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Now is the time to Make Your Move for Coe

Excitement is building among students, faculty and staff on the Coe campus as Make Your Move – the Campaign for Eby and Hickok – moves into the public phase. Much of this issue of the Courier is dedicated to this campaign, and I encourage you to read the perspectives offered by the faculty and students as they share how teaching and learning will be enhanced with the renovated facilities.

Make Your Move involves a $23 million effort to enhance academic, athletic, and recreation space on campus. This initiative will deal with some long-standing challenges, but it is not simply a matter of addressing needs. It is fundamentally about a strategy for Coe – a plan to increase enrollment and to affirm the role of the residential liberal arts college.

In an environment of constantly evolving technology, there are certain aspects of our educational program that cannot be replicated by an online experience. Foremost among them are the close mentoring relationships that faculty develop with students, and that is why we will renovate Hickok Hall into a premiere teaching and learning space with expanded classrooms, seminar rooms, technology and faculty offices. Nearly all Kohawks have taken a class in Hickok, and we intend to extend that legacy of personalized intellectual inquiry, while also providing faculty with the tools they need for teaching in our modern age.

An important part of a liberal education is the development of the whole person, which is where athletics and recreation enter the picture. This project will be unique among colleges of our type, as it preserves and improves our historical structures while linking them into a comprehensive athletics and recreation complex. This approach will provide Coe with one of the foremost facilities of any college in our region, all at a fraction of the cost of what others have invested. Most importantly, it will provide our entire student body — participants in intramural sports and personal fitness activities as well as student-athletes — with space that encourages healthy, productive lives.

Why is this strategic? Because residential colleges as a whole are struggling with enrollment, and to compete successfully we need to showcase the things that we do best — personalized teaching and learning, in and out of the classroom, in ways that can only be accomplished in a residential setting. We have had strong enrollments in recent years, but it is growing ever more difficult as prospective students point out that their high school classrooms and athletic facilities are significantly superior to ours. The key to the future of residential liberal education is enrollment, and at Coe, the key to enrollment lies in this project.

Many people share this dream. Nearly $11 million has already been identified for this project, including the support of every member of Coe’s Board of Trustees. The Hall-Perrine Foundation — a stalwart supporter of Coe over generations — has also pledged $3 million as part of a matching challenge. If we can raise an additional $6 million, we will receive the full $3 million from Hall-Perrine — and there will be no stopping this project, or the positive momentum that can be felt across the Coe campus.

I encourage all who love Coe to read about this project and to consider becoming part of it. All gifts, large and small, will make a difference. To learn more — to Make Your Move for Coe — please see www.alumni.coe.edu/makeyourmove.

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BIG DATA MBA: DRIVING BUSINESS STRATEGIES WITH DATA SCIENCE
By Bill Schmarzo ’79

“Big Data MBA” brings insight and expertise to leveraging big data in business so you can harness the power of analytics and gain a true business advantage. Based on a practical framework with supporting methodology and hands-on exercises, this book helps identify where and how big data can help you transform your business.

You’ll learn how to exploit new sources of customer, product, and operational data, coupled with advanced analytics and data science, to optimize key processes, uncover monetization opportunities, and create new sources of competitive differentiation. The discussion includes guidelines for operationalizing analytics, optimal organizational structure, and using analytic insights throughout your organization’s user experience to customers and front-end employees alike. You’ll learn to “think like a data scientist” as you build upon the decisions your business is trying to make, the hypotheses you need to test, and the predictions you need to produce.

Business stakeholders no longer need to relinquish control of data and analytics to IT. In fact, they must champion the organization’s data collection and analysis efforts. This book is a primer on the business approach to analytics, providing the practical understanding you need to convert data into opportunity.

• Understand where and how to leverage big data
• Integrate analytics into everyday operations
• Structure your organization to drive analytic insights
• Optimize processes, uncover opportunities, and stand out from the rest
• Help business stakeholders to “think like a data scientist”
• Understand appropriate business application of different analytic techniques

If you want data to transform your business, you need to know how to put it to use. “Big Data MBA” shows you how to implement big data and analytics to make better decisions.

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“Big Data MBA,” 312 pages, is available in paperback for $40 from Wiley. ISBN 1119181119.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR AUTHORS: 5 STEPS TO SUCCESS
By Fritze Roberts ’99

Are you ready to get more out of your life as a writer? Creating publishable books – fiction or nonfiction – requires more than just writing every day. You need to prioritize your best idea, create clean copy, and maybe even work with professional editors and designers.

In this concise book, Fritze Roberts ’99 of Erie, Pennsylvania uses her experience as a project manager to show you how to choose the right project, keep motivated, and handle problems you might encounter along the way. There is no better feeling than finishing your manuscript, and Roberts is here to help you do just that.

In “Project Management for Authors,” you’ll learn the five steps to success:

• Step 1: Defining Done
• Step 2: Building Buy-In
• Step 3: Tracking Progress
• Step 4: Getting Back on Track
• Step 5: Celebrating Success

If you have lots of creative ideas but need help setting goals you can accomplish, then this little book is for you. It won’t be long before you are implementing these tips to get more done.

Roberts is an author-entrepreneur with 15 years experience as a program and project manager. She has worked in both the arts and academic fields, specializing in communication of complex ideas and data. She is also a science fiction and fantasy author.


MORGAN THE OX By Seth Ode, Illustrated by Leah Ode Kiser ’05

In this tale about giving your all and losing graciously, find out what happens when a burly musk ox is challenged by a cocky cockatoo. Told in rhyme with action-packed illustration, this story captivates readers ages two to 10, especially those with a competitive spirit.

Seth Ode of Iowa City, Iowa, wrote the story and his sister, Leah Ode Kiser ’05 of Casa Grande, Arizona, illustrated the book. Following a successful Kickstarter campaign, 500 copies were printed.

“Morgan the Ox,” 35 pages, is available in hardcover for $17.99 from Artifact Fine Art. ISBN 0996320709.
Coe featured in Princeton Review’s “Colleges That Pay You Back”

Coe College is one of the nation’s best colleges for students seeking a superb education with great career preparation at an affordable price, according to The Princeton Review.


The Princeton Review chose the schools based on ROI (return on investment) ratings it tallied for 650 colleges. The ratings weighted 40 data points that covered everything from academics, cost and financial aid to graduation rates, student debt, and alumni salaries and job satisfaction. The Princeton Review editors culled data from the company’s surveys of administrators and students in 2014-15 and from PayScale.com’s surveys of school alumni conducted through April 2015.

“We highly recommend Coe College and all of our ‘Colleges That Pay You Back’ schools. They stand out not only for their outstanding academics, but also for their affordability via comparatively low sticker prices and/or generous financial aid to students with need – or both,” said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review’s senior VP/publisher and lead author of the book. “Students at these colleges also have access to extraordinary career services programs from their freshman year on, plus a lifetime of alumni connections and post-graduate support.”

Coe President David McNally noted that the college takes pride in being selected for the “Colleges That Pay You Back” book.

“We are pleased that Coe has received further recognition as a national leader through the college’s inclusion in this Princeton Review publication,” said McNally. “Not only does the profile highlight our reputation for academic quality and a student-centered environment, but it also confirms the value of a Coe education.”

In the book’s profile of Coe, The Princeton Review editors noted that “students praise Coe as ‘an academically rigorous and well-respected institution,’ which provides them ‘with a home-like environment that concentrates on community building.’” The profile goes on to say that “students and faculty develop close relationships because ‘professors give you not only their life experiences’ but they listen, too, and ‘use your stories as teaching moments as well.’”

The “Career Information” section of the profile lists an exceptional ROI rating score of 88 for Coe. It also cites PayScale.com figures reporting Coe’s graduates with a bachelor’s degree and no further education have a median starting salary of $46,700 and median mid-career salary of $70,600.

The Princeton Review is known for its school profiles and rankings in its annual books. The education services company also features Coe in the 2016 edition of its flagship college guide, “The Best 380 Colleges.”

Coe recognized as Blue Zones Worksite

Coe College has been recognized as an official Blue Zones Worksite. The Coe community celebrated the achievement with a reception and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Jan. 20 in Clark Alumni House.

The Blue Zones Project is designed to make healthy choices easier by bringing permanent changes to policy, environment and social networks, leading to lower health care costs, higher productivity, improved economic and social vitality, and longer life expectancy.

Members of the Coe Wellness Committee worked diligently for more than a year to earn the Blue Zones designation. The college completed designation criteria in the areas of leadership, purpose, habitat and physical environment, engagement and creation of social networks, policies and benefits, and well-being solutions.

“Receiving our designation shows that we are a community that cares about the health and well-being of our faculty, staff and students,” said Director of Wellness Emily Crook Barnard ’02, who also serves as a member of the Coe Wellness Committee. “We are hopeful that the Blue Zones project will continue to bring forward to members of our campus community the importance of slowing down, taking a break and taking care of themselves. By doing so, we know that we can be a happier, healthier, more productive community.”

Brought to Iowa through an innovative sponsorship by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, in collaboration with Healthways and Blue Zones’, Blue Zones Project is a community-by-community well-being improvement initiative designed to make healthy choices easier through permanent changes to environment, policy and social networks.

President David McNally cut the ribbon on Coe’s designation as a Blue Zones Worksite at a Jan. 20 ceremony. Participants included Assistant City Manager Sandi Fowler (right of McNally) and Coe Wellness Committee members (left to right) Accounts Payable Supervisor Angie Sturgeon Dvorak ’90, Public Relations Coordinator Megan Fiala Goodall ’10, Director of Wellness Emily Crook Barnard ’02 and Head Women’s Tennis Coach Kris Tiedt.
Coe dining becomes Food Recovery Certified

In recognition of its efforts to reduce food waste and fight hunger, Coe College dining has become Food Recovery Certified. Food Recovery Certified recognizes and rewards businesses and institutions for recovering their surplus, unused food and donating it to hunger-fighting nonprofits. The mission of Food Recovery Certified is to shift the norm from food waste to food recovery. It is built around the philosophy that all food businesses and institutions should feed people, not landfills. Donating surplus food to those in need is one of the most impactful steps an organization can take to connect to its local community in order to be more sustainable and fight hunger.

Coe College Director of Dining Services and Sodexo Manager Tom Wieseler has been active in food recycling and environmental initiatives for many years. Thanks to his efforts, Coe Dining Services has been recycling or composting all food waste since 2005. Wieseler was recognized as the 2012 Iowa Recycling Association Recycler of the Year. Specifically, excess Coe food is donated twice each week to support the Green Square Meals program in Cedar Rapids, which feeds approximately 150 people each weekday evening. Much of this food is comprised of fruits and vegetables, which add variety and nutritional value to the Green Square program. The Green Square site is managed by HACAP as part of Serve America.

“We are pleased to be recognized with this designation,” said Wieseler. “Both Coe College and Sodexo are committed to minimizing food waste and recycling it to benefit others in our community.”

In addition, Coe is one of six Iowa institutions participating in the EPA’s Food Recovery Challenge, which “seeks to reduce the environmental impact of materials through their entire life cycle, including how they are extracted, manufactured, distributed, used, reused, recycled, and disposed.”

Food Recovery Certified recovers food from establishments at least once per month. Any food business including restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, hospitals, caterers, farms, farmers markets, and college dining halls can apply for certification. Food Recovery Certified serves as a third party to verify that food businesses have food recovery programs in place, and recognizes them for this achievement.

Food Recovery Certified is accredited by Food Recovery Network, which unites college students in recovering the surplus food that would otherwise be wasted from their campuses and donating it to those in need.

For more information on all of the environmental and sustainability initiatives at Coe, visit www.coe.edu/coegreen.

Wilson, Donaldson win Student Senate run-off

Juniors Malika Wilson ’17 and Sean Donaldson ’17 topped juniors Chloe Crain ’17 and Tommy Schaedel ’17 by 90 votes in a January 28 run-off election to become Student Senate president and vice president for 2016-17.

In initial voting among five pairs of candidates, Wilson and Donaldson led with 33.6 percent of the vote to 28.6 percent for Crain and Schaedel. The other candidates for student body president and vice president were Marina Silva ’17 and Thomas Petrino ’17, Shelby Paradise ’18 and Claire Tupper ’18, and Sonia Ellossias ’18 and Cheyenne Baker ’18.

Wilson is a neuroscience and biology major from Lincoln, Nebraska. She is a resident assistant, president of Student Ambassadors and a mentor for multicultural students through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. A College Scholars Program participant, she plays violin in Coe’s Symphony Orchestra. Off campus, she volunteers in the Emergency Department at St. Luke’s Hospital on Friday nights.

Donaldson is a history major minoring in secondary education from Aurora, Illinois. He also served as vice president this past year. He is a resident assistant who has been hired as an assistant area coordinator next year. Donaldson works as a consultant in the Writing Center and a tutor. He performs with the Coe Jazz Ensemble and plays ultimate Frisbee.

Wilson and Donaldson ran on a platform to bring together Coe’s diverse community through gender-neutral dorm space, “Coe Olympics” and other community events. They said they would work to improve accessibility of Student Senate and campus food service satisfaction.

Van Niewaal elected senator of Phi Beta Kappa

The Phi Beta Kappa Society is pleased to announce the election of 13 senators on Oct. 9 at its 44th Triennial Council in Denver. One of the new senators is Coe Professor of Computer Science and John F. Yothers Professor of Mathematics Cal Van Niewaal. As a newly elected senator, Van Niewaal will represent the honor society’s North Central District.

The Triennial Council is the legislative body of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the nation’s oldest academic honor society founded Dec. 5, 1776. The council convenes every three years to carry out the business of the society, including the election of senators.

Senators serve as directors who guide the society on policy matters that are carried out by the national office of Phi Beta Kappa, and set the direction for the society’s future. The normal senate term of office is six years. Four people are returning for a second term and nine are new to the senate.

“Phi Beta Kappa is very fortunate that these distinguished individuals are willing to volunteer their time to serve as senators,” said John Churchill, secretary of the society. “Their skills and expertise will enhance those of our current senators. They bring a variety of perspectives for assessing the best ways to advance the values of liberal arts and sciences education in America. I look forward to working with them.”

James Y. Canfield Professor of Psychology and Executive Director of Planning Wendy Dunn also attended the Denver meeting, where she was reappointed to a second three-year term on the Phi Beta Kappa Society’s Committee on Qualifications (CQ). There are 13 members of the CQ, making the appointment to the committee quite prestigious. The CQ reviews applications from colleges and universities that are seeking to shelter new chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, makes site visits to those institutions which make the first cut, and then makes final recommendations on where new chapters should be established.

Associate Professor of Education Nancy Hayes was the third Coe faculty member to attend the Triennial Council meeting. Hayes is the new secretary-treasurer of Coe’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter and she was in Denver as the chapter’s primary delegate to the council.

Student body leaders Malika Wilson ’17 and Sean Donaldson ’17
Coe football torch passes from father to son

Coe’s legendary head football coach Steve Staker announced his retirement following the end of the 2015 season. His son and assistant coach Tyler Staker ’06 was named his successor by Athletics Director John Chandler.

“I feel the program needs to move forward with a new energy and leadership,” Steve Staker said while addressing the team Nov. 16. Staker said he made the decision before the season, but waited to make the announcement. “With 17 active grandkids, this will allow me to be more involved in their many activities.”

Staker retires as one of the best football coaches in school history after eight years as head coach and four previous years as an assistant. He finished with a 55-29 record at Coe, the third most wins in school history. The Kohawks appeared in the NCAA Division III Playoffs three times under Staker, including a victory over undefeated Saint John’s in the opening round of the 2009 playoffs.

“I would like to thank my wife, Linda, and the rest of the family, for their loyal support over the last 12 years,” Staker said. “They have truly made this a wonderful experience.”

Tyler Staker is the youngest of five siblings, all of them Kohawks, including brothers Cody Staker ’90, Lance Staker ’93 and Shane Staker ’97 and sister Shannon Staker Cook ’02, the wife of head Coe baseball coach Steve Cook. Lance Staker’s wife, Julie Kleis Staker ’93, is associate vice president and dean of admission at Coe.

“I would also like to thank John Chandler, former head football coach Erik Raeburn and long-time assistant Larry Atwater ’82 for giving me the opportunity back in 2004 to coach at Coe College,” Steve Staker said. “It was very much appreciated and has been a fun and rewarding experience.”

Staker was named the Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year in 2009 and was a finalist for the award in 2012. The Kohawks were 10-0 in 2012, winning the first outright Iowa Conference Championship in school history. During his eight years as head coach, Coe had seven D3football.com All-Americans and 67 All-Iowa Conference players, 32 of which were first-team selections.

Staker also coached three Iowa Conference MVPs. A hall of fame prep coach, Staker spent 36 years at Fredericksburg High School, where he won a state title in 2001. Tyler Staker was his quarterback.

“We appreciate the time that Coach (Steve) Staker invested in Coe College and the Kohawk football program,” Chandler said. “Steve took the program to new heights, including the first back-to-back playoff appearances in school history. Thanks to Coach (Steve) Staker, the Kohawk football program is respected across the country. As we move forward I am confident Coach (Tyler) Staker will continue to build on the success we have enjoyed with his father as head coach.”

Tyler Staker was a four-year letterwinner and two-time captain for the Kohawks. He earned All-Iowa Conference honors as a junior and senior, while also being named all-west region his senior year. Staker spent the first two years after graduation as a graduate assistant for the Kohawks before being named offensive coordinator in 2008.

“I’m excited and honored to lead the Coe College football program. Coe and the football program have been a huge part of my life and have tremendous meaning to me and my family,” Staker said. “I am thankful to John Chandler and President David McNally for giving me this opportunity. I will ensure that our program continues to embody the academic and athletic mission of Coe College and what it means to be a NCAA Division III student-athlete.”

Steve Staker will remain on staff on a part-time basis.

“It has been a blessing and a lot of fun to have coached alongside my father these past eight years,” Tyler Staker added. “He has showed what true leadership and commitment looks like, and it is my goal to continue to build upon the legacy he has built.”

Coe rolled over Buena Vista 52-14 in the 2015 season finale to send Steve Staker out a winner. The Kohawks were 4-6 on the year and 3-4 in the Iowa Conference.

Wide receiver Elijah Phillips ’16 was Coe’s lone offensive representative on the all-Iowa Conference second team, while linebacker Mark Atwater ’16 and defensive back Dillon Daniel ’16 were second-team selections on defense. Quarterback Josh Rekers ’16, defensive lineman Nick Elsbury ’17 and offensive lineman Dalton Kuehl ’19 were honorable mention all-conference selections. All six earned the honor for the first time in their careers.

Atwater was also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team. He is one of 13 Iowa Conference players selected to the team and the first Kohawk football player to receive the award since Logan Keehner ’14 in 2013.

Atwater finished the season with 83 total tackles, including two for a loss. He also recovered a fumble and had three quarterback hurries. In just two seasons on the offensive side of the ball,
After tallied 137 career tackles.

Daniel tallied 54 tackles on the season, including 36 solos. He had three tackles for a loss of 15 yards. Daniel also had 14 pass deflections and finished his career with 19 pass deflections and a forced fumble.

Phillips caught 55 passes for 757 yards and four touchdowns this season. He is tied for second in school history with 55 receptions in a season. He finished his career with 113 receptions for 1,302 yards.

Elsbury recorded 40 tackles on the year, including 19 solos. He had 8.5 tackles for a loss, totaling 41 yards lost. He also forced three fumbles and had three quarterback hurries.

Kuehl appeared in nine games on the offensive line. The Kohawks rushed for 152.5 yards per game, while throwing for 296.2 per game. The Kohawk offense averaged 73.5 plays per game with an average gain of 6.1 yards.

Rekers was 205-of-317 passing for 2,549 yards this season. He threw for 17 touchdowns, as he completed 64.7 percent of his passes. Rekers finished the season with the second most completions and second best completion percentage in school history, while his 283.2 yards per game was also second in school history. For his career, Rekers ranks second in pass attempts (906), completions (555), yards (7,011) and yards per game (233.7). He was also third in passing touchdowns (52) and fourth in completion percentage (61.3).

Historic year for women’s soccer

Coe College women’s soccer players were honored by the Iowa Conference after a record-setting season for the Kohawks. Coe had a first-team selection, two second-team picks and two named honorable mention.

For the second-straight year, Sarah Fathallah ’16 was named to the All-Iowa Conference First Team. Jordan Holmes ’18 earned second-team honors after being a first-team selection in 2014. Allison Stubbs ’19 picked up second-team honors in her first season as a Kohawk. Kelsey Fauser ’17 and MJ Winterer ’18 were honorable mention picks. Fauser earned second-team honors in her first two seasons as a Kohawk.

Fathallah was also named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of American All-North Region Second Team. She was one of eight players from the Iowa Conference to receive the award.

Appearing in just 12 matches on the year, Fathallah had six goals and four assists for the Kohawks. Three of her six goals were game-winners. Fathallah finished her career ranked second in school history with 12 game-winning goals and second with 71 shots on goal. She also ranked fourth with a 1.28 points per game average. She ranked fifth in school history for career points (60) and goals (26).

Stubbs started all seven conference matches as a defender. The Kohawks gave up just six goals during the league slate and had three shutouts. Holmes started all seven matches as well and had an assist and a goal, which came as a game-winner. Holmes took a team-high 15 shots during league play.

Fauser appeared in six conference matches, starting five of them. She had two goals and two assists. Fauser ranked third in the league in game-winning goals, while ranking seventh in assists and eighth in assists per game. She also ranked ninth in points per game. Winterer started all seven league matches. She finished with a 5-1-1 record in the net, pitching three shutouts. She recorded 43 saves and gave up six goals in 650 minutes. She ranked second in the league in goals against average, save percentage, shutouts and shutouts per game. She also ranked third in saves and fourth in saves per game.

Coe finished second in the Iowa Conference with a 5-1-1 Iowa Conference record. The Kohawks were 15-1-3 overall after recording the most wins and first national ranking in school history.

Ranked as high as 15th in the National Soccer Coaches Association Top 25, Coe was 25th in the final poll. The Kohawks return nine starters next season.

Miyake, Al-Yassery honored by Iowa Conference

Men’s soccer players Shuhei Miyake ’19 and Ali Al-Yassery ’18 were named honorable mention All-Iowa Conference following the 2015 season. Al-Yassery started all seven conference games for the Kohawks. He recorded five shots, including one on goal, in 552 minutes on the pitch.

Miyake ranked fourth in the league with 19 shots and was sixth with 2.71 shots per game. Miyake also ranked fifth with a game-winning goal. He recorded two goals in 562 minutes, playing in all seven league matches.

The Kohawks finished the season 2-5 in league play, earning a spot in the Iowa Conference Tournament for the first time since 2010. Coe returns nine starters after finishing 2015 with a 6-13-1 overall record.

Conroy finishes 100th at cross country nationals

The record-setting freshman campaign for Lucy Conroy ’19 came to a close on Nov. 21 as she finished 100th in the 280-runner field at the NCAA National Cross Country Championships in Winneconne, Wisconsin.

Conroy finished in 22:20.90, the second fastest time in school history behind Ashley Schnell ’10, who finished in 21:37.00 at the 2008 NCAA National Championships. Her time was the fastest a freshman has ever recorded in school history by over 12 seconds. Just the second freshman to ever qualify for the NCAA Championships from Coe, her time was the second fastest at the championship event of Coe’s six national qualifiers. She became the fourth Kohawk to finish in the top 100 at the final event.

Conroy was the highest finishing runner from the Iowa Conference. Of the 42 freshmen that qualified for the NCAA Championships, she was the 13th to cross the finish line.

Conroy became the eighth female in school history to earn all-region honors at the NCAA Regionals on Nov. 14, as she placed 10th. Conroy
was the highest finishing runner from the Iowa Conference, as she turned in a time of 22:47:0. It was the seventh fastest time in school history and the fifth fastest time by a Kohawk in NCAA Regional history. Conroy became the first Kohawk to finish in the top 10 since Schnell placed eighth in 2008 and the first all-region runner from Coe since Keelie Fannel Schroeder ’12 in 2011.

Conroy paced the Kohawk women Oct. 31 at the Iowa Conference Championships, as she finished fourth in 23:43.0 to earn All-Iowa Conference honors. The fourth-place finish was the highest by a Kohawk since Jenna Boerboom ’04 finished third in 2003. The time was the fourth fastest by a Kohawk at the Iowa Conference Championships and the highest a Kohawk freshman has ever placed at the event.

**Harbaugh, Smith earn regional volleyball honors**

For the second-straight year, the Coe College volleyball program had a pair of student-athletes named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Central Region teams.

Mackenzie Harbaugh ’16 was named to the first team for the second-straight year, while Brianna Smith ’16 was selected to the honorable mention team. Harbaugh joins Shayla Chalker ’09 in 2007 and 2008 as the only players in school history to earn the nod twice. Previous selections from Coe include Kristy Upah Staker ’08 (honorable mention in 2006) and Rachel Schaef er ’15 (first team in 2014). Coe had two of the five selections from the Iowa Conference.

Harbaugh was subsequently named an honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). It is the second time Harbaugh has been named an All-American, being named to the third team last season.

Harbaugh finished the season with 249 kills and a .357 hitting percentage, the third best by any Kohawk in a single season. She finished third in single-season school history with 71 service aces, fifth in assists with 1,285, sixth in assists per set with 9.81, tied for ninth with 131 sets played and tied for 19th with 36 matches played. Currently, Harbaugh is the career leader in attack percentage at .319 and service aces with 214. She is also second in sets played with 500, third in assists with 3,896, third in matches played with 143, seventh in digs with 1,128 and 10th in points with 1,125.

Smith recorded double-digit kills in eight of the 11 matches against teams in the AVCA Regional Rankings, including 28 against Saint Benedict and 27 against Ohio Northern. She hit .243 in those 11 matches. She also had a double-double against Saint Benedict, recording 15 digs.

For the second-straight year, Smith was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Volleyball Team. She was a first-team selection this year.

A double-major in biology and neuroscience, Smith finished the year with 452 kills, the third most in school history. She also ranked sixth in school history with 496.5 points and tied for ninth with 131 sets played. She finished her career ranked sixth in school history with a .243 attack percentage and eighth with 965 kills.

Earlier, Harbaugh and Smith were named to the All-Iowa Conference team, while Olivia Leisinger ’17 earned honorable mention honors.

Leisinger was ninth in the Iowa Conference with .61 blocks per set. She finished the year with 50 kills, while hitting .181. She had 14 digs and 14 blocks, three of which were solo. Leisinger had 16 kills at Wartburg, where she also finished with four service aces.

The Kohawks finished the season 23-13, earning a tie for third place in the Iowa Conference with a 4-3 record. Coe returns four of six starters and a libero next season.
Soccer legend Abby Wambach delivered a message of equality, teamwork and perseverance Feb. 9 during the 13th Contemporary Issues Forum at Coe. Wambach encouraged an Eby Fieldhouse crowd of 2,000 people – including many soccer players of all ages – to find their "it" factor in whatever path they follow.
The ‘it’ factor is the ability of somebody to push themselves past their own limits, to know how to suffer, to know how to sacrifice, and to do it without kind of batting an eye,” Wambach said. “Everybody has the ability to do that in here, it’s just whether you want to or not.”

The event was moved from Sinclair Auditorium to Eby Fieldhouse to accommodate the sellout crowd of adoring fans. Instead of a traditional speech, Wambach opted for a moderated question-and-answer session with Hannah Torry ’16 and Director of Marketing and Public Relations Rod Pritchard. She also took questions from the audience.

Wambach touched on a variety of topics, including overcoming obstacles, her marriage and public awareness of her sexuality, being her own person, goal-setting and teamwork, achieving excellence, and her plans now that she has retired from soccer. She encouraged everyone in the audience to “Be a good person” and stressed the importance of universal equality.

Drawing applause with nearly every response, Wambach received the largest ovation when discussing publicity surrounding her sexuality following her 2013 marriage to longtime partner and fellow soccer player Sarah Huffman.

“It hasn’t changed a thing for me, honestly,” Wambach said. “I never felt like, from the time I was 22 years old, that I had ever lived anywhere but inside my skin. I don’t believe in closets.”

Growing up in Rochester, New York, as the youngest of seven children in an Irish Catholic family, Wambach allowed that revealing her homosexuality required a tough conversation with her mother, who came from a different time.

“I’m proud of the person that I am,” she said. “I’m unapologetic about it. So, love me or hate me, I don’t care.”

One of the world’s greatest soccer players of all time, Wambach is a double Olympic gold medalist (2004 and 2012), 2015 FIFA Women’s World Cup champion, and the 2012 FIFA World Player of the Year. A six-time winner of the U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year award, Wambach has been a regular on the U.S. women’s national soccer team since 2003.

As a forward, Wambach is the highest all-time goal scorer for the U.S. team and holds the world record for international goals for both female and male soccer players with a total of 184. In May, she was included in Time Magazine’s Time 100 list as one of the most influential people in the world.

Among many other organizations, Wambach has done philanthropic work for the Epilepsy Foundation and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She is an ambassador for Athlete Ally, a non-profit organization that focuses on ending homophobia and transphobia in sports.

With one brother with type 1 diabetes and another with epilepsy, Wambach said she was naturally drawn to those causes. She encouraged members of the audience to find a few causes that really matter to them, rather than spreading themselves too thin.

As she adjusts to her new role as a retired professional athlete, Wambach said she intends to make equality her life’s work.

“I’m going to make it my complete mission for the rest of my life to make sure that there’s more equality for everybody in this room, not just the little girls in this room, but for the boys, for the ethnic boys, for the people who believe in different stuff,” she said. “I just believe that equality is the next big issue in our country. It needs to be tackled as a whole, not segregated into little bits and pieces. We’re all humans here and we all deserve to be treated equal.”

Established by the late K. Raymond Clark ’30, the Contemporary Issues Forum presents the views of distinguished leaders whose work has shaped and altered the course of world events. The forum has featured former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, former Poland President Lech Walesa, deep-sea oceanographer Robert Ballard, civil rights activist Myrlie Evers-Williams, former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, “Doonesbury” cartoonist Garry Trudeau, ecology expert Jared Diamond, documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Leonard Pitts, celebrated author Sir Salman Rushdie, former Senate Majority Leader and Special Envoy George Mitchell, and Pulitzer Prize-winning global health expert Laurie Garrett.
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SPANNING THE GLOBE
OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PHOTOGRAPHED BY COE STUDENTS

From 62 photos submitted by 13 students in the annual Coe off-campus study photo contest, 10 are featured in this issue of the Courier.

PONTE VECCHIO: SWEET GOODBYES by Sydney Buckles ’18
of Davenport, Iowa “This photo was taken on my last few days before leaving Florence, Italy. After class, I thought I would walk over to Gelateria Santa Trinità and get a scoop of gelato. Instead of eating it near the Gelateria, I went and sat on the bridge and watched the colors of the sunset fall onto the Ponte Vecchio.”
“HATS OFF TO THAILAND” by Kelsey Fauser ’17 of Crested Butte, Colorado
This was taken at a cooking school in Chang Mai where students learned to make local Thai Cuisine such as mango and sticky rice, stir fry and egg rolls. The smells mixed with the day’s heat made for a tasty afternoon where many laughs and memories were made.

“LAOS POOLS OF RESPITE” by Madison Clark ’17 of Des Moines, Iowa
“This photo was taken at the Kuang Si Falls in Luang Prabang, Laos. During my trip abroad, we had a schedule that was so packed full of amazing activities it was difficult to find time to do any activities we came up with on our own. We had our first day of free time when we visited Laos, and we decided to use it to go and see the beautiful waterfalls that our hotel owners had told us about. Unfortunately, the weather wasn’t quite on our side that day so about half of the time we wanted to explore and swim it was raining. I captured this shot during one of the few precious moments of sunlight we had – right before we jumped in!”
“FIRST SNOW” by Amy Dong ’16 of Mishawaka, Indiana
“Magoksa Temple is a large temple in the mountains of Gongju, South Korea. Normally crowded during the warmer seasons, it was serene and peaceful after Gongju’s first snowfall. I remember that Thursday when my roommate (from Brazil) woke me up early in the morning excited to see snow falling for the first time. Determined to see the famous temple of our city, a couple friends and I made the trek up to the temple despite the cold and the snow.”

“THE BLESSING” by Madeline Huff ’17 of Sioux City, Iowa
“This is a statue of a saint inside the church of Santissima Annunziata in Florence, Italy. This church was built in the 13th century, and this statue was part of the redesigns during the baroque period (17th century). We were standing behind this statue and the surreality of the radiating light caught my attention, as did the way his hand is permanently raised to bless his viewers.”

“BRACELETS AND BLESSINGS” by Gretchen Oelrich ’19 of Mount Vernon, Iowa
“A local at Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, Cambodia, gives out colorful string bracelets and blessings to visitors who pass in exchange for an optional donation.”

“PALAZZO VECCHIO: TURNED TO STONE” by Sydney Buckles ’18 of Davenport, Iowa
“I took this photo during my day off in Florence, Italy. I decided to sit and study in front of Palazzo Vecchio. When looking up at this angle, I saw that the Cellini statue Perseus with the Head of Medusa looked as if the head of Medusa turned everything to stone.”
“JOY” by Kelsey Fauser ’17 of Crested Butte, Colorado

“During a break from teaching, I was exploring classrooms around campus in Chang Mai, Thailand. I heard a group of children yelling from a window. I went over and they reached out with their hands to hold mine. Luckily, I had my camera with me, so I snapped a photo. They wouldn’t let my hand go and it brought me joy to see their smiles.”
Additional off-campus study photos are submitted from Japan by Alexander Brown ’16 of Bettendorf, Iowa and Yuqi Zang ’17 of Beijing, China, from Italy by Tré Cotton ’16 of Chicago, from Australia by Brenna Deerberg ’17 of Iowa City, Iowa, from Greece by Nora Dietz-Kilen ’16 of Des Moines, Iowa, and from Nicaragua, Costa Rica and South Carolina by Mari Hunt ’17 of Marion, Iowa. See all of the Coe student submissions on the Web at the URL above.
Working for Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Movies, Parry was a line producer on 2004’s "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" and executive producer of "Barnyard" in 2006. After serving as supervising three dimensional (3D) producer on "Jackass 3D" in 2010, Parry said goodbye to Paramount and signed on as chief creative officer and executive vice president at Stereo D. While at Stereo D, Parry and his team have created the industry’s most advanced 3D pipeline, resulting in an unmatched combination of speed and quality in delivery. Additionally, he has supervised the expansion of Stereo D’s workforce from a creative and technical staff of 10 people to more than 1,200 employees in three countries.

Parry frequently travels to Stereo D studios in Toronto and Pune, India, as well as sister studios in Sydney and London as he oversees the creative vision of the company, as well as worldwide production and technology development. As his career has advanced, he remains true to his Iowa roots.

“I really do believe quite a bit that the Midwest work ethic and sensibility is what helped propel me forward in the industry,” he said.

Parry studied opera at Simpson College for three years before transferring to Coe and, after three more years, earning his bachelor’s in vocal performance, music theory and composition with a minor in art. He applied for and was accepted into the advanced graduate studies program at the University of Southern California’s School of Film & Television, emerging a year later with a certificate in film scoring. He credits Coe’s broad-based liberal arts education with preparing him for things that are now a daily part of his work – from contracts to foreign languages to management issues. "Coe also taught me to dream big and push; to try things that hadn’t been tried before," he said.

During his tenure, Stereo D has created the 3D conversions for more than 30 films, including "Titanic in 3D" and "X-Men: Days of Future Past," from Twentieth Century Fox; Warner Bros. Pictures and Legendary Pictures’ “Pacific Rim”; and “Hercules,” from Paramount.
Pictures and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures. Additionally, Parry was stereo executive producer on the conversions Stereo D created for Marvel’s “The Avengers,” “Iron Man 3″ and “Thor”; “Jurassic Park 3D,” from Universal Pictures; “Star Trek Into Darkness” from Paramount Pictures; and “Godzilla,” from Warner Bros. Pictures and Legendary Pictures, among others.

Parry said he never dreamed he would sit in a theater with Steven Spielberg, as he did once a week for three months during the making of “Jurassic Park 3D.” “At the end of the day, we go into this career because we’re kids at heart, we’re passionate,” he said.

In December, Stereo D announced it had been commissioned by Lucasfilm and The Walt Disney Studios to create the stereoscopic editions for three new releases in the iconic “Star Wars” franchise. Beginning with “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” in December, the other two titles are “Rogue One” scheduled for release at the end of 2016 and “Star Wars: Episode VIII” in 2017.

“The Force Awakens” – the all-time highest grossing film in the United States – received industry honors Jan. 27 for Best 3D Live Action Feature and Best 2D to 3D Conversion at the Creative Arts Awards ceremony at Warner Brothers Studios in Hollywood. The seventh “Star Wars” installment brings Parry’s filmography to 34 credits for visual effects. He also has 12 credits as a producer and three credits as a production manager, but none can match his involvement with “Star Wars.” Stereo D is the recognized leader in high-quality conversions of two-dimensional theatrical content into stereoscopic 3D imagery. Formed in 2009 and acquired by Deluxe Entertainment Services Group Inc. in 2011, the company works with major motion picture studios, directors, cinematographers, and VFX supervisors to bring their vision of 3D storytelling to the screen.

“We’re very director driven,” Parry said. “We see it as an artistic process and not just a technical process.”

Three dimensional films have existed in some form since 1915, but had been largely relegated to a niche in the motion picture industry because of the costly hardware and processes required to produce and display a 3D film, and the lack of a standardized format for all segments of the entertainment business. Nonetheless, 3D films were prominently featured in the 1950s in American cinema, and later experienced a worldwide resurgence in the 1980s and 1990s driven by IMAX theaters and Disney themed-venues. 3D films became more and more successful throughout the 2000s, culminating in the unprecedented success of 3D presentations of “Avatar” in 2009.

“When ‘Avatar’ came out, the world changed in regard to 3D,” Parry said.
Philosophical firefighter is liberally educated for life
Nate Ochs ’01 may not have pursued his intended career as a journalist, but that doesn’t mean his Coe liberal arts education has been a waste.

In fact, while chasing a career as a wildland firefighter, the English and philosophy major won a highly competitive national writing competition and secured federal health insurance for thousands of seasonal firefighters.

Based in Missoula, Montana, Ochs is a member of the Missoula Smokejumpers, a division of the U.S. Forest Service charged with suppressing wildfires in remote mountainous terrain of the western United States. He joined the unit as a rookie in 2011 and is now an incident commander certified to lead crews of 50-60 firefighters.

Ochs left Coe wanting to be a journalist, but soon discovered that wasn’t his calling. He moved to New Orleans and spent three years managing a bar and enjoying the city before Hurricane Katrina.

“I felt like I needed to do something more productive that I could feel good about,” he said.

In 2005, he got a job with the Diamond Mountain Hotshots, a California wildland firefighting crew. He continued fighting fires from the Black Hills of South Dakota as part of the Tatanka Hotshots, a 20-man hand crew assigned wherever needed for two weeks at a time.

As a seasonal employee, Ochs had no health insurance. He and his wife, Constance Van Kley, were left with a $60,000 hospital bill when their son, Rudy, was born seven weeks premature in 2008. The hospital forgave most of the bill, but the experience spurred Ochs and other firefighters to launch a petition drive seeking federal health benefits for 8,000 temporary wildland firefighters.

The petition quickly gathered more than 125,000 signatures and, in 2012, President Barack Obama directed government officials to make federal health insurance available to seasonal firefighters. Although Ochs had secured health insurance since becoming a full-time smokejumper, the decision provided coverage for 8,000 of his temporary colleagues.

“It taught me a lesson about how the system really can work if you’re willing to make the effort and take the risk,” said Ochs. “If there’s something that seems broken and you make the attempt to fix it, you might be surprised.”

Ochs also dusted off his Coe degree in 2011, when he felt the urge to get back into writing. Now a 33-year-old father of two boys, he looked to his days behind the bar for inspiration and entered a 78-word fiction contest held by Esquire magazine, in partnership with Colum McCann and the Aspen Writers’ Foundation. Here is his winning story, chosen from 4,300 entries:

“How the Blood Moves in Winter”

If you buy Marv a scotch he’ll tell you he hasn’t slept with her in a dozen years.

The body that burned in his mind became silt; little by little the veins went varicose and oh yes, kiddo, as he is, so you shall be. But once he’d caught her humming in the weedy garden and it was as if she’d taken off all her clothes, and lain down in the red vines of an orchard, and sung.

Ochs was flown to New York City, where he enjoyed one-on-one time with a National Book Award-winning novelist Colum McCann. “I learned a lot,” he said. “It was really exciting.”

The experience also taught Ochs all that it takes to be a successful writer and consistently produce a good product. Writing has since remained a hobby for Ochs and he makes time for intellectual pursuits outside of work.

“The kind of things I studied at Coe are things I discuss with my wife,” he said.

Nate Ochs’ wife Constance Van Kley, a law student at the University of Montana, and sons, Rudy and Abraham, met President Barack Obama after the issuance of the executive order that mandated access to federal health insurance for seasonally employed wildland firefighters. Rudy’s premature birth in 2008 prompted a petition drive that led to the policy change.

OPPOSITE: Smoke jumper Nate Ochs ’01 has followed an unconventional career path since graduating with a bachelor’s in English and philosophy.
TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT COE

Dave Carson ’72 is originally from Chicago and lives in Northville, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. At Coe, Carson majored in economics and business administration, and went on to earn an MBA from the University of Iowa. Carson had a 33-year career with Ford Motor Company, based both in Detroit and in Europe. Since retiring as a member of the senior global finance executive team in 2007, he has been an advisor to several companies.

In 2000, Carson joined the Coe College Board of Trustees, where he has served in several leadership roles. Carson was elected board chair in 2012, and he is presently serving in his second three-year term in that key position. Along with the gift of time to benefit the college, Dave and his wife, Mary Bridenstine Carson ’73, have been stalwart financial supporters of the college for many years, including the Make Your Move Campaign. Dave is grateful to the trustees and other alumni and friends of the college who have pledged lead gifts in the quiet phase of the campaign.

“Members of the Board of Trustees are among Coe’s most loyal and generous supporters,” said Carson. “Their unanimous commitment to the Make Your Move Campaign signals strong support for this project and a high level of confidence in the future of Coe. The trustees recognize that the academic program and the robustness of college life at Coe are as strong as ever, and we strive to ensure the experience is even better going forward.”

Carson is hopeful that the support provided by the trustees will be inspirational to other alumni and friends of the college as they consider their campaign gifts.

“Life’s been good to me,” Herink said. “I’ve been successful. Coe has been a big part of that success.”

HERINK DELAYS RETIREMENT FOR COE

Eighteen years later, former Coe President Joseph E. McCabe is still inspiring alumni to support their alma mater.

In 1997, McCabe announced plans to give Coe every dollar paid to him during his 40 years of service to the college — an amount totaling $458,616.67. In 2014, as plans for Make Your Move – the Campaign for Eby and Hickok were explained to Coe trustees, Kent Herink ’76 was similarly inspired.

On pace to meet his career goal of retiring at the end of 2014 before turning 60 years old, Herink decided instead to work an extra year while donating his salary to Coe.

“I was trying to think of a way I could make a more significant contribution and realized that if I was in financial shape to retire in 2014, I could delay my retirement a year and give my earnings for that year to Coe without adversely affecting my retirement,” Herink said. “So, that’s what I did - I worked an extra year ‘for Coe’ and it enabled me to make a contribution in excess of $200,000 that I would not otherwise have been able to do.”

Now “of-counsel” since the end of 2015, Herink practiced his entire career as a patent attorney for the Des Moines law firm of Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C. After graduating from Coe with a bachelor’s in physics, he earned his master’s in physics from the University of Iowa in 1979. He went on to study law at Iowa, graduating with a J.D. in 1982.

A Coe trustee since 2005, Herink is the second of five siblings who graduated from Coe between 1975 and 1987. The parents of three adult sons, he and his wife, Elaine, are avid skiers and enjoy spending time at their house in Italy.

In addition to McCabe’s famous gift, Herink said he was motivated by his fondness for Coe and his friendship with Mathematics Professor Kent Herron, with whom he lived for five years while attending graduate school and law school in Iowa City.

Coe laid the foundation, he said, that allowed him to switch career paths from physics to law. “I could do that because Coe provided me that broad-based liberal arts education,” Herink said.

Herink encourages others to consider this path toward increasing their charitable giving. “And if that giving is to Coe, all the better,” he added. “Life’s been good to me,” Herink said. “I’ve been successful. Coe has been a big part of that success.”
STUDENTS AND FACULTY WELCOME HICKOK HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Described by students and faculty alike as a comfy sneaker central to Coe’s liberal arts experience, Hickok Hall is in line for a major makeover.

Since its construction in 1950, Hickok Hall has served as one of the college’s primary academic buildings. Named for the late social studies professor and Political Science Department founder Charles Hickok, the building is home to several academic departments, including English, foreign languages, gender studies, history, humanities, philosophy and religion, and political science.

Associate Professor of French Joyce Janca-Aji believes the project will transform teaching and learning without losing Hickok’s “lived-in” vibe. “It allows everyone to be themselves without being intimidated,” she said.

W. Kent Herron Professor of Mathematics Kent Herron had an office in Hickok for many of the 48 years he has served on the Coe faculty. He said renovation will bring new energy to the building.

“Hickok is really a very, very central building to this campus,” he said.

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. As the addition of new academic space has lagged Coe’s growth, 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.

Finally, a key component to the completion of the current strategic plan is to grow the college to 1,500 students, while additional growth is likely in the future. Much like all of the campus enhancements over the last two decades, the expansion and renovation of Hickok Hall is a key initiative to attract more qualified students to campus, and to retain them.

Joan and Abbott Lipsky Professor of Political Science Bruce Nesmith said improvement to accessibility is long overdue.

“Hickok has not been a welcoming building,” he said. “This is going to make a lot of difference in the way students can use the building.”

With the elevator, professors will no longer have to meet with disabled students on the first floor and classes will not have to be moved to accommodate them. Students on crutches will no longer have to hop on one leg up three flights of stairs to get to class.

“I’ve seen several classes moved down to the first floor because a student couldn’t make it to the top floor for various reasons,” said Aimee Hyndman ’17, a creative writing and English major form Coppell, Texas. “Ease of access to all floors will improve the learning environment.”

Associate Professor of German John Chaimov remembers Jason Bradford ’10, a wheel-chair bound student with Muscular Dystrophy who could only meet with faculty or attend classes on Hickok’s first floor.

“He wasn’t a part of Coe in the way that he should have been,” Chaimov said. An elevator will “level the playing field for students who might not be able to walk up the stairs. It’s going to treat students like Jason with the same dignity that I, who can walk up the stairs, am treated with every day.”

Bradford died Jan. 19 while pursuing his MFA in poetry at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where he was a creative writing teaching assistant and poetry co-editor of Ecotone. A legacy of his time at Coe is an English Department course that originated in a year-long independent study he did on graphic novels, carried out through frequent first-floor meetings with John William King Professor of Literature and Creative Writing Gina Hausknecht.

“It felt kind of unfortunate and unfair that he couldn’t come to my office,” Hausknecht said.

She is proud to carry on Bradford’s interests at Coe through the graphics novels course she has now taught four times. “I’m just so grateful to him,” she said. “Because of him, I have this class.”

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

Study body vice president Sean Donaldson ’17, a history major from Aurora, Illinois, is excited about the Hickok project.

“This will improve the academic life of students like me who study majors within the humanities and will also impact the vast majority of students who have to fulfill general education requirements through courses offered in Hickok,” he said. “I believe it will greatly improve the mood and satisfaction here on campus and cannot wait to see the final product.”

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 President David McNally. “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 $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. 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 house an elevator, new bathrooms, two new classrooms and a student lounge while freeing existing space for five new faculty offices.

For more information, including videos of faculty sharing their thoughts about Hickok Hall, visit [www.alumni.coe.edu/MakeYourMove](http://www.alumni.coe.edu/MakeYourMove).

To contribute to the campaign, contact the Office of Advancement at 877-KOHAWKS or 319-399-8561, email advancement@coe.edu or visit [www.alumni.coe.edu/makeagift](http://www.alumni.coe.edu/makeagift).
In honor of the 60th anniversary of the Thursday Noon Optimist Club, incoming president C.T. Ling and outgoing president Martha Booth recognized founding members Jack Walters ’44 of Marion and Ken Erger ’50 of Cedar Rapids at the club’s holiday party Dec. 17 in Clark Alumni House at Coe. The club donated $60 in honor of each of the founders to the Coe football team for Walters and the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library for Erger.

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1940s

‘41 75TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016
‘42 75TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

1950s

‘50 Joe Afflerbaugh of Riverside, California, recently surpassed 6,000 hours of community service time playing his keyboard at the senior center.
‘51 65TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016
‘52 65TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

1960s

‘61 55TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016
‘62 55TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017
‘63 Bill Rembacz and Bonnie Solheim Rembacz ’64 of South Ogden, Utah, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26.
Robert Turpin of Phoenix serves on the boards of directors of the Joe Foss Institute, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale Foundation, the Valley Presbyterian Foundation, the Naval War College Foundation, and the Navy League of the U.S. He is a life member of the Navy League of the U.S., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education of citizens, and has served as national director, state president and vice-president, and president of the Phoenix Council.


Terry Clark of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was named director of the Communication Disorders Clinic in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Florida Atlantic University.

1970s

‘74 Ed McFalls Jr. of Hurst, Texas, retired as assistant vice president for human resources and diversity at BNSF Railway Co.
Connie Terwilliger of San Diego received a Circle of Excellence Award from the Former Media Communications Association – International, which she and Lois Weiland served as co-executive directors. San Diego MCA-I Chapter

Sherrie Finch of Dallas is a self-employed cat sitter doing business as The Cat Nanny. She’s also a full-time foster caregiver for young kittens specializing in bottle feeding very young kittens for Operation Kindness, the no-kill shelter she co-founded.

Kim Wasson of Marion, Iowa, is a professional artist and published author with writings in three new books and in the fall and spring issues of Midwest Chaparral. Her art is on view in Wisconsin, Iowa, Massachusetts and New York. She recently wrote and illustrated a new book about an angel in Iraq.

Jim Zulakis ’79 flew from Teaneck, New Jersey to Kansas City, Missouri on Dec. 5 to join his wife, Costume Designer Holly Hynes ’78, and Kansas City Ballet Musical Director Ramona Pansegrea ’78 for the opening night of the production of Devon Carney’s “The Nutcracker” at the Kauffman Center. Pansegrea conducted the live orchestra for opening night as Hynes and Zulakis celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. “It was a great weekend filled with family and friends,” said Hynes, who is now costume designer for the Paris Opera Ballet production of “Seven Sonatas.”

President Michael Brueggemeyer presented Terwilliger with the MCA-I National Co-Executive Director Award at her Voice and Articulation Class at San Diego City College on Sept. 22.

The Rev. Roger Graf of Rochester, Minnesota, is a chaplain at the Mayo Clinic.

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Spivey’s contributions span the profession from educator, clinician, hospital CEO, ophthalmology department CEO, and medical society CEO to transformational professional leader.

Spivey completed medical school and residency at the University of Iowa. Following active duty in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1964-66, he was appointed assistant professor of ophthalmology at the University of Iowa. While serving as chair of the University of Iowa Medical Education and Curriculum Committee, Spivey received a master’s in medical education at the University of Illinois.

Five years after joining the faculty at the University of Iowa, Spivey assumed the twin positions of chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of the Pacific in San Francisco and dean of the School of Medical Sciences. He served 16 years as chair of the Department of Ophthalmology. He also held the position of chief executive officer of the California Pacific Medical Center from 1976-91.

During this same period of time, Spivey assumed leadership position after leadership position at the American Academy of Ophthalmology, including secretary for continuing education, chair of the basic and clinical science course, and chair of the Joint Committee on Medical Student Education – among many others. When the American Academy of Ophthalmology was formed as a separate entity (from the legacy American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology) in 1978, Spivey agreed to become its first executive vice president and chief executive officer – serving from 1978-92. During this period, the organization moved from Minnesota to San Francisco, grew from four staff to over 100, merged with the American Association of Ophthalmology, formed the academy’s foundation, developed a code of ethics, birthed the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company (OMIC) and initiated the National Eye Care Project – again among many other accomplishments.

During this same period, Spivey emerged as a national leader of many other organizations, including the American Board of Ophthalmology, the American Board of Medical Specialties, and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies. He left San Francisco in 1992 to become president and CEO of Northwestern University Healthcare Network in Chicago and five years later to take a similar position with Columbia Cornell Care in New York City.

From 2006-14, Spivey served as president of the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) and presided over a dramatic refocusing and resurgence of that organization as a force in global ophthalmic education. With its transformation, the ICO has become involved in curriculum setting, certification, fellowship education, and “teaching the teachers” in developing nations.

Spivey now devotes much of his nearly limitless energy to the Pacific Vision Foundation, an organization he founded in 1977. He has received multiple awards – both in the United States and abroad. He is a life trustee at Coe, having served on the board since 1984.

1980s

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

Deborah Marks of San Diego received the Meritorious Public Service Award and Medal for her eight years of volunteer service as chair of the Federal Advisory Council for Navigation and Safety in Washington, D.C. She has been a vessel master licensed under the U.S. Coast Guard for 30 years.

Diane Schnoebelen Kramer recently earned her Ph.D. in educational leadership and is teaching literacy and language arts at Roosevelt Middle School. Mark Kramer ’81 accepted a new position as a senior underwriter at Sammons Financial Group. They live in Cedar Rapids.

Barry Whitson of Cedar Rapids was inducted into the Vinton-Shellsburg (Iowa) Athletic Hall of Fame in October. As a Viking, he earned eight varsity letters in football, basketball, track and baseball. He earned all-conference recognition in football and was named to the all-state team in basketball and baseball. After high school, he went on to play football and baseball at Coe and was co-captain of the 1979 Kohawk football team. He has been a teacher and coach for the last 28 years at Linn-Mar Schools.

‘81 ›› 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

Gail Malmanger Cross of Mesa, Arizona,
ALUMNI COUNCIL UPDATE

Spring Greetings, Coe Alumni!
On behalf of the Coe Alumni Office and your Alumni Council, I have a question for you:

Are you ready for the second annual Coe Day of Giving on April 7?

Get ready to have a ball and support our beloved alma mater.

Last year’s inaugural Day of Giving was a big financial success and great fun for all who participated. This year’s event promises to be even more entertaining and energizing—an online extravaganza for all alumni and local events in selected cities!

This year’s theme is “Where is Charlie Taking You?”

Don’t miss these online and live activities throughout the day on April 7:

- President McInally’s kickoff message.
- Jean Johnson’s special message video—an absolute don’t-miss clip!
- Moving and entertaining student videos about where Coe (AKA “Charlie”) is taking them.
- All manner of Kohawk Love with social media tweets, posts and memes.
- Active involvement on campus and all over Cedar Rapids, including an on-campus celebration.
- Alumni gatherings in several cities.

Many of us have already pledged financially as challenge leaders and as social media ambassadors. It’s not too late for you to become a leader (see the back cover of the Courier for contact information).

This day will be all about a concentrated show of alumni support and giving. Let’s show Charlie some love for where he has taken each of us!

Steve Kennedy ’78
President, Coe College Alumni Council

and Desert Isle Design, the company she owns and serves as creative director, celebrated 20 years in business with an interactive book with 20 print-center activities and 20 digital-focused activities.

‘82 >> 35TH CLUSTER REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

Jed Vorba of Mason City, Iowa, was inducted into the Mason City Athletic Hall of Fame on Aug. 28. A former football and basketball coach at Mason City High School, he is still coaching boy’s track and field and teaches ninth grade science.

‘83 Julie Robinson of North Liberty, Iowa, is principal of Mann Elementary School in Iowa City.

‘84 David Berson is a principal engineer at NVidia Corp. He was recently certified as an Iyengar Yoga instructor. He and Karen English Berson ’83 live in Portland, Oregon.

Reid Riggle of De Pere, Wisconsin, is serving as co-chair of the teacher education program and director of the digital learning initiative at St. Norbert College, president-elect of the Wisconsin Association for Colleges of Teacher Education, and director of the BLAISE Alliance, a six-college collaborative focusing on integration of technology in teaching and learning.

‘90 >> 30TH CLUSTER REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

‘91 >> 25TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

Tony Groff took a work break after retiring from the Army. In May, he started a new career as supervisor of quality and audit control at Highmark. He and Gail Estridge Groff ’93 live in South Park, Pennsylvania.

‘92 >> 25TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

‘93 Karim Budhwani of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, presented to the Alabama Commission for Higher Education on Dec. 4. Representing the Alabama Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ALEPSCoR), specifically the Graduate Research Scholars Program (GRSP), Budhwani described his research to develop improved drug delivery techniques for treatment of cardiovascular disease and various types of cancers. He is a materials science and engineering (MSE) and biomedical engineering (BME) graduate student at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

‘94 James Beach of Providence, Rhode Island, is a freelance journalist.

‘95 Pete Wendel of St. Joseph, Michigan, serves as a thought leader at Carnegie Mellon University’s Quality of Life Technology Center. Focused on the future of elder care and disability, he connects people, design, technology, funding and communities for research and development and new product and service design for intergenerational healthcare needs.

‘96 Chris Wiedmann of Des Moines, Iowa, received the Iowa High School Athletic

1990s

Photographed on the set of Fox NFL Sunday with co-hosts Curt Menefee ‘87 and Terry Bradshaw on Dec. 13 were Larry Atwater ’82 and Sue Atwater MAT ’98. Also pictured are analysts Howie Long, Michael Strahan and Jimmy Johnson and NFL insider Jay Glazer. Described by Larry as “a bucket list item for both of us,” the experience was purchased at a silent auction at Coe’s Homecoming. “It was probably more her idea than mine, but I’m glad we did it,” Larry said.
John Ernst ’00, the principal at Rolling Ridge Elementary School in Olathe, Kansas, was recognized Jan. 7 in a surprise assembly by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) as the Kansas National Distinguished Principal of the Year. The National Distinguished Principal (NDP) award was established in 1984 to recognize elementary principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, school climate, families, and staff in their learning communities. The selected principal must demonstrate evidence of outstanding contributions to the community and the educational profession and should lead a school that is clearly committed to excellence; has programs designed to meet the academic and social needs of all students; and has firm ties to parents and the community.

“I am shocked, humbled and honored,” Ernst said. “This truly could not have been accomplished without the support of district personnel, great students, and especially the teachers. This award isn’t just for me, it’s for the entire staff and the entire school.”

Ernst was previously recognized by the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals as the Kansas District 1 National Distinguished Principal. He will be recognized for the Kansas National Distinguished Principal Honor in October in Washington D.C., along with other state awardees from across the nation at a black tie event.

“John is an outstanding educational leader and we could not be more pleased for him on receiving this outstanding honor,” Executive Director of School Administration/Elementary Programs Brent Yeager said. “John will do anything to support kids and staff at Rolling Ridge. No matter where John is, he is always committed to doing what is best for kids and what is best for his school. He has made a tremendous impact on the school community, on the students, the staff and his colleagues.”

Ernst is in his third year as principal at Rolling Ridge. He received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Baker University in December.

2000s

Nicole Gussick of Littleton, Colorado, opened a divorce mediation business, Denver Divorce Mediation Group, in April.

Seth Wallace was named linebackers coach for the University of Iowa football program. He served as recruiting coordinator for the Hawkeyes for the past two years, while also coaching cornerbacks and nickelbacks in 2015 and working with the defensive line in 2014. Wallace and Erica Severson Wallace ’02 live in Coralville, Iowa.

Karen Korir of Houston was named one of the top performing airline executives under the age of 40 in the U.S. by Airport Business Magazine. She is a managing aviation planner at the Houston Airport System and has been in the aviation industry for the last 12 years.

Cassie Schoon of Denver, was promoted
to process improvement specialist at the Denver International Airport following completion of her master’s in communication at the University of Colorado at Denver.

'06 10TH REUNION: OCT. 6-9, 2016

'07 10TH REUNION: HOMECOMING 2017

Candice Luter of Cedar Rapids is a commercial account manager at Phelan’s.

'09 Thea Curtin of Cedar Rapids was promoted to clinic therapist in the Behavioral Health Clinic at Tanager Place.

2010s

'10 Erica Smothers of Cedar Rapids was named to The Arc of East Central Iowa Board of Directors.

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2016 ALUMNI BASKETBALL

Older women’s basketball alumna earned a measure of respect from more recent graduates while a mix of young and older men took down the 2006 conference champions in Kohawk alumni basketball games Feb. 20 at Eby Fieldhouse.

In the women’s game, Crimson trailed by 10 at halftime, but rallied for a 55-51 victory. Sarah Anciaux ’11 led Crimson with 12 points, while Kayla Lincoln ’11 added 10. Megan Hayes ’15 scored a game-high 14 points for Black. Crimson included women’s basketball alumna from 2013 and prior while Black was composed entirely of graduates from the last two years.

Front row, left to right – Laci Palar Lower ’01, Erica LanglandNosbisch ’07, Leslie Ware ’12, Kaitlin Breitbach ’11, Abbey Biedenfeld ’10, Sarah Anciaux ’11, Kalais Kuhlmann ’13, KJ Miller ’12, Sarah Triplett ’15, Hannah Breitbach ’14, Jordan Olerud ’15, Brooke Wheelwright ’14, Maggie Schneidermann ’14 and Equipment Manager Dougie Peters ’81. Back row – Head Coach Nate Oakland, Sarah Waskow ’12, Kayla Waskow ’13, Kayla Lincoln ’11, Caitlin Kray ’13, Calie Sobaski ’11, Megan Hayes ’15, Mary Halvorson ’14, Lindsey Buckles ’14, Mackenzie Reed ’14, Kolbie Creger ’15, Noor Amr ’14, Emma Ambrose ’15 and Judy Baldwin ’76.

Members of the 2006 Iowa Conference men’s basketball champions were featured on the Crimson team, but Black built on its 1-point halftime lead to win 78-65. Andrew Wirth ’14 and David Mataloni ’13 each scored a game-high 19 points for Black. Crimson was led by Kale Peterson ’08 with 18 points and Kyle Kuenstling ’08 with 14.

1977
Pictured with Paula Kocher '77 and her husband, Reg Barnes, on their Oct. 11 wedding at her home in Fayetteville, Georgia, were her parents, Joan and Bob Kocher, Coe's Marvin D. Cone Professor Emeritus of Art. 

1992
Tony Alt and Kim Albers '93 of Marion, Iowa, on Aug. 15.

2000
Nicole Brucker and Jon Gussick of Littleton, Colorado, on Sept. 20.

2003

2007
Rebecca Ball and Jonathan Carnal of Overland Park, Kansas, on June 7.

2008
Bryan Hart and Kristin O'Reilly of Kansas City, Missouri, on Nov. 14.

Bridgette Nyman and Steven Haulenbeek of Chicago, on Sept. 26.

Kohawks in attendance at the Oct. 24 wedding of Brent O'Rourke '08 and Jillian Tigges in Dubque, Iowa, were (front row, left to right) Jayson Schmelzer '08, Brent and Jillian, and Michael Gaynor '08. Second row: Ryan Baranowski '08, Brock Yotty '10, Jaimie Lynch '09, Nicole Wyss Rodriguez '10 and Tyler McAllister '10. Third row: Jason Coulter '08, Brett Biermann '08, Taylor Sweers '09 and Cynthia Rowley '86. Fourth row: Joey Swanson '10, Teren Bladel '08 and Derick Calfee '08. Back: Justin Tangeman '08. Also attending but not pictured were Cody Smith '08 and Brent Yotty '08. The couple lives in Solon and both work for the Grant Wood Area Education Agency, Brent as a psychologist.

2010
Page Flansburg-Sivell and Jerry Logan of Cedar Rapids on Nov. 7.

2011
Matthew Pugh and Ashley Vanderloo of Sioux City, Iowa, on Aug. 15.

2012
Jordan Cunningham and Elizabeth McDonnell '13 of Baltimore on Sept. 19.

Nick LeClere and Maddison Woodruff '14 of Cedar Rapids on Nov. 7.

Kyla Peak and Nathan Steinbronn of Fairbank, Iowa, on Nov. 7.

Kohawks in attendance at the June 20 wedding of Kayla Rumage '12 and Marcus Sojka in Rockford, Illinois, were (front row, left to right) Jennifer Zeman '12, Kim Pettijohn Manes '11, Kayla, Kristin Hood '12, Erin Salisbury '12 and Kristen Roppolo '10. Middle row: Mackenzie Donnelly '13 and Kelsey Meyer '12. Back row: Kayla Waskow '12, Sam Wright '12, Sarah Waskow '12, Kaycee Reynolds '12, Mickki Williams '12 and Alison Whale '14. The couple lives in Greenfield, Wisconsin.

Congratulations, Kohawk brides and grooms
1998
Sara Smith Malsbury and her husband, Allen, of Lincoln, Nebraska, a daughter, Aster, on Sept. 30.

2003

Bryan Boettcher and Beth Rohen Boettcher ’05 of Sioux City, Iowa, a daughter, Bailey, on Feb. 1.

Teri Stimmel Schultejans and her husband, Alex, of Tiffin, Iowa, a son, Mason, on June 18.

2005
Kristin Strohm and her husband, Josh Penry, of Centennial, Colorado, twin daughters, Sophie and Caroline, on Dec. 9.

2006
Mathew Alexander and his wife, Jobcy, of Norcross, Georgia, a son, Isaiah, on July 13.

Brooke Bousman McCoy and her husband, Todd, of Conroe, Texas, a son, Levi, on Dec. 6.

2007
Lindsey Driscoll Gruber and her husband, Jason, of Cedar Rapids, a daughter, Peyton, on Nov. 30.

2008
John Bowlin and his wife, Jackye, of Marengo, Iowa, a son, Jude, on Oct. 28.

Niles Mercer and his wife, Haylee, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, a daughter, Nova, on Jan. 21.

2009
Tiffany Jackson Sawyer and her husband, Alexander, of Phoenix, a son, Beckett, on Jan. 12, 2015.

2010
Renee Gapinski Schultz and her husband, Kevin, of Lena, Illinois, a daughter, Hadley, on Sept. 27.

2011
Liz Matthias Heineman and Kyle Heineman ’12 of Cedar Rapids, a son, Jackson, on Sept. 20.

2012
Brittney Boots Bordelon and her husband, Brad, of Mantorville, Minnesota, a daughter, Haddie, on Sept. 30. They were married on May 23.

Stephanie King Steffen and her husband, Patrick, of Tipton, Iowa, a daughter, Addison, on Sept. 24.
Gone but never forgotten

**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.*

**1942**

Lester McAllister Jr., 94, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Oct. 29. At Coe, he was captain of the tennis team and received his Army commission through ROTC. He served four years in World War II as a cryptographic security officer and found time to compete in the Palestine Tennis Championship, advancing to the semi-finals. He completed his military service with the rank of major. He earned his master’s in economics at Northwestern University and, after three years of teaching at Coe, his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon. His subsequent teaching career was primarily at Beloit College in Wisconsin. He chaired the Economics Department for 14 years, was twice selected Teacher of the Year, and was the first to hold the Allen-Bradley Chair in Economics. He served on the Beloit School Board, the Wisconsin Banking Review Board, the North Central Association making accrediting visits to 18 colleges, and was professor of foreign affairs at the National War College. He was inducted into the Coe Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983 and received the Alumni Award of Merit in 1997. In Kalamazoo, he was named Friendship Village Volunteer of the Year in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Schneider McAllister ’43, 1400 N. Drake #255, Kalamazoo, MI 49006; a daughter, Margaret Jackson; and a sister, Carol Zoller.

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Joan Olsen Hubbard, 88, of Des Moines, Iowa, on Dec. 11. After marriage, she worked at Collins Radio for one year and then retired to raise her family. When her youngest child started school, she returned to Mount Mercy College to obtain her teaching certificate, which she accomplished in 1964. She began teaching second grade at Emerson Elementary in Marion and held that position for the next 23 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Hubbard ’51. She is survived by four children, Jeff of Victoria, Texas, Paul of Appleton, Wisconsin, Nancy Kammerer of Des Moines and Ann Schwarck of Mason City; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

1951 Charles Boquist, 85, of Marion, Iowa, on Dec. 13. He was a member of Lambda Chi fraternity at Coe and earned his master’s in social studies from the University of Iowa. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He worked as a teacher for more than 30 years, retiring in 1992 from Marion High School. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lois Brockman Boquist ’52, 3355 25th Ave., Marion, IA 52302; a daughter, Margaret Beardall of Littleton, Colorado; a son, Richard of Marion; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

1953 Margaret Mach Randall, 84, of Livonia, Michigan, on Sept. 15 of cancer. She is survived by two children, Thomas and Sarah Llerena; and two grandchildren.

1955 Dale Kooyman, 82, of Sacramento, California, on Nov. 5. He discovered his love of acting at Coe, and, required to learn ballet and ballroom dance for Coe’s theatre productions, was so good he was offered a job as a dance instructor. After graduation, he continued to pursue his love of the theatre, visiting the theatre scene in Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, Miami, Mexico City and Acapulco. He settled in Los Angeles in 1958, re-connecting with dance and theatre friends. Acting jobs were scarce at the bottom of the recession. However, his college degree helped him get a temporary job at the Unemployment Office in Hollywood, where he provided advice and assistance to unemployed and under-employed movie and TV actors, such as Rita Moreno, Dennis Hopper and John Derek. He wrote publicity “bios” for other actors and wrote predictions for syndicated columnist Crisswell of “Crisswell Predicts.” He also worked as an extra in films such as “Inherit the Wind” and “Elmer Gantry.” His Hollywood acting and writing career ended when he accepted a full-time job with the California Unemployment Department (now known as Employment Development Department or EDD). Various assignments took him to Watts and East Los Angeles during the riots. His promotions into supervisory and management positions led him to stints in offices in Inglewood, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Long Beach and finally to EDD’s headquarters in Sacramento.

1952 Donald Ribble ’52 After Coe, he attended law school at the University of Iowa, graduating in 1955. He then joined the Marine Corps, serving through 1957. In January 1958, he began working for Lynch Dallas Smith & Harman. For over 50 years, Ribble was an active trial lawyer and a past president with the Lynch law firm, now known as Lynch Dallas, P.C. He retired from Lynch Dallas and moved to Cottage Grove Place in Cedar Rapids following the May 2012 death of his wife of 39 years, Joanne.

He was a 50-year member and past president of the Linn County Bar Association. Ribble was active for many years and a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers. He was a respected trial lawyer by his peers and the clients he served all over the state of Iowa.

Since 1986, Ribble was a lifetime member of the Coe College board of trustees.

He is survived by two sons, Jeff Ribble of Iowa City and Phil Ribble of Riverside; a daughter, Elizabeth Vahlkamp of St. Louis; and a sister, Susan Oglanian of Cedar Rapids.

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“walked the livability talk,” walking or taking transit or rail, using a car as little as possible. When he worked on the Midtown Traffic Plan, he actually took a course on traffic calming from the UC Institute of Traffic Engineers. When he worked to bring street lighting to midtown, he did the research for staff on cost-effective options. He sat on the Homelessness Board for many years, researching case management best practices used in other cities that might be implemented in Sacramento. He became an expert on ABC licensing requirements for bars and restaurants to ensure the business operations were compatible with resident livability. He was persistent in ensuring the city replaced trees to maintain a healthy urban forest, key to walkability in a hot climate. He received numerous awards and certificates of recognition for his work and emphasis on problem-solving. He is survived by his sister Ruth Highland of Iowa; and several nephews and nieces, including Irene Reeves of Des Moines, Iowa, and Roxana Corbett, 6840 Flower St., Reno, NV 89506.

Virginia Mawdsley Griffin, 91, of Palo, Iowa, on Oct. 15. She received her master's in education from the University of Montana in 1975. She taught in the Cedar Rapids community school system for many years. She was inducted into the Cedar Rapids Softball Hall of Fame in 1984. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lulubee Mawdsley King '48. She is survived by a son, Dana Griffin of West Yellowstone, Montana; four grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a niece, Kelynn King Schulte '81, 2869 77th St., Nora, IA 52318.

Retired Air Force Lt. Colonel Robert Tweedie, 82, of Beavercreek, Ohio, on Dec. 2. He was active in the ROTC unit at Coe and was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation. In October 1955, he entered pilot training class and trained in North Carolina and Oklahoma. After getting his pilot wings, he flew C-130s and was stationed in Tennessee, Japan, Missouri, Texas, Europe, Vietnam, Hawaii and Ohio. He retired from the Air Force in 1979. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Inez Groote Tweedie, 2783 Double Eagle Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45431; two daughters, Sherrie Tweedie Finch '75 and Pamela Tweedie; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

1957 Barbara Andre Cilek, 80, of Shalimar, Florida, on Dec. 5. She accompanied her husband, George Cilek '56, through Air Force assignments in the United States, Japan, and the Philippines. She was employed by the Okaloosa County School Board from 1979-99 as an office manager in support of deputy superintendents for science and student affairs. She is survived by George, 23 Mariborough Rd., Shalimar, FL 32579; two sons, Robert and Ronald; and four grandchildren.

1958 Judy Feten Gerfen, 79, of Southfield, Michigan, on Dec. 22. She began her career teaching first grade in the Chicago area. After a 7-year stint in Burlington, Wisconsin, the family moved to Edwardsburg, where they opened a clothing store called Touch of Fashion. Judy was the sole proprietor. She is survived by three sons Greg of Huntington Woods, Gary of Brewster, New York, and Mike of Schoolcraft; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Marilyn Soderberg.

William Lentz, 79, of Lakeville, Minnesota, on Dec. 18. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jan Pierson Lentz '59, 16862 Illinois Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044; two children, Charles Lentz and Karin Kuhn; six grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol Lentz Vick '56 and Randall Vick '56 of Fairfax, Virginia.

1959 Laurel Dunnick, 80, of Frisco, Texas, on Sept. 16. He served in the Marine Corps, returning to Cedar Rapids to complete his degree at Coe. He was a general manager at Hawkeye Rubber until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie Dunnick '67. He is survived by three children, Wayne of Portland, Oregon, Danni Dunnick-Slaymaker of Mount Vernon, Iowa, and Barri Whitaker; and two siblings, Veta Hildebrand of Marion and Ivan of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Joyce Monroe Ferguson, 78, of Marion, Iowa, on Oct. 15 after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was a substitute teacher in the Cedar Rapids area schools for 30 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ferguson '52. She is survived by two children, Carrie Kennedy of Cedar Rapids and Kent Ferguson of Seattle; and two grandchildren.

1960 Donald Koub, 76, of Hiawatha, Iowa, on Oct. 23. He worked for Rockwell Collins and retired from the University of Iowa. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sharon, 190 Ridgwood Dr., Hiawatha, IA 52233.

Dr. Ron Ramstedt, 81, of Galena, Illinois, on Jan. 4. He spent four years as a hospital corpsman in the Navy before attending and graduating cum laude from Coe. He went on to medical school at the University of Illinois in Chicago followed by an internship at Rockford Memorial Hospital and a residency in general, vascular and endocrine surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. After joining the Rockford Clinic in 1969, he continued the active practice of general, vascular and endocrine surgery for 24 years. During this period he served as an assistant professor of surgery and for a period of time as the chairperson of the department of surgery at the Rockford School of Medicine. He became particularly interested in various methods of the delivery of healthcare and was a founding member of Clinicare, a physician owned HMO, for which he also served as an active board member, interim CEO and medical director. During his career he was an active member of the American Medical Association, a board certified Fellow of the American College of Surgery, a member of the Midwest Vascular Society and the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery as well as the American College of Physician Executives, where he obtained a certificate in medical management. Following his surgical career, he became vice president for medical affairs at Mercy Hospital in Dubuque, Iowa, for six years. During that time he was active in the corporate quality improvement program of the Mercy Health System in Novi, Michigan, now known as Trinity Health Care. He later joined the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and served as a field survey representative traveling across the country. He was honored by the Joint Commission as a 15-year service award recipient before his retirement in 2014. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Shirley “Biddy” Ramstedt, 25 Gleneagle Dr., Galena, IL 61036; two sons, Steven and Gregory; a daughter Kristine; as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1966 David Correll, 71, of Cedar Falls, on July 24 of pancreatic cancer. He was a 1969 graduate of the University of Iowa Law School. While he was in private practice, he also was the Black Hawk County Attorney from 1973-83, prosecuting some of Iowa's most notorious criminals. In 1975, he joined Correll-Sheeerer-Benson-Engels-Galles & Demro Law Firm, retiring in 2013. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Pam Correll, 2408 Willow Lane, Cedar Falls, IA 50613; and a son, David of Boston.

Marie Sarraf Nassif, 88, of Johnston, Iowa, on Aug. 23. She received her master's from University of Iowa and her bachelor's in French from Coe. She also received a bachelor's in math and science from the College Orthodox des Jeunes Filles. She taught math, French and Arabic, and also worked as a translator.
Shakopee, Minnesota, and David of Thousand Oaks, California; a grandson; and a sister, Nancy of Pleasant Hill, Iowa.

1969 Sandra Canute Potts, 68, of Saginaw, Michigan, on Dec. 24. She received her master's in library science from both Central Michigan in 1979 and Wayne State University in 1995. She worked in both Reese and Bad Axe as a grade school teacher, then in White Pine Library Cooperative, and retired in 2009 as the library director at Northwood University. She joined the Alpha Xi Delta sorority in 1965 and remained active in the local chapter. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, David Potts, 1882 Avalon, Saginaw, MI 48638; a brother, Thomas Canute of Traverse City; and a sister, Sharilin Daniel of Prattville, Alabama.

1973 Frederick “Fritz” Miller, 64, of Davenport, Iowa, on Dec. 6 after battling cancer. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Sherri, 1420 W. 16th St. Apt. 313, Davenport, IA 52804; a daughter, Karin; a son, Kai; his mother, Alice; and two brothers, Greg and Ken.

1974 Carlton McLarty, 66, of Dallas, on Jan. 13 after a long struggle with kidney cancer. He practiced federal criminal defense law in Dallas for 20 years. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law before beginning private practice in Lubbock. Among his many legal accolades, he was named criminal defense lawyer of the year in 1989 by the Lubbock County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He is survived by his wife, Amy, 7014 Southridge Dr., Dallas, TX 75214; a daughter, Gemma, of Dallas; his parents, John and Sara McLarty of Lubbock; and three brothers, John of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Davis of Austin, and Matthew of Lubbock.

1977 Margaret Keyes, 97, of Iowa City, Iowa, on Oct. 14. She received her bachelor’s in home economics from Cornell College in 1939, her master's in home economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1965 and her Ph.D. in interior design and housing from Florida State University-Tallahassee. She taught home economics in high schools in Stanley (1939-42) and Clinton (1942-50). In 1951, she became a faculty member of the department of home economics at the University of Iowa, and after 37 years of service, retired and became professor emerita. Margaret conducted the research for the restoration of Old Capitol and coordinated the restoration process beginning in 1970. In 1975, she was named director of Old Capitol. She wrote numerous scholarly articles and three books: Nineteenth Century Home Architecture of Iowa City (1967), Old Capitol: Portrait of an Iowa Landmark (1988) and Nineteenth Century Home Architecture of Iowa City, Silver Edition (1993). She received two honorary degrees, the Doctor of Humane Letters in 1976 from Cornell College and the Doctor of Humanities in 1977 from Coe College. In 1989, she was named a Distinguished Friend of the University of Iowa by the University of Iowa Alumni Association.

1978 Deborah Robertson Johnson, 59, of Hamilton, Illinois, on Jan. 15 after battling cancer. She received her master’s in counseling in 1989 from Northeastern University in Chicago. She was a counselor for over 25 years and founded the Guiding Light Christian Counseling Center in Hamilton. She and her husband of 31 years, Steve, also managed the River's Edge Bed and Breakfast in Keokuk, Iowa. She is survived by Steve, 840 Oak St., Hamilton, IL 62341; her parents, Donald and Doris Robertson of Keokuk; a brother, Daniel Robertson of Keokuk; and a sister, Diana Robertson of Lawrence, Kansas.

1983 James McCollum, 77, of Huntley, Illinois, on Sept. 3. He worked at Rockwell Collins for 40 years, retiring in 2003. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sandy, 12785 Rock Creek Circle, Huntley, IL 60142; a daughter, Sheryl Law of Hoffman Estates; a son, Michael of Apple Valley, Minnesota; 11 grandchildren; and a brother, Grant of Des Moines, Iowa.

1999 Jonathan Everett, 39, of Janesville, Wisconsin, on Dec. 10 after a 3 ½-year battle with stomach cancer. He was an independent insurance agent at the Wright Insurance Agency. He finished four Tough Mudders in 2014 and was a host brother to 23 Youth For Understanding high school exchange students from 1991-2015. He is survived by his mother, Janaan; two children, Jackson and Meghan; and a grandmother, Grace.

2010 Jason Bradford, 28, of Center Point, Iowa, on Jan. 19 after a lifelong battle with Muscular Dystrophy. He received a master’s in English and creative writing from the University of Northern Iowa and was pursuing his MFA in poetry at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where he was a creative writing teaching assistant and poetry co-editor of Ecotone. His poems can be read, or are forthcoming in jubilat, Fruita Pulp, Jellyfish Magazine, Rogue Agent, The Laurel Review, and the North American Review. “The Inhabitants,” a chapbook of his poems, was published in 2013 by Final Thursday Press. He is survived by his parents, James Bradford and Shirley Niedermann; three aunts; three uncles; and several cousins.
Fran Allison and Francis Halpin, Professor of Physics Mario Affatigato '89 authored and edited the textbook, Modern Glass Characterization, published by Wiley-American Ceramic Society.

Associate Professor of Physics Ugur Akgun was granted tenure.

Associate Professor of History Brie Swenson Arnold was granted tenure and was selected as one of 25 participants across the nation in the CIC/Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History seminar on slave narratives this summer at Yale University.

Shane Austerman joined Coe as associate vice president for finance and budget.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Emily Bowman was selected as a fellow in the ASIA Network Mellon Faculty Enhancement Program: Deepening Asian Studies in the Liberal Arts, where she will spend 21 days in Japan studying cultural practices in five diverse cities and regions.

Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Allison Carr '05 had a column entitled “Celebrate the Slog” published in the Chronicle of Higher Education on Nov. 23. In the column, she discusses the inaugural Long Night Against Procrastination held at Coe on Oct. 15. Carr argues that higher education institutions need to foster and celebrate cultures of academic excellence. “Students don’t need to be rewarded for studying at every turn, but why not honor the march toward mastery now and then?” she said.

David Cohen, 79, of Washington, D.C., died Nov. 29. He was an instructor in Coe’s Washington Term in the 1960s and a former president of the advocacy organization Common Cause who for more than four decades campaigned for greater government transparency and accountability as a leader in the corps of activists known as public-interest lobbyists. In the mid-1980s, he and Michael Pertschuk, a former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, founded the Advocacy Institute. That Washington-based organization trained public-interest lobbyists domestically and internationally in how to effectively pursue their causes. Also in the 1980s, Cohen was president of the Professionals’ Coalition for Nuclear Arms Control, an umbrella group that included Physicians for Social Responsibility and that advocated nuclear disarmament. He served on the advisory council of J Street, a self-described group of "pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans" who support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He also was a senior congressional fellow at the Council for a Livable World, a foreign policy advocacy group, and worked behind the scenes to help gather support on Capitol Hill for the recent Iran nuclear deal. Cohen was a 1958 history graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia. After college, his first job was with an upholsterers’ union. He came to Washington in the early 1960s and became legislative representative of Americans for Democratic Action, a left-leaning activist group. In his early work with Common Cause, he was director of field operations. He is survived by a son, Aaron of Westport, Connecticut; a daughter, Eve of San Francisco; and two grandchildren.

Gavin Cross was promoted to professor of statistics.

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Associate Professor of Psychology Sara Farrell and her husband, Brian, welcomed a son, Rowan, on Dec. 10.

B.D. Silliman Professor of Physics Steve Feller was nominated for the 2015 Society of Physics Students Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award. He also wrote the book chapter “Physical Properties in Glasses: Density and Thermal Properties with a Focus on the Glass Transition Temperature” that was published in the book Experimental Techniques in Glass Science.

Stuart Frondle ’14 returned to Coe as assistant mailroom clerk.

Peter Gerlach joined Coe as international student advisor.

Assistant Professor of English Audrey Golden received the 2015 Julien Mezey Dissertation Award from the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities (ASLCH) for her dissertation, “Restorative Justice and the Global Imagination.”

Associate Professor of Art Lucille Goodson presented large-scale landscape photographs of the American southwest and the human presence in that region in an exhibit entitled “Four Corners” in the Marvin Cone and Eaton-Buchan Galleries of Sinclair Auditorium from Oct. 23 through Nov. 15. She was also appointed to a three-year term as a member of the board of directors at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

Vice President for Advancement David Hayes '93 was promoted to professor of business administration.

Alice “Tish” Healey, 82, of Cedar Rapids, died Jan. 19 from heart failure. She received her bachelor's in international relations from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She was a career services counselor at Coe from 1972-95. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ted, 1300 13th St. NW #B-208, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405; three daughters, Susan Toussaint of Appleton, Wisconsin., Carolyn Olson of Minneapolis and Ellen Healey of Cedar Rapids.; four grandchildren; a sister, Ursula Bhatia of Spokane, Washington; and a brother, John Dawson of Santa Barbara, California.

Myers Hendrickson joined the Coe football staff as offensive and recruiting coordinator.

Joyce Janca-Aji was promoted to associate professor of French.

Associate Professor of History Bethany Keenan was granted tenure.

Joseph E. McCabe Associate Professor of Religion Meira Kensky was granted tenure.

Assistant Director of Residence Life Adam
Knatz has accepted a new position at Coe as Jenzabar Manager of Services and Support. He is splitting time in both positions through May before starting his new position full time on June 1.

Director of Community Engagement Kayla Lyftogt was named to the board of directors of Foundation 2.

Laura Matyas joined Coe as a coordinator in the Financial Aid Office.

Karen Meade joined Coe as an adjunct assistant professor in the Chemistry Department.

Assistant to the Registrar Kelley Palmer received the Upper Midwest Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (UMACRAO) Staff Support Award.

Doris Phillips, 98, of Spearfish, South Dakota, died Oct. 4. She received her bachelor’s in English from Morningside College in 1939 and a bachelor’s in library science from the University of Illinois in 1941. She was the circulation librarian at the University of South Dakota from 1941-48 and at Coe from 1948-52. She then became head librarian at Black Hills State College for 30 years, retiring as library services coordinator in 1982. She also taught library science courses and served as faculty advisor for the YWCA from 1953-65. She was named South Dakota Librarian of the Year in 1982, Delta Kappa Gamma Woman of Achievement in 1983, received the Rebekah Degree of Chivalry in 1997, a special service award from BHSU in 1999, and the Delta Kappa Gamma International “Order of the Rose” award in 2005. She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Collins;

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Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty Marie Baehr has been named special assistant to the president, effective July 1. In her new role, Baehr will work directly with Coe President David McInally on special projects as the college’s new five-year strategic plan is implemented.

Baehr currently leads the faculty as Coe’s chief academic officer, with overall responsibility for the college’s academic programs and policies.

“Marie has made great contributions to Coe’s academic program during her tenure as dean,” said McInally. “I’m grateful that she will transition into a new role, in which she will be working with me on special projects to enhance not only academics, but the college as a whole.”

When Baehr assumed her current position in the fall of 2007, she announced her goals that included increasing the number of faculty and the percentage of women faculty, finding processes to encourage students to apply for and receive national fellowships and scholarships, and better leveraging Coe’s affiliation with the ACM (Associated Colleges of the Midwest).

During her tenure, Baehr has worked to increase the number of full-time faculty from 83 to 96, with new additions as well as through combining part-time positions to full-time positions in specific academic departments. When she came to Coe, 30 percent of faculty members were women. Today, 41 of the 94 occupied faculty positions are held by women, or 43 percent of the faculty.

Baehr is especially proud of the impact she has had on Coe students receiving national fellowships and scholarships. For the second time in three years, Coe was named a top producer of U.S. Fulbright scholars. Coe has established itself as a leading national producer of Fulbright scholars, with 15 awardees in the past four years alone.

Over Baehr’s time as dean, Coe has received more than $600,000 from the ACM to support faculty development programs. Within the ACM, Coe was awarded four of the 28 post-doctoral fellowships supported by a Mellon grant to the consortium. This funded post-doctoral fellows in anthropology, art history, gender studies and environmental ethics to be a part of Coe’s campus for two years each. Five Coe faculty members have served as directors of ACM programs—in Botswana, Florence, England and Japan. In addition, 14 Coe faculty members have received faculty enhancement grants through the ACM FaCE program to support their initiatives. Finally, nine Coe faculty members were chosen for the ACM’s Seminar in Advance Interdisciplinary Learning (SAIL) program in each of the last three years—with only four colleges represented each year.

“When I came to Coe, I set specific goals that I believed would enhance the academic opportunities for both students and faculty,” said Baehr. “I’m pleased to have accomplished these goals, which have led to Coe enjoying an enhanced academic reputation, with accomplished faculty who are better positioned to serve our students.”

To complement her Coe responsibilities, Baehr works with the Higher Learning Commission, and she is now one of 20 academic leaders across the region who serves as a mentor for the HLC’s Persistence and Completion Academy and Assessment Academy. This has allowed Coe administrators and faculty to remain knowledgeable of federal regulations and best practices.

Baehr came to Coe with an accomplished academic background, both as a teacher and as a scholar. In 1988, Baehr began teaching physics at Elmhurst College in suburban Chicago. She was promoted to full professor in 1999, and served as chair of the physics department for two years. For the nine years before coming to Coe, she had served as associate dean of the faculty at Elmhurst, where her responsibilities included the oversight of academic programs, faculty development, and assessment of student learning. Along with teaching, Baehr has authored four textbooks and continues to update subsequent editions of those texts.

Baehr earned her bachelor’s degree with honors in mathematical sciences and physics at Denison University, a master’s degree in physics from the University of New Hampshire, and a Ph.D. in physics from The Ohio State University. She also completed the Management Development Program at Harvard University.
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