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Flunk Day Turns 100
Anniversary celebrated from coast to coast

Defining Moment Campaign
Booth Ferris grant bolsters Peterson efforts
Planned by the Alumni Association to celebrate a longstanding Coe tradition, festivities surrounding the 100th anniversary of Flunk Day stretched from coast to coast and from late April to July.

While the activities students participate in may have changed, the spirit remains the same. For students, the 100th Anniversary Flunk Day was celebrated on April 20, which turned out to be a chilly day in Cedar Rapids. Since the school calendar was switched in 2004 from a 4-1-4 schedule with January Term to a 4-4-1 schedule with May Term, Flunk Day has been celebrated in mid-to-late April. The actual 100th anniversary of Flunk Day fell on May 3. The milestone was marked at more than 20 host sites with events ranging from home parties to gatherings at a major league baseball game.

The Cedar Rapids alumni event was held May 4 on the East Quad. Members of the class of 2011 were able to celebrate a second Flunk Day. There were over 300 alumni and students present. Overwhelmingly, the Flunk Day events were well received and appreciated.

Pranav Shrestha ’11 gave the Victory Bell his best pull as he and about 280 graduates culminated their Coe College careers.
MEETING OF MINDS

After a bike trip with pals around Jasper and Banff National Parks in Alberta, I had just spent a week at a friend's ranch in Montana before he would begin his applied physics Ph.D. program at Harvard. I never taught Ben in class during his Coe years, but I had rubbed elbows with him as he went off to study abroad in Greece and I had admired his acting performances in plays at Coe. As you might imagine from such a resume, ours was a conversation that ranged as far and wide as the grasslands we saw passing outside our window.

Watching the prairies turn to the woods of Wisconsin and then to the rolling hills of Iowa, I would bet Ben goodbye, felt thankful for working in a community of people who are, more often than not, suckers for a good book.

John Chairman
Associate Professor of German and Director of Off-Campus Study

MONOLOGUES

Thank you for mentioning the 10th year of “The Vagina Monologues” at Coe. I volunteered backstage with the first-ever production of “The Vagina Monologues” in 2001, my sophomore year, and went on to direct it my senior year. I remember the raised eyebrows and the uncertainty about even mentioning “The Vagina Monologues” at that time. It warms my heart to know that Coe’s women (and men?) have continued on this important campaign spreading the word that each and every woman matters. Thank you for acknowledging this important work being done at Coe and around the world.

Rachel Gearhart ’04
Juneau, Alaska

CAPTION CORRECTIONS

I just received the Spring Courier, and I have some comments on the photo captions.

Ed Hemplih ’50 and Judy Floy ’77 may have visited the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., but the picture on page 15 doesn’t show them there. That’s clearly the Iwo Jima Memorial at Arlington Cemetery.

I’m glad Amanda Finneseth ’71 was waiting for him all along. Let go, and live, finding his true destiny through his life cycle discontent. As fall approaches, the loneliest leaf learns to let go, and live, finding his true destiny—true destiny, the loneliest leaf continues its journey, playing nearby. Still uncertain of his purpose, the leaf returns to the tree. As the leaf journeys far and wide as the grasslands he sees, the leaf is doing. He finds his greatest joy when children are laughing and playing nearby. No matter what race confine us and define us? “Well On The Way,” a witty look at life from the perspective of being “91,” will have you laughing (so you won’t cry) at your Golden Years will make of your life. New York City retiree Pat Salter Bradshaw ’42 has cleverly presented a collection of experiences that will be sure to entertain even the most somber. Bradshaw is adept at giving the readers just the right amount of information to keep them amused and guessing for more of the story.


The Alumni Office is excited about its second book club selection, “The Girl Who Fell From the Sky” by Heidi Durrow. This debut novel tells the story of Rachel, the daughter of a Danish mother and a black G.I., who becomes the sole survivor of a family tragedy. With her strict African American grandmother as her new guardian, Rachel moves to a mostly black community, where her light brown skin, blue eyes, and beauty bring mixed attention her way. Growing up in the 1980s, she learns to swallow her overwhelming grief and confronts her identity as a biracial young woman in a world that wants to see her as either black or white. Meanwhile, a mystery unfolds, revealing the terrible truth about Rachel’s last morning on a Chicago rooftop. Interwoven are the voices of Jamie, a neighborhood boy who witnessed the crime, Laronne, a friend of Rachel’s mother. Inspired by a true story of a mother’s twisted love, “The Girl Who Fell From the Sky” reveals an unfathomable past and explores challenges of identity at a time when many people are asking “Must race confine us and define us?” “It’s a beautiful, lyrical novel about identity—not just racial identity, but about the process of coming to be who you really are,” said Professor of English Gina Hausknecht.

Chosen by Barbara Kingsolver as the winner of the Bellwether Prize for best fiction manuscript addressing issues of social justice, “The Girl Who Fell From the Sky” has garnered rave reviews since its initial publication. The Washington Post calls it “an auspicious debut” and named it one of the Best Novels of 2010. Grab a copy today and logon to be part of the worldwide discussion. “The Girl Who Fell From the Sky,” 272 pages, is available in paperback from Algonquin Books. ISBN 9781616200152.

The Alumni Book Club is for alumni, parents and friends of the college to participate in a global discussion of books. It allows those from all geographical locations to share in fellowship and literature. New books will be selected approximately every three months. Follow the blog at http://coealumni.bookclub.blogspot.com/ if you have any questions or would like to suggest a text, please email alumnibooks@coe.edu or call 1.877.KOHAHKVS (877.564.2957).
awarded to a faculty member, either a new endowed chair for the dean or a chair of the curriculum committee for the GMILL.

BOUMA-JOHNSTON AWARDED FULLBRIGHT GRANT

Holly Bouma-Johnston ’11 has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Program grant to study abroad in Mongolia during the 2011-12 academic year. Bouma-Johnston graduated with cum laude honors on May 8 with majors in psychology and music, and a minor in Spanish. While at Coe, she served as a Writing Center consultant and was actively involved in orchestra, CESAW, and the Virginia Monologues. During her time at Coe, Bouma-Johnston took advantage of multiple opportunities to study abroad, which spurred her interest in applying for the Fulbright. She spent a semester in Asia, a semester in Spain, a May Term in Ireland, and toured Austria and the Czech Republic with the Coe orchestra. “Coe was really great about offering a lot of opportunities to study abroad, making it affordable and accessible to pursue the things that I wanted to pursue,” said Bouma-Johnston. “If I hadn’t taken advantage of those opportunities, I think my outlook on life would be much different right now.”

While completing the Fulbright application, Bouma-Johnston thought Mongolia sounded like an interesting place to study. She received encouragement from fellow Coe alumna Alice Obrecht ’04, a previous Fulbright scholar to Mongolia. “The more I researched Mongolia, the more fascinating it seemed,” said Bouma-Johnston. “The country was so isolated for so long, and now they are trying to maintain their culture while modernizing at the same time.”

Bouma-Johnston will teach English for 20 hours a week at the Music and Dance College of Mongolia. The program will also allow her to work on a research project and she hopes to research the traditional music Mongolia or work with some of the non-governmental organizations in the capital city of Ulan Bator. Bouma-Johnston is one of five Fullbright recipients who will be studying in the Asian nation for the upcoming school year.

Following her year abroad, Bouma-Johnston plans to continue to pursue her interest in international relations and attend graduate school. She is the daughter of Coe alumni Stan Bouma ’74 and Kathy Johnston ’74 of Grayslake, Ill. During the application process, Bouma-Johnston received guidance from English Professor Ann Struthers, who serves as the Fulbright adviser for the college. Other Coe faculty members providing support for her application were Music Professor and Orchestra Director Joseph Dangriefler, Psychology Professor Sara Farrell, English Professor Robert Declar and Rhetoric Professor Robert Mars. Established in 1946 and sponsored by the U.S. State Department, the Fulbright Program aims to increase mutual understanding between Americans and the peoples of other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. The Fulbright Program is the largest international exchange program, providing opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research and teaching. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program sends approximately 1,500 students per year to more than 140 countries.

COE SENIOR AWARDED MCELROY FELLOWSHIP

Sarah Anciaux ’11 has been awarded one of two R.J. McElroy Trust fellowships for graduate study beginning this fall. Anciaux was selected from a field of seven finalists from colleges and universities in northeast Iowa. The fellowships, which carry a stipend of $10,000 per year, were established by the McElroy Trustees in 1983. They are designed to “encourage persons of accomplishment, intelligence, integrity and leadership ability to pursue challenging academic careers.” Based upon satisfactory progress toward a Ph.D., the stipend may be renewed for two additional years. This represents the third consecutive year that a senior student has received the prestigious McElroy Fellowship. Last year, Tyler Mollenbach ’10 was recognized with the award, while Ben Franta ’09 received the McElroy in 2009. Anciaux graduated with cum laude honors on May 8 with a major in chemistry and a minor in Spanish. This fall, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Minnesota. Anciaux’s eventual career goal is to become an industrial research scientist or work in academia. As a Coe student, Anciaux completed numerous summer research projects in the Chemistry Department, where she specialized in researching the characteristics of bio- cement. In addition, she spent one summer conducting research at Duke University and interned during a May Term at Rockwell in Cedar Rapids.

Outside of the classroom, Anciaux was a leader on the nationally ranked Coe women’s basketball team, and an All-American in track, specializing in shot put and discus. Anciaux was also an active member of the Coe Chemistry Club.

WERNER ONE OF 10 STUDENTS NAMED GILDER LEHRMAN HISTORY SCHOLAR

Hannah Werner of Grayslake, Wis., has been named to the 2011 Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program. One of 10 students in the nation selected for this prestigious scholarship, Werner will participate in a five-week intensive history research program in New York City this summer. The Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program identifies and supports the top undergraduate majors in American history across the country. Recipients of the five-week scholarship develop primary source research projects using rare, unpublished historical records in the Gilder Lehrman Collection on the founding era, slavery and abolition, or the Civil War. History scholars meet and study in small seminars led by distinguished historians.

Since 2003, more than 400 college sophomores and juniors have been named to the Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program, and many have gone on to pursue graduate studies at leading universities including Cambridge, Columbia, Harvard, Oxford, UCLA, the University of Michigan, and Yale. Founded in 1994, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a nonprofit organization improving and enriching American history education through a wide range of programs and resources for students, teachers, scholars and history enthusiasts throughout the nation.
Six former Kohawk athletes will be inducted into the Coe College Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend, Sept. 15-18. The 2011 class of inductees includes four residents Joel Holst ’85, Tom Kaloupek ’87, Joe Whiters ’89 and Paige Stamp ’91. Mike Matzen ’86 of Oviedo, FL, will also be honored and Wally “Skip” Swan ’65 is being inducted posthumously.

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KOHAWKS WIN FIRST IIAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

It was a season 15 years in the making. For the first time in school history, the Coe baseball team won an Iowa Conference Championship.

The Kohawks didn’t stop at just winning the regular season title, as they also won the Iowa Conference Tournament title for the first time.

By winning the tournament title, the Kohawks advanced to the NCAA Regional Championships for just the fourth time in school history.

After losing two of their first three games on their annual trip to Florida, the Kohawks got hot. A 10-8 win over King’s College on March 7 sparked a nine-game winning streak that lasted until April 1. Coe finished the spring break trip 1-2 before returning north to sweep a doubleheader from Monmouth.

Coe opened the Iowa Conference schedule with perennial power Wartburg. A three-game sweep of the Knights showed signs the Kohawks had what it took to win the title for the first time.

Defending Iowa Conference Champion Buena Vista came to Daniel Park in the middle of April. Coe beat the Beavers 6-2 in the opener and swept the Saturday doubleheader 6-0, 9-1. The Beavers would go on to qualify for the NCAA Regionals as well, finishing third in the nation.

Just as the Beavers were building momentum, the Kohawks caught fire in May. Coe opened the month with a 10-0, 6-2 sweep of Grinnell. During the sweep, Head Coach Steve Cook won his 300th game at Coe. Coe’s final non-conference win came against Mount Mercy, as Steve Kenic ’07 hit a home run in the bottom of the 12th inning for a 7-6 win.

Needing two wins to earn the conference title, Coe swept a series from Simpson on the final weekend of the season.

Coe faced Simpson once again in the Iowa Tournament opener, winning 9-8 in nine innings. The Kohawks then earned 1-2 and 2-1 wins over Wartburg to take the tournament championship.

Coe entered the NCAA Regional Championships as the number one seed, but the bases were not working as well as they were a month earlier in the Midwest. Coe dropped two games, by one and two runs, to Ripon and Carthage to end the season.

The Kohawks received an at-large berth to play in the NCAA Regionals. Coe entered the tournament as the number one seed in arguably the toughest regional in the tournament. After a 1-0 win over Wisconsin-Whitewater, Coe beat Central by one run for the second time in a week, this one lasting only nine innings. Coe was then faced with top-ranked and eventual National Champion Linfield. After a loss to the Wildcats, Coe’s season ended with a loss to the Dutch in their fifth matchup of the season.

FINNEL SWEEPS 800-METER NATIONAL TITLES

After earning All-American honors twice last season in the 400-meter dash, Keedle Finnel ’12 bumped up to the 800-meter run for the 2011 season. Running twice the distance as last season, she won twice as much this year.

Finnel became just the second two-time NCAA National Champion in Coe women’s track and field history, while she was the fourth person to do it in Coe women’s history, winning the Clayton Rush ’11 this season.

Finnel ran a 2:08.88 to win the outdoor National Championship, breaking the arena record at the indoor championships. Earlier in the season, Finnel automatically qualified for the outdoor championships by winning the 800-meter run at the Drake Relays. She became Coe’s first individual champion at Drake, running a 2:05.85 and beating runners from Arkansas, Texas- Arlington, St. Francis (Illinois), Iowa State, Iowa State and Notre Dame. During the indoor season, Finnel won the 800 at the Tyson Invitational, beating over 20 runners from NCAA Division III schools.

During the indoor season, Coe also qualified the 4x100 meter relay team for the National Championships. The relay finished seventh, earning All-American honors, in 43.83. As a team, Coe placed 11th.

The national qualifiers continued during the outdoor season, as Coe qualified in three individual events, along with two and relays on the women’s side. For the men, Jared Kuessler ’11 qualified in the high jump.

keedle finnel ’12 takes the lead from stefani wright ’11 in the ncaa championships. coe qualified the 4x100 and 4x800 relay teams.
With ideal spring weather setting the perfect stage, the Class of 2011 graduated on the Stewart Memorial Library Mall on Sunday, May 8. President James Phifer conferred Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Music, and Master of Arts in Teaching degrees upon 287 graduates.

The graduation speaker was former Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Marsha Ternus, who received an honorary doctorate. Appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court in 1993, she is the first woman to serve as chief justice of Iowa’s highest court.

Ternus warned graduates they might have to take a job they don’t much like at first, and encouraged them to make family, community service and volunteering high priorities. She placed special emphasis on character.

“Your character will impact how successful you are in your career, if you are a good spouse should you marry, whether you are a good role model for your children, and whether you are a positive influence on your community – whether you leave the world a better place than you found it,” Ternus said.

Ternus listed the points in the Character Counts program used in Iowa’s public schools. She urged graduates to exercise responsibility, respect, fairness and to be involved citizens. “Be honorable. Be reliable. Have the courage to do the right thing,” she said.

An honorary doctor of divinity degree was presented to the Rev. Dr. William Stacy Johnson, professor of systematic theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. Johnson delivered Coe’s Baccalaureate sermon.

“Be Honorable.
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A chance encounter at Bowling Green State University in Ohio brought Glenn Janus to Coe in 1971. Forty years later, Coe’s Henrietta Arnold Professor of History was granted emeritus status upon his retirement.

After graduate studies in European history at Ohio State University and six months as a Fulbright Fellow in Warsaw, Poland, Janus was teaching and finishing his dissertation at Bowling Green when he learned of and explored the opportunity to teach at a small liberal arts college, Janus was in Cedar Rapids a week later interviewing at Coe.

No less a world figure, distinguished journalist and historian than William Shirer ’25 – the author of “The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich,” which Janus had received while in college as a Christmas gift from his father – was on campus the day of his interview. That evening, Janus was in Sinclair Auditorium as Shirer offered a symposium as Janus was entering the final phase toward retirement.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Janus received his bachelor’s in history from the University of Rochester in 1962. After serving as a Navy supply officer, he earned his master’s (1967) and Ph.D. (1971) in Russian and Polish history from Ohio State.

At Coe, Janus has taught the modern European history courses. He also introduced a course in American Catholic history and culture in the late 1970s. He was named the second Charles Lynch Outstanding Teacher in 1985.

Janus said he has enjoyed the small classes at Coe and the regular interaction with students. “I’m going to miss not only the teaching and generating an awareness of the value of history, but, also, the counseling and advising,” he said.

He suggested his advisees take at least one college level history course. Janus strongly believes that western civilization and the American history surveys courses should be required for all undergraduates and that there needs to be a greater emphasis on the importance of geography and the geographical dimension of history. And while he feels young people have not experienced enough in life to fully appreciate history, he notes that alumni returning to Coe frequently regret that they did not study more history, which Janus calls the cornerstone and foundation of a liberal arts education.

In addition to continuing his research and teaching, Janus is working on his retirement remarks. For me, having you as students, colleagues and friends for the past 33 years has been a profound renaissance of love,” Fisher told the assembled admirers.

A Cleveland native, Fisher received his bachelor’s in psychology from Spring Arbor University, and a series of biographical Hall University, and a series of biographical interviews nearly all of the 28 living Coe emeritus professors. “I hope that it provides some advice for people as they retire,” he said. As for himself, Fisher said he has no doubt about his readiness for retirement. “I’ve given what I had to give,” he said.

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NEWS - At least the following basic information should be provided with any submission: name and class year, spouse name and class year if Coe alum, city and state of residence, and your news. Please spell out acronyms.

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Metcalf retires from second Air Force career
Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Metcalf ‘56 retired effective Dec. 31. As director of the National Museum of the United States Air Force, Metcalf, a member of the Senior Executive Service, retired after 14 years as the museum’s director. Prior to his service at the Wright-Patterson AFB, Metcalf served nearly five years on active duty in a variety of financial management and planning positions, retiring in 1991 in the grade of lieutenant general. He held the position of museum director since 1996. In this role, he managed the world’s largest and oldest military aviation museum, portraying the heritage and traditions of the Air Force through specialized exhibits, displays and resources.

Currently, he oversees an annual budget of $141 million, which supports an annual Operating Program of $141 million, which supports an annual Operating Program of $123 million. Metcalf also oversees 180 employees and is the Chief Operating Officer of the Air Force Heritage Program, which includes 12 Air Force field museums and 260 domestic and international heritage sites.

Additionally, he oversaw the annual restoration of over 6,000 historical aircraft and space vehicles on loan to more than 450 civilian museums, cities, municipalities and veterans’ organizations throughout the world.

During his tenure as director, Metcalf increased museum attendance from 800,000 to nearly 1.4 million visitors and achieved the highest national recognition for a museum, the American Association of Museums accreditation in 1998 and reaccreditation in 2008. He expanded museum facilities to include a 210,000-square-foot Cold War Gallery and a 40,000-square-foot Missile Gallery. Metcalf supported a major capital construction program to enlarge the museum’s current 1 million square feet of exhibit space, with a new 60,000-square-foot Missile Gallery. Metcalf supported a major capital construction program to enlarge the museum’s current 1 million square feet of exhibit space, with a new 60,000-square-foot Missile Gallery.

Metcalf holds a master’s degree in finance from the Air War College and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Northern Iowa. Metcalf and his wife, Polly Satchell Metcalf ‘56, live in Dayton, Ohio.
Maranda Franke is a third grade teacher at Wamsley Elementary School in Johnston, Iowa, was accepted into the Teach for America program in 2011. John Mills is a dental student at the University of Iowa.}

**Nate Clear** is a dental student at the University of Iowa.

**Nina Klos** is an educational assistant at the American Cancer Society.

**Carissa Nelson** of Rife, Colo., is a third grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary School.

**Devon Powers** of Iowa City, Iowa, is a financial services professional at Manpower.

**Kevin Preston** is a nuclear chemistry technician for Exelon. He and **Kelly Workman Preston** live in Bettendorf, Iowa.

**Joy Johnson** of Des Moines, Iowa, is in charge of community relations in Johnston, Iowa.

**Jenny Smith** is a chemistry technician for Exelon. He and his wife, **Katie Becker** of Marion, Iowa, have a daughter, **Gabby**, born in Jan 2.

**Marcia Ortiz** Power and her husband, **Dylan, of Rancho, N.M., a, son, Rina, on June 1, 2010.**

**Kelly Isbell** Staker and **Shane Staker** ’97 of West Branch, Iowa, are the proud parents of their son, **Logan**, born on Feb. 14.

**Jenna Miller** of Cedar Rapids on June 4. Lindsey is a division director for the March of Dimes. **Jenna Miller** and **Jamie Boley** ’08 of Marion, Iowa, have a son, **Sebastian**, born on May 20, 2010.

**Heather McCarty** Myron and **Jeff Myron** of Iowa, a son, **Hudson**, on Jan. 28.

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**Dundra Coffman** is a financial services professional at Manpower.

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**Scott Holland** and **Kristie Workman** ’92, of Grimes, Ia., on Dec. 18.

**Anna Hornday** and **Cody, of Bettendorf, Iowa, a daughter, Lily, on Feb. 7.**

**Troey McCuen** and **Rene Ollena** of Milwaukie, a daughter, **Jenina, on Aug. 3.**

**Dee Jonas** and his wife, **Amy, of Iowa, a daughter, Jordan, on Feb. 7.**

**Steve Tietzes** and **Erin Hewie** Pietras of North Liberty, Iowa, a son, **Henry, on Sept. 23.**

**Andrew Borders** and his wife, **Katy, of Chicago, a daughter, **Maclyn, on March 12.**

**Alicia Crow** and her husband, **Steve, of Lexington, Ky., a daughter, **Vada, on Feb. 4.**

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Evelyn Scott, 83, the wife of Robert E. Scott, died April 27. She was a teacher at Regis High School for 14 years, retiring in 1973. Her husband survives.


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He received his master's in health science from the University of Iowa College of Nursing. He has taught high school life sciences and coached baseball, basketball, and track in Muscatine, Iowa, and retired from Joliet West in 1991. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joy, 1938, of Joliet, IL 60435; three sons, Jed of Dwight, John of Joliet and Jay of Minooka; two daughters, Jo Slowik of Joliet and Jill Stanewich of Chicago, and eight great-grandchildren.

Betty Triby Hopkins, 76, of Cedar Rapids, on March 5. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Thomas Hopkins ’55, 1101 E. Peirce Lane, Pella, IA 50169, three sons, Kevin, Mark and Jon, and one brother, Vernon Hsu. She was a supervisor at Collins Radio.

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"57 David McMiniment, of Vero Beach, Fla., on Dec. 21. She is survived by her parents, Richard and Jan McMiniment, and a brother, Michael.

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50 YEARS AGO

Coe President James Phifer helps Ronald Moon ’62 with his mortarboard before he delivers the Commencement address. Moon retired last year after 17 years as chief justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court.

10 YEARS AGO

Blanked by professors Ken Cook, Herb Wies and Don Lisio, Bob Kehler flies the “Yea Marvin” kite at Commencement in 1986.

SANTA FE, N.M.—psychologist and filmmaker Kevin Kelly ’67 is producing a movie about the life and work of George Henry ’49. During the last week of February, they worked on the Coe campus in a unique collaboration between alumni of different generations. They filmed interviews with many friends and admirers of Henry, and Kelly interviewed and filmed Henry about his early life and family growing up in Cedar Rapids, his World War II years as a B-24 “Liberator” bomber pilot, his 67 years as Coe’s official photographer, his 45 years as a white-water boating, and his “mingling” with the bears in northern Minnesota. Those and many other tales were recorded, including his reflections on life at age 88 years of age.

For Kelly, making films of a biographical nature has been a natural outgrowth of his 40 years as a clinical psychologist. “Now instead of focusing on problems to solve I can enjoy learning about the special stories people have to tell about their lives,” he said. “It was very gratifying to have so many people at Coe step up to help us accomplish this important mission.”

To see the movie trailer and learn about the production process and opportunities to participate, visit www.indiegogo.com/GeorgeHenryMovie.