

Born to Run

by Steve Reed

Editor's Note: For several years I have participated in Kansas City's four-mile Trolley Run. I knew Tanya Khvitsko as a student, but also as a volunteer for that race, handing out race packets and cheering runners at the starting line. This past April, she ran the race herself for the first time on new prosthetic legs. We met after the race where she graciously allowed me to snap a couple of photos on a cool, drizzly day and ask a few interview questions.

Tatsiana "Tanya" Khvitsko, Class of 2010, made a point of meeting almost everyone at Cottey College from the moment she arrived on campus. What most people might not have realized immediately is that Khvitsko is a child of Chernobyl. Her parents in Belarus, a country downwind of the nuclear disaster in Ukraine, were exposed to the radiation from that accident. About five years later, Khvitsko was born with no lower left leg, less of a right leg, and only four partial fingers. Her disabilities are not always noticeable at first as Khvitsko usually wears slacks or jeans to hide her prosthetic legs, walks well with her prosthetics, and tries to keep her hands out of sight on first meetings. She is also so outgoing and bubbly it's difficult to focus on what she doesn't have or can't do.

Despite her physical challenges, Khvitsko has always considered herself an athlete.

"I've always been an athletic person," she said. "I played table tennis for six years and wheelchair dancing for four years."

Even with those successes, Khvitsko longed to be a runner.

"Running was something I couldn't do well because of my legs. I tried very hard, but my old prosthetic legs were too heavy and I was just too slow to run with anybody and because of that it was not my favorite thing to do."

Last August, however, she received a set of professional running legs from a prosthetic company in Florida. On her right leg she wears a carbon-fiber prosthesis that looks like a small, curled blade. On her left is another leg of the same material that has a regular running shoe on the end. With the new legs, Khvitsko finally fulfilled her dream of becoming a runner.

"After I received a set of professional running legs, it became my favorite activity," said Khvitsko. "I remember when I put on my running legs for the very first time and started to run, I felt like I was flying because the legs were so light and easy to run in. People had to

catch me when I was running because I was running so fast. It was an incredible feeling!"

It did take a period of adjustment, however, before Khvitsko could train well and prepare for a race.

"Even though I've always had prosthetic legs, the running legs were different. The fit was tighter and lighter," she explained. "I had to start wearing a special silicone inside the prosthetic leg that would keep my leg tight inside. Finally, I had to learn how to use some new muscles of my body just to be able to run."

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After a short training period, Khvitsko entered and finished her first 5K run, the Jared Coones Pumpkin Run in October 2011.

"I felt amazing after I finished it, although I almost puked," she joked. "But I was especially happy to find out that I finished my first 5K in 30 minutes and 47 seconds. After that I was determined to continue running and improving my time."

The life of a busy college senior at Mid America Nazarene University (MNU) slowed her training, but she never lost her desire to continue running. About a month out from the Trolley Run, the largest timed four-mile race in the US, Khvitsko contacted a couple of friends to let them know she would be running this year instead of volunteering.

"The past four years I got a chance to be a part of this race as a volunteer, but this time I needed to do something different," she said. "Plus I knew that some of my friends were running this race. I wanted to show them how cool my legs are and what I am capable of doing now."

How did it feel to cross the Trolley Run finish line with all of the cheering spectators?

"Incredible!" she exclaimed. "I love when there are people cheering for us; it makes me want to work harder. Plus I was glad to put on my list another accomplishment – I finished a four-mile race in 40 minutes!"

Khvitsko wants to run another couple of races in the Kansas City area, but long term, she has grander plans. She wants to compete in the 100-meter dash in the 2016 Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro. She trains regularly at



Tatsiana "Tanya" Khvitsko, Class of 2010, is now running road races instead of just volunteering at them, thanks to new prosthetic legs. She is pictured here after the Trolley Run in Kansas City in April.

the athletic facility at MNU as she works on improving her strength and quickness.

She has a more immediate hurdle to overcome, though, before she can consider the Paralympics. Khvitsko, who has been in the US the last four years on a student visa, needs to find a job by the end of June or she will have to return to Belarus. Khvitsko graduated in May from MNU with a bachelor's degree in corporate communications. Although she misses her parents, she knows things are different in her homeland for those with disabilities.

"They don't have the same attitude about physical challenges as in the US," she said.

For now, Khvitsko is keeping her hopes high, training hard, and working her network to find a job. If there's one thing her friends have learned, it's never doubt what she can accomplish.



Superheroes Visit Campus

You can always spot superheroes. Although they don't always fight crime, they wear capes, do good deeds, and sometimes they come with a police escort and boxes of daisies.

On May 7, the first day of finals week, the Superheroes of Kindness came to Cottey College. A police escort alerted the citizenry that something special was happening. The Superheroes exited their special superhero vehicle (cleverly disguised a big, yellow school bus) in the Center for the Arts parking lot, and made their way to the physical plant building where the housekeeping and physical plant staff were awaiting their arrival. Quickly, the Superheroes sprang into action, almost—dare we say it—almost faster than a speeding bullet, as they gave hand-decorated paper hearts and daisies to all those in attendance.

greet them with flowers, hearts, and little rubber ducks wearing caps and gowns, and to wish them a “happy finals week.” Quickly, the stressed out looks on the faces of students who had been finishing projects and studying for tests all weekend vanished and there were smiles and plenty of laughter all around. Another successful outing for the Superheroes as they vanquished perhaps their most fearsome foe yet: Finals Week Stress!

The Superheroes of Kindness are a group of preschoolers at St. Mary's School, led by Phil Bures, who go about the city of Nevada spreading cheer. On previous trips, they have visited the police and fire departments, the businesses around the Nevada square, and the county courthouse. This is their first year of activity in Nevada.

The original Superheroes were formed in Missoula, Montana, by Kristal Burns.



Tricia Bobbett, executive assistant to the president and secretary to the board, receives decorated hearts and a daisy from some of the Superheroes of Kindness.



The Superheroes of Kindness cross Austin Street as they visit various buildings on campus spreading goodwill during finals week.

There was no time to rest on their laurels, however, as the Superheroes crossed Austin Boulevard to spread goodwill among the food service staff. Smiles were evident all around as these pint-sized ambassadors of kindness passed around more hearts and daisies. Then, it was time for lunch. The food service staff had prepared sack lunches for the visitors—even superheroes have to eat—as they fueled up for their biggest task yet to come: fighting finals week stress.

Soon, Cottey students began entering Raney Dining Room, and as they did the superheroes were there, ready to

Burns created the vision for the Superheroes of Kindness based on the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud. The message of the book is that we all carry an invisible bucket, and we feel good when our bucket is full, and feel bad when it is empty. Our buckets get filled by the attention, words, and acts of others—in addition to our own actions. Sometimes people whose bucket is empty will “dip” into other people's buckets, creating bad feelings all around. Ultimately, when we focus on being “bucket fillers” on a daily basis we strengthen ourselves, others, our families, schools, communities, nations, and

world. Burns wanted her young charges to understand that they are not too small to make a difference in their community and their world.

The trip to Cottey was special in another way for the local group, as Burns traveled to Nevada—and with the local Superheroes—to visit the first official

offshoot of her original group. Burns noted that there has been interest from other communities who are thinking about starting a Superheroes of Kindness group in their town. To read more about the Nevada Superheroes, visit their blog at <http://missourisuperheroesofkindness.blogspot.com/>

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The President's Message

by Judy R. Rogers, Ph.D.

The memorable 2011-2012 academic year has come to a close—memorable for so many reasons, enrolling students for their third year at Cottey, inaugurating a distinguished speakers series, arranging study abroad experiences, and hosting Meredith Brokaw as our commencement speaker. Vacation College and summer programs are also now memories, and so we are free to look forward. We look forward to the 2012-2013 academic year and the opportunities and challenges it promises.

We are looking forward to a new class. No, it is not too late for a new student to join the fall class. If you know a student who would like to visit Cottey this summer as a prospective student, just ask her to call the enrollment management office and arrange a tour and a counseling session. We are still accepting applications and preparing financial aid packages. Students may enter as first-year students or transfer to one of our new majors.

There are staff available to explain the steps and the opportunities, so please remember to mention Cottey to potential students. You can be that one person who makes the Cottey experience a part of some young woman's life.

We are also looking forward to Cottey Seminar and hosting P.E.O.s from each state, district, and province on our campus. This is a wonderful time for P.E.O.s to learn about the College they own and gather the information they can use to promote their College. We are busy right now with preparations so that each P.E.O. will have an enjoyable and productive visit. The P.E.O. Advisory Committee for Cottey Recruitment and enrollment management staff will be available during seminar to explain changes in territories and recruiting strategies for the coming year.

And we, of course, are looking forward to another year of Defining Moments. Cottey's comprehensive campaign has



Dr. Judy R. Rogers

now moved into the Chapter Challenge phase, but those of us participating in the campaign are still enjoying awareness events across the country and, mostly, meeting Cottey alumnae, P.E.O.s and friends. I have just returned from visiting three states: Delaware, Indiana, and

Oregon. While I literally moved from coast to coast, I found the same gracious, supportive Cottey friends wherever I went. We are defining the future of our College.

Faculty/Staff Notes

Dr. Carmen Bourbon attended the Washington Association for Language Teaching Spring Regional Conference held in Ellensburg, Washington. She also participated in a workshop on the teaching of Business Spanish.

Prof. Terry Burger, Denise Hedges, and **Prof. Karen Polon** participated in an indoor triathlon on February 11 at the Joplin YMCA. The triathlon included 15 minutes of swimming, biking, and running with a five-minute transition in between. All three Cottey employees successfully completed each leg of the race.

Prof. Jo Byrnes and ten dance students attended the Central Region American College Dance Festival at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. Prof. Byrnes taught two classes and all attendees participated in classes with master teachers and watched performances.

Dr. Cathy Campbell attended the South Central Renaissance Conference in New Orleans and presented a paper to the Queen Elizabeth I Society titled "Queen Elizabeth as Seen in France."

Dr. Paul Cook resigned from Cottey at the end of this academic year, accepting a position at the University of Indiana Kokomo in their English Department. Dr. Cook has been a valued member of the Cottey faculty for the past two years.

Dr. Cook, Dr. Don Perkins, Dr. Kathy Pivak, and **Dr. Trisha Stubblefield** attended the Conference on College Composition and Communication in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Sonia Cowen, executive director of the institute for women's leadership and social responsibility, taught StrengthsQuest™ and leadership to hundreds

of newly enlisted US Army recruits studying interrogation techniques at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM)/9th Army Signal Command. Dr. Cowen also was honored by the 301st with the presentation of their battalion coin.

Dr. Sonia Cowen, Dr. Mari Anne Phillips, vice president for student life, and four second-year Cottey students attended the U.S. Air Force Academy's (USAFA's) National Character and Leadership Symposium, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This annual symposium provides the opportunity to access additional information and networks with researchers and practitioners of specific importance to women's leadership and social responsibility.

Dr. Cowen attended the Study Missouri conference held in Jefferson City to introduce Missouri legislators to the hundreds of international students who are attending Missouri institutions of higher education.

Dr. Gary Lunkenheimer participated in the National Business Education conference in Boston where he learned about teaching business and entrepreneurship in the 21st century classroom, preparing students for the global economy, the global mindset, and challenges for businesses and workers in a world economy, and business ethics.

Drs. Kathy Pivak and Angela Firkus attended the Phi Theta Kappa Annual Convention in Nashville with two students. They met students and advisors from across the country, attended sessions on completing the projects necessary to maintain Cottey's Five Star

Chapter rating, and enjoyed addresses by best-selling authors Amy Chua, Malcolm Gladwell, and Wes Moore. Cottey's Epsilon chapter is the oldest chapter in the country and the only founding chapter still in existence.

Dr. Michel Rakotomavo has resigned from Cottey, and has accepted a position at the University of Connecticut in their Finance Department. He has been a valued member of the Cottey faculty for the past two years.

The refereed Social Responsibility Journal has accepted Dr. Rakotomavo's article titled 'Corporate Investment in Social Responsibility versus Dividends?' for publication in its Volume 8 Issue 2.

Dr. Rakotomavo, Dr. Kanji Watanabe, and nine Cottey students visited a NGO, called GRAIN, a small international non-profit organization that works to support small farmers and social movements in their struggles for community-controlled and biodiversity-based food systems. It received the 2011 Right Livelihood Award, often referred to as the Alternative Nobel Prize, at the Swedish Parliament in Stockholm. They met with Mr. Henk Hobbelen who is a co-founder and the coordinator of GRAIN and a speaker for the award at the Swedish Parliament.

Dr. Brenda Ross, Dr. Julie Tietz, and **Ms. Caitlyn Davis** attended the 7th

Annual Conference on Applied Learning in Higher Education at St. Joseph, Missouri. Dr. Ross moderated several sessions, while Ms. Davis and Dr. Tietz gave a Student Researcher and Mentor presentation titled "Sharing the World: Using a Study Abroad Experience to Enhance an On-campus Service Learning Project."

Prof. Kathy Taylor made a presentation to the student chapter of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri. The title of the presentation was Teaching Programming with Alice Animations.

Dr. Julie Tietz attended the annual convention of the Southwestern Psychological Association in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Susan Yoss, counselor, and four Cottey College BACCHUS members attended the *Meeting of the Minds: Networking For Success In Prevention* conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The students gained health promotion and prevention techniques and strategies for college campuses. Conference session topics included alcohol prevention, depression and suicide prevention, healthy body image, and sexual assault prevention. Susan Yoss attended a train-the-trainer session on bystander intervention.

The Mission of Cottey College

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

Defining Moments Campaign Passes \$22 Million

Dr. Judy Rogers, president of Cottey College is pleased to announce *A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College* has raised over \$22 million a little past the halfway point of the five-year, \$35 million campaign, launched in September 2009. Under the leadership of Barbara Andes, campaign chairman, the Campaign is the first comprehensive campaign in the history of the College.

“We are right on target to bring this Campaign to a successful conclusion over the final one-and-a-half years,” said Dr. Rogers. “Cottey’s incredible network of volunteers has been amazing with what they have accomplished in such a short period of time.”

“Cottey has been very fortunate to have alumnae like **Susan Matthews Rouleau** and her husband, Michael, who have made significant gifts to the Campaign which helped push us over our benchmark. We attribute receiving gifts like the Rouleau’s to Cottey’s impactful presence in the lives of its alumnae,” added Rogers.

Susan, a 1972 graduate of Cottey College, has maintained a lifelong interest in music noting that Cottey nurtured her already apparent love of music and entertaining while she was a student. After graduating from Cottey, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington. Susan continues to enjoy her interest in music through involvement in organizations in

the Phoenix and Scottsdale area. She is a board member of Arizona Musicfest and sings in the Arizona Musicfest Chorus.

The Rouleaus hosted an awareness event for the Campaign at their Scottsdale home in 2010. However, in 2012 when they returned to campus for Susan’s class reunion, Michael was able to see the Cottey campus firsthand, and to observe the quality education Cottey provided to young women. The Rouleau’s gift will sponsor the atrium in the new Fine Arts Instructional Building.

“In addition to the Rouleaus, we have had other generous donors who helped push us over the midpoint benchmark,”

added Carla Bryant Farmer, campaign manager and senior major gifts officer. “A notable gift recently received from benefactor Dorothy Dyer Vanek, underwrote the cost of a home softball field for the Comets.”

The campaign staff is not resting on its laurels after the positive announcement. Members of the administration and campaign staff will be hosting other events on the eastern seaboard as well as in California, Texas, and the Midwest over the next few months.

For more information, visit the campaign Web site at <http://campaign.cottey.edu/> or call Carla Bryant Farmer at 417-667-1418.

Judyth Wier Named Vice President

Cottey College is pleased to announce that Judyth Wier has accepted the position of vice president for institutional advancement. She began her duties in April.

“Judyth Wier brings valuable experience in fundraising and management to Cottey College,” said Dr. Judy Rogers, President of Cottey College. “Finding someone like Judyth with a proven record in donor relations and fund management was essential as Cottey moves into the second half of its five-year comprehensive campaign, *A Defining Moment*.”

Wier has over 17 years of experience with major gifts, planned giving, and capital campaigns. In that span, she has raised \$200 million in philanthropic support for higher education and several not-for-profit organizations. Her experience includes work with endowment, capital, and scholarship campaigns; work to raise unrestricted and programmatic funds; annual funds and planned giving. Projects include work with deans/directors and donors to manage and grow endowed chairs and professorships; developing college initiatives based on priority need; and securing state matching funds. Corporate and foundation relations and planned giving are a strength and area of success.

“It is an honor to be selected as the new vice president for institutional advancement for Cottey College. Cottey’s strong faculty leadership shows an energetic dedication in preparing women to enter an international workforce,” said Wier. “The College has no debt and a strong, well managed endowment. The strength of over 3,000 active volunteers in the *Defining Moment Campaign* will revolutionize the way fundraising is successful for liberal arts colleges. I am excited to be a part of the staff, particularly at this time in their history.”

Her previous positions include President, UNO Foundation, University of New Orleans, Louisiana; Executive Director Advancement, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Associate Vice Chancellor, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska; Special Projects, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana; Associate Director of Philanthropy, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), New Orleans, Louisiana; and Associate Director of Development, National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), Lander, Wyoming.

Her work in Alaska is especially noteworthy. While there, Wier raised over \$20 million through cash, planned gifts, pledges, foundation grants, and charitable annuities, and was the leader of strategic gift initiatives for major gifts, corporations, and foundations.

Wier holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University in Alabama, and a Master of Liberal Arts degree from Tulane University in Louisiana, and has maintained CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) certification since 2002. Her professional memberships include: Association of Fundraising Professionals, AFP; and Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE.

Wier also has two years experience in the Peace Corps, volunteer work in Belize, extensive international work and travel, and is a life member of Appalachian Trail Conservancy. She speaks basic Spanish, is an Emergency First Responder, and PADI Dive Master. Wier is an avid scuba diver and kayaker and enjoys weekly activities with Yoga and Pilates.



Susan Matthews Rouleau '72 and husband Michael



Judyth Wier

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A Message From Your CCAA

Mary Frances Peterson-Main '87



This was my first Founder's Day as head class agent for the CCAA Executive Board, and I also served as class agent for my own reunion. To say I was overwhelmed

is probably an understatement. However, as I went from event to event and celebrated the history and traditions that go back to the turn of the century at Cottey, it hit me: Founder's Day is a celebration of what Cottey was and what it has yet to be. Getting together with my classmates was a highlight, but what was truly special were the classmates I never took time to get to know while I was at Cottey and the instant friendships we struck up in just the few days we were together.

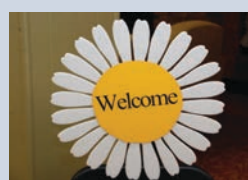
"Cottey as seen through the generations" became my personal mantra for Founder's Day 2012. I really enjoyed meeting all of the class agents and their classmates who attended, and I can't wait to meet more next year.

The highlight of the week for me was that I (along with a few of my classmates) brought my 11-year-old daughter to Cottey. Not only was I proud to show off what the College has become, but as the week progressed, she proudly wore her nametag with the notation at the bottom "Future Cottey Student." Then it hit me: This is what Founder's Day is all about - seeing the classes of past, present, and future!

As I attended the events surrounding Founder's Day, it struck me how many stories we all have to share, in addition to traditions lost and found, and fabulous memories that pass through the ages, making Cottey one of the most intimate colleges around.

Traditions may come and go, songs may come and go, but the traditions of sisterhood, friendship, and acceptance are alive and well at Cottey! Picturing my daughter attending Cottey and the unique experience she'll have was transforming. I was able to see the campus and the experiences through her eyes, visualize what she'd enjoy doing, and know that even though her experience will be different from mine, it will be no less amazing and life transforming.

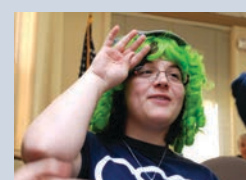
As alumnae, we would hate to see Cottey stagnate and remain trapped in history. We can be proud (especially those of us planning on sending daughters, nieces, or family friends there!) that the College has progressed with the times and



Friends: 1000s



Photos: 100s



Likes: a lot!

There are too many photos and too much information for one page of the *Viewpoint*. Just like social media, find more great stuff online at <http://community.cottey.edu>. Login information is at the bottom of page 10.



Dr. Catherine Campbell
Honorary Alumna



Dr. Mary Beth Zimmerman-Mathews '62
Distinguished Alumna



Betty Hodges-Iancu '52
Alumna Service

Founder's Day 2012 contained the usual, singing, eating, and merriment as always, but five women were recognized for their service to Cottey College, and a couple of unique events happened for the first time.

Dr. Catherine Campbell, who is retiring as professor emerita of French, was recognized by the CCAA as an Honorary Alumnae. **Dr. Mary Beth Zimmerman-Mathews '62** received the Distinguished Alumna award for her work on the national level in nursing education. **Betty Hodges-Iancu '52** was honored with the Alumna Service Award for her work in recruiting students and promoting the College. **Dorothy Vanek** was recognized as Friend of the College (see more on page 11). **Erica Rounsefell '97** was the Outstanding Young Alumna. Rounsefell was unable to attend due to her diplomatic posting in Tblisi, Republic of Georgia.

The Library hosted a Wikipedia knowledge event titled "Wiki, Wiki, Whaaa?" Environmental sleuths were invited to check online information about environmental issues against printed sources held by the Library. A Cottey Wikipedia editor was on hand to make corrections if any inaccuracies were found.

One of the big events, however, was the groundbreaking of the Vanek Family Memorial Field, the future home of the softball Comets. Local dignitaries joined Dorothy Vanek, Dr. Rogers, the softball team, and the Cottey Choir in making this event a special one to remember. Comets players even handed out peanuts and Cracker Jacks to the crowd as the choir sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

In the end, though, it was the renewed friendships from Cottey women of all classes that made Founder's Day Weekend two days to remember.

is embracing new technology, new ways of thinking, and a spirit of the future. Cottey holds on to memories of the past while moving forward into the future. It really is a college to be proud of!

We as alumnae need to remember that we were students on campus for only a couple of years, while Cottey College has been here for more than a hundred years and with any luck will be here for

another hundred! Cottey remains a place I loved and where I felt safe, but what is even more wonderful is that I will be proud to send my daughter there in a few years!

Class Notes

[Deaths]

1930s

The College was notified of the death of **Virginia Warehime '33**.

Eola Steen Turrentine '38, born February 11, 1918, passed away on January 29, 2012. She is survived by her sister, a daughter, two granddaughters, and three great-grandchildren.



She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Abb (Turp) Turrentine and daughter, Judy Barber. Abb and Eola were married 40 years until his passing in 1986.

1940s

Winifred Dickinson Israel '40 died on March 22, 2012. Winifred Juliet Dickinson was born on January 23, 1921. The second child of a Minnesota past state president of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, she



attended Cottey College, then transferred to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis to study economics and sociology. After graduating in 1942, she moved to Sioux City to accept a position as executive director of Siouxland Girl Scouts. She served for eight years as chief executive, and remained active in scouting after stepping down. Winifred was a former music teacher and Girl Scout director active in Sioux City community groups for 66 years. Winifred and husband, former U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Louis J. Israel, had two sons. Winifred is survived by her two sons, and many grandchildren and extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2002.

The College was notified of the death of **Polly Prentice Alexander '41**.

Ina Bell Heath Pribble '44 passed away on January 31, 2012. After Cottey, Ina attended the University of Texas, where she received her B.S. in home econom-

ics in 1947. Shortly after graduation, she married Foy Pribble and the couple had three children. Ina Bell had a passion for teaching, as she taught elementary school-aged children for many years. She was also a 50-year P.E.O. member.

Miriam Weirick Crawford '45 passed away March 31, 2012. Miriam was born on May 30, 1925. She received her B.A. from the University of Iowa in 1947. After graduation she taught school in Pueblo, Colorado. There she met former Naval Officer and trumpet player James Franklin Crawford, whom she married on August 14, 1949. They moved to Madison, Wisconsin, where their daughter Cathy Ann was born. After her husband Jim received his Ph.D. in economics, they moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where their son David Franklin Crawford was born.

Miriam was a sixth grade social studies teacher, but after receiving a master's in library science from Emory, she became an elementary school librarian, retiring in 1989. Her teaching was honored with a Teacher of the Year Award. Miriam was a life-long member of Alpha Delta Pi and P.E.O. Miriam also served in her church, Emory Presbyterian.

The College was notified of the death of **Jo Smith Hall '46**.

The College was notified of the death of **Jeannette Spiess Hubbard '49**.

Donna Eloise Bateman Hoover '49 passed away on May 4, 2012. Born in Nevada, Missouri, Donna graduated from Cottey College where she majored in business. She retired from a life-long career with Sanger Harris in their Dallas, Texas, corporate office. Upon retirement, she and her husband, Norman, moved to Denton, Texas, to be closer to their grandchildren. In Denton, where she resided for the past 21 years, Donna continued her passion for reading, gardening, and traveling with her husband and grandchildren.

1950s

Judith Russey Chick '51 of Kansas City, Missouri, was born July 12, 1931, and died September 17, 2011. Judith was married to Thomas Campbell Chick on June 23, 1957. After graduating from Cottey, she gained her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Missouri. She worked in the Wichita, Kansas, school district for 23 years teaching first and second grade. Judith was a member of Pine Valley Christian Church in Wichita. She assisted in founding the Little Red Wagon day care center. She is predeceased by her husband, Thomas Chick.

Virginia Miller Crouse '51 of Denver, Colorado, died on February 16, 2012. Virginia received a Bachelor of Arts in music from DePauw University, and master's degrees in library science and

in social work from Indiana University. She moved to Columbus, Indiana, in 1959. During this time, she raised four children, one of whom is **Cathy Crouse Mathis '82**. Virginia worked as an elementary school librarian and played church organ. After she received her MSW, she was employed by Quinco Consulting Center.

Virginia moved to Colorado in 1985 to be closer to her children. She worked primarily as a clinical social worker in private practice; most recently, she was a provider for the Senior Counseling Group. She loved working with seniors. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, and her son, David James Crouse.

1960s

Dr. Beverly Larson '65 died of a heart attack on March 15, 2012, in Corvallis, Oregon. While attending Cottey and serving as CSC Prexy, it was clear that Larson would be a leader in her field. After graduating with a B.S. and Ph.D. in education, Larson began teaching disabled high school students. This is where she discovered her calling in life, as she saw a need for disabled students to be a more inclusive part of the educational system. This led her to establish the Old Mill Center for Children and Families, which provided integrated preschool programs for students with and without disabilities. Larson believed that education should be a more inclusive undertaking.

Today, the idea of mainstreaming kids with physical and emotional disabilities is widely accepted in public schools, and the integrated programs Larson developed are still the cornerstone of the Old Mill Center today.

This organization grew dramatically since its establishment in 1977 when it served eight families. Today it serves over 1,600 families each year. In addition to the integrated preschool, Old Mill offers child abuse treatment, mental health services, parent education and counseling, and occupational and physical therapy. Last year it was certified as a Relief Nursery site, part of a state-wide child abuse prevention program.

Larson's outstanding work on this project was recognized by Cottey in 1995, when she received the Distinguished Alumna Citation.

Larson's impact in her field and the lives of many families will leave a lasting impression. She is survived by her sister, Geraldene Cuniff of Salem; two nieces, two nephews, and a grandniece.

The College was notified of the death of **Sandra Peters Snoke '66**.

Diane Doxtad Mattis '66 passed away at Hospice Center of Palm Beach County on April 22, 2012. Diane attended Drake University and graduated in 1968 with a B.A. in business. During her career, she

worked for Hart Schaffner & Marx; Stix, Baer and Fuller; and Famous-Barr Co. as a fashion buyer in Omaha, Kansas City, New York City, and St. Louis. In 1978, she married Richard Mattis and entered the antique business in St. Louis. After her son, R. Brent Mattis, Jr., graduated from high school, she resettled to Singer Island, Florida, in 2000. There, she enjoyed entertaining family and friends, travelling across the country, viewing contemporary dance performances, collecting sea shells, sailing, yoga, and strolling on the beach with her long-haired Chihuahua, Elvis. Diane is survived by her parents, Floyd and Catherine Doxtad; her son, R. Brent Mattis, Jr.; her stepdaughter, Nancy Slater; her brother, Daniel (Julie) Doxtad; her nephews, and her great-niece.

2010s

Katie Habenicht '11 died on May 5, 2012, in an accident on Highway 1 in Half Moon Bay when an oncoming minivan swerved into her lane and struck her Honda Civic head-on.



In her high school, one renowned for its performing arts program, Katie was a standout in theater, dance, and choir. She parlayed that passion into a scholarship to chase those pursuits at Cottey College. At Cottey, Katie was involved in several activities such as dance, but her real passion was the theatre. She was in almost every play staged during her two years at Cottey.

After earning her associate's degree, she returned to her hometown and enrolled at San Jose State as a junior, majoring in philosophy and psychology. Not only was she carrying a full load of 18 college credits, she also got a job at Peet's Coffee & Tea near the campus.

It's jarring to her family that the whirlwind of Katie's life is now at rest. Her brother was looking forward to sharing the experience of San Jose State. Her parents, Richard and Marilyn, are left only with fond memories.

A Cottey scholarship, called the Katie Habenicht Scholarship, has been established in Katie's memory. It will be for a talented actress who has interest in the whole theatre department.

1950s

Galen Brown Krupka '58 is now retired and a 50-plus P.E.O. member. It took her over a year to get used to retirement, and then she had surgery for shoulder replacement. NOW she can finally enjoy her free time. Galen and her husband, married for 53 years, still live in the same house they built forty plus years ago. They have two children and four grandchildren. Galen is an active volunteer in Traverse City. Currently, she is a member of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters; board member of Central Day Care Center; long time volunteer and board member, officer, and state board member of Child and Family Services; and a volunteer at the local hospital. Galen would love to hear from classmates and notes that visitors are always welcome! [MORE online at <http://community.cottey.edu/>]

1960s

Dana Kirk Haubein '62 and her roommate and maid of honor, **Judi Arnold Steege '62**, reunited at Dana and Merl's surprise 50th anniversary celebration on June 2 at the home of the couple's daughter in Galena, Missouri. Dana was one of three Cottey girls who all married their "local" husbands 50 years ago on the weekend of their commencement ceremony (the two others were **Peggy Grimes Crawford '62** and **Jan Myers McCaffree '62**). All three couples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries this year.



Judi Arnold Steege and Dana Kirk Haubein

Sarah Robertson Surratt '64 wanted to let her classmates know she is alive and well, and still living in South Georgia. Her husband Jay has just retired from his solo medical practice, and Sarah stays much too busy working with victims of crime for the District Attorney. Sarah feels blessed in so many ways. Her family now numbers 15! She and her husband's four children are scattered, living in Athens; Atlanta, Georgia; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Eielson AFB, Alaska. They have six gorgeous grandchildren, and are so grateful for Skype, digital cameras, unlimited long-distance phones, and more! Even with all the technology, Sarah feels slower with age and doesn't communicate as she'd like. But all you Cottey friends are still in her heart, and she is eternally grateful for all the ways you enhanced the rest of her life.

Kathie Saul Needham '65 is hoping to re-connect with her old classmates ('63-'65). She and her husband celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month. They have three grown daughters and seven grandchildren, all of whom live within 50 miles. Kathie is retired from the business world, her husband from the U.S. Army, and the couple lives in the country with a dog and some poultry and has extensive flower and vegetable gardens.

Linda Moyer Gettemy '68 is excited to announce that she is going to be a grandmother for the first time in October.

Lois Gilmore Dorrell '68 comments that it has been a long time since Cottey! Arizona was her home state back then and now it is Tennessee. Back in 1967, she met her husband-to-be in Robertson Hall parlor, and now the couple is about to celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary. Back then they were young and spry and now not so very! Back then they had not as much as a care in the world and now lots of cares...as in eight grandchildren with six of them (10 and under) living right next door to them. (Their oldest two, one a freshman in college and the other a freshman in high school, live 45 minutes away.) Back then wondering what the future held and now just enjoying the moment in retirement and looking back on good times in the past (as in her Cottey years)!

1970s

Shelley Harrington Johnson '71 recently retired from Forsyth County Board of Commissioners as the director of senior services. During her time as director, two additional senior centers and a five-day-a-week Alzheimer respite program were added. Shelley has enjoyed her career in aging services and has been able to represent seniors and those with Alzheimer's by forming a stand-alone non-profit and serving on the local United Way board, the regional community service board for MR/DD/BH/AD. In addition, she helped found S.A.L.T (Senior and Law Enforcement Together). Shelley feels much of her desire to serve seniors and others is deep rooted in the compassion shown by her suitemates in Wisconsin Suite.

Billie Engler Hendry '71 is happily employed as an RN for a Family Practice. Gregg, her husband, is loving retirement. Billie's son Adam lives in Steamboat

Springs and her son Scott lives in Asheville, North Carolina. Gregg and Billie enjoy travel when they can, and are looking forward to a tour of the UK and Ireland this summer.

Sharon Wiatt Jones '72 and her husband have moved to the Lexington, Kentucky, area to retire. While at a conference in Orlando, last year she visited with **Susan Spencer Bettis '72** and had a wonderful time catching up. She would like to hear from classmates. She writes a blog for Career Thought Leaders as the expert on new and emerging careers. Sharon also volunteers with the local Humane Society and gives free career advice to anyone who will listen, especially parents of college students or high school seniors!

Anne Wald Wallace '75 posted her first professionally recorded hymn on YouTube. Search YouTube and enter her full name (Anne Wald Wallace) and the title of her hymn *I Look Up To The Hills* to find it.

Jill Dillard McCardell '75 lives in San Diego, California. Her husband, Ryan, flies for Delta Airlines out of LAX on the B-737-800. Jill has been a pilot for Federal Express for 27-1/2 years and is based in Memphis on the Airbus (A-310 and A-300). Jill graduated in 1977 from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill after Cottey, with a B.S. in business administration. Jill loves being a mother and currently volunteers on the Parent Council at UCLA, is a team mom for her son's spring volleyball team...and in her free time she swims laps, does water aerobic classes, bakes/cooks, and gathers with friends. At 57 years old, Jill can't remember all the wonderful details of times and friendships back in the Cottey days, but she loves hearing from you with fun conversations of reminders! [MORE online at <http://community.cottey.edu/>]

Karel Lyster Lowery '75 continues teaching elementary music in Jefferson City, Missouri. She has taught in the same building for 23 years and counting. Her son works for William Harris Lee in Chicago selling string instruments. Her daughter graduated in May 2012 from Drake University. She will be an actuary for CNA Insurance in Chicago - one block from her brother. Karel's main trips will now be to one place to see both kids.

Nancy Rutherford Sleight '75 and her husband Dick celebrated their 31st anniversary this year! Their eldest and her husband (both English creative writing majors) are teaching American secondary curriculum at Big Heart Christian School in South Korea. Their son is majoring in physics and chemistry, and their freshman girl is taking theater, French, and computer science classes with singing, drama, and video production being her first loves. Nancy along with her daughters, mother, and sister, and are all members of Chapter A in Seattle, Washington. P.E.O. is taking most of her "free" time, squeezing out housekeeping, construction, and maintenance, but Jesus and Skyping with Korea are keeping her sane! She fondly remembers her Cottey suitemates, and hope they forgive her for being a terrible correspondent! Perhaps in a year or two the empty nest will change that! Love to all!

Lynn Bartels '77, political reporter for the *Denver Post*, was named the fifth most influential woman in the state of Colorado by the readers of the *Denver Post*. Approximately 6,000 people voted on the list of 75 candidates to choose the top ten. Ahead of Bartels were a Congressional representative, Denver's deputy mayor, the governor's chief of staff, and a well-known philanthropist. When asked for a quote to sum up her professional outlook, she gave this from Anne Frank: "Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart."

Elizabeth Kraft Aguire '79 was elected to the position of city clerk with the City of Galt. She has worked for the city for 25 years. She is married, has two children and a new granddaughter. Things are good!

1980s

Lauren Lukas Hood '83 is living with her husband Bill, her Goldendoodle, Marley, and her Schnoodle, Ava, in Central Illinois. She and her husband and a third partner own a trucking and brokerage company and are running 10 trucks (and will double that number by the end of summer)! They are planning to move next year, probably to the Lake Norris area of Tennessee. They have four children, three in college in Tennessee, Utah, and California, and one soon to graduate high school. Lauren can be reached at laurenhood@farm2fleet.com.

Katy Harris Todd '85 has a son Matthew who just turned 18 years old and is looking at colleges...she wonders how this can be. Her daughter Becky will be 20 years old in April. Becky is the same age as Katy was when she was at Cottey playing with all of her Cottey girlfriends!! Katy is so glad to be on facebook with lots of those Cottey girlfriends!

Dr. Melinda Domingo Rhodes '86, assistant professor of journalism, was unanimously selected as Faculty of the Year at Ohio Wesleyan University. Melinda was



OWU Chaplain Jon Powers and **Melinda Domingue Rhodes '86**

designated as the Bishop Francis Kearns Award recipient "for outstanding faculty scholarship, service, and leadership both within the classroom and the community which exemplifies the historic mission of Ohio Wesleyan University to offer 'a quality of scholarship, leadership, and service that enriches both Church (your religious community) and society.'" She was presented the award at the Baccalaureate service on May 12. Melinda also received word that she was awarded third place from the Law and Policy Division Teaching Competition of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) for her submission *Exploring the Law Landscape with New Media: An Enhanced Podcast Project*. She

will receive her award at the AEJMC annual conference in Chicago in August.

Diane Struthers '86 was recently promoted to Lt. Colonel in the US Army and Diane attributes her career success to her time at Cottey. Of her Cottey experience, Diane says, "I credit Cottey for my staying power in the military. After 25 years of service, I find my experiences integral to building a person who could see a lifetime of service to her country. Education allowed me to shine and improve in a safe environment. Back in the day, we wished Cottey was a four-year school; now it is. The friendships I made there have lasted a lifetime, both with faculty and students. I want to send a special thanks to Dr. Rosemary Fowler - she is still the best teacher I have ever had, and probably ever will."

After seven years with her other alma mater as a professor and administrator, **Terri Cox Fallin '87** has spent nearly six years working for Cottey and loves it! Can you imagine going to work every day in Main Hall? She enjoys traveling for Cottey in her position as director of development and meeting alumnae and P.E.O. across the country. She particularly enjoys reconnecting with classmates. She greatly enjoyed the Class of 1987 returning to campus for their 25th Reunion. Has it really been that long??

Catherine Taylor Miller '89 is a mother to three boys (now 12, 17 and 18) and working as supervisor of registration at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, Nampa, Idaho. Catherine has been a P.E.O. since 2005 and just started her second term as chapter president. In her spare time (or sometimes in place of sleep), she likes to design and decorate custom cakes. She would love to hear from all of her Cottey friends!

1990s

Marcia Harper '95 is currently living in Rolla while awaiting Johnathan's graduation from the chemistry Ph.D. program at Missouri Science and Technology. While living in Rolla, Marcia has become a member of the Meramec Hills Chapter of the Missouri Master Naturalists. While being a certified pharmacy tech pays the bills, her heart really yearned for nature and all its creatures. Fortunately she found the local chapter, took the classes, and began volunteering with them. Also, she enjoys participating with the Stream Teams around the area.

Aimee Fournier Sidhu '95 is happy to report that over the past four years she married her wonderful life partner, Tan; has given birth to her first child, Nora, who is already two; she has found an amazing job as an instructor and academic fieldwork coordinator for a brand new occupational therapy assistant program at Bates Technical College in Tacoma, Washington; and the couple is in the process of adopting their second daughter from India in the next year. Life is great!

Maria Jones Gutierrez

'97 would like to share this picture that is about two years old of her family. She claims none of them have changed too much since then. Maria has a couple of pugs that didn't make the photo. Maria is currently working in IT with BHP Billiton while her husband takes care of things at home. They are currently living in Farmington, New Mexico, and have been there for about 12 years (already!). She is excited to get back in touch with her classmates.



Maria Jones Gutierrez '97 and family

Evangela Potts Suzuki '98 would like to announce that her son, Ian, graduated from Aobadai Yochien! He was in his third year of kindergarten and this year received his diploma from the headmaster. In a couple of weeks the new school year starts and he will be starting grade school. He is excited to wear his new suit to the opening ceremony. Evangela also writes, "We recently passed the one year anniversary of the M9 earthquake that hit Japan. Feels strange that a year has passed. Still having quakes everyday since."

Kristin McHale Leahy '98 reports that her youngest daughter, Emma, just turned three years old. She can't believe how time flies. Her oldest daughter, Samantha, turns five in July and starts Kindergarten this fall.

Jessica Wilson '99 would like to extend a big hello to her classmates in '99, her seniors from '98, and her dear freshmen from '00! She has been in Denver, Colorado, for the past five years and recently graduated from Denver Seminary. She is now the outreach pastor at Open Door Fellowship in downtown Denver, and is loving it!!

2000s

Kamay Plunkett '03 went to work full time for KU Dining Services in Lawrence, Kansas, after graduating in 2006 with her BGS in political science. She has always wanted to go back and finish her degree in sociology and with the help of a work scholarship, she was able to walk down the Campanile Hill in May with her sociology degree completed!



Amy McCray McLane '04, husband Scott McLane, and son Nicholas Bryson McLane

Amy McCray McLane

'04 graduated from Miller-Motte Technical College in Clarksville, Tennessee, in April 2011 with her Massage Therapy Certification. She became licensed in the state of Tennessee in June 2011. Upon the return of her husband Scott from his deployment to Afghanistan, they conceived. Nicholas Bryson McLane was born via C-section on December 22, 2011, at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. **Sally McCray Cannizzaro '01** is one proud auntie! They also were visited by honorary Cottey aunt **Tiffany Jackson Craig '04** in January 2012 while she was in Nashville, Tennessee, on business.

Jennifer Hudson Odland '06 moved to Eastern Washington after graduating from Cottey and attended a university there. She got married in her hometown July 2010, and now is pregnant with twins! Her due date is September 27. Jennifer works in accounting at 7 Cedars Casino and her husband studies engineering at the local college.



Jennifer Hudson Odland '06

Cassandra Bales '07 graduated with her M.A. in national security from the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C., in May 2012. The day after graduation she left for Oxford, England, for a four-week study abroad program. She is currently intensively job hunting and is hoping that she soon gets a job (that she enjoys) to pay off all those student loans.

Melody Griesdorn '09 started graduate school at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in January 2012 in the new Master of Science in community psychology program.

[Marriages & Births]

1990s



Kim Jerdee Johnson '95 and family

knot on February 29, 2012. Their cats, Grady and Bobert, were in attendance. After the marriage license was signed, the couple Skyped family and friends. They both opened a bottle of sparkling wine to make a toast and enjoy their cupcakes.

Casie Lester '98 and William "Son" Supernaw IV are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nashoba Waylon Supernaw. He was born on May 23, 2012, at 3:58 p.m. in Claremore, Oklahoma. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 21 inches long. Casie, William, and Nashoba reside in Skiatook, Oklahoma. Casie would love to hear from Cottey sisters, and can be reached at casie.renee@yahoo.com.



Nashoba Waylon Supernaw



Alexandra Jane Garber

Cheri Petrovich Garber '99 and husband Jason are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Alexandra Jane Garber, on August 31, 2011, at 2:13 p.m. Alexandra weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19.9 inches long.

2000s

Julie Lohr-Shelton '00 and husband Sam Shelton are pleased to announce the birth of their son Dean William Shelton. He arrived on May 26, 2012 (his actual due date), weighing 7 lbs., and 6 oz. He was 21.25 inches long. The proud parents can be reached at jujubug80@gmail.com or through Facebook.



Dean William Shelton

Jennifer Luellig Loker '01 writes, "We did it! Two hearts became one in a private ceremony in Thornton, Colorado, on March 10, 2012, when I married the love of my life, Zachary Loker. (photo left) Classmates **Priscilla Schenk '02** and **Charmaine Robledo '02** were in attendance. After we get settled in to our new home, I will be working with the high school girls' volleyball team as a volunteer coach while I continue to compete in the Colorado mountain volleyball double tournaments. In the fall, I will be returning to school in order to obtain my Nebraska teaching credentials."



Lindsay Pettigrew Zenelis '03 (Blair Lindsay Pettigrew) will be celebrating her first anniversary on August 6 with her husband George Zenelis. They were married last summer at Pohick Episcopal Church, which was founded by George Washington and George Mason, and their reception was at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant on the historic estate of George Washington. George and Lindsay both work as registered nurses at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia, where they met in 2008.



Pettigrew-Zenelis wedding party

Megan Pratt Clithero '04 and husband Randy Clithero would like to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Piper Sandra Ann. She was born on June 8, 2012, in Redmond, Oregon, and weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz.



Piper Sandra Ann Clithero

Melisabeth Wright Johnston '04 and her husband Skyler Johnston welcomed the birth of their first child Christopher William Arthur Johnston

on June 15, 2011. Arthur was 8 lbs., 4 oz., and 21 and a half inches long. He was born in Pueblo, Colorado, but the family has since moved to Menomonie, Wisconsin. His aunt is **Mickal-ace Wright '00**. Melisabeth encourages her classmates to find her on Facebook.



Christopher William Arthur Johnston

Summer Fun at Cottey!

Almost as soon as the students are out of the halls following Commencement, a new batch of students arrive. Every year about 100 adults come to spend a week on campus learning interesting and fun subjects from Cottey professors at Vacation College.

Vacation College is similar to the Elderhostel program in that it is adult learning for no academic credit. Unlike that program, however, there is no age requirement for participants at Cottey. Best of all, it's great fun living in the halls, eating the great Cottey cuisine, and learning from Cottey's outstanding educators.

"I am extremely impressed with Cottey College!" noted first-time attendee Karen Giebler. "The staff is kind and considerate. The food is GOURMET quality. The accommodations are immaculate! The campus and classrooms are well kept and also immaculate. I would recommend this campus whole heartedly."

See more of what happened during the week at www.cottey.edu/youth-adults/vacation-college and click on the Vacation 2012 link at the bottom of the page to view a PowerPoint presentation. Want to get on next year's mailing list? Contact the Office of P.E.O. Relations at 417-667-8181, ext. 2122 or e-mail peorelations@cottey.edu.



Ann Hunter learns to use a GPS device in her Vacation College class on geocaching.

Commencement Weekend

Meredith Auld Brokaw was the honored speaker at the 128th Commencement at Cottey College. Brokaw, a South Dakota native, attended Cottey in 1958-1959 and this was her first return visit to the College since she was a student.



Meredith Auld Brokaw '60

Brokaw noted in her address that some things about the physical appearance of the College had changed from 1959, but the things she valued most from her time as a student were still evident. Cottey has maintained its focus on educating women to become successful at whatever they wish to do. Whether a woman chooses to

concentrate on a career or family or both, Cottey graduates are prepared to make the right choices for themselves and to be successful with those choices. Brokaw told the students that her daughters did not have the same limitations women of her generation faced, and today's graduates enter a world with even more opportunities for women.

"We were so honored to have a speaker of Mrs. Brokaw's quality address our graduates," said Dr. Judy R. Rogers, president of Cottey College. "She is a highly accomplished woman and is a great example for our students, their families, guests, and the alumnae who had the privilege of hearing her speak."

Brokaw was involved for 16 years as vice-chair of Conservation International, a field-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect the earth's living heritage and its global biodiversity. She is also on the board of Maloto, Inc., whose mission is to transform the lives of children and women living in extreme poverty in northern Malawi by supporting programs that feed, educate, and

Please see Brokaw on page 11

At Commencement this year, Cottey said good-bye to two faculty members who retired after long tenures with the College. It was with respect and appreciation the Cottey community bid a fond farewell to **Dr. Catherine Campbell**, professor of French, and **Prof. Leroy Sikes**, associate professor of mathematics.

Dr. Campbell joined the faculty at Cottey in 1982. She was awarded three Lillian Corley Faculty Development Grants, was elected as the Blanche Hinman Dow honored speaker twice, and received the Governor's Teaching Award in 2002. She has served as chair of the faculty, chair of the Humanities Division, on the Strategic Planning Committee and numerous other committees, including multiple search committees and the Faculty Senate. Dr. Campbell authored a number of publications, including two books, four scholarly articles, and many book reviews. She presented papers at prestigious regional and national conferences and is currently serving as both the regional vice president and national president of Alpha Mu Gamma. Cottey is grateful for her years of dedicated service as an educator, faculty advisor, and colleague, and wish her well.

Prof. Sikes joined the faculty at Cottey in 1985. He was instrumental in developing the computer science program and establishment of the computer lab. He served on

10 Things We Love About Commencement

The Cottey community was asked to list the things they liked best about Commencement. Here are the top 10 answers from the respondents.

- 1 The Daisy Chain
- 2 Freshman and Senior Classes Singing to Each Other
- 3 Singing "Morning Has Broken"
- 4 Capping
- 5 Faculty Dressed Up Like Penguins
- 6 The Commencement Address from the Speaker
- 7 White Dresses
- 8 Proud Parents Taking Photos
- 9 Faculty & Staff Hiding Their Weepy Eyes
- 10 Singing the Alma Mater

the Advising, Library Advisory, Admission, Academic, and Computer Advisory Committees as well as the Faculty Senate and numerous search committees. His teaching style is valued by students and he is well respected by his colleagues and maintains membership in the Mathematics Association of America, regularly attends the Mathematics Technology Expo in Kansas City, and holds copyrights for several software packages. Mr. Sikes will be truly missed. Cottey is grateful for his years of dedicated service as an educator, faculty advisor, and colleague and wish him well.



Professor Leroy Sikes is pictured with Borislava Marchecheva at Commencement 2002. A photo of Dr. Catherine Campbell is on page 5.

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Home (Field), Sweet Home!

Imagine what it would be like to be part of an athletic team without a home field to play on. For the last three years, that's exactly what the Cottey Comets' softball team has been.

Bushwhacker Field at Lyons Stadium has been the de facto home of the Comets, but it's not really theirs. For starters, they have to schedule around the Nevada High School girls' softball team's sched-



Comets' softball player Kelly Spong presents Dorothy Dyer Vanek with her own personalized jersey.

ule as it is their home field and they have priority. Not only do they have to work around the high school game schedule, but the practice schedule as well. On top of that, the field is a few miles away from campus on the north end of Nevada. Not exactly walking distance for students who are just leaving class in the afternoon.

Thanks to Dorothy Dyer Vanek, however, the Comets will be playing on campus beginning in spring 2013. Her generous donation allowed Cottey to break ground on the new Vanek Family Memorial Field on March 31.

To give as many people as possible the opportunity to participate in this grand event, it was held on the Friday afternoon of Founder's Day Weekend. The Nevada

mayor, city manager, and the executive director of the local Chamber of Commerce were all on hand to give remarks. Second-year player Kelly Spong was selected to represent the team and tell Vanek how much the new field would mean to the Comets.

Members of the Comets mingled with the crowd beforehand, passing bags of peanuts and Cracker Jacks to the assembled throng, a nice touch on a beautiful spring afternoon. Just the kind of day that would have been perfect for a home doubleheader!

The Cottey choirs assembled and led the crowd in singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" before the honored guests addressed the crowd. After Spong's speech, she presented Vanek with her own personalized jersey from the Comets.

After that, it was time to get "dirty" and turn the soil to signify the beginning of the construction phase. Once the shovels had been turned, area media interviewed



Members of the Comets' softball team along with head coach Shelli Stanley (front row, left), Dr. Judy Rogers, president (front row, right), and Dorothy Dyer Vanek (back row, third from right), pose for a photo after breaking ground for the new Vanek Family Memorial Field on March 31.

Vanek and Dr. Rogers for the evening broadcasts and the next day's papers.

As of the *Viewpoint* deadline (June 18), the excavation has been completed and forms have been set and some concrete poured for the dugouts and backstop. The infield's location is clearly visible as well. We will publish a photo of the work to date in the fall issue.

Even though most of the construction will be complete by the opening of school in late August, the grass will have just been seeded in the outfield and will need time to grow before play can take place. However, once spring comes around, the Comets will be able to lace up their cleats in Hinkhouse and walk across the street to play in front of a partisan home crowd.

Barcelona Bound

Second-year Cottey students, along with selected faculty and staff, visited Barcelona, Spain, on March 4-11. Barcelona was the 2012 location for the International Experience trip. For 12 years, Cottey has taken second-year students to visit a European city for the first week of spring break. While there, they take a minimum of two educational modules prepared by the faculty and staff, participate in both a walking tour and bus

tour of the city, and attend a dinner and/or cultural event as a group.



Molly Zimmerman explores Castell de Montjuic. "This was one of my favorite places," she said.

This was the first year that the College selected Barcelona as the venue for the trip, and it was a popular choice. First because the weather was perfect every day, with blue skies and highs in the mid-60s. But second, because it is a city rich in history and culture.

Students learned that Barcelona dates back over 2200 years, and that Catalan, not Spanish, is the native language of the region. After the Spanish Civil War, Franco tried to eliminate the Catalan language and culture, but parts of it lived on both in secret and in the open. The world-renown Barcelona soccer club (FCB) contained symbols and colors of the Catalan state, thus earning the team the slogan, "More than just a team."

FCB played a match against a German squad that week, and two lucky students were actually able to buy tickets to the sold-out game. Others had to watch the game on television.

Too soon the week was over, but the students will long remember their trip to this beautiful, historic city.



Cottey students line up for a drink, not because they're thirsty, but because legend has it that those who drink from this fountain on Las Ramblas will return again to Barcelona.

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empower. Brokaw established the tomato canning project initiative, a micro finance business, which is partnered with the Kwithu Women's Group.

Brokaw is an emeritus board member of WNET and was chair of their Education Committee for over ten years. She was also a director of the Gannett Company for 18 years.

Founder and operator until 1999 of Penny Whistle Toys in New York City, she also wrote eight Penny Whistle books for children. In 2006 she co-authored a cookbook titled *Big Sky Cooking*. A native of Yankton, South Dakota, Meredith is married to Tom Brokaw of NBC News. They have three daughters and four granddaughters.



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Fatema Weish, a second-year Cottery student from Kabul, Afghanistan, met with a group of National Guard soldiers at Camp Clark, Nevada, Missouri, who were preparing to deploy to Afghanistan on March 2. Weish met with members of the Missouri Agricultural Development Team VI and answered questions about everything from "Is the US doing a good job?" to "Do you like American music?" Weish also gave advice on Afghan customs and food.

Sylvia Martin '65, who works at Cottery as a part-time library assistant and served as Weish's host mother, told Weish about the National Guard's agricultural mission to Afghanistan following a Chamber of Commerce event at the camp. When Weish heard this, she asked if she could visit the camp to thank the commander for his assistance to the farmers in her homeland. She was then invited to meet members of the team and answer questions.

VIEWPOINT

Cottery College: For Women, By Women, About Women

Cottery College Alumnae Newspaper

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There is Still Time

to help a young woman enroll at Cottery, find her voice, become a leader, and achieve her dreams.

Hey, Cottery alumna! Do you remember what a transforming experience it was for you to come to Cottery College? Do you remember taking rigorous, thought-provoking courses, becoming a leader in a club your freshman year, making some of the best friends you've ever had, and generally having the time of your life? Yes? Have you shared that with a prospective student? If not, why not? (If you have, thanks; but don't stop just because it's summer.)

There are still spaces left in this fall's freshman class. That is so wrong. It's wrong because there are women out there who will miss the opportunity to have their own defining moment at Cottery College. An empty seat in a classroom is a wasted opportunity for a young woman who could have benefitted from the incredible education available at Cottery.

Here are a couple of things the Office of Enrollment Management would like you to know:

1. **There is still time to enroll a student at Cottery College for fall 2012.**
2. **There is still financial aid available.**

Do you know a young woman who is still trying to decide where to go this fall? (Trust us, there are more of them out there than you realize.) Here's what you tell her.

"I know this amazing college in Missouri where I got an incredible education. You can still enroll there for the fall and you can still qualify for and receive financial aid. Here's the web address (www.cottery.edu) and the toll-free phone number (1-888-526-8839). I really think it's a place you should check out."



A prospective student visits with Dr. Trisha Stubblefield at the spring "C" for Yourself! Weekend.

Not so tough, right? You have nothing to lose by asking all those recently graduated high school girls if they know where they will be attending college in the fall. If they respond with an "I don't know," or an "I'm not sure," just repeat the paragraph above. It wouldn't hurt to get their contact information and send it to the friendly folks in the admission office too. You can e-mail it to enrollmgt@cottery.edu or call the toll-free number listed above. You can also send it using the coupon on page 2.

Most likely, someone did the same for you, and because of that, you got to take advantage of two incredible years on this campus. Isn't it time to pay it forward and let someone else reap the benefit? (Plus, now students can take advantage of FOUR incredible years in selected majors.) There is still time, but the clock is ticking. Help a student get here for the fall semester.