Always giving of herself and never asking for anything in return, Betty Joe Fisher, Class of 1941, has helped numerous individuals during her life.

Since graduation from Arkansas City Junior College, Fisher went on to join the Navy's WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) and then spent 39 years as a teacher.

Fisher, who grew up on the oil fields near Arkansas City in company housing, has fond memories of her time at ACJC.

"Most of the teachers were kind and helpful," Fisher said. "I became good friends with many of the student body and continue to keep in touch with some of them. My years at ACJC were the happiest years of my college career."

At ACJC, Fisher played a clarinet in the pep band. The superintendent of schools arranged for Fisher to teach a Business Women's Volleyball class one night a week to help defray her college expenses. A few of the women professors at the college enrolled in the class.

"I became the teacher and they became the students, I loved it," Fisher said.

Fisher recalls Edith Joyce Davis being the girls’ physical education instructor. “She was strict but she was the best,” Fisher said. Fisher returned to Arkansas City when Davis turned 100 years old.

She also has fond memories of helping create a recreation area for the students to enjoy. She helped clean and paint the recreation area, which upon completion would include a phonograph to play records.

“Having a place to call our own was great,” Fisher said. “Free time from class found us in our newly decorated domain, visiting, dancing and recreating us before going to our next class.”

Fisher received her degree from ACJC in elementary education. She enrolled a third year at ACJC, taking mostly teachers’ courses, which would qualify her for teaching.

Mrs. Thelma Hall was in charge of student teachers. Those striving to become teachers were enrolled in an observation class, where they observed classes one week at a time in grades one through six. After the six weeks, the student teachers were assigned to a classroom, teaching the remainder of the semester.

Fisher's assignment was teaching third and fourth grades at Washington School in Arkansas City. After the first day of class, Mrs. Jones, Fisher's student training teacher, repeated to Fisher what she had been told by Mrs. Hall, who had observed Fisher's class from the back of the room.

She said, “Betty Joe is doing well. I have no worries about her approach to teaching.” That was all Fisher needed to hear to realize she was in the right profession.

“From that day on, teaching was a breeze and I had found my nitch,” Fisher said.

However, her teaching career would be put on hold as spurred by the death of a family friend in World
War II, Fisher joined the WAVES, the non-combat women's reserve of the U.S. Navy in 1944.

Fisher's job with the WAVES consisted of doing clerical and secretarial work to make young men available for combat.

The U.S. government campaigned to involve women in the war effort. One year after the WAVES were started by an act of Congress, 27,000 women wore the uniform. Thousands of others joined the “Rosie the Riveter” campaign by going to work in factories.

At the age of 21, Fisher got on a train to go to 12 weeks of “women's boot camp” at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y. This was quite a trip for Fisher considering the farthest she had traveled from home was to nearby Arkansas City.

There were 1,680 women in Fisher’s regiment. Training consisted of physical education and endurance. The rest of the time, the women were tested on Navy history, bookkeeping, finance and other things.

Fisher was ultimately trained in clerical work and sent to Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater for more training. There she learned to play the snare drum and joined the drum and bugle corps.

At Stillwater, she was close enough to catch a “puddle-jumper” train across the border into Kansas to visit her family.

She was eventually stationed close to Virginia Beach at Camp Shelton, where she wrote orders for in-coming and out-going officers.

She left the WAVES in 1946 and became a teacher in Boise, Idaho, where she currently resides in the same home she bought back in 1947.

After receiving her Honorable Discharge from the Navy, she was offered a federal job in Washington D.C., but turned down the opportunity because her first love was teaching. “The pay would have been great, but I have always felt that money is not my priority,” Fisher said. “I love people!”

While in Boise, Fisher had the desire to go to college and earn her B.A. Degree. She applied for a position in the Boise School District and was given a third grade class with 35 students, meaning she would teach during the winter months and attend summer school. She did this for nine consecutive summers before receiving her B.A. Degree from the College of Idaho.

She taught third grade for seven years, and then was offered a girls' counselor position along with teaching physical education in a remedial junior high school. After three years, she was hired as a full time counselor.

Her next goal was to earn her Master's Degree. She worked toward this goal by attending night and summer classes and eventually graduated from Boise State University with a Master's Degree.

Kary Booher, a 1994 graduate of Cowley College, has gone from writing for the Cowley Press to covering the World Series win of the St. Louis Cardinals in last year’s Major League Baseball World Series.

Perfecting his craft as a writer while at Cowley College, Booher went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in journalism at Oklahoma State University in 1997. While at Oklahoma State, Booher served as the sports editor of the Daily Collegian student newspaper.

After graduation, he went on to work at the Topeka Capital-Journal, The Morning Sun in Pittsburg and The Jackson Sun in Jackson, Tenn.

He currently is a beat writer for the St. Louis Cardinals’ Double-A affiliate, Springfield Cardinals, for The Springfield (Mo.) News-Leader. He earned an opportunity to cover the Major League club when they advanced to the 2006 World Series.

“I had clubhouse access and was right there in the champagne celebration, then was interviewing manager Tony La Russa in his office when the World Series trophy was brought in and placed on his desk,” Booher said.

Booher has spent five of the past six years, including the last three in Springfield, Mo., covering Double-A baseball. In covering Double-A baseball, he has the advantage of knowing some of the inner-workings of the organization from the low minors to the major leagues.

Booher believes he owes a lot to Cowley and the mentoring he received from Osterthun.

“It is difficult not to become emotional about Cowley and the mentoring I received from Stu,” Booher said. “The College and Stu provided a foundation for my career, and for that I will always be grateful.”


Booher thoroughly enjoys the opportunity to cover minor league baseball games, but would also like to someday cover major league baseball or NCAA Division I football.

“Covering a Major League team would be amazing, especially if I could begin as the No. 2 guy on the beat,” Booher said. “A lot of that is just from having covered the World Series and the big-league playoffs, plus spring training the past few years. But I also have an eye on covering big-time NCAA Division I football. I saw it done when I was in Tennessee and think I could be successful at it.”

With Cowley College helping him achieve his goal of covering professional baseball teams, Booher hopes to one day give back to the college.

“Someday I would like to contribute financially to the college’s journalism department, or perhaps become an instructor in hopes of giving back what was once given to me,” Booher said. “I’m proud to be a Cowley grad.”
Having researched the paleontology of western Kansas for the past 20 years, Cowley College adjunct instructor Mike Everhart was just the person to help the National Geographic with the production of its IMAX 3-D film titled “Sea Monsters, A Prehistoric Adventure”. The movie will be released in October 2007.

Everhart has been reporting and publishing papers on various paleontology discoveries since the late 1990s. He also has one of the largest paleontology websites on the Internet and features many Kansas fossils: http://www.oceansofkansas.com.

National Geographic contacted Everhart about six years ago and wanted more information about the fossils of these strange creatures, many of which were first discovered in Kansas. Everhart’s 2005 book, “Oceans of Kansas”, helped to catalyze the project.


The documentary for television is on hold while the IMAX movie is in production.

The movie, however, has become a major (multi-million dollar) project.

“I am very happy to be involved as one of the technical advisers,” Everhart said. “My role is to provide information, based on the fossil evidence, of what these creatures would have looked like, and even to some extent, what we believe they were like in life. It has been an interesting project for me because, even though I understand what these creatures were like because I have worked with their remains for many years, conveying that information to director, the actors, the artists and all of the other individuals involved in the production has also been a learning experience for me.

In the process of making them appear real for people outside of paleontology, I have been able to improve my own ideas about them and the way they lived.” Everhart was also able to participate when the “real life” and “historical scenes” were filmed in Kansas last year. Nearly all the scenes were filmed in Kansas. The project is currently in production and Everhart is working closely with the animators to create the best, most realistic views of marine life in the Kansas oceans during the Late Cretaceous (the last part of the Age of Dinosaurs).
The film also highlights several of the discoveries made by the famous fossil hunters from Kansas (the Sternberg family) and shows a lot of beautiful Kansas scenery. The film will follow a curious and adventurous dolichorynchops (familiarily known as a ‘dolly’) as she travels through life’s stages, experiencing the world from her spot near the bottom of the food chain. Along the way, she’ll encounter long-necked plesiosaurs, giant turtles, enormous fish, ferocious flippers crocs, fierce sharks, and the most dangerous sea monsters of all, the mosasaurs. “Sea Monsters” weaves together a series of palaeontological digs from around the globe in a compelling story about scientists working as prehistoric detectives to answer questions about this ancient and mysterious ocean world.

Viewers accompany modern and historical palaeontologists to remote locations as they excavate the remains of some of the most awe-inspiring creatures of all time, and together they’ll discover fossils, which shed light on exactly what happened to the film’s incredible cast of characters.

The film combines the powerful and experiential nature of the giant screen with strong science and educational materials, highlighting the complexity and fragility of life in Earth’s oceans. Merging ultra-high-resolution 3D graphics with National Geographic’s trademark authenticity, compelling imagery and powerful storytelling. “Sea Monsters” is an unforgettable prehistoric adventure.

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J.C. Louderback, a 1954 graduate of Arkansas City Junior College, was selected as the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award. Louderback will receive the award at Cowley College’s commencement ceremony held May 5 in W.S. Scott Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

At ACJC, he was a state doubles champion and captain of the tennis 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 graduating from Wichita State University in 1957, he coached the 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.

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.

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.
Caffé Acoustic
All concerts: 7:30-9 p.m. at Brown’s Store, 225 S. Summit St., Arkansas City. Concerts are fr
April 19 — Jan Hatfield

Cowley Music
All concerts at Robert Brown Theatre
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
May 6 — Spring Band Concert, 2 p.m.
May 8 — Vocal Recital, 7 p.m.

Wright Gallery Shows
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
May 2 — “Spoon River Anthology”, Act One Players, 7:30 p.m.
Robert Brown Theatre

“Big Bad” entertains area children
More than 1,100 area children attended the morning and afternoon presentations of Cowley College's Children's Theatre production of “Big Bad” held December 5 at the Robert Brown Theatre. The children in attendance were from Arkansas City, Winfield, and Ponca City (Okla.) schools. The evening performance, which was open to the public, had more than 220 people in attendance.

The culmination of between 500-600 hours spent writing and arranging the musical, “Children of the Light”, was put on display Dec. 17 as the musical, which was written and arranged by Steve Butler, Cowley director of piano and music theory, took place at the First Baptist Church in Arkansas City.

Butler wrote and arranged the musical as part of his master's thesis project for the Institute for Worship Studies in Jacksonville, Fla. The Cowley Concert Choir performed the musical, which included a live orchestra, monologue and select solos.

“Children of the Light” is not a typical Christmas musical as it is about the birth of Christ and why he came here. The musical puts more of a historical perspective on 

Scott MacLaughlin, Cowley College director of theatre and theatrical services, ran the sound for the musical. Connie Donatelli, Cowley vocal music instructor, directed the choir.

“This was a joint effort from a lot of people,” said Butler, who serves as the music director at First Baptist Church. “It was a joy to do and was exciting to see it all come together.”

Cowley Concert Choir
performs
musical
written
and
arranged
by
Steve Butler

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Dana Bowman, a retired Sgt. First Class, related his harrowing story of how he suffered loss and managed to "climb back up that mountain" during his presentation of "It's Not the Disability, It's the Ability" on Jan. 25 in Cowley College’s Robert Brown Theatre.

Bowman’s presentation was part of Cowley College’s “Find The Noise” speaker series. His talk capped three days of speaking engagements in the Arkansas City community. He also skydived into a few local schools.

Skydiving is a big part of Bowman’s life and always has been. While in the military, Bowman was a Special Forces Soldier and a member of the U.S. Army’s elite parachute team, the Golden Knights. Bowman is a double amputee. He lost his legs in an accident during the annual Golden Knights training in Yuma, Arizona, in 1994.

However, he did not let the accident deter him from achieving his goals. He worked hard, and nine months later, he turned this tragedy into a triumph when he became the first double amputee to re-enlist in the United States Army. This achievement is just one example of Bowman’s many successes under adverse circumstances.

Bowman retired from the United States Army in 1996. He received his bachelor’s degree in commercial aviation from UND Aerospace in Grand Forks, North Dakota in May of 2000.

During his presentation, he showed a video that told of his time with the Golden Knights and also showed other members of the U.S. Army that have lost arms or legs but not let the disability deter them.

He told the audience “everyone has a disability, that disability is focusing on the things you can’t do.”

He told the audience to focus on the things they can do.

“You can recover from anything,” Bowman said. “I wouldn’t change anything that happened to me. I love what I do, I love helping people.”

Bowman spends a great deal of his personal time working with other amputees and disabled or physically challenged people. He also spends time at different military hospitals helping the wounded soldiers during the current world situation. He enjoys visiting patients at numerous healthcare facilities while on the road speaking.

He also flies with one of the biggest manufacturers of helicopters, which is Bell Helicopter Textron, and is working with NASA by giving motivational talks to the astronauts.

He concluded his presentation by thanking the audience and telling them “may all of your days be blue and your nights golden.”
With the number of students attending Cowley College's Aviation Tech Center in Wichita continuing to increase, 15 students took part in the graduation ceremony held Dec. 9 at the training facility.

The program opened with around 40 students in 2004 and has grown to have more than 160 students. The 15 graduates represent the fourth graduating class from Cowley's Aviation Tech Center.

“They have my admiration, many have worked and gone to school full time,” Cowley College Director of Aviation Programs Noel Gary said. “The is a culmination of their efforts.”

The ceremonies were for graduates of the center’s A&P (Airframe and Power Plant) program. In order to graduate from the program students had to comply with the FAA 147 school requirements and have 2,200 contact hours.

Felix Lococo, Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standard District Office Manager, gave the commencement address. Lococo spoke of living a life of integrity and excellence.

“You have had one of the best educations you can have, so go be one of the best Aviation Maintenance Technicians you can be and leave your own foot prints on the sands of time,” Lococo said.

Tim Norton, Sedgwick County Commissioner, Second District, and Pete Gustof, executive director of KTTI, also spoke to the graduates and talked about the proposed Aviation Tech Center, which will be built at Jabara Airport in Wichita.

“We want to congratulate all of you, you are a big part of what we hope to accomplish in the future,” Gustof said. “Aviation had its biggest year ever and next year will be even bigger.”

The majority of the graduates will be working at local aviation manufacturers. The Aviation Tech Center trains professionals in aircraft maintenance for the aviation and other industries.

Pam Doyle, Cowley College Dean of Student Learning, provided the graduates with their certificates during the certificate ceremony. Sheree Utash, Cowley College Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs, gave the closing remarks.

“I want to thank each of you for choosing Cowley College to achieve your education goals and achieve your dreams,” Utash said. “I want to wish you the best in whatever journey your life takes you on.”

Admissions Office extending hours

Cowley College recently decided to extend the Admissions Office hours in order to meet the enrollment needs of the community.

“We have identified a need to offer extended hours to allow folks who work during the day the opportunity to enroll in the evenings,” Director of Admissions Ben Schears said. “We’re excited to offer this service to our community.”

The Admissions Office will be open for enrollment and advising from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Fridays.
Graduation for 11 students in Cowley College’s Mobile Intensive Care Technician (paramedic) program was held January 26 in Cowley’s Earle N. Wright Community Room on the main campus in Arkansas City. The program, which finished on December 15, completed the AAS degree requirements for these graduates.

The following are the graduating members of the daytime class of 2006: Jenni Leis, Rose Hill; Kevin Leis, Rose Hill; Amber McMonigle, Wichita; Jose Moreno, Wichita; Luke Rivera, Mulvane; Brian Schmidt, Moundridge; Deb Shrewsbury, Clearwater; Gabrielle Simon, Clearwater; Sarah Stephenson, Wichita; Echo Vaden, Dexter; and Tara Wittsell, Wichita.

The evening began when Slade Griffiths, Allied Health Department Chair, issued the welcome and discussed the education the graduates received while in Cowley’s program. Griffiths praised all of the people involved with the program and singled

Pictured are, from left, Echo Vaden, Tara Wittsell, Sarah Stephenson, Slade Griffiths, Amber McMonigle, Gabrielle Simon, Deb Shrewsbury, Luke Rivera, Kevin Leis, Cindy Branscum and Jose Moreno. Not pictured are Jenni Leis and Brian Schmidt.
Four members of the Cowley College choir were recently named to the American Choral Directors Association Two-Year College National Honor Choir and performed at the ACDA National Convention held March 7-10, 2007 in Miami, Fla.

Nathan Holcomb, Trevor Whitsitt, Sarah Richardson and Heather Bailes each auditioned and were selected to the National Honor Choir. All four are music majors at Cowley and members of the CC Singers.

This marks the first time that Cowley has had members of its choir take part in a national convention. “It is a big honor, I am very proud of these four students,” Cowley director of vocal music Connie Donatelli said. The concert took place in the Jackie Gleason Theatre of the Performing Arts in Miami, Fla.
Recognized for her work with area businesses, Lisa Roberts, Cowley College director of business and industry, was recently honored with the Outstanding New Community Builder award for 2006 at the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual banquet.

The award is given to someone that is relatively new to the business community and has had an enormous amount of impact in a short amount of time.

Roberts was the unanimous selection in voting done by the past seven Chamber Board Presidents.

“Lisa has made a significant impact with the amount of businesses she has worked with,” President of the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce Lonnie Boyd said. “She has had a huge impact...”
Beginning this fall, Cowley College will offer an online associate of general studies degree program in Leadership (EMS emphasis). Each online class will be taught over eight weeks instead of the normal semester.

The degree program in Leadership (EMS emphasis) is designed to provide a conceptual framework for individuals to facilitate the implementation of successful leadership practices in EMS organizations. Topics such as leadership styles, organizational leadership and financial management provide a better understanding of the necessary components that form a successful EMS organization, and how individuals at all levels of the organization can be responsible for positive organizational change.

About a year ago, Slade Griffiths, Cowley's Director of EMS Education and chair of the Allied Health Department, was contacted by members of the Kansas Board of EMS, who asked if Cowley would consider developing an EMS leadership program.

Griffiths discussed the idea with the Cowley EMS Advisory Committee and decided to start the development process. Chris Cannon, one of two Lead MICT Instructors in the Allied Health department, was a natural for developing this degree because of his MS in Leadership from Southwestern College.

Griffiths and Cannon talked about the concept for several months and then met with others at the college, in particular, Bev Grunder, Sue Saia, Susan Norton and Sheree Utash, who provided guidance and suggested courses.

At some point, they realized the degree would actually benefit students in other fields and made a decision to design the course with eight core leadership classes (24 credit hours) and three EMS specific classes (nine credit hours).

This design allows others at the college to offer the eight core leadership classes and three other discipline-specific classes to meet other industry and community needs.

"We believed that flexibility was truly needed," Griffiths said.

Cannon developed most of the course procedures and the degree requirements. He is happy to see the program become a reality.

"I'm very excited that Cowley is adding this program," Cannon said. "The help and support I received from Slade, Bev, Sue, Susan and Sheree was exceptional and integral to the success of the program. It will be very beneficial for leaders within the EMS profession, and within other industries as well. After completing the program, learners will be well prepared to face the many complex issues that are confronting leaders today."

Griffiths was quick to praise the work Cannon did.

"I am proud of Chris who ran with the idea, quickly found his vision and was able to develop a new degree that would benefit many students and organizations," Griffiths said.

Both Cannon and Griffiths spent several long nights working on the project, which Griffiths found enjoyable.

"As I was working on it, I kept telling myself that the development of this degree was exactly why I wanted to work in academia – it is something I truly love," Griffiths said. "For me, the development and implementation of new things is a real joy."
Several members of the Cowley County community came out to show its support for the Center for Technical Excellence in Winfield during a ribbon cutting ceremony held on January 30. The center, located at 1108 Industrial Road in Winfield, was created thanks to a partnership between Cowley College and the Winfield Economic Development Incorporated.

Rodger Steffen, President of Winfield Economic Development Incorporated, which owns the building and made the arrangements to provide the lease to Cowley College and the various other entities that will be involved in the project, is excited about the partnership. Steffen said when manufacturers came together in several meetings over the last couple of years it was obvious there was a need in the community and county that was not being met in terms of training.

“Cowley College really deserves a lot of credit for coming to the table and bringing this to reality in a very short time,” Steffen said. “The demands were there and Cowley among others really stepped up. Sandy Randel and Bruce Crouse put in a tremendous amount of work and they are the ones who have built the program.”

Crouse serves as Cowley College’s Chair of Career and Technical Education, while Randel is the coordinator for the Career and Technical Education Department.

Cowley will teach a series of courses with the Manufacturing Business Skills certificate program. Cowley will also launch its new Mechatronics program in the fall, which will give students skills on how to repair automated systems.

Cowley received a $125,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce to help launch the program. Cowley also has plans to write an Innovative Technology grant this spring to try and secure additional funds for the program.

Crouse was pleased with the turnout at the ribbon cutting ceremony. “It’s overwhelming to see the turnout and interest for the Mechatronics program and the interest in developing the plastics industry in the community,” Crouse said. “We are seeing support from all sides of the community, not only plastic manufacturers, but other manufacturers in the community are supporting the Mechatronics program because it supports their areas as well.” Everyone agreed there is a real need to get qualified workers for industry in Cowley County.

Cowley College is also working with Winfield High School to bring in Project Lead the Way students, which is made up of high school students interested in engineering. “I see that as an advantage to the high school and it will also help our program long term to get more of those students,” Crouse said. Marvin Estes, superintendent of schools in Winfield, has been involved in a lot of partnerships in several different districts. He feels strongly about this partnership. “The one that is strongest about this partnership is the involvement of industry,” Estes said. “I think that is the key. If you can get industry to benefit, then schools and colleges can form a stronger partnership. This is a serious partnership and I feel great about it.”
Lisa Roberts, Cowley College director of business and industry, is excited about what this means in terms of promoting economic development in the county. “Not only does it reflect our commitment to make sure we are providing industry driven solutions with education, but also pulling education and training together to make sure it facilitates overall opportunities for economic development,” Roberts said. “Who knows what will spring out of here, with the minds of the high school students and current employees given an opportunity to let loose with the tools in front of them, the possibilities are endless.”

Warren Porter, Jill Long, Craig Duncan and Stan Ahlerich join Steffen on the Winfield Economic Development Board. The board is looking forward to the future of the Center.

“This is just the beginning, but as we continue to add to it we hope it develops into a true Center for Technical Excellence, which combines a number of different things together,” Steffen said. “To promote entrepreneurship, quality workforce, and great new ideas that come out from individuals working toward a common goal of providing employment and wealth in the county.”

Cowley Athletics

WOMEN’S INDOOR TRACK

Led by nine conference champions and five Region VI champions, the Cowley College women’s indoor track and field team won its first ever Region VI Indoor Championship and defended its Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division Indoor title February 24 at Kansas State University’s Ahearn Fieldhouse in Manhattan.

Cowley finished eight points better (191-183) than second place Butler County in the region and an eye popping 161 ½ points better than second place Johnson County in the conference.

The Lady Tigers capped their stellar indoor season by finishing third in the nation at the NJCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships in Lubbock, Texas. Sophomore Tamara McMillan was the national champion in the weight throw, while Kelsey Poljansek (second in shot put) and Angela Welch (second in pole vault) earned NJCAA All-American honors.

Mark Phillips was named the NJCAA Women’s Indoor Track and Field Head Coach of the Year, while Lady Tiger assistant coach Ryan Turner was named NJCAA Women’s Indoor Track and Field Assistant Coach of the Year.

MEN’S INDOOR TRACK

Battling illness and injury, the Cowley College men’s track and field team finished second in the conference and third in the region at the NJCAA Region VI/Jayhawk Conference Indoor Championships held February 24 at Kansas State University’s Ahearn Fieldhouse. The Tigers had six conference champions and four region champions at the meet. The Tiger men capped their season with a fifth place finish at the NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Lubbock, Texas.

Daniel Maina finished as the national runner-up in the mile run (4:11.42), 3,000-meter run (8:24.73), and 5,000-meter run (14:39.57) and was named an NJCAA All-American in each event.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

The Cowley College women’s basketball team finished second in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division with a record of 14-4. After beating Pratt 77-63 in the first-round of the Region VI Tournament, the Lady Tigers had its season come to an end with a hard fought 62-57 loss to Butler Community College at Wichita State University’s Koch Arena.

Cowley finished the season with a record of 20-12. Ashley Cole was named a first-team all-conference selection, while Brittany Wilson was named a second-team all-conference performer. Crysta Glenn was an honorable mention selection.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

In a game that summed up the Cowley College men’s basketball season, the Tigers fought until the very end but came up just short as they had their season come to an end with a 71-69 loss in the first-round of the Region VI Tournament played March cont. on page 16
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7 in Garden City. Cowley finished with a record of 16-15 overall and 10-8 in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division.

Sanijay Watts capped his strong freshman campaign by being named a second-team all-conference selection. Watts led Cowley in scoring at 16.5 points per game, and averaged 20.1 points per game in conference play.

Following the loss to Garden City, head coach Brian Jackson announced his resignation after spending the past two years as head coach of the Tigers. Prior to becoming head coach at Cowley, Jackson had spent the previous five years as the team’s assistant coach. In two years as head coach of the Tigers, Jackson compiled a record of 32-31, including a 20-16 mark in Kansas Jayhawk Eastern Division play. He helped lead Cowley to a record of 139-85 during his seven years with the men’s basketball program.

BASEBALL

Losing just two position players to graduation, the Cowley College baseball team returns a veteran group for the 2007 season. The Tigers, who finished the 2006 season with a record of 36-22 overall and 24-12 in the Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division, return 13 players from last season’s squad. With so many returning players to go along with a solid freshman class, the Tiger baseball team entered the 2007 season ranked eighth in the NJCAA preseason baseball poll.

The Tigers opened the season with a 10-6 win over Northern Oklahoma College on Feb. 20 and followed it up with a 9-8 win over Hutchinson in its home opener. They were 7-6 overall as of March 12.

SOFTBALL

It’s tough to replace a two-time All-American (Ashly Bright) that holds 23 school records, so Cowley head softball coach Ed Hargrove decided he would need more than one player to help make up for the loss of former Lady Tiger standout Ashly Bright.

Now that Bright has moved on to play for Wichita State University, three freshmen pitchers will anchor Cowley’s pitching staff. Freshmen Ashton Kistler from Udall High School and Heather Davis from Fort Scott High School finished their high school careers as two of the state’s best all-time pitchers. While, Kara Crapse, a freshman from Owasso (Okla.) High School, rounds out the talented trio.

With seven returning sophomores and 11 talented freshmen, the Lady Tiger softball team was ranked 10th in the NJCAA preseason softball poll. Cowley has gotten off to a fast start as they won 10 games in row and posted a record of 12-3 as of March 12.

MEN’S TENNIS

With only one returning player from a year ago, the Cowley College men’s tennis team will rely on newcomers to help them achieve success in the 2007 season.

The Tiger men’s tennis team, which is ranked seventh in the pre-season poll, just missed qualifying for the national tournament last season and hopes to return to prominence in head coach Brad Louderback’s second year at the helm. Brian Cross, who was a member of last year’s team that finished one half point from qualifying for the national tournament, is the squad’s lone returning athlete.

Losing so many players from last year’s squad, Louderback worked hard to bring in some talented tennis players. Freshmen Richard Filkuka from the Czech Republic and Diego Motivar from Bogotá, Columbia, will be expected to have big seasons for the Tigers as they are each ranked in the top-20. Filkuka is ranked fifth, while Motivar is ranked 17th. The duo is ranked eighth in doubles.

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Having two of the top-five junior college tennis players in the country on its team, along with adding another player that has the potential to be ranked in the top-10, the Cowley College women’s tennis team has a lot to be excited about in the 2007 season.

Lady Tiger head coach Brad Louderback hit the recruiting trail hard and landed some talented recruits. He landed several skilled players including Kasia Siwosz from Pabianice, Poland, Carolina Poriskova from the Czech Republic, and Maricel Quintero from Bogotá, Colombia.

The Lady Tigers, which are ranked fifth in the preseason tennis rankings, have two of the top-five junior college tennis players in the country in sophomore Hanane Toumi and freshman Kasia Siwosz. Siwosz is the No. 1-ranked junior college tennis player in the country, while Toumi is ranked fifth. The duo is also the No. 2-ranked doubles team.

The Cowley women won its first five matches of the season before losing to Drury College on March 10.
2000’s

Melodie (West) Brunell, Class of 2004, and her husband, Frederick, live in Prairie Village, Kan. The couple have one child, David 2, and are expecting their second child. Melodie works as a sales director at Legacy Christian Church, while Frederick is an engineer for KCTV Channel 5.

1990’s

Carrie (Froelich) Petruncola, Class of 1997, and her husband, Alex, live in Olathe, Kan. The couple have a daughter, Taryn Alyssa, that was born Nov. 27, 2006. Carrie serves as an educational consultant, while Alex is a recruiter.

1980’s

Daniel Woodsmall, attended Cowley in 1986, lives in Overland Park, Kan. He and his wife, Cheri, have four children, Ashley 16, Madison 15, Taylor 7, and Morgan 4. The former member of the Cowley baseball team teaches in the Kansas City (Mo.) school district.

Deedra (Humiston) Bostick, Class of 1982, and her husband, Darrin, live in Oak Harbor, WA. Bostick is in the process of obtaining her bachelor’s degree in business administration from the American Military University, and currently serves as a shipping department head at Upchurch Scientific, Inc. Her husband, Darrin, is a chief in the U.S. Navy.

1950’s

Rex Marsh, Class of 1956, and his wife, Ella, live in Arkansas City Kan. The couple have three children and three grandchildren. He went on to graduate from the University of Arkansas in 1958 and returned home to Arkansas City to go into business with his father. He operated the business, M&S Transport, Inc., until retiring in 1999.

Jackson Hummingbird, Class of 1956, and his wife, Mary, live in Arkansas City, Kan. The couple have three daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He worked for the Boeing Company in Wichita, KS., for 38 years. He currently serves as the Chief Elder of the Cherokee Elders Council. He enjoys collecting a number of things, but his main interest is in collecting Aladdin kerosene mantle lamps, primarily the 1930’s and 1940’s colored glass lamps.

Howard Gray, Class of 1955, and his wife, Lois, live in Pratt, Kan. The couple have two daughters, Kim and Vicki. Gray played basketball at ACJC his freshman year and until he suffered a knee injury as a sophomore. He went on to receive a Bachelors and Master’s degree from Emporia State University. He later served as the Superintendent of Schools at Southwestern Heights for 15 years, and Superintendent of Schools in Pratt for 18 years. He served as the President of the Kansas Association of School Administration in 1977-78. His wife, Lois, is a former Kansas Master Teacher. Gray is currently retired, but enjoys part-time work with Newman University as an area supervisor for student teachers.

John Lang, Class of 1956, and his wife, Joleen, live in Wamego, Kan. The couple have a daughter, Jill Kay Gobble, and a son, Jeffrey Lang. Lang has served as the sole practitioner of law in Wamego since 1962. He served as the Pottawatomie County Attorney from 1967-1970 and was the Pottawatomie County Counselor from 1977-2002 when he retired from county employment. He remains in private practice and as a general counsel and director of First National Bank of Wamego and general counsel for Wamego Telephone Company, and Wamego Telecommunications Company. He enjoys to golf in his free time.

Lyle Anstine, Class of 1954, and his wife, Norma, live in Hutchinson, Kan. The couple have eight children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Anstine retired from Hutchinson Public Schools after 34 years as a paid employee and six years on the Board of Education. He currently serves as the President of the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System, and is a volunteer at Hutchinson Hospital and many other organizations.
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Mary (Bradley) Worley, Class of 1955, and her husband, Burl, live in Orcutt, Calif. She retired from teaching in 2000 after spending 35 years as a Supervisor/Instructor at the Business Skills Lab at Allan Hancock Community College. She and her husband, Burl, enjoy spending time with their four year old granddaughter.

Phyllis Nichols, Class of 1955, lives in McAlester, Okla. She married her late husband, Charles Nichols, who also graduated from ACJC in 1955. The couple later graduated from Kansas State University and moved to McAlester, Okla. when Charles began working at the Naval Ammunition Depot. Phyllis worked at McAlester (Okla.) General Hospital and is now a self employed dietitian. The couple had a daughter, Linda, and a son, Steven. Phyllis went back to school and graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2000 at age 65 with a Master of Science degree in Nutritional Sciences. She enjoys spending as much time as possible with her four grandchildren.

Dorothy (McFarland) Kivett, Class of 1955, and her husband, Howard, Class of 1957, live in Fort Scott, Kan. The couple married in San Salvador, El Salvador, where Howard was teaching. After having two children, Dorothy finished her degree (MA) at Pittsburg State University. She went on to teach English at Fort Scott High School for 19 years, retiring in 1997. Dorothy accompanied Howard to England in 1986 where he taught in a Fulbright Exchange program. Dorothy enjoys traveling, church work, gardening, canning, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Clifford Helms, Class of 1955, and his wife, Iva, live in Derby, Kan. The couple have four children, Marc (deceased), Neville, Monte, and Clayton. They also have 10 grandchildren. Clifford worked in retail management and was a Regional Manager with oversight of 109 discount stores. He also has invested in agriculture land, rental properties and other properties. He is currently retired from Metal Fab Inc. and serves as an Elder in his church. The couple loves to spend time with their grandchildren. Clifford will never forget the great people, both educators and students at Cowley.

Harry Diamond, Class of 1955, and his wife, Paula, Class of 1955, live in Cinnaminson, New Jersey. Harry went on to graduate from Shippensburg University in 1957 and spent 34 years teaching junior high social studies and math. The couple have four children and six grandchildren.

Joyce Clark, Class of 1955, lives in Summerfield, NC. She has three children, Clayton Lewis, Lauren Ledford, and Carlon Chumley. She spent 23 years working at Sears and has spent the past 12 years working for the Center for Creative Leadership. She served as the CCL Program Assessments Manager before becoming a part-time employee six years ago.

Duane Roger Bowser, Class of 1955, and his wife, Janice, live in Newkirk, Okla. In 1955, he teamed with Berklie Perico, Rex Marsh, and Dale Evans to win the State JUCO Golf Tournament. He was also a member of ACJC’s choir. He remembers all of the fine teachers at ACJC, especially L.A. Chaplin.

Dr. Marlene (Christensen) Absher, Class of 1958, and her husband, Richard, live in Newkirk, Okla. The couple have a daughter, Cynthia, and a son, Christopher. Both are retired professors. Marlene is doing volunteer work at the Newkirk (Okla.) Library, and the couple are building a new home on Marlene’s grandfather’s farm that he claimed in the 1893 Cherokee Strip Run.

Ronald Mickley, Class of 1956, and his wife, Pauleta, live in Springfield, Mo. After ACJC, he went on to graduate from Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo. in 1960, with a BA in Biblical Studies. He has served 45 plus years in pastoral ministry in Kansas, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Missouri. Currently, he and Pauleta are assisting part time as music and worship pastors’ at Grace Assembly of God in Springfield.

1930’s

Ken Engleman, Class of 1933, and Waneta Engleman, who attended one year at ACJC, live in Bartlesville, Okla. The couple began their 69-year romance at ACJC in 1933 and have three children, Joe, John, and Jan. Both are retired as Ken spent 40 years working for Phillips Petroleum and Waneta spent 16 years teaching ninth grade social studies.
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