Three for Four

Cottey Introduces Three New Faculty Members to Teach Upper-Division Courses for the Proposed Four-Year Programs

by Steve Reed

In her inaugural address, Dr. Judy Rogers stated, “Cottey must grow.” In her first years on campus, she worked with faculty and staff on the College’s strategic plan. One objective listed in the plan was to “encourage the development of new academic programs and degree levels that attract students and build on the strengths of the College.” In the spring of 2007, the President appointed a group to study the feasibility of offering specific, selected baccalaureate programs. This semester, Cottey began offering its first upper-level courses as part of the process to gain accreditation for three selected baccalaureate programs.

Three new faculty members have been hired to teach the inaugural courses and develop the curricula. Teaching environmental studies is Dr. Sylvio Mannel, who holds a Ph.D. from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Teaching English is Dr. Paul Cook, who earned his doctorate from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Michel Rakotomavo, who moved to Nevada from Paris, France, will teach international business. His doctoral degree is from the City University of New York.

These new programs, designed with input from The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (Cottey’s accrediting agency), will represent the three disciplines proposed for Cottey’s inaugural B.A. programs, which are:

- English (both women’s writers and traditional concentrations);
- Environmental studies; and
- International relations and business (both political science and commerce/finance/management concentrations).

These programs are interdisciplinary, related to each other and to current program offerings, and draw on current faculty strengths. Since Cottey is a mission-driven institution, all three programs include a substantial women’s leadership component in addition to the major area emphasis. These new programs will constitute the Cottey Institute for Women’s Leadership and Social Responsibility. Below are abbreviated descriptions of the three proposed programs.

**English**

A baccalaureate degree in English with a concentration in women writers offers prospective students a highly unique educational experience that builds on the strengths of our current faculty and responds directly to Cottey’s mission and strategic plan goals. This program grows out of the combination of a traditional English degree program with a women’s studies emphasis, and our innovative hybrid degree allows students to complete what is essentially an English major built on a traditional foundation and accented by a women writers focus.

**International Relations and Business**

This program encourages critical understanding of issues occurring throughout the world and analysis based on multiple perspectives such as cultural, economic, and military. Students in this program learn about the historical, physical, and monetary underpinnings of modern states, and gain a strong foundation to consider international issues, the global political economy, the global culture,
Janet Hansen, River Falls, Wisconsin, was appointed to the Cottey College Board of Trustees in 2010. Janet earned a B.S. in elementary education from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, and an M.S. in elementary education and pre-school from the University of Wisconsin River Falls.

For 22 years, Janet was a kindergarten teacher and in her career was a recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award from the Wisconsin Association of Teacher Educators. She created and directed her school district’s mentor program and chaired her elementary school’s North Central Evaluation. Janet has also participated on three North Central Evaluation teams: two for elementary schools and one for a two-year college. In 2007 she received the Friend of the College award from the Cottey College Alumnae Association.

Janet became a member of P.E.O. when she was initiated into Chapter DW, Wisconsin, in 1996. She has served as the chapter treasurer, vice president, and president. Janet’s two daughters are also P.E.O. members; one in Chapter DA, Wisconsin, and the other in Chapter CC, North Carolina.

Janet and her husband, Glenn, and have been married 26 years and enjoy a wonderful, loving blended family of five children and ten grandchildren. They are both retired educators and enjoy spending January through March on the beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama, and also love to take cruises.

In 2007, Janet received her certification to teach Hatha and Senior Yoga. She teaches classes in her church in River Falls and in her condo building in Alabama during the winter months. Janet’s other interests include volunteer work in the community, along with gardening, reading, singing, and traveling.

Kathy Leffler of Scottsdale, Arizona, was appointed to the Cottey College Board of Trustees in 2010. A native of El Paso, Texas, Kathy is a 1964 graduate of Cottey College and earned her B.S. in elementary education with a minor in political science from the University of Texas-Austin. She remains a Longhorns fan to this day. Her daughters Ambre and Holly also followed her to Cottey. Ambre is a 1994 alumna and Holly graduated in 1997.

P.E.O. has been a family affair for Kathy. She joined her mother, Evelyn Peyton, when she was initiated into Chapter BP, El Paso, in 1968. Kathy later joined her mother-in-law, LaVerne Leffler, when she dimitted to Chapter AM in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Today, Kathy and both of her daughters are members of Chapter BA, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Kathy met her husband Albert while she was working in musical theater for Special Services at Ft. Bliss, Texas. They moved to Temple, Arizona, where Albert served an internship in performing arts management at Grady Gammage Auditorium at Arizona State University. During that time, he became one of the co-founders of Ticketmaster. He and Kathy came up with the company name while driving on a trip to El Paso.

The Lefflers have maintained an active interest in performing arts organizations, particularly those involving young people. They have served on numerous boards in this regard—Phoenix Boys Choir, Scottsdale Schools Music Association, and Desert Bells International. She has also been an accompanist for a Yamaha Music Studio.

Kathy has worked in various aspects of the writing business, including newspapers and magazines. She currently owns and operates a home-based freelance writing business called Words to Go, Inc.

Kathy enjoys monthly gatherings with a gourmet group and book club, and impromptu travel opportunities. She noted that many of these “opportunities” revolve around Albert’s passion for steam locomotive restoration. Other interests include reading, writing, music, foreign films, cooking, and hiking.

Dr. Rusalyn Andrews, professor of speech and theatre, recently returned from the United Kingdom where she attended the world’s largest performing arts festival, The Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Between August 8 and August 12, Dr. Andrews and 19 other college professors completed orientation to the International Collegiate Theatre Festival. The ICTF will be included as part of the Fringe for the first time in 2011. Dr. Andrews’ participation in this group was jointly sponsored by a Cottey College Lillian Corley Award and World Stride.


Dr. Catherine Campbell, professor of French, spent eight days in Cincinnati marking AP French exams. In July, she spent 13 days in London and Paris with a friend from college she has known for 40+ years.


Professor Michael Denison, associate professor of theatre and speech, has received a Fulbright Foundation grant to conduct research in Thailand for a period of three months. He will create and put online a database of all the colleges, universities, and professional schools in Thailand that offer training in theatre and film. He will leave for Thailand immediately after graduation. Professor Denison also killed two rattlesnakes this summer while living in his cabin outside of Boulder, Colorado.

Meredith Murphy, Class of 2006, was hired as an admission representative to replace Betsy Miller Curtis ’06 who accepted a position as head of marketing at Heartland Hospital. Murphy’s territory includes Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Virginia, Washington DC, and Wyoming. She is also the sponsor of CAP, the Comets Ambassador Program. CAP puts current student-athletes in contact with prospective student-athletes for campus visits.

Erica Siguake, director of spiritual life, went for her graduation at United Theological Seminary in May in Minnesota. She graduated with a Master of Divinity degree with concentration in pastoral care and counseling. She also received two awards. One was for a 2010 graduating student demonstrating excellence in Theological Interpretation of Culture and the other was a Community Leadership award.

Dr. Trisha Stubblefield, associate professor of English, scored Advanced Placement English Language exams for ETS June 10-18, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Julie Tietz, associate professor of psychology, graded Advanced Placement exams in psychology in Kansas City, Missouri, June 10-16, 2010.

Thanks to Lillian Corley and David G. C. Cassa Faculty Development Funds, Dr. Xiao-qing Wang, assistant professor of sociology, was able to participate in the 2010 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta (August 14-17). She was elected as the president (2010-2011) of the National Council of State Sociological Associations at the ASA meeting.

She was also selected with a stipend to participate in a data training workshop of 2010 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Science Research at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, August 4-6, 2010.
by Judy R. Rogers, Ph.D.

The Cottey College mission states that we aspire for Cottey students to become learners, leaders, and citizens. Our challenging liberal arts curriculum provides the foundational skills for our students to become learners. Cottey students can develop as leaders through numerous avenues. They can study leadership in classes in the curriculum. There are leadership opportunities through our student government, numerous student organizations, athletic programs, and group projects in classes. Students regularly are invited to serve on important college committees. Students can also choose to join LEO (Leader, Experiences, and Opportunity), a four-semester leadership certification program, guided by a team of campus leaders to provide development of leadership skills. Through LEO, Cottey students can participate in workshops and activities to identify and cultivate their own leadership style. LEO is a unique program developed just for Cottey students. It includes reading, activities, service, and many more opportunities for leadership education.

During this year, Cottey is making the final preparations to offer our first selected baccalaureate programs. We will receive a visit from a three-member team representing our accrediting association in January to review our preparation and to determine if we will be allowed to grant four-year, baccalaureate degrees by fall. We have already been approved to offer 300-level courses this fall. We have hired additional faculty members to assist in preparing for accreditation and, subsequently, to assist in developing these programs. The baccalaureate programs being proposed for accreditation are English, international relations and business, and environmental studies. The programs are being created to be interdisciplinary and inter-related with the intention that our baccalaureate students will also become leaders, learners, and citizens. Each program will incorporate individualized experiential components such as study abroad, internships, and service learning.

Our new baccalaureate programs are being offered through the evolving Cottey Institute for Women’s Leadership and Social Responsibility. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Sonia Cowen has just joined our campus as the executive director of the Institute for Women’s Leadership and Social Responsibility. Dr. Cowen is a distinguished and experienced scholar and administrator in higher education and in the field of leadership. For the past seven years, she has served as the endowed chair and founding director of the Daniels Leadership Center at the New Mexico Military Institute. She holds the doctorate in leadership studies from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. Her focus provides a broad approach to leadership theory and development—across all disciplines. She has designed many learning experiences that help students identify and develop their leadership skills. This is the approach that will guide the Institute and Cottey’s new academic programs. At Cottey a young woman can develop as a leader in her field of study, in her community, in her family, in whatever setting her leadership is needed.

At Cottey we also aspire for students to develop as citizens, engaged citizens who take thoughtful, responsible action. I have been reading a book titled: Citizen You: Doing Your Part to Change the World by Jonathan Tisch. This book provides examples of a new type of active citizenship, citizenship that results in social change. The book contains stories of individuals who are confronting some of the most challenging social problems with long-lasting, self-sustaining solutions. The idea is for responsible citizens to move beyond charity and volunteerism to create change that can become a permanent solution to a social problem. I quote the author, Jonathan Tisch: Students, teachers, and academic researchers can launch or support programs for social change in their local communities or in needy areas around the world, using their research methods and technological savvy to promote innovative ideas with an immediate positive impact on human problems. (Tisch 16)

The Institute for Women’s Leadership and Social Responsibility will coordinate our new academic programs so that students graduate not only with knowledge and competency in their major fields but also with experience in leadership and an understanding of their social responsibility. Dr. Cowen will lead this effort with the collaboration of our faculty.

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Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE), and as assistant commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Montana (MUS). She has served as faculty and vice president or assistant vice president at community colleges as well as at doctoral-granting research universities. In recent years, her research has been juried and presented at international conferences regarding innovative teaching through the use of immersion theatres, serious gaming, and simulation-modeling in homeland security and defense. For the past three years, she has served as one of 18 mentor-faculty selected nationally by the USMA (West Point) to guide discussions at the Academy’s annual conference on Ethics in America. Last month, she served in a similar capacity at The Citadel.

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global environmental concerns, and post-Cold War political conflicts. Students in this program typically learn at least one foreign language, often in preparation for an extensive study abroad experience. Within this major program, students can choose an emphasis in political science or business.

Cottey is committed to the associate degree program

It is important to note that Cottey is not abandoning and will not abandon its associate degree programs. Whether or not Cottey expands its offerings to include a bachelor’s degree program, Cottey will remain committed to providing that foundation. In fact, this year, Cottey added an additional associate degree offering, the Associate in Fine Arts degree, to accompany the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees already offered.

When communicating with prospective students, alumniae and P.E.O.s should not say that Cottey is now offering baccalaureate degree programs. In January 2011, Cottey will host a focused visit from an accrediting team from The Higher Learning Commission. That team will look at the curricula of the three programs, look at the supporting plan the College has compiled, and make a decision as to whether or not to accredit any of the three programs. Until that decision has been announced (in spring 2011), Cottey may only say that it is offering upper-level courses in those three programs.

Watch for the Winter issue of the Viewpoint for information on the courses being offered this year in the three specific upper-division programs.

Dr. Judy R. Rogers

Yes! You still have time to register for P.E.O. Visit Day on October 23.

Contact Cottey’s Office of P.E.O. Relations at 417-667-8181, ext. 2122 to register or get more information. P.E.O. visit days are a great way to see the Cottey campus and meet other sisters. Activities include campus tours, meeting students, experiencing the great Cottey food, and hearing from the President, Dr. Judy Rogers.

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Cottey Launches New Web Site

Over the summer, Cottey College launched its redesigned Web site. Created to be more appealing to prospective students, the site features brighter colors, more pertinent information off of the home page, and easily updated graphics.

“One of the problems we had with the old site was the graphic identity was difficult to change,” said Steve Reed, director of public information. “The gallery templates on the home page and Get a World View page allow us to quickly and easily drop new images in as we need to do. Also, the sliders at the bottom of the home page give us flexibility to add new information and photos and keep the pages looking fresh.”

Check out the new Web site at www.cottey.edu and share the link with a prospective student!

Kim Krause Haddow ’75, far right, was an assistant coach for the United States Women’s Team at the World University Golf Championships.

The 13th World University Golf Championships were held June 8-13 at Antequera Golf Resort in Antequera, Spain, where the United States Women’s Team captured the Bronze medal as well as the Gold Medal Individual honors! Head Coach Diane Thomason from the University of Iowa and Kim Krause Haddow ’75, former University of Arizona women’s golf coach and current LPGA Teacher Professional at Antelope Hills in Prescott, Arizona, coached a star-studded team to a 605, third-place finish for the USA that included fifth place finisher Ashley Bauer from Michigan (75-80-72-77), eighth place finisher Stefanie Kenoyer from Furman (75-83-73-77), and 17th place finisher Laura Kueny from Michigan State (84-76-75-81).

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The Best of Cottey Cooking Now Available

When they say about the squeaky wheel getting the grease? Well, ask and ye shall receive friends.

“I could no longer ignore it,” said Cottey chef Michael Richardson. “People wanted to take home some of what they had here.”

Because of the constant requests from alumnae, P.E.O.s, parents, faculty and staff, and well, pretty much anyone who had ever eaten a meal here, Richardson created and published his first cookbook The Best of Cottey Cooking. The book has over 200 of the most popular Cottey recipes featured including molten chocolate cake, almond French toast, honey Dijon chicken, and the perennial favorite: baked potato soup. (Those three words alone are probably enough to sell the book.) Every recipe has been home tested and re-written for cooks of all skill levels to find success in their home kitchens. All the ingredients for these recipes can be found in most local supermarkets.

“The cookbook was a natural genesis of the requests,” said Richardson, “and from my desire to share the experience with people. Taking professional-level recipes and simplifying them so others can do them at home is a passion of mine. What is in Raney Dining Room is now something they can share at home.”

Richardson arrived at Cottey College in 1993, and anyone who has eaten in Raney since then knows the food is not just popular, but a selling point. When you ask students or alumnae what are the best things about Cottey, food is almost always in the top five. The biggest reason for all this praise is Richardson and the Food Service staff. Richardson used to be a restaurant chef so he knows what it takes to keep diners happy. He also knows that, when you spend almost 24/7 in a place, food is an important part of the experience.

“Cottey is a great place for women,” said Richardson. “We have manicured grounds, Ph.D. professors, a 10-to-1 student-teacher ratio, and the food has to match that quality.”

Some of those Cottey favorite recipes were developed out of necessity.

“We were buying honey Dijon chicken from a vendor and they discontinued carrying it,” explained Richardson. “It was a popular dish, so instead of dropping it from the menu, I made my own and it turned out better. That’s because we were using fresh ingredients and creating it fresh rather than using something frozen. Necessity is the mother of invention. A lot of recipes have come about like that.”

And the favorites are definitely in the book.

“People love our chicken dishes and cookies and desserts,” said Richardson. “The cookbook is heavy on desserts because we’re known for that. The party section has favorites from our catering, but over all there is a good cross section.”

“I know what is successful from the servings,” he added. “If it’s not successful, it’s not in the book.”

Speaking of favorites, does Richardson have a favorite recipe?

“I have a weakness for sweets,” he grinned. “Crème brûlée is one of my favorites, but I also like the artichoke spinach salad, many of the breads, and the beer cheese soup.”

Richardson’s reputation is well known at Cottey. For the last three years he has taught a limited enrollment cooking class at Vacation College, and it is the first course to fill up with registered participants. Those P.E.O. members who attend International Convention in fall 2011 will have an opportunity to watch Richardson demonstrate how to prepare one of his recipes at a workshop. Even though the cookbook has not been advertised to alumnae until now, over the last two months Richardson sold 750 of the initial 3200 books printed through word of mouth and a couple of local book signings.

The Best of Cottey Cooking is available in the Cottey Bookstore and through various Nevada, Missouri, area outlets. To find out how to get your own copy (for only $24.95, plus shipping and handling), visit the Cottey College Bookstore page on the Cottey Web site (http://www.cottey.edu/future-students/life-on-campus/bookstore) and click on the Cottey Cookbook link on the right side.

You’ll get a warm feeling in your stomach when you have that bowl of baked potato soup, but you’ll also have a warm feeling in your heart knowing you’ve helped future Cottey students as well. That’s because Richardson is giving a portion of his profits back to Cottey in the form of scholarship funds.

So what are you waiting for? Help future students and help yourself to some of that delicious Cottey cuisine that you remember.

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

Name ____________________________

Address _______________________________________________________

City, State, Zip _______________________

Phone ______________________________

E-mail address _________________________

Have you talked to this student about Cottey?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Are you a [ ] P.E.O.?  [ ] Chapter _____  [ ] Cottey alumna?  [ ] 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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Deaths

1940s

Frances Coppock Horton '42 died July 4, 2010, at the age 87. Frances was born on the family farm in Cherokee, Oklahoma, on October 22, 1922, to Murray L. and Mary Blue Coppock. After graduation from Cherokee High School, she attended Cottey College and went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in music from Oklahoma State University. After teaching music in Jet, Oklahoma, Mrs. Horton joined the American Red Cross and was stationed in Okinawa during World War II. Frances and Bob Horton were married September 5, 1948, in Cherokee. They made their homes in Oklahoma, South Carolina, and North Carolina over the years, but Bob’s job at Phillips Petroleum Company brought them back to Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Frances was a strong supporter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, American Red Cross, Cottey College, Kappa Alpha Theta, and her hometown church. Mrs. Horton experienced many hours of delight in playing the piano and playing bridge. Her family and friends will miss her elegance, gracefulness, and kind spirit. Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. Horton. She is survived by her daughters, Deborah Bell and Katherine Horton; son, Rob Horton; four grandchildren, including alumna Sarah Fritter ’96; and many cousins, including alumna Barbara Blue ’50, Ruth DeVore ’50 and Rachel Palmer ’53. The Frances Coppock Horton Memorial Fund was created at Cottey College to honor the life of Frances. A memorial service was held for Frances on July 8 in her hometown of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

1960s

Susan Eda Merritt-Trail ’61 died on August 5, 2010. She attended Cottey College from 1951-1953. They both went on to receive their degrees from Kansas State University. Sally is survived by her husband, Boyd; two sons; daughter, Kimberly Nickelson ’76; and niece, Jill Marshall ’78. Memorial services were held for Sally on July 10 at the United Methodist Church in Kiowa, Kansas.

1970s

Deborah Hannah Greenwald ’76 died on May 25, 2010. Deborah was born to Guy and Sally Hannah on March 23, 1956. She was raised in Ohio with an older sister, Linda, and two younger brothers, David and Steve. She graduated from Cottey College with her A.A. and received her bachelor’s degree from Hiram College in Ohio. Upon graduation, she worked as a scientist in a chemical laboratory. Deborah was married to Paul Greenwald on February 26, 1983. Together the couple moved to Detroit, Michigan, to begin a career with Cadillac. Their first child, Barbara, was born in July 1984. The family then moved to Chicago, Illinois, and then to Wichita, Kansas, where their next child, Cheryl, was born in February 1987. After several moves around the country, the family moved to Wildwood, Missouri, where Deborah resided until her death. Deborah was a devoted mother and wife and will be sincerely missed by family and friends.

1980s

Andrea Hunter ’88 died on July 10, 2010. She was born to Pauline and Albert Hunter on January 31, 1978, in Eugene, Oregon. She was raised at Toketee and graduated from Glide High School in 1996. She graduated from Cottey with her A.A. and went on to receive her bachelor’s degree at Albion College in Idaho. She continued on to pursue a master’s degree in psychology until her untimely death. She was preceded in death by her father, Albert; two uncles, Boyd and Donny; and two cousins, Teresa and Sue. She leaves behind her mother, sisters, cousins, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, grandparents, and many supportive friends who will all miss her dearly. She loved forest trees, traveling, writing, reading, and talking on the phone. There was a celebration of life held on August 28, 2010.

1990s

Miranda Wheatley, Class of 2009, found out this past summer that she was, in fact, a legacy. Unknown to her until then, her great-great-aunt, Myra Bailey Pratt was a 1915 alumna of Cottey College. Myra was born and raised in the Appleton City, Missouri, area. Her father bought livestock around the area and was responsible for the first shipment of cattle out of Appleton City when the railroad came to town. She married Joseph Pratt, a businessman, and lived in Butler, Missouri. “She was a P.E.O. but not extremely active in the organization,” reported Wheatley. “She was more interested in playing bridge with her friends.”

This summer, a friend of Patty Bartz, Wheatley’s grandmother, found the letter below in a box and knew it would be of interest to the family. Wheatley’s, a journalistic major at the University of Missouri-Columbia, knew she had a find and offered to share it with the Viewpoint. Along with the letter, they had Myra Bailey’s graduation announcement and a photo (reproduced below). Wheatley added that she, her mother, Jennifer Wheatley; and her grandmother are all members of P.E.O. Chapter CC in Appleton City, Missouri.

Dear Mollie;

Expect this will be a shock to you to hear from me. But we sure have been busy, having recitals almost every day or night. There is one tonight and one tomorrow at 2. I have to play two pieces tomorrow and I know I’ll die. It’s only three more weeks tho. I sure will be glad. One of the girls’ mother was here over Sunday so she took another girl out with her. We went to church Sun. night. And went out to the lake yesterday afternoon went boat-riding and I did the rowing. It’s a wonder I didn’t turn them over but we got back safe. I sure am anxious to see the car. Can’t hardly wait until school is out.

The Messiah is the 25th. I am in it, I wouldn’t have done it but they caught me & made me go practice. You know I am such a singer they couldn’t do without me. I think I’ll stay under my bed the night they give it. Jack (my friend) & I stayed under the bed about an hour the other night when they were practise. They hunted us but didn’t find us. We been having exciting times here lately. Two girls got out at 10:30 & came in at 3 a.m. Mrs. Stockard expelled them but some girls begged her to let them stay so she did. Say I am going to have a Friendship Bracelet. The links just cost a quarter & we have the names of those who give them to us put on it. Will you & Dick send me a quarter? I got one from Jack & a letter too. First letter Jack ever wrote to me I believe. Well I must go to class. Write soon.

Love from Myra.

Alumna Discovers She is a Legacy 95 Years After the Fact

Miranda Wheatley ’09

Myra Bailey

Expanded class notes and additional photos are online at www.cotteycommunity.org
1960s

Kristi Bard Koriath ’65 has decided to retire from the organ bench at Grace Episcopal Church in Muncie, where she has served as organist since 1972. Now 65, she was only 12 when she became an assistant organist in her home church. After graduating from Cottey, Kristi attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where she received her bachelor’s degree in organ. Still wanting to further her education, Kristi moved on to the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where she received a master’s degree, with an emphasis on organ and church music. Kristi’s husband, Kirby, also has a passion for the organ, as he is the organist and professor of music at Ball State University. Kristi also works at BSU, where she is now director of the Sponsored Programs Office.

1970s

Jennie Olsen ’79 and Mary Alice Howard ’79 reunited in Chicago, Illinois, in July 2010. They explored Chicago’s new modern art wing in the Art Institute of Chicago. They also visited the Contemporary Museum of Art along with many other of Chicago’s sites. The two had a great time and hope to get together again soon.

1980s

Colorado Minear spent a lazy weekend at Maple Lake, Minnesota, laughing, swimming, and agreeing to resume suite life together in a senior living facility someday so there will always be someone to laugh at their jokes. L to R, front: Nancy Neff ’81, Kim Franz Kaul ’80, Stephanie Neill Kaemarck ’81, Mary Ellen Hosler Cloutier ’82; L to R, back: Cindy Baxter ’80, Julie Carrick Davis ’81, Sarah Wallace ’81, Diane Morrison ’82.

1990s

Heather Hurbert ’91, award-winning pastry chef, is a contestant on the first season of Top Chef: Just Desserts on the Bravo network. Twelve “chefs-tants” began facing off against each other in the season opener on September 15. According to the show’s Web site, “Each episode of Top Chef: Just Desserts holds two challenges for the pastry chefs: the first is a Quickfire test of their basic abilities and the second is a more involved Elimination Challenge designed to test the versatility and inventiveness of the pastry chefs as they take on unique culinary trials such as working with unusual and exotic ingredients or catering for a range of demanding clients.” Heather has a degree in culinary arts from the Culinary Institute of America, and is the executive pastry chef at Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, Georgia.

Brianne Fulton ’99 did the impossible...she got a job in art! Brianne finished her M.F.A. degree in July at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. She is now working as a full-time art instructor and gallery/museum director at Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri. She teaches ceramics, sculpture, 2-D design, and art appreciation. The teaching methods of Cottey professors Patty McLoone, Dr. Holman, Nathan Falter, and Rand Smith inspire her in the classroom to this day! In addition to her teaching duties, Brianne also serves as publicity director on the board of the Kansas Artists and Craftsmen Association and participates in art exhibits. Her art work will next be on display at the University of Tulsa as part of the Red Heat: Contemporary Works in Clay exhibit. The national juried show opens September 30 and runs through November 4 in the Alexandre Hogue Gallery.

2000s

Courtney Morgan Cole ’02 has decided to run for State Representative in the 121st District in Johnson County. The election will take place this fall. Courtney is campaigning on the issues of public education, economic development, and affordable health care. After graduating from Cottey, Courtney transferred to University of Saint Mary, where she received a bachelor’s degree in secondary education and theater. She is currently a teacher at Higginson High School. Courtney and her husband Jason are also raising their three-year-old daughter, Mackenzie in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Sarah Haney ’09 recently accepted a position at The Nevada Daily Mail/Herald-Tribune located in Nevada, Missouri, as editorial assistant. She plans to continue courses in journalism and receive a bachelor’s degree in journalism with hopes of being a political analyst and social justice commentator.

Kyla Wall 2010 Cottey College graduate and former student government president, was initiated into P.E.O. by Chapter U, Glasgow, Montana, on June 15, 2010. She is shown here (right) with her mother, Karen Wall, President of Chapter U. Kyla is currently a student at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia.

Left to right: Dee (Ann) Sandberg Woodard – ’75, instructor; Lucinda Clauter-Lull – ’75, past mayor; Jan Blackwelder Ensminger – ’59, vacationer. From Jan Blackwelder Ensminger ’59: There are always interesting stories when Cottey “girls” get together. Do you know where Pitkin, Colorado, is? It is not a place one would drive through. It is a destination! Pitkin is a town of around 80-90 people tucked away in the Rocky Mountains near Gunnison. It is the oldest continuously incorporated town on the Western Slope, with one road in and one road out. It was summer and I went to visit my cousin and his wife for a few days to enjoy the mountains, see their new cabin, and see where my parents had vacationed many summers after they retired. On Saturday morning my cousin’s wife asked me if I would like to go to the community building for a class in card making (stamping) and lunch. That sounded like a fun thing to do and it would give me an opportunity to meet their friends and neighbors. When we arrived, my cousin’s wife introduced me to Lucinda Clauter-Lull, who had been a mayor of Pitkin (first woman mayor in Pitkin), lived there year around and was a Cottey “girl.” She in turn introduced me to the instructor of the class, Dee (Ann) Sandberg Woodard, who was building a new house in Pitkin and was going to become a year-round resident. She also was a Cottey “girl” and in the same Cottey class as Lucinda. Now, how often do you find three Cottey “girls,” just by coincidence, in a little mountain town on a summer’s day? It was great fun and a time one will always remember. Just another note of interest—Pitkin is also the hometown of two other Cottey “girls,” Becky Cole Plunkett ’87 and Sarah Lull-Castillo ’03.
1950s

Deborah Spoor DeRoy ’55 and Harold Salathe Wiking were married on January 1, 2009, at Mr. Wiking’s home in Eagle, Idaho. The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii. They will divide their time between Eagle, Idaho, and McCall, Idaho.

1990s

Caroline Province ’93 and Dorin Gheorghiu were married January 10, 2009, in Joliet, Illinois. Courtney Harris Henry ’93 was matron of honor and it was an honor to have Nikki Shaffer Young ’93 and Wendy Wilson ’93 in attendance. The couple “mini-mooned” in Geneva, Illinois, and then honeymooned in Romania, the groom’s home country, in December 2009. The couple resides in Joliet, Illinois, where Caroline is a speech language pathologist in an elementary school and can be contacted via Facebook or e-mail (cprovince@juno.com).

2000s

Emma Sharkey ’01 announces her engagement to Mark Freeman— it took eight years but he finally got her to say “yes!” After picking up Emma’s favorite of pain au chocolat at the local bakery for breakfast, Mark whisked her away for a surprise day in the countryside which included a winery tour, lunch at their favorite bistro, wild blackberry picking, and a picnic dinner. Mark proposed at the top of the Malahat Mountain with views out to the Saanich Inlet. Mark and Emma will be tying the knot this summer under the branches of the Pear Orchard on Mark’s mother’s estate on Lake Erie. They look forward to dancing the night away with friends and family under the shooting stars of the Perseid meteor shower.

Jamie Stark Gorham ’03 and Daniel Gorham are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Colton James. He was born on March 10, 2010, in North Kansas City Hospital, and weighed 7 lb., 11 oz. The family is thrilled to welcome their newest addition. Mom and Dad are doing great and Drake is super excited to be a big brother now and loves to give Colton hugs and kisses and tell everyone it’s “my baby.”

Jodie (Freed) Marcantoni ’03 and Jared Marcantoni (University of Virginia, 2005) are happy to announce their marriage on July 10, 2010, in Tucson, Arizona. Cristina Gray ’03 from Tucson, Arizona, and Marissa Finder ’03 from Freistatt, Missouri, were in attendance. The two Cottey women surprised the Marcantoni at the reception when they sang “May all of your dreams bloom like daisies in the sun!” Jodie and Jared currently reside in St. Louis, Missouri. Jodie works as an infectious disease nurse practitioner at Washington University in St. Louis. She can be reached by e-mail at: jodie.freed@gmail.com or by mail at 6448 San Bonita Ave. St. Louis, MO 63105.

Melisabeth Wright ’04 and C. Skyler Johnston, originally of Alton, Missouri, were married on June 12, 2010, in Columbia, Missouri. Both the bride and groom are graduates of the University of Missouri-Columbia and work in politics. Maid of Honor was the Bride’s sister, Mickalace Wright ’00 and Ellen Weatherholt ’04 was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were Jen Rackham ’03, Katie Gray ’04, Helen Baker ’04, Heather Baker ’04, Jaclyn Dudek ’04 and Amanda Hamilton ’05. Melisabeth encourages her friends from Cottey to find her on Facebook or Twitter.

Jamie Stark Gorham ’03 and Daniel Gorham with sons Drake (left) and Colton (right).
A Message From Your CCAA

A Defining Moment - How Can We Help?

_by Diane Sampson ’58_

As the campaign for Cottey College, _A Defining Moment_, continues to successfully meet projected goals, alumnae are asking, “How can we help?” Your Alumnae Board has discussed various ways to direct our support of this extremely worthwhile undertaking. We, like you, are excited by the prospect that increased scholarships, faculty growth, and a new building to house fine arts instruction will bring. So how best can we help achieve these goals?

Of critical importance right now is that our alumnae support needs to grow percentage wise. Statistics show that most women’s colleges enjoy giving rates of 40 percent or higher in support of their alma maters. This past year’s rate at Cottey was just over 10.4 percent. We must improve!

Your Alumnae Board has set a goal, a challenge to our constituency, of increasing alumnae giving to 25 percent. We feel Cottey alumnae can meet and sustain such a rate of support. We just need to help more alumnae see the benefits of establishing a tradition of giving.

Why is this giving rate so important? We are told by fundraisers that this is one of the first criteria that external donors, whether private or corporate, examine to see if graduates truly support and believe in the mission of an institution. The Alumnae Board has discussed at length why the giving rate at Cottey is not as high as we might wish. While many reasons have been presented, many of which have validity, the most important seems to be the need for alumnae commitment. We need to show our support through continued participation – a true giving back to our College.

Here are a few ideas that have been suggested. Join classmates in setting a goal to increase the number of participating members. Class agents will be more than willing to help organize such an undertaking. The Class of 1960 is a great example of working together for a common goal. Their determination produced a record involvement of more than 70 percent of class members helping to achieve an outstanding class fund. We hope all classes can follow their lead.

Work together to start a class fund. Your fund may be designated for a particular purpose, like scholarships or the new fine arts instructional facility, or may be given unrestricted for the College to use where it is needed most. The Office of Institutional Advancement also maintains a wish list of departmental equipment and technology requests, so if your class wants to benefit the Library or a certain discipline, there may be something you could choose to raise money to purchase. Please remember to inform the Office of Institutional Advancement of your class’s project in advance so they can be certain to credit gifts correctly.

Remember that if you are also a P.E.O. and give to Cottey through your P.E.O. chapter, your contribution is not tax-deductible, and may or may not be credited to you individually at the College. State chapters do not always have the same reporting methods, so your contribution may not appear on an individual list at the College. You may wish to send your contribution directly to Cottey to ensure proper credit.

Cottey alumnae are the first line of support for our College. It is up to us to step up and participate by committing to a continuing given program for our College. Such participation is vital if we are to guarantee the success of this comprehensive campaign. Yes, we can help. Let us accept the challenge!

A Defining Moment campaign priorities are:

- Scholarship Endowment
- Faculty Chairs
- New Fine Arts Instructional Building
- Library Enhancements
- Unrestricted Funding

Update us on Your E-mail

If your e-mail address has recently changed, don’t forget to let Cottey know. With your permission, we will send you the monthly alumnae e-newsletter through your e-mail as well as provide your e-mail address to your classmates or P.E.O.s looking to contact you. If you have changes in your e-mail or any other information to report, contact the Office of Alumnae Relations at alumnae@cottey.edu. Thanks for your help in keeping our records accurate!

A Record Achievement!

The Class of 1960 successfully met and passed their 50th anniversary goal of establishing an Excellence in Education Fund of $60,000. The class also surpassed the record of percentage of giving by having 70 percent of the class accepting Class Agent Nancy Jane Morris’ challenge to support their fund. In addition, the Class of 1960 set the record for 50th class reunion attendance. The first recipient of the Excellence in Education award was Dr. Mark Pearson who was honored at Founder’s Day 2010.

Call for Nominations

If you have nominations for board members or award recipients, please send in the nomination form below. The Nomination Committee of the CCAA Executive Board keeps a list of nominees for awards and board positions it draws upon each fall and spring during the nomination process. Feel free to nominate yourself, too!

_CCAA Citation or Executive Board Nomination_

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Nominee’s Address _____________ Street _____________
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Phone ___________________________ E-Mail __________________________
Your Name __________________________ Class Year __________________________

NOMINATION FOR:

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- Outstanding Young Alumna
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Students Place at Nationals

Two Cottey students placed top in the nation at the National Phi Beta Lambda Competition held this July in Nashville, Tennessee. More than 1,600 students and advisors attended the national competition and conference. Cottey student Tanya Khvitskso placed 12th in the nation in Sales Presentation, where she explained the features and benefits and gave a sales demonstration for Tom’s Shoes. Natasha Lord placed 15th in the Help Desk event and Patricia Martinez competed in the Client Services event. These students qualified to represent Missouri at the National Leadership Conference by placing second at the State Leadership conference held last March in Jefferson City, Missouri.

“I am very proud of the students who represented the PBL chapter from Cottey College,” said Dr. Gary Lunkenheimer, assistant professor of business and economics, and advisor for Cottey’s chapter of Phi Beta Lambda. “The business and leadership skills students obtain through PBL makes increased success in the business world more likely. It is a pleasure to work with such high-achieving students.”

The conference featured competitive events for individuals and teams, various workshops for training, and election of officers for the next year. The keynote speaker for the event was Robin Crow, a speaker, author, and entrepreneur. His expertise on leadership, change, and customer service comes from 30 hard-won years in the trenches as an entrepreneur.

Phi Beta Lambda is a national organization for students at the collegiate level who plan to pursue careers in the business environment. Phi Beta Lambda students develop leadership and teamwork skills that will lead to future success. The PBL mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. There are over 11,000 active members in the US. Missouri has almost 500 members in 30 colleges and universities across the state.

Students and Athletes

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Looking for a lost classmate?

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

Mail: Cottey College, Office of Alumnae Relations, 1000 W. Austin, Nevada, MO 64772
Phone: 417-667-8181, ext. 2122
Fax: 417-667-8103
E-mail: alumnae@cottey.edu

Remember to include the class year of your school pals when requesting information. Please notify us when you move, so we can help YOUR classmates keep track of your whereabouts as well. Use the coupon to the left to let us know when you change your address.

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t the Cottey College Comets volleyball team has already doubled their wins from last season as they began the 2010 season with a 2-3 record. Those three losses, however, came against some of the toughest teams the Comets face. They opened with a loss to perennial Region XVI powerhouse Longview Community College before sweeping Labette Community College in the home opener on September 4, evening their record to 1-1.

“After feeling the brunt of numerous three-game matches last year, it sure feels good to be the one with the 25 points in front!” said head coach Marla Kannady Foreman, referencing last year’s struggles on the court. “I know we are early in the season, and there are many things to improve on. However, the feeling after a win can sure bring on that motivation to get in the gym and make yourself better, and these young ladies have it.”

Next was a trip to Miami, Oklahoma, for a match against Northeast Oklahoma A&M. Even though the home team took all three games, the Comets showed they were much improved over last year as they played even with a team that handily defeated them the year before. The scores were 25-22, 26-24 and 25-23, and each game went down to the wire.

“We let that one go,” said Foreman, about the match in Oklahoma. “Last year, there was no way we could have come close to beating NEO. However, this year’s team could have done it, and we just didn’t get the job done.”

Next up was a four-year NAIA school, Stephens College. Cottey took one game out of four and probably should have won another as they narrowly lost 24-26. Still, it was a great showing against an opponent that featured seven seniors and four juniors on its roster compared to Cottey with six sophomores and four freshmen.

Finally coming back home, the Comets faced another four-year school, Central Bible College, on September 13, but swept the Lady Spartans in three, 25-19, 25-19, and 25-20, sending the Hinkhouse crowd home happy and raising the Comets’ record to 2-3.

After almost a week off, the Comets traveled to Kansas City on September 20, where they were defeated in four games by Kansas City Kansas Community College. The loss dropped the Comets’ record to 2-4 on the season which is where it stood as the Viewpoint went to press.

To get up-to-date scores on the Comets’ volleyball team, visit the volleyball page on the Cottey Web site at http://www.cottey.edu/future-students/comet-athletics/volleyball.

The Comets feature six returning players: Kailey Kelly and Natalie Larsen leading the Comets in setting, while Taylor Means and Emily Moore will be quality hitters Amanda Taylor and Madeline Swidergal who have shown improvement over last season. First-year players for the Comets are: Ashley Helm from Eldorado Springs, Missouri; Brooke McKinley from Mosca, Colorado; Sam Pierce from McDonald County, Missouri; and Mar-Kel West from Rich Hill, Missouri.

The schedule for the remainder of the season is on this page, and the Comets would love to see you at a game.

The 2010 Volleyball Comets

First-year player Sam Pierce powers the ball over the net in a home match against Labette County.

2010 Remaining Volleyball Schedule

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New Softball Coach for the Comets

Cottey College is pleased to announce that Shelli Stanley has been hired as the new coach of the Comets softball team. She replaces Greg Tietz who resigned at the end of the spring season.

Shelli Stanley most recently has been an assistant coach at Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kansas. At Coffeyville, she served as the outpost coach, assisted with field preparation, and recruited players for the Ravens. Prior to her two-year term at Coffeyville, she was the head softball coach at Wichita North High School-USD 259.

Shelli Stanley has a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Friends University in Wichita.

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Cotney Receives $500,000 Gift From Alumna

Described as a history making gift to Cotney, Rebecca Christen Pohlad, Class of 1975, announced her $500,000 pledge to A Defining Moment campaign at an awareness event she hosted in Seattle, Washington, in July. According to College officials, this is one of the larger gifts in Cotney’s 126-year history.

Dr. Judy Rogers, president of Cotney College, acknowledged the gift to A Defining Moment campaign, the College’s $35 million comprehensive campaign, stating, “This gift of $500,000 from Rebecca boosts our campaign to well over the $8.7 million mark. We are inspired by Rebecca’s gift to the College and her dedication to ensuring the opportunity for other women to receive a Cotney education.” The $500,000 gift will be used to advance Cotney’s liberal arts curriculum and to strengthen the focus on educating Cotney students as leaders for a global society.

Pohlad is married to Robert C. Pohlad and they reside in Minnesota where they are active philanthropists. She is a community activist, volunteer, and mother of three sons.

In announcing her gift to the campaign, Pohlad stated, “The liberal arts education that I received at Cotney College provided a strong foundation for not only the completion of my education but for a meaningful and successful life. I want to use my gift to encourage others to support the campaign and the vision for this unique and special college.”

Awareness events were also held over the summer in Carlsbad, California; San Jose, California; St. Louis, Missouri; Dallas, Texas; and Leawood, Kansas. This fall, events are scheduled in Santa Barbara, California; Glendale, California; New York City; Montebello, California; Houston, Texas; Tucson, Arizona; and Palos Verde, California.

For more information about A Defining Moment campaign, contact Carla Farmer, campaign manager, at 417-448-1418.