



Rocky Mountain High

Denver Area Cotley Club Celebrates 70 Years, and Dee Hodges is Honored with a Named Scholarship at Cotley College

Colorado's Unique Denver Area Cotley Club Celebrates 70 Years!

by Dee Hodges

It has been a year of celebration for Colorado's unique group, the Denver Area Cotley Club (DACC). The year 2009 marked 70 exciting years of promoting and supporting our College!

In early February 2009, this milestone was celebrated with three settings of English Tea, over a two-day period, at the exquisitely inviting home of Margaret Lamb, Chapter HB, PPCSC. The event was chaired by DACC Chairman, Marki Gille, Chapter ED, and Dee Hodges, Chapter BB, PPCSC. Two-hundred-thirty sisters and friends attended the events, served by Chapter HB members wearing yellow and white aprons.

Guests not only attended a beautifully appointed tea, but were treated to valet parking, colorful programs, handmade favors, door prizes, and recipe booklets of the treats served. It was a celebration of DACC's commitment to promoting and supporting Cotley, a thank you to the work of its members through the years, and a fund raising event for the DACC Scholarship Fund, which was enriched by the \$2000 profit.

The year was 1939 ... just 12 years after our Sisterhood accepted Virginia Alice Cotley's gift of Cotley College. There were 105 students enrolled and the College was struggling financially. A fire in Neale Hall in late 1936 destroyed the third floor and while the building was still in use, there were no funds to restore the lost space. In addition, there was a pressing need for a new residence hall. Colorado's Chellie Stevens Wright, then president of Supreme Chapter, made the bold move to BORROW funds to complete the new hall. The dedication of P.E.O. Hall in March 1939 enabled Cotley's enrollment to increase to 149 the next year.

In July of that year a meeting of dedicated Denver P.E.O. sisters was held. The group that would ultimately become DACC began with a proposed Cotley mothers' club, and grew, bringing together representatives from 13 Denver area P.E.O. chapters, Cotley alumnae, and mothers of Cotley students past and present. The primary goal of the group was a desire to encourage Denver area girls to attend Cotley College.

This early Cotley Club was successful from the beginning, earning a spot on the society page of the *Rocky Mountain News* on Sept 21, 1939. Interest grew when Mrs. Bertha Workman, President of Colorado State Chapter, gave a report on the group at the 1939 Convention of Supreme Chapter that October. Next, an article appeared in the November 1939 issue of *THE P.E.O. RECORD*.

Though the DACC now consists of representatives from 79 chapters in the Denver metropolitan area, and includes Cotley alumnae and mothers and grandmothers of Cotley students past and present, it continues to promote and support Cotley with the same enthusiasm and determination of our early founders.

A Spring Brunch is planned by the Social Committee for the April DACC meeting. Proceeds from this fundraising event are used in a variety of ways. In odd-numbered years, students, parents, high school counselors, P.E.O.s, and BILs are invited to join an air trip to the campus during the April "C" for Yourself! Weekend. Students and parents from surrounding states are also invited. Profits from the Spring Brunch are used to pay expenses for two P.E.O.s to accompany the trip and also to provide financial assistance for Colorado students if needed. Assistance for young women interested in visiting the College at other times, financial support for students attending one of Cotley's summer programs for high school girls, and care packages for Colorado students and Colorado's two suites are also made possible by profits from this event. In addition, the group spon-



Dee Hodges with her daughter Lael Hodges Kern '75

On Friday, April 23, 170 women gathered to surprise Dee Hodges, a long-time member of the Denver Area Cotley Club (DACC), Cotley mom, Cotley grandmother, and the recipient of the Cotley College Alumnae Association's Friend of the College citation in 1990, with a Cotley scholarship named in her honor. For months, over a thousand P.E.O. and alumnae worked on the scholarship and kept it a secret from Dee. Her daughter, **Lael Hodges Kern '75**, and granddaughter, **Dawn Kern '06**, are alumnae. Donations from individuals and chapters, as well as the proceeds from a silent auction and raffle, have netted over \$11,000 in gifts and pledges thus far. The effort was spearheaded by DACC President **Joan Stewart-Polete '74**.

Dee's daughter, Lael, a vice president of marketing at Macy's in Ohio, spoke at the event, which was also attended by her son, Gregory from Canada, her husband, Elmer, and other family members.

About the same time Dee's friends were raising money for her scholarship, she was finishing her draft of an article about the 70-year history of her beloved Denver Area Cotley Club which she then forwarded to the *Viewpoint*.

Cotley College thanks Dee Hodges for her years of loyalty and service to the College, and to all those women who have contributed to the scholarship in her name.

sors an ice cream social for returning and new students and their families each summer.

Annually, DACC distributes hundreds of unique "purse sized" handouts with current information about Cotley and the DACC scholarships. These have proven

to be an extremely worthwhile promotional tool.

Raising funds for scholarships is a goal added to the original purpose of the group. DACC awards a total of \$16-

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Faculty/Staff Notes

Jeanne Besaw, library technician, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management from Ashford University on April 5, 2010. She finished with a 3.85 GPA and the promise of a scholarship if she decides to continue towards her master's degree.

Tricia Bobbett, executive assistant to the president and secretary to the board, participated as a panelist in a webinar for board professional staff hosted by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) on March 3. This webinar was the first of a three-part series about presidential transitions. Mrs. Bobbett was invited to be a panelist for this session because of her experience with the 2004 presidential search/transition and searches for other senior administrators.

Dr. Carmen Bourbon, assistant professor of Spanish, attended the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Annual Conference in North Carolina, held April 15-17, 2010. She presented a paper titled, "Poetry of Spain: Postwar to Present." She also moderated two panels, one on poetry and the other on linguistics.

Jo Byrnes, assistant professor of dance, performed as a guest artist with Off Center Dance Project at the Fulton Street Theater in Boise, Idaho, February 26 and 27. She has been collaboratively choreographing (via phone, text, letters, e-mail, and YouTube) and performed with Kelli Brown, the artistic director of Off Center Dance Project.

Amy Diaz was hired as the new admission representative for the Enrollment Management team. Ms. Diaz graduated from Stephens College and has a strong background in sales and marketing.

Drs. Don Perkins, professor of English, and **Trisha Stubblefield**, associate professor of English, attended the Sigma Kappa Delta/Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society Convention and Board Meeting, March 17-20, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Perkins participated in the panel "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Sigma Kappa Delta," and Dr. Stubblefield served as moderator of that panel. Drs. Perkins and Stubblefield were very excited to see four Cottey SKD alums, **Paige Burton**, **Lizz Pippin**, **Ellie Rempel**, and **Sara Stone**,

all of whom attended the convention as Sigma Tau Delta members (the four-year English honor society) and several of whom presented papers they wrote while at Cottey.

Dr. Kathryn Pivak, assistant professor of English, presented a paper, "Engaging Voices: Encouraging Deep Revision in First-Year Composition," at the annual conference of the College English Association, which was held in San Antonio, Texas, from March 24-27, 2010. She also moderated two panels, one on composition and another on the gothic.

On April 29, **Steve Reed**, director of public information, was surprised and speechless as his name was announced as the newest recipient of the Nevada Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow award.

The Nevada Rotary Club recognizes one of its own members each year with a \$1000 donation to the Rotary Foundation in their honor as a Paul Harris Fellow. The award is given to recognize a Rotarian for making a difference in their club, community, and in the lives of less fortunate people in the world. This person has set an example for many in Rotary's efforts to promote world understanding and peace. A Paul Harris Fellow is a distinction shared by men and women in more than one hundred nations, many of whom have made significant contributions to world peace and understanding.

Ms. Erica Sigauke was hired as the director of spiritual life. Ms. Sigauke hails from Zimbabwe. She graduated in December 2009 with a Master of Divinity (M. Div.) from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. She completed her Level I Chaplaincy at the Catholic Charities--Fairview State Light and is pursuing ordination through the United Methodist Church.

She also earned her M.A. in music education from the University of Minnesota in 2004. Prior to coming to the U.S. to study, Erica earned her B.A. with majors in English, music, and education from Africa University. Sigauke enjoys African drumming, singing, composing, and writing. Her objective is, "To use my unique combination of ministerial, educational, and musical skills to reach out to Cottey students and community in supporting, respecting, and valuing their

unique individual gifts and goals for a better tomorrow."

Dr. Trisha Stubblefield presented "Building a Community of Women: The Challenges of Integrating Applied Learning into an Introduction to Women's Studies Course" (poster presentation) at the Conference on Applied Learning in Higher Education at Missouri Western State University, February 19-20, 2010.

The Office of Public Information is pleased to announce that **Mr. Taylor Sum** joined Cottey College as the full-time webmaster. Mr. Sum came from Joplin, Missouri, where he had most recently been working as the webmaster for Asay Publishing. He has a BS degree in computer engineering from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Julie Tietz, associate professor of psychology, and **Prof. Jo Byrnes** co-authored a poster presentation "Creative-

ly Moving, Dancing, STOMPing, and SUCCEEDing: Developing Opportunities for Applying Classroom Concepts" at the Conference on Applied Learning in Higher Education at Missouri Western State University, February 19-20, 2010.

Dr. Xiao-Qing Wang, assistant professor of sociology, participated in the annual conference, "Communities in an Age of Social Transformation," jointly held by the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) and North Central Sociological Association in Chicago, from March 31 to April 3, 2010. She attended sessions on teaching sociology and the meeting for the state presidents of sociological association of the MSS.

Last year at the annual conference of the Missouri Sociological Association (MSA), held at Lake Ozark, Missouri, on October 16-17, she was elected president-elect of the Missouri Sociological Association for 2011-2012.

Remembering Reba

We lost Reba. There will never be another person like Reba. Reba was a very unique person. She loved and influenced me a great deal for the past 24 years.

While at Cottey, Reba helped me in so many ways, academically and personally. When I was discouraged because of my poor English skill, she encouraged me not to give up. When one of my photography works was selected as Cottey's 1987 Christmas card cover and another one selected for the Cottey President's House art collection by Dr. Helen Washburn, Reba was more excited than I was. When I was homesick, Reba would ask me to cook some Chinese food at her home. Afterwards, we would enjoy the meal and have tea in her tiny kitchen. During those moments, I felt I was in heaven.

Reba was a very, very wise person. I shared my life with her, got advice from her; on many occasions I laughed and cried with her. We called each other frequently. The last time I heard her voice was last October. Reba's influence on me is indescribable. Now, I have lost a mentor and one of the best friends of my life. I will miss her for the rest of my life.

I hope Cottey continues to have faculty members who care for students, especially international students, as much as Reba did.

Enclosed is a check for the Reba Cunningham Scholarship fund.

Sincerely,
Mabel Cheng Thurmon '88

I know a student! Please send information about Cottey to:

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

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High School _____

Year of Graduation _____

Have you talked to this student about Cottey? Yes No

Are you a P.E.O.? Cottey alumna? Chapter _____
Class year _____

Your name and address _____

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The President's Message

by Judy R. Rogers, Ph.D.

On Sunday, May 16, the members of the Class of 2010 joined the ranks of Cottey alumnae. They walked from the gymnasium, through the daisy chain, and into their future with all our best wishes and high hopes supporting their departure from campus. The Class of 2010 left the gymnasium challenged and inspired by the remarks of Kay Anderson, Class of 1987, and founder and C.E.O. of The HumanSide. Kay



Dr. Rogers accepts a \$1,000 gift from the graduating class at Commencement. Presenting the check is senior class president Sara Steele.

reminded the Cottey class that they were members of a special and small group, only four percent, of women students who had chosen to attend a women's college. She urged them to recognize the foundation of strength and confidence they had built at Cottey, and to dream and set goals. (Kay can be viewed delivering her speech on The HumanSide Facebook page.)

When the Senior Class President walked across the stage to receive her diploma she stopped, retrieved a large cardboard check from the registrar, and presented a class gift to the College. The Class of 2010 contributed a gift of \$1,000 to the *Defining Moment* campaign designated for the construction of the new fine arts instructional building. It is exciting and encouraging that the Class of 2010 wanted to participate in the campaign and especially that they chose this priority for their gift. They clearly wanted to begin immediately to give back in a way that would benefit future students.

Here is my gift of \$ _____ paid by check to Cottey College.

Here is my first installment of \$ _____ for a total pledge of \$ _____

to be paid Monthly Quarterly Annually

I prefer to pay by credit card. MasterCard Visa

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Class year _____ P.E.O. Chapter _____

My company will match my gift. (Please enclose matching form/coupon.)

Fund of choice:

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Elizabeth Garrels, president of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, also spoke to the graduating class. She began by reminding the audience that the first letter of P.E.O. is *philanthropic*. She then said:

This means "give back." As you know harmoniously, hand in hand, and commensurate with gaining education is the responsibility and opportunity to give back. Many of you are already in the habit of giving back to others. To continue to make a purposeful, meaningful life in the world around us, everyone must focus on giving back. Choose your give back venues as intentionally as you chose your classes for take away value. Make it a continuing lifestyle to give back.

There are two clichés in philanthropy that speak to the rural Midwestern farm girl in me. These are: we all sit under trees we did not plant; we all drink from wells we didn't dig.



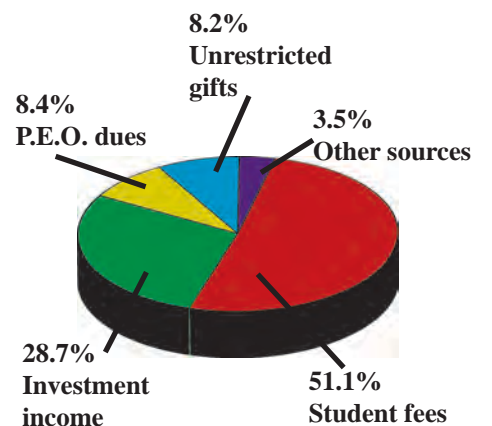
Mrs. Elizabeth Garrels

Someone else provided this opportunity for us.

What will we do to promote high quality living for others?

The Class of 2010 continued the practice of giving back begun last year by the Class of 2009. I suppose this doesn't quite make a class gift a tradition, but clearly I am hoping for that because I believe that starting immediately to give back to your alma mater begins what could become a habit. Cottey needs alumnae who get in a habit of giving back, giving whatever gift is appropriate and meaningful for them. The success of the *Defining Moment* campaign will depend on alumnae giving back. Who else can know and value the Cottey educational experience as alumnae can?

The cost of a Cottey education is not covered by the P.E.O. dues allocation. In fact, the P.E.O.s dues allocation covers



approximately 8.4 percent of the College's annual operating budget. The cost of a Cottey education is also not covered by students' tuition, though that represents about 51 percent of the operating budget. (Remember that the operating budget of which I speak contains a significant component of Cottey financial aid that enables students to attend the College.) A Cottey education is supported significantly by gifts and endowment earnings, an endowment that was, itself, supported by gifts. Others throughout the history of the College have given to make a Cottey education possible.

Fundraising for Cottey has been necessary since the founding of the College. Virginia Alice Cottey regularly raised funds for her College; and when she gave Cottey to the P.E.O. Sisterhood as a gift in 1927, she asked in return that the Sisterhood provide an endowment of not less than \$200,000. She understood even then that many must give to make a Cottey education possible.

I invite you to give. When alumnae give, not only do their gifts count, their gifts encourage others to give—others in their class, others who look to alumnae for evidence of the value of a Cottey educational experience.

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Dr. Judy R. Rogers

Cottey's Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Wins National Honor

Cottey College's Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges, was recognized as a Leadership Hallmark Award winner by the national organization at its convention in Orlando, Florida, April 8-10.

This year, over 400 chapters competed for the Society's most coveted awards. The Hallmark Awards Program is the Society's capstone awards competition annually recognizing excellence in programs that promote the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. Exceptional members, officers, advisors, college administrators, and chapters are recognized annually at the Phi Theta Kappa Annual Convention for their achievements. Complete lists of awards winners as well as award category descriptions are available at www.ptk.org/hallmarks/.

Epsilon Chapter was also recognized as a Five-Star Chapter for the first time this spring. The Five Star Chapter Development Plan creates strong and successful

chapters by providing guidelines for organization and program implementation. This plan, which reflects the scholarly ideals of Phi Theta Kappa, serves as a blueprint for developing a strong chapter and for earning local, regional, and international recognition. In this plan, chapters do not compete against one another. Participation encourages excellence and recognizes progress in the attainment of goals set by the chapter.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,250 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates, and U.S. territorial possessions. More than two million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 100,000 students inducted annually. Membership is based primarily upon academic achievement.



Pictured are the officers of Cottey's Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa holding their Hallmark Leadership Awards from the state and national levels. Left to right are: Treasurer Victoria Secrier, Vice President Treea Bennett, President Ellie Spresser, Five-star Coordinator Patricia Symon, and Publicity Coordinator Vanessa Ophorst.

The organization offers a myriad of opportunities for scholarships, intellectual enrichment, and personal development

through programs based on the Society's Hallmarks. Cottey's Epsilon Chapter is the oldest existing chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

A Defining Moment Campaign Reaches Out

by Carla Bryant Farmer
Campaign Manager and Senior Major Gifts Officer

It is often said that the people we meet on our life's journey become woven into the tapestry of our lives. And this is very true of the new friends we are making as we travel from city to city for awareness events for *A Defining Moment* campaign.

From awareness events in Kanoeha, Hawaii, to Columbia, South Carolina, the stories of how Cottey has impacted lives is never ending. It is always the case that alums are eager to share their passion and love for the College. It is both heartwarming and energizing to hear these stories. It reaffirms the goals that will be achieved through *A Defining Moment* campaign, a \$35 million comprehensive campaign for Cottey College.

At publication time, we have held 12 awareness events with many more events in the planning stages for the remainder of the year. Alumnae, P.E.O.s and BILs, as well as friends are invited to these events to hear the compelling message and vision for our College. An awareness event is not a solicitation event but rather an opportunity to understand the increased need for financial support for the College.

Many times, an alumna is invited to also speak at an event and share her transformational experience at Cottey. One such experience was shared at an awareness event in Thousand Oaks, California, by **Mary Yeh Khoo '55**, whose friendships begun at Cottey fifty-five years ago continue today.

"I was a young girl in Malaysia during the Second World War. Our family fled from place to place for safety. We lived in the jungle and learned how to live off the land from the local people. These were hard days for everyone but we survived. A few years later, Dr. Blanche Hinman Dow, president of the College at the time, wrote to me and offered me a scholarship as an international student. It was my opportunity for an education," Mary stated. "With my parents' blessings I left home for Nevada, Missouri. I traveled on a cargo ship for forty days and forty nights to New York City where a missionary friend met

and escorted me to campus. I was 19. Cottey was more than a school with classes and tests for me it's where I learned about a new culture, its customs and language and found life-long friends. I worked hard and following graduation I received a P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship of \$1,000 per year which paid my tuition and other educational expenses at Northwestern University. I stay in touch with my Cottey friends. They are family to me. Cottey changed my life and I am so grateful," concluded Mary.



Mary Yeh Khoo '55

This campaign is important to the future of your College. We hope you will take time as an alumna and as a stakeholder in Cottey to learn more about the campaign by going to our Web site www.cottey.edu and clicking on *Defining Moment*. Take time to attend an awareness event when one is held in your area. Take time to consider a role in the campaign as a volunteer. Take time to thoughtfully consider your gift to the campaign.

Every gift, large or small, counts toward the campaign and no gift is too small to matter. Through your support of this campaign Cottey's future will be secured as a model for women's education.

No doubt as you read this article, you can recall your own defining moment stories from Cottey. Please help us enable more young women to attend Cottey with a gift/pledge to the campaign. There are many more defining moments waiting to be created by young women around the world.

For more information, please call the Campaign Office at 417-448-1418.

As of June 2010, Cottey has commitments for over \$8 million for the campaign. Learn more about the campaign or follow the progress at <http://moment.cottey.edu>.



Cheerio, London!

Editor's note: In early March, Cottey students traveled. Most to jolly old England to visit London, but a smaller group took the long trip to New Zealand. While in London, student Maggie Thomas kept a blog of her adventures. She granted the *Viewpoint* permission to publish excerpts. Watch the fall issue of the *Viewpoint* to see photos and highlights from student Megan Smith's trip to New Zealand, as we just didn't have enough space this issue.

London, from Maggie Thomas's blog

Day 1

Had a walking tour, after dropping our luggage at the hotel. Walked for an hour or two, looking at Trafalgar's Square, St.

the first floor. I think it is really elegant, but also imposing and impressive and a little intimidating. (Perfect for religious and political buildings!) We entered through this great, amazing doorway and one of the first things we saw was



Maggie Thomas (facing camera) and other second-year Cottey students wait outside Buckingham Palace for the Changing of the Guards.

Martin's-in-the-Field (a church, surprise!), Leicester Square, and a random trip through Chinatown. Went for a miniwalk through Hyde Park. We were quickly distracted by a large, golden monument - a tribute to King Albert. It was quite impressive, and could be called gorgeous. Jumped to the Natural History Museum. Then, wandered around SoHo. We have mastered the tube system, not that it is particularly difficult.

Day 2

Woke up early this morning feeling great after 11 hours of sleep. Bus tour with the group and wonderful guide (Elby), ending at the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace. The guards' outfits are very much like the ones the Winkies wear in *The Wizard of Oz*. Watched them, and bought mum a beautiful Queen Victoria China teacup - mostly purple.

Day 3

Spent the greater part of the day in Canterbury with Trea and Natascha. Visited St. Thomas Beckett's hospital, where pilgrims would stop in and stay during their quest to the Anglican church. It's so weird to think that history actually happened, because we weren't around to experience it. I know, that sounds dumb, but it's weird to think that the food halls of the hospital, which are now empty save for a few tables, were once full of the voices of pilgrims, and the smell of soup and chicken.

Canterbury Cathedral is gorgeous. I love the gothic architecture on the outside and

the AMAZING stained glass work in all of the windows. Gorgeous, gorgeous, gorgeous.

Day 4

Went to Windsor today. A beautiful castle, with a great chapel. Walked through the Royal Apartments and saw their amazingly designed rooms, fantastic gold-accented furniture, octagonal chambers and rich felt-velvet curtains. The formal dining room—at least 1/4 mile long—seats 160 something. There are people who measure the distances between the silverware during formal dinners to make sure every setting is perfect. I would love to be that person.

Bailey and I tubed to Westminster Abbey, checked out the Abbey and Parliament and stood in a little royal park to take pictures of the Thames. Adventured to find things. Bought some darjeeling from the Twinning's store, after looking for it for half an hour. Bought a great quiche Lorraine on the way there.

Day 5

For the Photographic Expedition of the Thames module this morning, I buddied up with Kaylen to walk around Greenwich Village taking pictures. Got lost on the way back. One hour, two bus stops and 13 (or was it 17?) tube stations later, we made it back to the hotel.

Wicked was amazing last night, assuming you've never read the *Oz* books, as it contradicts everything L. Frank Baum ever wrote. Either way, superbly done, stellar actors and actresses, a 10 out of

10 show! The main character, Elphaba, was actually played by the understudy. I cannot imagine how anyone could have been "better" than her. She was fantastic!

Went out with Rayanna and Bailey for dinner at Byron's, a burger joint that claims to make a "proper burger." Only the English would attempt to make a burger "proper." Admittedly, they were quite delicious burgers made with delicious Scottish beef. Then, we bought a quick dessert from Paul's Bakery, a raspberry tart with custard in the middle. Paul is my MAN, I would so marry him for his pastries. I bet he's dead, though.

Day 6

First stop: Portobello Market. Amazing food, clothes, accessories and antiques. Got a bag of dried fruit salad and two scarves from the street vendors here. I also picked up a beautiful green, starburst-shaped pin/brooch.

Second stop: Camden Market. Would have loved to spend more time here. Camden is the young, hip, neo-goth, edgy, punk area of town, and their market reflects that. There were permanent shops, and then stalls, all pulsating music and full of bustling people. It was comprised of three different markets, all ranging in price and variety of items. Bought a cute brown floral dress here. Also got two sets of pearls, pink and white, and a lemonade and six chicken dumplings for lunch.

Third stop: Borough Market. I would have starved myself for days if I could have paid for the food here and devoured it. Everything smelled amazing, from cheese to baklava, Turkish delight to dead fish, skinned rabbits with their eyeballs left in to organic smoothies. It was all deliciously divine, and divinely delicious! Bailey purchased some Turkish delight, in rose/orange flavor. She liked the orange half, and I liked the rose half, so we ate half and half each.

Packed. Now at dinner with the whole group at Chez Gerard, a French restaurant in the business district. A great salad made with arugula and spinach, with a great, stinky, tangy cheese tart melted on top.

(I love my pearls. They are gorgeous.)

Main course for dinner tonight: grilled sea bass. Better be something stellar for dessert! Does their creme brûlée = delicious? LET'S FIND OUT! Yes, it does = delicious. This dish is the size of my face. I don't know how I'm going to manage to finish this. Oh, surprise, I finished it. Heading back to the hotel now to pack bags for the next leg of my trip: Switzerland and Germany! I'll miss London, but I know I'll return someday. Still, it won't be the same without my partners in crime/best friends from Cottey, and I may even miss the professors. Cheers, London!

Alea Perry '94 Joins CCAA Board

Known for her philanthropic spirit, professional savvy, and infectious smile, Cottey College alumna Alea Perry is making a name for herself in higher education.

Perry came to Cottey in 1992 from La Porte, Indiana, excited to learn and be a part of the largest class ever to be admitted. While at Cottey, Perry was actively involved in student government, suite life, and traditions.

One of her favorite memories is when her dear suitemates and classmates graciously gave funds towards a return trip to see her grandmother in La Porte before she passed away. That generous donation has impacted Perry to continue to give back to Cottey.



Perry says graduation from Cottey was bittersweet, knowing it was time to move on to her next goal, but found it difficult to leave the wonderful friends and faculty she met in Nevada. Upon graduation Perry continued her education at Butler University in Indianapolis and then earned a master's degree in public administration at Indiana University, Indianapolis.

Perry is making a career out of giving back to her community. As a successful grant administrator, Perry has secured more than \$2,500,000 for cities and towns in Indiana. Even more impressive is her work securing grants for two-year colleges. In a few short years at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis and most recently at Edison State College in Fort Myers, Florida, Perry has secured money for student scholarships, curriculum development, community programming, and professional development.

She says her motivation comes from the desire to enhance the world around her and make a difference each day.

Perry is thrilled to join the Cottey College Alumnae Association Board and hopes she can work with other Cottey women to develop their personal pathways to success.

Class Notes

[Deaths]

1920s

Irene Wilhite Johnson '27 died on February 22, 2010.

1930s

Helen Gilbert '33 of Warrensburg, Missouri, died May 4, 2010. Survivors include a niece, nephew, and several great nieces and nephews.

Marcella Frances Martin Bruce '35 died March 23, 2010. She continued her education at Bethany College, where she received Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees. After a year of private voice study in Chicago, she returned to Kansas in 1939 and taught vocal music in Sedgwick Public Schools. In 1941, she and Kenneth Baird "Bud" Bruce were married. After World War II they made a switch from public school teaching to the weekly newspaper field. Bud and Marcella bought the *Marquette Tribune* in 1946 from Bud's parents. A move in 1953 took them to Lindsborg and then in 1954 they bought and took over the publishing of the *Hillsboro Star-Journal*. Marcella was active in Kansas Press Women, serving as treasurer, secretary, and vice president. Bud preceded Marcella in death in 1999, as did grandson Kenneth M. Bruce II. Surviving children are Skip and wife Lois, and **Marcia Wiederstein '66** and her husband Glenn. Also surviving are grandchildren, Martin and Blake Wiederstein, Greg Wiederstein and Sherri Wiederstein Elliott; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Senia (Mabel) Croonquist Hart '38 died April 18, 2010, in Red Lodge, Montana, at the age of 92. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Katherine and Robert Borth, Elizabeth and Douglas McClelland, and Raymond and Kathleen Hart; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, her nephews, and sister-in-law.

1940s

The College was notified of the death of **Harriette Hopkins Anglea '41**. She died February 8, 2009, at her home. A memorial service was held at Northridge United Methodist Church, Northridge, California. The family has asked donations be made to a charity of your choice or the Northridge church.

Joyce Girton Gilson '47 died February 12, 2010. Joyce attended Cottey College and Whittier College. Joyce was a full-time homemaker and a part-time bookkeeper. She was a 15-year member

of the Fallbrook Hospital Auxiliary, and founding member of P.E.O. Chapter OC of Whittier. Joyce is survived by her husband, James Gilson, of Fallbrook; son, James Gilson, Jr.; daughters, **Kathryn Gilson White '73**, **Susan Gilson Nardone '79**, Barbara Gilson; and six grandchildren.

Beverly Austin Rasmussen, '47 of Bellevue, Nebraska, died February 10, 2010. Survivors include her brother, Richard Austin and his wife, Janet, of Bellevue; nephew, Kent Austin, his wife, Kelly, and their son, Mark, and daughter, Kara, both of Dallas; nephew, Kurt Austin of Champaign, Illinois; niece, Kayla Jones, her husband, Tim, and their daughter, Allison Roberts, and sons, Mason Roberts and Nick and Drew Jones, all of Omaha.

Mary Ewen Campbell '48 died March 1, 2010. Her mother and maiden aunt encouraged her to higher education, and their example took her to Cottey College, the University of North Dakota and ultimately to the University of Washington in Seattle. After one year of study at the U of W, she joined the staff at Olympia High School. While in Olympia, she met and married Bruce Campbell. After they were married, she and Bruce moved into a snug little beach house on Puget Sound and quietly raised a family there. In her professional life, she continued to teach English and drama at Oly High for over 30 years. Toward the end of her classroom tenure, she completed her master's degree, taught for a year in China, and on her return to Olympia was promoted to the first woman vice principal at the high school. After her retirement in 1994, Mary focused on women's community issues, church, and travel. She and Bruce visited every continent except Antarctica. In 2006, she and Bruce celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She is survived by her brother Dan; her sons Glen and Douglas and their wives, Deborah and Denise; and her two grandchildren Karl and Christine.

1950s

Marilyn Joy Pinson Cunningham '50 died on April 9, 2010, at her home in Tipton, Oklahoma. She is survived by two daughters: Joy Beth Cunningham and Jana Kim, and one son, Kyle Gene Cunningham. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and one brother.

The College was notified of the death of **Barbara Shaeffer Morris '53**. She is survived by her daughter **Jana Morris Wagner '82**.

Jeanne F. Williams '54, died on March 12, 2010. After Cottey College she graduated from the University of Okla-

homa. She lived in Tacoma, Washington, and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, before she returned home to Tulsa in 2000. While in Florida she became involved with Mary Banks Ministries and its global outreach to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. She was ordained a pastor then appointed to the International B.T.I. Online Church as the assistant pastor. She became coordinator and overseer of "online" prayer and intercession which she continued after returning to Tulsa. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her brothers, Chuck Williams and Dick Williams; her children, Walter Priebe, Wendy Mumme, Lori Sitton, and Marianne Pavlish; eight grandchildren, a nephew, and two nieces.

Dianne Prindible Sando, '57, died on April 5, 2010, at her home. She graduated from Cottey College in 1957 and attended Founder's Day Weekend several



Dianne Prindible Sando, '57

times in the 1970's. She and her daughter, **Elizabeth "Libby" Sando Jensen**, Class of 1983, attended Founder's for Dianne's 50th class reunion in 2007. She enjoyed and reveled in the growth that Cottey has experienced, and renewed and refreshed her friendships that never faded as a Cottey girl. She loved her years at Cottey, became a P.E.O. and supported legacy scholarships for any student who wanted to attend her beloved alma mater. She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald R. "Jerry" Sando and son Stephen "Steve" Sando. She is survived by her daughter, Libby Jensen and son-in-law Steven; son Michael "Mike" and daughter-in-law Erin; and beloved grandchildren, Kathryn "Katie" and Keegan Sando.

Eleanor Isabelle Ferrell Crank '59 died February 20, 2010. She attended the University of Kansas where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1961 and a Bachelor of Art Education in 1964. Married to John Richard Crank, Jr. on June 22, 1966, in Kansas City, Missouri, the couple moved to Harlowton, Montana, with their two young children where they were proprietors of a local hotel. In



Eleanor Isabelle Ferrell Crank '59

1978 the family moved to Bozeman. In 1983 Eleanor opened Le Petite Gallerie on Main Street in Bozeman. After selling the gallery in 1993 she opened AU Goldleaf Studio in the Emerson Cultural Center where she was the proprietor until 1995 when she moved to Kansas and opened The Summit Hotel (The Beaumont Hotel). Most recently she owned and operated Southwind Studios in Beaumont, Kansas. Eleanor was a signature member of the Kansas Water Color Society, and her work had been accepted in the Kansas postcard series sponsored by the Kansas Arts counselor. Over her career, Eleanor had several paintings accepted in regional juried art exhibits. She was a member of P.E.O. and White Shrine. Eleanor is preceded in death by her husband, John; father, Jack; and mother, Isabelle. She is survived by her two children, Catherine Crank Vincent, and **Laura Crank Shelton '92**, as well as three grandchildren.

1960s

Mary Susan Heiserman '62 of Minneapolis died on April 8, 2010. Mary received her Ph.D. from Michigan State University in psychology in 1971. She pursued her career as a therapist and manager of programs in Denver and then at the Wilder Clinic in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she directed children's mental health programs for many years. She is survived by her niece, Susan (Tim) McDermott, and their children, Paige, Courtney, and Griffin; her nephew, John Banes, and by many friends. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Ruth Heiserman, and her sister, Ann Heiserman.

Betty Rae Hammond '63, died in Sun City, Arizona, on March 4. She is survived by her business partner and housemate, Elizabeth Magoon of Sun City; several cousins; and many friends and colleagues.

Sally A. Souder Puckett, '64, died May 19, 2010. After graduating from Cottey

1940s

At the 50th reunion of the Class of '48, friendships were renewed and memories were rampant. **Alice (Mayes) Espe** learned that classmate **Vivian Hochuli Arnold** lives in Tucson, Arizona, where Alice's daughter and family lives. During her two-week visit in January Alice called Vivian and they met for lunch. Cottey memories continued but better yet they were able to share where their lives have journeyed since graduation. They were still going strong when Alice had to leave to pick up her granddaughter.

Following **Helen DenAdel Byler's '48** retirement after teaching about 26 years in the field of special education, she and her husband retired to Kansas City to be near one of their daughters. Helen was amazed how involved she has become with all this time on her hands! P.E.O. offices and camaraderie with chapter members has given her many new friends, and she is still playing her cello in the Heritage Philharmonic. Helen found a new love for Cottey when her granddaughter attended recently. She loved it with the same passion as Helen. She continues to make once-a-year trips with P.E.O.s who have never seen the campus, although they live just an hour away. Helen can be contacted at Kechfish@aol.com.

Diane Fruhling Vedder '48, wrote to class agent Claire Detlefs that the reunion sounds like fun, but Missouri is a long way from California. Her oldest grandchild will be starting college next year - whoever said "time flies" had it right. John and Diane still live in their home of some 51 years. They have one daughter and family in Palm Springs and the other one and her family are in Portland. They have five grandchildren that they see on occasion. They have traveled to over 100 countries, in addition to Hawaii three times a year to monitor their condo, but are now staying closer to home - gardening and volunteer activities. Diane would love to hear news of all her Cottey friends.

1970s

Candy Trujillo Thompson '73 and her husband Duane visited **Mary Ellen Gross Lewis '73** and Gary Klinker in Des Moines, Iowa, in August 2009. They all spent



Candy Trujillo Thompson '73 and **Mary Ellen Gross Lewis '73**

time at the Iowa State Fair and visiting area interests as well as time holding Mary Ellen's new granddaughter born July 31, 2009. And, of course, Mary Ellen and Candy went down memory lane as they recalled time when they roomed together at Cottey in 1971-72. Candy and Duane are retired: she from full-time childcare work and he from construction.

Gary will retire from Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield in August 2010. Mary Ellen continues to work at Pioneer Hi-Bred International as an administrative assistant, is active in her church, and teaches InterPlay, a philosophy and practice that uses dance, storytelling, and stillness to relieve stress.

Ruth Brunner Spang '76 is sooooo happy to announce that her talented, bright, wonderful daughter, Kelly, has decided to attend Cottey this fall!! She'll be a freshman when Ruth comes for her 35th class reunion. Can it be any better!?"

1990s

Ashley Atwood '95 has been selected as a recipient of the *The Houston Business Journal* 40 Under 40. The awards program is part of the *HBJ's* annual Celebrate!Enterprise program of business events and identifies 40 young leaders who excel in their industries, are respected business leaders, and show dynamic leadership in their community. Ashley is an attorney with *Levin & Atwood LLP*.

2000s

Vesi Hristova, '09 states her first year at Smith was great. Though all her classes were very rigorous, she enjoyed every minute of them. The psychology department is very strong and she got to meet and work with several amazing professors. She is back in Coronado, California, for the summer and was thrilled to be invited to join the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was initiated on May 18 and went with Quita Nass



Barbara Andes, Vesi Hristova '09, and Susan Santoli

to the P.E.O. California State Convention in Anaheim, where she met Barbara Andes, the past International President of P.E.O., and Susan Santoli, the chair of the Board of Trustees for Cottey. Her plans for the summer include a research internship at the University of California San Diego VA Hospital, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation seminar at Johns Hopkins University, APA Convention in San Diego, and preparation for the GRE.

ARIZONA

mini Reunion



This is a photo of the 2010 annual luncheon of Cottey classmates and friends that was held at the Karsten Golf Clubhouse, ASU, Tempe, Arizona. Front row, left to right are **Shirley Leffler Saunders '52**, **Kay Johnson Witham '53**, **Millie Armstrong Little '52**, **Mary Jean Wash Starkweather '52**, and **Cindy Myers '63**. Back row, **JoAnne VanArsdall Boyd '52**, **Lea Rae Kittleson Oberholser '53**, **Laranell Johnson Mueller '51**, **Muffy Cooper Williams '52**, and **Anne Osborne Richardson '53**. **Shirley Saunders** traveled from Albuquerque on February 22 to attend the luncheon and visit with other friends in the area.

Submitted by Muffy Williams

Job Opportunities with Cottey College

Admission Representative

Cottey College is seeking an admission representative. Candidates must be enthusiastic and good communicators with a strong belief in the value of a women's college. Responsibilities focus on recruitment of prospective students. Candidates must possess excellent written, interpersonal and oral communication skills, event-planning capabilities, enjoy travel, and have a sense of humor. Strong computer skills and experience with word-processing, spreadsheet and database software required. Position requires a bachelor's degree. Previous work experience in admissions is recommended, experience in marketing or sales would be desirable. Cottey alumnae are encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should send letter of application, résumé, and three references to: Director of Human Resources, Cottey College, 1000 West Austin, Nevada, MO 64772. For information about Cottey College, please visit www.cottey.edu. EOE

1990s

Trish Noeth Butler '93 and husband Denny of Kansas City, Missouri, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Isabell Hope Butler born on November 25, 2009, weighing 4 lbs 11 ozs and measuring 18 inches long. She is joined by big sister Sophia.



Mya Jo Hammons



Isabell and Sophia Butler

Kelly Newham Hammons '94 and husband Mike are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Mya Jo Hammons, who was born on April 10, 2009. She weighed 8 lbs 12 ozs and was 20 inches long. The Cottey t-shirt Mya is wearing is a pass down from **Sacha Gove Huysentruyt '95**, that her daughter, Avery, wore as well as Kelly's oldest daughter, Avery, wore too (yes, they both have beautiful daughters named Avery). Friends may reach Kelly at knewham@cerner.com.



Slane and Ashley Atwood '95

Ashley Atwood '95 had her first child on November 12, 2009, a boy, Slane Atwood Pitts. He was 9 lbs and 21 inches long. Right is a picture of them on St. Patrick's Day this year; he is four months old.

Allison Welch '98 married Wesley High on September 26, 2009, at the Wildwood Inn, Denton, Texas. (Pictured are Allison, Wesley, and Allison's son, Ethan.) Allison

and Wes are living in Denton and she can be reached at her home address 3164 Lido Way, Denton, TX 76207, by e-mail welch.allison@gmail.com; by phone 940-395-7619; she is also on Facebook and My Space.



Allison Welch '98, Ethan, Wesley High

2000s

Anna Heislen Kossen '01 and husband Brad of Kansas City, Missouri, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Francis Rae Kossen.

Francis was born at 12:46 p.m. on January 6, 2010, at Overland Park Regional Medical Center, in Overland Park, Kansas. Despite being born four weeks early she was very healthy and weighed 5 pounds, 15.9 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches.

Alix Miallou '05 married Brian Lasker on April 10, 2010, in the courthouse at Independence, Missouri. Her former suite housekeeper, Kathy Harrison Bell, was in attendance. Alix is currently working on her master's degree in multicultural education. Brian is an engineer with a company in Lee's Summit.

Loving Japan: Barbara Inamoto

by Stuart Greenbaum

Oklahoma native Barbara Inamoto ventured out to Southern California as a young adult to do community service, work some, and eventually return to school to obtain her teaching certificate and a master's degree in art history. For a time, she taught at California State University in Long Beach, and eventually found her niche in working with international students.

She developed a course to help new language learners succeed in American university study. She followed this career until her retirement at age 60.

She met her husband, Noboru (Noby), a professor of Japanese language and culture at the University of Southern California, when she took his educational tour to Japan in 1960. Fascinated by all things Japanese, she was soon invited to become Noby's tour assistant. After three summers of tour guiding together, the two developed more than a business relationship, and married and continued to work together for 33 years "to bridge the gap of understanding between Japan and America."

They opened their home to international students during those years and, as a result, became surrogate parents (and now grandparents). Though her husband has passed away, Inamoto carries on with her volunteering, most notably as a docent for the Music Center of Los Angeles.

In late 2005, Inamoto moved to independent living in Marguerite Gardens in Alhambra, a California P.E.O. Home she had been familiar with for more than 50 years. At Marguerite Gardens, she gives regular programs on travel and various topics, and is one of two resident members on the board of directors.

Inamoto continues to travel. "See the world as long as I have the get-up-and-go-spirit," is her motto.

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Barbara Frank Inamoto '45 is pictured in the regalia she wore to represent Cottey at the inauguration of Lori Bettison-Varga as the eighth president of Scripps College in Claremont, California. The inauguration theme was "The Genius of Women" and featured presentations, discussions, and performances on why creative and intellectual genius is essential in today's changing world, especially from women and for women. Barbara returned to Cottey in May to attend Vacation College with some of her friends from the California P.E.O. Home in Alhambra.

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in 1964, she went on to earn her B.A. degree in secondary education from Kansas State College in Pittsburg, Kansas. She and Bill met while students at Pittsburg and were married following graduation in 1966. They had been married 43 years at the time of Sally's death. During those years they lived in several cities, including, Alexandria, Virginia; Chicago; St. Louis; and Decatur, Illinois, before moving to Gainesville in 1987. She was a middle school librarian in Alexandria and was a part-time/substitute school teacher in Decatur. She was a member of P.E.O. in Decatur and in Gainesville and served three one-year terms as president of her Gainesville chapter. She is survived by her husband, Bill Puckett, a son, David Puckett, her brother, David E. Souder, brother and sister-in-law Tom and Judy Puckett, cousin **Carrie Heim '60**, and other cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Susan Fonda Dannatt '69, Mankato, Minnesota, formerly of Ankeny, Iowa, died, February 21, 2010, at her parents' home in Mankato. Susan is survived by her parents, Robert and Lenore Fonda; daughters, Kelly Nordby and Kaci Dannatt; sister Sharon Blackman; brother Steven Fonda; and many nieces and nephews.

1970s

The College was notified that **Vicky Nichols '73** died January 4, 2010.

Nancy Pat Maddux '78 died February 18, 2010. Surviving are her parents, Elmer and Rita Maddux; one sister, Ronni Poe; and one brother, Dallett Maddux.

A Message From Your CCAA

FOUNDER'S 2010 A TIME FOR LAUGHING, SHOUTING, SINGING, AND WEEPING

In addition to celebrating the 162nd birthday of Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard, Founder's 2010 was a time for reconnecting and defining. It was a time for coming home to the place where classmates and current students share traditions, memories, achievements, and accomplishments. The theme for the weekend was "A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College."

The weekend officially began in the Chapel with the Celebration in Song and Word of the Life of Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard. A saxophone quintet performed two musical numbers, and there were readings that focused on the wonder and power of our

Founder who was light years ahead of her time. The mayor of Nevada, Michael Hutchens, offered the traditional proclamation to honor International Cottey Day as we celebrated the actual birthday of Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard.



Jen Wren Charpentier '64

A fiesta-themed dinner was held on Friday and was followed by class reunions at various locations around campus. As the evening progressed, alumnae eagerly awaited the tra-

ditional serenade by current Cottey students dressed in class attire (DJs and Baby Blues)! They were not disappointed. The serenaders led rousing choruses of familiar songs and some that were



The Class of 1960 gets into the spirit at the Homecoming Celebration.

not so familiar. But all were rendered with passion and power. Everyone was invited to join in, and most did so with boundless enthusiasm, reminiscent of years ago.

Saturday's schedule began early, allowing and encouraging alumnae to participate in as many events as possible. After a delicious continental breakfast, reunion classes met on the steps of Main Hall for reunion class photos. Following this time was the Presentation Luncheon featuring the introduction of the Alumnae Citation Award recipients and the State of the College Address by Dr. Judy Rogers.

This year's Citation Award Recipients are pictured on this page, and their biographies will be available online at a later date.

A jam-packed afternoon included a reception at the President's House, which was after the luncheon and before the Homecoming Celebration. There was also free time to wander about the campus to see new sites as well as to remember fondly "old" ones.

The Homecoming Celebration took place in the Auditorium. It is a way for reunion classes to share a favorite memory, song, or skit, and also an opportunity for the CCAA to share the work of the Alumnae Association, to introduce the

Dow Scholar for 2009-2010, and to induct members of the Class of 2010 into the Cottey College Alumnae Association. The Enrollment Management staff presented information and strategies about how Cottey alumnae can be involved in, and be a critical part of, the recruitment of future Cottey students.

In the evening, it was back to Raney for the traditional Saturday Night Supper and Sing. Led by the Senior Class and the Senior Class Song Leaders, reunion classes were able to share Cottey songs from their time at Cottey. Occasionally, alumnae taught current or younger alumnae new songs or new renditions of traditional songs.

After the Supper and Sing, it was off to class reunion sites or a trip to the Chellie Club for the infamous Chellie shake.

Why do Cottey alumnae continue to make their way from the far corners of the country or world on this early spring weekend? To quote Louis Armstrong when he was asked, "What is Jazz?" "If you have to ask, you'll never understand." But in an attempt at some clarity, it's the friendships, the memories, the connection, and the defining moments that draw us back to this very unique place.

If your class year ends in a 6 or a 1, make plans to attend the next Founder's Day Weekend, April 1-3, 2011.



Susan Carlson '70 was honored with the Distinguished Alumna Citation.



Alexa Benedetti '01 received the Outstanding Young Alumna Citation.



Claire McIntosh Detlefs '48 (left) and **Linda Cornell Downey '70** were each a recipient of the Alumna Service Citation.



Terry Peterman and Sara Compton received the Friend of the College Citation for their work hosting international students.

Cloudy Weather, but Bright Spirits



Honored speaker **Kay Anderson '87**, takes a moment to snap a photo of the new graduates prior to her speech.

Rain, rain, go away...please? That was the mantra in the week leading up to Commencement, but the childhood rhyme held little sway with Mother Nature as she continued to rain on Cottey's plans. Despite the rain, the weekend did go on, although with a couple of accommodations for the weather.

Friday was the traditional Yellow and White Dinner followed by Baccalaureate in the Chapel. Both events are indoors, so no changes needed to be made for those events. Naturally, it was a lovely evening. New spiritual life coordinator Erika Sigauke and members of the Spiritual Life Committee planned a lovely Baccalaureate service featuring the Cottey choirs and several instrumental and vocal performances.

Saturday morning looked promising with sunny skies early, but a threatening forecast forced the administration to announce at Honors and Awards Convocation that Capping that

evening would be held in the Auditorium of the Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts. This was only the third time in the last 20 years that Capping had to be moved indoors for inclement weather.

For the first time that anyone at Cottey can remember, the processional for Commencement was moved indoors. Seniors lined up inside the large dance studio in Hinkhouse before the ceremony. They then processed down the hallway, where freshmen were lined up on either side for the traditional Daisy Chain.

Other than the change in marching, Commencement was much as it always is. Lots of tears from seniors and freshmen, proud parents snapping photos, excellent speakers, and the presentation of diplomas.

Cottey was blessed to have alumna **Kay Anderson '87** as the honored speaker for Commencement. Today, Anderson is the principal of The HumanSide, LLC, a full-service leadership development company dedicated to helping people and organizations realize their full potential. Anderson credits much of her leadership education to things she learned and experienced at Cottey.



Graduate **Bailey Derksen** returns the favor as she takes a photo of **Kay Anderson**.

While employed as a trainer with another company, she began to study leadership development where she started to "tinker" with her own definitions of leadership development and goal setting. Anderson went on to earn a master's degree in organizational dynamics from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was awarded a certificate in Leadership Development.

Anderson's address was so powerful, she received a standing ovation from the students and family members. Her speech is available for viewing on YouTube. Search for Kay Anderson, M.S. - Cottey College Part I of III.

Following the presentation of diplomas, and singing, of course, the graduates recessed outside for the final good-byes where the weather had thankfully turned pleasant for the final moments of the academic year.

DACC, from page 1

\$20 thousand in scholarships annually to Denver metropolitan area young women to attend Cottey College. As of April 2009, DACC has awarded over \$325,000 in scholarships to over 275 young women.

A successful scholarship fundraising event is the "Precious Treasures" Garage Sale that has raised \$8-9 thousand in each of the last eight years. An average of 40 member chapters contribute, including their families and friends. An added

bonus of this event is the fellowship opportunity for P.E.O.s from all over the Denver metropolitan area.

Many members participate in DACC events year after year and enthusiasm continues to grow. DACC's efforts over the last 70 years have certainly paid off. Hundreds of young women have benefited from a Cottey education and P.E.O. support. DACC members vow to continue this "labor of love" for OUR COLLEGE for years to come!

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

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.

Cottey Comets Updates

Softball

The softball team completed its second full season. Injuries and rain both took their toll, however. Too many rainy days washed out several games both at home and on the road. A couple of injuries near the end of the season left the roster pretty thin as the Comets had just enough players to field a team on a couple of occasions. Despite the obstacles, and the growing pains of a new program, the Comets completed the spring season with a record of 6-13.

The Comets had a tough draw in the postseason tournament though as they faced the number one team in the region in the opening game. East Central College proved to be too much for Cottey as they rolled to a 3-13 win. In the second game, the Comets faced St. Louis Community College-Meramec. Cottey ended up falling 3-5 in that game, but it was quite a battle. In fact, the Comets had the tying runs on base in the final inning, but could not push them across the plate.

After the tournament, Lauren Akin was named to the All-Region First Team, and Jamie Penick and Amanda Sebree were named to the All-Region Second Team.

The softball Comets are still looking for more players for next season. Nevada (Missouri) High School's Andi Alexander is the most recent signee to ink her commitment to play for Cottey next year, but at least four more players are needed to field a complete team. Contact athletic director Dave Ketterman at dketterman@cottey.edu or 417-667-8181, ext. 2237 if you know a prospective softball player.

Basketball

Coach Ketterman's basketball Comets concluded another successful season with a winning record of 13-10 in the regular season. They went into the postseason as the fifth-ranked team and played St. Louis Community College-Meramec in the opening round defeating the Magic 55-49. This despite trailing 10-22 early in the first half. A



Lauren Akin connects for a three-run homer against Forest Park.

12-1 run at the end of the first half, however, pulled the Comets within a point, 22-23, at the break. The Comets built a 12-point lead of their own in the second half as they cruised to a playoff win.

In the semifinals, the Comets had to face Penn Valley Community College, a team that had given them fits all season. The Scouts had beaten Cottey twice in the regular season, once by a narrow two-point margin and again in a double overtime thriller. This game was no different and went down to the wire as Penn Valley pulled out a slim 60-62 victory, ending the Comets' season with a final record of 14-11.

After the tournament, Alex Noble and Bailey Beale were named to the All-Region First Team.

Volleyball

After a disappointing season, coach Marla Kannady Foreman has been out aggressively recruiting over the winter and spring. Rebecca "Blaik" Holland of Fort Scott (Kansas) High School is the most recent signee to join the Comets. Foreman now has a roster of 12 with six returning players and six incoming freshmen to compete for starting roles. Other Missouri signees include Lauren Klinksick, Nevada High School; Mar-Kel West, Rich Hill High School; Sam Pierce, McDonald County High School; and Ashley Helm, El Dorado Springs High School.

2010 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

1	Longview Comm. College	6 p.m.	Lee's Summit, MO
4	Labette Comm. College	2 p.m.	HOME
8	NEO	6 p.m.	Miami, OK
11	Stephens College	2 p.m.	Columbia, MO
13	Central Bible College	7 p.m.	HOME
20	Kansas City, KS, CC	6:30 p.m.	Kansas City, KS
21	Ozark Christian	6 p.m.	Joplin, MO
25	NEO quad tournament	TBA	Union, MO
	Seeding tourn. for region/district tournament *all day*		
27	Stephens College	7 p.m.	HOME

OCTOBER

1	Ozark Christian College	7 p.m.	HOME
2	Ft. Scott Comm. College	2 p.m.	HOME
6	Longview Comm. College	7 p.m.	HOME
8	Tri @ Central Bible College w/ Barclay	(3/4:30/6 p.m.)	Springfield, MO
15	Tri @ Labette Comm College w/ Enid, OK.	(2/4/6 p.m.)	Parsons, KS
18	Baptist Bible College	7 p.m.	Springfield, MO
20	Allen County CC	6:30 p.m.	Iola, KS
22	Baptist Bible College	7 p.m.	HOME
25	NEO	7 p.m.	HOME
29	Ft. Scott	6:30 p.m.	Ft. Scott, KS

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5/6	Regional/District tourn.	7 p.m. (Friday)	Union, MO
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Get the Royal Treatment at Vacation College



One hundred participants were treated royally at this year's Vacation College. Well, only the ones in Helen Lodge's class on British Royalty actually got to wear cool crowns, but everyone else had days and nights full of fun. Wait, make that days and nights full of fun.

Vacation College is the next best thing to being a Cottey student. Held every May in the week following Commencement, Vacation College allows alumnae, P.E.O.s, BILs, and friends of the College to live in Robertson Hall for the week, eat the fabulous Cottey cuisine, and take interesting and fun courses from Cottey faculty.

Classes ranged from Michael Richardson's Asian Cooking to Tai Chi from Japanese Culture to Basic Economics.

Sue Agnew of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, had this to say, "The idea of combining learning new skills with a mini-vacation was appealing. Sort of like a high-end Elderhostel."

If you'd like to see some of the great classes and fun activities this year's students had, visit the Vacation College site on the Web at <http://vacation.cottey.edu>. Want to join the fun next year? Mark your calendar for May 17-22, 2011. Class information and registration will be available in early January.



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Cottey College is pleased to welcome Courtney Majors as the new coordinator of alumnae relations. Majors has a BA in Spanish and a BS in business administration from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. She recently received her master's in business administration from Emporia State as well. She was a graduate assistant in the marketing department at ESU, and most recently was a sales representative for GTM Sportswear. Majors began her duties on June 14.



North American Premiere of Afiwa is Big Success

The Cottey College production of Nicholas Ballanta's opera *Afiwa* was a success even the Fine Arts department didn't quite expect. The Monday before the premiere performance on Friday, April 16, every ticket for both nights was reserved, and patrons were put on a waiting list. In order to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend, the College opened the doors to the final dress rehearsal and allowed anyone who wanted to see it to walk in for free on Thursday evening. Local patrons were particularly encouraged to come on Thursday and return their tickets for those out-of-town guests who desired to see the show. Approximately 125 people showed up for the extra performance, and the house was still packed both evenings for the scheduled performances.

Joseryl Beckley '00 gave a stellar performance singing the lead role, but all Cottey personnel involved received rave reviews from those who attended. From the Cottey orchestra, to the costumers and make-up artists, to the students who painted the beautiful backdrop, and of course the singers and actors, everyone gave their best to ensure the premiere would be a knockout.

"All of the arts were represented in the American premiere of *Afiwa*, and the production represented excellence in all of these areas," said Dr. Dyke Kiel, professor of music and the producer of *Afiwa*. "There were rave comments about the music, theatre, dance, costumes, and backdrop."



Joseryl Beckley '00, returned from Sierra Leone to sing the lead role in Cottey's North American premiere of the African opera *Afiwa*. Here she sings to the king's wives and the market women as she awaits her fate for disobeying the king.