



# Campus Close-Up

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COLBY COLLEGE PHOTO

Dave Jennings of the Colby His Shop showed Jessica Halbleib, a Colby Community College student from Oakley, some pointers on satisfying customers' needs.

## Learning from those who know

Jessica Halbleib is a busy young woman. In addition to attending classes at Colby Community College and completing requirements to receive her associate's degree, she is beginning the first of two internships at local businesses to gain on-the-job experience.

Halbleib is one of 17 students who are Mid-Management majors at Colby College. She will be working for six weeks at Dave's His Shop and six weeks at Inlow Interiors prior to the end of the semester.

"I have worked part-time at other retail stores, but am learning so much about customer service from Dave Jennings," said Halbleib. "He is the 'King of Customer Service.' He makes it fun and I am really enjoying my time

at the store."

Dave's His Shop, Citizens Medical Center, Family Center for Health Care, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Round Trip Travel, Adams, Brown, Beren and Ball, Comfort Inn, Inlow Interiors, Colby Community College Computer Center and Barton Concrete are working with instructors Sue Ann Miller and Diane Williams to provide training for students enrolled in the Field Study and Conference course.

"I really appreciate the commitment and cooperation from these area businesses," said Miller. "Although the students are not paid, the business owners and managers donate their time and expertise. It is a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn from successful professionals."

Miller and Williams do a weekly follow-up with each employer and the students must complete a written account of their experiences at the job sites. They are required to work a minimum of eight hours each week.

Jennings' children attended Colby Community College and he and his wife Donna have always been very supportive of the programs at the college.

"I have a great deal of respect for the college and its students," said Jennings.

"I am pleased to participate in the program and contribute to the education of these young adults," he said.

Halbleib, a native of Oakley, will graduate in May from Colby College with a degree in Mid-Management.

# Southbound

## Call goes out for historic journey

By Jordan Shay

Colby College Student

Colby Community College is offering a trip May 21-29 to the mid-South. Participants can earn up to nine college credit hours while enjoying the history and hospitality of that region.

The trip starts in Guthrie, the territorial capital of Oklahoma, and proceeds to Oklahoma City. In Dallas, travelers will visit historic sights like the Book Depository and Kennedy Memorial. Also on the itinerary is a tour of Vicksburg National Military Park, the site of a decisive battle in the American Civil War.

In Jackson, Miss., travelers will tour the state capitol, as well as the "old" state capitol where Andrew Jackson and Jefferson Davis made speeches.

In New Orleans, they will visit an above-ground cemetery as well as

cruise the mighty Mississippi in a Natchez steamer for an evening of dining and dancing.

Other stops on the trip include the Houston Space Center, the Gulf beach near Galveston, the Alamo in San Antonio, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City and the Cathedral on the Plains in Victoria.

Longtime Colby Community College instructor Roger Hale is one of the faculty study leaders for the tour.

"I try to take people places that are historic, places they wouldn't go on their own," said Hale. He calls the trip, "a once in a lifetime experience."

Criminal justice instructor Michael Thompson agrees.

"It is a unique learning experience," said Thompson. "Students are able to get more insight than in a classroom setting."

There are 49 seats available for the trip to the mid-South. A \$150 nonrefundable deposit is required to reserve a space.

The trip is open to all Colby Community College students, alumni and the general public who are at least 17 years of age. The cost is \$795 per person plus \$63 per credit hour for Kansas residents. The cost includes transportation, motels, entrance fees, tour guide fees and two meals. Financial aid and payment plans can be arranged.

There will be a presentation regarding trip details on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. in the Bedker Memorial Complex.

For more information, call tour operator Peggy Hruska at (785) 462-3984, ext. 345, or email [peggyh@colbycc.edu](mailto:peggyh@colbycc.edu).

(The reporter for this story, Jordan Shay, is a freshman from Healy majoring in journalism.)

## High honor for two students

Two Colby Community College students will be among more than three dozen top community college scholars honored for their academic accomplishments on Feb. 16 in Topeka.

Representing the state's 19 community colleges, these scholars have been named to the 2005 All-Kansas Academic Team sponsored by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees and the Kansas Council of Community College Presidents.

The group will be recognized in an annual award ceremony that also draws educators and lawmakers each year.

Sophomores Beth Zillinger of Logan and Lori Ziegelmeier of Gem will be representing Colby Community College at the event.



Zillinger



Ziegelmeier

Zillinger, a Presidential Scholar at Colby College, is Student Senate President, Block & Bridle Club secretary, a student Ambassador and a member of the college Equestrian Team. A psychology major, she plans to transfer to Fort Hays State University or Kansas State University.

Ziegelmeier is Student Senate Vice-President and a tutor in the Comprehensive Learning Center. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Colby College indoor track and field team and the Art Club. An engineering major, she was named to the National Dean's List, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and earned recognition as a 2004 Track and Field Coaches Association

Academic All-American.

Each scholar was selected by his or her own community college for the annual statewide academic team, and each also is a nominee for the 2005 All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by the newspaper *USA Today*, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Dr. Mikel Ary, Colby Community College President, Board of Trustees member Don Kready, Dean of Instruction Gracemary Melvin, Dean of Students Skip Sharp and Pat Ziegelmeier will be attending the awards ceremony in Topeka. Kready is the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees representative for the college.

## For Your Information

### For that special valentine

The Colby Community College Sunflower Singers will provide a special gift for that someone special on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14: a singing telegram. The cost is \$15 for a rose and a song. Call Dr. Philip Shuman at 462-3984, ext. 311 at the college to place your order. The singing telegrams will be delivered between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### Pet wash on Saturday's schedule

The Student Veterinary Technology Association at Colby Community College will host a Pet Wash on Saturday in the Stanley Carr Agricultural Center. Appointments can be made by calling 462-3984, ext. 260.

## High marks for reception

The recent Colby Community College Endowment Foundation's scholarship reception pleased Nick Wells, foundation director.

"We believe this event is a great opportunity for donors, scholarship recipients, college officials and community members to visit and learn more about the Endowment Foundation and those who benefit from the donor's generosity," said Wells.

The foundation provided \$130,000 for student scholarships in 2004-05, Wells said.

Foundation board members are Sherry McDonald, president; Karen O'Neal, president-elect; Nancy Saddler, secretary; Troy



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Colby Community College Endowment Foundation President Sherry McDonald talked with Presidential Scholar Jared Ehrke of Orleans, Neb. during the Annual Scholarship Reception held at the Student Union.

Faulkender, treasurer; Troy Hilt, Darla Mosbarger, Stan Edmundson, Diane Williams, Kerri Schippers, Tom Moorhous, Mark Wingert, Gina Jennings, Sandy Hill and Lon Frahm.

## College to usher in new sport

## Golf expected to attract students

Colby Community College will begin the 2005 fall semester with an additional sport. The board of trustees voted at their last regular meeting to authorize the addition of competitive golf teams to the college's varsity sports programs.

Colby Community College President Dr. Mikel Ary is enthusiastic about the new program.

"Over the last year or so we have had many local golf fans petition us to begin men and women's golf," said Ary.

"From a fiscal perspective, it does not have nearly the cost other sports have. We believe we can

make the effort cost effective the first year and attract additional students to enroll at Colby Community College," he said.

The Colby College golf teams will compete in the Jayhawk Conference with five teams scheduled in the fall and an additional five teams during the spring 2006 semester.

"We are currently in the process of hiring a coach," said Colby College athletic director Carl Adams.

"Colby College can offer eight scholarships for the men's team and eight scholarships for the women's team," he said.

Six of the golf meets will be against Jayhawk Conference schools. Other Jayhawk schools are Barton County Community College, Dodge City Community College, Hutchinson Community College, Johnson County Community College, Allen County Community College, Coffeyville Community College, Cowley County Community College, Kansas City Kansas Community College and Pratt Community College.

"I am pleased with the addition of golf," said Adams. "It's a great sport and we'll be attracting new students to our campus."

United States was at war.

The award recognizes the service of American veterans and military personnel and encourages the writing and publishing of outstanding war-related fiction.

Jurors will examine each nominee for excellence of writing, attention to detail, accuracy and the ability to hold the reader's attention.

The winner of this award will be

# Dr. Coplin's 'Crofton's Fire' nominated for the Boyd Award

Another week, another award for author Keith Coplin of Colby Community College. The English instructor at Colby College has been nominated for several prestigious awards recognizing his first novel "Crofton's Fire."

Previous nominations for the critically-acclaimed novel include the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, The William E Colby Award and the

Pen/Faulkner Award.

Dr. Coplin was recently notified by the American Library Association that the novel has been nominated for the W.Y. Boyd Literary Award for Excellence in Military Fiction.

The annual award, consisting of \$5,000 and a 24k gold-framed citation of achievement, honors the best fiction set in a period when the

selected in April with the formal presentation on June 28 in Chicago.

Coplin has been an English instructor for many years at Colby Community College. His articles, short stories and poems have earned him several awards and national recognition.

"Crofton's Fire" begins in 1876 when a green second lieutenant named Michael Crofton barely es-

capes the battle of Little Big Horn (where, before his startled eyes, Custer is killed by his own enraged men). His adventures have just begun.

Over the next three years, curiosity, fate and the schemes of others will take him halfway around the world, from a local war in Kansas to rebellion in Cuba, to the horrors of the Zulu war in East Africa.

Along the way he encounters such figures as Grant, Sherman and Hayes; gets shot; finds love and endures betrayal.

Autographed copies of "Crofton's Fire" are available at the Campus Bookstore located in the Student Union.

The Bookstore is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.