

Breaking Stereotypes

by Steve Reed

When Karen Morris '99 was three years old, she wanted to drive a cement truck. That was a little different from most girls, but lots of kids play with trucks.

As a student at Cottey College, Morris was very involved in student publications, working on both the newspaper and yearbook staffs as a photographer. In her senior year, she was also the news-



Karen Morris '99

paper editor. She took the photography courses offered and was rarely seen without her camera. In fact, for those who knew her at Cottey, photography seemed to be the career path down which Morris was headed. Her transfer institution seemed to cement that idea. After she graduated from Cottey, Morris attended the Rochester Institute of Technology from 1999-2001.

"I majored in photography the first year and business the second year," she said.

After RIT, Morris attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, from 2001-2003 and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, with an emphasis in management.

As a newly-minted business graduate, Morris went into the restaurant business working for a major chain in Arizona.

"I was a restaurant manager for three years," said Morris. "I did all positions: bar manager, front of house, office manager, and kitchen manager."

The life of a restaurant manager is not a leisurely one, however. Morris found herself working days, evenings, and weekends with very little time off. Before long, Morris found herself thinking about her childhood dream: driving a truck. However, it's not a career the typical woman pursues, especially one with a BS in business and a talent for photography. Why trucking?

"I chose to become a truck driver because it was always something I had wanted to try," Morris explained. "I like to travel and see new places, and this seemed like a good way to do that and get paid. I also wanted a job where I worked less than when I was at the restaurant. I only work about 70 hours a week now."

Of course, one doesn't simply decide to get behind the wheel of a truck and take off across the country. A driver has to go back to school to get licensed.

"Today, you need to go to school," said Morris. "Most schools are three to six weeks long and you attend five to seven days a week. You need a Class A CDL (commercial drivers license), and if you want to drive tankers there is an endorsement you need for that. Same for doubles/triples. To haul hazardous materials you have to get fingerprinted and pass a background check."

"The school I went to was seven days a week for three weeks. It was a combination of book work, driving and what they called 'range' which for me was backing practice," she added.

Even though there are more women driving today than before, especially husband-wife teams, it's still not that common to find a lot of women driving, especially solo like Morris.

According to an article on womenin-trucking.org, only seven percent of the truck drivers on the road today are



Karen Morris '99 poses with her truck at a recent stop in Joplin, Missouri. Morris is being featured in advertisements for her employer to encourage more women to become professional drivers.

women. Statistics on women truck drivers are tricky to pin down. The U.S. Census Bureau data compiled through 2008 cites "drivers/sales workers and truck drivers" totals 3,388,000 individuals. This document shows only 4.9 percent of the category is women, or approximately 166,000 female drivers. According to careersingear.com, there is about a 50-50 split between husband-wife teams and solo drivers, leaving about 83,000 solo women drivers in the United States.

Did Morris ever feel out-of-place as a woman in this field? Had she experienced any prejudice against women truck drivers?

"Sometimes I still feel out of place," Morris said. "But it really depends more on what part of the country I'm in. I haven't experienced any prejudice against women drivers. If anything, it's kind of the opposite; people are shocked that I drive. I get comments occasionally like, 'you don't look like the people we normally get in here,' or 'you're too pretty to be a truck driver.'"

Although Morris is neither the first nor the only female driver for her employer, she is being featured in an advertising campaign to encourage more women

to drive. She was in Joplin, Missouri, recently for a photo and video shoot for Con-way Truckload. The advertisements will appear in specialty magazines.

"It's supposed to run this year to recruit drivers," Morris said of her advertisements. "There is an online video part as well as print. There were about ten drivers chosen. I saw one ad already in the February issue of Pilot's *Challenge* magazine. I wasn't one of the first featured, so I don't know when mine is coming out. I'm pretty sure it will also be in the driving magazines."

There are other challenges in being a long-haul trucker. For instance, Morris does not have a home address as she lives out of her truck most of the year. What's that like?

"I do miss it once in a while, not having my own kitchen and bathroom especially," she answered. "Hotels do get old, when I'm not on the road. But mostly I'm out on the road, so it's kind of nice not having the expense or having to worry about someone breaking in when I'm too far away to do anything about it. I miss the home-cooked meals. I still

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get strange looks from people when I'm brushing my teeth in the truck stop bathroom or doing my dishes."

Another challenge is having the right clothing for the weather.

"I have to dress for any type of weather all the time. One day I could need a sweatshirt, and the next day it's 95 degrees. Sometimes it's the same day."

Probably one of Morris' biggest arguments to overcome is not that a woman should drive a truck, but that someone with a college degree is wasting her education, because, after all, you don't need a degree to drive a truck.

"At the time I didn't know I was going to be a truck driver. And there are still opportunities for me to do something else,

so I don't think of it as wasted. Many people also end up with careers in something besides what they got their degree in, which is kind of the same thing. Actually a lot of drivers now have degrees in various things (including doctors), are ex-military, or are getting their degrees online while they drive."

Despite the challenges of being a female long-haul trucker, Morris loves what she does. She enjoys the opportunity to see the country and to visit her friends and family all over. Although she talked in the interview about someday getting into logistics or management, she has no immediate plans to leave the highway.

"I plan to stay driving for now. I would like to get off the road at some point, and have a job where I'm home at night. I like what I'm doing now though."

Register for Summer Programs



Participants in last year's Vacation College learned to prepare exotic Asian recipes.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to cook like Chef Michael? Would you like to learn to play the African drums? Perhaps you'd like to dance like the stars? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you should enroll today for Vacation College 2012, May 15-20. And remember, alumnae can apply for a \$100 scholarship to attend Vacation College!

Vacation College is a chance for P.E.O.s, BILs, alumnae, and friends to live the life of a Cottey student by staying in one of the residence halls, eating in Raney Dining Room, and attending classes taught by Cottey College faculty and staff. This year is a wonderful time to choose to attend! You will hear the latest news on Cottey's new bachelor of arts programs, have the opportunity to meet some of the new faculty members, and learn of the progress being made to raise \$35 million for Cottey College. Classes are filling up quickly, so register online today at <http://www.cottey.edu/youth-adults/vacation-college>. The online registration has pricing details and a list of who has already registered! To request a brochure, call the P.E.O. Relations Office at 417-667-8181, ext. 2122.

High School Summer Programs - June 10-16, 2012

Summer program applications for Music, Dance, Leadership Discovery, Exploring Careers in Science, and Virtual Dance With Alice-a computer programming workshop are now available through the Office of P.E.O. Relations. These weeklong programs are designed for girls who enjoy learning as much as they do having fun. All programs include hands-on activities, lectures from professionals, discussion sessions, and a final showcase event for parents. For more information, visit the summer programs page at <http://www.cottey.edu/youth-adults/summer-programs>, or contact the Office of P.E.O. Relations at peorelations@cottey.edu or phone 417-667-8181, ext. 2122.

Volunteer Profile Betty Stutz

"To have made even one person's life a little better, that is to succeed." - Thoreau

by Claire Detlefs '48

Betty Stutz is a true-blue believer in Cottey College. For years, she and her P.E.O. Chapter IB, Texas, have promoted the College and recruited students to campus. When she learned of the *Defining Moment* Campaign, she saw it as another important way to get involved with the College.

Stutz was so enthusiastic, she brought the Campaign Chairman, Barbara Andes, to her area's Founders' Day luncheon to speak to the assembled chapters about the urgency and progress of the Campaign. In a fervent challenge to encourage a generous response by both alumnae and P.E.O. chapters to the expansion of the campus and Cottey's growing programs, Betty says, "The dollars are so important to the expanding goals of the College, and we can do much more as a group." It is a message that Class Agents in planning reunions for Cottey's Founders Day each year can incorporate and use as a tool to promote a class gift to the Campaign and P.E.O. chapters can emulate Betty's resourcefulness in both spreading the word about the Campaign and developing strategies for the recruitment of potential Cottey students.

An indefatigable recruiter and supporter for Cottey, Betty Stutz is recognized as the key to Texas' rank as second only to Missouri in the number of student enrollments from a single state. Betty, a life-long Texan, was interviewed from her home in Kerrville, Texas, northwest of San Antonio. She revealed that her interest in and knowledge of Cottey College developed out of necessity as a result of her appointment to Chair of the Texas Cottey College Committee in 2002. Subsequently she attended an officer's seminar on the Cottey campus and was immediately smitten, realizing that in order to be an effective state Cottey Chair, she needed to set an example, beginning with herself and her chapter.

Betty has spearheaded Cottey recruitment efforts in her chapter and area by faithfully attending college fairs and diligently following up the lists of interested students with their school counselors, asking to meet during the school day with those students who indicated some possible interest. They now "work the lists" of five area high schools, telling the Cottey story and encouraging visits to the campus, particularly for the "C" for Yourself! Weekends. Such efforts resulted in the enrollment of 40 Texas students since 2003. Betty first sensed the rewards of her efforts by seeing the change in the first Cottey girl she had actively recruited return home for Christmas break with a markedly changed demeanor – confidence, poise and a sense of a larger world, and since then consistently hearing former students articulate what Cottey means in their lives. "It is transforming!" Betty feels that every alumna and P.E.O. needs to be a recruiter; high school counselors can't do it – they are too involved with daily in-school demands.

Her P.E.O. chapter, IB-Texas, has not only established an endowed scholarship at Cottey but also has a budgeted line-item to support a Cottey student's expenses on campus, such as registration fee, textbooks, and room furnishings. Seventeen of the chapter members have been to the Cottey campus. Further, they have regularly loaded their new Cottey students, with their belongings, into vans in August and transported them to Nevada, Missouri, when circumstances have made it difficult for the families to do this.

In recognition of her consistent financial support and persistent recruitment efforts over many years, the Executive Board of the Cottey College Alumnae Association awarded an Honorary Alumna award to Betty at the Founders' Day Awards Luncheon in March 2009. For over 40 years Betty was a professional educator, specializing in journalism and English and serving as an all-level librarian in public education, retiring in Fredericksburg in 2008. Quoting from the Honorary Alumna citation in 2009, "Her love for her profession and of the educational process remains evident in everything she does. This love affair with education is also important to Betty's loyalty and involvement in the P.E.O. Sisterhood." She lists her priorities as family, church, then P.E.O. - with a "passion" for Cottey. Keeping the *Defining Moment* Campaign in front of chapters and alumnae is critical to the success of the Campaign and Cottey's future. So are dedicated supporters like Betty Stutz!



The President's Message

by Judy R. Rogers, Ph.D.

The faculty and staff at Cottey spend a great deal of time and effort in telling others about Cottey—prospective students, their parents, P.E.O.s, potential donors, other educators. When others hear about our College, they routinely say, “That’s the best-kept secret in the world.” Not a phrase that I want to hear. There is so very much that is special about Cottey, but I have been reflecting recently on the global education that Cottey has long provided.

Generally, the first thing that comes to mind when we think of Cottey’s global character is the geographic diversity of our students. We constantly have students from over forty states and twenty international countries. I realize that other campuses can cite similar statistics, but the difference is that Cottey provides this diversity in a very small student body. Students truly come to know other students from many different places. Suite life contributes to this.

We have made efforts recently to recruit faculty that reflects the diversity of our student body, and we have been successful. Dr. Cathryn Pridal, our academic vice president, recently wrote that we have faculty from 14 different states as well as China, France, Germany, Japan, Puerto Rico, Sri Lanka and Turkey. The curriculum is inevitably global in scope when delivered in this diverse environment.

Cottey offers a trip to a European city each year for all second-year students

and selected faculty and staff. This year our students are traveling to Barcelona. Each year for the past eight, our faculty has studied evaluations of the trip and has worked to enhance the intellectual and cultural components of the trip. First, we created a course that preceded the trip called Step into the World. This year the course was mandatory and taught as interdisciplinary by the faculty and staff participating. This is metaphorically the way I regard the trip: the trip is the Cottey student’s opportunity to “step into the world” with support and direction.

As the College grows, we know we cannot continue to take every student to the same destination. Therefore, we began a few years ago developing alternative trips that coincide with faculty and student interests. One of these is a January trip to Guatemala with a service emphasis. I recently heard some of the students who traveled to Guatemala present to the board of trustees the difference the trip had made in their understanding and their perspectives. For some, the experience could genuinely be called life-changing. We have also offered an alternative trip to New Zealand, and last spring we offered an alternative trip to Japan. As it turned out, our students were there during the earthquake. They were safe the entire time, but no one could deny the learning experience of being in that country during such a crisis.

Now we are developing selected baccalaureate programs. The international relations and the international business



Dr. Judy R. Rogers

majors are required to study abroad for an entire semester. They are studying at institutions around the world: China, Turkey, Germany, and South Africa. This is a demanding requirement for the faculty because these experiences are, to the extent possible, personalized for the student. It is also a financial burden. We must create scholarships that will help students with their travel and living expenses. We need donors who understand the importance of global education to help Cottey continue to expand its global offerings.

As we strive to describe Cottey College to our various constituents, we try to capture this strong focus on global edu-

cation. Just a few years ago, Thomas L. Friedman published a national best-seller titled *The World Is Flat* and drew this conclusion:

Columbus reported to his king and queen that the world was round, and he went down in history as the man who first made this discovery. I returned home and shared my discovery only with my wife, and only in a whisper.

“Honey,” I confided. “I think the world is flat.”

At Cottey, we agree.

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.

Faculty/Staff Notes

Cottey professor of music **Michel Ashmore** presented a piano recital on Saturday, February 18, at 8 p.m. in the Missouri Recital Hall.

The January Missouri Historical Review contains the article “Joplin Threatened with Silence: The Telephone Operators’ Strike of 1902-1903” by **Dr. Angela Firkus**.

Tatiana Jones’ position as a member of the library staff has been changed from Library Assistant to Library Technician/Cataloger.

Dr. Selena Kohel attended the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, January 3-6, in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Her attendance was made possible through a \$500 grant through the Society for the Teaching of Psychology Faculty Development Small Grant Awards.

Anne Millam, accounting clerk, has resigned her position in the business office. Anne’s husband has accepted a new position in the Kansas City area with KCP&L. Anne’s last day in the office was December 6.

Steve Reed, director of public information, was presented the Golden Sun Award at the Ozark Trails Council’s 2012 Annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday, February 4, 2012. The Golden Sun is an award presented by the Boy Scout council for service beyond expectations and is the second-highest award available from the Council.

Steve was scoutmaster of Troop 42 in Nevada from 1989 to 2004 inspiring 28 Eagle Scouts along the way and he currently serves on the district’s executive committee. He has received numerous scouting awards over the years including: District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Scoutmaster of the Year, and many more.

On January 23, 2012, **Rachel McPherson ‘12**, **Charlene Needles ‘12**, **Dr. Trisha Stubblefield**, and Nevada Housing Authority Executive Director Carol Branham appeared on Nevada radio station KNEM/KNMO’s “Update Program” to talk about the service learning project students in WST 105: Introduction to Women’s Studies participate in each spring.

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Defining Moments Require Commitment and Action

by Barbara Andes
Campaign Chairman

A frequently asked question is, “Why do I need to support Cottey College? P.E.O. does that.” But in truth, from the dues allocation of every P.E.O. for the College, the amount provided for the annual operating budget is just 7.1%. This misconception arises among P.E.O.s and alumnae because the Sisterhood owns the property, the buildings and furnishings. Actually, it is the generosity of individual donors and P.E.O. chapters who support the College through scholarships, endowments, and planned gifts.

Lois Bevins, Class of 1947, has established a named endowed scholarship, the Keister-Bevins Scholarship for scholar athletes. She supports her scholarship with regular gifts because she gives credit to the school that gave her an excellent start. After graduating from Cottey, she transferred to Stanford University where she excelled. She believes in the value of a Cottey education.

Mary S. Milan, a Virginia P.E.O. left a planned gift of \$750,000, one half of her estate to Cottey. She was her chapter’s Cottey chairman and became passionate about the power of a women’s college. She was a believer, too. Her gift was unrestricted to be used to further Cottey’s objectives.

Chapter IB, Fredericksburg, Texas, established a chapter scholarship. The chapter was organized in 2000 and in 12 years they’ve built an endowed scholarship in the amount of \$21,000; additionally, they have given thousands of dollars to P.E.O.’s other philanthropic projects and the Texas State Chapter Cottey scholarship. During these 12 years they have recruited 39 students for Cottey. They are ardent supporters believing in the transforming power of educating women.

What does the *Defining Moment* Campaign mean for Cottey College? It means growth! It means doors will open for more students to receive an excellent education; more scholarships to award; new baccalaureate degree programs; a library with the latest electronic database, and a new Fine Arts Instructional Building.

The Campaign, in its third year, has surpassed all expectation reaching \$19.1 million dollars in gifts and pledges; we are more than halfway to the goal! This has been a joint effort of more than 13,000 donors and P.E.O. chapters, countless volunteers, 5,091 C3 Sisters, faculty, and staff who have one thing in mind – to see Cottey College grow!



Barbara Andes (left) and Lois Bevins

Each of us has charitable dollars available to support philanthropies and typically we support those in our own communities, which is admirable. As P.E.O.s we also give our support through our chapters fundraising efforts, but now is our chance to use our personal charitable dollars to make a meaningful contribution above and beyond chapter giving.

The Chapter Challenge is off and running and chapters are working together as a team to meet the challenge goal. With the challenge all gifts must go through the chapter treasurer to count in the competition. Your personal gift is only tax-deductible when your check is made payable to Cottey College, but envision what your personal gift will do in support of women’s education. You’ll be helping young educated women move ahead, find their place in the world, and become leaders. And you can do that with a gift or pledge of \$10,000 to establish a named, endowed scholarship; or you might name a classroom or other space in the Fine Arts Instructional Building where students gather to develop artistic and performance skills; or you might give an unrestricted gift to advance the school in developing new programs; or support faculty salaries. Gifts and pledges are payable over five years and may be designated to any of the campaign priorities, scholarships or other funds held by Cottey College. Payments may be made on a schedule you choose or by having your credit card charged monthly until your pledge is paid in full.

Think about a planned gift or an annuity. Talk to the staff in Institutional Advancement. They can help with a plan just right for you. If you’ve already included Cottey in your irrevocable will or bequest let the staff know – Cottey wants to thank and honor you. You’ll be contributing toward the campaign goal and receive recognition as a donor.

This campaign sets Cottey College on a new path toward national recognition as a leader in women’s education. This is a unique opportunity not afforded to many. Imagine the impact we can have and the footprint we will leave on this campus when we support – *A Defining Moment: The Campaign for Cottey College*.

For more information please contact Carla Farmer, campaign manager at Cottey College, 1000 W. Austin Blvd., Nevada, MO 64772-2790 or call: 417-448-1418.

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IT'S A COTTEY THING

By Caroline Vance Taylor '76
CCAA Director

Serenades, duck jackets, suite feeds – ever tried to explain these Cottey traditions to someone not familiar with Cottey College? You may end up thinking, “They don’t understand. It’s a Cottey thing.”

It’s time to think about heading back to Nevada, Missouri, where everyone understands those “Cottey things.” Founders’ Day 2012 is March 30, 31 and April 1. This is your chance to reconnect with classmates, sing your favorite Cottey songs, and see the changes on campus since you were last there.

Your CCAA Board is working hard to plan an eventful and memorable weekend for you. Registration begins Friday afternoon. There will be a faculty reception at 3, which is your chance to visit with both former and present Cottey faculty. Join us for the groundbreaking of the new softball field at 4. That evening is a Mediterranean-themed dinner with a great variety of delicious foods. Then plan to attend the Celebration of Virginia Alice Cottey in the Cottey Chapel. Your



Caroline Vance Taylor

CCAA Board enjoys this chance to remember Cottey’s roots and present to you some Cottey history, to give you a chance to hear Cottey’s choir, and to remember our Cottey classmates who have passed. Afterwards will be class reunion meetings at various locations on campus.

We will have a full day planned for you on Saturday. You will begin with a breakfast in Cottey’s dining room and then head over to Main Hall, for reunion class pictures. The Founders’ Day luncheon is always inspirational with Dr. Roger’s State of the College address and our alumnae citation awards. Dr. Rogers and her husband, Glenn, host an open house at the lovely President’s House following the luncheon. From 2-4 p.m., there will be time to choose from a variety of activities, some that are unique to this year. There will be a library environmental activity (see page 10). There will also be campus tours; and the bookstore, Chellie Club, and the Center for Women’s Leadership will be open. Then plan to attend the Homecoming Celebration at the Center for the Arts at 4:00. Take a trip down memory lane as reunion classes share a skit, a song, or a tradition. More wonderful food follows with a Luau-themed dinner. This is a chance for classes to share their favorite Cottey songs and learn some new ones. After dinner is another opportunity to get with your classmates and visit, sing, reminisce, and share life stories.

The weekend wraps up on Sunday with a brunch buffet from 10-1. (Yes, more wonderful food!)

Your CCAA Board hopes you can join us in this busy Founders’ Day weekend. It’s a wonderful chance to gather with old friends and see how your college is growing and thriving. I’m sure by now you are aware of Cottey’s *A Defining Moment* campaign. The plans for Cottey are inspiring and attainable with the help of Cottey alumnae. Remember all the “Cottey things” that made Cottey such a unique and special experience in your life. Please consider giving financially to Cottey to help reach the \$35,000,000 goal it is striving for in its comprehensive campaign.

Mark your calendar for March 30, 31 and April 1; connect with your suitmates and make your travel plans to attend Founders’ Day 2012. On behalf of the CCAA Board, I invite you to join your Cottey sisters and experience this unique opportunity for alumnae. Cottey College’s homecoming celebration is like no other. Founders’ Day - one more “Cottey thing”!

Founder’s Day: A Lasting Tradition

by Courtney Majors
Coordinator of Alumnae Relations

It doesn’t take long for someone to realize the important role traditions play in the Cottey community. Furthermore, it doesn’t take long for a student to become immersed in the traditions that she will carry with her for the rest of her life. While



Courtney Majors

some traditions have evolved to meet the changing needs of students over time, other traditions have continued to be a cherished part of Cottey life. One such tradition that has lasted throughout the years is Founder’s Day. This celebration of the birth of Cottey’s founder has been a cornerstone for alumnae, who return every five years (or more often if they choose) to reunite with their classmates and reconnect with the College. As Founder’s Day 2012 rapidly approaches, the excitement for the event begins to build. Friends giggle with excitement about upcoming reunions; students buzz with excitement about sharing stories with students of the past; and faculty and staff anxiously anticipate the homecoming of over 300 of our closest past students and friends.

Founder’s Day 2012 holds new exciting opportunities for everyone, including the Softball Field Groundbreaking as well as the Library Environmental Wikipedia event. On Friday afternoon, donor Dorothy Vanek will be in attendance for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Vanek Memorial Softball Field, a much anticipated event. Saturday afternoon brings further excitement, as alumnae, friends, and members of the community will gather in the Cottey library to listen to presentations by Environmental Studies students and faculty, fact check Wikipedia articles with library resources, and participate in the GPS activity, a student favorite.

If you are able, I hope you will join us this year for one of our most treasured traditions: Founder’s Day. Although the event is focused on reunion year classes, which are class years ending in 2 and 7, any alumna is welcome to return to her alma mater to share in the excitement of the weekend. This lasting tradition will be something you won’t want to miss.

To register, go to community.cottey.edu/FD2012 or call the Office of Alumnae Relations at 417-667-8181, ext. 2122. Remember to register by March 21!

Founder’s Day Weekend 2012

Friday, March 30

1:00-8:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00-5:30 p.m.	Open House
	• Bookstore open
	• Campus Buildings open
	• Residence Halls are open
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Faculty and Staff Reception
4:00 p.m.	Softball Field Groundbreaking
3:30 p.m.	Class Agent Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Friday Night Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Sing and Celebrate Virginia Alice Cottey
7:30-11:00 p.m.	Class Reunions

Saturday, April 1

7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Class Pictures
	Bookstore Open
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Late Registration
11:00 a.m.	Founder’s Day Luncheon
1:30-2:30 p.m.	President’s House Reception
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Optional Activities
	• Library Environment Activity
	• Student-Lead Campus Tours
	• Residence halls, bookstore, Center for Women’s Leadership, Chellie Club, and Hinkhouse-open
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Homecoming
6:00 p.m.	Supper and Sing
7:30-11:00 p.m.	Class Reunions
8:00-10:00 p.m.	Chellie Club Open

Sunday, April 2

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

Times and events subject to change

[Deaths]

1930s

Marjorie Miller '38 of Springfield, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2011. She was a longtime resident of Nevada, Missouri, and served as the assistant business manager for Cottey College before retiring in 1979. In Springfield, Marjorie was a member of Schweitzer United Methodist Church and P.E.O. Chapter IA. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Lee Miller; parents, Harry and Maurine Bennett; and sister, **Ruth Bennett Allen '37**. Marjorie is survived by her two sons, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

1940s

Joyce Lamoreux Gibbs '42 died on December 5, 2011. She transferred to Whitman College after Cottey, and received her B.A. in music. After graduation, she was employed as a traveling field rep for recruitment at Cottey, and then taught music at Linfield College and worked in the registrar's office. She then worked as a social director for the YMCA in Salem until she married her husband Bob in 1951.

The couple returned to Portland, Oregon, after their marriage, where Bob worked at US Bank and Joyce volunteered at the YMCA and became very involved in P.E.O. She later was elected to the State Board of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and was president in 1978. She served on several subcommittees of the International P.E.O. Chapter in Missouri.

Joyce and Bob were married more than 60 years; had two children, Gerald "Jerry" and Maren; and had four grandchildren.

Catherine McIntire Suurballe '43 died on December 26, 2011, following an extended illness. Born in Rolf, Iowa, she had been a resident of Summit and Little Silver before moving to Tinton Falls, New Jersey, more than 15 years ago. Catherine served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After graduating from Cottey, Catherine earned her B.A. from Iowa State University. She then became a homemaker and an active P.E.O. member.

Juliet Moss Schmidt '43 passed away on December 29, 2011, at St. Anne's Retirement Community following a four-year illness. Juliet was the wife of Robert F. Schmidt of Columbia, Pennsylvania. Together they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on July 9.

A homemaker, she was a registered physical therapist at one time, had studied at the Mayo Clinic, and had worked at the Hines VA Hospital in suburban Chicago. She was a member of the Wrightsville Presbyterian Church where she was an elder and choir member. Prior to this,

Juliet and Robert were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Lansdowne, where she was active in the Women's Association and church choir. Juliet was an active Republican Committee Woman and a member of P.E.O. Chapter BA. Juliet will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Robert, her children, her two grandchildren, and her sister.



Gwendolyn Fitzer '44

Gwendolyn Fitzer '44 died December 3, 2011. She transferred to Baylor University after Cottey and graduated with a degree in Bible. Gwen married Jack Fitzer on April 7, 1950, in Joplin, Missouri. She was a homemaker when her children were young, but later worked as an administrator for the National Conference of Executives of the Associations For Retarded Citizens. In her retirement, Gwen volunteered at Mission Arlington for over 20 years. She wrote a book, *One Volunteer's Journey with Mission Arlington* in 2008. In 2009, she, Jack and Rob moved to Eugene, Oregon.

Barbara Jo Hattan Coats '46 passed away in Billings, Montana, on October 13, 2011. Barbara graduated from Wichita State University and was a member of the Sororis Sorority. Over the years, Barbara was active in various volunteer positions. She was president of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) in Nebraska, and was the director of volunteers at the Denver Public Library and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Yakima, Washington. She was also a long time P.E.O. Barbara is preceded in death by her husband, James Lee Coats. She is survived by her six children and seven grandchildren.

Aina Alm Dutro '46 passed away peacefully on November 14, 2011, in Kalispell, Montana.



Aina Alm Dutro '46

Aina received a full academic scholarship to attend Cottey College. Although she loved her new friends and this opportunity, she was

homesick, and returned home to attend Montana State University at Bozeman.

After college, Aina moved to Great Falls. There she met the one love of her life, George Dutro, at a local dance. The two married in 1949. George worked for Del Monte Foods Corporation, and they started their family with two sons while in Great Falls. In 1955, George took a new position with 3M Company in Omaha, Nebraska. George and Aina were quite pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Debra Sue, in 1958. They lived in Omaha until George received a promotion to regional sales manager for 3M Company in 1965, which required a move to Arlington Heights, Illinois. They lived in Arlington Heights until George retired from 3M in 1982, and they moved back to Kalispell.

Aina's passions in life were entertaining her friends and family, volunteering for charitable organizations, playing bridge, and most of all, her love of her family. Aina will always be remembered for her love of her husband, George, her love of her children and family, her love of the Lord, her dynamic drive to help and care for others, her beauty, and her outgoing personality. She is forever loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Lila McFarland Hammermeister '47 passed away February 8, 2011, in Meridian, Mississippi. She worked for many years as a private secretary and was a member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Lila was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she enjoyed singing in the choir and ringing hand bells. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orval E. Hammermeister, and granddaughter, Kayln Kurtz. Survivors include her son, daughters, sister, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Patricia Raymond Griffith '48 died August 17, 2011, at her home in Deadwood, South Dakota. Patricia was reared on the family's homestead, was graduated from Rapid City High School in 1946, and received a scholarship to attend Cottey. She was graduated from South Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1950. She married Charles J. Griffith on December 29, 1950, and the couple lived in Watertown, Pierre, Minneapolis, and Bozeman. They had six children. Survivors include her four sons, daughter, sister, 10 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joan Redback Costa '48 died on November 2, 2011, after a long battle with lung cancer. Joan was born in South Bend, Indiana, where her parents owned and operated a local grocery store. She attended Riley High School, where she was the drum majorette for the marching band. After graduating from Cottey, Joan went on to receive her degree from Indiana University. She then continued her education at the University of Notre Dame, where she met her husband, Jo-

seph Costa. The couple married in 1950 and moved to Washington, D.C. where Joan worked for the Air Force at the Pentagon and for Indiana Senator Homer E. Capehart while Joe attended Georgetown University School of Medicine. The couple had one son, Joseph S. Costa Jr.

After the death of her husband in 1977, Joan returned to school at Northern Virginia Community College, where she earned two associate degrees. She then moved to Naples, Florida, where she utilized her new degrees by working in the hotel industry. After deciding to return to Richmond, Virginia, to be close to her son, Joan decided she wanted to continue her education further. At the age of 67, she received her B.A. degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She used her degree to become a substance abuse counselor for the Salvation Army. After returning to South Bend in 1999, Joan worked at Notre Dame as a security monitor in the Sacred Heart Basilica. She held several other positions at the school until her illness forced her to retire. She is survived by her son, and several nieces and nephews.

The College was notified of the death of **Barbara Moore Fulsas '49**.

1950s

The College was notified of the death of **Nancy Evans Brumfield '50**.

The College was notified of the death of **Joanne Knoll Graham '50**.

Janet Ann Kaye Sorvaag '52 died November 20, 2011, surrounded by her five loving children. She attended Cottey College and Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell, South Dakota. She married Lloyd Sorvaag on June 5, 1955, and lived in Mount Vernon, South Dakota, until his death in 1968. She taught school in Howard, South Dakota, and later worked in Mitchell, South Dakota. Janet was a talented teacher, pianist, director, actress and swimmer, and celebrated 27 years of sobriety before her death. Her greatest joy was to be with her family. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her courageous character, gracious nature, and loving smile. She is survived by her children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

1960s

Jane Marie Fowler '60 died on October 28, 2011, after a year-long battle with lung cancer. She graduated from Freemont High School in Freemont, Nebraska. After receiving her degree from Cottey, Jane received her office management certificate from Missoula Vo-Tech in Montana. She then worked as a bank teller in Freemont and in various cities within the San Francisco Bay area. She also worked at various schools as a teacher's assistant for learning disabled students.

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1940s

Joan Jensen '48 married Robert K. Jensen in Cherokee, Iowa, in November 1947. The two had a daughter in 1948; she is currently living with her husband in California. They also had a son in 1954, who died in an accident in 1982, leaving a young wife and three-week-old daughter. Joan and her family lived in Los Alamos, New Mexico, from 1956 to 1982 when they moved to San Angelo, Texas. Her husband is now deceased. Joan has had three bouts of pneumonia this past year. She helped form several P.E.O. chapters in New Mexico and has enjoyed friendships in those and in the Presbyterian Church.

1960s

During a recent trip, **Mary Jane Bradley '69** ran across a town called Ducktown, Tennessee. As her Cottey memories came flooding back to her, she made her daughter and son-in-law veer off to this town just so they could take this picture! Mary Jane says "I always keep the Cottey Spirit!"



Mary Jane Bradley '69

1980s

Staci Adman '86 is the third woman to receive the Kenmore Heritage Society's McMaster Award for community service. She is the 11th recipient of the McMaster Award, sponsored annually by the Kenmore Heritage Society. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the Kenmore community. Adman's list of volunteer activities is long, and includes participation in the Kenmore Downtown Task Force, Kenmore Good Old Days celebrations, Arts of Kenmore, PTA executive boards in Kenmore schools, both Kenmore City Hall and Northshore Headquarters Fire Station public art committees, plus many more. She welcomes her classmates to contact her at studiowhimsy@gmail.com.

1990s



Debra Chase '91

Debra Chase '91 was recently featured in a story by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. When she was diagnosed with MS in June of 1997, Debra's life changed drastically. After some difficult times, she connected with the National MS Society and began training for the three-day, 50-mile MS Walk. She has been involved in this walk since 2003, and has experienced deep growth and support through her interaction with the National MS Society. Her story has been an inspiration to many.

Cottey classmates in the Denver area had a Cottey cookbook brunch mid-November. Everyone cooked a different brunch item from *The Best of Cottey Cooking* cookbook. The food was delicious and they all agreed that the Pumpkin Swirl Bread recipe was their favorite.



Pictured L to R: **Nicole DeJarnatt '99**, **Kali Olsen '99**, **Amanda Honeyman '01**, **Heidi Zeltinger '00**, **Holly Sorenson Page '00**.



Class of 1998 Mini-Reunion

Five members of the Class of 1998 got together to help celebrate the birthday of one of their own. **Michele Strawn Hart** wanted to have a memorable birthday, so she and her husband Jeremy invited 10 other friends to join them for a weekend of camping in yurts, snowshoeing, and sledding in State Forest State Park in north central Colorado. Among the friends were four other classmates of Michele's. On Saturday, the entire group went snowshoeing up to Agnes Lake. The five classmates stopped partway up for a group shot. Pictured are (left to right): **Michele Strawn Hart**, **Christen Wolff Diehl**, **Aly Eveland**, **Danielle Ryan Zaderaka**, and **Jordan Mauch Price**. Another Cottey alumna was also present that weekend as well. **Jennifer Geiss '05**, whom Michele helped recruit to Cottey, was part of the birthday group. Michele reports that all safely survived the mountain adventures.

[Marriages & Births]

2000s

Tracy Hass Cordova '04 and husband Jesse announce the birth of their first child, Zoe Elizabeth Cordova. Born on October 18, 2011, at 5:05 p.m., in Joplin, Missouri, Zoe weighed 7 pounds 1/2 ounces, measured 20 1/4 inches long, and had a full head of hair.



friends and family in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. Classmate **Kali Shipley Carollo '05** served as a bridesmaid. The couple currently resides in St. Cloud, Minnesota, where Molly is finishing her master's degree and K-12 teaching license in Teaching English as a Second Language.

Molly Refsland Mosier '05 and Dustin Mosier were married in a private ceremony on October 31, 2011. The following weekend they celebrated with



Molly Refsland Mosier '05

Jessica Cordell Meyer '06 and husband Bob are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Steven Andrew Meyer, on August 31, 2011. Steven weighed 7 lbs 15 oz and was 21 inches long. Jessica also mentioned that she and Bob were married on March 21, 2009. **Lacy Wells '06** was a bridesmaid at their wedding.

Steven Andrew Meyer



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Jane loved putting together puzzles, doing crosswords, listening to music, and going to the symphony. She was a football fan, especially for the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Montana Grizzlies. She was also a P.E.O. and involved in her local church.

The College was notified of the death of **Linda Steward McCafferty '60**.

Joan Maurice Pyle Munger '61 died peacefully Wednesday, June 29, 2011. She married Leonard Alvan Munger on December 23, 1963. She grew up on a cattle ranch in Clark County, Kansas, and graduated from Kingsdown High School in 1959. Her pursuit of higher education ended when she left Kansas State University in 1963 to marry and follow her husband wherever the US Navy ordered. Joan was plagued by multiple medical maladies most of her life; however, she was blessed with the arrival of her daughter, Gretchen Erica Munger, in June 1977. Joan became a second generation member of P.E.O. Chapter AH in 1962 at Greensburg. She demitted to P.E.O. Chapter HA in Overland Park, Kansas, in 1970. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsdown and the Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas.

Connie Gloyd Logan '62, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, died peacefully June 5, 2011, at her home in Santa Maria, California, surrounded by her daughters. Her death followed a courageous battle with cancer which she fought valiantly over the last several months.

After Cottey, Connie went on to the University of Wyoming where she earned her degree in 1964. While in Wyoming, Connie was active in many service organizations and contributed greatly to the betterment of her church and her community.

Upon her move to Santa Maria in 1974, she began her life's work, raising three fine daughters and ministering greatly to the needs of her clients as a dietician and diabetes educator in the community. In addition, Connie served faithfully in numerous organizations including her chapter of P.E.O., where she was president of the group and as an active member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Strong and independent, Connie was admired by all who knew her for her caring and committed focus on making each day of her life count, never complaining and always persevering even in difficult times. Her greatest love and pride remains as a legacy in her three daughters. Connie is survived by these daughters, son-in-law, and her cherished grandchildren.

Jennifer Lee Gladden '63 passed away December 10, 2011, after a 14-month battle with cancer. She had been residing

at Hatton Prairie Village in Hatton, where she was close to family.

She graduated from Donnybrook High School and continued her education at Cottey and then at the University of Arizona, where she received her undergraduate and master's degrees. After completing her education, Jennifer began her successful career at the North Dakota State Penitentiary, where she was a counselor and evaluator of inmates. After leaving the penitentiary, she continued her career at Bismarck State College in several capacities including dean of student services. After leaving Bismarck for a few years to pursue new career challenges, Ted and Jennifer returned to Bismarck when Governor Ed Schafer appointed Jennifer as executive director of N.D. Job Service, where she served for five years. In 2000, Jennifer left N.D. Job Service to pursue other opportunities. She held several state board appointments to include the N.D. Parole Board, N.D. Workforce Development Council, N.D. Rural Development Council, and Governors Task Force on Violent and Sex Offenders.

She was very passionate about giving back and volunteered for many local organizations and served on several local boards and national committees.

Jennifer is survived by her daughter, Sigrid (Stu) Letcher, Hatton; her son, Erik Gladden, Minneapolis; her granddaughter, Thea Letcher; her sister, Pamela Mathewson, Tucson, Arizona; one sister-in-law, Joanne Gladden and brother-in-law, Fred Gladden; her nephews, Scott and Chad Gladden and Christopher Mathewson; and her niece, Sara King.

1970s

The College was notified of the death of **Becky Laverty '73**.

1980s

Marie Annette Tipton '81 passed away on December 1, 2011. She was born in Burns Lake, B.C., Canada, but her family moved to Washington state when Marie was three years old. She attended school in Poulsbo, graduating in 1979. After attending Cottey College in 1979-1981, Marie attended Seattle University and the University of Phoenix, where she earned both a bachelor's and master's degree.

Marie then moved to Everett, where she was employed by Boeing as a project manager in technical services until her illness. She was an advocate for animals, especially cats. Her hobbies included working with fabric (especially garment design), sewing, reading, and bicycling.

Cottey's Oldest Alumna Dies at Age 114

She lived in three different centuries and celebrated more birthdays than most human beings who ever lived. But just like the rest of us, **Delma Lowman Kollar '21**, the oldest known Oregonian, who was thought by official record-keepers to be the world's fourth-oldest person, proved to be mortal after all. She died at the age of 114. Or was it 113?

"We'll never know for sure," her granddaughter, Syd Bergeson of Eugene, said Tuesday.

According to the Los Angeles-based Gerontology Research Group, which verifies the ages of supercentenarians (110 or older) worldwide for the Guinness Book of World Records, Kollar was born on October 31, 1897.

Kollar's family says she wasn't issued a birth certificate until the 1950s. Family members say she was born Delma Dorothea Lowman on October 31, 1898, in Lone Elm, Kansas but based on 1900 and 1910 census records found online a few years ago by Gerontology Research Group analyst Robert Young, the group listed her birthday as 1897. Its Web site still had her as the fourth-oldest person in the world as of Tuesday, behind an Iowa woman and a Japanese man, both born earlier in 1897, and the world's oldest known person, 115-year-old Besse Cooper of Monroe, Georgia.

Even if Kollar was born in 1898, she would have still been among the top 10 oldest living people before she died, according to the Gerontology Research Group. A Wikipedia list online of the oldest people ever had Kollar listed as tied for 75th. The oldest known person ever was France's Jeanne Calment, who was 122 when she died in 1997.

"She lived a fantastically long life," said Bergeson, who was holding her grandmother's hand when she passed away. "We are very fortunate. We don't have any regrets, and that's a great feeling."

A schoolteacher in Kansas and California before moving to Oregon in 1982 with her second husband, Harry Kollar, Delma Kollar outlived both her husbands (her first husband and college sweetheart, Earl Hoggatt, died in 1966) and two of her three children. She had six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Jean Cooper, 87, of Cottage Grove, is Kollar's lone surviving child. Her other two children, Bill Hoggatt and Earlene Duncan, died in their 60s, he of congestive heart failure, she of a brain tumor. Kollar's parents both lived into their 90s, and she had two aunts who lived past 100, according to a family history that Kollar put together years ago.

Kollar's family marveled at her longevity. Each time her Halloween birthday came and went after she turned 100, they figured that would be it. But then they would find themselves back in her room at the Creswell assisted-living facility, celebrating with yet another cake each year.

Although Kollar's faculties had diminished considerably in the past couple of years, her family thought they might very well be celebrating another birthday come this fall — one that would include some "No. 1" foam fingers as their beloved matriarch found herself passing the three ladies in front of her some time this year, earning a Wikipedia page update that said: "World's Oldest Living Person."

But on Sunday, the facility called to say that Kollar's blood pressure had dropped significantly. Bergeson spent her grandmother's final two nights with her. She held her hand and sang some of Kollar's favorite songs.

"For a long time, I wanted to be with her when she went," Bergeson said. "You never know if you'll be able to do that."

Shortly before she died, Kollar "opened her eyes really big," said Bergeson, who was there with four aides when the moment came. "And she looked really good for a few moments. It was kind of a sweet moment. Then she just passed."

Since daughter Cooper has never been convinced that her mother was born in 1897, Kollar's grave marker will say she was born in 1898, Bergeson said. But the obituary filled out at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Home in Cottage Grove will say 1897, she said.



Delma Lowman Kollar
pictured in the 1920
Sphinx

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Institute Inaugurates Distinguished Speaker Series

The Institute for Women's Leadership and Social Responsibility inaugurated a distinguished speaker series for the spring semester. Titled *Women's Leadership as a Personal and Social Responsibility: Informing, Inspiring, and Enabling Women to Lead*, the series will feature a total of six women from varied careers and life experiences to talk about leadership.

As the *Viewpoint* went to press, four of the speakers had already visited campus. Those four were:

- Dr. Beverly Everett, music director of the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra and the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra. She spoke on Women's Leadership in the Performing Arts.
- Dr. Sandra Laney, a foreign affairs officer and an American Association for the Advancement of Science Diplomacy Fellow who serves as an advisor to the Secretary of State. She spoke on Economic Survival through Education for Women from Predominantly Muslim Countries.
- Lauren Sugerman, the Women and Work Project Director for Wider Opportunities for Women. She spoke on Women in the Green and Non-Traditional Economies.
- Deborah Churchill Luster founder/president of Annie's Homegrown Products, Inc. She spoke on Women Entrepreneurs.

There are two speakers scheduled for upcoming dates for those who might be interested in attending. Jamie Eslinger will speak on March 21. Her topic is Women on Fire. First Lieutenant Alea A. Nadeem will speak on April 4. Her topic is Becoming a Woman Leader—After My Life as a Young Woman in Iraq. Their biographies are below.

Each presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Missouri Recital Hall of the Haid-ee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts.

This Series is open to the public, free of charge. All attendees are welcome to the reception that follows each presentation at 8:15 p.m. in the foyer.

Jamie Eslinger

Jamie Eslinger is the author and cre-



Jamie Eslinger

ator of *The Promise 365*, and she is a motivational speaker and health coach. After visiting Lake Austin Spa Resort last October, Eslinger was inspired to conduct a personal experiment. She created *The Promise 365*, which chronicles her journey spending an entire year not shopping for clothes or shoes, or other frivolous finds. Instead, she is "spending" an entire year investing in her head, heart, body, and soul. *The Promise 365* is a promise to be more aware of what she puts in and on her body for one year — and to write and share the adventures and life lessons each day: All 365! The theme of *The Promise 365* is You Can Do Anything—for one year! Jamie is out to prove it is possible to keep a promise.

Eslinger is a certified health coach through the Institute of Integrative Nutrition, and graduated from Cottey College and Smith College. Adding to her credentials as a health coach, Eslinger

counts being a 19-year Hodgkin's Disease cancer survivor, as well as being a part-time yogi, and retired sugar and mocha junkie.

Eslinger works directly with Debbie Phillips, a pioneer in the Life and Executive Coaching field, to help build Women on Fire©. With over 2,000 members, the mission of this organization is to extend the outreach of inspiration, strategies, and support to help women everywhere live the life they dream.

Prior to working with Women on Fire, Eslinger was director of marketing for international and national chains, including Baskin-Robbins and Bertucci's. She also sat on the board of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Boston Affiliate.

Eslinger lives on the island of Martha's Vineyard in the summer and Naples, Florida, in the winter.

First Lieutenant Alea A. Nadeem

Imagine you're an American child born and living in Toledo, Ohio, who is taken from your home at the age of eight and forced to live secretly in Iraq during the regime of Saddam Hussein and the first Persian



First Lieutenant Alea A. Nadeem

Gulf War. Imagine you gain a rare chance to plead to occupying U.S. soldiers to take you home to America, only to be ignored because they don't believe you are anything but an Iraqi school girl. That's the story of First Lieutenant (1Lt.) Alea A. Nadeem of the U.S. Air Force (USAF), who witnessed and experienced life that "no child" should, but for whom life would be forever changed. Her life in Iraq, both good and bad, dramatically influenced her decision to serve as a USAF officer in special investigations in tribute to the agents of the USAF's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and the Federal Bureau of Intelligence (FBI) who rescued her from Iraq at the age of twelve.



Dr. Beverly Everett speaks with students following her address on Women's Leadership in the Performing Arts. Dr. Everett is the music director of the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra and the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra.

After graduating from Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio, in 2003, 1Lt. Alea A. Nadeem entered the USAF in 2004 for Enlisted Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in Texas. 1Lt. Nadeem served as an Enlisted Security Forces member, 180th Air National Guard, Toledo, Ohio, and with the 150th Air National Guard, Albuquerque, New Mexico, until 2007, after which she was accepted into the Air Force ROTC program at the University of New Mexico. 1Lt. Nadeem earned her commission as a Second Lieutenant (2Lt.) in November of 2008, with a Bachelor of Arts in criminology and with a minor in aerospace studies. She was promoted to the rank of 1Lt. in November of 2010. Her military training has included specialization in criminal interrogation, investigations, civilian management, and economic and environmental crimes.

1Lt. Alea A. Nadeem is currently training at the 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB in Texas as an Intelligence Officer in the collection, analysis, and application of all-source intelligence to plan and execute combat operations.

The Institute supports Cottey's mission to educate women to realize their full potential as "learners, leaders, and citizens in a global society." Presently, the Institute is a unique instructional, research, and experiential "catalyst" for Cottey College, charged with purposefully advancing baccalaureate programs of study in environmental studies, women's writing, international relations and business, psychology, and liberal arts with interdisciplinary and global perspectives on women's leadership and social responsibility.

Show a Student Everything There is to "C"!



Dr. Brenda Ross, professor of chemistry, visits with a prospective student and her mother at the fall "C" for Yourself! Weekend.

There is still time for a student to register for the spring "C" for Yourself! Weekend, April 13-15, 2012. Prospective students spend two nights (Friday and Saturday) in one of our suites, meet with faculty and current students who share their academic interests, experience our state-of-the-art facilities up close, and get the latest information about admission, financial aid and transferring. It's a great way for a student to see what the Cottey experience is all about.

Registering is easy to do online or by phone. Contact the Office of Enrollment Management for additional details at enrollmgt@cottey.edu or toll-free by phone at 1-888-526-8839.

Barcelona, Here Comes Cottey!



By the time this issue of the *Viewpoint* reaches most of you, second-year Cottey students will be exploring the wonders of Barcelona, Spain. Students and selected faculty and staff will leave Missouri on Sunday, march 4, and will not leave Barcelona until Sunday, March 11. In preparation for the trip, faculty and staff had on-campus sessions related to the educational modules they would be instructing in Spain. As an added bonus, professor Jo Byrnes invited Tamara Carson, an expert flamenco dancer, to teach a master class in flamenco. All students, and not just those enrolled in dance courses, had the opportunity to learn a few basic moves along with some history of the dance from Carson. Above, Carson puts the students through their paces near the end of the session as art students sketch the movements.

Wiki, Wiki, Whaaaa?

Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia resource, has been referred to as an encyclopedia “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” There’s some truth in that as almost anyone can post something to Wikipedia, and anyone with Internet access can get information from Wikipedia. But how accurate is the information found on those pages?

The staff of the Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library and the faculty of the Environmental Studies program are inviting the public to participate in a special Wiki Meet-up Event on the Saturday of Founder’s Weekend. Meeting from 2-4 p.m. in the Library, participants will

check some of Wikipedia’s environmental pages against the resources available in the Library. Consider it a fact-checking event with fun.

Inaccuracies will be noted, and changes will be submitted to the Wiki pages by one of Cottey’s Wikipedia editors.

There will be refreshments, t-shirts, and plenty of fun as Cottey’s environmental sleuths ferret out the truth. The library staff invites you to join them on Saturday, March 31, from 2-4 p.m. inside the Library. For more information, contact Becky Kiel, director of the library, at bkiel@cottey.edu.

MLK Day of Service

As part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, several Cottey students organized and led a Children’s Performance Fair on January 14 from 1-4 p.m. at the Franklin P. Norman City/County Community Center in Nevada, Missouri.

As a community service project, Cottey students offered free performing and visual art classes to area 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade children with a public performance and art gallery viewing which followed the workshops.



Above Monica Hernandez helps local children with an art project.

Classes offered by the Cottey students included dancing, acting, singing, drumming, and visual arts. Additional Cottey students acted as event coordinators for the children’s live performance as well as the children’s art gallery.

The student-led workshops were approximately two hours in length and each class was limited to 12 children. After the classes, family and friends were invited to return to the Community Center to view the live performance of the dancing, acting, singing, and drumming class participants.



Cottey students teach African drumming to local children as part of their Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service project.

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Comets Struggle in Transition Year

Sometimes when you're on top, there's only one direction left to go. Last year the Comets finished the season with a 19-4 record. Although they were second to North Central Missouri College in the final Region XVI standings, they were by far one of the better teams in the state, and the best team Cottey had ever put on the floor in the brief 12-year history of the program.

There were two particular challenges the Comets would face this year as they followed in the footsteps of the previous year. The first challenge was "reloading" a powerhouse team that had great chemistry. The Comets returned only two players from last season. Granted, they were two top scorers, but that left a lot of empty seats on the bench that coach Dave Ketterman would need to fill.

Santana Cruz and Jordan Davidson were the lone freshmen on last year's team, and no one can understate their value as they have been the leading scorers on this year's squad. But bringing in a mostly freshman group of players has led to a number of growing pains as well. Added to that have been a couple of injuries that have hurt the Comets.

Davidson missed the end of the first semester and the first couple of games in January with an illness. In early February, forward Petra Stankovic had an emergency appendectomy that took her out of action.

Probably the biggest factor that affected the Comets, however, was their strength of schedule for the season. As Cottey became a stronger, more competitive team over the last two to three years, some teams no longer wanted to play the Comets. Every team looks to have one or two "cupcakes" on their schedule, but after last season, those teams that might have been less of a challenge quit scheduling Cottey.

Added to that, the three St. Louis Community College teams merged into a single squad this season due to budget cuts. What that meant for Cottey was two-fold. First, only the very best players from those three squads would be playing against the Comets, so the remaining team had the best talent from the St. Louis area. Second, because the Comets lost four games from the schedule (as two teams no longer existed), they had to find new teams to add in. With the loss of some



Chelsey Rowland, a first-year point guard from Urbana, Missouri, looks for a passing lane in a recent game against North Central Missouri College.

of the other teams the Comets used to play, Ketterman had to add Division I teams from the area. (Cottey is a Division II team.)

The major difference between Division I and Division II is level of scholarship support the school may offer. Division I schools may offer full-ride athletic scholarships, which Division II schools may not.

Ketterman and the Comets have had to take a few lumps this season as they have transitioned to the tougher schedule. Currently the team is mired in a seven-game losing streak with a record of 6-13

as of *Viewpoint* press time. The Comets have three regular season games remaining and the postseason Region XVI tournament. Regardless of how the team finishes, they have made strides as they have learned to compete against better opponents. Plus, with only two seniors on the team, there should be a solid core of players to return next year.

Growing pains are never pleasant, but are a sign that the program is moving to the next level. If you know of an outstanding player who could contribute to the basketball program, please contact head coach Dave Ketterman at dketterman@cottey.edu or 417-667-8181, ext. 2237.



Melanie Skaggs, a first-year player from Carl Junction, Missouri, struggles to keep a rebound inbounds while blocking out a player from St. Louis Community College.



Comets Softball. Front row: Gabriela Torres, Taylor Buck, Kelly Spong, Liz Bromley, Rachel Kennedy. Back row: Rachel McPherson, Stevie Van Horn, Lexi Johnson, and Hallie Comer. Not pictured: Reanna Henderson and Chelsey Rowland.

Comets Softball Spring Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
March 14	Allen County CC	Iola, KS	2 p.m.
March 15	East Central CC	HOME	2 p.m.
March 21	Labette CC	HOME	2 p.m.
March 27	Mineral Area CC	HOME	2:30 p.m.
April 5	Kansas City Kansas CC	Kansas City, KS	2 p.m.
April 11	Allen County CC	HOME	2 p.m.
April 13	Mineral Area CC	Park Hills, MO	3 p.m.
April 14	St. Louis CC	Kirkwood, MO	1 p.m.
April 15	East Central CC	Union, MO	1 p.m.
April 19	Kansas City Kansas CC	HOME	2 p.m.
April 23	Labette CC	Parsons, KS	2 p.m.
April 25	St. Louis CC	HOME	2 p.m.

All games listed are doubleheaders.



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Hanging of the Greens

December brought one of the campus' oldest and most loved traditions, Hanging of the Greens. Friday evening featured a chapel service followed by students singing carols and adorning the campus buildings with their homemade wreaths. The procession ends at President's House for cookies and wassail with Dr Rogers. Saturday evening featured an elegant dinner followed by a semiformal dance for students and guests. Above, senior class president Taylor Woods (left) and freshman class president Cheyenne Whisenhunt place their class wreaths on the front of Main Hall.



Cottery Students Participate in Annual Service Learning Trip

For four years now, Dr. Brenda Ross, professor of chemistry, has led a service learning and social justice trip to Guatemala. This year, she had the largest number of current students with nine visiting the country over the holiday break in late December-early January.

The trip typically begins with a short visit to Antigua and Volcan Pacaya before heading off to the small village of San Lucas Toliman where the students spend a week working in the parish. Participants spend as much time learning about the community, the history of Guatemala's civil war, and meeting the locals as they do in service work. Those tasks may include jobs like removing rocks from a construction site at the women's center, transplanting tree seedlings as part of a reforestation project, learning to pick coffee beans, or simply playing with children.

After a week of living and working with local residents, the participants visited Flores and Tikal to see the Mayan ruins and learn about the ancient culture.

Second-year student Taylor Woods explains why she selected the Guatemala trip.

I chose to go to Guatemala for variety of reasons. Initially I chose Guatemala over the Europe trip before I even knew they were going to Barcelona. I thought that I would have many more opportunities to visit somewhere as a tourist, rather than immersing myself into a culture. It was a life-changing experience from both a personal perspective and a social justice perspective and was both adventurous and educational.

I was able to further my knowledge in social inequalities that exist within a culture as well as engage in amazing activities like hiking an active volcano, or playing soccer with kids, or watching the sunset from the top of a Mayan temple. Everything about this experience was more than what I had hoped for, it left me a better person, able to appreciate the meaning of social justice and the importance of engaging with others on a personal level--something I could bring back with me as a souvenir and adopt into my life.

Because this trip is run through an outside consortium, Cottery alumnae are welcome to participate, and have done

so in the past. For information about the 2012-13 trip, please contact Dr. Brenda Ross at bross@cottery.edu.



Cottery students on the Guatemala trip pose with Tribeco, a resident of San Lucas Toliman, who supervises the reforestation project in San Lucas. Because residents must use wood for heating and cooking, many of the hills have become barren which leaves them vulnerable to mudslides in rainy seasons. Students helped transplant seedlings that would eventually be replanted in the hills around San Lucas.