

# The BakerPride

YOUR ALUMNI CONNECTION

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## UNIVERSITY RAISES AWARENESS OF CONSERVATION

Long known for their commitment to the community, Baker University students are leading efforts to raise conservation awareness in Baldwin City.

Earth We Are, a group of dedicated Baker students, recently sponsored a resource conservation summit as part of a nationwide effort organized by Focus The Nation. More recycling bins placed near student housing have resulted from the group's actions.

"The individual recycling bins for the on-campus apartments have made a major impact on the amount that gets recycled, since we've had to double the number of large bins in the collection area in between Jolliffe and the apartments," said Sarah Romereim, Earth We Are president.

Jordan Olsen, previous Earth We Are president, has noticed an upswell in student participation.

"Recycling on campus has improved this year," Olsen said. "People are now more aware of recycling than ever."

For more than two years, Olsen has gathered recyclables from five buildings on the south half of campus and sorts the discarded items. In the past year, 25.8 tons of paper, 8.3 tons of corrugated cardboard, one ton of glass, 1,000 pounds of aluminum, two tons of plastic and 1,700 pounds of steel have been recycled.

Olsen is thrilled that Baker provided a forum for students to discuss conservation and develop a recycling plan.

"I think it is important for students to have a voice about recycling and be vocal about it," he said. "When students talk and think about their recycling efforts and their environmental impact, it shows a little bit about their character, and also what will be done about it in the future."

**Roger Boyd, 1969**, senior professor of biology, made an arrangement with 12th and Haskell Recycling in Lawrence to provide the University a roll-off bin in the alley behind Pulliam Hall.

"Dr. Boyd has recorded surprising numbers in the past few years of how much we recycle of each material and has found that we have almost doubled from the amount recycled from last year in January," said Michelle Pressgrove, vice president of Earth We Are. "Teaming up with another recycling company in Lawrence has made the process more simple. Now we don't have to sort at Dr. Boyd's home or carry it up to Lawrence ourselves."

Before Baker hosted the Focus the Nation event, President Pat Long organized meetings to review the University's current conservation and recycling efforts. Short-term and long-term solutions were discussed.

"The Focus the Nation event allowed us to expand the scope of this project to the local community and even the state level," Romereim said. "I think the event served to raise awareness about global warming and conservation issues in the community and even provided community leaders with some practical ideas that can be put into effect."

Student involvement remains critical in conserving resources, Romereim said.

"It is vital for students to play a role in all areas of college life that have an environmental impact," she said. "Students need to be aware of the broader consequences that even the smallest actions can have and make a conscious effort to conserve resources and recycle. The organizational aspect of the recycling program can always benefit from student involvement, as well. I know that the current recycling program couldn't function without the student workers who do the collection and sorting of the recyclable materials."



Roger Boyd, Sarah Romereim, Jordan Olsen.

## NEW SPGS DEAN NAMED

Baker University has named Marvin L. Hunt as Vice President and Dean of the School of Professional and Graduate Studies.

Hunt is the assistant dean of Continuing Education at the University of Kansas. He also is director of the Academic and Professional Programs and director of Continuing Professional Education at KU and holds a faculty appointment in the KU Gerontology Center.

"President Pat Long and I are so pleased that Dr. Hunt will be joining Baker University," Provost Randy Pembroke said. "His entrepreneurial experience, academic background and communication skills will enable him to provide strong leadership in the future for the School of Professional and Graduate Studies and the University as a whole."

The School of Professional and Graduate Studies offers bachelors, masters, a doctoral and non-degree programs to nearly 3,000 working adults throughout Kansas and Missouri.

"I look forward to facilitating growth in such a vibrant climate of educational innovation and entrepreneurship," said Hunt, who will assume his new role on May 1. "I am excited because education changes people's lives, and Baker is helping to fulfill a great need for excellent business, management and liberal arts

education in Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Wichita and Topeka. I am also very excited to join Baker's outstanding arts and sciences tradition."

At KU Hunt directs a staff that manages continuing education programs in aerospace engineering, civil and mechanical engineering, law, sociology, public administration and many other areas. He recently was responsible for \$4.5 million in contracts to offer short courses in the United States and internationally. Hunt also is a co-principle investigator for the Department of Labor's WIRE initiative focusing on bioscience education in the Kansas City region.

In 2004 Hunt created the KU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute which offers courses to 600 people ages 50 and older in Topeka, Lawrence and Kansas City. He has attracted grants ranging from \$75,000 through \$1 million in endowment for projects in biosciences, communication disorders and adult learning. Hunt has undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Kansas in communication studies, and a doctorate in educational studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



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## SPORTS SHORTS

### Houser leads two programs



One of Baker University's all-time soccer greats is leading both Wildcat programs in 2008.

**Nate Houser, 1994**, a two-time first-team All-American and Conference Player of the Year as a Wildcat, will oversee the men's and women's programs after

being named Director of Soccer. Coach of the women's team since 2003, Houser was promoted after men's coach Alan Koch announced his resignation in January to return to his alma mater.

In 2007, Houser became the first soccer player inducted into Baker University's Athletic Hall of Fame. He played professional indoor and outdoor soccer from 1994 to 2004, including nine seasons with the Kansas City Comets of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

### Senior shines for Baker women



Allie Heinen finished her senior season as one of the best basketball players in Baker history.

With a 20-point outburst on Jan. 26 against Avila, Heinen reached 1,000 points for her career. Heinen, a senior forward from De Soto finished the regular season with

1,170 points to rank No. 4 all time on the Wildcats' career scoring chart.

During her senior season, Heinen had twelve 20-point games and led the Wildcats with a 16.7 scoring average. She set the school record for rebounds in a season her junior season with 292.

### Wildcat football to open at Tennessee-Martin

Baker University will open the 2008 season on Saturday, Sept. 6, against Tennessee-Martin in Martin, Tenn. The Skyhawks, of the Ohio Valley Conference, also have NCAA powers South Florida and Auburn on their schedule.

The Wildcats' home opener is Sept. 20 against Lindenwood. Kickoff is 6 p.m. at Liston Stadium.

### Baker's 2008 schedule:

- Sept. 6 at Tennessee-Martin, TBA
- Sept. 13 at Culver-Stockton, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 20 Lindenwood, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 27 at Benedictine, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 4 Graceland, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 11 at William Jewell, noon
- Oct. 18 Evangel, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 25 at Central Methodist, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 1 Missouri Valley, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 8 at MidAmerica Nazarene, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Avila, 1 p.m.



## CHERNGS HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN L.A. AREA

For more than 30 years, Baker alumni **Andrew Cherng, 1970**, and his wife, **Peggy Tsiang Cherng, fs 1968**, have been at the forefront of the Asian restaurant business as owners of the Panda Restaurant Group.

Since Andrew Cherng and his father, Ming-Tsai, opened the first Panda Inn restaurant in 1973 in Pasadena, Calif., the business has expanded to 1,000 locations in 34 states. The successful chain includes Panda Express, Panda Inn and Hibachi-San.

Southern California has been a special place to the Cherngs, who have more than 120 Panda restaurant locations in Los Angeles County. Los Angeles leaders recently honored the couple for their contributions by naming them a recipient of the 2008 City of Angels Award and inducting them into the Los Angeles Business Hall of Fame.

"This award is so meaningful to us because Los Angeles County has been the site of so many milestones," Andrew Cherng said of the Angels Award. "All of our restaurant locations can be traced back to L.A. County because the company's roots truly are right here."

Christina Davis, CEO of the LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce, said the Cherngs have been vital members of the community.

"Andrew and Peggy have done so much to benefit this area, from providing jobs to about 2,300 local residents to donating immeasurable amounts of food, time and financial support to L.A. County schools and non-profits each year," Davis said. "They put their all into everything they do, and they have made a difference in many, many lives."



Andrew Cherng



Peggy Tsiang Cherng

### Sophomore wins world championship

Baker University has a world champion on the Baldwin City campus.

Sophomore Jody Niccum of Olathe won the 2007 World's Championship Duck Calling Contest Thanksgiving weekend in Stuttgart, Ark. after outcalling a field of 70 competitors from 39 states.

Niccum brought home \$8,000 and a War Eagle duck boat among his \$15,000 prize package.

"A week before the contest, I was blowing two or three hours a night, breaking everything down, blowing certain textures over and over," Niccum told ESPNOutdoors.com. "I just try to be myself. I've been blowing the same routine since I was in the intermediates. I do a routine in my head before I go up on stage and I look above. Both my grandmas are up there, so I watch out for them, and hopefully they're watching out for me."

For Niccum, the World Championship was a dream come true.

"It was a total shock," Niccum said. "Going in, I didn't really think I was going to win. I thought it was anybody's ballgame. Everybody's really good, and anybody can win on a given night."

### Rice Foundation awards \$35,000 to University

The Ethel and Raymond Rice Foundation has awarded Baker University \$35,000 in support of undergraduate student scholarships, adding to the endowed Rice Scholarship Fund which provides annual scholarship support for graduates of Douglas County high schools who attend Baker.

A longtime supporter of scholarships, student health and academic programs at Baker, the Foundation has provided \$145,000 to the endowed scholarship fund since 1998.

Raymond Rice established the Foundation that bears his name in 1972 after the death of his wife, Ethel. Since that time, the foundation has generously supported non-profit organizations in Douglas County.

### Education accepting nominations for Wall of Honor

The School of Education is accepting nominations for the Wall of Honor, which highlights alumni who have received statewide or national recognition.

To be considered for the Wall of Honor, former students must have completed student teaching, a master's program or the doctoral program at Baker and been recognized at a state or nationally. Recognition may be based on any school-related duty, including teaching, administration, sponsoring or coaching.

The Wall of Honor, established in 2006, has inducted 22 alumni, including four who have received national recognition. The ceremony for the 2008 inductees will be between the 1 and 4:30 p.m. commencement ceremonies on May 18 at Case Hall on the Baldwin City campus.

If you or someone you know qualifies for the Wall of Honor, please contact **Merrie Skaggs, 1967**, at Merrie.Skaggs@bakeru.edu or (785) 594-8491 or Harold Frye at Harold.Frye@bakeru.edu or (913) 491-4432.

# BAKER

## Alumni Weekend

May 16-18, 2008

### Friday, May 16

#### College of Arts and Sciences Class Reunions

All Classes to Celebrate Together • 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, '03.

DoubleTree Hotel at Corporate Woods, 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kan. Tickets are \$35 per person.

#### Medallion Presentation to the Class of 1958 • 5:30 p.m.

For graduates of the class of 1958 and their guests.

#### Registration and Social • 5-7 p.m.

#### Dinner • 7 p.m.

Celebrate Alpha Chi Omega Centennial Reception in the room adjoining the Ballroom

#### DJ • 9 p.m.

#### School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony • 7:30 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 701 SW Eighth Ave., Topeka, Kan.

### Saturday, May 17

#### Registration • 9:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

Harter Union Lobby Information Center

#### Campus Tours & Oral History Interviews • 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Van or walking tours available.

Harter Union.

Reservations required RSVP to alumni@bakeru.edu or 1-888-781-2586

#### The Alpha Delta Sigma Annual Meeting • 10:30 a.m.

McKibbin Recital Hall, Owens Musical Arts Building

#### Reception for Award Recipients • 11 a.m.

Collins House

#### Alumni Luncheon • 11:45 a.m.

Seating begins at 11:30. Tickets are \$15 Allen Dining Room, Harter Union

#### Class Photos • 1:30 p.m.

Class of 1938, '43, '48, '53, '58

#### Annual Alumni Association Board Meeting • 2 p.m.

Pulliam Hall

#### Memorial Service and Endowment Dedication • 3 p.m.

Clarice L. Osborne Memorial Chapel

#### Co-op, Co-opperette, Independent Dinner • 6 p.m.

Three Sisters Inn

#### STAG Dinners • 6 p.m..

Greek Houses

If you have questions, contact Alumni Relations at 1-888-781-2586.

### Sunday, May 18

#### Baccalaureate Service • 9:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

#### Brunch • 10:45 a.m.

Allen Dining Room, Harter Union

#### Class of 1958 prepare for Commencement March • Noon

Collins Center

#### Commencement • 1 p.m.

College of Arts and Sciences, School of Nursing, School of Education Undergraduate Degrees

#### Reception • 2:30 p.m.

For all undergraduates, graduates, family members and friends.

Harter Union

#### Commencement • 4:30 p.m.

School of Education Graduate Degrees



## Alumni Weekend Registration

Return this form with payment by May 9 to: Office of Alumni Relations, Baker University, P.O. Box 65, Baldwin City, KS 66006-0065.

**Please print** your name and names of your guests and class years, if applicable, as they should appear on name tags.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

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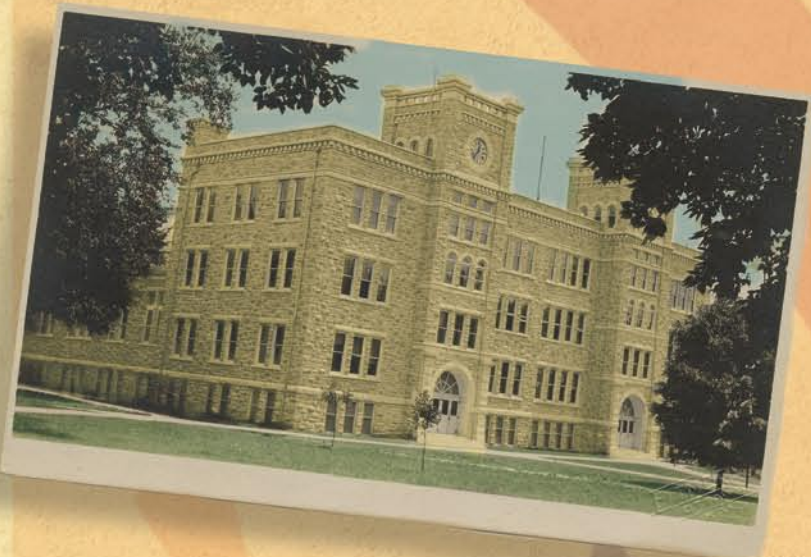
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Friday Events	No.	\$ Total
CAS Class Reunion Party \$35 per person		
Class Photo 8" x10" \$5 each (reunion classes only)		
Saturday Events	No.	\$ Total
Alumni Luncheon \$15 per person		
Co-op/Co-opperette, Independent Dinner \$15 per person		
Sunday Events	No.	\$ Total
Brunch \$6 per person		
<b>Total Enclosed \$</b>		

**Form of Payment:** q Check enclosed (payable to Baker University)  
 q Visa q Mastercard  
 q Discover q American Express  
 Account # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations cannot be guaranteed without this form.



### Throughout the Weekend

#### Founders Bookstore

Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### The Clarice L. Osborne Memorial Chapel

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Art Affair

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Old Castle Museum

Sunday, 10 a.m. to Noon  
 Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

### Lodging Information

#### Baldwin City

The Lodge, 785-594-3900  
 Three Sisters Inn Bed and Breakfast, 785-594-3244

#### Lawrence

Best Western Hallmark Inn, 800-528-1234  
 Days Inn, 800-325-2525  
 Hampton Inn, 800-426-7866  
 Holiday Inn Express, 785-749-7555  
 Holiday Inn Holiday, 800-465-4329  
 Ramada Inn, 800-272-6232  
 Springhill Suites by Marriott, 888-287-9400  
 Travelodge, 800-578-7878  
 Virginia Inn, 800-468-8979  
 Westminister Inn, 785-841-8410

#### Overland Park

The Doubletree Hotel at Corporate Woods, 913-451-6100  
 Best Western Hallmark Inn, 800-528-1234  
 Courtyard by Marriott, 800-321-2211  
 Hampton Inn, 800-426-7866  
 Holiday Inn Holiday, 800-465-4329  
 Marriott, 800-228-9290  
 Sheraton Overland Park, 866-837-4214





Dana Phelps, a student from Baker's School of Education, teaches a class at Baldwin Junior High School.



Dan Lambert, Pat Long, Ralph Tanner and Neal Malicky, 1956, gathered at the State Capitol on February 28, when the Senate and House honored the University's 150th birthday.

## Coming Soon

*During Baker's sesquicentennial celebration, the Alumni Office requested nominations of 150 alumni who have excelled in their professional, personal and civic lives. Thrilled by an overwhelming response, these alumni will be highlighted on Baker's new Web site later this spring at [www.BakerU.edu](http://www.BakerU.edu)*

## Showing Baker Pride ... ALUMNI CALENDAR

### MARCH

**Wednesday, March 26**  
7:30 p.m. Artist and Lecture Series, City In Motion, Rice Auditorium

### APRIL

**Tuesday, April 1**  
5-7 p.m. 2008 International Orton Cone Box Show opening, Holt-Russell Gallery

**Wednesday, April 2**  
5:30 p.m. Baker After Hours Social  
- 7:30 p.m. Seau's The Restaurant  
Westfield Shopping Town  
1640 Camino Del Rio  
North #1376  
San Diego, Calif.

**Thursday, April 3**  
5:30 p.m. Baker After Hours Social  
- 7:30 p.m. Border Grill  
1445 4th Street,  
Santa Monica, Calif.

**Thursday, April 10**  
1-4 p.m. Career Exploration Day, Collins Gym

**Thursday, April 17**  
7:30 p.m. Artist and Lecture Series, author  
Bob Reiss, Owens Audio-Visual Room

**Saturday, April 19**  
6 p.m. An Evening Under the Arbor, The Westin  
Crown Center, Kansas City, Mo.

### MAY

**May 16-18**  
Alumni Weekend, See inside for details

### JUNE

**Thursday, June 12**  
TBA Baker After Hours Social, Kansas City

### JULY

**Thursday, July 10**  
TBA Baker After Hours Social, Denver

### AUGUST

**Sunday, Aug. 10**  
TBA KC Race for the Cure  
Sponsored by The Baker  
Alumni Association



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