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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.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. McAtee, Ph.D.

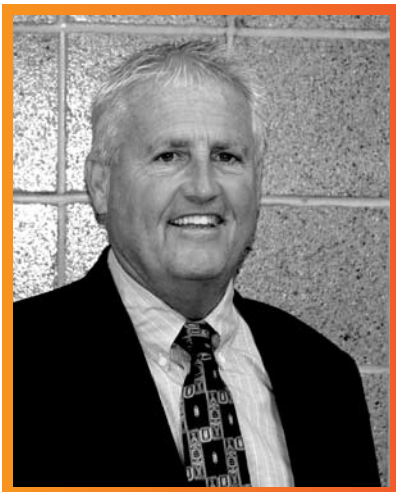
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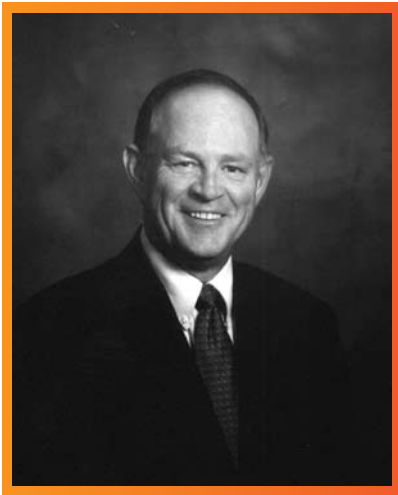


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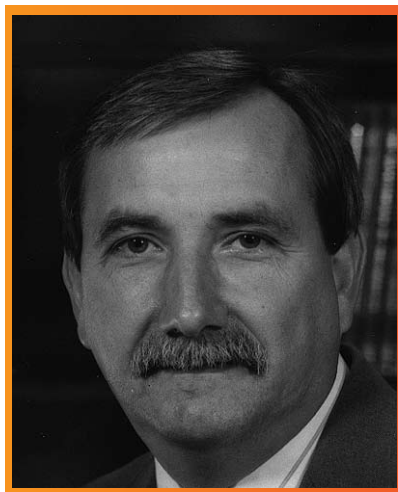
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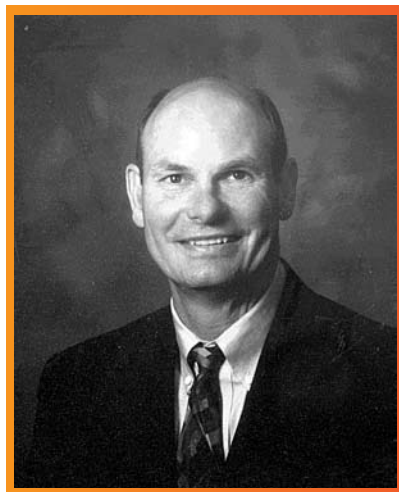
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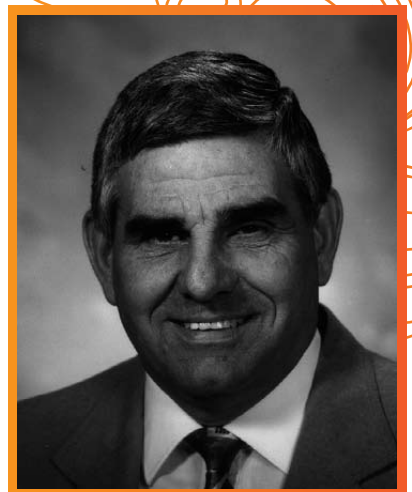
Dennis K. Shurtz



Ron Godsey



Mark Paton



Albert Bacastow, Jr.

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 current Board Chair 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.

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 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 Colleges 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 Colleges 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 reaffirmation of accreditation will be 2015-16.



Steven Archer named Outstanding Tiger Alumni for 2009

Continuing 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 in-laws, 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 two-year 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 went on to apply for and was selected for 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.

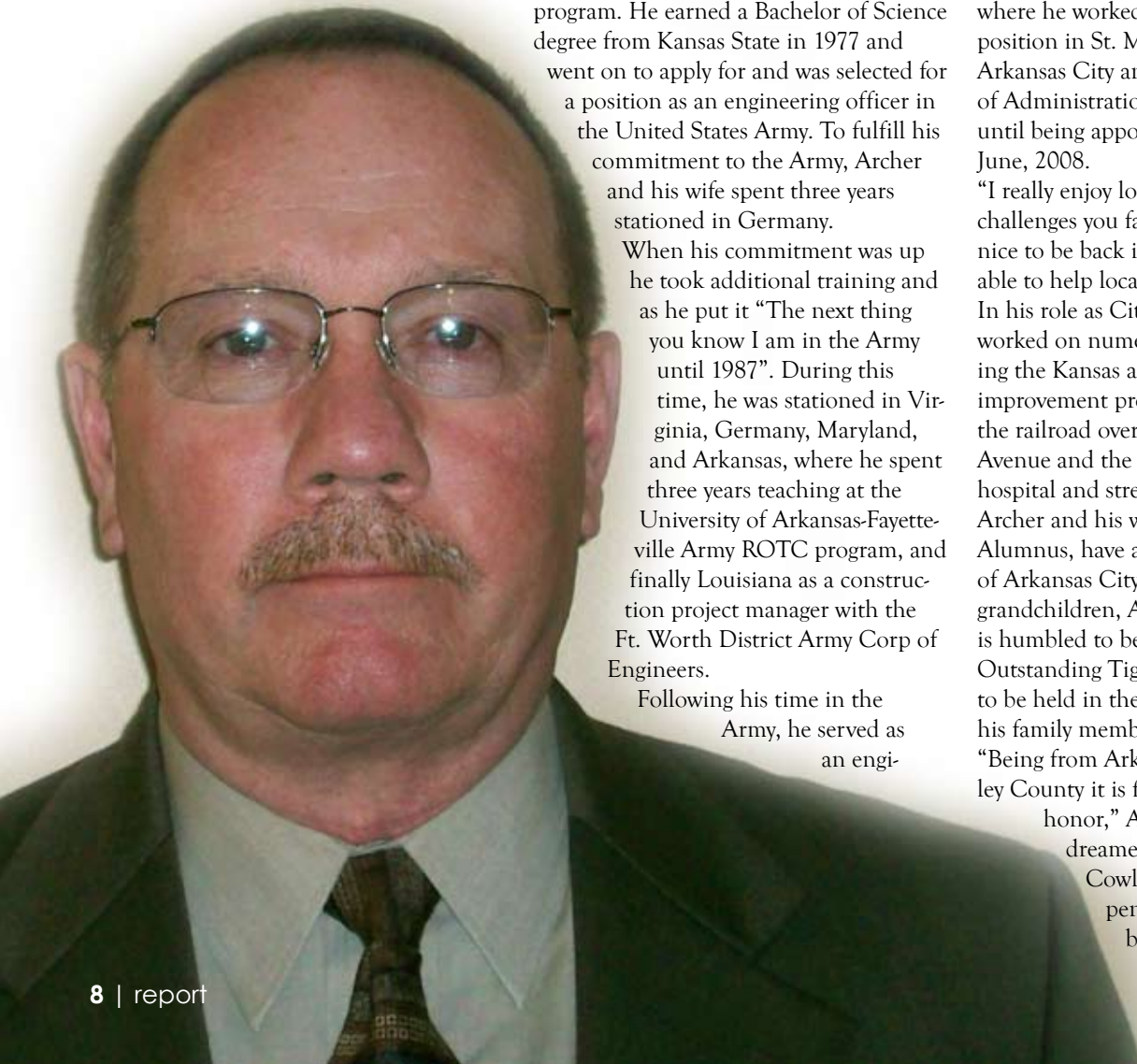
Archer began his career in local government management when he was appointed City Manager of St. Marys, Kansas, where he worked until 1998. He left his position in St. Marys to return home to Arkansas City and serve as the Director of Administration. He held that position until being appointed City Manager 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."



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 medalion, 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."



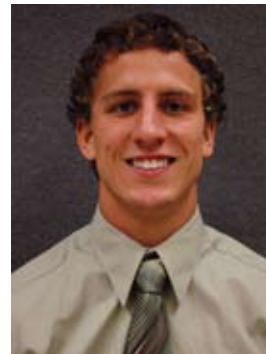
Students of the Month



Sarah Smith
September 2008



Andy Petz
October 2008



Willy Lucero
November 2008



Lauren McGuigan
December 2008



Emily Crain
January 2009



Boomer Saia
February 2009



Elizabeth Smith
March 2009



Darci Mann
April 2009



Central Avenue Dormitory becomes a reality

After nearly one year of construction, Cowley College's new Central Avenue Dormitory opened in August, 2008. The three-story, 104-bed dormitory is located at 102 South Fifth Street. The building becomes the fifth dormitory on the Arkansas City campus.

Conco Construction served as the general contractor for the new dorm. Winfield Plumbing and Heating were the mechanical contractors, Ziegler Electric in Wichita served as the electrical contractors, while David Herlocker of Gordon and Associates was the architect for the project.

"I think it went really smooth for a project with a short time line," Cowley College Executive Vice President of Business Services Tony Crouch said. "We really challenged Conco on the time line and they got us there."

Crouch praised the work of Conco Construction project manager Luke Kunkel, project superintendent Tom McDonough, and David Herlocker.

"Those three were instrumental in the process and the final product," Crouch

said. "I have worked with Tom and David before and they have never let us down." The other dormitories on the Arkansas City campus are, the Oscar Kimmell dorm, Kirke W. Dale dorm, William R. Docking dorm, and the D. Robert Storbeck dorm.

"Every time we have built a dorm we have learned a little bit more about what the students need," Crouch said. "Hopefully, this dorm is a culmination of the things we have learned over the years. Having it completed feels really good."



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,



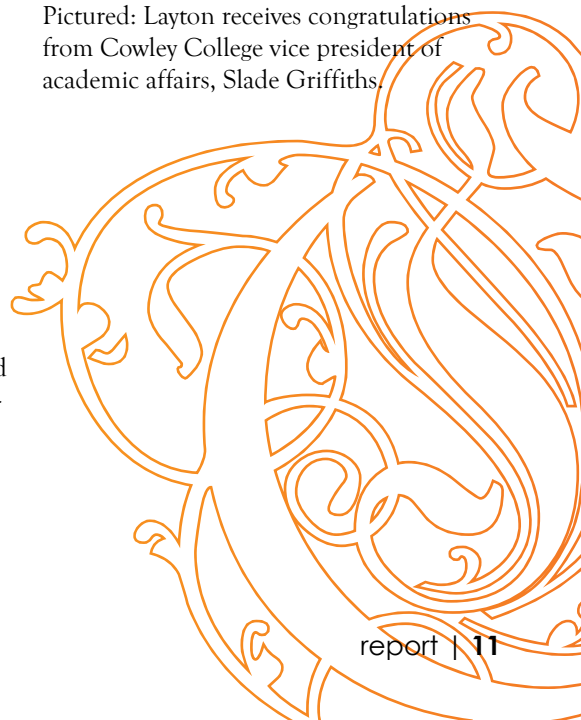
Pam Smith, and Marlys Cervantes. "Those are all highly respected teachers on campus," Layton said.

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 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.

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 NJCAA 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 years.

"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, Anisa 6.



Cowley students honored at luncheon in Topeka

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 Ayers.



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 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

Due to their stellar work and dedication to the teaching profession, Cowley College instructors Rae Dale and Dr. Jafar Hashemi (pictured working with a student) 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.

Dale began working at Cowley College as an adjunct instructor in 1990 and became a full-time 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 wanted to be.

"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, 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 full-time 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

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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 - Sophomore
- 2nd - Business Communications
- Richard Gould, Douglas, KS - Sophomore
- 1st - Human Resource Management

- 2nd - Computer Concepts
 - 2nd - Help Desk
 - Melissa Barr, Arkansas City, KS - Sophomore
 - 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



Twenty-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.

Pictured: Karolee Weller, Loretta Waldroupe, Lindsay Sanderholm, Chris Mayer, and Deanna Harp.



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.

"At Cowley you 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.

"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 ¼ 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 two-year 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 stellar meet as he earned Coaches Association All-American honors in the 3,000 and 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 4x800-meter 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 ¼) 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 captured 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 Jonathan 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 solid 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.



Who We Serve

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
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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$358,576
Temporarily Restricted	\$740,767
Permanently Restricted	\$2,568,010

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,766,410
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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.)

- Seventh lowest mill levy at 19.976 mills.

- One of Cowley County's largest employers with over 173 full-time and 181 part-time employees.

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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)

is evident," Griffiths said. "He is clearly 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 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 top-five 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 NJCAA 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

With 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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