



## National recognition accorded ex-Trojans

Several former athletes at Colby Community College are receiving national recognition in their respective sports.

Sara Wells who ran both cross country and track at Colby Community College from 1997-99 and became a Junior College All-American, is receiving a great deal of national press. She won the 26.2 mile U.S. Women's Marathon last year and qualified for the Olympic trials held recently in St. Louis.

The Salina native finished seventh in the marathon trials, setting a personal record with a time of 2 hours, 33 minutes, 15 seconds. Although she did not qualify for the Olympics in Athens, recent information indicates she plans to continue training and compete for a spot on the 2008 Olympic team.

Daniel Cormier, who led the Trojans to the 1999 NJCAA team

championship, has held the #1 spot on the U.S. World Freestyle team for the past 18 months. He won the U.S. Open last year, the Pan Am Games, was fifth in the World competition in September and third in a recent prestigious Russian tournament.

The final trials are to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., May 20. Many wrestling authorities believe Daniel has an excellent chance to occupy the 211.7-pound position on the U.S. Olympic team. Cormier wrestled for Oklahoma State after winning two NJCAA championships while at Colby Community College. He currently lives and trains in Stillwater, Okla., and represents the Gator Club of Stillwater.

Matt Murray, who wrestled for the Trojans as a freshman, recently competed in the NCAA national tournament in St. Louis where he finished second in the 141-pound weight class. Murray is a member of the University of Nebraska squad.

Another familiar name to wrestling fans in Colby is David Dyke. Dyke helped the Trojans finish second in the national tournament last year in Rochester, Minn., where he finished 1-2 at 125 pounds.

However, he is not receiving recognition for wrestling but rather for his rodeo skills. The Freemont, Iowa native was also a member of the Colby Community College rodeo team and is currently ranked fifth in the World Standings in the PRCA.

Another former rodeo member, Chancey Larson from Manhattan, is ranked eighth in the World Standings in the PRCA.



Wells



Cormier



Dyke

## Hansen scholarships awarded nine students

Nine Colby College students were recently notified that they were selected to receive Dane Hansen Community College Scholarships. The \$2,000 scholarship awards for 2004-05 are renewable for one additional year upon completion of satisfactory work as evaluated by the scholarship committee. To be eligible for renewal, the student must have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Ten scholarships were available for Kansas community college graduates planning to continue their education at a four-year Kansas college or university.

"Applicants must be graduates of a high school in the designated 26

counties of northwest Kansas, have completed college work with a 3.0 GPA or better and exhibit good character and leadership qualities," said Colby Community College transfer and articulation specialist Linda Nelson.

"The application included letters of recommendation and a personal essay," Nelson said.

Colby College students selected to receive a \$2,000 award were Seth Albin (Quinter), Brian Coon (Goodland), Shanda Draper (Colby), Jamie Dunn (St. Francis), Elyse Molstad (Oakley), Casey Morris (Hoxie), Ashley Stevenson (Selden), Meredith Trexler (Hill City) and Jeffrey Wessel (Dresden).

## Ancient hunting weapon demonstrated

Linda Davis-Stephens' World Geography class had an opportunity recently to see and experience the use of an ancient hunting weapon. Dr. Donna Roper, a well-known archeologist who teaches at Kansas State University, demonstrated the use of the atlatl to the class and community members.

The atlatl, essentially a spear-thrower, was developed in Europe more than 30,000 years ago, and in North America about 12,000 years ago. By comparison, the bow and arrow first appeared here only 2,000 years ago.

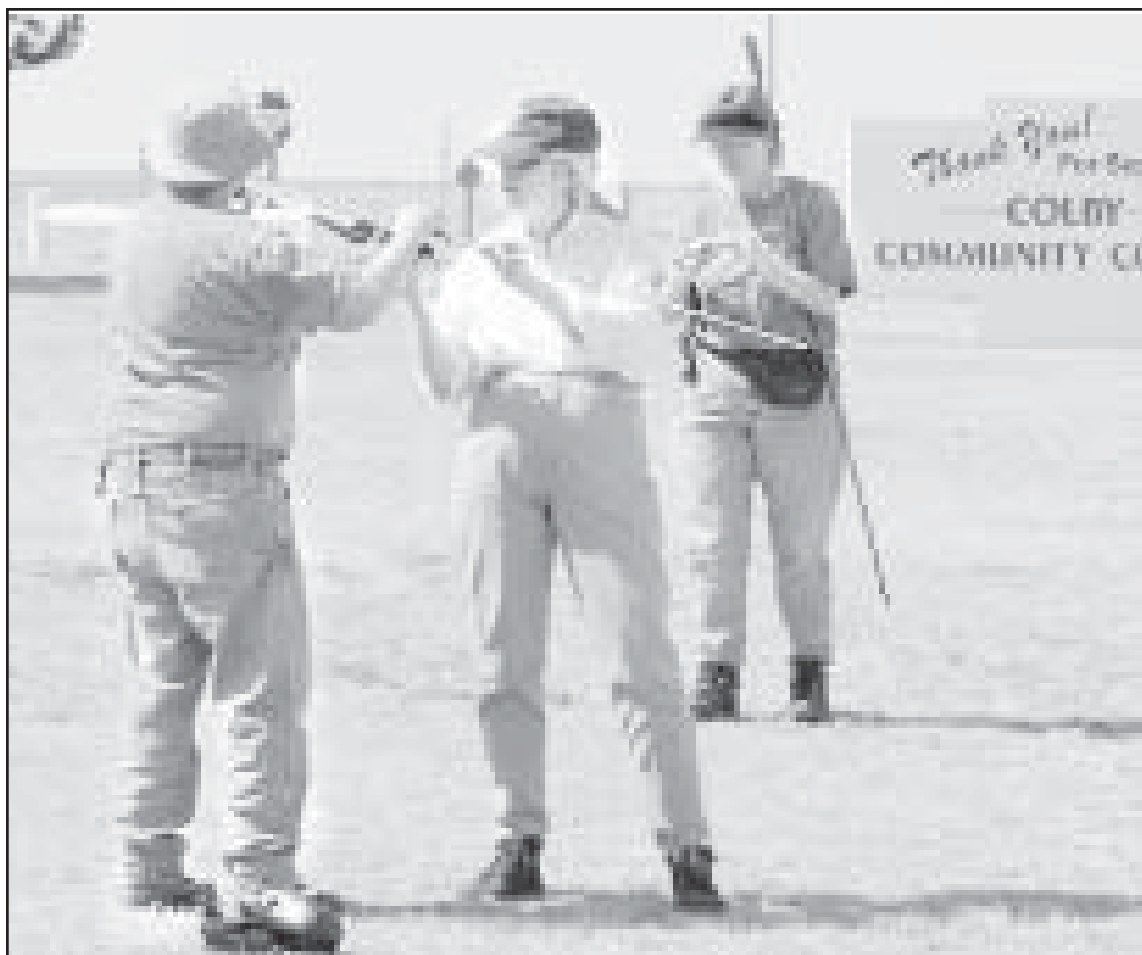
Today there is resurgent interest in atlatl for sport and hunting. Roper competes in atlatl competitions held in conjunction with archeology site surveys. She was traveling to Colorado to complete a site survey prior to stopping in Colby to be a guest lecturer.

The atlatl throwing board consists of a stick about two feet long, with a hand grip at one end and a "spur" at the other end. A fine-tuned atlatl can be used to throw a dart 120-150 yards, with accuracy at 30-40 yards.

Longtime Colby resident Nancy Arendt assisted with the demonstration. She is currently working to organize a local archeology group. For more information about the local organization, contact Arendt at 460-6653.

Arendt participated in her first official archeological dig in Morland in 2002.

"I was always interested in arche-



Dr. Donna Roper demonstrated the correct method to throw the atlatl to Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens. Local archeology enthusiast Nancy Arendt is watching in the background.

ology," said Arendt. "I took a class during the morning and was helping at the actual dig site that afternoon. I'm hooked now. It is a fun and educational experience for all ages." A field school and dig is be-

ing planned near Lindsborg by the Kansas Anthropological Association and Kansas State Historical Society for June 5-20. Cost to participate in the dig is \$50.

Classes will be available through

Emporia State University.

For more information about the field school and dig, contact Arendt or public archeologist Virginia Wulfkuhle at (785) 272-8681 or [vwulfkuhle@ksks.org](mailto:vwulfkuhle@ksks.org).

## College readies for *Ring Round the Moon*

*Ring Round the Moon*, written by Jean Anouilh and adapted by Christopher Fry, will be presented by the Colby Community College drama department April 22-24 in the Cultural Arts Center.

The play is a charade that takes place in Madame Desmortes' winter garden during the 24-hour period surrounding a ball. Hugo and Frederick are identical twin brothers. Frederick's engagement to spoiled rich-girl Diana is to be announced at the ball, but Hugo brings in a "ringer," the lovely Isabelle, to make Frederick question his love.

Hugo's game ends up affecting several others at the ball. Love tri-

angles, secret desires and character's games and motivations are exposed by the play's end.

Ballroom dancing, choreographed by Linda Taylor of Colby, is featured during Act II.

"The play is suitable for all age groups," according to director Deb Bickner. "The comedy is witty but understandable; the characters are interesting and appealing. This is truly a fun show you won't want to miss."

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, and Friday, April 23. A matinee performance is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at 3 p.m. All performances will be held

in Frahm Theatre in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are available in advance at the Campus Bookstore beginning April 13.

Members of the cast are: **David Zordel** (Ransom) as Joshua, **Greg Pollmann** (Stratton, Neb.) as Hugo and **Frederic, Amber Staats** (Colby) as Diana Messerschmann, **D.J. Langdon** (Leoti) as Lady India, **Bryan Stephens** (Jennings) as Patrice Bombelles, **Sadie Gleason** (Wright) as Madame Desmortes, **Angela Carriker** (Atwood) as Capulet, **Andrew Atkisson** (Stockton) as Messerschmann, **Drew Carriker** (Atwood) as

Romainville, **Jessica Spoo** (Frankfort, Neb.) as Isabelle, **Sara McDonald** (WaKeeney) as Isabelle's mother, **Brent McCoy** (Colby), **Tina Schmid** (Colby) and **Jenn Wilson** (Colby) as dancers.

Students involved in the technical side of the production are **Kayla Williams** (Goodland), **Anthony Anderson** (Alma, Neb.), **Jami Moulton** (Alma, Neb.), **Randy Liberda** (Hallein, Australia), **Gene Carriker** (Atwood), **Drew Lambert** (McCook, Neb.), **Kayla Fisher** (Plainville) and **Tucker Sexson** (Weskan).

For more information contact Deb Bickner at 462-3984, ext. 300.

## Another year, another award for this group

For the ninth year in a row, the Future Teachers Organization at Colby Community College has been awarded a State Chapter Excellence Award. The group, which recently changed its name to KNEA-SP Colby (SP stands for student program), was also asked to send its entry to the National Assembly which meets in July for con-

sideration of a National Chapter Excellence Award.

The organization also received recognition for a CLASS grant project. The KNEA awarded Colby a \$300 grant for the "Big for a Day" project with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

The award was accepted by Lonnie Phifer (Goodland), Melissa

Augustine (Colby) and Stephanie Oelke (Hoxie) at the Spring Representative Assembly held April 2-3 on the Emporia State University campus.

Oelke was recently elected to be the Colby KNEA-SP president for 2004-05.

Carolyn May is the sponsor for the group.

## This *Moo* might be just for you

What do a state university, eccentric faculty and administrators, partying students, and an unauthorized hog add up to? *Moo*, by Jane Smiley, a novel rich in dark comedy and satire.

Smiley's novel centers around a fictitious university, located somewhere in the Midwest. "Somewhere" is the key word; the reader will find it impossible to locate Moo U.

One brief reference near the end of the book implies an Illinois or

Indiana location, but that, too, is uncertain. Of course, the author deliberately keeps location ambiguous, allowing the reader to make both favorable and unfavorable connections to known states and universities.

The book is rife with eccentric characters whose dalliances and affairs range from unusual to absurd.

No one is immune from Smiley's satirical gaze: faculty and food service workers, secretaries and students, administrators and farmers, corrupt businessmen and governmental buffoons.

Each character, though, shares one thing in common: a completely insulated, self-serving perspective. Smiley's parody is brilliant because

the reader is the only one who sees through to the obvious foibles and craziness of each character.

And, of course, there is the unauthorized hog, Earl Butz, whose world view and university experience are forgivably egocentric.

His instinctual understanding of his feed-filled life is on an equal level to the eventual epiphanies of the human characters that grace the pages of the novel.

If you enjoy searing social commentary, if you enjoy examining human nature, and if you'd like a look into a hog's mind, *Moo* is the read for you.

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## Thinkers at work



Colby Quiz Bowl team members (in the light colored shirts) prepared to "buzz in" during the Quiz Bowl competition held in the Colby Community College Student Union. The team finished 1-3 for the day. Other teams competing were Cloud County Community College, Garden City Community College, Dodge City Community College and Pratt Community College. The next competition for the Colby College squad is the AEC State Quiz Bowl on Friday, April 30, at Allen County Community College in Iola. The team is coached by Tom Moorhous and Krista Carter.

## Calendar of Events

• **April 15** — Track squads at Lawrence

• **April 16** — Softball vs Johnson Co. Community College, 5 p.m., college softball diamond; track squads at Lawrence

• **April 17** — Softball, Allen Wolf Memorial Tournament on the college diamond and city fields; baseball @ Dodge City, 1 p.m.

• **April 18** — Allen Wolf Memorial Tournament continues; baseball vs Butler County Community College, 1 p.m., college diamond

• **April 19** — College Board of

Trustees Meeting, 5 p.m.

• **April 20** — Softball @ Great Bend, 3 p.m.

• **April 21** — Softball vs Cloud County Community College, 3 p.m., college softball diamond; baseball vs Brown Mackie, 2 p.m., college diamond; RSVP Recognition Banquet, 7-9 p.m., American Legion

• **April 22** — Track squads @ Arkansas City (Region VI Championships); Spring Play - *Ring Round the Moon*, 7:30 p.m., Cultural Arts Center

• **April 23** — Track squads @ Arkansas City; rodeo teams @ Hays; Spring Play - *Ring Round the Moon*, 7:30 p.m., Cultural Arts Center

• **April 24** — Track squads @ Arkansas City; rodeo teams @ Hays; softball District Tournament @ Salina; baseball @ Pratt, 1 p.m.; Spring Play - *Ring Round the Moon*, 3:00 p.m., Cultural Arts Center

• **April 25** — Baseball vs Garden City, 1 p.m., college diamond; rodeo teams @ Hays; softball District Tournament @ Salina