



My Defining Moment

Note from the Editor: Cottey recently announced a comprehensive campaign called "A Defining Moment." **Kristine Anderson Fulton '89**, assistant vice president for institutional advancement, was discussing the title.

"You know," said Fulton, "if you gathered a room full of alumnae, I would bet that every one of them could point to a defining moment at Cottey College."

Following up, **Carrie Reeves '96**, coordinator of alumnae relations, e-mailed a request to 1400 Cottey alumnae. "What was your defining moment?" we asked. The results were almost instantaneous and overwhelming. Compiled into one single-spaced document those responses totaled **17 pages**. Unfortunately, space would not permit us to print them all in this issue. A selection is below, and as space permits in future issues, we will print more. Thanks to all of you who shared your defining moments with us. ~Steve Reed, *Viewpoint* editor

When I came to Cottey in September 1958, the experience of being my own taskmaster, providing my own discipline in study was new to me; this was an important habit to acquire for academic success and work. Plus, somewhere during the fall 1958 semester, I found a love of learning, and that has never left me! I learned to invest in MYSELF, and that I must never stop learning and growing; this has made life through all its seasons an exciting, wonderful experience. Cottey really set me up for living a purposeful LIFE!

Sheila Thompson Findley Risser '60

I was 16 years old when I arrived at Cottey in the fall of 1961. In high school I was shy, quiet, and couldn't speak in front of a class to save my life. My English teacher would tell me to sit down and come in after school because she was afraid I would faint.

During my first few days at Cottey, I realized that no one there knew me and I could be whatever I wanted. I took public speaking—and got an A. I stepped up and participated in many activities, enjoying them all. I made lots of friends

and in the spring of 1962 was elected president of Reeves Hall for the ensuing year. That gave me a seat on the student senate and a leadership role in the student body.

I went on to KU and minored in municipal recreation, worked for the City of Lawrence and eventually came to my current position of the executive director of the Y in Leavenworth. I speak, promote, publicize, preside, mentor and have had leadership positions throughout the community. None of this would have happened had I not realized those first few days at Cottey that I could be whatever I wanted to be.

Pat Rehm Barnhardt '63

My first semester at Cottey I was enrolled in Dr. Helen Troesch's Beginning Speech class. The first day of class Dr. Troesch (a handsome but imposing figure) stood before the class and told us all of her rules and expectations. Then, arms folded in front of her, she said, in her deep, rich voice "Now, if any of you think you cannot take my criticism you better get up and leave right now."



Dr. Helen Troesch applies makeup to a Cottey actress.

I got up and left. As I walked down that long center aisle of the classroom I could hear her guffawing.

The next day, in the congestion of classes passing in Old Main, I felt someone grasp my hand. It was Dr. Troesch. She said, "You...you are the one that got up and left! I have been doing that for 25 years and no one has ever had the guts to get up and leave."

My leaving was certainly my loss. I studied speech with her the next three semesters but missed out on that one. I grew to love her; any alum who studied with her would appreciate that story.

Kay (Livgren) Horner '58

During my time at Cottey, I met Dr. Helen Troesch, who taught speech. I got the award that year for the most improvement in the speaking voice. I spoke in a high-pitched, fast manner, and she taught me to lower my pitch and speak quietly. Because she was the theatre director, I volunteered to wash flats, work with props, all that backstage stuff. I had originally planned on a career in

medicine, but I found myself more and more interested in the stage. One day, while washing flats, Dr. Troesch came to me and told me I was to play the lead in the melodrama, "The Two Orphans." I had never been onstage before and it scared me silly, but I went to work on it. I suppose I did fairly well, except that during one performance, in a scene with the hero, I was supposed to ask him to save me "from one who would make me his wife." Instead, I said "from one who would make me his husband." It brought down the house. But the worst part was, I broke character because I couldn't quite keep

from laughing a bit myself. Afterward, I got quite a drubbing from Dr. Troesch, but I deserved it. After that, I stayed backstage, though I was truly bitten by the theatre bug.

Marjorie Allen '49

On a sunny day in September, over forty years ago, I arrived on the campus of



Machiko "Miki" Kashiwagi '62

Cottey College. Starting from Tokyo, Japan, after a long journey across the Pacific Ocean, a long train ride half way across the continent and an anxious bus ride from Kansas City, I was finally at the destination. Although I had finished a year of university education in Japan and had some confidence in my academic preparation, my English was quite poor. I had never traveled outside of Japan and had no experience living away from my parents. The people I met along the way, the P.E.O. members who met me at the Vancouver pier, another P.E.O. member who provided me with an overnight accommodation at her Kansas City home and Mrs. Berry with her unforgettable big smile who came with her daughter to meet me at the Nevada bus depot, all were uncompromisingly gracious toward me. I am still to this day grateful for their hospitality and friendship. Yet, on that sunny day, standing in front of Robertson Hall, I was not just tired but I felt full burden of worry about my future.

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New Members of the Board of Trustees



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Susan Reese Sellers, Houston, Texas, is the first vice president of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She assumed an ex-officio position on the Cottey College Board of Trustees in 2009.

A Missouri native, Ms. Sellers was born in Lebanon, Missouri, and initiated into Chapter EO, Lebanon, the chapter of her mother and grandmother, in 1966. Ms. Sellers has been a member of Chapter CN, Ponca City, Oklahoma, and a charter member of Chapter GK, Spokane, Washington, before moving to Houston and admitting to Chapter ES in 1976.

Ms. Sellers has served P.E.O. at the local, state and international levels. She is a past president of Texas State Chapter (1989-90), she served as the chairman of the Special Committee on Membership Research, the Special Committee to In-

ventory Texas State Chapter Archives (served as chairman of the Finance Committee) and the Texas State Chapter History Book Committee, and was president of the Texas P.E.O. Home Board of Directors. At the International level, Ms. Sellers has been a member of the board of trustees for the P.E.O. Scholar Awards, as well as serving on the Special Committee on Electronic Communications and the Nominating Committee. She was elected to the Executive Board of International Chapter in 2003.

Ms. Sellers received an associate's degree from William Woods University—a women's college at the time—in Fulton, Missouri, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She was employed as a preschool and elementary teacher in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas, and then served in administrative capacities for two Houston-based energy companies.

Ms. Sellers is active in her church, Houston's John Wesley United Methodist Church, where she is a member of the chancel choir and plays handbells with the Angelus Bells; she is a member of ECI Keep Pace Advisory Board, a program serving children under the age of three with developmental delays; and also enjoys needlepoint, antiques, reading, and travel.



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Greg Hoffman of Nevada, Missouri, was appointed to the Cottey College Board of Trustees in 2009.

Mr. Hoffman is the principal at Hoffman Financial Resources, a wealth management firm in Nevada, Missouri, affiliated with LPL Financial. Hoffman Financial Resources manages approximately \$95 million in assets for its clients and specializes in retirement planning and helping successful people and businesses build, preserve, and transfer wealth.

Mr. Hoffman is a member of LPL Financial's Chairman's Club, a prestigious status reserved for only the top four percent of LPL's 11,920 advisors (based on prior year production). He is also a member of

PEAK Quest for Excellence, a consulting organization for top wealth advisors whose firms have met certain standards of excellence.

Mr. Hoffman earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Missouri, graduating cum laude, and was an honors graduate at Pittsburg State University where he earned his Master of Science. He holds professional designations as Wealth Management Specialist (WMS) and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC).

Mr. Hoffman has lived in Nevada since 1981. He and wife Melissa have three children. Hoffman is active in many local organizations including the Lions Club, Salvation Army, and the Nevada/Vernon County Chamber of Commerce. He was honored with the Rotary Citizen of the Year Award in 2005 and the Wayne Neal Impact Award in 2007. In his spare time, Hoffman enjoys reading, exercising, and playing outside.

Faculty/Staff Notes

Jo Byrnes, assistant professor of dance, has accepted the position of dance chair for the Missouri Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MOAHPERD).

Dr. Catherine Campbell, professor of French, attended the 32nd biennial convention of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national honor society for foreign language students, held at Fairfield College in Fairfield, Connecticut. As National President, she presided over two meetings of the Executive Council and the concluding presentation at lunch on Saturday, which included the naming and swearing in of the new officers.

As a former president she is a permanent member of that Executive Council. The next convention will be at Los Angeles City College, home of Alpha Chapter, in 2011-12.

In Memoriam, Linda Platt



Elisa LeDesky '09 poses with Linda Platt last year.

Linda Marie (Gray) Platt, 50, of Nevada, Missouri, died from complications of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) on October 22, 2009. She was born to Wilbur and Josephine Gray on August 12, 1959, in Pierre, South Dakota. She married William Earl Platt, of Wichita, Kansas, on August 20, 1977, in Rapid City, South Dakota. From this union three children were born: Andrew Thomas, Tabitha Michelle and Jennifer Julia. She would claim that these were the inspirations of her life.

Her faith and personality were a daily testimony to God and her family. She cherished being a servant, a wife, and a mother. Within the last few years of her life she would shine as the

service learning coordinator at Cottey College. The experiences and gifts that were shaped as a preacher's wife and a mother would be magnified by her opportunities to serve at Cottey and in the community of Nevada.

The following are her feelings as to the disease that would claim her life: "When I was first diagnosed with this disease, I had many people question the 'why' of it all. And I never personally questioned why, as much as the frustration of giving up dreams. However, my ready response has always been 'why not' me? I have never believed you can take only the good and not the bad of life. Life has a way of dealing out both. Upon contemplation of what I was to do with this news, I understood that my task was still the same. Proverbs 1:7 tells us that we are to start anything with God, that He is really what it is all about. So if I properly understood the scriptures, my task, even though I was ill, was to continue to worship God and to do what He asked me to do, which was to tell others about Him. I have tried hard to do this well. I request that you join in the celebration of my life by worshipping our Lord, who gives us hope among so many other things."

Linda is survived by her husband, Bill, of 32 years; her children, Andy and wife Annie of Fairfax, Virginia; Abi, of Nevada; Jae and her husband David Miller, of Florissant, Missouri; and her mother Josephine Anne Gray, of Camby, Oregon. Linda was the oldest of four children. Her surviving siblings are: Gary Wayne Gray, of Simla, Colorado; Holly Jean Meyer, of Rapid City, South Dakota; and Karin Anne Burnes, of Camby, Oregon. Among Linda's final tasks was to have a five-generation photo with her grandmother Dorothy Monsen, of Custer, South Dakota; and her grandchildren, Elena and Ronan Tai Miller, of Florissant, Missouri. Grandmother Opal Duncan, of Spearfish, South Dakota; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws also survive Linda. Linda was preceded in death by her father Wilbur Warren Gray, of Blackhawk, South Dakota; grandfathers Harold Duncan and Glide Gray; and grandmother Catherine (Sheridan) Gray.

Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church of Nevada on October 27.

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To suggest story ideas: contact the Office of Public Information

Recruit a Student!

by Judy R. Rogers, Ph.D.

I had a very good time recently meeting with prospective students and their families as they explored Cottey for the first time. This was a small group, not nearly the size of a "C" for Yourself! turnout, and so we met in the boardroom just outside my office. I started, as I usually do when I welcome a group of prospective students, by suggesting what special features of Cottey I think they should ask questions about as they tour campus and meet faculty, staff, and students during the day.

My list always includes explaining the focus of the liberal arts, the defining differences that being a very small college make, and the advantages or disadvantages of attending a women's college. I explained that Cottey, as a liberal arts college, truly focuses on the general education component that provides the foundational knowledge and skills for their major field of study, while, in most cases, permitting them to begin courses in their majors. (As I asked the prospective students around the table about their intended fields of study, I found that Cottey's curriculum would accommodate their interests.) I elaborated on the meaning of being truly small and found that one of our prospects had already attended a larger college and was willing to share her positive opinion of a small college.

I got more reaction and knowing smiles when I talked about being a women's college. This was clearly a topic on their minds. I explained that the real dif-

ference was there are no males in their classes, and this changes the learning experiences and their level of participation. I recommended they consult the Web site of the Women's College Coalition [www.womenscolleges.org] for articles, research, and testimonials about women's colleges. I ended, as I usually do, by recommending that they not rule Cottey out as too expensive until they actually speak with our director of financial aid about a financial aid package. Cottey has generous financial aid and 97 percent of our students receive financial aid.

I finished my welcome and left the room feeling really positive because I had had the opportunity to tell some young women about Cottey. I believe in the education and the learning opportunities

that Cottey offers so strongly that it actually makes me feel good to talk to young women who can take advantage of them. I invite you to share information about Cottey with a young woman or perhaps her parents. This could be the daughter of a friend, a young woman in your neighborhood, or someone who checks out your groceries. I invite you to share information about Cottey. If you don't want to go into detail, just suggest that she visit the Web site at www.cottey.edu where there is a great deal of information and links to follow that will allow her to learn about Cottey on her own.

If you do find a prospective student who is interested in Cottey, then you can help her immensely by becoming her mentor during the admission process. Being a

Steps Leading to Cottey

- Apply online at www.cottey.edu or by completing the paper application. It is best to apply as early as possible. Cottey's priority deadline is December 31.
- Send application fee of \$20.00 with application.
- Send ACT/SAT scores to the Enrollment Management office.
- Send an official copy of the high school transcript to the Enrollment Management office. Official copies can be faxed with a cover letter from the high school stating that the transcripts are official.
Office of Enrollment Management
1000 West Austin Blvd
Nevada, MO 64772 Fax (417) 448-1025
- Request a teacher or counselor evaluation form or letters of recommendation. These can be mailed to Cottey College or e-mailed to the Cottey admission representative.
- In some cases, a one-page personal statement may be requested.

A mentor should help the prospect with every step to ensure it is completed on time. It is ideal to send in a deposit before December 31 and to file financial aid information no later than March 1.

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junior or senior in high school makes strong demands on young women, and they may need your assistance to stay focused on the necessary steps to take to apply and proceed through the process. They may also procrastinate and not send in information in time to be considered for the best scholarships and placements. Help her follow the necessary admission steps in a timely manner. (See box at left.)

I realize I am asking for a time commitment, but I truly believe the commitment is worth the effort. I have seen the hugs that Cottey students give alumnae and P.E.O.s who have helped them come to Cottey, and those hugs are special!

Yes, You Can!

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

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

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 _____

Your e-mail address _____

Please return to: Office of Enrollment Management, Cottey College,
1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772

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In her message above, Dr. Rogers encourages alumnae and P.E.O.s to recruit a student for Cottey College. "I don't know any young women of college age," you might be thinking, or, "I wouldn't know what to say." If so, read the story of Christine (Chris) McGee, a first-year student from Maine.

McGee was waitressing in a restaurant on Cape Cod when she served Jim and Sally Perry. As she waited on them, McGee talked about her interest in attending college someday. Fortunately for McGee, Sally Perry was a P.E.O. Even better, Perry was a P.E.O. who told McGee about Cottey College.

Intrigued by the possibility, McGee followed up, applied to Cottey, and received a financial aid offer. Still, she judged that Cottey was out of reach because the aid package included loans. With no parents and two sisters who needed her help, she was concerned about repaying loans. She told the enrollment management staff that she would not be coming to



Chris McGee
Class of 2011

Cottey. Then all systems went to work: Cottey staff worked with McGee, the Perrys, and Massachusetts P.E.O.s to raise the remaining funds needed for her tuition.

Every young woman you meet, no matter how chance the meeting, is a potential student. Spread the word about Cottey. Yes, you can recruit a student!

A Defining Moment is Coming to You

by Carla Bryant Farmer

Campaign Manager/Senior Major Gifts Officer

A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College, a campaign to raise \$35 million, is truly historic in several ways. In the 125-year history of Cottey College, this is the first *comprehensive* campaign ever conducted. However, fundraising efforts have always been an essential function of the College beginning with Virginia Alice Cottey, who understood that for her school to grow, she must enlist the financial support of the community through the sale of scholarships.

Again in 1927, when she gave the College to the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Virginia Alice asked that they raise an endowment of \$200,000 to support the functions of the College. In more recent years, funds were successfully raised to build the Rubie Burton Academic Center.

What makes this campaign unique is that it encompasses fundraising for scholarships, faculty chairs, library endowment, a new fine arts instructional building as well as unrestricted funding to cover annual costs of operating the College. This campaign will chart the course of the College for years to come.

This is our defining moment. Cottey *must* grow. Cottey *must* develop new academic programs that young women seek in the 21st century. Cottey *must* be able to offer an academic learning environment equal to or superior to other women's colleges. With fewer than 50 women's colleges still in existence today, we must take bold steps to preserve the Cottey experience.

To achieve these goals, we will spread the word about Cottey and the Campaign to P.E.O.s, alumnae, and friends. Over the next five years, Cottey will host Awareness Events across the country that are regional in scope. We will invite alumnae, P.E.O.s and friends of the College to come and learn more about their College and the campaign. This is also "a defining moment" for the P.E.O. Sisterhood because Cottey's efforts to gain visibility and recognition will heighten awareness of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

We have already hosted our first two Awareness Events in Coronado, California, and Kansas City, Kansas. Both were very well attended and met with enthusiastic response from guests who were excited about the future of their College.

Leading the awareness efforts is Jan Goodsell, past state president from Tennessee



Job Opportunities with Cottey College

Senior Admission Representative

Cottey College is seeking a senior 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 admission is recommended; experience in marketing or sales is 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.

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Coordinator of Alumnae Relations

Cottey College seeks a coordinator of alumnae relations. Duties of the coordinator include, but are not limited to, planning and directing alumnae activities on and off campus; fundraising for the comprehensive campaign; and maintaining communications and records related to alumnae.

Position requires some travel; excellent written, interpersonal, and oral communication and public speaking skills; and event planning. Strong computer skills and experience with word processing, spreadsheets, database software, and web content management preferred. Team player, tact, diplomacy, discretion, and a sense of humor are invaluable attributes. Bachelor's degree and valid driver's license required. Two years previous work experience in alumnae relations is preferred. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Interested candidates should send letter of application, résumé, and three letters of reference to: Director of Human Resources, Cottey College, 1000 West Austin, Nevada, MO 64772

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Left to right: Jane Prichard, Jean Glow, and Margo Pagnini enjoy refreshments at the Coronado, California, Awareness Event last month.

and member of Chapter AQ. Jan is creating a network of P.E.O.s and alumnae across the country to assist with the planning of these events – both large and small in size. Jan, who does not allow any grass to grow under her feet, is an active tennis player and a USTA local community coordinator for the Tennessee Tennis Association. She has lived in several states during her husband's career in soil contracting, and came to Tennessee when he was a superintendent for the construction of Interstate 26, so she has her geography down pat.

Possessed of a vibrant spirit, Jan has a passion for Cottey College and the campaign that is contagious. She inspires others through her words. In a recent e-mail Jan wrote to her committee members, "We will plan special events geared to the heart and the head to inform others about Cottey so that people will elevate Cottey to a higher level, a level of greatness."

We are so fortunate to have volunteers like Jan who will help us bring the message of *A Defining Moment* to you.

Another communication tool that has been developed is the campaign Web site which can be accessed by going to the home page of www.cottey.edu and clicking on the defining moment icon. On this site you will find updates about the campaign, the campaign video, inspiring testimonials from donors, information on upcoming awareness events, along with pictures from these events.

The newest feature on the Web site is a blog by Cottey President Dr. Judy Rogers called "Behind the Red Glasses." In her blog, she chronicles her experiences and reactions as we progress through this exciting time. Keep watching for upcoming blogs from our campaign chairman, Barbara Andes, past president of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. We promise to keep our campaign site fresh and exciting to keep you coming back for more information.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting time in Cottey's history, Jan and I would love to hear from you. Whether you are interested in hosting an event, in charge of the program for an alumnae or reciprocity group, or helping in other ways, we are eager to work with you to share the campaign message.

For more information, I can be reached at 417-448-1418 or e-mail me at cfarmer@cottey.edu. Please join us as we build a future of greatness for Cottey College.

Cottey Can Help You Study Abroad

Have you been envious the last few years as you've read about the Cottey trips to Europe and wished you could have the same experience? Has it been your dream to study abroad? Have you been accepted to a university in another country and are now wondering how to pay for it? If so, you are encouraged to apply for the Lucille H. Smith Scholarship for Foreign Study.

As an alumna, you may be eligible for this scholarship, established by the Illi-

nois State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in honor of Lucille H. Smith, past president of International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. The scholarship is available to a Cottey alumna who will study abroad. Applications may be obtained from Cottey's Office of Financial Aid after February 1, 2010.

To request an application, write to:
Office of Financial Aid
Cottey College
1000 W. Austin
Nevada, MO 64772.

A Four-Year College?

“Is Cottey becoming a four-year college?” is a question several Cottey staff members have heard lately from alumnae and P.E.O.s. That question has been driven by the announcement that Cottey is considering the addition of new programs, some of which may become Baccalaureate programs. However, Cottey will remain a two-year college offering the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees.



national Relations and Business with an emphasis in International Politics or in International Commerce; and Environmental Studies and Practice.

When you are speaking with prospective students please be careful **not** to say that Cottey is offering Baccalaureate

When you are speaking with prospective students please be careful not to say that Cottey is offering Baccalaureate degree programs, since the College is not doing so at this time.

degree programs, since the College is not doing so at this time. You can tell students that Cottey is in the process of receiving approval to offer some upper level courses next year and is seeking

accreditation to award Baccalaureate degrees in English, International Relations and Business, and Environmental Studies.

Cottey could be denied approval or approved for one or more of the three programs. Cottey may advertise and promote the programs to students and in our materials after that notification, **not before.**

Cottey will continue to promote and support its associate degree programs with the same quality and offerings that it has currently. For the immediate future, current students should plan for their transfer as usual, following the completion of their associate degree.

The *Viewpoint* will continue to update its readers as more information becomes available.

Cottey is investigating the possibility of adding a limited number of upper-level classes in the next year or two. One of the keys to adding any Baccalaureate program is receiving accreditation from The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Cottey's regional accrediting agency. As of now, Cottey has initiated discussions with the Higher Learning Commission regarding its goal of adding Baccalaureate programs to the curriculum in the future. Cottey's liaison to the Higher Learning Commission has agreed to approve up to 15 upper level courses which may be offered as soon as the 2010-2011 academic year.

Cottey will create position descriptions and job ads for three new positions to begin in the 2010-11 academic year. The College will have a focused visit on January 24-25, 2011, for the purpose of the visiting team making a recommendation to the Higher Learning Commission about Cottey's accreditation status vis-à-vis these programs. The Higher Learning Commission will review the recommendations of the visiting team at its spring meeting in March or April 2011.

The three programs for which Cottey will seek accreditation are: English with an emphasis in Women Writers; Inter-

Current Students Request Your Memories

It began innocently enough. Our English professor assigned us a three-page paper that would've explained one aspect of Cottey's history. But once we were in the archives, surrounded by amazing items from the past, our curiosity overcame us. We began to ask questions: what was life like at Cottey in the past? How have certain traditions changed over time? What specific clubs and activities have endured throughout the years? So to find the answers to these questions, we turn to you: Cottey College alumnae.

- What memories of campus activities did you have?
- During your time at Cottey, how was intersociety run?
- What events were held?
- Who was in charge of certain events?

We would greatly appreciate any answers you have for us. You may direct e-mails to cottey_questions@yahoo.com or write to Carrie Reeves, Cottey's coordinator of alumnae relations. She will make sure we get any mail. Thank you so much for your continued support of Cottey College.

~Molly Jones '11, Brielle Farrell '10, and Edie Jones '10

Founder's Day Weekend 2010 Save the Date!

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

Although the schedule has changed, the fun and the spirit of Founder's Day Weekend have not. Mark your calendars for March 26-28 for a great weekend. An online registration form will be available after the first of January. Log onto the Cottey Community after January 1 for full instructions.



You don't have to be a junior birdman (or even know the words to the song) to reconnect with classmates and other Cottey friends at Founder's Day Weekend.

Founder's Day Weekend 2010

Friday, March 26

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

Saturday, March 27

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

Sunday, March 28

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

A Message From Your CCAA

Jan Ensminger, president – The Fall Cottey College Alumnae Association (CCAA) Board Meeting was held in October on campus. All eight board members were in attendance and four of the members are new to the board this year. We reviewed the bylaws and made a few changes which will be presented at Founder's Day. We are all enthusiastic and excited about representing our Cottey sisters and working together to continue to make Cottey College a "life changing" experience for more young women in the future.

Jen Charpentier, vice president – Founder's Day – Hold these dates: March 26, 27, 28, 2010, for a cram-packed weekend of fun, friends, food, and singing. Founder's Day is fast approaching; contact your classmates and make those airline reservations. Pay special attention to the letters that your class agent will be sending you. There will be many opportunities to see the "new" as well as reminisce with "old" friends. It's an exciting time to be a Cottey alum. See you there.

Caroline Taylor, secretary – CCAA Executive Board members volunteer much time and energy to their duties, many of them for a full six years. We want to keep them informed after their term is over and hope they will continue with their enthusiasm and support for Cottey. Karel Lowery, a past board president, has agreed to be the contact person for former board members. I look forward to working with Karel and providing her with meeting information and board activities.

Michele Hart, class agent coordinator – Most of you know who your class agent is but do you know what they do? The agent program used to consist of Cottey alumnae who would serve as host during your Founder's Day Reunions but now their jobs have grown into much more. As an agent they help find lost alumna, organize a class gift or campaign, build class comradery, and write letters several times a year. These fine ladies also serve five-year terms which is no easy feat. As an agent you do have to commit to some extra work but it is so much fun that many agents stay on and serve



Your Cottey College Alumnae Association Executive Board. Left to right: Betzy Fry, Diane Sampson, Karma Quick, Jan Ensminger, Adele Dolan, Jen Charpentier, Caroline Taylor, and Michele Hart.

many terms. If you are interested in being an agent in the future please let the College know.

Betzy Fry, director – alumnae gatherings: In the coming year, the CCAA will facilitate gatherings with Cottey women in various cities. You'll make new friends, meet women from many classes who live near you, share your Cottey memories and reconnect with the College. How fun to gather informally and talk about Cottey! Details coming soon!

Karma Quick, citations chair – Did you know that the Alumnae Board recognizes alumnae and friends of Cottey through five citation awards each year? That's right -- five awards! These citation awards are given out at the Presentation

Luncheon during Founder's Weekend. They include the Alumna Service Citation, the Outstanding Young Alumna Citation, the Distinguished Alumna Citation, the Honorary Alumna Citation, and the Friend of the College Citation. More information on these awards can be found at: <http://www.cottey.edu/home/alumnae/events.html>. The Alumnae Board is still searching for nominees for each of these citations awards, so please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Alumnae Relations at (417) 667-8181, ext. 2122 or alumnae@cottey.edu if you know of an outstanding Cottey alumna or other deserving candidate for these awards. Our Cottey graduates and friends are incredible women and people who have given a great deal to Cottey and community. Let's make sure they are recognized for all they have done!

Diane Sampson, treasurer – CCAA is pleased to sponsor scholarships for Vacation College which are chosen at our spring meeting from applicants who have expressed interest in attending this annual event. In addition, we provide monetary awards to our citation winners who are able to select Cottey College projects to receive this grant. A Rosemary Suite care package is furnished to the suite during finals week in May. Funding for these projects is derived from sales of Cottey gifts and mementos available at our Founder's Day celebration. We welcome your support of these activities.

Summer Programs Reminder – Mark Your Calendar for Fun!

Despite the cooling temperatures and the falling foliage, Cottey is already getting warmed up for another fun-packed summer of learning. For alumnae, P.E.O.s, and friends, Vacation College is a weeklong residential program led by Cottey faculty and staff. For high school-age girls, Cottey's summer programs in dance, music, and science provide ad-

vanced instruction by Cottey professors and professionals. While you take care of your guests this holiday season, make plans to let the Cottey College family take care of you this summer!

Cottey Vacation College

Who said you can't have your cake and eat it too - and at Cottey you will definitely want the cake! Vacation College is a great opportunity to experience the life of a Cottey student while being surrounded by sisters from across the country. Information and class schedules will be available in January. For information, contact the Office of P.E.O. Relations, Cottey College, 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772. You may also e-mail the office at peorelations@cottey.edu or phone 417-667-8181, ext. 2122. This year's Vacation College dates are May 18-23, 2010. Early registration is March 15, 2010.

Summer Programs for Girls

Cottey again offers outstanding weeklong programs for girls the week of June 13-19, 2010. Exploring Careers in Science is for girls currently in grades eight, nine, ten, and eleven, interested in exploring various science professions. Activities

include hands-on experiments, lectures from professionals, and discussion sessions. The Music and Dance Workshops are for girls currently in grades nine, ten, and eleven who wish to study music or dance in a college environment. Participants will push their creativity through technique classes, repertoire, theory, and performance. For information about these

programs, contact the Office of P.E.O. Relations at the address listed previously. The early registration deadline is April 15, 2010.

Additional information on all programs will be available on www.cottey.edu in the summer programs page beginning mid-January.



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You'll be treated like royalty at Vacation College! This year's dates are May 18-23, 2010. Applications will be online in early January.

Cottey's Oldest Alumna Discovered in Oregon

If not for modern technology, Cottey might never have found the woman who is believed to be the College's oldest living alumna, **Delma Lowman Kollar '21**.

A Google Alert notified the Office of Public Information that Cottey College was mentioned in an article from *The Creswell Chronicle*, Creswell, Oregon. The feature investigated whether Kollar, a Creswell resident, may actually be 112 years old, instead of 111.



Delma Lowman Kollar, pictured in the 1920 *Sphinx*.

Staff in the Office of Alumnae Relations did a little digging and from the limited records discovered that Kollar attended Cottey in 1919-1920. She is listed as a junior in the 1920 *Sphinx*, the Cottey yearbook. The *Sphinx* lists Kollar's nickname as "Ol' Sport," her characteristic as her voice, her favorite expression as "Darn me!" and her ambition was to become a Bible teacher.

The following information on Kollar's life is from the article in *The Creswell Chronicle* and is reprinted with permission.

Originally thought to have been born in 1898, Creswell Health and Rehabilitation Center resident Delma Kollar apparently became a supercentenarian, someone who has attained the age of at least 110, on her October 31, 2008, birthday. However, when Robert Young, gerontology researcher for the Gerontology Research Group and senior claims investigator for Guinness World Records examined census documents to verify her claim, he discovered that several census records indicate that she was actually born in 1897, making her a year older than previously believed.

The confusion about the year of her birth arose from the fact that she was born in a relatively remote location in Kansas, and the state didn't begin issuing birth certificates until 1906. That means that as of her birthday, Kollar was listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the 13th oldest resident of the United States, and the 28th oldest person in the world.

Born October 31, 1897, in a homesteaders' log cabin in Lone Elm, Kansas, Delma Dorothie Lowman Hoggatt Kollar was the fourth of six children. She grew up on a farm, and rode her horse bareback to school.

After high school, she attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri, earning a teaching certificate. Her first teaching job was in a two-room schoolhouse in Prairiedell, Kansas.

She later earned college degrees in biology and English from Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas, and was a school teacher for more than 25 years in Kansas and California.

In 1923, she married William "Earl" Hoggatt, whom she met in college during a science project about amoebas. Hoggatt was also a teacher, who later became a school superintendent. He died in 1966 at age 67. The couple had three children, Jean Cooper, Earlene Duncan, and Bill Hoggatt. Duncan and Hoggatt are deceased.

Kollar later married Harry Kollar, with whom she moved to Waltherville, Oregon, in 1982. After her second husband's death in 1986, she lived alone until she was 104 years old.

Described by family members and friends as possessing devout faith, a great sense of humor and a kind heart toward those in need, Kollar was active for many years in the Waltherville Presbyterian Church, the Waltherville Grange and Lane County Extension Service.

Despite her diminished sight and hearing, Kollar is in excellent health and still possesses beautiful skin and hair.

Kollar has a single surviving child, six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren, several of whom helped her celebrate this year's birthday with a cake, flowers, presents and lots of hugs and kisses. Representatives of all four generations of descendants in attendance included her daughter Jean Cooper; granddaughter Syd Bergeson; great-granddaughter Stacia Walker; two great-great-grandsons, Zach and Sam Walker; and great-great-granddaughter Addy Walker.



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Delma Kollar watches as her great-great-granddaughter Addy Walker helps her open one of her birthday gifts, which turned out to be a soft pink nightgown.

My Defining Moment, from page 1

Then I heard the music. "Misty" by Johnny Mathis. The same music I listened to and was so fond of back in Tokyo. These girls listen to the same music I listened to. I have something, even just a little, in common with my experience with the girls I was about to meet and to live with in the same dormitory. I felt a deep sense of relief: I told myself I should be OK here.

In 1987, Cottey College awarded me with the Distinguished Alumnae Award. I traveled to Nevada from New York to receive it in person. I walked toward Robertson Hall as I did nearly 30 years earlier. Then I heard the music. This time, "Living on A Prayer" by Bon Jovi. Not my favorite but the same music I listened to back in New York. Yes, the time has passed and I got older. Yet I still have something in common with these girls, after all these years. Robertson Hall had provided me again with another magical moment.

Machiko "Miki" Kashiwagi '62

Mine would be participating on the Cottey debating team. I traveled all over the Midwest to tournaments representing Cottey. I gained confidence in my persuasive abilities and analytical qualities which ultimately led me to a legal

career. My transfer to Marietta College to get my bachelor's included a scholarship due to my debate experience. When I applied to law schools, I chose William and Mary because I had attended a tournament which introduced me to its campus and its reputation. I believe that had I not chosen to join Cottey's debate team, and encountered these experiences with persuasion and leadership, my career choice may not have been law.

Janet L. Brown '71

I came to Cottey in 1959 into New Mexico Suite of Reeves Hall. One of the several reasons I chose Cottey was that I was *such* a tomboy all my life I didn't really get the girl thing. I was quite a jock, grew up playing sports with boys, and most of my friends were boys. But somehow I knew that I had to learn about girls and how to fit into their culture. Growing up "as a boy" (meaning part of the boy/sports culture), I kinda thought girls were pretty dumb and stupid and didn't bring much to the table.

Wow, did I figure out how wrong *that* was in my very first year at Cottey. I made such good friends in that first year that I am still in touch with many of them, including my "senior" who gave me her duck jacket. She, among others,

taught me how truly three-dimensional we women are.

Fade/dissolve, 25 years later I am among the first female managers in a large corporation called TRW. And this person who grew up thinking girls were dumb and stupid, became president of the TRW Women's Advisory Group, championing management roles for women.

Cottey made such a difference in my life I have included the College in my "will."
Julie "Judy Hunsaker" Grandi '61

I couldn't read all the material assigned or even comprehend enough to interact in the discussions during Western Civ. Coming from a small high school where I got all As just for coming...it was very DEFINING to **not** have someone smooth it over for me...to get a C...but to come through it broader minded and humbler.

Classmates recognized/affirmed leadership abilities I didn't feel/want...but being P.E.O. Hall Songleader one year and Senior Class Songleader the next pushed me to use music as well as my convictions to create social movement and connectivity.

I consciously "took" the religion I was raised with and "made it my own" over the two years because of relationships with classmates.

Mary Ann Huskins Guinn '70

Until the two years I spent at Cottey, my days were spent within the confines of a little town in Iowa. My vision of the world was very limited indeed. While at Cottey, due to the efforts of a wonderful teacher, I became engrossed in events taking place all over the world. As president of the International Relations Club, the teacher-sponsor drove me to a regional conference in Omaha. I met other students with the same passion.

Now, 70 years later, I look back at the years spent traveling the globe with my Air Force husband, living in far-away places, Saudi Arabia and Swaziland for two, and loving the experiences, the people and the adventures. Now in my old age I am content with involvement in the activities of the world-wide communities of the Bahá'í Faith. I am grateful to Cottey for starting me on my lifetime search to understand the diversity and ultimate unity of the inhabitants of our world and that it is indeed, One World.

Irma (Beals) Nyby '39

1950s

Hey, Golden Girls....AKA Class of 1958. We did it. We surpassed the initial goal of \$25,000 in our scholarship fund!

The Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund, as you know, was established at our 50-year class reunion in April, 2008. Kudos to **Diane Endicott Sampson**, our former Class Agent, for being the impetus behind that endeavor. The enthusiastic support of our classmates allowed us to present a check for \$15,000.00 to the College. In a little over a year, the amount has grown to \$30,140.90. We are excited to have had responses from so many of our classmates! And did you know that more contributions, of any amount, could significantly raise our percentage rate of donors? We're thinking a little competition among classes would be a good thing. How about it, shall we try for that greater percentage of donors? Shall we reach even higher, and set a new goal of, say, \$35,000.00? We could be the class that did both! Why not?!

Again we say, think of the gift Cottey gave you. Show your appreciation by giving back with a contribution, large or small, so that other students can receive the gift of Cottey. Remember to designate the Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund as recipient of your contribution.

We appreciate you,
Class Agents: **Janet Atkinson Cordell**, phone: 816-795-7196; **Marva Sawvel Kerns**, phone: 303-674-4843, e-mail: msbk@earthlink.net.

Karen (Hefta) Scott '58 shared that her husband Tom died from ALS on August 11, 2009. This was just short of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were blessed to have two daughters, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

1980s

The residents of Minnesota Suite (during the '87-'88 graduating years) recently reunited in California. **Kristin (Wright) Miller** still lives in Ohio with her husband and son and has been working for Aetna in Quality Control for 13+ years. **Paulette (Myers) Morton** has returned to Colorado with her two daughters and husband. She has been a flight attendant with American Airlines for 21 years. **Anna (Hullin) Bloxham** resides in Seattle with her daughter, son, and husband. She will be returning to the teaching profession after a three-year hiatus to start a family. **Joyce Bernhoft** is still teaching French at El Camino High School in Sacramento and travels every chance she has. Joyce is pursuing her master's in French education through Eastern Washington University. **Serena (Shirley) Potter** is living in Lake Arrowhead, California, with her two daughters and husband. She is continuing her career as an artist by pursuing her MFA in painting at Laguna College of Art and Design. **Shelley (Sullivan) Shellenberger** is an RN computer analyst for the hospital in Havre, Montana, and continues to enjoy camping and hiking with her two daughters and Bill. **Wendi (Kneeder) Chapin** is in Colo-



The fourth Minnesota Suite reunion – look at us 20+ years later!!

rado working as an assistant superintendent for a K-12 school district. They have reunited four times over the past 20 years and keep in touch on a very regular basis. They would love to hear from any of their Cottey classmates. You can



Arlene (Schweigerdt) Kestner '59, Sandy (Sands) Willis '51, Jen (Wren) Charpentier '64, and Liz (Sprinkle) Wyatt '55 got together for a gathering in Louisiana organized by Jen.

reach Kristin at tkmiller3@yahoo.com; Paulette at prmoto@hotmail.com; Anna at annabeth@hotmail.com; Joyce at joyce@badcatcafe.com; Serena at serena@zittaw.com; Shelley at shelleysellen@hotmail.com; and Wendi at dimpleswk@yahoo.com. From this one group of Cottey girls to all of the other groups – they wish you lifelong friendships, super strong bonds, and strength in body and mind built on your years and friends obtained at Cottey College!!

Saturday, September 19 was a beautiful day for a Cottey alumna gathering in Indiana. Ten alumnae ranging from the Class of '55 to the Class of '07 met at the Speedway Public Library to enjoy lunch, daisies, gifts, and most importantly and best loved of all – a lot of talking! They discussed the college presidents over the years, beloved professors too many to count (the repeated sentiment was how much Cottey professors care about their students), and traditions of all kinds – with, of course, a special interest in the ebb and flow of the duck tradition (or as it is known today, “the game”). Among them was a county council member, a victim's advocate (who is three weeks from completing her master's degree), a computer technician, an early childhood development professional and of course wives and mothers and singles and sisters – both literally (Erin and Megan) and lovingly in our bond to Cottey. For all the Indiana alumna unable to attend, everyone there agreed we should do this again, so be prepared – your chance is coming.



Cottey alumnae gathering in Indiana. Back row: **Tammy (Schroeder) Hull '79, Sara (Russell) Edwards '64, Paula (Larsen) Nightingale '71, Megan Harris '07, Beth (Hensley) Gunyon '88, Sarah Butler '98, Front: Erin Harris '06, and Nancy (Graham) Johnson '55.** Not Pictured: **Jill (Hiser) Fazio '86 and Ann (King) Cummings '58.**

[Deaths]

1940s

The College was notified of the death of **Betty (Greengrass) Bentz '49.** She is survived by her sister, **Barbara (Greengrass) Eason '47**, two daughters and a son. Betty was a member of Chapter BL, Oklahoma.

The College was notified of the death of **Sarah (Ingram) Wright '60** on January 17, 2009.

1960s

Elizabeth (Baker) Beutelscheis '61, died on May 30, 2009, in loving company of her sons. “Adventures both ordinary and extraordinary she was always looking to dance in the desert.” She attended Cottey College for one year but transferred to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Ann graduated in 1963 from the University of Arkansas with a degree in elementary education. She was an active member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. Ann valued education and spent her professional life in areas of speech therapy, elementary teaching, and later specialized in vocational rehabilitation, always touching the lives of those around her with patience, persistence, and compassion. Service to others and organizations was important to her. Ann had a love for family (both immediate and extended), friends, animals, nature, geography, dancing, travel, and history.

She enhanced her experience by sharing these passions with her children, friends, and co-workers. She especially enjoyed adventures with her two grandsons.

Sharon (Barfield) Culwell '62 died in her sleep on September 18, 2009. Her husband, Don notified the College and told us that she had a very positive experience while attending Cottey College.

W. Ellen (Hall) Mai '62 died Tuesday, August 4, 2009. She received an associate's degree from Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri, a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Kansas, a master's degree in education from Kansas State University and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri. Mrs. Mai worked as a teacher of nursing at Garden City Community College for 33 years. She also worked many years as a registered nurse in Garden City. She also volunteered at the American Red Cross and was a member of P.E.O. She married Raymond Mai in Kansas City, Kansas. In addition to her husband, survivors include a son, a brother, a sister, a grandson; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The College was notified of the death of **Gloria (Good) Pittman '66.** She was preceded by the death of her mother, **Hortense (Heaton) Good '32.** Gloria is survived by her sister, **Gretchen Good-Pankratz '57,** her husband, daughter, and son.

[Marriages & Births]

1990s



Cody Egbert

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

Caryn Egbert '91 is proud to announce the adoption of her son, Cody Dallas, on June 12, 2009. He's a beautiful, "terrific" toddler, who will be three in December. She currently lives in Denver and would love to hear from all her old Cottey friends. She can be reached at toolgirlz@earthlink.net.



Theresa Matos '93 and her husband William



Adelia, Danielle, Tyler, and Shepherd Robinson

Rebekah (Tibbs) Robinson '96 and husband Shawn greatly rejoiced for the addition to their family of Shepherd on August 19, 2009. He was 9 lb. 2 oz. and 22 in. long. His sisters, Adelia (born 8/8/08) and Danielle (7 years) and brother Tyler (6 years) pamper him with lots of kisses, hugs and cuddles. The family lives in North Pole, Alaska, and Rebekah would love to hear from her friends. She can be reached at srrobinson@ideafamilies.org or <http://tjedmomforliberty.blogspot.com/>.

Cheri (Petrovich) Garber '99 and her husband Jason were married on July 6, 2009, in Baltimore, Maryland. Friends can contact Cheri at cheripetrovich@hotmail.com or 1555 Cottage Lane, Towson, MD 21286.



Cheri (Petrovich) Garber '99 and her husband Jason.

Correction:

In the Class Notes in the fall issue of the *Viewpoint*, we reported on the 60th wedding anniversary of Mary and Dick Mastain. We referred to Dick Mastain as Mr. Mastain. He has an Ed.D. and should have been referred to as Dr. Mastain. We apologize for the error.

2000s



Nicholas and Michael Gunsch

Scyntha (Schoder) Humbert '05 married Joshua T. Humbert, a sailor in the US Navy, on July 4, 2009, in his parents' backyard in Kennesaw, Georgia. She is still continuing her education in psychology and is going to graduate with her bachelor's degree from Chaminade University of Honolulu in December 2009. Some of her Cottey friends: **Zeinab Salah '06, Shanon Hitner '05, Kristen Harris '05, Holly Mellas '05, Sarah Bollinger-Salinas '03, Anastasia (Schoder) Thompson '03, and Charlotte Schoder '09** attended her wedding. The newlywed couple plan on living in Hawaii for the next few years and can be reached through Scyntha's e-mail: wintha7@yahoo.com.

Erica Gonzaga Gunsch '00 and husband Chad are pleased to announce the birth of their twins, Nicholas and Michael Gunsch, on November 19, 2008. Erica would love to hear from Cottey friends at erica.gunsch@gmail.com.



Scyntha (Schoder) Humbert '05 and her husband Joshua Humbert



Mae (Mackey) Herron '05 and her husband Gabe

Mae (Mackey) Herron '05 and her husband are pleased to announce their marriage! Mae and Gabe Herron were married in a tiny ceremony on March 22, 2009, in attendance were **Stephanie Dwyer '05** and **Kerri (Chada) Kramer '05** officiated the ceremony in front of close friends. Currently Mae is working on her master's in special education, and enjoying married life. Mae can't wait for Founder's 2010 to see old friends! Mae's e-mail is meganne215@aol.com; she hopes to hear from friends she's lost touch with!

On July 11, 2009, **Betsy (Miller) Curtis '06**, admission representative for Cottey, married JJ Curtis of Nevada, Missouri. Betsy and JJ started dating her first semester as a Cottey student in 2004. The bridal party included two Cottey graduates **Caitlin (Homan) Landerholm '06, Katie Miller '07** and also included a future Cottey student, Maggie Miller to be Cottey Class of 2012. The wedding was held in Joplin, Missouri, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, with many close friends and family members.



Betsy (Miller) Curtis '06 and her wedding party

Volleyball Comets Struggle in 2009

It was a tough season for the volleyball Comets this year. Although it was a rebuilding year, with only two returning players from last year's squad, there was optimism that the first-year players would step up and maintain the winning tradition. Unfortunately, injuries and lack of experience conspired to make life difficult for the Comets as they finished the season with a lone win against 19 losses. Despite the record, the team was often quite competitive.

"In 22 games this year (not matches), we scored at least 20 points or more on our opponent," said head coach Marla Kan-nady Foreman. "That is out of our total 59 games played. These are very close games that could have gone either way, and it would end up being the team that made the fewest mistakes, or that made the great plays. My team this year played with a lot of heart, and I have been proud to be around that kind of team that had all players giving everything they had in practice and in the matches."

"We struggled all season with injuries and someone being sick in nearly every

match," continued Foreman. "This is nothing against my players at all, but rather a fact of life and how this year played itself out. If someone were to ask me if I regret this year, or if I was happy for the regular season to be over, I think they would be surprised by my answer, which would be 'NO.' How many coaches could say that they had a whole roster of players that would play with heart, even through all the season's practices? My players didn't complain about things. They just got in there and worked hard to get better, and I feel like we did get better. Unfortunately, the opponents we played got better as well, and nearly every team we played had at least one or two of those strong go-to players."

Unfortunately for the Hinkhouse faithful, the lone win came on the road against Central Bible College. With the losses, it might be assumed that the crowds would dwindle as the season wore on. At Cottey, it was just the opposite. As the season continued, the crowds got louder and more supportive. Students created an informal pep band with drums and horns and kept the crowd fired up for every game. The Comets may not have had the

top team on the court, but they definitely had the best home crowds.

Even with the setbacks, coaches in Region XVI recognized there was talent on

the Comets. After the postseason tournament, first-year player Kailey Kelly was recognized as first team All-Region and first-year player Emily Moore was recognized as second team All-Region.



Cottey Comets volleyball player Taylor Means punches the ball past a pair of Stephens College defenders at the net. First-year player Means and the rest of the young Comets squad had a year of growing pains but played to a full house for virtually every home match.



Kailey Kelly
First Team All-Region



Emily Moore
Second Team All-Region

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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.

Basketball Comets Tip-off a New Season

This year's basketball Comets will have their work cut out for them. Not only are they following the winningest team in Cottey history (last year's team was 15-6, ranked first in Region XVI, and had a national top-20 ranking last February), but they are having to play a tougher schedule this season.

"We're a victim of our own success," said head coach Dave Ketterman. "A lot of the teams we've played in the past won't play us this season because of our record the last two years. We've had to upgrade our schedule and play a lot tougher competition to get enough games in."

Teams from Springfield and Joplin, Missouri, dropped the Comets from their schedule and in turn, Cottey had to add games against teams from the very tough Kansas Jayhawk Conference. Those Jayhawk teams are in Division I while Cottey is in Division II.

The basketball Comets, like their volleyball counterparts, also have only two returning starters: Alex Noble, from Springfield, Missouri, and Amanda Sanders, from Bentonville, Arkansas, both of whom were preseason all-region picks. Ketterman added four transfer players, Bailey Beale and Tessa Porter from Missouri Southern State University, Sharese Ward from Crowder College, and Natascha Lord from Southwest Baptist University. Five freshmen signed to play for the Comets this season: Bailey Bush from El Dorado Springs, Missouri; twins Amelia and Melanie White from Neosho, Missouri; Lynley Ruble from Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Lindsey James from Willow Springs, Missouri. Walk-on Kelsey Langston, who joined the team at mid-season last year, also returns.

"We may take a few lumps early," said Ketterman, "but the goal is to get better as the season goes along and be ready next semester for Region XVI competition and especially for the postseason. We have the talent to compete each and every night, and our goal is to be playing the best that we can be in February. I hope we can play an up-tempo and entertaining style of play that all our fans will enjoy."

As of the *Viewpoint* deadline, the team had taken a few lumps against the ramped-up competition. The Comets have a 1-4 record as of November 17. One good sign is that after a loss to border rival Ft. Scott Community College, the Comets came back in a tournament rematch to beat a team that a week earlier had soundly defeated them.

Ft. Scott held a ten-point lead in the first half, 11-21, when the Comets began their charge. Credit Cottey's trapping defense with part of the comeback, but just as important was the Comets' Bailey Beale heating up from three-point range. Beale hit three during an 11-0 run that put the Comets in the lead at 24-23 with 22 seconds to play. The Greyhounds hit a basket to give them a one-point lead as the teams went into the break.

Cottey came out in the second half with the same momentum, scoring the first nine points out of the gate to build a solid lead at 33-25. The Greyhounds scored two baskets, and then Amanda Sanders warmed up scoring seven consecutive points to give the Comets a 40-29 lead with less than 10 minutes to play. Ft. Scott made a bit of a run, but the lead was enough as Cottey held on down the stretch to notch its first win of the season.

Check the schedule at right for a game near you. Follow the game scores and results on the basketball page on the Cottey Web site, www.cottey.edu.

Bailey Bush, right, plays tight defense and goes for the steal in a game against the Ft. Scott (Kansas) Community College Greyhounds. The Comets fell at home against the Greyhounds but came back a week later on the road to get revenge and their first win of the season.



photo by Kaia Kirkbride, Class of 2011

Cottey Runners Bring Home More Hardware



A group of Cottey College runners had a successful day at the Nevada Area Multi-sport 5K race to benefit the YMCA Strong Kids program. Finishing first overall in the women's 5K was second-year student Taylor McCoy. Taking second place overall was first-year student Ria Jewell. In the women's 15-19 age group, second-year students Brielle Farrell and Vanessa Ophorst took first and second places respectively. Pictured on the awards stand above are McCoy and Jewell.

COMETS GAME PLANNER

BASKETBALL

DECEMBER

1	Rhema Bible College	5:30 p.m.	Broken Arrow, OK
4	Missouri Valley-JV	5:00 p.m.	HOME
10	MCC-Penn Valley	7:00 p.m.	HOME

JANUARY

6	SLCC-Forest Park	5:00 p.m.	St. Louis, MO
7	SLCC-Florissant Valley	5:30 p.m.	St. Louis, MO
9	SLCC-Meramec	1:00 p.m.	St. Louis, MO
12	Ozark Christian College	7:00 p.m.	HOME
15	Missouri Valley-JV	5:30 p.m.	Marshall, MO
20	North Central MO College	5:30 p.m.	Trenton, MO
30	SLCC-Florissant Valley	2:00 p.m.	HOME

FEBRUARY

2	North Central MO College	7:00 p.m.	HOME
6	SLCC-Forest Park	2:00 p.m.	HOME
9	MCC-Penn Valley	5:00 p.m.	Kansas City, MO
13	Hesston College	2:00 p.m.	HOME
16	SLCC-Meramec	7:00 p.m.	HOME
20	First Round Playoff	TBA	TBA
26-27	Region Semifinals & Finals	TBA	TBA

MARCH

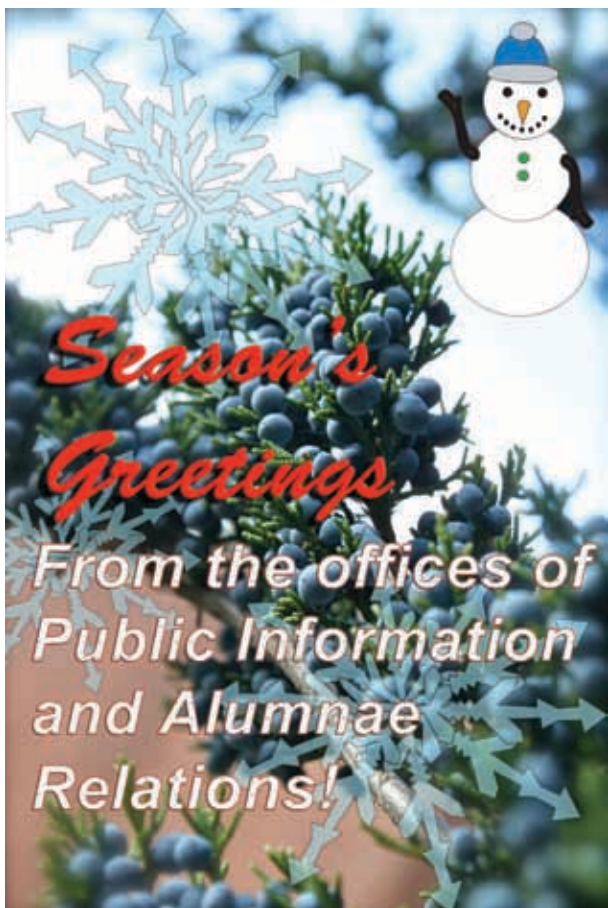
6	District Playoff Game	TBA	Region 16 Site
17-20	National Tournament	TBA	Peoria, IL

SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY

20	Mineral Area CC	11 a.m.	Park Hills, MO
23	Coffeyville CC	2 p.m.	HOME
26	Independence CC	2 p.m.	HOME
28	Mineral Area CC	11 a.m.	HOME

The rest of the softball spring schedule will be printed in the spring issue of the *Viewpoint*. The full schedule is available on the softball page on the Cottey Web site. Please note that all softball games listed are double headers. The time listed is for the first game.



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Change in Action Recognized as a Best in Class

The Jenzabar Foundation announced that *Change in Action* at Cottey College was selected to receive a “Best in Class” award for its exceptional work in the areas of community service and humanitarianism. This award was a direct result from *Change in Action*’s nomination for a 2009 Student Leadership Award, an honor that drew nearly 150 nominations from institutions across the United States earlier this year.

Cottey’s “Best in Class” award included a \$1,000 grant which was presented to Dr. Brenda Ross, associate dean of the faculty, and Vanessa Madrid, Class of 2010 and president of Cottey’s Rotaract Club, at the Best in Class Conference held in October in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Change in Action raised \$3400 last year alone, and that money has been used to pay for the educations of three indigenous Guatemalan girls through high school. The group, under the guidance of Dr. Ross and the Office of Institutional Advancement, has established a scholarship, the Friends of Peace Scholarship, to pay for a Guatemalan student’s Cottey education. It is hoped that enough funds will be raised to make this an endowed scholarship.

Cottey may have its first Guatemalan student as early as next fall. A student in San Lucas Toliman, the parish that Cottey’s service learning group visits each winter, has been selected. Members of this year’s service learning group raised just under \$300 at the third annual Hunger Banquet. That money will be used to help pay for intensive English classes for the Guatemalan student to prepare her for classes at Cottey.

Change in Action is a truly student-led organization. It receives no funding from the Student Government Association, but raises all its funds itself. The organization has at least one member from Rotaract and Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year honorary, as liaisons between those campus groups. Otherwise the membership is open to all students. Because of her extensive involvement with the service learning group and its annual trip to Guatemala, Dr. Ross serves as mentor for this organization.

Congratulations to *Change in Action* for being an effective agent for change in its community as well as the world, and for being recognized by the Jenzabar Foundation for that.



Dr. Brenda Ross and Vanessa Madrid pose with the Best in Class award presented to Cottey’s *Change in Action* group.