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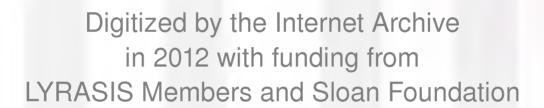
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Welcome to another edition of the President's Annual Report!

The 2000-2001 academic year saw many tremendous accomplishments by the people who make Cowley such a special place. Our students, faculty, staff, and Board members work very hard each year to reach their goals. And as an institution of higher education, it is our job to help people succeed. It's in our Mission Statement, which says we are "committed to learning excellence and personal enrichment in an open access environment."

As you read this report, you'll be impressed with the quality of people at Cowley and the work they do to help make this a thriving, dynamic institution.

Our students excel in the classroom, on stage, on the fields of academic and athletic competition, and every-

where in between. Nothing exemplifies this more than our cover story in this edition. Cowley's Academic Excellence Challenge team, under the guidance of Social Science Department instructor Chris Mayer, won its second consecutive state championship in April.

The team of Lori Robinson of Goddard, Sean Sanborn of Cedar Vale, Nick Endicott of Arkansas City, and Luke Lockwood of Newkirk, Okla., competed as a team and captured the title again. We are extremely proud of Chris and all of the students for representing Cowley so professionally. Often, students are praised only for their athletic accomplishments. Winning back-to-back academic state titles is truly an amazing feat.

Another significant student accomplishment occurred this summer when business administration major Rebecca McCaslin of Winfield placed third in the nation in computer applications during the 50th annual National Leadership Conference of Phi Beta Lambda. Her third-place finish is one of the highest ever by a Cowley student in the PBL competition.

An organization is only as good as its people, and we said goodbye to two loyal employees this past academic year. Sid Regnier, vice president of business services, retired after a 25-year career with Cowley. And Maggie Picking, vice president of student affairs for nearly 13 years, left to take a job at a community college in Arkansas. I appreciate both Sid and Maggie for their hard work and dedication during their Cowley careers. They will be missed.

During my 14 years as president of Cowley, I have had the pleasure of working with competent, caring members of our Board of Trustees. There could not have been a better choice for the 2001 Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award than Board member Donna Avery and her husband Joe. The Averys are tireless crusaders for the good of the community and for the future of the college.

And finally, I'd like to offer my sincere appreciation for everyone associated with Cowley. From students, employees, Board members, alumni and friends, this college would not be where it is today without your tremendous support.

Fourteen years ago, my wife Sandy and I came to Cowley with the idea of staying a couple of years. But I fell in love with this "stepping stone," and I'm still very much in love with it. I look forward to a great 2001-2002 academic year.

Sincerely, Mis also

Special Message from President Dr. Pat McAtee

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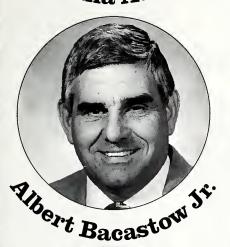
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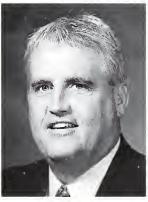
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# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Mindi Russell SEPTEMBER 2000 ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS



Darci Hutchinson January 2001 ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS



Ben Schears OCTOBER 2000 Emporia, Kansas



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Rhiannon Davis November 2000 Tonkawa, Oklahoma



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Kelli Riedmiller November 2000 MULVANE, KANSAS STUDENT OF THE YEAR



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# Riedmiller named Cowley's Student of the Year

Kelli Riedmiller, a sophomore from Wichita, was named Cowley's 2000-2001 Student of the Year during the annual Celebration of Excellence banquet April 19, 2001.

Riedmiller, a graduate of Mulvane High School and the daughter of Karen and Gary Riedmiller, was a liberal arts major at Cowley who held a 3.77 grade-point average. Riedmiller was Cowley's December 2000 Student of the Month and was chosen over seven other students of the month.

Maggie Picking, former vice president of student affairs, presented Riedmiller with her award.

Riedmiller came to Cowley with extensive community service, including being active in the Derby 4-H Club for many years.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do" (after high school), Riedmiller said. "I liked so many things in so many different areas. It was hard to decide. I knew I could come here and get a little bit of everything. The community service program was awesome, and that's what really drew me here. Community service is a big part of my life."

Riedmiller was president of Cowley's Volunteers Learning Through Service, and she served on the Board of Directors of Service Learning Central. She volunteered a minimum of 15 hours per week for various VoLTS and SLC activities. She is a graduate of Cowley's AmeriCorps program, having logged 900 hours of community service. She also was a resident assistant in the William R. Docking Dormitory, and she tutored at C-4 Elementary School just east of Arkansas City. Also, Riedmiller is involved with St. Michael Catholic Church in Mulvane.



ABOVE: KELLI RIEDMILLER ACCEPTS THE STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS MAGGIE PICKING.

BELOW: RIEDMILLER SHOWS HER SURPRISE AT BEING NAMED STUDENT OF THE YEAR.

And through her involvement with Habitat for Humanity, Riedmiller spent Jan. 6-12, 2001, in Rio Bravo, Mexico, building a house with the Methodist Mission group.

"I'm happy because I'm doing as much as I can and doing a good job at it," Riedmiller said. "The community service has given me great skills for the future. Everything's a learning experience."

Riedmiller graduated in May and planned to transfer to Kansas State University and major in landscape design.

Riedmiller continues to be active in 4-H. She is superintendent of demonstrations for the Sedgwick County Fair, and assists the horticulture program in 4-H.

A spiritual person, Riedmiller also was instrumental in starting a Bible study group in her dorm with about nine other women.

And a new project through SLC has her excited.

"I'm chair of the Community Garden Committee through SLC," she said. "The community garden is a place where people in Arkansas City can have a little piece of land to grow whatever they want like vegetables, flowers, whatever."

The group has ground along Mill Road between Kansas and Chestnut where some homes were destroyed by the October 1998 flood. Outdoors is where Riedmiller enjoys being.



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- Kelli Riedmiller, Student of the Year

# AEC team wins state title second consecutive year

Cowley's Academic Excellence Challenge team did it again!

The team of Lori Robinson, Sean Sanborn, Nick Endicott, and Luke Lockwood captured its second consecutive AEC State Championship April 28, 2001, with a 175-135 victory over Cloud County in the finals.

The semifinals and finals were held in the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology on Cowley's main campus. The defending AEC champs automatically host the following year's event.

Chris Mayer, Social Science Department instructor, is the team's coach. He said members of this year's team (all



THE COWLEY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CHALLENGE TEAM ACCEPTS ITS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: LUKE LOCKWOOD, LORI ROBINSON, NICK ENDICOTT, SEAN SANBORN AND COACH CHRIS MAYER.

but one participated last year) complimented each other.

"This was a phenomenal year," Mayer said. "The team used its experience in every match. They were fun to watch."





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# Russell, Barkley represent Cowley on All-Kansas Academic Team

Mindi Russell of Arkansas City and Amanda Barkley of Viola represented Cowley on the 2001 All-Kansas Academic Team.

The two Cowley sophomores were among more than three dozen top community college scholars from the 19 community colleges in Kansas who were honored with a luncheon in Topeka on Feb. 14.

The team was sponsored by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents.

The group of 41 men and women, ranging in age from 19 to 44, were recognized in an annual award ceremony that also drew educators and lawmakers. Ray Taylor, executive director of the American Association of Community College Trustees, was the keynote speaker.

"The people nominated for this award represent the finest students that Kansas community colleges have to offer," said Thomas C. Percy, a Hutchinson Community College history instructor who serves as Kansas region coordinator for the honor society.

Each scholar was selected by his or her own community college for the sixth annual statewide academic team, and each also was a nominee for the 2001 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by the newsp per *USA Today*, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

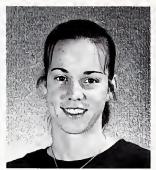
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**Amanda Barkley** 

is a nominee for the 2001 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by the newspaper *USA Today*, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Each student received a proclamation issued by Gov. Bill Graves, an educational stipend, and an academic medallion.

The Kansas Regents universities and Washburn University have promised to match the stipends with \$1,000 scholarships for those who transfer after completing their community college studies. The students went to the Kansas Statehouse prior to the luncheon, where they were given a tour and met lawmakers.

"We consider this a very worthwhile endeavor for all of the Kansas community colleges to come together and celebrate the achievements of the state's outstanding students," Percy said. "These students are our finest not only in the academic sphere, but also in terms of service and citizenship."

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. Membership is based on high grade point averages and other criteria, with members focusing on scholastic achievement and service to community and campus. The 41 individuals are part of a statewide student body of nearly 124,000 people enrolled in credit courses at the 19 Kansas community colleges.

Since 1991, Phi Theta Kappa, *USA Today* and the American Association of Community Colleges have sponsored the national All-USA Academic Team Program. The Kansas program is an affiliate, and the Kansas students are all nominees for the national honor.

About 500 U.S. community college students competed for places on the first, second and third national teams. First team members each received \$2,500 stipends, and were featured along with second and third team members in the April 5 edition

of *USA Today*. Team members were also presented with medallions.

Names of the students will be placed on the society's Web site, www.ptk.org, and the Kansas group also will be included on www.hutchcc.edu/ksptk, which is the corresponding Kansas site.

Academic Team nominees also will have the opportunity to apply for the Phi Theta Kappa Washington, D.C., Internship Program, with positions available at the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, Association of Community College Trustees, American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Beta Kappa.

In addition, in conjunction with the Community College Centennial celebration, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa have announced the Centennial Scholars Program. The Coca-Cola Foundation will present \$100,000 in scholarships to 50 outstanding community college students to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the two-year college system. The 50 Centennial Scholars received stipends of \$2,000 each, and each institution received special recognition at the AACC Convention.

Selection of 50 Centennial Scholars will be integrated into the existing process used for the All-USA Academic Team. The highest scoring All-USA applicant from each of the 50 states will be named a Centennial Scholar. Each Centennial Scholar represented his or her state in the Centennial Celebration Ceremonies at the AACC Convention April 4-7, 2001, in Chicago, Ill. Colleges with Centennial Scholars were notified by mid-February, 2001, and were responsible for their student's travel and accommodation expenses to the AACC Convention.

Phi Theta Kappa's All-State Academic Teams Program was launched in 1994 as an expanded component of the program at the national level. More than 400 U.S. colleges and universities will offer more than \$30 million in college financial assistance to the society's members.

# Ark City native Lee Queen Alalah LXIX

History was made during the 2000 Arkalalah Queen Coronation as Shausha Lee of Arkansas City became the first African-American to wear the crown.

Lee, the daughter of Debra Lee, was chosen by the audience over four other Cowley sophomores as the 69th Queen Alalah. Allison Tweedy of Arkansas City was voted first runner-up during the coronation, which took place Oct. 27, 2000.

Lee couldn't believe it when former Queen Alalah Shannon (Ramirez) O'Toole told her she was a finalist after student and employee voting Sept. 27-28.

"I was really shocked," Lee said. "I didn't understand why she was coming to my house with a flower in her hand. She told me I was a finalist, and I said you've got to be joking. It's an honor and a privilege that people would vote for me."

Lee, an elementary education major, ws a member of CC Singers and worked with the fall musical "Annie Get Your Gun" as a member of Act One. She also was Student Government Association secretary, was a member of Volunteers Learning Through Service, the Jungle Club, and was on the debate/forensics team. She also was a member of Campus Christian Fellowship.

She is the granddaughter of Annie Lee of Arkansas City. A brother, Romaine Johnson, lives in Minnesota, and a sister, Lynn Johnson, lives in Oklahoma City.

Off campus, Lee sings in the choir at Church of God In Christ and concentrates on her studies.

She looks forward to Arkalalah each year.

"I look at Arkalalah as a time for friends and family to come together to enjoy each other with all the little festivities going on," Lee said. "It's a good town tradition. It's something everybody looks forward to. You always see people you haven't seen for a long time."

Lee, who has performed at past coronations with the Ark Highs at Arkansas City High School and as an usherette, said her favorite part about Arkalalah was the



Shausha Lee walks down the stage after being crowned Queen Alalah LXIX during the coronation on October 27, 2000.

parade performance by the Midian Shriners.

"When I was a kid I always liked the Shriners in the bumper cars," Lee laughed. "I look forward to that every time. There was just something about little monkeys driving around in the street that made me happy.

"For the past three years, I've baby-sat Amanda and Griffith Young and taken them to the carnival. I enjoy watching them have fun."

Her love for children has her interested in pursuing a career in teaching or early childhood development. She was planning to transfer to Emporia State University.

"I love kids to death," Lee said. "If it's helping them in the classroom, then that's what I do. I've always seemed to be able to relate to kids. I don't know if it was growing up by myself or what. I have a lot of kid stuck in me. It makes me happy to work with them."

Out of ACHS, Lee weighed several scholarship offers for her ability to throw the shot put and discus in track and field.

"I wasn't scared to leave Ark City, but I don't think I was ready," she said. "I looked at Cowley as a place where I couldgo to get my basics and prepare for the next step.

"I know I made the right decision. I have the worst time with algebra, and I'm in a class now where there are a smaller number of people so the teacher can work with you one on one. That benefits me. And I love the musicals that we've done in the theatre department."

Lee had the role of "Sissy" in the fall 1999 musical "Damn Yankees."

Lee described herself as a "kind, caring person."

"I would like for people to think of me as someone they can come to and talk to

and trust that I won't tell somebody else," she said. "A person they can rely on. And I'm big on this love thing. I want to make everybody happy. I don't have any enemies, so I count myself blessed."

Lee said Cowley helped her become a more responsible person.

"What the teachers expect of you is what you're supposed to do, and if you don't get it done, it hangs on your shoulder," Lee said. "Cowley also has shown me that there are a lot of people who can help you as long as you ask them. I do appreciate Cowley."

Lee cited Mary Young, Amanda and Griffith's mother and an instructor at ACHS, as the most influential person in her life.

"Ever since high school, she's helped me write papers," Lee said. "I have very bad grammar. She's done a lot. I was in her group called Reflections, an improvisational group that discusses what teenagers face. She's taken a lot of time to help me with my family. She shows in her own way she loves me. It makes me feel special that somebody cares that much about me."

# Stites captures Mr. Cinderfella title

Blake Stites, a freshman from Prescott, Kan., captured the title of Mr. Cinderfella during the 13th annual contest held April 26, 2001, in the Robert Brown Theatre inside the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology.

Amy Shaw, 22, Miss Kansas 2000, served as emcee for the evening. The Derby native was a senior at Wichita State University planning a career in physical therapy.

Act One sponsored the event.

Shaw's platform is mentoring, and feels we must "help pave the way" to success through mentoring. Shaw was involved in Big Sisters for two years through the Big Brothers and Sisters Organization. She also was a Golden Girl for WSU baseball, and participated in New Friends (Mentoring Organization) for one year.

Since the first Mr. Cinderfella Pageant in 1989, Miss Kansas has hosted the contest. Dejon Ewing, Humanities Department chair and organizer of the event, said, "Cinderfella has always been one event Miss Kansas looks forward to going to the most."

Sixteen male Cowley students were entered in the contest and competed in beach or leisurewear, talent, and evening-wear.

The house was packed, and I think everyone had a really good time," Ewing said.



BLAKE STITES GETS A KISS FROM AMY SHAW, MISS KANSAS 2000, AFTER BEING CROWNED MR. CINDERFELLA 2001.

# Six students qualify for national Phi Beta Lambda conference

Six business students qualified for a national conference after placing at the 50th Annual State Conference for Phi Beta Lambda in Salina March 4-6, 2001.

Lori Robinson of Goddard, Lachelle Orman of Arkansas City, Rebecca McCaslin of Winfield, Amber Anstine of Geuda Springs, Darci Klick of Arkansas City, and Elizabeth Keown of Caldwell qualified to attend the national PBL conference in Orlando, Fla., July 4-7, 2001. At that national conference, McCaslin placed third in computer applications, one of the highest finishes at nationals ever by a Cowley PBL student. She is an accounting major at Cowley.

Anstine's first-place award in the Parliamentary Procedure competition at state qualified her to be the Parliamentarian for the state of Kansas in 2001-2002.

Eight other Cowley students received recognition at the state awards luncheon for second- to fifth-place finishers. Beverly Grunder, Business and Service Technology Department chair, is the group's sponsor.

Seven other schools competed. They were Friends University, Emporia State University, Central Christian College of McPherson, Highland Community College, Colby Community College, Labette Community College, and Butler County Community College.

# IT students hear Boeing presentation, place at skills Olympics

Industrial Technology students were given a demonstration by employees of Boeing Wichita in early May 2001 on the company's state-of-the-art measurement systems.

Also, Wade Pappan of Arkansas City placed third in the annual Kansas Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Skills Olympics held in Wichita. Pappan, a Welding Technology student, graduated May 12 with an associate of applied science degree.

Boeing employees traveled to Arkansas City for the demonstration. The first was a FARO arm, a portable coordinate measuring machine. Once referenced, or locked down, the machine is capable of producing a three-dimensional print of whatever is within its reach. The print is workbench size. Workers are able to program the machine, touch the part several times, and the image appears on screen.

The second demonstration was of the photogrammetry system. By placing reflective dots all over the unknown part, the camera will reference itself based on a master dot configuration and produce a print. It is only limited by the worker's imagination. Boeing is currently restoring a B-29 bomber from World War II, and are producing prints from this camera. The computer compiles the photos (light reflection speed and angles), does the math, and produces a print.

In addition to prints, the machine can produce statistical data to perform quality assurance work. It also can be used to find trouble spots in assembly, and it facilitates hardware interchangeably.

Lisa Spoon gave the FARO demonstration, while Glen Cork demonstrated the photogrammetry system.

# Harper native awarded McAtee Scholarship

Mason Powell, a freshman theatre major from Harper, was awarded a \$1,000 Patrick J. McAtee Scholarship at Cowley.

Powell, a graduate of South Barber High School in Kiowa, was awarded the scholarship on April 19, 2001, during the college's annual Celebration of Excellence banquet.

Powell will receive \$500 for the fall 2001 semester and another \$500 for the spring 2002 term. Powell played the role of Charlie Davenport in the fall 2000 musical "Annie Get Your Gun," then secured the role of Lenny Ganz in the spring play "Rumors."

"Mason has definitely earned this scholarship," said Dejon Ewing, Humanities Department chair and speech and drama instructor. "He did a wonderful job his first year."

The scholarship was established in 1995 and gives priority to students majoring in theatre, with secondary consideration going to education majors.

# Returning Student Organization raises funds for needy in Ark City

A fundraiser by Cowley's Returning Student Organization helped two needy Arkansas City families Thanksgiving 2000.

More than \$175 was raised during a two-week period as the group sold candy

bars and chances to win a Philips CD Radio Cassette Recorder. David McCracken was the winner of the recorder.

The names of two families in Arkansas City were supplied to RSO by The Salvation Army of Arkansas City. A Thanksgiving dinner was paid for by RSO for two Ark City families, with the remainder of the funds going toward the Angel Tree that was placed inside Wal-Mart for the Christmas season.

David Mosconi, president of RSO, said the 25-member organization wanted to help the needy during the holiday season.

"We threw around some ideas and decided to help some families out," he said. "We have 25 members in RSO. It was a good group effort."

Tables were set up inside Galle-Johnson Hall, the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology, and The Jungle inside the Nelson Student Center. Some members also approached people of the community for donations.

# Five students presented \$1,000 scholarships to WSU

Five students were awarded \$1,000 scholarships each from the W. Frank Barton School of Business at Wichita State University on March 15 in a classroom in the Kerr Business Technology Building on Cowley's main campus.

It marked the eighth consecutive year that WSU's business school awarded scholarships to Cowley students transferring in, and brought the total number of Cowley students awarded by the school to 44.

Dr. John Beehler, dean of the school, and Diane Coleman, director of student records and advising for the school, were on hand for the event.

The 2001 award winners were Nicholas Fielden of Derby, Nyla

Prasankongsinh of Wichita, Lori Robinson of Goddard, Robin Peri of Winfield, and Chaitali Patel of Winfield. Fielden and Peri were accounting majors, while Prasankongsinh and Robinson were business administration majors, and Patel was a computer science major. Robinson plans to switch to accounting at WSU.

The students were winners of the Center for Management and Development scholarships. The award is \$500 per semester and is renewable for the following year, providing the students meet certain criteria, which includes maintaining a minimum academic credit hour load and maintaining a certain grade-point average. The students also must declare a major in one of the areas of the school of business.

Beverly Grunder, chair of the Business and Service Technology Division at Cowley, said she was pleased with the partnership Cowley had with the business school at WSU.

"It's been great for our business students and it's been great for WSU," Grunder said.

Cowley students who transfer into the W. Frank Barton School of Business are assigned an adviser at WSU. That adviser also works with the student's Cowley adviser. The purpose, Grunder said, is to ensure that all credit hours taken at Cowley transfer to WSU.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, Cowley students had to have a minimum 3.0 GPA, apply to WSU, major in an area of business, graduate from Cowley, and enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours at WSU.

The Barton School of Business is the largest business school in Kansas. Graham said accounting and business administration are the two most popular majors.

# More than 250 people help honor Regnier at retirement reception

Surrounded by family, friends and coworkers, Sid Regnier was honored during a reception Sept. 21, 2000, in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

Regnier, Cowley's vice president of business services and a native of Fairbury, Neb., retired Oct. 3 after 26 years of service to the institution.

Dr. Pat McAtee, president of the college, served as emcee during the reception, which was highlighted by naming the new college bookstore after Regnier. From now on, the college's bookstore at 207 W. Fifth Ave. will be known as the Sid L. Regnier Bookstore.

It was a fitting tribute to a man who has meant so much to Cowley and to the community.

"The college wanted to give back to you something special for all that you have done for us," McAtee said. "You have left your stamp of professionalism on virtually every inch of this campus. You have overseen construction of nearly every building here on the main campus as well as our outreach centers. The new bookstore, which we moved into just last month (August 2000) is the final completed construction project, and it exemplifies the creativity and innovation of your vision for Cowley. As our campus has grown, you have saved and restored many beautiful and historic pieces of buildings past. You have utilized pillars, fixtures, and ornaments to be incorporated on our campus both outside and inside the new structures.

"Your extensive "hard hat" experience is only a fraction of the many ways that you enhanced have Cowley County Community College.

"Sid, on behalf of the trustees of Cowley County Community College, and the Facilities Naming Committee, it is with great pride and pleasure that we dedicate the college bookstore with respect and love to you for your 26 years of service to the college. You are a gentleman with many talents and a big heart."

the program were overcome with emotion, recalling stories involving Regnier, who thanked everyone in attendance.

and visit with you, because you've all been teachers," he said. "I've learned so much from each of you."

presented with a set of clubs from the college, along with a travel certificate and other gifts. College employees wrote in a book of memories compiled by several coworkers.

Regnier asked everyone to stand and sing one of his favorite tunes from his church, Redeemer Lutheran, in Arkansas City. The song is titled "Brothers And Sisters In Christ," written by Terry Dittmer, a Lutheran minister.



# Neil Simon's 'Rumors' Ewing's final production as director

Her directing career began with a Neil Simon play, and it ended with a Neil Simon play.

Dejon Ewing, who began her teaching career in 1972 at Arkansas City High School on the same soil she teaches now, directed her 26th and final production at Cowley March 1-3, 2001, with Neil Simon's "Rumors." The Act One drama students performed the comedy on the stage of the Robert Brown Theatre.

Ewing began her theatrical directing career with Simon's "Barefoot In The Park" at ACHS. She took over the theatre department there in 1973 and taught at the school until 1977. It was in the old high school where the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology stands today. She remembers her first day at ACHS as if it were yesterday.

"My first day of teaching was my birthday, Aug. 28," Ewing recalls. "I was standing out in the hallway watching the students go by and I got more and more nervous. I got so nervous I rushed to the bathroom and threw up. When I got to class, I went through my lesson plan for the entire week and gave them a tour of the stage, all in one hour. I talked so fast. The next day I asked the students if they got anything that I had said the day before. Later, they told me they'd never heard anyone talk so fast."

"Rumors" is a farce with five male and five female actors. The story goes like this:

Four couples are at the townhouse of a deputy New York City mayor and his wife to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. The party never begins because the host has shot himself in the head (it's only a flesh wound) and his wife is missing. His lawyer's cover-up gets progressively more difficult to sustain as the other guests arrive and nobody can remember who has been

told what about whom. Doors slam and hilarity abounds as the couples get more and more crazed.

"It's very funny, very fast-paced with a lot of witty dialogue and lots of door slamming," Ewing said. "This eclectic group of people get together to create humor, and there's a surprise ending."

"The cast was very young with only two real experienced actors," Ewing said. "But they can be so proud of what they did. I thought the performance was excellent."

Ewing said Cowley's reputation for having a renowned theatre department was a credit to the students.

"They don't even realize how good they are," Ewing said.

Ewing's first production at Cowley was "Butterflies Are Free." She said there were more than a few butterflies when the curtain was raised for the final time March 3.

"I made it through," Ewing said. "It was an emotional time, that's for sure."

Ewing, chair of the
Humanities Department, plans to focus
on teaching. A former student of Ewing's,
the former Debbie Capps, now Debbie
Layton, takes over as director.
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Ewing, graduated from Northern
Oklahoma College in Tonkawa,
where she was reared. She transferred to
Northwestern Oklahoma State
University in Alva, where she earned
undergraduate and graduate degrees in
speech and theatre education.

In conjunction with her final production, Ewing organized an Act One reunion. More than 200 former Cowley students came back to honor Ewing and reminisce about their days in Cowley productions, as well as Mr. Cinderfella contests.

Following the final performance of "Rumors," the Act One alumni gathered in the Brown Theatre. Many students took the microphone and shared personal stories about their experiences with Ewing. Many

laughed, but a few were teary-eyed. Dr. Pat McAtee, college president, also paid tribute to Ewing, saying that she helped make Cowley's theatre program one of the best around.

The reunion then moved to the Earle N. Wright Community Room, where students, spouses, and friends visited, took pictures, and signed a book for Ewing.

Ewing said she had received several thoughtful e-mails from former students who couldn't make it to the reunion, but who wanted to share their feelings about Cowley and their experience in theatre.

"When you have former students say those things about you and the program and their memories of Cowley, that's what it's all about," Ewing said. "It

really makes me proud to think that I may have had an impact on their lives. I've thoroughly enjoyed my career as a director. The memories will last for the rest of my life."



Finding it hard to give up directing. Ewing directs dinner traffic at the Act One Reunion field in her honor.

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# Averys receive **Outstanding Tiger** Alumni award

Donna and Joe Avery have put new meaning into the phrase "giving back to the community."

Some people talk about it, but the Averys put community service into practice. It's something they don't think twice about. It's always been a part of their lives.

To anyone who knows them, the Averys are examples of tremendous integrity, strong Christian values, and lifelong commitment. And they do it all in a quiet, unassuming manner without any fanfare or publicity.

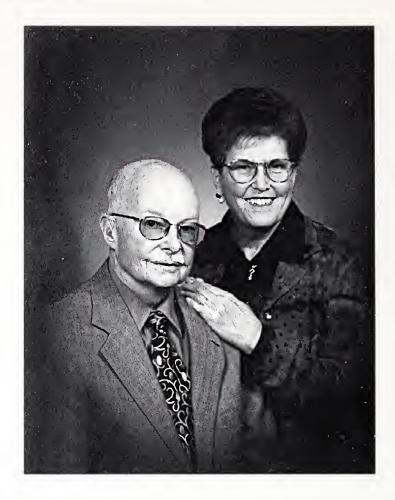
The Averys, who celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary last September, received the 2001 Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award. The award was presented during the 78th Commencement exercises May 12 in W.S. Scott Auditorium.

"We're both overwhelmed, and it came completely unexpected," Donna said. "We're really proud of this award."

The couple has supported a variety of causes throughout their lives, including projects at the college, their church, and an organization near and dear to their hearts: American Field Service. The Averys have enjoyed hosting six students throughout their 30-year involvement with the program, which brings students from foreign nations to the United States to attend school. In fact, the Averys were the first family in Arkansas City to host an AFS student.

"That experience has had a great affect on our entire family," Donna said. "It's made us a lot more open to other cultures."

Since Morena Nieto lived with the Averys during the 1970-71 school year, several students have felt right at home in Ark City. Two years later, Nieto's sister came to live with the Averys, although she was not part of the AFS program. And just



two years ago, Donna and Joe hosted Nieto's daughter, Fer. The Nietos live in Ecuador.

"It's helped us stay young," Donna said. "We feel we have a family in South America with Morena and her four daughters."

#### Career in public eye and the silent partner

Donna came with her parents to Arkansas City in 1930 when she was three months old. She graduated from Arkansas City High School in 1948, two years after Joe. That same year, Donna enrolled at Arkansas City Junior College and worked at Newman's Department Store at the same time. Eventually, she became A.L. Newman's secretary. She was office manager for Prudential Insurance for 1 1/2 years, working until she started wearing maternity clothes at four months pregnant. The year was 1951.

It was clear that college would have to wait. After having the couple's four children in six-and-a-half years, and staying home for 15 years, Donna went to work for labor lawyer Dick Rock.

"I can truly say that that was my college education," Avery said. "I worked for him and later Mike Smith for 15 years."

Joe was production manager at New Era Mill from 1949 to 1968, and later went to work for Rodeo Meats as personnel manager.

Joe's support and encouragement helped Donna's career take off. She became the first female director of the Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce, serving

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- Donna Avery

from 1979 to 1992. Instead of retiring, she became manager of Strother Field Airport and Industrial Park. On Dec. 31, 2000, Donna officially retired from that position.

#### Joe: Solid as a rock

Donna and Joe Avery compliment each other in so many ways. Donna will be the first to tell you that she owes her success as a businesswoman to her husband.

"He's my rock," Donna said. "I may have been out in the public eye more, but the only reason was his support. It makes a huge difference. People don't come here (to the Avery house) for my food, it's Joe's. They want to know if he's cooking."

Joe was hand picked by the late Gwen Nelson, longtime president of the college, to serve on the first Human Relations Council in Ark City. He played in the pep band while at ACJC, and for close to 10 years after he and Donna were married. His playing career with the city band spanned four decades, and he managed the group for 15 years.

Joe graduated from ACJC in 1948. He took every business course the college offered, ending up with a third year of class work. After graduating from the college, Joe went to work at New Era Mill for 75 cents an hour.

# College important to community, area

Both Donna and Joe are proud to be associated with the college. Joe is on the Board of Directors of the College Endowment Association. Donna was reelected to another four-year term as a member of Cowley's Board of Trustees in April. Both said the college was vital to the community and to south-central Kansas.

"It's an integral part of our past and an important part of Ark City," Joe said. "It's growing into a world-class college."

The Averys, whose children attended Cowley, can only imagine what the area would be like without the college.

"The college has been an important part of my working career at the Chamber and Strother Field," Donna said. "Personally, it's been a part of our past, our children's lives, and three grandchildren have taken classes there."

"It's a part of our personal, educational, social, and business lives," Joe added.

Donna is on the executive board of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and is in her second appointment on the Future Initiatives Committee of the 19 community colleges in the state. She said the college has been a welcome "constant" in Ark City.

"The one thing I discovered as I completed my first year as a trustee was that number one, there is not a better community college in the state of Kansas, and number two, there is no better administration and faculty in the state," Donna said. "I have said for the last 10 years that Cowley is the best thing Cowley County had to offer for business and industry recruitment and retention. That observation comes from the work I've done. I can't imagine what the community would be like without the college."

# Community service and family

Donna has been a member of the Arkansas City and Winfield Chambers of Commerce, Arkansas City Rotary Club, Cowley County Economic Development Agency, president of her PEO chapter, Leadership Cowley County, and has chaired the Arkansas City Chamber's Transportation Committee. The Averys are members of the First United Methodist Church, where Joe is on staff parish and both have served on church council.

Donna also was the only female ever to serve as president of the Kansas Association of Airports. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, an award sponsored by Rotary International. She also was a member of the American Association of Airport Executives.

Donna and Joe also are extremely proud of their four children. Pat White is an accountant married to Bob White, president and CEO of Garvey International and a past recipient of the Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award; Pam Archer teaches first grade and Reading Recovery at Irving Elementary School in Winfield and is married to Steve Archer, director of administration for the city of Arkansas City; Lea McBride is a court reporter married to a troop commander with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol; and David is a financial analyst at Newell-Rubbermaid who is married to Kathy, who graduated in January from Wichita Area Technical College's Practical Nursing Program. WATC's classes were taught at Cowley. Donna and Joe also have nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and another on the way.

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- Joe Avery

# Four employees receive NISOD Excellence Awards

Four employees received Excellence Awards at a community college conference in May 2001 in Austin, Texas.

LeArta Watkins, Bryan McChesney, Chris Mayer, and Bob Moffatt were the 2000-2001 recipients of the award, sponsored by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. The awards were presented during the annual conference, May 27-30.

Watkins is the college's director of distance learning and lives in Derby. McChesney is coordinator of interactive television and technology specialist and

lives north of Winfield. Mayer is a Social Science instructor and sponsors the two-time state champion Academic Excellence Challenge team. Mayer lives in Wichita. And Moffatt is the Welding Technology instructor. He lives in Arkansas City.

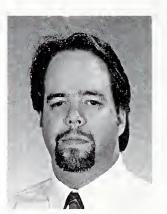
The four recipients bring to 50 the number of Cowley employees who have received this award during the past 14 years.



LeArta Watkins



**Bryan McChesney** 



Chris Mayer



**Bob Moffatt** 

# Bonfy, Gackstatter presented Governor's Arts Awards

Connie Bonfy and Gary Gackstatter accepted Governor's Arts Awards April 10, 2001, in a ceremony at Century II Concert Hall in Wichita.

Bonfy, director of institutional grants and arts programming, received the award for being an arts advocate. She was honored for her work with the Arkansas City Arts Council and her role in creating Ark City's annual PrairieFest celebration.

Gackstatter, director of instrumental music, is conductor of the Winfield Regional Symphony and accepted the award on behalf of the symphony. The symphony was awarded as an arts organization.

International opera star Samuel Ramey, a Colby native, gave a concert after receiving the Kansas Arts Commission's Distinguished Artist Award.



Gary Gackstatter



Connie Bonfy

# Head of student services takes job in Arkansas

Since November 1988, students could be heard saying the simple statement, "I'm here to see Maggie."

But that's all changed.

Maggie Picking, Cowley's vice president of student affairs—surrogate mother, mentor, counselor, and leader—left the college after nearly 13 years as head of the student services department. Her last day was June 29, 2001.

Picking, a Hays native who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Fort Hays State University, became the vice president of student services at Garland County Community College in Hot Springs, Ark. She said the timing was right.

"It's an exciting time for them because they're merging with the technical school up the mountain," Picking said. "I'll be developing a plan for student services related to the merger."

Garland County's enrollment is similar to Cowley's, and both schools have federal TRIO grants. But there are differences. Garland does not have athletics or on-campus housing, and it resides in a resort community of about 33,000.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity, and so is my family," Picking said. Maggie and husband Eddie have three children: Willie 17, Rebecca 7, and Jonny 4.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in 1981 in psychology and communications, Picking worked two years for Kansas Wesleyan in Salina as an admissions counselor. From there she went to Colby Community College, where she was student government sponsor for one year, behavioral sciences instructor for seven months, and associate director of admissions for four years. From May to November 1988, Picking was assistant

administrator for the Kansas Regents Network in Manhattan.

She then became assessment/placement coordinator for Cowley in November 1988. In August 1989, Picking was named director of admissions, and in July 1990, dean of students. She has had her current title since June 1995.

Picking said she never wanted to be president of a college. Rather, student services are her passion.

"I've always liked admissions," she said. "I've always seen student services as a support to the classroom instructor. There is so much learning outside the class-

room, and student services personnel have so many opportunities to pass along lifelong skills to students they might not get in the classroom. I think that's very exciting."

Some of Picking's major accomplishments at Cowley include securing the college's first TRIO grant in 1997, establishing a more comprehensive tutoring program, developing an overall admissions plan, cutting the school's loan default rate from 35 percent to 14 percent without sacrificing enrollment, helping to develop the Early Academic Warning System, assisting with the advisor's handbook, taking a major role in the reaccredidation process, and seeing the college's on-campus housing grow.

"This job has allowed me, in situations with students, to be more empathetic with students," she said. "Not to enable them, but to help them grow. I've learned not to take things personal. I think my own self-esteem has grown."



Picking admitted she'd miss the relationships she's cultivated during her time at Cowley.

"All of the people, the support, the bonds, relationships and contacts I've made, not only at the college but within the community, have taken time," Picking said. "I'm going to miss them the most."

But Picking said the staff she leaves behind is solid.

"We have such competent people working in student services," she said. "These people are so good at what they do."

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– Maggie Picking

# **Board** member elected to national office

Ron Godsey, in his second term as a member of Cowley's Board of Trustees, was elected to serve on the board of directors of the Association of Community College Trustees.

Godsey, of Winfield, was elected in October 2000 during the ACCT's national convention in Nashville, Tenn. He was elected to a three-year term, and is eligible for another three years in the next election.

"I'm thrilled," said Godsey, first elected to Cowley's Board in 1995. "It's my first time on a national board. I'll be looking for input from people in the community to carry that on to the national level."

It is the first time a Cowley Board member has been elected to the ACCT Board of Directors.

Godsey was elected from the Western Region caucus, which is comprised of Kansas, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming, Alberta, Manitoba, the Northwest Territory, the Nunabut Territory, and Saskatchewan. Twenty-five members comprise the Board.

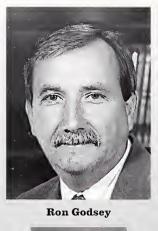
Godsey, who won re-election to Cowley's Board in 1999, is Cowley's delegate to the national convention. One Board member from the Western Region is then elected to the overall Board.

"I was approached to see if I'd like to run from the Western Region and I said sure," Godsey said. "They expected some other nominations but didn't get any."

ACCT is comprised of approximately 7,000 trustees in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. The ACCT is made up of five regions, and each region has three Board members. At-large Board members fill the remaining seats.

Godsey said he'll serve on the Finance Committee of ACCT.

"Obviously, we now have a voice on a national level," he said. "And I think that will be very important as there are a lot of issues facing community colleges today."









Charles McKown



Tony Crouch



Sheree Utash

# **Administrators** receive promotions

Five college administrators were promoted by President Dr. Pat McAtee and approved by the college's Board of Trustees during the 2000-2001 academic year.

Conrad Jimison was promoted to vice president of instruction from dean of instruction; Terri Morrow was promoted to dean of development and college relations from associate dean of development and college relations; Charles McKown was promoted to dean of research and technology from director of computer services; and Tony Crouch was promoted to associate dean of business services from director of financial records. In the fall of 2000, Crouch was promoted again to dean of business services. In another promotion, Sheree Utash was named vice president of northern campuses. She had been the college's associate dean of northern campus-

Jimison has been at Cowley 30 years and has held numerous positions, including that of a faculty member. Morrow has been at the college 10 years and is head of the school's fund-raising arm, the Endowment Association. McKown has been at Cowley eight years and is in charge of computer services. Crouch has been a Cowley employee six years, all in the Business Office. Utash joined the college as director of educational programming at the Southside Education Center in Wichita in April 1996.

McKown also was elected to his third term as president of the POISE User's Group, an organization representing the interests of nearly 250 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada using administrative software products developed by Campus America of Knoxville, Tenn. In the 21-year history of the organization, McKown is the only person to be elected more than once.

# Long-time Cowley art instructor loses battle with cancer

Doug Hunter, an art instructor at Cowley since 1979, died Jan. 6, 2001, at his home in Arkansas City. He was 52. A private family service was held on Jan. 10, and a celebration of his life was held Jan. 12 in the Robert Brown Theatre inside the Brown Center at the college.

Hunter was born March 28, 1948, in Junction City. He was the son of Donald and Virginia Blanchard Hunter. He was reared and attended schools in Council Grove. During the Vietnam War, he served in the U.S. Army, and later the Kansas Army National Guard until being honorably discharged.

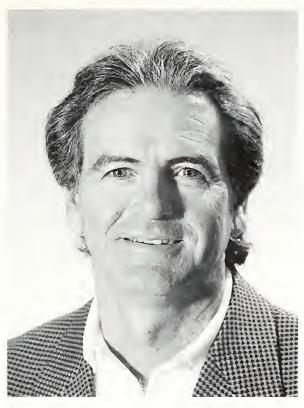
He received his bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern College in Winfield and a master of art education degree from Wichita State University.

From 1973 to 1976, he served as art instructor, head track coach, head women's basketball coach and assistant football coach at Cedar Vale High School. During this time, he also was the art instructor, head volleyball and track coach at Dexter High School. He operated Hunter Ceramics in Winfield for three years. In 1979, he began working at Cowley County Community College, where he was an art instructor until his death.

Also at Cowley, he handled athletic recruiting from 1979 to 1985, was an assistant baseball coach in 1985, and head coach of the women's softball team from 1980 to 1984. Hunter's 1984 softball team, which finished with a 23-15 record, won the Region VI Tournament and qualified for nationals. That same year, the Lady Tigers were ranked fourth in the nation, the highest ranking in the history of Cowley softball. Hunter was 55-63 during his five seasons.

He also served as assistant track coach at Southwestern from 1988 to 1996.

Hunter received numerous awards during his career, including being recognized in 1998 in "Who's Who in America," and



earning the Master Teacher Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development at the University of Texas in 1995. He was named Outstanding Teacher in Education in 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1987 and 1989, received the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Kansas Art Education Association in

1997, and was named softball Coach of the Year in 1984 by the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

He was a member of the Kansas National Education Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He lived in the Dexter area for several years until moving to Arkansas City in the late 1980s. He married Patricia Tieperman on July 22, 1986, in Arkansas City.

Survivors include his wife, Patti, of the home; one daughter, Ashlee Hunter of the home; two stepdaughters, Lindsay Sunderland of New Bern, N.C., and Tricia Morgan of the home; his parents of Alamo, Texas; one brother, Gary Hunter, of Fort Collins, Colo.; and two stepgrand-children, Chase Sunderland and Jayden Sunderland.

An Art Scholarship Fund has been established at Cowley, as well as a memorial fund with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas. Contributions may be made through the funeral home. Arrangements were under the direction of the Hawks Funeral Home, Arkansas City.



**Doug Hunter** 1948-2001

# Workforce **Development** Center off and running at Strother Field

In an effort to assist the labor force of Cowley County, the college has partnered with more than a dozen other agencies to form a Workforce Development Center.

The center, located at Fourth and Tupper at the Strother Field Airport and Industrial Park between Arkansas City and Winfield, is designed to be a one-stop shop for a variety of services. The center began operating in fall 2000, and nearly all of the partnering agencies were on board by the start of 2001.

Gene Cole, Cowley's associate dean of business and industry, was instrumental in getting the project partners together and getting the center open. Rebecca Scott was hired in spring 2001 as director of the cen-





#### One-stop partners in service include the following:

**Kansas Department of Human** Resources—Employment Service, including six computers in the career center; Workforce Investment Act Training; Veterans; Unemployment Insurance.

The city of Wichita—Welfare to Work, Workforce Investment Act Training, CSBG Funded Employment, Career Development Center, Adult Dislocated Worker.

The American Red Cross-Senior Work Experience Program.

Social and Rehabilitation Services—Vocational Rehabilitation.

SER Corporation, Wichita-Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker.

Mid-America All-Indian Center, Wichita-Native American.

Mid-Cap., Inc., El Dorado—CSBG Funded Employment.

Flint Hills Job Corps Center, Wichita—Job Corps.

**Cowley County Community** College—Adult Basic Education, School-to-Careers, Secondary and Postsecondary.

**Cowley County Mental Health** Center—Special Needs.

**Twin Rivers Developmental** Support—Special Needs.

Also, Internet-ready computers are available to the workforce to help people find jobs. Log on at www.kansas-joblink.com. Kansas Job Link is a program that helps Kansans find jobs (both first jobs and better jobs) efficiently and quickly. It connects Kansas employers with eager, motivated applicants who have made the personal decision to improve themselves through work and better jobs. It also is a valuable resource for job-seekers, employers, workforce development professionals, or anyone



else looking for up-to-date employment information for their communities.

The college can provide, among other services, customized training for business and industry, safety training, Zenger-Miller courses, computer training, introduction to change, CPR/First Aid training, sexual harassment/EEOC compliance, tech math, blueprint reading, reading for comprehension, teamwork, leadership/supervisory skills, statistical process control, industrial measurement, hand tool basics, environmental health and safety, general plastics, Spanish, welding, and an associate degree program in Industrial Trade Supervision Management, Aviation Maintenance Technology, and Plastics.

Satellite computer locations are the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce, Winfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Wellington Chamber of Commerce.

Several different classroom sizes have been designed to meet various needs. All training rooms are fully equipped. The small classroom can accommodate 15-20 people, while the large one can hold 21-60 people. The computer lab has 16 training stations, plus an instructor station with projection equipment. The lab is equipped with IBM compatible Dell computers that are Internet ready.

Also available is a board conference room that seats 12. It is available for those who may need to use the facility to conduct a meeting or interviews away from their place of business.

# Groundbreaking for new dorm, dining room

A chilly wind blew out of the north as members of the Board of Trustees and administration, along with architects, staffed shovels and broke ground Nov. 20, 2000, for two new facilities.

Construction on a 72-bed dormitory and a new dining facility began in November 2000. Both buildings were expected to be completed in time for fall 2001 classes.

The new dormitory, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Fourth Street, has a brick exterior that blends well with existing campus facilities. The building includes a computer/study room on each floor, and one new feature. While Cowley's three other dorms have bathroom facilities where two roommates share it with two other suitemates, the new dorm has a bathroom in each room. The building also is able to expand for future growth.

The new dining room, located on the southeast corner of the same intersection, includes seating for approximately 260 people. It also has a smaller dining room on the southeast corner. One major change from the cafeteria inside the Nelson Student Center is that students enter a smaller room off the larger dining area to get their food. The large area is for dining only. A patio also was being constructed on the west side of the building.

Both buildings were financed through revenue bonds, meaning proceeds generated by the facilities will be used to pay for them.



Board members, administrators, and architects turn over the shovels on the site of the new dining hall.



THE WEST ENTRANCE TO THE NEW DINING HALL.



The front view of the new dormitory.

# Fall, spring enrollments set records

Cowley's fall 2000 and spring 2001 enrollments increased significantly in nearly every category, according to figures released by Registrar Forest Smith.

Cowley's full-time equivalency enrollment for the fall was 2,383.83, compared to 2,097.7 at the same time in 1999. That's a whopping 13.5 percent increase. On-campus day enrollment was up from 879 in 1999 to 953 in the fall of 2000, while on-campus night classes increased from 97 in 1999 to 115 in fall 2000. Offcampus enrollment saw the biggest increase, jumping 22 percent, from 1,054 in the fall of 1999 to 1,285 in 2000.

The most noticeable increase in FTE occurred at Cowley's Southside Education Center in Wichita. In fall 1999, Southside's FTE stood at 442.7. In 2000, Southside had an FTE of 631.96, a 43 percent increase.

Enrollment at the Mulvane Center jumped 10 percent from fall 1999, while enrollment at the Winfield Center nearly doubled, going from 31.07 FTE in 1999 to 59.53 in fall 2000.

Total head count, which is comprised of everyone taking classes from Cowley, was 3,837, compared to fall 1999's count of 3,473.

The college experienced a 7-percent increase in enrollment for the spring 2001

FTE was 2,236.35, compared to 2,095.11 in spring 2000. The total number of students taking classes at Cowley in spring 2001 also increased, from 3,585 in 2000 to 3,772 in 2001, an increase of 5 percent.

The largest growth occurred at the Southside Center, which saw an increase of 29 percent from spring 2000 to spring 2001. Southside's FTE was at 645.5 in spring 2001.

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# Cowley, two USDs, offering networking technology program

Cowley and two unified school districts from the county worked together to offer a new program that was expected to help fill the high-tech labor shortage that in recent years has grown to more than a million jobs in the United States.

Cowley, Unified School District No. 470 Arkansas City, and USD 465 Winfield each will offer computer networking technology courses beginning in the fall of 2001. The program was developed by Cisco Systems Inc. to train individuals for computer network installation, support, design, and maintenance.

The program has two levels: a foursemester program and an eight-semester program. Once students complete the curriculum of the four-semester program, they can take the exam to become a Cisco Certified Network Associate. The exam is a networking-industry test administered by independent agencies. The exam is essential in landing a networking job with a national-average starting salary of \$40,000. After students complete the eight-semester program, they are eligible to take the Cisco Certified Network Professional exam.

Four courses have been approved by the Kansas Board of Regents (for Cowley) and the Kansas State Board of Education (for Arkansas City and Winfield).

Internetworking Fundamentals will be offered this fall, followed by Router Technologies in spring 2002, Routing and Switching fall 2002, in Internetworking Protocols in spring 2003. Four additional courses are expected to be approved in the future.

Cisco-trained instructors will teach classes at Cowley, Arkansas City High School and Winfield High School. Coursework will be taught in a classroom, although students also may work online from home to review coursework and take exams. The course is designed to be taught over two full school years. Students can begin the program as high school juniors, seniors, or as adults.

Cowley will become a Cisco Training Academy. Wichita Area Technical College will be the regional academy, where instructors will receive their training.

Cisco created the Networking Academy to meet an increasing demand for qualified workers in the information technology field. In 1993, the company initiated a program to design practical, costeffective networks for schools. Many schools didn't have the knowledge to maintain their own computer networks, so the company designed a program to teach school administrators how to troubleshoot networking equipment. The result was the Cisco Networking Academy Program, which as of year-end 2000, has grown to more than 5,700 Networking Academies in 50 U.S. states and more than 100 countries.

Larry Schwintz, Bart Allen, and JoLynne Oleson, all instructors in the and Service Technology Department, have trained during the summer of 2001, and will teach the courses for Cowley.

# **Annual Great** Cowley Duck Dash raises record amount for fund

Approximately \$12,000 was raised for the Endowed Scholarship Fund during the annual Great Cowley Duck Dash held May 19 at Spring Hill Farms northeast of Arkansas City.

Despite overcast, threatening skies, more than 350 people attended the event, held at the home of Bob and Carolyn Langenwalter.

Good Time Productions of Arkansas City was the business that won the Duckerating contest with its mailbox duck.

Debbie Tucker of Winfield won the \$1,000 cash prize for winning the final race. Diane Kelly of Grainola, Okla., coordinator to the dean of development and college relations at Cowley, won the night's stay at Willowbend in Wichita.

Board of Trustee member Ron Godsey of Winfield called the 10 heat races, then yielded the microphone to Dr. Pat McAtee, college president, who called the day's final two races.

Great Western Dining, the college's food service, provided a gourmet picnic of mesquite smoked prime rib and chicken breasts.



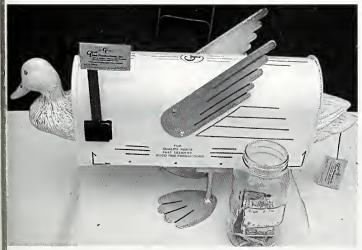
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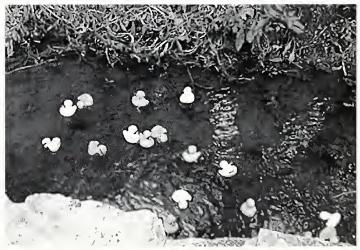
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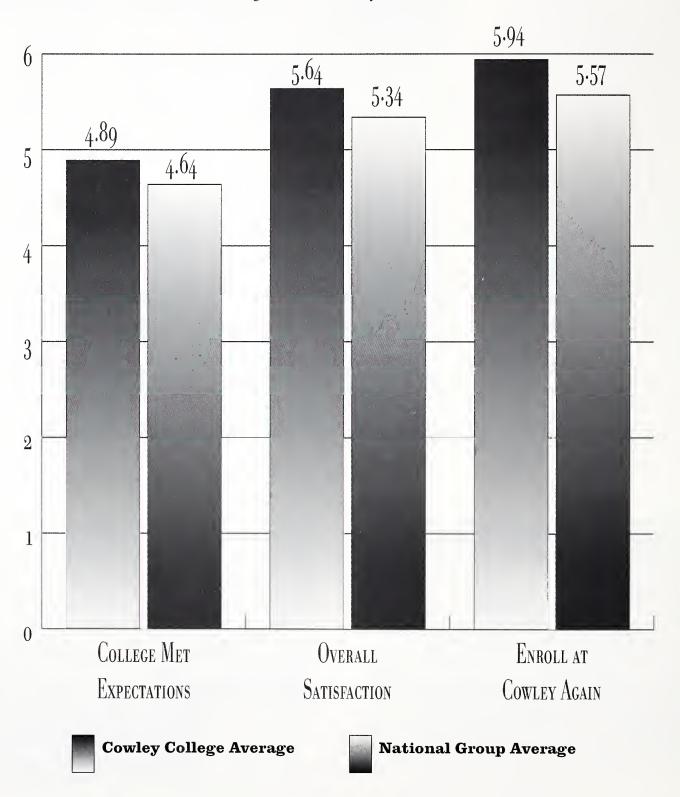
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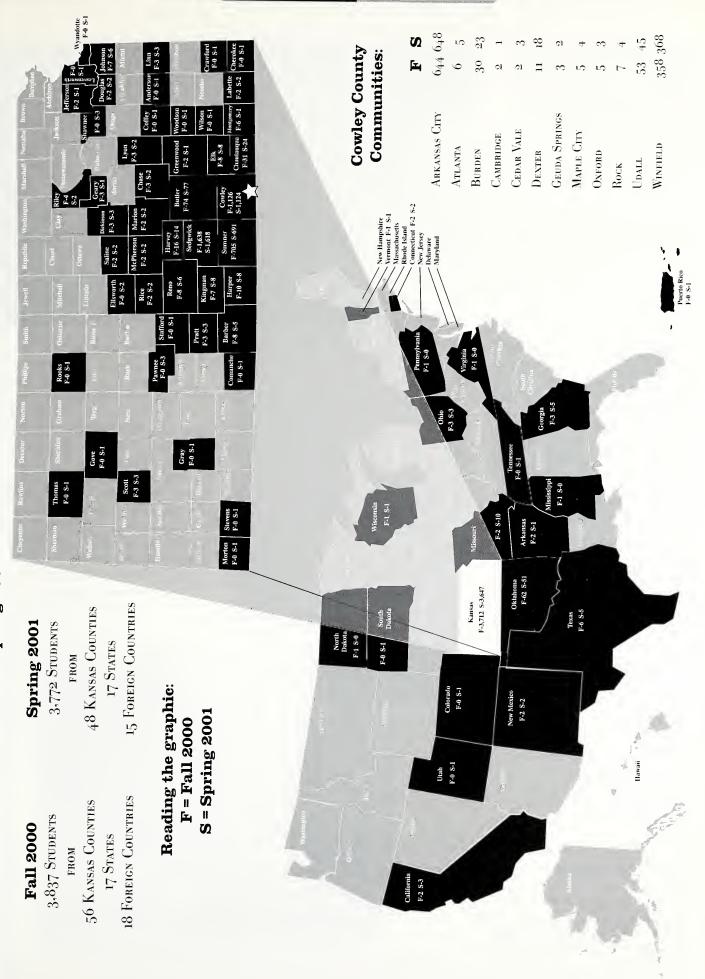


THE RACE IS ON!

# **Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Survey**

This survey contained 12 areas that were addressed related to student satisfaction. Each area was evaluated on two respects, importance to the student and satisfaction of the student. National norms for each area are included in the results. Cowley scored above the national norms on all items in all areas. The following chart is the summary of the results.





# Smithson named Cowley's new head men's basketball coach

Randy Smithson, who led Butler County to two national runner-up finishes and coached four seasons at Wichita State University, was named the new head men's basketball coach at Cowley on March 30, 2001.

Smithson replaces Mark Nelson, a former Smithson assistant at Butler, who resigned March 26 after eight seasons as the Tigers' head coach.

"I appreciate the opportunity to come back to Kansas," Smithson told a press conference audience of about 100 Cowley employees, students, and boosters. "I told coach (Tom) Saia and Dr. (Pat) McAtee that the best days for my family and for my career were in a community college system."

Smithson praised Nelson for the job he did at Cowley.

"Mark Nelson did a great job, and I have the utmost respect for him," Smithson said. "Everybody wants to get to the next step. We've got to get deeper into the playoffs, and I can't think of a better place to get that accomplished."

The last time Cowley's men's basketball team won Region VI was during the 1956-57 season in which Coach Dan Kahler led the Tigers to a 28-8 overall record, a Jayhawk Conference Western Division title, and an eighth-place finish at the national tournament.

Smithson becomes the 16th coach in the history of Cowley men's basketball.

Smithson compiled an impressive 300-80 record in 11 seasons at Butler, including back-to-back runner-up finishes at the national tournament in 1992 and 1993. He wasn't nearly as successful at WSU, where he had a 55-62 record in four seasons. He resigned at the end of the 1999-2000 sea-

Smithson is no stranger to Cowley athletics. He played for Coach Jerry Mullen during the 1978-79 season in which Cowley went 25-5, after transferring from



Randy Smithson receives a Cowley jacket from Athletic Director Tom Saia during the PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING SMITHSON AS THE NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH.

Illinois State. He then transferred to WSU.

Smithson said he was excited to be reunited with Brian Jackson, Cowley men's assistant coach, and a former player of Smithson's at Butler.

"When I moved to Florida, I thought my kids would run to the beach and hug the palm trees," Smithson said. "But they can't wait to get away from the palm trees. My family is elated to be coming back to Kansas."

Smithson said Cowley had several quality players returning. Mixed with some good recruits, the Tigers may go farther in postseason play immediately, Smithson said.

"I believe we're going to do it," he said. "It will depend on how fast these guys want to get in and go to the next level. There's no reason we can't make dreams a reality next year. I'd love to get to Hutchinson next year."

Smithson said the feeling reaching the junior college final four in Hutchinson was no different than at the NCAA Division I

"There's nothing like it," he said. "It's exciting. It's an incredible feeling."



Smithson answers questions from one of the many Wichita TELEVISION STATIONS THAT COVERED THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

# Grose receives prestigious Hershel Stephens service award

Larry Grose, head men's tennis coach, was presented the Hershel Stephens Award for outstanding service to the game at the regional and national levels.

Grose was presented the award during the annual banquet prior to the National Junior College Athletic Association's national men's tournament May 13-18, 2001, in Tyler, Texas.

Grose, who completed his 14th season as head coach at Cowley, was one of about eight coaches nominated for the award. Nominees must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- They must be employed by the same institution for 10 years or more.
- They must have taken a team to the national tournament three times or more.
- And they must have served on regional or national committees throughout their career.

Grose has served on the regional and national ranking committee, and for the last three years, he has been chairman of the National Awards Committee, a position he's also held at the regional level.

"The award was voted on by coaches, and that's what's special to me," Grose said. "Getting this prestigious award from your peers is a great feeling."

Grose has taken a full squad to nationals in all but two seasons at Cowley. He also has two NJCAA Division II national championships, 1989 and 1991.



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# Cowley adds cross country, track and field for men, women

Starting a college athletic program from the ground up isn't exactly all fun and games. Just ask Casey Belknap.

Belknap was hired by Cowley in late 2000 as head coach of a brand-new program—or six, to be exact—as the college continues to look for activities for its students.

Belknap, a 1994 graduate of Circle High School in Towanda, has had a busy eight months. Most of his time has been spent scouting high school athletes in Kansas as he prepares to field the first men's and women's cross country teams in Cowley history. Those same athletes will compete in men's and women's indoor track and men's and women's outdoor track.

"There's a lot more to it than I even imagined," said Belknap, no stranger to the sports he now heads. "There's just so much paperwork that needs to be done, and every institution is different on what they want done and when."

Belknap and his wife, Kenda, are expecting their first child in November, right around the time of the National Junior College Athletic Association championships in Lansing, Mich.

Prior to joining Cowley, Belknap was assistant cross country and track coach at Butler County Community College in El Dorado for 1 1/2 years. Although he only ran track two years at Circle, Belknap went to Butler and became a standout, helping the Grizzlies to the 1995 national cross country championship. On the track, he specialized in the 800 and 1500 meters and was named an athletic and academic All-American his sophomore year. He ran a personal-best 4:17 mile at Butler.

After two years at Butler, Belknap transferred to Bethany College and helped rebuild the programs in Lindsborg. He qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics meet in cross country, and indoor and outdoor track. He was named All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic



Casey Belknap

Conference (KCAC) his junior and senior years in cross country. His best 800-meter time was 1:54.

Belknap said his first cross country team, made up of 10 men and seven women, is solid.

"I think we can expect a top-three finish in the Jayhawk East," Belknap said. "I don't think that's too much to ask."

Seven schools in the Jayhawk East now field cross country teams.

Both rosters are loaded with Kansas student-athletes.

"That's the basis of our whole team," Belknap said. "You need to go out and get good in-state kids, and you can usually push your program to the national level with three or four out-of-staters. That will be our goal from this year on out."

Cowley has not fielded a track team since it had a women's program in the early 1970s.

The Tigers will compete seven times in cross country in fall 2001, beginning Sept. 1 at the Wichita State University Gold Classic in Wichita.

All seven meets were out of town, but Belknap said he was working on getting a home meet for fall 2002.

"I'd like to host a meet next fall," he said. "I think Camp Horizon or Camp Quaker Haven would be ideal courses."

Arkansas City High School has held cross country meets in those two locations near Arkansas City in years past.

Belknap said training won't be a problem, even without a designated home course.

"We'll train a lot on the outskirts of town," he said. "We'll do a lot of dirt roads. And I'm hoping to do grass loops at Carver Park."

Belknap said training would be a combination of long distances and speed work.

"A typical week of training mileagewise would be to start out in the low 30s for the men's side and build up to 60 miles a week," Belknap said. "We'll mix that with distance runs and some interval training on grass. Our national meet is on a very hilly course, so we'll hit the hills once or twice a week during conditioning."

College women run five kilometers, or 3.1 miles, while men run eight kilometers, or five miles.

Belknap said even he'll be testing the waters with the new program.

"This first year, I really don't know what to expect from the freshmen," he said. "I'd like to instill good training habits with them. Since all the kids are freshmen, it will be an interesting year. Looking into their second year, I'll expect them to be even better, maybe even a conference title. We have good talent this year. Transfer that into their sophomore season and they could be incredible."

Belknap said keys to a successful team are some of the same for other sports.

"It's a little difficult because it's such an individual sport," Belknap said. "But if you can get the kids to bond together and get a feel for each other, that's vital. We had good chemistry at Butler and had a mix of international and American kids. I think that helped the American kids grow because they saw the international kids get to another level. And the international kids saw what it took academically and socially."

At each meet except the Region VI championships and nationals, Cowley will be running against two- and four-year schools.

As of July 2001, Belknap had signed 27 men and 25 women for his track squads.

"I'm just trying to sell them on the fact that Cowley is a good place and that we'd take care of them," he said. "They'd also have a good chance to go on to a four-year school and run."

Ryan Manning has been hired to assist Belknap in each of the programs.

# Second Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame class inducted

Six people with close ties to Cowley athletics, including one posthumously, were inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 17, 2001.

The class is comprised of former athletes and Cowley's first athletic director. Induction ceremonies were held at halftime of the men's basketball game against Independence.

Inductees in the Class of 2001: Don Ward, Loye Sparks, Ray Potter, Pam Mattingly, all former athletes still living; and Orville Gregory, the school's first athletic director. Being inducted posthumously was the late Louis "Rabbit" Weller, a standout football player in the 1920s.

Feb. 17, which also was Cowley's Homecoming, included several activities for the inductees. At noon, a luncheon was held in the Earle N. Wright Community Room inside the Brown Center. At 3:30 p.m., the group was given a tour of the main campus. A "meet-and-greet" session was held from 5-6 p.m. in the foyer of W.S. Scott Auditorium. The women's basketball game against Independence began at 6 p.m., and the group was officially inducted at halftime of the men's game.

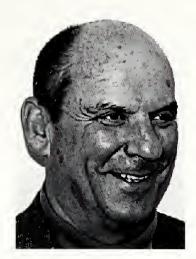
In 2000, 10 former athletes and coaches were inducted into the Hall's first class.

Following is a capsule look at each of the 2001 inductees:

## **Don Ward**

Don Ward was an All-American football player for ACJC in 1959-1960. He earned all-conference and was named the Tigers' team captain.

Ward enjoyed a lengthy career in community involvement, including the chamber of commerce, Mason Oil Co., member of the Crime Stoppers organization, sponsor of youth programs through Mason Oil, and he directed General Electric's Aircraft Engine Maintenance Center's community nvolvement.



Don Ward

Ward worked 33 years for GE, including the position of plant manager at Strother Field's AEMC from 1992 to 1995.

He has owned Mason Oil Co. in Arkansas City since 1973.

He has been president and general manager of AAR Corp., an aircraft refurbishing company with 600 employees in Oklahoma City, since 1995.

Ward lives in Edmond, Okla.



Loye Sparks

# Loye Sparks

Loye Sparks enjoyed an outstanding basketball career at ACJC, including being named an All-American in 1961. That same year, Sparks tied Del Heidebrecht's singlegame scoring record at the college with a 49-point outburst against Pratt on Feb. 21, 1961. In that same game, Sparks established the college's all-time single-game record for field goals with 22.

Sparks also was a two-time All-Jayhawk Conference selection (1959-1961) and played in the North vs. South All-American Game.

From ACJC, Sparks earned a scholarship to play basketball for the University of Kansas from 1961-1963.

In 1964, Sparks went to work for Santa Fe Railroad. He held various jobs before retiring from the company in 1996 as manager of information system services.

He served as a deacon for six years at Northland Christian Church, an elder for six years at the same church, co-chaired ACTS long-range planning, and has coached little league baseball and basketball and won a state championship and went on to the world series.

Sparks is a 1980 graduate of the Institute of Business Economics and Management at the University of Southern California.

He and his wife Roberta have been married 38 years. They have four children, all of whom went on to college on basketball scholarships, including Kelly and Kris at Cowley County Community College. He and his wife also have seven grandchildren.

Sparks lives in Topeka, Kan.



Ray Potter

# **Ray Potter**

Ray Potter is one of the most prolific scorers in Cowley men's basketball history.

An All-American in 1953, Potter ranks sixth all-time in career scoring with 1,145 points during his career, which spanned from 1951-1953. His 666 points during the 1952-1953 season ranks sixth among

school single-season scorers. He also holds the record for best scoring average during a two-year career at 21.2.

Potter also had the distinction of playing on ACJC's national runner-up basket-ball team of 1953. He was co-captain of that team.

Potter, who lives in Winfield, has served as director of the alumni association in 1974 and was a member of the Rotary Club and chamber of commerce during the 1970s.

He owns and operates Wellington Steakhouse and Motel.



**Pamela Mattingly** 

# Pamela Mattingly

Pam Mattingly played basketball, volleyball, and softball at Cowley, excelling at basketball.

Mattingly, who lives in San Antonio, Texas, was a star athlete from 1978-1980.

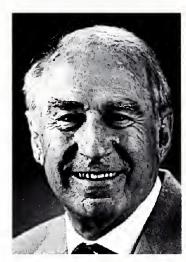
She was the first female All-American at Cowley, earning the distinction in basketball in 1980. She was All-Region VI in 1979 and 1980, and held numerous school records until the last few seasons. The list:

Most career field goals 257; most career free throws 340; most career total points 654; highest career average 13.1; most field goals in one season 273; most free throws in one season 93; most points in a season 439; and most free throws in a single game 10. Mattingly also scored a gamehigh 29 points in the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Star Game, breaking the record.

During her two-year career at Cowley, Mattingly also earned All-Region VI in volleyball and was a member of the team that qualified for nationals in Catonsville, Md., in 1978-1979.

She served as assistant softball coach in 1986 when the Tigers won the Jayhawk East and Region VI championships.

Mattingly is assistant manager with Barbeques Galore, America's largest chain of barbecue stores.



Orville Gregory

# **Orville Gregory**

Orville Gregory of Shawnee Mission, Kan., has a long, storied athletic career. He was Cowley's first athletic director (1947 to 1969). He served as director of Region VI for 16 years and founded the NJCAA women's basketball tournament. He managed the Pan Am Games in Mexico City, and has been a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. He also is a former member of the NCAA's Track & Field Rules Committee, and of the NCAA Collegiate Directors Committee. In 1978, he received the NJCAA Certificate of Service for outstanding service in the field of athletic administration.



Louis "Rabbit" Weller

# Louis "Rabbit" Weller

Louis Weller owns eight school records in football as he was a star for ACJC in 1925 and 1926.

The records: Most points scored in a grace 190; most points scored in one season 103; most points scored in one game 27; most points scored in one quarter 20; most touchdowns in a career 28; most touchdowns in one season 15; most touchdowns in one game 4; most touchdowns in one quarter 3.

### Burroughs, Hargrove earn 500th coaching victories

Head baseball coach Dave Burroughs and head softball coach Ed Hargrove each recorded their 500th career victories during the 2001 season. Both teams qualified for the national tournament. Burroughs just completed his 14th season with the Tigers, while Hargrove finished his 17th season. Dr. Pat McAtee, president of Cowley, presented the two coaches with a plaque commemorating their coaching milestone.

### Athletic seasons successful once again

There may not have been as many conference championships during the 2000-2001 athletic seasons as the preceding year, but the Tigers fielded competitive teams in just about every sport. And in late 2000, the Tigers even added a couple of intercollegiate sports in men's and women's cross country and men's and women's track and field.

Following is a capsule look at each sport. They are listed alphabetically.

### Baseball

After a 3-0 start in the Alpine Bank Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., the Tiger baseball team looked like the team to beat.

Cowley, which had captured its seventh consecutive Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title during the regular season, was the only unbeaten team left in the tournament after games of May 30.

But North Central Texas, a program in its 10th year, had other ideas as the Lions stopped Cowley's streak by winning consecutive games from the Tigers, 5-3 and 86, ending Cowley's season at 49-16. The Tigers finished third in the NJCAA World Series.

Three Tigers were named to the All-Tournament Team: John Urick, Ryan Bell, and Justin Glenn. Head Coach Dave Burroughs was presented the Homa Thomas sportsmanship award.

Cowley's Wes Detwiler, a left-handed pitcher, was named NJCAA Player of the Year for 2001 by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Detwiler, a sophomore from Wentzville, Mo., compiled a 1.90 earned-run average in 92 1/3 innings. At the World Series, Detwiler pitched 17 innings and had a 3.71 ERA, striking out 12 and walking three.

Detwiler also earned first-team All-Jayhawk East honors, along with teammates Cory VonTungeln at shortstop (also co-most valuable player of the year), Dustin Smith at catcher, Urick at first, and Bell in the outfield. Honorable mention selections were Gabe Luttrell, J.J. Morris, and Brad Lovell.

### Men's Basketball

After winning seven consecutive conference games, the Tigers dropped two straight—at home against Independence and on the road at Coffeyville—to effectively drop them from any chance at another league title.

Cowley finished fourth in the Jayhawk East with a 13-5 record. The Tigers were 23-8 overall in Mark Nelson's final season, losing to Hutchinson in W.S. Scott Auditorium 69-50 in the first round of the Region VI Tournament.

Sophomores Richard Wilson and Mike Hayes earned All-Jayhawk Conference honors: Hayes first team; Wilson second team.

### Women's Basketball

Cowley's run of three consecutive 17-1 Jayhawk East seasons came to an end as the Tigers finished 13-5 in the league (third place) and 24-7 overall.

The 2000-2001 season likely will go down in coach Darin Spence's books as the "what if" season. What if Trinetta Moore and Amanda Barkley don't get injured? What if Tariqah Miller has the season she's capable of having? What if?

As it turned out, Barkley never played, blowing her knee out in preseason work-outs. Moore played in just a handful of games before succumbing to a knee injury, lost for the season. And Miller? She was dismissed from the team near mid-season.

Despite all of that adversity—Spence and assistant Matt Cole figured they had a team that could finish in the top five nationally—Cowley remained competitive until the end. At one point, the Tigers were 10-3 in the conference. The season ended with a 74-70 loss to Pratt in the first round of the Region VI Tournament in W.S. Scott Auditorium.

Freshmen April Banks and Stephanie Shanline earned second-team All-Jayhawk East honors.

### Golf

Two players qualified for the NJCAA Division II National Tournament in College Station, Texas.

Brook Shurtz shot 81-72-77-83 for a four-day total of 313, tying him for 75th place, while Jay Stultz shot 79-75-79-84 for a four-day total of 317, tying him for 86th place. The tournament was held May 28 to June 1, 2001.

### **Softball**

Coach Ed Hargrove's team earned the right to compete in the national tournament for the first time since 1986. Cowley played well at nationals, losing 3-0 to Gulf Coast of Panama City, Fla., and 2-1 to Navarro of Texas. Cowley finished the season with a 42-6 record.

In the opening game, Cowley pitcher Lindsey Davis' only mistake was one pitch in the first inning, resulting in a 3-0 lead by Gulf Coast on a three-run home run. However, she pitched well enough the rest of the way.

In the second game, the Lady Tigers saw their 1-0 lead evaporate in the sixth inning as Navarro tied the game 1-1. Then, in the seventh inning, Navarro won the

Davis, the daughter of former Cowley volleyball coach Deb Nittler, was named the College Female Athlete of the Year by Greater Wichita Area **Sports** Commission. She was named a third-team All-American after going 22-5 with a 0.72 earned-run average. She also struck out 253 hitters during the 2001 season, helping her shatter the Cowley career record. Davis' record now stands at 531. She was an All-Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division player and All-Region VI for the second time.

### Men's Tennis

For the first time since 1988, the men's tennis team, as a whole, did not qualify for the national tournament. No. 1 singles player Tom Murray did, however, but lost his first-round match in Tyler, Texas, May 13-18. Murray was the champion at No. 1 singles in Region VI.

Head coach Larry Grose had a string of 12 consecutive trips to nationals as a team snapped.

### **Women's Tennis**

Behind a runnerup finish by Allison Tweedy at No. 3 singles, the Lady Tiger finished sixth at the national tournament May 6-11 in Tucson, Ariz. It was the team's highest finish since a sixth place in 1994.

Tweedy's play earned her All-America honors.

Cowley, which finished second in the Region VI Tournament, had a regional champion at No. 1 singles in freshman Donata Majauskaite.

### Volleyball

It's probably not the way Lady Tiger coach Deb Nittler wanted it to end.

Nittler was completing her 15th and final season as Cowley's head volleyball coach as the Lady Tigers went 1-2 in the

Region VI Tournament in Shawnee Mission, Kan., to finish the 2000 season with a 22-23 record.

"I have a lot of mixed feelings," said Nittler, who resigned in October 2000 to devote more time as an instructor and chair of the Social Science Department. "It's hard to change after 23 years."

Nittler was referring to the six years she taught in Unified School District No. 470 and the 17 she has in at Cowley. Nittler fell just short of the 400-win plateau, ending with a career record of 392 wins, 342 losses, and eight ties. Nittler's best season as head coach was her first, 1986, when Cowley went 36-16-1 to finish in a threeway tie for first place in the Jayhawk Conference's Eastern Division. This season, Cowley finished fourth with a 6-3 record behind Kansas City, Johnson County, and Neosho County.

Seward County and Barton County will represent Region VI at the national tournament.

Three of Nittler's players earned All-Jayhawk East honors. Megan Houk, a freshman from Valley Center, earned second-team all-conference, while Jade Shriver, a sophomore from Arkansas City, and Breann Roach, a sophomore from Valley Center, were named honorable mention.

Nittler said she was proud of her final team.

"I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of young ladies to work with this year," she said. "It was really enjoyable."

Replacing Nittler as head coach is Joanna Howell, a former player of Nittler's from Attica, Kan. Howell finished her degree at Wichita State University. She played for Nittler in the 1996 and 1997 seasons and earned All-Region VI and All-Jayhawk East honors both seasons.

### Facts & Figures from 2000-2001:

### 500

The number of career victories reached by baseball Coach Dave Burroughs and softball Coach Ed Hargrove. All 1,000 victories have been recorded at Cowley.

The number of games the baseball team won to start the Alpine Bank College World Series, the Tigers' final placing in the series (third), and the number of trips to Grand Junction in the last five years.

### 253

The number of opposing batters who struck out against sophomore softball pitcher Lindsey Davis during the 2001 season. Combined with her totals from her freshman season, Davis finished her Cowley career with a record 531 Ks.

The number of All-Americans from the 2001 women's tennis team. Sophomore Allison Tweedy of Arkansas City finished second at No. 3 singles to earn the honor.

### 392

The number of career victories for volleyball Coach Deb Nittler, who stepped down as coach of the Lady Tigers after the 2000 season. Nittler's career record, all at Cowley, was 392-342.

The number of season-ending knee injuries suffered by the Lady Tiger basketball team. Amanda Barkley went down even before the season began, and Trinetta Moore, making a comeback of sorts, played just a few games before injuring her knee.

The number of former Cowley athletes and coaches inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame during the past two years.

### COWLEY AT-A-@LANCE 2001

### Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational-Technical School



Mill Levy: 16.997

#### Fact:

Of the 19 community colleges in Kansas, Cowley has the 6th lowest mill levy in the state at 16.997, and has the sixth highest county valuation of \$183,692,750. At \$48 per credit hour for tuition and fees, Cowley boasts one of the lowest tuitions in Kansas.

### **Enrollment Figures:**

Facts, Spring 2001:

High School 467 Freshmen 1,557 Sophomores 1,092 Special 656

Total

Headcount 3,772 Total FTE 2.236

Approximately 60% of freshmen and sophomores enrolled in Kansas colleges are in community colleges.

#### **Assessed Valuation:**

Fall 2001:

\$183,692,750

**Budget:** 

\$19.5 million (2001-2002)

### Founded: 1922

In 1968, the College became the first school in the state to combine a traditional liberal arts transfer curriculum with a program of area vocational-technical school training.

### President:

Dr. Patrick McAtee, Ph.D., became the third president of the College on July 1, 1987.

### 2000 Fall Enrollment:

2,356 Full-Time Equivalency (record) 3,837 Total Headcount

### 2001 Spring Enrollment:

2,236 FTE (Record for spring) 3,772 Total Headcount

### **Programs:**

33 Certificate and Applied Science programs
42 Liberal Arts/Transfer programs

More than 100 specialized programs and seminars offered through the Institute for Lifetime Learning.

Specialized training for business and industry to meet their needs. In the past the College has developed or offered programs for General Electric, Rubbermaid-Winfield, Gordon-Piatt Energy Group, Inc., the city of Arkansas City, the city of Winfield, Future Beef Operations, local school districts, day care centers, local nursing homes, special education co-ops, KSQ Blowmolding, Social Rehabilitation Services, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Selcom, Boeing-Wichita, Cessna, and the Business and Industry Division of Banks.

#### Facilities:

17 buildings on a 10-acre campus in the heart of downtown Arkansas City. Two new facilities—a dormitory and a dining hall—opened for the start of the fall 2001 semester.

Outreach Centers in Mulvane, Strother Field, Winfield, Wellington and Wichita, where a cooperative partnership between Cowley, Wichita State University, and Wichita Area Technical College has formed the Southside Education Center. Courses also taught at these area high schools: Argonia, Belle Plaine, Burden, Caldwell, Cedar Vale, Conway Springs. Dexter, Oxford, South Haven, and Udall.

#### Athletics:

TWELVE INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS THAT COMPETE IN THE KANSAS JAYHAWK CONFERENCE'S EAST DIVISION. MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY, WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY, VOLLEYBALL, MEN'S BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, GOLF, MEN'S TENNIS, WOMEN'S TENNIS, MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD, AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD.

Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Crowns in 2000-2001:

 Baseball 49-16 (seventh consecutive title, 29-7 in the East) (Sophomore pitcher Wes Detwiler named NJCAA Division I Player of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association)

DISTRICT OR REGION VI CROWNS IN 2000-2001:

- Baseball (Went 3-2 to finish third in the NJCAA World Series)
- Softball (went 4-0 to win District E of Region VI; qualified for nationals. Finished season with 42-6 record)

### **Employees:**

170 FULL-TIME FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION 445 PART-TIME FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

### THE®OTTOM LINE 2001

### Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational-Technical School



### Your Investment

- \$3,723,718 in 1999 taxes. \$3,506,103 in 2000 taxes.
- Taxes DO NOT pay for scholarships to out-of-state athletes.
- The College is fourth in size among the 19 community colleges in Kansas, behind Johnson County Community College, Kansas City Community College, and Butler County Community College.

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- \$14 MILLION A YEAR ADDED TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. FOR EACH DOLLAR OF LOCAL TAX SUPPORT RECEIVED, THE COLLEGE RETURNS \$5.03 TO THE COUNTY'S ECONOMY. THAT RETURN IS GREATER WHEN THE TOTAL PICTURE OF THE STATE IS CONSIDERED. FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT BY THE STATE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, \$22.43 IS RETURNED.
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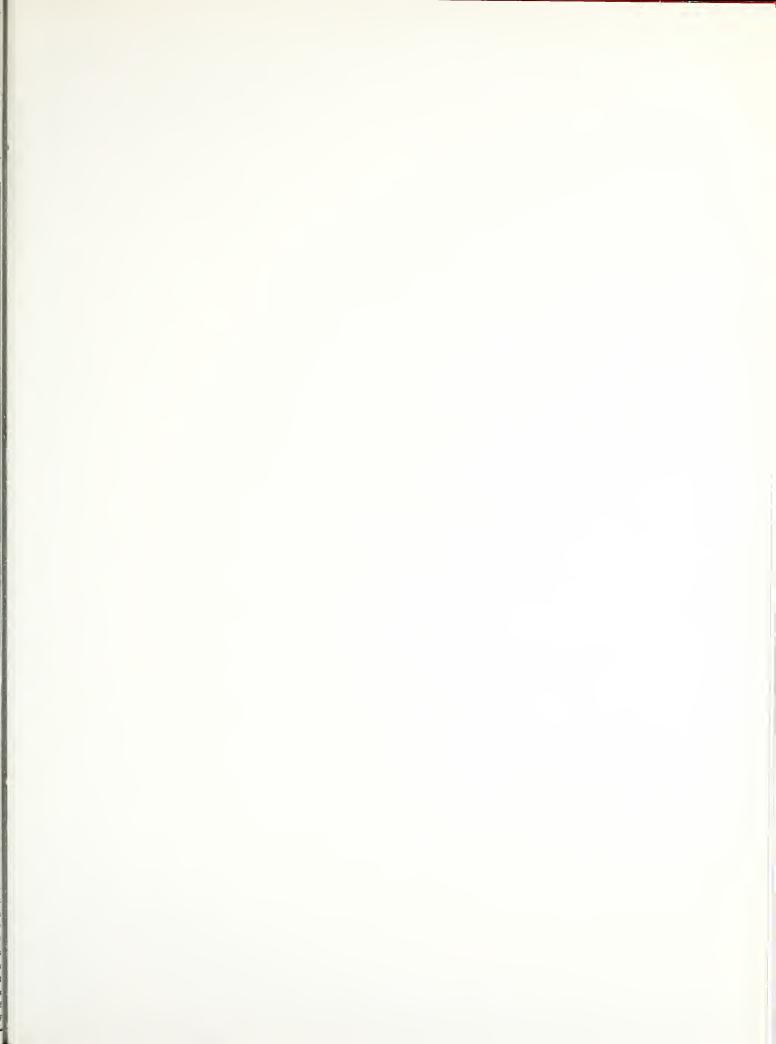
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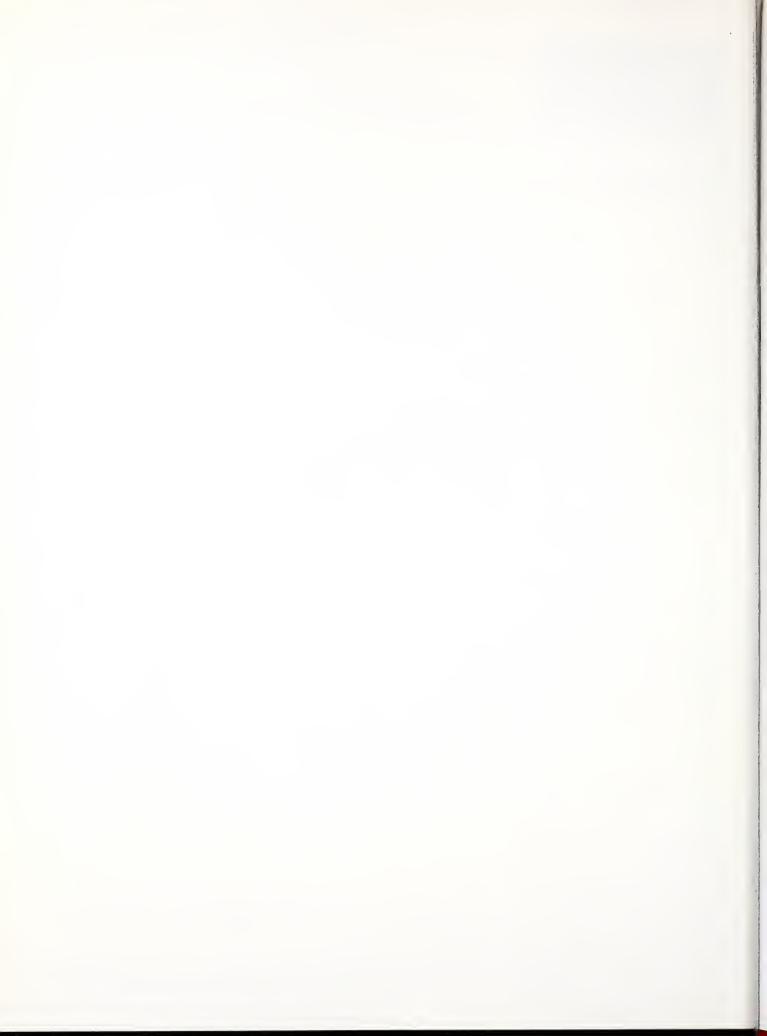
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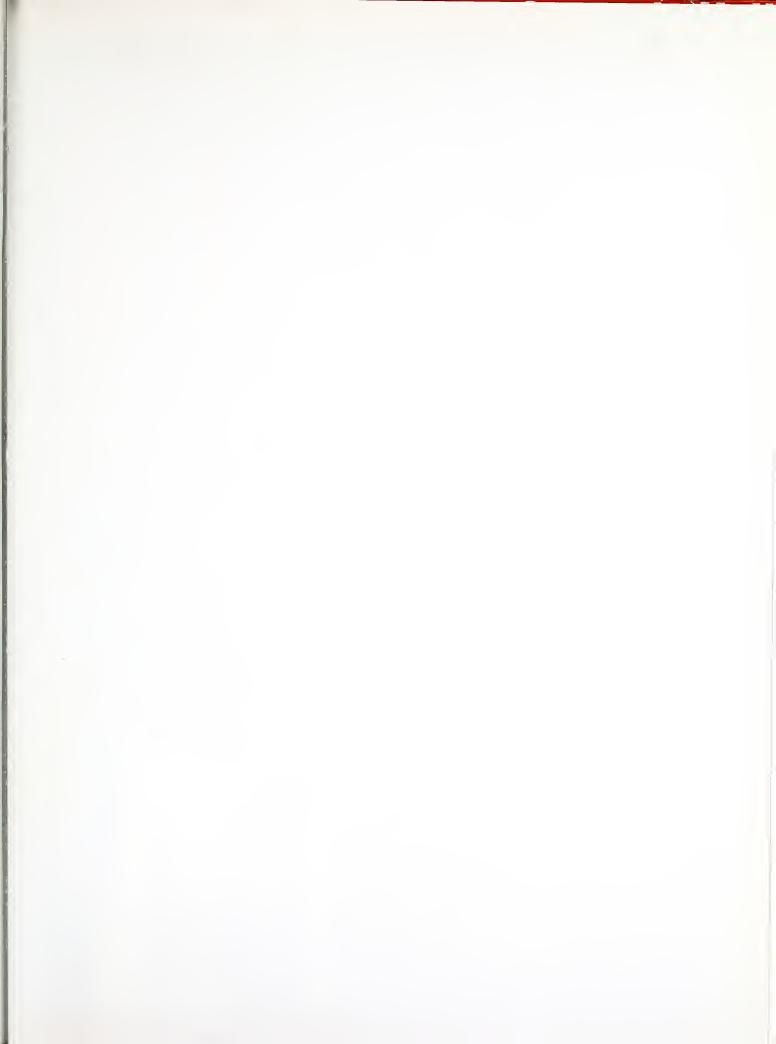
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#### STUDENT OF THE YEAR:

### **OUTSTANDING TIGER ALUMNI:**

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### WELCOME

Welcome to another edition of The President's Annual Report.

The 2001-2002 academic year was filled with individual and team accomplishments, growth and expansion of the main campus, and overall student enrollment. It was truly an exciting year to be a Cowley Tiger! Here are some highlights:

First, Cowley's commitment to local taxpayers was never more evident than when the Board of Trustees approved a substantial decrease in the mill levy during its August 2001 meeting. As a result, the college requested \$384,000 less in local tax dollars. The 16.997 final mill levy for the 2001-2002 academic year was just slightly above the level during my first year at the college.

Two new facilities were opened on the main campus in time for the 2001 fall semester, a 72-bed dormitory that houses females, and a much-needed dining center, of which I am deeply honored to have it bear my name.

The college, and particularly Associate Dean of Business and Industry Gene Cole, was instrumental in opening the Cowley College Workforce Development Center at Strother Field Airport and Indus-

trial Park north of Arkansas City. The September 2001 open house was the culmination of many hours of work in pulling all the partners together to make the center a reality.

Another facility, this one at our Southside Education Center in Wichita, held an open house in October. Boeing Wichita officially opened the Southside Education Center Boeing Education, Training, and College Partnership. This ensures a lasting relationship between the college and Boeing.

Many great athletic accomplishments were celebrated throughout the year. The women's basketball team under Head Coach Darin Spence won its fourth Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title in the last five years; the baseball team, under Head Coach Dave Burroughs, won its eighth consecutive Jayhawk East title and qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series for the fourth time in six years; and the women's tennis team, under Head Coach André Spence, won the Region VI Tournament and finished third at the national tournament, the highest finish ever for a Cowley women's tennis team.

Individual awards also were presented. Director of Vocal Music, Connie Donatelli, was named the third Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning in January 2002. Men's tennis Coach Larry Grose was inducted into the National Men's Tennis Hall of Fame in May 2002. And one of our distinguished alumni, Bob White, chairman and chief executive officer of Garvey International, Inc., was presented the 2002 Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award during commencement in May.

These are just some of the highlights from the 2001-2002 academic year, my 15th as president. Please take a few minutes to read this report. In doing so, you'll better understand Cowley's role within the communities it serves, and the enormous talent its people possess.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick J. McAtee

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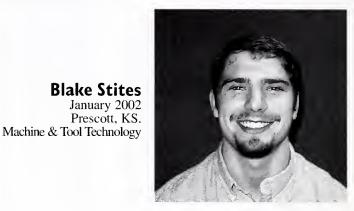




### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Joel Arnold September 2001 Kingman, KS. Elementary Education



Megan Houk
October 2001
Valley Center, KS.
Psychology

Amanda Krueger
February 2002
Winfield, KS.
Theatre



Maggie Campbell November 2001 Cedar Vale, KS. Elementary Education





Mindy Brown December 2001 Wichita, KS. Business Administration



COWLEY COLLEGE TIMES, 2001-2002



# Campbell caps two-year career by being named Student of the Year

Maggie Campbell, a sophomore from Cedar Vale, was named Cowley's Student of the Year during the annual Celebration of Excellence banquet April 23, 2002, in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

Campbell was chosen from the pool of eight Students of the Month throughout the 2001-2002 academic year. Sue Saia, dean of student life, presented Campbell with the award. More than 220 people attended the banquet.

Campbell, who was named the November 2001 Student of the Month, has had a successful two years at Cowley. The daughter of Karen and Michael Campbell of Cedar Vale became just the second student not from Arkansas City to be crowned Queen Alalah in October 2001.

And in April 2002, Campbell was a finalist for the Outstanding Student of Arkansas City Award presented by the city of Arkansas City. Cowley

student Blake Stites, a sophomore from Prescott, won that award.

Campbell, an elementary education major, held a 4.0 grade-point average, was a member of the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division champion Lady Tiger basketball team, was a Student Ambassador, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was involved in Campus Christian Fellowship, and was an Honor Graduate, meaning she was in

the top 10 percent of Cowley's spring graduating class of approximately 560 students.

Campbell also was crowned Homecoming Queen in February 2002, and appeared in a 30-second television commercial promoting the college.

### Stites named Outstanding Student of Arkansas City



Blake Stites, a May 2002 graduate, was selected as the Outstanding Student of Arkansas City for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The award, sponsored by the city of Arkansas City and chosen by a group of city officials and business leaders, was presented at a banquet April 15 in the Earle N. Wright Community Room inside the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology on Cowley's main campus.

Three students from Cowley, Arkansas City High School, and Arkansas City Middle School are chosen as finalists from a larger pool of students. Stites, Jennifer Fahrbach, and Maggie Campbell were Cowley's students nominated for the award.

Each student nominated was interviewed by the committee, which was comprised of 8-10 people. The students were asked a variety of questions designed to give the committee an insight into their personality and their life.

Stites, the son of Sue and Owen Stites of Prescott, was a machine and tool technology major at Cowley.

He played major roles in Cowley's fall musicals and spring plays. He was a member of Act One drama club, served as reporter for Industrial Technology's Vocational Industrial Clubs of America chapter, competed in forensics, was inducted in fall 2001 into Mu Alpha Theta, was on the National Dean's List, was nominated for Who's Who Among Students in American

Junior Colleges, and was president of Phi Theta Kappa.

He also participated in the college's annual lip-sync contest Puttin' on the Hits, and was crowned Mr. CinderFella 2001. Stites also was named January 2002 Student of the Month.

Stites, who transferred hours from Fort Scott Community College, completed his Cowley course work with a 4.0 grade-point average. He played the role of Chris in Cowley's spring play "All My Sons." He plans to transfer to Pittsburg State University and major in manufacturing engineering.

### Houk, Arnold represented Cowley at Phi Theta Kappa honors luncheon

Megan Houk and Joel Arnold represented Cowley on Feb. 13, 2002, during the seventh annual Phi Theta Kappa honors luncheon in Topeka.

Houk and Arnold were among 40 community college scholars from Kansas who were honored for their academic accomplishments. The luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn West/Holidome in conjunction with February's Kansas Board of Regents meeting.



Houk, the daughter of Cindi Houk and Loren Houk, was named October 2001 Student of the Month at Cowley. She played for the Lady Tiger volleyball team two years, served as president of the Student Government Association during the fall 2001 semester, and was a member of PTK. She served Cowley as a Student Ambassador, and she was a finalist for the title of Queen Alalah last fall. She is a graduate of Valley Center High School. This semester, Houk is enrolled at Washburn University. She majored in psychology at Cowley.



Arnold, a sophomore elementary education major, graduated in December 2001. He was September 2001 Student of the Month. He was a member of PTK, Act One

drama club, and Campus Christian Fellowship. He is the son of Therese and Stephan Arnold. He has had parts in Cowley musicals, and last spring was first runner-up in the annual Mr. Cinderfella Pageant. Besides his involvement on campus, Arnold also tutored for the special education classroom at Jefferson Elementary School Arkansas City, and tutored grades 1-3 at Sacred Heart Catholic School, also in Arkansas City. He has served as assistant director for his church's high school youth group in Kingman, and has taught Sunday school to fifthand sixth-graders. He also dedicated time to visit residents of Medicalodge East in Arkansas City, and Park West Senior Plaza in Wichita. He graduated from Bishop Carroll High School in Wichita.

During the 2002 spring semester, Arnold went to New Mexico to conduct missionary work on an Indian reservation. In fall 2002, he planned to enroll at Emporia State University to continue work toward a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

The 40 students represented 36 communities. The scholars were named to the 2002 All-Kansas Academic Team, sponsored by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents.

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. Membership is based on high grade-point averages and other criteria, with members focusing on scholastic achievement and service to community and campus. The 40 individuals are part of a statewide student body of nearly 124,000 people enrolled in credit courses at the 19 Kansas community colleges.



#### **BEST OF THE BEST:**

Bailey Seymore snagged the only open summer internship in Boeing's drafting area, beating out applicants from seven colleges and universities.

### Seymore lands summer internship at Boeing

With the number of 2002 summer internships drastically cut at Boeing Wichita, the competition for the 10-week job suddenly got stiffer for Cowley students.

But Bailey Seymore, a freshman pre-engineering and drafting technology major from Mulvane, was selected for the one open summer internship in Boeing's drafting area. She was chosen from a pool of applicants from seven colleges and universities. Two other Cowley students also applied.

"I'm really excited," said Seymore, who holds a 3.85 grade-point average. "Randy Perry at Boeing told me that only one student would be chosen, and that this summer, only the best of the best would be working."

Perry works in engineering human resource analysis and allocation department in

the Wichita division. He also conducted the student interviews.

"Bailey will be doing CAD drafting as directed by a mentor," Perry said. "She will be going on campus tours and will be in several training sessions that will give an overview of the Boeing process."

Seymore's internship ran from May 24 through Aug. 1. She earned \$13.75 an hour.

Most summers, Boeing hires as many as 90 interns. But the recession forced the company to cut that number to 20 throughout the Wichita facility, and just one in its drafting and engineering areas.

Seymore applied for the internship in December 2001 and interviewed for the job in February 2002. She learned in March she had been chosen.

"Bailey was selected for her excellent GPA, completed course work, and the fact that she is currently a part-time draftsperson practicing her drafting skills," Perry said.

Seymore is a member of the design team at Strother Manufacturing at Strother Field Industrial Park. She also has years of experience in drafting.

"I took a drafting class my freshman year of high school and stayed with it," she said. "Math has always been something I've liked."

Cliff Roderick, drafting technology instructor at Cowley, said any of Cowley's three students who applied would have done well at Boeing.

"I feel pretty good that it was one of our students," Roderick said. "Any of the three would have been good students. Bailey will be a good representative for us."

Seymore plans to return to Cowley to finish an associate's

degree, then transfer to a fouryear school to study architectural or mechanical engineering.

Seymore received the Conco, Inc., scholarship to attend Cowley, one of the biggest reasons she is in Roderick's program. She also took an advanced computer-aided drafting class from Roderick while she was a senior at MHS

"Cliff has a great program," Seymore said. "He's a great teacher, and he cares a lot about students as people."

Perry said Boeing was pleased with Cowley's draft-

ing program.

"Over the past six or seven years, Cowley's CAD program has made several advances in the strength of its students," Perry said. "We have had several very good students hired here at Boeing Wichita who are doing well within their peer group, and this does speak highly of Cliff and his program."

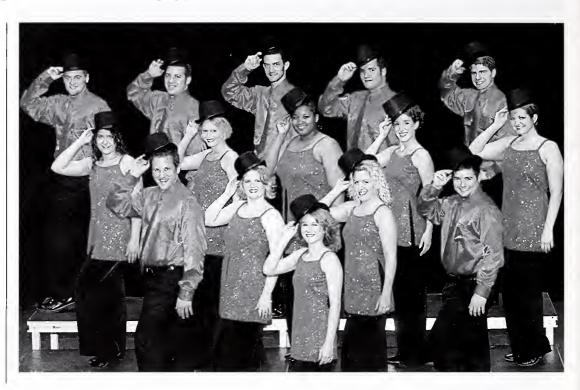
### **CC Singers perform at show choir festival**

The CC Singers show choir performed April 5 and 6 at the 2002 Branson National College Show Choir Invitational.

Connie Donatelli, director of vocal music, was pleased her group received the invitation to perform.

"It was a great opportunity for my students to perform at a different venue than they're used to," Donatelli said. "The students did a fantastic job. I'm really proud of the way they performed."

The group arrived in Branson April 4. The show choir invitational was part of the Branson Jubilee National Music Festival. The CC Singers held an exhibition performance on April 5 and performed the morning of April 6. Their performance was followed by a clinic.



### **Concert Choir to perform** in famous Carnegie Hall

Even as the 2001-2002 academic year was drawing to a close, the vocal music department was making plans for a big trip in 2003.

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Connie Donatelli, has accepted an invitation to perform in Carnegie Hall in New York City. The trip is being planned for April 24-28, 2003.

Because of the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by the choral department at Cowley, and the exceptional recommendation given by Maestro Rod Walker of Kansas State University, the Cowley Concert Choir has been invited to participate in a performance of Randall

Thompson's "Testament of Freedom," a symphonic work written for orchestra and chorus. The performance will take place April 27, 2003, in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

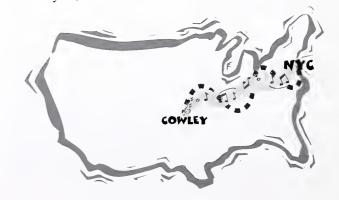
The Concert Choir will join five to six other outstanding ensembles, for a total chorus of 150-175, selected from throughout North America for a five-day/four-night residency from April 24-28, 2003, culminating in a performance in Carnegie Hall accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble, Maestro Rod Walker, conductor.

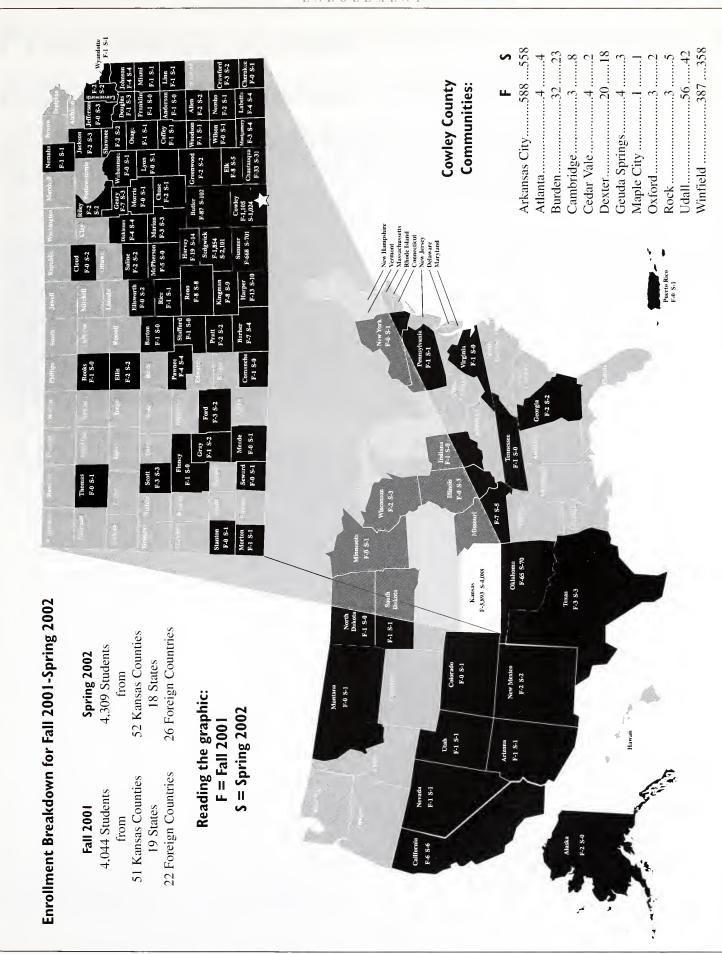
"This is quite an honor for the choir and for the college," said Dr. Pat McAtee, Cowley president. "And it should be a wonderful experience for our young people who attend."

Donatelli, Cowley's director of vocal music, said she was honored to be invited to perform at the famous venue.

"My students work so hard each year," she said. "We

have put together very talented groups throughout the years here. I'm really looking forward to taking the group to New York and performing on the ultimate stage, Carnegie Hall."



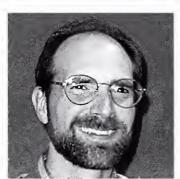


# Cervantes, Shepherd receive Excellence Awards at NISOD



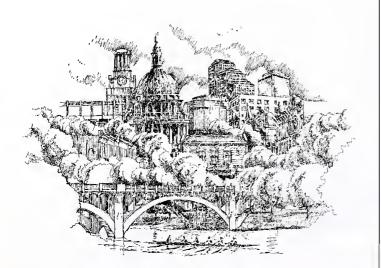
Marlys Cervantes and Todd Shepherd, full-time faculty members, received the Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas, May 26-29, 2002

NISOD is one of the largest community college conferences in the world and attracts more than 2,000 participants each year.



Cervantes, a Humanities Department instructor, has been with Cowley since August 2000. Shepherd, a Social Science Department instructor and chairman of the department, has been with Cowley since August 1999.

Since 1987, Cowley has seen 52 faculty and staff members receive the NISOD Excellence Award.



### Vocal music director named third Endowed Chair



Connie Donatelli, director of vocal music, was honored Jan. 15, 2002, as the third Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning at Cowley.

Conrad Jimison, vice president of instruction, made the announcement at an inservice meeting in the Earle N. Wright Community Room. Jana Dobbs, director of marketing at Corner Bank, presented Donatelli with a plaque. Donatelli is the former Connie Wedel.

"I'm awestruck," Donatelli said after receiving a standing ovation from her peers. "I'm just blown away by this honor. This is unbelievable."

Donatelli received \$1,000 for professional development and a \$3,000 cash stipend to be used during the two years.

The Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning was established in 1998 and is sponsored by Corner Bank of Winfield and Arkansas City. Dejon Ewing, Humanities Department Chair, was the first recipient. Michelle Schoon, Natural Science Department Chair, was the second.

Nominees are selected based on classroom teaching innovation, how involved they are with student activities and academic advising, and other aspects of the college, including involvement with committees.

Donatelli first came to Cowley in 1992. She left Cowley in the mid-1990s to pursue a master's degree at Kansas State University. She came back to Cowley in July 1997.

She has been active in vocal music education in Kansas for more than 21 years. Before coming to Cowley, she taught middle and high school vocal music at Holton, Remington, Circle, and Winfield unified school districts. Her groups have performed for many statewide organizations as well as being featured at several national conventions. She often is asked to judge vocal contests and has been a featured guest director for various vocal festivals throughout the state.

In 1994, Donatelli was presented a Master Teacher Award by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development at Austin, Texas.

### President receives FHSU's highest alumni honor

Dr. Patrick J. McAtee, president of Cowley, was honored with Fort Hays State University's highest alumni honor, the Alumni Achievement Award, at a social and banquet Oct. 5, 2001, as part of the university's Homecoming activities from Oct. 4-7.

The Alumni Achievement Award, established in 1959, recognizes graduates who have made outstanding, unselfish contributions in service to community, state or nation, both as citizens in their chosen careers and through philanthropy.

McAtee was one of four alumni honored in 2001 with the FHSU Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement

Award.

McAtee has built an outstanding record of accomplishment in Kansas education since graduating from FHSU in 1965 with a bachelor of arts in speech and theatre and in 1970 with a master of science in speech communication.

"Dr. McAtee is truly a visionary," wrote Donna J. Avery, former chairman of Cowley's Board of Trustees. "His special talents include an extraordinary ability to create and then to lead others to embrace a shared vision for the future."

McAtee taught speech, debate and drama at Hays High School from 1965-69, which included coaching the debate team, forensics team and directing plays and musicals.

After earning his master's degree, he went to Barton County Community College, Great Bend, where he stayed for 17 years. During those years he progressed from instructor of speech communication through director of community services, assistant dean of instruction, dean of instruction and, finally, to vice president.





Along the way he also earned a doctorate in 1982 from Kansas State University in adult and occupational education. He was honored by KSU as an adjunct professor from 1982-87, when he moved to Arkansas City to become president of Cowley.

The college has prospered under his leadership. It has grown from a full-time equivalent enrollment of 800 in 1987 to more than 2,600 today.

The college has won several awards for excellence. They include the 1992 and 1994 Quantum Leaps Toward Excellence awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD); the Outstanding Business Industry Partnership Award from the Kansas Chamber of Commerce in 1993; the Kansas Award for Excellence Level II in 1997 and again in 1998; and, in 1999, the KAE's highest award, Level III.

Among the physical growth experienced by Cowley during his tenure as president were the additions of two campuses in the northern part of the college's area, the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology, a shipping and receiving building, two residence halls, and a new dining center which bears his name.

He and his wife, Sandy, have two sons, Dan and Darin.

### Three employees retire at end of academic year

Three Cowley employees bid adieu to their careers with the college at the end of the 2001-2002 academic year.

Marilyn Dill, associate dean of curriculum and assessment; Wayne Short, an instructor in the Business and Service Technology Department; and Tom Berding, an instructor in the Industrial Technology Department, retired.

Dill began her Cowley career on Aug. 1, 1988, as an instructor in the Business and Service Technology Department. She spent many years on the main campus, then took on the responsibility of teaching classes at Boeing in Wichita. A few years ago, she was named associate dean of curriculum and assessment. Dill and her husband, Gary, moved to Hobbs, N.M., where Gary became the new president of the College of the Southwest.

Short retired after nearly 10 years at Cowley. Previously, he had a lengthy career with General Electric.

Short's expertise was primarily as a facilitator and teacher of the principles of quality management. Like Dill, Short spent a considerable amount of time teaching classes at Boeing.

In his retirement, Short plans to be heavily involved with Habitat for Humanity. The group is working on its second home in Arkansas City.

Berding taught the industrial technology related courses within the department. Those included applied economics, technical mathematics, technical physics, and industrial materials.

Berding, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, was working for General Electric's Evandale, Ohio, plant when the company transferred him to GE's Strother Field facility in 1974.

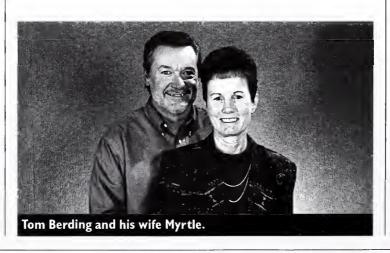
Berding began full-time employment at Cowley in January 1998.



Marilyn Dill, center, celebrates her retirement with long-time Cowley instructor and department chair Richard Tredway and his wife Nancy.



Wayne Short receives a commemorative Habitat for Humanity house from Beverly Grunder, chair of the Business and Service Technology Department.



### Grunder named state PBL Advisor of Year



Beverly Grunder, advisor for Cowley's Phi Beta Lambda chapter for the past four years, was selected as Outstanding State Advisor of the Year during the state conference Feb. 28 and March 1, 2002, in Salina.

"I was very surprised, flattered, and very honored," Grunder said of the award. "It makes you feel like you're successful working with students and that you can relate to the students."

Grunder began working at Cowley in 1990 as an instructor in the Business and Service Technology Department. She became chair of that department in 1997.

She holds a master's degree in liberal arts from Southwestern College and a bachelor's degree in business administration, also from Southwestern. Prior to working at Cowley, Grunder was a stay-at-home mother.

Under Grunder's leadership, Cowley's PBL chapter has grown from seven students in 1998 to 26 today. Her students nominated the Pratt area native for the state advisor award.

Grunder is teaching 24 credit hours of accounting, everything from fundamentals to managerial. She also serves as academic advisor to 45 Cowley students.

She also was honored at the national conference in Nashville, Tenn., June 23-27, 2002.

### '69 graduate receives Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award

Bob White's interests are as vast as a Kansas sunset.

From accounting principles to corporate acquisitions, finance to health care facilities, there are few topics in which White cannot speak with authority.

His personality mirrors the company that he has been affiliated since 1969 and that he purchased in 1996. Garvey International, Inc., is a diversified marine, feed, material handling and horticulture company based in St. Charles, Ill. White is chairman and chief executive officer.

White, a 1969 graduate of Cowley, is the 2002 recipient of the Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award. White was honored during Cowley's 79th commencement ceremony at May 11, 2002 in W.S. Scott Auditorium.

"I am very humbled and surprised at the award," White said. "It was something that never crossed my mind. I'm very appreciative. It's heartwarming to be recognized like that, particularly by the college in your home town."

White, the son of C.M. and Gladys White of Arkansas City, may not be in the position he's in today had it not been for an attraction to the woman he married, having worked with his father-in-law, and for answering a help wanted ad Garvey placed at the New Era Mill.

While taking classes at Cowley, White worked at New Era. Joe Avery told him about the job at Garvey.

"That's what really got me the job with Garvey," he said. "They saw what I did here at New Era in the office."

White credits Catharine Goehring, Cowley accounting instructor from 1966 to 1974, as having "a tremendous influence on me."

Accounting, and its relationship to business, always



has intrigued White. Since the seventh grade, he knew he wanted to be an accountant.

"I remember going to a display and picking out an accounting brochure and thinking that it was interesting," White said. "So I went to Parmans (now Parman Tanner Soule & Jackson CPA) and thought this is something I'd like to do. I remember telling someone later that if engineer had started with an 'A' I would have become an engineer. I picked up the first brochure I saw and liked it."

White has come a long way since joining Garvey during the summer of 1969. He joined the holding company in 1975, moved to Chicago in 1977, and six years later became president. In 1996, he bought the company from the Garvey family.

White earned bachelor's (1971) and master's degrees (1976) from Wichita State University, and delivered WSU's commencement address in December 2001.

Today, White oversees Garvey's operations in commodity trading, feed processing, export trading, barge fleeting and switching services, dredging and marine construction services, bulk storage and handling, and landscape mulch and soil mixes. The company has seen tremendous growth during the past year.

"Our bottom line is up 50 percent over 2001," White said.

White is a strong supporter of strategic planning, having made numerous presentations around the nation on the subject. He has a great deal of experience in diversification and acquiring companies. In 1979, he began a railcar leasing company called Interail. It eventually ranked as the ninth largest railcar leasing operation of its kind in the country, controlling more than 6,000 cars. The company sold it in 1996. Garvey's presence in the marine industry comes from five acquisitions in a two-year period.

White also had a major presence in the grain industry, owning Garvey Grain in Wichita, which operated the largest elevator in the world until 1996. Most recently, Garvey International is building a presence in the horticulture industry with the acquisition of HPc.

"All of our businesses are niche businesses," White said. "We look where we can grow and expand."

White, whose daughter Julie works for the company, said he doesn't get involved in the day-to-day operation of Garvey International.

"I concentrate on growth, where my expertise is," he said. "I also want to stay in contact with our major customers. I have very good people who run the day-to-day operation."

In 1996, WSU named White a Distinguished Alumnus. He sits on the WSU National Advisory Council to the Endowment Association as well as the National Advisory Council to the Barton School of Business.

White also remains connected to Cowley, having contributed to capital campaigns through the years. Recently, he made a \$10,000 contribution to the W.S. Scott Auditorium renovation project.

"I have a lot of fond memories of the auditorium," White said. "A lot of music and athletic events. My wife and I both have ties to the building."

White remembers one particular day he was practicing music in the auditorium.

"The whole percussion line was tossed out of the orchestra," he said. "That was probably the only time that ever happened. We were doing things we weren't supposed to be doing."

White and his wife spend the winter months in Scottsdale, Ariz. He said he has no plans to retire.

"I have a lot of hobbies," said White, 52. "If I sold the company today, I'd have no trouble keeping busy. With my daughter in the company, it won't be long before she runs the horticulture business by herself."

White donates 5 percent of his corporate earnings to charities. And when a decision is made regarding contributions, White involves his family. He has established a board consisting of himself, wife Pat, son Chris, daughter Julie, and most recently Patty White, Chris' wife.

### Dining center named after McAtee



Some people can keep a secret at Cowley.

No more than 20 people had known for months the man whose name would be placed on the new dining facility at the college.

An emotional Dr. Pat McAtee sat in disbelief as Board of Trustee Chair Lee Gregg Jr. read off a list of McAtee's accomplishments during his 14-year tenure at Cowley. And once McAtee composed himself enough to say a few words, he was obviously overcome with surprise.

"This is a tremendous honor for me," McAtee said before an Endowment Association Banquet audience of more than 200 people on Oct. 16, 2001. "This is especially rewarding to me because, as many of you know, my mom and dad were in the restaurant

business for many years. To have this facility named after me is very special."

And with that, the Patrick J. McAtee Dining Center officially was dedicated.

"We think we have been able to keep this dedication a secret, until now," Gregg said.

McAtee then said a few words. Besides his wife Sandy, Danny, one of McAtee's two sons, also was in attendance, as was one brother, Lew and wife Cindy.

Following McAtee's remarks, Gregg gave recognition to many individuals who were instrumental in the building of the new facility, and the new dormitory. Those included Sid Regnier, former vice president of business services; Tony Crouch, dean of business services; David Herlocker, architect with Gordon & Asso-

ciates of Winfield; Conco, Inc., the general contractor from Wichita; MSI of Wichita, the mechanical contractor; and Zeigler Electric of Wichita, the electrical contractor. Also, Cowley's buildings and grounds department was cited for its work in getting the facility ready for the fall semester.

A celebration park is in the development stage through the south doors of the Patrick J. McAtee Dining Center. Sculpture artist Gary Kahle of Arkansas City has crafted a stainless steel sculpture of Cowley's logo.

Following the banquet, a concert by world-renown banjo player Béla Fleck and bassist Edgar Meyer was held in the Robert Brown Theatre.

Highlights from McAtee's career at Cowley:

The college has grown from a full-time equivalent enrollment of 800 to more than 2,500 today.

Off-campus sites in the college's northern service area, including Wichita and Mulvane, have been established under his leadership.

On the main campus, facilities he has seen become reality include the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology; the Shipping and Receiving building; two residence halls; and the dining center.

He has been the driving force behind the college's increase in business and industry training hours from 6,500 a year when he arrived, to more than 200,000 hours today.

During his tenure, the college has received several awards for excellence, including Quantum Leap Toward Excellence awards in 1992 and 1994 from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas; the Outstanding Business & Industry Partnership Award from the Kansas Chamber of Commerce in 1993; the Kansas Award for Excellence Level II in 1997 and 1998, and KAE's highest award, Level III, in 1999.

He has placed the college in unique partnerships with business and industry, including the formation of a model air-frame and powerplant technology program for General Electric, and a manufacturing technology program for Boeing.

Presented with Fort Hays State University's highest alumni honor, the Alumni Achievement Award, on Oct. 5, 2001. New dormitory opens for 72 students

A new 72-bed dormitory on the northwest corner of Fifth Avenue and Fourth Street was open and ready for occupancy in time for the 2001 fall semester.

The Fifth Avenue Dormitory, which is what it is being referred to until a permanent name has been chosen, is the fourth residence hall on the main campus and gives Cowley on-campus housing for approximately 330 students.

The new dormitory has all of the amenities of the three

other dorms, with one twist: Each room has its own bathroom. In Cowley's first three dorms, roommates shared a bathroom with two other suitemates.

All of the dormitories have carpeting, mini blinds, sinks outside of the regular bathroom, and high-speed Internet and cable TV connections. They also are equipped with a computer lab and laundry room.

Females are housed in the Fifth Avenue Dormitory.



### Workforce Development Center holds open house



Even after a terrible tragedy, Cowley's Workforce Development Center still found a way to celebrate.

Just three days following the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., college officials officially opened the doors to its Workforce Development Center at Strother Field. The Sept. 14, 2001, celebration began with a moment of silence, a prayer, and the pledge of allegiance for the victims in New York City and Washington D.C.

Many people who support or are involved in the Workforce Development Center came to listen to the three featured speakers. Gene Cole, associate dean of business and industry, introduced each speaker.

Cowley President Dr. Pat McAtee, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources Richard Beyer, and Chairman of the Workforce Alliance David Norris all spoke during the afternoon open house. All expressed support for the present and future development of the Workforce Development Center.

The center, located at Strother Field Airport and Industrial Park, was designed to be a one-stop shop for the workforce of Cowley County. Among the agencies located in the center is the Kansas Employment Office. Workers can search the Internet for jobs, undergo testing for a certain occupation, and also receive training for an existing job.

The center also has placed Internet-ready computers in

the Arkansas City, Winfield, and Wellington chambers of commerce to also assist workers in their job search.

Rebecca Scott served as director of the center at the time of the open house. She said the center's agencies came together to serve Cowley County's labor force in a unique way.

"People have looked at our center as a model in the state of Kansas," she said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held prior to a tour of the facility.

Cole was instrumental in getting the partners within the center working together.

"It has taken time to get all of the details worked out, but I think the center will be a great benefit to Cowley County," Cole said. "I'm real pleased with the number of agencies we have out here and the services we can offer."

### Boeing's move to Southside Education Center official

Boeing-Wichita's move into the Southside Education Center in south Wichita, of which Cowley is a partner, was officially completed Oct. 11, 2001, with a ribbon-cutting and open house.

About 100 people, including representatives of the Southside partnership, Boeing, and other organizations, were on hand as the Southside Education Center Boeing Education, Training, and College Partnership officially opened.

The SSEC, located at 4501 E. 47th St. South, is a partnership of Cowley, Wichita State University, and Wichita Area Technical College. The eenter officially opened in fall 1995, and Cowley's FTE has since grown from two to more than 1,000 today.

"Boeing's very pleased to have the opportunity to strengthen our educational partnership and serve the needs of our employees with WSU, WATC and CCCC under one roof," said Jeff Turner, Boeing Wichita's vice president-general manager. "Having these resources nearby to help our employees further their education is vital to our future success as a company."

WSU President Dr. Don Beggs, Cowley President Dr. Pat McAtee, and WATC President Camille Kluge also spoke during the afternoon ceremony.

"On behalf of Wichita State University, I want to thank Boeing for being an organization that pushes universities into doing things," Beggs said. "And to Pat McAtee, our partnership with Cowley in terms of what this community college has done to reach out has been tremendous. As a university, we're thrilled to be a part of this."

"This is a proud moment in education today," McAtee said, "We would not be here if



not for Jeff Turner and his employees, and if not for Don and his beliefs in the partnership, and for Camille."

Cowley Vice President of Northern Campuses Sheree Utash said it was nice to see the collaborative efforts of so many partners become a reality.

"This is a unique relationship—perhaps the most unique in the country—where a company has moved into an educational facility and is in a partnership with those institutions of higher education to provide the education training needed in the work force.

"We're pleased to be involved in providing a wide range of classes that are needed to meet the needs of students and Boeing."

Twenty new larger classrooms have been added to the facility and are used for classes by partners in the consortium. With the recent expansion, Southside now occupies the second floor of the building, and provides classes for about 3,500 students enrolled there.

Approximately 20 percent of the students at the Southside Center are Boeing employees. About 1,000 employees have graduated with an advanced two-year or four-year degree since on-site college partner-ship education services were implemented in 1995. Last year, nearly 200 employees graduated with a degree.

Among the more than 400 classes offered at the site are General Education Diploma (GED), manufacturing and graduate courses.

Turner said the Southside partnership offered another

source of learning for his employees.

"Through my jobs at Boeing, I've run into incredibly smart people," he said. "They are tremendously successful, smart people, but a lot of them have no formal education. Now people have the opportunity to go back to school who are already doing tremendous things."

Turner said Southside was a true model for partnerships.

"Like any great endeavor, it gets done when everyone has ownership," Turner said. "This is a milestone for us, and we did it, not on our own, but together. I'm proud to be a part of it."

### College receives \$350,000 gift



The college has been designated to receive a \$350,000 gift from the Daisy E. and Paul H. Brown Charitable Trust. The gift is being made to assist with the construction of a new classroom and student success center.

The Browns had strong ties to Arkansas City and the surrounding area. They spent their married lives living in Arkansas City, where they reared two children, Esther Giffin and Max Brown, both of whom now live in the Kansas City area.

According to the family, the Browns were good working people who were careful with their money and their lifestyle. It surprised them that they were able to accumulate so much money.

Daisy, whose maiden name was Webb, graduated from Arkansas City High School and Arkansas City Junior College, the latter in 1949. She received a bachelor's degree from Southwestern College, and was a career teacher, having taught in oneroom country schoolhouses, and later in schools in Arkansas City and Wichita.

Daisy and Paul met when he was working in Arkansas City as a mechanic for the Ford dealership. After World War II, he worked as an inspector for Boeing in Wichita. As an inspector, he prided himself in never having "lost a test pilot."

Paul's education was gained mainly through on-thejob training. He was a selftaught person who loved learning.

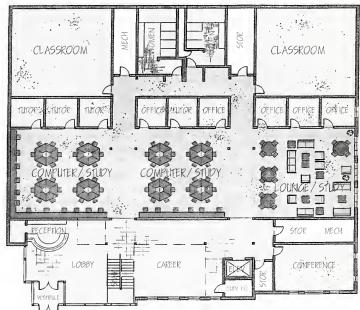
Paul died in 1994 and Daisy died in 1997.

The \$350,000 gift is the largest single donation in Cowley's 79-year history.

The Daisy E. and Paul H. Brown Charitable Trust also has provided funds for improvements to Pershing Park and Paris Park, both in Arkansas City.



New Classroom Building - Northwest View



New Classroom Building - First Floor



**New Classroom Building - Second Floor** 

### Board decreases mill levy nearly \$400,000

The college's Board of Trustees approved a \$19.5 million budget for the 2001-2002 academic year, and delivered some good news to Cowley County taxpayers in the process.

The Board, at its regular monthly meeting Aug. 13, 2001, approved 4-0 the budget based on in-state enrollments of 75,000 credit hours, a state operating grant of \$6.7 million, and an estimated assessed valuation for Cowley County of \$183,692,750.

All of those figures combined equates to less tax dollars requested from the county. The college's mill levy for the 2001-2002 academic year was 16.997, a 2.97 mill decrease from the final 2000-2001 levy. The tax dollars requested were \$383,790 less than last year. Last year's levy of 19.967 also was a large decrease from the 1999-2000 levy. Combined,

Cowley has saved county taxpayers nearly \$700,000 during the last two years.

"This is near the level it was when I came here," said Dr. Pat McAtee, president of the college since July 1987. "It's nice to be able to do this for the taxpayers of Cowley County."

Recent mill levy history for the college:

- 2001-2002 final levy 16.997
- 2000-2001 final levy 19.967
- 1999-2000 final levy 22.762
- 1998-1999 final levy 21.858
- 1997-1998 final levy 21.441
- 1996-1997 final levy 21.751

### Enrollment at all-time high during 2001-2002

More students enrolled at Cowley during the 2001-2002 academic year than ever before as full-time and total headcount enrollment at the college set records for the fall 2001 and spring 2002 semesters.

Full-time equivalent enrollment on the 20th day of classes for fall 2001 was 2,488.04, compared to 2,355.96 on the 20th day of fall 2000. That represents a 6-percent increase. Total head-

count, which is every student taking classes at the college, increased from 3,837 last fall to 4,044. It marked the first time Cowley surpassed the 4,000 mark in total students.

As has been the pattern for the past several semesters, the Southside Education Center in Wichita experienced the largest growth. Southside's FTE increased 30 percent from fall 2000 and is now at 855.71. Online class enrollment nearly doubled from last fall, indicating that more students are choosing to take courses in a non-traditional method.

Another large increase in enrollment occurred at the college's Strother Field facility, specifically in the Aviation Maintenance Technology program. It saw a jump of 33 percent this fall.

Students from 51 Kansas counties, 19 states, and 22 foreign countries comprised Cowley's fall semester enrollment.

It was the same story in spring 2002. Full-time and total student enrollment was at an all-time high with 2,604 full-time students and 4,309 total, both records for a spring semester and overall. The previous enrollment record for both full-time equivalency and total headcount occurred in fall 2001.

The numbers represent a 16-percent increase in FTE and 14-percent jump in the total number of students.

Driving those figures up significantly was the South-side Center. Its spring 2001 FTE was 645. In spring 2002, it was 1,015, a whopping 57-percent increase.

Another area of growth for Cowley was its online course offerings. In spring 2001, online enrollment stood at 24. In spring 2002, it was 71, a 190-percent growth.

The number of first-time students labeled freshmen increased significantly, from 1,557 in spring 2001 to 2,034 in spring 2002, an increase of 31 percent.

Off-campus and on-line enrollment combined saw a 30-percent jump from spring 2001. Cowley's total number of credit hours increased 16

percent from spring 2001 and now stands at 39,065.

Another area of significant growth for Cowley was its international student enrollment. In spring 2001 there were 36 students enrolled from foreign countries. In spring 2002, Cowley had an international student enrollment of 118 students, an increase of 228 percent.

### Member of Cowley's custodial staff remembered

Neal Eugene Sherwood Jr., 58, and a 1963 graduate of Cowley, died Nov. 6, 2001, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita after a brief illness.



Sherwood had been a member of Cowley's custodial staff since June 20, 1988. His most recent responsibility was taking care of W.S. Scott Auditorium.

Athletic Director Tom Saia always called Sherwood "Neal Bob," and he said the easy-going man would be missed.

"I really liked of Neal," Saia said. "He was a great person to work with and to be around. This place won't be the same without him."

Sherwood was born June 28, 1943, the son of Neal E. and Edith (Hockenbury) Sherwood, in Arkansas City. He was reared in Silverdale, and attended Arkansas City High School, graduating in 1961.

On June 17, 1967, he married Gloria Hernandez, and the couple made their home in Arkansas City. Sherwood worked for Rodeo Meats and Binney & Smith prior to coming to the college.

Survivors are his wife of Arkansas City; one son, Jody E. Sherwood of Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri; one daughter, Shawna K. Allison of Arkansas City; his father, Neal E. Sherwood Sr. of Branson, Mo.; one sister, Carol L. Tate of Rossville, Ga.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

A memorial was established to Cowley's general scholarship fund.

### College awarded five-year Title III grant

A \$1.75 million grant from the federal government, awarded to Cowley in late summer 2001, is expected to have a major impact strengthening the institution through faculty development, technology, and expanded student services.

Cowley was awarded a Title III grant, which will be funded during a five-year period at \$350,000 per year. Only 37 total grants were awarded nationwide. Connie Bonfy, director of institutional grants and arts and humanities programming at the college, will serve as coordinator of the grant.

"This grant is an opportunity to spend needed time refining new systems and ideas we have been wanting to implement," Bonfy said. "It is an exciting time in the growth of our institution."

The plan encompasses two basic activities: student success and institutional management. Cowley personnel will begin by researching proven practices, which may include visiting other colleges with successful Title III grants.

The second step is the development stage, when equipment for technology can be purchased and curriculum and services developed.

The third step will include piloting new developments, including offering direct services to students. Each piloted component will be reviewed in an evaluation stage, and modified as needed. The final step is to pilot any modifications that were made.

The college has identified areas in which the grant would

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provide much-needed funds. Those include the purchase of equipment, the creation of a student success center, developing a more comprehensive student retention program, more streamlined computerized services and management, and faculty development.

Cowley's five institutional goals are the basis of the Title III plan.

### College T-shirt sales helped disaster relief efforts

Sales of T-shirts sporting Cowley's logo, with an American flag waving in the background, raised more than \$1,000 toward disaster relief efforts in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

Shannon O'Toole, coordinator of bookstore services at Cowley, said 269 shirts were sold, totaling \$1,062.55 toward the relief fund.

The shirts are white with the college logo and the red, white, and blue American flag placed in the background.



Each shirt sold for \$10.54, and O'Toole said all proceeds from the sale of the shirt—nearly \$4 each—went to a relief fund.

Employees, students, and anyone from the community was welcome to order a shirt, which came in all sizes.

The bookstore also made available static window decals for display in homes, offices, or cars. They featured the American flag with the words "September 11, 2001 We Will Remember." The decals were compliments of the Sid L. Regnier Bookstore.

Rex Soule, graphic artist in the Public Relations office, designed the T-shirts.

### Duck Dash raises more than \$12,000 for scholarships

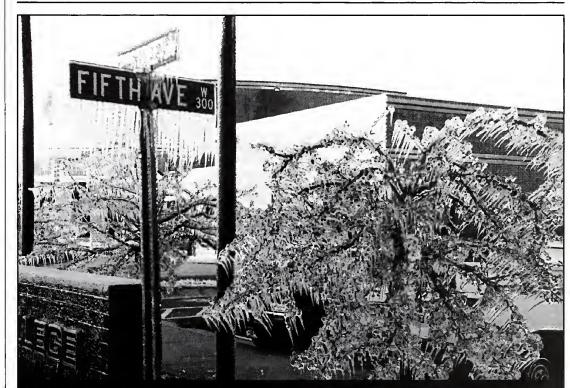
The Fifth Annual Great Cowley Duck Dash was held May 18, 2002, and raised more than \$12,000 for the Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Bob and Carolyn Langenwalter once again hosted the event at their Spring Hill Farm northeast of Arkansas City.

The winner of the overall duck race was Shirley Trammel, who won \$1,070 (one of the heats plus the finals). Bob Foster won the Duck Squat Contest and won \$500. Brad Carson won a \$50 gift certificate to The Pepper Mill restaurant for having the winning duck in the loser's race. Good Time Productions won a \$50 gift certificate to The Pepper Mill for winning the corporate Duckerating Contest.

Dozens of door prizes were awarded. More than 400 people attended the festivities, which included a gourmet picnic of mesquite smoked prime rib and chicken breasts provided by Great Western Dining, the college's food service.





FROZEN CAMPUS: Arkansas City and surrounding communities were hit by an ice storm January 30, 2002. The entire town was out of power overnight, and many residents were out for a week. The heavy ice damaged or destroyed trees and power lines, and the campus was closed for two days. The governor of Kansas declared the county a disaster area, and cleanup began.

### Tennis coach Grose inducted into NJCAA Men's Tennis Hall of Fame



Larry Grose, who has taken his men's tennis team to the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament 13 out of 15 seasons, was inducted into the NJCAA Men's Tennis Hall of Fame during a banquet May 12, 2002, at Collin County Community College in Plano, Texas.

Grose, who completed his 15th season as head coach of the Tigers, joins former long-time Cowley coach and instructor Mike Watters in the Hall of Fame. Watters was inducted in 2000.

Glen Moser, head tennis coach at Johnson County Community College, nominated Grose for the award and presented him at the banquet. The event was held prior to the start of the 2002 national tournament.

The Tigers finished in a tie for seventh place with 25 points. Josh Cobble, a freshman from Duncan, Okla., finished runner-up at No. 5 singles, earning him All-America status.

Grose has led the Tigers to two Division II national cham-

pionships, in 1989 and 1991. Both years he was named NJCAA Coach of the Year. He also has led Cowley to nine Region VI titles, two runner-up finishes, and coached 28 All-Americans. He served as national awards chairman from 1998-2001.

"I am extremely honored and humble to accept this award," Grose said. "It makes me feel good to be recognized by my peers. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years coaching tennis."

Grose was a two-time state doubles champion at Arkansas City High School, compiling an impressive 53-2 record with doubles partner John Guyot. That effort helped the Bulldogs to two regional and two state titles.

At the collegiate level, Grose played two years at Wichita State University and two years at Oklahoma State University, where he reached the finals of the Big Eight Conference No. 2 doubles his junior year and at No. 1 doubles his senior year. He finished runner-up both times.

Grose holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oklahoma State.

### Volleyball team finishes fourth in district

The Lady Tiger volleyball team wrapped up its 2001 season on Nov. 3 at the District Tournament in Shawnee.

Cowley won its first two matches, defeating Pratt and Independence, but then lost its next two, to Neosho and Garden City. The 2-2 finish gave Cowley fourth place in the District. Cowley's season ended with a 21-20-3 record.

Four players earned postseason awards. Sophomore Megan Houk and freshman Natalie Wheaton were named first-team All-Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division, while freshman Karissa Thomas was named to the second team, and sophomore Kassie Hargrove was an honorable mention selection.

"It feels good to have a season under my belt," firstyear coach Joanna Howell said. "Overall, we had a great season. It was a great learning experience for the girls and me. We have a lot to work on to get ready for next season."

Houk, from Valley Center, said the team showed improvement.

"Throughout the season, we became stronger as a team," Houk said. "Toward the end, we knew how everyone played and what to expect from each individual."

### Cross country teams finish just out of top 10

Cowley cross country Coach Casey Belknap and his men's and women's teams had their sights set on top-10 finishes at the National Junior College Athletic Association championships in Lansing, Mich., Nov. 10, 2001.

The Tigers just missed. Cowley's women finished 11th overall, while the men took 12th at nationals, Cowley's first trip ever in the sport. "Overall, it was a good stepping stone," Belknap said. "You've got to start somewhere, and to finish 11th and 12th in the nation isn't too bad. Kevin (McDougal), Dijana (Kojic), and Jonelle (Contreras) ran very well for the national level of competition. And Kanetria (Royal) showed improvement again.

"Top 10 was our goal, so we still have some places and things to get done."

Kojic was 28th overall in 20 minutes, 42 seconds over the 5-kilometer (three-mile) race. McDougal finished 34th for the men in 27:36 over the 8-kilometer (five-mile) course.

Women's Team Scores: Ricks (Idaho) 30; Utah Valley State 72; Central Arizona 98; Butler County 104; El Paso Community College 169; Yavapai College (Arizona) 178; Pima Community College (Arizona) 181; Dodge City 212; Barton County 228; New Mexico Junior College 240; COWLEY 267.

Cowley Individuals: Dijana Kojic 28th, 20:42;

Jonelle Contreras 49th, 22:08; Kanetria Royal 62nd, 23:20; Kristin Watson 63rd, 23:37; Nicole Lee 65th, 23:58.

Men's Team Scores: Ricks (Idaho) 67; Central Arizona 71; Barton County 105: North Idaho 127; South Plains (Texas) 142; Utah Valley State 160; Butler County 162; Dodge City 173; Pima (Arizona) 202; El Paso 271; Hagerstown (Maryland) 275; COWLEY 315; Neosho County 376.

Cowley Individuals: Kevin McDougal 34th, 27:36; Richard Brammer 60th, 29:13; Chris Schuetz 68th, 29:27; Travis Blackburn 76th, 30:04; Bobby Goodman 77th, 31:17.

### Smithson's first team takes second in Jayhawk East

After the Jan. 5, 2002, game at high-flying Coffeyville, which Cowley lost 78-65, Randy Smithson's Tigers were 4-9 overall and 0-

1 in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division.

It was a rough first couple of months for the Tigers and Smithson, who was hired in March 2001.

But in typical Smithson fashion, the Tigers improved as the season wore on. They improved so much that they finished a solid second in the Jayhawk East with a 13-5 record. Cowley ended the season with an 18-14 overall mark.

After that conferenceopening loss at Coffeyville, Cowley won 10 of its next 12 games. In the post season, the Tigers defeated Colby 80-77 and lost to Hutchinson 70-56.

Raymond Anthony, a freshman guard from Aurora, Ill., set two school records with 12 3-point field goals in the game and nine 3-point field goals in one half during an 87-56 victory at Allen County on Jan. 12, 2002. Anthony's 3-point outburst (he finished 9-for-12) enabled him to also make the Cowley single-game scoring charts. His 39 points tied him for sixth place on the all-time list.

Anthony and sophomore Gary Jackson led the Tigers in scoring with averages of 14 and 13 points, respectively. Anthony was a first-team All-Jayhawk East selection, while Jackson was named to the third team.

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### It's another Jayhawk East title for Spence, Lady Tigers

How dare they pick the Lady Tiger basketball team to finish anywhere but first.

But that's exactly what happened entering the 2001-2002 season. Cowley was picked by league coaches to finish second behind Coffeyville.

What actually happened was no surprise, really. Cowley went 17-1—again—and ran away with its fourth Jayhawk East title in the past five seasons. All four East titles

have been won with 17-1

records. Coach Darin Spence's

club finished the 2001-2002 season with a 28-4 overall record.

Cowley blasted Colby 82-41 in the first round of the Region VI Playoffs, then lost a 58-55 decision to Butler County in the opening game at Salina.

There was some irony to the Lady Tigers' season. Their lone conference loss was a 61-55 setback at Fort Scott on Jan. 19, 2002. Just one month later, on Feb. 20, Cowley set a defensive record for a half by allowing the Lady Greyhounds just seven first-half points in a 59-35 blowout.

Spence always preached solid defense, and the 2001-2002 season was no exception. Cowley finished third in the nation in points allowed per game at 47.313. The team was 23rd nationally in 3-point field goal percentage at 33 percent. Cowley was 17th nationally in team field goal percentage at 47. Its offensive average of 75.4 points per game ranked 21st in the nation. Individually, April Banks was 14th nationally in steals with 3.375 per game, while Crystal Ashley was 22nd in the nation in field goal percentage at 58.12.

Sophomore Trecha Kennedy was named Co-Most Valuable Player in the Jayhawk East. She was one of the leading scorers for the Lady Tigers at 12 points per game. She also earned First-Team All-Jayhawk East honors. Teammates Stephanie Shanline, Autumn Nichols, and Banks all earned Second-Team All-Jayhawk East. Nichols also was named Freshman of the Year in the East. Banks also averaged 12 points per game.

### Lee becomes Cowley's first All-American in indoor track

Shausha Lee of Arkansas City became Cowley's first All-American in indoor track with a fourth-place finish in the weight throw at the NJCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships March 1-2, 2002, in Manhattan. Lee threw 48 feet, 8 inches for fourth place. The top six individual places earn All-America status.

Lee helped the Cowley women to an 18th-place finish at nationals.

In the 400-meter run, Dijana Kojic finished seventh with a time of 59.51. However, her preliminary time of 58.93 was a personal best.

Lee and Chelsea Michael also competed in the shot put, but neither placed very high. Lee was 13th with a throw of 36-8 I/4, while Michael was 14th with a toss of 35-9 I/2.

On the men's side, Kevin McDougal placed seventh in the 800-meter run, just inches away from All-American, in 1:58.08. And in the pentathlon, Brian "Zach" Duran was eighth with 3,075 points.

Cowley's men's team finished in a tie for 28th place.

"I'm really pleased with our first national indoor track performance," coach Casey Belknap said. "Almost everybody improved their times and distances. This gives us a real good start for the outdoor track season."

### Men's tennis player Cobble first male All-American since 1997

Josh Cobble, a freshman from Duncan, Okla., lost 7-6, 7-6 in the finals of No. 5 singles at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Tournament May 13-17, 2002, in Plano, Texas.

Despite losing in the championship, Cobble earned All-America status, the first Cowley men's tennis player to do so since 1997. Cobble's performance helped the Tigers gain a tie for seventh place at nationals. Cowley scored 25 points.

Cowley joined two other Region VI teams—Barton County and Johnson County at nationals. Barton finished in a tie for second with 36 points, while Johnson was 10th with 20 points.

Cowley coach Larry Grose said he was pleased with Cobble's performance.

"He (Cobble) had his opponent beaten," Grose said. "But Josh played hard. He fought hard. I'm very proud of him and the way he hung in there throughout the tournament."

Other Cowley players competing in the tournament were Aaron Paajanen, Ignacio Melus, Dean Clower, Sean Margulis, Nick Wessling, and Tim Frick.

### Women's tennis team earns highest finish ever at nationals

Cowley's No. 1 doubles team of Donata Majauskaite and Suzanne Fry lost a third-set tiebreaker 11-9 to the team from Temple Junior College in the finals at the national tournament in College Station, Texas, but their performance helped the Lady Tigers to a third-place finish nationally.

Majauskaite and Fry earned All-America status for reaching the finals. Cowley's 34 points enabled it to finish third, the highest placing ever by a Cowley women's tennis team at nationals.

"I'm really proud of the girls," coach André Spence said. "They had a great tournament."

Majauskaite and Fry, the third-seeded No. 1 doubles team in the tournament, reached the finals by winning three matches and receiving a first-round bye. In the finals, the Cowley duo lost 7-6, 5-7, 11-9 in what Spence termed "a nail biter."

Other Cowley players competing at nationals were Jennifer Hocker, Hatti Pringle, Amy Stredney, Amber-Dawn Curtis, and Angela Platt.

### Golfers finish in top 40 at nationals

All three Cowley golfers who qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II tournament in Phoenix, Ariz., May 21-24, 2002, finished among the top 40 individuals.

Nathan Coats, a freshman from Ponca City, was tied for the lead after the first round of play. He finished in a tie for 28th place with a four-day total of 296, eight strokes over par. Teammates Louie Girardi, also a freshman from Ponca City, and Chris King, a sophomore from Winfield, tied for 39th place at 299.

All three players finished higher than any previous Cowley golfer at the national tournament. The previous highest finish was Brad Lunsford of Medicine Lodge in 2000, when he finished in a tie for

54th place.

"I was extremely pleased with the way the guys played," said Rex Soule, coach. "None of the three shot a round in the 80s the entire tournament. And these three gentlemen represented our institution in the highest possible manner."

The four-day tournament was played at Palm Valley Country Club in Phoenix.

Coats: 71-77-76-72-296 Girardi: 74-72-77-76-299 King: 76-73-77-73-299

### Young softball team falls short of national berth

A pair of losses to Dodge City, including a 5-3 decision in 10 innings in the championship game of the Region VI Tournament, ended the Lady Tiger softball team's 2002 season.

With eight freshmen in the starting lineup this season, coach Ed Hargrove is looking ahead to next season, when a veteran group will take the field.

"I thought we played well for a group of younger players," he said. "They won 43 games, which is just one shy of the school record."

Cowley finished with a 43-14 record, including 16-2 in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division. That was good for second place behind Johnson County. Cowley split with Johnson on April 27. But a split at Labette back on April 2 was the difference.

The following records were set during the 2002 season: Most runs scored in a season—56 by Jackie McColpin; most doubles in a season—16 by Brandi Webb; most doubles in a career—24 by Webb (2001-2002); most consecutive strikeouts by a pitcher during a game—9 by Danielle Beran on May 5 against Dodge City; and most consecutive home wins—28 from 2001-2002.

Region VI Tournament results from Two Rivers Youth Complex in Wichita: Cowley 8, Seward 0; Cowley 12, Neosho 5; Dodge City 4, Cowley 3; Cowley 12, Garden City 0; Dodge City 5, Cowley 3 (10 innings).

Several Lady Tigers earned post-season awards. Webb (second base), McColpin (outfield), and Beran (utility player) earned first-team All-Jayhawk East. Danielle Vanderhoof (catcher), Emily Simmons (outfield), and Candice Wilburn (pitcher) earned second-team All-Jayhawk East. Honorable mention selections were Michelle Ramos, Melissa Bean, and J.J. McVay.

### Four Tiger track athletes earn All-America status at nationals

Four members of the Cowley County Community College men's track and field team earned All-American honors during the NJCAA championships May 17-18, 2002, in Odessa, Texas.

Marcello Dunning became a two-time All-American as he finished seventh in the 800-meter run in 1 minute, 55 seconds. He also anchored the men's 4x800-meter relay, which finished eighth in 7:59.5. Relay teammates Kevin McDougal, Josh Spence, and Chris Schuetz also earned All-American status

The top eight finishers in each event earn All-America status. A Coaches All-American team also is selected among the top eight American finishers.

Casey Belknap, head coach of the Tigers, was pleased with the men's performances

"The men's team had a really good meet," Belknap said. "Kevin McDougal had a tough draw as he ran the 4x8, then 45 minutes later he had the prelims of the 1500 meters."

McDougal was 14th in the preliminary race in 4:20.83.

The Tiger men's team tied for 29th place at nationals with three team points. Barton County from the Jayhawk West swept the men's and women's divisions.

The three Cowley women who competed at nationals didn't fare as well as the men. Dijana Kojic was 16th in the 400-meter dash in 1:01.59.

"That was Dijana's first race since she pulled her hamstring," Belknap said. "That was a good time for being off a month."

Crystal Ashley, a member of Cowley's basketball team who joined the track team late in the season, was 14th in the triple jump at 34-1 1/4. She fouled twice.

And in the women's javelin throw, Rachel Reida was 10th with a throw of 117-10.

Belknap, with his first season now completed, said he and his athletes were looking forward to next season.

"I think we did some really good things," he said. "The men's team really came on, which was an improvement of how they were during the indoor season. They had a good meet at regionals and that carried over to the national championships. The kids are excited and ready to come

back. They had their eyes opened quite a bit during the indoor season and know what they need to do at this level to compete. They went home pretty motivated."

## Baseball team captures eighth consecutive conference crown, earns spot in World Series

If the Tiger baseball team had an Achilles heel during the 2002 season, it probably was pitching

That was never more evident than during its two games at the National Junior College Athletic Association World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. The Tigers, who hadn't given up more than nine runs since May 3, yielded 15 twice in consecutive losses at the Series.

"I think we took this team probably as far as it could go," said head coach Dave Burroughs. "We played well when we had to during the regular season. But when we got to Grand Junction, we just froze.

"The media asked me after our second loss out there what happened, and I told them I really didn't know. Sometimes, things like this happen."

Despite exiting from the national tournament earlier than expected, Cowley did capture an amazing eighth consecutive Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title, the Eastern Sub-Regional crown, and the Region VI Tournament, no small tasks.

"Our pitching was spotty at times all season." Burroughs said. "But we won some games that we had to win down the stretch. We just saw some better hitters out there (at the Series). Plus, we made so many mistakes. We made more mistakes in two games than we had all season."

Cowley opened the 2002 Alpine Bank World Series against John A. Logan College of Illinois. The Tigers gave starting pitcher Jeff Moye a 3-0 lead after the first inning, but Logan battled back with two in the second and a huge eightrun third, highlighted by a pair of home runs.

After Logan added a run in the top of the fifth to take an 11-3 lead, Cowley exploded for five runs in the bottom half of the inning, four on J.R. DiMercurio's grand slam home run. Logan maintained an 11-8 lead until Cowley got a run in the bottom of the eighth to trail by just two going into the ninth inning.

"We should have won that game," Burroughs said. "We trailed 11-9, we were right there. Then we let it get away from us in the ninth."

Logan scored four times in the top of the ninth, including a solo home run by Kyle Maddux, his second homer of the game. Cowley failed to score in the bottom half of the inning.

San Jacinto North of Texas jumped on the Tigers early on Sunday, May 26, scoring two in the first, three in the second, one in the third, two in the fourth, and one in the fifth to take a 9-4 lead. The Gators added six in the top of the eighth, and the game ended after Cowley failed to score in the bottom of the inning on the 10-run rule.

The Tigers, who finished with a 43-16 record, had other bright moments during the season. All-American first baseman John Urick broke Travis Hafner's single-season record for home runs on May 9 during a 6-2 victory over Labette. Hafner's record was 18. Urick finished with 20. DiMercurio was right behind with 19, while Scott Campbell hit 15.

Despite winning the conference for the eighth straight season, only two Tigers were named first-team All-Jayhawk East. Urick was named Most Valuable Player, while Campbell earned Freshman of the Year honors. Campbell is an outfielder. Honorable mention all-conference selections were Andy Mayfield, Rusty Ryal, Jeff Brusto, Craig Frydendall, and DiMercurio.

### Urick selected to All-America first team

John Urick, who helped Cowley's baseball team to the 2002 National Junior College Athletic Association World Series, was named to the First-Team All-America Team.

Urick, a sophomore from Blue Springs, Mo., was chosen as an infielder as part of the 12-player first team. Urick, who played first base, pitched, and was used as a designated hitter during the Tigers' 2002 season, is the grandson of former Major League Baseball manager Whitey Herzog.

Cowley coach Dave Burroughs said Urick was a leader and would be missed.

"I wish he was coming back," Burroughs said. "I'm happy for him and proud of him."

Urick batted .400 with 75 runs, 78 hits and 73 runs batted in. The Most Valuable Player in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division also established a Cowley single-season record for home runs with 20, breaking the previous mark of 18 set by AAA Oklahoma City's Travis Hafner in 1998.

Besides his bat, the 6-foot-3, 210-pound lefthander also was effective as a pitcher, going 4-1 with a 3.10 earned-run average. He started six games for the Tigers during the regular season.

Urick becomes the sixth All-American in Cowley baseball history and the fourth first-team selection. He has signed to play at Oklahoma State University next year.

Urick was a major reason for the Tigers capturing their eighth consecutive Jayhawk East title. Cowley finished the season with a 43-16 record, qualifying for its fourth World Series in six years. As a freshman, Urick batted .384 with 81 hits, including 14 home runs. He was a 19th-round choice of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 2001 draft.

### Cowley Danceline competes in Florida, just misses finals

Cowley's Tigerette Danceline just missed qualifying for the Division II finals during competition at the National Dance Alliance College Nationals held April 4-7, 2002, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Tigerettes missed qualifying for the Division II finals by a slim .07 of a point. However, the team placed second among the community colleges competing.

Community college results: McLennan Community College of Texas, Cowley, Barton County, El Camino of California, Eastern State of Oklahoma, and Columbus Community College of Ohio.

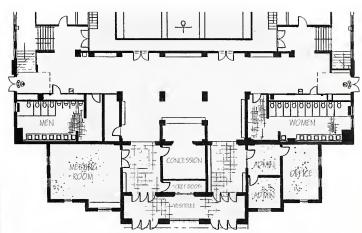
The following young ladies made the trip: Sophomores-Jennifer Cox of Rose Hill, Tiffany Miller of Newton, Jennifer Sanderholm of Arkansas City, Lyndsey Schulte of Mulvane, and Jessica Watts of Cottonwood Falls. Freshmen-Mandy Abplanalp of Arkansas City, Erin Brown of Wellington, Kristin Dealy of Wichita, Laura Gore of Bentley, Jessica Lowry of Derby, Crystal May of Wellington, Sarah Stevens of Derby, and Lindsey Swaney of Derby.

Lindsay Sanderholm is the Danceline coach.

W.S. SCOTT AUDITORIUM RENOVATION: A capital campaign to raise money for the renovation of W.S. Scott Auditorium's lobby kicked off in 2001. New restrooms, concession stand and ticket booth, plus a Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame room, are just some of the items to be included in the project.



W.S. Scott Auditorium Lobby Renovation Elevation



W.S. Scott Auditorium Lobby Renovation Floor Plan

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Mill Levy: 16.997

### Fact:

Of the 19 community colleges in Kansas, Cowley has the 6th lowest mill levy in the state at 16.997, and has the sixth highest county valuation of \$207,991,780. At \$53 per credit hour for tuition and fees, Cowley boasts one of the lowest tuitions in Kansas.

### **Enrollment Figures:**

### Facts, Spring 2002:

| High School     | 498   |
|-----------------|-------|
| Freshmen        | 2,034 |
| Sophomores      | 1,198 |
| Special         | 579   |
| Total Headcount | 4,044 |
| Total FTE       | 2,488 |

Approximately 60% of freshmen and sophomores enrolled in Kansas colleges are in community colleges.

### **Assessed Valuation:**

Fall 2002:

\$207,991,780

### **Budget:**

\$20.5 million (2002-2003)

### Founded: 1922

In 1968, the College became the first school in the state to combine a traditional liberal arts transfer curriculum with a program of area vocational-technical school training.

### **President:**

Dr. Patrick McAtee, Ph.D., became the third president of the College on July 1, 1987.

### 2001 Fall Enrollment:

### **2002 Spring Enrollment:**

2,488 Full-Time Equivalency (fall record) 4,034 Total Headcount 2,604 FTE (Record for spring) 4,309 Total Headcount

### **Programs:**

33 Certificate and Applied Science programs

42 Liberal Arts/Transfer programs

More than 100 specialized programs and seminars offered through the Institute for

Lifetime Learning.

Specialized training for business and industry to meet their needs. In the past the College has developed or offered programs for General Electric, Rubbermaid-Winfield, the city of Arkansas City, the city of Winfield, Future Beef Operations, local school districts, day care centers, local nursing homes, special education co-ops, KSQ Blowmolding, Wittur, Social Rehabilitation Services, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Selcom, Boeing-Wichita, Cessna, and the Business and Industry Division of Banks.

### **Facilities:**

17 buildings on a 10-acre campus in the heart of downtown Arkansas City.

Outreach Centers in Mulvane, Strother Field, Winfield, Wellington and Wichita, where a cooperative partnership between Cowley, Wichita State University, and Wichita Area Technical College has formed the Southside Education Center. Courses also taught at these area high schools: Argonia, Belle Plaine, Burden, Caldwell, Cedar Vale, Conway Springs, Dexter, Oxford, South Haven, and Udall.

#### **Athletics:**

Twelve intercollegiate sports that compete in the Kansas Jayhawk Conference's East Division. Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country, Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Men's Track and Field, and Women's Track and Field.

Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Crowns in 2001-2002:

- Baseball 43-16 (eighth consecutive title, 28-8 in the East)
   (Sophomore first baseman John Urick named to NJCAA Division I All-America Team)
- Women's Basketball 28-4 (fourth title in five seasons, 17-1 in the East) District or Region VI crowns in 2001-2002:
- Baseball (won Eastern Sub-Regional and Region VI tournaments; qualified for NJCAA Division I World Series for fourth time in six years)
- Women's Tennis (won Region VI championship; placed third in NJCAA Division II National Tournament, highest national finish ever)
- Golf (won District III Tournament, qualifying three individuals for the NJCAA Division II nationals; all three finished in the top 40)

### **Employees:**

170 full-time faculty, staff and administration 445 part-time faculty, staff and students

### **Bottom Line 2002**

### **Your Investment**

- \$3,506,103 in 2000 taxes; \$3,140,487 in 2001 taxes.
- Taxes DO NOT pay for scholarships to out-of-state athletes.
- The College is fourth in size among the 19 community colleges in Kansas, behind Johnson County Community College, Kansas City Community College, and Butler County Community College.

### Your Return

- \$16 million a year added to the local economy. For each dollar of local tax support received, the College returns \$5.03 to the county's economy. That return is greater when the total picture of the state is considered. For every dollar spent by the state in support of community colleges, \$22.43 is returned.
- \$9.3 million annual payroll, providing 170 full-time jobs and 445 adjunct faculty, staff, and student positions.
- Educational opportunities for all segments of the population at less than half the cost of four-year colleges. Average student age is 31.6 years.
- More than 1,000 Cowley County students received more than \$1.5 million in grants, loans, scholarships and work-study program dollars during the 2001-2002 academic year.
- A record full-time enrollment for the spring of 2002 of 2,604 total FTE.
- Graduates who, according to a study by the University of Kansas, suffer less transfer shock than any other group of transfer students.
- Customized training for more than a dozen businesses and industries.
- A significant attraction for businesses and industries considering relocation in this area.
- Cultural, educational and athletic events which entertain audiences throughout this area.
- An educational institution well known for the quality of its programs in both liberal arts and vocational/occupational areas.

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**6** Tim Frick Captures Title of Mr. CinderFella He also won the "Want to Take Him Home" Award

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### **6** PBL Student Places Seventh at Nationals Wesley Nellis excelled in Human Resource Management

**7** Ark City's Top Student Sarah Pritchard of Augusta named Outstanding Student

### **7** PTK All-Kansas Academic Team Candice Dickinson and Harold Bos III represented Cowley

**8** Cosmetology Skills Olympics Students claim first-place awards

### **9** Queen Alalah LXXI Hope Oestmann crowned during Arkalalah celebration

10 Paul Stirnaman Award Larry Schwintz became the first receipeint of award named in honor of long-time instructor

### **11** Retirement of a Salesman, an Instructor, and a Secretary

Gene Cole, Judy Queen and Linda Keasling retire

### **14** MICT Receives National Accreditation Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs validates program

**14** Russian Education Delegation Visits in March Visit was part of the U.S. Congress-sponsored Open World Program

### 15 College Names, Dedicates Three Facilities Ben Cleveland, A.F. "Tony" Buffo and Oscar Kimmell were honored for their service

### **19** '71 Grad Named 2003 Outstanding Tiger Alumnus Carol McAdoo Rehme honored during the college's 80th commencement exercises

### 21 College Celebrates 80 Years Richard Picciotto, Wynton Marsalis part of anniversary celebration

**27** Spence Moves On, Smith Takes Over

**26** The 'Silver Fox' Coach Dan Kahler Honored Dan Kahler Court in W.S. Scott Auditorium was dedicated on November 12

Women's basketball sees a change in leadership

### **29** Six Inducted into Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame The Class of 2003 was honored during celebrations on February 1

**28** Men's Tennis Captures National Academic Title The team finished the season with a cumulative 3.47 grade-point average



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### WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the college's Board of Trustees, its faculty, staff and fellow administrators, welcome to the President's Annual Report, covering the 2002-2003 academic year.

And what a year it was, my 16th as president of this great institution. I can truly say that our students, faculty, staff, and alumni made it memorable through their outstanding achievements.

What also made the academic year special was the celebration of our 80th anniversary as a community college. Eighty years! This past year was a significant milestone in the history of the college. What began on Sept. 11, 1922, with 58 students has developed into one of the finest community colleges in the state of Kansas. It was a vision of a group of Arkansas City High School students that gave us our humble beginnings as Arkansas City Junior College. To that effort, we are eternally grateful.

Our students made us very proud throughout the academic year, particularly when Sarah Pritchard, a freshman from Augusta, Kan., was named Outstanding Student of Arkansas City. And to have nearly 60 students in our Concert Choir sing their hearts out in famed Carnegie Hall in

New York City was very special. Julie Cleveland, our Student of the Year from Arkansas City, did a fantastic job during her speech at Commencement.

The faculty and staff also did some amazing things during the year. Larry Schwintz was the first recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Award; Slade Griffiths worked hard to get the Mobile Intensive Care Technician program fully accredited; and Leslie Berryhill, Denise Beach, and Dr. Libby Smith were presented Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas.

This past year was huge in terms of cultural arts events held here. Richard Picciotto, the highest ranking New York City firefighter on the scene of the World Trade Center disaster, told his story of courage and heroism on that dark, dark day. Several musicians graced the Robert Brown Theatre stage, including R.W. Hampton, George Winston, Barbara Higbie, and arguably the greatest jazz musician of his generation, Wynton Marsalis.

Three men near and dear to the college were honored by having campus facilities named after them. The A.F. Tony Buffo

Plaza, the Oscar Kimmell Dormitory, and the Ben Cleveland Wellness Center were officially dedicated in the spring.

In athletics, our women's cross country team won the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title in just its second season, while the women's basketball team won its fifth conference championship in the last six years. The men's and women's tennis teams and softball teams all qualified for nationals, and all earned places in the top 10.

Enrollment continued on an upward trend, setting records in fall 2002 and spring 2003.

We have so many things to be thankful for here at Cowley. I am thankful for my fellow administrators, our staff and faculty, our wonderful students, parents, and all of our great supporters who believe strongly in what we're doing. We make mistakes, but we try to learn from them.

I hope you enjoy this recap of the 2002-2003 academic year. After reading it, I think you'll see why I am so proud to be Cowley's president.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Patrick J. McAtee

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### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Rochelle

September 2002 Arkansas City, KS Journalism

Tim

FILLER

October 2002 Ponca City, OK Business Administration

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November 2002 Arkansas City, KS Liberal Arts

GLEVEL/AMO

**Andrew** 

WALKER

December 2002 Prague, OK Computer Graphic Arts



Josh

January 2003 Duncan, OK Pre-Law

Kyle

February 2003 Overland Park, KS Pre-Medicine

Candice

March 2003 Arkansas City, KS Mathematics

Bren LEETE

April 2003 Rose Hill, KS Atmospheric Science

### STUDENT OF THE YEAR

# November Student of Month named Student of the Year

Julie Cleveland, Student Government Association president and November 2002 Student of the Month, was named Student of the Year during the annual Celebration of Excellence banquet April 15, 2003.

Cleveland, the daughter of Helen Thilsted and Rick Cleveland, was a sophomore liberal arts major who maintained a 4.0 grade-point average. She was proud to receive the award in November and the top award in April.

"It is a great honor to be considered for Student of the Month, let alone be chosen," she said. "It's a great honor to be in that category with all of the other students. As for being named Student of the Year, I never expected that. I just tried to do my best all year long."

Cleveland, an Arkansas City High School graduate, was a busy student at Cowley. Besides holding the highest student office, she also was a member of Campus Christian Fellowship, Act One drama club, the concert choir, and she was a Student Ambassador. In October 2002, she was first runner-up for Queen Alalah, and was nominated for the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship.

# "As for being named Student of the Year, I never expected that. I just tried to do my best all year long."

She also was a member of the cast of the fall 2002 musical, "42nd Street," and held a role in the spring 2003 play, "Crimes of the Heart." She held a part-time job at STAGE in Arkansas City, and was the work-study on campus for the Social Science Department and the Student Life office. She also was a resident assistant in the Oscar Kimmell Dormitory. To say she was involved would be an understatement.

She said, a student of the month "is somebody who goes the extra mile. Somebody who does their very, very best all the time. Not everybody can do it all the



Dean of Student Life Sue Saia congratulates Julie Cleveland during the Honors and Awards banquet April 15, 2003.

time, and I feel really, really bad when I don't."

Cleveland, who planned to transfer to either Kansas State University or the University of Colorado to study child psychology, said serving as SGA president was a learning experience.

"I've learned you can do some things that will work and some that won't," she said. "If you do too many things, it gets really busy and you won't be able to do those activities as well as if you did a few. I've learned to space activities better so that I can devote more time to them."

With Cleveland's leadership, SGA tried several new student activities during the fall 2002 semester. Her goal at the outset was to increase the number of students participating. For the most part, she did that.

In spring 2003, she helped introduce flag football. Homecoming also was a success. It didn't hurt that she was crowned Homecoming Queen. Andrew Walker was crowned King.

Cleveland also worked with school officials to extend the Wellness Center hours.

Cleveland has two older sisters, Jobie Nudo, 27, who lives in Ponca City, and Jennifer Cleveland, 23, of Arkansas City. Younger brother Ben, 15, is a sophomore at ACHS. Julie is the granddaughter of Bill and Wanda O'Dell of Enid, Okla., and Irene and the late Ben Cleveland of Arkansas

City. Her great-grandmother is Jennie Mae Cleveland of Bartlesville, Okla.

Cleveland was born in the Philippines while her parents were part of Conservative Baptist International. Cleveland said the family lived four years in the Philippines, then four years in the states, then back to the Philippines. She attended preschool in Arkansas City when younger brother Ben was born. Then it was back to the Philippines, where she and the rest of the family became trilingual, speaking English, Tagalog (the main dialect in the Philippines), and Ilocano.

At ACHS, Cleveland was a shy girl who was easily intimidated.

"I've matured a lot since then," she said. "My freshman year, I wouldn't talk to people unless I was talked to. People always told me later that they thought I was stuck up. I'd say no, I was just shy. Now, I'm a little more outgoing. I'm still shy at times, but I'm better at it."

Her decision to enroll at Cowley came at the last minute.

"I didn't decide until two weeks before (high school) graduation," she said. "Mrs. (Mary) Young called Mrs. (Dejon) Ewing to get me a tryout for theatre."

Cleveland read lines from the Female Version of the Odd Couple, and earned a scholarship.

"Cowley has been such a good experience," she said. "Everyone is so nice. The atmosphere is just pleasant. The staff, faculty and all the students, you're just really welcomed here."

### Frick captures coveted title of Mr. CinderFella

Tim Frick, a sophomore on the men's tennis team, was crowned Mr. CinderFella during the annual event held May 8, 2003, in the Robert Brown Theatre.

Besides being named the overall winner. Frick also won the "Want to Take Him Home" Award.

Sophomore Schulyer Thomas won the Beach/Leisurewear category. Winner of the Talent category was freshman Devin Woods. Sophomore Derek Kellermann captured the Eveningwear category.

Trent James won the "Best Eyes" category, while Tory Alexander won for "Best Smile." "Mr. Personality" went to Jake Moss.

Jeremy Smith was named first runnerup. Second runner-up was Mike Brock, followed by Mike Dome and Kellermann.

Miss Kansas 2002, Jeanne Anne Schroeder, served as emcee of the event.

Other contestants: Frank Eddy, Ryan Julius, James Akers, Mike Gamache, Dane Carpenter, Will Sellers and Iggy Mwela.



Tim Frick during the eveningwear portion of Mr. CinderFella.

### **Cowley PBL student** places seventh at national contest

Wesley Nellis, a sophomore business management major, took seventh place in the Human Resource Management test during the national Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference June 29-July 3 in Dallas.

Nellis, from Arkansas City, was one of 12 Cowley students who attended the national conference. Beverly Grunder, chair of the Business and Service Technology Department and PBL advisor, accompanied the students.

Other Cowley students who attended and the event in which they competed:

Gail Ballew, Wichita, Desktop Publishing; Holly Beaty, Arkansas City, Word Processing; Richard Brammer, Winfield, Computer Concepts; Carthon Diggs, Wichita, Public Speaking; Stephanie Hann, Sedan, Hospitality Management; Andrea Larkins, Rose Hill, Computer Applications; Russell Lowden, Arkansas City, Business Law; Hollie Meeker, Wellington, Business Principles; Angela Naasz, Winfield, Desktop Publishing; Angela Root, Winfield, Impromptu Speaking; and Chelsea Scott, Wellington, Computer Applications.

This year's conference theme was "Soaring to New Heights in Business." More than 2,500 post-secondary students from across the United States attended the conference.

Students qualify to compete at the national conference after placing first or second at the state conference in the designated event.



Nellis placed seventh after taking the one-hour written objective test, which included questions on human resource planning, recruiting and selection, compensation and benefits, training and development, labor and management relations, legal and regulatory issues and organizational development.

Cowley's PBL chapter was recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter for the state of Kansas. This award recognizes outstanding local chapters that have actively participated in projects and programs identified with the goals of PBL.

Diggs, a sophomore business administration major, was chosen from an audition video submitted prior to the conference to perform the National Anthem during the opening general session on June 29.

Grunder has seen the local chapter continue to grow since it was reactivated five years ago. Cowley's chapter had 27 members this past year, and the college has had a national award winner each of the past three years.

"It has been exciting to see the local chapter of Phi Beta Lambda grow," Grunder said. "The professional leadership and citizenship skills students can obtain through PBL membership makes for a very successful school-to-career transition. It is a pleasure working with these students."

PBL is the largest organization of college students interested in business and business-related fields in the world. Local chapters are chartered by the national PBL association. PBL's mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs.



## Augusta native named Ark City's top student

Sarah Pritchard of Augusta, a freshman communications major, was named Outstanding Student of Arkansas City for 2003 during a banquet held in April in honor of all nine finalists.

Pritchard, who also was a member of Cowley's softball team, was chosen among more than 70 students who were nominated

for the award. The Outstanding Student of Arkansas City award is presented to a student from either Arkansas City Middle School, Arkansas City High School, or Cowley.

Pritchard's award marked the second consecutive year that a Cowley student was so honored.

Students are nominated for the award by instructors or staff members from their respective schools. All students nominated are recognized and awarded certificates by the city of Arkansas City. That ceremony took place March 31 in the Brown Center on the Cowley campus.

From the initial field of more than 70 nominations, nine students were chosen, three from each school. Those nine, along with their families, were honored at a banquet April 7 in the Brown Center.

Besides softball, where she played outfield, Pritchard was a member of Campus Christian Fellowship, played intramural volleyball and softball, and served as a referee for intramural volleyball.

Pritchard also was nominated to receive a Student of the Month award at Cowley. The person who nominated Pritchard said, "Sarah presents herself well on a daily basis. She is respectful of the

teacher and other students. She is outgoing and conversational before class with other students and, probably most importantly, she tries to help other students improve, and thus get more out of class, by offering honest yet diplomatic feedback on their writing assignments."

At Augusta High School, Pritchard was a member of the National Honor Society three years, served as vice president of Students Against Destructive Decisions two years, served as Huddle Leader in FCA, was a member of the Spanish Club four years, served on the prom committee, was a Special Olympics volunteer, and played softball, volleyball, and golf, and served as boys' basketball manager.

She also was a Kansas Honor Scholar, a member of the Kansas All-State FCA team, was an Academic Oriole four years, was valedictorian of her senior class, and was an all-conference outfielder three years.

She is the daughter of Don and Julie Pritchard.

### Cambridge, Ark City students represent college on Phi Theta Kappa All-Kansas Academic Team

Candice R. Dickinson of Arkansas City and Harold M. Bos III of Cambridge were the Cowley students chosen for the 2003 All-Kansas Academic Team.

Dickinson, a math major, and Bos, a pre-pharmacy major, were among 37 community college scholars honored Feb. 19, 2003, during the Eighth Annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Luncheon at the Holiday Inn West/Holidome in Topeka. The luncheon was held in conjunction with the Kansas Board of Regents monthly meeting.

Dickinson, 20, was a sophomore who graduated from Hays High School. Bos, 19, was a sophomore who graduated from Central of Burden High School.

The 2003 All-Kansas Academic Team was sponsored by the international head-quarters of PTK international honor society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents.

The group of men and women was recognized in an annual award ceremony that also drew educators and lawmakers.

"We consider this a very worthwhile endeavor for all of the Kansas community colleges to come together and celebrate the achievements of the state's outstanding students," said Thomas Percy, a Hutchinson Community College history instructor who serves as Kansas Region Coordinator for the honor society. "These students are our finest, not only in the academic sphere, but also in terms of service and citizenship."

Each scholar was selected by his or her own community college for the eighth annual statewide academic team, and each scholar also was a nominee for the 2003 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by the newspaper USA Today, PTK and the American Association of Community Colleges.



Harold M. Candice R.

### **Concert Choir has** experience of a lifetime: Carnegie Hall

Nearly 60 students of Connie Donatelli's Concert Choir did something in late April 2003 that they'll never forget: Perform in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Comprised of mostly current (2002-2003) students and some alumni, the Concert Choir finished a three-day residency in New York with a performance in Carnegie Hall on the afternoon of April 27, 2003. In Donatelli's words, the trip "was amazing."

"Words can't really express the impact of what we experienced, the magnitude of it," she said. "I do know that it was a lifechanging experience for everyone involved."

Donatelli, Cowley's director of vocal music, received an invitation to bring her choir to New York from Rod Walker, director of the Kansas State University choir. Walker served as guest conductor during the April 27 performance.

"What's really exciting is it was considered a residency," said Donatelli, who has worked at Cowley nine years. "We spent two days rehearsing from 8:30 until noon. The kids got to see a big-time atmosphere and what that feels like.'

Donatelli was making her first trip to the famous venue. Many of Cowley's students had never flown before. It was an opportunity of a lifetime.

Cowley's Concert Choir sang alongside KSU's Choir and Chorale, Emporia High School's Choir, and the Denton (Texas) High School Choir.

The 280-member choir performed "Testament of Freedom," written by



Randall Thompson. The group will be accompanied by the New England Symphony.

Donatelli and her choir's accompanist, Steve Butler, actually sang with the large choir at Carnegie Hall. Donatelli was a student of Walker's while she earned her master's degree from KSU.

"The piece was about 30 minutes long, and the text are the words of Thomas Jefferson," Donatelli said. "It's called A Setting of Four Passages from the writings of Thomas Jefferson."

The piece first was performed in 1943.

"It's a very patriotic work," Donatelli said. "It couldn't come at a more perfect time. We traveled there during a difficult time for our nation. And we traveled to New

York to perform a work that celebrates America. It was very appropriate."

Cowley's entourage left Arkansas City on April 24 and returned April 28. The performance was 2 p.m. April 27. Following the concert, all 280 students were guests aboard the "Spirit of America" cruise ship. It cruised around the Statue of Liberty and New York Harbor and included a meal and dancing.

One of the highlights of the trip, Donatelli said, was visiting Ground Zero, the large hole in the ground where the World Trade Center once stood.

"We sang down there, and many people stopped to listen," Donatelli said. "It was a very moving experience."

### Cosmetology students place high at Skills Olympics

Students in the Cosmetology program helped the college take first place in the Kansas Skills USA Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Cosmetology competition April 3-4, 2003, in Wichita.

Traci Anderson, contestant, and Josie Wakefield, model, took first place in Cosmetology, and Elizabeth Amezcua, contestant, and Hillary Gardner, model, took first place in Nail Care. Ursula Brinkman, contestant, and Kacie VanDegrift, model, were second in Nail Care.

Winners in each category advanced to the National VICA Skills Olympics in June.

Amezcua and Gardner finished sixth in the nation, while Anderson worked alone at nationals and placed 15th.

### Student from Newkirk crowned Queen Alalah LXXI

Hope Oestmann grew up on the family farm just five miles south of Arkansas City, in extreme northern Kay County.

She participated in 4-H and helped out on the farm, but that doesn't mean she's a farm girl.

She was in a dress the night of Oct. 25, 2002, and was crowned Queen Alalah LXXI in front of a packed house inside W.S. Scott Auditorium.

Oestmann, the daughter of Ruth Ann and Gerell Oestmann of Newkirk, Okla., was an art major. She was a member of the Lady Tiger softball team two years, held a work-study job in the Financial Aid office, and worked part-time at Maurice's in Ponca City.

Her father farms and works for the soil conservation service office in Newkirk. Her mother is an abstractor for Security Abstract in Newkirk.

Oestmann was at softball practice when Cowley Arkalalah Committee Chair Shannon O'Toole delivered the customary rose and the news that she was a finalist.

"I was really surprised," Oestmann said. "I saw her pull up at practice, but I figured someone else got it. This means I have to dress up."

Oestmann is more used to the rough and tumble world of fast-pitch softball than all of the things expected of Queen Alalah candidates. Still, she said the experience was fun.

"I used to come to Arkalalah all the time when I was little," she said, "but never to the coronation. When I was younger, the parade was fun, then I grew into liking the carnival. Now, it's the food and all of the people."

Oestmann described herself as laid back and easy going. She said she liked being around people, but she wasn't into public speaking.

Oestmann was a utility player for the Lady Tiger softball team as a freshman. She pitched some, was a backup at second base, and saw some action as an outfielder. Her sophomore season, she played second base.



Hope Oestmann takes her victory stroll after being crowned Queen Alalah LXXI during the Arkalalah Coronation in W.S. Scott Auditorium.

It was softball that helped Oestmann decide to attend Cowley.

"I had a choice to make between Cowley and NOC (Northern Oklahoma College)," Oestmann said. "I knew Cowley's softball program was better, and I was dating a guy from here. And it's closer to home. I live a mile into Oklahoma."

Oestmann also knew several Cowley players after playing on a travel team from here.

"I played for Larry Anstine, and he always wanted me to come here," she said.

Oestmann was happy with her choice of schools.

"I've liked it," she said. "It's made me feel at home. Last year I was in the dorms, but this year I'm living at home. All of the people are really friendly and treat you well. And I've learned a lot, including how to study on my own."

Oestmann participated in intramurals, is into collectibles, particularly Boyd's Bears, and likes spending time with family and friends. And when she has time, she likes to paint.

"My mom always painted when I was little, shirts and saws, and wooden chairs," Oestmann said. "I always helped her out on that. I always doodle anyway in class. In high school, I got into art. I'd like to go into

interior design, but I like art, too. It's kind of a leisure thing. I like to paint in my spare time."

Oestmann has an oil painting of a nature scene, but she said she prefers water-colors.

"I like flowers and nature scenes," she said. "I'm not into painting people."

Oestmann said if further study in interior design doesn't work out, she'd like to study radiology.

"I'm kind of undecided right now," she said. "It's between interior design and becoming a radiology technician. I think radiology would be a lot of fun because you'll see people, and it won't be the same job every day. And you're always taking x-rays, but different types. And you can always move up from technician."

Oestmann credited her mother as being most influential in her life, because "she's always worked hard for what she has. She's been a positive influence."

Oestmann said she had become more responsible since graduating from Newkirk High School.

"I've grown up a lot," she said. "I work two jobs now, and trying to juggle that with softball and school work is a load sometimes."

## TEACHING

# Business Technology instructor receives first Stirnaman teaching award

Larry Schwintz, who began teaching at Cowley in 1977, became the first recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

Schwintz was presented the award, sponsored by the College Education Association, by Chris Mayer, Social Science Department instructor. The presentation took place during the first day of fall in-service for Cowley employees Aug. 13, 2002.

"Having known Paul and his love for education, and his love for students, and his expectation of excellence and not accepting anything but excellence, this is kind of a humbling experience," Schwintz said of the award. "It gets to you."

Stirnaman, a long-time Social Science Department instructor and strong supporter of the CEA, died June 16, 2000, after a lengthy illness.

The CEA presented Schwintz with the first award "for outstanding teaching, long service, and loyal support of the CEA."

"I knew the award existed," Schwintz said, "but I was unaware that I would be chosen."

Schwintz came to Cowley in 1977 to teach classes in the agriculture program. Prior to that he taught 14 years of high school, seven at Prairie View near Fort Scott, and seven at Winfield High School.

In 1992, Schwintz was one of several Cowley faculty members who received the Master Teacher Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas. The following year, Schwintz was a Master Presenter at the same NISOD conference.



Larry Schwintz, left, receives the Stirnaman Award from Social Science instructor Chris Mayer.

He also has been named Cowley's Master Teacher, received an award from the Tiger Booster Club in 2001, and has been recognized as a Microsoft Mentor by the Microsoft Corporation. He also has received a Gold Award from the Vocational Association Teacher of Teachers.

"I now have eight or nine former students who are teachers of agriculture in Kansas," Schwintz said.

Schwintz has been a steady, reliable faculty member who has been asked to take on several new challenges through the years.

"Introduction to microcomputers was my idea for my ag students," he said. "Business people liked what I was doing, and they said to remove the ag references and make them business references. I said sure. It evolved from that DOS environment to a Windows environment, and from an elective course to a required course."

And in fall 2001, Schwintz joined two other Business Tech faculty in teaching the CISCO Networking program. Schwintz also traveled to Boeing in Wichita for two

years, training employees on a variety of software.

Schwintz, 62, said he admired Stirnaman for the type of instructor he was.

"Paul always said you can't be a professional and not be a member of your professional organization," Schwintz said. "The CEA is not a union. It is concerned with education."

# Retirement of a salesman: Cole plans to make his post-work years special

You know what they say about a good salesperson: Selling ice to Eskimos would be a piece of cake.

Gene Cole would have them buying it like there's no tomorrow.

Cole, associate dean of business and industry at Cowley and a major "salesman" for economic development in Cowley and Barton counties during his career, retired Oct. 31, 2002, after 11 1/2 years at the college.

"I just think the timing is right," said Cole, who started working for Cowley in July 1991. "I want to enjoy all of Cowley's sports and be supportive, because I love sports."

Cole also loves people. It's the relationships he's cultivated through the years that have enhanced his ability to promote and sell. One of Cole's first jobs was in sales.

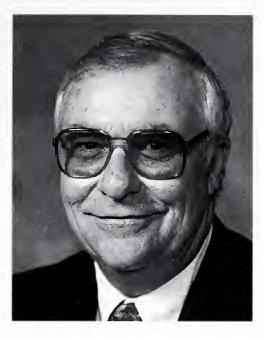
"I worked for Sheneman's Meat Market in route sales and behind the counter," said Cole, a 1955 graduate of Winfield High School. "Then one day they told me to go down to the kill floor. I saw an animal get hit right between the eyes, with tears rolling down its face, and I turned around and hung up my apron. I wasn't going to do that any more."

That experience also exposed Cole's sensitive side, another characteristic that has aided him throughout his career.

Nor did it hurt his personal life. Cole married his high school sweetheart, Donella French, in 1957. They have four children—Denise, Lisa, Diane, and Mike—and eight grandchildren.

In 1962, after jobs with Jarvis Auto in Winfield and Jap Hurst Ford in Augusta as service manager, parts manager and sales manager, Cole and his wife moved to Great Bend with their two young daughters. Gene worked for three car dealerships before quite possibly discovering what he does best: Promote.

From 1967 to 1976, Cole worked for the Great Bend Economic Development



Commission, and had a major hand in bringing 1,500 jobs to the community in Fuller Brush, Ruskin Manufacturing, American Trailer, and the expansion of several existing industries. It was during that time when he met Dr. Patrick J. McAtee, current Cowley president, who was working for Barton County Community College.

"He (McAtee) was an instructor when I first met him," Cole said.

The Coles were active in the community while raising four young children. In 1972, Gene received the Young American Award from the Business and Professional

Women's Association. A year later, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Great Bend Jaycees, and the Greater Great Bend Award from the Golden Belt Kiwanis Club.

Following his nine-year tenure at the commission, Cole partnered with Jim McCullough of Manhattan and developed Southwind Properties, a 115-acre housing development in Great Bend. The venture was successful until high interest rates of the late 1970s and early 1980s hit.

"I had an old-timer tell me once that you leave when you're winning, not when someone tells you to," Cole said.

Cole soon got out of the housing development business and went to work for Great Plains Equipment in Great Bend. He was sales manager in charge of the company's five stores in Kansas. John Deere was the company's primary line of equipment.

"I covered the whole state," Cole said.
Murphy Tractor eventually purchased
Great Plains, and the company wanted Cole
to move to its Wichita office. He said
thanks, but no thanks.

In 1984, he hooked up with McAtee and former Barton County President Dr. Jimmie Downing, and Cole became Barton's director of business and industry. Cole seemed to be a natural fit, given his relationships in the past.

After McAtee became president of Cowley in July 1987, Cole left Barton five months later to become sales manager for a company that sold medical sterilizers. Four years later, he was reunited with his old friend, Dr. Pat McAtee.

In spring 1991, just before he became director of business and industry at Cowley, Cole suffered a heart attack. It gave him a greater appreciation for life, and since then he's tried to live each day to its fullest.

"I read obituaries of people who were 55, 60, 65 years old," Cole said. "I want to retire and enjoy the years I have left."

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## once that you leave when you're winning, not when

someone tells you to."

Cole has enjoyed great success during his working life. He said the economic development job he had in Great Bend, and his time at Cowley, rank as most satisfying.

"We were successful out in Great Bend," he said. "When you're winning, it's always fun. It was exciting to be able to help the community.

"And I have to say that coming to Cowley was one of the best moves I ever made. It came at a time when I needed it."

Cole said he's grateful for the support shown by Cowley's Board of Trustees, administrators and staff toward his work with business and industry.

"They've been very open to what we've needed to do," Cole said.

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While at Cowley, Cole:

- Helped organize the first Tiger Booster Club Blitz Drive in 1993, a one-day fundraising activity to generate funds for athletic scholarships. The drive continues today.
- Helped develop pre-employment training during General Electric's expansion at Strother Field.
- Researched and found a location for the Southside Education Center in Wichita, which has grown from a few full-time students to more than 1,100 today.
- Helped the college partner with Boeing to establish the Manufacturing Skills program. Boeing and Cowley have a strong partnership today.
- Worked diligently to pull together several partners to form the Cowley College Workforce Development Center at Strother Field. The center was formally dedicated in September 2001.

 Has worked with dozens of area industries to develop employee training and assist displaced workers.

Cole said working with McAtee has been rewarding.

"Pat has been awesome," Cole said. "He's so open to your ideas; he's a visionary. He never stood in my way to accomplish anything. Along with being a great person to work with, he's been a great friend. He always had faith that I could get the job done. His support has been the most critical part of our relationship."

In retirement, the 65-year-old Winfield native won't sit idle during his time away from a "real" job. Cole said he plans to spend time with children and grandchildren, catch up on his "honey-do" list from the last five years, and work part-time on special assignments for the college. He also plans to continue serving on the board of directors of the Cowley County Economic Development Agency.

"I really enjoy supporting CCEDA, and I'm proud of the college for stepping up and making the commitment to economic development of this county," he said.

Looking back, Cole acknowledges the support he's received from his wife. Now, he said, it's his turn.

"She allowed me to do so many different things," he said. "While I was in economic development, she was raising our children.

"My career's been all about building relationships and trust. And never compromise your integrity. No one does things by themselves. If you develop contacts and trust in people, they are willing to help."

## Instructor, secretary retire from Cowley

Judy Queen and Linda Keasling are excited about sleeping in, spending time with grandchildren, and doing all of the things they want to do when they want to do them.

The two Cowley employees retired at the end of May 2003.

Queen was an instructor in the college's Social Science Department, while Keasling was secretary in the Industrial Technology Department. A retirement reception was held May 7, 2003, in the Earle N. Wright Community Room and Gallery inside the Brown Center.

Queen, who lives in Ponca City, has been a Cowley employee since 1987. She has been a full-time Social Science instructor since 1996. Her early years at the college were spent working with the Single Parent/Displaced Homemaker and Balancing Work and Family grant programs. She was a member of the faculty at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa when Dr. Carol Hobaugh-Maudlin called her about the grants at Cowley.

Queen seemed to be the perfect choice



Judy Queen, left, and Linda Keasling both will miss Cowley.

for working with single parents and displaced homemakers in trying to get them back in school and back on their feet. Why? Because after staying home to raise her three children, Queen went to college for the first time. She was 32 years old. She went to NOC for three years, then transferred to Oklahoma State University and earned a bachelor's degree in home economics. She earned a master's degree in 1986 just prior to coming to Cowley.

Not until her children were older did she realize she could teach. An introvert by nature, Queen realized the importance of teaching and the relationships she'd build throughout the years.

"I was a first-generation higher education graduate, so it took me a while to realize I could do it," she said. "I had a high school teacher tell me that I ought to become a teacher, but that was the furthest thing from my mind."

When she first arrived at Cowley, Queen spent three-fourths of her time working for the grant programs. The remainder of her time was spent teaching one or two classes in the Social Science Department.

As a full-time instructor, Queen taught developmental psychology, nutrition, education in American society, sociology, and the different child care classes the college offers. It was a diverse schedule, and one that Queen enjoyed.

"I have enjoyed the students, and they are the ones I'll miss most," Queen said. "You always have a few you get extra close to. They almost become your own kids. In the single parent program, we went through so much together."

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Queen is a two-time survivor of breast cancer, and some day hopes to do volunteer work in a support role.

"Someone who's been there can tell someone going through it exactly what they're going to feel," said Queen, who has been cancer-free since early 1986. "It's an emotional train ride you're on. If the person you're talking to has been there, it's a lot easier to deal with."

On March 4, 1998, Queen was dealt another personal blow. Her husband of more than 38 years lost his battle with colon cancer.

"I was going to quit (Cowley) and take care of him when he got sick," Queen said. "But he (Jerry) wouldn't hear of it. Cowley was, in many respects, my salvation through all of that. Everybody was so good."

Jerry Queen was a Southern Baptist minister.

In May 1994, Judy presented a session at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas. A year later, she received the Region VII Exemplary Program Award for a magazine story in which she shared her teaching tips in the classroom. The article appeared in the Association for Career and Technical Education magazine titled "Techniques."

In retirement, Queen plans to spend time with her six grandchildren, do some traveling and, just like her home economics background, get back into sewing and oil painting. She may even come back and take some painting lessons from Cowley art instructor Mark Flickinger.

"I'm going to enjoy not having to get up early, and no grading papers on weekends," Queen said.

Keasling, IT Department secretary since 1996, wasn't even looking for a job when she was hired. She had been scouring the want ads for her sister-in-law. IT faculty have been thrilled she took the job.

"We're really going to miss you," department chair Bruce Crouse told Keasling during the reception. "You have come up with so many ideas that turned into successes. I'm not sure what we're going to do."

Keasling knew a lot about Cowley prior to 1996. As an employee of the Winfield State Hospital & Training Center, one of Keasling's jobs was secretary of the hospital's nursing education and staff development areas. That's when she worked with college officials such as Tony Buffo, Walt Mathiasmeier, and Conrad Jimison. Keasling helped set up courses hospital employees could take at Cowley.

Keasling started work at WSH&TC on Dec. 1, 1965. It was the first job she ever had. Prior to 1965, Keasling was a stay-at-home mother of two.

"I went to work to put my kids through college, and I did just that," she said.

Keasling grew up at Dexter, but graduated high school in Winfield. On Aug. 2, 1954, she married Marvin Keasling. Marvin retired three years ago from the Cowley County Road Crew.

The Keaslings collect antique tractors and have been members of the Kansas and Oklahoma Steam and Gas Engine Association for many years. Linda served as the organization's secretary for 15 years, and she's getting ready to volunteer her time once again.

She volunteered to organize Good Ole Days, an event for youth sponsored by the association. The event is scheduled for October.

"I don't want to be real, real busy," Keasling said of her retirement. "I like to garden and work with my flowers. And I like to go camping."

Keasling said her mother always wanted her to become a teacher.

"I always wanted to be a secretary," she said. "I had no desire to change vocations."

Keasling said she's enjoyed the past seven years at Cowley.

"I'm going to miss these guys down here (in the IT Department)," she said. "And some of the students you get real attached to. Many have come back to see me. What's been good about these guys is that they give you credit for what you do. I don't know what I'll do come August."



### **Cowley's MICT program** receives national accreditation

Cowley's Mobile Intensive Care Technician program received official accreditation by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Programs during the 2003 spring semester.

Slade Griffiths, director of EMS education, said he's known for years that his program was solid. The accreditation validates that fact.

"It's extra validation if someone comes in and checks your program," Griffiths said. "It was a lot of work, but it's worth it." Cowley's program is housed in the Winfield Center at 1406 E. Eighth St., Stevenson Hall in Baden Square.

Griffiths, who started Cowley's program seven years ago, said the program has two goals. The first is to produce competent, entry-level MICTs to serve in career and volunteer positions in the United States. The second goal is to possess adequate resources to provide effective EMS education by implementing and utilizing appropriate practices while meeting the needs of the communities of interest.

Cowley's program, long recognized as one of the best of its kind in the region, is one of only four accredited programs in the

"We started the process a couple of years ago," Griffiths said. "The site visit was last summer."

A two-person team, one from Texas and one from Ohio, spent two days with Griffiths and Lead MICT Instructor Cindy Branscum, going through the program with a fine-tooth comb. Griffiths received official notification on April 10.

The accreditation is for three years initially. If the program passes an evaluation at that time, accreditation would be for five vears.

Dr. Pat McAtee, Cowley president, praised Griffiths for his work in getting the program started and for what the program is doing today.

"One of the best things that ever happened to us was getting Slade Griffiths to come here," McAtee said. "His program is without question first class. His graduates are qualified. Getting the program was one of the best things we've ever done for this

Virgil Watson Jr., a former member of Cowley's Board of Trustees, echoed

"Cowley is known for having one of the best EMT and MICT programs in Kansas, if not the nation," Watson said.

New classes begin each January. Griffiths described the three phases of MICT education.

"There's the didactic session, which includes the classroom, laboratory, some hospital clinical work, and EMS ride-along; there's the hospital clinical session, which is 40 hours per week by itself, on top of class work; and there's the field internship, where students intern with an MICT for 36 to 52 hours per week on top of class," Griffiths said.

Graduates from Griffiths' program who take the national registry exam have a 100percent pass rate at the MICT level.

### Russian education delegation visits college in March

A delegation of top Russian regional and municipal education officials spent about half the day March 11, 2003, at Cowley as part of the U.S. Congress-sponsored Open World Program.

The Russian group was hosted by the Rotary Club of Winfield.

After a campus tour in the morning, the Russians sat down to lunch with several Cowley administrators. Following lunch, the group toured the college's Industrial Technology Department.

The group exchanged information about higher education in America and in Russia through interpreters, one of whom lives in Wichita.

Managed by the Center for Russian Leadership Development, an independent agency located in the Library of Congress, Open World enables emerging Russian leaders to work with their U.S. counterparts and experience how American democratic

and economical institutions operate at the local level. Open World is the only exchange program housed in the U.S. legislative branch.

The five-person Russian team that visited south-central Kansas was comprised of the deputy head of the education department of the Jewish Autonomous Region (in the Russian Far east, bordering China); the head of the department of education for the city of Samara (in southern European Russia); the deputy head of the education department for the city of Penza (in southcentral European Russia); and the head of the office of education for a district in the Moscow Region. Russia's ongoing education reforms in such areas as curriculum development and teacher training made the group's Kansas visit especially timely.

The Center for Russian Leadership Development awarded a 2002 grant to Rotary International to administer this and similar exchanges in 2002 and 2003. Rotary has played a major role in hosting Open World participants since the program began in 1999.

Open World aims to build mutual understanding between the United States



and the Russian Federation and to work with Russia's leaders as they implement democratic and economic reforms. Librarian of Congress and Russia scholar James H. Billington, whose vision of bringing young Russian leaders to the United States inspired Congress to create Open World, chairs the board of trustees that governs the program.

More than 6,000 Open World visitors from all 89 Russian regions have been hosted in all 50 states since the program began in 1999. Delegates are drawn from a wide range of political parties and ethnic groups, and in 2002, more than 50 percent were women. Through the program, Russia's emerging leaders experience Americanstyle democracy in action as well as American community and cultural life.

### FACILITIES NAMED & DEDICATED

### HONORING

### College names, dedicates three maincampus facilities

Three men who helped shape the lives of hundreds of students as well as the college in general were honored May 1, 2003, by having facilities on the main campus named in their honor.

Ben Cleveland, A.F. "Tony" Buffo and Oscar Kimmell were honored during a dedication ceremony and reception held just outside the Patrick J. McAtee Dining Center.

Cleveland's widow, Irene, accepted the honor of having the Ben Cleveland Wellness Center named for her late husband. Buffo and his family were on hand to accept his plaque, and the A.F. "Tony" Buffo Plaza was named for him. And Kimmell and his family were present as the college named its newest residence hall the Oscar Kimmell Dormitory.

Following is a closer look at the three men.

### **Ben Cleveland**

Ben Cleveland's work ethic and personal values helped shape the lives of everyone who knew him. His impact on students, players and co-workers at the college is immeasurable.

"Ben would be very proud that the college would recognize him with such an honor," Irene said. "He would be humble and in a way embarrassed. He never tooted his own horn, and when others praised him, he would be embarrassed, yet down inside so very, very proud that others thought so highly of him. I think he would feel much like when I surprised him with a football reunion."

Cleveland's 34-year career at Cowley ended on July 30, 1994, with a surprise



A crowd gathers at the newly named A.F. "Tony" Buffo Plaza for the dedications of the Ben Cleveland Wellness Center and the Oscar Kimmell Dormitory.



**Ben Cleveland** 

retirement party in his honor. Irene, along with Ben's best friends and a few former players, pulled off the ultimate surprise retirement party and football reunion all in one.

Cleveland coached Cowley's football team from 1960 to 1977. His teams won 79 games during that span, and two of his teams, the 1962 and 1972 squads, were ranked in the top 15 in the nation.

Several former players shared their thoughts on Cleveland.

"What I remember most about Ben was his calm and honest approach in dealing with his athletes," said Ray D. Harding, quarterback on the 1969 team. "The number of interceptions I threw should have turned him prematurely gray in 1969."

Bill Hackathorn, quarterback on the 1971 team, said, "Good guys don't always come in last. Gentlemen can be winners, and it's much more fun."

Ed Hargrove, Cowley's head softball coach, played offensive right tackle for Cleveland in 1965 and 1966.

"Other than my dad, Ben was probably the most honest and sincere man I have ever known," Hargrove said.

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Football wasn't the only sport Cleveland coached at Cowley. He was head baseball coach from 1968 to 1983, head track coach from 1960 to 1967, head tennis coach in the 1960s, and assistant basketball coach from 1960 to 1975.

Cleveland received many honors during his career, but one of the biggest came six years after he retired. He was one of the original 10 members inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 26, 2000.

Cleveland was chosen as Teacher of the Year at Cowley for the 1986-87 academic year, and also received a recognition plaque for long-time commitment to student athletes at Cowley. His community involvement was extensive. He was a member of Lions Club International for 40 years, was a member of the Arkansas City Residential Rehabilitation Council, the Arkansas City Camp Fire Board, the First United Methodist Church, and the International Gideon's Cowley Camp.

When Cleveland died on Jan. 15, 2002. at age 69, Cowley and the Arkansas City community lost a great friend. "Benny," as he was known, had a storied career in education, first at the high school level, then at Cowley. The Oklahoma native and his wife moved to Arkansas City in 1954. After six years of teaching and coaching at Arkansas City High School, Cleveland worked for Cowley.

Hargrove, who also was an assistant football coach with Cleveland from 1973-75. remembers Cleveland's attention to detail.

"We would do something in practice, and if he wasn't totally satisfied with it, we'd stay for hours," Hargrove said. "Benny always said, if it was worth doing, it was worth doing right."

In all the years Hargrove played and worked with Cleveland, he never heard a bad word out of his mouth.

"Sometimes, guys conspired to make Benny cuss, and he never would," Hargrove said. "In the two years I played and three years I coached with him, I never heard him cuss. He was calm, cool, and collected in bad times."

Ben's family also is very proud of their father and grandfather. They said Ben was a very loyal person who dedicated his life to serving the college. "He loved Ark City and the college very much," they said.

Irene remembers the long hours Ben used to put in to prepare for another football season. Following an eight-hour day, Ben would head to the practice field to make sure it was in top shape. Sometimes, Ben wouldn't get home until two or three in the morning.

"He would always say, 'I just have to finish this and then I'll be home," "the family recalled. About an hour later, he would be home.

Cleveland was born Jan. 16, 1932 in Dewey, Okla. After graduating high school, he played football four years at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah. He also played for the Bob May Builders semi-professional baseball team. On May 6, 1951, he married Irene M. Webber in Dewey, and the couple lived in Tahlequah until Ben graduated.

After graduation, the Clevelands moved to Arkansas City. At Cowley, known then as Arkansas City Junior College, Cleveland's carpentry classes built more than 30 homes in Arkansas City.

"Whatever it be, coaching, teaching or as an administrator, whatever it took to get the job done and get it done right, he would do," the family wrote in a prepared statement. "Most of what Ben did went unnoticed, but today this is a just reward for his deep love and dedication to Cowley.

"He always taught that a person should concern themselves with three areas of life. First, spiritual wellness; second, mental wellness; and third, physical wellness. Thus, today it is fitting that the college chose the wellness center to be named after him. We cannot find words to thank you for this honor."

### A.F. "Tony" Buffo

Tony Buffo was passionate about teaching. Ask any of his former students, and they'd probably tell you that he instilled in them a foundation for a strong work ethic, respect for their fellow student, and the desire to do what's right.

Buffo prepared students for real-life experiences, real jobs that paid real money. And many of his former students never have forgotten the impact Buffo had on their lives.

Buffo was a long-time teacher for Unified School District No. 470 in Arkansas City, and later an administrator



A.F. "Tony" Buffo

for Cowley. Buffo, 80, said the honor made him proud.

"It makes me feel great for someone to recognize the things that went on," he said. "My best remembrance is not of a single happening, but something that was accomplished for the students and staff of the college."

It was in the mid-1960s, and Buffo already had worked nearly 20 years for USD 470 as a junior high (middle school) and high school teacher and as director of industrial-vocational education. The college was going through some major changes at that time, and Buffo soon found himself in the middle of them.

On Nov. 9, 1965, Cowley County voters passed, by a 1,520-vote margin, a measure that would create a complete, independent community college district that encompassed the entire area of Cowley County. Thus, began Cowley County Community College and Vocational-Technical School, in compliance with the acts passed in 1963 and 1965.

However, the USD 470 Board of Education still acted in a dual capacity by also serving as trustees of the college. Complete fiscal and administrative independence did not become effective until July 1, 1967, when a separate Board of Trustees, elected by the citizens of Cowley County, assumed full control.

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"A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into that." Buffo said.

In 1966, the college hired Buffo to become dean of vocational-technical education and director of the area vocational-technical school, a position he held until 1970. From 1970 to 1973, Buffo served as dean of general education and occupational education. And from 1973 until his retirement in 1985, Buffo served as dean of instruction.

Buffo had considerable expertise in vocational education. In fact, he was brought to Washington, D.C., by then-President Lyndon Johnson as a consultant to a presidential commission charged with studying and recommending changes to the advisory committee responsible for developing the new Vocational Education Act of 1968. He was one of only eight vocational education directors from across the U.S. selected for this duty in June 1967.

"That was an interesting experience to have," Buffo said.

Buffo traveled the nation getting all of the information he could about vocational education.

"Another thing I remember is the contacts I made and the people I came to know on a statewide and nationwide basis," Buffo said.

Vocational education always was in Buffo's blood. After he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from what is now Pittsburg State University, Buffo was hired in 1947 to teach in USD 470. He served many years as the printing instructor at the high school and college.

He said teaching was a joy.

"Most of the students we had turned out to be terrific people," Buffo said. "Time after time I'd receive letters from students, or they'd stop in to see me. So many of them went on to become printers."

The print shop was located in the basement of the old junior high school that sat on the northeast corner of Third Street and Washington Avenue.

Fred Menefee, a 1950 graduate of ACHS and 1952 graduate of the college, holds Buffo in highest regard.

"I can name 50 outstanding professors and teachers that I had, and Tony is right up there among the very top," said Menefee, who is retired and living in Wichita. "He's that type of person. What I learned from that man helped me in my writing career. I eventually did a lot of industrial type movies and film work. All of that writing I learned I have used time and time again in everything else I have ever done."

Menefee was in his second year of the printing sequence at ACHS when Buffo began teaching in the district. Menefee said Buffo's influence on students was legendary.

"He brought attitudes to the classroom that very few teachers ever even envision," Menefee said. "He even got the guys who sat on the back row involved. I think it started out with laying the challenges to us and seeing if we could handle it. He set some pretty high goals."

Menefee, who went on to earn a degree from Wichita State University, worked for McCormick-Armstrong in Wichita for 30 years.

"I think he influenced every kid he ever taught," Menefee said. "Several of his students went on to become teachers."

Buffo had such an influence on Menefee that the former student dedicated a restored intertype press to Buffo. The press, which was the last generation of linotype presses, sits in the Peabody Printing Museum in Peabody. The museum is a collection of hot type equipment dating from 1870 to 1920. The intertype was dedicated in Buffo's honor about four years ago.

"We had an inscription made and put it on the front of the machine where the operator would be sitting," Menefee said.

While Menefee spoke highly of his former mentor, Buffo also praised his former students.

"The caliber of students we had was terrific," Buffo said. "It was hard to duplicate."

Buffo said his role as dean of instruction at Cowley "gave me a chance to widen my horizons and work with people in the general education field and students in technical areas."

Buffo and his wife, Wilda, have been married 43 years. They met at USD 470. Tony already was an instructor when Wilda was hired in 1953. She taught third- and fourth-graders from 1953 to 1960. Shortly afterward, it was time to start a family. The Buffos have two children, Paula and Bob. Paula is a registered nurse and a certified emergency room technician in Bartlesville,

Okla. Bob is an operations manager at Boeing. The Buffos have four grandchildren

Buffo, a U.S. Navy veteran, was community service minded. Among his volunteer activities were terms on the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, as a counselor for the Boy Scouts of America, as president of the Arkansas City Rotary Club, and on its board of directors. He also did consulting work for the Kansas State Association of Commerce and Industry, was on the American Legion Boys' State Committee, and received the Community Leaders of America Award in

Wilda said her husband lived and breathed Cowley.

"The college was always his business, his life," Wilda said. "He took care of things at the college as if they belonged to him."

After Buffo retired from Cowley in 1985, he and Wilda traveled extensively. That included a return trip to Italy and other European countries. Tony's parents were from northern Italy.

Tony said Cowley always would be near and dear to his family.

"It's the best bargain in the country," he said, "both in terms of courses offered as well as the savings in tuition.

"This is a terrific honor that was neither sought nor expected."

### **Oscar Kimmell**

Oscar Kimmell would just as soon live the rest of his life in complete anonymity.

He'll continue to be the kind, thoughtful, loving, giving person he's been for 86 years. There's no question about that.

It's Kimmell's modest nature that rarely allows him to be in the spotlight. He's so modest that he even declined a nomination for a community award sponsored by a local bank.

"That would have been too much publicity," Kimmell said.

He's received numerous awards throughout the years, and the one Cowley presented is special.

"It's unbelievable, just unbelievable," Kimmell said. "I didn't think anything like this would ever happen. There are other people who deserve it more than I do."

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Kimmell's service to Arkansas City is legendary. He was made a lifetime member of The Salvation Army Advisory Board on June 15, 1992. He received the Harry Long Award for service in 1980. He co-founded the Ark City Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, a group of retired businessmen; and has served on the boards of The Salvation Army and American Red Cross.



### Oscar Kimmell

Kimmell also received the Silver Beaver award for Scouting, the highest award for service to boyhood given to volunteer scouters. And on June 5, 1990, Kimmell was one of 150 Kansans who received a Governor and First Lady Volunteer Award created by then-Gov. Mike Hayden.

His service to the college also is impressive. He served one four-year term on the college's Board of Trustees from 1979 until 1983, and served on the College Endowment Association from 1979 until 2002. A staunch supporter of the college, Kimmell can be seen at nearly all home athletic contests, regardless of the sport. When he was younger, he and former Cowley president, the late Dr. Gwen Nelson, would attend most of Cowley's road basketball games.

To meet the man, you'd never know about all of the contributions he has made.

"(Service) is really an important part of your life," Kimmell said. "And people who don't do it are missing so much."

Kimmell was born and reared on a farm west of Ark City. One day he graduated from Arkansas City High School in 1936, and the next day he went to work for his uncle, Roy Neer, at Osage Gas & Electric Company. His beginning wage was 75 cents a day.

Roy and Ralph Neer had started the company in 1934. In 1940, Roy purchased Ralph's interest in the business, and in 1941, Kimmell bought one-fourth interest in the company. In 1942, he purchased another quarter interest and owned 50 percent of the company.

Osage Electric sold the first automatic washer in Ark City, a Bendix, as well as the first window and commercial air conditioners. Electrical wiring and appliance repair comprised much of the company's business. Later, the company purchased a neon plant from a man in Blackwell, Okla. A butane business also was added, and in 1950, after Roy Neer's passing, Kimmell sold his interest to Roy's widow, Ollie, and her daughter, Betty Patterson.

It was during that same year that Kimmell was hired to open and manage a new Sears store in Arkansas City. He retired in 1980 after 30 years of service.

Kimmell retired at age 62 and has never regretted it for a minute. A large portion of his service to Arkansas City has occurred since 1980.

"The year I retired it was hot," Kimmell said. "And being connected with The Salvation Army, I knew there were a number of elderly people who didn't have fans. So I ran an ad in The Traveler."

The ad requested fans people were willing to donate. Kimmell would repair the fans and give them to The Salvation Army, which in turn distributed them to needy people.

"My backyard was full of fans," Kimmell said of his house at 909 N. Seventh St., his home for the past 59 years. "I'd work until midnight getting those fans out."

If Kimmell had one thing to do over in his life, he would go to college.

"I always regretted that I didn't go to college," he said. "I had a heckuva time getting through high school because of finances."

Kimmell said his uncle was one of the most influential people in his life.

"He was always talking to me about staying in school and working," Kimmell said. "And Harry Gibson, the chamber of commerce manager who worked for me, was a very good man."

Through the years, Kimmell also has been committed to his church. He has been a member of Central Christian Church for more than 50 years and has served as deacon and youth sponsor.

He is dedicated to the Boy Scouts, serving as the Assistant District Commissioner, and was presented the Distinguished Service Award, Arrowhead Award, and the Silver Beaver. Kimmell also has served on the board of the Northwest Community Center and AC Industries.

And last, but certainly not least, Kimmell has been committed to his family. He was first married in 1939, but only a year later, his wife Ramona died. In 1941, Kimmell remarried, and it was a union that lasted 54 years. His wife Mary died in 1995. He has a son Tom, two grandchildren, and one great grand-child.

"Going on our family vacations was the highlight of our time," Kimmell said. "One year I borrowed money so we could go. Family time was very important."

And so is the college and the community.

"Having the dorm named after me means so much," Kimmell said. "It's hard to put into words. It shows that the college has appreciated what little I have done. It should serve the students real well. I'd rather have my name on a dorm than anything else. The students are what's important."

# '71 graduate named 2003 Outstanding Tiger Alumnus

She's a writer, an editor, a storyteller, a speaker, and recently became a grandmother for the first time.

Now, Carol McAdoo Rehme can put another credential beside her name.

Cowley honored the 1971 graduate with its 2003 Outstanding Tiger Alumnus Award, presented during the college's 80th commencement exercises May 10, 2003, in W.S. Scott Auditorium.

"This is such a thrill and a surprise," said Rehme, who lives in Loveland, Colo., with her husband Norman. "When I received the call, first of all I was humbled. But thrill came real quick on its heels."

Carol, an Arkansas City native, writes prolifically for the inspirational market. She has six stories in the highly competitive Chicken Soup for the Soul books, and recently took on the responsibility of managing editor for Chicken Soup for the Bride's Soul.

"It's really a fun and uplifting book to do," Carol said.

As managing editor of the book, a job she took in fall 2002, Carol helps screen the thousands of stories that are submitted. As the stories are selected for the book, Carol rewrites and edits.

"It's a challenge because you want to keep the integrity of the writer," she said. "It's a thrill because people are writing from their inner heart."

The book, targeted for release in 2004, will contain 101 stories, just like all of the Chicken Soup books.

Carol has had a hand in several Chicken Soup books. She has sold 100 stories for anthologies, and recently was designated as one of Chicken Soup for the Soul's most prolific authors. She's in a dozen of their books, sometimes with several stories in the same book. In fall 2002, Carol was honored by Chicken Soup for the Soul cofounders Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hanson by having her name appear on the cover of Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman's Soul.

"My stories are all non-fiction," she said. "And they're not necessarily about my personal life. I often will research some-



Carol McAdoo Rehme is surrounded by the many books of which she has contributed stories.

thing and write about it. I also collect stories from other people."

She is the primary contributor to two hardbound gift collections, "An Angel By Your Side" and "Whispers from Heaven for the Christmas Spirit." Other stories were published in "Tea-Time Stories for Mothers" and "Heart-Stirring Stories of Love." Still more will appear in several of the upcoming "God Allows U-Turns" volumes. In the magazine market, Carol has free-lanced for both adult and children's publications.

While writing takes up what little free time Carol has, her primary activity involves directing and developing programming through Vintage Voices, Inc., a non-profit organization she founded. Carol has been busy writing grants and performing programs in 13 elder care facilities each month in northern Colorado. She performs for adult daycare centers, assisted living, and long-term nursing care facilities. She received the No. 1 grant from the Colorado Council on the Arts for 2003 to continue working with those facilities.

"That was humbling," Carol said of receiving the grant. "But it feels like they're recognizing not only a need, but the art forms that go into it. It endorses and validates it.

"I perform a lot of what I write and publish. I take in interdisciplinary programs that are thematic and incorporate music, story, reminisce, creative movement, and tactile stimulants and try to offer a quality program to one of the under-served segments of communities. It's one of my favorite things to do."

Carol's performances are funded by the grants she writes.

"I have a real passion for this," she said. "I wanted to find something to do with my life that I was as passionate about as raising children, and I've achieved that."

And now she's a grandmother.

"I'm way too young for this," she said. "This is probably the most exciting title I've ever earned."

Carol grew up in Arkansas City and was a writer almost from the beginning. At age 8, she was the scribe for her Bluebird Troop and had stories printed in the paper. "I loved seeing my name in print," she said. And her ninth-grade English teacher, Geneva Maag, wrote on the top of a book report on Uncle Tom's Cabin, "You are a writer."

After editing student newspapers at Arkansas City High School, Cowley, and then Wichita State University, where she

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earned a bachelor's degree majoring in journalism and minoring in speech and sociology, Carol went a different direction with her writing. But not until after she spent the next 25 years of her life raising four children.

"I thought writing translated to journalism," she said. "Truly, I much prefer this creative non-fiction, where I found my niche. You can get very literary. There's more room for metaphor and imagery and those sorts of things. I've evolved with this."

Carol immerses herself in anything she attempts. That was evident when she finished her coursework at Cowley in three semesters, in December 1970, and then WSU in 1972. She gave up full and half scholarships to two other schools to

attend Cowley. Her time at Cowley left a lasting impression.

Mary Margaret Williams hired me on the spot to work in the registrar's office," Carol said. "Working

with her was just a delight. My two biggest cheerleaders were (then college president) Gwen Nelson and dean (W.S.) Scott. Those three probably influenced me the most as far as educators there."

Carol also remembers taking organ lessons from Fostine Moncrief.

"I use music a lot in my programs," she said. "I remember her emphasizing to me that if you make a mistake, you just keep going. As a performer and a writer, you just keep going, keep trying."

And in speech teacher J.P. Dewell's class, Carol learned another valuable piece of information.

"For the first time, I recognized that storytelling could be an art form," she said. "I learned that from him, and that gave me confidence to perform."

And Cowley journalism instructor Tom Newton, whom the students called "Fig," "taught me what good writing is, and that it can really stoke the fire of feeling. With that combination of writing and storytelling, there's nothing else quite like it. It's the heart of the human experience."

Carol never has forgotten where she came from.

"Our beginnings are what make us who we are," she said. "I have my entire life, from as long as I can remember, been encouraged to write, reach out and achieve. Every teacher and faculty member and administrator at Cowley encouraged me to do that."

After graduating from WSU, Carol came back to Arkansas City to work for Gilliland Publishing. She and Norman, whom she'd met at WSU, were married a Norman vear later. was photographer/reporter for KAKE-TV in Wichita.

Carol's journalism career began with Penny Power. She later worked for a brandnew weekly started by KAKE called The Wichita Sun. It folded after two years, and it was time for Carol to become a mother.

"I had four children in six years," Carol said of Kyle, Katrina, Kayla, and Koy. "I

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always wanted to grow up and be a stay-athome mother, and I got to do it. I was one of the fortunate few who got to do that."

In 1977, Norman took a job with the ABC affiliate in Denver, and the family moved to Loveland. About 15 years ago, Carol started looking into the future, realizing that her four children would leave the nest at about the same rate they entered: quickly.

"I started free-lance writing," she said. "I'd done journalism-type work all those years. Public relations work for the church, newsletters for the school. So I decided to toy around with submitting my work."

She wrote children's stories for magazines, an occasional item for the local newspaper, and entered poetry contests.

"When I got a rejection, I assumed they didn't know what a hot commodity they had in their hands," Carol said with a laugh. "So, I'd send the story to someone else. I got published because I was so persistent."

Today, Carol has more than enough work to keep her busy. As if she needed more to do, she recently signed a contract to write advertorials for a major pharmaceutical company.

"That's exciting," she said. "I've done that one other time. It stretches me in a different direction. I'm thrilled to keep doing more of what I'm doing. My passion is still working with the elder care and doing the stories. I glean so much of my writing materials from programs and vintage people. It's a phenomenal experience to spend that much time with them.

"People have to remember that they have so much to offer. That's probably the most immediate and exciting thing I'm working on."

But, there's more.

"Norman and I are partnering on a book," Carol said. "We're getting closer. We're looking for a publisher. He's (Norman) a master photographer. I have 13 years of journaling, quotes and vignettes and stories from my experiences with the elderly. We think it's going to work into a

powerful book. And it's fun to work together."

And still another project Carol is working on is writing her own book. It's a memoir with the working title "From the Ground Up." The book is half finished and already has won two writing awards.

"I've published about 11 excerpts from it," she said. "I just need to finish it and try to get it published. I have high hopes."

Carol won the Paul Gillette Writing Competition for the Pike's Peak Writing Conference, and captured the prestigious Top Hand Award from the Colorado Authors League for the first chapter of the book.

The book is an inspirational story about how Carol dealt with the tragic accident that left her oldest son Kyle critically injured. Kyle, who was in Los Angeles on missionary work, was hit by a drunk driver in LA four years ago. He was on life support and had to learn how to walk again for the second time as an adult (he was badly burned in an electrical accident when he was in high school). Kyle survived and now runs his own business. The book covers the first three months of the accident.

"I filled three journals" when the accident happened. Carol said. "That's very unlike me. But I had learned from his first accident. There's nothing like trauma to throw details out of your mind."

She said her life was "braided together" through the combination of research, writing, and speaking.

### COLLEGE MILESTONES

## celebrating 80 Years

### FDNY battalion commander tells harrowing story of survival

Richard Picciotto was certain he was going to die. With the mindset that his life was about to end, he prayed. He prayed that God would make it quick; that he wouldn't have to suffer.

But Picciotto's life was spared, along with about 14 other people who were in a stairwell near the sixth floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center when it collapsed Sept. 11, 2001.

Picciotto, the highest ranking firefighter still in the building that day, told his story of desperation, hope, courage, and survival to more than 600 people Oct. 29, 2002, during one of the college's 80th Anniversary celebrations. The event, held in the Robert Brown Theatre on the main campus, was free.

Picciotto, a native New Yorker with the typical brogue, took the audience through his day on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists flew two planes into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and one that was crashed in a field in rural Pennsylvania.

"It's a day I'll never, ever forget," Picciotto said, supplementing his talk with a pictorial slide show. "They (terrorists) tried to change our way of life. They took a shot at us, a cheap shot. But you know what they did? They made this nation even more united than ever before."

The 29-year veteran of the Fire Department of New York said when Ladder 11, one of his companies, was called to the World Trade Center, his thoughts immediately rushed back to 1993. That was the year terrorists set off a bomb in a lower-level parking garage at the WTC, causing extensive damage.



Richard Picciotto, right, autographs his best selling book "Last Man Down" following his talk in the Robert Brown Theatre on October 29, 2002.

"The news people were saying initially that it (Sept. 11, 2001) was an accident," Picciotto said. "I never thought that. My gut feeling was that it was no accident. I felt we were being deliberately attacked."

Picciotto, who mingled during a 75-minute reception in the Earle N. Wright Community Room prior to his presentation, and also autographed his book following his talk, described the chaos in lower Manhattan that fateful day.

"When we were going in, we had to look up because people literally had thrown themselves out of the building and were falling," he said.

Picciotto, 51, and a group of 20 firemen started up flights of stairs, reaching the 35th floor. Suddenly, a tremendous noise engulfed everyone in the North Tower.

"The building shook, and the sound came down from above and literally rushed right through us," he said. "We had no idea what it was."

It was the collapse of the South Tower. Now, more than an hour after the North Tower had been struck, time was becoming a factor if the remaining people in the building were to escape. As Picciotto wrote in his book, if the South Tower came down, so could the North Tower.

"I finally made radio contact outside, and they told me the South Tower went down and that we had to get out of there," Picciotto said. "So all of a sudden, instead of a rescue mission, it was a mission to get out of the building. It was a very difficult decision I had to make, to tell firefighters to stop going up searching for people, but to start going down and to get out of the building."

Picciotto and several firefighters slowly made their way down. It was particularly slow going as two of three available stairwells were blocked. Along the way, Picciotto and his crew assisted a black woman named Josephine Harris. Picciotto described her as a large woman, which made it difficult to take her down stairs quickly.

But Josephine, dictating the pace, probably saved Picciotto's life and the lives of the small crew with him.

"There's no doubt about it," he said. "If she goes faster, we get out of the building and are crushed by falling debris outside. If she goes slower, we're up several floors and who knows what would have happened. It's nothing short of a miracle that I'm alive today."

When Picciotto and the group reached the stairwell between the seventh and sixth floors, they heard the noise.

"All of a sudden there was this tremendously loud noise, and the building shook

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even more than it did earlier," Picciotto said. "People said they could hear the towers collapse 15 miles away. We were inside the building, so you can imagine how loud it was."

Silence overcame the site. Picciotto thought he was dead. Then he began to breathe. He called out to the group not to move. Using his flashlight that was strapped to his jacket, Picciotto began to see what had happened. The North Tower had collapsed.

Buried in mounds of rubble, but alive, Picciotto made radio contact with the outside once more. An estimated four to five hours later, he and the rest of his crew, including "Josephine the Angel," climbed to safety out of the twisted wreckage that once was a stairwell.

Picciotto suffered burns to his eyes and a broken shoulder, relatively minor injuries. The day still haunts him.

"I didn't sleep for two months," he said. "I still don't sleep well. The noise, the debris, the fire, the devastation was so overwhelming, I can't even describe it."

At the urging of his company, Picciotto did undergo counseling.

Now, as co-author of the New York Times best-selling book "Last Man Down," Picciotto travels the nation telling his story of hope and survival.

"In the couple of months following nine-11, I was going to an awful lot of funerals," he said. "Other firemen kept telling me that I should write a book about what happened to me. They told me that my story was actually something positive that came from it all.

"So I filled two legal notepads. Then I filled 12 cassette tapes dictating my thoughts. I had more than enough to write a book."

Publishers in England jumped at the chance to purchase the rights to Picciotto's book.

"Publishers here in the United States were hesitant at first to do a book," he said. "Eventually, they came around, too."

Picciotto and co-author Daniel Paisner worked hours and hours putting the notes and tapes into a coherent order. The result was a book that was on the New York Times best seller list for eight weeks.

"The publisher wants me to write a sequel," Picciotto said. "I'm not ready to do that yet. They want it to be more of a book about being a firefighter. That's what I actually wanted to do once I retired, was go around to fire departments and talk about my experiences. Then nine-11 happened."

### **Jazz phenom Marsalis** performs during celebration

Wynton Marsalis, one of the most recognizable jazz musicians and trumpeters of his generation, performed with the Wynton Marsalis Septet March 12, 2003, in the sold-out Robert Brown Theatre.



Connie Bonfy, director of institutional grants and arts programming at the college, said Marsalis' appearance had been a long time coming.

"We have been working toward this concert with Wynton for nearly seven years, soon after the opening of the Brown Center," Bonfy said. "Marsalis is an outstanding performer, and his commitment to arts education is unparalleled."

Marsalis has been described as one of the world's top classical trumpeters, as a big band leader in the tradition of Duke Ellington, as a brilliant composer, as a devoted advocate for the Arts and as a tireless and inspiring educator. His life is a portrait of discipline, dedication, sacrifice and accomplishment.

On the night of March 12, he did not disappoint. The group took just a couple of 20-minute breaks during the 2 I/2-hour set. Marsalis and the other members of the band wowed the crowd with their raw talent.

The sound of Marsalis' band is inspired by the basic principles of democracy. What you hear in a great jazz band, according to Marsalis, is the sound of democracy.

"The jazz band, like our democracy, works best when participation is shaped by intelligent communication," he said.

This intelligent, hard swinging interplay has made Marsalis' bands the favorite among jazz musicians and audiences worldwide. In the smallest of towns Marsalis is received warmly and enthusiastically. The connection is the music, which mimics our valued way of life.

### **College receives grant** for equipment at Wichita campus

A congressional award of nearly \$250,000 was given to the college in April 2003 for improvements at the Southside Education Center in Wichita.

Sheree Utash, vice president for academic and student affairs, said the \$248,375 would be used for equipment at Southside, located at 450I E. 47th St. South.

"We plan to develop a stand-alone (computer) network for Cowley, remodel our interactive television classroom, and place media centers and SmartBoards in each of our classrooms," Utash said. "The media centers will consist of a computer work station with Internet capabilities, and a projector."

Utash said she expected the network and ITV classrooms to be completed by August 2003. Equipment should be installed in all of Cowley's I2-14 classrooms at Southside by fall 2004.

Congress set aside \$10 million to appropriate to secondary schools across the United States. Utash said Cowley received the grant from the U.S. Department of Education because the college had demonstrated innovative approaches to student learning.

"Our local congressmen were influential in getting us the money," Utash said.

Southside is a partnership between Cowley, Wichita State University, and Wichita Area Technical College.

## Fall 2002, spring 2003 enrollments set records

Fall 2002 and spring 2003 enrollment at the college showed dramatic increases and set records for the respective semesters.

Full-time enrollment in fall 2002 increased 19 percent over fall 2001, from 2,488 to 2,958 on the 20th day of classes. At one point in early September, more than 3,000 students were enrolled full time. Overall head count increased 15 percent over fall 2001, from 4,044 to 4,656.

Once again, the largest increase occurred at the Southside Education Center in Wichita, a partnership between Cowley, Wichita Area Technical College and Wichita State University. Southside's full-time enrollment jumped from 856 in fall 2001 to 1,159 in fall 2002, a whopping 35 percent. Enrollment at the other northern campus, the Mulvane Center, increased 15 percent, from 252 full-time equivalency to 289

Other significant increases occurred at the Wellington Center (24 percent), in Cowley's evening enrollment (15 percent), and its overall main campus enrollment (6 percent). The college's online class offerings jumped 214 percent, from 37 students to 116.

An enrollment breakdown by Cowley County community:

Arkansas City 589, Winfield 376, Udall 41, Burden 29, Dexter 17, Geuda Springs 5, Cedar Vale 3, Maple City 3, Atlanta 2, Cambridge 2, Oxford 2, Rock 2.

Enrollment from the top 10 counties in Kansas:

Sedgwick 2,313; Cowley 1,071; Sumner 726; Butler 130; Chautauqua 36; Harvey 17; Harper 16; Elk 7; Johnson 6; Crawford, Montgomery, Reno 5 each.

This fall, Cowley has students enrolled from 18 states. Also, there are 139 international students enrolled from 37 countries. Kenya and Tanzania lead the way with 53 and 33 students.

Full-time equivalency (FTE) for the spring 2003 semester jumped 11.5 percent from a year ago and is now 2,903, compared to 2,604 a year ago. Total headcount, every student who takes classes from the college, rose 7 percent, from 4,309 in spring 2002 to 4,609 this spring.

Once again, the largest increase occurred at Southside, where FTE increased 25 percent, from 1,015 in spring 2002 to 1,267 in spring 2003. Another area of significant increase occurred with the college's online enrollment. It jumped a whopping 74 percent, from 71.5 FTE in spring 2002 to 125 in spring 2003.

The total number of credit hours being taken this spring also jumped 11 percent from a year ago. The college is generating 43,516.5 credit hours in spring 2003.

Some other statistics from the report reflect the state of the economy. Enrollment by men and women ages 22-24 increased 26 percent, while the number of students ages 25-29 increased 20 percent from a year ago. The enrollment of students ages 50-64 increased 23 percent, and the figure for students ages 20-21 grew 9 percent.

Other spring enrollment data:

Cowley County communities: Arkansas City 558, Winfield 344, Udall 39, Burden 25, Dexter 14, Atlanta 7, Geuda Springs 6, Cambridge 4, Oxford 4, Cedar Vale 3, Maple City 3, Rock 1.

Top counties in Kansas: Sedgwick 2,397, Cowley 1,008, Sumner 690, Butler 116, Chautauqua 22, Harvey 22, Kingman 13, Harper 10.

By state: Kansas 4,357, Oklahoma 73, Missouri 8, Florida 4, California 3, Georgia 3, Colorado 2, Illinois 2, Texas 2, Arkansas 1, Indiana 1, Kentucky 1, Minnesota 1, Montana 1, North Carolina 1, South Dakota 1, Wisconsin 1.

Top foreign countries: Kenya 56, Tanzania 32, Nigeria 12, Zimbabwe 6, Tasmania 5, Taiwan 4.

# College's impact on area economy documented in study

For the past 80 years, the feeling among supporters of the college has been that the institution has been, is, and will continue to be a huge asset to the city of Arkansas City, Cowley County, and surrounding areas.

An economic impact study completed in fall 2002 proves that theory to be true.

Ccbenefits, Inc., established in February 2000 in cooperation with the Association of Community College Trustees, conducted the report. CCbenefits analyzes the economic impacts generated by individual community and technical colleges and by statewide systems.

Charles McKown, dean of research and technology, said the study, which measured the impact Cowley's main campus has on the county, revealed what many people have thought for years.

"Everything in the report looks very positive," McKown said. "It's nice to have an outside group validate what we claim."

Some figures from the study:

- Cowley accounts for \$53.6 million of annual earnings in the Cowley County economy. Those earnings are equal to roughly 2,239 jobs. The earnings and job effects break down as follows:
- The college pays \$6.8 million in direct faculty and staff wages and salaries each year, and generates an additional \$47 million annually in wages and salaries off campus.
- The college generates \$159.3 million of annual sales in Cowley County.
- Taxpayers see a real return of 8.2 percent on their annual investments in the college and recover all investments in 12.9 years.
- Students enjoy an attractive 20 percent annual return on their investment of time and money—for every \$1 the student invests in Cowley, he or she will receive a cumulative \$7.60 in higher future earnings over the next 30 years. The payback period is 7.6 years.
- The state of Kansas benefits from improved health, reduced crime, and reduced welfare and unemployment, saving the public some \$800,000 per year.

Ccbenefits, based in Moscow, Idaho, seeks to answer the following questions in its study: What is the role of the community colleges in the local or state economy, and do the benefits outweigh the costs? The information is sought by state and local legislators, private donors, overseeing agencies, and others who fund the colleges as well as by local chambers of commerce, city councils, and local economic development groups.



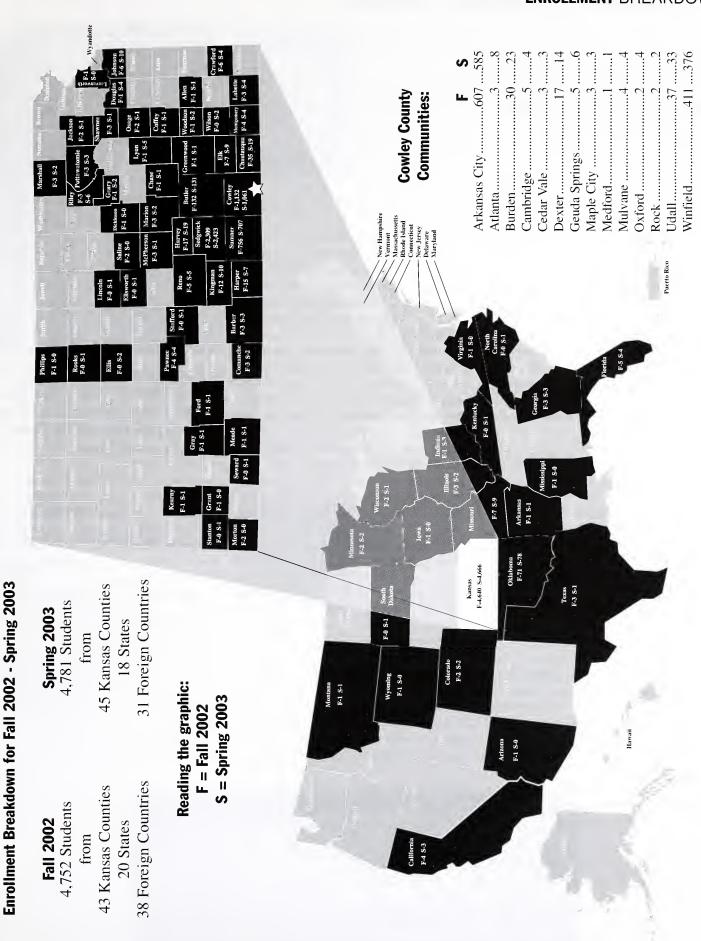
Artist Anij Indigo, left, watches Student Government Association President Julie Cleveland and Cowley President Dr. Pat McAtee get ready to cut the ribbon during the dedication of a new Tiger sculpture in October 2002. The Tiger is located on the southeast corner of Galle-Johnson Hall on the main campus. Below left: The Tiger is lifted in a harness from a flatbed trailer.





### College's administrative team saw changes

The college made some changes to its administrative team prior to the start of the 2002 fall semester. Sheree Utash, vice president of northern campuses, was promoted to vice president of academic and student affairs. Conrad Jimison, vice president of instruction, became the vice president of administration. Sarah Wesbrooks, director of northern campuses, was promoted to dean of northern campuses. And Paul Jackson was hired as the new associate dean of curriculum and assessment.



### **'SILVER FOX' KAHLER HONORED**

# Court where he enjoyed great success as coach named in his honor

Dan Kahler, the winningest men's basketball coach in Cowley history, now has a permanent spot in the building he so dearly loves.

Kahler, who guided the Tigers to four appearances at the national tournament in seven seasons, was honored on "Dan Kahler Night" Nov. 12, 2002. The ceremony dedicating the Dan Kahler Court took place prior to the men's basketball game against Southwestern College's junior varsity.

"I'm so very honored to have the Scott Auditorium court named after me," Kahler said. "This means a great deal to me. Cowley will always have a special place in my heart."

Cowley Athletic Director Tom Saia said Kahler was a logical choice when the committee met to name the court.

"He was in the first (Tiger Athletic) Hall of Fame class, and he's the one who helped expand the Hall of Fame," Saia said. Kahler has made significant monetary contributions to help get the Hall of Fame started. The first class was in February 2000.

"He was a great coach, a great motivator, and a great teacher," Saia said. "And the things he's done away from the game are amazing."

Kahler, known as the "Silver Fox," had a stellar coaching career at Cowley, then known as Arkansas City Junior College. His 1952-53 team went 29-5, won conference and Region VI titles, and finished second in the national tournament. The following season, Kahler's Tigers went 24-5, won con-

ference and region crowns, and finished seventh in the nation. The 1954-55 squad went 25-8, won the region and finished third at nationals. And his 1956-57 team finished 28-8, won the Western Division of the Jayhawk Conference, won the regional, and placed eighth at nationals.

His 170-49 record in seven seasons (a .776 winning percentage) is the best among men's basketball coaches at Cowley. He also coached 13 All-Americans.

"The thing that amazes me is he still can relate to today's student athletes," Saia said. "It's a great honor for me to call him a friend. It's an honor for me to be associated with him. And to be able to name the court after him is just great."

Kahler has won numerous accolades for his work in education. Most recently, he served as a graduate school professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Oct. 4, 1996, was proclaimed as "DK Day" in Clay County, Missouri. That same year, he had the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation name its grants "The Dan Kahler Teacher Grants." He received the "Missouri Mentor" award in 1995 for influencing more than 8,000 beginning teachers as keynote speaker of the Missouri Beginning Teacher Conference. He was the first recipient of the Maxey Dupree Award, better known as the "Kindest Kansas Citian" in 1991, and he won the Greater Kansas City Teacher of the Year award in

Closer to Cowley County, Kahler earned 15 letters at Southwestern College and was inducted into SWC's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. He played for the United States in the fall of 1950 in the first-ever World Championship Basketball Tournament in Buenos Aires, Argentina. And he capped his Southwestern playing



College president Dr. Pat McAtee, left, and athletic director Tom Saia, present Dr. Dan Kahler with a plaque dedicating the floor of W.S. Scott Auditorium in his honor.

career as an All-American in football and basketball and playing in Madison Square Garden in the East-West All-Star Game.

He has served on numerous boards and is a Youth Friend in the North Kansas City School District. He helped open Oak Park High School in 1965.

Following his coaching career at ACJC, Kahler became principal at Arkansas City High School in 1959. He moved to Lawrence in 1963 and served as principal two years. While in Lawrence, he served as analyst and interviewer for the University of Kansas Sports Network for more than a decade in football and basketball and at the KU Relays.

Kahler resides in Kansas City, Mo., with his wife, Violet.



### Spence takes job at New Mexico State

Darin Spence, who guided the Lady Tiger basketball team to five Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division titles in six years, became the head women's coach at NCAA Division I New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

"Cowley's been good to me and my family," Spence said. "What we had here was special. I appreciate all of the support me, my family, and our program received during my time here."

Spence compiled a 171-26 overall record in six seasons at Cowley (.868 winning percentage) and a 97-11 (.898) conference record. Cowley finished the 2002-2003 season with a 28-6 overall record, 16-2 in the East. The Lady Tigers reached the championship game of the Region VI Tournament, only to lose to Garden City 85-81.

Spence also earned Coach of the Year honors in the Jayhawk East this past season,



the fourth time he's won that award in six seasons.

Throughout his community college coaching career, which includes five seasons as head women's coach at Butler County,

Spence has an overall record of 321-82 (.796).

Spence also ranks second on Cowley's all-time women's basketball coaching lists with 197 games, second only to Linda Hargrove's 428. Spence also ranks second behind Hargrove in career victories at Cowley with 171. Hargrove won 316 games. But Spence leaves as the all-time winningest women's basketball coach in Cowley history with a winning percentage of .868.

Darin isn't the only Spence Cowley lost. Darin's wife, André, served as head women's tennis coach and also worked in the college's Wellness Center.

"I'm losing a heckuva women's coach, but André, too," Saia said. "I'm very happy for them, but sad for us."

André finished her seventh season as women's tennis coach at Cowley. She guided the Lady Tigers to their highest finish ever at nationals in 2002 as the team finished third at the NJCAA Division II Tournament. The team finished sixth in 2001 and eighth in 2000.

Darin Spence first arrived at Cowley in 1993 and served as assistant coach to then head men's coach Mark Nelson. After two seasons, he left Cowley to become athletic director and head men's basketball coach at Colby Community College from 1995-1997. He came back to Cowley as head women's coach in the summer of 1997.

New Mexico State finished 16-12 during the 2002-2003 season, including a 10-5 mark in the Sun Belt Conference. One of Spence's former players at Cowley, Jenia Dimitrova, played for New Mexico State from 2000-2002.

# Smith new head women's basketball coach

Stephanie Smith, who guided Wabash Valley (Ill.) College to a fifth-place finish at the 2003 National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball tournament, was introduced April 23, 2003, as the new head women's coach.

Cowley Athletic Director Tom Saia introduced Smith.

"I'm really excited to be here," Smith said. "At Wabash, we had to build a program. Coming in here on coach Spence's heels, he did such a good job. There are good players and good people, and we want to please everybody on campus."

Smith had been the head coach at Wabash since 1991. During those 12 seasons, she had a 100-percent graduation rate of her players.

Her teams have won at least 20 games per season for the last eight years, and Wabash won Great Rivers Athletic Conference championships the last three seasons. Wabash also finished being ranked



in the top 15 in the nation the last three seasons. In 2001, Wabash finished the season with a 30-2 record and a No. 10 national ranking. In 2002, the team was 28-6 and ranked 15th nationally.

Smith told the gathering of about 30 people in the lobby of W.S. Scott Auditorium that her team's style of play includes tough defense.

"I preach defense," she said. "We'll use a lot of man-to-man, and occasionally go half-court. Offensively, there will be a lot of fast breaks, some quick hitters and we'll shoot some threes (three-point shots)."

Smith brings an impressive resume to Cowley. In 2003, she was named the Russell Athletic/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, and her team received the Alberta Lee Cox National Sportsmanship Award at the national tournament in Salina. Heading into the 2002-2003 season, Wabash was preseason ranked No. 2 in NJCAA Division I. Her

team also qualified for the national tournament in 2002, finishing 12th.

Smith was named District Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2003, Region XXIV Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2003, and conference Coach of the Year in 2001, 2002, and 2003. In 2002, the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association named Smith the Coach of the Year.

She had two WBCA/Kodak All-Americans this past season in first-team selections Nina Stone and Yelena Leuchanka. And during the last three seasons, Smith has coached four NJCAA All-Americans.

"I'm really excited to recruit Kansas," she said.

The Mt. Vernon, Ky., native holds a bachelor's degree from Campbellsville (Ky.) College and a master's degree from Oakland City (Ind.) University. Her master's degree is in education.

She becomes the eighth head women's basketball coach in Cowley history.

## Men's tennis team captures academic national title

Led by Distinguished Academic All-American Tim Frick, the men's tennis team captured the 2003 Academic National Championship with a cumulative 3.47 grade-point average.

Larry Grose's team was one of seven Cowley teams to finish in the top five in the nation academically during the 2002-2003 school year.

Frick, who was a sophomore from Shawnee, Okla., had a 3.91 GPA to lead the team. Six other Cowley student-athletes also were named Distinguished Academic All-Americans. They are Shelby Bruey from Caldwell, 4.0 GPA, volleyball; Brad Smith from Maize, 3.95 GPA, baseball; Kelle Stinson from Winfield, 3.87 GPA, women's tennis; Dijana Kojic from Bosnia, 3.86 GPA, cross country and track; Suzanne Fry from Arkansas City, 3.85 GPA,

women's tennis; and Emily Simmons from Larned, 3.81 GPA, softball.

Kyle Harken from Leawood, 3.78 GPA, baseball; Tiffany Taylor from Edna, 3.74 GPA, softball; and Josh Cobble from Duncan, Okla., 3.75 GPA, men's tennis, were named Academic All-Americans.

While the Tiger men's tennis team was capturing the academic national title, the following Cowley sports teams finished in the top five nationally: Women's tennis, second, 3.67 GPA; women's indoor track, second, 3.14 GPA; men's cross country, fourth, 3.13 GPA; men's golf, fourth, 3.22 GPA; women's cross country, fifth, 3.14 GPA; and softball, tied for fifth, 3.45 GPA.

The women's basketball team was sixth nationally with a 3.47 cumulative GPA, while the women's outdoor track team finished tied for eighth with a 3.06 GPA, and the volleyball team tied for 13th with a cumulative 3.39 GPA.

Tom Saia, Cowley's director of athletics, said the results speak for themselves.

"Our coaches do an excellent job of making sure our athletes take care of business in the classroom," Saia said. "That's what the students are here for first. It's so important to get an education first, then make awesome contributions on the field."

Bruce Watson, ADA compliance officer and minority student counselor, monitors the academic progress of each student athlete. If a student misses class or falls behind, Watson notifies the coach. Together, potential problems are worked out before the student gets into trouble academically.

This is the second academic national title for Grose, who is entering his 17th season at Cowley.

"It's really part of our recruiting process" in men's tennis, Grose said. "We make it a priority to go to class. If one of my players misses class, he doesn't practice. And if you don't practice, you don't play."

Grose said each fall, he talks to his players about the importance of making good grades.

"I try to set the expectations of the student-athletes higher," he said. "In my team meeting, I show them the plaques we've won and tell them that we want those kinds of awards for our program and for themselves, too."

Grose said his program is set up to allow student-athletes to succeed, both in the classroom and on the court.

"We have a reasonable program that allows the athlete to rest and go to the library and get studying done," Grose said. "It's not an eat, sleep, breathe and live tennis type of situation."



Men's tennis coach Larry Grose was named 2003 Coach of the Year by Wilson/Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

## Six inducted into Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame

Jim Clay fought back tears as he talked about his father, Bill Clay, during the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame luncheon.

Jim Clay introduced his father as a member of the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2003.

"He never missed one of my games," the younger Clay told the audience of approximately 80 people. "My dad never liked to talk about his accomplishments. That's just the type of person he is."

The eldest Clay was joined by Jim Carter, Barb Rausch Littell, Jerry Mullen, the late Dr. Gwen Nelson, and John Woodworth as the latest members added to the class. The Hall of Famers and their families were the guests of honor at an inductee luncheon Feb. 1, 2003. Then, at halftime of the men's basketball game against Fort Scott that night, they were formally inducted. The six inductees bring the total number in the Hall of Fame to 28.

Carter, who lives in Lubbock, Texas, was introduced by Cowley head men's tennis coach Larry Grose. Carter played tennis and basketball at Arkansas City Junior College from 1955-1957. He was the state doubles champion in 1956 and won the state singles title a year later. He transferred to Wichita State University and was singles and doubles runner-up in the Missouri Valley Conference in 1958 and singles and doubles champion in 1959. After a stint in the Army, he graduated from WSU in 1966. For more than 20 years, he has been head tennis coach at Coronado High School in Lubbock, Texas. The Texas Tennis Coaches Association named him Coach of the Year in 1988 and 2000, and he was inducted into that organization's Hall of Fame in 1992.

Nelson was honored by Cowley Vice President of Administration Conrad Jimison, who started at the college the same year as Nelson, 1968. Nelson's grand-daughter, Cindy Lu Nelson, attended the banquet on behalf of her grandfather. Gwen Nelson became the college's second president on July 1, 1968. During his presidency, he steered the college toward long-range planning and the construction of several buildings, including the Nelson Student Center, named for Gwen and his wife Lu.



The Class of 2003 - I-r, Jim Carter; Cindy Lu Nelson, granddaughter of Gwen Nelson; John Woodworth; Barb Rausch Littell; Bill Clay; and Jerry Mullen.

The Nelsons were staunch supporters of Tiger athletics and could be seen in the stands of home and road games. He retired in 1987, and died on July 12, 1993. Many at the banquet told stories of Dr. Nelson related to his support for athletics.

Steve Moore introduced John Woodworth, who played basketball, football, and baseball at Cowley. He was firstteam all-conference in basketball (1969-70), football (1969), and was named to the all-district tournament first team as a shortstop (1970). He transferred to Fort Hays State and was a three-time all-district wide receiver and a two-time National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics All-American. In 1990, he was inducted into the university's Tiger Hall of Fame. From 1973-75, he was as a teacher and coach at Arkansas City High School. He lives in Grand Junction, Colo., with his wife, the former Sue Adams.

Kelly Snyder, the daughter of Hall of Famer Loye Sparks, introduced Barb Rausch Littell, her former roommate and teammate. Rausch Littell played basketball and volleyball for Cowley from 1980-1982. After a standout freshman basketball season in which she set three school records, she was named to the All-America team as a sophomore and played in the NJCAA East-West All-Star Game. She finished her Cowley career with three school records, one of which still stands: Most free throws in a career (197). She is tied for 10th on the all-time career scoring chart with 771 points. As a sophomore volleyball player, she helped Cowley win the conference and

finish 10th in the nation. She lives in Liberal, Kan., with her husband Jim, head women's basketball coach at Seward County.

Bill Clay played tennis and basketball in 1948 and 1949. He was the state singles and doubles champion in 1948, and state singles champion in 1949. He was named first-team All-Region V1 in basketball in 1949 and played basketball for the University of Colorado in 1950 and 1951. In 1953, he participated in AAU ball in Parsons. At ACJC, he was president of the student council, and was selected to crown Queen Alalah XVII during Arkalalah. He was in the Army from 1951-53. His last assignment was as company commander. He lives in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Head men's basketball coach Randy Smithson introduced his former coach, Jerry Mullen. Mullen served as head men's basketball coach at Cowley from 1973-1979. He compiled a 107-67 (.615) record in six seasons. During the 1977-78 season, he guided the Tigers to the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title. Cowley was nationally ranked during his final two seasons in which the Tigers went 24-6 (1977-78) and 25-5 (1978-79). He is president of Mullen's Sports Enterprises, Inc., a nationwide basketball scouting service. He also runs high-profile summer basketball camps. He lives in Olathe, Kan.

### **SPORTS**

## Wie Delips

### Volleyball

Joanna Howell's Lady Tiger volleyball team reached the 30-victory mark, the first time that had been done since Deb Nittler's 1997 squad went 39-22-1.

Also, Cowley finished second in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division with an 8-1 record, one of the highest finishes in the conference in recent memory.

"We had a great season," said Howell, who became Joanna Pryor in July 2003. "And we have a lot to build on. I'm looking forward to the future. All of our freshmen are coming back, and it's an awesome group. They'll bring us a lot of experience. In pressure situations, when it comes down to winning the conference or beating a good team, we'll have the girls to do it."

Cowley ended its season Nov. 9-10 in Hutchinson at the Region VI Tournament. Seward defeated the Lady Tigers 21-30, 22-30, 30-27, 20-30. It was only the ninth match all season in which Seward lost a game. Cowley then came back and lost to Garden City 23-30, 21-30, 30-28, 20-30.

Four Lady Tigers earned All-Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division honors. Heather Grubbs and Lynsey MacInnis were named to the first team, while Natalie Wheaton and Karissa Thomas earned second-team honors. Grubbs, MacInnis, and Thomas also were named to the Second-Team All-District M team.

### **Cross Country**

Casey Belknap's cross country teams turned 2 years old in 2002, but they competed like seasoned veterans. Sophomore Kevin McDougal, who is now running for Wichita State University, became an All-American, finishing seventh overall, leading the men's team to a sixth-place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association championships Nov. 9 at South Plains Community College in Levelland,

McDougal, from Kearney, Mo., was the fourth American to finish the 8-kilometer race. His time was 27 minutes, 49 seconds on a flat course made much more difficult by a 40-mile-per-hour wind.

The Lady Tigers also cracked the top 10 as a team, finishing ninth. Belknap was pleased with the outcome.

"The men turned in a great performance," he said. "For us to finish sixth in the country was a little above my expectation. We had been ranked eighth and ninth all year long. They came out and ran great."

McDougal, the Tigers' No. 1 runner all season, broke away from his pack with about a mile-and-a-half to go to secure his seventh-place finish. He was 34th at nationals as a freshman.

"Kevin ran a great race," Belknap said. "He's led us all season and Saturday was no exception. I'm really pleased with all the guys. They came to compete, and good things happened to them."

McDougal and Jake Conley earned All-Jayhawk East honors, while McDougal also earned All-Region VI honors. Ruth Kinyanjui, Dijana Kojic (now at the University of Nebraska), Jonelle Contreras and Chelsey Hanzlick all earned All-Jayhawk East honors. Kinyanjui, Kojic and Contreras were named All-Region VI.

### Golf

Sophomore Louie Girardi was the lone qualifier for the NJCAA Division II national tournament in Phoenix, Ariz. He finished a disappointing 111th place, shooting 81-82-82-75 for a four-day total of 320. He won the District III Tournament at Quail Ridge Golf Course in Winfield, shooting 71-72-79 for a 222 total. Girardi finished the Jayhawk Conference standings in 15th place with 7.5 total points. That earned him a spot on the All-Jayhawk Conference Third Tearn.

The 2002-2003 season was the last for coach Rex Soule, who resigned at the end of the season. Nathan Pryor was hired as his replacement.

### Indoor Track

Josephat Boit won the national title in the 5,000-meter run, and he placed second in two other events, helping the men's team to a 12th-place finish at the NJCAA Indoor Track Championships in Manhattan in March. The women's team finished 11th in the nation.

Boit missed winning the 3,000-meter run and the mile by less than two seconds.

"He ran well; he ran so smart," Cowley coach Casey Belknap said. "We kind of knew nobody could touch him in the 5,000. He shut down with a lap to go. We tried to save him for the 3-k and mile because that's where his best competition was going to be."

And it was. Boit battled Butler County's Simon Ngata in both races. In the 3,000, Boit was second in 8 minutes, 29.56 seconds, just .66 of a second behind Ngata. And in the mile, Boit was second with a time of 4:11.86, just 1.21 seconds behind Ngata. Boit won the 5,000 with a time of 14:47.77.

"The 3,000 was a dead sprint for the last 350 meters," Belknap said. "Simon was fresh for the 3,000. Boit had run the 5,000 two hours earlier. Boit ran a great 3-k."

Boit scored 26 of Cowley's 31 points and earned All-American in all three events. Kyle Ellis earned a Coaches All-American honor in the pole vault as he was among the top six Americans in the event.

Several athletes earned Academic All-America status. They are Dijana Kojic, Rachel Harper, Chelsey Hanzlick, Ruth Kinyanjui, Nathan Newby, Jesse Palmer, Jake Conley, Travis Blackburn, Josh Spence, and Sarah Graves.

### Women's Basketball

Darin Spence ended his Cowley coaching career with his fifth Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title in six seasons. The Lady Tigers finished 28-6 overall, 16-2 in the East, and played in the Region VI championship game, losing to Garden City 85-81.

Sophomore Crystal Ashley was named Player of the Year in the East, while Spence was named Coach of the Year. Sophomores Rikki Hall, Aubrie Hallman and Autumn Nichols earned All-Region VI honors, while Nichols and Ashley were named first-team all-conference and Hall was named to the second team.

Hallman penciled her name into the record book with a 30-point performance against Fort Scott on Feb. 1, 2003. That placed her in a tie for 10th place on Cowley's all-time single-game scoring charts.

The 2002-2003 season got off to a rough start for the program and for the college when newly-hired volunteer assistant Tara Patterson was killed in a one-vehicle accident on Oct. 10, 2002. The car she was driving slid off the side of the road and struck a tree. She was 23.

#### Men's Basketball

In just his second season at the helm, coach Randy Smithson guided the Tigers to the championship game of the Region VI Tournament, losing 81-71 to Coffeyville. The Tigers also finished second in the Jayhawk East standings with a 13-5 record, 22-12 overall.

Sophomore forward Amani Daanish earned All-Region VI honors, while sophomores Francis Koffi and Raymond Anthony, and freshman Francis Cuyler, all were named to the All-Jayhawk East Third Team.

#### **Baseball**

The law of averages finally caught up with coach Dave Burroughs' Tigers. For the first time since 1994, someone other than Cowley won the Jayhawk East.

The Tigers struggled through most of the season and finished with a 36-22 overall record, 24-12 in the league. Despite those numbers, Cowley still won the Eastern Sub-Regional and put itself in position to get to Grand Junction. Cowley lost its first game, 3-2 to Seward, and still battled back to face

Neosho in the championship, losing 9-4. The Tigers would have had to beat the Panthers twice.

Two Tigers were named to the All-Region VI team, shortstop Rusty Ryal and pitcher Josh Wahpepah. Wahpepah also was named Freshman of the Year in the East while making the All-Jayhawk East first team. He was joined by teammates Ryal and designated hitter Clay Blevins on the first team. Conner Tinkler was named Honorable Mention all-conference. Blevins was a unanimous choice in the all-conference voting.

#### **Men's Tennis**

The men's tennis team finished sixth at the NJCAA Division II Tournament in Plano, Texas. The Tigers scored 27 points. Jeff Stone at No. 4 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Josh Cobble and Tim Frick reached the semifinals, but did not advance to the championship of their flights. Still, coach Larry Grose was pleased with his team's play.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "We just couldn't be happier with the way it turned out."

#### **Women's Tennis**

The No. 3 doubles team of Kelle Stinson and Jackie Gilmore took first place at the NJCAA Division II Tournament May 5-9, 2003, in College Station, Texas.

The victory gives Stinson and Gilmore first-team All-American honors as well.

Teammate Suzanne Fry became a twotime All-American after she finished second in the nation at No. 2 singles.

As a team, the Lady Tigers finished sixth with 25 1/2 points, just two points behind fifth-place Mesa.

"Every one of my players reached a bracket final, and that's never happened," Cowley coach André Spence said. "I'm real pleased."

#### **Outdoor Track & Field**

Freshman Jennifer Goldsmith finished second in the javelin to lead the women's track and field team to a 15th-place finish at the NJCAA national meet May 9-10, 2003, in Levelland, Texas.

The women scored 15 points. The Tiger men's team also finished in the top 20, coming in 16th with 12 1/2 points.

Goldsmith, a transfer from Pittsburg State University in January, set a personal record while at Cowley with a throw of 137 feet 7 inches. The Cheney, Kan., product had thrown 138-2 in high school.

Teammate Rachel Reida finished fifth with a throw of 125-0.

Cowley's only other point producer for the women was the 4x800-meter relay team of Ruth Kinyanjui, Chelsey Hanzlick, Rachel Harper and Dijana Kojic. The team finished sixth with a time of 10 minutes, 14.66 seconds.

On the men's side, Brandon Banda finished third in the decathlon with more than 6,000 points, nearly 1,500 more than he scored at the Region VI/Jayhawk Conference meet.

Kyle Ellis finished sixth in the pole vault, clearing a personal-best height of 15-9 3/4. Banda was eighth in the event at 15-3 3/4. Both athletes earned NJCAA Coaches All-American honors. The top four relays and top eight individuals, after taking out international athletes, earn Coaches All-American awards.

The men's 4x800-meter relay team of Alcante Louischarles, Karl Brown, Jake Conley and Kevin McDougal finished eighth in 8:04.91, earning the four-some the Coaches All-American honor. McDougal earned another Coaches All-American award with his 4:26.65 time in the 1,500-meter run, good for 13th place overall. Shawn Strickland didn't score any points for the Tigers with his 12th-place finish in the javelin, but he did earn a Coaches All-American award.

#### Softball

Ed Hargrove's softball team set several records during the 2003 season and finished ninth at the NJCAA Division I Tournament in Clermont, Fla. Cowley lost 2-1 on May 16, 2003, to Midland College of Texas, eliminating it from play.

Cowley, which defeated Briarcliffe College of New York 4-1 and lost to Seminole State of Oklahoma 2-1 on May 15, jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning without the benefit of a hit. Cowley's first two batters, Emily Simmons and Jessica Milligan, walked. A wild pitch sent them to second and third with no outs. J.J. McVay hit a ground ball to the hole at short, scoring Simmons. However, Milligan thought the ball had gone through, and she took off for third. Midland's shortstop had backhanded the ball, and Milligan was caught in a rundown for the first out.

Cowley's fourth- and fifth-place hitters in the lineup made outs to end the inning.

"A hit there and we go up 2-0 right off the bat," Hargrove said. "In the second inning, we had a couple of runners, but we just couldn't get a hit."

Midland tied the game 1-1 with a run in the bottom of the first off Cowley ace Candice Wilburn. Wilburn allowed six hits and struck out three while taking just her third loss this season. She ends with a 33-3 record and was named to the NJCAA All-America Second Team, while teammate McVay was a Third-Team All-America selection.

"Candice's three losses were 2-0 to Neosho in the regionals and 2-1 and 2-1 down here," Hargrove said. "She ended this season with 298 strikeouts. I really wanted her to get 300."

That strikeout total is a single-season record at Cowley. Wilburn's 33 victories also set a single-season mark, and her 53 career victories also set a mark. Lindsey Davis had held those records.

Hargrove said goodbye to nine sophomores, the winningest group ever at Cowley with 96 victories in two seasons. Cowley finished this season with a 53-10-1 mark.

All-Region VI/District E: First Team— Wilburn, pitcher; McVay, shortstop; Danielle Vanderhoof, Mulvane, sophomore catcher; second team—Emily Simmons, Larned, sophomore outfield; Jessica Milligan, Lafayette, Colo., sophomore third honorable mention—Nicole Ringwall, Rose Hill, freshman second base; Lacy Anstine, Arkansas City, sophomore designated hitter.

All-Jayhawk East: First Team— Wilburn (Most Valuable Player), pitcher; Ringwall, second base; McVay, shortstop; Simmons, outfield; second team-Vanderhoof, catcher; Milligan, third base; Lindsey Roby, Cashion, Okla., freshman

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- \$3,128,525 in 2001-02 taxes; \$3,522,702 in 2002-03 taxes. For every dollar appropriated by state and local government, the college's spending alone generated \$1.42 in wages and salaries in Cowley County.
- For every dollar appropriated by the state and local government in fiscal 2002, student earnings will increase by an average of \$0.82 per year, every year through the rest of their working lives. Likewise, for every state dollar appropriated, Cowley County will see social savings of \$0.13 per year, every year (reduced incarceration and health care expenditures, reduced expenditures on unemployment and welfare, and reduced absenteeism).
- The College is third in size among the 19 community colleges in Kansas, behind Johnson County Community College and Butler County Community College.

#### **Your Return**

- Cowley had operating expenses of \$11.9 million in fiscal 2002, and spent \$9.6 million (81 percent) of this in Cowley County to purchase supplies and pay wages and salaries.
- \$9 million annual payroll, providing 189 full-time jobs and 239 adjunct faculty and staff positions. For every \$1 the college pays in wages and salaries, there is another \$0.31 in wages and salaries generated off-campus in the Cowley County economy—this is the commonly known multiplier effect.
- Customized training for more than a dozen businesses and industries, primarily through the Cowley College Workforce Development Center at Strother Field Industrial Park.
- A significant attraction for businesses and industries considering relocation in this area. College skills embodied in the present-day workforce increase the output of industries in the Cowley County economy, where the former students are employed, by \$83.63 million.
- Skills gained from the college by current and former students increase wages and salaries in Cowley County by \$25.5 million directly, and by another \$19.3 million indirectly in fiscal 2002.
- Of the 2,054 credit and non-credit students who attended the college in fiscal 2002, 67 percent were employed full- or part-time while attending. Sixty percent of the students stay in the region and contribute to the local economy after they leave the college.
- After leaving the college, the average Cowley student will spend 40 years in the workforce. The student who leaves with a two-year college degree will earn \$372,799 more than someone with just a high school diploma or GED.
- During the next 40 years in the workforce, the average Cowley student's discounted lifetime earnings will increase \$7.60 for every education dollar invested (in the form of tuition, fees, books, and foregone earnings from employment).

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#### Mill Levy History:

| 2003-2004 | 17.628 |  |
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| 2001-2002 | 16.936 |  |
| 2000-2001 | 19.967 |  |
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| 1998-1999 |        |  |

#### **Tuition & Fees 2003-2004:**

#### Kansas Residents:

\$63 per credit hour
(Cowley County residents
receive a \$5 per hour tuition waiver)

#### Oklahoma Residents:

\$96 per credit hour

#### Other Out-of-State:

\$117 per credit hour

#### **International Students:**

\$156 per credit hour

#### **Enrollment Figures:**

Facts, Spring 2003:

| High School            |
|------------------------|
| Freshmen 2,362         |
| Sophomores 1,590       |
| Special                |
| Total Headcount        |
| Total FTE 2,903        |
|                        |
| Southside Center 1,267 |
| Main campus            |
| Mulvane Center         |
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## **Assessed Valuation for Cowley County:**

Fall 2003:

\$203,608,608

**College Budget:** 

\$23 million (2003-2004)

#### Founded: 1922

In 1968, the College became the first school in the state to combine a traditional liberal arts transfer curriculum with a program of area vocational-technical school training.

#### **President:**

Dr. Patrick McAtee became the third president of the College on July 1, 1987.

#### **2003 Spring Enrollment:**

2,903 Full-Time Equivalency (Spring record) 4,609 Total Headcount (Spring record)

#### 2003 Fall Enrollment:

2,488 FTE (Fall record) 4.044 Total Headcount

#### **Programs:**

- 33 Certificate and Applied Science programs
- 42 Liberal Arts/Transfer programs

More than 100 specialized programs and seminars offered through the Institute for Lifetime Learning, a program for men and women age 50 and older. Specialized training for business and industry to meet their needs. In the past the college has developed or offered programs for General Electric, Rubbermaid-Winfield, the city of Arkansas City, the city of Winfield, local school districts, day care centers, local nursing homes, special education co-ops, KSQ Blowmolding, Social Rehabilitation Services, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Wittur Inc., Boeing-Wichita, Cessna, the business and industry division of banks, and many others.

#### **Facilities:**

17 buildings on a 10-acre campus in the heart of downtown Arkansas City.

Outreach Centers in Mulvane, Strother Field, Winfield, Wellington and Wichita, where a cooperative partnership between Cowley, Wichita State University, and Wichita Area Technical College has formed the Southside Education Center. Courses also taught at these area high schools: Argonia, Belle Plaine, Burden, Caldwell, Cedar Vale, Conway Springs, Dexter, Oxford, South Haven, and Udall.

#### **Athletics:**

Fourteen intercollegiate sports that compete in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference's East Division. Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country, Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Indoor Track, Men's Indoor Track, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Men's Outdoor Track and Field, and Women's Outdoor Track and Field.

#### **Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Team Titles in 2002-2003:**

- Women's cross country (in only its second year of the program)
- Women's basketball (its fifth title in the last six seasons)

#### National Championships in 2002-2003:

- Men's tennis team, Academic National Champions, 3.47 GPA
- Josephat Boit, 5,000-meter national indoor champion
- Women's tennis, No. 3 doubles team of Jackie Gilmore and Kelle Stinson

#### District or Region VI crowns in 2002-2003:

• Softball (went 5-1 to win District E of Region VI; qualified for nationals. Finished season with 53-10-1 record; ninth-place at nationals)

#### **Employees:**

189 full-time faculty, staff and administration; 239 part-time faculty and staff



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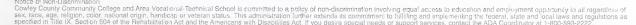
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#### **WELCOME** from the President

relcome to the 2003-2004 edition of The President's Annual Report.

I'm very proud to tell you that the past academic year was one filled with many outstanding student accomplishments, faculty and staff awards, and growth and improvement in many areas of the college.

Our students never cease to amaze me. Some are just naturally gifted individuals who achieve at the highest level and aspire to be highly-skilled professionals in their chosen career. Others sacrifice time with their families to gain new skills or finish a degree to become more employable in today's competitive job market.

Cowley's goal is to take care of its students, regardless of their place in life. Sometimes we fail, and for that I apologize. But I can tell you that Cowley employees want every student to experience success. How that success is measured depends on the individual.

Rebekah Krusemark from Winfield is our 2003-2004 Student of the Year. What a talented and gifted young woman! The computer graphic arts major was a member of six campus organizations and played in the Jazz Band, Concert Band, and the Winfield City Band. She also found time to volunteer for an after school program at the Denton Art Center, all the while maintaining a 3.8 grade-point average.

A significant testimony to our faculty occurred when Wichita State University released its Report on Transfer Students from Cowley County Community College in fall 2003. Cowley students who trans-



ferred to WSU had higher GPAs than all other WSU students. Male students who transferred from Cowley had a cumulative 3.123 GPA, compared to 2.925 for all other WSU male students. Female students from Cowley had a cumulative 3.280 GPA, compared to 3.127 for all other WSU female students. Overall, Cowley students had a higher cumulative GPA, 3.221 to 3.041, than other WSU students.

Natural Science Department Instructor Pam Smith was selected as the fourth recipient of the Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning, and she secured a grant to purchase some much-needed software for the science curriculum.

In fall 2003, Community College Week listed Cowley among the fastest growing community colleges in the nation. The college has grown significantly during my 17 years as president, and we've been able to manage that growth quite well.

The Aviation Maintenance Technology program expanded into Wichita, enrollment continued to set records, and we broke ground on two building projects, the renovation of the south lobby of W.S. Scott Auditorium, and the construction of a new classroom building.

This report includes many other wonderful highlights from the past year. I invite you to read through it carefully. It is my hope that it will give you a better understanding of what Cowley is all about and the direction we're heading.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, my fellow administrators, our faculty, staff and students, I want to thank you for your support of Cowley County Community College. It means a great deal to me. The college has always been a viable entity within Arkansas City, Cowley County, and south-central Kansas. We will do our very best to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

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Patrick J. McAtee, Ph.D.

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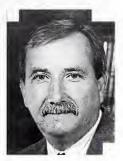
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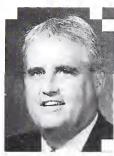
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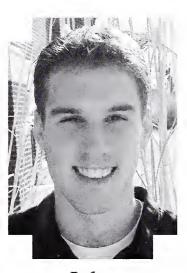
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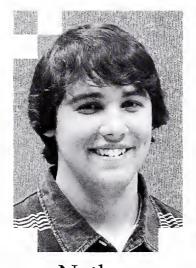
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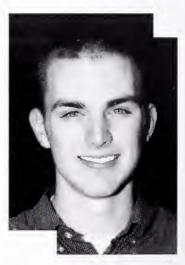
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## **STUDENT** of the Year

Rebekah Krusemark was named Cowley County Community College's Student of the Year Tuesday night during the annual Celebration of Excellence, the honors and awards banquet held in the Earle N. Wright Community Room inside the Brown Center.

Krusemark, a Winfield native, was Cowley's December Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Nancy and David Krusemark. She is a sophomore computer graphic arts major who is a member of the Art Club, Chess Club, Math & Science Club, Campus Christian Fellowship, Phi Theta Kappa, and Mu Alpha Theta. She's also a member of the Jazz Band, Concert Band, and the Winfield City Band. She serves as librarian for the Winfield City Band and is an Art Club volunteer for an after school program at the Denton Art Center.

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National Dean's List, received the Silver Key award from the Scholastic Art Show and Competition in 2002, and took second place in Cowley's first Hutzbah Awards, sponsored last year by the Art Club. She attends Cowley on an instrumental music scholarship, an Arkansas City Area Arts Council scholarship, and a St. John's Alumni Scholarship.

She plans to transfer to Concordia University in Seward, Neb.

For being named Student of the Year, Krusemark received a bouquet of \$1 bills, prepared by Vicki Crouch, dorm manager and manager of the Tiger Deli.

Krusemark was honored numerous times Tuesday night. She was awarded for her contributions to the Art Club, Chess Club, Math & Science Club, and as a Student of the Month.

Other Cowley Students of the Month who were eligible for the Student of the Year award were Sarah Pritchard of Augusta; Rachel Warren of Geuda Springs; Lynsey MacInnis of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada; Jake Conley of Rogers, Ark.; Nathan Markley of Wellington; Sarah Area of Havensville; and Lucas Goff of Arkansas City.

Awards were presented to students

Awards were presented to students who participate in 16 clubs and organizations. Top awards went to: Jonathan Paxson,

Argonia, for
Act One
Drama
Club;

Mark Dykes, Arkansas City, Golden Shovel Award for the Art Club; Chris Craft, Caldwell, Chess Club; Megan O'Neill, Milton, Debate/Forensics; Toni Carlson, Arkansas City, Journalism Club (Student Publications); Zeb Wilson, South Haven, Peers Advocating Wellness for Students; Jessica Whitson, Oxford, Phi Beta Lambda; Charlotte Hulsey, Arkansas City, Phi Theta Kappa; Shayla McDonald, Arkansas City, Student Ambassador of the Year; Megan Whitehead, Arkansas City, Student Government Association; Devin Woods, Manhattan, Vocal Music; and A.J. Ybarra, Wellington, Volunteers Learning Through Service.



Sue Saia, left, dean of student life, presents Rebekah Krusemark with a bouquet of \$1 bills for being named the 2003-2004 Student of the Year.

## **AEC** team finishes second in state

The Academic Excellence
Challenge team took second
place in the statewide AEC
Finals Tournament April 30 and May
1, 2004, at Allen County Community
College in Iola.

Cowley went 4-2 during the two-day tournament. The team recorded wins over Pratt 75-70, Garden City 150-80, Pratt 100-40, and Fort Scott 220-50. Cowley dropped a 95-80 decision to Cloud County in Round 2, and a 140-45 decision to Cloud in Round 6.

Cowley AEC team members for 2003-2004: Chris Craft of Caldwell,

Andrew McCown of Wichita (Southeast High School), Jenny Tevington of Mayfield (Campus High School), and Bary Tevington of Mayfield. Cowley AEC alumnae Bethany Kennedy and Nick Endicott volunteered their time as assistant coaches.

Cowley's AEC team is coached by Social Science Department Instructor Chris Mayer.

"I'd like to thank Natural Science Department instructors Greg Nichols and Scott Layton for helping the team prepare by participating in weekly practice sessions over the course of this semester," Mayer said in the spring. "Their contributions are no small part of Cowley AEC's final standing. Many thanks also to the numerous faculty, staff and students who encouraged and supported the team through the competition."

AEC is the classic question-and-answer "scholar's bowl" academic competition for two-year colleges in Kansas. Since 1999, Cowley AEC teams have consistently won their way into the finals, and have not placed lower than fifth over all since 2000. Cowley AEC teams were state champions in 2000 and 2001. The 2002-2003 team placed third.

#### Cowley Math & Science Club project has worldwide impact

Saving 2,000 square feet of threatened forest land in Brazil might not seem like a big deal, but it is to Cowley Math & Science Club students.

For the past seven years, the student organization has chosen to work with Human-i-Tees, an educational fundraiser, primarily because it is widely recognized for its commitment to environmental education and preservation and for incorporating social responsibility into its work.

In fall 2001, Human-i-Tees unveiled its Tees for Trees program. Since its introduction, partnerships with organizations such as Cowley's Math & Science Club have preserved more than 2,100 acres of forest in the Jaguar Ecological Reserve located in Brazil's Pantanal.

Greg Nichols, Math & Science Club sponsor, said he was proud of the students' efforts.

"This is my first year doing this, and it's pretty cool," said Nichols, a math instructor in the Natural Science Department. "I don't think the students realize the impact they are having on the world in which we live."

Cowley students raised nearly \$1,400 during the 2003-2004 academic year, which allowed Human-I-Tees and the Focus Conservation Fund to preserve 2,050 square feet of forest. About \$500 came back to the club and was used to pay for field trips, social activities and refreshments at club meetings.

Nichols credited Pam Smith, a colleague in the Natural Science Department, for keeping students involved in the fundraiser throughout the years.

A.J. Ybarra was the top seller in the club, followed closely by Rebekah Krusemark and Holly Leach.

Nichols said the Amazon Rainforest was depleting at such a rapid pace that it would continue to have a negative effect on the environment around the world.

"That forest provides a lot of oxygen, and if the rainforests are depleted, the carbon dioxide increases, and that contributes to global warming," Nichols said. "A lot of schools and organizations around the country are involved in this project. Hopefully, we will help in the preservation of forest area the size of a neighborhood or even a small town with continued support."

Nichols said it was important for young people to realize that their effort impacts the entire world.

"Anytime you can get young kids to think beyond their own circumstances, to think outside the box and what impacts you on a day-to-day basis, that's part of the whole college experience," Nichols said. "You grow up and finally realize that we're all connected."

Sales of Human-I-Tee products took place during an eight-week period from October 2003 to early December 2003. Nichols said many students sold the products to people outside the college.

"This community (Arkansas City) has been great in support of this project," he said.

#### Cowley Phi Beta Lambda students score well at state contest

Thirteen students in the college's Phi Beta Lambda chapter brought home six first-place finishes at the annual State Leadership Conference and Competition held March 4-5, 2004, in Salina.

Cowley competed against students from Central College of McPherson, Colby Community College, Friends University, Emporia State University, Kansas State University and Labette Community College. The events consisted of written tests, computer application tests, and job interviews.

Cowley's first-place finishers: Marni Erb, Mulvane freshman, Computer Applications; Jessica Whitson, Oxford sophomore, Accounting Principles and Business Communications; Chelsea Scott, Wellington sophomore, Word Processing; and Russell Lowden, Arkansas City sophomore, Business Principles and Quantitative Methods.

Second-place finishes:

Lori Aikins, Winfield sophomore, Job Interview; Amber Reuber, West Elk freshman, Computer Applications.

Third-place finishes:

Erb, Human Resource Management; Lindsey Patton, Wellington freshman, Information Management; Scott, Quantitative Methods; Lowden, Computer Concepts and Economics.

Aikins, Erb, Patton, Scott, and Reuber majored in business administration. Whitson and Lowden were accounting majors.

Angela Root, Winfield sophomore, served as the vice president on the Kansas State Board of Officers.

Beverly Grunder, the organization's adviser, was named the Kansas PBL Adviser of the Year for 2002-2003. It was the second time Grunder received the award in the last three years. Students make nominations for the adviser award, and the winner is chosen by the Kansas State Board of Officers.

"Phi Beta Lambda offers the students a way to build their confidence and leadership skills," Grunder said. "It is always a joy to see the students grow and mature through this program."



## Woods earns coveted Mr. Cinderfella title

evin Woods, a sophomore music major from Manhattan, was chosen from a group of 16 male students as Mr. Cinderfella during the annual pageant May 6, 2004.

Woods was crowned by Miss Kansas, Angelea Busby, and will reign for one year. Jasper McDuffus first runner-up, Trent James took second runner-up, Colgan James third runner-up, and Mark Gubichuk fourth runner-up.

Woods was a member of the CC Singers and Cowley Concert Choir.

#### AC businesses join Cowley students, staff on lifesaver of a project

Project Lifesavers is on its way, literally.

Jason Parson, a Cowley County Community College sophomore and member of the U.S. Army National Guard stationed in Iraq, formally requested that Lifesavers and ink pens be sent.

College students and personnel obliged.

Cathy Hendricks, a Social Science Department instructor and one of Parson's former teachers, was determined to fulfill his request. With the help of students, faculty, staff, and stores within Arkansas City, Parson's request has been granted.

Hendricks sent more than 150 letters for the 443rd Transportation Division. Cowley student, John Irving, contributed 30 letters. Many students, faculty, and staff also wrote letters.

This project accumulated more than 100 pounds of candy. The Arkansas City Country Mart donated 70 bags of Lifesavers. Phi Theta Kappa and Wal-Mart donated \$20 worth of candy. Graves Drug Store donated \$5 worth of candy, while Dillons donated nine pounds.

Cowley Students Kayla Strange and Doug Dillner were responsible for collecting the donations around town. They played a major role in the success of the project.

Other donations included 150 ink pens provided by the college's Public Relations office, and Business and Service Technology instructor Larry Schwintz and Social Science Department Secretary Wanda Shepherd donated disposable digital cameras. The college paid for the postage.

In a most recent e-mail from Parson to Hendricks, Parson wrote, "The only thing I can say is how good the people at Cowley make a person feel."

#### Cowley Press best two-year newspaper in Kansas

The staff of The Cowley Press student newspaper was awarded the All-Kansas Award at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press contest in Wichita April 18-19, 2004.

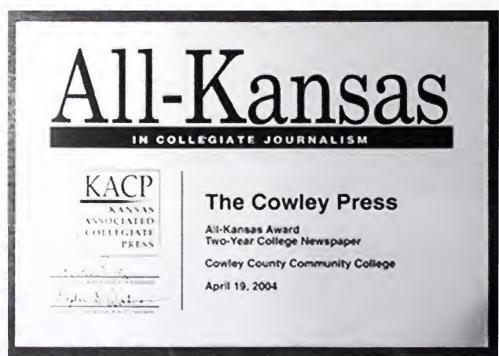
The award goes to the best collegiate newspaper among two-year colleges in Kansas for the 2003-2004 school year.

Staff members competed in several individual categories, including ad design, photography, sports, news, column and feature writing, headline writing, multimedia storytelling, design and special sections.

Winners: Toni Carlson, second runner-up Journalist of the Year; Erica Lavallee, first place column writing; Thomas Noah, first and third place sports column writing; Carlson, second place front page design; Sara Rosenkrance, second place feature photography; The Cowley Press staff, second and third place special sections; Sarah Pritchard, third place sports news writing; staff, third place multimedia storytelling.

There also were 14 honorable mentions received for Cowley entries.

David Bostwick, Humanities Department instructor, is the faculty advisor to The Cowley Press.



#### Roberts, Warren represent Cowley on PTK All-Kansas team

isa Roberts and Rachel Warren, graduates of Arkansas City High School, have been chosen to represent Cowley on the All-Kansas Academic Team sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa.

The two were among 44 students from Kansas community colleges who were honored at the Ninth Annual PTK Honors Luncheon Feb. 18 at the Holiday Inn West/Holidome in Topeka. Students were chosen by meeting certain criteria, including the degree of academic classes taken, campus involvement, a 4.0 grade-point average, and writing several essays. A recommendation from a faculty member also was to be considered for this honor.

Todd Shepherd, Cowley's faculty PTK sponsor, said he was looking for students who stood out in the crowd academically.

"From the recommendation from the faculty, these are two top-notch students," Shepherd said. "I'm proud to see both of these students recognized for their high academic achievements."

Roberts is the daughter of Kenneth and Janet Roberts. She is involved in the Math and Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and PTK.

When asked how it felt to be representing Cowley and PTK, Roberts said, "Overall, I think it's nice to be recognized for all our hard work. It's nice that the teachers nominate and that they have faith in me."

Roberts is a finance major who plans to attend Oklahoma State University in the fall.

Warren, the daughter of Tom and JoLynn Warren, also is involved in Mu Alpha Theta, PTK, and the Math and Science Club. She also is a Student Ambassador for the college.



Lisa Roberts

"It's a big honor and a big responsibility to represent our school at such an event." Warren said.

Warren is a pre-medicine major who plans to attend the University of Kansas in the fall.

Not only are both women being honored, they each will receive a proclamation issued by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, an educational scholarship of \$300, and an academic medallion.

One of the benefits of membership in PTK, the national honor society for two-year colleges, is scholarship money. Each year, between \$3 million and \$5 million in scholarships is given away to PTK members nationwide. Traditionally, Kansas Board of Regents universities and Washburn University have provided scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 for the All-Kansas Team recipients who transfer to their institutions.

Each scholar also is a nominee for the 2004 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by USA Today newspaper, PTK, and the American Association of Community Colleges.



Rachel Warren

To become a member of PTK, a student must achieve and maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA and carry 12 credit hours a semester. They also must receive three recommendations from full-time instructors.

Members of PTK are high-caliber students and exhibit the qualities that can make them the leaders of tomorrow. It has been said that PTK is more than just a club; it is an honor to be a member.

"This opportunity opens up doors and it looks good on transcripts," Roberts said.

Community college students nation-wide compete for places on the first, second and third All-USA teams, each team comprising 20 spots. First-team members each receive a \$2,500 stipend, and will be featured along with second- and third-team members in an April issue of USA Today. Team members also are presented with medallions. Names of the students will be placed on the society's web site, www.ptk.org.

# Shawnee, Okla., native crowned Queen Alalah LXXII

andace Salas was so sure she wouldn't be crowned Queen Alalah that she went dancing at Graham Central Station in Wichita the night before the Queen's Coronation.

Salas, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major, was crowned Queen Alalah LXXII Oct. 24, 2003, at Cowley.

Chelsea Bland, a sophomore from Ponca City, Okla., was runner-up.

"Since I wasn't expecting it, I was like 'let's get this show on the road and eat some pizza'," Salas said. "My eyes started to water when they called my name. I was in complete shock."

Salas, one of five finalists chosen by Cowley students and employees in balloting two weeks ago, was the winner after voting by the Coronation audience.

Salas said several people approached her during the Saturday parade expressing their well wishes.

"A lot of people came up to me and told me I did a wonderful job," Salas said. "I had a lot of fun. I was very surprised at how much the community gets involved with Arkalalah."

Salas' crowning capped a big night during Arkansas City's annual fall festival, Arkalalah. The queens and 19 visiting queens from surrounding communities were guests at the Queen's Banquet held earlier Friday evening.

Then, "River Side Story," a play on the Broadway musical "West Side Story," was the theme for the Queen's Coronation, held for the first time in the Robert Brown Theatre inside the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology. Nineteen former Queen Alalahs were on hand for the festivities, including the first Queen Alalah, Dorothy Moore Harbaugh.

"I'm 92 years old and I can't imagine I'm still here," said Harbaugh, who lives in Enid, Okla. "I was thrilled to death to be crowned the first Queen Alalah."

Salas, 20, was an active Cowley student. She was captain of the Tigerette Danceline, was a member of the Math and Science Club, Campus Christian Fellowship, and she played Powder Puff intramural football. She also held a part-time job at Graves Drugstore in Arkansas City.

Salas is the daughter of Terry and Steve Salas of Shawnee. She expressed



her gratitude toward many who supported her.

"I got tremendous support from my Danceline teammates, from the people at Graves, and from my foster parents, Matt and Roxanna James," Salas said. "I feel awesome."

Dr. David Ross served as master of ceremonies at the Coronation. Entertainment was provided by Cowley's CC Singers, the Coronation Dance Company, the Arkansas City High School Jazz Band, the Ark High Singers, and the Cowley Tigerettes. Ross also was named Arkalalah Grand Marshal in 2003.

# Former Cowley students at W5U have higher GPAs

Tor the second consecutive year, Cowley students who transferred to Wichita State University had higher cumulative grade-point averages than all other WSU students, according to a report on transfer students provided by the Office of the Registrar at WSU.

In the fall 2003 report, which was made on Dec. 29, male students who transferred from Cowley had a cumulative 3.123 GPA, compared to 2.925 for all other WSU male students. Female students from Cowley had a cumulative 3.280 GPA, compared to

3.127 for all other WSU female students. Overall, Cowley students had a higher cumulative GPA, 3.221 to 3.041, than other WSU students.

The fall 2002 report showed similar results: Cowley males transferring to WSU, 3.115 GPA; all other WSU males, 2.910 GPA; Cowley females transferring to WSU, 3.256 GPA; all other WSU females, 3.117 GPA; all Cowley students transferring to WSU, 3.205 GPA; all other WSU students, 3.029 GPA.

The report is extensive and provides grade-point averages by each WSU college, and within the college by sex and classification.

In the December 2003 report, the GPA for male students who trans-

ferred from Cowley to WSU with enough hours to classify them as freshmen had the largest margin over all other WSU freshmen counterparts, 3.111 to 2.564. The largest difference among females transferring from Cowley and all other WSU females occurred in the junior class, where Cowley students had a cumulative 3.269 GPA, compared to 3.094 for WSU juniors who were female.

"The report speaks well for our faculty," said Dr. Pat McAtee, Cowley president. "It also speaks to the fact that our college is a good place to transition from high school to the four-year university. And once we get students here who plan to transfer, we prepare them well."

## **ENDOWED** Chair #4

am Smith, a Natural Science Department instructor, was presented the Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning Jan. 20, 2004, during an inservice meeting in the Brown Center.

Smith, in her eighth year at Cowley, was selected for the award from a field of six nominees. The five others are David Bostwick, Humanities; Marlys Cervantes, Humanities; Beverly Grunder, Business and Service Technology; Jafar Hashemi, Natural Sciences; and Todd Shepherd, Social Sciences. All six candidates received gifts.

Dr. Pat McAtee, Cowley president, introduced Smith as the 2004-2006 recipient.

"Pam demonstrates leadership both in and out of the classroom," McAtee said. "She is a valuable member of a team as her contributions are always offered with what is good for the college and our students as her focal point."

Smith expressed gratitude toward her colleagues at Cowley.

"This award is as much yours as it is mine," she said. "I can not tell you enough how grateful I am for all you did for my daughter (Charlotte Hulsey) during her two years here. As many of you know, she didn't have a lot of direction in life, and that was a concern of mine. She wanted to go to Kansas State her freshman year, but I was able to discourage her from doing that, and she came to Cowley. Because of all of you, she became a successful student."

Smith teaches all levels of chemistry at the college, and was instrumental in the remodeling of the chemistry lab on the main campus. She is involved in a Title III grant pilot program integrating the use of technology in her classroom. Most recently, she received a \$1,000 grant from the National Computational Science Institute. The

money was used to purchase software to enable chemistry students to build molecules on computer.

In 1999, Smith received a Master Teacher award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas. On campus, she is president of the College Education Association, has been a sponsor for the Math and Science Club and Mu Alpha Theta (a national mathematics honor society) for the past five years, chairs the Site Safety team, and serves on many other committees and teams at the college.

Smith's professional organizations include being an active member of the Kansas College Chemistry Teachers Association and as a member of the 2-Year College Chemistry Consortium.

McAtee read a few statements made by students concerning Smith.

"I just wanted to thank you for being such a wonderful instructor these last two years. You have been very good at explaining chemistry and have actually made me enjoy the subject much more than before I came to Cowley. Your endless optimism has made me regret having to have a new instructor next year. I will miss being in your class."

Another student wrote, "Thank you so much for all your help and support while I was ill. It means a lot to me to know that someone cares about me doing well in school. I want you to know that I have decided

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environmental biology. I am now excited about school because of you."

The Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning was established in 1998 and is sponsored by Corner Bank of Winfield and Arkansas City. Jana Dobbs, senior vice president for relationship management, and Joyce McArtor, vice president and manager of the Corner Bank branch in Arkansas City, presented Smith with a check for \$2,000. Smith will receive another check for \$2,000 next year. Award recipients are to use \$1,000 of the award for professional development. The remaining \$3,000 is a cash stipend.

Connie Donatelli, Cowley's director of vocal music and the 2002-2004 Endowed Chair, spoke briefly about what the award meant to her.

Candidates for the award must submit recommendation letters from a colleague, their department chair, a student, and from Sheree Utash, vice president of academic and student affairs. Other requirements include peer observation, an explanation of their teaching philosophies, and answering a series of questions relating to teaching. Candidates are reviewed by an internal committee and an external committee.



#### **FACULTY/STAFF** Achievements

#### Fifteen employees honored for years of service

**¬**ifteen full-time employees were 🕇 honored Feb. 24, 2004, during a celebration for their years of service to the college.

A Celebration of Appreciation was held in the Earle N. Wright Community Room inside the Brown Center for Arts, Sciences and Technology on the main campus.

Dr. Pat McAtee, president, presented gifts to the 15 employees and said a little bit about each one present.

Employees are honored for continuous service of five years, 10 years, 15

years, 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, 35 years and so on. As of last year, 90 of the college's 190 full-time employees had been with the college for five or more years.

Employees who were honored: 35 years: Conrad Jimison, Vice President of Administration.

25 years: Libby Palmer, Administrative Assistant to President.

20 years: Ed Hargrove, Head Softball Coach.

15 years: Larry Grose, Men's Tennis Coach and Dejon Ewing, Department Chair, Humanities.

10 years: Bruce Watson, ADA Compliance Officer; Rex Soule, Publications Designer; and Bryan

McChesney, Coordinator of ITV, Technology Specialist.

5 years: Robert Wood, Dorm Manager/Assistant Track Coach; Karolee Weller, Natural Science Instructor; LeArta Watkins, Director of Distance Learning; Loretta Waldroupe, Math Specialist for IMPACT; Chris Mayer, Social Science Instructor; Todd Ray, Maintenance Technician; and DeAnna Harp, Financial Aid Clerk.

Gifts employees could select from were key rings, letter openers, brass and leather coasters, Nappa leather bifold wallets, Le Petit clocks, brass paperweights and clocks, and brass business card holders.

#### **Computer software** assists chemistry students

Themistry students are now able to build molecules on comput-✓er, thanks to a grant secured by Natural Science Department Instructor Pam Smith.

"Instead of making several different chemical compounds and testing them to see what works, students can build molecules on computer and test their properties, how they will react and so forth," Smith said. "This is cutting edge in the field of chemistry."

The software is not meant to replace the work students conduct in wet labs. Rather, it is a supplement to the typical lab experiments.

Smith was able to attend a weeklong conference at San Jose (Calif.) State University in July 2003 titled "Computational Chemistry for Chemistry Educators." The National Computational Science Institute sponsored the conference, and Cowley's Title III grant program paid for Smith's attendance.

Smith was the lone community college instructor among the 40-50 who attended workshops last summer, and



Pam Smith

she was one of only six people to be awarded \$1,000 grants to help purchase the software. Cowley matched the grant to purchase the software package.

Smith, in her eighth year at Cowley during the 2003-2004 academic year, said the computer work students do also would save the college money in chemical expense and be safer for the students.

Smith said the NCSI wanted to put the software into the hands of chemistry instructors and chemists. She said the average chemist would be able to use the software.

"It's not just for theoretical chemists, but people in research and industry can use it, too," she said.

The grant stipulates that the software be used during the fall and spring semesters, and that recipients give a report in May about its impact on student learning, among other things.

Students in Chemistry I and II and Organic Chemistry I and II were the first to use the software.

"It has the potential to be used in all of our chemistry classes," Smith said.

"This is a significant change in chemistry education," Smith said. "By using computational software, the students can visualize the molecules and properties of them, and they'll have a deeper understanding of chemistry. Also, we hope that when they transfer to a university, they'll be well prepared."

#### **FACULTY/STAFF** Achievements

#### Math instructor presented Stirnaman award

we Conrad, a math instructor at the Southside Education Center in Wichita, was the second recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

Conrad received the award during an inservice session Aug. 19, 2003. The first recipient, Larry Schwintz, presented Conrad with the award, which is sponsored by the College Education Association.

"First of all, I'd like to thank everyone involved for this award," Conrad said. "I was more than surprised. I just never think of myself as award material, especially among so many colleagues doing so many exciting things. Receiving an award for teaching excellence from one's pears has to be the ultimate 'pat on the back' for a teacher."

Conrad has taught full-time at Cowley since January 2000. He teaches trigonometry, statistics, calculus B & E, calculus I and calculus III, all at the Southside Center.

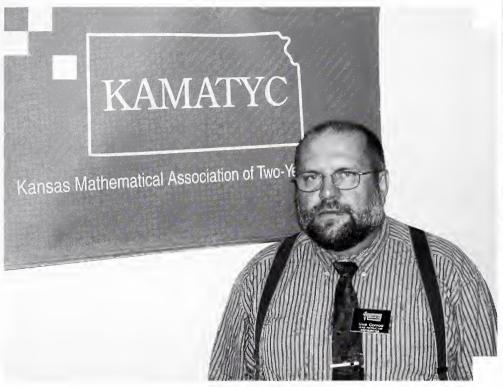
He holds master's and bachelor's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University. It was there that he got his start in teaching, as a graduate teaching assistant. That developed into a full-time job, one that he held since 1991.

Conrad remembers when he first applied for a part-time teaching position at Cowley.

"I told (vice president of academic and student affairs) Sheree (Utash) that I have never had a bad day in the classroom," Conrad said. "I'll teach any class, any time, anywhere."

Conrad said he strives to make his classes interesting.

"The educational experience should be an enjoyable one; it always is for me," he said. "I do my best to provide my students with a memorable, exciting, and productive time in my classroom.



"I know that most students probably do not look forward to spending time in a math class. Hopefully, I can reduce their stress and anxiety by providing a variety of support materials and resources designed to help them understand, learn, and succeed. I never teach the same class twice."

Conrad said he also seeks to improve himself each day he sets foot into the classroom.

"Change is good," he said. "There is always room for improvement. I attend as many conferences and workshops as possible. There is a lot of exciting work being done, and pioneered, in mathematics education. I think just staying current is the first step to falling behind."

Conrad said he hopes to have an impact on students' lives, not just today but later in life.

"I hope to provide students with an education that is not just relevant to the present, but also as an investment in their future," Conrad said. "Success is learned. I don't know how many students have told me that if they can succeed in a math class, they can do anything."

The award is named for Paul Stirnaman, a long-time Social Science Department instructor and strong supporter of the CEA who died June 16, 2000, after a lengthy illness.

"I hope to prove myself worthy of this honor in the future," Conrad said. "Receiving this award will represent a milestone in my teaching career and will be hard to top."

## Conrad president-elect of math association

In early October 2003, Uwe Conrad was elected president of the Kansas Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges. He will begin his term in 2005.



#### **FACULTY/STAFF** Achievements

## Morris retires after more than 25 years

A fter working for four registrars and assisting thousands of students, Sue Morris decided it was time to say goodbye.

Morris retired May 28, 2004, after more than 25 years of service. A reception was held in her honor on May 27.

The 62-year-old Morris, whose husband Norman is a retired conductor for Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad, said Cowley had been her second home.

"I will miss it," she said, "but not being here at 7 in the morning. I am not a morning person."

Morris was referring to Cowley's summer hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday that run June and July.

Morris retired from a career that began in Cowley's athletic department. Former business officer Sid Regnier contacted Morris in 1973 and asked her to fill in for the athletic secretary for about three weeks, and she did. About five years later, Morris was called back to the college when William "Bill" Scott's secretary was on maternity leave. It was October 1978, and Morris worked six weeks. About a month later, Morris was asked to work for Scott again, this time for three months.

"I was basically doing the job full time," Morris said.

On May 1, 1979, Morris officially began working full time at the college as purchasing clerk in the business office for Regnier. "He was a great man to work for," Morris said.

Before long, Morris was working for Scott, who became the acting registrar. But it didn't take long before thenpresident Dr. Gwen Nelson reassigned Scott.

"I loved working for him, and I wanted to go with him," Morris said. "But the administration thought I should stay in the registrar's office."

In came Walt Mathiasmeier, whom Morris worked for until 1985. That's



Wanda Shepherd, left, and Larry Schwintz look over the shoulder of Sue Morris as she looks at her retirement cake.

when A.F. "Tony" Buffo retired, and Nelson promoted Mathiasmeier to dean of instruction and Conrad Jimison to registrar.

Morris worked for Jimison three years until current registrar, Forest Smith, replaced Jimison on July 1, 1988.

Tasks within the registrar's office have remained similar throughout the years, while technology has not.

"We didn't have computers in those early years," Morris said. "State reports had to be typed. It took about three weeks to do it. We had the old key punch system."

Processing transcripts, recording grades, making sure reports to the state are accurate, and other duties have occupied Morris' time throughout the years. Technology has changed dramatically, and so has the college's enrollment. In 1979, Cowley's full-time enrollment was 737. Today, FTE stands at more than 3,000.

Morris, who celebrated her 45-year reunion with her Arkansas City High School classmates during the summer, never attended college. Out of high school, she worked as a secretary for

an insurance company now known as United Agency. After three years, she decided to stay home to get her three children, Todd 41, Brian 38, and Jennifer Potter 34, into school. She worked from home for Gilliland Printing, and had a three-month stint as a secretary at Viola Industries.

In retirement, Morris said she wasn't sure what she would do. Activities involving her nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild will be on the calendar, along with a few other things.

"I like to read," she said. "Best-sellers and mysteries. I also play pinochle in a card club. And I enjoy my flowers."

Morris described herself as a "very loyal" employee.

"A lot of my work ethic came from Mr. Scott," Morris said. "He was big on loyalty."

Morris said she'd mostly miss the people she's come to know and work with throughout the years.

"There are various people you come in contact with," she said. "I'll miss the students and faculty. I know I'll miss it."

#### **OUTSTANDING** Tiger Alumni

## **SELF-MADE** Success

#### Extraordinary entrepreneur: 1960 graduate named Outstanding Tiger Alumnus

The year was 1956, and Warren Koeller didn't have a clue. He had just graduated from Arkansas City High School, and he had no idea what he wanted to do.

The United States Army gave him two years to think about it as it made good on its draft notice, even though the nation was between conflicts in Korea and Vietnam.

In January 1959, Koeller enrolled at Arkansas City Junior College. Thanks to caring instructors, Koeller began to find some direction. Perhaps even more importantly, Koeller was told he was good at something, accounting.

That early introduction to accounting would lay the foundation of a successful career as a businessman and entrepreneur. It also helped land him the 2004 Outstanding Tiger Alumnus Award. He was presented the award at the morning commencement exercise May 8, 2004, in the Robert Brown Theatre inside the Brown Center.

"Galle-Johnson Hall was all that was here when I went to school," Koeller said. "It's amazing to me how much this place has changed and grown."

Koeller's first exposure to accounting as a student at the college sparked a spirit deep down inside him.

"After the first accounting course with Barney Getto, I enrolled in the second, and Barney came to me and told me I was good at this," Koeller said. "I said yeah, I notice other students come to me for advice. He asked if I'd ever thought of becoming a CPA. I said, what's that. He instilled interest in me. I checked out the CPA profession, and it was very good. You could do a lot of things with it. I thought maybe that's what I should do."



Dr. Pat McAtee presents Warren Koeller with the Outstanding Tiger Alumnus Award for 2004

Koeller, who owns one company and is president of another, went on to major in accounting at Wichita University, graduating in 1963. He passed the Certified Public Accountant exam in September 1965, and was well on his way to understanding the financial side of business. That knowledge helped fuel Koeller's entrepreneurial spirit as he built companies from the ground up, and turned one on the brink of bankruptcy into a huge success.

Getto and ACJC printing instructor Tony Buffo influenced Koeller's future.

"I look back at my life, and Tony probably did more to motivate me to be a good student and leader than anyone else," Koeller said. "When I met Tony in junior high, I didn't have a clue. I didn't get that much direction or discipline at home. Buffo instilled direction in me that no one ever had. I became totally enthralled with printing."

But there was a problem: Koeller was colorblind.

"I realized that I was very creative, and he (Buffo) was such a good instructor," Koeller said. "My first career path took me into printing as a profession. I wanted to be a teacher and a professional printer. But since I was totally colorblind, I came to the conclusion that this wasn't going to work. I knew all my life that I was that way. It was the first time I recognized I couldn't do something."

After ACJC, WU instructor Fran Jabara took Koeller under his wing.

"He said he was going to make something out of me," Koeller recalled. "Fran was a consultant to the Lear family when the Learjet was just an idea. Fran would bring a lot of that back to the classroom. One day, he was saying something to us about the Learjet. I put my hand up and said that's the dumbest idea I've ever heard. Nobody's going to buy a business jet for \$500,000. Now, that same \$500,000 business jet goes for \$1.2 (million) on the market, if you can find one."

So, Koeller was wrong. Learjet, of course, went on to become a large, successful corporation. And Koeller? That very well could have been the last time he was wrong about anything.

He was a practicing CPA for Arthur Andersen in the Kansas City area until 1970, when he grew tired of traveling and moving his wife, the former Lynn Cyrus of Ark City, and his family. It was during his last five years with Andersen, in its newly-created administrative services division, where Koeller's creative wheels really started turning.

"Computers were just becoming affordable in the business community," Koeller said. "I did programming and systems design work. The demand for that skill was really something. There was no education available. I just picked up a book and read it."

As a self-taught computer network administrator and programmer, Koeller was on his way to bigger and better opportunities. He left Arthur



### **OUTSTANDING** Tiger Alumni

Anderson to become executive vice president of 3M Business Products, covering Kansas and Missouri. During that time, he got the notion to install a multi-user workstation system within the business. It became one of the first computer networks.

"This was prior to IBM or anybody else getting into that," Koeller said. "At the same time, I felt this system could handle telephone modems. Why not put phone modems on this and offer the real estate community a way to access real estate online?"

Why not? Koeller developed the system, offered it to realtors in the Kansas City area, and business took off.

"At that point, my only goal was to bring in enough money to pay for the system," he said. "Low and behold, the phones started ringing immediately, and I was overwhelmed with demand for the system in other cities."

Koeller was ready to do his own thing. He and a programmer formed Realty Information Systems Company, now known as RISCO. It didn't take long before more employees were hired. Within years, the company's 13,000 square-foot facility was too small, and it was replaced by a 34,000 square-foot building.

"By the time we outgrew that, we had 200 employees," Koeller said.

Koeller sold the company in March 2000 at the very height of the dot-com craze. Two men from Indianapolis, who had a lot of money to throw Koeller's way, bought the company. The very next day after Koeller closed the sale, the dot-com market crashed.

"These guys had raised a bunch of venture capital money, and they had an idea for a new product to tie into what I was doing," Koeller said. "I was not at all interested in selling the company. But these guys had more money than they had sense."

The new owners never got a second round of financing, and within 10 months, they were broke.

But Koeller had kept the real estate out of the deal. He sold the company for cash and took a long-term employment contract, "which basically said I don't have to do anything." Back in the early 1990s, Koeller started a manufacturing division within his company that built lock boxes realtors use when they list a house. His company manufactured the mechanical and electronic device.

"It started in 1995, but it was a hard sell," Koeller said. "It was so revolutionary, it took years to take off."

The idea eventually caught on, big time, and Koeller's company turned large profits. The lock box uses an infrared transmitter. When a realtor uses the electronic key, information from the box, including the identity of the realtor, the company, and the time and date the house was shown, is transferred.

"All of that was sold originally to the guys from Indianapolis," Koeller said. "But when they went broke, a bankruptcy judge stepped in and sold the company in two pieces. One was the MLS (Multi-Listing Service) division, which sold to Fidelity National, a huge company that owns nearly all title insurance companies in the U.S.

"The second, the lock box manufacturing business, was sold to General Electric. That part of it is so easy and stress-free, I chose to take my employment contract with it. That's all I do is run a company that manufactures electronic lock boxes."

Koeller said it had been a profitable year for his company, having rented nearly 100,000 lock boxes and 20,000 electronic keys to realtors in all parts of the nation. Realtors who use the boxes pay Koeller's company \$10 a month for six years. Koeller said his company recently installed boxes in Salt Lake City, where there are 7,000 realtors.

As if the lock box company wasn't enough, Koeller has added another company to his portfolio. Koeller rescued Kantronics of Lawrence a couple of years ago from financial disaster and has high hopes for the manufacturer of wireless data controllers.

"This company supplied all of the data transfer to the Mir space station for seven years and it worked flawlessly," Koeller said. "But nobody's heard of the company."

It's a company with seven employees and about \$1 million in annual sales. Much like his other business ventures, Koeller said the company needed to make the product an all-in-one plug-and-play unit.

"Engineers started on the development cycle, we got FCC (Federal Communications Commission) approval two months ago, and we're about to install it on a school bus system," Koeller said.

The system will track school buses so parents can go to a web site and actually see on a map where the bus is located and which direction it is going. The system works with global positioning satellites, and Koeller's box converts the signal to data and transmits it to radio waves to a central site. From there, it is uploaded to the web where parents can see the bus route.

"It's just now starting to take off," Koeller said. "I'm really excited about it. This could be really, really big."

Just about everything Koeller does is big, and he owes it all to his accounting background.

"The background I gained in my accounting career has been invaluable," he said. "I can't imagine running a business and not knowing the accounting end of it as well as I do. It gives me an edge."

Koeller is often asked why he has so many irons in the fire at age 65. To Koeller, the answer is simple.

"I do it because it's fun," he said.
"Some of my friends are retired and don't do anything. I enjoy it. This is my latest venture, and it's going to work."

When Koeller isn't at the office, he and Lynn spend time with their children and grandchildren, play a lot of golf, and travel.

"I'm a firm believer in keeping active," he said.

Koeller also finds time to tool around in his Boxster S Porsche, the ninth Porsche he's owned in the last 35 years.

"I've always had to have the best car I could get my hands on," Koeller said

Despite Koeller's penchant for sports cars, he's never gotten a speeding ticket, or any other ticket for that matter.

Kind of surprising for a man who's constantly on the go.

## **CONTINUED** Growth

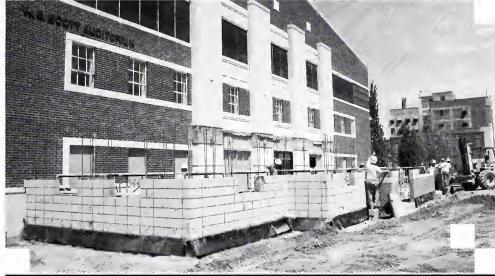
# Groundbreaking ceremony held for renovation, new construction

groundbreaking ceremony for two projects that had been on hold for more than a year took place Feb. 24, 2004, on Cowley's main campus.

Ground was broken by all six members of Cowley's Board of Trustees and President Dr. Pat McAtee in front of W.S. Scott Auditorium and at the site of a new classroom building. Both projects, the renovation of the south lobby of W.S. Scott Auditorium, and the new construction, had been planned nearly two years ago. However, uncertainty in state funding prompted college officials to postpone construction a year.

About 50 people turned out as Board members and McAtee turned over shovels of dirt in front of W.S. Scott Auditorium, a building constructed in 1936 as a Public Works Administration project through the federal government, and at the site of the new building on the southeast corner of Third Street and Washington Avenue.

"It will be a nice renovation, and also provide handicap accessibility and better offices and meeting rooms,"



Summer 2004 was a busy one for the area directly south of W.S. Scott Auditorium as workers constructed a new lobby and entrance.

McAtee said of the W.S. Scott Auditorium project.

The \$1.2 million project begin immediately following the Cowley men's and women's basketball teams completed their home games on the schedule. The project's deadline was around Labor Day.

Features of the renovation include enlarged men's and women's restrooms, a new ticket booth and concession stand, new trophy cases, a new Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame room, and an elevator that will take patrons to the second floor of the arena.

Because of the construction on the building, the 81st commencement was held in two ceremonies inside the Brown Center. Students graduating with associate of arts degrees participated in a 10 a.m. ceremony May 8, and students graduating with associate of applied science, associate of science, associate of general studies and the college certificate participated in a 2 p.m. ceremony. Both commencements were held in the Robert Brown Theatre inside the Brown Center.

The \$3.1 million Webb-Brown class-room building will house the Business and Service Technology Department. It is scheduled to be completed in summer 2005. The Daisy E. and Paul H. Brown Charitable Trust made a \$350,000 gift toward the building, the largest single gift in the history of the college.

"I'd like to thank all of the people who have supported this project," McAtee said. "We look forward to having the Webb Brown Classroom building."



Board of Trustees, from left, Albert Bacastow Jr., Lee Gregg Jr., Mark Paton, Donna Avery, Ron Godsey, and LaDonna Lanning, along with President Dr. Pat McAtee, break ground for the Webb-Brown Academic Center on the main campus in Arkansas City.

#### Cowley one of fastest growing community čollegeš in U.S.

An analysis of U.S. Department of Education data indicates what many people in south-central Kansas have known for years: Cowley is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation.

In its Dec. 8, 2003, edition, Community College Week listed Cowley as the 33rd fastest growing public two-year college in the country among schools with a student enrollment between 2,500 and 4,999 students.

According to the data, Cowley's enrollment increased 13.4 percent in total students, from 4,106 in fall 2001 to 4,656 in fall 2002. However, if 20thday enrollment figures were used, Cowley increased 15 percent during the same period, from 4,044 students in fall 2001 to 4,656. That would have placed Cowley 24th on the list.

Whatever the number, Cowley Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Sheree Utash, said several factors contributed to the large increase and subsequent recognition.

"For several years, the Southside Education Center has had an impact on our growth," Utash said. "And lately, the development of our online classes and our whole distance learning also has increased."

Online full-time enrollment has increased from just 15 FTE in fall 2000 to 150 FTE in fall 2003. Online saw a whopping 302 percent increase from fall 2002. Spring 2004 FTE for online classes was 188.

The Southside Education Center in Wichita has seen large enrollment increases since officially opening in fall 1995. In fall 2003, Southside had a full-time enrollment of 1,296, up 12 percent from fall 2002.

"We have the ability to increase enrollment even more at Southside and in our distance education programs," Utash said. "Those are two areas we can look at for continued future growth."

Enrollment on Cowley's main campus in Arkansas City increased 6 percent from fall 2001 to fall 2002, and another 3 percent from fall 2002 to fall 2003.

"I think that's directly attributed to the quality of the instruction in the classroom, the quality of programs and the quality of student life we're offering our students," Utash said.

The economy, Utash said, also has played a role in Cowley's enrollment increase, primarily in fall 2002.

"We had more laid off workers at that point in time than this fall," she said.

Cowley also has seen a significant increase in the number of international students. Utash said the college went from 45 international students in fall 2002 to 91 the following fall semester. And those figures don't include many guest international students from Wichita State University and Butler County Community College.

"We have a combination of so many things working well in so many places, and that really contributes to the overall success of growing," Utash said.

But with growth comes challenges. "We're really being proactive to meet the challenges that are an outcome of growth," she said.

Utash praised Cowley employees for contributing to the school's distinction as one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation.

"To be spotlighted like this speaks very, very highly of our faculty and of our staff," Utash said. "The size of our classes and our faculty involvement with our students makes us grow. The way our staff displays customer service and puts our students first in all areas speaks highly of everybody's efforts at Cowley."

#### **Board decreases** tuition for Oklahoma residents

klahoma residents who enroll at Cowley beginning with the fall 2004 semester will be charged the same tuition and fee rate as Kansas residents, Cowley's Board of Trustees approved March 15, 2004, at its regular monthly meeting.

The Board approved the following five tuition rates for the 2004-2005 academic year: Cowley County residents

\$42 tuition plus \$18 fees for \$60 total; all other Kansas residents \$47 tuition plus \$18 fees for \$65 total; Oklahoma residents \$47 tuition plus \$18 fees for \$65 total; all other out-of-state residents \$99 tuition plus \$18 fees for \$117 total; and international students \$148 tuition plus \$18 fees for \$166 total.

In effect, tuition was increased \$2 per credit hour for Cowley County and all other Kansas residents, \$10 per credit hour for international students, and kept the same for all other out-ofstate residents. Tuition for Oklahoma

residents was reduced \$31 per credit hour. Student fees will remain unchanged at \$18 per credit hour.

"We're bringing them (Oklahoma residents) in line with our in-state rate," said Dr. Pat McAtee, Cowley president.

In spring 2004, an enrollment report by Registrar Forest Smith indicated that 57 students were enrolled at Cowley who resided in Oklahoma. That number was expected to increase dramatically for the fall 2004 semester.

#### Full-time enrollment set records during academic year

I the college set records in both the fall and spring semesters during the 2003-2004 academic year.

For the first time in the 80-year history of the college, full-time enrollment surpassed the 3,000 mark in fall 2003. According to figures released by the Registrar's Office, full-time equivalency was 3,095 on the 20th day of classes, Sept. 17, 2003, a 5-percent increase over fall 2002.

The largest single gain occurred on Cowley's main campus, where there were 33 percent more full-time students than in fall 2002. The main campus FTE was 1,121, compared to 1,088 in 2002.

The college's major off-campus site, the Southside Education Center in Wichita, continued its growth, increasing 12 percent from fall 2002. There were 1,296 full-time students at the center, compared to 1,159 in fall 2002.

The largest overall gain occurred with the college's online Internet classes. FTE soared 302 percent, from 116 in fall 2002 to 151 in 2003.

Spring 2004 enrollment figures also indicated a record for the college.

While total headcount decreased 2 percent, FTE increased 5 percent from spring 2003. Main-campus FTE increased 2 percent, while the Southside Center saw a 5-percent increase from spring 2003. The largest overall gain occurred with the college's Internet classes, which jumped 50 percent from spring 2003. Enrollment in technical classes jumped 19 percent from spring 2003, due largely to the opening of the Aviation Tech Center in Wichita.

#### Fall 2003 numbers:

In Cowley County, 501 students were enrolled from Arkansas City, 313 from Winfield, and 41 from Udall.

Most of Cowley's students enrolled in fall 2003 were from Sedgwick County (2,556), followed by Cowley County (920) and Sumner County (588).

Kansas was by far the state with the highest number of students attending Cowley with 4,375. It was followed by Oklahoma (71) and Texas (11).

Kenya topped the list of foreign countries with 37 international students enrolled at Cowley. Nigeria was next with 15, followed by Tanzania with 12.

By city in Cowley County: Arkansas City 501, Winfield 313, Udall 41, Burden 21, Dexter 18, Cambridge 5, Rock 5, Atlanta 4, Oxford 4, Cedar Vale 3, Maple City 3, Geuda Springs 2.

By county in Kansas: Sedgwick 2,556; Cowley 920; Sumner 588; Butler 102; Chautauqua 38; Harvey 17; Harper 14; Reno 14; Kingman 13; Johnson 11; Montgomery 10; Elk 9; Shawnee 8.

By states: Kansas 4,375; Oklahoma 71; Texas 11; Florida 9; Colorado 5; Arkansas 3; South Dakota 3; Minnesota 2; Missouri 2; Georgia 1; Illinois 1; Indiana 1; Kentucky 1; Louisiana 1; Michigan 1; Montana 1; New Hampshire 1; Ohio 1.

By foreign country: Kenya 37, Nigeria 15, Tanzania 12, Pakistan 7, Zimbabwe 7, Tasmania 6, Brazil 4, Congo 3, Bangladesh 2, Bulgaria 2, Canada 2, Ghana 2, Malaysia 2, Bahamas 1, Ecuador 1, Guinea 1, Indonesia 1, Norway 1, Syria 1, Thailand 1, Toga 1, United Kingdom 1, Venezuela 1, Republic of Vietnam 1.

#### **Spring 2004 numbers:**

In Cowley County, 479 students were enrolled from Arkansas City, 313 from Winfield, and 30 from Udall.

Most of Cowley's students enrolled in spring 2004 were from Sedgwick County (2,532), followed by Cowley County (881) and Sumner County (613).

Kansas was by far the state with the highest number of students attending Cowley with 4,312. It was followed by Oklahoma (57) and Texas (9).

By city in Cowley County: Arkansas City 479, Winfield 313, Udall 30, Dexter 18, Burden 17, Cambridge 5, Rock 5, Atlanta 4, Oxford 4, Maple City 3, Cedar Vale 2, Geuda Springs 1.

By county in Kansas: Sedgwick 2,532; Cowley 881; Sumner 613; Butler 102; Chautauqua 31; Harvey 21; Harper 13; Kingman 11.

By states: Kansas 4,312; Oklahoma 57; Texas 9; Florida 8; Colorado 4; Missouri 4; South Dakota 4; Arkansas 3; Illinois 2; Nebraska 2; California 1; Georgia 1; Indiana 1; Michigan 1; Montana 1; New Hampshire 1; Ohio 1.

By foreign country: Kenya 23, Tanzania 13, Pakistan 11, Nigeria 8, Zimbabwe 7, Malaysia 4, Tasmania 4, Brazil 3, Canada 2, Thailand 2, Venezuela 2, Bahamas 1, Bangladesh 1, Bulgaria 1, Congo 1, Croatia 1, Ecuador 1, Ghana 1, India 1, Indonesia 1, Israel 1, Laos 1, Mexico 1, Norway 1, Singapore 1, Toga 1, Republic of Vietnam 1.

#### **COLLEGE** News

# Cowley offers technical classes at Mulvane Center

The college reached out to area high schools and adults by offering classes in automotive, machine tool and welding technology at the Mulvane Center beginning in fall 2004.

High school and adult students in Mulvane, Derby, Rose Hill and the surrounding areas enrolled in courses within the three programs, which have been taught almost exclusively on the main campus.

Classes, which began Aug. 19, will be taught from noon to 2:50 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Mulvane Center, 201 W. Main St. Students will be taking block related classes such as blueprint reading, technical math, and interpersonal communications on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes related to their specific program would be taught Mondays and Tuesdays. Courses will be taught in five-week blocks. Dual credit (high school and college) is available for high school students.

Bruce Crouse, chairman of Cowley's Industrial Technology Department, said high school students needed technical training in these areas.

"We would like to offer students in our northern service area an opportunity to take technical classes," Crouse said. "With the rising cost of equipment and the increased demand for technical skills, many high schools simply can't afford to offer all programs.

"We have the equipment and the established programs, and we feel it's important to reach out to high school students. The college sees high schools in its service area as having very good, but limited, vocational programs. It gets back to the high cost of technology, and many high schools have discontinued the more financially demanding vocational programs."

Crouse said all technical fields were becoming more advanced, thus demanding more from institutions that train students.

"In automotive, students need to understand electronics and diagnostics," he said. "Machine tool is becoming more sophisticated, requiring computer programming abilities. It's more than just putting a part in a machine and turning some knobs. The knowledge base is increasing, and will continue to increase for technical students."

Crouse said an aging workforce, in which large numbers were expected to

retire soon, made training that much more important.

"The baby boomers are retiring early," Crouse said. "We see a need out there because all industry studies indicate there will be a shortage of qualified technicians in the next 10 years." Technical occupations today require specialized training.

Crouse said there were a number of adult students also seeking a vocational skill.

"Many of them are driving to Arkansas City now," he said. "This program at the Mulvane Center will assist those students by reducing their travel time by a year."

Students would drive to Arkansas City for the second year of the program. Successful completion of the two-year program would yield the student a college certificate. Students successfully completing an additional semester would be candidates for an associate of applied science degree.

Crouse said graduates from Cowley's technical programs were in high demand.

"Our placement rates are very high," he said. "The demand for our graduates on campus has exceeded the supply."

# Noel-Levitz survey adds to college's strengths

early 1,000 Cowley students surveyed during the spring 2004 semester rated their level of satisfaction with various college services higher than the national average.

Sheree Utash, Cowley's vice president of academic and student affairs, and Pam Doyle, Cowley's dean of student learning, gave a report on the 2004 Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory to members of the college's

Board of Trustees in June. Noel-Levitz is a consultation firm Cowley uses to assist with enrollment management issues, including student recruitment and retention.

All identified strengths from the 2003 survey also appeared as strengths in the 2004 survey of 910 students, half on the main campus in Arkansas City and half at the college's Southside Education Center in Wichita. New strengths that appeared when the survey was given in February were "There is a good variety of courses provided on this campus," and "It is an enjoyable experience to be a student on this campus."

"This survey will give us some guidance and direction for the next few years, particularly in student services," Utash said. "Even though we scored above the national average, we still want to get better, because there are priorities that need to be addressed."

Academic advising and the academic early alert warning system are just two items Utash said would be looked at as a result of the survey.

"The survey provides us with areas to work on so that we can come up with retention plans for various responsive actions," Doyle said.

#### Workforce Development Center receives second excellence award

The Cowley College Workforce Development Center at Strother Field was presented its second Kansas Award for Excellence during a banquet held in Wichita in fall 2003.

The center, located at Strother Field Airport and Industrial Park, was among 34 Kansas businesses and organizations honored at the eighth annual KAE banquet. The Workforce Development Center received a 2003 Commitment to Excellence Award. It is the first of three levels of recognition under the statewide program. It received a Level I award in 2002.

Shannon Massey serves as director of the center.

The center, which opened in fall 2000, offers various services to assist the area labor force. Those include career planning, exploring the job market, job application techniques, resume writing, interview skills, networking, and how to make the right first impression.

KAE's Commitment to Excellence Award is presented to organizations that demonstrate a serious commitment to the use of quality principles.

#### College copyrights Tiger logo

he Tiger logo adopted in 2002 is now a registered copyrighted

A Certificate of Registration has been filed with the Register of Copyrights in Washington, D.C. There are no renewal requirements, and the copyright is recognized and enforceable in most industrialized countries throughout the world under the Universal Copyright Protection Convention of 1971. The Certificate of Registration became effective Dec. 5, 2003.



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The award recognizes organizations that are in the early stages of applying the principles of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

The KAE program annually recognizes companies from across the state that have used the Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance. For more than 15 years, thousands of U.S. organizations have used the Baldrige Criteria to increase efficiency and improve the quality of their products and services.

The award program is managed by the Kansas Award for Excellence Foundation, a non-profit organization

In July 2002 the college began the process of registering the logo as a protected trademark. While the college's Athletic Department is seen as a primary user of the mark, along with the Sid Regnier Bookstore, other college departments and areas are allowed to use the mark.

Copying the mark by sources outside the college without written permission of the college is strictly prohibited. In early 2003, the college's administration made the decision not to sell the mark to outside vendors for the purpose of making a profit. The only entity allowed to sell merchandise with the mark is the college's bookstore.

located in Topeka. The Foundation is the Kansas Affiliate of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program, a division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Cowley received the Kansas Excellence Award, the highest level of recognition by KAE, in 1999. It received Level II awards in 1997 and 1998.



Students in one of Denise Irwin's Computer Graphic Arts classes worked on new tiger logo designs in spring 2002. A handful of designs were presented to the college's Administrative Council. The council then recommended some modifications to a mark, and Irwin made the final design.



#### **COLLEGE** News

#### Cowley expands aviation program to Wichita

The college has a long history of responding quickly to the needs of business and industry.

On Jan. 26, 2004, it embarked on another training venture when classes began at the Aviation Tech Center in Wichita.

Spearheaded by the Kansas Technical Training Initiative, the Aviation Tech Center, operated by Cowley, began offering daytime and nighttime classes in Power Plant. The sessions ran congruently so that workers whose shifts change at their jobs still would be able to take classes.

The center's ultimate goal is simple: To create an aviation training corridor in south-central Kansas that would go from Hutchinson, through El Dorado, to Independence, and back to Arkansas City and back to Wichita.

The college is hoping to create a corridor in that area to train aviation technicians.

Cowley has taught airframe and power plant classes at its Strother Field facility for many years. More than 70 students were enrolled for the Jan. 26 opening of the Aviation Tech Center at 7603 E. Pawnee in Wichita.

Pete Gustaf, executive director of KTTI, said the center's potential was virtually infinite.

"I think it will be a regional center of aviation training," Gustaf said.
"Hopefully, we can draw students in from neighboring states and give them the opportunity to receive world-class aviation technical training that can meet the demands of the aviation employers in our area."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Feb. 4 at the center and featured Lt. Gov. John Moore and several dignitaries from Wichita and Sedgwick County.

The Aviation Tech Center is an open-entry, open-exit system where students can enroll at any time. Once a student takes all 11 classes, they would have completed the powerplant session.

Wichita aircraft manufacturers
Boeing, Cessna, Raytheon and
Bombardier have donated more than
\$600,000 worth of equipment to the
center. The four, along with the city of
Wichita, the Sedgwick County
Commission and Unified School
District 259, helped form the private
non-profit KTTI to prepare for future
workforce needs. Due to projected critical needs in aviation, the first phase is
the implementation of a world-class
aviation maintenance school.

The program at the Aviation Tech Center is fast-paced and can be completed in 18 months. Credits apply toward an associate of applied science degree from Cowley. Financial aid is available.

#### Guitar player extraordinaire, symphony entertain packed house

Fe has been labeled one of the greatest guitar players on the planet, and on March 9, 2004, about 800 lucky ticket-holders got to see him in person.

Tommy Emmanuel, a huge celebrity in his native Australia and in Europe, performed with the Winfield Regional Symphony in the Robert Brown Theatre inside the Brown Center on the main campus. Gary Gackstatter, Cowley's director of instrumental music, directs the WRS.

Emmanuel is becoming a star in the United States. One glance at the accolades bestowed upon him by other guitar greats, and it's easy to see why he has become so popular. The late Chet Atkins had this recollection of Emmanuel:

"Tommy appeared at the Chet Atkins Appreciation Society Convention a few years ago and brought the house down. People have been talking about him ever since, and his fame is spreading. He's about the only guitarist I've heard who can come close to what Lenny (Breau) did with harmonics, and he's got a style all his own. I think he's probably the greatest finger-picker in the world today. He's inventive, fearless and has a flawless sense of rhythm. He's a great showman, too. You can't watch Tommy perform and not feel happy."

Emmanuel did not disappoint on March 9. His command of music was evident to audience members and to those fortunate to play with him. One of those people was Dave Bostwick, Humanities Department instructor and a member of Five Man Trio, whose other members are Gackstatter and Social Science Department Instructor Chris Mayer.

"He was awesome," Bostwick said.
"He's one of a kind, that's for sure. It was a great honor to play with him."

The year 2001 was one of tremendous growth for Emmanuel, both in audience attendance and musical collaboration, all over the world. After his appearance at the closing ceremonies of the Sydney Olympic Games, and his debut at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield in late 2000, everyone wanted to know who this mysterious Australian guitar virtuoso was.

Emmanuel is a household name in his native Australia. His music and his life have become part of Australian legend. Through hard work and endless tours, he has earned a success unequalled by any instrumental artist ever in Australia. With four platinum and three gold albums and many awards, he sets the standard for others to emulate.

## **FOREVER** A Coach

# AD Saia inducted into NJCAA Football Hall of Fame

Laving coached four Jayhawk
Conference champions and six
community college bowl
games, Cowley Athletic Director Tom
Saia was selected for induction into
the National Junior College Athletic
Association Football Hall of Fame.

Induction was to take place Sept. 25, 2004.

Saia, a graduate of Pittsburg Colgan High School, knew ever since his sophomore year in high school that coaching football was what he wanted to do. However, he never dreamed of achieving such a prestigious honor.

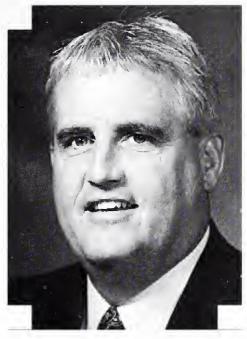
"My high school football coach (Frank Crespino) motivated me to realize that this is what I wanted to do with my life," Saia said. "Former Coffeyville football coach Dick Foster, who I started my college coaching career with, molded me into a college coach. I got this award because of Dick Foster."

Saia's former players and coaches were the ones who nominated him for the NJCAA Football Hall of Fame.

"Being nominated was pretty emotional for me," Saia said. "That was enough right there. I have been surrounded by great people who got me to the point where I am today. It doesn't get any better than this. To be selected by your peers is pretty special."

Saia served eight years as a head coach in the Jayhawk Conference and spent another four years as an assistant. His teams played in six bowl games, winning four, and he had an undefeated season with Coffeyville in 1980, capped with a victory in the Beef Empire Bowl in Garden City and a No. 2 national ranking.

Out of the 12 years he spent as a football coach at the junior college



Tom Saia

level, eight of his teams were ranked in the top 15. On top of the undefeated season he was a part of in 1980, his 1989 and 1993 Butler County teams finished just four and eight points away from playing for a national title. The 1989 team finished seventh in the nation, and the 1993 team finished fifth.

His success translated into Jayhawk Conference Coach of the Year awards in 1986 and 1994.

Saia also coached 16 players who went on to careers playing professional football. Kwammi Lassiter of the San Diego Chargers is in his 10th year in the National Football League, and played for Saia at Butler. Former players Dave Thomas and Dean Hamel were part of Super Bowl winning teams as Thomas won a Super Bowl with the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants, and Hamel won the Super Bowl with the Washington Redskins.

Saia also coached Nebraska Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier while serving as an assistant at Coffeyville in 1980. His teams also produced several academic All-Americans through the years.

Six individuals who either played or coached under Saia are head coaches or assistant football coaches in the Jayhawk Conference. Four more are coaching universities, one of which is his son, Bryce Saia, who serves as an assistant/defensive coach at Southern Illinois University. Several other former players or coaches of Saia's are now retired.

Saia, Cowley's athletic director since 1994, coached at Coffeyville, Butler, Hutchinson and Independence. He also served as assistant football coach at Pittsburg State University in 1976.

Along with his tremendous success as a college coach, Saia also had great success at Erie, Louisburg and Coffeyville Field Kindley high schools. His first coaching job came at Erie, where he led the team to the state playoffs. He also led Louisburg to the state playoffs before heading to Coffeyville and leading the Golden Tornado to a conference title.

All total, Saia spent 21 years coaching football at the high school and collegiate levels. He has a career record of 88 wins, 59 losses, and one tie as a head coach. The teams that Saia served as a head coach or assistant coach had a record of 126 wins, 77 losses, and one tie in his 21 seasons.

Saia and his wife, Sue, dean of student life at Cowley, have three other children: Boomer, Tommy and Courtney.





#### **ATHLETIC** Achievements



to the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 are, from left, Mary Kerr (on behalf of her late husband Dr. Charles Kerr), Kermit McMuny, lack King, Doyle Gil trap, and Jerry Boyce.

#### Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame gains five new

Tive new members were inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame Feb. 7, 2004, at halftime of the men's basketball game vs. Johnson County in W.S. Scott Auditorium/Dan Kahler Court.

The new members are Kermit McMurry (basketball), Jack King (basketball), Jerry Boyce (football), Doyle Gilstrap (football, basketball, track), and Dr. Charles Kerr (Cowley board member). Mary Kerr, Charles' widow, accepted the induction on her husband's behalf.

McMurry played basketball at Cowley from 1963-1965, while King played basketball at the school from

1951-1953. Boyce coached the Tiger football team from 1977-79, and served as the school's athletic director from 1977-1981. Gilstrap was a three-sport athlete for Cowley from 1947-49, and Kerr served on the school's Board of Trustees from 1971-1993.

The addition of the new members raises the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame class to 33. Its first class induction was in 2000.

#### **ATHLETIC** Achievements

#### **SPORTS WRAPUPS**

#### Baseball

Fighting its way through the loser's bracket, the Tiger baseball team won four games in a row, including two wins in its last at-bat, before having its season come to an end with an 8-5 loss to Seward County in the championship round of the Region VI Tournament played at Wichita's Lawrence-Dumont Stadium May 20-23, 2004.

Despite falling short of their goal to qualify for the NJCAA World Series, the Tigers put together another stellar season under the guidance of head coach Dave Burroughs.

Cowley finished the season with a record of 43-19, and continued its dominance in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division as it captured the conference title for the ninth time in the last 10 years.

## Men's and Women's Tennis

Led by its six sophomores, the men's team finished sixth at the NJCAA Division II National Tournament May 10-15, 2004, in Plano, Texas.

The sixth-place finish at nationals marked the 15th time the Tigers have placed in the top 10 at the national tournament in coach Larry Grose's 17 years at the school.

At the Region VI Tournament in Wichita April 16-17, Cowley's Jeff Stone (No. 3 singles), Darren Cobble (No. 5 singles), and Collin Torrence (No. 6 singles) each won Region VI titles, while the doubles team of Cobble and Tin Hinst captured the Region VI title at No. 2 doubles.

With only one sophomore and just six on the women's roster, the team surpassed expectations in Rebecca Meyer's first season as coach as the Lady Tigers placed sixth at the NJCAA Division II National Tournament held in College Station, Texas, May 2-7, 2004.

Cowley advanced to the national tournament by winning the Region VI

title. The Lady Tigers recorded four first-place finishes, two seconds, two thirds, and one fourth as they finished four points better than second-place Johnson County in winning the regional.

Cowley's Jill Hocker received second-team All-American honors by placing runner-up in No. 2 singles at the national tournament.

#### Softball

Despite losing three players to season-ending knee injuries throughout the 2003-2004 season, the team won the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title with a record of 16-2, and finished with an overall record of 44-16.

The Lady Tigers advanced to the championship round of the Region VI Tournament before having their season come to an end with a 2-0 loss to Neosho County. Still, Cowley managed to win 40 or more games for the seventh straight season under the guidance of head coach Ed Hargrove.

Sophomore pitcher Linzee Roby set the school record for wins (34) and innings pitched (243 1/3) during the season, while freshman catcher Ashley Dunkelberger blasted a school-record three home runs in a 16-6 win over Highland Community College on April 6, 2004.

#### Men's and Women's Track & Field

Completing one of its most successful seasons in school history, the men's outdoor team placed 10th at the NJCAA National Outdoor Championships held in Levelland, Texas.

Cowley sophomores Kyle Ellis and Josephat Boit were named NJCAA All-Americans in two events. Ellis placed third in the pole vault and javelin, and Boit finished third in the 1,500- and 5,000-meter runs. Brandon Banda was named a Coaches Association All-American in both the decathlon and pole vault.

The Tigers also won the Jayhawk

Conference Eastern Division title for the second straight year, and had seven individual champions at the conference meet.

Shorthanded in numbers, the team still managed to put together a solid season as it finished second in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division and 17th at the NJCAA National Outdoor Championships.

The Lady Tigers had four individual champions at the conference meet, and had six athletes qualify for the national meet. Cowley freshman Shonda Kelley and sophomore Jennifer Goldsmith nearly earned NJCAA All-American honors in the javelin as they placed fourth and fifth, respectively. Both Kelley and Goldsmith earned Coaches Association All-American honors for their performances.

#### Golf

The young team gained a wealth of experience during the 2003-2004 season.

The team, which featured just one sophomore in Jimmy Ginal, finished eighth in the Jayhawk Conference. The Tigers had their season come to an end at the District III Championships held at Cedar Brook Golf Course in Iola May 2-4, 2004.

Cowley freshman Trent Macy (82-84-77 — 243) missed qualifying for nationals by just three strokes as he finished with a three-round score of 243. Macy finished seventh at the tournament.

#### **Men's Basketball**

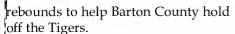
The run in postseason play stopped just one game after the Tigers won their home game in the first round of the Region VI Tournament.

The Cowley men dropped a 68-60 decision to Barton County on March 7, 2004, to end the season with a 23-9 record.

Cowley was unable to stop Barton County's JP Batista, a 6-9, 260-pound sophomore from Olinda PE, Brazil. He made all 17 of his free-throw attempts and finished with 29 points and nine



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The game was close throughout as the lead changed hands eight times in the first half before the Cougars settled for a 34-33 halftime lead.

Cowley said goodbye to five sophomores: Brandon Kelley, Francis Cuyler, Mark Mathew, Alex Elam and Valentino Hart. Cuyler's 583 points scored this season rank as the 12th most in school history.

#### **Women's Basketball**

The women lost 83-72 to Colby on March 6., 2004, bringing a close to the Lady Tigers' season with a 23-9 record.

Down by as many as 18 points in the first half and 15 at halftime, Cowley battled hard in the second half but never regained the lead against Colby. The Lady Tigers got to within five points, 60-55, with 9:15 left to play. Colby hit 31 of 34 free-throw attempts for an impressive 91 percent.

Sophomore Ariana Scales led Cowley with 21 points, but made just 8-26 shots from the floor. Scales did manage to hit three three-pointers, and break Sabrina Whittler's school record for three-pointers in a season with 75. She also finished the season with a school-record 654 points and 255 field goals.

The Lady Tigers lost seven sophomores: Devin Reed, Vanessa Fiske, LaShelle Parker, Scales, Ebony Haliburton, Ashley Stinson and Brandi Lewis.

#### **Volleyball**

Just two weeks after defeating Garden City in three games, the Cowley volleyball team was beaten by the Lady Broncbusters in three games in the first-round of the District M playoffs Nov. 2, 2003, at W.S. Scott Auditorium/Dan Kahler Court. Cowley suffered through a tough hitting night and lost to Garden City by scores of 18-30, 26-30, 15-30.

With the loss, Cowley ends the season with a 21-11 record. Despite the loss, the Lady Tigers had a solid season as they finished in a tie for second in the Jayhawk East with a record of 7-2, and finished with more than 20 wins for the 14th straight season.

"There were times we could have played better, but overall we had a good year," Pryor said.

## Men's and Women's Cross Country

Josephat Boit's second-place finish helped the men's cross country team to a third-place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association national meet held Nov. 8, 2003, at Rim Rock Farm near Lawrence.

The Lady Tigers also ran to a top-10 team finish, enabling Cowley's cross country teams to their best showings in the three-year history of the program.

Boit, Cowley's leader all season, was second with a time of 25 minutes, 21.3 seconds over the five-mile course. That earned him a spot on the All-America first team. Teammate Jake Conley (11th in 26:55.3) earned Honorable Mention All-America, while Tim Marshall (21st in 27:34.1) earned a spot on the Coaches Association All-America team. Cowley's men finished with 80 team points. The women had 234.

Ruth Kinyanjui, plagued by injuries late in the season, put in a gutty performance and finished 25th in 20:52 over the 3.1-mile course. Rachel Harper earned a 34th-place finish in 21:28.1.



Members of Cowley's Board of Trustees, administration, and contractor representatives cut the ribbon Oct. 21, 2003, on the new track and field complex at 223 E. Pierce on the south edge of Arkansas City. Numerous spectators came out to attend the ceremony. The facility features a 400-meter oval track with a state-of-the-art electronic timing system, a discus/hammer throwing area, two long jump pits, two pole vault and javelin areas, a place for the high jump, and a field that can be used for soccer or football games in the future. It also has bleacher seating for 250 spectators, along with a concession stand, restrooms, and a storage space for the track and field equipment. Building of the facility began in July 2002 and was virtually completed in January 2003.

#### Pritchard, Conley cap Cowley careers with student-athlete awards

arah Pritchard of Augusta and Jake Conley of Rogers, Ark., were named Female and Male Student-Athletes of the Year May 10, 2004, during the annual athletic banquet.

Nearly 400 people attended the banquet, which was held at the Agri-Business Building in Arkansas City. The banquet featured a dinner and a chance to hear the Tiger coaches speak about their teams' seasons.

Pritchard, a sophomore, was a member of the Lady Tigers' softball team. Conley, also a sophomore, ran cross country and track and field for the Tigers. Pritchard plans to transfer to Kansas State University and major in public relations. Conley is headed to Harding University in Searcy, Ark., to continue his career in cross country and track. Conley also received the Most Improved Male award for Cowley's cross country team.

No awards were presented for men's tennis as the team and coach Larry Grose were competing at the national tournament in Plano, Texas.

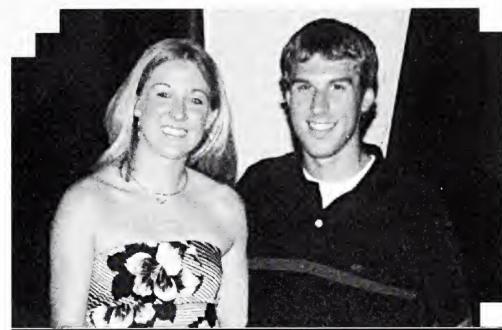
#### Awards presented:

#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

- Most Improved Player Kara Pridey
- Outstanding Freshman Marina Caran
- Hustle Award Vanessa Fiske
- Coaches Award Ebony Haliburton

#### **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

- Team Captain Jill Hocker
- Outstanding Freshman Jenny Crank
- Most Improved Player Krystin Kewley
- Coaches Award Stacia Whittecar.



Sarah Pritchard and Jake Conley were named Student-Athletes of the Year for 2003-2004.

#### **SOFTBALL**

- Most Inspirational Adrianne Braddy, Jessica Milligan.
- Outstanding Defensive Player Jamie Amerine, Amanda Stanley.
- Outstanding Offensive Player Nicole Ringwall.
- Most Valuable Player Linzee Roby.

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

- Outstanding Freshman Xavier Burnette
- Most Improved Player Avery Burrell

#### **TIGERETTES**

- Most Improved Analesa Reynolds
- Most Spirited Candace Salas
- Best performer Lisa Kuchenbecker
- Coaches Award Salas and Chafonn Ricks

#### CHEERLEADING

- Most Improved Mandy Ratzloff
- Most Spirited Kim West
- Best All-Around Ashley Hendershot, Mike Lindal

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

- Most Valuable Female Rachel Harper
- Most Valuable Male Josephat Boit
- Most Improved Female Sarah Hasenbank
- Most Improved Male Jake Conley

#### TRACK AND FIELD

- Most Valuable Track Female Ruth Kinyanjui
- Most Valuable Track Male Josephat Boit
- Most Valuable Field Female Michaela Magallan
- Most Valuable Field Male Kyle Ellis/Brandon Banda
- Most Improved Track Female Shonda Kelley
- Most Improved Track Male Corey McCoy

#### STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

- Male Jake Conley
- Female Sarah Pritchard

#### Annual Report for Endowment Association 2003-2004

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the individuals, corporations, businesses and foundations listed in this report. The following gifts were made between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004. The total cash income to the Endowment Association for the fiscal year was \$642,000. In addition, another \$98,000 was raised by the Tiger Booster Club. Our current campaigns to renovate W.S. Scott Auditorium and construct the Webb-Brown Academic Center have pledges of an additional \$560,500. Your support of Cowley students and the Cowley College family is greatly appreciated!

Benefits to students and the community include academic scholarships, enhancements to our beautiful campuses, textbooks and supplies from the Sid Regnier Bookstore, books and resource materials for Renn Memorial Library, art supplies for the budding artist, opportunities to attend world-class cultural events, enhancements to programs, and many activities for students to become involved. Your efforts continue to make Cowley College one of the top community colleges in the nation!

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More than 400 people attended the Seventh Annual Great Cowley Duck Dash May 15, 2004, at Spring Hill Farms northeast of Arkansas City. Once again, the event was held under beautiful sides at the home of Bob and Carolyn Langenwalter. Exciting duck races, great door prizes, and a gourmet meal of mesquite prime rib and chicken breast were all part of the festivities. More than \$26,000 was raised during the event, with proceeds going to the Endowed Scholarship Fund at the college.

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#### **Your Investment**

- \$3,362,132 in 2004-05 taxes. \$3,597,132 in 2003-04 taxes. For every dollar appropriated by state and local government, the college's spending alone generated \$1.42 in wages and salaries in Cowley County.
- For every dollar appropriated by the state and local government in fiscal 2002, student earnings will increase by an average of \$0.82 per year, every year through the rest of their working lives. Likewise, for every state dollar appropriated, Cowley County will see social savings of \$0.13 per year, every year (reduced incarceration and health care expenditures, reduced expenditures on unemployment and welfare, and reduced absenteeism).
- The College is third in size among the 19 community colleges in Kansas, behind Johnson County Community College and Butler Community College.

#### **Your Return**

- Cowley had operating expenses of \$11.9 million in fiscal 2002, and spent \$9.6 million (81 percent) of this in Cowley County to purchase supplies and pay wages and salaries.
- \$9 million annual payroll, providing 189 full-time jobs and 239 adjunct faculty and staff positions. For every \$1 the college pays in wages and salaries, there is another \$0.31 in wages and salaries generated off-campus in the Cowley County economy—this is the commonly known multiplier effect.
- Customized training for more than a dozen businesses and industries, primarily through the Cowley College Workforce Development Center at Strother Field Industrial Park.
- A significant attraction for businesses and industries considering relocation in this area. College skills embodied in the present-day workforce increase the output of industries in the Cowley County economy, where the former students are employed, by \$83.63 million.
- Skills gained from the college by current and former students increase wages and salaries in Cowley County by \$25.5 million directly, and by another \$19.3 million indirectly in fiscal 2002.
- Of the 2,054 credit and non-credit students who attended the college in fiscal 2002, 67 percent were employed full- or part-time while attending. Sixty percent of the students stay in the region and contribute to the local economy after they leave the college.
- After leaving the college, the average Cowley student will spend 40 years in the workforce. The student who leaves with a two-year college degree will earn \$372,799 more than someone with just a high school diploma or GED.
- During the next 40 years in the workforce, the average Cowley student's discounted lifetime earnings will increase \$7.60 for every education dollar invested (in the form of tuition, fees, books, and foregone earnings from employment).



#### At A Glance



In 1968, the College became the first school in the state to combine a traditional liberal arts transfer curriculum with a program of area vocational-technical school training.

#### **President:**

Dr. Patrick McAtee became the third president of the College on July 1, 1987.

#### 2003 Fall Enrollment:

2,488 Full-Time Equivalency (Fall record) 4,044 Total Headcount

#### **2004 Spring Enrollment:**

3,045 FTE (Spring record) 4,507 Total Headcount

#### **Programs:**

33 Certificate and Applied Science programs 42 Liberal Arts/Transfer programs

More than 100 specialized programs and seminars offered through the Institute for Lifetime Learning, a program for men and women age 50 and older. Specialized training for business and industry to meet their needs. In the past the college has developed or offered programs for General Electric, Rubbermaid-Winfield, the city of Arkansas City, the city of Winfield, local school districts, day care centers, local nursing homes, special education co-ops, KSQ Blowmolding, Social Rehabilitation Services, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Wittur Inc., Boeing-Wichita, Cessna, the business and industry division of banks, and many others.

#### Facilities:

17 buildings on a 10-acre campus in the heart of downtown Arkansas City. Outreach Centers in Mulvane, Winfield, Wellington and two in Wichita, including the Aviation Tech Center, opened in January 2004. Courses also taught at these area high schools: Argonia, Belle Plaine, Burden, Caldwell, Cedar Vale, Conway Springs, Dexter, Oxford, South Haven, and Udall.

#### **Athletics:**

Fourteen intercollegiate sports that compete in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference's East Division. Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country, Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Indoor Track, Men's Indoor Track, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Men's Outdoor Track and Field, and Women's Outdoor Track and Field.

#### Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Team Titles in 2003-2004:

- Baseball (its ninth title in the last 10 seasons)
- Softball (its fifth title in the last eight seasons)
- Men's Cross Country
- Men's Outdoor Track & Field

#### **National Championships in 2003-2004:**

- Men's Tennis, Spring 2004 Academic Team of the Year, 3.46 GPA
- Kyle Ellis, Indoor National Champion in the Pole Vault

#### Region VI crowns in 2003-2004:

• Women's Tennis

#### **Employees:**

203 full-time faculty, staff and administration; 239 part-time faculty and staff



| 2004-2005 | 17.561 |
|-----------|--------|
| 2003-2004 | 17.561 |
| 2002-2003 | 17.627 |
| 2001-2002 | 16.936 |
| 2000-2001 | 19.967 |
| 1999-2000 | 22:762 |

Tuition & Fees 2004-2005:

Kansas Residents: \$65 per credit hour (Cowley County residents receive a \$5 per hour tuition waiver)

Oklahoma Residents: \$65 per credit hour

Other Out-of-State: \$117 per credit hour

International Students: \$166 per credit hour

#### **Enrollment Figures:**

Facts, Spring 2004:

| High School     | 412   |
|-----------------|-------|
| Freshmen        | 2,263 |
| Sophomores      |       |
| Special         | 151   |
| Total Headcount | 4,507 |

Total FTE . . . . . 3,045

| Southside Center 1,329 |
|------------------------|
| Main campus 1,009      |
| Online                 |
| Mulvane Center 161     |

Assessed Valuation for Cowley County:

Fall 2004: \$191,452,007

College Budget: \$24.8 million (2004-2005)







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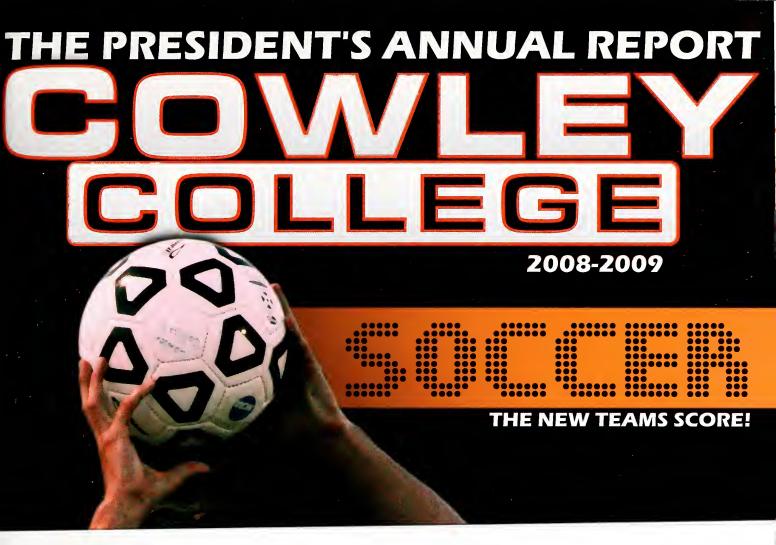


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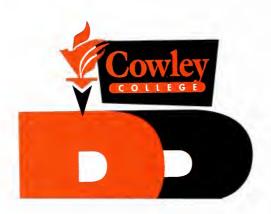








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Cowley College is award winning academic and vocational programs, career changing academic excellence, state of the art theatre, music and fine arts and national champion athletics. Our college began in a basement of a high school 85 years ago. Since then we have become magnetic athletics, soaring performance arts and an institution of quality and innovative higher education. We're proud of our heritage and we're excited about our future.



#### Founded: 1922

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#### President:

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2005 Fall and 2006 Spring Enrollment: More than 3,000 Full-Time Equivalency More than 4,500 Total Headcount

#### Programs:

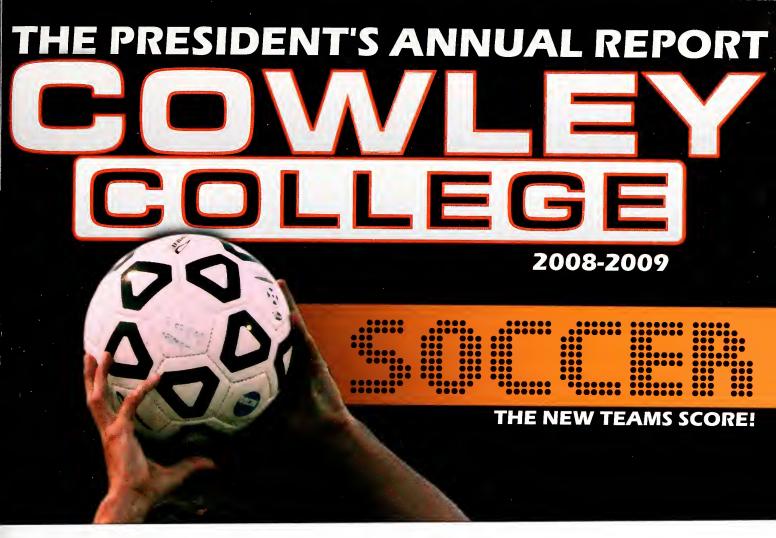
68 majors and degree possibilities 30 clubs and organizations

More than 100 specialized programs and seminars offered through the Cowley Golden Tigers, a program for men and women age 50 and older. Specialized training for business and industry to meet their needs. In the past the college has developed or offered programs for General Electric, Rubbermaid-Winfield, the city of Arkansas City, the city of Winfield, local school districts, day care centers, local nursing homes, special education co-ops, KSQ Blowmolding, Social Rehabilitation Services, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Wittur Inc., Boeing-Wichita, Cessna, the business and industry division of banks, and many others.

#### Facilities:

19 buildings on a 10-acre campus in the heart of downtown Arkansas City.

Outreach Centers in Mulvane, Strother Field, Winfield, and Wichita. Courses also taught at these area high schools: Argonia, Belle Plaine, Burden, Caldwell, Cedar Vale, Conway Springs, Dexter, Oxford, South Haven, Udall, and Wellington.



Welcome to the 2007-08 edition of the President's Annual Report.

I'm very proud to tell you that the past academic year was one filled with many outstanding student accomplishments,

faculty and staff awards, and growth and improvement in many areas of the college.

Our students never cease to amaze me. Some are just naturally gifted individuals who achieve at the highest level and aspire to be highly skilled professionals in their chosen career. Others sacrifice time with their families to gain new skills or finish a degree to become more employable in today's competitive job market.

Cowley's goal is to take care of its students, regardless of their place in life. Sometimes we fail, and for that I apologize. But, I can tell you that Cowley employees want every student to experience success. How that success is measured depends on the

individual

Alex Gottlob from Winfield is our 2006-07 Student of the Year. What a smart and driven young man! The business administration major was a member of three campus organizations. At the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN. this past June, he became the first Cowley student to place first at the national level as he placed first in Job Interview. He also found time to continue running his own business, Gottlob Lawn and Landscape.

Humanities Department Instructor Marlys Cervantes was selected as the fifth recipient of the Endowed Chair for Teaching

Excellence and Student Learning.

Community College Week listed Cowley as one of the top-100 associate degree producers. The college has grown signifi-

cantly during my 20 years as president.

Our Center for Technical Excellence in Winfield allow provides state of the art training facilities and laboratories to increase business and industry development county wide. We will teach a series of courses with the Manufacturing Business Skills certificate program, and launch our new Mechatronics program, which will give students skills on how to repair automated systems.

This report includes many other wonderful highlights from the past year. I invite you to read through it carefully. It is my hope that it will give you a better understanding of what Cowley is all about and the direction we're heading. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, my fellow administrators, our faculty, staff and students, I want to thank you for your support of Cowley County Community College. It means a great deal to me. The college has always been a viable entity within Arkansas City, Cowley County, and south-central Kansas. We will do our very best to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

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Patrick J. McAtee, Ph.D.



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#### CORE VALUES

Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational-Technical School is dedicated to the continual pursuit of excellence by embracing our Core Values, the fundamental principles that guide our actions.

#### People

- \* We emphasize the importance of human relationships, diversity, and a sense of community.
- \* We provide student-centered instruction.
- \* We provide a safe, learning environment where joy, humor, and teamwork are embraced. \* We encourage open communication and the sharing of ideas.

#### Leadership

- \* We provide a positive atmosphere that fosters personal and professional growth.
- \* We empower students and employees to be innovative and visionary
- \* We are an ethical leader in the field of education.

#### Integrity

\* We regard honesty, trust, and respect as essential principles in our academic, personal and professional standards.

#### Accountability

- \* Our students will receive a quality education.
- \* The College will provide students the opportunity to take an active role in their success.
- \* All employees are responsible and committed to excellence.
- \* We are accountable to the community to educate students and to sustain and improve society.

# THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT COLLEGE 2008-2009 THE NEW TEAMS SCORE!



Cowley College and Area Vocational-Technical School is committed to learning excellence and personal enrichment in an open access environment.

#### STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE

We are committed to maintaining a quality institution by meeting and exceeding the expectations of customers through the following:

#### Academic and Personal Enrichment:

The college will provide accessible curricula in an environment that promotes individual growth and personal enrichment.

#### Support Services:

The college will facilitate academic growth and the development of life skills.

#### Community Development:

The college will foster development of the community through public service programs and partnerships with business and industry.

#### **Fiscal Soundness:**

The college will secure financial support from various resources and maintain a financially stable institution.

#### Ethics

The college will emphasize a sense of fairness, citizenship, and tolerance for the views of others.





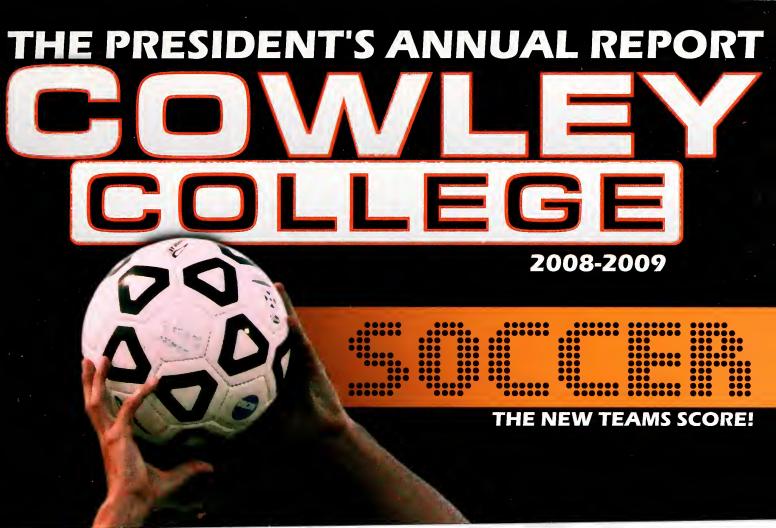
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#### Who We Serve

| Spring 2006 Semester Enrollment by location           Arkansas City         1,486           SSEC         2,346           Virtual Campus         967           Mulvane Bloomenshine         477           Aviation Tech Center         .154           Wellington         .116           Winfield         .111           Mulvane IT         .88 |
|---|
| Percentage by Gender  |
| Male  |
| Female  |
| remate  |
| Percentage by Ethnic Group  |
| Black/Non-Hispanic 6.8%   |
| Native American   |
| Asian   |
| Hispanic  |
| Caucasian   |
| Other   |
|   |

| Percentage by Age  |   |
|--|---|
| Under 18   | 6 |
| 19-22 years old  | 6 |
| 23-29 years old  |   |
| 30-49 years old  | 6 |
| 50 and over  | % |
| 2006-07 Enrollment Data Annual Unduplicated Headcount 6,99 | 2 |
| Headcount Fall 2005 5,24                                   |   |
| Headcount Spring 2006 4,966                                |   |
| Full-time Equivalent Students Fall 2005 .3,193             |   |
| FTE Students Spring 2006 3,021                             |   |
| International Student Enrollment 83                        |   |





#### Your Return on Investment

Expenditures by Source

2006-07 (unaudited)

| Instruction Academic Support Student Services Institutional Support | \$8,680, 684<br>\$679,035<br>\$3,035,021<br>\$2,407,553              | 45.53%<br>3.56%<br>15.92%<br>12.63%          |
|---|--|--|
| Operations & Maintenance Grants Transfers Total                     | \$3,962,924<br>\$275,811<br>\$25,000<br>\$19,066,028                 | 20.79%<br>1.45%<br>0.13%<br>100.0%           |
| Revenues by Source<br>2006-07<br>Student Sources<br>Federal Sources | \$5,738,164<br>\$190,940   | 30.16%<br>1.00%                              |
| State Sources County Sources Local Sources Other Sources Total      | \$8,117,400<br>\$252,345<br>\$4,106,124<br>\$621,836<br>\$19,026,809 | 42.66%<br>1.33%<br>21.58%<br>3.27%<br>100.0% |

Impact to Local Taxpayers

College, employee and student spending in Cowley County "Roll-over" effect of direct spending in county (multiplier = 1.6) State/local taxes received in 2005-06 (including property & motor vehicle taxes) Net Return to Taxpayers (based on direct spending only) Net Return to Taxpayers (including roll-over effect) Dollar-for-dollar return (based on direct spending only) Dollar-for-dollar return (including roll-over effect)

(Does not include economic impact of student tuition and fees, visitors & increased productivity through a better educated workforce.)

- Fifth lowest mill levy at 18.595 mills.
- One of Cowley County's largest employers.



#### Student Return on Investment

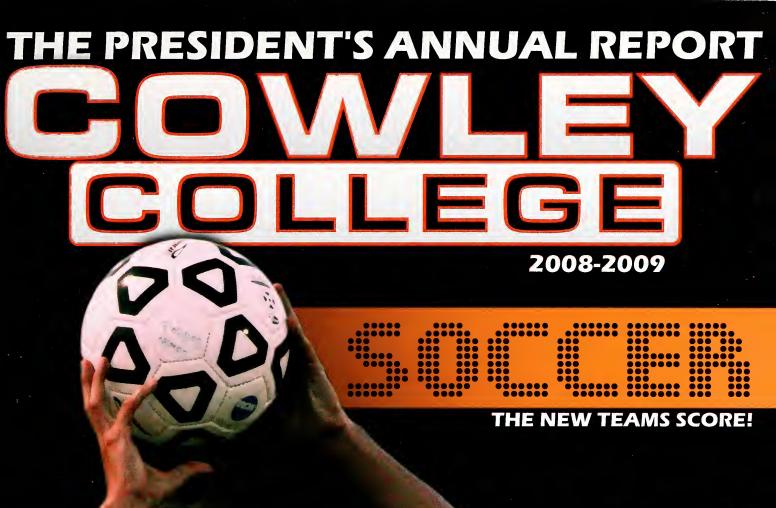
#### Your Investment

- \$3,128,525 in 2001-02 taxes; \$3,522,702 in 2002-03 taxes. For every dollar appropriated by state and local government, the college's spending alone generated \$1.42 in wages and salaries in Cowley County.
- For every dollar appropriated by the state and local government in fiscal 2002, student earnings will increase by an average of \$0.82 per year, every year through the rest of their working lives. Likewise, for every state dollar appropriated, Cowley County will see social savings of \$0.13 per year, every year (reduced incarceration and health care expenditures, reduced expenditures on unemployment and welfare, and reduced absenteeism).
- The College is third in size among the 19 community colleges in Kansas, behind Johnson County Community College and Butler County Community College.

#### Your Return

- Cowley had operating expenses of \$11.9 million in fiscal 2002, and spent \$9.6 million (81 percent) of this in Cowley County to purchase supplies and pay wages and salaries.
- \$9 million annual payroll, providing 189 full-time jobs and 239 adjunct faculty and staff positions. For every \$1 the college pays in wages and salaries, there is another \$0.31 in wages and salaries generated off-campus in the Cowley County economy—this is the commonly known multiplier effect.
- Customized training for more than a dozen businesses and industries, primarily through the Cowley College Workforce Development Center at Strother Field Industrial Park.

- A significant attraction for businesses and industries considering relocation in this area. College skills embodied in the present-day workforce increase the output of industries in the Cowley County economy, where the former students are employed, by \$83.63 million.
- Skills gained from the college by current and former students increase wages and salaries in Cowley County by \$25.5 million directly, and by another \$19.3 million indirectly in fiscal 2002.
- Of the 2,054 credit and non-credit students who attended the college in fiscal 2002, 67 percent were employed full- or part-time while attending. Sixty percent of the students stay in the region and contribute to the local economy after they leave the college.
- After leaving the college, the average Cowley student will spend 40 years in the workforce. The student who leaves with a two-year college degree will earn \$372,799 more than someone with just a high school diploma or GED.
- During the next 40 years in the workforce, the average Cowley student's discounted lifetime earnings will increase \$7.60 for every education dollar invested (in the form of tuition, fees, books, and foregone earnings from employment).



#### Foundation Balance Sheet

#### ASSETS

Total Cash and Investments
Pledges Receivable
Capitalized Assets
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#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total Current Liabilities \$48,591 Total Long-Term Liabilities \$112,895 Total Liabilities \$161,486

#### NET ASSETS

 Unrestricted
 \$350,409

 Temporarily Restricted
 \$596,271

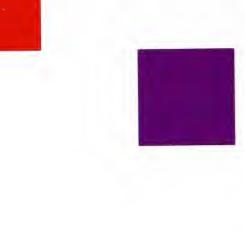
 Permanently Restricted
 \$1,903,164

 College Owned
 \$432,690

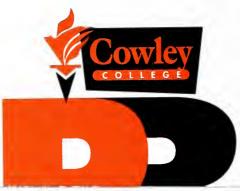
 Total Net Assets
 \$3,282,534

 Total Liabilities and Net Assets
 \$3,444,020





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#### Key Performance Indicators

Cowley relies upon a set of Key Performance Indicators to assess the college's effectiveness and to demonstrate accountability to its stakeholders. This abbreviated report provides an overview of Cowley's performance in key areas over the past year.

To expand partnerships with other educational institutions, governmental agencies, and business and industry.

At least five new partnerships will be established each year.

The partners for 2006 included Wichita State University's "Education 2+2" program; an Associate Degree in Nursing Program with Pratt Community College; a business Administration Degree with Friends University; shared facilities with Mulvane USD 263; and an entrepreneurship program with Home National Bank.

Number of course sections offered in conjunction with Cowley partner will increase.

46 new course sections were offered in conjunction with Cowley partners.

Number of students enrolled in course sections offered in conjunction with any Cowley partner will increase.

335 students enrolled in classes as a result of new partnerships.

To improve the success of students in the core skills of reading, writing, and mathematics.

Number of students exceeding the national average in reading, writing, and mathematics on the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) will increase from 2005.

 $270 \ \mathrm{students}$  exceeded the national average in reading compared to  $203 \ \mathrm{in} \ 2005.$ 

262 students exceeded the national average in writing compared to 183 in 2005.

365 students exceeded the national average in mathematics compared to 229 in 2005.

To increase the "performance gap" on the Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Survey.

Six of the 14 measurements of student satisfaction showed directional improvement.

To expand Cowley's industrial technology training in aviation airframe and powerplant maintenance, automotive technology, machine tool technology, and welding.

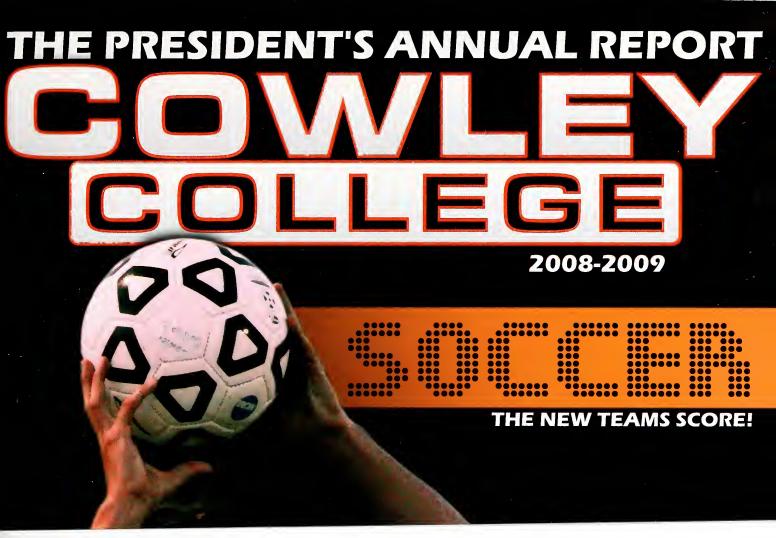
To increase the number of courses taught in industrial technology disciplines.

431 sections of courses offered as compared to 262 in 2005. Number of students enrolled in industrial technology courses will increase.

580 students enrolled as compared to 321 in 2005.

Number of students who successfully complete an FAA airframe or powerplant certification will increase.

95 students received their FAA airframe or powerplant certification as compared to 15 students in 2005.



#### Looking Ahead

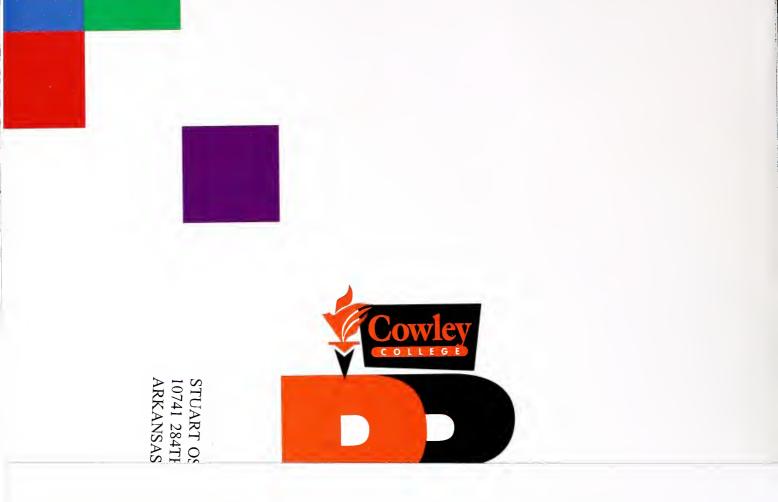
At Cowley ours is a story built from the ground up, full of courage, and the confidence that comes with success through risk-taking. Our students are explorers on a transforming journey and we are an institution driven by quality and dedicated to engaging its students and communities in unique learning experiences that expand their minds and spirits. We are dedicated to student success and as they become transformed so too do we. Find The Noise from within!!!

As we take the next steps in our journey we are excited about our continuing partnerships with area universities, colleges, community colleges and industry designed to build a world class workforce for area employers. We look forward to new partnerships to build academic opportunities to enhance transfer and articulation in our arts and sciences degree programs for our students. New or enhanced programs in Mechatronics, Interior Design, Avionics, Leadership, Office Technologies, Computer Help Desk, Entrepreneurship, Medical Transcription and Coding and the expansion of our Mobile Intensive Care Technician program will afford our students a variety of career and academic options in high demand high wage occupations. And our efforts in delivering a service learning program for all Cowley students will cultivate a spirit of giving back to the benefit of our communities.

Last, we have identified five areas of focus for the institution for the next year

- Improve Student Learning Outcomes; Communication Skills, Computation Skills, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Technology Skills, Community Skills and Interpersonal Skills.
- Enhance teaching, learning and student engagement both in and out of the classroom.
- Respond to area employer demands and provide support for community workforce development.
- Expand visibility of the college through enhanced marketing efforts.

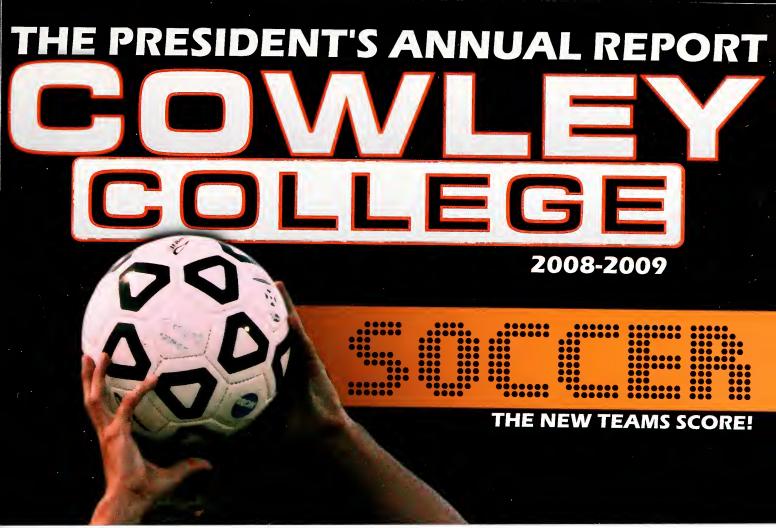




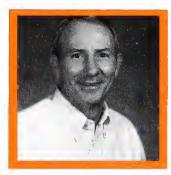
#### Special Rocognitions Highlights of faculty, student and staff accomplishments over the last year.

- \* Bruce Crouse The department chair of career and technical education at Cowley College, was named the Kansas Council on Workforce Education (KWCE) 2007 Award Winner for Excellence in Teaching
- \* Todd Shepherd Instructor/chair of Cowley College's Social Science Department, became the sixth recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.
- \* Chansi Long Journalist of the Year for two-year newspapers.
- \* Cowley Press Students received eight first place awards at the spring conference of the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press.
- \* Phi Beta Lambda Four first place student awards at 56th annual State Leadership Conference in Salina.
- \* Emilie Magnus 2006 national winner of the Diversified Crop Production - Placement Proficiency award program at the 79th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind.
- \* Trevor Whitsitt, Sarah Richardson, Heather Bailes, and Nathan Holcomb Named to the American Choral Directors Association Two-Year College National Honor Choir.
- \* Pam Smith Recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.
- \* Victoria Ukaoma Arkansas City Student of the Year.
- \* Alex Gottlob Cowley College Student of the Year.
- \* Tom Mason, Chris Cannon, JoLynne Stalnaker Received Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Develop-

- ment in Austin, Texas.
- \* Lisa Roberts Received Outstanding New Community Builder award for 2006 from the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce.
- \* Tiffany Hutchinson, Alyssa Showman, Shaye Waple Selected to All Kansas Academic Team.
- \* Academic Excellence Challenge team Won the regional tournament.
- \* Automotive technology program in Mulvane received certification from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.
- \* Ed Hargrove Inducted into National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame.
- \* Volleyball Captured the Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title and District M championship. Finished third at NJCAA Division II National Championships in Scottsdale, Ariz.
- \* Women's Indoor Track Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division champions and Region VI champions. Finished third at NJCAA National Indoor Track Championships in Lubbock, Texas.
- \* Mark Phillips Women's Indoor Track Coach of the Year.
- \* Tamara McMillan National champion in the weight throw at the NJCAA National Indoor Championships.
- \* Women's Outdoor Track Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division champions and Region VI champions. Finished third at NJCAA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Coffeyville.



- \* Kelsey Poljansek Women's Field Athlete of the Meet at the NJCAA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships. National champion in the shot put and discus.
- \* Men's Outdoor Track Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division champions and Region VI champions. Finished third at NJCAA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Coffeyville.
- \* Daniel Maina National champion in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the NJCAA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships.
- \* Adam Wolkins National champion in the javelin at the NJCAA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships.
- \* Men's Cross Country Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division champions. Finished fifth at the NJCAA Division I National Cross Country Championships in El Paso, Texas.
- \* Women's cross country Finished fourth at the NJCAA Division I National Cross Country Championships in El Paso, Texas.
- \* Softball Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division champions.
- \* Baseball Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division champions and Region VI champions. Competed at JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.
- \* Dave Burroughs Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Baseball Coach of the Year.
- \* Mike Dabbs Kansas Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Baseball Player of the Year.
- \* Women's tennis Region VI Champions. Finished fourth at NJCAA Women's Tennis National Tournament in Tucson, Ariz.



J.C. Louderback, a 1954 graduate of Arkansas City Junior College, was selected as the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award. At ACJC, he was a state doubles champion and captain of the tennis team. In football, he was the team captain and named the squad's Most Inspirational Player, along with being named an all-conference quarterback. He was also the captain of the basketball team, which finished second in the nation in the 1952-53 season.

After graduating from Southwestern College in 1957, he coached the Cowley men's tennis team to state championships in 1957, 1958, and 1959; and led the Tigers to a national runner-up finish in 1958. He was a Master Teacher for Unified School District 470 in 1984, and served as math instructor and boy's tennis coach for Arkansas City High School for 36 years winning Kansas State team titles in 1989, 1990, and 1991. He was inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994, was inducted into the Kansas Coaches Hall of Fame for tennis in 1997, and was inducted into the Missouri Valley Tennis Association Hall of Fame in 1998. He was induced into the first class of the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. He also had a brief four-year stint as ACHS head basketball coach and girls tennis coach, and served as an assistant football coach at ACHS for 22 years. Louderback was voted national high school regional tennis coach of the year twice and Kansas state high school tennis coach of the year four times.



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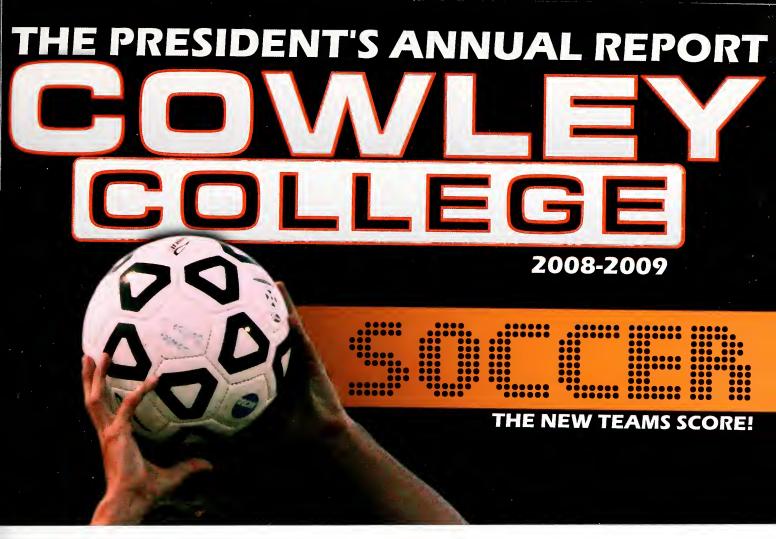
Hall of Honor (\$100 - \$499)

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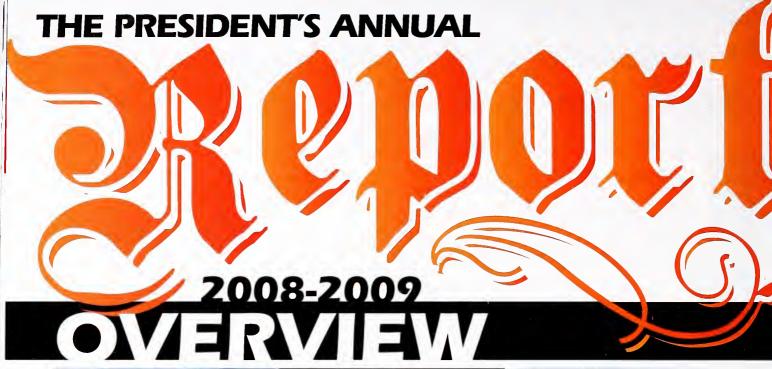
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Welcome to the 2008-09 edition of the President's Annual Report.

I'm very proud to tell you that the past academic year was one filled with many outstanding student accomplishments, faculty and staff awards, and growth and improvement in many areas of the college. Our students never cease to amaze me. Some are just naturally gifted individuals who achieve at the highest level and aspire to be highly skilled professionals in their chosen career. Others sacrifice time with their families to gain new skills or finish a degree to become more employable in today's competitive job market.

#### "Cowley's goal is to take care of its students, regardless of their place in life."

Sometimes we fail, and for that I apologize. But, I can tell you that Cowley employees want every student to experience success. How that success is measured depends on the individual.

Elizabeth Smith from Rock is our 2008-09 Student of the Year. What a smart and driven young woman! The accounting major was the top student in the Business, Computer and Information Technology Department, the Phi Beta Lambda organization, and was a recipient of a Student Activities ABCD (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) Award.

Natural Science Department Instructor Scott Layton was selected as the sixth recipient of the Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning. The college has grown significantly during my 23 years as president. We have opened two Centers in Wichita since May, 2008, and have also added a new dormitory on our main campus in Arkansas City. The college also added men and women's soccer programs during the 2008-09 academic year.



This report includes many other wonderful highlights from the past year. I invite you to read through it carefully. It is my hope that it will give you a better understanding of what Cowley is all about and the direction we're heading.

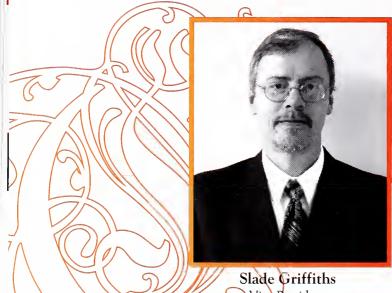
On behalf of our Board of Trustees, my fellow administrators, our faculty, staff and students, I want to thank you for your support of Cowley County Community College. It means a great deal to me. The college has always been a viable entity within Arkansas City, Cowley County, and south-central Kansas. We will do our very best to keep it that way.

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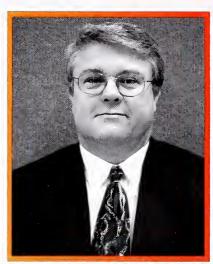
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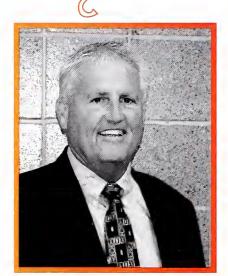
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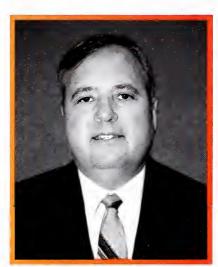
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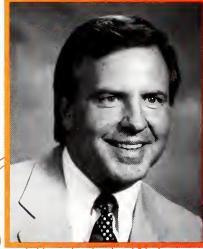
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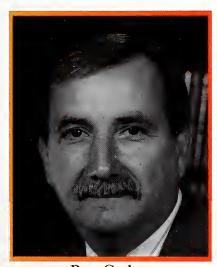
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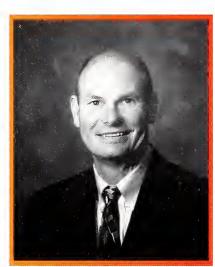
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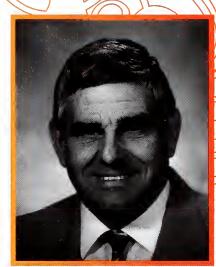
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# Shurtz returns to Cowley College Board of Trustees

After a 10-year hiatus, Dennis K. Shurtz is once again a member of the Cowley College Board of Trustees. Along with Shurtz, incumbents Donna Avery and Albert Bacastow, Jr. were re-elected to the board.

Avery was top vote-getter in the local elections. Shurtz was second, while Bacastow, Jr. was third.

Avery is in her 11th year on the Board and has served as Board Chair two times, while Bacastow, Jr. has served on the Board for the past 21 years and has been Board Chair four times. Shurtz served as a member of the Board from 1991 to 1999 and was Board Chair once during his pair of four-year terms.

Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee is looking forward to working with all three individuals.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to work again with Albert Bacastow, Jr., who was president of the original Board that hired me in 1987," McAtee said. "I am also delighted to work with Donna Avery, and look forward to working again with Dennis Shurtz, who was a valuable Board member when he was previously on the Board."

Other members of the Board are, Mark Paton, Ron Godsey, and Lee Gregg, Jr.

## **CORE VALUES**

Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational-Technical School is dedicated to the continual pursuit of excellence by embracing our Core Values, the fundamental principles that guide our actions.

## **People**

- \* We emphasize the importance of human relationships, diversity, and a sense of community.
- \* We provide student-centered instruction.
- \* We provide a safe, learning environment where joy, humor, and teamwork are embraced.
- \* We encourage open communication and the sharing of ideas.

## Leadership

- \* We provide a positive atmosphere that fosters personal and professional growth.
- \* We empower students and employees to be innovative and visionary.
- \* We are an ethical leader in the field of education.

## **Integrity**

\* We regard honesty, trust, and respect as essential principles in our academic, personal and professional standards.

## **Accountability**

- \* Our students will receive a quality education.
- \* The College will provide students the opportunity to take an active role in their success.
- \* All employees are responsible and committed to excellence.
- \* We are accountable to the community to educate students and to sustain and improve society.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Cowley College and Area Vocational-Technical School is committed to learning excellence and personal enrichment in an open access environment.

### STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE

We are committed to maintaining a quality institution by meeting and exceeding the expectations of customers through the following:

# Academic and Personal Enrichment:

The college will provide accessible curricula in an environment that promotes individual growth and personal enrichment.

#### **Support Services:**

The college will facilitate academic growth and the development of life skills.

## Community Development:

The college will foster development of the community through public service programs and partnerships with business and industry.

#### **Fiscal Soundness:**

The college will secure financial support from various resources and maintain a financially stable institution.

#### **Ethics:**

The college will emphasize a sense of fairness, citizenship, and tolerance for the views of others.



# Cowley College receives reaffirmation of accreditation

Cowley County Community College recently received reaffirmation of accreditation from The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of College's and Schools.

"Having accredited reaffirmation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools is a credit to all the hard working employees at Cowley College," Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee said.

AQIP Reaffirmation of Accreditation reviews are scheduled seven years in advance, when an institution first joins the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) or when an institution already participating in AQIP is reaffirmed via the AQIP Reaffirmation of Accreditation process.

Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational-Technical School was first accredited by the Commission in April, 1975, (having been admitted to Candidacy for Accreditation in July, 1973). The institution was admitted to AQIP on October 3, 2001, and became an AQIP institution in 2002. Cowley College participated in its second Strategy Forum from March 6-9, 2007.

Since admission to AQIP, the institution has officially declared and attempted eight individual Action Projects, four are listed as current and four are listed as retired (listing of documented AQIP Action Projects). Cowley has provided AQIP with Annual Updates of ongoing Action Projects and received Annual Feedback Reports on each project.

The institution provided its Systems Portfolio for review in June, 2006, and received a Systems Appraisal Feedback Report on September 29, 2006. The next Systems Portfolio is due in November, 2009.

AQIP conducted a Quality Checkup visit to the institution on April 25-27, 2007, and provided a report of the findings of the visiting team following the visit. The Quality Checkup team that conducted a site visit to the institution examined evidence provided by the institution of its compliance with the Commission's

federal compliance program. The Quality Checkup site visit team concluded that the institution presented acceptable evidence that it complies with all Commission and AQIP expectations. In establishing four AQIP Action Projects (Provide Quality Education to Students at All Academic Levels, Plan and Implement an Employee Professional Development/Mentoring Program, Review and Improve the Strategic Planning Process, and Improve the Systematic Tracking and Measuring of Institutional Effectiveness) in its first years in AQIP, Cowley County Community College has indicated its commitment to the AQIP criteria and its responsiveness to Commission concerns regarding its future institutional strategies. Cowley County Community College has continued this commitment by developing and implementing four additional AQIP Action Projects (Cultural Diversity, Integrating Institutional Data into the Strategic Planning Process, Student Transfer/Career Development, and Assuring Consistency and Quality in Online Delivery) that are related to concerns raised by the Systems Appraisal Team.

Cowley College's AQIP Steering Committee was very diligent in keeping up on the action projects. Cowley College vice president of academic affairs, Slade Griffiths, said it is a rigorous process to gain accreditation.

"Overall, they were very pleased with what they saw," Griffiths said. "This really brings validity to our community college." Cowley College has found this process to be beneficial to its progress and look forward to working with The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of College's and Schools on its next Systems Portfolio.

Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational-Technical School is a public, non-for-profit institution that offers associate degrees and pre-associate certificate programs for primarily rural counties in south-central Kansas and the Metropolitan Wichita area (two campuses and seven sites located in Wichita, Mulvane, Winfield, and Arkansas City).

In addition, there are 15 course locations, including Ponca City, Oklahoma. Cowley College maintains multiple partnerships with other community colleges, technical colleges and major state universities in its area.

Instruction is offered through a variety of systems including the traditional semester-based classroom, online hybrid courses, telecourses, and web-based courses. Courses designed to address specific local industry and community needs are offered as requested by the appropriate constituency.

The organization operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff, and students.

The organization's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

The year of the college's next reaffirma-



# Steven Archer named Outstanding Tiger Alumni for 2009

ontinuing a family tradition, Steven Archer, City Manager for Arkansas City, was recently named the recipient of Cowley College's Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award for 2009. Archer joins his inlaws, Donna and the late Joe Avery, and brother-in-law, Bob White, as recipients of the Award.

Archer is the son of Jack and Nina Archer. He was born in Winfield and raised in Arkansas City. He graduated from Arkansas City High School in 1970. After graduating from ACHS, Archer spent two years in the military, with one of those years being spent in Vietnam. After a twoyear stint in the military, Archer returned to Arkansas City and married Pam Avery in March of 1972. He then started taking classes at Cowley College in the fall.

At Cowley, Archer participated in all of the school's musicals and plays. He recalls fondly the instruction he received from the head of the school's Drama Department. He also enjoyed the instruction he received from Dr. DuChateau, who taught history and social science at the school.

"Some of the math and science classes I took at Cowley helped me become very detailed," Archer said. "My involvement in the drama program helped me get out in front of people and be able to speak in public."

He received an Associate of Arts degree from Cowley College in 1974 and then enrolled at Kansas State University. Already receiving funding as part of the GI Bill, Archer received additional funding by joining Kansas State's Army ROTC program. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State in 1977 and

a position as an engineering officer in the United States Army. To fulfill his commitment to the Army, Archer and his wife spent three years stationed in Germany.

> When his commitment was up he took additional training and as he put it "The next thing you know I am in the Army until 1987". During this time, he was stationed in Virginia, Germany, Maryland, and Arkansas, where he spent three years teaching at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville Army ROTC program, and finally Louisiana as a construction project manager with the Ft. Worth District Army Corp of Engineers.

Following his time in the Army, he served as an engi-

neering officer in the United States Air Force from 1987 until his retirement in 1995. He finished his time in the military working at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita. It was during this time that Archer got to know Curt Freeland, who was then the City Manager of Arkansas City. After speaking with Freeland, he realized a lot of what he was doing as an engineering officer related to work done in local government.

"What I was doing then tied into being a City Manager, so I decided to pursue a career in that area," Archer said. He continued his education while at McConnell and received his Master's in Business in 1993.

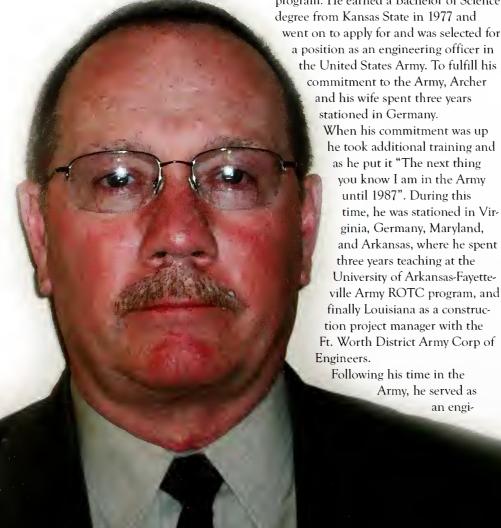
Archer began his career in local government management when he was appointed City Manager of St. Marys, Kansas, where he worked until 1998. He left his position in St. Marys to return home to Arkansas City and serve as the Director of Administration. He held that position until being appointed City Manager in June, 2008.

"I really enjoy local government and the challenges you face," Archer said. "It's nice to be back in my home town and be able to help local people."

In his role as City Manager, Archer has worked on numerous projects, including the Kansas and Summit intersection improvement project, the new hospital, the railroad overpass project on Kansas Avenue and the sales tax initiatives for the hospital and street improvements.

Archer and his wife, Pam, a 1972 Cowley Alumnus, have a daughter, Dana Wilson of Arkansas City. They also have two grandchildren, A.J. and Jordan. Archer is humbled to be recognized as this year's Outstanding Tiger Alumni and is proud to be held in the same esteem as some of his family members.

"Being from Arkansas City and Cowley County it is fantastic to receive this honor," Archer said. "I never dreamed when I was attending Cowley that this would happen. It really touches me to be named the Outstanding Tiger Alumni."



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# Cowley student named Coca-Cola

**Bronze Scholar** 

Having been named a member of the Kansas All-State Academic Team, Cowley College student Tina Wohlford (pictured far right) earned another prestigious honor by being named a 2009 Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar.

The Coca-Cola Scholar program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

As a Bronze Scholar, Wohlford will be provided with a certificate, bronze medallion, and a check for \$1,000.

Wohlford was a student at Cowley's Mulvane center and was active in Phi Theta Kappa, the Math and Science Club, and the Book Club. She was one of the top 150 students (top 50 are gold scholars, next 50 are silver scholars and next 50 are bronze) out of two candidates nominated from every campus of every community college in the nation.

"I was only eligible because of my being a member of PTK," Wohlford said. 'I am honored to be a part of PTK. Nancy Ayers (pictured far left) and Melinda Neal have been incredible mentors to me." Selection as a Coca-Cola Scholar was based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition. Gold, Silver and Bronze Scholars were listed in a special section of USA TODAY on April 6. Cowley College PTK co-sponsor, Nancy Ayers, was happy to see Wohlford be named a Bronze Scholar.

"Tina has been very active in Phi Theta Kappa since her induction in the Fall of 2007," Ayers said. "She serves as the Vice President of Service for our chapter and has been instrumental in our recycling efforts, which is one of her passions. She was one of the driving forces of our Mulvane group and just a wonderful person to work with. I'm really going to miss her."



# tudents of the Month



Sarah Smith September 2008



**Emily Crain** January 2009



Andy Petz October 2008



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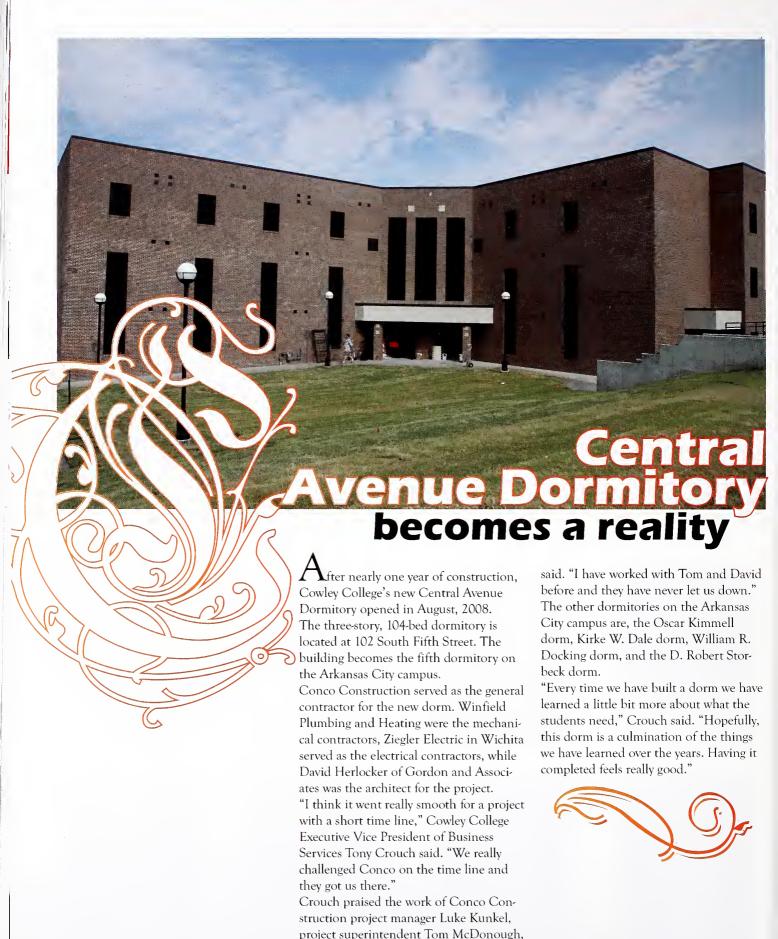
Elizabeth Smith March 2009



Lauren McGuigan December 2008



Darci Mann April 2009



and David Herlocker.

"Those three were instrumental in the process and the final product," Crouch

# Layton named Cowley College's sixth Endowed Chair

Being named the recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence during Cowley College's Back to School In-Service in August, 2008, Scott Layton, Cowley College Natural Science Department Instructor, could not believe his ears when he heard his name called as the school's Endowed Chair during the school's In-Service in January. "I knew I was nominated, but I was totally shocked to hear I was the new Endowed Chair," Layton said. "To be considered amongst what I consider to be a very

# "This is perhaps the most meaningful award I have ever received."

talented group of instructors at the college is amazing. This is perhaps the most meaningful award I have ever received." As an instructor in the natural science department, Layton is responsible for teaching microbiology and biology classes. He received bachelors and masters degrees from Oklahoma State University. Thanks to the generous support of CornerBank, Layton will receive \$2,000 a year for each of the next two years. A total of \$500 each year will be used for continuing education, while the other \$1,500 is Layton's to use however he would like. Layton plans to use the money to either attend a conference or pursue a summer internship at a laboratory or university in the hopes of implementing some of the things he learns into his classroom. CornerBank vice president/branch manager Joyce McArtor was on hand to honor Layton as was Cowley College's director of Alumni and Endowment, Shannon Massey.

With Layton being the sixth recipient of the award, CornerBank has now donated \$24,000 to the endowed chairs. Former endowed chair recipients are, Dejon Ewing, Michelle Schoon, Connie Donatelli,



Pam Smith, and Marlys Cervantes. "Those are all highly respected teachers on campus," Layton said.

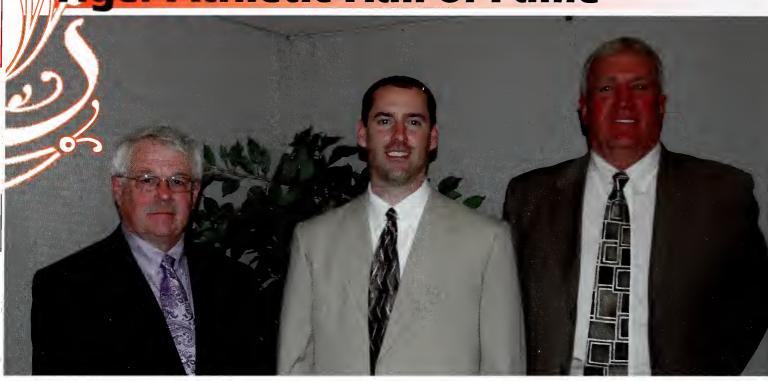
Layton, who serves as Cowley College's Math and Science Club co-sponsor and was listed in the Who's Who Among American Teachers in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic years and the Who's Who in North American Colleges and Universities in 2008-09, was named the Teacher of the Year at Stillwater Junior High School in 2001.

He began teaching at Cowley in 2002 and is a member of the Cowley Education Association, KNEA, and NEA.

Layton said his success is in part because of the people he surrounds himself with. "I have had a lot of help along the way," Layton said. "Several people have had a hand in my success, including my wife (Debbie) and people in my department."
Pictured: Layton receives congratulations from Cowley College vice president of academic affairs, Slade Griffiths.



# Three new members inducted into Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame



Recognizing alumni who have added to the rich and honored tradition of Cowley College athletics, three new members were inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame on Jan. 31.

The new members are W.G. "Bunt" Speer, Josh McMillen, and Ed Hargrove. The inductees attended a social in Cowley College's Earle N. Wright Community Room. They then spoke at the Hall of Fame luncheon in the Wright Room, and concluded their weekend by being recognized at halftime of Cowley's men's basketball game versus Highland Community College on Jan. 31.

The late W.G. "Bunt" Speer coached football, basketball, track and field, and golf at ACJC. He coached the football team from 1946-1954. With ACJC not playing football during the 1943-1945 seasons due to World War II, Speer coached the team to a record of 6-3 in its return to the gridiron.

Speer also led the ACJC men's basketball team to a record of 69-61, while serving as coach from 1946-1952. Along with coaching football and basketball, Speer coached the ACJC track and field team from 1952-54 and the ACJC golf team during the

1961 season. His son, Ralph, accepted the award on behalf of his father.

McMillen played baseball at Cowley College during the 1997 and 1998 seasons. He was a member of the Tigers' back-to-back JUCO World Series winning clubs and was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1998 JUCO World Series.

McMillen transferred to Cowley from Kansas State University and had a stell

Kansas State University and had a stellar career for the Tigers. The outfielder displayed his versatility by batting cleanup his freshman year and then batting lead-off as a sophomore.

His solid play earned him All-Conference and All-Region baseball honors as he helped Cowley to a 34-0 conference mark in 1998. He also excelled in the classroom and has gone on to become a teacher and coach.

After Cowley, he went on to play two years of baseball at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Hargrove is the winningest coach in Cowley College sports history and is the active wins leader among NJCAA softball coaches. He has won 917 games as head coach of the Lady Tiger softball team, and captured 16 Jayhawk East Conference Championships.

He also has led Cowley to six Region VI Championships and five appearances at the NJCAA National Softball Tournament. His teams in 2005 and 2006 placed fourth at the national tournament, while the 2009 team placed fifth.

Hargrove has been named Jayhawk East Coach of the Year seven times, while also helping the Lady Tiger softball team win six NJCAA National Academic Team of the Year awards.

In 2007, he was inducted into the NJ-CAA Softball Hall of Fame, and received the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission "Outstanding Achievement Award". Hargrove, an outstanding athlete, played football at Cowley County Community Junior College during the 1965 and 1966 seasons and graduated from the school in 1967. He was an all-conference right tackle for the Tiger football team. He went on to receive a baseball scholarship to Fort Hays State University, where he saw playing time at first base and third base for the top-20 ranked baseball team. Pictured: Ralph Speer, Josh McMillen, and Ed Hargrove.

# Natural Science instructor receives Stirnaman Award

Scott Layton, Natural Science Department instructor, became the seventh recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

Layton received the award during Cowley College's Back to School In-Service held Aug. 13, 2008 in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

"Scott is very deserving of this award," Cowley College vice president of academic affairs Slade Griffiths said. "He exemplifies all of the high ideals of the faculty."

The award is named for Paul Stirnaman, a long-time Social Science Department instructor and strong supporter of the College Education Association. He died June 16, 2000, following a lengthy illness. As an instructor in the natural science department, Layton is responsible for teaching microbiology and biology classes. He received bachelors and masters degrees from Oklahoma State University. "I am humbled to be recognized by my

peers," Layton said. "I hold the people that were nominated for the award in the highest regard."

Layton, who enjoys the success stories that come about through education, serves as Cowley College's Math and Science Club co-sponsor and was listed in the Who's Who Among American Teachers in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic years. He was also named the Teacher of the Year at Stillwater Junior High School in 2001. "Scott is extremely knowledgeable, a great teacher, and is willing to help students reach their goals," Griffiths said. He has taught at Cowley for the past eight

"I really enjoy the people I get to work with," Layton said. "I also have a great degree of freedom in what I can teach and introduce into the classroom." Layton is a member of the Cowley Education Association, KNEA, and NEA. He and his wife, Debbie, have a daughter,



# Cowley students honored at luncheon in Topeka

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Four Cowley College students were honored at a luncheon in Topeka for being named to the Kansas All-State Academic Team.

Representing Cowley College were, Candice Bliss and Emily Crain from the Arkansas City campus, and Keoki Waipa and Tina Wohlford from the Mulvane center.

A total of 48 students from 20 Kansas community colleges were recognized at the luncheon. In recognition of their honor each member of the Kansas All-State Academic Team received an honorary medallion and certificate, state-wide recognition through the media, a stipend to be used at the institution of his/her choice, and a \$1,000 scholarship for those who enroll at: Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State

University, Kansas University, Pittsburg State University, Washburn University, and Wichita State University.

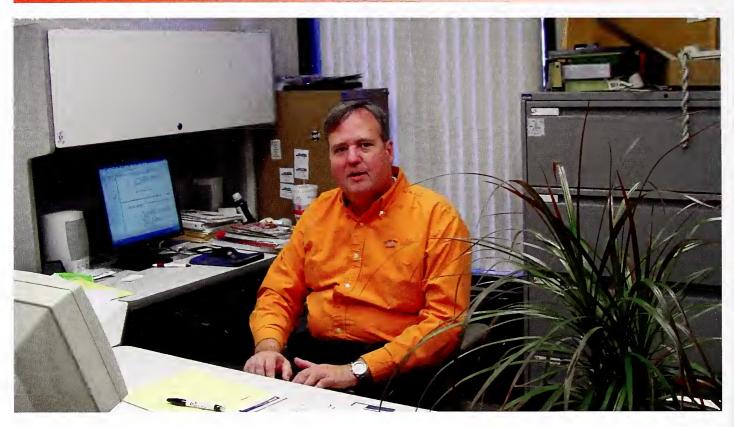
Other colleges, such as Bethel College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Mid America Nazarene University, and Tabor College, will provide generous scholarships to the nominees.

Dr. Richard Burke, Dodge City Community College president, and Community College Council of Presidents, gave the welcome address and closing comments. Ms. Tammy Fuentez, Kansas Director of Phi Theta Kappa, introduced each recipient, who received their medal and certificate from their college president. Cowley College president, Dr. Patrick J. McAtee, and Board of Trustee members, Ron Godsey, Mark Patton, and Donna Avery attended the luncheon, as did Sue

Saia, vice president of student affairs. Cowley College students were joined by PTK sponsors Melinda Neal and Nancy



# McKown receives two awards at conference in Texas



Having shown tremendous leadership and dedication to his profession, Charles McKown, Cowley College vice president of Research and Technology, recently received a pair of awards at the annual South Central POISE Users Group Conference in Addison, Texas.

McKown was presented with a "Libby" Award and a Poise Users Group (PUG) Service Award.

The Poise Users Group Service Award goes to individuals who have shown tremendous leadership coupled with longevity of service to PUG. Loren Morris, director of Information Technology Services at Hutchinson Community College, who is the current president of PUG, presented the award to McKown. "Charles McKown has dedicated his

"Charles McKown has dedicated his time and effort to the Poise Users Group (PUG) over the last 22 years," Morris said. "Charles' leadership was extremely valuable during the difficult times of transition when the POISE product changed ownership."

McKown maintained the office of presi-

dent for PUG at three different times, and has presented numerous sessions at user conferences. He continues his service today as a member of the PUG board and as the PUG treasurer.

"Quite frankly, the POISE product wouldn't be what it is today without the influence of Charles McKown," Morris said.

McKown thinks highly of the POISE product.

"I am convinced that POISE is the best administrative software out there," McKown said. "The POISE product was developed in the late 1970's, yet they have managed to keep it modern and tied into the web."

The "Libby" Award, was named after Elizabeth "Libby" Annulis, former director of Information Technology at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Annulis, who was the first person to receive the award, which was previously known as the South Central Poise Users Group Distinguished Service Award, passed away on March 15, 2009.

McKown is only the 11th recipient of the

award in the past 31 years.

"When you are recognized by your peers it is always very special," McKown said. Randy Thomas and Tom Rudolph, co-owners of ESP (Educational Systems Products), which is the college's support company based out of Tulsa, look at individuals that pushed POISE products on their campus and helped the product grow. They said there were several worthy candidates, but McKown stood out from the rest of the group.

"We are honored to recognize Charles, he has been an outstanding person to work with," Thomas said.

When McKown was hired at Cowley College's main campus in Arkansas City in June, 1992, the college had a total of 30 computers. The college now has close to 1,000 computers in use.



# Dale, Dr. Hashemi receive NISOD **Excellence Awards in Austin**

ue to their stellar work and dedication to the teaching profession, Cowley College instructors Rae Dale and Dr. Jafar Hashemi received Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas in May.

Dale, an academic advisor and Office Technology, Computer, and Business instructor at Cowley College, and Dr. Hashemi, a Physics, Mathematics, Engineering and Physical Science instructor at the college's Arkansas City campus and Mulvane center, received the awards during NISOD's annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence May 24-27.

Dale worked for Charles Thoma Architecture and Engineering in Arkansas City from 1974-1990. While working there, Mr. Thoma convinced Dale to return to school and complete her bachelor's degree. She took his advice and received an associate's degree from Cowley County Community College in 1987, and a bachelor's degree from Southwestern College in 1989. She didn't stop there, as she received a Master's of Education degree from Southwestern College in 1994.

an adjunct instructor in 1990 and became a fulltime instructor at the college in 1992. Prior to becoming a full-time instructor at Cowley College, Dale did some substitute teaching for USD 470 and was also a long-term substitute at Caldwell High School. Once she started working at the college she realized this is where she

"The best part of the job is being in the classroom and working directly with students," Dale said. "I enjoy the wide diversity of our students,

wanted to be.

not just culturally, but the difference in age as well."

She also enjoys conducting non-credit Business and Industry software training. Dale was named to the Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 2005-06. She is a member of the National Education Association, Kansas National Education Association, and College Education Association.

Being named a recipient of the Excellence Award from NISOD is something she is proud of.

"In the hallway of Webb-Brown there are photos of past Master Teacher recipients, so I get to see the faces of many excellent faculty members," Dale said. "It is a great honor to join them on the wall. I feel Cowley has outstanding faculty and it is a privilege to work with them."

With computer applications constantly coming out with new versions, Dale finds there is more to learn each semester.

"With the constant change things never get old," Dale said. "I especially like seeing a student come in a little apprehensive, thinking they can't do it, and then realizing they can be successful."

Slade Griffiths, Cowley College vice president of academic affairs, was happy to see Dale receive recognition from NISOD.

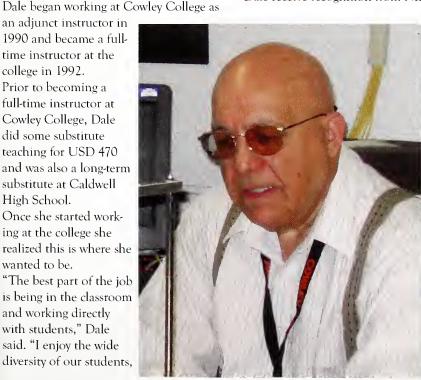
"Rae Dale is deserving of the NISOD Master Teacher honor because she engages the students in the classroom by using practices that facilitate learning," Griffiths said. "She is a content expert and has been very willing to develop new programs and participate in employee professional development by providing many classes." Dr. Hashemi began employment as a fulltime Physics and Physical Science instructor at Cowley College in 1999. He has spent a total of 18 years as an instructor. "I have always enjoyed helping other people and covering subjects I like," Hashemi said.

He currently teaches Engineering Physics Part II and General Physics Part II at the college's Mulvane center and Arkansas City campus. He also teaches Physical Science and Statics.

Prior to coming to Cowley College, Dr. Hashemi was an instructor at the University of Oklahoma, St. Gregory University, and Butler Community College. He also served as a Senior Systems Engineer at Boeing, and was an Operation Research Analyst at Tinker Air Force Base.

"Dr. Hashemi worked for many years as an engineer and, in the classroom, his love for engineering and student learning is evident," Griffiths said. "He is clearly

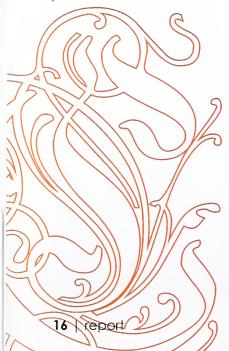
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Participating in the Kansas Phi Beta Lambda 58th annual State Leadership Conference at Colby Community College on February 26-27, seven of Cowley College's nine PBL students in attendance qualified to attend the National PBL Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA June 20-23.



Beverly Grunder, Cowley College PBL advisor was proud of the PBL member's accomplishments.

"It is a privilege serving as the Cowley College PBL advisor and having the opportunity to work with the students,' Grunder said. "I am so proud of them and their accomplishments. They represent Cowley College well especially when they are competing against students from four-year colleges and universities." Students that attended the PBL National Leadership Conference were: Melissa Barr, Richard Gould, Janessa Gould, Phuong Huynh, Crystal McGuire, Mary Misasi, and Elizabeth Smith. Cowley College student's awards from the State Leadership Conference include: Elizabeth Smith, Rock, KS - Sophomore

1st - Accounting Principles

1st - Database Design and Application

1st - Web Site Development

Crystal McGuire, Wichita, KS - Sopho-

2nd - Business Communications Richard Gould, Douglas, KS - Sophomore

1st - Human Resource Management

2nd - Computer Concepts

2nd - Help Desk

Melissa Barr, Arkansas City, KS - Sopho-

1st - International Business

2nd - Cyber Security

Brandi Berntsen, Conway Spring, KS -Freshman

2nd - Word Processing

Team of Mary Misasi, Winfield, KS -Freshman and Phuong Huynh, Wichita,

KS - Freshman

1st - Hospitality Management

2nd - Small Business Management Plan Other colleges participating at the 58th annual State Leadership Conference were: Butler Community College, Central Christian College at McPherson, Colby Community College, Emporia State University, Kansas State University, Labette Community College, and Washburn University.



# Cowley honors 22 employees for years of service



wenty-two Cowley College employees were honored for their years of service during a recognition ceremony in the Earle N. Wright Community Room inside the Brown Center.

Employees were honored in five-year increments.

Awards are presented annually to employees who have worked five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 consecutive years.

This year's award recipients:

30 years: Libby Palmer, administrative assistant to the president/Board clerk.
25 years: Ed Hargrove, head softball coach.

20 years: Dejon Ewing, Humanities Department instructor.

15 years: Bryan McChesney, coordinator, ITV/Technology specialist; Bruce Watson, coordinator, athletic/community/minority counselor.

10 years: Deanna Harp, financial aid specialist; Todd Ray, maintenance super-

visor; Loretta Waldroupe, math specialist, student support services; Lindsay Sanderholm, danceline head coach/Aerobics instructor: Chris Mayer, Social Science Department instructor; Karolee Weller, Natural Science Department instructor. 5 years: Ben Schears, director of International Student Services; Roxanna James, IMPACT administrative secretary; Mark Phillips, head track and field coach/assistant cross country coach; Amy McWhirt, Humanities faculty; David Hays, Natural Science Department instructor; April Nittler, Social Science Department instructor; Sandy Randel, director of Career and Technical Education and Workforce Development; Syd Alexander, bus driver/ groundskeeper; Robert Richards, custodian; Rama Peroo, director of institutional communications and public relations: Clinton Marlow, director of computer services.



# Elizabeth Smith named Student of the Year

Having served as the class valedictorian at Udall High School in 2007, Elizabeth Smith has enjoyed similar academic success at Cowley College. The sophomore from Rock was named the school's Student of the Year for the 2008-09 academic year.

Smith, daughter of Larry and Sheila Smith, was an accounting major. Grandparents are Patricia and the late Gene Prichard of Douglass, and Neoma and the late Golden Arlie Smith of Dustin, Okla. She has a brother, Brian 24, and a sister, Tabitha 21.

In high school, along with being named valedictorian, Smith was a member of the National Honor Society as well as Career and Community Leaders of America and Future Business Leaders of America. She also served as class treasurer her junior and senior years at the school.

The decision to attend Cowley was not a tough one as her sister, Tabitha, and brother, Brian had each earned associate degrees from the school.

# rou are not just a number"

"At Cowley you are not just a number, I liked the small class sizes and the number of classes offered," Smith said.

At Cowley, Smith was president of Phi Beta Lambda and State Treasurer for PBL. She was also active in Math and Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, PTK, AEC, Media Club, Film Club, Act One, and the Young Democrats. She also served as a SGA representative for PBL, and was a Cowley Tutor and Cowley Captain. She was also named the school's March Student of the Month.

At the Kansas Phi Beta Lambda 58th annual State Leadership Conference at Colby Community College on February 26-27, Smith took home three first place awards. She enjoyed the experience of being in PBL and working with PBL advisor Bev Grunder.



"It has been really fun getting to meet different people from around the state, and getting an opportunity to go to nationals and meet people from around the world," Smith said. "Bev is a wonderful person to be around, she is always happy and makes the best of every situation."

Smith had a 4.0 grade point average at Cowley College. In fact, she has never made any grade other than an "A" since she began her schooling.

This driven student took 22 credit hours the spring semester and graduated from Cowley with 84 credit hours.

"I want to get a feel for all different types of classes," Smith said.

In her free time, Smith enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends. She considers her mother, Sheila, to be the most influential person in her life

"My mom has always encouraged me and believes I can do anything I set my mind to," Smith said.

After Cowley, Elizabeth transferred to Southwestern College to dual major in accounting and business administration. She hopes to one day become a managerial accountant and work with CEO's of companies to decide what is best for their company.

She enjoyed her time at Cowley.

"I'm glad I came here, the faculty, staff, and students are so nice," Smith said.

"It's a wonderful environment to be in."



# Cowley opens enrollment center in East Wichita

With online classes serving as the fastest growing portion of Cowley College, the college's Eastside Center opened in May, 2008 and is located at 4900 E. Pawnee, Suite 106 and 108, in Wichita. Online education is growing in response to the needs of people who may not be in a traditional situation for attending college because of work, family, or other obligations, as well as the "traditional" student who is more versed in the electronic age.

The Eastside Center offers different modes of learning so a student can select the courses that best fit their schedule and location. Students can choose from online classes, online hybrids, video hybrids, interactive television (ITV), and online continuing education courses. To find out more information about the

Eastside Center call 316-683-6013 or e-mail eastside@cowley.edu.



# Cowley College opens Westside Center in Wichita

Continuing to draw a large percentage of students from the north part of its service area and Sedgwick County, Cowley College opened a new center on the west side of Wichita on June 3, 2009.

The center, which is called the Cowley College Westside Center, is located at 8821 West 21 Street, Suite 400. The building, which is 3,000 square feet, is on the southwest corner of Tyler and 21st Street

The Westside Center has two employees on hand to help students enroll for online courses and provide financial aid information and information about courses offered at the Cowley College campuses. They will also conduct Asset Testing and provide workshops based upon what the need in a certain area may be.

Cowley College president, Dr. Patrick J. McAtee, felt there was a need for the college to be visible on the west side of Wichita.

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"We felt we needed to do a better job of communicating with that segment of our service area and reach out to those students interested in Cowley," McAtee said. "Whether a student is wanting to take classes online or at one of our other locations, we can keep them informed on programs and services we offer."

The college's Eastside Center opened on the east side of Wichita last June and has online and hybrid course offerings. The Eastside Center is located at 4900 E. Pawnee, Suite 106.

With the opening of its Westside Center,

Cowley College will have two locations in Wichita, two in Mulvane, and two in Winfield to go along with its main campus in Arkansas City.

"It will be interesting to track the contacts made from the Westside Center and see where those students ultimately end up at Cowley," McAtee said.

To find out more information about the Westside Center call 316-722-2787 or e-mail westside@cowley.edu.



# **Athletic Roundup**

#### BASEBALL

Qualifying for the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Co., the Cowley College baseball team finished another stellar season with a record of 48-15. The Tigers, winners of its third straight Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title, also won the Region VI title for the second time in the past three years.

At the JUCO World Series, Cowley won its opening game over Seminole State College (11-8) before losing its next two games to Santa Fe Community College (10-9) and Spartanburg Methodist College (10-7).

Cowley head coach Dave Burroughs was named the Jayhawk East Coach of the Year for the third straight season and Zach Cargill was named the Jayhawk East Freshman of the Year.

#### **SOFTBALL**

Finishing just one win shy of a school-record for victories in a season, the Cowley College softball team ended the 2009 season with a record of 52-7.

The Lady Tigers captured their sixth straight Jayhawk East title and advanced to the NJCAA Division II National Championships for the fifth time this decade.

Cowley went 3-2 at the national tournament and finished in a tie for fifth place with Iowa Central.

Cowley head coach Ed Hargrove was named the Jayhawk East Coach of the Year for the seventh time in his 25 seasons at the school. For the third year in a row Cowley had the conference's Most Valuable Player and the Freshman of the Year. Sophomore pitcher Jacey Juden was named the conference's Most Valuable Player for the second consecutive year, while pitcher Ashley Spencer was named the Freshman of the Year. Both players were named first-team all-conference and all-region.

#### **MEN'S TENNIS**

With only one sophomore on its roster, the Cowley College men's tennis team put together a solid season as they finished third in the region and earned the right to compete at the NJCAA National Tennis Tournament in Plano, Texas. At the national tournament, sophomore Boomer Saia and freshman Roger White advanced to the semifinals of No. 3 doubles, while Lloyd Bruce-Burgess advanced to the semifinals of No. 1 singles before losing.

The Tiger men's tennis team placed ninth at the national tournament and head into next season with high expectations.

#### **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Winning five of six singles titles and all three doubles titles at the Region VI Tennis Tournament, the Cowley College women's tennis team captured the region title in dominating fashion.

The Lady Tigers got wins from each of its singles and doubles players as they placed eighth at the NJCAA National Tennis Tournament in Tucson, AZ.

The future is bright for the Lady Tiger tennis team as they will return each of its singles and doubles players next season.

#### **MEN'S TRACK**

Continuing its impressive showings in the Jayhawk Conference, the Cowley College outdoor men's track and field team captured its third straight Jayhawk East title. The Cowley men had nine conference champions. Rolando Vasquez was the conference champion in the 1,500-meter run and was a member of the conference winning 4x800-meter relay team. David Phillips, Brice Irving, and T.J. Mapp teamed with Vasquez to place first in the conference in the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 7:50.42.

Johnny Purvis was the conference champion in the 5,000-meter run, and Isbek Salinas was the conference champion in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Other Cowley men that were named conference champions were, Jory Custar (800-meter run), Mac Griffith (decathlon), and Justin Viewins (400-meter dash). Viewins' time of 47.98 in the 400-meter dash broke his own school-record.

The Tigers went on to place 21st at the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Mac Griffith (decathlon) and Rolando Vasquez (1,500-meter run) were named Coaches Association All-Americans. The 4x800-meter relay team of Brice Irving, T.J. Mapp, Justin Ross, and Jory Custar also earned Coaches Association All-American honors.

#### **WOMEN'S TRACK**

The Lady Tiger outdoor track and field team had another successful season as they placed second in the Jayhawk East and 19th at the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Cowley's Katie Gillmore was the conference and region champion in the pole vault as she cleared 11-2 1/4 in the event.

Freshman Cecilia Burley was the conference champion in the 5,000 and 10,000-meter runs, while Marvia Lewin (800-meter run) and Jessica McLeod (1,500-meter runs) were other conference champions for the Lady Tigers.

Cowley's 4x800-meter relay team of Brianna Byers, Lewin, McLeod, and Jessica Dyer also won conference in its event. Gillmore just missed being the national champion in the pole vault and ended up placing fourth in the pole vault at the national meet. For her efforts, Gillmore was named a Coaches Association All-American.

The Lady Tigers' 4x800-meter relay team of Jessica McLeod, Brianna Byers, Marvia Lewin and Jessica Dyer also did well as they placed sixth at the national meet.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Capturing its second straight Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title, the Cowley College men's basketball team finished with a record of 29-5.

The 29 wins ties for the second most in school-history as the 1952-53 Tiger basketball team also finished 29-5. Last season's team holds the school-record for wins in a season with 31.

The Tigers had their season come to an end in the Region VI title game for the second straight year as they suffered a 66-56 loss to Garden City.

Jack Crowder became only the eighth Cowley player to score more than 1,000 points in his career as he amassed 1,026 points in his two years at the school. Crowder's 685 points this season were the sixth most points scored in a single season in school-history.

Cowley will say goodbye to sophomores Jack Crowder and Mike Atwater. The sophomores were a part of the most wins by the Tiger basketball team over any twoyear span.

Tommy DeSalme takes over as head coach of the Tigers heading into the 2009-10 season. DeSalme spent the previous two seasons at Independence Community College, where he led the Pirates to a record of 45-19 overall and 29-7 in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Cowley College women's basketball team showed a lot of character as they came back from a 3-4 start to conference play to finish 14-4 in the Jayhawk East. The Lady Tigers won 12 games in a row before having its season come to

an end with a 65-51 loss to Hutchinson Community College in the Region VI Tournament. Hutchinson would go on to represent the Jayhawk Conference at the national tournament.

Cowley finished the season with a record of 24-8. The six sophomores on the team helped Cowley win 45 games over the past two seasons.

Elena Yankova finished her two-year career as the Lady Tigers third all-time leading scorer as she amassed 997 career points. Her 536 points scored this season were the ninth most scored in a single season at Cowley.

Bebe Holloway's 457 points scored this season were the 19th most in a single-season at Cowley and her 672 points scored over the past two seasons are the 20th most points scored in a career.

Gabbie Curtis finished her two years at Cowley with 787 points, which ranks 10th on the Lady Tigers all-time scoring list.

#### MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Wrapping up a successful indoor season, the Cowley College men's indoor track and field team captured its third straight conference title and capped the year by placing ninth at the NJCAA National Indoor held in Lubbock, Texas. At the national meet, Cowley was led by its 4x800-meter relay team, which placed second and earned NJCAA All-American honors. The relay team, made up of David Phillips, T.J. Mapp, Jory Custar, and Rolando Vasquez, finished with a school-record time of 7:48.76. Sophomore Johnny Purvis also had a tion All-American honors in the 3,000

stellar meet as he earned Coaches Associaand 5,000-meter runs. Purvis placed 10th in the 3,000, and was the first United States born finisher in the 5,000-meter run as he placed fourth in the event. Despite battling illness, freshman Dustin Mettler managed to place 10th in the 5,000-meter run and take home Coaches Association All-American honors. The distance medley relay team of Mapp, Justin Viewins, Custar, and Vasquez, placed fourth and earned Coaches Association All-American honors.

#### WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Getting the most out of its small, but talented squad, the Cowley College women's track and field team placed second in the conference and finished 10th at the NJCAA National Indoor held in Lubbock, Texas.

Cowley freshman Cecilia Burley had a terrific meet as she earned Coaches Association All-American honors in the

3.000 and 5.000-meter runs. Burley was the second United States born finisher in both events. She also was a part of the 4x800-meter relay team that placed third and broke the school-record with a time of 9:46.32.

Running with Burley as part of the 4x800meter relay team were, Jessica McLeod, Brianna Byers, and Marvia Lewin. Byers also ran well in the 800-meter run as she placed seventh with a time of 2:25.31 and earned Coaches Association All-American honors.

Freshman Katie Gillmore capped her stellar indoor season by placing fourth in the pole vault (11-2 1/4) and earned Coaches Association All-American honors.

#### VOLLEYBALL

The Cowley College volleyball team finished unbeaten in the Jayhawk Conference as they captured its third conference title in the last four years. The Lady Tigers also won the District Tournament for the fourth consecutive season and finished fifth at the NJCAA Division II National Championships held in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Sophomore outside hitter Lucia Cizmarova was a first-team all-conference selection for the second consecutive year. Sophomore middle hitter Victoria Green also garnered first-team all-conference honors. While, freshman setter Sarah Eldridge received honorable mention recognition, Cowley reached the 30-win plateau for the fourth straight season as they ended the year with a record of 30-6.

#### **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

The Tiger men's cross country team cap-

tured its third straight Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title as well as its second straight Region VI championship. The men capped its stellar season by placing fourth out of 33 teams at the NJCAA Cross Country National Championships. Tiger sophomore Ionathan Cherono was the individual conference champion and placed third in the region. He also finished fifth at nationals and earned NJCAA All-American honors. Fellow Tigers Johnny Purvis, Dustin Mettler, and Justin Cacaro earned NJCAA Coaches Association All-American honors for finishing amongst the top-25 American runners at the national meet. Cherono leaves Cowley as the second fastest runner in the program's history, while Purvis ranks as the fifth fastest runner and top-American runner the Tigers have ever had.

#### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Tigers finished second in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division, third in Region VI, and 10th out of 33 teams at the NJCAA Cross Country National Championships. Freshman Cecilia Burley placed 22nd out of 246 runners at the national meet and earned Coaches Association All-American honors. For guiding the Lady Tigers to an impressive finish, Cowley head cross country coach Vince DeGrado was named Region VI Women's Cross Country Co-Coach of the Year.

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Tigers' first season was an overwhelming success as Cowley won eight games and finished seventh out of 12 teams in the Jayhawk Conference. Cowley finished its inaugural season with a record of 8-9 overall.

All 13 Lady Tigers on the squad were freshman. Amber Hernandez had an amazing first season as she finished with 26 goals, which was good for the 10th most goals in the nation. Carol Rodrigues also had a strong freshman season as she finished with eight goals and a team-high 18 assists.

Goalkeeper Carly Budd allowed an average of fewer than three goals per game, while Allyson Duda, Brittany Griffin, Katie Ybarra, and Brittany Newbolt provided solid defense throughout the season.

#### MEN'S SOCCER

On a team with only one sophomore, the Tigers had a sold first season as they finished ahead of three teams in the Jayhawk Conference and qualified for the Region VI playoffs in the program's first year of existence.

Cowley finished its inaugural season with a record of 4-11-2.

Tiger freshman Keegan Cornelius had a solid first season as he finished with a team-high 12 goals to go along with five assists. Nick Sobba also played well and finished with eight goals and a team-best 10 assists.

Orlando Colina and Austin Sackett provided solid defense for the Tigers, while Blake Anderson and Mark Vargas each fared well in goal.



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| Spring 2009 Semester Enrollment by location |          |
|---|----------|
| Arkansas City                               | 975      |
| Virtual Campus                              | 1,391    |
| Mulvane Bloomenshine                        | 763      |
| SSEC  | 172      |
| Winfield                                    | 132      |
| Mulvane IT                                  | 105      |
| Wellington                                  | 14       |
| Percentage by Gender                        |          |
| Male  | 38%      |
| Female                                      | 62%      |
| Percentage by Ethnic Group                  |          |
| Black/Non-Hispanic                          | 8.0%     |
| Native American                             | 1.2%     |
| Asian                                       | 3.4%     |
| Hispanic                                    | 4.7%     |
| Caucasian                                   | 82.1%    |
| Other                                       | 0.6%     |
| Percentage by Age                           |          |
| Under 18                                    | 12.97%   |
| 19-22 years old                             | 42.21%   |
| 23-29 years old                             | 21.04%   |
| 30-49 years old                             | 21.04%   |
| 50 and over                                 | 2.91%    |
| 2008-09 Enrollment Data                     |          |
| Annual Unduplicated Headcount               | 4,753    |
| Headcount Fall 2008                         | 3,584    |
| Headcount Spring 2009                       | 3,369    |
| Full-time Equivalent Students Fall 2008     | 2,362.87 |
| FTE Students Spring 2009                    | 2,286.47 |
| International Student Enrollment            | 67       |

## **Foundation Balance Sheet**

| ASSETS                           |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Cash and Investments       | \$3,619,150 |
| Pledges Receivable               | \$98,670    |
| Capitalized Assets               | \$48,590    |
| Total Assets                     | \$3,766,410 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS       |             |
| Total Liabilities                | \$99,057    |
| NET ASSETS                       |             |
| Unrestricted                     | \$358,576   |
| Temporarily Restricted           | \$740,767   |
| Permanently Restricted           | \$2,568,010 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$3,766,410 |

## **Your Return on Investment**

| Expenditures by Source     |              |        |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 2008-09 (unaudited)        |              |        |
| Instruction                | \$6,862,090  | 40%    |
| Academic Support           | \$602,648    | 3%     |
| Student Services           | \$1,290,184  | 7%     |
| Athletics                  | \$1,836,925  | 11%    |
| Institutional Support      | \$2,665,364  | 15%    |
| Operations &               |              |        |
| Maintenance                | \$3,728,316  | 22%    |
| Grants                     | \$312,200    | 2%     |
| Transfers                  | \$35,000     | 0%     |
| Total                      | \$19,066,028 | 100.0% |
| Revenues by Source 2008-09 |              |        |
| Student Sources            | \$4,551,713  | 24%    |
| State Sources              | \$8,143,176  | 43%    |
| Grants                     | \$371,676    | 2%     |
| Local Sources              | \$5,371,982  | 29%    |
| Other Sources              | \$351,786    | 2%     |
| Total                      | \$19,026,809 | 100.0% |
|                            |              |        |

Impact to Local Taxpayers

College, employee and student spending in Cowley County "Roll-over" effect of direct spending in county (multiplier = 1.6) State/local taxes received in 2008-09 (including property & motor vehicle taxes) Net Return to Taxpayers (based on direct spending only)

Net Return to Taxpayers (including roll-over effect) Dollar-for-dollar return

(based on direct spending only)

Dollar-for-dollar return (including roll-over effect)

(Does not include economic impact of student tuition and fees, visitors & increased productivity through a better educated workforce.)

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Soccer programs take to the field

Eight months after deciding to form men and women's soccer teams at Cowley College, the squads participated in their inaugural seasons. Not long after announcing the decision to add the soccer programs, Cowley athletic director Tom Saia went searching for a head coach. He found that person in Roberto Dos Santos, who had spent the previous seven seasons as the head men's soccer coach at Southwestern College in Winfield.

The opportunity to lead the new soccer programs at Cowley excited Dos Santos, however, he also knew there would be challenges.

"It was overwhelming at first because we got started late in the recruiting season," Dos Santos said. "However, once we got started, we were able to identify some talented players.

Overall, we were able to recruit some talented athletes."

The Tigers' signed 19 men and 13 women to round out the squads.

"The kids we recruited liked the idea of the challenge involved in starting a new program," Dos Santos said.

Helping Dos Santos with the recruiting process was Dane Straight, who spent the previous four seasons as the head men and women's soccer coach at Cloud County Community College. Straight will head into the 2009 season as the women's head soccer coach and men's assistant coach.

Dos Santos and Straight were teammates at Bethany College and helped the Swedes capture the KCAC title in 1993. "It's exciting to be a part of a new program and to have so much support from the school," Straight said. "We have got a great set up and have the facilities to compete."

The soccer teams play their home games at the Tiger Track and Field/Soccer complex, located at 223 Pierce in Arkansas City. There are 12 women's soccer programs and 11 men's soccer programs in the Jayhawk Conference.

Johnson County and Barton County are considered among the top teams on the men's side, while Johnson County, Butler, and Hutchinson are contenders



on the women's side.

"We know we are underdogs, but we hope to outwork and outwit our opponents," Dos Santos said.

Dos Santos and Straight worked extremely hard to get things ready for the Tigers' inaugural soccer season.

"We have had overwhelming support from the college and the community," Dos Santos said. "This has helped get us on the right track and has given us extra stamina to keep on working hard." The Tiger soccer teams had successful first seasons as the women's team won eight games and the men's team pulled off four victories. Both squads qualified to compete at the Region VI Playoffs in their first year of existence and are hoping for even more success in the upcoming season.



#### Dale, Dr. Hashemi receive NISOD Excellence Awards in Austin (continued)

deserving of the NISOD Master Teacher designation."

Dr. Hashemi received his Master's degree (1967) and his Ph.D. (1970) from the University of Oklahoma. He was named an Outstanding Educator of America while teaching at St. Gregory University in 1974, and is a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, the National Audubon Society, and SIGMA XI-the Scientific Research Society. He has had his work published in several

He has had his work published in several respected publications.

"I was greatly honored because a panel of experts review the work thoroughly before deciding to publish it," Dr. Hashemi said. He feels fortunate to be named a recipient of the Excellence Award from NISOD. "I was surprised and greatly honored," Dr. Hashemi said. "All the faculty at Cowley are well deserving and are doing a great job."

# Cowley College finishes fourth in NATYCAA Cup standings

Continuing to achieve greatness in its athletic programs, Cowley College recently finished fourth in the NATYCAA (National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators) Cup standings, which recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics.

For the second time in the past three years, Cowley finished as the top junior college athletic program in the state of Kansas based on the standings.

Iowa Central Community College won the NJCAA Scholarship Division, scoring 158.5 points. Monroe (N.Y.) Community College was second with 149.5 points, Rend Lake (IL) Community College was third with 124.5 points, while Cowley finished fourth with 121.5 points.

"It is a great honor to finish in the topfive and be the best in Kansas," Cowley athletic director Tom Saia said. "Our goal every year is to win this. Our coaches and athletes have set the standard for the future."

Cowley finished ninth in the NATYCAA

Cup standings in 2008 and second in 2007.

The NATYCAA Cup program began in 2004 and was previously sponsored by Pepsi. This program recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition.

Points for the NATYCAA Cup are calculated based on each colleges finish at NJ-CAA Tournaments. Each first place finish is worth 20 points, second place 19, third 18, and so on. Total scores for both men's and women's programs are combined for their total score.

In the fall, the Lady Tiger volleyball team placed fifth at the national tournament. While, the Cowley men's cross country team placed fourth and the women's team finished tenth nationally.

This spring, the Tiger baseball team placed in the top-10 at the JUCO World Series, while the Lady Tiger softball team finished fifth at the NJCAA Division II national tournament.

The Tiger men's indoor track and field

team placed ninth, while the women's indoor track and field team placed tenth at the national meet. Cowley's women and men's outdoor track and field teams placed 19th and 21st, respectively. Cowley's tennis teams also had successful seasons as the men's team placed ninth and the women's team finished eighth nationally.

Also performing well, but coming up just short of qualifying for nationals were the Tiger basketball and soccer teams.

The Tiger men's basketball team won 29 games and advanced to the Region VI title game before losing. While, the Lady Tiger basketball team won 24 games and advanced to the second-round of the Region VI Tournament.

The Cowley soccer teams each qualified for the Region VI Tournament in its inaugural seasons.

Saia is already looking forward to the 2009-10 athletic seasons.

"I look for another great year in all of our athletic programs," Saia said.

# Cowley students exceeding the national average on CAAP test

ith Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) scores being an important part of Cowley College's Performance Agreement with the Kansas Board of Regents, Cowley students are scoring above the national average on all three tests. Although graduating groups in summer and fall could change the data, Cowley is currently ahead of schedule in the reading, writing, and mathematics tests, based on targets and directional improvement. Cowley implemented the policy in 2005 that all students seeking an AA, AS, or AGS degree take the CAAP test offered by ACT during

their final semester prior to graduation. The CAAP test is a nationally recognized measurement of outcomes in core subject areas.

Cowley students' scores on the CAAP test have risen from this time last year and gone up each year since they began the CAAP assessment.

The most drastic improvement so far has come in the area of writing as Cowley was nearly 10 percent above the target on the Performance Agreement. Cowley has also been strongly above average in the percentage of students exceeding the national average in mathematics, and above average in reading.

"This is an indication of both

student learning and faculty success in their teaching in the classroom," Cowley vice president of academic affairs Slade Griffiths said.

The test is not only taken by community college students, it is taken by students at all colleges, including four-year universities.

According to Charles McKown, vice president of research and technology, the CAAP test would catch schools if they were making classes easier for students to pass just so they could graduate the students. "This validates our curriculum to some extent and proves we did not water it down just to get them through it," McKown

said. "It is pretty impressive in

my opinion."
Here is the Spring 2009
CAAP data:
READING

156 of 251 Cowley students tested exceeded the national average. This is 62.1%. Target on performance agreement is 60.0%.

#### **WRITING**

163 of 251 Cowley students tested exceeded the national average. This is 64.9%. Target on performance agreement is 55.0%.

#### **MATHEMATICS**

190 of 251 Cowley students tested exceeded the national average. This is 75.7%. Target on performance agreement is 72.5%.



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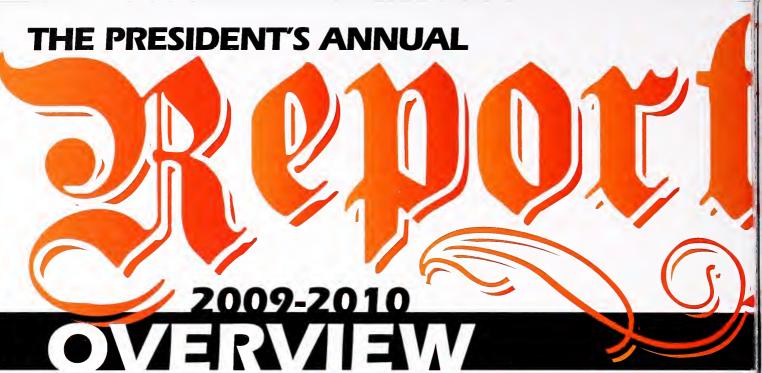
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Welcome to the 2009-10 edition of the President's Annual Report.

I'm very proud to tell you that the past academic year was one filled with many outstanding student accomplishments, faculty and staff awards, and growth and improvement in many areas of the college. Our students never cease to amaze me. Some are just naturally gifted individuals who achieve at the highest level and aspire to be highly skilled professionals in their chosen career. Others sacrifice time with their families to gain new skills or finish a degree to become more employable in today's competitive job market.

# "Cowley's goal is to take care of its students, regardless of their place in life."

Sometimes we fail, and for that I apologize. But, I can tell you that Cowley employees want every student to experience success. How that success is measured depends on the individual.

Ali Nittler from Arkansas City is our 2009-10 Student of the Year. What a smart and driven young woman! The accounting major was the school's September Student of the Month and was crowned Queen Alalah LXXVIII.

Director of Academic Preparation for the Humanities Department, Amy McWhirt, was selected as the seventh recipient of the Endowed Chair for Teaching Excellence and Student Learning. While, Natural Science Department Instructor Greg Nichols was the recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

The college has grown significantly during my 24 years as president. We have opened two Centers in Wichita since May, 2008, and have also added a new dormitory on our main campus in Arkansas City.

The college also added men and women's



soccer programs during the 2008-09 academic year.

This report includes many other wonderful highlights from the past year. I invite you to read through it carefully. It is my hope that it will give you a better understanding of what Cowley is all about and the direction we're heading.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, my fellow administrators, our faculty, staff and students, I want to thank you for your support of Cowley County Community College. It means a great deal to me. The college has always been a viable entity within Arkansas City, Cowley County, and south-central Kansas. We will do our very best to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. McAtee, Ph.D.

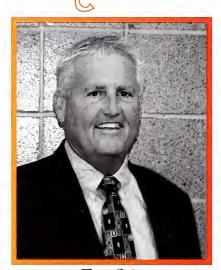
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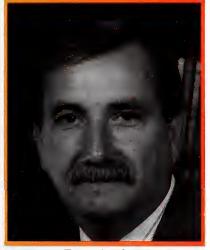
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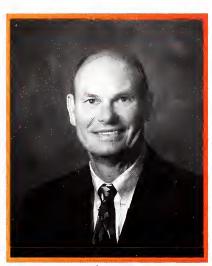
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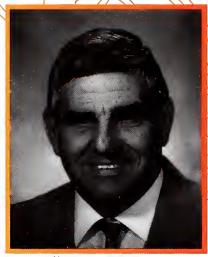
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Mark Paton



Albert Bacastow, Jr.

# Bacastow, Jr. named Chairman of **Board of Trustees**

**A**lbert Bacastow, Jr. was named the Chairman of Cowley College's Board of Trustee's during the school's regular monthly meeting held Monday, July 19 in the McAtee Dining Center.

Bacastow, Jr. has served the majority of the past 25 years on the college's Board of Trustees. He graduated from Arkansas City High School and is a 1965 graduate of Arkansas City Junior College (now Cowley College). Bacastow, Jr. went on to receive a business administration degree from Southwestern College. He is a retired Winfield postmaster and will begin his fourth term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Officers elected for the upcoming year: Chairman, Albert Bacastow, Ir.; vice chairman, Lee Gregg, Jr.; Kansas Association of Community College Trustees voting delegate, Donna Avery; Association of Community College Trustees voting delegate, Ron Godsey; Board representative for professional negotiations and to open bids received for college purchases, Mark Paton; trustee designated as the Board representative to the College Endowment

Association, Dennis K. Shurtz. The Board also appointed Libby Palmer

as clerk of the Board, Tony Crouch as treasurer of the Board, and David Andreas as Board attorney.

The Board designated RCB Bank, Union State Bank, CornerBank, Sunflower Bank/Wichita, and Carson Bank in Mulvane as official depositories. The Board also designated the Arkansas City Traveler and Winfield Daily Courier for publication of official notices, and kept the Board meeting time at 6:15 p.m. on the third Monday of every month.

## CORE VALUES

Cowley County Community College and Area Vocational Technical School is dedicated to the continual pursuit of excellence by embracing our Core Values, the fundamental principles that guide our actions.

## People

- \* We emphasize the importance of human relationships, diversity, and a sense of community.
- \* We provide student-centered instruction.
- \* We provide a safe, learning environment where joy, humor, and teamwork are embraced.
- \* We encourage open communication and the sharing of ideas.

## Leadership

- \* We provide a positive atmosphere that fosters personal and professional growth.
- \* We empower students and employees to be innovative and visionary.
- \* We are an ethical leader in the field of education.

## Integrity

\* We regard honesty, trust, and respect as essential principles in our academic, personal and professional standards.

# Accountability \* Our students will receive a quality education.

- \* The College will provide students the opportunity to take an active role in their success.
- \* All employees are responsible and committed to excellence.
- \* We are accountable to the community to educate students and to sustain and improve society.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Cowley College and Area Vocational-Technical School is committed to learning excellence and personal enrichment in an open access environment.

### STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE

We are committed to maintaining a quality institution by meeting and exceeding the expectations of customers through the following:

#### Academic and Personal Enrichment:

The college will provide accessible curricula in an environment that promotes individual growth and personal enrichment.

### Community **Development:**

The college will foster development of the community through public service programs and partnerships with business and industry.

#### Ethics:

The college will emphasize a sense of fairness, citizenship, and tolerance for the views of others.

### **Support Services:**

The college will facilitate academic growth and the development of life skills.

#### Fiscal Soundness:

The college will secure financial support from various resources and maintain a financially stable institution.



# Cowley gains accreditation to offer full online degrees

hanks to the efforts of numerous individuals and departments, Cowley College has become one of only a few community colleges in the state of Kansas to gain accreditation to offer full online degrees.

"This was really a team effort, it took a lot of different steps and people to make this a reality," Slade Griffiths, Cowley College vice president of academic affairs said. "This provides external validation and credibility to our online programs."

The college gained online degree accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

"Now that we have been accredited by North Central for a full online degree program it will allow us to more effectively serve this segment of our student population," Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee said. "We are delighted North Central recognizes that we have a quality online program and has confidence in Cowley to offer a full associates degree."

Online classes make educational opportunities available no matter where a person lives or how busy they may be.

"This will allow students an opportunity to enter higher education and earn a degree on their own timeline," Griffiths said.

Griffiths, who was actively involved in helping the college gain accreditation to offer full online degrees, praised the work done by several Cowley employees, including that of the AQIP 6 team as well as Tiffany Sowa, Chris Cannon, Julie Rorabaugh, Eddie Andreo, Charles McKown, Clinton Marlow, and Ben Schears.

The college will continue to develop additional online degrees and will look into entering into the online technical education field as well. Cowley will also begin advertising the opportunity to earn online degrees both nationally and internationally.

"Students can earn a degree without having to ever step foot on campus," Charles McKown, Cowley College vice president of research and technology said.

For more information about the online degree programs that Cowley College has to offer, contact an admissions representative at 620-441-5594.



# Mildred Johnston named **Outstanding Tiger Alumnus**

Recognized for her many contributions to Cowley College and her service to the community, Mildred (Milly) Johnston was recently named the recipient of the Outstanding Tiger Alumnus Award for 2010.

Johnston moved to Arkansas City from Clearwater in 1944. She went on to graduate from Ark City High School in 1945 and Ark City Junior College in 1947. Back when Johnston attended ACJC, the college was housed in the basement of Arkansas City High School. During that time, Johnston was among the individuals that handed out flyers with information talking about getting the college moved out of the basement of the high school. A few years later that would become a reality when the school moved to its current location of 125 South Second St. in Arkansas City.

Johnston went on to do substitute teaching for USD 470 for more than 10 years thanks to the education she received at ACIC.

"When I think of being listed as an Outstanding Alumnus it is kind of overwhelming," Johnston said.

She married Hubert Johnston in 1947. They had three children: Nan Schaper, Olathe: Kay Thomas, Edmond, OK; and Gevan Johnston, who is deceased. Hubert passed away in 2007.

All three of her children received degrees from Cowley College and were active at the school. Hubert also took classes at the college in 1959.

"My husband (Hubert) and I have always supported the college, it meant a lot for our kids to go here," Johnston said. Mildred and Hubert received the Cowley County Community College Tiger Booster Club Award in 2000. The couple attended numerous Cowley College baseball and softball games, and even went to Grand Junction, Colo. on two different occasions to cheer on the Tiger baseball team at the JUCO World Series.

Now, Johnston can be seen at each of the Tigers' home basketball games.

Thanks to a generous donation to the college's Endowment Association, the



Mildred Johnston, Class of 1947, is always eager to lend a helping hand.

Hubert and Mildred Johnston Endowed Fund was started in February 2009. "I am so proud of the school," Johnston

Johnston began volunteering at Medicalodge East where her mother, Marie Freese, was a resident. Since then she has volunteered at numerous organizations. "I am so glad I started doing volunteer work, I am happy to help out," Johnston

Johnston has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for 29 years. During that time, she has been a certified Reach to Recovery volunteer and touched

the lives of many newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. She also assisted with the Relay for Life event for 10 years. She has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 66 years; the Ark City Tennis Association for 35 years, serving several years as treasurer; the SCKRMC Auxiliary for 23 years, serving as gift shop manager; and as a volunteer at Medicalodge East for 23 years. She has previously been a volunteer for the American Red Cross, making lap robes and assisting with the blood drives.

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# Aubrey Lyman named a **New Century Scholar**

s the top-scoring student (based on scores received in the All-USA competition) from the state of Kansas, Cowley College sophomore Aubrey Lyman was selected as a New Century Scholar. Lyman received a \$2,000 stipend and was recognized at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention, April 17-19, in Seattle, Washington.

The New Century Scholars program is sponsored annually by the American Association of Community Colleges, The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, and Phi Theta Kappa.

At Cowley, Lyman was involved in Phi Theta Kappa, KNEA (Kansas National Education Association), PAWS (Peers Advocating Wellness for Students), was the president of ACES (Academic Civic Continued on page 27



Aubrey Lyman is presented a certificate from Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee after being selected as a New Century Scholar.

# tudents of the Month



Ali Nittler September 2009



Jamie Blackim January 2010



**Ashley Spencer** October 2009



Christine Logan February 2010



Phuong Huynh November 2009



**Aaron Brooks** March 2010



Robin Ray December 2009



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Physics lab remodel completed

he physics lab project at Cowley College was completed in December, 2009. The remodel provides new work stations for students, including sinks and natural gas. It also added storage and an emergency shower.

More than \$61,000 was raised to help fund the project, while ARRA funds were used to finish the project.

"The improvement is huge, it will be obvious to the students what has been done," said Tony Crouch, Cowley College's executive vice president of business services. "Now this is a physics lab!"

As part of the project, some plumbing work at the west end of Galle-Johnson needed to be done. The plumbing work allowed the restrooms at the band room entrance to once again be functional. Conco Construction did work on the project as did Winfield Plumbing and Graham Electric.

"Those guys were great to work with as always," Crouch said.

Students put the physics lab to good use in the spring semester.



## Nichols receives Stirnaman Award

In his 11th year as an instructor in Cowley College's Natural Science
Department, Greg Nichols continues to challenge his students to be the best they can be. His dedication to his profession did not go unnoticed as he was awarded the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence during Cowley College's Back to School In-Service held Aug. 13, 2009 in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

Along with teaching math classes at Cowley, Nichols is the president of the Cowley Education Association and is a sponsor for the college's Academic Excellence Challenge team.

# "my peers recognize my dedication to the profession."

"Greg is deserving of this award because of his active involvement and leadership in CEA (Cowley Education Association) as president," Cowley College vice president of academic affairs Slade Griffiths said. "He truly cares about faculty and student learning and I am pleased to see him receive this award."

The award is named for Paul Stirnaman, a long-time Social Science Department instructor and strong supporter of the College Education Association. He died June 16, 2000, following a lengthy illness. In past years, Nichols has served as a sponsor for the Math and Science Club and Campus Christian Fellowship. He began working at Cowley the final year that Stirnaman taught at the school. "All of the people that knew Paul knew how extremely dedicated he was to his students and fellow faculty members." Nichols said. "It's a great honor, to win this award means my peers recognize my dedication to the profession. I put my heart and soul into my teaching. There are a lot of deserving instructors that I strive to be like."

Nichols received his bachelors degree from the University of Oklahoma and



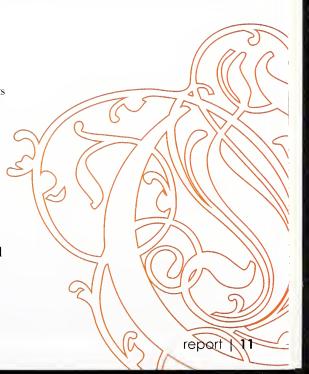
Greg Nichols, Natural Science Department instuctor, was named the recipient of the Paul Stirnaman Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

earned a masters degree in mathematics from Emporia State University. He has high expectations for his students as he wants them to have an easy transition when they leave Cowley. "I take pride in seeing my former students go on to be successful," Nichols said. "I try to prepare students for what they will

Prior to coming to Cowley, Nichols was an adjunct instructor at Butler Community College. He also taught two years at El Dorado High School and one year at Ness City High School.

encounter when they leave here."

He and his wife, Melissa, have three children, Samantha 16, Isaac 12, and Gabriel five months.



# 11th class inducted into Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame



Pictured from left, Tim Shanahan, Harold Barse (accepted the award for Francis Browning Pipestem), Kristi "Buggy" (Davis) Loney, and Dave Burroughs.

all of Fame inductees recognized for their contributions to Cowley College athletics, Dave Burroughs, Tim Shanahan, Kristi "Buggy" (Davis) Loney and Francis Browning Pipestem were inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame on February 6. Pipestem was inducted into the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame posthumously.

The new inductees were treated to a social gathering Friday night in the college's Earle N. Wright Community Room as well as a luncheon on Saturday. The induction ceremony took place at halftime of the Tiger men's basketball game against Independence Community College.

The Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame began in 2000 and currently has 57 members. Burroughs is the second winningest coach in Cowley College sports history. He helped guide the Tiger baseball team to back-to-back JUCO World Series titles in 1997 and 1998, and has won 868 games in 22 seasons as head coach.

The Cowley College baseball team has captured three of the last four Jayhawk East titles and 13 of the past 16 conference championships. Burroughs' teams

have qualified for two of the last four JUCO World Series tournament's played in Grand Junction, CO as he has been named the Jayhawk East coach of the year three of the past four seasons.

Shanahan was an All-American member of the Cowley College men's tennis team, which won the school's first national championship in 1989. He also teamed to win the NJCAA doubles title in 1989. As a sophomore at Cowley, Shanahan helped the Tiger tennis team place third nationally.

He went on to earn All-Conference honors while playing tennis at Oklahoma City University. Following graduation from OCU, Shanahan went on to become a highly successful women's tennis coach at the school. He was named the Sooner Athletic Conference Coach of the Year/NAIA Region 6 Coach of the Year from 1994-2002. He was also named the ITA/Wilson NAIA Women's National Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1999. Shanahan has been the head tennis

professional at Greens Country Club in Oklahoma City since 2003.

Loney was the first dominant player in the softball program's successful history. She was a two-time All-Conference and All-Region VI performer at Cowley. During the 1986 season, Loney led the nation in wins (28) and helped the Lady Tigers win the Region VI championship. Cowley went 55-16 in her two years at the school and captured back-to-back conference titles.

Her 28 victories in 1986 stood as a schoolrecord for 14 years, while Loney's 39 career wins was the most in the program's history until 1998, and her 218 strikeouts remained a school-record until 1999. She has since worked in the Critical Care Unit at Wichita's Wesley Medical Center, and is currently working as a registered nurse at the South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center in Arkansas City. Pipestem was an All-American offensive and defensive tackle for the Arkansas City Junior College football team during the 1961 season. He played on two successful teams, which were coached by fellow Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Ben Cleveland.

ACJC went 7-4 during the 1961 season and did even better in Pipestem's second year at the school as the Tigers went 8-3 Continued on page 26

## Cowley College surpasses last year's total enrollment

N early two weeks prior to the start of the fall semester and Cowley College had already passed last year's total of students enrolled. Compared to last year on Aug. 6, each one of Cowley's Centers has seen an increase in enrollment.

The total FTE (full time equivalency) for the college on Aug. 6, 2010 stood at 2,778, an increase of 409 FTE from this same date a year ago.

"I'm excited to see such strong enrollment numbers for the fall semester," Ben Schears, Executive Director of Enrollment and Outreach Centers at Cowley College, said. "The advisors at each of our locations have been tremendously busy getting students enrolled in classes, financial aid has been working hard to help the students with funding to pay for classes, and our student life office has been spending countless days this summer providing small group orientations

to the new students. All across campus everyone has been pitching in to get ready for the fall semester."

The largest increase is seen in the college's on-line enrollment. Last year at this time there were a total of 650 FTE, while this year, there is nearly 900 FTE.

The college's Bloomenshine Center in Mulvane has almost 100 more FTE (584-491) from this time last year, while the school's Allied Health Center in Winfield already has more FTE (56) than they have ever had.

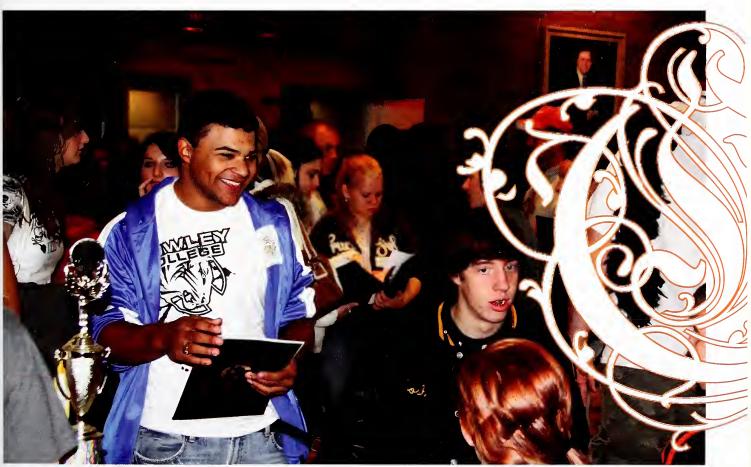
On the main campus in Arkansas City, enrollment was already at 1,146 and on pace for one of the largest on campus enrollments in school history. Also, all five dormitories are filled to capacity. However, students can be put on a waiting list in the event a dorm room becomes available. The addition of two enrollment centers in Wichita over the past couple of years has helped the college become more visible and has given potential students a way to find out more about the school.

This, along with planned extended enrollment hours in the admissions office, played a large role in the boost in enrollment.

"It's been exciting to see the energy and cooperation from across the college as we gear up for this coming semester," Schears said.

Along with the college's main campus in Arkansas City, Cowley has two centers in Mulvane, two enrollment centers in Wichita, and its Allied Health Center in Winfield. To find out more information on how to enroll go to www.cowley.edu or call (620) 442-0430 to speak to an admissions representative.





## 2+2 partnership with Kansas State University developed



▲n the fall of 2009, Cowley College established a new 2+2 partnership with Kansas State University. This partnership allows students at Cowley to earn their associate degrees at the school and then transfer credits to complete a Kansas State bachelor's degree through distance education without leaving their community. Cowley College became one of the first schools in the south central Kansas area to develop a 2+2 partnership with K-State. "K-State is pleased to establish this partnership with Cowley County Community College," said Sue C. Maes, dean of continuing education at K-State. "Through the partnership, we can enhance the services, access and opportunity that both the community college and K-State can provide for Kansans to complete their bachelor's degrees in south central Kansas."

Signing the 2+2 agreements between Cowley College and Kansas State University

will allow students to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in General Business or a Bachelor of Science in Technology Management.

The five programs at Cowley College included in the agreement are: Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Forensics, Web Design and Criminal Justice.

"This is a great opportunity for the students at Cowley College," said Beverly Grunder, Chair of Cowley College's Business, Computer and Information Technology Department/Director of Business and Industry. "It provides another avenue for them to complete their education without having to leave the area. We appreciate the opportunity to work with K-State University on this endeavor." Those pictured are, front row from left, Sue C. Maes, Dean of Continuing Education, K-State; Cowley College President Dr. Patrick J. McAtee; and Beverly Grunder, Department Chair, Business,

Computer, and Information Technology/ Director of Business and Industry. And back row, from left, Don Von Bergen, Department Head of Arts, Science, and Business, K-State at Salina; Jennifer Pfortmiller, Affiliate Site Manager, K-State; Bethany Stewart, instructor in Cowley College's Business/Computer and Information Technology Department; Slade Griffiths, Cowley College Vice President of Academic Affairs; Sarah Mathews, Accounting instructor; Rae Dale, Business Technology instructor; and Ron Jackson, Program Coordinator, K-State.



## Hays, Nichols honored at NISOD International Conference

Recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in the field of higher education, Cowley College instructors David Hays and Greg Nichols recently received Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in Austin, Texas during the annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence held May 30-June 2.

Nichols, who recently finished his 11th year as a mathematics instructor in the Natural Science Department, also serves as a sponsor for the college's Academic Excellence Challenge Team, which tied for second place at the state competition. While, Hays has spent the past seven years as a mathematics instructor in the Natural Science Department and served as a sponsor for the Chess Club.

Cowley College vice president of academic affairs, Slade Griffiths, praised the work done by Nichols and Hays.

"Both Greg and David have been very strong teachers at the college," Griffiths said. "Greg is a great instructor that does a good job helping the students learn. David is also a wonderful teacher that has devoted his life to helping students." Nichols was unable to attend the conference due to his wife, Melissa, recently giving birth to the couple's fourth child. Joining Hays at the conference were Slade Griffiths; Natural Science Department Chair, Michelle Schoon; Humanities Department instructor, Amy McWhirt; Career and Technical Education Department Chair, Bob Moffatt; director of journalism, Meg Smith; and Humanities Department Chair, Marlys Cervantes. Smith and Cervantes served as presenters at the conference. The title of their presentation was "Crossing Over Interdisciplinary options for higher education classrooms."

"They did a phenomenal job," Griffiths said. "This will help other colleges start new programs that we have found to be very successful here at Cowley." Smith and Cervantes were already doing

a cross curricular assignment with creative

writing and digital photography so it seemed like the perfect fit at the right time.

"Putting the presentation together helped us to find ways to perfect what we are already working on in the classroom," Smith said. "Doing the research showed something we had already discovered: cross curricular, interdisciplinary and critical thinking not only go together, but they also compliment the learning process."

The conference had hundreds of breakout sessions, which made it easy for those attending to find something they were interested in learning about.

"I think everyone walked away more motivated and with a greater understanding of where we are, and where we need to be," Griffiths said.

The event was capped by an awards ceremony where the NISOD recipients were honored.



David Hays



**Greg Nichols** 



McWhirt named Cowley College's Endowed Chair



Pictured, from left, Slade Griffiths, vice president of academic affairs, Amy McWhirt, Cowley College's Director of Academic Preparation for the Humanities Department, and Community Bank president Joyce McArtor.

Recognized for her dedication to the teaching profession, Amy McWhirt, Cowley College's Director of Academic Preparation for the Humanities Department, was named the school's Endowed Chair during the school's In-Service held Aug. 12 in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

McWhirt has spent the past seven years at Cowley. As the Director of Academic Preparation, she is responsible for ensuring that the curriculum the school uses in their developmental English courses is the most effective for students.

As Endowed Chair, McWhirt plans to seek out innovative practices for transforming language instruction. The modern language student is mostly focused on being able to use language in real-life to accomplish tasks. McWhirt is interested in learning more about best practices in this area, and bringing those ideas to Cowley, so that she can help students better reach their learning goals.

"Amy is very deserving of this honor," vice

president of academic affairs, Slade Griffiths said. "What has always impressed me about her was her ability to bring new teaching theories into the classroom in an attempt to increase student learning. She is truly dedicated to her students and the college; I am proud to work with her." McWhirt has been a presenter at the NISOD and NADE conferences, and has served on several committees at Cowley including: The Retention Team, Advisement Team, Orientation Team, Developmental Advising Sub-Committee, AQIP 2-Measuring Institutional Effectiveness, AQIP 7-Honoring Cultural Diversity, and Student Success Team. She currently serves as a member of the AQIP Steering Committee and chair of the AQIP Category 1 writing team.

She also serves as an academic advisor and serves 10 to 15 students each semester.

"I feel very honored to be named Endowed Chair," McWhirt said. "I have been very fortunate in my life to have been taught and mentored by exceptional educators, most of whom are/were

current or former teachers in Cowley County. I have always attempted to model my own teaching as a living legacy to them. This honor is really their honor." She has been the recipient of the National Security Exchange Program Grant to study in Mexico, and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages/Applied Linguistics degree.

Thanks to the generous support of CornerBank, McWhirt will receive \$2,000 a year for each of the next two years. A total of \$500 will be used for professional development, while the other \$1,500 is a cash stipend.

"I want to thank CornerBank for their support of teachers and education," McWhirt said. "This award will allow me to bring innovative ideas and practices back to Cowley and directly impact students-which is a wonderful way to help strengthen the knowledge base of our community."

## Cowley honors 26 employees for years of service



wenty-six Cowley College employees were honored for their years of service during a recognition ceremony in the Earle N. Wright Community Room inside the Brown Center.

Employees were honored in five-year increments.

Awards are presented annually to employees who have worked five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 consecutive years.

This year's award recipients:

\*35 years: Elvin Hatfield, Business Technology Department instructor.

\*30 years: Joycelyn Goff, accounting coordinator; Terri Hutchinson, admissions secretary.

\*25 years: Deb Nittler, Social Science Department instructor; Larry Swaim, purchasing coordinator.

\*20 years: Tammy Barnaby, freight and supplies specialist; Darren Burroughs, assistant baseball coach; Marcia Cales, Natural Science Department secretary. \*15 years: Jody Arnett, administrative assistant to the Vice President of Business Service; Tony Crouch, Executive Vice President of Business Service; Lois Sampson, Humanities Department instructor; Michelle Schoon, Natural Science Department Chair.

\*10 years: Heather Allen, Director of Organizational Learning and Academic Advising; Mark Britton, registrar; Jafar Hashemi, Natural Science Department instructor; Rhoda MacLaughlin, Director of Library Services; Bev Manuszak, Student Support Services Counselor; Greg Nichols, Natural Science Department instructor; Todd Shepherd, Social Science Department Chair; Roy Reynolds, Student Life counselor.

\*5 years: Todd Clark, head women's basketball coach; Carl Garison, maintenance technician; Julie Kratt, Humanities Department instructor; Donni McClaflin, telephone receptionist; Jamison Rhoads, technical director of theater; Kathy Witte, accounts payable specialist.



Ali Nittler named 2009- 2010

Cowley College Student of the Yea

What a year it was for Cowley College sophomore Ali Nittler. Having been named the school's September Student of the Month and being crowned Queen Alalah LXXVIII, Nittler capped off her school year by being named Cowley College's Student of the Year during the school's annual Honors and Awards Ceremony held in the Earle N. Wright Community Room.

Nittler, along with the school's other Student of the Month selections, were up for the prestigious honor of Student of the Year.

"Any of the eight of us would have been more than deserving to get the award," Nittler said. "It was nice to be among a very elite group of students and I am very gracious to have been selected as the Student of the Year."

A representative from each department at Cowley College honored students that have excelled during the 2009-10 academic year during the ceremony.

"We want to honor the students and the

# "Cowley has provided me with a very good base to build myself upon."

teachers that have helped the students reach their goals," Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee said during the ceremony.

Nittler, a business administration major from Arkansas City, was involved in Phi Theta Kappa, and actively participated in intramurals and other campus activities. She was a Cowley Captain, Student Ambassador, Cowley Tutor and SGA Secretary.

She worked two part time jobs and carried a full class schedule while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. She is employed at K' an D' Pharmacy and also



Recognized for her outstanding work in the classroom, Ali Nittler was presented a gift from Cowley College president Dr. Patrick J. McAtee after being named the school's Student of the Year.

as a Tutor. Along with her other jobs, Nittler plans to work part time this summer at the Arkansas City Recreation Commission.

Nittler plans to transfer to Wichita State University in order to receive her bachelor's degree in Accounting. Nittler recently was nominated to be a Student Ambassador at WSU.

"I have had a great experience at Cowley and am ready to go on to WSU," Nittler said. "Cowley has provided me with a very good base to build myself upon." Nittler grew up well connected to Cowley College as her mother, Deb, was the head volleyball coach at Cowley from 1986-2000 and holds the school-record for most career wins (389). Deb also served as an assistant women's basketball coach for five seasons during the 1980's. The head coach of the Tiger women's basketball team during those years was Deb's sister and Ali's aunt, Linda Hargrove, who is

the program's all-time winningest coach with 316 wins. Hargrove also won 292 games as head volleyball coach at Cowley prior to Deb taking over as head coach in 1986.

Nittler's uncle, and Linda's husband, Ed Hargrove, is the winningest coach in Cowley sports history, and his 947 wins rank him first in the nation on the National Junior College Athletic Association's wins list of active softball coaches. Hargrove was an all-conference football player at Cowley and graduated from the school in 1967.

She also has an aunt, Bev Manuszak, which serves as a Student Support
Services counselor at Cowley. While, her cousin, April Nittler, is an instructor in the college's Natural Science Department.
Nittler's mother, Deb, also served as assistant athletic director at Cowley and is currently an instructor in the Social
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Science Department. Deb graduated from Cowley in 1975 and was involved in basketball, volleyball, track, tennis, SGA, and cheerleading while a student at the school.

Award recipients:

- \* Academic Excellence Challenge Aaron Brooks, Stefny Cabrera, Jacob Fletcher, Richard Gould, and Marcus Whitson.
- \* Kansas All State Academic Team Phuong Huynh, Aubrey Lyman, Gregory Anderson, and Rebecca Johnson.
- \* Student Ambassadors Callie Barnett, Jamie Blackim, Erin Burroughs, Allie Crow, Mitch Hoover, Clinton Neal, Dayton Rodrigues, Dange' Sanders, Jory Custar, Titus Massey, Ashley Spencer, Will McKown, Chelsi Smades, Mary Jane Roberts, Alicia Rayl, Robin Ray, Allison Nittler, Cassidy Jordan, Samantha Thieme, Judy Marks, Jaclyn Blazer, and Kale Hamm.
- \* Outstanding Student Ambassadors Jory Custar and Allie Crow.
- \* Student Ambassador of the Year Mary Jane Roberts
- \*Resident Assistants Katie Gillmore, Cassidy Jordan, Tyler Hancock, Justin Kirchoff, Jeffrey Wejman, Jamie Blackim,

Judy Marks, Jessica Dyer, and Mitch Hoover.

- \* Student Government Association – Samantha Thieme, Jeffrey Wejman, Allison Nittler, and Mitch Hoover.
  - \* Cowley Tutors Christine Logan
- \* Derek Burroughs Award Shane Parsons
- \* Academic Civic Engagement through Service – Kiley Andes
- \*Act One Drama Club Clinton Haas and Mitch Hoover
- \*Art and Design Club Janet Hamilton and Landon Schmidt
- \*Students Honoring All Diverse Ethnicities — Phuong Hyunh
- \*Fellowship of Christian Athletes Jamie Blackim
  - \*Chess Club Sarah Montgomery
  - \*College Republicans Richard Gould
- \*Creative Claws Joanna Carson and Jessica Dyer
  - \*Film Club Mitchell Wright
- \*Instrumental Music Jeremiah Johnson and Mitchell Wright
- \*Kansas National Educators Association Wrylie Finkle
  - \* Math & Science Club Robin Ray
- \*Media Club Carly Budd, Chris Bales, and Richard Gould
  - \* Multicultural Scholars Program -

Virdiana Sanchez and Falisha Scott

\*Peers Advocating Wellness for Students — Katie Gillmore and Jamie Blackim

\*Phi Beta Lambda — Phuong Huynh and Janessa Gould

\*Phi Theta Kappa — Robin Ray, Phuong Huynh, and Sarah Montgomery

\*Phi Theta Kappa (Mulvane) – Rebecca Johnson and Irona Cliver

\*Skills USA – Brandon May \*Vocal Music – Jessica Latham

\*Allied Health Department – Samantha Troyer

\*Business, Computer and Information Technology Department — Phuong Huynh

\*Career and Technical Education Department – Brandon May

\*Humanities Department – Jessica Dyer

\*Natural Science Department – Meagan Mason

\*Social Science Department – John Kuffler

\*Students of the Month – Ali Nittler, Ashley Spencer, Phuong Huynh, Robin Ray, Jamie Blackim, Christine Logan, Aaron Brooks, and B.J. Misialek.

\* Student of the Year - Ali Nittler

## Tiger athletics finish impressive second out of 350 schools in NATYCAA Cup standings

Demonstrating the incredible success of Cowley College athletics, the school recently finished in a tie for second among 350 community college athletic programs in the NATYCAA (National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators) Cup standings.

The Tigers, who tied for second with Monroe (NY) Community College, finished only behind Iowa Central Community College in the standings and will be awarded \$2,000 along with a trophy.

"This is a great tribute to our coaches and student athletes," Cowley College athletic director Tom Saia said. "It also speaks highly about our athletic department that we are able to compete on a national level."

The NATYCAA Cup program began in 2004 and recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics based on success in championship competition.

Points for the NATYCAA Cup are calculated based on each colleges finish at NJ-CAA Tournaments. Each first place finish is worth 20 points, second place 19, third 18, and so on. Total scores for both men's and women's programs are combined for their total score.

During the 2009-2010 season, Cowley College sports teams combined for nine national tournament appearances, eight conference championships, and five Region VI crowns.

Out of the nine national tournament appearances, the Tigers had six top-five finishes, including the volleyball team finishing as the national runner-up. "We are well known in the NJCAA, which is great for our college and the community," Saia said. "It's nice to be recognized as the top community college athletic program in the state of Kansas." This marks the second time Cowley has finished as the runner-up in the NATY-CAA Cup standings, while the Tigers have garnered several top-10 finishes during Saia's successful reign as the school's athletic director.

## **Athletic Roundup**

#### Men's Track

Making last year's 21st place national finish a thing of the past, the Cowley College men's track and field team placed sixth out of 26 teams at the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Hutchinson.

Vondrell Harris capped his stellar sophomore season by finishing as the national runner-up in the high jump (7-0 ½) and earned NJCAA second-team All-American honors.

Sophomore Jory Custar broke the school record in the 800-meter prelims (1:51.73), while Mac Griffith eclipsed the school record in the decathlon (6,577 points) Both Custar and Griffith earned Coaches Association All-American honors for their efforts.

The Tigers' 4x800-meter relay team of Dane Dewitt, T.J. Mapp, David Phillips, and Brice Irving ran incredible splits and finished third with a time of 7:44.90. The runners were named NJCAA Honorable Mention All-Americans.

The large group of sophomores helped Cowley run its streak of indoor and outdoor conference titles to four years in a row, and led the squad to an 11th place national finish indoors and the sixth place finish during the outdoor season.

#### Women's Track

Breaking five school records and having seven athletes earn NJCAA All-American honors, the Cowley College women's track and field team finished fifth at the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Hutchinson.

The Lady Tigers' fifth place finish was the second highest in the program's history, behind only the 2007 squad's third place finish. Cowley finished as conference and region champions during both the indoor and outdoor seasons and garnered a pair of top-five national finishes.

After finishing as individual national champions during the indoor season, Cowley sophomores Katie Gillmore and Robin Ray were national runner-ups at the outdoor national championships. Gillmore broke her own school record in the pole vault as she cleared 12-7 ½ in the event.

While, Ray (37:25.88) finished a little more than eight seconds behind Colby Community College's Scarla Nero (37:17.66) in the 10,000-meter run despite breaking the school record in the event.

Fellow sophomore Cecilia Burley joined Gillmore and Ray as second-team All-Americans by placing second in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:59.71.

Richelle Farley capped her freshman season by breaking school records in the high jump (5-3 1/4) and 100-meter hurdles (14.53) at the national meet.

#### Men's Tennis

Recording its highest national finish since 2004, when the team was competing at the NJCAA Division III level, the Cowley College men's tennis team placed sixth at the NJCAA Division I Men's National Tennis Championship in Plano, Texas.

Advancing to the title match at No. 3 singles, Cowley sophomore Roger White had his magical run come to an end with a 1-6, 0-6 loss to Vincennes University's Simon Honegger. White, who came to Cowley from England, had a stellar performance at the national tournament, as he also teamed with Alex Dickson to advance to the quarterfinals of No. 3 doubles. By making it to the championship match at No. 3 singles, White was named a second-team All-American.

Cowley got region titles from Lloyd Bruce-Burgess at No. 1 singles, Roger White at No. 3 singles, and Alex Dickson at No. 6 singles. Cowley will lose White, Bruce-Burgess, Renato Mendes and Felipe Pimenta to graduation. The Tigers will hope Joan Valls and Alex Dickson can build off their experience at the national tournament and serve as leaders on next season's team.

Fellow freshman Tom Gibaud also gained valuable experience during the season and accompanied the team on its trip to nationals.

#### Women's Tennis

Showing they are one of the top tennis programs in the nation, the Cowley College women's tennis team finished fourth out of 31 teams at the NJCAA Division I National Championship held in Tucson, AZ. The fourth place finish tied for the second highest finish in the program's history, behind only the 2002 squad's third place finish, which was achieved while playing at the NJCAA Division III level.

At the national tournament, Cowley was led by its top-two singles players, Adrijana Pavlovic and Jessica Montemayor, as both players advanced to the semifinals before losing. Montemayor also teamed with Brittney Laner to advance to the semifinals at No. 2 doubles before being eliminated by a doubles team from Tyler.

Led by its seven sophomores, Cowley made it back-to-back Region VI titles by finishing well ahead of second place Johnson County at the region tournament.

Adrijana Pavlovic, Jamie Blackim, Natalia Medina, and Brittney Laner repeated as region champions in singles play. While, Wrylie Finkle made up for a three-set defeat in the finals of last year's tournament by defeating Johnson County's Sydney Ramsey 7-6 (4), 0-6, 6-2 in the finals of No. 5 singles. Pavlovic and Blackim went on to finish as region champions at No. 1 doubles, and Montemayor and Laner took home the title at

No. 2 doubles.

#### Baseball

Losing a pair of heart breakers to Hutchinson and Seward County at the Region VI Tournament in Wichita, the Cowley College baseball team had its season come to an abrupt end. After beating Seward County 10-1 in its opening game in Wichita, the Tigers had to battle Seward again as Cowley lost 5-4 in 13 innings to Hutchinson and the Saints beat Butler 2-1 in 12 innings.

Cowley had 18 hits in the win over Seward County, but managed just three hits in a 5-4 loss in the rematch.

Cowley had won 18 of its previous 20 games prior to the pair of one-run defeats to close out its season. The Tigers finished the year with a record of 39-16 overall and were one game behind conference champion Johnson County in the Jayhawk East with a conference mark of 29-7.

Cowley had five players named first-team all-conference and two more named to the second-team. Six of the Tigers' seven all-conference selections were sophomores.

Freshman Aaron Rea, a second-team all-conference selection, highlights the list of returning players for the Tigers. Rea batted .348 and led the team in RBI's (66), while finishing second in home runs (seven), doubles (15), and runs scored (63).

Sophomore Zach Cargill went 11-1 on the season and finished his Tiger career with a record of 19-2 on the mound.

#### Softball

Advancing to the Region VI title game for the 11th year in a row, the Cowley College softball team had its bid for a return trip to the national tournament come to an end with a 94 loss to Highland.

After going just 11-9 in its first 20 games, Cowley finished the season with a record of 38-12. Cowley will have to make up for the loss of conference MVP Ashley Spencer, who finished the season with a record of 29-7 and an earned run average of 1.70. Spencer went 53-8 during her two years at the school.

Cowley will also say goodbye to all-conference performers Alysha Poteat and Taylor Cantillon. Poteat batted .365 and led the team in home runs (10) and RBI's (47), while Cantillon was third on the team in batting average (.369), home runs (six) and RBI's (36). Outfielder Sarah Hocker rounds out the group of sophomores and batted .275 with 18 RBI's.

of sophomores and batted .275 with 18 RBI's. The Lady Tigers will return its No. 2 pitcher in McLeod (9-4, 2.36 ERA) as well as its top two hitters in Bri Akers (.449 average) and Alyssa Allison (.370 average). Cuthbertson also had a solid freshman season and was second on the team in doubles (12), home runs (8), and RBI's (46).

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#### Volleyball

The Lady Tiger volleyball team went five games with Illinois Central College before losing in the championship match of the NJCAA Division II National Championships played in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The second place finish matches the program's highest ever finish at the national tournament. Cowley ended the season with a record of 32-5 and had the highest winning percentage (86.5%) in the program's history.

Along with the national runner-up finish, Jenifer Bahner led the Lady Tigers to conference and region titles in her first season as head coach.

Freshmen Roslandy Acosta and Elena Berroteran were named to the All-Tournament team at the national championships. Acosta was also named the Most Valuable Player and Freshman of the Year in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division.

Sophomore libero Michelle O'Dell was also named a First-Team all-conference selection, while Berroteran received honorable mention all-conference recognition.

The Lady Tigers will say goodbye to sophomores Michelle O'Dell, Sarah Eldridge, and Keshia Clark. But, Cowley will return nine players from its national runner-up squad.

#### Men's Cross Country

Landing three runners on the list of Coaches Association All-Americans, the Cowley College men's cross country team capped another stellar season by placing fifth out of 31 teams at the NJCAA Division I National Championships held in Peoria, IL.

Sophomore Dustin Mettler, the conference champion in the Jayhawk East, led Cowley by placing 25th with a time of 26:25 at the national meet. Joining Mettler as Coaches Association All-Americans were, sophomores Brice Irving (26:29) and Phillip Banowetz (26:39), who placed 26th and 33rd, respectively. Coaches Association All-American honors are bestowed to the top-25 American born runners.

Cowley will lose Mettler, Banowetz, Irving, Cianin Kutil, and Isbek Sailnas to graduation. The sophomores helped Cowley capture its fourth straight conference title and add another top-five national finish to the school's list of accomplishments.

Freshmen Tyson Christensen and Josh Gracia each ran well at nationals and will return to lead the Tigers next season.

#### Women's Cross Country

With Robin Ray capping a brilliant season by being named an NJCAA All-American, and two other Lady Tiger runners earning Coaches Association All-American honors, the Cowley College women's cross country team placed fourth out of 35 teams at the NJCAA Division I National Championships held in Peoria, IL. The fourth place finish tied the program's highest ever national finish as Cowley also placed fourth in 2006.

Ray was the first American to finish the race as she placed seventh with a time of 18:20. Ray has left her mark on the Cowley program as her time of 18:20 was the second fastest time in school history.

Sophomore Cecilia Burley placed 21st with a time of 19:07. Burley's time was the sixth fastest in the program's history as she earned Coaches Association All-American honors. Freshman Leigh Ann Omarkhail also earned Coaches Association All-American honors as she placed among the top-25 American born runners.

Cowley will say goodbye to Marvia Lewin, Jessica Dyer, Ray and Burley. However, Omarkhail, Val Bland, Bailey Hawkins and Elly Adamson will return next season with the experience of having competed well at nationals.

#### Men's Basketball

The Cowley College men's basketball team captured its third straight Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title as they finished the 2009-2010 season with a record of 21-11 overall and 14-4 in the conference.

Having guided the Cowley College men's basketball team to the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division title in his first year at the school, head coach Tommy DeSalme was named the Jayhawk East Coach of the Year.

The Tigers' success was even more impressive considering they had only two sophomores on the roster.

DeSalme was not the only Tiger recognized for their outstanding season as Cowley's Tyrus McGee was also named the Jayhawk East Freshman of the Year and an All-Region selection. McGee averaged a team-best 16.6 points and 5.3 rebounds. Over the last nine games of the season, McGee averaged 22.1 points and 6.6 rebounds per game, and shot 57 percent (34-of-60) from three-point range.

Fellow freshman Dominick Cornelius was also recognized as he was named an honorable mention all-conference selection. Cornelius, a 6-foot-4 guard/forward from Tulsa, OK, averaged 10.6 points and 4.1 rebounds. He is also considered to be the Tigers best defender.

#### Women's Basketball

Finishing in a tie for third place in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division, the Cowley College women's basketball team finished the 2009-2010 season with a record of 21-11 overall and 12-6 in the conference.

Sophomore Gianna Woods had a big season for the Lady Tigers as she led the team in scoring (15.6 points) and rebounding (7.8 boards). Woods was named first-team all-conference and second-team all-region. Fellow sophomore Kaneesha Lee was named honorable mention all-conference after averaging 10.2 points and

7.3 rebounds.

The Lady Tigers will return a talented team as they lost just four players to graduation.

#### Men's Soccer

The Tigers made strides in the second year of the program as they won two more games than a year ago and finished higher in the conference standings.

Cowley came back from a rough start to the season to win six of its final 10 games and end the year with a record of 6-9-1.

Cowley will say goodbye to sophomores, Blake Anderson, Austin Sacket, Marko Bukva, Orlando Colina, Dayton Rodrigues, Joao Bacchi, Ivenns Martinez, Chase Turney, Keegan Cornelius, and Nick Sobba.

The sophomores played a major role in helping the Tigers reach the Region VI playoffs in each of the program's first two seasons. Freshman defender Matheus Daniel was recognized as a second-team all-conference performer. Along with Daniel, Cowley had four players receive honorable mention Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference recognition.

Those honored were, sophomore forward Keegan Cornelius, freshman forward Ivenns Martinez, sophomore midfielder Joao Bacchi, and freshman defender Nathan Modesto.

#### Women's Soccer

The Lady Tiger soccer team had another strong showing in its second season despite playing without all-conference midfielder Carol Rodrigues and stalwart defender Ana Borjas for the majority of the season due to injury.

Cowley finished the season with a record of 9-8. The eight sophomores that have been a part of each of the program's first two seasons, leave with a record of 17-17 overall and two Region VI playoff appearances.

Sophomores were Amber Hernandez, Brittany Griffin, Amara Saucedo, Viri Sanchez, Ciara Corboy, Brittany Newbolt, Katie Ybarra, and Ana Borjas.

Scoring the seventh most goals in NJCAA Division I women's soccer, Amber Hernandez was named a first-team Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference women's soccer selection for the second consecutive year. Hernandez finished the season with 29 goals and nine assists in 17 games, and ended her Tiger career with 55 goals and 12 assists in 34 games.

Cowley's Ciara Corboy, Brittany Newbolt, and Sadie Hull received honorable mention all-conference recognition.



### Who We Serve

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| Spring 2010 Semester E   | nrollment by location  | n     |
| Arkansas City            |  | 1453  |
| Virtual Center           |  | 2157  |
| Mulvane Bloomenshine     |  | 967   |
| SSEC                     |  | 2     |
| Winfield                 |  | 156   |
| Mulvane IT               |  | 100   |
| Wellington               |  | 29    |
| Percentage by Gender     |  |       |
| Male                     |  | 38%   |
| Female                   |  | 62%   |
| Percentage by Ethnic G   | roup   |       |
| Black/Non-Hispanic       |  | 7.97% |
| Native American          |  |       |
| Asian                    |  |       |
| Hispanic                 |  |       |
| Caucasian                |  |       |
| Other                    |  | 4.64% |
| Percentage by Age        |  |       |
| Under 18                 |  |       |
| 19-22 years old          |  |       |
| 23-29 years old          |  |       |
| 30-49 years old          |  |       |
| 50 and over              |  | 4.04% |
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| 2009~2010 (unaudited)    |  |       |
| Instruction              | \$7,065,341  | 41%   |
| Academic Support         | \$580,465  | 3%    |
| Student Services         | \$1,283,900  | 7%    |
| Athletics                | \$1,855,306  | 11%   |
| Institutional Support    | \$2,666,734  | 15%   |
| Operations &             | , -,, • • •  |       |
| Maintenance              | \$3,568,490  | 21%   |
| Grants                   | \$264,607  | 2%    |
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### Foundation Balance Sheet

| ASSETS                           |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Cash and Investments       | \$3,277,187 |
| Pledges Receivable               | \$6.035     |
| Capitalized Assets               | \$48,590    |
| Total Assets                     | \$3,331,812 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS       |             |
| Total Liabilities                | \$6,381     |
| NET ASSETS                       |             |
| Unrestricted                     | \$636,273   |
| Temporarily Restricted           | \$610,657   |
| Permanently Restricted           | \$2,078,501 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$3,331,812 |

## Board approves 2010-2011 budget that includes fewer tax dollars

Cowley's Board of Trustees delivered some good news to local taxpayers Monday, Aug. 9 at its regular monthly meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the 2010-2011 budget for the college that is seeking fewer tax dollars than the previous year. Therefore, the projected mill levy of 19.998 is down from the 2009-2010 levy of 20.226. The final mill levy won't be set until the final valuation for Cowley County is calculated.

"I am tickled with us being able to lower the mill levy," Board of Trustees Chairman Albert Bacastow, Jr. said.

The college's budget approved Aug. 9 is based on in-state enrollments of 73,900 credit hours, a state operating grant of \$6,488,117, and a county valuation of \$211,418,414, which is a little more than \$2 million less than last year.

The college's total budget for 2010-2011 is \$29,484,374 million. It is seeking \$4,227,987 in tax support. The college sought \$4,257,072 in tax support in 2008-2009, and \$4,275,040 in 2009-2010.

Also, during the meeting, Slade Griffiths, vice president of academic affairs, provided the Board with an outreach update. Griffiths informed the Board that the college's Mulvane Center and online enrollment is higher than it has ever been.

Cowley College president, Dr. Patrick J. McAtee, also stated that enrollment at the school's main campus in Arkansas City is the highest it has been in five years.

"Everyone has done an outstanding job," McAtee said. As of Aug. 9, total enrollment at Cowley College's Centers is up

440 FTE (2,871 to 2,431) from this time last year.

"Enrollment is off the charts," Sue Saia, vice president of student affairs said. "I want to recognize Ben Schears, the work he has done in the Admissions Department has been unbelievable."

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Saia receives Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence

Recognized for the work he does beyond his normal duties as Cowley College's athletic director, Tom Saia, was awarded the Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence.

The award is based on maintaining high quality athletic programs and the dedication and contribution of time and effort in NJCAA Region VI regular and championship events.

Saia received a traveling trophy, which has his name engraved. Saia is the third recipient of the award and follows former Garden City Community College athletic director, Vic Trilli, and Highland Community College AD, Greg Delzeit. Roderick, who serves as the commissioner of the Jayhawk Conference, received the George E. Killian Award of Excellence in 2006, which is given to individuals dedicated to the ideals of volunteerism, achievement, service, leadership and excellence. Roderick was the first women's director to receive the prestigious award. Roderick began awarding the Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence in 2007 as a way to recognize the outstanding work done by the athletic directors in the layhawk Conference.

"Tom has done so much for the conference and the region, besides his role as athletic director he is always willing to help out the region directors," Roderick said.

Along with his duties as athletic director, Saia also served as a Region VI director with Roderick during his 14 years at Cowley. Under Saia's guidance, the school hosted regional competitions during the fall and spring semesters.

Saia was humbled to be named the recipient of the award.

"It is an honor to receive this award because it has Bryce's name on it," Saia said. "I will cherish this award because of what Bryce (Roderick) stands for."

Cowley College's athletic programs have flourished under Saia as the school has won two JUCO World Series titles in baseball, and has won numerous conference and region titles, as well as accumulated a number of top-10 finishes at the



Jayhawk Conference Commisioner Bryce Roderick presents Cowley College Athletic Director Tom V. Saia with a plaque in honor of his being named the recipient of the Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence.

national tournaments.

Cowley College recently finished second in the NATYCAA (National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators) Cup standings, which recognizes excellence in two-year college athletics.

For the third time in the past four years, Cowley finished as the top junior college athletic program in the state of Kansas based on the standings.

Prior to coming to Cowley, Saia spent 12 years as a football coach at the junior college level. Eight of his teams were ranked in the top-15. His teams played in six bowl games, winning four. He was an assistant coach at Coffeyville in 1980 when the team went undefeated and capped the season with a victory in the Beef Empire Bowl in Garden City, finishing No. 2 in the nation.

Saia coached at Coffeyville, Butler, Hutchinson and Independence and was inducted into the NJCAA Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

He and his wife, Sue, have four children, Bryce 38, Boomer 21, Tommy 17, and Courtney 15.

## 11th class inducted into Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame (continued)

and finished as conference co-champs. After graduating from ACJC he played two years of football at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and was offered tryouts with several NFL teams.

Pipestem instead went on to become a noted attorney, judge and lecturer who

noted attorney, judge and lecturer who was a committed and compassionate life-time advocate for Native Americans. He has a Wellness Center named after him in Red Rock, OK.



### Mildred Johnston named Outstanding Tiger Alumnus (continued)

She also served as a volunteer answering phones for Safe Homes for five years and at the Ark City Senior Center for six years. She also volunteers at the Kansas Veterans Home in Winfield, furnishing cookies and helping veterans during the Christmas season. She has been a member of the First United Methodist Church in Arkansas City since 1944, where she is a member of the seekers class and UMW, and serves on the services and mission groups. She also volunteers her time at the Saint Paul Methodist Church in Arkansas City with their Share Meal that is served once a week and is also a member of the Cowley College Golden Tigers.

Shannon Massey, Cowley College's Executive Director of Alumni and Development, was happy to present Johnston with this year's Outstanding Tiger Alumnus Award. "Milly is such a kind, generous woman," Massey said. "She is very giving of her time for many organizations in Ark City. Milly and Hubert have supported Cowley College with many financial gifts over the years and her gift last year of \$25,000 to the Endowment Association and \$2,000 to the Tiger Hall of Fame Fund was amazing and very much appreciated. She's a great friend to Cowley College and very much deserves this award." Her three children, Nan Schaper, Kay Thomas, and Gevan Johnston were all very active at Cowley. Nan attended Cowley from 1970-1972 and served as a work-study in the admissions office. She also was the Student Government president and named Basketball Queen in 1972. She played tennis at Cowley and

was the runner-up for Queen Alalah in 1971.

Kay attended Cowley from 1972-1974 and served as a work-study in the school's Agri-Business Office. She played tennis at Cowley and was one of the leaders on the team. She was also a cheerleader and was named Queen Alalah and the school's Basketball Queen in 1973. Both Nan and Kay went on to earn bachelor degrees from

Oklahoma State University. Gevan attended Cowley during the 1977-78 academic year and played tennis at the school. After going into the military, he returned to Cowley and earned a degree in Non-Destructive Testing and Air Frame and Powerplant in 1995. Sadly, Gevan passed away in 2006.

Gevan's daughter, and Johnston's granddaughter, Shirley Leftwich, also attended Cowley and graduated from the school in 2007. At Cowley, she was active in the Theatre Department and was a workstudy in the business office. In July 2009 Johnston was named the recipient of the Community Cornerstone Award, which recognizes the time and effort of volunteers dedicated to serving people and enhancing the quality of life in Cowley County. Although the college has changed since she was a student, Johnston has enjoyed watching the school grow. "I am happy to hear of all the great things that are going on at the college," Johnston said. "All of the graduates of the college really seem to enjoy their time at the school."

#### Aubrey Lyman named a New Century Scholar (continued)

Engagement through Service), the president of the Cowley College Young Democrats, and was a representative for clubs in SGA.

The elementary major from Wichita had to write an essay as part of the contest. Lyman's essay was over the clothing drive she helped put together last semester at Cowley.

Lyman, who was also named to the Kansas All-State Academic Team, thanks in part to her excellent work as a PTK member at Cowley, was thrilled to learn she was named a New Century Scholar.

"When I heard the news I started jumping up and down with my dorm mates with excitement and called my parents at 11 o'clock at night to tell them the news," Lyman said. She credits PTK sponsors Melinda Neal and Nancy Ayers with helping her receive this award.

"Melinda and Nancy are both amazing, I love them to death," Lyman said. "Miss Neal has been a great help with the All-Kansas team stuff."

## Hall of Fame Fund receives \$25,000 donation

Having been friends since the eighth grade, Steve Farris surprised his pal, Tom V. Saia, with a check for \$25,000 to go towards the Cowley College Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame. Farris made the donation in Saia's honor prior to the Tiger Skins/Brian Groves Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Arkansas City Country Club.

"This gift is in recognition to your outstanding contribution to and achievements at Cowley County Community College," Farris said.

Saia, who played football with Farris at Pittsburg-Colgan High School, considers Farris to be one of his best friends. "He is the closest thing I have got to a brother," Saia said. "He has always been there for me if I ever needed anything." Farris, a former three-year starting linebacker for Oklahoma State University, is now a successful businessman in Houston, Texas. After spending the week in Cairo, Egypt, Farris flew home to Houston Thursday night. He then left Friday for Arkansas City, so he could support his good friend at the annual fundraiser golf tournament.

Saia, who has built Cowley College's athletics into one of the top junior college programs in the nation, as evidenced by the school's second place finish in the NATYCAA Cup standings, wants to see the Tiger Hall of Fame continue to prosper. Started in 2000, there are currently 57 members in the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame.

"This donation really helps a lot and gets us closer to our goal of having \$100,000 in the Hall of Fame fund," Saia said. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame should contact the Cowley College Athletic Department at 620-441-5268 or 620-441-5246.



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