



September 27, 2011

Greetings from the campus of SWOSU! The sights and sounds of fall semester are all around us -- from marching band to choirs to orchestra to jazz. We are very proud to continue the "Tradition of Excellence" that has long been the hallmark of the Department of Music at Southwestern. It is a big responsibility and the bar has been set high!

We have two new faculty members this year: Dr. Kristin Griffeath, Voice and Opera Theater; and Marc Mueller, Director of Bands. Both are energetic, positive, and immensely talented teachers, and will make great contributions to our department right away. I hope that you have a chance to meet them personally very soon.

Enclosed is a flyer for the Homecoming celebration on October 15. I hope that you will consider joining us this year. For the second year, we will have a massed band of approximately 500 students joining the Pride of the Great Southwest for the pre-game performance. **All band alums are invited to join us in the massed band!** Please come and participate. I promise that it will be fun!

I have also enclosed a form for contributing to the SWOSU Department of Music. **Your contributions, no matter how much you are able to give, are both needed and appreciated.** We have worked very hard at recruiting new students, and we need more scholarship money to be able to continue to be competitive in our offers. We also use donations to offer concerts by guest artists (see our website for concert schedules), host alumni activities, and buy needed equipment. It would be fantastic if each alumnus donated even a small amount every year -- we would be set for life! Please consider a tax-deductible donation this year.

I hope to see you on October 15!

Sincerely,

James South
Chair, SWOSU Department of Music