



When Virginia Alice Cotley established a school for women; When the P.E.O. Sisterhood said “yes;” When a professor believed in you; When you realized your passion; When you had the confidence to succeed.

These, and so many other moments, have defined Cotley College and Cotley students since 1884. For 125 years, Cotley has offered an experience *For Women, By Women, About Women*—one that transforms lives. Here, women find their voices, their passions, their callings. Here, young women are the leaders, the scholars, and the stars. “Cotley College gave me a place for dreaming,” says **Jennifer Warder ‘90**. She was president of Golden Key and remembers the moment she delivered her final speech—surprised by how comfortable and confident she had become. For **Amy Hadley ‘01**, Cotley provided her an atmosphere where she was encouraged to try different things. “When I ran for Student Government Association president, it was a matter of setting my mind to do it.” For **Miriam Stephens Kindred ‘51**, the moment was in 1978, “I became the first woman manager and stock broker at E.F. Hutton. I realized it was because of Cotley.” And for **Donna Helm ‘77**, “Cotley taught me how to study and how to use my intelligence to make the most of a situation. I attribute this to the small, individualized attention you can only receive at a college the size of Cotley.”

Defining Cotley’s Future

In 2005, a planning committee of faculty, staff, and students worked together to envision the future of the College and chart a course for both short-term and long-term success. This collaborative effort resulted in two important documents, both of which are subtitled *Building a Model for Women’s Education*: the Cotley College Strategic Plan and the Cotley College Master Plan. The plans are living documents, designed to inspire and motivate for the sake of the amazing young women who attend Cotley today and those who will be part of Cotley College tomorrow. Rather than including platitudes and passive goals, the strategic and master plans define the specific actions required to realize our vision: “*Cotley College will be known as a model liberal arts college for women’s education, providing opportunities to develop scholarship and creativity and to exercise responsibility, initiative, and leadership.*”

According to a 2008 report by *The White House Project*, a national nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization working to advance a richly diverse, critical mass of women into leadership positions, “Women make up more than half of the U.S. population but less than one-fifth of its leaders. Yet, in no field do women make up the majority of leaders.” Cotley College prepares women to lead boldly and confidently in their lives, their professions, and their communities. The Cotley College mission statement clearly enunciates this philosophy:

Cotley College, an independent liberal arts college, educates women to be contributing members of a global society through a challenging curriculum and a dynamic campus experience. In our diverse and supportive environment, women develop their potential for personal and professional lives of intellectual engagement and thoughtful action as learners, leaders, and citizens.

With the help of *A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cotley College*, we will educate and inspire even more women and become a national model for women’s higher education. We are poised for another defining moment in our beloved College’s history, and you can play an important role.

“A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cotley College will allow more women to realize their dreams and find their voices. With gifts large and small from the thousands of women in the P.E.O. Sisterhood, our alumnae, and other friends of women’s education, more young women will benefit from this extraordinary experience—one that will shape their lives and ours.”

~President, Judy Rogers, Ph.D.

Campaign Priorities

A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cotley College is a \$35 million campaign to achieve our strategic goals and the first phase of our Campus Master Plan. More importantly, this campaign is about doing what is necessary to make a Cotley education available and attractive to more young women from across the country and around the world. The campaign includes five priorities:

- **Scholarship Endowment** \$10 million
To attract students, Cotley’s financial aid must be competitive with other colleges and universities. Today, student needs outpace earnings from scholarship endowments, and as a result the College must draw on the annual operating budget to offer competitive financial aid packages to prospective students.
- **Faculty Chairs** \$ 3 million
Endowed faculty chairs bring leadership, initiative, and energy to the College and strengthen already promising programs. An Endowed Faculty Chair Fund will allow the College to attract and retain professors of proven brilliance. The income from the endowed fund may be used to provide full or partial salary support.
- **Fine Arts Building** \$ 9 million
The Fine Arts programs and faculty are housed throughout campus in five different buildings. Bringing these scattered programs together to support the goal of becoming a model liberal arts college for women requires demolishing Neale Hall and constructing a 22,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility.
- **Library Endowment** \$ 3 million
Upgrading the library will incorporate new technologies, services, and functions into the library. Increasing the library endowment will ensure high quality library technology and acquisitions well into the future.
- **Unrestricted Funding** \$ 10 million
The ability to meet all the needs of the campus, respond to unexpected circumstances, or fund new ideas are all functions of unrestricted funding. Everything from salaries and keeping the lights on to campus beautification.

Our Campaign Chairman Barbara Andes



Message from the Chairman

“With this campaign, we have a tremendous opportunity to move Cotley to a higher level of excellence so it can transform more young women’s lives in profound ways.”

~Barbara Andes, Campaign Chairman

Faculty/Staff Notes

Dr. Carmen Bourbon attended The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese 91st Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 9-12, 2009. She participated in the following workshops:

- a) La dominicana: Images of the Dominican immigrant in contemporary Spanish film
- b) Recent trends in contemporary Latin and Central-American literature and film
- c) Conversations with Montezuma in Llanto, impossible novels of Carmen Boullosa
- d) The use of language as a reflection of culture in Chicano literature
- e) Study abroad: Language learning and service-learning
- f) Celebrating diversity by design: Social justice in the world language curriculum

Since January 2009, **Professor Theresa Burger** has traveled over 1,000 miles by bicycle while on her sabbatical. She biked the Lewis and Clark trail through Missouri, the Underground Railroad trail through Ohio, and the Natchez Trace trail through Mississippi. In addition she researched "Old Route 66" and the "Trail of Tears" as possible bike routes.

Professor Michael Denison spent a month in Bangkok, Thailand, this summer, where he visited with his many friends and former students there. He set up a summer job for next year directing shows for the Tourist Organization of Thailand and he was also invited to return at an as yet undecided date to direct an opera for the Bangkok Opera. He is also now part of a team that is negotiating to bring about the attendance of Angelina Jolie at a fundraiser in November for Baan Gerda, an orphanage in upcountry Thailand for children infected with AIDS. Ms. Jolie is a UN ambassador and visits Thailand often.

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VP: Do you create/maintain other Web sites as well? If so, which ones?

BH: I made a Web site for my dad about a year ago, but I really haven't kept it up. There's no time! :) (I need to get on that...) Right now I'm working for the Starlight Children's Foundation in their development department. (The graphic design industry is so competitive!) I have too many interests, though! That's why Cotteyphile is so lovely—it combines many of them.

VP: Anything else you'd like alumnae to know about you or the site?

BH: I'd like alumnae to know that I love hearing their Cottey memories, and appreciate them sharing!

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The College has received official notification that **Professor Ganga Fernando** successfully defended her dissertation on August 11, 2009, at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. With the completion of the requirements for her Ph.D. degree, Dr. Fernando's academic rank will now be that of assistant professor of chemistry. Congratulations to Dr. Fernando on her academic achievement.

Dr. Bruce Holman, professor of art, had a short story, "Channel Crossing," accepted and published in the *Cave Region Review*, a publication of North Arkansas College, highlighting the best literature and art from the Ozark region.

Dr. Holman is presently at work designing the 40-foot backdrop for the African opera, "Afiwa," which is to be staged at Cottey this year.

Courtney Mlinar has resigned her position as assistant director of the Library to accept the position of health professions division reference/academic support services librarian at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Her last day at Cottey was September 16.

Dr. Derek Rivard's book, *Blessing the World: Ritual and Lay Piety in Medieval Religion*, was favorably reviewed by *The Medieval Review* (formerly known as the *Bryn Mawr Medieval Review*). The book studies liturgical blessing and its role in the religious life of Christians during the central and later Middle Ages.

Alice Stevenson began her term as VISTA volunteer/service-learning coordinator on August 31. She replaces Linda Platt who completed her term of service on August 17.

Dr. Julie Tietz graded Advanced Placement psychology exams in Kansas City, Missouri, June 9-15.



Dr. Mary Emily Kitterman (right) listens as Dr. Judy Rogers lists some of her accomplishments. Dr. Rogers hosted a retirement party for Dr. Kitterman.

Faculty, staff, and friends bid a fond farewell and happy retirement to Dr. Mary Emily Kitterman on August 28 in a reception at President's House. Dr. Kitterman served as the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

An experienced academic administrator and strong advocate for women's education, Dr. Kitterman arrived at Cottey in July 2002 when her leadership was crucial to a successful review by The Higher Learning Commission. Since then, Dr. Kitterman has provided leadership and expertise to review and improve Cottey's approach to assessment, program review, and faculty development. Another hallmark of her service was the introduction of new programs, especially those in leadership, women's studies, mass communication and international relations.

Dr. Kitterman began her academic career at the University of Kansas, earning her B.A. in English education. She went

on to earn an M.A. in religious studies from Northwestern University, and M.A. in English from the University of Richmond, and her Ph.D. in English language, literature, and pedagogy from the University of Virginia.

In addition to education, literature, and her family, Dr. Kitterman's passions include women's studies, learning communities, women's leadership, and cultural diversity. Throughout her lifetime of service, Dr. Kitterman has left a distinctive mark at each institution of higher learning that she has served. The list includes Stephens College, Randolph-Macon College, and Maple Woods Community College.

Cottey friends honored her with contributions to the Library Gift Fund. A list of donors and books purchased was presented to her at the reception.

The employees, students, and alumnae of Cottey College wish a happy retirement to Dr. Kitterman and husband Gary.

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Fall '09

by Judy R. Rogers, Ph.D.

A Defining Moment! On Friday, September 11, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. I stood before a large audience of delegates and friends at the San Diego international convention of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and announced that Cottey College is launching a comprehensive campaign to raise \$35 million over the next five years. It was a defining moment for Cottey College, the culmination of a year-long planning and preparation process that has positioned us to be successful.

Many moments have defined our College over its 125-year history. It was a defining moment for women's education when, in 1884, Virginia Alice Cottey founded her college, opening the first academic year on September 8, with twenty-eight students. Before the end of the year, enrollment had doubled. Virginia Alice Cottey's vision for women's education that led to the founding of the College has not, in fact, changed. It was a vision for an excellent, liberal education, at reasonable rates. From the beginning, Virginia Alice Cottey's vision embraced growth in enrollment, building the campus, and progress in the educational program. By 1886, just two years after opening, there were 100 students and a new wing was being added to Main Hall. As the College approached its 25th anniversary, Rosemary Hall was planned and constructed. The College flourished with opportunities for athletic

teams, music lessons, the development of social skills, and always, an emphasis on women's education.

It was a defining moment in 1927 when Virginia Alice Cottey offered her College as a gift to the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She had the wisdom to foresee the need for an endowment for the College, and she asked that the Sisterhood raise an endowment of no less than \$200,000. Cottey's need for endowment growth to support the most essential functions of the College has not changed.

The support and ownership of the College were understandably difficult and draining for the Sisterhood during the early years. There was a recommendation to sever P.E.O.'s connection to Cottey slated to be presented at the 1933 convention to be held in Kansas City. Mrs. Zora Y. Knight, president of Supreme Chapter, conceived of the idea for the entire convention delegation to travel from Kansas City to Nevada. I read that it was a splendid October day, that the College and the city welcomed the 743 delegates and 139 visitors proudly and warmly. It was a defining moment for the College. The next day the recommendation to discontinue support of the College was defeated by a large majority.

We have now arrived at another defining moment, the launch of our first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign.

The campaign will be known as *A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College*. The campaign goals and priorities come directly from our 2011 strategic plan and our campus master plan. They are to raise:

- **For Scholarship Endowment**
\$10 million
 - To keep Cottey affordable and our financial aid competitive with other colleges and universities.
- **For Endowed Faculty Chairs**
\$3 million
 - To bring additional faculty to the College to strengthen our curriculum and create new academic programs.
- **For a Fine Arts Building**
\$9 million
 - To bring our excellent fine arts instruction, now housed in five different buildings, together in one new building to support the goal of becoming a model liberal arts college.
- **For Library Endowment**
\$3 million
 - To upgrade the library to incorporate new technologies, services, and functions, and to ensure high quality library technology and acquisitions well into the future.
- **For Unrestricted Funding**
\$10 million
 - To provide the ability to meet all the needs of the campus, respond to unexpected circumstances, or fund new ideas.

These are the goals and priorities of *A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College*.

Our campaign has just completed a very successful year-long silent phase led by a nationally recognized consulting firm. We have enlisted a Blue Ribbon Steering Committee that has, in turn, enlisted volunteers for four key committees. Now, it is with excitement and anticipation that we welcome Barbara Andes, immediate past president of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, to the campaign effort as the Campaign Chairman. Barbara brings proven leadership skills, vast knowledge of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and a high regard for Cottey College to the campaign organization.



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Dr. Judy R. Rogers

I am delighted to announce 100 percent support of the campaign by the Cottey College Board of Trustees, the Executive Board of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the Cottey College Alumnae Association Executive Board, and the Cottey College administrative council. Most heartening of all, the graduating class of 2009, the freshman class, and the Golden Key Honorary Society made gifts to the College at Commencement this May.

Now we turn to you, our alumnae, the women who know best the benefit of a Cottey education and request your full support. Your decision to attend Cottey College was a defining moment in your life. Your defining moment may have come during a class when some intellectual concept suddenly became crystal clear to you, or when you discovered what you felt passionate about and wanted to pursue as your life's work, or even when you recognized the value of the friends you had made. These are moments that define our lives.

Our leaders, our board, and our faculty are committed and prepared to enrich and enhance the Cottey experience and make it available to more young women. Their well-informed decisions have advanced the College and women's education in response to an ever-changing world and the evolving needs of students. With the support of all who love Cottey College and value women's education, we will be successful! This is a defining moment for Cottey College.

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Helen Kirby '52

"I made my pledge to the campaign in order to open the door wider for other young women who would benefit from a Cottey education," said Helen. "It is our turn as alumnae and P.E.O.s to polish this gem and share it with the world."

A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College offers an unprecedented opportunity to advance the mission of an institution for women, by women, and about women. Remember, the P.E.O. Sisterhood's generosity funds only a portion of our goals. Additional gifts, large and small, are necessary if we are to fulfill

the dreams of more young women for decades to come. All gifts are deeply appreciated, and we will steward them with care.

Contact Information

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Visit our campaign Web site at www.cottey.edu and click on the campaign logo.

Campaign Events

Be on the look out because we're coming to your area. Throughout the campaign we will be hosting campaign events for an opportunity to learn more about *A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College*.



Two Comets Honored by NJCAA for Academic Achievement

Two Cottey College Comets were recently honored by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for their academic achievements.

Basketball player **Brittany Smith** was awarded the Distinguished Academic All-American Award by the NJCAA with a 3.9 overall GPA (four semesters). Smith is attending Missouri State University this fall majoring in speech pathology.

Volleyball player **Lauren Jenkins** was awarded Academic All-American honors with a 3.76 overall GPA (four semesters). Jenkins is attending the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Smith and Jenkins were both NJCAA Region XVI All-Region selections each of their two years at Cottey College and graduated with honors.

In addition, the 2008-09 Comets' basketball team placed fifth overall in NJCAA national honors of team GPA with a 3.42 average. This ranking included all NJCAA colleges who competed in basketball in Divisions I, II, and III in 2008-09.



Brittany Smith



Lauren Jenkins

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Commencement comes and goes, the Vacation College participants are here for a week, and then the campus gets quiet for the summer—except for a week in late June when dozens of high school students come for a week of study in music, dance, and science. Held this year June 21-27, students from across the country came to participate in Cottey’s Summer Programs.

The Music and Dance Workshops are for girls currently in grades nine, ten, and eleven who wish to study music or dance in a college environment. Participants have the opportunity to live on campus while exploring and developing their creativity through technique classes, repertoire, theory, and performance.

Previously known as Sciencescape, the Exploring Careers in Science Workshop is for girls currently in grades nine, ten, and eleven who wish to study science and mathematics in a college environment. Participants have the opportunity to live on campus while exploring and developing their interest in biology, chemistry, computer science, logic, mathematics, and physics.

Of the students who begin the year each fall at Cottey College, approximately 20 of them have been past participants in one of the summer programs. Oftentimes it is their first contact with Cottey, and the positive experience they have influences their decision to apply and attend.

This next summer, the camps are scheduled for June 13-19. More information is available on the Summer Programs page on the Cottey Web site. Applications will be available in January.



A summer science participant adjusts her microscope during a biology class.

Careers With Cottey

Half-Time Webmaster

Cottey College is seeking a webmaster. This is a half-time position that will manage all aspects of the Cottey College Web site. Position requires a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited college or university with major course work in an information technology field, or equivalent combination of education and experience in related field utilizing state-of-the-art technology, and two year’s work experience monitoring and analyzing Web logs.

Applicants should demonstrate ease with dynamic Web page generation and data retrieval, show fluency in HTML, Java, JavaScript, Active X, vbscript, asp.net, and multimedia tools like Flash. Familiarity with SQL and database concepts is desirable, along with a knowledge of TCP/IP-based protocols and network architectures. Experience with Photoshop is also desirable.

The College particularly seeks someone who lives in or is willing to move to the Nevada, Missouri, area for this position.

Interested candidates should send letter of application, résumé, and three references to the Director of Human Resources, Cottey College, 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, Missouri 64772. EOE

Highlights from the 126th Opening of the College

The annual rite of fall began again as new students moved to Cottey College and Nevada. First-year students began arriving Friday, August 21, followed shortly thereafter by the arrival of the second-year students on Sunday, August 23.

Almost perfect weather greeted the students and families as they began unloading cars full of boxes, bags, and crates. Missouri weather—notoriously hot and humid in late August—was unseasonably mild and dry. Although students, parents, and orientation leaders were tired by the end of the day from moving belongings into the halls, no one was drained from the heat.



It helps to have a strong back—and a friend—when it's time to move into your residence hall.

One of the first welcoming activities for students and families was the annual community picnic at Marmaduke Park on Saturday, August 22. Everyone in the Nevada community was invited to the picnic, and there is no charge. The picnic is paid for by Nevada Tourism through the Chamber of Commerce as a way of letting students know they are a valued member of their new home away from home.

Officially, the beginning of the academic year arrived with Opening Convocation on Monday, August 24, in the Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts Auditorium. **Miriam Kindred**, Cottey Class of 1951, and the first female branch manager for EF Hutton, was the honored speaker at convocation. (see sidebar) Immediately following her talk, the students

participated in one of the oldest traditions on campus, the Signing of the Cottey Book. Since 1935, students have signed their names in the Cottey Book pledging their desire to possess Cottey spirit and a willingness to uphold the ideals, standards, and traditions of Cottey College. Signing the Cottey Book is also a symbolic pledge to uphold the Honor System.

After signing the Cottey Book, students are then given a daisy by student government leaders. The Daisy Tradition began in 1990. It symbolizes the tie between past and future classes of Cottey graduates. Each new student was given a daisy to signify her membership in her class.

With these traditions, another year at Cottey began, tying the incoming class to those that came before.

A Living Legacy



The students shown above are legacies among the first-year class. Each of these women had a relative—sister, mother, grandmother, or aunt—who also attended Cottey College. Pictured are (left to right): **Megan Odle**, sister of **Ashley Odle '03**; **Jill Jurgens**, sister of **Allison Jurgens '06**; **Ashley Dittman**, sister of **Hilary Dittman '08**; **Rutendo Sigauke**, sister of **Tapiwa Sigauke '08**; **Molly Jones**, sister of **Chelsea Jones '09**; **Leslie Spencer**, sister of **Tifanie Spencer '10**; **Jasmine Kai**, sister of **Jade Kai '05**; **Katherine Singleton**, niece of **Suzanne Porter Roach '72**; **Sarah Tyre**, niece of **Christine Tyre '81**; **Madeline Swidergal**, sister of **Alexandra Swidergal '08**; **Laurie Woodruff**, sister of **Katie Woodruff '09**; **Rachel LaGrou**, sister of **Blomeli LaGrou '04**; and **Jessica Davis**, daughter of **Julie Carrick Davis '81**.



Miriam Kindred '51, enjoys a moment before Opening Convocation with **Rayanna Cameron '10**. Miriam was the honored speaker. Rayanna is the president of Inter-Society and explained the history of the Signing of the Cottey Book to the freshmen that evening.

Convocation Speaker Miriam Kindred '51

“The idea of going into a man's field—it never dawned on me,” said **Miriam Kindred '51** in a 1978 interview with the *Dallas Morning News*. After 13 years of working as a medical technologist, she walked into an investment firm in Amarillo, Texas, and asked for a job. Following a battery of psychological and aptitude tests, the firm's manager agreed to sponsor her through the training to become a stockbroker. Over the next 40 years of her career, Mrs. Kindred became known nationally as a successful stockbroker and financial planner.

As the honored speaker during the Opening Convocation for Cottey's 126th Opening of the College, Kindred spoke of her experiences as a woman working in what was then a man's world.

“The idea of going into a man's field—it never dawned on me.”

In 1966, Mrs. Kindred obtained her Registered Securities License while working at Schneider, Bernet & Hickman in Amarillo, Texas. She then transferred to firms owned by Kidder Peabody and Merrill Lynch. In 1970, Mrs. Kindred went to E.F. Hutton in Lubbock, Texas. Soon after, she and her family moved to Dallas, Texas. In 1976, Mrs. Kindred was named a top producer in the E.F. Hutton office. She became a certified financial planner following a year of night classes.

In 1978, Mrs. Kindred became the first woman branch office manager of E.F. Hutton, where she managed eight brokers. As manager, she hired and trained twenty new brokers. After five years, she resigned from management to return to full-time production. In 1986, Mrs. Kindred became regional equity coordinator of the Southwest region of Hutton. During her tenure with E.F. Hutton, she took numerous continuing education courses sponsored by Hutton, gave financial seminars for women's groups, and spoke to the women in training courses in New York for Hutton.

Miriam Kindred was recognized in *Money Magazine* as being one of the best brokers in America, and she was known as a super technician and student of the market. She was always a leader in production at the E.F. Hutton office as well as a team player who always had time to help others when they needed it. Mrs. Kindred was featured in several articles in both regional and national media during her career.

Following her distinguished career with E.F. Hutton, she joined Smith Barney Harris Upham, where she became a member of the Century Club. Mrs. Kindred served four years as resident manager of Smith Barney's Galleria office in Dallas, Texas, while maintaining full-time production. She then moved to Plano, Texas, to help seed a new branch office for Smith Barney. In 2006, after 40 years in the financial industry, Mrs. Kindred retired as first vice president of wealth management.

Mrs. Kindred holds the Associate in Arts degree from Cottey College and a bachelor's degree from North Texas State University.

1940s

Mary Lou Steele Mastain '47 and husband Dick recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Dick Mastain and Mary Lou Steele were wed on August 28, 1949, in Whittier, California, shortly after they graduated from Whittier College. Mr. Mastain earned a master's degree in 1954 from Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California, and an Ed.D. from the University of Southern California. Mrs. Mastain earned a master's degree from the University of California at Sacramento in 1980. The couple worked a combined 65 years as teachers and education administrators in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and two years in the Peace Corps in Nigeria.



Mary Lou Steele Mastain '47 and husband Dick

In honor of her grandparents, Josselyn Ivanov presented a vocal recital at the First Methodist Church in Ashland for their 60th wedding anniversary. Dick and Mary's family came for the weekend, holding three family parties for them. Daughters Carey and Juli Mastain, son-in-law Liviu Ivanov and granddaughter, Jossie, had the first party at the community center. The next night their son, Rick, daughter-in-law, Annie, and grandchildren Courtenay and Hank hosted another party at the family's cottage. Their third daughter, Mardi Mastain and Robin Donaldson had the last party at their home in Ashland. Each celebration was unique, and enjoyed by all 12 family members.

Dick and Mary moved to Ashland, Oregon, in the early 1990s. Mr. Mastain enjoys playing tennis and bridge, the Fourth Wednesday Book Club, the Galimaufry group, and, along with his wife, is an active member in the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Mastain volunteers at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, belongs to P.E.O. and the Fortnightly Study Club. She also leads walks in Lithia Park for the Ashland Parks and Recreation Department.

Linda Cornell Downey '70 and Claire McIntosh Detlefs '48 (photo right)

Former CCAA Board members had a reunion in Louisville after Linda attended a watercolor workshop at Arrowmont in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in late July 2009.

Kulsum (Sunderji) Davidson '64 got married to Hollis Davidson, an American, which created quite a bit of commotion with her family after leaving Cottey. She did complete her undergraduate degree in history from Carlow University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and eventually got a master's degree in child and youth care administration from Nova Southeastern University in Orlando, Florida. She has been working as Director of Wesley Spectrum In-Home Child and Family Services for the entire Allegheny County for a good many years. Kulsum has four children and all of them are married and have children of their own. If Dr. Dow were alive, she would be very proud to see her influence throughout Kulsum's family. Dr. Dow was her inspiration and an outstanding role model on how to be a leader. Kulsum has thought about her often and breathed a prayer for her many times and thanked Dr. Dow in her soul for Dr. Dow's encouragement and faith in her.



1960s



Friends meet for Cecile (Culp) Mielenz's '68 daughter's wedding. Left to right: Fran (Middleton) Moen '67, Sue (Rasch) Lundgaard '67, Cecile "Cec" (Culp) Mielenz '68, and Judy Graves '68

1970s



A group of Cottey alumnae from three different classes, but all from P.E.O. Hall, Illinois Reeves Suite, got together this past June for a mini-reunion (**photo above**). There were eight from the years 1975-1978 and several had not seen each other in over 32 years!! They all live in different places around the country but decided to meet in Chicago. They had so much fun and laughed so hard, that they are having another mini-reunion in June 2011 in Denver. They hope that more Cottey friends will decide to join them then. They had a blast sharing pictures and their lives with each other, and like most Cottey alumnae, it was like the hands of time were turned back, to all the fun times they had together. They helped each other recollect things that they definitely would never have remembered by themselves! Did they mention that they laughed and laughed?

Jennie Olsen '79 spent the day in Chicago with **Marian (Cullen) Verclytte '79** and had a great time. Marian is still living in Paris and is a single mom raising her son and daughter after recently losing her husband to brain cancer in February of this year. Marion would love to hear from her Cottey friends at 17 rue Ernest Renan, 75015, Paris, France. Jennie is still working at a VA hospital near Chicago and caring for her father.

1980s

Dawn Larsen '81 spent the summer on a research trip to South Texas and Mexico where she studied Mexican tent shows. She hopes to include this research in an upcoming book on American Toby shows. She also just returned from taking two fine arts students to Burning Man, a week long artist gathering of 48,000 in the Black Rock desert in Nevada (the state). After her production of Sam Shepherd's *Buried Child* on Halloween weekend at Francis Marion University, she plans to take a nap.

Betsy Hoium '89 of Minneapolis, Minnesota, left yesterday on a trip to China that is being funded, in part, through the Lucille Smith Scholarship for Foreign Study. She's not sure how much computer access she will have, but intends to write about her adventures when she can: www.betsychinatrip.blogspot.com.

REMINDER:
P.E.O. Visit Day is Saturday, October 24. Call the Office of P.E.O. Relations at 417-667-8181, ext. 2122, to register.

1990s



Executive Chef J. Kevin Walker, CMC Heather Hurlbert '91, and Garde Manger Chef, Jonn Nishiyama

Heather Hurlbert '91, recently competed in a national competition and won the title of "National Pastry Chef of the Year." It was held by the American Culinary Federation at their National Convention in Orlando in July (10-14). Held annually, chefs, pastry chefs, and industry educators are first nominated in their state and then compete at the regional level. She competed in Charlotte in April at the Southeast regional conference in a cookoff (a hot dessert for four people in one hour) and won. Then she went to the national conference and competed with three other regional finalists (West, Central, and Northeast) for the National title. In Orlando, Heather made a cold dessert (six plates), a hot dessert (six plates), and a torte in three hours. After Cottey, she continued on to the Culinary Institute of America. Currently, she is the executive pastry chef at Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, Georgia. It has been ranked the #1 country club in the U.S. for the past 12 years. Heather is very proud to have won this title working in an industry dominated by men. She is currently working towards getting her CMPC (Certified Master Pastry Chef) certification. There are only 13 CMPCs in the U.S.

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and if she passes the rigorous eight-day testing, Heather would be the first female CMPC. She hopes this will inspire all future female culinarians and students alike!

2000s

Aimee Starlin '02 accepted a new job as the community relations director for the Nevada (Missouri) Regional Medical Center. She began her duties in August.

Nichole Marie Jackson '04 is currently going to Iraq for deployment until May 2010. **Tiffany (Jackson) Craig '04** recently met her in Savannah during a two-day break. Nichole writes "Cottey friends are some of my closest life-long friends I have and are the most sincere friends I have. Without the friendships and education I received during my time at Cottey College, I would not be the woman I am today. After Cottey I got my bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University. Again, this would not have been possible without the lessons learned at Cottey. I do not wish to brag about my achievements; however, I write this e-mail as a thank you. Going to Iraq with the Army has made it possible for me to realize how special my achievements are as well as realize the people, opportunities, and friendships along the way that made it possible. Cottey College was an opportunity for me that I will never forget. Anyway just wanted to send a note to say *Thank you.*" Thank you Nichole for sharing your story.



Nichole Marie Jackson '04 and Tiffany (Jackson) Craig '04

[Deaths]

1930s

Bess (Miller) Johnson '32 of Greensburg, Kentucky, died on March 31, 2009. She was 97 years, five months and nine days of age. She was a former member of DOR, the society for Mayflower Descendants, and a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood since 1934. Bess was preceded in death by her husband, sister, three brothers, a niece, and a nephew. Survivors include a niece, several great-nieces, great-nephews, host of friends, family, and church family.

Cora (Garner) Perkins '36 died July 25, 2009, at home with her family at her side. For 62 years, Cora and her husband lived in the same house in Des Moines, which was enlarged several times as they raised four children. It was her fervent wish to stay in the house as long as she lived, a goal she achieved. Cora was believed to be the longest continuous resident of the Westwood neighborhood. Cora was well-known for raising thousands of dollars for charities each year by collecting cans in Greenwood Park. She was Salvation Army Volunteer of the Year in 1989 and was a member of P.E.O. Chapter IE. Cora was the last living member of her siblings' generation. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her eight brothers and sisters. She is survived by her four children, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews who loved Cora like a mother. Cora had many friends who loved her for her caring heart, insatiable pursuit of knowledge and great appetite for travel.

1940s

Margaret Jean (Tracy) Termer '44 died on Friday June 5, 2009, two days before her 84th birthday. Margaret grew up in Nevada, Missouri, where she graduated from Nevada High School and Cottey College. She graduated from Pittsburg State Teacher's College. She majored in music with a minor in English. Margaret taught music and English. She loved teaching and her students were very important to her. She was a talented musician and teacher. Margaret returned to Nevada to care for her mother. She taught in Schell City and Metz, Missouri, during that time. She moved to Boise, Idaho, to be close to family members there. Margaret is survived by her brother, her son, and her daughter.

Jane (Amelia) Hubbard Adkins '47 died on May 3, 2009. A loving and supportive Army wife, mother, and grandmother, she was also known for her talent as a stained glass artist. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her son, brother, and her granddaughter, and her P.E.O. sisters of Chapter I.

LouAnn Frey '47 died on July 17, 2009. She graduated from Cottey College and San Jose State University. In her career as an occupational therapist (OTR), she cared for polio patients as well as children with cerebral palsy. She is survived by her husband, son and daughter, sister-in-law, and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother.

Beverly (Horney) McCollom '49 died on July 26, 2009. After Cottey, she transferred to the University of Colorado in Boulder, where she worked on her master's degree in Spanish literature. In 1956, Bev went to work at NBC in Washington, DC, where she was a writer and researcher for the new pairing of Huntley and Brinkley at the political conventions that year and then for the *NBC Nightly News*. After her husband's retirement in 1976, she and her family returned to Medicine Lodge, Kansas. She served on the Medicine Lodge City Council in the 80s and 90s in various capacities, including deputy mayor and police commissioner. She was a member of P.E.O. and B.P.W. Bev is survived by two sons, a stepson, and four grandchildren.

1950s

Louise JoAnn (Croley) Wayne '57 died on June 6, 2009, after battling Parkinson's disease. She is survived by her loving husband, son, and daughter **Susan Wayne-Lundy '88**. She also will be greatly missed by her two grandchildren. She was a P.E.O. since 1976 and served on the Cottey College Alumnae Board 1984-87. She was a published author of a novel, *Missouri Mourn with Me*, and had come to Cottey to lecture on the novel and do readings. Her family and the College will miss her greatly.

1960s

Christie A. (Zaininger) Darst '60 died July 8, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer. Christie participated in Girl Scouts while growing up in Napperville and later served as a Girl Scout leader in Hixton. As a teenager, Christie volunteered as a candy striper and later became a charter member and first corresponding secretary for the Black River Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. As well as being married to her husband for nearly 50 years, Christie was the bookkeeper, did sales work, designed landscape plans and "put up with the boss" in their nursery and Christmas tree business. She tried to keep her hands in the business by manning the phone or radio until shortly before her death. Christie stated that her greatest achievement was her children. She is survived by her husband, sons, daughters, brother, and grandchildren. Christie was preceded in death by her parents.

Elizabeth Ann (Baker) Beutelschies '61 died on May 30, 2009, in loving company of her surviving sons. She attended Cottey College for a year but transferred to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, graduating with a degree in elementary education. She was an active member of the Delta Gamma sorority. Ann had a love for family (both immediate and extended), friends, animals, nature, geography, dancing, travel, and history. She enhanced her experience by sharing these passions with her children, friends, and co-workers. She especially enjoyed adventures with her two grandsons.

1990s



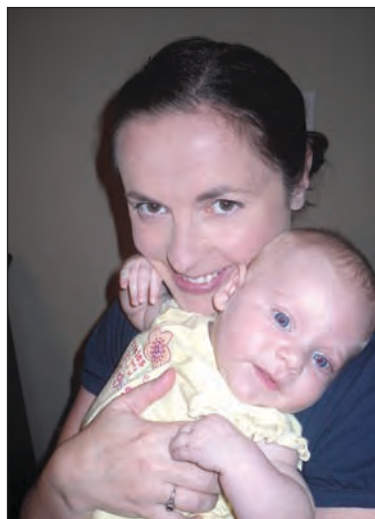
Sophia Catherine Zaderaka

Theresa Matos '93 married William Hart on October 14, 2006, at a mountaintop vineyard in St. Helena, California. Theresa works as a human resource generalist in New York City while pursuing a master's degree in human resource management at New York University. Theresa would love to get back in touch with her Cottey friends and may be reached at theresa.hart@yahoo.com.

Danielle Ryan Zaderaka '98 and husband John are pleased to announce the birth of their first child Sophia Catherine Zaderaka. Sophie, as they call her, was born on July 13, weighed 7 lbs and was 19 1/2 inches long. She was born at Allen Birthing Center in Texas with a midwife. "Totally natural childbirth by the way!" added Danielle. The couple is now living in Nashville, Tennessee, for the second time.

Mallori (McGill) DeSalle '99 and husband Dan welcomed their daughter Lillian Grace DeSalle into the world on April 16, 2009. She weighed 7lbs, 2 oz and was greeted by her amazing big brother Graham. Lilly was given her first duck by a loving Cottey sister and has already attended her first P.E.O. meeting! Next up Cottey!

Karen (Morris) Green '99 married Todd Green on July 3, 2009. Karen and Todd are currently over-the-road truck drivers, driving all 48 continental states. They live in Tennessee. Friends can reach Karen at photomouse@gmail.com



Mallori (McGill) DeSalle '99 and daughter, Lilly, Class of 2029



Todd Green, Karen Morris Green '99, and mother of the bride Susan Sundeen Morris '72

2000s



Ann (Rostedt) Butler '02 and her husband, Alex

was a bridesmaid. The couple has a new address as of October 1. Congratulations may be sent to them at 17867 Barcelona, Beaverton, OR 97007. You may also e-mail Annie at voidwhereprohibited@hotmail.com.

Ann Rostedt '02 married Alex Butler on June 22 in Sedona, Arizona. The weather was perfect! Cal-G suitemates, **Laura Van Wechel '02**, and bridesmaid, **Heather Richey '03**, were in attendance. Ann graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2008 with a master's degree in school psychology. She is currently employed by a school district in West Sacramento. Ann can be reached by email at: mle_ann@hotmail.com

Annie Woods '02 married Andrew Cornett on August 2, 2009, at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood in Oregon. **Laura Van Wechel '02**



Annie Woods '02 and Andrew Cornett



Cristin O'Malley '04, Marissa (Mason) Kleven '04, and Dayna Bissett '03

where **Jamie Baker '04**, **Angela Colee '04**, **Emily Arzate '04**, and **Sally (McCray) Cannizzaro '01** were in attendance. She received a Certificate in Missions from Ozark Christian College in May 2007. In August of 2008, her husband enlisted into the Army. As of April 7, he was officially stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where they currently reside. Amy plans on attending Miller-Motte Technical College in Clarksville, Tennessee, to finally pursue massage therapy. You can reach Amy at sugarbaby_11@hotmail.com.



Amy (McCray) McLane '04 and Scott McLane

Christina (Wilson) Upchurch '05 got married December 6, 2008, and had a few Cottey girls come to the wedding. From left to right: **Sara Shipman '04**, **Jennifer Brann '05**, **Christina (Wilson) Upchurch '05**, **Cassandra (Cohen) DeWeese '05**, **Courtney (Crawford Lowry) Clementson '04**. Courtney was also the matron of honor. You can reach Christina at chris1504@msn.com.



From left to right: Sara Shipman '04, Jennifer Brann '05, Christina (Wilson) Upchurch '05, Cassandra (Cohen) DeWeese '05, Courtney (Crawford Lowry) Clementson '04.

A Message From Your CCAA

Gatherings

Recently, the Class of '64, my class, celebrated our 45th reunion at Cottey. One may think that after so many years the shine of our alma mater may have dulled. But no! We returned to the mountaintop and found that the magic still exists. We gathered together in the hallowed halls of our beloved school and reminisced about the fun and hijinx, the growth and friendship we experienced here many years ago. We shared our successes, loves, families, and losses during a very powerful weekend.



Jen Wren Charpentier '64

One of the gifts we, as Cottey alumnae, have been given is our sense of connection to Cottey – our sense of belonging to this place and to the other women who have shared Cottey with us. Whether young or not so young, whether Class of '64 or '04, whether we know each other or not, we are all connected through Cottey College – we are all sisters together—Cottey women in your community, city, and state. You have sisters in the world that you have yet to meet. With Cottey as our common ground, we can spark new friendships and develop meaningful relationships with women of all ages and backgrounds. Cottey alumnae have intelligence, grace, and who among us doesn't need more of that in her life?

Cottey College celebrates 125 years of educating women this year.

In any world that is cause for celebration. Gatherings are happening in every state. Rekindle the magic of your Cottey days! Look for opportunities, no, make opportunities to gather together to share, to laugh, and to celebrate with each other. Get acquainted with your sisters and get reacquainted with Cottey.

Call, e-mail, or write to the Office of Alumnae Relations to inquire about Cottey alumnae in your area. Carrie Reeves, coordinator of alumnae relations, can be reached at 417-667-8181, extension 2122. The e-mail address of the Office of Alumnae Relations is alumnae@cottey.edu. The mailing address for the College is 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772.

Rekindle the magic of your Cottey days. Connect with your Cottey sisters – celebrate the Cottey connection!

Jen

Last issue, the Cottey College Alumnae Association introduced its 1 • 2 • 5 initiative to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Cottey College. Help the CCAA with the following:

1 ONE alumnae gathering in each state in the month of September. Let Cottey know if you are interested in organizing or helping organize an event in your area. The alumnae office will send out invitations and assist you with all of the planning and execution of the event. The point person just has to pick a place, date, and time. We have secured point people in the following states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Washington, and Wyoming. If you see your area, plan to attend. If you don't see your area, offer to be the point person. We want this to be a fun way of meeting other Cottey alumnae in your area.

2 TWO percent increase in class giving. Have you donated this year? Make a commitment to donate every year even if it is \$10. It's the percentage of alumnae giving that counts! To be included in this year's giving report, the deadline is JUNE 30. Go to www.cotteycommunity.org/give and donate online.

5 FIVE more young women know about Cottey. Talk to your daughters, nieces, granddaughters, neighbors, and church friends about your experiences at Cottey. Think how your life would be different if someone hadn't told you about Cottey.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Founder's Day 2010
March 26-28

Cottey Alumna Creates Online Labor of Love

Editor's Note: Several of us at Cottey have been following a Web site that caught our eyes: *Cotteyphile.com*. Over time, this project of a recent alumna has grown into a quite extensive history site featuring lots of interesting facts and historic photos you probably won't see anywhere else outside of the Cottey archives. We haven't been the only ones who've noticed, though. The Viewpoint has received e-mails from alumnae impressed with the site too, and they have asked us to write about it. In fact, *Cotteyphile* has a Facebook fan page with over 500 members! The creator of *Cotteyphile* is **Brianne Hoppe, Class of 2006**. We caught up with her via e-mail to ask a few questions.



VP: When did you begin this ambitious project and why?

BH: I began Cotteyphile in January of 2008. The original idea was to put details and photos of all the Cottey suites online for prospective students, so they

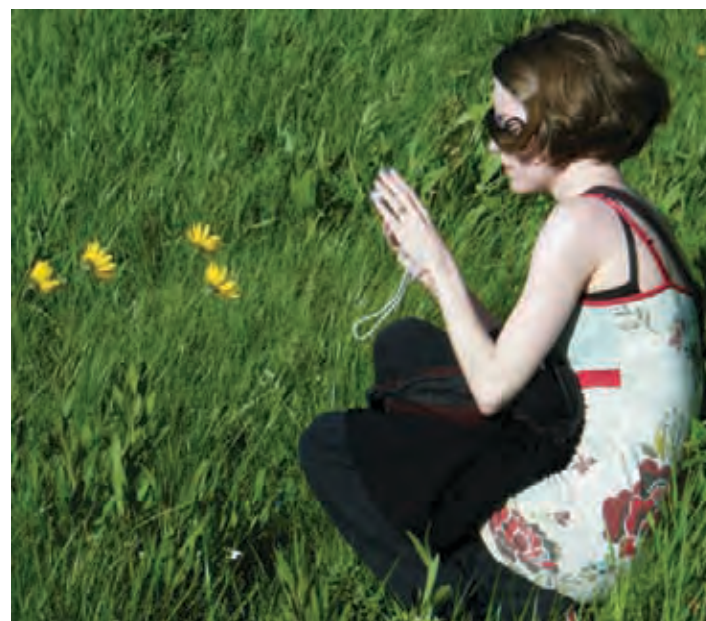
could request suites that suited them. (It seems like such a random idea now!) Additionally, in fall of 2007 I had made a Cottey 'zine with my suitemate **Jocelyn Myers**. We wrote about our experiences at Cottey, current happenings, etc. This changed the focus of the future site from suite-oriented to Cottey as a whole. When I launched the site in 2008, it wasn't so much about history as it was about Cottey culture—that has gradually changed, and now it's truly a history site.

VP: Did you/do you do all of the creative work on this yourself, or have you had help?

BH: I do the web/graphic design, writing, and researching. I scan almost everything myself, excepting the photos and scans that people send me. Annette Dunaway has generously lent me many of her yearbooks and other Cottey documents, and other alumnae have sent photos from their time at Cottey.

VP: This looks like *TONS* of work. Did you plan for it to become such a big site so quickly?

BH: The site *can* be a lot of work. It has built up gradually, though. I do an update every Monday—usually it's a new article or an addition to an existing page. (And it must always have photos!) I planned for it to be a never-ending project—and that's why I favor the Web site over the book.



Brianne Hoppe '06, creator of Cotteyphile.com

VP: How much time do you spend working on the site, twittering, and facebooking each week?

BH: On average I spend 20 hours on the site each week, which includes everything from scanning to researching to coding. I don't really count the twittering and facebooking though.

VP: How many different people submit material to your site? Do you have anyone who checks facts for you on dates?

BH: So far, I've only received material from about a dozen people. Obviously Annette has provided much of it. Most of the other submissions are photos. People tend not to send me anything until we've established some kind of personal relationship. I don't have any go-to person for fact-checking. That would be great! I am, however, very focused on accuracy, which is why I cite *every* source and make sure that multiple sources are reporting the same facts.

VP: Where did you transfer after Cottey and what was your major?

BH: I transferred to the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and majored in sociology and diversity studies.

Please see Cotteyphile on page 2

2009-2010 Comets Softball Team



Pictured are (left to right): Brianna Blacklock, Theresa Wilson, Megan Steffens, Lauren Akin, Ashley Wilson, Kylie Robbins, Ciara Brown, Candy Price, Jessica Davis, Megan Odle, Charity Milbauer, Jamie Penick, Molly Crouse, and Leesa Schaumann. Not pictured are Amanda Sebree and Natalie Larsen.

The fall schedule for the Comets is listed below. The spring schedule can be found on the Cottey Web site under Softball.

Cottey Comets 2009 Volleyball Schedule

OCTOBER			
2	Ozark Christian College	7 p.m.	HOME
3	Stephens College	2 p.m.	HOME
7	Longview Community College	7 p.m.	HOME
9	Kansas City Kansas CC	7 p.m.	HOME
19	Allen County Community College	7 p.m.	HOME
23	Tri w/Labette & Northern Oklahoma		Parsons, KS
		2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m..	
26	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	7 p.m.	HOME
30	Ft. Scott Community College	6:30 p.m.	Ft. Scott, KS.
NOVEMBER			
6/7	Regional/District Tournament	TBA	Lee's Summit, MO

Cottey Comets Fall Softball Schedule

The Comets softball team plays a limited schedule this fall. Listed below are the five dates scheduled.

SEPTEMBER			
16	Ft. Scott Community College	4 & 6 p.m.	Fort Scott, KS
22	Independence Community College	4 & 6 p.m.	Independence, KS
25	Evangel College JV	3 & 5 p.m.	Springfield, MO
OCTOBER			
2	Brown Mackie	3 & 5 p.m.	Salina, KS
4	Coffeyville Community College	1 & 3 p.m.	HOME

Comets Unveil New Logo



In their eleventh year of intercollegiate athletics at Cottey College, the Comets are pleased to reveal their new logo. This active-looking image more accurately portrays a dynamic athletic program on the "grow." Look for Cottey logo wear featuring the new look in the very near future.



Fleet feet
Two members of the Cottey Running Club placed at a road race in Jasper, Missouri, on September 19. **Brielle Farrell '10**, took first place in the women's 19 and under division of the 5K race. Club cosponsor and Reeves Hall director **Megan McIntire '03** finished first in the one-mile fun walk.

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E-mail: alumnae@cottey.edu

Remember to include the class year of your school pals when requesting information. Please notify us when you move, so we can help YOUR classmates keep track of your whereabouts as well. Use the coupon to the left to let us know when you change your address.



Two Comets get a block against Labette County Community College in the first home match of the year.

The Cottey Comets volleyball team is having a bit of a rough start to the season. As of the *Viewpoint* deadline, they were 0-6 on the year. Although the win column is empty, this team is tenacious and intends to continue improving every match.

"We are carrying two returners from last year, and the other eight are freshmen," said head coach Marla Kannady Foreman. "I have capable players in every position, but we do lack some height this year, unlike last year. However, I am confident that as the season goes along, we will show some fans that we are capable of holding our own in the games. Passing has been a definite positive for us in the skill work, so I am counting on it to make up for our lack of height."

The two experienced players from last year are Janelle Crowell, a 5'10" outside/middle hitter from Indiana, and Chrissy Echeverria, a 5'9" outside hitter from Arizona. Crowell has shown amazing improvement from her first year, and Echeverria provides solid play as well.

The first-year players for the Comets are Chevelle Francis, Andrea Hass, Kailey Kelly, Natalie Larsen, Madeline Swidergal, Kate Whitaker, and two players from Nevada High School in Nevada, Missouri: Taylor Means and Emily Moore.

The Comets are young, and often face schools with deep benches full of experienced players. Some of the schools the Comets compete against are four-year institutions with players in their junior and senior years. That was the case when Cottey opened the season on the road against Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri. OCC is a four-year school that returned every starter from a squad that went to the national tournament in

Young Comets Team Struggles Early

their division of Christian colleges. That experience was a key factor as they swept the Comets.

There was no break for the Comets as they then traveled to Lee's Summit, Missouri, to face perennial powerhouse Longview Community College. Longview is either the number one or two team in the region/district tournament each year, and is often nationally ranked as well. Although Longview defeated Cottey, Foreman was pleased with

some things she saw in this match.

"We played up a step from our match in Joplin," said Foreman about game one. "Our serve receive and overall passing has improved. We kept with them throughout the first set, and made some really great plays along the way. Our serving did not hinder us, and it is nice to have a team that is capable of serving this well, this early in the season."

After two road trips against tough opponents, the Comets finally got to play at home on September 5 when they hosted a tri-match with Labette County Community College and Ft. Scott Community College.

A packed house greeted the Comets as they took the court for the first home match of the season. Despite the team's struggles on the court, it was a loud crowd in Hinkhouse Center and they showed their appreciation for every point the Comets scored from the opening serve through the final score.

In the first match against Labette, the Comets came out cold against the Lady Cardinals, fell behind early, and could not make up the difference. But in game two, it looked like a completely different Comets team as they jumped out to a commanding 11-6 lead with great serving and pinpoint passing. Cottey built an 18-9 lead and maintained the advantage through the end of the game.

Game three was a tight battle, with slim leads by both teams before Labette outscored Cottey 5-9 over the next few minutes to take control of the game.

Despite being down 1-2, the Comets gave the crowd one of the best games of the day in the fourth and final game. This game had it all: close scores, long ral-

lies, great passing, and a crowd that was deafening at times. Cottey had a slim 7-6 lead early when Labette was penalized for having a player out of rotation. The Comets were awarded a point and held an 8-6 lead before the Cardinals tied it up at nine. Both teams traded points and remained tied through 13, before Labette grabbed a 15-18 lead and Cottey called a timeout. Both teams earned a point before Labette squeaked ahead 17-22. Following another Comets' timeout, Cottey went on the offensive and scored three consecutive points to pull within two at 20-22. By this time the fans in Hinkhouse were fired up and saw one of the longest rallies of the entire day on the next point. Unfortunately for the home crowd, it went to Labette and they were able to close out the game and match.

In the second match, the Comets again came out cold in game one as the Greyhounds built an early lead and pulled away for a relatively easy win.

The second game was a much better contest as the Comets had an early lead at 4-3. The teams were tied at 13, and neither team could gain an advantage as the scores went from Cottey holding a one-point lead to being tied. The Comets managed to build the lead to 19-16, and then to 21-17, seeming to take control of the game. Everything went wrong from that point for the Comets, however, as they did not score another point in the game, and a four-point lead turned into a four-point loss.

In the final game of the day, the Comets fell behind early, but fought back to a 14-

all tie. They only trailed by two at 17-19, before the Greyhounds used their height advantage and pulled away for the win and the sweep.

The following Monday, the Comets hit the road to face another team with more height and more depth on the bench and were defeated by Northeast Oklahoma A&M Community College.

"It seems like all the opponents are loaded with height, depth, and/or experience this year," said Foreman. "We are obviously building from graduating six sophomores last year, and I really don't think the win/loss record shows how much this year's young team has improved since the first match. It's definitely going to be a character building experience for everyone."

Despite starting 0-6 out of the gate, neither the team or the coach has lost faith. In fact, as the *Viewpoint* was going to press, Foreman sent a message to campus. "I have a great group of young ladies who are willing to work hard and get better, and we have definitely seen some improvement since our first match. We have been constantly tweaking our line-up, so that we can have the best rotations going for us in a game. Our day will come and we will soar like eagles... and it's coming very soon. I can just feel it in the air!"

Visit the Volleyball page on the Cottey Web site to keep up with the young team's progress. The schedule for the rest of the season is on page 10. Find a game near you and come cheer for the Comets!



The 2009 Volleyball Comets

Front row, left to right: Natalie Larsen, Emily Moore, Kate Whitaker. Middle row: Taylor Means, Madeline Swidergal, Kailey Kelly. Back row: Chevelle Francis, Chrissy Echeverria, Andrea Hass, and Janelle Crowell.



Second-year students **Catherine Kayila** and **Taylor McCoy** work on their problem-solving skills during a student leadership retreat in early September.

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Happy Quasquicentennial Cotley College!



Emily Fried '10, announces Cotley College's 125th anniversary to the audience prior to the Wylliams/Henry Contemporary Dance Company performance.

Fully realizing, we trust, the great fact that God has called woman to a high and holy destiny in that He has commissioned her to be a co-laborer with himself in the great work of enlightening and saving the world, we desire to open a school that shall have for its prime object the adjustment of woman to this her natural and God-given relation.

On September 8, 1884, Virginia Alice Cotley read those words to her first twenty-eight students in what is now the center portion of Main Hall. It was her vision from the preface to the first catalog.

On September 8, 2009, Cotley student **Emily Fried '10**, a member of the College's 125th Anniversary Committee, read those same words to an audience in the Auditorium of the Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts prior to a performance by the Wylliams/Henry Contemporary Dance Company.

The crowd celebrated before the performance with the proclamation from the City of Nevada designating that day as "Cotley College Quasquicentennial Day"

and after the performance, all were invited to enjoy special mini cupcakes and punch from Food Service (photo below).

As many of the College's administrative staff were attending International Convention of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the grand celebration of "One Vision~125 Years" is scheduled for Saturday, September 26. On that day a special showcase and open house is planned for the public to see not only the buildings they drive past daily, but to experience some of what goes on inside as well. Visitors will be able to see a jazz band rehearsal, Dr. Fowler's chemistry lab will be in session, selected suites



will be available for touring, and some administrative offices will be open as well. Because the *Viewpoint* deadline is in advance of this event, coverage will be in the winter issue.

Virginia Alice Cotley would be proud of what has been accomplished in 125 years. Happy Quasquicentennial Cotley College! May you have another glorious 125 years ahead.

