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## Facebook Friends

### Is social networking for professors, pupils?

By Erin Morris  
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There is a lot of controversy surrounding Facebook, but there is one issue that applies to college students in a more direct way than many others. That is the issue of professor-student friendships. There are some who believe that such friendships are, at the least, unprofessional. Others see it as a convenient way to contact each other.

No matter which side you stand on, the truth is that Facebook began as an idea for a school-based website to bring professors and students together. There is a lot of controversy around the history of Facebook, and who should really be credited with its creation, but the newest evidence says that the idea was originally born in 2002.

Divya Narendra, a Harvard senior, wanted to create a social networking site for current students of Harvard and its alumni. Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss, also Harvard seniors, joined Narendra in the planning process. Mark Zuckerberg was added to the project later and is accused

of stealing the idea and turning it into the global phenomenon that is now Facebook.

Whether you believe Zuckerberg stole the idea or not, the truth remains that it was originally meant to be for professors and students to communicate. If that is the case, then friendships between teachers and pupils should not surprise or offend, but they do.

"It feels like that would be crossing the line," said Jevyn Voss, athletic training freshman. "Being friends on Facebook is fine, but I don't think it's right until after you graduate."

Joe Wood, physical education and health instructor, said, "I think it's in the gray area. As a college professor, your students are 18 to 24 years old, so they're all adults and most professors can manage a Facebook relationship without blurring the line. But it does open up the possibility for the line to be crossed." Later he said, "As a professor, if you're trying to reach out to your students, the easiest way is through Facebook."

Wood is also the head wom-

en's soccer coach, and uses a Facebook fan page to get information to his players and to keep others up-to-date on team statistics and game highlights. He also encourages his players to become friends with new recruits.

As easy as Facebook is to use, it is still debatable as to whether it is the best form of communication between professors and students, especially since some are uncomfortable with the idea or flat-out against it.

"I do have a lot of friends in higher education who won't friend their students," said Michelle Boucher, associate professor of English. Her own policy is slightly different. Boucher does not usually request friendships with her students, but will add them as a friend if they ask.

However, Boucher does not recommend Facebook as the best form of communication. "Most of the time, it's better to do it by e-mail or actually come in and talk with a professor," she said.

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## Bongo Ballin'



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Morgan Constantine, digital arts junior, maneuvers around an obstacle during Bongo Ball Monday night in Stewart Field House. The event was a part of Stau Bau, which is taking place this week. The game consisted of five-player teams eliminating each others' opponents by shooting air guns loaded with Nerf pellets. The object was to hit the opposing team's flag.

## Music festival brings high school competition to campus

By Will Rosson  
Staff reporter

The last stop before state music festival was this weekend. Hundreds of high school students showed off their musical talents for a chance to move on to state competition at the solo and small ensemble regional festival. The festival was on campus, and was not only an exhausting day for the students competing, but for the host school as well.

Lou Tharp, faculty assistant for Performing Arts, did much of the paper work for organiz-

ing the event. This marks the third year in a row that the college has hosted the solo regional festival, which is part of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Tharp says the day was a busy day with at least 349 students in this year's festival.

"We had six rooms running with a performance every seven minutes all day long," said Tharp.

Tharp finds the event is easier to run when she has help. Last year Erin Buster, music education sophomore, volunteered to help Tharp with preparing and

running the festival. She volunteered again this year.

Buster said, "I wear many hats. I am the facilitator of volunteers, and I am the roving person that directors can talk to and ask questions. I am the person that organized the individual rooms as well as coordinates the snack bar."

"The regional solo and small ensemble festival is for the 1A, 2A, 3A schools. This is a festival where high school students prepare music literature and perform them in front of an adjudicator and receive a rating. Only I ratings advance to state," said

Buster.

Judges rate the performances on a scale from I through V, with I being the highest rating a student can receive.

Students from 25 schools were on campus from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday. The performances were in designated rooms in Darbeth Fine Arts Hall. Wroten hall served as the home room location for the students. Student volunteers ran a snack bar. A music studies information table was set up.

"This is an amazing recruitment opportunity. Hundreds of students got the opportunity to

see our campus and interact with students and professors," says Buster.

College students volunteered to help out. They made sure performances are not interrupted and keep the schedule performance times going, as well as assisted the music judge's needs. Snack bar volunteers were also present. Sarah Boyer, music senior, was a volunteer again this year.

"I feel that helping at the festival is great because it helps you connect more in the music community and gives you something great to do on a Saturday. I love

working the festival because it's great to connect with the judges as well as the students competing," said Boyer.

Rooms were set up in Darbeth on Friday as planned out by Buster. At least 30 music stands and 50 chairs were placed in six rooms. Directional signs were posted so students could navigate themselves in the building. Buster and company knew what to expect thanks to previous experience, and preparation.

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## Pat Boggs accrues 10 years at college as administrative assistant

By Maggie Collett  
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It's hard to avoid going into the Student Life office if you live on campus. But many people don't know much about the first person they come to upon opening the door. Pat Boggs, Student Life administrative assistant, is not only the first person to greet visitors but she is also a major

force in the Student Life office.

In October, Boggs will have been working at Southwestern for 10 years. The thing Boggs enjoys most about her job are her daily interactions.

"[I like] the people I work for: Dawn [Pleas-Bailey] and Dan [Falk] and Sarah [Hallinan]," said Boggs.

Boggs's daily tasks include lots of behind-the-scenes de-

tailed jobs that many people would never know.

"I manage the calendar for Dan [Falk] and Dawn [Pleas-Bailey]. I oversee the budget in the office. I send out the correspondence for judicials," said Boggs.

Before coming to Southwestern, Boggs worked at an insurance company doing payroll and benefits. When the insurance company sold, Boggs began working at the bank doing customer service and setting up accounts.

Boggs has lived in small towns most of her life. She was born in Concordia, and was raised in Marion. "I grew up mostly in Marion," said Boggs. While living in Marion, Boggs got a taste of her childhood dream: working in a clothing store.

"I wanted to either run a clothing store or work as a buyer in women's retail," said Boggs. As a child, Boggs said they usually had dogs as pets. Now,

however, Boggs and her husband don't own any animals. "We're gone a lot. The kids don't live in town so it's hard to keep a pet," said Boggs.

Family is a huge part of Boggs's life. She and her husband have two children, each with three children of their own. This means that Boggs and her husband keep busy traveling to Mead, to see their son and to Visalia, Calif. to visit their daughter.

Some mothers might balk at the thought of their child living several states away. Boggs, however, loves California. If she could do anything else with her life, Boggs said she would move there.

"Money no object, I'd live on the west coast," said Boggs. "I'd manage my home."

Boggs's love of family and friends is obvious.

Sarah Hallinan, director of residence life, works with Boggs and remembered a Christmas event with her. "Pat had us over for Christmas one year and her husband makes the best shrimp boil. It's like coming home to your mom's house," said Hallinan. "Sometimes you just have to have Pat time."

Hallinan said Boggs is like

a mom to not only her, but students as well. "Even if you're up here about to get kicked out of school, Pat still loves you and she will make sure you have water and she will give you a comfy couch. Good times, bad times, she's here for students," said Hallinan. "She's the first person you come to and there's a reason for that."

Hallinan worked in the Student Life office when she attended Southwestern as a student. She recalled that her job was to answer phones before Boggs was hired. When Boggs was hired, things changed dramatically in the office.

"I remember us talking about like, 'Did you see her notes?'" said Hallinan. "It was just the amazement of having somebody up here that really knew what they were doing."

Dawn Pleas-Bailey, vice president for student life, also thinks highly of Boggs.

"It's my favorite story that I almost did not hire her," said Pleas-Bailey. "I thought I was too weird for her. I thought she was too good and I was too whack-a-doodle."

Pleas-Bailey said that growing up, she always admired certain people and wanted to be like

them. In her adult life, Boggs is the person that she looks up to.

"As an adult I'm really comfortable with who I am but if there was one person I would want to be, it's Pat," said Pleas-Bailey. "She's just a good woman with a good husband and good kids. She's just a good person."

The days when Boggs is gone seem to be pretty quiet in the Student Life office.

"Nobody calls. For some reason people know that she's not here so the phone doesn't ring. And if it does ring people always say, 'No I don't want to talk to you,' and they'll know who you are," said Pleas-Bailey. "There's only one Pat."

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Pat Boggs, Student Life administrative assistant, works at her desk on the second floor of Sutton Hall in the Student Life office. Boggs will have worked at Southwestern College for a decade in October.

### THE WEATHER

Thursday: Hi: 80°  
Isolated T-Storms  
Friday: Hi: 85°  
Partly cloudy  
Saturday: Hi: 84°  
Isolated T-Storms

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