



Colby native to deliver political lecture March 17

**By Debbie Schwanke**  
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Dr. Mark Hansen, dean of social sciences at the University of Chicago, will be the first speaker of the year for the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series on Thursday, March 17. Hansen will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. in the Frahm Theater located

in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus.  
The 2000 and 2004 elections were the most competitive pair of presidential elections in over a century — the second and fourth closest electoral vote margins in American history.

In his lecture “The 2004 Presidential Election: Where We Are, How We Got There, and What It Means,” Hansen will first explore the influences that made these presidential contests so exceedingly close, identifying the factors that helped the Republicans, the factors that helped the Democrats,

and the factors that did not benefit either party.  
He will use the analysis to focus on some key social forces that have made our current turn-of-the-century politics so competitive and so polarized, to trace the historical source of these social changes, and to assess the impact they will have

on our political future.  
Hansen is a native of Colby, graduating from Colby High School in 1977. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1981 from the University of Kansas, his masters degree in 1983 and his Ph.D. in 1987 from Yale University.  
He is the son of John and Joyce

Hansen of Colby.  
There is no admission charge for his presentation. A reception hosted by Colby Community College will immediately follow his lecture.  
For more information, or questions, contact Lecture Series chair Cathy Gordon at 462-3984, ext. 310.

New initiative will put students on fast track for high school diploma

A new initiative at Colby Community College will allow students to prepare for the GED exam in just one month. The program, known as “Fast Friday,” is an intensive short course in exam preparation held each Friday during the month of April.  
Students are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Friday, April 1, at 8:30 a.m. in room 251 of the H.F. Davis Library located on the college campus.  
The session will acquaint students with the program and the requirements of the exam assessment.

A review of content areas (math, reading, social studies, science and writing), test-taking strategies and intensive review of individual areas of weakness will be included in the program.  
For students who wish to work at a more leisurely pace, a two month program will be available. At the conclusion of the course, learners will take an official practice test to determine readiness for the exam and appointments will be made for those who are prepared to test.  
This program is available for students without a high school di-

ploma, who are over the age of 16 and who are not currently enrolled in school.  
Students passing the GED assessment are awarded a Kansas high school diploma by the Kansas Board of Regents. Scholarships are available for students scoring in the top ten percentile nationally.  
Students may also enroll in basic technology classes and employment preparation classes (applications, resume, cover letters and interviews).  
For more information, contact Nance Munderloh at the college.

Television news is a student affair

Television broadcasting is a competitive industry with high expectations for those who choose it as a profession. Industry professionals seek employees who have well-rounded education with considerable hands-on experience.  
Students enrolled in the television program at Colby Community

College gain practical learning and training utilizing state-of-the-art broadcasting equipment.  
Broadcasting students produce a local newscast each Tuesday and Thursday which is aired on cable channel 118 at 6 p.m.  
The newscast, under the direction of department chair Rod

Thomasson, includes local, regional and national news, weather and sports.  
In addition to shooting and editing video, the students write the stories and serve as the director, producer, camera operators and on-air talent for the newscast, according to Thomasson.



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Endowment Foundation Director Nick Wells prepared to move one of the donated items for the Party Auction on April 2. The items will be on display beginning March 16 at Dave’s His Shop, Colby Photo and Personal Touch.

Preparations are well underway for college’s ‘The Orient Express’

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Numerous trips and other sought-after items have been donated for the Endowment Foundation Party Auction set for April 2, according to Foundation Director Nick Wells.  
“We have trips to the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas and to Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days,” said Wells. “In addition, we have packages to baseball games and a guided pheasant hunt.”  
The theme for this year’s event is, “The Orient Express.”  
“The Party Auction will also recognize the school’s 40th anniversary and continue with the Ruby Jubilee celebration,” said Wells.  
“The jewel of the night will of course be the Ruby,” he said.  
Auction items will be on display at Dave’s His Shop, Colby Photo and Personal Touch beginning March 16.  
The Colby Community College Endowment Foundation, chartered on Nov. 17, 1964, has been invaluable to the growth and development of Colby Community College. Not only has the organization raised thousands of dollars for scholarships, it has also been a useful vehicle for the college board of trust-

ees to assist with the construction of buildings and the enhancement to the beauty of the college campus.  
Each year the number of students in northwest Kansas receiving financial assistance increases. Owing to the increased cost of higher education, additional demands are placed each year on the Endowment Foundation to supply more scholarship dollars to assist students. The organization raised over \$50,000 at last year’s scholarship dinner and auction.  
Admission is \$30 per person or a table of eight may be purchased for \$200. Reservations to 460-4684.

What’s happening on the college campus?

- March 12 — Open House for Prospective Students 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m.; baseball vs Brown Mackie 1 p.m. college baseball diamond.
- March 13 — Baseball vs Dodge City 1 p.m. college baseball diamond.
- March 15 — Softball vs Pratt Community College 3 p.m. college softball diamond.
- March 17 — Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series 7:30 p.m., Cultural Arts Center.
- March 19 — Trojan Invitational Track Meet 10 a.m. Dennen Field; softball Classic Tournament 9 a.m. college softball diamond; baseball vs Brown Mackie 1 p.m. college baseball diamond.
- March 20 — Baseball vs Hutchinson Community College 1 p.m. at the college baseball diamond.
- March 21-29 — Spring Break/No classes.
- April 14-15 — Spring Play 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Center.
- April 16 — Spring Play Matinee 3 p.m. Cultural Arts Center.



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Colby Community College Student Senate member Travis Siebert of Colby presented flowers to Winter Formal Queen Kiri Oakley of Otis, Colo., while Lionel Womack, of Kansas City, Winter Formal King, looked on. The couple was introduced during halftime of one of the men’s recent basketball games.



Library: the place to relax  
COLBY COLLEGE PHOTO  
Colby Community College instructor and Endowment Foundation member Tom Moorhous and student Neal Hockersmith of Oakley moved new furniture into the college’s H.F. Davis Library. Two new couches and four chairs were provided by the Endowment Foundation Campus Enhancement Committee chaired by Moorhous.