

# Winfield native retires in June Summer delivers changes

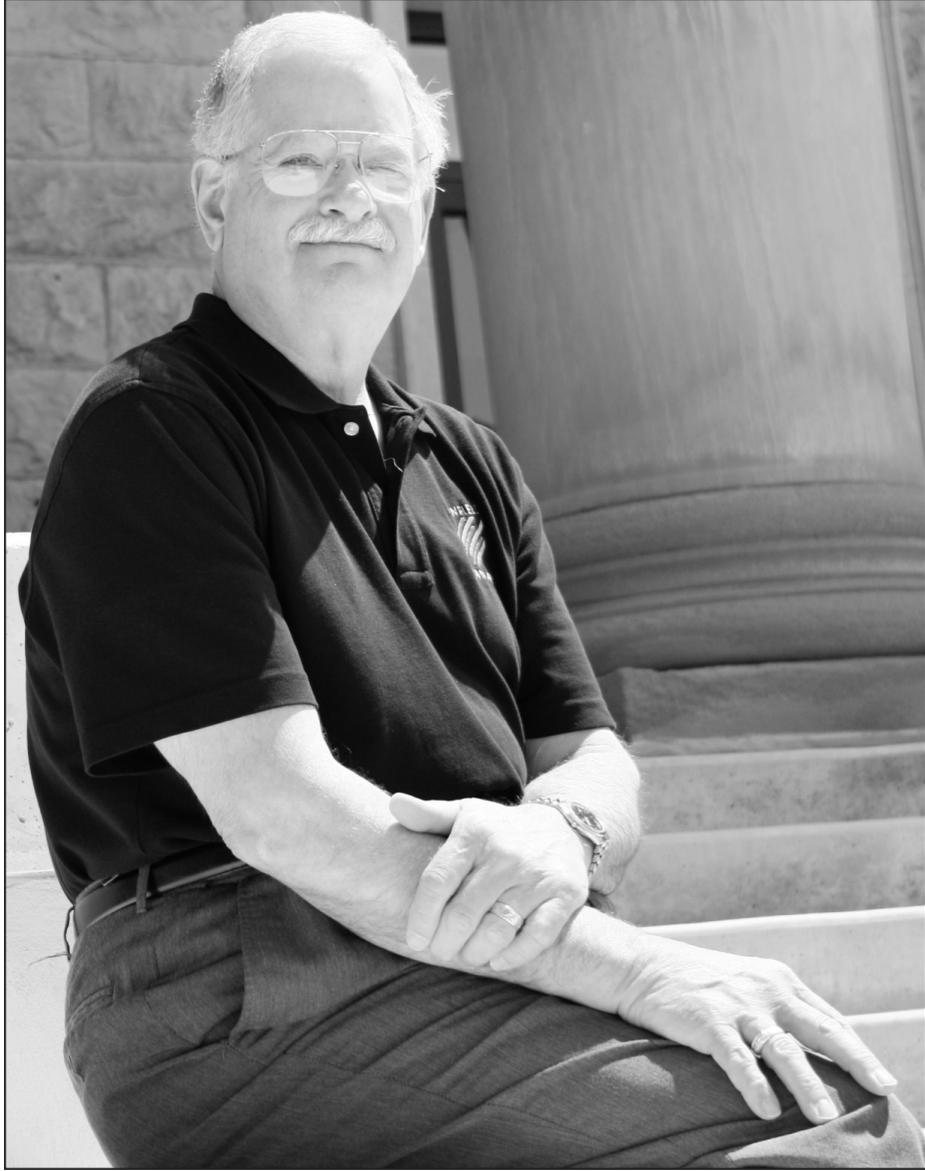


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Phil Jarvis has worked at Southwestern for 12 years. He is retiring as director of information services June 29. Jarvis has been mayor of Winfield for four years and made drastic changes to the community.

By Monica Springer  
Sports editor

In the three jobs he's had in his life, it's never taken him more than five minutes to get to work.

He's been in Winfield his entire life, working for his dad at Jarvis Auto Supply from 1963-1973, then working at Rubbermaid from 1973-1995.

Phil Jarvis, director of information services, is retiring in June after working at Southwestern for the past 12 years. He plans to travel with his wife, Mary, and spend more time with his seven grandchildren in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

"I'm very glad that Southwestern is the last job that I'll have before I retire. I've had a good experience here," said Jarvis.

Phil and Mary enjoy theatre and often go to Wichita and Southwestern productions. They enjoy all types of music and Irish-set dance once a month with a group of about 15 community members.

"It's not the river-dance type where you have a lot of leg movement. It's kind of like square dancing," said Jarvis.

His wife will work until 2008. After that they plan to travel. They've already been to Italy, Amsterdam, and Africa, but plan to return to Italy.

Jarvis spent three years at the University of Kansas. He married in between his junior and senior year. When his father was ill, the couple moved back to Winfield to finish college. Phil finished his Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1964 at Southwestern.

Jarvis said he'll miss seeing students on a day-to-day basis. He said his favorite memories are handing out laptops to new students.

"Summertime is fairly mundane around here because the students are gone. It's nice to see the students come back," Jarvis said. "I think the

students are excited about getting their laptops. It's always fun to see students interact with them."

Jarvis has been mayor four times, and will be again in 2009.

In his 16 years on the city commission, Winfield has seen drastic changes. A new aquatic center was built, the fairgrounds were redone, the Broadway Sports Complex was built, and the wastewater plant was overhauled.

"I'm very proud to do that because I'm very proud of Winfield. I think we've accomplished a lot of things," Jarvis said.

Jarvis is on numerous committees in Cowley County. He serves on the Isle of Lights board, the Winfield Main Street Program, the Cowley College president's advisory council, the Marquee board of directors, and is an honorary chairman of the Cowley First Vision 20/20 Task Force.

He was awarded the Wal-Mart Foundation American Hometown Leadership Award in 2000, a Paul Harris Fellow in the Winfield Rotary Club in 2001, Cornerbank's Community Cornerstone Award in 2002, and currently serves on the President's Council at Southwestern.

And that's not even all of his accomplishments.

Jarvis also reads to second graders at Irving Elementary School every other week. "It's so fulfilling. They really enjoy having me come to them and I just deeply love to read to them," Jarvis said.

Somebody asked Jarvis last week if leaving Southwestern was bitter-sweet. He said it isn't.

It's all sweet.

"I'm looking forward to retirement," Jarvis said. "My wife and I both have our health. We just want to get out and see the world."

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## Classmates wait for degrees together

By Ashley Holloway  
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They're going to take the big walk last. The Bachelor of Science in nursing students will be the final degree announced at graduation, leaving students time to reflect or even goof off.

"I have a couple of other friends that are graduating so I plan to listen for their names and cheer them on. I'm sure I will talk with my classmates some. And I guess I could always text my friends and family in the audience," said Misti Baker, nursing senior.

Monica Hughes, nursing senior, said, "I will be spending my last few

moments with my nursing friends, laughing a lot and trying to stay cool."

Others will have more pressing thoughts.

Jennifer Manly, nursing senior, said, "I'll be contemplating whether or not I am going to trip during the walk."

Their goal is to stay calm because the journey to graduation has not been an easy one.

Baker said, "There are strict guidelines in the nursing department. We are required to meet certain standards in testing. We must achieve a minimum of 75 percent on each one of our finals or we can't continue with the program. It makes me work re-

ally hard but I'm nervous about each test. I understand that Southwestern wants to turn out the very best nurses so these guidelines are important."

And the journey afterward could prove to be just as hard.

Hughes said, "I'm nervous about the real life that comes after it, and paying off student loans."

Baker said, "I fear the unknown. I still have to pass my state boards and find a new job. The unknown is always scary."

It could even prove to be emotional.

"I'll definitely cry. I cry at happy events," said Manly.

Baker said, "I'm a very emotional person so I'm positive that I will cry.

I am the only person in my immediate family to graduate from a four-year university. So this is a huge achievement. My mom has been so supportive of me and I'm sure she'll make me cry. Also, I am married with two children. They have been very supportive of my decision to return to school. I know that they will be emotional which in turn will cause me to be even more emotional."

Students may have the option to sit anywhere in their specific program's section during the ceremony.

Manly said, "If we don't have to sit in alphabetical order I'm going to sit next to my best buddy and forever friend."

Hughes said, "I plan to sit next to

whoever knows where we are going. I'm not picky as long as we have the same goal destination."

This will allow graduating students with the same degree to have final moments with people they shared late nights and early mornings with.

Baker said, "I have spent the last two years with an amazing group of 11 other nursing students. I think I will be emotional knowing that I won't be able to see them everyday. I have formed some friendships that I know will last a lifetime."

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I thought that was kind of weird. I think it's better they're doing it on Saturday because your friends and family are there. Basically, they get a two-for-one deal because they get to see honors and commencement."

Commencement day will begin with baccalaureate 10:30 Saturday morning in Richardson Auditorium. At 1:30 p.m., there will be a ceremony in Richardson for students receiving their master's degrees.

The Order of the Mound ceremony, which inducts the top 10 percent of the class into the honor society, will be held at 2 p.m. at the mound, weather permitting. In the case of rain, the ceremony will take place in

Messenger as it has in past years.

At 4 p.m., students, faculty, staff, and family and friends will gather in the football stadium for commencement. In case of rain, the service will be moved into Stewart Field House. Merriman said, "There are remote viewing sites all over campus for people who don't want to sit in the heat."

Wilke said, "The weather is always an interesting part, what it will or won't be."

Merriman said commencement was held in Stewart seven years ago because there was a threat of rain. "Of course, it didn't rain."

Another tradition is decorating caps. Many seniors tend to write

messages for their parents on their mortarboards.

Wilke said a long standing tradition happens after the ceremony. Students go back to different place sun campus for receptions.

Graduation is a time for fun, but also nervousness.

Amanda Willhite, accounting and finance senior, said, "I'm nervous about what I'm supposed to do now. For me, I have a job but it's deciding what you're going to do, stepping outside your boundaries." Willhite looks forward to being an adult.

"You're not having classes you're going to. And having a job and starting families. It's a new adventure."

Along with any big event, there

are some problems that may arise.

Mendoza said, "In the past there have been issues with pronouncing names. I thought they did a better job last year. Also, I knew I had cum laude, but didn't get the award until months later. They blamed it on the system. I didn't get that recognition in front of my peers and family. I received a sticker two months later to put on diploma. I understand that things happen but I think that stuff should be ironed out before."

This year, there are about 460 students graduating. This includes students who plan to graduate this summer or this December. Wilke said roughly 5,000 people attend graduation.

Merriman said, "Campus security brings in extra help that day. The main key for parking is to come early and leave yourself time to locate a place to park."

There will be several speakers at the ceremony. They will include senior class president, a representative of graduates receiving their master's, and a representative of a professional studies student receiving their bachelor's.

Merriman said the speakers try to offer some reflections of their years at SC, what they've meant to them, and what's next.

As far as how long each speech is, many hope it isn't too long.

Boucher said, "By the time you

## Summer delivers changes

By Careth Eaton  
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Summer weather has finally arrived, and not a minute too early for those students who have already started to prepare for the upcoming break.

Nicole Pierce, elementary education sophomore, said she likes to start out her summer with a new wardrobe and a pedicure for flip-flop season.

One of the biggest challenges students face when preparing for summer is moving out of their on campus residences. Extra furniture and unclaimed personal items are one of the main obstacles.

"I need to sell my couch. Mom isn't letting me bring it home. Other than that, just trying to remember who brought what and where it's going for the summer till we move back," said Pierce. "Thankfully my roommate remembers every detail, so she'll know who brought what when it's time to sort it out."

Once back at home, most students said that they trade out their heavier winter clothing for the shorts of summer.

Justin Diggles, sports management sophomore, said, "In the spring I put all my warm clothes in a box and bring out my shorts for the spring and summer."

For some, summer means quality time with their significant other.

Joey Kreft, computer science sophomore, listed his girlfriend as one of the people he is most looking forward to spending time with once his busy school schedule is over and he returns home.

Pierce said that although she and her boyfriend live a distance away, the summer months provide more opportunity for them to get together.

Pierce also looks forward to doing things with her family that she misses out on during the school year.

She said she looks forward to watching her brother play baseball and spending time with her family. "I'm going on a four-wheeler trip with my family to Colorado."

Making money is a top priority for students.

Diggles is already set with his job at the YMCA. "I will be working with kids ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade. And I will be working out a lot, getting into shape for basketball."

Before any summer fun can begin, there is one last school-related goal that Pierce has. "Try to survive finals."

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## Planning for final exams will help ease stress

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As finals get nearer, students prepare for the summer. However, finals come first. Many students have their own systems for preparing for exams. Some approach finals with an easy-going mindset, while others seem to have no strategy at all.

"I lift and eat to get ready for fi-

nals week," said Krystal Cole, communication junior. "I lift food from the refrigerator and eat it."

Kim Lowery, communication senior, said, "I watch 'Friends' and sit on my couch."

Having a carefully thought out plan for balancing studying with extra-curricular activities and free time is essential to finishing the year confidently.

Blake Morgan, biochemistry sophomore, said, "As my mental and physical fatigue intensifies during finals week, I really try to be outdoors for at least 30 minutes to an hour as the stress begins to weigh heavily upon me."

Jeff Smith, physical education freshman, said, "I start studying early so I can get done and not have to worry late at night."

A small percentage of students somehow put off studying for finals until they absolutely need to.

"Either one of two things," said Roger Klein, biochemistry pre-med sophomore. "First, I will play piano. Second, Blake Morgan and I will tumble down the hill next to the 77 Steps. Although tumbling next to the 77 may leave my muscles sore, stress still has been relieved."

Heather McFall, early childhood education freshman, said, "I go get ice cream because it makes me feel better."

Many upperclassmen have experience from finals in previous years and know that blowing things out of proportion makes things worse.

Cedrick Riley, sports management senior, said, "Usually I don't get stressed during finals week. I just

play video games and listen to music."

Cordairo Hansen, mathematics junior, said, "I always have pizza at my foster parent Ralph Decker's house, play bingo, and just realize that finals is not a huge deal."

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