



Reception set for three Colby College retirees

A public reception honoring three long-time Colby Community College employees who will be retiring at the end of the spring semester will be held on Friday, May 7, at 3 p.m. in the Student Union, room 108.

They are Dr. Boyd Walker, veterinary technician program director, Dr. Gerald Sanden, agronomy instructor, and Sue Long, adult education coordinator.

Walker, a licensed veterinarian, has been program director and instructor for the vet-tech program since 1977. The program, which is the only one in Kansas, is based on American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines. It was first examined by the association in September 1974 and accredited in December of that year. Full accreditation status has been maintained



Boyd Walker

since that time.

Walker is also the chair for the Agriculture/Veterinary Technology division.

Sanden began teaching at Colby Community College in the fall of 1988. Prior to accepting the job in Colby, he worked in private and public research and extension.

Sanden, who earned his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, teaches several agronomy and physical science classes.

Although he is officially retiring, Sanden and his wife Maria plan to



G. Sanden



Sue Long

do volunteer work beginning this summer when they will be serving at a national park. In addition, Sanden will work for the Kansas Crop Improvement Association as a crop inspector for certified seed. Maria is retiring from her teaching job in the Oberlin school system.

Sue Long started her career at Colby College in 1987.

She is the adult education and outreach coordinator with responsibility for ITV offerings, 27 outreach sites and the students who enroll at those centers.

Long, who has her master's degree in education, has helped over 1,000 students enrolled in outreach classes achieve their goal of graduating from Colby College.

She plans to continue working with her family's farming operation located near Jennings. In addition, she may return to the classroom as a substitute teacher.

Awards to broadcasters

The Kansas Association of Broadcasters recently honored two Colby Community College students at their annual banquet and awards ceremony in Wichita.

Colby native Tucker Stover received two awards. Chris Elsen, Albert, was also recognized for broadcasting excellence by the state association.

Stover and Elsen tied for second place honors in the "D.J. Personality of the Year" category. In addition, Stover tied for second place in the "30-second Commercial/PSA" category.

Stover and Elsen can be heard on the college radio station (92JAMZ) AT 91.9 FM. Instructor for the radio program is Corey Sorenson.

Kansas Press Association College grad honored

Former Colby Community College student Brandon Gay was recognized for excellence in journalism at the 112th annual Kansas Press Association convention held recently in Overland Park.

The Norton native received first place honors in Investigative Writing (nondaily Division I). Gay was recognized for his article on the Norton landfill while working last summer at *The Norton Telegram*.

After receiving his associate's

degree from Colby College, Gay transferred to the University of Kansas.

He will graduate in December 2004 with degrees in journalism and political science.

Gay was managing editor of the Colby College student newspaper *The Trojan Express* for two years. He also contributes to *The Daily Kansan* (KU student newspaper).

Brandon is the son of Carol Gay of Norton.

Reviewer says: Guess it's time to confess

It's time for a confession. In the last few weeks I have realized that, perhaps, there may be a misunderstanding between writer and readers (that is, if there are any readers). So I've decided to come clean by telling you that I read more books than I review. Or, to put it another way, I don't review every book I read. Perhaps you would like to know about my recent non-reviewed books.

One, from the public library, is a Heart Quest Christian romance, the title of which I do not recall. Once in awhile, I enjoy a good, old-fashioned romance, and Heart Quest provides romance without sex scenes but with simple Christian teachings. All formula romances provide variations on the same theme: boy meets girl, some complication prevents romance from occurring, twists of plot eventually bring the couple together, and they live happily ever after. So, I'm happy to report that everything worked out in the end—it's just that I can't remember who, where, or when.

I also recently read the first two books in a series by Katherine Valentine: *A Miracle for St. Cecelia's* and *A Gathering of Angels*, also available at the public library. Both are reminiscent of Jan Karon's



Janis Schulte

Mitford series because they center on church and life in a small town. This time, though, it's Catholic rather than Episcopalian. Though the characters are both lovable and eccentric, it took me longer than usual to really warm up to them—but by the end of the first book I was hooked enough to read the next one. And, by the way the second book ends, I have a feeling that Valentine has a third book on the way.

Finally, a book I just finished was *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger, available in the college library. I was impressed with the skillful manner in which this first time novelist handled a theme that required complex sequencing. It's a long novel, about 500 pages, and quite engrossing. From page one I wanted to find out how things turned out for Henry and Clare.

By the end of the first chapter, I realized I'd be hopelessly confused if I tried to keep track of the time sequences noted at the beginning of each section, so I stopped comparing dates. I will say that if novels had ratings like movies, this one would be an "R" to the Heart Quest and Valentine "G."

So, now you have it. I read more than I write. And I'm still not through reviewing all the books I decided not to review.

But at least I have a clear conscience, so I can get back to my reading.

Janis Schulte is an English instructor at Colby Community College.

College students to search Big Sky Country

The deadline is approaching for the annual travel study expedition at Colby Community College. Students have the opportunity to combine travel with academic achievement May 21-27 as they enjoy the beauty, history and culture of Big Sky Country.

The Lewis and Clark Study Ex-

pedition led by Roger Hale will commemorate the Westward Expansion of America. Tour participants will visit the famous battle site where Lt. Col. George Custer and 260 of his men were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne warriors.

They will experience the Lewis and Clark Expedition at Pompey's Pillar and the twisted passage that Meriwether Lewis called "gates of the Rocky Mountains."

Other stops include Great Falls, Mont., Yellowstone National Park and the Wyoming Frontier Prison in Rawlins.

Participants are required to enroll

in a minimum of three credit hours in history or anthropology for summer 2004. In addition to tuition cost, an Expedition lab fee of \$625 per person is assessed.

To enroll or for additional information, contact Peggy Hruska at Colby Community College at 462-3984, ext. 345.

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Institution planning for very important visit

Although September 2004 is months away, Colby Community College officials have been preparing for over two years for three days during that month that may have a profound influence on the future of the institution.

College President Dr. Mikel Ary was recently notified that the Higher Learning Commission, the accrediting agency for the school, will be conducting a Team Visit on Sept. 22-24. The visit is a key event in the reaccreditation process. In preparation for the visit, Ary appointed Bob Selby and Joyce Washburn in September 2002 as co-chairs of the committee to coordinate and write an institutional self-study report.

Accreditation by a nationally recognized agency like the Higher Learning Commission is mandatory for a college.

The commission will evaluate Colby Community College in terms of its mission and will accredit the institution as a whole.

The team will review the educational offerings, assess governance and administration, financial condition, admissions and student personnel processes, institutional re-



Colby Community College President Dr. Mikel Ary, Dr. Gerald Sanden and Bob Selby gathered to discuss the institution's preparations for the accreditation visit scheduled for September 2004.

sources and relationships with outside communities.

Colby College had a comprehensive evaluation by the Higher Learning Commission in 1994 and received accreditation for 10 years.

The entire campus has been actively involved in the process with

the major project for the Team Visit being the preparation of an institution-wide self-study.

Selby, Washburn and the steering committee that included Ary, Gracemary Melvin, Betty Kruse, Monica Kane, Danielle Freeman, Doug Johnson, Debbie Schwanke,

Dr. Gerald Sanden, Mike McVay and Rod Thomasson chaired committees to analyze and write chapters for the Self-Study report.

Dr. Eric Eichler will edit and write the final document to be presented to the accrediting agency during the fall visit.

Administrative professionals are recognized

Colby Community College President Dr. Mikel Ary hosted a luncheon on April 21 to recognize campus Administrative Professionals.

"Administrative professionals at the college are instrumental in the success of the institution," said Ary. "This group provides support and technical assistance for our students, instructors and the administrative team on every endeavor. We

are fortunate at Colby Community College to have many of the best assistants and secretaries in the area."

Administrative Professionals include Patti Albers (Student Accounts), Beverly Anderson (President's Office), Doris Anderson (Dean of Students), Regena Barnum (Print Shop), Rita Billips (Maintenance), Kathy Cayton (Dean of Community Services),

Dorine Chambers (Registrar), Wanda Davis (Physical Therapist Assistant), Kaila DeBoer (Adult Education), Jody Engel (Library), Melanie Fortin (Payroll), Danielle Freeman (Program Assistant), Marcia Gustin (Student Support Services), Paula Halvorson (Financial Aid), Anita Hills (Dental Hygiene), Julie Horney (Nursing), Peggy Hruska (Faculty), Leasa Huddle (Admissions), Mella

Mildrexler (Mailroom), Marge Miller (Bookkeeper), Bridget Murray (Receptionist), Pat Peterson (Student Accounts), Sharon Redmond (Dean of Community Services), Bernice Skiles (Library) and Trudy Wildeman (Agriculture/Vet-Tech).

The luncheon is an annual event hosted by President Ary in honor of "Administrative Professionals Day."

Scholarships awarded to five high school seniors

Five northwest Kansas high school seniors have been awarded 2004 National Community College Month Tuition Scholarships from Colby Community College.

Receiving the awards are **Andrea Sis** (Atwood), **Amber Shoemaker** (Oakley), **DeAnne**

Wedermyer (WaKeeney), **LeAnn Manhart** (Grainfield) and **Curtis Snodgrass** (Atwood).

Sis received a 64-credit hour tuition scholarship valued at over \$2,500. The award will allow her to earn an associate degree at Colby College tuition free.

An honor student at Atwood High School, Sis has been a member of the Chadron 4-H Club for 11 years. She is also active in FFA, PALS and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She has been the cheerleading and drill team captain in addition to being elected class secretary/treasurer for three years. She plans to major in pre-med.

Shoemaker, Wedermyer, Manhart and Snodgrass each received a 10-credit hour tuition scholarship valued at \$400.

Shoemaker has participated in FCCLA, FCA and STUCO at Oakley High School. She was track manager and senior class vice-president. She was selected to National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Wedermyer, an honor student at Trego Community High School, has been actively involved in the Trego County 4-H program. She is also a member of KAYS, Science Club, choir and FFA. She plans to

major in math and science and transfer to a four-year university to study meteorology.

Manhart is involved in many activities at Wheatland High School. She participated in track, CYO, forensics, chorus, school plays and cheerleading. An honor student, she plans to major in elementary education.

Snodgrass, an honor student at Atwood High School, plans to major in pre-chiropractic. He has participated in football, basketball and golf. A member of National Honor Society, he was elected to student council and is active in CYO and Knights of Columbus.

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