

VIEWPOINT

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Small Campus – BIG Premiere

Cottey College to Host the American Premiere of the African Opera *Afiwa*

by Steve Reed

It is, in the words of the late Ed Sullivan, “A really big show.” Cottey College will host the American premiere of Nicholas Ballanta’s opera *Afiwa* on April 16 and 17 in the Auditorium of the Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts. The curtain will rise at 8 p.m. on both evenings.

That song was part of Ballanta’s opera *Afiwa*. Prior to her arrival at Cottey, Beckley had studied briefly with Mr. Logi Wright who had been an associate of Ballanta. Beckley had also sung the leading role in *Afiwa* in the 1997 production in Freetown.

Dr. Kiel researched Ballanta and became more intrigued with the man who was both a recorder of African musical traditions, and a composer in his own right.

ment for disobedience would be that the unwanted girl would be thrown into the river. Immediately thereafter a female child was born by the most favored wife, and, true to his threat, he caused the child to be thrown into the river. The baby was picked up by another woman who nursed it and took care of it until it was grown. One day when the child was passing through the farm of the King she was instructed to drive away goats and birds who were destroying his corn. She refused, stating that, if she had been dead, she would not be alive to drive away goats and birds. The King was vexed at this and called his Counselors to witness her punishment for disobedience. They, however, after having heard the story of the child, decided against the King and had him punished for his crime committed years previously.

The lead role for Cottey’s production will be sung by Joseryl Beckley, which nicely brings this story full circle. In addition to being a native Sierra Leonean and Cottey graduate, she is also a graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, Bloomington. She is a professional singer and also serves as acting principal for the Ballanta Academy of Music in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Other roles will be performed by Cottey faculty, staff, and students. Professor Theresa Spencer, professor of music, will sing the role of Ayele, *Afiwa*’s foster mother.

Cottey artists are also involved in the production. Cottey professor of art, Dr. Bruce Holman, designed the backdrop (image in box below), and Cottey art students spent a weekend creating the scene and other set pieces for the performance.



Joseryl Beckley ‘00

Tickets for the American premiere of *Afiwa* are \$8 for adults and \$6 for those under age 18 or over age 62. Although tickets are not yet available for distribution, they may be reserved by calling the Cottey Ticket Office at 417-667-8181, ext. 2186, or by e-mailing Kris Korb, coordinator of campus activities, at kkorb@cottey.edu.

For more information on the opera and the performance at Cottey, visit www.cottey.edu/home/afiwa/. For more information on Nicholas Ballanta, see the Wikipedia page created by Mrs. Becky Kiel, director of the library. That Web address is http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicholas_G.J._Ballanta.



Dr. Dyke Kiel, professor of music

The words “American premiere” don’t quite cover it, although they will have to do. The opera was first performed in Ghana in 1936 and again in Freetown, Sierra Leone, in 1937. It was also produced in Sierra Leone once more in 1997. When *Afiwa* is on stage at Cottey, it will be the first time it has been seen off of the continent of Africa. How it got to Cottey is a story in itself.

As previously reported in the Summer 2008 issue of the *Viewpoint*, this musical odyssey began with Cottey student Joseryl Beckley, Class of 2000. She was rehearsing one day, and Dr. Dyke Kiel, professor of music, was captivated by something he had never before heard. Dr. Kiel stopped Beckley and asked, “What was that song you were singing?”

Through his work, Dr. Kiel has preserved much of Ballanta’s music. He was entrusted with many of Ballanta’s original manuscripts, and has become one of the leading scholars on Ballanta. Because of his research and work in preserving Ballanta’s work and legacy, he was given permission to produce this opera at Cottey College.

The story of *Afiwa* regards a King of the Anlo who had seven wives of whom one was the most favored. Unfortunately this one had only female children; and the King, desirous of having her bring forth a male child, killed a large goat and called all his wives to eat thereof, at the same time giving them an injunction that none of them should thereafter give birth to any female child. The punish-

Afiwa Premiere

When: Friday and Saturday, April 16-17, 2010, 8 p.m.

Where: Auditorium, Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts

Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$6 youth and seniors

Reservations: 417-667-8181, ext. 2186, or kkorb@cottey.edu



Faculty/Staff Notes

Dr. Rusalyn Andrews, professor of theatre and speech, attended the National Communication Association's annual conference in Chicago, November 12-15.

Ganga Fernando received her Ph.D. in chemistry on December 19, 2009, at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Gary Johnson, adjunct assistant professor of music, recently attended the Missouri Music Educators Conference as a recruiting representative of Cottey College. The conference took place from January 27-30 and was attended by 2500 music educators. Performing during the conference were 25 high school and middle school groups, totaling approximately 1500 students. The conference attracted an attendance of approximately 5000 teachers, parents, performing students, and exhibitors.

Congratulations to **Sylvia Martin**, part-time library assistant, on completing the Master of Business Administration/Public Administration degree.

Sherry Pennington, director of financial aid, attended the Federal Student Aid Conference in Nashville, December 1-4.

Dr. Don Perkins, professor of English, plans to retire at the conclusion of this current academic year. Dr. Perkins joined the faculty at Cottey in 1993 and has made many noteworthy contributions to the College since that time. In 2004 he



Dr. Don Perkins

received the Governor's Teaching Award and the Cottey Master Educator Award in 1994. He has served as coordinator of the English department, chair of the

Rank and Tenure committee, chair of the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee and held memberships on numerous committees, including the Presidential Search Committee and Faculty Senate. Dr. Perkins also made contributions beyond Cottey, most notably as one of the founders of Sigma Kappa Delta, the National English Honor Society. He served as their executive director for a number of years, generously contributing his time and energy to assure the success of this organization while also enhancing Cottey's national recognition and reputation. Cottey is grateful for his years of dedicated service as a teacher, advisor, and mentor to students and colleagues alike and wishes him well in his retirement years.

Dr. Kathryn Pivak, assistant professor of English, presented her paper "An Anomaly of Law: The Transatlantic Family and Divorce in the Early Twentieth Century" at the Midwest Conference on British Studies, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from October 9-11, 2009. She also attended other sessions on British literature.

Carrie Reeves resigned her position as coordinator of alumnae relations to accept a position with Weight Watchers. Her last day at Cottey was December 10, 2009.

Dr. Derek Rivard, associate professor of history, will be on a medical leave of absence during the spring 2010 semester. Dr. John Mack has agreed to teach Western Civilization since 1500 and Renaissance and Reformation Europe as an adjunct assistant professor of history. Dr. Mack holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Kansas and a Th.D. with an emphasis in Anglican Studies from Whitefield Theological Seminary. In addition to his teaching duties at Cottey, Dr. Mack is a full-time history professor at Labette Community College in Parsons, Kansas.

Carol Urner, who served as P.E.O. liaison from 1970-1994 and has served as a temporary employee in the Service Center and the Bookstore, has agreed to expand her temporary clerical employment to help in Institutional Advancement with the comprehensive campaign.

Whitney Jones has resigned her position as senior admission representative. Her last day at Cottey was December 23, 2009. She relocated to Salem, Oregon.

In Memoriam, Reba Cunningham



Reba Cunningham

Reba Evans Cunningham began her dance with the angels on December 12, 2009. She was born on July 20, 1921, in Blue Eye, Missouri, daughter of Rev. Willie Adron Evans and Floy Baughman Evans. The family lived in Shawnee, Oklahoma; Berryville, Arkansas; and Picher, Oklahoma. She married James Edward Cunningham, Jr., in 1943 and was widowed in 1961. She is a graduate of Ouachita University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and received her master's degree in guidance counseling from Kansas State University. She began her teaching career in Pueblo, Colorado, and later joined the faculty at Cottey College as director of counseling where she worked for 24 years mentoring and hosting students from many countries around the world. She is also a professor emerita of psychology

at Cottey College. While her Christian faith strengthened and directed her, the pride and joy of her life was her son, James Edward Cunningham III, of Little Rock, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother, Billy Joe Evans at age 7. She is survived by her son, her sister Rena Evans Gennings, three nieces and seven grandnieces and grandnephews.

The funeral service was held Thursday, December 17, at Fellowship Bible Church with private burial in Graceland Cemetery, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Reba Cunningham Scholarship at Cottey College, 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772, or donations may be made online at www.cottey.edu.

When I first went to Cottey College, I had little to no confidence in myself or academic ability. There was a wonderful woman over academic affairs, Dr. Cunningham. Dr. Cunningham had faith in me, which gave me faith in myself. My grade point went up, because I had the confidence to actually think I could study and retain what I studied. Had it not been for Dr. Cunningham, I would not be where I am today. I went on to get an MA in Learning Disabilities and an MA in Christian Counseling. I was able to pass the LPC test on the first try. I have now been an LPC for an inpatient unit, in the state of Oklahoma for 17 1/2 years. I am so thankful Dr. Cunningham was at Cottey at the moment I needed her help.

Linda Rodgers
Class of 1968

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Have you talked to this student about Cottey? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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The President's Message

by Judy R. Rogers, Ph.D.

You can make a difference at Cottey College. The College continues to need your support: your financial support, your participation with your class, and your help with recruitment. Cottey is a small college with an ambitious mission to continue to provide women a challenging curriculum and a dynamic campus atmosphere. We want our students to develop their potential as learners, leaders, and citizens. You can help us achieve this mission. We have a clear example of one class who chose to do this.

The Class of 1960 recognized that the chief influence of the Cottey College educational experience most likely comes from excellent teaching by outstanding faculty members. Therefore, the alumnae of the Class of 1960, in honor of their fiftieth anniversary, have created and funded the Class of 1960 Excellence in Education Award as a faculty recognition. The first award will be granted at the Founder's Day luncheon on March

27, 2010. The members of the Class of 1960, aided by Cottey institutional advancement staff, have been working to fund an endowment to support this award for several years. The Class of 1960 has made a difference not only this year, but for years to come, by recognizing and rewarding excellence in education as it is provided by outstanding Cottey faculty. Each class member who contributed shares in this accomplishment, and I will be thrilled to participate in honoring the members of this class during Founder's Weekend.

As I work on campus, I regularly see the difference alumnae make. Another example: **Tara Stuart '52**, received the Distinguished Alumna Award during Founder's Weekend in 2008. Tara returned to campus this semester as a volunteer to serve as a Leader-in-Residence—to be a guest lecturer in classes, to meet one-on-one with students, and to participate in our leadership programs. As a Cottey graduate, educator, and citizen of the world, Tara has much to share. Cottey students have embraced her as a

role model and mentor. Tara Stuart is not the only example. **Barbara Trombley '70**, has also served this year as a Leader-in-Residence to share her business expertise and her art with our students.

Cottey College alumna, **Joseryl Beckley**, a 2000 graduate and a graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, Bloomington, will return to campus from Freetown, Sierra Leone, to sing the lead role in the first production outside of Africa of Nicholas Ballanta's opera *Afiwa*. Joseryl introduced the music of Nicholas Ballanta to her Cottey music professor, Dr. Dyke Kiel. Dr. Kiel became intrigued by Ballanta's music and has spent the last 10 years researching and preserving his music. Producing the premier of *Afiwa* on our campus is an extraordinary accomplishment that has required the talent of our entire fine arts faculty and many students and friends. Joseryl made a difference.

Your gift back to Cottey may be very different from any of these, but I invite you to reunite with your class, to stay in

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Dr. Judy R. Rogers

touch, and to find the right way for you to reconnect with and support your College. You can make a difference.

Defining Moment Campaign Update

By Carla Farmer

Campaign Manager and Senior Major Gifts Officer

Cottey Employees "Creating Defining Moments" Cottey faculty and staff have joined together to make a significant statement through their gifts and pledges to *A Defining Moment* Campaign. In the first ever comprehensive campaign for the College, over 70 percent of the 149 employees made pledges and gifts totaling \$115,705.40.

In the first three months of the campaign, the Faculty Staff Committee surpassed their goal of raising \$75,000. With less than a month to go in the active phase of the campaign, the committee decided to "go for the gold" by establishing a stretch goal of \$100,000.

"As faculty and staff, the campaign became our defining moment," said Theresa Burger, professor of physical education and campaign co-chairman. "We believe this campaign will define the future of our college for years to come."

On February 18, an all-campus meeting was held at which Dr. Judy Rogers, Cottey president, announced to a large audience the campaign total. Following the announcement, employees gathered for a celebration lunch.

"The employees of Cottey have made history with this campaign. They have expressed their desire to create defining moments for generations of students to come," said Dr. Rogers.

Daisy Chain to be Introduced at Founder's Day

Diane Sampson, donor recognition chairman, announces an exciting opportunity for Cottey alumnae that will enable alums to make a meaningful contribution to the campaign. Called a Daisy Chain, the chain is a walk of 12" pavers that will be located between the senior sidewalks.

A paver will feature a spray of daisies with three lines of copy chosen by the donor. Each daisy paver will represent a \$10,000 donation by an alumna, a group of alumnae, a class or other combinations. The only restriction is that the donors must be alumnae.

The Daisy Chain will be introduced at Founder's Day Weekend, March 26-28.

"This is an exceptional manner to show your support of our college," added Diane.

For more information about the Daisy Chain, e-mail cfarmer@cottey.edu or call the Campaign Office at 417-448-1418.

Campaign Events

A Defining Moment Campaign will be hosting events this spring in conjunction with P.E.O. state conventions in South Carolina, Iowa, and Kansas. Another awareness event is planned for Coronado, California, in mid-March. If you would like to volunteer to help with or host a small awareness event, please contact Jan Goodsell, awareness chairman, at jan@thegoodsells.com, or Carla Farmer, campaign manager, cfarmer@cottey.edu.

"If you would like to be a part of this exciting time in the history of our college, we are eager to hear from you" said Jan. "We will work with you to share the message of the campaign at an awareness event or an alumnae gathering."

Reaching Alumnae Through Social Media

Never before has social media played such an important role in how we communicate with each other. This is not to say that we should ignore the population that relies on traditional media for information. However, Web sites, blogs, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites are legitimate communication tools.

A Defining Moment Campaign launched its Web site in October 2009. In the following months, Dr. Rogers and Barbara Andes began blogging on the site. Recently, a Facebook page called The Defining Moment was established and every day more and more friends of the College and the campaign are joining the site.

We invite you to stay abreast of the campaign through one of these media. You can access the Web site by going to www.cottey.edu and clicking on the Defining Moment icon at the bottom of the page. Join Facebook and enjoy sharing your thoughts and comments about the campaign with a growing circle of Defining Moment fans.



It's All in The *Serve*

Cottey Students at Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, a Service Learning Trip to Guatemala, and a Habitat for Humanity Build

MLK DAY OF SERVICE 2010



A day ON, not a day off was the theme for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Cottey students worked a variety of service projects on Saturday, January 16, following a service in the Chapel. Those projects included: a food drive for the local food pantry, holding a BINGO tournament for retired people served by the local housing authority, and giving art lessons to youth served by the Nevada Housing Authority. A mural will be painted in the Nevada Regional Medical Center at a later date by Cottey art students. New bookshelves have been donated to the Housing Authority and those will be dedicated at a later date as well. Above, Cottey students **Genevieve Harding** and **Edie Jones** have fun with a young artist. See more photos online at: www.cottey.edu/home/studentlife/MLKdayofservice-2010.html.

Habitat for Humanity

On behalf of the Habitat for Humanity Board Members we thank you for sending us so many eager helping hands. The young women wanted to know how Habitat for Humanity works in the com-



munity and were anxious to participate in the build. The young women who participated in this build were instrumental in getting the inside walls up and sealed for energy efficiency.

Traci Taylor and Jesse McCullah came in and caulked all the exterior walls that needed to be sealed. They also put their backs into cleaning up behind the other team member's projects.

Amanda Taylor, Charlie Brown, Traci Taylor, and Odessa West were eager to get the ceilings prepped with the mois-

ture barrier so we could put up sheetrock. And if that wasn't enough, Amanda Taylor, Charlie Brown, Odessa West, Traci Taylor, Chrissy Echeverria, and Madeline Swidergal came back the next workday and helped raise and secure the sheetrock to the walls.

Tanya Sawadye and Rutendo Sigauke from Zimbabwe and Amanda Taylor came in to help cover the floors with protective covering to keep paint from staining the floors. All the girls jumped in to paint where needed and clean up at the end of each work day.

The young women brought laughter and synergy to the project. Their willingness to work hard to provide someone whom they didn't even know to get a fresh start with a new home was heartwarming. How appropriate since they are starting a new phase in their own lives. Their gift of time is one of the most rewarding things they could do to give back to their community here and in their respective home states and countries. We were very proud to have Cottey College volunteer to help us build house number 11. We hope their experience has enriched their lives.

Carolyn Lucas
Habitat for Humanity Board member



Cottey students play calles and abenidas with Guatemalan girls whose education they sponsor. Meeting these girls was the highlight of the trip mentioned by several.

Seven Cottey students, one recent alumna, two administrators, and one parent of a current student recently returned from a 12-day trip to Guatemala. The trip is hosted by a consortium out of Minnesota, and this is the fourth consecutive year that participants from Cottey College have participated. A full week is spent at a mission in San Lucas Toliman, where the group learns about the outreach programs the mission sponsors and does some service work in those projects alongside local workers. They also spend time meeting local shop owners and residents and learning about their lives in this developing nation. Some time is also spent visiting other sites in Guatemala before and after the week at San Lucas, such as the volcano Pacaya and the Mayan ruins at Tikal.

Although some physical labor is involved, the focus of the trip is getting out and meeting the people of San Lucas Toliman. When asked if it were better to send money or to be present in San Lucas, Father Greg Schaffer, the diocesan priest who has been in San Lucas the past 47 years, said, "Certainly there is a constant need for funds to keep the parish running, but the presence of people like you is something that money can't buy. The people of San Lucas know the volunteers have given up the place they

want to sleep and the food they like to eat to be with them. That tells them that they must be important to those who come here and affirms their basic human dignity."

I enjoyed being in the community of San Lucas Toliman. The people were warm and accepting and I loved learning about their culture.
~ Ellie Spresser '10

Cottey's campus group Change In Action (CIA) has raised money the last couple of years to sponsor the education of Guatemalan girls. Last year, the group raised enough money to pay for five year's education each for three girls. On this trip, three of the CIA members, Treea Bennett, Silvia Arzapala, and Taylor McCoy, got to meet the students they

sponsor. In addition, next year Cottey will welcome its first Guatemalan student, Maria Sicay, the first recipient of Cottey's Friends of Peace Scholarship, which was started by Dr. Brenda Ross, and is supported by the fundraising efforts of CIA.

You can help support the scholarship, too. At Founder's Day Weekend, look for the Guatemala booth in the Center for the Arts. The students on this year's trip purchased many beautiful skirts, scarves, shirts, headbands, purses, and bracelets which they will sell for a modest profit. All the profits from the sale of these Guatemalan textiles will go toward the education of Guatemalan girls.

Participating in this year's trip were: **Amy Sue Guinn '09, Taylor McCoy '10, Ellie Spresser '10, Kayla Unruh '10, Silvia Arzapala '10, Treea Bennett '10, Kirsten Paschal '11, Catharyn Nosek '11, Steve Reed, Dr. Debbie Colpitt, and Dr. Brenda Ross.**



Treea Bennett poses with the children of a local vendor whom the Cottey students befriended.

My Defining Moment

Note from the Editor: In the winter issue of the *Viewpoint* was the first installment of "My Defining Moment." Compiled into one single-spaced document, those alumnae responses now total **20 pages**. Unfortunately, space would not permit us to print them all in the winter issue. An additional selection is below, and as space permits in future issues, we will print more. Thanks to all of you who shared your defining moments with us.

~Steve Reed, *Viewpoint* editor

I was privileged to take a creative writing course taught by our president, Dr. Marjorie Mitchell, whom I admired greatly. We were required to write an essay every day and were evaluated periodically.



Dr. Marjorie Mitchell

My first conference with Dr. Mitchell was a blow to my ego. "You have no God-given talent, Betty," she began. Then, to soften the blow, she added, "But you're a GOOD writer. You just have to work at it."

I realized that I might not write the great American novel, but I went on to earn a journalism degree at the University of Missouri and to write for a newspaper and later to teach high school journalism. I will always be grateful for Dr. Mitchell's insight and sincere encouragement.
Elizabeth (Betty) Ausman Waller
Class of 1946

Cottey, in my estimation, is one of the best colleges any young woman could attend.

I met and shared suites and classes with so many wonderful young ladies from around the USA and the world. My first was a suitemate, **Sandra Shaw** from Canada, and my world kept growing when I met and enjoyed the com-

pany of **Mary Kagoshima** from Hawaii, **Vatsala Kadaba** from India, and **Julie Lee** from Korea. They all opened my eyes to different lifestyles, food, dress, and activities. This is just one of the many factors that makes Cottey such a wonderful school.

In so many ways Cottey was my personal geography, history, and social studies classes all rolled up in one. Those days were glorious and brought me a better understanding of the world, lifestyles and how grateful we should be with the opportunities the U.S.A. gives us each and every day.

Sylvia Lilja Haselton
Class of 1954

I think my defining moment at Cottey wasn't just one thing, but many small ones that together helped shape who I am today.

First - My high school graduating class was three times as big as the entire enrollment of Cottey, so for me the first moment was realizing that my thoughts, my opinions and my involvement all mattered.

Second - because there weren't any guys in classes or on campus, my learning tolerance and acceptance of all of the 'quirks' of women became a defining moment in the way that I have adapted to work environments and situations. I work in the employment industry and it

isn't the most forgiving place for the varied characteristics of humanity. Cottey taught me how to look beyond that and to see the person, not the moment.

Third - the traditions that were on the campus in the mid-80s were such a part of a development of confidence for me. I had always been a non-participant in many things and the camaraderie and friendships and bonding that came from 'playing the game' was part of my best experiences.

Combined - these all helped me be a stronger, confident, compassionate, and more willing participant in life. I don't think that I would be who I am today without having attended Cottey College.
Barbara Pickett Schulz
Class of 1984

Defining moment at Cottey? Oh yes, several, mostly about friends who became lifelong friends.

But leaving Cottey with confidence as a leader, even way back when I graduated in 1961...In those days, we didn't "sign up" to be candidates for offices. I was totally amazed and shaken to learn I had been nominated for Student Body President - I had never even attended a student council meeting! Then..... I was elected! Good grief, Charlie Brown!

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Double Your Dollars to Cottey

Did you realize that your employer might match the gifts you make to Cottey?

Many public and private corporations have matching gift programs that provide additional gifts to the non-profit organizations their employees support. Usually these programs match on a 1:1 ratio, but sometimes it is as much as 4:1, especially where equipment matches are available (like with HP).

Cottey is set to receive an additional \$50,000 from 52 companies (based on calendar year 2009 giving) simply because alumnae, P.E.O.s, and other friends of the College took the time to apply for corporate matches on Cottey's behalf. Some companies require a paper application, while others have telephone and online registration available. In every case, Cottey's Office of Institutional Advancement must verify that the donor has made a gift to the College before the gift will be matched. Some matches are paid monthly; others issue matching gift payments on an annual basis.

According to the Matching Gift Advisory Council of Leesburg, Virginia, nearly 16,000 companies and subsidiaries offer matching gift programs as a benefit to their employees. About a quarter of those match volunteer time as well. On average throughout the nation, one in 10 donors is eligible for matching gifts.

Below is a small sampling of companies who have matched gifts to Cottey.

3M, American Express, Bank of America, ChevronTexaco, Deseret News Publishing Company, Emerson, Goodrich, Hess Corporation, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, KBR, Lockheed Martin, Macy's, Merrill Lynch, National Instruments, Nationwide, ONEOK Foundation, Inc., Pfizer/Pharmacia, Principal Financial Group, Sabre Holdings, Thrivent, Union Pacific, and Wells Fargo.

If you would like to know whether the company for which you or your spouse work matches gifts, please ask your human resources director for more information. Or, you may contact Kristine Fulton, assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement, who could do a preliminary search. Her e-mail is kfulton@cottey.edu and her phone number is 417-667-8181, ext. 2286.

If you are one of Cottey's supporters who loyally takes advantage of your company's matching gift, thank you so much. These additional funds make a big difference to an institution the size of Cottey. If you have yet to look into this possibility, please find out if the opportunity exists before you make your next gift.

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[Deaths]

1930s

Nevah Smith Hubbell '37 passed away November 13, 2009, at the age 91. A second generation Arizonian, she was born Nevada Smith on June 22, 1918, in Prescott, Arizona. While attending Cottey the confusion in the pronunciation of her given name, after the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and that of Nevada, Missouri, necessitated the change of her first name to Nevah. A tireless environmental and social activist she championed causes that often had not, at the time, garnered widespread popularity. As a summer resident of Pelican Lake, Minnesota, Nevah was instrumental in the foundation of multiple area environmental organizations. Widely read, her opinions were sought and freely offered. Family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Kansas City Chapter of Planned Parenthood, (913) 312-5100, ext. 247.

Rosemary Davis Logsdon '38 died December 10, 2009, at Newman Regional Hospital in Emporia, Kansas. She was 92. Mrs. Logsdon was a longtime resident of Destin, Florida, before she and her family moved to Emporia, in January 2006. She married Roy L. Logsdon of Bakersfield, California, on July 12, 1943, at Gulfport, Mississippi. He preceded her in death in 2008. Mrs. Logsdon was a member of P.E.O. Chapter DH and Alpha Xi Delta. After attending Cottey, she graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She was a school teacher, homemaker, and wife of a career military master sergeant. She is survived by two sons, Alan Logsdon and Ralph Logsdon; one daughter, Diane Logsdon; and one granddaughter, Amanda L. Logsdon, all of Emporia. The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Emporia Friends of the Zoo, c/o Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, P.O. Box 175, Emporia, KS 66801.

Carolyn Chaney Atkins '39 died December 22, 2009, after a brief illness. She was born and spent her early life in Warrensburg, Missouri. After attending Cottey, she graduated from Central Missouri State University and Missouri Valley College. She was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood for more than 50 years. In 1943 she married Walter Jackson (Jack) Atkins, a pilot in the Army Air Corps. She was an Air Force wife until moving to Albuquerque in 1966. Carolyn and Jack actively participated in the Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school, worked in the women's association, served as an elder and wrote Christian education curriculum. In New Mexico, Carolyn helped found the Menaul Historical Library in 1974 and dedicated her time to the preservation of Presbyterian mission history in the Southwest. She was a trustee of the Presbyterian Historical Society in

Philadelphia, serving as its first female president. She edited 12 books and a quarterly newsletter, the Menaul Historical Library Review. Carolyn taught us much about our heritage, and its value for future generations. In 2005 Carolyn moved to Pasadena, California, with her daughter, **Jane Atkins Vasquez '64**, and son-in-law, Edmundo Vasquez. Her family suggests gifts to the Presbyterian Historical Society, 425 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19147 or the Menaul Historical Library, 301 Menaul Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87107.

The College was notified of the death of **Mary Ella Pelley Daniell '39**.

1940s

The College was notified of the death of **Ormajane Kirkpatrick Zeigler '42**. She died September 21, 2009. She is survived by her husband, John Zeigler, and two sons, Russell Zeigler and John Zeigler Jr.

The College was notified of the death of **Rebecca Frances Ely Meckling '42**. She died September 9, 2009.

E. Ardell Buck Boden '49 of Lincoln, died November 13, 2009. Mrs. Boden was born November 8, 1929, in Mead, Nebraska, to Walter Bernard and Hulda (Ohm) Buck. Ardell was raised on the family farm near Yutan, and graduated with honors from Omaha South High School and Cottey College. She was an x-ray technician/licensed radiologist. She retired from veterinary science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she was the electron microscope technician. Ardell loved animals and raised Chihuahuas. She volunteered with Prison Fellowship and at Bryan LGH East Hospital where she earned her 500 hour pin. Ardell also loved country music, attended many concerts, FanFairs and belonged to the Ricky Van Shelton, Randy Travis, Clint Black and Garth Brooks fan clubs. When not working, she could be found in her garden tending her flowers and vegetables. She was a longtime member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ardell is survived by her son, Craig Boden, a daughter, Jodi Yesilcimen (Waverly), five grandchildren, and one brother. Memorials are suggested to the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

1950s

The College was notified of the death of **Connie Jane Hewitt Jensen '50**. She died October 18, 2007.

Carol Axline Wilson '50 died November 6, 2009, with her husband by her side. She is survived by her husband; Herm

Francine Irving Neff '46

Francine Neff, who served as U.S. treasurer in the 1970s and was deeply involved in Republican politics for decades, died February 9, 2010, of heart failure at her home in Pena Blanca, according to her family. A funeral Mass was celebrated February 12.



Born December 6, 1925, in Albuquerque, Neff was appointed U.S. treasurer by President Richard Nixon in 1974, then reappointed by President Gerald Ford and served until 1977.

Neff grew up in Mountainair, New Mexico, then attended Cottey College where she graduated at the top of her class in 1946. She graduated from the University of New Mexico with a double major in English and music in 1948, obtaining her Bachelor of Arts with distinction.

She co-founded an accounting firm in Albuquerque with her husband, Edward J. Neff, and was active in community and school organizations. She got started in politics by campaigning for GOP presidential nominee Barry Goldwater in 1964. She served as a GOP national committeewoman from 1970-74. In both 1968 and 1972 she was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention.

In 1975, Neff was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumna Citation presented by the Cottey College Alumnae Association, and she was also the Honored Speaker at Commencement that year.

In 1982, she was appointed to the Cottey College Board of Trustees and served for seven years.

In 1996, the Cottey College Alumnae Association began the sale of \$2 bills that were personally autographed by Neff. These previously uncirculated bills also featured the printed signature of Neff as the nation's treasurer.

Her daughter, **Sindle Neff Sandoval '70**, said that even though her mother served as the nation's treasurer, "her ability to balance the checkbook was questionable. My dad teased her and said she was perfect for the job because she truly understood deficit spending."

She was a charter member of Chapter AL, P.E.O., a member of Alpha Delta Pi, and a member of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral. She served as president of Inez Elementary School P.T.A., den mother of her son's Cub Scout group, leader of her daughter's Camp Fire Girls group, state sponsor of New Mexico Teenage Republicans, president of Mortar Board Alumnae, president of New Mexico Society of CPA's Auxiliary, and president of City Pan-Hellenic Alumnae.

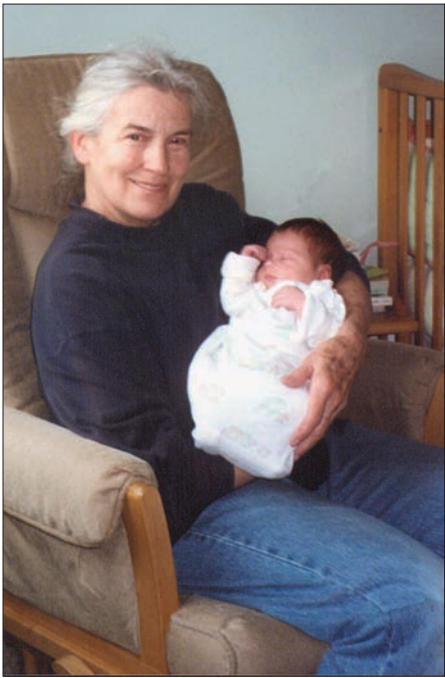
Neff served as an outside director on the boards of directors for E-Systems/ Raytheon, Hershey Foods Corporation, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, and D.R. Horton, Inc. She served on the Board of Trustees for Cottey College 1982-1987, the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITZ) 1981-1984, Lovelace Medical Center Board of Advisors 1979-1982, Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 1978-1981.

Neff was awarded honorary degrees from Mount St. Mary's College, American International College, and New Mexico State University.

Neff was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Neff; and by her parents Edward Hackett Irving and Georgia Henderson Irving. She is survived by son Edward Vann Neff; daughter Sindle Sandoval and husband Chris; sister **Shirley Irving Fisher '54**; brother-in-law, George Neff; sister-in-law, Barbara Neff; nieces and nephews and many friends.

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1960s



Blossom Perkins Shaw '60 and granddaughter Molly.

Blossom Perkins Shaw '60 is looking forward to attending her 50th Cottey reunion, to revisit an important scene from her youth, and meeting her classmates. After Cottey, she received her Bachelor of Arts in English from Hiram College, Ohio, in 1962. Then she studied English Literature at the University of Pittsburgh. Later she attended the writers' workshop at the University of Iowa and received her Master of Fine Arts in English and writing in 1974. She has taught English, worked in libraries, and worked in her family business for 20 years. Blossom has had some poems and short stories published and has produced a self-made CD of her own songs that she wrote for children and the young at heart. She and husband Jay of 45 years have sold their business and are now retired. They love to bicycle, attend classical music concerts, and take care of their bluebird trail. She and her husband are proud to have in their family a daughter, a son-in-law, one granddaughter, and five

Deaths, continued from page 6

Wilson, three sons, and three grandchildren. After graduating from Cottey, Carol attended and graduated from Kansas State University. She was a retired librarian from Wichita North and Northwest High School. During her life, she was active in P.E.O., AAUW, ADPhi, and Project Beauty. She was a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Suzanne Soares (Shaw) Covey '59, died in Gainesville, Florida, on October 17, 2007, ten days before her sixty-eighth birthday. Suzy had recently retired from the University of Florida Library, where she was a key member of the technology team. She was, at the time of her death, voluntarily developing, organizing, and cataloging the comic collection for the Library. This collection has since been named for her. She is survived by her husband Bill Covey, a director of the University of Florida Library, her brother Chris, a physicist for the National Institute for Science and Technology, and her sister **Sandra Soares '61** a retired professor of French.

1960s

Martha Ann Sidlik Rusch '64 of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, died August 8, 2009. She grew up in Cudahy, Wisconsin, and graduated from Cudahy High School in 1962. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Coe College in 1966. Martha is survived by her husband of 41 years, Louie; their three children; James Rusch, Catherina Webster, and Holly Fowler; and nine grandchildren.

Kendra Wilson Waddle '64 of Los Altos, California, died September 25, 2009. She attended Cottey College and the University of Iowa. She returned to Marshalltown and married Haskell T. Waddle on July 30, 1968. She was an active member of the Los Altos United

Methodist Church in Mothers Day Out, Starfire, and United Methodist Women Harvest Fair. She was a past president of P.E.O. Chapter UB. She developed gourd art with the Calabash Club. She was preceded in death by her mother Naida Ruth. She is survived by: father Ralph Wilson, husband Haskell, children Neil and Alexa Waddle Sims. Memorials in Kendra's name can be directed to the Los Altos United Methodist Church UMW and to the P.E.O. Sisterhood c/o Chapter UB, Sandi Kreft, 10843 Wilkinsson Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014.

The College was notified of the death of **Patrice Boehme Griffith '65** on December 10, 2009.

1970s

Vicky Dru Nichols '73 of Clarkdale died January 4. She was born July 15, 1953, in Wellington, Kansas, the daughter of Ronald M. and Jean D. Nichols. After attending Cottey College, she received her master's degree in speech pathology from Wichita State University in 1976. She worked for the Aztec Municipal Schools from 1996 to 2008. Vicky was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was a stake singles representative, a Relief Society teacher and a Relief Society 2nd Counselor. Her hobbies included knitting, silk ribbon embroidery, jewelry making and reading. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Virgil and Margaret Nichols and Herb and Helen Davidson and nephew Cory Scholfield. She leaves her parents; brother David Nichols; sister Cindy Scholfield; two nephews, and two nieces. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, Phoenix, Arizona. An online guestbook is available at www.westcottfuneral-home.com.

cats. Blossom invites Cottey grads in the Iowa City area to contact her to have tea together. You may write her at 309 Windsor Drive, Iowa City, Iowa 52245.

Linda Smith Nugent '64 recently moved from Sterling, Virginia, to Denver, Colorado, and would love to connect with alumnae in the area. You may contact her at: lnugent@gmail.com.

CLASS OF '64

mini reunion



July 2009 – we were the “Program” for De’s P.E.O. group in Lake Hartwell, South Carolina – such a good time and note several of us are sporting our mementos from our recent 45th Class Reunion. L to R: **De Black French, Harriet Anderson Maser, Liz Doyle Carty, Cynthia Rosacker Glimpse, Beth Morgan Bowens, Ronnie Fjetland Nelson and Annabelle Arnold Bohannon** – members of **Class of '64**.

1970s

Karel Lyster Lowery '75 writes, “Hey, Class of 1975! Our 35th reunion is coming up very soon! I hope you are making your plans and reservations! It would be great to have a large turnout! I am still in Jefferson City, Missouri, so I know it is easier for me to get to Nevada. I am still teaching and am active with many music organizations and my P.E.O. chapter. Looking forward to seeing many of you in March!”

1990s

Michele Strawn Hart '98 received her Master of Arts in education from the University of Phoenix. She completed her student teaching and is now licensed to teach grades K-6 in Colorado. She is currently teaching 5th grade in Palmer Lake, Colorado.

2000s

Dilyana “Didi” Pavlova '04 received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Maine at Presque Isle in May 2006, and completed her MBA from Arizona State University in May 2009. She would love hearing from her classmates at dilyanaster@gmail.com.

Amelia True '08, a former member of the Swimmin' Women at Cottey and now a member of the swim team at Mills University qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championships in two relay events. Nationals will be held March 3-7 in St. Peters, Missouri.

Rebecca Ward '08 was chosen to present her paper, “Chiwere the Language of the Otoe-Missouri and Iowa Peoples of North America: at the Language and Linguistics Student Conference on November 7, 2009. The conference was held on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma. Rebecca's paper was one of thirty chosen internationally to be presented. She is a senior at UCO and will graduate in May with her Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and will continue working toward her master's degree at OSU next fall. Rebecca is of Otoe-Missouri and Cherokee descent.



Chelsea Jones '09 is serving as an intern at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, for the semester. The internship program is through the theater department at her transfer institution, Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Missouri.

[Marriages & Births]

1960s

Jenny (Jo Willis) Meadows '65 married her Kiwi sweetheart in Austin, Texas, on June 20, 2009. His name is Ian Hudleston. Her name remains Jenny Meadows (it was Jo Willis when she attended Cottey). Ian has two children and two grandchildren living in New Zealand; Jenny has a son and granddaughter living in Arlington, Texas. Her granddaughter, Morgan, was the flower girl for their wedding.



Ian is now immigrating. They plan to live in

Austin for at least a couple of years, then move to New Zealand for a while.

1990s

Rochelle Martin Borgaila '93 and husband Dan of Council Bluffs, Iowa, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Grace Borgaila. Isabella was born at 3:31 p.m., on August 10, 2009, at Methodist Hospital, in Omaha, Nebraska. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 21 inches. She is joined by big sister and big brother, Chloe and Jacob Zane.

Proud grandma (Mimi) is Diane Martin, administrative secretary to the vice president for student life.



Isabella, Chloe, and Jacob Borgaila

Stacie Steensland '98 and Stephane Gaudet were united in marriage January 9, 2010, at the couple's home in the Turks and Caicos Islands, with the Rev. Sherlock Padmore officiating. Nuptial music was

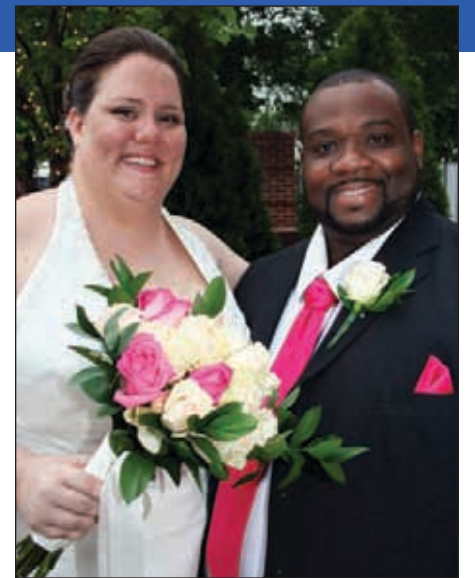


Stephane Gaudet and Stacie Steensland '98

provided by NaDa Duo and Patrick Norman, the famous Quebecois country singer/cousin to the groom. Pepper, the couple's potcake (island dog) served as the ring-bearer. The bride received her B.F.A in photography/new media from the Kansas City Art Institute in 2001. The groom graduated from Chateaugay College in 1999 with diplomas in cabinetmaking and carpentry. The couple owns their own fine wood-working and construction business, TC Millwork Ltd, in the Turks and Caicos Islands where they have built their home.

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Heather Fischer '99 and Marvin Dailey are happy to announce their marriage on August 8, 2009, in New York, New York. They currently reside in Jamaica, New York. Marvin and Heather had met six years earlier at work and dated for four years. They live with their two cats, Morty and Peyton. Heather's sister, **Dawn Fischer '01**, was in attendance as Maid of Honor.



Heather Fischer '99 and Marvin Dailey

2000s

Ashley Haltom '05 is excited to announce that she was married to Jordan Stowe on December 19, 2009. It was a small and beautiful wedding in Greenwood, Indiana. The newlyweds currently reside in India-



Casey Deleissegues '05, Jordan Stowe, Ashley Haltom '05, Molly Refsland '05
[Photo by Jon Brewer Photography]

napolis. Molly Refsland '05 and Casey Deleissegues '05 were two of her Cottey friends that were ecstatic to be included as bridesmaids on Ashley's special day.

Adriane Fellows '02 and Mike Lake were married August 15, 2009, in Bozeman, Montana. In attendance (pictured below) from left: **Aimee Starlin '02, Jamie Getty '02, Kendra Fellows Robinson '00, Ashley MacDougall Starlin '03, Adriane Fellows Lake '02, Kate Sloane '02, Kara Fellows Tripp '99, and Shannon McLaughlin '07.** The couple will reside in Bozeman, Montana, where Adriane works as a dental hygienist.



Sarah Bailey '06 married Salvador Barrera-Martín on April 29, 2009, in a courthouse ceremony in Clayton, Missouri. She is currently studying at Maryville University in St. Louis, pursuing a bachelor's degree in middle school education with specialization in language arts and literacy instruction. After graduation she will seek a job in the St. Louis area while working towards ELL certification. Sarah previously attended Lindenwood College pursuing an art history degree. She would love to hear from her old classmates at sarah.r.bailey@gmail.com.

A Message From Your CCAA

Founder's Day 2010!!!!
Have you made your transportation plans, reserved your motel room, and contacted your classmates? Hopefully you have and many of them are planning on attending March 26-28. We hope you enjoyed last year's changes in the scheduling of events on Saturday as we have retained the same schedule for this year. You can don your dressier clothes first thing in the morning for pictures, Presentation Brunch, and the President's Open House and then change to more casual clothes for the Homecoming Celebration and evening activities.



Jen Wren Charpentier '64

Remember, your classmates cannot contact you or you cannot contact them if you do not go to www.cotteycommunity.org to update or keep your personal information current. Remember, if you changed to a new e-mail provider please update your information. If you have not logged on before, use your member ID number found on the mailing label of your *Viewpoint*. If you have logged on before and set a password and the system does not accept it, use your member ID again and then change your password. You will be prompted for this information.

You can register for Founder's Day at www.cotteycommunity.org. We are looking forward to seeing a big turnout this year. Remember, some of the classes to be honored this year are: 65 years-1945, 50 years-1960 and 25 years-1985.

Please join your Cottey sisters to celebrate Founder's Day and the 126th anniversary year of the College that has provided to us an education, friendships, and an inspiration to continue to achieve in our daily lives. What an opportunity it would be if every young woman would have the "Cottey experience" that was provided to us. They can, if we support Cottey by giving, volunteering, and recruiting. Come, celebrate and continue your "Cottey experience" at Founder's Day 2010.

Hanging of the Greens



One of Cottey's most beloved traditions, Hanging of the Greens took place on December 4. Here, members of Cottey Big Sisters pose with their wreath.

Defining Moment, from page 5

There was only one thing to do – live up to it. I was probably not a barn-burner kind of leader, but I did the job well enough to realize that I could. And I enjoyed it. No doubt my future years as a public speaker and president of various organizations were rooted in the confidence of my Cottey experiences.

Nancy Beckner Watt
Class of 1961

There were probably two specific life-changing moments at Cottey for me, not to mention the two life-changing years I spent there. The first "moment" was at Chapel one evening, when I affirmed my

Christian faith. The other moment was when Mrs. Dorothy Berry, the advisor of Golden Key, put her finger under my chin, made me lift my painfully shy face, and look at her. She told me that I needed to quit looking at my feet, and have confidence. I will never forget either of those moments, and how they have helped mold my life for the past fifty years. Cottey isn't just a place, it is about the people you meet there, and all the lessons you learn that are aside from the academics.

Alice Kline Huss
Class of 1960

Founder's Day Weekend 2010

Save the Date!

Founder's Day Weekend 2009 made a few changes from previous years, and your CCAA will be continuing them this year. Make note of some important event switches as you make your plans. In particular, the Saturday events have been moved about to accommodate requests from alumnae. The big change is the Awards Presentation has switched from a luncheon to a Saturday brunch. In past years, the Homecoming Celebration, a more casual event, occurred prior to the Presentation Luncheon, a dressier event. Alumnae often had to scramble to change clothes between the two events. Now the Homecoming Celebration will precede the Supper and Sing on Saturday evening as both are more casual dress events.

Although the schedule has changed, the fun and the spirit of Founder's Day Weekend have not. Mark your calendars for March 26-28 for a great weekend. An online registration form is available NOW. Log onto the Cottey Community for full instructions.

Sing Loud, Sing Proud, Come to Founder's!



Founder's Day Weekend 2010

Friday, March 26

1:00-8:00 p.m.	Registration
1-5:30 p.m.	Bookstore Open
	Campus Buildings Open
	Residence Halls Open
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Faculty Reception
5:00 p.m.	Sing & Celebrate Virginia Alice Cottey
6:00 p.m.	Supper and Fiesta
7:30-11:00 p.m.	Class Reunions
7:00-10:00 p.m.	Chellie Club Open

Saturday, March 27

9:00-11:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Class Pictures
	Bookstore Open
11:00 a.m.	Founder's Day Brunch
1:30-2:30 p.m.	President's House Reception
2:00 p.m.	• Optional Events
	• Campus Tours
	• Residence Halls Open
	• Meet and Greet with Students
	• Chellie Club Open
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Homecoming Celebration
6:00 p.m.	Supper and Sing
7:30-11:00 p.m.	Class Reunions

Sunday, March 28

9:00 a.m.-Noon	Campus Buildings Open
10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Brunch Buffet

Summer Programs Deadlines Approaching

Vacation College – May 18-23, 2010

If you enjoy making new friends or reuniting with old ones, learning impressive new facts or honing your skills, eating delicious meals or indulging in delectable desserts, then what are you waiting for – enroll in Vacation College 2010 today! Vacation College is a great opportunity to experience the life of a Cottey student while being surrounded by sisters, BIL's, alumnae, and friends from across the country. Already, we have 12 Californians, seven Oklahomans, four Kansans, and three participants from each of these states: Alabama, Illinois, and Washington. While eight alumnae between 1944 and 1987 have already enrolled for the week, there are still alumnae scholarships available.

Early registration is March 15, 2010. For more information about the classes, visit the summer programs page at www.cottey.edu, or contact the Office of P.E.O. Relations at peorelations@cottey.edu or phone 417-667-8181, ext. 2122.



Participants from the 2009 Exploring Careers in the Sciences workshop spend time in Cottey's chemistry lab with Dr. Ganga Fernando (right).

Summer Programs – June 13-19, 2010

Summer program applications are now available through the Office of P.E.O. Relations. These weeklong programs are designed for girls who enjoy learning as much as they do having fun. High school girls can choose one of four workshops to attend for the week: Exploring Careers in Science, Music, Dance, or the new Leadership Discovery program. All programs will include hands-on activities, lectures from professionals, discussion sessions, and a final program for parents. For more information, visit the summer programs page at www.cottey.edu, or contact the Office of P.E.O. Relations at peorelations@cottey.edu or phone 417-667-8181, ext. 2122.

Academic All-America Honors for Bright Comets



The Cottey College Comets volleyball team was recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) as an Academic All-American Team for their grade point average. Pictured above are members of the 2009 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.

Job Opportunities with Cottey College Coordinator of Alumnae Relations

Cottey College seeks a coordinator of alumnae relations who enjoys working as part of a dynamic development team. The coordinator is responsible for creating and sustaining long-term, relevant relationships with Cottey alumnae and other friends of the College; fundraising for the comprehensive campaign; managing volunteers; planning and directing activities on and off campus; and maintaining communications and records related to alumnae.

Position requires some travel; excellent written, interpersonal, and oral communication and public speaking skills; and event planning experience. A minimum of two years of recent work in alumnae relations and/or development is preferred. Strong computer skills in the areas database software, web content management, word processing, and spreadsheets are essential. Invaluable attributes for the successful candidate include confidence, tact, diplomacy, discretion, being a team player, and a sense of humor. Bachelor's degree and valid driver's license required.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Interested candidates should send letter of application, résumé, and three letters of reference to: Director of Human Resources, Cottey College, 1000 West Austin, Nevada, MO 64772
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Looking for a lost classmate?

Maybe the Office of Alumnae Relations can help you find your missing person. It's as easy as picking up the phone, sending an e-mail, fax, or letter. Simply contact the office, give us your name and address, and we'll forward it to your friend's most recent address. We can give out an alumna's address to another alumna, or we can verify an address for you. Contact us and ask if our most recent address matches the one you have. Here's how to contact the Office of Alumnae Relations to help locate your friends and classmates.

Mail: Cottey College, Office of Alumnae Relations,
1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772

Phone: 417-667-8181, ext. 2122

Fax: 417-667-8103

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.

Full Court Stress



Alex Noble gets ahead of North Central's defense, but the outlet pass is too high to handle. Noble led the Comets with 19 points and 11 rebounds on the night.

The Cottey College Comets are fighting for position in the Region XVI playoffs as this issue of the *Viewpoint* went to press. With two regular season games left—both at home in the friendly confines of Hinkhouse Gymnasium—the Comets could finish seeded anywhere from fourth to sixth in the playoff depending both on whether they win their last two games and how their opponents fare in the last week of play as well. The Comets would love to finish in the fourth position, as the four seed will get to host a first-round playoff game. If the Comets finish fifth or sixth, they will have to go on the road for any and all playoff games. It's a tough route to the regional championship if your team has to play three games on the road.

The Comets had their chances this season to lock into either a first-round bye or a home playoff game. Penn Valley, the number one team in the region, came into Hinkhouse in late December and Cottey had a prime opportunity to hang a loss on the top team and go one up in Region XVI competition. It was an up-tempo, physical game that the home team narrowly lost 61-63.

After trailing by 10 points early in the first half, the Comets began finding the range and held a three-point lead on the Lady Scouts at the break, 31-28. The second half was just as exciting with three

lead changes and two ties. Cottey had an eight-point lead, 48-40, with 13 minutes left in the game. Penn Valley, however, went on a run of their own to tie the game at 49 with just over eight minutes left. The visitors built a five-point lead, but Cottey cut it to two points, 61-63, with 42 seconds left. The Comets got the ball back with only a few seconds left to play, but could not find the range as time expired.

That was the first loss against Region XVI competition, and didn't seem to be such a big deal as the second half of the season began. In early January, the Comets traveled to St. Louis and faced three regional opponents in one long weekend, sweeping all three games to raise their record in the region to 3-1. On January 6, they easily defeated Forest Park, 90-56, on January 9, they defeated Meramec in overtime 63-60, and it was a 64-63 nail-biting win against Florissant Valley on January 10.

After two non-conference wins, the Comets headed north to Trenton, Missouri, to face North Central Missouri College in a regional tilt. It was a close first half, the Comets only trailed by a point, 24-25, at the break, but the home team was able to get hot from long range and hit six three-pointers in the second half to take a nine-point win from the Comets, 65-56.

The Comets had a 3-2 record in the region, and were heading back to the friendly confines for a series of games at home against regional opposition. First they would face Florissant Valley, followed by North Central, and then a game against Forest Park before they had to leave the comforts of home for the hazards of the road. It seemed to be a prime opportunity for the Comets to secure a spot in the top half of the region. It was, but the Comets ended up losing the games to Flo Valley and North Central before taking out their frustrations against Forest Park.

Both losses were games of missed opportunities for the Comets. Against Flo Valley, the Comets held an 11-point lead, 39-28, about five minutes into the second half and seemed to have the game under control. Things went downhill in a hurry though as the Comets had trouble scoring from the field and Florissant Valley rallied to tie the game at 43 with nine minutes left. Cottey couldn't do anything right for a couple of minutes as they lost rebounds and committed fouls. The Fury from Florissant Valley took advantage of those foul calls and built a lead at the charity stripe. The Comets couldn't stop the fouls and, ultimately, couldn't cut into the lead. It was a tough loss for the home crowd as Cottey had a solid lead earlier, but couldn't hang on for a key win in the region.

North Central came calling on February 2, and the Comets were looking for a little revenge for the loss in Trenton two weeks earlier. Both teams battled back and forth in this game, with neither team seeming to gain the upper hand for most of the evening. Cottey held a slim 17-13 lead at one point in the first half, but trailed 31-34 at the break. The Comets only trailed by two points, 34-36, when the Lady Pirates went on an 8-0 run to build a 10-point lead.

The Comets never gave up and kept chipping away. A Natascha Lord bucket at the eight-minute mark brought the Comets within three at 52-55. The Lady Pirates were equally persistent and built the lead back to six points on a three-point play of their own.

Again the Comets cut the lead to three points, 59-62, but North Central had a 7-0 run to knock the lead back to 10 at 59-69 with three minutes to play.

At this stage, the game became a free-throw shooting contest as both teams were fouling and sending the other to the line. Bailey Beale hit a basket inside and was fouled. She hit the bonus shot to cut the lead to seven points, 62-69. On the other end of the floor, North Central's Colleen Sullivan missed four consecutive free throws while the Comets were making theirs. This allowed Cottey to close the gap to three points, 66-69 with 1:32 remaining. Unfortunately for the Hinkhouse crowd, the Lady Pirates regained their touch at the line, and the Comets could only squeeze out one more point before the final buzzer.

After a lopsided win against Forest Park, the Comets found themselves heading up to Penn Valley, a place they have never won in their 11-year history. This was almost the year the Comets made history though, as it took the Lady Scouts two overtimes to pull out a win over Cottey. The Comets held a slim lead at the half, the game was tied at 60 at the end of regulation, and again at 69 after the first overtime. In the final five minutes, however, Cottey was outscored 3-8 as they fell to Penn Valley by the final score of 72-77.

This left the Comets with a 4-5 mark against Region XVI teams with only one more regional opponent left to play. To find out where the Comets finished in the region and how they fared in the post-season tournament, visit the basketball page on the Cottey College Web site: www.cottey.edu.

Comets Game Planner

2010 SPRING SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

23	Coffeyville Community College	2 & 4 p.m.	HOME
26	Independence Community College	2 & 4 p.m.	HOME
28	Mineral Area Community College	11 a.m. & 1 p.m.	HOME

MARCH

18	East Central College	2 & 4 p.m.	HOME
21	Brown Mackie College	1 & 3 p.m.	HOME
24	Ft. Scott Community College	3 & 5 p.m.	HOME
26	St. Louis CC-Florissant Valley	2 & 4 p.m.	St. Louis, MO
27	East Central College	12 & 2 p.m.	Union, MO
30	North Arkansas College	12 & 2 p.m.	HOME

APRIL

07	Allen County Community College	2 & 4 p.m.	Iola, KS
10	St. Louis CC-Forest Park	1 & 3 p.m.	HOME
13	North Arkansas College	12 & 2 p.m.	Harrison, AR
14	Allen County Community College	3 & 5 p.m.	HOME
17	St. Louis CC-Florissant Valley	1 & 3 p.m.	HOME
19	Independence Community College	3 & 5 p.m.	Independence, KS
20	Ft. Scott Community College	4 & 6 p.m.	Ft. Scott, KS
29	Region XVI Tournament	TBA	TBA

MAY

1	Region XVI Tournament	TBA	TBA
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Check the Softball page on the Cottey Web site for any changes to the schedule. All home games are played at Bushwhacker Field in Nevada.



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Second-year student **Elise Omaitis**, background, talks about the problems of world hunger at Cotter's third annual Hunger Banquet held November 7, 2009. The banquet, sponsored by the student group *Change in Action*, CIA, raised over \$300 at this event. The money was used to help pay for additional English lessons for a young woman in Guatemala, Maria Louisa Sicay, who CIA hopes will become Cotter's first student from Guatemala next fall. See the article below for more information.



Maria, Coming to Cotter Courtesy of CIA



Maria Louisa Sicay

In most of the United States, CIA may be the acronym for Central Intelligence Agency, but at Cotter College it represents the student organization *Change in Action*. For three years now, *Change in Action* has been raising money to support the education of indigenous Maya girls in Guatemala. Part of their funds have gone to pay for secondary education in Guatemala, and this year part of the funds have gone to pay for English lessons for the young woman Cotter hopes will be the first recipient of the Friends of Peace Scholarship begun by Dr. Brenda Ross, associate dean of the faculty. The goal of the Friends of Peace Scholarship is to generate enough monies to allow a Guatemalan girl to enroll at Cotter College. This fall members of the campus community hope to see the first recipient of that scholarship, Maria Louisa Sicay, on campus as a full-time student.

"A year ago I met with Dennis Evans, the director of the San Lucas Toliman Scholars program in Guatemala," said Dr. Ross, "who agreed to help us identify young women in the community who might be able to attend Cotter College. This year, just twelve months later, I was able to meet Maria, her sister, and her parents to talk about her preparations for coming to the United States."

Three members of CIA—Silvia Arzapala, Treea Bennett, and Taylor McCoy—were members of this year's

contingent on the Learning Through Serving: Guatemala trip (see page 4) and got to meet Maria while in San Lucas Toliman. In addition, the Cotter students also met the three girls whose education they sponsor in San Lucas. Last year, CIA raised enough money to pay for five years' education for each of three girls. Those young women will graduate from high school courtesy of the efforts of CIA.

Monies for these educational efforts are raised in various ways. The annual hunger banquet, hosted mainly to raise awareness of world hunger, is the first event held in the fall. The Bachelor Event, in which "dates" with young men from area colleges are auctioned off is another. (Not to worry, moms. The "dates" are held immediately after the event in the gym around tables with Cotter staff on hand.) Students and Dr. Ross also purchase Guatemalan textiles such as bags, headbands, and skirts, and sell them during Founder's Day Weekend as the final fundraiser.

Of course, donations to the Friends of Peace Scholarship are always welcome. For information on contributing to this scholarship fund, contact Wendy MacLaren, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at 417-667-8181, ext. 2120, or e-mail wmaclaren@cotter.edu.