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**Homecoming 2009**

# from the **PRESIDENT**



Dr. Biff Green

When you hear the words “private education” do you automatically think “expensive”? Most people do. However, an article in *The Wichita Eagle* last fall made us think further about the affordability of independent institutions.

The Sept. 28, 2008, article compared the average debt of Friends University graduates with graduates from several other public and private universities around Kansas. You would expect a Friends University graduate to be near the most expensive end of the list, right? That’s not what the facts showed.

According to the Project on Student Debt, the average Friends University student graduates with less debt than students from Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, Wichita State University and Newman University.

How can this be? There are many contributing factors:

- Our students often graduate sooner than at a public institution, limiting extra costs for additional years of tuition, fees and other living expenses.
- Our Financial Aid Office works closely with students to find more resources that help students and families pay for college. We also carefully counsel

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students and families not to take on more loans or debt than they actually need.

- Some Friends University students have the option of living at home with their parents, ultimately spending less than if they lived in a large public institution residence hall.

Regardless of the reasons, the message is clear: Assumptions about the affordability of an independent education should not be made without giving careful consideration to the overall picture when evaluating the cost of a college education.

This spring, we launched an affordability campaign using the tagline “Go Beyond Assumptions.” We have researched affordability, created a special section on our Web site, and mailed a series of postcards on affordability to all prospective students and traditional students’ parents.

Some of the facts we’ve discovered through the campaign are highlighted in the sidebar at the right. You can see examples of the postcards and other materials by visiting our Web site.

We hope you will help us spread the word about the affordability of a Friends University education. Here’s how you can help:

- Share the message about affordability with friends and family who are exploring college options, and encourage them to visit with us to find out how affordable Friends University can be.

## AVERAGE STUDENT DEBT AT GRADUATION

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Friends University</b> | <b>\$17,750</b> |
| University of Kansas      | \$18,869        |
| Kansas State University   | \$19,000        |
| Newman University         | \$20,504        |
| Wichita State University  | \$21,368        |

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The average Friends University education costs \$7.36 per day, slightly more than a daily jolt of upscale coffee with the extras. (Based on the average Friends University student debt spread out over a 10-year repayment period for a low-interest Stafford Loan.)
- Friends University offers some of the best housing and dining facilities at a lower cost than most state and other independent universities in Kansas.

Learn more at  
[www.friends.edu/gobeyondassumptions](http://www.friends.edu/gobeyondassumptions)

- Submit names of friends and family who are considering college options through our Web site.

- Share your testimonial about how you have found Friends University to be affordable, a great value or a smart investment.

- Make a donation to a scholarship to help students afford a Friends University education.

*Biff Green*



A child makes his candy selection after careful consideration at the 26th annual Wichita Easter Egg Hunt April 11. The fourth annual Lenexa hunt and 10th annual Topeka hunt took place April 4.

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### **ABOUT THE COVER**

Within the University community, family legacy is a significant part of Friends University history. Learn more about four family legacies on page 12. Pictured left to right from top to bottom: Dale Roberts, G'76; Karen (Ferguson) Roberts, G'79; Kenneth Roberts, G'49; Ed Roberts, G'80; Sherri (Finley) Dalbom, FS'67-69; Kelli (Dalbom) Hartman, G'95/M'98; Cindi (Finley) Davis, G'74; Hubert Wiebe, G'52; Gary Wiebe, G'80; and Sara Wiebe, G'09.

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

**CORRECTION:** Katherine Henderson was inadvertently omitted from the 2008 Donor Report. Henderson received the Ernest P. Boles Endowed Scholarship and the Dr. Cecil J. Riney Singing Quaker Endowed Scholarship. We apologize for this error.

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# ALUMNI news



By Lisa Locke, G'01/M'04,  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND ANNUAL FUND

The Alumni Office has been working diligently for the past two years to determine if a state license plate would be feasible for Friends University to offer our Kansas residents. As you are reading this issue of *Focus*, Kansas residents should have already received the brochure inviting you to purchase a Friends University license plate!

Because Friends University must sell 500 plates before they will officially be issued by the State of Kansas, the Alumni Office will provide updates of our order status through our Kansas License Plates page at [www.friends.edu/alumni/kansaslicenseplates](http://www.friends.edu/alumni/kansaslicenseplates).

If you have not received a brochure or would like more information, please contact the Alumni Office. Many thanks again to all our alumni for your support in moving this license plate initiative forward. We could have not done this without you!

*Author Note: Lisa Locke is a 2001 graduate of the Business Management Program and a 2004 graduate of the Master of Human Resource Development/Organization Development Program. She thinks a Friends University license plate would look great on her car, especially zipping in and out of traffic!*

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[www.friends.edu/alumni](http://www.friends.edu/alumni)

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A group of new alumni pose for family and friends after the 109th Commencement Ceremony May 9 at the Kansas Coliseum. Friends University graduated approximately 1,000 students, and 573 participated in the ceremony.



## Uniquely Friends!



We love to have our alumni stop by and see us. Phil Whiteman, G'55, stopped by earlier this spring to share a very unique gift he received for Christmas, and we had to share with our *Focus* readers.

His grandchildren found "Grandpa" all over Friends University by taking some very creative photos of signage and architecture on the Wichita campus!

We encourage our alumni and friends of the University to stop by and see us in the Davis Administration Building, second floor, room 204. We're always happy to give tours of the campus, let you peruse our yearbooks or help you find a former classmate.



## FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK

Looking for an easy way to stay connected with Friends University? Then check us out on Facebook! Not only are there lots of graduates already reconnecting with one another through this online social network, but alumni have created several groups you may also want to join:

- Friends University Alumni
- Friends University 1984 graduating class. It's reunion time!
- Singing Quaker Alumni
- Fry Hall/Woolman Hall SURVIVORS

Go to online to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and click on the groups application. Type any of the above groups in the "Search for Groups" box and then click the "Join Group" button. Happy networking!

## LICENSE PLATE FAQs

**As of May 8, we have received 134 orders.** As the Alumni Office continues to receive orders for the Friends University license plate, we know some of you may have questions. Here are a few of the frequently asked questions we have received. If you have others, please feel free to contact the Alumni Office.



### *When will I receive my Friends University license plate?*

The State of Kansas will issue the official Friends University license plate after the University has collected payments for 500 plates. The Alumni Association will notify you via U.S. mail when plates will be available from your county tag office. You will also receive a certification form from the Alumni Association for each plate you have purchased.

### *Can I get my Friends University license plate in the mail?*

No. You must exchange your current license plate for the Friends University license plate in person at your county tag office. Each plate carries a vehicle identifier, allowing the state to track and identify your vehicle in their system. In addition, you must present the certification form for each plate purchased.

### *Can I renew my Friends University license plate via mail?*

Yes. You may renew via U.S. mail or in person at your county tag office. The Alumni Association will send your renewal notice 60 days before your annual renewal date. After receiving your \$30 annual fee, the Alumni Association will send you a certification form for each plate that must be mailed with your renewal.

### *Do I have to wait for my current license plate renewal before I can get my Friends University license plate?*

No. You can obtain your plate as soon as the State of Kansas issues it. You will receive more information at that time.

### *Can I personalize my Friends University license plate or order a handicap version?*

No. Plate numbers are produced consecutively and issued randomly. The Division of Vehicles does not allow personalization of educational license plates, honor requests for specific plate numbers or issue handicap versions.

### *What happens if Friends University does not sell the minimum 500 license plates?*

We sincerely hope this doesn't happen! More than 700 individuals have formally told the Alumni Association they are ready to purchase a plate, and many others have informally told us. **If we do not meet the goal of 500 license plates sold by Oct. 1, 2009, Friends University will refund all monies.**

## Recognizing Our Overseas Military Alumni

**The Friends University Alumni Association is interested in hearing from our alumni who are serving in the military and who are stationed overseas.**

**Simply send the Alumni Office an e-mail and let us know where you are stationed and how we can contact you. (Family members are also encouraged to let us know about your Friends University graduate.)**

**With the help of the Friends University Kansas City Alumni Advisory Board, the Alumni Office will be recognizing these special alumni for their dedication and sacrifice as members of the United States Armed Forces.**

## TOPEKA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calling all golfers in the Topeka area! The third annual scholarship golf tournament will be hosted by the Topeka Alumni Advisory Board **Saturday, July 18**, at the GreatLife Golf and Fitness – Western Hills Golf Course. All proceeds benefit the Topeka Program for Adult College Education Scholarship.

The cost is \$50 per player, and tee-off begins at 10 a.m. For more information or to request a registration form, please contact the Alumni Office.



COURTESY PHOTO



Former Singing Quakers Director Dr. Cecil Riney visits with Anita George, G'47, at her home in Los Altos Hills, Calif.

## Former Singing Quaker Leaves Surprise Gift

BY TATSUYA HIDANO, JUNIOR

**News of the Anita George Estate gift of \$414,500 stunned Singing Quakers Director Mark Bartel as its details unfolded last fall.**

**"[This is a] perfect gift for us; I couldn't be happier," Bartel said.**

**Dr. Tom Cook, interim chair of the Division of Fine Arts, is also excited about the gift's potential. "This is an indication of the quality of what we do around here," Cook said.**

**Anita (Wheeler) George attended Friends University, as did most of**

**her family. She graduated in 1947, eventually owned her own travel agency and lived with husband Neldon in Los Altos Hills, Calif. Friendships with former Friends University Alumni Director Elaine Meadows and former Singing Quakers Director Dr. Cecil Riney kept her heart close to the University.**

**George died Sept. 26, 2008, leaving the Anita George Estate gift to benefit the Singing Quakers and Fine Arts programs.**

## INTERFOLIO FACILITATES EDUCATION, JOB TRANSITIONS

CONTRIBUTED BY AMY DIBLE, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS AND CAREER TRANSITIONS

Managing, storing and distributing your letters of recommendation and other credentials for post-graduate study or teaching positions can be a daunting task.

The Friends University Campus and Career Transitions (CCT) Office has partnered with Interfolio to offer a convenient and efficient way to manage credentials online.

### INTERFOLIO'S BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- **Easy Applications** – After creating your Interfolio account, you are in complete control of your credentials file.
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Contact the CCT Office for more information at 316-295-5832 or [career@friends.edu](mailto:career@friends.edu), or visit [www.interfolio.com](http://www.interfolio.com) to create your credentials file.

## ATTENTION EDUCATION ALUMNI

All credentials files currently stored at Friends University will be sent to a shredding company **July 1, 2009**. Please contact the Campus and Career Transitions (CCT) Office to transfer credentials files to a self-managed system.

If your credentials files are closed, documents will not be released directly to you. However, you can create an account with Interfolio then fill out the transfer form at [www.friends.edu/careerservices](http://www.friends.edu/careerservices) and the CCT Office will send your records to Interfolio. If your credentials files are open, documents will be sent to any address of your choice.

## INCOMING FRESHMEN RECEIVE GARVEY SCHOLARSHIP

BY JESSIE GORGES, SOPHOMORE

For the second year, the \$10,000 per year Garvey Presidential Scholarship has been awarded to select incoming freshmen.

This competitive scholarship's selection process requires an ACT score of 29 or higher, a written essay and interview with the selection committee. Recipients are required to excel academically. The 2009 selection committee was comprised of Dr. Marvin Hinten, professor of English; Dr. Sara Evans, professor of chemistry; Dr. Tom Cook, interim division chair of Fine Arts; and Dr. Kyle Usrey, former dean of the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education.

"It's a very selective process," said Brandon Pierce, director of financial aid. "Only two students [were] chosen."

Incoming freshmen Rachel Fultz and Megan Taylor were selected in April to receive the 2009 scholarship and must maintain a 3.8 GPA. In 2008, 14 students received the inaugural scholarship and are required to maintain a 3.7 GPA.

Fourteen 2008-09 freshmen received the Garvey Presidential Scholarship: Cory Cockrell, Erika Elving, Megan Shepherd, Amelia Brown, Allison Daze, Noelle Lewis, Derek Base, Emily Ledwich, Nicole Thompson, Billy Bloomquist, Lynne McQuery, Audrey Richards, Angel Dill and Erika Choriego.

Students receiving the 2008 scholarship planned their own service-learning project for the First Year Experience class. The students chose to work with developmentally delayed adults through Friends University's Academic Resource Center.

## Freshman Appears on Smarter Than a 5th Grader

BY REBECCA BAIRD, SENIOR

Friends University Freshman Eric Lutz appeared on the Oct. 24, 2008, episode of the game show "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?", which featured high-school prom royalty competing in pairs. As Derby High School's 2008 prom king, Lutz decided to try out.

After making an audition tape with prom queen Riley Hicks, the pair was selected to be on the show and flown out to California for filming within weeks. Lutz thinks he was chosen because he acted like himself during the audition: confident and joking.



COURTESY PHOTO

"Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" host Jeff Foxworthy (right) talks with contestants freshman Eric Lutz (left) and Riley Hicks.

Although the actual filming only took an hour and a half, Lutz says it felt like "forever" because of the preparation involved. He also met host Jeff Foxworthy, who talked to the contestants during breaks.

"He was really down-to-earth and gave us advice (on how to play)," Lutz said.

The pair won \$100,000. Lutz says he plans to pay for college with his winnings and maybe get a "sweet car."

COURTESY PHOTO

## SPRING BREAK TO PARIS

Eight Friends University students and two students from Newman University pose in front of the Gothic cathedral of Notre-Dame at Chartres. The students were immersed in French art and culture March 11-22 in Paris as part of an art history course taught by Dr. Mary Shepard, adjunct faculty.



# news in FOCUS

## ARCHBISHOP OF CAPE TOWN LECTURES AT FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN



The Most Rev. Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town and head of the Anglican church of Southern Africa, presented "Forgiveness Made Concrete: Lessons from the South African Experience," as part of the Willard and Jean Garvey Lecture Series April 3 in Alumni Auditorium.

Archbishop Makgoba discussed various aspects of the South African experience, such as the trials and tribulations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and South Africa's peaceful transition from apartheid to democracy. He explored the wider lessons of forgiveness, reconciliation and justice; these lessons' application in current global affairs; and the important role of the South African churches in applying the visions of hope that accompanied this political change to communities' and individuals' lives.

Makgoba has served as the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town and the metropolitan/head of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa since January 2008. He is the youngest bishop ever to be elected to this office.

## Online Job Database Available to Students, Alumni

BY AMY DIBLE, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS AND CAREER TRANSITIONS

**Friends University's Campus and Career Transitions (CCT) Office provides students and alumni with career-development resources and information. The office's services include career exploration, preparation and employer relations.**

The employer-relations component includes an online job database for all students and alumni. Previously, Friends University used a program called eCampusRecruiter for the online job database. Due to a merger in spring 2007, we are now using the Symplicity Career Services Management System (CSM) job-development tool at <https://friends-csm.symplicity.com>.

The Symplicity system allows students and alumni to showcase résumés and application materials, and gives access to job postings, on-campus interviewing opportunities, employer information, calendaring, communications, and more. The database is provided at no cost.

## Community Orchestra Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Friends University Community Orchestra closed its 50th season with the April 7 concert in Sebitts Auditorium.

The concert featured International Mu Phi Epsilon competition winner Ruslan Biryukov in the "Dvorák Cello Concerto," along with works by Respighi, Saint-Saëns and a composition by Daniel Racer, Friends University instructor of music.

Since 1959, the orchestra has included Friends University students and Wichita community members. It comprises more than 70 musicians presenting three concerts each academic year.

This 50th season marks Richard Roller's inaugural season as the orchestra's music director. Roller joins the orchestra after serving as artistic director of the Meridian Symphony, music director of the Boise Baroque Orchestra, and president and chief executive officer of the Boise Philharmonic.

Roller opened the season Nov. 7, 2008, with a concert of classics, which he dedicated to Dr. William Wade Perry, who served as conductor for more than 20 years.

The orchestra's second concert, Feb. 13, featured the winners of the Miller and Wichita Area Piano Teachers League competitions, senior Ryan Royle and Serena Liu.

"I performed in the ensemble when I was a student here, and knew and admired Dr. Perry and his commitment to the orchestra and the University," Roller said.

"I have the unique opportunity to build on what Dr. Perry began and has been so aptly sustained by Dr. John Taylor and Daniel Racer over these many years."



Music Director Richard Roller leads the Friends University Community Orchestra during the Nov. 7 concert in Sebitts Auditorium.

PHOTO BY MCKENNA THIBODEAU



## \$3 MILLION GIFT TO HELP FUND NEW STUDENT HOUSING

BY SARA ORNELAS

Friends University's new student housing complex will be named for J.R. and Gertrude Smith, who have gifted more than \$3 million and have had an ongoing relationship with the University since 1991.

"We feel this is just a small way we can honor the Smiths and their commitment to the University's mission and our students," President Dr. Biff Green said.

Although neither J.R. nor Gertrude had gone beyond high school in their education, they hoped their financial support could provide opportunities for young people who had leadership potential.

"Gertrude and J.R. felt very strongly that a Friends University education would firmly establish a student on the right path to a successful life," said Nancy Hinten, director of Planned Giving. "They both felt that education was a key factor in achieving success. They wanted

to support students who did not earn academic scholarships, but those who were from a humble upbringing, yet demonstrated leadership."

Hervey Wright III, vice president of University Relations, said, "I first met J.R. and Gertrude in 1991 and developed a long-term relationship with both of them over the years. While the Smiths never had children of their own, they always saw to it that scholarships were provided to graduating seniors at their local high school.

"The Smiths' gift to Friends University will provide a lasting legacy to students for years to come," Wright said.

The 40,382-square-foot J.R. and Gertrude Smith Apartments – located on the southeast corner of the Wichita campus, just east of Friends Village – are scheduled to open in August 2009 and will house up to 82 students.

## People-Focused Spring Break Group Travels to Houston

BY JAMI FRANTZ, G'08

**For the seventh year, Campus Ministries traveled to Houston to serve through a partnership with the Center for Student Missions. This year, 39 students got out of their comfort zones in the inner-city March 16-20.**

"Every year, there are stories after stories of how [students'] lives have been changed," said Carrie Mills, assistant director of Campus Ministries.

Feet adorned with red crosses donated by the Crocs Company served with the mindset of "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news," (Romans 10:15) not just to the poor or homeless but to those around them.

Three student groups served at 12 sites, including Ujima for children of families living in low-income housing; Bering Omega, a drop-in HIV/AIDS center; READ Commission, a no-cost educational program for adults; and Open Door Mission, a recovery/rehabilitation shelter for homeless individuals.



## athletics ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME WELCOMES THREE MORE INDUCTEES

**Steve Borchers, G'74**, lettered in football, basketball and baseball from 1969 to 1973. As a football player, Borchers played tight end. His junior year, he was KCAC First Team and played with the Falcons at the Mineral Bowl.

Borchers excelled in baseball. He was All-KCAC his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was All-District 10 and Honorable Mention NAIA All-American Athlete twice. His senior year, he was KCAC First Team. His batting average for all four years was more than .330.



**Nina (Andrews) Loeffler, G'85**, played softball two years and volleyball four years from 1981 to 1985. In volleyball, Loeffler was

All-KCAC in 1982 and 1983; Most Valuable Player in 1983; and All-District 10 in 1983 and 1984.

She was the first Friends University volleyball player to be an NAIA Academic All-American.

**Dennis Schumacher, G'87**, came to Friends University as a sophomore in 1983. He started every basketball game and earned many accolades: Outstanding Offensive Player 1984-85 and 1985-86; Most Valuable Player 1985-86; twice KCAC All-Conference; and twice All-District 10.

Schumacher was the KCAC leading scorer in 1984-85 and 1985-86. He is also the career-leading scorer for Friends University with 1,553 points. His fans would often shout out "SCHU!" and throw their



Steve Borchers, G'74; and Dennis Schumacher, G'87; were inducted into the Friends University Athletic Hall of Fame Feb. 12, 2009. Not pictured: Nina (Andrews) Loeffler, G'85.

shoes onto the court.

The Athletic Hall of Fame comprises 45 inductees and is on display in the south lobby of the Garvey Physical Education Center.

## fine arts SOULSTICE JAZZ COMBO TAKES TOP PRIZE

The Friends University SOULstice Jazz Combo won the University of North Texas Jazz Festival College Combo Competition April 18. The group – under the direction of Lisa Hittle, director of jazz – competed against colleges and universities from 14 states and Canada. Five students received awards as outstanding soloists at the festival. Members of SOULstice include Jason Whitmore on saxophone, Nathan Williams on trumpet, Scotty Warren on guitar, Nathan Hittle on piano, Caleb Drummond on bass, and Tatsuya Hidano on drums.

## fine arts Singing Quakers Alumni Choir Planning Fall Spirituals Concert

**The Singing Quakers Alumni Choir announces its fall spirituals concert, "Ain'a That Good News," scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1958 N. Webb Road in Wichita.**

**The concert, directed by Dr. Cecil J. Riney, will feature a variety of well-known and exciting spirituals, beginning with William Dawson's early arrangements and will include selections by Moses Hogan, Rollo Dillworth and Dr. Andre Thomas, G'73. The concert will also have guest conductors and soloists.**

**The 70-voice choir invites former Singing Quakers to join. Rehearsals begin in September. For more information, contact Dr. Riney at 316-634-2260.**

**Tickets will be available in October through the Fine Arts Office or by calling 316-295-5537. Tickets may also be purchased at the door (cash and check only).**



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Alumni

## athletics

# Falcons Clinch 6th Straight Conference Championship in Academics

BY CYNTHIA WHITELEY, SOPHOMORE

**For the 2008-09 year, Falcon athletes have proved themselves not only to be skilled when it's game time, but also in the classroom, with 180 students on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll.**

**"I enjoy celebrating the academic accomplishments of our student athletes as much or even more than our athletic accomplishments," said Joe Zimmerman, athletic director.**

**Zimmerman estimates almost 60 percent of student athletes achieve athletic director honor roll status each year.**

**The volleyball team has a collective GPA of 3.5, which is the highest ever. The volleyball and softball teams have the highest team GPAs currently, Zimmerman said.**

**The football team had nine players earn National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American scholar athlete status – second in the nation only to Evangel College in Springfield, Mo.**

**"When a student athlete realizes that what they do in the classroom is held in high regard, more often than not they strive to achieve in other things they are associated with, such as their athletic teams," Zimmerman said.**

**A total of 33 student athletes were NAIA Academic All-Americans this year. For the sixth straight year, Friends University will be conference champions in the number of student athletes who achieve this honor, Zimmerman said.**

**"Our mission is to help student athletes use athletics as a vehicle to drive towards their educational goals," Zimmerman said. "We think it is a journey worth the travel with some enjoyable stops along the way, such as being a participant of a collegiate athletic team."**



NAIA Academic All-Americans line the stage at the Awards Ceremony April 21 in Alumni Auditorium.

## off-site

# TEACHER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS DEBUT IN LENEXA

BY JAMI FRANTZ, G'08

For the first time, graduate-level workshops designed for professional educational development and license and certificate renewal will be offered at the Friends University Lenexa Education Center this summer. These workshops have been offered in Topeka since January 2006, and this is the 22nd summer for the Wichita campus. Download printable course listings at [www.friends.edu/edworkshops](http://www.friends.edu/edworkshops). For more information, please call 1-800-794-6945, ext. 5538, for Lenexa and Topeka, and ext. 5516 for Wichita.

## off-site

# Topeka Student Shows it is 'Never Too Late to Learn'

BY TATSUYA HIDANO, JUNIOR



**To Dee Shively, education never seemed within reach. She enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in July 1973 after high school because she did not have enough money to go to college. Christopher, her son, came along two years later; and after she became a single mom, survival was her priority.**

**Then, more than 30 years after her last educational experience, with the encouragement of her son, Shively launched what would be a five-year endeavor: college. Positive comments from former Friends University students led her to the University's Topeka Education Center. She became a student in 2004 at the age of 50. While she struggled to overcome her fear of failure, Shively found support.**

**"The staff at the Topeka campus has been fantastic and has been there each step of the way," she said.**

**Her desire to challenge herself and advance in education has already started to pay off: Shively's former employer has offered her several positions that require a college degree.**

**Shively said she appreciates her son's faith in her. She graduated with honors on May 9.**

**"I guess that I have proven that it is never too late to learn," she said.**

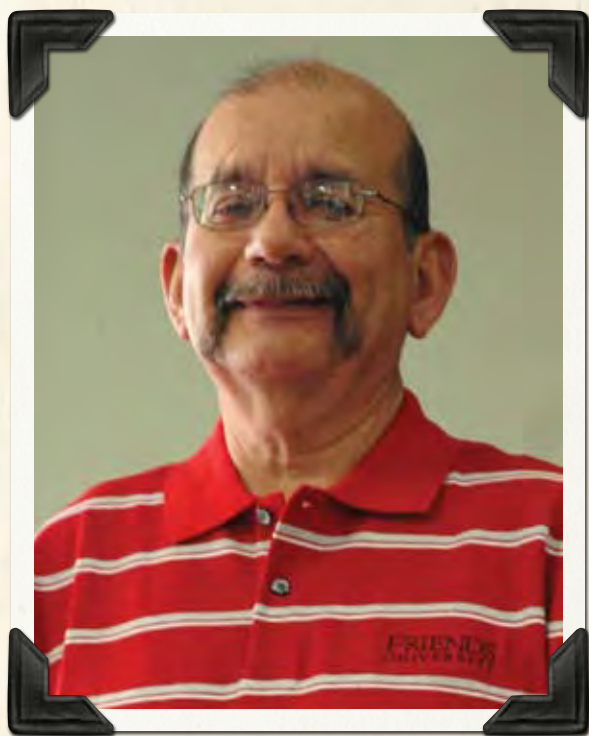
# Family Legacies Shape Friends University History

BY JAMI FRANTZ, G'08

*"Friends University was always a part of our lives."*

— Sherri (Finley) Dalbom, FS'67-69

## THE BARBOSA FAMILY



**Joab Barbosa, G'65**

**Hometown:** Wichita, Kan.

**Major:** Biology

**Activities involved in:** Kappa Omega Nu society (KON)

Coming from Wichita North High School, Joab was the first Barbosa to attend Friends University. Before he graduated, all three Barbosa siblings – who were within three years of each other – attended at the same time.

Because of the smaller setting, Joab was able to get to know people better; being social was easier for him.

After graduating from Friends University, Joab took classes at Wichita State University and wasn't able to get to know people in classes of 200-300 people. Students attended class and went home, he said.

"I liked that (Friends University) was a small school [with] small classes," Joab said.

Joab went on to graduate school, knowing the University prepared him for further study, he said.

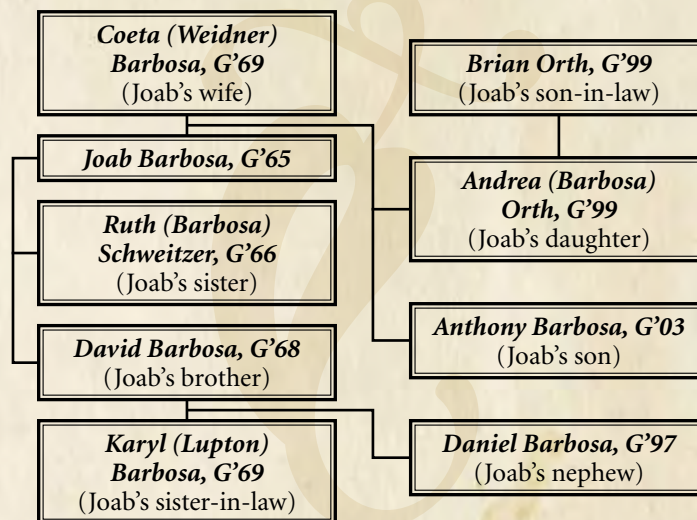
"Sometimes you wonder about that," he said. "Everyone has gone on to grad school and did OK."

Joab's daughter was a biology major and received her doctorate in physical therapy. His son was a chemistry major and received his doctorate in pharmacy. Both were involved in athletics.

"We always encouraged them to look at Friends," Joab said.

"Friends was good to us and for us. I'll be sure to point that out to [our grandchildren]."

### Barbosa Family Legacy



### Other Members Who Attended Friends University

*Michelle (Orth) Bay, G'92* (Brian's sister)

*Craig Bay, G'92/M'96* (Michelle's husband)

*Liz (Orth) Stranghoner, G'94* (Brian's sister)

*Todd Stranghoner, G'93* (Liz's husband)

*Tom Stranghoner, G'64* (Todd's father)

*Doris (Sander) Stranghoner, FS'60-62* (Todd's mother)

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

“In those days, students spent more time on campus; there weren’t as many attractions,” Joab said. “I think we were closer to the school and closer to other students also.”

Wife Coeta was in Kappa Omega Nu’s sister society, Iota Theta Mu (IOM), and the Singing Quakers. Brother David also met his wife, Karyl, at Friends University.

## SMALL WORLD

Joab and Coeta attended a wedding in mid-February and met a husband and wife who knew a Friends University couple from about the same time the Barbosas attended. The husband teaches at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, which is the same university where Joab’s brother David teaches.

## THE FINLEY FAMILY



PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

**Sherri (Finley) Dalbom, FS’67-69**

**Hometown:** Conway Springs, Kan.

**Major:** Sociology

**Activities involved in:** band (trumpet), jazz band

Friends University has always been a part of Sherri Dalbom’s life. Her mom, Lois Finley, began working at the University as President Dr. Lowell Roberts’ secretary in 1959 when Sherri was 10 years old.

Sherri’s mom initially began working at the University when she was approached by her pastor, Wayne Parris, a sociology

professor at the University. He asked if she would be interested in working as the secretary for Dr. Roberts. She accepted the position, and the tuition-remission benefit made it possible for Lois’ four daughters to attend. Sherri’s oldest sister, Jeannie, FS’61-65, was the first to attend.

When Sherri would tell people about her mom, it seemed like everyone remembered her – even from 50 years ago.

“My mom was sold on Friends. She really thought it was the best place to be. Her heart and soul became a part of the University.”

Friends University made Lois an honorary alumna May 17, 1981.

Sherri worked in the mailroom during the summers starting when she was 12 and years later helped her mom with the telethon four months each year. The telethon, which Lois started, is now known as Phonathon. Sherri would research phone numbers and would manually make 300 address changes each week. Even years later with kids at home, Sherri found time to help her mom.

Sherri’s husband Bob also attended and played football. Sherri and Bob married in 1969 and started a family. Their son Jeff is a current student in the Program for Adult College Education (PACE); their second daughter, Kelli (Dalbom) Hartman, received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees; and their youngest daughter, Carrie (Dalbom) Lange, will finish her master’s in August. Sherri has been the senior administrative assistant to the vice president of University Relations for 21 years.

## A LASTING LEGACY

At least 22 members of the family have attended Friends University in all.

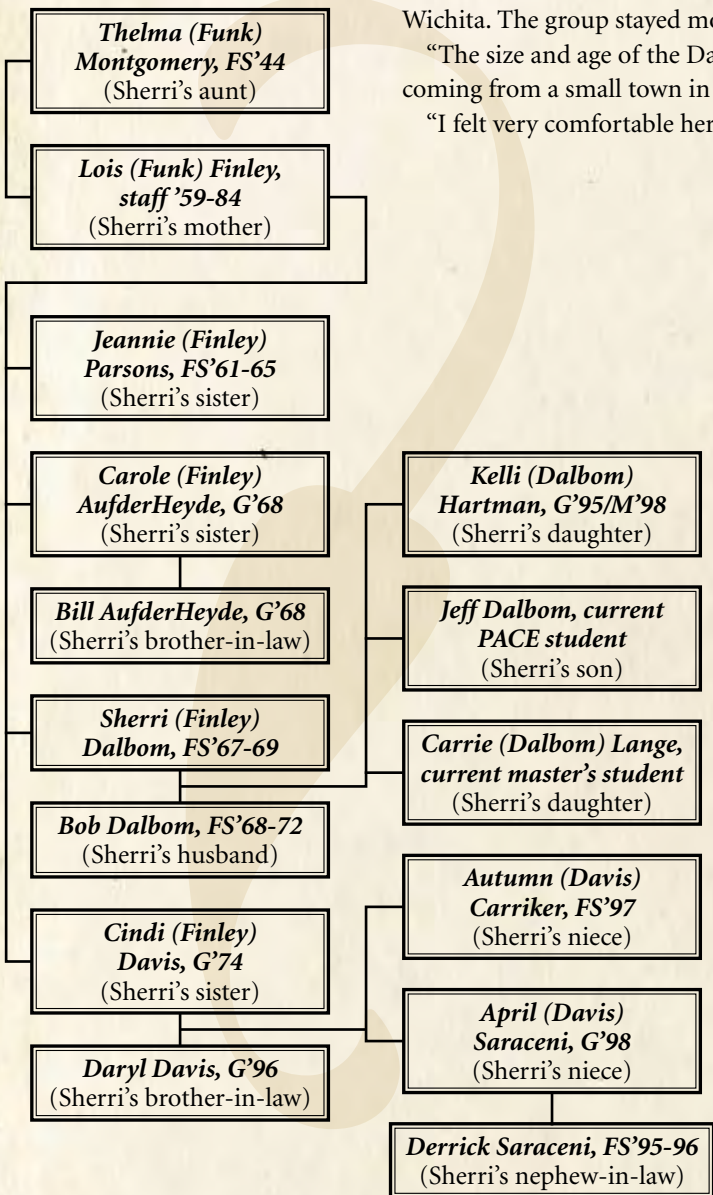
Sherri’s family has always appreciated the quality of education Friends University offers. And Christian values also played a big role. Lois encouraged her daughters to attend because she knew they would be in a safe environment; students weren’t allowed to smoke or play cards on campus.

Veta Finley, Sherri’s grandmother, took advantage of opportunities to travel on University-sponsored trips to New England and Washington, D.C. Sherri’s mom accompanied the Singing Quakers on their bus tours as a chaperone to various areas across the United States during Dr. Cecil Riney’s tenure as Singing Quakers director.

One of Sherri’s very first memories at Friends University was attending “Symphony of Spring” in Alumni Auditorium. Her family always came to the Singing Quakers concerts.

As for her experience at the University, “I really enjoyed being involved in the music program,” Sherri said. She remembers sitting next to Michael Pohlenz, G’72, in band. The group played at University games, performed as a marching band, and toured Haviland, Kingman and a few other cities west of

## Finley Family Legacy



Wichita. The group stayed mostly with Quaker families and played at Friends Bible College.

“The size and age of the Davis (Administration) Building were pretty impressive to someone coming from a small town in the middle of nowhere in Kansas!” Sherri said.

“I felt very comfortable here,” Sherri said. “Friends University was always a part of our lives.”

## THE ROBERTS FAMILY

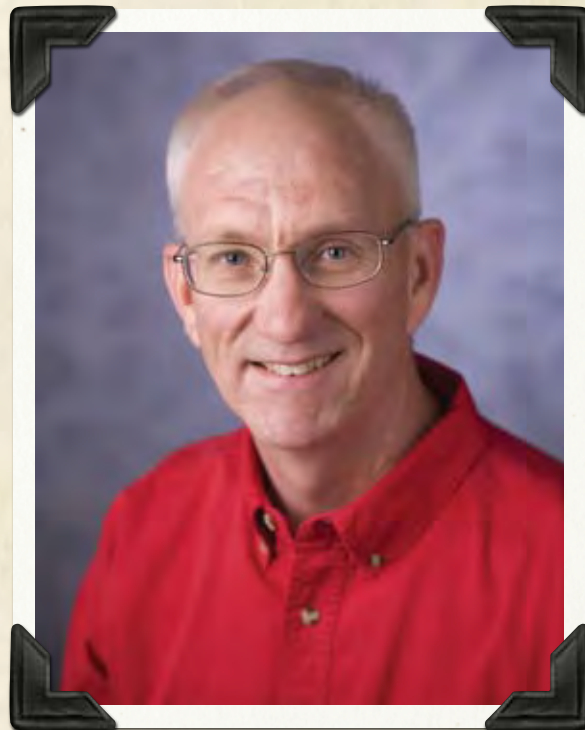


PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

**Ed Roberts, G'80; Board of Trustees member '96-05, '08-present; Planned Giving staff '89-93**  
**Hometown:** Fowler, Kan.  
**Major:** Agriculture Science

**Activities involved in:** newspaper, yearbook, Concert Choir, Singing Quakers, senior class president, tennis, intramurals (basketball)

Because of their Quaker heritage, the Roberts family chose Friends University.

Being involved in church progressed naturally into involvement in the University, beginning with Ed's grandfather, Edgar, who was president of the mission board for the Mid-America Yearly Meeting and traveled frequently to Wichita. This was about the same time that Ed's uncle Lowell, G'36, began attending the University. But his uncle Howard, G'30, was the first to attend as a student.

### Other Members Who Attended Friends University

- Hazel Dalbom, G'61 (Bob's uncle's wife)
- Brian Linn, G'08 (Bob's nephew)
- Billy Linn, FS'01-03 (Bob's nephew)
- Brent Linn, FS'04 (Bob's nephew)
- Jason Ast, G'06 (Bob's nephew-in-law)
- Michelle (Cranmer) Dalbom, G'05 (Bob's niece-in-law)
- Heidi (Linn) Schulze, FS'08 (Bob's niece)
- Lindsay Dalbom, G'08 (Bob's niece)

Ed's mom Marian and dad Kenneth took courses from Lowell, who was a really good Bible teacher, Ed said. Lowell taught religion and philosophy and served as University president from 1956-64.

Kenneth was a farmer all of his life and studied the organ at Friends University. Because of that, Kenneth's church bought him an organ in 1950, and he has been playing ever since.

Ed, his brother Dale and sister Janet attended Friends University for 10 straight years, never overlapping: Janet, '71-72; Dale, '73-76; Ed '77-80. Ed knew coming to Friends University was a given, but he was never pressured to attend. "I had a good feeling about Friends," he said.

Ed was used to being on campus for activities such as "Symphony of Spring." He also recalls attending his cousin Carol's senior piano recital.

Ed came from a small high school with limited opportunities. For him, it was like coming to the big city. He studied harder, worked on- and off-campus and made good friends from day one, he said, including renewing an unexpected one.

His best friend growing up, Mike Haight, moved away to Wyoming while the two were in grade school, Ed said. Haight moved back to Rolla, in southwest Kansas; and Ed remembers them guarding each other in a basketball game. A few months later, while Ed was unpacking in the dorm at Friends, Haight showed up. Ed had no idea he was coming. The two switched

roommates and stayed together in Woolman Hall room 206 all four years. "It's the way the Lord works things out," Ed said.

Ed's father proposed to his mother on the outside stairs at the southeast corner of the Davis Administration Building (formerly Davis Hall). Ed and wife Judy met at the University. They started and finished college together, and were married six years later after being reacquainted at their five-year reunion. Ed proposed to Judy on a bench between Davis and the Riney Fine Arts Center (formerly Whittier Fine Arts Center). Ed's brother Dale also met his wife, Karen, at Friends University.

The University is still a natural place for the Roberts family to gather. A few years ago, part of a family reunion in Wichita included a campus tour.

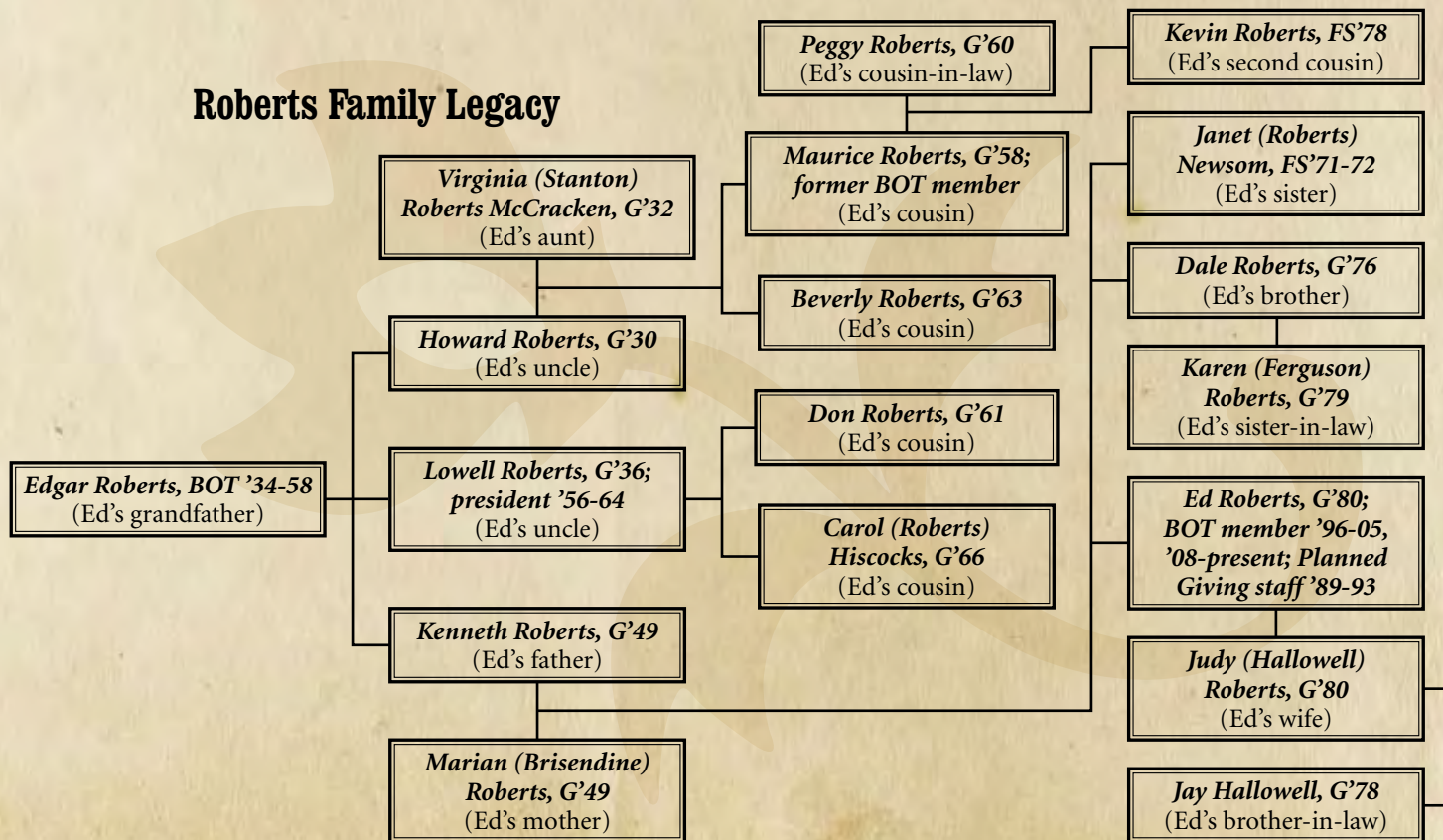
"I enjoy coming back because it brings back memories of the special times in my life," Ed said.

"I really developed both spiritually and emotionally."

At board of trustee meetings in the President's Dining Room, Ed enjoys seeing the portrait of his uncle Lowell as president. He has also enjoyed seeing how the University has changed and grown but has still held its core values.

"God has blessed the University over the years; I am amazed at the way He has moved on campus," Ed said. "Compared to a lot of other universities, Friends is sitting in pretty good shape right now."

## Roberts Family Legacy



## THE WIEBE FAMILY

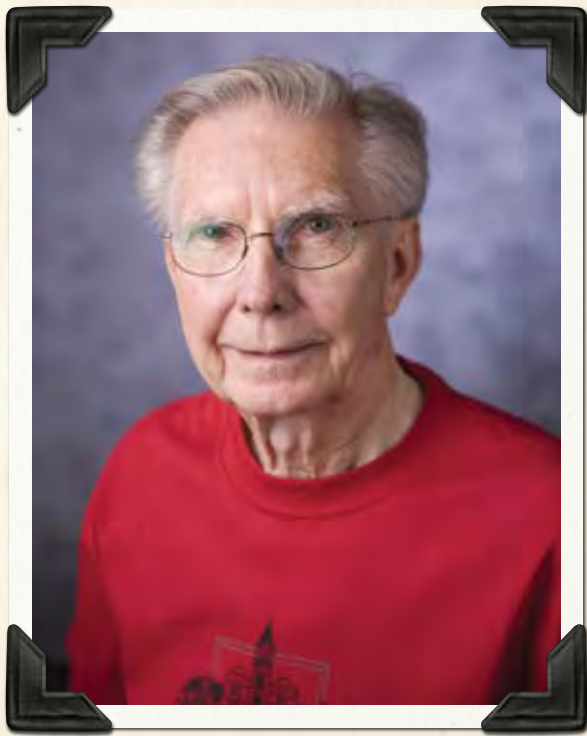


PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

**Hubert Wiebe, G'52; Industrial Arts instructor '56-75**

**Hometown:** Wichita, Kan.

**Major:** Industrial Arts with a minor in Math and Physical Education

**Activities involved in:** Singing Quakers, track

In Hubert Wiebe's home close to the Friends University campus, there are treasures as if unearthed from the depths of the past of many projects displayed around his home after being an instructor for industrial arts for 18 years.

Industrial arts combines science with math as more of an applied aspect of education, Hubert said.

After graduating from Wichita North High School in 1948, Hubert was offered a \$25 academic scholarship to Friends University because of his high grades – when tuition was much lower. His family lived two blocks away from the University, and Hubert's interest was in industrial arts, a program that was established at Friends University in 1947. The program was

### LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

All traditional undergraduate students whose parent(s) is a Friends University graduate or former student (defined as having completed 12 credit hours) will automatically receive a non-competitive Legacy Scholarship of \$200. Students maintaining a 2.0 GPA may renew this scholarship each year. Please contact the Alumni Office at 316-295-5900 or alumni@friends.edu.

discontinued in 1975. "I was one of the first students," Hubert said. "And the last."

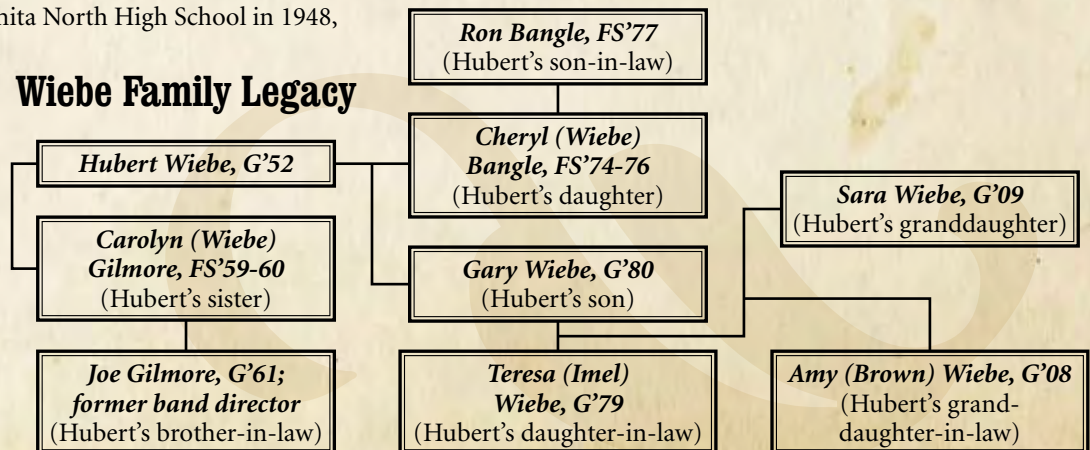
In an e-mail from Everett Dirks, G'61, in January 2009, Everett told Hubert how the industrial arts program at Friends University impacted his life:

"[Your phone call] sparked good memories of my time in your industrial arts classes at Friends. I remember needing some extra credit, so you developed a special project in house-building, knowing that I was intending to be a missionary. In fact, your classes helped me not only in our work in Africa and Iran, but here in California ... My wife Terry and I designed, drew the plans, got all the permits and hand-built our home. We started with no electricity, sewage, or water ... It took us nine years to complete. We only have two pieces of furniture left from Wichita, with one of them being a very nice walnut bookcase that I made with you at Friends."

As a student, Hubert enjoyed singing. In 1948, the music department was on Bonn south of campus, when the street went all the way through, Hubert said. The group toured the Galveston and Friendswood, Texas, area that year under the direction of Dr. Fred Mayer.

Hubert also enjoyed running, an activity he shares in common with granddaughter Sara, who transferred to Friends University from Hutchinson Community College. Sara ran cross country and track and is the University record holder in the 400m hurdles, high jump, 4x800 and 4x400 relays. Sara's father Gary is also a Friends University graduate.

### Wiebe Family Legacy



# COLLEGE news

## CAPS IN FINAL STAGES OF DCP, PACE ACADEMIC REVIEW

BY JAMI FRANTZ, G'08

In February 2008, the College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS) rolled out plans to review and revamp all six Degree Completion Programs (DCP) – Organizational Management and Leadership, Business Management, Human Resource Management, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, and Accounting – offering the freshest curricula in the area.

Friends University was the first in the area to apply the compressed model of classes one night each week more than 20 years ago, said Dr. Marvis Lary, dean of CAPS. Degree Completion Programs allow students to complete course work in two years or less. Two programs were created within the last four or five years; others have been around for many years. However, all were evaluated and upgraded to meet current needs of the business world.

The Computer Technology and Computer Programming degree completion programs were combined into Computer Information Systems (CIS) as of August 2008.

"The program was designed with the input of technology and business leaders," said Jason Ferguson, CIS program director. "Graduates will have the skills businesses need and a degree that they're proud to have earned.

"Currently, we are the only CIS adult program in the market," Ferguson said.

### LOTS OF CHANGES

"Adult degree programming is highly competitive; therefore, Friends [University] must offer the most current information in all fields [in order] to be viable in the adult education arena," Dr. Lary said.

The process began with program directors looking critically at market demand, mission, content, scope, sequence of courses and even the program's name.

Advisory boards consisting of adjunct faculty, students and business-community members, such as Boeing and Spirit, examined market demand and which skills Friends University graduates need. Smaller groups reviewed learning outcomes, scrutinized each course and examined competitors.

After a year-long process, all six programs were ready for the academic approval process in mid-March. Program update implementation should begin in fall 2009 or spring 2010, Dr. Lary said. CAPS also revised 53 academic policies to better fit adult learners.

### NEW PACE DELIVERY MODEL IN BEGINNING STAGES

The Program for Adult College Education (PACE) has also gone through the same review as Degree Completion Programs. Approximately 70 courses were refreshed and rewritten.

CAPS is considering integrating more online courses and increasing Saturday offerings.

A survey showed adult students prefer hybrid and online courses. Hybrid courses incorporate face-to-face education with online learning, Dr. Lary said.

Instead of four sequential three-credit hour courses, CAPS is considering offering two simultaneous three-credit hour courses to better fit adult learners' schedules.

PACE students receive an associate degree or transition into the University's Degree Completion Program.

## Grad School Updates Management Program

BY CYNTHIA WHITELY, SOPHOMORE

The Master of Science in Management (MSM) program was one of the first programs started in the Friends University Graduate School. In 2005, it celebrated its 20th anniversary, and in 2007 Dr. Valentina Chappell was appointed as the new director. Dr. Chappell created an advisory board, inviting business leaders to serve on it and give their input. The board consists of 16 members, including several MSM graduates.

To meet business requirements and make sure graduates are marketable, curriculum has to be reviewed on a regular basis, Dr. Chappell said.

"Consultation with advisory board members, faculty, alumni and current students revealed that the current MSM program curriculum should be enhanced and modernized to reflect student and employer needs," Dr. Chappell said.

The advisory board concluded that the business environment has changed, and the program has to reflect the impact of globalization in relevant courses and expand studies of business leadership. These changes prompted the change in title from MSM to Master of Leadership and Management (MLM).

After a year of review, discussions and modifications by Friends University administrators and educators, MLM 77 began (cohort numbering reflects MLM's connection with the parent program) in August 2008 with graduation in August 2010.

# Friends University

## HOMECOMING

### SEPT. 26, 2009

### Class Reunions

Noon to 4:30 p.m. — Davis Administration Building, 2nd floor

The classes of 1949, '59, '69, '79, '84, '89 and '99 will reunite, reconnect and relive old memories. Check-in begins at noon on the second floor of the Davis Administration Building, with a formal program at 12:30 p.m. in Alumni Auditorium on the third floor. Enjoy snacks while reminiscing with classmates. Your class photo will be taken, and campus tours will be offered.



### Block Party

5:30 p.m. — Garvey Practice Field

Satisfy your post-parade hunger with hamburgers and hot dogs at the Block Party. Also included in the Block Party festivities are the free carnival, Bubble Man, face painting, Freddy tattoos and coloring contest (see page 20). Stop by the Alumni Association hospitality tent to sign up for door prizes. Winners will be announced at halftime of the football game.



### Parade

5 p.m. — University Avenue and Hiram Street

Enjoy the annual parade as it marches along University Avenue from Fern Street to Hiram Street, then along Kellogg Drive to the Garvey Practice Field. Gather with the parade announcer and judges at University and Hiram to enjoy colorful floats. Faculty, students and alumni will vie for the judges' ribbon during this Homecoming tradition.



### Falcon Volleyball

11 a.m. — Garvey P.E. Center

The volleyball teams will challenge the Kansas Wesleyan University Coyotes. Game tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens, and free for children 12 and younger.

## BOOKSTORE HOMECOMING SPECIAL

**25% OFF CLOTHING AND  
FRIENDS UNIVERSITY  
SPIRIT ITEMS!**

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

Visit the Friends University Bookstore from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Casado Campus Center. Visit the Bookstore booth during the Block Party. Valid Saturday, Sept. 26, only. Discount does not apply to textbooks, supplies or software.



## Falcon Football

7 p.m. — Adair-Austin Stadium

Cheer on the Falcons as they battle the Tabor College Blue Jays. The first 100 fans through the gate will receive a free spirit gift courtesy of the Alumni Association. Stop by the Alumni Association hospitality tent to sign up for door prizes. Winners will be announced at halftime of the football game. Homecoming Royalty crowning will also be at halftime, along with the first Friends University Family of the Year Award. Game tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens, and free for children 12 and younger. Or clip the coupon on this page to get two tickets for the price of one.



## Motorcyclists, Classic Car Drivers Wanted

Looking for a way to get more mileage out of your motorcycle or classic car while making some special memories at Friends University? Then we want you in this year's Homecoming parade! All participants will receive a Homecoming T-shirt to wear in the parade. For more information or to sign up for the parade, please contact the Alumni Office.

# 2 FOR 1

Present this coupon at the Friends University Homecoming football game Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, and receive two tickets for the price of one.

**Adults: \$5; Students & Senior Citizens: \$2; 12 and younger: Free**

## Contribute to Your Class Reunion Brick

Knowing that not all alumni from the classes of 1949, '59, '69, '79, '84, '89 and '99 may be able to attend reunions Sept. 26, we invite you to show your Falcon pride by contributing to your class' engraved reunion brick to be placed in the Dr. Katherine Pennington Circle of Friends Plaza on the Wichita campus.



Normally, individual bricks may be purchased starting at \$50. However, the Alumni Office is offering a "Class of 19\_\_" brick in the amount of your reunion year. For example, if you graduated in 1949, your donation toward a "Class of 1949" brick is only \$19.49; for the class of 1984, your donation for a "Class of 1984" brick is only \$19.84. All proceeds benefit the Friends University Legacy Scholarship fund, and bricks will be placed in the Circle of Friends Plaza before the Sept. 26 class reunions. Contact the Alumni Office for more information on contributing to your class brick or purchasing a personalized brick to be placed in the Circle of Friends Plaza.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Concert Choir Fundraiser

10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26 —

McKay Gymnasium in the Casado Campus Center — \$5 per person

Come out and support the Friends University Concert Choir, which is hosting a pancake feed to fund its May 2010 tour to the Portland, Ore., area.

### Falcon Soccer

6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 — Adair-Austin Stadium

Cheer on the women's soccer team as they battle Bellevue College.

# Coloring Contest

Color Freddy and bring this page to the Block Party for a chance to win a \$10 Toys 'R' Us gift card. Two certificates will be awarded, one each for 0- to 5-year-olds and 6- to 10-year-olds. A coloring table will also be available at the Block Party. Feel free to make copies as needed.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# CLASS notes

## memorials

An increasing number of people wanting to memorialize or honor friends and loved ones do so in the form of contributions to Friends University. Families of those memorialized or honored receive an appropriate notice of the contribution, and the names of the donors are listed here. The following contributions were received between Oct. 4, 2008, and April 3, 2009.

### Cornerstone Missions – In Memory of Patricia J. Hansen

Eldon and Terry Alexander  
Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Bartels  
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Lloyd and Kathleen Wicke  
Marilyn and Hervey Wright III

### General Endowed Memorial Scholarship – In Memory of Helen Harmon

Mary Belle Mahoney

### Paul Parsons Endowed Scholarship – In Memory of Elma Parsons

Keith and Linda Bettes  
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Steven and Aletha Kaiser  
Richard and Melody Krueger  
Mona Mackey  
Harvey and June Sauter  
Bill and Connie Triplett  
Bethveen V. Way

### Campus Ministries – In Memory of Lucille Schoonover

E. Paul and Patsy Boles  
Keating Enterprises  
Ralph Leigon  
A.E. and Vickie E. Mendenhall  
Joanne and D. Mendenhall  
Marcia Taylor

### Singing Quakers Fund – In Memory of Lorene Kile

Dolores Smith

### H. Ernest Crow Endowed Scholarship – In Honor of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Biersmith, Mr. and Mrs. John Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waller, and Mr. and Mrs. Rick E. Crow

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Crow

### Friends Annual Fund – In Memory of Claudia Gordon

Mrs. Carrie (Gordon) Earll

### Friends Annual Fund – In Memory of Jim and Margaret Wray

Joseph D. Wray  
Thomas L. and Lynn A. Wray

### Friends Annual Fund – In Memory of the Rev. C. Earl Livengood

Richard V. and Joanne D. Livengood

### Kirk L. Hinshaw Scholarship – In Memory of Kirk L. Hinshaw

Family of Kelly Hinshaw  
Galen and Cordelia Hinshaw

### Garvey Institute of Law Endowment – In Memory of Willard W. Garvey and In Honor of June Arunga, Dr. Vernon Smith and Dixie Madden

Garvey Kansas Foundation

## in memory

**Robert “Bob” Baird, FS’57**, died March 13, 2007.

**Gary Bell, M’92**, died Nov. 6, 2008. He worked as a Navy radar specialist, for the Fina Oil Company, I.P.S. and the El Dorado Correctional Facility before returning to school for his master’s in family therapy at age 40. He is survived by five children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Lloyd Bonham Jr., G’99**, died Nov. 26, 2008. He had most recently been the manager of Sedgwick County Household Hazardous Waste. He was a Vietnam veteran and past president of the board of directors for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas. He is survived by partner Pamela, one brother, one sister, three daughters and numerous grandchildren.

**Mavis Bowland, FS’40**, died Feb. 13, 2009. Her career was in secretarial work, which she applied to volunteer work typing books into Braille for the blind. She is survived by three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Ethel (Krueger) Bowlby, G’32**, died Nov. 19, 2008. Husband **Earl, G’31**, preceded her in death in 2006. She was a secretary for College Hill United Methodist Church, and Price and Harris elementary schools in Wichita. She is survived by one brother, and many nieces and nephews.

**Ivan Coleman, FS’41**, died Oct. 7, 2008. He spent the majority of his life working his land, raising cattle, operating a dairy farm and a Christmas tree farm, and raising numerous crops. Coleman served in the U.S. Army and Army Air Corps. He is survived by wife Elsie, four daughters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Hudson Cummings, G’53**, died Jan. 19, 2009. He worked for Boeing Aircraft before relocating with wife

special friend  
**GERTRUDE SMITH**



**Gertrude Smith**, longtime friend and benefactor of Friends University, died Jan. 5.

Smith – who was preceded in death in 2002 by her husband of 62 years, J.R. Smith – was born in 1920 in Burlington, Okla. In 1977, J.R. and Gertrude settled in Harper, Kan., where they farmed and raised livestock.

Though neither J.R. nor Gertrude took their formal education beyond high school, they hoped their financial support could provide opportunities for young people with leadership potential.

Shirley to Alva, Okla., to begin a career in farming. He was a member of the Alva Friends Church and served on Friends University's Board of Trustees from 1968-71. He is survived by his wife, one sister, one brother, two children and one granddaughter.

**Russell Garber, FS'46**, died June 23, 2008. He worked as a Sears department sales manager for 41 years. He is survived by wife Raydean of 63 years, three daughters, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Arthur Godfrey, FS'74**, died Dec. 6, 2008. He was employed by Mike Shaw Construction. He is survived by wife Rebecca and three children.

**Claudia Gordon, G'61**, died Dec. 6, 2008. Her professional career included teaching, business sales and recruiting before starting her own business, Physicians' Choice Transcription Service, in 1994. She is survived by two children, **Carrie (Gordon) Earll, G'81**, and **Chris Gordon, G'91**, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Larry Grau, M'99**, died Nov. 19, 2008. He began his career as an educator, later worked for the Department of Defense and then as an adjunct college professor. He is survived by wife Vicki, two children and one granddaughter.

**Gerald Harmon, G'41**, died Dec. 18, 2008. He joined the U.S. Army Air Force and served in the Air Transport Command based in Scotland. After the war, he worked for Sanders & Co., which became Kennedy and Coe; Harmon eventually became a partner. He is survived by five children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife of 50 years **Helen (Ott), G'39**, in 2008.

**Donald Hawthorne, G'53**, died Dec. 23, 2008. He was a retired English and reading teacher of more than 30 years at Hamilton and Truesdell junior high schools in Wichita. He is survived by wife Ardeth, four children and six grandchildren.

**Donna Healey, FS'46**, died Feb. 2, 2009. She is survived by husband Roy, three children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Kevin Jantz, G'83**, died Nov. 22, 2008, following a hunting accident. He was a systems analyst at Spirit AeroSystems. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, five siblings, seven nieces and two nephews.

**Corrine Leoni, G'63**, died Jan. 22, 2009. She was an elementary teacher. She is survived by husband Don, two children, six step-children and five grandchildren.

**Lela Lewis, G'57**, died Jan. 18, 2009. She taught first grade at Levy and Sim elementary schools in Wichita from 1953 until her retirement in 1984. She is survived by one sister, three nieces and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

**Lowell Listrom, FS'45**, died Nov. 1, 2008. He served overseas as an officer in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a stock and bond broker for more than 55 years. He is survived by three children.

**Melvin Longstreth, FS'60**, died Jan. 1, 2009. Shortly after graduating high school, he entered the U.S. Navy and served during WWII. After the war, he worked at Cessna until his retirement in 1985. He is survived by wife Maxine, one daughter, one granddaughter and five great-grandchildren.

**Gloria Martin, G'51**, died Dec. 27, 2008. She was a teacher. She is survived by two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Gary Martindale, G'99**, died Jan. 14, 2008. He was a commercial refrigeration, heating and air conditioning service technician. He is survived by wife Becca, three children and 10 grandchildren.

**Maudie Martindale, G'32**, died Nov. 24, 2008. She taught school in Winona, Kan., and then at Curtis Middle School in Wichita. She is survived by two children, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

**Kevin Polian, G'01**, died Oct. 27, 2008. He was employed by Bombardier Learjet as the vice president of customer support warranty for 27 years. He served as a board member for Mid American Credit Union and Wichita Area Technical College. He is survived by wife Karen, two children and two granddaughters.

**Gloria Prater, G'58**, died Dec. 24, 2008. She retired from AT&T as an engineering clerk after almost 30 years and also worked for H&R Block as a tax preparer for 20 years. She is survived by husband Harold, two children and two grandchildren.

**Lou Ann Rayn, G'91**, died April 14, 2008. She owned Sales Maker Associates advertising agency. She is survived by husband Robert, one daughter and one granddaughter.

**Norman Rhodes, G'53**, died Aug. 4, 2008. He was an elder at White's Ferry Road Church of Christ for 25 years and director of World Radio for 20 years. He was most recently a member of the Jackson Street Church of Christ in Monroe, La. He is survived by wife Mary, five children, five brothers, 11 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy (Painter) Rush, G'27**, died Oct. 13, 2008. She taught math education. She is survived by four children, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Lucille Schoonover, FS'30**, died Oct. 27, 2008. She and husband Mike farmed and ranched. Four generations of the Schoonover family have received degrees from Friends University. She is survived by one daughter, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Mozell Schulz, G'51**, died Dec. 31, 2008. She lived in Topeka, where she taught elementary school for 35 years. She is survived by husband Julius and one son.

**The Rev. Donald Viets, G'48**, died Nov. 23, 2008. He was a retired pastor of the United Methodist Church. The Rev. Viets served in the Army Air Corps as a B-29 navigator during WWII. He served as editor of the 1947 and 1948 *Talisman* yearbooks, editor of *University Life* in 1947, and was named Outstanding Junior Man in 1947. He

is survived by wife **Ruth (Paulin), G'44**; daughter **Dr. Dona (Viets) Gibson, G'72**, Friends University professor of education and psychology, chair of the Division of Arts, Education and Science and program director of Master of Arts in Teaching; son-in-law **Dr. Rick Gibson**, professor of education; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Gary Walsh, G'04**, died Sept. 6, 2008. He was a psychologist and worked with the Wounded Warrior program at Fort Riley in Kansas. He is survived by wife Jaci, one daughter, his mother and six siblings.

**Vernon "Shine" L. Weight, G'62**, died Feb. 22, 2009. He served as a medical

corpsman in Korea for the U.S. Army until 1953. In his early career he taught elementary education at Furley Elementary School in Kansas, and later in Utah. He left teaching to get further education in the industrial-technician field and to create a shop for fleet maintenance at EskDale Community in Utah. He continued teaching Bible classes in the EskDale schools. He spent his later years farming and managing his shop. He is survived by wife Betsy, seven children, 26 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Larry Wims, G'57**, died Jan. 26, 2008. He spent 27 years in the bank industry. He is survived by wife Betty and two children.

## alumni profile **ESSIE PLATT**



**During the Dirty '30s** of The Depression, an English major working for room and board walked with an open book from the Riverside area to Friends University for six years so she could study and save the nickel bus fare.

Some might say reading saved her.

After living on the Colorado prairie as the oldest of six children, Platt couldn't imagine going to college until **Vida (Riggs) Pribbenow, FS'10**, and her husband suggested she go

with them when they moved to Rose Hill, Kan.

A woman losing her eyesight paid Platt a very generous \$3 a week to read to her, which helped pay for her education at Friends University. She enrolled in just enough classes to have no debts.

At 98 years old, Platt is still an avid reader. Her lifetime of learning and service to Friends University spanned the tenures of many University presidents.

Platt began as a student under Dr. William O. Mendenhall, the second president, graduating in 1937. She joined the faculty in 1947 to teach English and secretarial science "at her beloved alma mater," until she retired in 1976 under president Hal Cope. Her service to the University as English professor stretched for more than a quarter of a century.

"Friends University had become the center of my existence," Platt said.

"There was no experience so great as my life at Friends University.

"My life has been enriched through many good years at my alma mater."

Platt is Professor Emeritus, having been selected to receive the honorary title for life upon retirement. Never married, Platt is being cared for by former student **Arthur Binford, G'55**, and his wife Helen.

**Leroy Woodard Sr., G'49**, died Jan. 31, 2009.

## marriages

**Jenny Buerki, G'05**, and Josh Long were married July 26, 2008. She is a fifth-grade teacher for Derby school district. He works for Chance Transmissions. They reside in Wichita.

**Katie Brovont, G'08**, and Brian Southworth were married Sept. 12, 2008. They reside in Independence, Kan.

**Julie Brown, G'02**, and Christopher Niemann were married Oct. 18, 2008. She started a marketing and graphic design business in 2006 called Momentum Marketing and Design and is currently co-owner and graphic designer. They reside in Wichita.

**Amanda Gawith, G'07**, and Jason Edgar were married July 19, 2008. She is a theater instructor at Barton County Community College and director of music at Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Salina, Kan. He is a communication instructor and director of forensics at Barton County Community College. They reside in Great Bend, Kan.

**Quincy Hands, G'08**, and **Amanda Antrim** were married May 24, 2008. He is a landscaper, and she is an accounting major at Friends University. They reside in Wichita.

**Tawni Langness, G'05**, and Gabriel Martini were married June 28, 2008. She is a pianist and piano teacher for Community Presbyterian Church. They reside in Louisville, Ky.

**Tara McIntyre, G'03**, and Joseph Greskoviak were married Sept. 20, 2008. She is a human resource coordinator at Armour-Eckrich Meats in Junction City, Kan. He is an arborist with the city of Manhattan, Kan., where they reside.

## McKAYS CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Dorothy (Casado), G'61**, and **John W. McKay, G'61**, celebrated 50 years together April 26, 2009, with former classmates, family and friends. They were married Dec. 19, 1958, at University Friends Church. Thirteen family members celebrated Dec. 26, 2008, on a cruise to Hawaii.

John and Dorothy met at Wichita West High School. After teaching and coaching at Miltonvale High School and Friends University, John went into business with his father-in-law, Luis Casado, at Casado Inc., now known as Casado-McKay Inc., Dorothy is a homemaker and co-owner of Regency Travels. They are active members of University Friends Church and Crossroads Friends Church.

**Stephanie Stevens, G'07**, and **Brian Nixon, G'07**, were married Sept. 20, 2008. They reside in Augusta, Kan.

## baby falcons

To **Barry Cobb, G'93**, and wife Andrea, a baby boy, Evan Alexander, born Jan. 11, 2009. He was welcomed home by big sister Alexa.

To **Jason Crawford, G'04/M'06**, and wife Lori, a baby boy, Wilson Cole, born Nov. 21, 2008.

To **Chrissy (Lewin) Davis, G'97**, and husband **Kenny, G'88**, a baby boy, Zane Christian, born Sept. 23, 2008. He was welcomed home by siblings Kendal, Keaton and Zoey.

To **Jesse Moore, FS'99**, and wife Angela, a baby girl, Rachael Jessica, born Dec. 27, 2008.

To **Krys (Weddle) O'Brien, FS'04**, and husband, **Matt, G'00/M'04**, a baby girl, Mary Elizabeth, born Nov. 5, 2008.

To **April (Davis) Saraceni, G'98**, and husband **Derrick, FS'96**, a baby boy, Brock Anthony, born Nov. 3, 2008. He was welcomed home by big brother Leo.

To **Ron Schomaker, G'00**, and wife Jamie, a baby girl, Ellie Marie, born Sept. 21, 2008.

To **Deanna (Hicks) Wisdom, G'00**, and husband Jeremy, a baby girl, Ellie Kate, born Oct. 25, 2008. She was welcomed home by big sisters Madison and Zoe.

## class notes

### 1930s

**Paul R. Brown, G'38**, welcomed great-granddaughter Annabeth Rose Schiltz March 30, 2009.

**Aletha (Sterling) Mauck, G'31**, celebrated her 100th birthday in April. She was the head librarian in the Goddard public school system and served as a volunteer at Friends University's Edmund Stanley Library after retiring.

### 1940s

**Mary Ann (Herbertson) Braly, G'40**, celebrated her 90th birthday Nov. 22, 2008, with her children.

## 1950s

**Paul Martinson, G'50**, is enjoying retirement after teaching philosophy at various colleges and universities. He is singing in his church's choir, playing baritone horn for the local Shriners' Brass Band and volunteering at the food pantry in Erie, Pa.

## 1960s

**Tommy "Tom" Holland, G'61**, has been appointed assistant director of study-abroad programs for the University of Tulsa College of Law and served as director of the summer program in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Paula (Brown) Stephens, G'69**, welcomed granddaughter Annabeth Rose Schiltz March 30, 2009.

## 1970s

**Cindy Blasdel, G'76**, continues as an adjunct music professor for Friends University and an accompanist for the Singing Quakers. Husband **Steve, FS'76**, has served 30 years as a minister of music and is now one of the owners of Menieke Car Care Center and EconoLube in Wichita and Derby, Kan.

**Ella Frederick, G'70**, taught English for 32 years before retiring in 2008. She is now teaching as an adjunct for Friends University's Program for Adult College Education. Husband **Duane, G'70**, is an independent insurance agent. They have two daughters, one son and six grandsons.

**Dr. Darrel Ray, G'72**, has published his third book, "The God Virus: How Religion Infects Our Lives and Culture."

## 1980s

**Jeanne Haggard, G'80**, entered the doctoral program in Fine Arts at Texas Tech University in January to earn her Ph.D. in arts administration and playwrighting.

## 1990s

**Barry Cobb, G'93**, was promoted to associate professor of economics and business at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.

**Arlen Jeffery, Ph.D., G'91**, and wife **Penny Jeffery, M.D., G'91**, moved from Abilene, Texas, to Nacogdoches, Texas, last summer. He now teaches chemistry and is doing research on new technology for organic chemistry education at Stephen F. Austin University. She is medical director of the East Texas Community Health Center in Nacogdoches. They have two children, Allison and Eric.

**Martha L. Linsner, G'98**, has been named president of The Trust Company of Kansas (TCK) and TCK Trust & Financial Advisors Inc.

(TCK's holding company). She has been with TCK for almost 15 years and was added to the boards of The Trust Company of Kansas and TCK Trust & Financial Advisors Inc. in January 2008.

**Anthony Simpson, G'98**, was recently stationed in North Korea for a three-week exercise with the U.S. Air Force. Anthony is currently a communications officer.

**Jennifer Sparlin, G'93**, had a letter to the editor published in the Arts and Leisure section of The New York Times Dec. 7, 2008. Many of her articles have been published in The Wichita Eagle, including "Hard Hats and Bats," "Quest for a Cable Car," "Penguins and Paddleboats," "Laundry's Labour's Almost Lost" and "City of Dreams."

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## alumni profile STEVE STELLJES

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**Steve Stelljes, G'74**, just completed his seventh year officiating in the National Football League (NFL).

Stelljes majored in business administration and agri-business, and was a member of the Friends University baseball team. To supplement his income and continue his interest in athletics, Stelljes began officiating football and basketball at the junior-high and high-school levels in fall 1974 and worked through the ranks into the junior college and Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. He was selected to officiate in the Big 8 in 1990, and the league was expanded in 1996 to form the Big XII. Stelljes officiated eight bowl games in

the Big 8/Big XII. He also officiated for four years in NFL Europe. Stelljes began working for the NFL in 2002 as a head linesman, whose responsibilities include the chain-crew, line of scrimmage and monitoring short passing patterns to his side of the field.

"It is an honor and privilege to be a part of the most popular team sport in the United States," Stelljes said.

Stelljes has officiated NFL play-off games each of the last four years, including the 2008 American Football Conference (AFC) Championship game of San Diego at New England.

"It was a high-profile game and an honor to work," Stelljes said, even though the temperature was 8 degrees below zero.

Stelljes has traveled extensively with the NFL to Great Britain, France, Germany, Spain, and the 32 NFL cities in the United States. He also refereed Division I basketball for 30 years.

Stelljes began working at Boeing (now Spirit AeroSystems) after graduating and is currently a business-planning manager. He and wife **Janie, G'76**, reside in Derby, Kan.

**Becky (Neely) Winter, G'99**, was named High School Teacher of the Year by the National Association of Sports and Physical Education for the State of Kansas and the central region.

## 2000s

**Aleda Allen, G'05**, is obtaining chemical dependency counselor licensing in Texas.

**Lindsay Bryant, G'08**, had her article "Tortuguero, Costa Rica" published in the fall Alpha Chi alumni magazine, Recorder.

**Dale Endorf, FS'01**, graduated from the University of Nebraska with an electrical engineering degree, where he was a football letterman. He is now employed as an electrical engineer at South Central Public Power District in Nelson, Neb.

**Rita Carole Frakes, M'04**, is an art teacher and head softball coach for Andover Central High School in Andover, Kan. The 2008 softball team placed third at State and she was named the 2008 League Coach of the Year.

**Joel Leftwich, G'00**, serves on the staff of Sen. Pat Roberts and has received the 2008 Friend of Wheat Award for his efforts during the farm bill debate in Congress.

**Scott Keller, M'08**, has been elected president of the State of Kansas Child-care Providers Together/American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. He gave his first presentation and testimony before the Kansas State Legislature and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in December.

**Lori Livengood, M'02**, has been promoted to vice president for marketing and admissions at Bethel College three years after joining as director of marketing and institutional communications.

**LaChrystal (Ricke) Radcliffe, G'03**, spoke at the Kansas Professional Communicators annual spring conference "Jazz Up Your Toolbox" April 17-18 in Wichita. Radcliffe is assistant professor for communicative arts and sciences at Eastern New Mexico University. She also serves as the Friends University *Campus Connection* class agent for the 2000s.

**Megan (Wiemeyer) Shellhorn, G'02**, graduated from the University of Kansas with a master of science in education in August 2008. She currently teaches kindergarten in the Raymore-Peculiar school district in Raymore, Mo.

**Karen Smith, G'05**, graduated from Leadership Wichita 2008. The program focused on issues facing the community including economic development and education for future community needs.

**Elizabeth Wine, G'05**, recently accepted a call from God to teach missionaries' children in Rwanda, Africa, for two years with Evangelical Friends Mission.

**Linda Yearout, M'00**, opened Hope's Place, a Christian counseling private practice at Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital in Wichita.

## faculty/staff notes

**Mark Bartel**, assistant professor of music and director of choral music, was the guest conductor of the Metroplex Children's Choir Jan. 31 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. He also served as an adjudicator for the Wichita High School City Choir Festival March 12.

**Dr. Valentina Chappell**, associate professor of business and technology and program director of Master of Science in Leadership and Management, has been named president of the Global Learning Center of Wichita, an independent, community-based organization providing opportunities for learning about peoples and cultures of the world to promote a peaceful future. She has been a board member since 2003 and served as vice president in 2008.

**Craig Dassow, G'08**, assistant director of financial aid, recently deployed with the 443rd Transportation Company to Kuwait, where he will be stationed for about one year. Dassow's first deployment was to Iraq.

**Dr. Sharon Eicher**, associate professor of economics, released her first book "Corruption in International Business, Challenges of Legal and Cultural Diversity" in December.

**Dr. Gretchen Eick**, professor of history, was a guest lecturer Feb. 13 at the University of Kansas as part of its anniversary conference on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) 100th birthday. She spoke to the Hutchinson NAACP on the Young Turks movement.

She was featured in a documentary airing in February and March on Wichita's local public television station, KPTS, about the Dockum Drug Store sit-in. The documentary and her book, "Dissent in Wichita," were offered as pledge gifts to KPTS donors.

She was named vice president of the Global Learning Center of Wichita, an independent, community-based organization providing opportunities for learning about peoples and cultures of the world in order to promote a peaceful future.

Dr. Eick serves as co-site supervisor for Fairmount GoZones, a Saturday program for school-aged children that includes free lunch and activi-

ties, a computer lab with software to improve reading, and a conversational English class for anyone interested in improving their English.

The University of Oklahoma is reviewing her book manuscript "Indian Affairs: Eastman, Goodale and the 'Great Mystery' of White Lies."

**Dr. Dona Gibson, G'72**, professor of education and psychology, chair of the Division of Arts, Education and Science, and program director of Master of Arts in Teaching, presented a paper Feb. 16 at the national convention of the Association of Teacher Educators in Dallas on "Opening Minds and Hearts: Assisting Teachers to Celebrate Their Diverse Learners."

**Dr. Rick Gibson**, professor of education, attended the annual conference of Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Feb. 14-17 in Dallas. ATE is devoted to the improvement of teacher education for school-based and post-secondary educators. He served as co-chair for program re-

## alumni profile VANESSA MARTINEZ



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**Vanessa Martinez, G'08**, assistant principal at Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet in Wichita, received the National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. Students and staff gave Martinez a standing ovation when Gov. Kathleen Sebelius made the surprise announcement Nov. 13 at Horace Mann.

Martinez received an unrestricted cash award of \$25,000 and an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles to participate in the Milken Family Foundation National Educators Conference in April 2009. She is the only

Kansas teacher to receive the award this year. Martinez graduated from Friends University's Master of School Leadership program in 2008.

The purpose of the Milken Award is to recognize, celebrate and reward teachers, principals and other education professionals who make significant contributions to the education of children. The program is also designed to publicize the importance of the teaching profession and how teachers shape the lives of future generations. It is the nation's largest teacher recognition program.

view of Kansas schools accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the professional accrediting organization for schools, colleges and departments of education in the United States.

He has been invited by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to review state university education programs and has served on a KSDE committee to design and develop the Kansas Performance Teaching Portfolio.

**LaVeta (Loganbill) Habegger**, died Aug. 19, 2008. She taught junior and senior high school and at Friends.

**Robert Harvey, M'98**, assistant professor of business and program director of Master of Health Care Leadership, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging April 10. The award is given to individuals whose contributions in the health care field have a positive and sustained impact on the aging population in Kansas. Harvey received the award based on contributions during his time as a senior vice president for Via Christi Health System prior to joining Friends University.

**Lisa Hittle**, assistant professor of music and director of jazz, has been appointed jazz liaison for the Kansas Music Educators Association board of directors and inter-collegiate jazz chair for the Kansas Bandmasters Association. She organized and led the 16th annual Friends University Jazz Festival Feb. 20-21, drawing 800 students to the Wichita campus and 1,200 people to the Orpheum Theater in Wichita for the headliner concert. SOULstice and the Jazz I Ensemble performed under her direction at the University of North Texas Jazz Festival (see p. 10) and the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame April 16-19.

**David Kingrey**, religion and philosophy adjunct faculty member, and wife Carol were honored Feb. 20 by the High Point Friends School in

High Point, N.C. The school dedicated a \$3 million, 15,180-square-foot multipurpose center, named Kingrey Center. The facility features a stage for the performing arts, classrooms, offices, and a gymnasium with full-sized basketball court and climbing wall. David was instrumental in creating the 200-student school during his tenure of leadership as senior minister at the High Point Friends Church from 1996 to 2005.

**Ted Krone**, professor of art, created a sculpture for Butler Community College's Art Without Walls garden project. "Ignition III" was dedicated Oct. 28 on Butler's El Dorado campus.

**Gary Rapp, G'07**, director of campus life, facilitated the entries of Student Affairs student graphic designers, senior **Emily Langness**, sophomore **Leah Nightingale** and sophomore **Christopher Steen**, who received first place awards in the campus event promotion contest at the National Association for Campus Activities leadership conference in October in Tulsa, Okla. Their promotional materials highlighted Falcon Activities and Campus Events (FACE), Homecoming and Week of Welcome.

**Monty Lewis**, head football coach, has been named Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year.

**Dr. Tony Lybarger**, professor of business, published "Lybarger Matrix Management" in January. He led a training session at the Kansas Masonic Home on "Creating Preferred Work Behaviors in Long-Term Care" in February and presented a Webinar on "Increasing Profits by Doing Less" for Instruct-online in April.

**Dr. John W. Rhodes**, associate professor of education, recently judged the local robotics team competitions for middle and high school students, and judged papers submitted to the Kansas Junior Academy of Sciences in May. After serving as a Kansas cohort

leader in Board of Examiner training at Southwestern College and coordinator for the Friends University National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) visit this fall, he served on a national team at a Texas university and as chair of a team at a southern California institution. Dr. Rhodes is very proud of Friends University's Kansas National Education Association-Student Programs (KNEA-SP) chapter for their award-winning entries in the Homecoming parade, Christmas tree decorating contest and Chili Cook-Off.

**Dr. Jerry Smartt**, professor of Spanish and director of foreign languages, has been elected vice president and president-elect of the Wichita Area Sister Cities Advisory Board. Dr. Smartt and **Dr. Dona Gibson, G'72**, professor of education and psychology, chair of the Division of Arts, Education and Science and program director of Master of Arts in Teaching, published an article in the International Journal of Learning "Seven Methodologies Professors Utilize to Promote Student Epistemological Development and Self-Directedness."

**Lisa Swaney, M'97**, Lenexa Education Center director, has obtained her American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy approved supervisor status, allowing her to supervise post-graduate marriage and family therapy students who are obtaining licensure.

**Dr. Kyle Usrey**, dean of the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education, presented the history, techniques, challenges and opportunities associated with microfinancing Nov. 16 at the Global Learning Center. He discussed the work of entrepreneur David Bussau and Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus in helping people overcome the burdens of poverty.

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By Aaron Winter, G'99/M'02,  
Director of Annual Fund

## Annual **Phonathon** Returns to Campus

Throughout the past 10 years, the University Relations Office has been pleased to provide donors with the opportunity to speak to Friends University students during the annual Thankathon. During this week-long event, Friends University students call all donors, faculty, staff, and volunteers to thank them for their support and service to the University.

These calls are strictly designed for students to visit with donors – no solicitations. This always seems to be an enjoyable time for both the students and our benefactors.

In contrast, the annual Phonathon offers donors, alumni and friends the opportunity to support the University through Annual Fund donations. It has been hosted off campus for more than a decade, and calls have been made by an outside agency. However, we've found there is no substitute for the energy, excitement and experience that a Friends University student brings to a conversation! So, this spring, the Phonathon returned to the Davis Administration Building and utilized one of the University's greatest assets: students.

The student-caller hiring process began in November. We wanted all eight calling stations to be occupied Monday

through Thursday evenings from Jan. 22 to March 26, so we hired 19 very capable students, ranging from freshmen to seniors. Some were athletes, some were fine arts students, and all were eager to visit with donors and alumni.

The students attempted 37,459 calls to donors and potential donors. In 32 evenings, students spoke with 7,742 donors and alumni. They received 1,387 pledges

and donations totaling \$66,518, most of which was designated to Friends Annual Fund. The students raised \$2,975 more than last year, showing that we are well on our way to taking the Friends Annual Fund to the next level.

Thank you to everyone who visited with the students and donated or pledged to Friends University!



Students call donors and alumni during the annual Phonathon Jan. 22 in the Davis Administration Building. After several years of being hosted off campus, the Phonathon returned this spring.

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Our lives are like those of the farmers. First, we plow our fields by obtaining the education and training we need to earn a living. Then we plant our seeds: launching our careers and starting our families. With proper nourishment, our careers succeed, our families grow and we accumulate assets, such as savings, homes and retirement plans. Eventually, we reap our harvest and enjoy the fruits of our hard labors in retirement.

Farmers would never stop planning at harvest. Planning for next year's crop be-

gins even before the crops are in. Sometimes they use the very seed from the current harvest to sow back into the earth for the next. So it is with our lives. Once we have reaped our harvest, we need to plan for ourselves, our loved ones and the charitable causes we care about. Some of those seeds will be planted back into our lives to sustain us year after year, while other seeds are planted to benefit future generations.

You will notice throughout this edition of *Focus* a variety of seeds have been sown at Friends University: generations of families sending their children to Friends University for their college education, contributors that have established life-insurance policies or trusts that result in significant improvements to Friends



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University campus, or couples that pay it forward by establishing scholarships for students with economic struggles. All these folks have the farmer's wisdom of planning, planting and reaping in mind when they establish a planned gift.

Is it time to do your planting? We have guidelines that can help you plan for the future and make provision for those people and organizations you love. Feel free to contact me at [hinten@friends.edu](mailto:hinten@friends.edu) or 1-800-794-6945, ext. 5820. I would be pleased to meet with you and help you reap a bountiful harvest!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy".

### A PLANNED GIFT AT WORK

**Dr. Emerson Smith** passed away last year, but his contribution to Friends University continues today. Dr. Smith contributed regularly to a life-insurance policy that was transferred to Friends University. This planned gift has allowed the University to resurface the tennis courts so the students and community enjoy a great playing surface. Emerson would approve because he helped coach the women's tennis team in the 1990s after retiring from dentistry.

### donor profile THE SMITHS

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**J.R. and Gertrude Smith** were wheat farmers and worked long hours, as farmers do. They didn't have children and neither attended Friends University, but Gertrude's father and sister had. So as the Smiths were planning for each year's harvest, they also planned to help produce a good crop of Friends University graduates. They started by creating a trust so the University would benefit from a portion of their estate. After learning that charitable gift annuities

could provide them and Friends University financial support, they established 12 over 16 years. Today, their planting has resulted in a bountiful harvest for Friends University, providing scholarships for students. Their thoughtful planning also helps the University continue its long tradition of providing an outstanding higher education experience for students now and for generations to come.

# Then and Now

## CAMPUS FACILITIES

BY ROMAN RODRIGUEZ, SENIOR

Throughout its 110 years of history, Friends University has changed the landscape of this sunny Kansas plain. This timeline is the third of a three-part series examining its facilities. The facilities are not only constructed with bricks and limestone, but by students, faculty and staff who have graced the halls of Friends University.

1980

### FRIENDS VILLAGE



Constructed: 1984  
Opened for Use: 1985  
Use: Retirement Home  
Current Use: Upperclass Housing

### CASADO CAMPUS CENTER



Constructed: 1987  
Opened for Use: 1989  
Use: Student Activities Center, Bookstore, Cafeteria, McKay Gymnasium

1990

### TOPEKA



1993: Southwest Christian Church  
1994-1996: Leased building at 3715 S.W. 29th St.  
2001-2004: Leased building at 2930 S.W. Wannamaker Dr.  
**Current Building (Left)**  
Constructed: 1996  
Opened for Use: 1996  
Use: Topeka Education Center

### KANSAS CITY AREA



1989-1994: Various Kansas City locations  
1994-1997: Leased building at 4210 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Mission, Kan.



1995-2004: Leased building at 3720 Arrowhead Ave., Independence, Mo. (Top)



1997-2004: Leased building at 5700 Broadmoor Ave., Mission, Kan. (Middle)

**Current Building (Bottom)**  
2004-Present: Leased building in Lenexa, Kan.  
Use: Lenexa Education Center

2000

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY FACILITY/ CENTER ON FAMILY LIVING



Constructed: 1999  
Opened for Use: 2000  
Use: Classrooms, Center on Family Living

### OLIVE WHITE GARVEY BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING



Constructed: 1995  
Opened for Use: 1996  
Use: Division of Business and Information Technology, Computer Labs

### COLLEGE OF ADULT AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Constructed: 2004  
Opened for Use: 2005  
Use: CAPS Classrooms and Offices, Information Technology, Help Desk

### GREEN RESIDENCE HALL



Constructed: 2003  
Opened for Use: 2004  
Use: Freshman and Upperclass Housing

### FALCON GLENN



Constructed: 2006  
Opened for Use: 2006  
Use: Upperclass Housing

### FUTURE STUDENT HOUSING



Constructed: 2008  
Expected Opening: Fall 2009  
Use: Upperclass Housing

2010



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## UPCOMING events



Due to damage from an automobile accident by an off-campus driver Feb. 1, 2009, the south stone gate in front of Davis Administration Building was reconstructed this spring. The stone gate was a gift from the class of 1928, and it was built the same year. Thanks to Physical Plant and Mid-Continent Restoration, most of the original stones were salvaged, cleaned and replaced, and there was no problem finding replacements for the unsalvageable stones. The restoration was finished April 2.

# Mark Your Calendars for These **Upcoming Friends University Events ...**

**July 18, 2009**  
Third-annual Topeka PACE  
Scholarship Golf Tournament  
Western Hills Golf Course – Topeka

**Sept. 19, 2009**  
Alumni Appreciation Tailgate  
Wichita Campus

**Sept. 26, 2009**  
Homecoming and Milestone Class  
Reunions for 1949, '59, '69,  
'79, '84, '89, '99  
Wichita Campus

**Nov. 7, 2009**  
Singing Quakers Alumni Choir  
Concert  
Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
Wichita

**athletics CALENDAR**

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