Having reached the pinnacle as an athlete, coach, and official, J.C. Louderback now enjoys watching his children and grandchildren excel in athletics.

Louderback, who graduated from Arkansas City High School in 1952, joined fellow ACHS tennis teammates Alan Austin and Richard Circle by coming to Arkansas City Junior College, now Cowley College.

Louderback not only played tennis at ACJC, he was also the quarterback for the football team and a guard on the basketball team. He had tremendous success in all three sports.

In tennis, he was a state doubles champion and captain of the team. In football, he was the team captain and named the squad’s Most Inspirational Player, along with being named an all-conference quarterback. He was also the captain of the basketball team, which finished second in the nation in the 1952-53 season.

After ACJC, Louderback spent one semester at Wichita State University before transferring to Southwestern College in Winfield. At Southwestern, he again played three sports. He served as a team captain and was named the Most Inspirational Player on the football and basketball teams. In tennis, Louderback and teammate Garry Hays won a doubles state championship.

After graduating in 1957, he coached Cowley men’s tennis team to state championships in 1957, 1958, and 1959; and led the Tigers to a national runner-up finish in 1958. He was a Master Teacher for Unified School District 470 in 1984, and served as math instructor and boy’s tennis coach for Arkansas City High School for 36 years winning Kansas State team titles in 1989, 1990, and 1991. He was inducted into the Southwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994, was inducted into the Kansas Coaches Hall of Fame for tennis in 1997, and was inducted into the Missouri Valley Tennis Association Hall of Fame in 1998. He was inducted into the first class of the Tiger Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

“I have tried to be a role model to my kids, so the honors are nice,” Louderback said.

He also had a brief four-year stint as ACHS head basketball coach and girls tennis coach, and served as an assistant football coach at ACHS for 22 years.

“My main objective was teaching,” Louderback said. “I really enjoyed teaching. I also enjoyed athletics and thought it was a great way to help kids improve mentally and physically.”

Former Cowley College tennis coach Larry Grose and doubles partner John Guyot were Louderback’s first state champions in 1960. They became back-to-back winners in 1961, winning two regional championships and two Ark Valley championships in the process.

Louderback was voted national high school regional tennis coach of the year twice and Kansas state high school tennis coach of the year four times.

He has spent the summer months serving as the boys tennis coach or supervisor at the Arkansas City
Recreation Center since 1957. He also began officiating football games in 1957 and worked games in the United States Football League, the Big Eight, Conference USA, and the Missouri Valley Conference. He retired from officiating in 1999.

“I had a great experience working as an official in major college football and basketball,” Louderback said. “It was a great run, I miss all the people I was fortunate to work with.”

He also served as President of the Kansas District Tennis Association for 15 years, and spent seven years as the commissioner of the Ark Valley League.

He credits his success to the support of his wife, Donna, who also graduated from ACJC in 1954.

“Without a faithful, hard working wife and mother none of this would have ever happened,” Louderback said.

Together they have two sons and one daughter: Brad, Jay and Jan Krisik. Jan’s husband, Joe, is assistant director of the Arkansas City Recreation Department.

“An inspiration for me was having my children around and wanting to see them succeed,” Louderback said.

His oldest son, Jay, is the head women’s tennis coach at the University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame has captured a dozen conference titles during Louderback’s 17 years as coach and has reached the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament on five occasions.

Jay and his wife, Denise, have one daughter, Bailey, who is a sophomore on the Irish tennis team.

J.C.’s son, Brad, is the head men and women’s tennis coach at Cowley. In his first year as coach at Cowley, Brad led the Tiger women’s tennis team to a seventh place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament.

Prior to coaching at Cowley, Brad led his alma mater Oklahoma State University 1959 Arkansas City Junior College Tennis Team which placed second at the National Junior College Tennis Tournament in Rochester, Minn. Charles Stebbins, Coach J.C. Louderback, George Aleshire, Robert Schooley, and Robert Buzzi.


With Cowley College’s production of “Les Miserables, School Edition”, Oct. 19-22 being such a success, the college’s administration honored those involved with a celebration in the Earle N. Wright Community Room on November 16.

“We are so very proud of you and the hard work you put into the show,” Cowley President Dr. Patrick J. McAtee said. “It was one of the best I have ever seen and was perfection in every way.”

McAtee recognized the cast, crew and directors of the show at the celebration. Each member of the cast and crew received a gift from Dr. McAtee, while the directors received a beautifully framed portrait of the cast and crew.

The show was performed by Cowley students and conducted by Cowley College director of vocal music Connie Donatelli. Cowley College director of theatre and theatrical services Scott MacLaughlin directed the show, while Cowley’s Jamison Rhoads served as the technical director.

Jennifer Blatchford handled the choreography of the show, and Brittany Richerson served as the stage manager.

“It was such a collaborative effort,” MacLaughlin said. “Each person’s commitment is what made this such a success. I am so grateful to our administration for supporting us and allowing us to take risks and do this. This is a testament as to what a group of people can accomplish when they have the same vision and work together.”

Donatelli echoed those sentiments. “I was so proud and lucky to be a part of the show,” Donatelli said. “This will be with us forever. We could not do it without such great people.”

The rave reviews keep on coming as Cowley College’s performance of “Les Miserables, School Edition” sold over 2,000 tickets for the four shows at the Robert Brown Theatre.

“I would like to commend the people that worked so hard on “Les Miserables”,” Cowley College Board member Donna Avery said. “It was a wonderful, professional production.”

The musical takes place in early to mid-19th century France and is based on the novel by Victor Hugo. The musical is operatic in style where everything is sung.

“The show had the finest vocals, acting, directing, stage design of any show ever seen at Cowley,” Cowley College creative director Denise Irwin said.

Winfield Daily Courier Lifestyles Editor Judith Zaccaria claimed Cowley’s performance of Les Miserables was not to be missed.

“Les Miserables,” hits you in the solar plexus and never lets up,” Zaccaria said. “It is a powerful story of injustice redeemed by mercy, hate undone by love. This show enables director Scott McLaughlin, music director Connie Donatelli and technical director Jamison Rhoads to show off the wonders of the Brown Theatre to great effect.”

Connie Donatelli, Scott McLaughlin, and Jamison Rhoads.

Happy 25th Birthday Cowley!
The A cappella group Rockapella had members of the audience screaming for more during their performance November 9 at Cowley College’s Robert Brown Theatre.

The five-man group, which took a break from its world tour with the legendary Boston Pops, wowed the crowd with their incredible vocals as they performed versions of classic tunes “Papa was a Rollin’ Stone”, “Love Potion Number Nine”, “Stand By Me” and “Under the Boardwalk”. They also performed some of their original songs like “Tonight” and “California Sad-Eyed Girl. After returning to the stage for an encore, the group concluded the show by signing one of the fan favorites, “Where In The World Is Carmen Sandiego?”

The Cowley College Singers opened for the group and gave a stellar performance as well. After Rockapella’s first song of the evening, the group’s Scott Leonard took a moment to praise the CC Singers and vocal music director Connie Donatelli for their performance. Along with Leonard, Rockapella is made up of Kevin Wright, George Baldi, John Brown, and Jeff Thacher.

The event was partially sponsored by the Kansas Arts Commission and Home National Bank.

A capacity crowd of Cowley College donors attended the Annual Endowment Association Banquet held November 9th in the Earle N. Wright Community Room. During the banquet, it was announced that the total income to the Endowment Association for the fiscal year was $960,554, including unrealized gains. Total assets as of June 30, 2006 totaled over $3 million dollars, with over $2 million dollars of that amount going towards endowed scholarships. The Endowment Association has paid $2.5 million to the college to help with renovations and construction of new buildings.
Vince Papale, the inspiration behind the movie Invincible, spoke of his rise from a 30-year old Philadelphia Eagles season ticket holder to Philadelphia Eagles football player August 30 in the Robert Brown Theatre, as he kicked off Cowley College’s “Find the Noise” speaker series.

The 60-year old Papale looked and acted as if he could put on the jersey and play for the Eagles this season. In his first public appearance since the release of the film “Invincible”, Papale captivated the crowd during his hour-long presentation. He then took time to sign autographs during a reception held in the Wright Room.

Papale showed up at the workout and ran a world-class time of 4.5 in the 40-yard dash. Coach Vermeil offered Papale a contract on the spot, but the 30-year-old walk-on still had to make the team. Papale overcame tremendous odds to become the oldest rookie in the history of the NFL.

Papale recalled fondly being informed by Vermeil that he had made the team. “That was a validation of everybody telling me that I was too small, that I came from the projects, that my mother was a drug addict,” Papale said.

He eventually became a team captain and played in the NFL for four years. He was voted Man of the Year by the Eagles in 1978, for his many charitable activities and honored by the NFL. His never say die attitude became the inspiration for turning the Eagles into a Super Bowl team.

He spoke of how you have got to seize your opportunities, and referred to a comment Vermeil used to tell the team, “Opportunity is worth to a person exactly what their preparation enables them to make it”. He also told the audience three things they need to have in order to realize their potential. First is, have a game plan; second is, know your opponent; and third is, be the best you can be.

After retiring with the Eagles after the 1979 season he was a TV and Radio broadcaster for eight years. After that Papale entered the world of commercial mortgage banking, which lead to his present position as a Marketing Executive for Sallie Mae.

Papale has served as chairman or co-chairman for various associations including the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans, Spina Bifada Association, Multiple Sclerosis Society and the American Heart Association.

The positive attitude, determination, and work ethic Papale showed as an Eagles player was put to the test five years ago when he found out he had cancer. He is now a cancer survivor and is a national spokesperson for colorectal cancer prevention. “Treat every day as if it is the most important day, because it might be your last,” Papale said. “Be the best you can be physically, educationally, spiritually, and emotionally. If you do that you will fulfill the potential you have to get to that next level.”
Caffé Acoustic
All concerts: 7:30-9 p.m. at Brown's Store, 225 S. Summit St., Arkansas City. Concerts are free.
Jan. 18 — Terri Quiett
Feb. 15 — The Butler Brothers
March 15 — Josh Fleig
April 19 — Jan Hatfield

Cowley Music
All concerts at Robert Brown Theatre
Dec. 6 - Temporal Mechanics Union percussion group, 7 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Christmas Vespers Concert, 2 p.m.
Dec. 12 — Vocal Recital, 7 p.m.
April 12 — Honor Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.
April 24 — Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.
May 3 — Concert Choir/CC Singers, 7:30 p.m.
May 6 — Spring Band Concert, 2 p.m.
May 8 — Vocal Recital, 7 p.m.

Find the Noise Speaker Series
Jan. 25 — Dana Bowman, It’s Not the Disability, It’s the Ability, Robert Brown Theatre, 6 p.m.

Irwin Visiting Artist Series
Dec. 5 — Jo Stealey, artist talk, Wright Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 — Janet Stevens, artist talk, Wright Gallery, 7:30 p.m.

Wright Gallery Shows
Nov. 8-Dec. 19 — Jo Stealey, paper sculptor,
Dec. 5 — Jo Stealey Artist reception, 7 p.m.
Feb. 13 — Janet Stevens Artist reception, 7 p.m.
March 10-April 10 — Prodigy Awards Show, KS./OK. high school art competition. Show opening March 14.
April 10-May 15 — The Majors Show, graduating art and design majors. Show opening April 17.

Entertainment
All at Robert Brown Theatre
April 5 — Thursday Night Live (variety show), 7:30 p.m.
April 26 — Mr. Cinderfella Pageant, 7:30 p.m.

Cowley Theatre
All at Robert Brown Theatre
Dec. 5 — “Big Bad” Children’s Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
March 1-3 — Theatre Department Spring Play (TBA), 7:30 p.m.
May 2 — “Spoon River Anthology”, Act One Players, 7:30 p.m.

women’s tennis team to four straight Big Eight tournament titles from 1985-89. During his four years at the school, he led the Cowgirls to an unbeaten record of 28-0 in Big Eight team matches.

Louderback’s daughter, Jan Krisik, played for Jay at Wichita State. Jan still ranks in the top-10 in career wins for the Shockers women’s tennis program. Her daughter, Kali, now plays for Jay at Notre Dame.

The incredible success of the Louderback family led them to be honored by the USTA in April, 2003 with the Tennis Family of the Year Award, presented to one family consisting of USTA members and volunteers who have excelled in advancing the USTA’s mission to promote and grow the game of tennis both on and off the court.

He also has a grandson, Kyle that plays tight end for the Southwestern Oklahoma State University football team.

Louderback and his wife, Donna, enjoy watching their grandchildren take part in athletics and is proud of what they have accomplished.

“I am always excited when they succeed in things,” Louderback said. “I am fortunate to get to go watch them.”

He also enjoys watching his son Brad’s Cowley tennis teams and all of the Tiger athletic programs.

“We thoroughly enjoy watching athletics at Cowley, Ark City is an exciting place to watch many sports,” Louderback said. “It has been great to see the programs grow and follow the many talented athletes as they go on to compete at the college and pro level.”

Louderback still remains active in the community as he serves as an usher for the First Baptist Church in Arkansas City and helps supervise along with Jan Krisik the Arkansas City Recreation tennis program, which he has been a part of for the past 50 years.

The numerous accomplishments and accolades have never gotten to Louderback’s head, as he is quick to credit others with helping him along the way.

“I have been surrounded by a lot of good people,” Louderback said.
Living out a childhood dream, Cowley College sophomore Brylee Sturd was crowned Queen Alalah LXXV during the coronation ceremony held October 27 at Cowley's Robert Brown Theatre.

Sturd, an Arkansas City native, is the daughter of John and LeeAnn Sturd. Her grandmother, Terry Eaton, mother, LeeAnn Eaton, and aunt, Stacy Eaton Tener, are all former Queen Alalah candidates.

“It is like a dream come true,” Sturd said. “I am going to do my best to be the best Queen Alalah I can be.”

The first runner-up was Jayme Shriver, another Ark City native. The other three candidates were Sarah Aldrich, Patricia Dailey and Tamara McMillan.

The coronation also had performances by the Cowley College Tigerettes, Kristen Boxman and Halston Shaw, the Ark High Singers, Arkansas City High School Jazz Band, Ark City Dance Performance Troupe, and the singing of “Unforgettable” by Jim Pringle.

There was also a video put together by Legleiter Video Productions, which showed portions of previous coronations from 1985 through 2005.

Nick Rogers served as the Master of Ceremonies and introduced the former queens and the visiting queens from surrounding towns in southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma. Rogers also announced that Bill Docking is the 2006 grand marshal.

Dorothy Moore Harbaugh, the first Queen Alalah back in 1928, attended the ceremony and was honored by Rogers. She enjoyed the evening and had some words of advice for Sturd.

“She will love this all of her life,” Harbaugh, who is 95, said. “It is something to be proud of, she will just have to live up to it.”
Having been approved by the Kansas Board of Regents in the spring, Cowley College is now offering a Computer Forensics program in its Business, Computer and Information Technology Department.

The objective of the program is to develop a structured course plan that will provide students a clear, concise, path to prepare for entry into the computer forensics field. The classes provide course work for basic skill sets for introductory level positions in the computer forensics environment.

Hackers, viruses and spy ware all conspire to make digital communications unsafe. Computer Forensics has a two-pronged approach; one is to gather evidence of a crime or an event that is against company policy, on a computer network; and two, recover data that has been accidentally or purposefully damaged. Students enrolled in Computer Forensics will have in-depth knowledge of workstation hardware and software, networks, network security systems and server hardware and operating systems.

Courses being offered in the program include Security Plus classes, Server Plus, Customer Service Skills, Computer Hardware Part One and Part Two, and Networking Plus Part One and Part Two. Individuals can also go on to receive A Plus and Net Plus certification. For more information on the Computer Forensics program contact the Cowley College admissions office at (620) 441-5303.

The annual Puttin’ on the Hits lip-sync contest held September 21 in the Robert Brown Theatre, kept audience members entertained throughout the evening and raised $800 for Cowley College’s Act One Theatre Club.

This is the 17th year of Puttin’ on the Hits. It started in Galle-Johnson in a 208-seat theatre and is now packing the 800-seat Brown Theatre.

Dejon Ewing, Humanities Department chair and emcee for the event, came up with the idea shortly after she arrived as a full-time instructor.

“I love it when the students get to see kids they sit next to in class and teachers up there rapping,” Ewing said. “It breaks down walls and they get to come together and have a great time. You could see the excitement of the students and the support of the audience.”

Cole Mills and Valerie Strickland brought down the house with laughter as they performed to the song “I got a brand new girlfriend.” The duo took home the first place prize of $50.

Aaron Loehr took home second place as he performed Tutti Fruitti. Act One finished third by lip singing “Time Warp”, and Kate Kearns and Chad Law took home the fourth place prize as they lip sang “Elephant Love Medley.”

The traveling trophy for the best performance by Cowley faculty and staff went to the Social Science Department.

During brief intermissions, audience members played a Cowley version of “Name That Tune” for cash prizes.

The three celebrity judges for the event were Cowley President Dr. Pat McAtee, Cowley Board of Trustees member Albert Bacastow, and former Cowley instructor Gene Cole.

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Along with Cowley College career and technical education and engineering students, students and business and industry people from around the area came to hear about a proposed new technical program at Cowley College called Mechatronics, October 17-18 in the Walker Technology Building on the Arkansas City campus.

Mechatronics is the synergistic combination of mechanical, electrical, electronics, information technology and systems thinking, utilized in the design of products and automation processes.

The mechatronics program would provide additional emphasis areas in maintenance and plastics technology. The mechatronics program may be offered at both the Arkansas City campus, Mulvane Industrial Technology Center and other locations within Cowley County.

“The open house was extremely successful because it was attended by a broad number of people,” Cowley College Department Chair of Career and Technical Education Bruce Crouse said. “The response we got from the business and industry people indicates the program is needed and will be a valuable asset in the community.”

The program would be the only one of its kind in the State of Kansas.

Rod Murphy from DEPCO, LLC in Pittsburg, and Tony Oran, the Southeast Regional Manager for FESTO Learning Systems based out of Knoxville, Tenn., were on hand to discuss the proposed curriculum for the two-year program as well as demonstrate the equipment and computer simulation programs the students would be working on in the mechatronics program.

Technical training objectives include the ability to analyze functional relationships in mechatronic systems; manufacture mechanical components; follow information and energy flow in electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic sub-systems; plan and organize work flow; commission, troubleshoot and repair mechatronic systems; and communicate using industrial network protocols, including DeviceNet and Profinet.

The students would start with the instructional materials and then move on to the simulation software applications. After simulating the system building and trouble shooting the system, the students would go on to build the automated system.

“The software is nice because they can do everything they would do on the equipment and verify it just like on a mill or lathe program and then come over and build it,” said Murphy.

There would be three emphasis areas along with mechatronics. The areas would be plastics, industrial maintenance and the food industry.

“We intend to offer classes on demand for business and industry training,” Crouse said.

Mechatronics is one of the fastest growing career fields in the United States and also the fastest growing event at the Skills USA competition.

“High School and college students touring the presentation had a number of questions and became involved with the equipment quickly. This gives me an indication we will see a good response to the program.” Crouse said.
Cowley College’s Susan Norton and Lisa Roberts have teamed up to provide training programs ranging from small business retailers to big business manufacturers.

Norton serves as the college's Dean of Corporate Education, and Roberts is the college’s Director of Business and Industry and Entrepreneurship. Roberts handles the marketing, and economic development and entrepreneurship side of the program, while Norton writes the curriculum and handles the corporate and business training.

“Working together we are able to double our efforts,” Norton said. “We compliment each others strengths and weaknesses.”

The duo conduct an initial conversation with the business and do the groundwork to develop the best solutions for the businesses training needs.

Norton is currently providing custom training for Spirit AeroSystems. Roberts is currently involved in developing a business incubator program designed to serve the needs of smaller businesses in the Cowley area.

Norton targets businesses in Sumner and Sedgwick County, while Roberts works with businesses in Cowley County and Oklahoma. They conduct environmental scans and hope to have electronic newsletters and online polling available in the future.

For more information or to apply for the program, contact Norton at (316) 554-2731 or Roberts at (620) 441-5581.

“If anybody has companies they want us to talk to we are ready and willing to talk to anybody,” Norton said.

For more information visit www.cowleywork.com.

Cowley College’s automotive technology program in Mulvane receives NATEF certification

Cowley College’s automotive technology program, located at the Mulvane (Industrial Technology) Center, recently received certification from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) in all eight areas.

Cowley’s automotive technology program at the Arkansas City campus received NATEF and ASE certification in all eight areas in May.

“We are very pleased to have both sites at Cowley be NATEF certified,” lead automotive instructor at the Mulvane Center Tim Walton said. “This puts us a step ahead of our competition in the area.”

The areas the program received certification in are, engine performance, engine repair, brakes, suspension and steering, electrical and electronics, heating and air conditioning, manual transmissions, and automatic transmissions.

To achieve this coveted recognition the school’s automotive technology program underwent rigorous evaluation by the NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

“The NATEF certification gives our program validation of the quality and excellence of our classroom and lab teaching and learning,” Cowley Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Sheree Utash said. “It also gives our students great value and added benefit as they go into the world of work.”

Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that Cowley College be certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to certifying automotive training programs.

“The students that go through the program with us will be certified in all eight areas with NATEF,” Walton said.

As a result of the quality education provided by Cowley College, the motoring public will benefit due to better repair technicians joining the work force.
Misty Maynard, an adjunct faculty member at Cowley College’s north campus, is the Mary Jane Teall honoree for 2006. While, fellow Cowley adjunct instructor Clayton Crenshaw, who appeared in the production of Charley’s Aunt, which was directed by Maynard, was nominated for the Best Supporting Actor award by the Mary Jane Teall committee.

Maynard and Crenshaw were honored at the Mary Jane Teall Theatre Awards banquet held September 11 at the Cabaret Old Town.

The Mary Jane Teall Theatre awards are given every year. Nominations go towards individuals that have been active in theatres in the Wichita metro area.

Mary Jane Teall started the Wichita Community Theatre and was the artistic director of WCT for 43 years. The little theatre at Wichita’s Century Two is named after Teall.

When Teall died as the result of a car wreck, a group of theatre people in town decided to establish a yearly award ceremony in her honor. This is the 12th year for the awards.

In the past, 23 awards have gone either to Maynard’s theatre, the Kechi Playhouse, or to people who have worked at the Kechi Playhouse.

The Kechi Playhouse is a 100 seat theatre that produces live stage shows from June through October. Maynard has directed all 124 shows that have been done during the 24 years of the Playhouse’s existence.

Maynard, who teaches public speaking, integrated humanities, and general psychology at Cowley, has also directed shows at the Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita Community Theatre, Newman University, the Music Theatre for Young People, and seven shows at the Derby Community Theatre. She also produced a dinner theatre at Old Cow Town, and has written four plays, which have all been produced.

“Being recognized by my peers for the Mary Jane Teall Award makes me feel very special,” said Maynard.

Maynard has taught at Cowley since 1992 and was the teacher of the month for the Mulvane campus in February, 1994.

Crenshaw, who teaches English, composition I and II, and theatre appreciation at Cowley’s north campus, was nominated for the Best Supporting Actor award for his role as the butler, Brassette, in the production of Charley’s Aunt. The show ran 20 times in the month of July at the Kechi Playhouse.

“The character Brassette allowed me to use my talents to create a character that was flexible, and one that I could do a lot of things with,” Crenshaw said. “I also enjoyed working at the Kechi Playhouse because the setting is so intimate.”

Crenshaw, who has taught at Cowley since 2001, has worked with Maynard on several shows.

“I thoroughly enjoy working with Misty and have learned a lot by being in her shows,” Crenshaw said.

Other Cowley instructors who have worked with Maynard are Teddy Barlow, Betty Ross, Laurie Mulford, and Dave Landin, who also does a lot of the set building at the Playhouse.
The Cowley College volleyball team capped another stellar season with a third place finish at the NJCAA Division II National Championships held in Scottsdale, Ariz. Nov. 16-18.

After opening with wins over Hagerstown (MD) Community College (30-16, 30-16, 31-29) and Schoolcraft (Mich.) College (30-23, 27-30, 30-27, 37-35), the Lady Tigers lost to Kishwaukee (Ill.) Community College (30-16, 30-23, 30-24) in the semifinals.

However, Cowley bounced back from the loss to defeat Vincennes (Ind.) University (30-16, 30-23, 30-24) in the third place match played Saturday.

Cowley, which finished as the national runner-up in 2005, ends the season with a record of 30-9. Kishwaukee ended up winning the national championship as they easily defeated Chandler-Gilbert in the title match.

Cowley head coach Joanna Pryor was disappointed the squad fell short of winning the national championship, but felt better in knowing her team lost to the eventual champion in Kishwaukee.

“When I watched the other two teams play I realized third place is not bad,” Pryor said. “The quality of teams at the national tournament was a lot better than last year. Kishwaukee was a phenomenal team.”

Phenomenal can also sum up the play of the seven Lady Tiger sophomores as they combined to go 64-16 over their two years at the school. They also were a part of two Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division championship teams and won two District M titles.

“The sophomores were very successful the last two years and are definitely going to be missed,” Pryor said.

The sophomores are Eliane Domingos, Marina Tosi, Kelsey Talbott, Renee Breckenridge, Ashleigh Hurt, Brooke Brownlee and Stephanie Walcher.
Don Miller

Don Miller was an All-Region VI performer in basketball for ACJC in 1957-1958. Miller was a member of the 1956-57 Tiger basketball team that won the Western Conference, Region VI Tournament, and placed eighth at the national tournament. That 1956-57 squad was the last Tiger basketball team to qualify for the national tournament. The 1957-58 team won the Big Springs (Texas) Invitation Tournament at Howard County College, tied for first in the Western Conference, and placed third in the Region VI Tournament. The teams Miller was on at ACJC combined to go 52-14. As a sophomore, he was named an All-Region VI performer and was named to the All-Star team at the Big Springs Invitation Tournament.

He served as the acting principal at Turkey Creek Grade School in McPherson County from 1963-1967. He then returned to the game of basketball as he coached Inman High School from 1967-71.

In the fall of 1971 he began working for Hutchinson Public Schools in the Special Needs area. In 1974 the Hutchinson School District merged with the five other Reno County School Districts for all Special Education Services. This was known as the Reno County Education Cooperative #610, where Miller was employed as Transition Coordinator until he retired in June 2000. He also farmed 375 acres for 25 years.

Jill Stinson


At Cowley, Stinson was named a two-time All-Region VI volleyball selection. She was also named the volleyball team's Most Valuable Player and team captain during the 1979-80 season. She helped lead the volleyball team to a Region VI championship and a record of 43-9-2 in 1978, and a record of 41-11-1 and a Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division championship in 1979.

In basketball, Stinson was a member of back-to-back Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division championship teams. During her two years, Cowley posted a record of 43 wins and only nine losses. Stinson also played two seasons for the Lady Tiger softball team and helped the 1979 squad post a record of 13-4.

She went on to play volleyball at the University of Kansas and was named the team captain in the 1981-82 season. She has been involved in coaching volleyball since graduating from the University of Kansas in 1982, and guided the Johnson County Community College volleyball team to the NJCAA Division II National Championship in 2005. She was named the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the District K Coach of the Year in 2003.

Stinson also excelled as a player as she had great success playing in the United States Volleyball Association, which is now called USA Volleyball. Her team was the Heart of America Regional Champions 13 times in 14 years (1986-1999). She also was named a First-Team All-American in the USVBA/USA Volleyball Indoor Open National Championships six times, and was named the Most Valuable Player in 1997. In 1998, Stinson played professionally for the Kansas City Lightning of the National Volleyball Association.
Raymond Judd

Raymond Judd had great success as a tennis coach at Arkansas City Junior College as he led the Tiger men’s tennis team to six conference championships in his seven years (1950-56) as head coach. Judd began his career as an educator in Arkansas City in 1936 and coached a pair of high school athletes - Jack Mitchell and Gerald Nold - in 1942 to a state doubles championship. He coached three tennis programs - ACJC, Arkansas City High School and the Arkansas City Middle School - until 1956. In 1956, Judd became the junior high principal, a position he kept until 1972, when he retired.

Through the Salvation Army, he received the Harry Long Award and then the Home Town Hero Award sponsored by Home National Bank. He also served as the grand marshal during one of the Arkalalah parades. The Arkansas City Middle School tennis courts were named after Judd in April 2006.

Travis Hafner

Travis Hafner, an All-American baseball player at Cowley in 1997, has gone on to become one of the best Major League Baseball players in the game. Hafner helped lead the 1996 Tiger baseball team to the program’s first trip to the NJCAA College World Series and a record of 51-13. He followed up the success of his freshman season by leading the Tiger baseball team to the first of back-to-back national championships in 1997.

Hafner, who was named a Third-Team All-American, drove in a school-record 82 runs and helped Cowley to a record of 53-11 in 1997. He still holds the school-record for runs batted in in a season (82), runs batted in in a career (161), doubles in a season (21), and doubles in a career (36).

He was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 31st round of the 1996 amateur draft and signed with the Rangers on June 2, 1997. After one season with the Rangers, Hafner was traded to the Cleveland Indians. In his first four seasons with the Indians, Hafner belted 117 home runs, and drove in 374 runs.

LeRoy Call

LeRoy Call was a multi-sport standout and an All-American football player at Arkansas City Junior College in 1960-61.

Call played football, basketball and ran track at ACJC. As quarterback for the Tiger football team he was an All-Conference selection as a freshman and named an All-American as a sophomore. He was also a two-year letterman in basketball and track, and was the team captain in all three sports during his sophomore season.

Call went on to earn a scholarship to play football at the University of Kansas, but a knee injury ended his playing career during his junior season. Following his junior year, he transferred to Northeastern Oklahoma College, where he earned his degree.

After college, Call spent two years teaching and coaching basketball and baseball at Dooley (Okla.) High School. He also served as an assistant football coach at the school. Call then spent eight years teaching and coaching football, baseball, basketball and track at Copan (Okla.) High School. He also spent time working as a homebuilder and oil producer.
Capping off stellar seasons, the Cowley College women and men’s cross country teams placed fourth and fifth, respectively, at the NJCAA Division I National Cross Country Championships November 4 in El Paso, Texas.

The Lady Tigers, led by Irene Kosgei, Jeniffer Cherono and Ashley Cronin earning All-American honors, claimed their highest national finish in the program’s history. Cowley just missed earning a team trophy given to the top-three schools as they finished two points behind third place Central Arizona and only four points behind national runner-up Johnson County. South Plains (Texas) Community College won the ladies national championship. There were 28 women’s teams at the meet.

“The ladies all ran real hard and did very well,” Cowley head coach Mark Phillips said. “We felt good about what we did, but we would have liked to have come home with a trophy.”

Kosgei (18:31) finished fourth, while Cherono (18:46) and Cronin (19:37) finished fifth and 14th, respectively.

In the men’s race, freshman Daniel Maina began the race in a pack of six runners that went out running at an incredible pace. The group of runners Maina was in ran faster every mile of the five-mile race as they accounted for the fastest national race in the history of NJCAA cross country.

“That men’s race might have been one of the most incredible races I have ever witnessed,” Phillips said.

The pack finally dwindled down to Maina and Central Arizona’s Tyson David at the 4 ½ mile mark, and David had just enough to outlast Maina as he finished with the fastest time in NJCAA history (22:36).

Maina’s national runner-up time of 22:41 also eclipsed the previous fastest men’s time in NJCAA history.

“It was an unbelievable race,” Phillips said.

Freshman Stanley Mugo (24:33) finished 12th and earned NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American recognition, while sophomore Dustin Garcia (25:18) placed 27th and garnered Coaches Association All-American honors.

“We never imagined Dustin would run that fast when we recruited him,” Phillips said. “He went from being the No. 1 guy on last year’s team to being third and really flourished in that role.”

The Tiger men finished three points ahead of sixth place Garden City and six points better than seventh
place Paradise Valley (AZ.). Rend Lake took home the men’s team title as they finished 10 points in front of runner-up Central Arizona.

“I don't know how we could have done any more, that is how good our men ran,” Phillips said.

Cowley loses Dailey from the women’s team and Garcia and Ferrrien Harris (26:38, 85th) from the men’s team.

“Those three put in a tremendous amount of hard work and were key to the team's success,” Phillips said.

With 11 freshman getting a chance to compete at the national championships, the future looks extremely bright for the Tiger cross country teams.

“This sets us up to be even better next year,” Phillips said. “Where we went this year is a testament to what this group of kids has come in here and done.”

Cowley men’s results: (2) Maina, 22:41, NJCAA First-Team All-American; (12) Mugo, 24:33, NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American; (27) Garcia, 25:18, Coaches Association All-American; (50) Mauricio Morales, 25:52; (85) Ferrrien Harris, 26:38; (89) Brett Koehn, 26:41; (144) Gilbert Manzanares, 27:58.

Cowley women’s results: (4) Irene Kosgei, 18:31, NJCAA First-Team All-American; (5) Jeniffer Cherono, 18:46, NJCAA First-Team All-American; (14) Ashley Cronin, 19:37, NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American/Coaches Association All-American; (68) Christy Buller, 20:55; (75) Patricia Dailey, 21:12; (92) Brenna Martinez, 21:40; (127) Bethany Schmidt, 22:38.

Sharing old stories, laughs, and good times, over 100 former Cowley College baseball players got together for the program’s first-ever baseball alumni reunion held October 21 at the Arkansas City Country Club.

The reunion began with an 18-hole golf tournament and finished with a dinner catered by Ponca City’s Head Country Barbecue, and social hour.

“I thought it went really well, especially for the first one,” Event organizer and former Cowley College baseball player Jason O'Toole said. “All of the guys seemed really excited about it and want to do it again.”

Former Tiger baseball coach Rick Holman joined current Cowley coaches Dave Burroughs and Darren Burroughs for the reunion, while players from each of the program’s four decades were represented.

“It was a lot of fun to see those guys that we had not seen in a while,” Cowley assistant coach Darren Burroughs said. “I think it was a success and it was pretty unanimous that the guys want to do it again.”

Bruce Zimmerman, a member of the program’s first two baseball teams (1970-71), teamed with Mark Carvalho, Don Dickson, and Steve Jennings to finish third in the golf-tournament. Carvalho and Dickson were teammates on the 1975 and 1976 Tiger baseball teams, while Jennings played at Cowley during the 1981 season.

The team of Brian Carter (1996-97), Brian Manwell (1996-97) and Laura Manwell won the golf tournament in a tiebreaker over the team of Aaron Sanderholm (1996-97), Justin Helterbrand (1996-97) and Josh Taylor (1996-97).

Carvalho shared the sentiment of many of the former players that attended the reunion. “It was awesome, we are very appreciative to have this put together,” Carvalho said. “We didn’t have the success of the guys in the 90’s, but we still feel like we are an important part of the program’s tradition. Some of the guys from our team have a bond that will last till our dying day.”

Overall, in the 37-year existence of the baseball program, Cowley has a record of 911 wins and 597 losses, including back-to-back national championships in 1997 and 1998.
we heard from

2000’s

Abriel (Lette) Wuellner, Class of 2000, lives in Tonganoxie, KS. She and her husband, Kipp Wuellner, have a daughter, Madelyn Ruth born August 27. She is employed as an administrative assistant and Kipp serves as a youth pastor.

Regina (Mills) Whitson, Class of 2001, lives in Lakin, KS. She and her husband, Kenne, got engaged at Cowley. Kenne is a minister for the Church of Christ in Lakin, as well as head of volunteers for Hospice in Garden City. Regina is a stay at home mother to her two children, Chase 4, and Rebekah eight months. She also volunteers for her community and church.

Janet (Wheeler) Knox, Class of 2000, lives in Kansas City, Mo. She is married to James Knox. She is employed as an RN/BSN at St. Lukes North Hospital in Kansas City.

1990’s

Danielle (Banister) Hollingsworth, attended classes at Cowley in the 1990’s, and lives in Wichita. After Cowley, she graduated from the University of Kansas in 1995, and received her Masters degree from Oklahoma State University in 1997. She is the Director of Graduate School Recruitment for Koch Industries. Her husband, Todd, is employed as a loan officer. The couple has two children, Amanda 4, and Lukas 1.

Kathy (Carpenter) Wirtz, attended classes at Cowley in 1991 and 1992, and lives in Arkansas City. She is married to Doyle Wirtz, who works at the Super Wal Mart in Arkansas City.

1950’s

Robert Fry, Class of 1951, lives in Arkansas City. He was a member of the 1948-49 and 1949-50 ACJC championship tennis teams. He went on to spend 35 years working in the engineering department at Boeing Wichita and Boeing Seattle. He is currently retired.

Naomi (Clark) Goforth, Class of 1951, lives in Salem, Oregon. She and her husband Charles (deceased) were both teachers. She taught preschool/primary deaf children at Oregon School for the Deaf prior to retiring in 1989. The couple have four children and seven grandchildren, and have traveled to many third world countries.

Victor Milam, Class of 1951, and his wife, Louene, live in Del Rio, Texas. He graduated from flight school in 1953 and retired as a colonel after spending 24 years in the United States Air Force. He enjoys woodworking.

Dwane Johnson, Class of 1951, and his wife Geraldine (Bartlett, Class of 1953), live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He retired in 2005 after spending 48 years practicing family dentistry. The couple has three children and eight grandchildren, and enjoy walking, gardening and reading.

Barbara (Ramsey) Newton, Class of 1951, and her husband, Albert (Class of 1951), live in Hutchinson, KS. Barbara spent 24 years as an elementary school teacher, while Albert served as the superintendent of schools at Conway Springs until 1985. She and Albert are retired and enjoy traveling as they have visited all 50 states. The couple has three sons and seven grandchildren.

John Ogren, Class of 1951, and his wife, Santita, live in Tulsa, Okla. He recently retired after spending 26 years as Purchasing Agent for the City of Tulsa. The couple enjoy spending time with their nine grandsons.

Jack Stark, Class of 1951, and his wife (Gail, Class of 1956), live in Moose, Wyoming. He is currently retired. He recalls having dedicated teachers at what was then known as Basement U. His father, Dan, was the basketball coach at Cowley from 1923-43 and 1945-46, and was a chemistry instructor at the school.

Caroline (Hinsey) Applegate, Class of 1951, lives in Griffin, Ga. She is retired and currently serves as the librarian and small group coordinator at the Fayette Presbyterian Church. She enjoys weaving, knitting and embroidering.

Donna Jean (Waltrip) Louderback, Class of 1954, lives in Arkansas City. She married her husband J.C. Louderback (Class of 1954) during her sophomore year at Cowley. She then went to work for the Ark City Motor Company. She then stayed busy raising three children, Jay, Brad, and Jan. She enjoys spending time with fam-
ily, and also playing tennis and bridge. She also loves to cook, and travel to watch her grandchildren take part in athletic events.

Don Shanks, Class of 1956, and his wife, Peggy, live in Arkansas City. He went on to graduate from the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia and was hired as a personnel engineer at Boeing Wichita. He worked at Boeing for 12 years before going into the Insurance Business in 1971. He was President of Allied Agency, Inc. in Arkansas City until merging with United Agency, Inc. in 1986. He stayed with United Agency until retiring in May 2002.

Marlene (Christensen) Absher, Class of 1958, lives in Newkirk, Okla. After Cowley she attended the University of Vermont College of Medicine and is now a retired professor. She is currently doing volunteer work at the Newkirk Library and building a house on her grandfather’s farm that he claimed in the 1893 Cherokee Strip Run. Her husband, Richard, is also a retired professor. The couple have two children, Cynthia 45, and Christopher 42.

1940’s

Lucille (Miller) Fleming, Class of 1942, lives in Adelphi, Maryland. After Cowley, she obtained a bachelor’s degree in Home Economics Department of Family Relations and Child Development from Oklahoma State University in 1944. She obtained a Master’s degree in the same area in 1951. She went on to become a first grade teacher in the Prince George’s County in Maryland until her retirement in 1994. Her husband, Joe (deceased), was the production manager for the Wall Street Journal in White Oak, Md. The couple have a daughter and three sons.

1930’s

Marjorie (Hadley) Benjamin, Class of 1939, lives in Wichita. After Cowley, she married her high school sweetheart, David Benjamin (deceased), who also graduated from Cowley in 1939. The couple have three children, John 62, Tom 57, and Jean 54.

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