When he came to me, he could write his name and that was about it. In the classroom, he laughs, dances and sings with the other children. He may be 70, but he is a kid at heart."

For 20 years, Hamilton has been a grade-school teacher, including the past decade at Edison, a pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade school with an enrollment of 300 students. Nearly 90 percent of the students receive free or reduced-cost lunch programs.

As a fifth-grader, Hamilton was told by a teacher she could be anything she wanted to be. Hamilton knew at that moment she wanted to be a teacher.

"That's what makes me love what I do, realizing if you want to accomplish something, you can do it," Hamilton said.

Her experience working on a master's degree at Baker helped her connect better with her young students.

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In May, the St. Joseph School District Foundation recognized Hamilton's contributions to the classroom by selecting her as the district's Teacher of the Year.

The respect between teacher and pupil is mutual. Williams could not imagine such devotion from another teacher.

"My goal is to go to college" – Alferd Williams

"If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be where I am today," Williams said. "She has so much patience, patience, patience. She is real quiet. I never see her mad. If kids get out of hand, she says, 'Move away. You can't disturb the rest of the children from learning."

Alferd is a friend to his first-grade classmates and other students at Edison. As he prepares to go outside for recess, a student reaches out for a hug and invites Alferd upstairs to view some artwork he created. Sitting on a small wooden stool, Williams participates in classroom activities and his self-portrait hangs with his classmates' collection.

Williams' classmates, especially Malia Johnson, do not let him slide on his reading. They are among his best teachers, too.

"He will say, 'What's that word?' said Johnson, a second-grader to-be. "Instead of telling him the word, I tell him to sound it out."

Before learning to read, Williams was bored in hospital waiting rooms and avoided the reading material strewn on tables. He has battled prostate cancer and diabetes and suffered a mini-stroke earlier this year. He passed time in waiting rooms drinking coffee and ... waiting.

"Now when I go to doctor's office, I pick up magazines and relax," said Williams, who now knows the meaning of the EXIT signs at hospitals. "I read until they call my name. Sometimes I don't want to get up. I can't keep my hands off books and magazines because I can read this stuff."

Hamilton and Williams have shared their story on "Oprah," "Today" and "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." After their appearance, DeGeneres' show had 26 laptop computers delivered to Edison and contributed \$2,500 to the school's library. *People* magazine's "Heroes Among Us" and *American Profile's* "Hometown Heroes" have featured the inspirational teacher and student.

Williams never intended to receive national attention for his efforts. He simply wanted to learn to read from Hamilton.

"My goal is to go to college," he said. "The last few months I feel like I will make it to college. I'm learning fast because I stay with it and I love it. It's possible to do anything you want to do. If you happen to miss making it when you are young, don't give up. Just keep going."

When he was young, Williams missed the opportunity to read and did not attend school. As the fourth of nine children with an ill father at home, he worked on his family's rural Tennessee farm, picking cotton and planting corn.

He promised his mother he eventually would learn how to read. A handwritten sign on the wall of the first-grade classroom near a stack of books shows Williams has delivered on that promise.

"I think anyone could learn to read if they wanted to. By Alferd"



Art Professor **Inge Balch** was one of five jurors for Ray-Pec Invitational High School art competition involving 15 Kansas City area high schools. She presented the 2008 International Orton Cone Box Show at the National Council on Education for the Ceramics Arts Conference in Pittsburgh.

Senior Professor of Biology **Roger Boyd** presented "Population Ecology and Management of the Least Terns and Piping Plovers on the Kansas River" at Emporia State University.

Director of Library Services **Kay Bradt** and Government Documents Librarian Julia Todd recently presented "Applying Your MLS to GIS: Integrating Mapping Into Your School or Library" at the Kansas Library Association Conference in Wichita.

Associate Professor of Music **Susan Buehler** was the featured performer at the annual Sigma Alpha Lota Musicale.

Associate Dean of Students **Teresa Clounch** served as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Leadership Kansas program and Chair of the Board of Directors for The Farm Incorporated Family Services.

Professor of English **Preston Fambrough** presented "Carnival Echoes in Joyce Cary's The Horse's Mouth" at the annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Calgary, Canada.

Associate Professor of English **Tracy Floreani** had her essay "Maud Martha vs. I Love Lucy: Taking on the Postwar Consumer Fantasy" published as a chapter in *Complicating Constructions: Race, Ethnicity & Hybridity in American Texts*. Her article "Arthur Miller's Tragic Brooklynites" was published in VIA: Voices in Italian Americana. Graduate Department Chair for Education **Harold Frye** has served four years as a mentor to the leadership team at Ruskin High School in Missouri's "Close the Gap" project.

Athletic Director **Dan Harris** presented "Peer Assessment" at the NAIA National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Professor of Philosophy **Donald Hatcher** presented "Critical Thinking & Religion: The Ethics of Belief Revisited" at the Pacific Division APA Meetings in Pasadena, California.

Rhodes Professor of International Business **Lowell Jacobsen** was invited to present his paper "Another 'Final Word' on Penrose" at the History of Economic Society's conference in Toronto.

Assistant Professor of Music **Ray** James was inducted into the Buhler High School Music Hall of Fame.

Professor and Chair of Mass Media and Communication Gwyn Mellinger won the Kansas City Press Club's Gold Award in June for features columns for papers with circulations of less than 50,000. She presented "Rekindling the Fire: The Compromise that Opened the Door to the Integration of Daily Newspaper Newsrooms" at American Journalism Historians Association meeting in Richmond, Virginia. The paper received the David Sloan Award for the top faculty paper and the James Snorgrass Award for the top paper on a minorities topic. She was appointed chair of the Outreach Committee for the American Journalism Historians Association. Mellinger and Assistant Professor of Mass Media and Communication **David Bostwick** served as judges for the All-Kansas Write-off, a high school journalism contest cosponsored by the Kansas Professional Communicators and the Kansas Scholastic Press Association.



Adjunct Instructor of English Marti Mihalyi taught poetry writing for the National Writing Project site at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, this past summer. Mihalyi also taught for the National Writing Project during summer 2007.

Director of Financial Aid Jeanne Mott was presented the prestigious Ron Smout Award for Teaching and Mentoring at the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators conference in Breckenridge, Colorado. The award is presented to an individual who has provided mentoring and encouragement to a number of financial aid professionals in the region.

Assistant Professor of History Leonard Ortiz presented a paper on the perceptions of Latino identity at the Nuestra America National Latino Studies conference at the University of Kansas.

Professor of Music J.D. Parr

performed as principal clarinetist with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra in two children's concerts. He also performed at the Michigan Music Educators Statewide Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and in the Lawrence City Band, which performed as part of a fund-raiser for Leavenworth's History Center project.

Associate Professor of Philosophy **Thomas Peard** had his paper "Is There a Right of National Defense?" accepted for the XXII World Congress of Philosophy in Seoul, South Korea. His paper "Sexual Harassment in the Classroom: Exploring the Limits of Free Speech" was included in the main program of the 2008 Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

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Adjunct Instructor of Music **Steven Riley** received the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Award.

Associate Professor of Education Ann Sanders served as director of the Advanced Placement Institute for more than 170 high school instructors of AP courses throughout the nation.

Director of Student Health Services **Ruth Sarna** is serving a two-year term as a member of the American College Health Association Board of Directors. She was named Baldwin City Woman of the Year by the Baldwin City Professional Women for leading efforts for the annual Community Wellness Festival and her involvement in the Baker University's Habitat for Humanity project.

[Randy Miller]

The Assistant Professor of Biology had his article on tardigrades published in the July 2007 *Explorer Magazine*. He is the principal investigator of National Science Foundation grants for his students to study tardigrades in China and North America. Miller joined Robert Lehmann, 1966, and senior Shawn Shively to publish a professional paper on the tardigrades of eastern Kansas and western Missouri. Miller presented "Undergraduate Research Equals Student Discovery" at the Third Annual Midwestern Conference on Research at Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions at Park University. Associate Professor of Spanish Sandra Schumm presented "Synchronicity and Identity Formation in Cristina Cerezales' De oca a oca," at the Congreso de Literaturas Hispánicas at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She presented the "Rediscovering Metis: Exhuming the Mother in Twenty-first-Century Novels by Spanish Women" at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference at the University of Kentucky.

Associate Professor of Physics **Ran Sivron** mentored the project "On Why The Upper Mass of Some Black Holes Should be Smaller Using Simulations and a Limited Speed of Perturbations in Disks."

Assistant Professor of Education Merrie Skaggs presented "Hands-On Equations in Sixth Grade: Did it Help in Algebra I Class" at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference and Exposition in Kansas City, Missouri. Assistant Professor of Mass Media and Communication Joe Watson was a guest on KANU-FM 91.5 in Lawrence during the "Trail Mix" show for its Fall Fanfare fund drive campaign. His book review on "Politics and Media in Cyberspace: Two Explorations of the Internet's Growing Influence" was published in Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media. J.J. DeSimone, 2007, and he co-authored "Zap! Pow! Wam! The Electrifying Motivations for Reading Comic Books" presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention in Madison. Wisconsin.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of English Sarah Young presented "Willa Cather and the Made-for-Television Movie" as part of a panel on Modernist Novels into Film at the International Literature into Film Conference at the University of Kansas.





Walt Bailey Faculty Hall of Fame

Walt Bailey never imagined he would call Baldwin City and Baker University home for so long.

Bailey grew up in Baldwin City and enrolled at Baker in 1958 as a math major. He planned to move on after graduating.

"I thought I would teach and coach," Bailey recalled. "I didn't like to stand in front of people, so teaching didn't make much sense, and you can't be just a coach in high school."

After realizing his high school teaching and coaching career would not develop, he became interested in art after taking a course his sophomore year. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in art in 1962. Three years later, Dean of the University Benjamin Gessner, offered him a job as a part-time instructor in the art department. He became full time a year later and retired as an art professor in 2007.

"I figured I would be here a token period of time and be on my way," Bailey said. That token period has spanned nearly five decades. For his years of service, Bailey became the 24th member — eighth Baker alumnus — to be honored in the Baker Faculty Hall of Fame with his induction in May.

Bailey, who has taught in every building on the Baldwin City campus except for the chapel, was humbled by the selection into the prestigious Hall of Fame. His portrait will join 23 others hanging in the upper level of Constant Hall.

"If you walk down the hall and look at the people there, those are the people who got us where we are," Bailey said. "It's pretty intimidating to look at those people and realize somebody thinks you belong with them."

Bailey's teaching assignments at Baker included drawing, painting and printmaking, photography, leaded (stained) glass, Renaissance art history, modern art history and foundation studies in visual art.

In addition to his teaching contributions, Bailey has left his legacy through other projects. The mace, used at commencement, convocation and inaugural ceremonies, was created by Bailey from prized remnants of Baker's Centenary Hall and Parmenter Hall. The windows installed in the reading area at the Collins Library were from Centenary Hall and reconstructed and restored by Bailey.

Bailey's love of art also resulted in meeting his lifelong partner. He was introduced to his wife, Barbara, 1963, when he was a sophomore and she was a freshman.

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"One of her suitemates was in my first art class and by the end of the semester we went out on our first date," said Walt. The Baileys celebrated their 45th anniversary in August.

Bailey is entering his second year as Special Assistant to the President for the Development of the Arts. President Pat Long asked Bailey to create an inventory of the University's artwork and organize exhibitions.

"It has been a wonderful transition," Bailey said. "Pat has been so supportive and willing to let me continue to work on it in ways I hadn't imagined would be possible."

Grant to focus on middle school science

Baker University has received a threeyear, \$450,000 grant that will focus on enhancing the quality of middle school science instruction.

Associate Professor of Education and Director of Continuing Education Ann Sanders will serve as the grant administrator for The Fostering Achievement in Middle School Science project. Sponsored under the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, the project is designed to improve science achievement through ongoing staff development, which will increase the depth of teachers' content knowledge and improve their methodology and teaching skills in science.

"It is anticipated that the impact of

inquiry-based instruction emphasized in the project and its virtual learning community will permeate throughout Kansas middle-level teaching staff," Sanders said. "We plan to set up a virtual learning community that is open to all science teachers in the state and will remain cost effective."

Per grant guidelines approved by the Kansas Board of Regents, the amount of funding is \$150,000 per year for three years. Baker University will serve as the lead collaborating institution in partnership with the Shawnee Mission and Topeka school districts.

The project began this summer with the University of California at Berkeley

Research Center providing a weeklong workshop for more than 100 science educators in Kansas.

Primary goals of the grant are to increase the quality of science instruction, opportunities for teacher collaboration through grades 5-7, parent involvement in science education and administrator instructional leadership skills.

Besides Baker, the primary partners of the project include the University of California at Berkeley's Full Option Science System Research Center, the Shawnee Mission School District, Kansas Science Consultant and Topeka Public Schools District.



Facility opens in North Kansas City

Baker University has been serving students in the Kansas City Northland for several years. Because of increased growth and interest, the University has opened a new facility.

The nearly 5,000-square-foot facility at 7509 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway in North Pointe Circle houses four classrooms, three offices, a reception area and a conference room. The University will offer programs for the Associate of Arts in Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts in Education and Master of Liberal Arts. Classes started in August.

"Baker University is pleased to offer students in the Kansas City Northland a convenient option for earning their degree," said Marvin L. Hunt, Vice President and Dean of the School of Professional and Graduate Studies.

Three alumni added to Wall of Honor

The School of Education inducted three Baker alumni into the Wall of Honor in May on the Baldwin City campus.

Josh Anderson, MASL 2001, Karl Krawitz, 1972, and William Moulden, 1977, were inducted in Baker's third Wall of Honor class.

Anderson, the Kansas Teacher of the Year in 2007, teaches at Olathe Northwest. His debate team won the 2007 6A State Championships and was ranked second in the nation. Krawitz, named Kansas Administrator of the Year in 2000 and Kansas PTA Educator of the Year in 2003, coordinates Baker's Ed.D program and is the director of the restricted licensure program in the graduate department.

Moulden, national board certified teacher in 2005, teaches sixth-grade science at Samuel Ogle Middle School in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Baker Online

A new Baker Web site and online community for alumni will keep you connected to your alma mater and to one another. Alumni with current e-mail addresses on file will receive a notification when the site goes live. The online community operates similarly to Facebook in that you must sign up for an account and post information you want to make available for classmates and friends to see. There is also detailed information about alumni events and other items of interest.

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Thank you to the 2008 Reunion Classes for raising a total of \$57,000 in support of today's Baker students. The Class Reunion Giving Program is a tradition during Alumni Weekend and is designed to mark alumni achievements and affirm your belief in the value of a Baker education. During the Alumni Weekend Luncheon, the class with the highest percentage of participation is presented with the Pinnacle Award. Congratulations to the Class of 1958 for winning the award with 59 percent participation. Those who supported the Class Reunion Giving Program, their class representatives, and the percentage of giving for each class are listed below. Thank you again to all who contribute to Baker University.

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SPORT SHORTS



Jumper SOARS at national meet

The Wildcats sure can jump.

Senior Richie Bryant, Grandview, Missouri, continued the Wildcats' recent success in jumping events at the NAIA outdoor track and field national meet in Edwardsville, Indiana, by placing third in the long jump with a leap of 23 feet, 5 inches. Former Baker standout Brent Randle placed third in the triple jump at the national meet in 2006 and 2007.

In the women's national meet, sophomore Ashlee Miller, Greenwood, Missouri, was Baker's top performer. She placed fifth in the heptathlon with 4,529 points and eleventh in the high jump with a 5-3 mark.

Senior wins HAAC golf title

Michael Kahler capped his Baker career with an individual championship.

Kahler, a senior from Palmer, Texas, was the top medalist at the Heart of America Athletic Conference Golf Championship. He shot a 1-overpar 145 for two rounds at the Paradise Pointe Golf Complex in Smithville, Missouri.

The Wildcats finished second in the team standings.

Program to offer two new sports

Baker University's athletic program is expanding.

Men's wrestling and women's bowling will be offered starting in fall 2009, increasing the Wildcats' total number of varsity sports to 19.

Athletic Director Dan Harris announced in July the hiring of Jimmy May of Las Vegas as the new head wrestling coach. May will recruit wrestlers and market the program this year. Baker becomes the third four-year university in Kansas and the third school in the Heart of America Athletic Conference to offer wrestling. Baker plans to hire a bowling coach in spring 2009.

Wildcat named conference Pitcher of the Year

Junior Vidal Nuno's debut baseball season as a Wildcat was one to remember.

A transfer from Southwestern Community College in Chula Vista, California, the left-hander was honored as the Heart of America Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year after compiling a 6-4 record and a 1.33 earned run average. His ERA ranked fourth among pitchers in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

In 67 2/3 innings, the pitcher from National City, California, struck out 70 batters, including a season-high 14 in a completegame shutout of MidAmerica Nazarene University.



Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony | set for October 3

Five former Baker University standouts — Brent Dorsey, Roger Anderson Farmer, Richard Hedges, Ted Potter and Bob Shores — will be inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame on October 3 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park. Baker currently has 130 members in its Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1977.

Here's a look at Baker's 2008 Hall of Fame class:



Brent Dorsey | 1998

One of two Baker basketball players to have his number retired, Brent Dorsey set all-time records for points in a career (2,501), threepointers in a career (353) and single season (107). Honored as the Heart of America Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year in 1995, Dorsey was a three-time all-HAAC

first-team selection and was named HAAC Player of the Year as a senior in 1998. He also earned NAIA Div. II second-team honors his senior season. Dorsey is an assistant claims manager at Great American Insurance Company and also manages a family farm with his father in Wellsville, Kansas.



Roger Anderson Farmer | 1978

A two-year starter for Baker's football team after transferring from Eastern Arizona Junior College, Roger Anderson Farmer caught 59 passes for 1,014 yards and scored 15 touchdowns his senior season, earning first-team all-conference, all-district and All-American honors. He played briefly with the

Baltimore Colts and New York Jets in the National Football League. From 1988 to 2000, Farmer was a firefighter and emergency medical technician for Providence, Rhode Island. Since 2001, he has worked for the East Providence Alternative Learning Program.



Richard Hedges | 1960

Richard Hedges was a four-year letter winner in football and allconference selection for the Wildcats his senior year. He taught and coached football at Baldwin High from 1960 to 1965 before serving as an assistant principal and coach at Kansas high schools in Columbus, Fort Scott and

Hutchinson. Hedges was principal at Fort Scott High School from 1979 to 1983 before serving two terms as president of Fort Scott Community College.



Ted Potter | 1954

A four-year letter winner in tennis and three-year basketball letterman, Ted Potter was Baker's first tennis conference champion and a runnerup at nationals in 1953. Professionally, Potter brought national recognition to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the executive director of the Southeastern Center for

Contemporary Art from 1967 to 1991. Potter later served as the director of Florida's Atlantic Center for the Arts, the director of the Contemporary Art Center of New Orleans and the director of the Anderson Gallery at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. (He will be inducted posthumously).



Bob Shores | 1958

An all-conference defensive tackle and three-year letter winner in football, Bob Shores taught and coached at Kansas high schools in Oneida, Blue Rapids, Yates Center and Fort Scott before moving to Fort Scott Community College as a counselor, administrator and coach. While at the community college,

he served as the football team's defensive coordinator from 1966 to 1977 for the Greyhounds, who won the national junior college title in 1970. He also served eight years on Fort Scott's Board of Trustees.

calendar of alumni events



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Homecoming schedule of events

Friday, October 3rd

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet 6 p.m. | Social 7 p.m. | Dinner Ritz Charles, 9000 W 137th Street Overland Park, KS

Saturday, October 4th

Homecoming Tailgate Noon | Tent outside Liston Stadium Football Game 2 p.m. | Baker vs. Graceland

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2007 Homecoming Queen Dominique Adkins and King Clayton Kellerman



The Ten O'Clock Bell on the Baldwin City campus.



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