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Students enthusiastically welcomed plans for improvements to Eby Fieldhouse and Hickok Hall at the Make Your Move pep rally on Oct. 16.
CoE experiences valued

I enjoyed spending last evening with the Coe College Courier. Two items especially caught my interest. Thanks for the review of Ken Cuthbertson’s new book about William Shirer ’25, which I will put on my “to read” list. The biography is a greatly deserved honor for Mr. Shirer.

I also was delighted to read the article on the research coming out of Coe about Iowa’s African American history. The statistics and the information about Iowa’s Supreme Court rulings and Cedar Rapids’ long history of integration which produced “strong black communities” were edifying.

The article reminded me of an event around 1963 that helped shape my thinking about racial situations. Dr. Percy Harris, the Linn County coroner as well as a civil rights leader affiliated with the Linn County NAACP, came to Manchester, Iowa, to lead a civil rights demonstration on the courthouse steps. Dr. Harris’ stirring speech about recent events in the South and activities of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. challenged all attending to develop an awareness of how discrimination hinders the development of a society that provides justice for all.

It was a mind-opener for me! As a result, I welcomed an African American literature course and a history course on significant books in African American history, both taught by top-notch Coe professors, when I was a student in American studies at Coe at the end of the 1960s.

After following the tragic events at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, I value these positive Iowa, Coe and Linn County educational experiences even more.

Adelyn Fullerton ’73
Lafayette, Indiana

Written accomplishments of Coe’s literary alumni

EXPERIENCING PUERTO RICAN CITIZENSHIP AND CULTURAL NATIONALISM By Jacqueline Font-Guzmán ’84

Puerto Ricans experience their citizenship and cultural nationalism within the context of an unincorporated territory in which they have limited participation in the legal framework devised to govern them. Drawing from in-depth interviews with a group of Puerto Ricans, legal and historical documents, and official reports not publicly accessible, Jacqueline Font-Guzmán ’84 shares how some Puerto Ricans experience their citizenship and national identity at the margins of the U.S. nation.

“Experiencing Puerto Rican Citizenship and Cultural Nationalism” was named the 2015 Juridical Book of the Year in the category of Essay Promoting Critical Thinking and Analysis of Juridical and Social Issues. Font-Guzmán received the award Sept. 10 at the Puerto Rico Bar Association Annual Meeting.

The narratives shared in this book help us understand how citizenship asserts cultural national identity within colonial relationships. Moreover, discussing Puerto Rican identity calls into the spotlight an examination of the current political relationship between the United States and Puerto Rico.

The book also advances an understanding of conflicts that emerge between citizens of an unincorporated territory and where they place their loyalties and sense of belonging (i.e., do they ‘pledge allegiance’ to the territory or the metropolis?). Understanding these conflicts is necessary not only for Puerto Rico, but also Indian nations, other U.S. possessions — e.g., Guam, Northern Mariana, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa — and Caribbean Islands — e.g., the British Virgin Islands and Martinique — that experience competing identities and partial democracy. The significance of understanding how citizens of unincorporated territories experience their citizenship and national identity also has implications for issues of human rights and U.S. foreign policy.

Font-Guzmán is associate professor in Conflict Studies at The Werner Institute, Creighton University and served as a Fulbright Scholar at the Carlos III University Law School in Madrid, Spain. She conducts qualitative research on how people construct meaning at critical points in their lives.

“Experiencing Puerto Rican Citizenship and Cultural Nationalism,” 244 pages, is available in hardcover for $100 from Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN 1137455217.
VALENCIA By James Nulick '92

A man checks into a hotel in a Mediterranean city on the banks of the Turia. He is far from home. He holds few possessions: enough clothing for a week, money for drink, a few essential paperbacks, a cigar box of old photographs. He intends to commit suicide. But somewhere along the way he gets lost in the churn of memory.

“Valencia” is an elegiac and hallucinatory meditation on beauty, loss and how memory is deceitful, even when photographs are involved.


FELL THE ANGELS By Catherine Butzen ’10

Abby and her teammates at the Society for the Security of Reality stand between mankind and the “other.” Faeries, selkies, werewolves, ghosts, ghouls... all of the creatures mankind refuses to admit exist. Abby knows firsthand that they are real. She fights her personal demons as she fights the “other” – with determination, hope and spunk.

After solving the disappearance of hundreds of children only a month ago, Abby is suddenly thrust into fighting the unknown once again. This time, it’s the faeries who have invaded Chicago. And these are not the fae of your childhood stories. These are dark magic-wielders, capable of murder and committed to obtaining power over the mortal world.

All Abby needs to do is find out who is helping them, solve the gruesome murders, and rebuild a relationship with her teenage son while keeping herself and her teammates alive. Catherine Butzen ’10 fills the streets of Chicago with fantasy and horror in this sequel to “Thief of Midnight.” Both books began life while Butzen was a student at Coe. “I wrote most of ‘Thief’ in my first year, and ‘Angels’ was always intended as a sequel; the bulk of its first draft was written during my sophomore year,” she said.

Butzen was born and raised in Chicago. She currently lives in Cedar Rapids with her cat and her collection of books about dangerous things that don’t exist. “Fell the Angels,” 250 pages, is available in paperback for $17.95 from Stark House Press. ISBN 1933586893.

In March, Samhain published “The God Collector” by Butzen. “It’s not connected to the other two books and is in fact more of a romance (featuring rude language, oh my) with an Egyptological fantasy slant,” she said. “I had to teach myself a lot of Middle Egyptian to produce some of its dialogue, too.” Their love is ancient history if they can’t catch the thief out to kill them. Theodora Speer loves her job at the Columbian Exposition Museum designing murals, but a sense of movement – in her art and in her life – eludes her. She meets the museum’s enigmatic donor Seth Adler while working on a new exhibit: a strange cache of shabtis, or clay funerary figurines, accompanying a prize mummy, and something sparks. Seth Adler’s interest in the Egyptian artifacts and in Theo goes deeper than patronage, but he can’t tell her that.

A series of robberies has everyone on edge and when the Columbian is hit, Theo and Seth are implicated. Someone thinks there was more to the ancient Egyptian funeral rites than meets the eye and wants the mummy and his grave goods. Seth and Theo are forced on the run, and it may be too much movement for strict realist Theo to keep up with. But the man – and the mummy – are more than she realized. And if she can’t reconcile the past and the present, she and Seth may have no future.


IT’S TIME FOR A RHYME By Marv Levy ’50

World War II veteran, Harvard University master’s degree holder and Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach for the Buffalo Bills Marv Levy ’50 has completed his new book “It’s Time for a Rhyme,” a vibrantly crafted work that depicts the beauty of words and poetry.

When Levy was still in high school, the work of classic poets captivated him. With this new book, the author enthralls the reader with flowing harmonious rhyming.

Levy said his desire to write his book was based on his appreciation of earlier classic poetry that rhymed. “In later years, I found myself becoming disturbed by poems that seemed so disjointed and seemed to roam all over the place,” he said. “They didn’t rhyme, and, to me at least, they were a bore. Thus, my title, ‘It’s Time for a Rhyme.’”

After leaving coaching, Levy wrote an autobiography (“Where Else Would You Rather Be?”), then a novel (“Between the Lies”) and a team history book (“Game Changers: The Greatest Plays in Buffalo Bills History,” with Jeffrey Miller). Next is likely that second novel.

“It’s Time For A Rhyme,” 250 pages, is available in paperback for $15.95 from Page Publishing. ISBN 1634175484.
Coe welcomes large class of 2019

Coe College has welcomed a historically large first-year class with a record number of students living on campus this fall. In addition, the average academic profile of the class of 2019 is strong, continuing Coe’s long tradition of academic excellence.

The college has enrolled 410 new students, the third-largest class in Coe history. Coe has registered 1,331 full-time students for fall term, which is slightly below last year’s record full-time enrollment of 1,340 students and the 1,339 full-time students enrolled in 2013. In all, Coe has 1,416 full and part-time students registered for fall term, the third-largest overall enrollment in its history.

While this year’s incoming class is large, the profile of the new students advances Coe’s reputation for academic excellence. The class of 2019 has an average ACT score of 25 and grade point average of 3.62. An impressive 50 first-year students scored 30 or greater on the ACT test. As well, more than 27 percent of first-year class members ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.

Of special note, the college has first-time students of color representing more than 28 percent of the entering class. This is a historically high level of student diversity and demonstrates Coe’s commitment to a diverse campus community. As a residential college, Coe also has a record number of 1,209 in campus housing for the fall term, up from last year’s record of 1,205.

This year’s Coe class includes students from 23 states and several countries. Out-of-state students comprise more than 58 percent of the class.

“We are pleased to welcome another historically large class to Coe College,” said Coe President David McInally. “With impressive average test scores, grade point averages and high school classroom performance, our first-year students build upon Coe’s reputation for academic excellence. In addition, we are pleased to have such a diverse group of students join and enrich our campus community.”

Coe featured in Princeton Review’s “Best Colleges”

Coe College is one of the country’s best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features Coe in the new 2016 edition of its flagship college guide, “The Best 380 Colleges.”

Only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and four colleges outside the U.S. are profiled in the book, which is one of The Princeton Review’s most popular guides. Published annually since 1992, it includes detailed profiles of the colleges with rating scores for all schools in eight categories, plus ranking lists of top 20 schools in the book in 62 categories based on The Princeton Review’s surveys of students attending the colleges.

“Coe College’s outstanding academics are the chief reason we chose it for this book and we strongly recommend it to applicants,” said Robert Franek, the Princeton Review’s senior VP-publisher and author of “The Best 380 Colleges.” “We make our selections primarily based on data we collect through our annual surveys of administrators at several hundred four-year colleges. Additionally, we give considerable weight to observations from our school visits, opinions of our staff and our 23-member National College Counselor Advisory Board, and an unparalleled amount of feedback we get from our surveys of students attending these schools. We also keep a wide representation of colleges in the book by region, size, selectivity and character.”

Coe President David McInally noted that the college takes pride in being selected once again for inclusion in the “Best Colleges” book.

“We are pleased that Coe has received further recognition as a national leader through the college’s inclusion in this Princeton Review guide.”
Affatigato graduated magna cum laude from Coe with majors in physics and mathematics and a minor in history. He then did graduate studies at Vanderbilt University, where earned a master’s in physics in 1993 and Ph.D. in physics in 1995. Since completing his Ph.D., Affatigato has been on the Coe physics faculty. He is a member of the American Physical Society, and a fellow of the Society of Glass Technology and the American Ceramic Society.

Affatigato is the recipient of several awards, including the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), which he received at the White House in 1999, as well as the Prize To A Faculty Member For Research In An Undergraduate Institution, which he was awarded by the American Physical Society in 2013. In addition, Affatigato has received numerous grants for the Coe physics program as a principal investigator or a co-principal investigator. He and his Coe faculty colleagues and students have conducted extensive studies on the properties of glass, resulting in the publication of over 100 articles in refereed journals. Affatigato has also traveled worldwide to conduct further research and present his findings at international conferences.

Grant funds new recycling bins throughout campus

Coe College has received recycling bins designed specifically for placement in high traffic areas throughout campus as part of a national grant made possible by Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and The Coca-Cola Foundation. The 24 blue bins have been designated for paper and plastic mixed recycling to enhance the college’s award-winning sustainability program.

Coe is one of 37 colleges and universities across the United States receiving support from the Coca-Cola/Keep America Beautiful Recycling Bin Grant Program. An additional 52 grants were awarded to non-collegiate locations that include non-profit organizations, local government agencies and other community groups. The 2015 grant program will award 5,300 recycling bins overall.

“We are grateful to Keep America Beautiful and The Coca-Cola Foundation for providing the new recycling bins for use by the Coe community,” said Assistant Director of Physical Plant and Coordinator of Sustainability Bill Brause ’87. “These receptacles have been placed in strategic locations around campus. They will serve to strengthen our active campus sustainability program.”

“Through this program and our more than 50-year partnership with Keep America Beautiful, we are helping to ensure that communities understand the importance of recycling,” said Lori George Billingsley, vice president, community relations, Coca-Cola North America. “Community recycling not only impacts the environment today, but it helps build sustainable communities for the future.”

“Research has shown that convenience is a key factor in getting people to recycle,” said Brenda Pulley, senior vice president, recycling, Keep America Beautiful. “With Coca-Cola’s continued support, the recycling bins provided through the grant program create literally thousands of new opportunities for people to recycle in public areas across the country.”

Recipients were chosen by Keep America Beautiful based on criteria including the extent of their need, recycling experience and their ability to sustain the program in the future. Special outreach was made to colleges and universities through a partnership with the College and University Recycling Coalition (CURC), a membership organization serving campus recycling managers.

The Coca-Cola/KAB Recycling Bin Grant Program awards recycling bins directly to recipients and leverages volume buying discounts. Since 2007, the program has placed more than 45,000 recycling bins in over 560 communities across the U.S. More specific information about Coe’s award-winning sustainability efforts, including recycling, can be found at www.coe.edu/aboutcoe/coegreen
As the school year began, Coe opened a new Learning Commons in Stewart Memorial Library to bring together in one central location the college’s academic support resources and enrich the network of academic services that help students thrive. Offering a variety of programs and services to provide an integrated, holistic approach to the four-year campus experience, the Learning Commons supports Coe students in creating their own unique paths toward productive and satisfying lives. The Learning Commons embodies “Coe makes it possible. You make it happen.”

The finishing touches are currently being put on the main and lower levels of Stewart Memorial Library as part of a $1.2 million renovation project to build the new Learning Commons. To create an inviting and productive environment, the Learning Commons includes meeting rooms for small and large groups, technology enhancements, versatile study and project space, and a new coffee shop. Meanwhile, the traditional functions and services offered by the Coe library staff will not only be maintained, but strengthened by the integration with the Learning Commons.

“Throughout its history, Stewart Memorial Library has been the heart of the campus both literally and figuratively, providing excellent research support to both students and faculty,” said Director of Library Services Jill Jack. “Through a collaborative effort, the library and Learning Commons staffs will create an enriched, engaging and creative approach to teaching and learning that will benefit the entire Coe community.”

John William King Professor of Literature and Creative Writing Gina Hausknecht has been named associate dean of the Learning Commons. “The formation of the Learning Commons represents a significant organizational and cultural change for Coe,” she said. “With a whole suite of academic support services centered on student efficacy, we will help students make the most of all Coe has to offer throughout their time here.”

According to Hausknecht, the Learning Commons will establish an environment that encourages students to take ownership of their education and to share their skills and expertise with their peers, faculty and staff, and the larger community. Each of the Learning Commons consultants will be able to help any Coe student take advantage of the services offered.

“In a resource-rich and inviting space, we envision that students, faculty and staff will create and exchange ideas, skills and knowledge,” said Hausknecht. “The multi-faceted academic support staff will assist students in their varied endeavors, from becoming more effective learners and excelling as scholars, to contributing to their communities and, ultimately, forging meaningful and enriching lives.”

Here is a quick guide to Learning Commons services and resources for students:
- Exploring and choosing a major
- Time management and study skills
- Writing Center: peer support for all aspects of the writing process
- Speaking Center: peer support for public speaking, presentations, interviews, etc.
- Career and life planning
- Volunteering and service-learning opportunities in the community
- Off-campus study
- Research and information analysis
- Tutoring
- Test proctoring
- 504/ADA support
- Individualized academic coaching
- Internships
- Preparation for graduate and professional programs
- Micro grants
- Coffee

In addition to the moves to create the Learning Commons, other office changes have taken place at Coe to help create better support for students, including:
- Student Affairs is now known as Student Development and has moved to upper Gage Memorial Union. This includes offices for residence life, the chaplain, diversity and inclusion, and the international student advisor.
- A LGBT Resource Center will be created in the area where Community Engagement was formerly located in upper Gage.
- A Diversity and Inclusion Lounge will be created in the area where the Writing Center was formerly located behind the Coe Bookstore.
- Information Technology has moved to lower Voorhees Hall.
- The Financial Aid Office has moved to lower Voorhees Hall.

Students returning from England, Japan, Turkey, Spain, Thailand, Costa Rica, Rwanda, France and all around the world were able to share their experiences with the Coe community at the Study Abroad Fair held Sept. 25 in the new Learning Commons in Stewart Memorial Library.
Coe Hall of Fame adds four

Three former Kohawk athletes and a coaching legend were inducted into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 15-18. The 2015 class of inductees includes softball player Peggy Schmitt '90 of Dubuque, Iowa, tennis player Rajesh Venkatraman '96 of New York City and basketball player Chris Weih '97 of West Des Moines, Iowa. Also honored was Bob Timmons of Cedar Rapids, who retired last year after 29 years coaching softball at Coe and Mount Mercy University.

From a record-setting freshman campaign to an All-American senior season, Goerdt left a lasting mark on Kohawk softball. Her 11 triples as a freshman still stands as the school record. Goerdt was named first-team All-West Region and second-team All-American at first base her senior year. Her 40 RBIs stood as the single-season school record for a decade. Her 23 career triples is a school record by a long shot.

She graduated with a school record 106 RBI, which now stands sixth in school history. Rajesh “Ice” Venkatraman combined with Jon “Turbo” Turbett '96 for a school-record 52 career doubles victories, which still stands second in school history. The duo twice advanced to the second round of the NCAA National Doubles Championships and was twice crowned Flight One Midwest Conference Doubles Champions. Venkatraman ranks 12th in school history with 73 doubles wins, eighth with 80 singles wins, and 11th with 153 total wins over a four-year Coe tennis career. His 30 doubles wins with Turbett in 1996 still stands as a school record as the duo earned All-American honors.

Weih graduated with 984 points scored in just two seasons of Kohawk basketball. He led the Kohawks in scoring in 41 of the 44 games he played and scored 44 points in a game against Mount Mercy, the second highest single game total in school history. A fifth-team All-American and team MVP his senior year, Weih shared player of the year honors in the Midwest Conference South Division. He was also team MVP his junior year, when he was a first-team All-Midwest Conference South Division honoree.

With a career record of 927-366, Timmons retired in 2014 with the second most wins in NCAA Division III history. He is one of just three coaches in the division with over 900 career wins. His 552 wins in 17 seasons leading the Kohawk program are the most in school history. He previously coached 12 years at Mount Mercy, where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2000. He was inducted into the Cedar Rapids Softball Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Iowa Men’s Fastpitch Hall of Fame in 2003.

The inductees were honored at the 43rd Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet on Oct. 16. Members of Coe’s 1955 and 1964 Midwest Conference champion football teams, along with coaches Mary Levy ’50, Glenn Drahn and Don King, were recognized as part of an all-alumni reception on Oct. 17.

Harbaugh, Sewera named 2014-15 Bremner Award winners

Mackenzie Harbaugh ’16 and Farai Sewera ’16 were named the 2014-15 Barron Bremner Outstanding Athletes at Coe College. Harbaugh is an All-American setter for the Kohawk volleyball team, while Sewera is a national champion wrestler. Harbaugh earned AVCA Third Team All-American honors during her junior campaign. She was the first player in school history named to the first, second or third team for all-American honors. She was also an AVCA All-Central Region First Team pick and was named to the All-Iowa Conference First Team. Harbaugh set a school record with 81 aces, while also ranking eighth in the nation. She also ranked 11th in the nation with 1,335 assists.

Sewera earned the fourth wrestling national championship in school history in March. He was also an All-American at 165 pounds and an Iowa Conference MVP. Sewera was the runner-up at the NCAA Central Regional, snapping his 20-match winning streak that dated back to early December. Sewera also earned All-Iowa Conference honors.

Other finalists on the women’s side included Melissa Alger ’16 and Sam Fitzgerald ’18. Alger was an Iowa Conference champion for the Kohawk track and field team in the discus. She also advanced to the NCAA Championships for the second-straight year. Alger set the school record with a throw of 155’ 4" at the Central Triangular. Fitzgerald set four school records in the pool during her rookie campaign. She earned All-Iowa Conference honors in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke, while also winning the Liberal Arts Championship in both events.

For the men, tennis player Noah Sprinkel ’15 and baseball player Craig Konrardy ’16 joined Sewera as finalists. Sprinkel was named the Iowa Conference MVP for the third time, while also qualifying for the NCAA National Singles Championships for the second-straight year. Sprinkel earned ITA All-American honors, while also being named the ITA Central Region Senior of the Year. Konrardy earned ABCA/Rawlings Second Team All-American honors. He was also a First Team ABCA/Rawlings...
Martinez during regular season duals and to Whitewater’s Gabi Kitchell in the Round of 16 at the USTA/ITA Midwest Region Championship. She went 6-2 at number one singles, including 5-1 in IIAC play. Resnick also posted a 10-3 mark at number one doubles with Birky. The first loss came to Wisconsin-Whitewater in the season opener, the second came to Luther’s Maggie Helms and Hailey Johnson in the teams’ regular-season dual and the third came in the Round of 16 at the USTA/ITA Midwest Region Championships.

This is Resnick’s second consecutive Iowa Conference Player of the Year honor. She is one of four Coe student-athletes to be named Iowa Conference Player of the Year in women’s tennis, joining four-time winner Molly Fiala Garber ’10 (2005-08), three-time winner Tai Lucero ’14 (2010, 2012-13) and Michelle Schupbach ’13.

Tiedt, in her second season as head coach and her seventh season on staff, helped guide Coe to a 7-1 record during the fall season, including a perfect 7-0 mark in IIAC play. The Kohawks will host the Iowa Conference NCAA Automatic Qualifier Tournament in April. This marks the third consecutive year Tiedt has been named IIAC Women’s Tennis Coach of the Year – she received 2013 honors while an assistant – and the eighth time a Coe coach has been named IIAC Women’s Tennis Coach of the Year. Longtime coach Eric Rodgers received the previous five honors (2006-07-08-11-12).

The IIAC also announced its 2015 All-Iowa Conference Women’s Tennis Team. Five Coe players were named with Resnick, Birky and Sarah Lasecki ’17 being named in both singles and doubles and Amy Sebastian ’16 and Diannah Watson ’16 being named in singles. Tamara Washington ’16 earned honorable mentioned honors.

Birky earned the singles nod for the third-straight year and was named to the doubles team for the fourth-straight year. She was 7-3 overall in singles, including a 4-0 mark in league play. She was also 10-3 in doubles and 5-1 in the Iowa Conference. She played number one doubles in every dual meet she appeared in, going 6-2.

It was also the fourth-straight year Sebastian has earned All-Iowa Conference honors in singles play. She was 12-4 in singles play, including a 6-0 record in Iowa Conference play. Sebastian was 7-1 in dual meets, playing all at number two singles.

Lasecki earned all-league honors for the second time in her career. She was 6-4 in doubles play, including a 4-3 record in dual meets. She was 2-2 at number two doubles and 3-1 at number three doubles.

Watson earned All-Iowa Conference honors for the first time in her career after being an honorable mention selection the past two years. She was 8-4 in...
singles play, with a 6-0 record in Iowa Conference play.

Washington earned honorable mention honors for the second time in her career. She was 8-4 in singles play, including a 4-0 league mark. She was 6-2 in doubles play, with a 6-0 record in Iowa Conference action.

In July, four women’s tennis players were honored by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) for their athletic and academic performances. Sebastian earned the honor for the third straight year. Kaitlin Foster ‘17 earned it for the second-straight year, while Birky and Resnick earned the honor for the first time.

Kohawk volleyball earns AVCA Academic honor
The Coe College volleyball team has been awarded the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the 2014-15 season.

The AVCA announced that 752 teams earned the AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2014-15 season. This number once again breaks the previous year’s total of 676 and sets a new all-time high for this award.

Coe was one of five Iowa Conference schools to earn the honor. There were 140 NCAA Division III squads honored, 18.6 percent of the member schools competing in volleyball.

The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale or a 4.10 cumulative team GPA on a 5.0 scale.

“Teams do not succeed in the classroom by accident any more so than they do on the court,” said AVCA Executive Director Kathy DeBoer. “The same coach who taught them volleyball skills cared enough about their academic achievement to gather their grades, calculate their GPA, and submit a nomination on their behalf. In doing so, these coaches sent a clear message that classroom success is just as important as volleyball success. All involved should celebrate this award!”

Five Kohawks earn ITA Tennis Scholar-Athlete honors
Five Coe College men’s tennis players were honored by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) for their athletic and academic performances.

Mark Kroll ‘16 and Zack Decker ‘16 earned the honor for the third-straight year. Alex Bernt ‘17, Chad Moklestad ‘17 and Brady Anderson ‘18 earned the award for the first time.

Coe was one of four Iowa Conference schools to have a selection, while Coe and Central were the only two with more than four selections. It is the fifth-straight year Coe has had a selection, while it is the third-straight year that at least four Kohawks have been honored.

Anderson advanced to the championship match of the ITA Midwest Region Singles bracket on Oct. 4, defeating defending champion and top-seeded Jake Humphreys of Wisconsin-Whitewater 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 in the semifinals. Anderson lost the championship match 2-6, 2-6 to second-seeded Mohanad Al Houni of host Gustavus.

The ITA Midwest Regional wrapped up the fall season for the Kohawks. Coe returns to action Jan. 30, as the Kohawks host the University of Chicago. The Kohawks went 21-7 overall last year, while winning their fourth-straight Iowa Conference Championship and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Alger, women’s track & field team earn USTFCCCA academic awards
The United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) announced its team and individual academic awards for the 2014-15 season, with Coe earning both honors.

Melissa Alger ’16 was named to the All-Academic team. Alger was one of 23 female student-athletes from the Iowa Conference to earn the honor.

The Kohawk women’s track and field program was named an All-Academic team as well. In order to receive the honor, the entire team must average a 3.10 cumulative GPA. Coe was one of seven Iowa Conference schools to earn the honor.

Four Coe golfers earn All-American Scholar honors
The Coe College women’s golf team had three student-athletes selected to the Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholars team. Coe had three of the eight Iowa Conference selections.

Erin Lang ’17 earned the honor for the second-straight year, while Chloe Crain ’17 and Jade Hess ’18 earned the award for the first time.

There were 758 selections from NCAA Divisions I, II and III. Each student-athlete must have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 and have competed in at least 12 rounds of golf during the season to be eligible for the award.

From the men’s golf team, Tyler Gunderson ’15 was named to the Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-American Scholars team for the second-straight year. He is the only player from the Iowa Conference to receive the award.

To be eligible for Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar status, an individual must be a junior or senior academically and compete in at least two full years at the collegiate level, participate in 50-percent of his team’s competitive rounds or compete in the NCAA Championships, have a stroke average under 79.0 in Division III and maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.2. A recipient must also be of high moral character and be in good standing at his school.

Gunderson earned All-Iowa Conference honors for the fourth-straight year last season, becoming the first Kohawk men’s golfer to do so. Gunderson tied for second, while finishing fourth after a playoff. His 297 over the four days was the fourth-best 72-hole score in school history.

Coe lands 20 on spring Academic All-Iowa Conference team
Coe College placed 20 student-athletes on the spring Academic All-Iowa Conference team. Six different Kohawk athletic teams were represented on the list.

To be eligible for IIAC All-Academic team honors, a student-athlete must compete at the varsity level, be at least a sophomore in academic standing, have at least one academic year in residence and attain a 3.5 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

The Iowa Conference recognized 237 student-athletes with the honor, including 138 track and field participants. Coe’s softball team had five selections, while the men’s and women’s track and field teams both had four. The men’s tennis team had three, tied for the most in the league.

Academic All-Conference honors listed by sport were: baseball – Ben Jacobson ’17 and Cole Tomlinson ’15; men’s golf – Tyler Gunderson ’15 and Tim Palmer ’15; softball – Brianna Gardner ’17, Ali Givens ’17, Erin Lang ’17, Brenna Winn ’17 and Paige Zahner ’17; men’s tennis – Zack Decker ’16, Mark Kroll ’16 and Justin Sauter ’16; men’s track and field – Erik Franklin ’17, Anton Jones ’17, Tanner McClenahan ’15 and Austin Springsteen ’17; women’s track and field – Laura Bybee ’16, Brianna De Jong ’16, Samantha Osterberger ’17 and Allison Rogers ’16.

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For the first time since Moray “The Fox” Eby’s famous ‘point-a-minute’ team in 1922, Coe “ran the table” for a spectacular season. The 1955 Coe football team won all of its games with relative ease, despite having several touchdowns inadvertently called back. Several legitimate touchdowns (team members remember at least five call-backs) were whistled dead when the officials thought fullback John “Crunch” Rosenberg ’57 had the ball and was tackled.

“In reality I often did have the ball, when my number was called for a fullback counter up the middle, but many times I faked as if I had it,” said Rosenberg. “Only then Shady Day ’56, the quarterback, would pull it out, hide it with his back to the line and throw a pass to end George Cilek ’56 for a touchdown.”

The fullback counter could be argued as the team’s most successful play and was dubbed simply, “Crunch.”

Carl Kane, the then Coe sports publicist, wrote in the 1955 Homecoming pamphlet that “Crunch” had become one of the favorite words of the Coe team. “It has replaced the usual number for a fullback power play into the line,” Kane wrote. “Whenever Coe needs some yardage, quarterback Shady Day just tells the huddle, “Crunch.” Then Rosenberg takes the ball for a couple yards.”

The “Fakemasters” logically called the pass off of “Crunch” “Crunch Pass.” According to Rosenberg, coaches Dick Clausen and Marv Levy ’50 didn’t think much about the call backs at first, but it became clear they must stop. In an attempt to give the officials a “heads up,” Clausen began diagramming the play on a chalk-board, cautioning them not to call Rosenberg dead, unless he had the football for sure.

Rosenberg remembers one prominent official pledging to resign if he called the play dead with an early whistle. Sure enough, the official called Crunch dead and the touchdown had to be called back. The official resigned and never officiated again.

The 1955 Coe College team received national attention on account of this play that could fool anyone, including the officials.

“The expertise of this play didn’t just happen,” said Rosenberg. “Coach Clausen put a significant amount of work into refining the play to near perfection.”

Coe ran what was called the Oklahoma Split-T, which included this play. Bud Wilkinson’s Split-T was a take-off of Missouri Coach Don Faurot’s Split-T. Wilkinson won national titles in 1950, 1953 and 1956 and ran up a 47-game winning streak using the Split-T. Clausen attended Wilkinson’s spring training where they collaborated to improve the intricacies of the system. Clausen also consulted with Delaware’s Davey Nelson, who was considered to be the “father of the Wing-T.”

When word got out that Coe touchdowns were being called back because of this effective play, many teams from all over the country sought to get the details. As
a perfectionist of the Split-T, Clausen held high school clinics and offered the play to anyone who asked. He was published in “Scholastic Coach.” Woody Hayes of Ohio State fame called Clausen for the play. Life Magazine came to Coe and filmed the play. Coe was invited to the Tangerine Bowl, but the conference would not allow the team to participate. Clausen was honored as small college coach of the year.

The success and preciseness of this play had a profound residual effect on the entire offense. Like all offensive schemes, there are expected compatibilities with other aspects of the attack. Because this play succeeded, it opened up the outside game, the half-back dives, and other pass routes for Wayne “Phiz” Phillips ’56, Jim Hamilton ’56 and Dale Amendt ’57. The backbone of the offense – linemen Ken James ’56, John Lindstedt ’56, Brad Ankerstar ’56, Ralph Pucci ’58, Dennis Armstrong ’57, Roger Higgins ’57 and Jon Kohl ’58 – were the glue that bound the team together.

A successful “Crunch” precipitated a successful season.

Madelyne Rosenberg is a granddaughter of John Rosenberg ’57 and a recent journalism graduate from the University of Iowa.

TOP: The tricky and speedy Coe backfield in 1955 included (left to right) halfback Jim Hamilton ’56, quarterback Shady Day ’56, fullback John Rosenberg ’57 and halfback Wayne Phillips ’56.

BOTTOM: Returning at Homecoming for the 60th anniversary of the undefeated football championship were (left to right) Don Roby ’58, Wayne Phillips ’56, assistant coach Marv Levy ’50, Dennis Moffat ’57 and John Rosenberg ’57.
Coe College celebrated its Homecoming Oct. 15-18 with the theme “Sustainable Coe – Together for the Future.” Alumni, friends and community members returned to campus for a memorable weekend filled with activities and fun, as well as to learn about the importance of sustainability. Additionally, the Alumni Association raised $6,450 at a silent auction to support scholarships for off-campus study.
Molly Bolland '16 and Trè Cotton '16 were crowned 2015 Homecoming queen and king.

Jessie Robison Clark '11 and Hillary Kigen won the Homecoming 5k. With a time of 19:18, Clark was the first alumni finisher.

Distinguished Service awardee Bob Trimpl '60 was the official starter of the 27th annual 5k Run & Walk.

More than 250 students took the Sinclair Auditorium stage at the annual Homecoming Showcase Concert.

Charlie Kohawk and Dougie Peters '81 participated in the gasoline-free Homecoming parade.

Following the parade, the 25th annual brat 'n beverage tent was set up on the corner of D Avenue and 14th Street. Eighteen bags of compostable waste were collected at the event along with 36 bags of recyclables from the football game.

Homecoming ended on a high note with an alumni-faculty-student jazz café in Sinclair Auditorium. Performers included Alumni Council President Steve Kennedy '78, Alma A. Turecek Professor of Music Bill Carson, Alma A. Turecheck Professor Emeritus of Music Jerry Owen, first-year student Jeremiah de la Peña '19, Kevin Preslan '08, John O'Connell '76, Dennis Redmond '76 and low brass instructor Chris Bird.

Head Coach Glenn Drahn, Assistant Coach Don King and members of the 1964 Midwest Conference champion football team were special guests at Homecoming.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Honors Four

As part of 2015 Homecoming festivities, the Coe College Alumni Association presented its annual awards. Receiving honors this year were Gary Schlarbaum ’65 and Robert Trimpl ’60. Mason Kuhn ’00 and Megan Gilligan ’05 received this year’s Young Alum Award.

Alumni Award of Merit:
Gary Schlarbaum ’65

Since leaving Coe 50 years ago, Gary Schlarbaum has come to exemplify alumni achievement. After graduation, Schlarbaum took his Coe education and experience on to graduate studies, then to a career in academia, and finally into the world of business finance. Each step of the way, Schlarbaum has been exceedingly successful.

During his time at Coe, Schlarbaum was an active student. He was a three-time letterwinner in both baseball and basketball, and participated in C Club, Sigma Nu and Sachem. Schlarbaum is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, and he is a Bryant Scholar. He graduated from Coe magna cum laude in 1965 with a degree in economics and mathematics.

Schlarbaum continued his studies at the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a Ph.D. in economics in 1971. From 1969-84, he taught and conducted research as professor of finance at the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University. He then moved to the private sector, and for the next 30 years worked in the investment business. He served as head of asset allocation for First Chicago Investment Advisors from 1984-87, then as head of the equity division for Miller, Anderson and Sherrerd, a prestigious investment partnership with a nationwide clientele, located outside Philadelphia.

He worked there from 1987-96, when the firm was sold to Morgan Stanley. Schlarbaum then became managing director and head of small- and mid-cap value investing for Morgan Stanley and served on its Management Committee in New York until 2002. From there he co-founded Schlarbaum Capital Management with his son, Mark, until he retired in 2004. Schlarbaum is widely published in the field of finance, and during his academic career served on the editorial boards of several professional journals. He now serves as a board member for The Pennsylvania Trust Company and Clark Capital Management Group.

Schlarbaum has been a volunteer in many organizations. During his professional career he was involved in the CFA Institute where he served as chairman of the Candidate Curriculum Committee for several years. He is a longtime supporter of Libertarian organizations and is a board member of the Von Mises Institute in Auburn, Alabama, and the Independent Institute in Oakland, California. He also serves on the board of Church Farm School, a private boarding school for underprivileged boys supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia. In addition, Schlarbaum has served as a trustee and elder at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Gary and his wife, Ruthanne Dempsey Schlarbaum ’67, have been loyal supporters of Coe College. Their first major gift to Coe was inspired by the generosity of President Joe McCabe when he gave his entire Coe salary back to the college for building an administration building. They have supported the Coe Fund, the renovation of Peterson Hall of Science, campus expansion project, Voorhees renovation, and upgrades to the athletic fields. In 2000, Gary and Ruthanne funded the Schlarbaum House student apartment building. They are also members of the Heritage Club. Schlarbaum is a life trustee of Coe and has served on the Board of Trustees since 1988.

Distinguished Service Award:
Robert Trimpl ’60

Coe College has been fortunate to have many longtime and loyal friends. This year’s Distinguished Service Award winner, Robert Trimpl, has been a consistent and strong supporter of Coe since his graduation in 1960.

A native of Fort Dodge, Iowa, Trimpl graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s in business administration at Coe, and he was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the ROTC program. While on campus, Trimpl participated in football, track, wrestling, C Club, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Business Club.

He went on to earn his MBA from Kent State University. Trimpl also completed several professional military training programs, including Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and the Combined Air Warfare Course.

Trimpl had a long and distinguished Air Force career as a master navigator and parachutist, logging more than 5,000 hours in military aircraft and visiting 46 countries. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with five oak-leaf clusters, the Vietnam Service Medal with seven oak-leaf clusters and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged from the service in 1982,
process done at the state level. Kuhn received a $10,000
mathematics and educators following an initial selection
selected annually by a panel of distinguished scientists,
for K-12 math and science teachers. The winners are
presidential award is the U.S. government's highest honor
in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) from
President Barack Obama in the White House. The
Young Alum Award: Mason Kuhn '00
Since his graduation from Coe College in 2000, Mason
Kuhn has garnered national recognition for a profession
that he loves: teaching. Kuhn’s Coe experience prepared him
well for success in the classroom.
In 2014, received the Presidential Award for Excellence
in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) from
President Barack Obama in the White House. The
presidential award is the U.S. government’s highest honor
for K-12 math and science teachers. The winners are
selected annually by a panel of distinguished scientists,
mathematicians and educators following an initial selection
process done at the state level. Kuhn received a $10,000
award from the National Science Foundation for the honor.
A native of Charles City, Iowa, Kuhn came to Coe
intending to major in biology. But giving math lessons to
Polk Elementary students as part of a mathematics course
with Professor of Teacher Education Roger Johanson set
him on course to become an educator. “I fell in love with
teaching then,” Kuhn said.
After graduating from Coe with a bachelor’s in physical
education and an elementary teaching endorsement, Kuhn
moved to Houston, where he taught fifth grade science for
five years and met his future wife, Lori. They married in
2005 and moved to San Diego, where Kuhn taught fourth
grade math and science for a year. The couple has two sons,
Tristan, 8, and Jake, 6, and a daughter, Julia, who was born
in July.
Returning to Iowa, Kuhn taught third grade in Charles City
for two years. He’s been teaching fourth grade at Shell Rock
Elementary ever since, while also organizing and leading
the after-school Science Club, where students use inquiry to
conduct science experiments.
In addition to teaching and writing articles for peer-
reviewed journals, Kuhn has directed the Science Writing
Heuristic Professional Learning Community in the
Waverly-Shell Rock School District the last two summers.
Many of the participating elementary teachers are now using
the approach in their classrooms.
As a believer in lifelong learning, Kuhn earned two master’s
degrees in science education from Walden University in
2009 and special education from the University of North
Dakota in 2011. In December, he will receive his Ed.D. in
curriculum and instruction at the University of Northern
Iowa. Kuhn is already the author of numerous scholarly
articles in educational publications, he has presented his
papers at numerous conferences, and he regularly leads
professional development activities.
Young Alum Award: Megan Gilligan '05
Families are the fabric of our society. By increasing our
understanding of how family members relate to and interact
with each other, the overall quality of life can be improved.
Megan Gilligan has devoted her life to the study of families.
In the decade since she left campus, she is building her
reputation for her scholarly contributions in this field,
receiving national recognition for her expertise.
Gilligan received her bachelor’s in English and sociology
from Coe. While at Coe, she participated in the College
Scholars Program, Mortar Board, Alpha Lambda Delta,
Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Strata, and CESAW. She
served as a resident assistant and a member of the Flunk Day
committee. Gilligan was a Clark Merit Scholar in 2004-05.
Gilligan went on to earn a master’s in sociology in 2008 and
a dual-title Ph.D. in sociology and gerontology in 2013, both
at Purdue University. She currently serves as an assistant
professor in human development and family studies at Iowa
State University.
Gilligan’s commitment to excellence was demonstrated
in graduate school. She received the Purdue University
Center on Aging and the Life Course Research Excellence
Award in 2013. In addition, she was the recipient of the
Purdue University Graduate School Excellence in Teaching
Award from the Committee for the Education of Teaching
Assistants in 2012, and the National Institute on Aging
(NIA) Pre-doctoral Fellowship from the Center on Aging
and the Life Course at Purdue University in 2009-11.
In May 2014, Gilligan was chosen to be an expert
panel discussant for the Iowa Family Impact Seminar,
etitiled “Aging in Iowa: Policy Responses to Changing
Demographics.” She also served as a Domestic Violence/
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate with Waypoint Services in
Cedar Rapids in 2005-06.
Gilligan is dedicated to research centered around family
relationships, especially parent-adult child relations, adult-
sibling relations, and family relations and well-being.
Although still relatively early in her career, Gilligan is the
author of numerous articles and has made presentations
at professional conferences based on her research. She
also serves as a reviewer for leading professional journals,
including the Journal of Marriage and Family, the Journal
of Family Issues and The Gerontologist. She is already
establishing herself as a national expert in all things family,
with her work featured in The New York Times, Chicago
Tribune, The Boston Globe, and other media.

The Alumni Association will present the
Alumni Award of Merit, the Distinguished
Service Award and the Young Alum Award
during Homecoming 2016. Nominations
are due by Jan. 15. Information about
all of the awards, including nomination
forms, is available at www.coe.edu/alumni/
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MAKE YOUR MOVE

THE CAMPAIGN FOR EBY AND HICKOK

COE ANNOUNCES LARGEST CAPITAL PROJECT IN COLLEGE HISTORY

MAJOR ATHLETIC AND RECREATION COMPLEX PROJECT, RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF HICKOK HALL

Coe College is embarking on the largest capital project in its history, one that will provide unparalleled benefits for future generations of students while creating pride among all Kohawks. Make Your Move – the Campaign for Eby and Hickok – was publicly launched Oct. 16 at a Homecoming pep rally.

The project includes $23 million in essential campus enhancements, including the athletic and recreation complex project as well as the renovation and expansion of Hickok Hall. The result will be vastly improved academic, recreational, wellness and competition facilities.

ATHLETIC AND RECREATION COMPLEX PROJECT

The proposed project is designed to ensure that Coe will be able to serve the next several generations of Kohawks as well as Eby Fieldhouse served students of the mid-20th century. Health, wellness and active lifestyles are inherent in the campus community. More than 90 percent of Coe’s 1,400 students participate in intramural sports, and nearly all Coe students regularly work out in the college’s fitness center. In addition, Coe enrolls 450 varsity athletes and offers 21 intercollegiate sports.
The facility will not only meet current needs, but also align with the college's long-term strategic direction. Coe’s plan is to leverage the existing facilities by tying together Eby Fieldhouse and Clark Racquet Center into a comprehensive, 200,000 square foot athletic and recreation complex. This will provide all of the amenities that many colleges have, but at less than one-half of the cost.

The $20 million project includes the following key components:

**New Performance Arena**
The proposed new performance arena and competition court will seat more than 2,000 spectators. It will have a modern configuration where visitors enter in an upper-level concourse. The performance arena will be located to the north of Eby, and it will be connected to a new east-facing façade.

**Fitness Center and Bridge**
A key feature of the project is a bridge over College Drive that will join the new Eby addition to Clark Racquet Center, creating a new, comprehensive facility. This bridge – which will be mostly glass – will provide a stunning visual feature for the Coe community and visitors alike. The sky bridge will house much of the college’s fitness center.

**Wrestling Room and Façade**
This façade will wrap around the southern and eastern faces of the natatorium and join the new performance arena and competition court with the fitness center and bridge, so that from College Drive the entire project will look like a cohesive whole and will align with existing campus architecture. This area will feature all-new wrestling facilities. Even in the wrestling tradition-rich state of Iowa, Coe will be unique in foregrounding wrestling in this way.

**Eby Fieldhouse**
All levels of Eby will be renovated as part of this project. The centerpiece will be the conversion of the current gymnasium and wrestling areas into a multi-purpose court for recreational sports and intercollegiate practices. The facility will include three basketball courts that can be separated by curtains or opened into one large facility for throwing, indoor soccer, baseball and softball practices, and countless other activities. Locker room, classroom space and athletic offices will also be expanded, coupled with new infrastructure such as HVAC, windows, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

**Clark Racquet Center**
Clark Racquet Center will receive enhancements as well, including a new elevator and other improvements to integrate the facility with the entire athletic and recreation complex project.

**Clark Field and Stadium**
The project actually began last summer, with the completion of a new, state-of-the-art track and other enhancements at Clark Field. This included much-needed additional seating for Kohawk fans.

The new athletic and recreation complex will serve the entire Coe community by emphasizing a culture of health and wellness. Student-athletes will especially
benefit from the enhanced facilities. Moreover, with the additional space provided by the new facility, Coe plans to increase wellness and athletic programming and access to recreational space for hundreds of children and youth from the Cedar Rapids community. Emphasis will be placed on serving those in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

While the work at Clark Field was completed during the summer, the construction on other aspects of the athletic and recreation complex project will begin next summer. To keep some of the indoor facilities open and operational at any given time, the project will be done in phases, with overall completion slated for the fall of 2017.

“The athletic and recreation complex project will enhance the Coe experience for each and every student over the course of the 21st century, propelling the college to the next level of overall excellence,” said Coe President David McInally. “When completed, the new and renovated athletic facilities will rank among the best in the region.”

The architectural firm selected by the college for the athletic and recreation complex project is Dewberry, a national architectural and engineering company. Coe is working with architects from the firm’s office in Peoria, Illinois.

THE PLAN TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND HICKOK HALL

Hickok Hall is home to several academic departments, including English, foreign languages, gender studies, history, humanities, philosophy and religion, and political science. Coe’s enrollment has grown by 30 percent over the past 15 years, creating many more course offerings. In response, Coe has added numerous faculty members and class sections during that period. The college is now at a point where classroom space and offices are at a premium. Renovating and building an addition on to Hickok will provide the college with the opportunity to add classroom space and faculty offices.

The $3 million Hickok project is of utmost importance to provide a first-rate educational environment for the academic programs housed in the building. The renovations and addition will include the following:

Accessibility
The new and renovated facility will be fully accessible for persons with disabilities. An elevator will be installed in the building and new restrooms will be built to enhance accessibility.

Interior Renovation
The entire building will receive a facelift that includes new restrooms, new energy-efficient windows, suspended ceilings, energy-efficient lighting, wall coverings to eliminate cinder block classrooms, floor coverings, classroom furnishings, and office furniture.

Additional office and classroom space
The proposed 5,000-square-foot addition to the west side of the building will provide approximately nine faculty offices and one new classroom.

To get the project underway, new windows were installed in Hickok Hall over the summer. Work on the addition to the building will begin next spring, with the renovation to be done during the summer of 2016. The plan is to complete the project by the start of classes next fall.

Many public lectures and other events take place in Hickok Hall each year, including the Thursday Forum series. Once the renovation and addition are complete, more community events will take place in the facility, which will be more functional and welcoming for all.

“Hickok Hall will be transformed into a place where Coe’s hallmarks – top-quality academics and close student-faculty relationships – can take place in
modern, spacious, technology-enabled classrooms,” said McInally. “It is our hope to make Hickok Hall a community center for conversations on the humanities, languages and culture – in a building that is accessible to all.”

The architectural firm selected by the college for the Hickok Hall project is Select Structural Engineering, a regional architectural and engineering company. The college is working with architects from the firm’s Cedar Rapids office.

**FUNDING THE PROJECT**

In the silent phase, more than $10 million in gifts and funding has been committed for the Make Your Move campaign. This includes a generous $3 million challenge grant from the Hall-Perrine Foundation of Cedar Rapids. By raising $6 million for Make Your Move – the Campaign for Eby and Hickok, the college can receive the entire award from the foundation. This challenge grant provides an excellent opportunity for Coe’s supporters to make a contribution and leverage their gifts.

“Future generations of Coe students will significantly benefit from this exciting project, and the college is grateful for the financial support provided by its alumni and friends,” said McInally. “A special thanks to the Hall-Perrine Foundation, which has been a stalwart supporter of Coe College for decades.”

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**THE MAKE YOUR MOVE PEP RALLY AND CAMPAIGN KICKOFF**

**HOMECOMING 2015**

The Make Your Move Campaign was kicked off Oct. 16 at a special event in Eby Fieldhouse. NFL Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy ’50 and Kristy Upah Staker ’08 were featured alumni speakers along with President David McInally.

The campaign kickoff included Curt Menefee ’87 and the Fox NFL Sunday crew discussing Super Bowl winning quarterback Terry Bradshaw’s fond memories of studying in Hickok. The event featured original music composed by Coe junior Uzir Thapa ’17.

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iven national and international
recognition of Coe's Physics
Department, it's no surprise that
doors are opening for students.
Often those doors are opened by
Coe physics alumni themselves.
This summer alone, Coe physics
majors secured high-caliber
internships at Indiana University, Google X
and Corning Inc.

When Sandeep Giri '04 needed an intern
at Google X, he knew just where to look.
Familiar with Coe's strong undergraduate
research program, he called B.D. Silliman
Professor of Physics Steve Feller for
recommendations. Feller and his colleagues
quickly produced five candidates from Coe
and Ben Perez '16 emerged to land the
position at Google's corporate headquarters
in Mountain View, California.

Giri is manager of a team of advanced
technology manufacturing engineers
at Google X, the semi-secret facility
dedicated to making major technological
advancements. Giri works at the lab focused
on "moonshot" projects like self-driving
cars, balloon-powered Internet service, wind
power via kites and self-flying vehicles for
delivery.

Perez was tasked with developing a
metrology tool for a laser-based free-space
optical communication system that would
sit on balloons for Project Loon, Google's
effort to provide Internet access to rural and
remote areas using high-altitude balloons.
Perez developed and built the metrology tool
and integrated software platforms to take
measurements and generate data, which he
used to perform statistical analysis.

"His final presentation was thorough and
very well received," Giri said. "He's been
invited back to Google for a return internship
next summer."

Perez said he enjoyed the laid-back culture
at Google X and that he'll likely return next
summer, depending on where he goes to
graduate school. "It will open many doors
down the road," he said.

Research opportunities available through
the Coe Physics Department allowed Giri
to publish five papers and present them at
corporate positions at Fermi National Accelerator
Laboratory near Chicago and the Oak Ridge
National Laboratory in Tennessee.

Noting the corporate environment is so much
different than a lab, Giri said he hopes to
continue making internships available to Coe
physics students. "Such opportunities have
the potential to have a large impact on the
careers of students from Coe," he said. "My
goal is to give back to Coe physics for what
they've done for me."

At Feller's urging, Astronomy Professor
John Salzer '80 secured a Research
Experience for Undergraduates position
studying galaxies for Eric Hoar '16 at
Indiana University. Although Feller didn't
arrive at Coe until Salzer's senior year, he has
stayed in touch and lets him know about Coe
students interested in astronomy.

"What Steve has done for research at Coe is
phenomenal," Salzer said. "I missed out on
that opportunity and yet I've seen the impact
those experiences can have on students."

Hoar was the third Coe student to serve an
internship under Salzer.

"Eric was a perfect student, despite the fact
that he hadn't done any research in this area
before," Salzer said. "He really had to learn
from scratch, but he was a quick study."

Hoar was one of three interns Salzer
supervised this summer. "With Eric, I never
had to worry about him going astray," he
said.

Hoar said the astronomy research
experience, on top of two years of physics
research at Coe, will help him make his graduate school decision. “I don’t want to go into a graduate program where I limit my options,” he said.

Hiring interns from Coe is Salzer’s way of giving back for the mentorship he has received from Coe physics faculty over the years. Salzer got his master's in physics at Iowa State before receiving his Ph.D. in astronomy at the University of Michigan. He spent 19 years in the Astronomy Department at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, before relocating to Indiana in 2007.

Perhaps the most prominent Coe Physics Department partnership is with New York glass and ceramics manufacturer Corning Inc. Since 2006, Coe and Corning have co-sponsored the Stookey Lecture of Discovery Award, which recognizes an individual’s lifetime of innovative exploratory work or noteworthy contributions of outstanding research on new materials, phenomena, or processes involving glass, that have commercial significance or the potential for commercial impact.

The award is named in honor of materials pioneer S. Donald Stookey ’36, a magna cum laude graduate of Coe and the serendipitous inventor of CorningWare. One of just seven recipients of Coe’s prestigious Founder’s Medal, Stookey had more than 60 patents to his credit and received numerous awards over the years for his inventions and contributions to the development of ceramics, eyeglasses, sunglasses, cookware, defense systems and electronics.

Coe’s relationship with Corning is further strengthened by the internship program developed by Senior Research Associate T.J. Kiczenski ’99. Through the Coe Stookey Fellowship, Corning holds a slot in its summer internship program for one of the top students conducting glass research at Coe each year. This summer’s Stookey Fellow was Paul Rasmussen ’16, the 15th intern from Coe to spend a summer at Corning since Kiczenski joined in 2005.

Before joining Corning, Kiczenski received his Ph.D. in geology and master’s in materials science from Stanford University. It was there that he was told he was better suited for industrial research than an academic career.

“I took it as an insult at the time, since I had gone to graduate school with the intention of becoming a professor,” he said.

Then Kiczenski joined Corning and has found an exciting career in industrial research, which he had not even considered with an undergraduate at Coe. The fast pace and real-life applicability of the research appealed to his personality and truly has been a better fit than academics. That prompted him to establish the Stookey Fellowship program so that other Coe physics students can get a taste of a career in industrial research before attending graduate school.

“It gave me the ability to see what a bunch of different fields look like,” said Rasmussen. “I was really impressed with how much Coe’s connections helped me get a meaningful internship.”

Rasmussen noted that Coe is well regarded at Corning. According to Feller, on top of the annual Stookey Fellowship, five Coe students worked at Corning during the summer of 2012 while Peterson Hall was closed for renovation.

Alumni interested in providing internship opportunities for Coe physics majors are encouraged to contact Feller at sfeller@coe.edu.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Sandeep Giri ’04 brought Ben Perez ’16 to Google [X] for a summer internship. The company was so impressed with his work that Perez has been invited to return next summer.

Paul Rasmussen ’16 joins a growing line of Stookey Fellows from Coe at Corning Inc.

Eric Hoar ’16 completed an astronomy internship at Indiana University.
1960s

'60 Gordon Kerkman of Aurora, Illinois, retired after 39 years as head boys’ basketball coach at West Aurora High School. Kerkman won his 800th game on Feb. 20 and finished his career with a record of 805-313 to rank fifth all-time in victories in Illinois. This past season West Aurora won the last of Kerkman’s 13 sectional titles since he succeeded his mentor, John McDougall, starting in 1976-77. The Blackhawks have won four straight regionals and 24 total in Kerkman’s tenure. The highlight of six final four finishes was the 2000 Class AA state title. All told, as assistant or head man, Kerkman coached 55 years. A 1997 inductee into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame and a 1990 inductee into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, Kerkman taught social studies and physical education at West Aurora. Out of Iowa’s DeWitt High School, where he coached football, basketball and baseball, he started at West Aurora in 1962. He continues to work as owner of Secor Industrial Mail Service.

'66 50TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

'67 50TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

1970s

'70 Ann Dichter of Forest Hills, New York, retired Dec. 31 as managing director of Grandfield & Dodd LLC.

Jack Evans, president of the Hall-Perrine Foundation, was inducted as a 2015 Business Hall of Fame Laureate by Junior Achievement of East Central Iowa on Sept. 24. He and Nancy Hamblin Evans ’71 live in Cedar Rapids.

'71 Becky Anderson of Santa Barbara, California, was named a finalist by Lambda Literary Awards and by New Generation Indie Book Awards for her book, “Nevirapine and the Quest to End Pediatric AIDS.”

'74 Deborah Benning Linville made a career change from bulldozers to bibles and went from export sales of construction machinery to ordination in the Presbyterian ministry. She entered

1950s

'51 65TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

'52 65TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

'56 60TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

Nancy Hyland Wenholz and her husband, Carl, of Richardson, Texas, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21.

'57 60TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017


the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in 2010 and was ordained in December 2014. She serves as pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Ohio, where she lives.

Dennis Drummond of Seattle retired after 20 years first as a journalist, then as a television meteorologist.

'75 Bill Chastka of McLean, Virginia, is worldwide channel sales leader for IBM Systems Software Group. He was previously vice president of Washington Resources International, a technology consulting company.

Chuck Kuennen of Sparks, Nevada, “fully retired” Nov. 1 as a contract weather observer at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

'76 ›› 40TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

'77 ›› 40TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

'78 Jack Lemmon of Brookfield, Wisconsin, is executive director of Milwaukee’s Skylight Music Theatre. He was previously executive director of the Joffrey Ballet, the Louisville Ballet and the Colorado Ballet. Most recently, Lemmon served as executive director of the Birmingham Children’s Theatre, a professional theater company serving more than 150,000 children annually in Alabama and the Southeast. He has served more than 30 years as an executive director and as a funder with the National Endowment for the Arts.

'79 John Hearn of Dubuque, Iowa, was inducted into the Dubuque Senior High School Hall of Fame on Oct. 10. A Hall of Fame member at both Mt. Vernon High School and Coe College, Hearn has been coaching and teaching at Dubuque Senior since 1979. During his tenure, he has taught a variety of science courses and coached cross country, wrestling, football and track and field.

1980s

'80 ›› 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

James Hollenbeck of Jefferson, Indiana, has been named the first Fulbright research chair at Lakehead University in Orillia, Ontario, Canada.

HAVE NEWS?

Information compiled in “Class Notes” comes from a variety of sources, including direct correspondence from alumni, clipping services and news releases. The college received these class notes by Oct 1. The deadline for the fall issue is Feb. 1. Announcements older than one year at the time they are submitted will not be published.

Please follow these basic guidelines when submitting information:

News
At least the following basic information should be provided with any submission: name and class year, spouse name and class year if Coe alum, city and state of residence, and your news. Please spell out acronyms. Milestones (anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) will be noted only in five-year increments (25th, 30th, etc.)

Marriages and Anniversaries
Marriages and Anniversaries – Include both spouses’ full names (including birth/maiden names, where applicable) and complete date. Please notify us after your wedding; we cannot publish based on an engagement announcement.

Births and Adoptions
Include child’s first name, legal names of parents (mother’s birth/maiden name will be published if Coe alum) and complete date.

Deaths
Include full name, complete date and city/state of residence at time of death. Please include a newspaper obituary, if possible.

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President, Coe College Alumni Council

Coe’s future is bright. Keep your eyes open for your initiatives being considered. I’m grateful that the alumni voice was given such priority throughout this process and look forward to the final strategic plan to be developed in 2016.

Secondly, speaking of big strategic moves: Coe is energetically preparing for the next five years by undertaking a comprehensive strategic planning process. As your Alumni Council president, I had the privilege this past summer of helping represent alumni in the initial “planning workshop phase” of this effort. Our group of 35 was comprised of students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni and administrators. Together, we took a long, critical and detailed look at Coe, its competitors and the increasing demands of the larger world on higher education.

The planning group was asked to consider initiatives that would help it achieve a five-year vision that would, in part, see the Coe of 2021:

• enroll approximately 1,700 students;
• be more diverse (especially among faculty and staff) and internationalized; and
• show improved financial stability and sustainability.

To accomplish this vision, the planning group was asked to find ways Coe might:

• build on our distinctive combination of traditional liberal arts disciplines and professional programs and be better known for signature programs including those that blend the liberal arts and professional preparation; and
• be recognized for the advantages of our Cedar Rapids location and take greater advantage of opportunities for learning and career preparation.

After several days of deliberate and creative work, our group issued a report designed to initiate, across the campus and beyond, a strategic conversation about Coe’s preferred future. This report was shared with and discussed at length with two representative groups of alumni, the Board of Visitors and the Alumni Council. The general feeling of both groups was one of excitement and encouragement about the specific initiatives being considered. I’m grateful that the alumni voice was given such priority throughout this process and look forward to the final strategic plan to be developed in 2016.

Coe’s future is bright. Keep your eyes open for your opportunity to make your move for Coe!

Steve Kennedy ’78
President, Coe College Alumni Council

A professor of education at Indiana University Southeast and a science educator for over 30 years in secondary and post-secondary education, Hollenbeck is spending the current semester at Lakehead, conducting research in the areas of scientific literacy and sustainability education. Assisted by four professors and two students on the two Lakehead campuses in Orillia and Thunder Bay, Hollenbeck is researching the application of technology to enhance scientific literacy and problem-solving for learning inquiry. He is also looking at the role of technology in new national sciences standards, the potential for teachers of science to network, and new products for science literacy and support services. Hollenbeck delivered the paper, “Science, Technology and Society: A Smart Approach to Interdisciplinary Science Teaching for Tomorrow’s Learners,” at the British Columbia Science Teachers Provincial Conference in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada on Oct. 23.

Neil Hecht of Brooklyn, New York, is chief financial officer at First American International Bank in New York City.

Steve Fish of Marion, Iowa, earned his 600th career win during his 27th year as head varsity baseball coach on July 8. Fish has led Marion High School for 15 years after a season as a freshman coach and 12 years as head coach at Central City.

Jim Dostal of Cedar Rapids is assistant head football coach and defensive coordinator at Prairie High School.

Mangal Goswami of Singapore, the longtime deputy director of the International Monetary Fund and Singapore Training Institute, is on the academic board of the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics in Mumbai, India. The academy is an 11-month post-graduate program in economics and finance that launched in July in collaboration with some of the world’s leading economists.

Kathy Keel Moeder of Hiawatha, Iowa, earned the 2015 Eastern Iowa Leukemia and Lymphoma Woman of the Year title by raising a state record $122,000 in just 10 weeks. She was also honored with a Champion of Hope title for exceeding $100,000 in funds raised.

Tsutomu “Tom” Kurimura of West Bloomfield, Michigan, joined Plante Moran in Southfield as a partner in its Japanese business services practice. He was previously a partner in charge of the Midwest area at Hotta Liesenberg Saito.

Gathered for meetings at Homecoming were Alumni Council members (front row, left to right) Cheryl Spath-Karges ’69, Heather Hain ’94, Karim Budhwani ’93, Past President Heather Daniels ’95, Secretary Charles Davis ’86 and Director of Alumni Programs Jean Johnson. (Second row) Bill Schalk ’65, Don Dempsey ’65, Jase Jensen ’06 and Brad Ax Dahl ’06. (Back Row) Katie Lillibridge Dostal ’99, President Steve Kennedy ’76, Vice President Beth Cook ’98 and Jodi Bauer Stepanek ’00. Dimis Ehninger Wyman ’59 was not present for the photo.
'98 David Shafer of Iowa City, Iowa, founded Stratbase, a new technology startup in the Iowa Startup Accelerator dedicated to helping nonprofit organizations set strategic planning goals, measure their progress and share results with both collaborating organizations and the public.

'99 Tim Leuck of Marion, Iowa, was recognized at the Corridor Business Journal's 2015 Forty Under 40 awards banquet. On its 11th anniversary, the awards recognize 40 leaders under the age of 40 who are making a difference in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City corridor. He is a senior account sales representative at Progressive Insurance.

Damien Meyer of Scottsdale, Arizona, is a shareholder at the law firm of Engelman Berger in Phoenix.

2000s

'00 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

John Ernst of Lenexa, Kansas, was honored by the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals as the District 1 National Distinguished Principal for 2015-16. Ernst, principal at Rolling Ridge Elementary School, will receive his doctorate in education in December from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas.

Carrie O'Connor of Elmhurst, Illinois, is a senior clinical research associate with Quintiles and will transition to site network manager for the Twin Cities and Dakota region later this year.

'01 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

Eric Carroll of Minneapolis was an artist-in-residence at the Bakken Museum this summer working with librarians and curators to study the aesthetics of science. He spoke at the Medium Festival of Photography in San Diego on Oct. 24 and had work included in Honoré’s exhibition in Paris from Sept. 23 through Oct. 25.

'02 15TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

Ryan Hilsabeck of Woodridge, Illinois, is pursuing his masters in Web and Internet applications at North Central College.

Sara Salata Ragar of West Point, Iowa, is a physical therapist and athletic trainer at Great River Medical Center.

'03 Bryan Boettcher was promoted to assistant athletic director for sports information at the University of South Dakota. He and Beth Rohlena Boettcher '05 live in Sioux City, Iowa.

Carly Bossert Weber of Mount Vernon, Iowa, is marketing director at OPN Architects.

Anthony Everman was named head baseball coach at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

Alvon Reed of Cedar Rapids was a choreographer for the musical “American Idiot” at the University of Iowa in October.

Kane Thompson of Cedar Rapids is head wrestling coach at Prairie High School.

'04 Quinton McClain of Cedar Rapids was recognized at the Corridor Business Journal's 2015 Forty Under 40 awards banquet. On its 11th anniversary, the awards recognize 40 leaders under the age of 40 who are making a difference in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City corridor.

Celebrating their 25th reunion from the class of 1990 were Forest Brown, Bryon Bruening, Derek Campbell, John Conway, Audra Fahlgren Drahm, Laura Gartner Felderman, Steven Fischer, Peggy Schmitt Goerd, Kevin Houle, Andrew McIntosh, Cheri Holdridge Nuzzo, Scott Riemenschneider, Adrienne Zentay Schumacher and Christi Foraker Vachon.

Coe was well represented Sept. 21 at the grand opening of the Marriott HarborCenter in Buffalo, New York. Pictured with Shaner Hotel Group President Plato Ghinos ’84 (second from left) are George R. Baker Professor of Business Administration and Economics Mickey Wu, NFL Hall of Fame Coach Marv Levy ’50 and Mike Sformo, chairman, CEO and founder of Operation Backbone, which provides crucial brain and spine surgical treatments for the most severely wounded military personnel. The HarborCenter hotel is the latest addition to Shaner’s growing portfolio of more than 50 hotel properties around the country. “This is one of the most exciting hotel projects in our history and represents the gold standard in hotel design, amenities and features for business and leisure travelers,” Ghinos said. “We look forward to delivering the kind of award-winning management and services that guests have come to expect from Marriott International.”

'92 25TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

'93 Karim Budhwani of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, received an honorable mention from the National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program for his research in biomaterials at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering.

'94 Davis Eidahl of Solon, Iowa, was named superintendent of the Solon Community School District in July. He was previously superintendent of the Ottumwa Community School District for four years and was assistant superintendent before that. He also has been a middle school principal in Ottumwa and an elementary principal in the Davis County School District.

'96 Charity Roberts Tyler of Cedar Rapids was named executive director of the Cedar Rapids Public Library Foundation in May.
COE EDUCATION CONTRIBUTES TO SUCCESSFUL ORTHODONTIC PRACTICE

In celebrating the 20th anniversary of his Cedar Rapids orthodontic practice, **David Gehring ’89** took time to reflect on his experience at Coe and how it shaped his professional career and enriched his life.

While at Coe, he majored in chemistry, general science and English, with a minor in biology. The Rochelle, Illinois native is married to **Susan Koenig** Gehring ’89 of Middle Amana, Iowa, whom he courted for nine years after meeting at Coe Freshman Orientation. He went on to earn his D.D.S. from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1993 and his master’s degree and Certificate in Orthodontics in 1995, also at Iowa.

He then opened his own practice in Cedar Rapids rather than buying or joining an existing practice. “This might not have been the easiest choice, but we decided that our priority was to locate where we wanted to live,” Gehring said.

During his professional and graduate training at Iowa, Gehring said he was at least as well prepared as his peers from prestigious schools with strong reputations. Also, he found the core strength of a Coe liberal arts education helped him succeed in private practice despite having no background in business.

“Hearting able to approach problems, manage time, adapt to changes, think critically, and write and communicate effectively were of greater use to me in establishing my practice than any other set of skills,” he said. “They helped compensate for any lack in formal business expertise.”

The Gehrings live in Toddville and have three children, Calvin, 15, Caroline, 13, and Evelyn, 11. In addition to maintaining his busy practice, David enjoys an activity-filled family life and serves on several non-profit boards in Cedar Rapids. He joined the Coe Board of Trustees in 2005.

“Coe College has become stronger throughout the last three decades since I arrived on campus,” Gehring said. “I am thrilled to be a part of Coe’s exciting future.”

He is a brewer and owner at Lion Bridge Brewing Co.

**Sean Pearl** was recognized at the Corridor Business Journal’s 2015 Forty Under 40 awards banquet. On its 11th anniversary, the awards recognize 40 leaders under the age of 40 who are making a difference in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City corridor. He is marketing director at Quality Care. **Sean and Dish Dobson Pearl ’05** live in Coralville, Iowa.

**Kirsten Smith** Eddins of Cedar Rapids was recognized at the Corridor Business Journal’s 2015 Forty Under 40 awards banquet. On its 11th anniversary, the awards recognize 40 leaders under the age of 40 who are making a difference in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City corridor. She is marketing director at TrueNorth and board president of the Cedar Valley Humane Society.

**Katie Lyons** Woodhams of South Haven, Michigan, is the high school chemistry and ninth grade science teacher at Bangor Public Schools.

**Chad Zenisek** of Swisher, Iowa, is a regulatory attorney with United Fire Group in Cedar Rapids.

**Matt Miers** (MAT) of Cedar Rapids is head football coach at Central City High School.

**Liz Miles** Rudnik of Des Plaines, Illinois, is assistant registrar for exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. She has also received her Gold Test appointment as a singles and pairs judge for U.S. figure skating.

**’08 Lee Boyse** started Boyse Enterprises, a construction and remodeling firm. **Kaitlin Johnston** Boyse received her MBA from St. Ambrose University in May and was promoted to manager of engineering project support in government systems at Rockwell Collins. They live in Cedar Rapids.

**Ashton Northern** of Cedar Rapids is assistant football coach of defensive backs at Prairie High School.

**’09 Swagato Chakravorty** of New York City is a 2015-16 Mellon Foundation Museum Research Consortium Fellow at the Museum of Modern Art. He plans to return to Yale University next year to resume doctoral studies in media studies and the history of art and film.

**Kevin Dux** of DeLand, Florida, was promoted to full-time assistant men’s basketball coach at Stetson University.

**Nina Schiroo** Appleby is completing her residency at the Mayo Clinic. She and **Richard Appleby ’10** live in Rochester, Minnesota.

2010s

**’10 Stacy Voccia** of Iowa City, Iowa, received her Ph.D. in management sciences from the University of Iowa in 2015. She is a senior operations research analyst at FedEx.
'11 Ð 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Leah Reuber of Grinnell, Iowa, is residence life coordinator at Grinnell College.

Clayton Rush was named head wrestling coach at Alburnett High School and a physical education teacher in the Alburnett school district. He and Ashlee Simon Rush '12 live in Cedar Rapids.

'12 Ð 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Hilary Gehin of Madison, Wisconsin, is pursuing her master’s in life sciences communication at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

'13 Ð 5TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Lauren DuBay of Cedar Rapids is the multi-media designer at United Way of East Central Iowa.

Dennis Gilbertson of Ottumwa, Iowa, was promoted to head girls’ track and field coach at Ottumwa High School.

Anna Hegland of Kenosha, Wisconsin, is spending a year in England in the Shakespeare Studies program at the University of Birmingham.

Jacob Johnson of Cedar Rapids is playing professional soccer with the Cedar Rapids Rampage, the new Major Arena Soccer League franchise. He also teaches Earth sciences and ecologic problems at Washington High School and serves as assistant men’s soccer coach at Coe and Washington.

'14 Chris Fitch of Cedar Rapids is playing professional soccer with the Cedar Rapids Rampage, the new Major Arena Soccer League franchise.

Aaron Oppegard of Seattle biked from Baltimore to Seattle this summer with 4K for Cancer, a program of the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. The 4,000+ mile ride began May 31 and ended Aug. 8.

'15 Nick Ford of Cedar Rapids founded Cedar Bayou Parks LLC to develop a five-acre water park in the city.

Gathering for brunch at Homecoming were Lambda Chi Alpha alumni and current members Cole Baker ’17, Mike Bartlett ’87, Bryon Bruening ’90, John Conway ’90, Tre Cotton ’16, Lonnie Davison ’91, Hayden Duncan ’18, Dominic Fails ’87, Jake Feldman ’16, Steven Fischer ’90, Kendall Griffith ’91, Corbin Grossenbacher ’18, Curtis Hardman ’17, Eric Hoar ’16, Pete Lauritzen ’94, Mike Martin ’87, Sean McShane ’07, Mike Peterson ’92, Scott Riemenschneider ’90, John Schuler ‘87, Brody Stanford ’18 and Shaun Verkey ’17.

Participants in a Homecoming weekend reunion of Coe volleyball alumni and friends were (front row, left to right) Hannah Brown ’16, Brittany Schickell ’13, Megan Wagner ’13, Alissa Wittenburg ’15 and Tasha Brink ’13. (Back row) Head Coach DeAnn Woodin, Christina Grimm ’13, Rachel Schaefer ’15, Megan Barron ’14, Aubrey Walters ’13, Kristy Upah Staker ’08, Madison Sackett ’12 and Rachel Bosworth ’15. Also registered but not pictured were Kylee Schmitt Pustesoska ’97, Emily Ryan Stamp ’13 and Shanon Nelson Sikkema ’08.

Gathered to celebrate the 85th anniversary of Phi Mu Alpha-Sinfonia were Ramy Amr ’15, Ryan Batisto ’18, Phillip Breja ’06, Alex Brost ’14, Ethan Brown ’17, Andrew Bulard ’15, Colin Conway ’14, Sean Donaldson ’17, Gabe Etzel ’16, Trevor Fehnner ’15, Cameron Flores ’18, Garet Forsey ’17, Evan Friesen ’15, Mitch Geers ’16, JP Haik ’16, Viktor Herrig ’17, Seth Inman ’16, Philip Isley ’13, Stuart Lind ’17, Scott Mansfield ’80, Matthew Moore ’16, Robert Punds ’16, Jade Riley ’17, Matthew Sanders ’18, Thomas Schake ’16, Ian Stivers ’16, Adam Van Groothest ’16, faculty advisor Cal Van Nieuwenhuys, James Wang ’16, Teddy Williams ’18 and Keenan Wilson ’15.

Celebrating their 10th reunion from the class of 2005 were Andrea Caughren, Drew Dennis, Megan Gilligan, Thomas Hauck, Sam Hoehnle, Chris Mason, Maggie Snell Owens, Abbey Higginbotham Redshaw, Mike Redshaw, Adrienne Sandrin, Derek Schroeder, Becky Stockel, Deborah Stone, Ryan Swalwell, Allison Anderson Walker, Tod Walker, Matt Westberry and Sally Wiley.

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1996
Michelle Grahlman and Joseph Tuchel of West Des Moines, Iowa, on March 5 in Key West, Florida.

2004
Jeramiah Hopkins and Cassie Wright of Little Elm, Texas, on June 5.

2005
Sara Davenport and Chris Riordan of Maquoketa, Iowa, on Sept. 20.

2006

2008
Jobin Abraham and Brett Cione of New York City on May 29.

JoAnna Cochenet and Juan Gallastegui of Clifton Park, New York, on July 2. She is conductor for the Northeast String Orchestra and a viola/violin teaching artist in the El Sistema-inspired program Kids 4 Harmony in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

2009
Ashley Axdahl and Jordan Wilkens ’10 of Chicago on Sept. 5.

2010
Ross Yeast and Amanda Hanson ’12 of Cedar Rapids on July 18.

2013
Kohawks in attendance at the June 27 wedding of Justina Cline ’13 and Kevin Schiroo ’13 in Fort Collins, Colorado, were (left to right) Katie Gustafson ’14, Richard Appleby ’10, Nina Schiroo Appleby ’09, Jason Maldonis ’13, Nicole Johnson ’15, Kyle Hershey ’13, Mary Beth McWhinney ’13, Jon White ’90, Peter Miller ’13, Ben Buckmaster ’13 and Mikaela Cashman ’14. The couple lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, where they are both graduate students at the University of Minnesota, Kevin in computer science and Justina in human factors and ergonomics.

Charles Cotton III and Cassie Irwin of Southfield, Michigan, on Sept. 12.

Among those attending the July 21 wedding of Kelsey Jipp ’13 and Bryce Sampson ’13 in Ames, Iowa, were Frank Weymiller ’12, Zeb Hammes ’13, Brooke Wheelwright ’14, Mary Halvorson ’14, Jason Minder ’13, Brendan Leiren ’13, Jacob Frederick ’12, Alicia Hoffman ’13, Ben Carr ’12, Kaitlin Breitbach ’11, Caitlin Kray ’13, Sarah Waskow ’12, Kayla Waskow ’13, Brad Boyle ’12, Spencer Sobba ’12, Mollie Kleopfer ’14, Sports Information Director Ryan Workman, Ashton Northern ’08, Brandi Haight ’12, Ashley Hood Miller ’12, Tom Peal ’13, Kayla Lincoln ’11, Ashlee Simon Rush ’12, Kelly Bream ’12, Joseph Langenberg ’12, Lindsey Jipp ’15, Ashley Jipp ’15, Dan Luce ’12, Gaetano Tarantino ’15, Jalisa Phillips ’13, Miranda Rogers ’12, Kayla Karpuk ’12, Sam Hammes ’10, Ryan Baade ’12, Amanda Hanson Yeast ’12, Ross Yeast ’10, Cami Reifsneider Hennings ’12, Josh Hennings ’10 and Lindsey Bruns ’14. The couple lives in Vallejo, California.

2014
Among those attending the June 27 wedding of Stephanie Thomas ’14 and Jory Heckenberg ’15 were (front row, left to right) Abie Mellick ’17, Haley Hoffmann ’17, Jansen Heckenberg ’17, Justin Peterson ’16, Michael Redmond ’16, Kaileb Armbruster ’13 and Skylar Kemp ’14. (Middle row) Jacqueline Naeve ’16, Tarissa Hagenow ’14, Shaina Winn ’15, Derek Yoder ’17 and Cole Tomlinson ’15. (Back row) Lexis Kuhlmann ’15, Holly Funke ’17, Emily Schares Armbruster ’13, Caitlin Cross ’15, Stefanie and Jory, Michael Goerd ‘15, Nicholas Svare ’14, Colton Janssen ’17, Jack Hoffmann ’15, AJ Reuter ’15 and Dillon Daniel ’16. The couple lives in Stockport, Iowa.
Welcoming new Kohawks into the nest

1996
Amy Walker Kramer and her husband, Robert, of Riverside, Iowa, a daughter, Ashtyn, in October 2014.

1998
Mitch Balzer and his wife, Genevieve, of Laguna Niguel, California, a son, Jonah, on July 27.

2000
Mary Freeston Houghton and her husband, Christopher, of Portland, Oregon, a son, Patrick, on April 22.

2001
Nea Stack Mancini and her husband, Luigi, of Downers Grove, Illinois, a son, Luca, on May 5.

Missy Stifter Broich and her husband, Tony, of Blaine, Minnesota, a daughter, Ryann on Dec. 14. Missy is a clinical research manager at Tactile Medical.

2002
Amy Burgin and her husband, Terry Loecke, of Lincoln, Nebraska, identical twin daughters, Ada and Zara, on Feb. 2. Pictured with Amy, the twins are modeling the Coe onesies received as a gift from Chemistry Professor Marty St. Clair.

2003
Jane Lehmann Schieltz and her husband, Jeff, of New Vienna, Iowa, a daughter, Gwen, on Jan. 7.

2004
Christanna Beckman Newman and her husband, Kyle, of North Liberty, Iowa, a son, Parker, on May 29.

Kathleen Hudson Poshusta and her husband, Jake, of Cedar Rapids, a son, Brooks, on June 17.

2005
Jeff White and his wife, Erika, of West Hartford, Connecticut, a daughter, Eloise, on Oct. 18, 2014.

2006
Mitch Bockenstedt and his wife, Kate, of St. Peter, Minnesota, a son, Ryan, on June 18.

Ivy Harwood Hinrichs and her husband, Randall, of Cedar Rapids, a son, Marvin, on Aug. 21. Ivy illustrated the recently published children’s book “PJ, the Blue-eyed Kitty.”

Brett Karkosh and Carrie Ehrmann Karkosh ’07 of Cedar Rapids, a daughter, Carleigh Coe, on May 12.

Marie Long Young and her husband, Brad, of Maquoketa, Iowa, a son, Lincoln, on Jan. 30.

Kit Wobeter and his wife, Sharon, of Verona, Wisconsin, a daughter, Kinley, on April 19.

2007
Rachel Brinkman Majewski and her husband, Tyler, of Waverly, Iowa, a son, Luke, on July 15.

Andrew George and his wife, Alexandria, of Jupiter, Florida, a son, Evan, on Aug. 7.

Michael Herzberger and Jenny Snyder Herzberger of Cedar Rapids, a son, Easton, on June 17.

Sean Murphy and Britta Robins Murphy of Cottage Grove, Minnesota, a son, Simon, on May 18.

2008
Kim Osmun Green and her husband, Chris, of Grand Mound, Iowa, a son, Brody, on Feb. 22.

Alex Hajek and his wife, Amanda, of Cedar Rapids, a son, Bennett, on Dec. 29.

Matt Sonntag and Amanda Stegeman Sonntag of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Giuliana, on Jan. 2.

2009
Cooper Harwood and his wife, Natalie Burkle-Roush, of Cedar Rapids, a daughter, Scout, on July 16.

2010
Josh Hennings and Cami Reifschneider Hennings ’12 of Cedar Rapids, a son, Koen, on Aug. 7.

Lane Moser and Michelle Klobassa Moser ’11 of Des Moines, Iowa, a daughter, Lucille, on July 11.

2011
Valerie Boyer Wallace and Patrick Wallace of Ballwin, Missouri, a daughter, Aspen, on July 24.

2013
Bill Borseth and Kayla Darrow Borseth of Altoona, Iowa, a son, Titus, on March 20.
IN Memoriam

Indicates decedent was a member of the Coe College Heritage Club. For information, contact Vice President for Advancement David Hayes '93 at (319) 399-8555 or dhayes@coe.edu.

1935 James Carr, 101, of Savannah, Georgia, on Dec. 23. He attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he was editor of the Law Review. His studies were interrupted the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor when Jim and all his fellow students volunteered to serve. Jim was assigned to the battleship USS Nevada as signals officer overseeing the interception and decoding of German communications. After the war, he finished his law degree and joined the Covington & Burling law firm in Washington, D.C. His specialty was tax law, which he kept up on until his last days. He proceeded to take charge of corporate tax matters at the Norfolk & Western railway and to argue and win federal cases at the U.S. Supreme Court. In the 1970s, he retired to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and then to Savannah. He is survived by three children, Lynn Fairfax Carr, James Carr IV and Temple St. Clair Carr; and three grandchildren.

1938 Mary Ellis Jahnel, 97, of North Manchester, Indiana, on Aug. 16, 2014. She is survived by two children, Marty Jahnel of The Villages, Florida, and Kathy Doran of Wabash; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Nelson Lilly, 99, of Laguna Niguel, California, on March 13. She is survived by two daughters, Susan Lamar and Sandra Hughes.

1939 Esther Knock Borden, 97, of St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 15. She is survived by a daughter, Essie, and two sons, John and Jim.

1940 Milnore Hoel Hall, 96, of Evanston, Illinois, on March 19. She served in the armed forces in World War II and her name is found in the rolls of the Women’s War Memorial in Washington, D.C. She enlisted in the armed services immediately after she heard that her brother, Jim, had been captured and was a POW.

1941 Katie Skow Lilliston, 95, of Westminster, Colorado, on July 23. She taught high school and then college. While working and raising her children, she earned a master’s in special education from the University of Kansas. Her long career with the Shawnee Mission School District encompassed program development and management of several innovative services that helped hundreds of special-needs children. She retired in 1985 as supervisor of programs for multiply-handicapped, homebound and hospitalized, visually impaired, teen-age mothers, and gifted students. She was preceded in death by her husband, R.E. Lilliston '43. She is survived by three children, Patricia Lilliston of Denver, Andy Lilliston of Dallas, Barbara Lilliston of New York City; and four grandchildren.

1942 Betty Nelson McLeod, 94 of Centerville, Iowa, on April 16. During World War II, she was a civilian employee of the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. as a statistical analyst in mine warfare. Returning to Iowa, she became a reporter for The Ottumwa Courier. During her four years at the paper she received first place votes in news writing from both the Iowa Press Women’s Association and the National Press Women’s Association. She worked as a commercial copywriter for Centerville radio station KCOG and was Centerville correspondent for The Courier for several years. She is survived by a son, Doug McLeod, and a granddaughter.

1943 Mary Hurie Parks, 93, of Blythewood, South Carolina, on March 23. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Parks '41. She is survived by two daughters, Karen Parks Dedmon of New York City and Ellen Parks Poinexter of Peachtree City, Georgia; a son, Frank Hurie Parks of Blythewood; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

W. Jean Owen Fulkerson, 93, of Wimberley, Texas and Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on May 9. She was employed by Collins Radio during World War II and spent the rest of her life as a stay-at-home mother and supportive wife. She is survived by three children, Jo Ann Harrison and Clayton Fulkerson, both of Warwick, Rhode Island, and Janet Fulkerson of Wimberley; two granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

1944 Donald “Dick” Lynch Jr., 93, of Milwaukee, on Aug. 13. He went on to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduated and received his commission in 1946. He served in the occupation forces in Japan. After his military career, he joined Western Industries in Milwaukee, eventually moving into the role of vice president, and retiring after a 41-year career. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara Bowen Lynch '46, 1100 W. Estates Dr. Apt. 5207, Mequon, WI 53092; seven children, Terry, John, Tim, Dan, Donald and Tom Lynch and Kelly Aguayo; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1946 June Cardell Cooper of Charleston, Illinois, on June 7, her 97th birthday. She
earned a teaching certificate from Racine-Kenosha Rural Normal School and taught in a one-room school near Elkhorn, Wisconsin, from 1941-44. In 1944, she enlisted in the SPARS, the women’s branch of the Coast Guard. She served during World War II as a coxswain in Washington, D.C. Using the GI Bill, June finished her bachelor’s from Coe and then enrolled at Indiana University to earn a master’s in counseling. While raising six active children, she decided to rejoin the workforce and in 1965 accepted a position teaching eighth grade history. She then returned to school and in 1969 earned a master’s in history from Eastern Illinois University. While she was working on this degree, she was employed as a guidance counselor at Kansas High School from 1968-71. Changing career directions in 1971, she attended Olney Central College and in 1973 earned an associate’s degree in nursing. She worked as a nurse for one year at the Charleston Community Hospital and then she taught the Nurse Aid Certificate Program at the Mattoon Area Adult Education Center from 1974-82. June returned to school, again, and earned a master’s in gerontology from Eastern Illinois University in 1983. Hospice of Lincolnland then hired her, at the age of 65, and from 1983-96 she served as both a staff member and as director. Officially retiring from paid employment at the age of 76, she then worked as a hospice volunteer staff member for Lincolnland and then for Dynamic Home Care until she finally retired in 2005 at the age of 87. She received the Illinois Department of Aging Private Sector Employee of the Year Award in 1996 and she was recognized by Eastern Illinois University with the Outstanding Graduate Alumnus Award in 2007. She is survived by five children, G. Kyle Cooper of Topeka, Kansas, Ernest Cooper of Belfast, Maine, Ruth Cooper of Charleston, L. Jean Cooper of Irmo, South Carolina, and Andrew Cooper of Middletown, Indiana; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Renee Cardell Cook ’47, 234 S. Mitchell Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

Jay Cravens, 94, of Milwaukee, on July 18. Following four years with the Army during WWII, he earned two additional degrees in forestry from Colorado State University. He was employed for 30 years by the Forest Service and served in 15 different positions, including forest ranger and forest supervisor in Arizona, regional forester in Wisconsin and director, associate deputy chief and acting chief in Washington, D.C. He was assigned to the State Department’s Agency for International Development in Saigon, South Vietnam, during the peak war years of 1967-68. As chief of forestry, he and his team provided services in 44 provinces and training to the forest industry, refugees, the Vietnamese Forest Service and Saigon University’s School of Forestry. He retired from the Forest Service in 1976 and spent the next 11 years as a professor of forestry and resource management at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He retired in 1987 as professor emeritus. He served Wisconsin as chairman of the Governor’s Council on Forest Productivity and was a member of the Michigan-Wisconsin Timber Producers Association Board of Directors. Jay’s third career was with the forestry consulting firm of George Banzhaf & Company of Milwaukee where he provided input to projects involving land use planning, forest management, marketing, urban forestry and appraisals. He became a member of the Society of American Foresters in 1949, was elected fellow in 1984 and president in 1989. He received numerous awards for his services to professional forestry. His autobiography, “A Well Worn Path,” was published in 1993. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Gwen, 2732 N. Shepard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211; two daughters, Melissa Serfling and Lucinda “Cindy” Weston; six grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters.

1947 Penny Benner Loerke, 89, of Montrose, Colorado, on April 30. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She became a stewardess with American Airlines and later flew with overseas airlines, usually bringing servicemen back from Korea. She later obtained a teaching degree from Drake University and taught in Okinawa and Germany for a few years before returning to the United States and teaching in Long Island. She taught instrument flying while living in Norwalk, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Robert Loerke ’50. She is survived by four children; several grandchildren; and a sister and her husband, Jean Buck ’49 and Merle Buck ’50, 4306 Melrose Dr., Columbia, MO 65203.

Mabel Price Hunnicutt, 89, of Cedar Rapids, on July 15. After 43 years of teaching, she retired from Harrison Elementary in Cedar Rapids in 1990. She was preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, Mark Hunnicutt ’45. She is survived by a granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn.

1948 Evelyn Allen Kudebeh of Littleton, Colorado, on May 20, her 88th birthday. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, William Kudebeh ’50. She is survived by three sons, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

1949 Margaret Graham Pugh, 86, of Cedar Rapids, on June 20 in West Des Moines, where she had moved following the March 19 death of her husband of 63 years, Eldon Pugh ’51. They met at Coe, where both were members of the concert band. She taught school and did clerical work after college until her children were born. She was active in the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority alumni group. She is survived by a daughter, Lora Reynolds of San Antonio; a son, Greg Pugh of West Des Moines; and two granddaughters.

Newell Lash, 88, of Cedar Rapids, on Sept. 13. He served in the Army during World War II. At Coe, he played basketball was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1971. He started his career in education in 1949 at Buck Creek. From 1950-54, he was a principal, teacher and basketball coach in Alburnett. He taught for one year in California. Upon returning to Iowa, he served as principal and assistant superintendent for College Community Schools. In 1965, he joined the Cedar Rapids school district, where he was named director of elementary education. From 1973-76, he was personnel director for the Cedar Rapids school district. He went on to serve as deputy superintendent and acting superintendent of schools. He was preceded in
death by his wife of 61 years, Naomi “Nicki” Creath '63. He is survived by two children, James of Thermopolis, Wyoming, and Cynthia Wetzel of Marion; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Armstrong.

Herald “Smitty” Smith, 91, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, on July 27. He started CRST in 1955 in a chicken coop and grew it into a national trucking company before he retired in 1978. He was chairman of the Iowa Motor Association in 1983 and on the board of directors of the American Trucking Association for many years. He was instrumental in helping start Four Oaks. He served on the board of Cornell College and was a member of the Cedar Rapids Country Club. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Miriam; four children, Sharon Konchar, John Smith, Susan Johnson and James Smith ’82, 856 E. Main St., Robins, IA 52328; 13 grandchildren, including Jon Konchar ‘84 of Prior Lake, Minnesota, Lisa Konchar ’87 of Iowa City, Iowa, Michael Konchar ’90 of Cedar Rapids and Stuart Smith ’14 of Robins; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Vernett Smith Bredow, 89, of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, on June 14. She worked at Rath Packing, Santa Claus Industries, Banco Corp., Iowa Securities and Norwest Mortgage, all of Waterloo, then transferred to Norwest in Minneapolis, retiring in 1996. She is survived by a son, Steven of Waterloo, Iowa; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Joann Westberg Sipich, 88, of Santa Rosa, California, on Aug. 6. Her early career was spent working for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. After moving to Santa Rosa in 1972, she spent much of her time volunteering at Bennet Valley Elementary and working at the Sonoma County Library, where she retired in 1999. She is survived by three children, Janet Ziedrich of Healdsburg, William of El Dorado Hills and James of Petaluma; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1950 Daniel Calkins III, 92, of Syracuse, New York on Aug. 26. He served in the Army in England during World War II. He moved to Syracuse and joined General Electric, where he spent 30 years working until his retirement in 2001. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dolores “DeDe” Calkins, 106 E. Genesee Parkway, Syracuse, NY 13214; two children, Dr. Anne Calkins of DeWitt, and David Calkins of Little Falls, New Jersey; and two grandchildren.

Barbara McFadden Olsen, 85, of Worcester, Massachusetts, on Oct. 17, 2014. She graduated from the University of Michigan. She was a substitute teacher for many years. She was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn McFadden ’49. She is survived by three children, David Olsen of Corona Del Mar, California, Robert Olsen of Sudbury, and Nancy Cahn of West Boylston; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dr. Bruce McFadden of Santa Barbara, California.

1952 Retired Air Force Col. Bob Benz, 86, of Vacaville, California, in July. He entered the Air Force in 1956 and achieved the rank of colonel in 1973. He piloted many large transport aircrafts, the last one being the C-141 cargo plane. His last duty assignment was in the Pentagon, where he served as a member of a team coordinating the evacuation of South Vietnam in 1975, the year he retired. In retirement, Bob entered into contracting with his brother-in-law, took up welding as a trade and smartly invested real estate. He is survived by a daughter, Kathy; his wife, Elizabeth, 378 Buck Ave., Vacaville, CA 95688; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

1953 Joel Emery Sr., 90, of Cedar Rapids on July 8. He served in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He attended Coe full-time while working part-time six hours a night at Link Belt Speeder as a welder. He then began his teaching career at McKinley High School in Cedar Rapids, where he taught until 1960, when he and his family moved to San Bernardino, California. He taught at various schools in the San Bernardino school system, ending his career at San Gorgonio High School. He is survived by a son, Joel Emery Jr.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1954 Lee Forres, 81, of Evanston, Illinois, on Dec. 28. He is survived by four children, Cherie Fortis, Callin Fortis, Peter Forres and Maria Opdycke; and five grandchildren.

1955 Dolores “Dee” Lowrey, 81, the wife of retired Air Force Col. Keith Lowrey, on July 16. She is survived by Keith, 4089 E. Mia Lane, Gilbert, AZ 85298; and three children. Retired Coast Guard Capt. John Mahon, 82, of Niantic, Connecticut, on June 26. In 1960, he became a professor at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, where he taught English and history. During this time he completed his graduate degrees in English at the University of Connecticut. He served as head of the
Humanities Department from 1979 until his retirement from the service in 1985 as captain and professor emeritus. He continued to teach for several years at Mohegan Community College (now Three Rivers). He is survived by his wife, Bette, 53 Quarry Dock Road, Niantic, CT 06357; four children, Jonathan and Bryan of Niantic, Scott of Lyme, and Pamela of Portland, Oregon; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara of St. Louis.

1956 Don Sesso, 82, of Spokane, Washington, on Aug. 2. He was an elementary school principal. He was preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Rita Biddick Sesso ’53. He is survived by his second wife, Dolores, N. 7226 Valerice, Spokane, WA 99208; a daughter, Karen; a son, Steven; and three grandchildren.

1957 Gloria Gard Delaplain, 79, of Aransas Pass, Texas, on April 29. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Don Delaplain, 2012 Holden Rd., Aransas Pass, TX 78336; three children, David Delaplain, 2012 Holden Rd., Aransas Pass, TX 78336; two daughters, Karen; a son, Steven; and three grandchildren.

Gene Henning, 82, of Grundy Center, Iowa, on April 9. He was a display manager at Killians in Cedar Rapids and Sears in Roswell, New Mexico, but said “the best job I ever had” was at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. There, he was able to share his love and knowledge of art with guests of the museum and the Grant Wood Studio.

Stewart Shaw, 80, of Winona, Minnesota, on Aug. 19. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Columbia University. He received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at Leeds University in England from 1957-58. He taught philosophy at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania from 1963-69. He then taught at Hamline University in St. Paul for several years before becoming the registrar there until 1990. At that time, he moved to Winona to become the registrar at Winona State University until his retirement in 2002. He was preceded in death by his parents, E.B. Shaw ’20 and Marybess Stewart Shaw ’28. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kay; a son, Stephen of Winona; a daughter, Carrie of Shakopee; six grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Shaw ’61, 6511 Pond Ridge Dr. Apt. C, Dayton, OH 45459.

James Tharrington, 78, of Boca Raton, Florida, on Aug. 16, 2014. He graduated from Augustana College in 1957. He taught school briefly and then joined Houghton Mifflin Co., where he stayed for over 27 years, retiring in 1997. He is survived by his wife, Loane, 7430 Rosewood Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33487; two sons, Scott and Thomas; a daughter, Linda Osteraa; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Elaine Martin and Joyce Stran.

Rose Valenta McMillen, 80, of Walker, Iowa, on Sept. 28. She taught music at East Buchanan and North Linn schools. She is survived by two children, Kelly McMillen and Julie Fuessey of Walker; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1958 Ann Ballard, 96, of Sandy Utah, on July 21. Her first teaching position was at Concord, Nebraska, in 1938. She subsequently taught in Sioux City and Cedar Rapids, where she retired in 1985 with 29 years of service. She then worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators for 18 months as a teacher. After her service in Papua, New Guinea, she served in the same capacity as a teacher in Hong Kong until 1994. She is survived by a son, Richard Pearson ’63, 11 Mountain Wood Lane, Sandy, UT 84092; a stepdaughter, Joyce Ballard Moore of Kansas City, Missouri; and numerous grandchildren.

Retired Navy Capt. James Dunlop, 85, of Neptune Beach, Florida, on June 16. He served as a Navy Combat Air Crew instructor during the Korean War. He accepted a Navy commission in 1959. A highly decorated Viet Nam veteran, he culminated his service with his appointment as deputy chief of staff of the Defense Intelligence Agency. Among the numerous medals he was awarded were the Defense Superior Medal, the Legions of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, three Joint Service Commendation Medals, and two Navy Commendation Medals. Upon his retirement in 1985, he earned a master’s in education from the University of North Florida and continued postgraduate work while teaching as adjunct faculty until 1993. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Arlene Louise Dunlop of Cedar Rapids; a son, James A. Dunlop of Jacksonville Beach; a daughter, Rebecca Walsh of Gulf Stream; four grandchildren; and a brother, John of Mesa, Arizona.

Larre Fine, 78, of Bonita Springs, Florida, on Sept. 15. He was a veteran of the Army National Guard and attended graduate school at Georgia Tech. He was the former owner and president of Fine Products Co. in Berwyn, Illinois. An accomplished runner of 13 major marathons including his favorite run in Greece, he was also a certified ski instructor. He is survived by three sisters, Bonnie Seliger, Polly Peters and Susan Russell.

John “Jack” Schmidt, 80, of Anamosa, Iowa, on May 23. He was a banker at F&M Bank in Manchester and later in the Chicago area. He returned to Monticello, where he operated Western Auto and later the True Value Hardware Stores. He was also involved in Phil’s Furniture Store in Monticello. He also served two terms on the Monticello City Council. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Eleanor, 309 N. Ford St., Anamosa, IA 52205; three children, Michael of Libby, Montana, Scott of Maquoketa, and Jolan of Oceanside, California; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Jene of Marion.

1959 Kveta Brentner Hanson, 76, of Stanton, Neb., on Sept. 22. She received her master’s in art from Boston University in 1965. After working in the Peace Corps to encourage hygiene and water safety in the Ivory Coast, she worked as a teacher’s aide at Stanton County Rural School District No. 13, then taught engaging reading classes for challenged students at Christ Lutheran School in Norfolk. During and after working to obtain a master’s in education from Concordia University in Seward in 2005, she began tutoring individual students and teaching GED classes. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Bruce Hanson, 83774 Ridge Rd., Stanton, NE 68779; a daughter Myra Knapp of Linden, Iowa; two grandchildren; and four siblings, Steve Brentner of Rowley, Vera Zaugg of Cedar Rapids, Rudy Brentner of Indianapolis, and Willa Meineke of Jamaica, Iowa.

James Cherry, 78, of Geneva, Illinois, on Sept. 25. He worked as a sales representative for Burgess Norton for 20 years. He then worked as an independent manufacturers’ representative. He is survived by five sons, James J. of California, John of Hawaii, Joel of California, Jay of Batavia and Justin of Chicago; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Judy Heal of Geneva.
David May, 78, of Cedar Rapids, on Aug. 6. He was a teacher and coach for 40 years in Laurel, Cornning and Chariton. The last 33 years of his career were spent at McKinley Middle School in Cedar Rapids. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Barbara Moninger May ’63, 4025 N. Willowbend Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411; two children, Mike May of Cedar Rapids and Michelle Inman of Elgin, Illinois; two grandchildren; and a sister, Diane Montgomery of Cedar Rapids.

David May

1960 Owen Fishwild, 84, of Clinton, Iowa, on June 12. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1955. He was employed with Clinton Corn/Nabisco/ADM for many years, retiring in 1993. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bruce Fishwild ’43 and Kent Fishwild ’52. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Elaine, 605 Melrose Ct., Clinton, IA 52732; three children, Karen Andrews of Dublin, California, Nancy Devine of Denver, Colorado, and Jay of St. Louis; and a grandson.

Owen Fishwild

1961 Karen Anderson Duffessy, 76, of Cookeville, Tennessee, on June 28. She was retired from the insurance industry. She is survived by her husband, Edwin Duffessy of Cookeville; eight children, Pete Coats of Lakewood, Florida, Stephen Coats of Acworth, Georgia, Jeff Coats of Loxahatchee, Florida, Mary Cicione of Plantation, Florida, Joseph Duffessy of Greenville, North Carolina, Robert Duffessy of Roanoke, Virginia, Michael Duffessy of Newman, Georgia, and Jeff Duffessy of Sebring, Florida; 19 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Natalie Anderson Stuckens ’64 of Waukesha, Wisconsin; and a brother, Peter Anderson ’58 and his wife, Donna Caldwell Anderson ’58, 507 Downing Ct., Exton, PA 19341.

Karen Anderson

1962 Bob Martin, 74, of Hazel Green, Wisconsin, on May 2. He taught in the Orient-Macksburg and Maxwell school districts in Iowa before returning to Wisconsin in 1966 to teach in the Iowa-Grant School District in Livingston for 11 years and Southwestern Wisconsin Schools in Hazel Green for 15 years. After retiring from teaching, he created Bob Martin Painting. He also directed the Hazel Green Community Chorus for many years. In the early ’80s, he became involved with the Colts Drum and Bugle Corps and was director of the Colt Cadets for a couple of years. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carol, 1920 17th St., Hazel Green, WI 53811; five children, Deb Bordo of Fairlawn, Ohio; Rebecca Gjovik of Eagle River; Amy Roper of Suidcup, England; Rob of Hazel Green; and Traci Bertlin of Forest Lake, Minnesota; nine grandchildren; and two brothers, Richard and Mark.

Bob Martin

1965 Barbara Durfee, 72, of Minneapolis on June 1. She was a 31-year retiree of Hennepin County. She is survived by her husband, John Hotvet, 5100 Niccolit Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55419; a daughter, Marya; a son, Ted; and a sister, Mary.

Barbara Durfee

1969 Don Freels, 71, of Muscatine, Iowa, on May 13. He was director of water pollution control for the city of Muscatine for 36 years until his retirement in 2008. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Glenda, 2655 Northwood Dr., Muscatine, IA 52761; a daughter, Jennifer Nicewanner of Cedar Rapids; a son, Mark of Shueyville; five grandsons; and a sister, Rebecca Nelson of Cedar Rapids.

Don Freels

Christopher Irby, 69, of Jamestown, Rhode Island, on July 2. He was a freelance writer and musician. In 1989, he became editor of the newly founded Jamestown Press. For many years, Irby continued to be associated with the paper as a writer, at times stepping in as managing editor, and later as editor emeritus.

Christopher Irby

1971 Oscar Saffold III, 65, of San Diego, on May 29. He joined Lambda Xi Alpha and received his teaching certificate from Coe. He joined Titmus Optical, relocating to Virginia and then California. He returned to teaching later in life. He is survived by his wife, Rose, 310 Market St. Apt. 410, San Diego, CA 92101; two sons, Jason and Damon; and four granddaughters.

Oscar Saffold III

Jerry Whitmore, 68, of Cave Creek, Arizona, on July 9. He served in the Navy and graduated summa cum laude from Coe. He then attended the University of California-Berkeley and later received his MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was an instructor at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. After earning a certified flight instructor license, he

Jerry Whitmore
worked as a charter pilot. In the late 1980s, he moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, and created the Whitmore Company as a certified public accountant. He also worked part-time on the staff of “Soldier of Fortune” and in 2001 instructed troops in El Salvador on urban warfare in preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan.

1973 Catherine Kratzer Klug, 64, of Coggon, Iowa, on July 29. She began teaching third grade in North Linn, Coggon and Walker, followed by Iowa Christian School in Central City, and then onto Cedar Valley Christian School in Cedar Rapids for 10 years. She changed careers in 1999, going to Kirkwood Community College for her health information management certificate. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Thomas Klug ’74, 1958 Wapsi Y Rd., Coggon, IA 52218; three daughters, Elisabeth Klug Kissling ’99 of Marion, Anna Klug Behning ’03 of Rockwall, Texas, and Rachel Klug; and three grandchildren.

1975 Philip Clark, 62, of Jackson, Wisconsin, on June 23. He worked almost 20 years until his retirement for Grede in Menomonee Falls. He is survived by his wife, Meg, W 192N16350 Lea Font Circle, Jackson, WI 53037; two children, Marshal Clark and Mindy Kohlhagen; three grandchildren; and three siblings, Donald Clark, Marian Currier and Tom Clark.

Elizabeth Thomson, 64, of Jefferson, Iowa, on July 14. She earned a master’s in preventive medicine and environmental health from the University of Iowa and a doctorate of nursing science from Johns Hopkins University. Her career took her from being a nurse specializing in labor and delivery to becoming a genetic counselor, eventually founding an international group for nurses in genetics. For two decades she was a program director for the National Human Genome Research Institute’s Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications Research Division. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, James Hanson, 903 S. Elm St., Jefferson, IA 50129; a daughter, Jennifer; eight grandchildren; and four siblings, Thomas Thomson, Carolyn Thomson, Kathy Taylor and Kris Tyree.

1977 Dr. Dan Cowman, 60, of Houston, on Aug. 27. At Coe, he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. He also received a $12,000 National Science Foundation grant to support his research. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s in chemistry and general science. He went on to attend medical school at Stanford University, graduating in 1981. As an officer in the Navy from 1981-85. At discharge, he had earned the rank of lieutenant commander. He completed residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of Texas at Houston, graduating in 1989. He entered private practice radiology in the Conroe/Woodlands area thereafter. He was a member of Conroe-Tomball Radiologists from 1989-2007. He served as chief of staff at Tomball Regional Medical Center in 1993 and was chief of breast imaging at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital from 2004-07. He joined Innovative Radiology in 2007, where he was affiliated with Conroe Regional Medical Center and Kindred Hospital- Houston. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Kathryn; three daughters, Erika Nealey, Sarah Cowman, and Rachel Cowman; his mother, Carrol; and five siblings, Cindy Cowman Bergeman ’79, 50645 Blackhawk Ct., Granger, IN 46530, Tim Cowman, Francie Aguilar, Casey Cowman and Erin Talsma.

1983 Arlene Handler, 59, of Glencoe, Illinois, on Aug. 5.

1990 Kathy Bey Towe, 51, of Cedar Rapids, on Sept. 12. She is survived by her husband, Jay, 1291 30th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; father, Dave Bey; two siblings, Craig and Suzanne; a sister, Emily Bey.

1994 John “Little Chick” Tschiggfrie, 43, of Cedar Rapids, on Aug. 27. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He worked in management for Hy-Vee, Walmart and Combined Insurance. He is survived by his father, Michael of Mount Vernon; his mother, Christle Wicks of Cedar Rapids; six siblings, Richard of Columbus, Ohio, Angela Lincoln of Marion, Jeanne McNeal of Cedar Rapids, Dave Dietrich of Fairfax, Cale Dietrich of Campbellsport, Wisconsin, and Amy Jensen of Blair, Nebraska; and a grandmother, Teresa “Pat” Hall of Cedar Rapids.

1969 James Derrick ’69 of Alexandria, Virginia, died May 1 after a valiant fight against cancer. He was 67.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, he served in the Army in Germany from 1969-72 and worked for the U.S. Department of Commerce before joining the U.S. Department of State in 1975 as a foreign service officer. His career took him all over the world, including three-year posts with embassies in Hong Kong, Africa, Pakistan, Cambodia and Washington, D.C.

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After retirement, he consulted for the State Department on assignments in Afghanistan, Libya, Nepal, Iraq and other countries. He handled logistics for some of President Bill Clinton’s delegation to China in 1998 and a 1,300 member presidential delegation to the 2000 APEC Conference in Brunei. As Charge d’Affaires in Samoa, he facilitated the return to their families of 28 U.S. teenagers who had been abused and neglected at a camp for troubled youth. He later worked for the International Executive Service Corps as an instructor in South Sudan. In all assignments, Derrick exemplified the best of public service: responsibility, humility, and integrity.

Derrick was president of the board of the Watergate at Landmark Condominiums, and secretary and board member of the American Foreign Service Association. He loved to travel and visited 181 of the 196 independent countries. A loyal supporter of Coe, he returned to campus and taught classes during June reunions in 2008 and 2009. Derrick also remembered Coe through his estate and generously provided a $1 million bequest for Coe’s endowment.

He is preceded in death by his father, Dale, and mother, Betty. He is survived by a sister, Sue Irish of Des Moines; and a brother, Tom Derrick ’74, 5411 Western Ave., Omaha, NE 68132.
Assistant Professor of Sociology Emily Bowman was selected by Iowa Campus Compact to serve as a 2015-16 Engaged Scholar Faculty Fellow. She and three other faculty members from across the state will join in a learning community to improve their engaged scholarship knowledge and skills and will create a new or improved course or scholarship project.

Chelsey Bruns joined Coe as an athletic trainer and instructor.

Alex Christenson ’15 joined Coe as an admission counselor.

Josh Christensen joined Coe as an assistant professor in the Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics.

Cassy Cozine joined Coe as an assistant professor of biology.

Sarah Crawford joined Coe as assistant director of Campus Life.

Jesse Ellis joined Coe as an assistant professor of biology.

Peter Gerlach joined Coe as international student advisor.

Audrey Golden joined Coe as an assistant professor of English.

Jim Gotto ’14 joined Coe as assistant wrestling coach.

Amy Hadow joined Coe as Campus Life Program coordinator and assistant director of the Wilderness Field Station.

Howard Hall Professor Emeritus of English Terry Heller was appointed to a three-year term as a consultant to the Sarah Orne Jewett Online project.

Dean of Students Tom Hicks was elected president-elect of the Iowa State Personnel Association Board.

Jen Hovey Rogers ’03 accepted a new position as assistant professor of art.

Brianna Hull ’15 joined Coe as communications assistant in the Admission Office.

McKenna Inskeep ’15 joined Coe as an admission counselor.

Nina Johnson ’15 joined Coe as community engagement program coordinator.

Josh Kite came back to Coe as director of recruitment in the Admission Office.

Adam Knatz accepted a new position as assistant director of Residence Life and area coordinator for the apartments.

Ranelle Knight-Lueth joined Coe as an assistant professor of art history and gallery director.

Rodney Main accepted a new position as coordinator of the English as a Second Language Program.

Shawna Massow joined Coe as assistant registrar.

Marcus Matyas joined Coe as assistant track and field coach and adjunct physical education instructor.

Haylee Mercer came back to Coe as records coordinator in the Registrar’s Office.

Paxton Molinari joined Coe as assistant coach for men’s basketball and golf.

Jane Nesmith accepted a new position as assistant professor of rhetoric and director of the Writing Center.

Jake Osborn ’15 joined Coe as an admission counselor.

Michelle Perrin Blair joined Coe as an assistant professor of music and orchestra director.

Kim Pierson accepted a new position as coordinator of student disability and academic services.

AJ Reuter ’15 joined Coe as an admission counselor.

Ashlee Richardson accepted a new position as area coordinator for Armstrong, Douglas and Murray halls. She was also elected to serve as conference coordinator on the Iowa State Personnel Association Board.

Jessie Robison Clark ’11 joined Coe as gifts and records coordinator in the Advancement Office.

Justin Stoll joined Coe as area coordinator for Greene and Voorhees halls.

Kelsey Tardrew ’15 joined Coe as an admission counselor.

Kevin Trout accepted a new position as assistant professor in the Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics.

Beth Valenta accepted a new position as administrative assistant for faculty in Dows, Hickok, Peterson and Stuart Hall. She has served as the Peterson and Stuart Hall secretary for over a decade.

Kayla Waskow ’13 joined Coe as assistant women’s basketball coach.

Drew Westberg ’05 accepted a new position as assistant professor in the Stead Department of Business Administration and Economics.

Holly Zimmerman Fourtner ’05 accepted a new part-time position as transfer coordinator in the Admission Office.
Coe trustee Joan Lipsky, 96, of Cedar Rapids, died Aug. 18. By all measures, she led an interesting life. Not only did she have a wide variety of personal and professional interests, Lipsky truly helped to break the glass ceiling for women in Cedar Rapids and the state of Iowa.

She received a bachelor’s in psychology from Northwestern University in 1940 and attended graduate school at the State University of Iowa (now the University of Iowa), where she studied child psychology in 1940 and 1941. She was the first person to intern in psychology at the University of Chicago hospitals, where she then worked as a clinical psychologist until 1942. During World War II, she worked as a consulting psychologist in a private practice.

She was involved in a number of city commissions and clubs in Cedar Rapids. She chaired the Mayor’s Commission on Housing, the Mayor’s Commission on Alcoholism, and the Employment Security Advisory Council. She was a member of the Cedar Rapids Women’s Club, the American Association of University Women, Altrusa, Delta Kappa Gamma, Hadassah, and Sisterhood of Temple Judah. She served as a trustee and a director of the Cedar Rapids chapter of the National Organization for Women.

As her involvement in city associations and clubs grew, Lipsky became aware of the practices that prevented women from being elected to leadership positions. During her bid to serve on the Cedar Rapids School Board, Lipsky learned that most members were grandfathered on to the board. Retiring members often appointed men to replace them months before an election; the appointees were then listed as incumbents on the ballots during the next election. After she lost the election, Lipsky organized a coalition of women’s groups to pressure a retiring board member to nominate a woman to replace him before the upcoming elections. He agreed reluctantly, and Lipsky’s interest in politics grew.

When she was approached in 1966 by a Republican Party official to run for a seat in the state legislature, Lipsky recalled that it “sounded like a great challenge.” In November 1966, she was the first woman elected to represent Linn County in the Iowa General Assembly. Her background in psychology shaped her interests in the state legislature, where she participated in a study on mental health and juvenile institutions, the Medical Advisory Council, and Human Resources Committee. Lipsky led efforts to improve Iowa’s institutions for the mentally handicapped and increase funding for special education programs in public schools. She took a special interest in working for women’s legal, economic, and social equality through her work on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment, her support of educational and occupational programs for women, and her interest in reforming women’s prisons in Iowa. One of her supporters noted, “As an already successful legislator and community pillar, she had nothing to gain in addressing women’s issues and much to lose.”

During her tenure as a state representative, Lipsky served as the Assistant Minority Leader of the Iowa General Assembly and a member of the Midwest Conference of State Legislators. She was recognized as an outstanding legislator by the Iowa Welfare Association and the Business and Professional Women. In 1975, she participated in the first World Conference for Women in Mexico City, Mexico. She served six terms in the General Assembly, from 1967 to 1978. Among other legislation, Lipsky played a pivotal role in the creation of the Iowa Tuition Grant program, which remains essential to many Iowa students who attend Coe and other private colleges in the state. In 1976, Lipsky was awarded an honorary JD from Mount Mercy College and she was named the Cedar Rapids Woman of the Year in 1979.

During her final term in office, she began to attend law school at the University of Iowa. After graduation with a JD in 1980, she practiced law in Cedar Rapids, at the law firm of Shuttleworth & Ingersoll. In 1986, she ran for lieutenant governor of Iowa on the Republican ticket with Gov. Terry Branstad. Branstad was re-elected, but she lost her bid to serve as lieutenant governor. This was the last election when gubernatorial candidates and candidates for lieutenant governor ran separately in Iowa.

Lipsky joined the Coe College Board of Trustees in 1982, and was elected as chair in 1997, becoming the first woman to assume that role. Among other achievements, she provided steady and strong leadership when the first expansion of the east campus was undertaken. Over the years, the Lipskys have been generous in their financial support of the college, including the establishment of the Lipsky and Abbott Lipsky Chair in Political Science in 1998. As Joan said at that time, “Supporting education is the most satisfying thing you can do as an individual to enhance life for everyone.” In addition, the Lipsky Graduate Application Fund offsets application fees for Coe students who apply for admission to graduate programs.

Lipsky always took a great deal of pride in Coe College as a hallmark of the Cedar Rapids community, and her support for the college was unwavering. She gave a memorable address as the Commencement speaker in 2014, and she was proud to receive an honorary doctorate from Coe during the ceremony.

Married to the late Abbott Lipsky for 67 years, she is survived by three children, Ann Lipsky of Cedar Rapids, John Lipsky of Brooklyn, New York, and Tad Lipsky; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Coe College, 1220 First Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402; the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401; or Selby Gardens, 900 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236.
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