



Scam artists target western Kansans over 50

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. That was the message delivered to Colby Community College students by Dr. Bonnie Lynch, Investor Education Specialist with the Kansas Securities Commission.

Dr. Lynch spoke to a packed classroom on Thursday, Oct. 6, at the invitation of business department chair Bob Selby.

“Every 60 seconds in the United States, \$1 billion is lost to investment fraud,” said Dr. Lynch.

“Most of those who are defrauded are over 60 years of age.”

Dr. Lynch told the audience that western Kansas is one of the favorite targets for con artists.

“Because our enforcement offices are located in Wichita and To-

peka, this area is appealing to scam artists owing to the distance and relative isolation of the area,” explained Dr. Lynch.

As an example, Dr. Lynch told the group about a man who lived in Hays and carried out a scam in Colby, Oakley and Hays.

“He was selling shares in his oil well,” said Dr. Lynch.

“He would take potential investors to see the pumping oil well. The only problem was that he did not actually own the well. He was getting \$25,000 for each share and some people bought more than one share. It seemed legitimate because the ‘investors’ received monthly statements showing that their investment was growing.”

Dr. Lynch said people who are

scammed are very reluctant to admit they were defrauded.

“We usually don’t find out about it until one of the investors tries to get his money back from the investment,” said Dr. Lynch.

“They come to us very reluctantly because they have to admit they have been foolish. These con men and women are articulate, well-dressed and extremely friendly.”

The scam artist from Hays was caught and sentenced to prison.

Dr. Lynch stressed that legitimate investment counselors/financial planners must be licensed to do business in Kansas.

“There are 60,000 legitimate Kansas advisors/brokers,” said Dr. Lynch. “In addition, the financial

product they are selling must be registered.

Potential investors can call our office to ascertain that the person they are dealing with is licensed and that the potential security is registered.

It’s a simple procedure for our office and it may save you from making a big mistake.”

Potential investors were encouraged to watch for “red flags” when considering an investment:

- Unsolicited offers
- High pressure sales
- Secret meetings or little identification
- Cash only transactions
- Unsubstantiated claims or promises
- Unwillingness to give you

straight answers

- Unable to sell or convert the investment

More information is available on the Kansas Securities Commission web site <www.dontgetscammed.org> www.dontgetscammed.org or by calling their office toll free at 1-888-40-scams.



Dr. Bonnie Lynch, Kansas Securities Investor Education Specialist, talks to students at CCC.

College gets \$32,000 Hansen foundation grant

A Kansas foundation has approved a \$32,000 grant for Colby Community College, President Mikel Ary announced today.

The gift came from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan.

“We are deeply grateful for this contribution which was awarded at the Foundation’s initiative,” commented Ary.

“The Hansen Foundation has been very generous to the college, contributing a total of \$172,000 the past five years. This grant, which will serve as a major benefit for the college and its 14-county service area, is to be utilized at the discretion of the college, allowing for

flexibility in its application. The discretionary grant allocation will benefit the young people of northwest Kansas by greatly enhancing their educational experience.”

The Hansen Foundation was established in 1965 following the death of Dane G. Hansen, the son of Danish immigrants, who left most of his estate to the Foundation. Among his many charitable interests during a long and active lifetime were young people and education.

Recognizing his concern for people, the Trustees of the Hansen Foundation authorized a “Hansen Scholarship Program” which annu-

ally offers scholarships to be used for students in the northwest Kansas area.

Dane G. Hansen joined his parents in the mercantile business in 1905, and later branched out into ranching, cattle breeding and raising mules.

Since earth moving was done by mule teams, he started an earthmoving business which evolved into road and bridge construction.

In the 1930s Hansen went into oil development and was one of the largest independent oil producers in Kansas at the time of his death. Most of his oil production was concentrated in Norton, Phillips, Gra-

ham and Rooks Counties.

Although he never sought or desired public office, he was civic minded and served with distinction in many ways.

As a personal friend of former President Dwight Eisenhower, he was a member of the President’s Commission on Intergovernmental Relations in 1954 and 1955 and a Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of the Eisenhower Foundation.

The improvement of educational opportunities for students in the area ranks high among the objectives of the Trustees of the Hansen Foundation.

Hansen Foundation members are Doyle Fair, Wichita; Carol Bales, Logan; Doyle Rahjes, Agra; Charles Moyer, Phillipsburg; Don Stahr, Wichita; and Robert Hartman, Logan.

Bales, the niece of Dr. Ary and his wife Delores, attended Colby Community College.

“On behalf of the college, I would like to thank publicly the Foundation and its board for their generosity in extending this money to the college and, in turn, to its many constituencies,” said Dr. Ary. “The grants totaling \$172,000 during the past five years have allowed the college to progress in a number of

areas.

“Hansen funds have been used to provide Internet access to the CCC dorms and for the creation of the college web site. In addition, a tractor was purchased for use at the college farm, chairs were bought for the teams at the Community Building and billboard signs were created to be placed on I-70. Hansen money was also used to pay for fiber optic cable to the Bedker Memorial Complex, allowing for faster and more dependable computer network access. A significant portion of the college’s marketing costs during the past two years has also been funded from the grants.”

Business department busy

Summer 2005 was not a time of rest and relaxation for instructors in the Colby Community College business department.

Division chair Bob Selby and instructors Diane Williams and Sue Mardock were busy in their offices doing the necessary curriculum changes and paperwork to be accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

“We were notified this week by the organization that we are officially a candidate for accreditation,” said Selby. “It is a rigorous process which results in benefits for the institution, the students and our faculty and staff. Earning this accreditation provides business students the assurance that they are part of a quality program. ACBSP works on behalf of students to assure maximum transferability of business credits from the associate to baccalaureate programs and from the baccalaureate to graduate pro-

grams.”

ACBSP is the preeminent accreditor of business programs. Membership provides college stakeholders the assurance that tax monies are being used to provide a quality business education to all students.

“We had to complete a Preliminary Visit Questionnaire for Associate Degree Institutions,” said Selby. “Included in this document was information on our institutional mission, degrees offered and how CCC awards credit hours. We also had to provide information documenting faculty qualifications, faculty composition regarding bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees, full- and part-time faculty deployment and faculty load.”

ACBSP also required that the business programs be segmented into a “Professional Component,” “General Education Component,” and required courses for the “Business Major.” A summary was pro-

vided regarding the assessment of student learning, both in the business department and CCC as an institution. There are 160 schools that are currently members of ACBSP.

“We have devoted a great deal of time and resources to this endeavor,” said Selby. “Members of the business department and I believe that achieving this accreditation will be a positive factor for our students and institution. Currently our questionnaire is being reviewed by the organization’s commissioner for suggestions and improvement. We should be able to submit the revised questionnaire for ACBSP review within the next two weeks.”

The next step is an on-site visit from two consultant/evaluators before the end of the first semester. If the questionnaire is approved, CCC has one year to submit a self-study report. That will be followed by another campus visit. Accreditation could be as early as May 2007.

Fox Sports covering wrestler

Colby Community College and the town of Colby are slated to receive national exposure when Olympic Gold Medalist Rulon Gardner speaks on Monday, Oct. 17. Head wrestling coach Steve Lampe was recently notified by Gardner’s sports agent/attorney Danielle Marquis that Fox Sports will be videotaping Gardner in Colby for a 30-minute feature they are producing.

Gardner won the Gold Medal during the 2000 games in Sydney.

He was the 2001 World Champion and 2004 Olympic Bronze medalist in Greco-Roman Wrestling

The CCC wrestling team will host a hog roast dinner prior to Gardner’s talk beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Colby Community Building.

“This is a fund-raising event for our team,” said coach Lampe. “Everyone is invited. Enjoy the evening and listen to a great motivational speaker and Olympic medal wrestler.”

Gardner will also be signing autographs and will have copies of his recently released autobiography Never Stop Pushing. In this book, he details growing up on a farm in Wyoming, and pushing himself to become a USA Olympic wrestling team member.

A free will donation will be taken to attend the hog roast and talk by Gardner. For more information, contact Lampe or assistant coach Todd Voss at Colby Community College.

Cyber-crime workshop slated

Cyber-crime and its prevention will be the focus of a workshop hosted by Colby Community College on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Instructor for the workshop which will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. is Dr. Michael Thompson, director of the criminal justice program at CCC.

Thompson graduated from the Oklahoma City University School of Law. He completed training at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., Command Management School in Dallas, Tex., the Oklahoma City Police Academy and the National Security Agency CyberSecurity. He has served as a prosecutor, public defender and

Detective Captain for the Oklahoma City Metro Police Department.

Forensic computing, digital forensics or computer forensics is the name for a newly emerging field of study and practice that incorporates many areas of expertise. This six-hour workshop will focus on how criminals are using a different tool to commit both old and new crimes. No prior computer training or experience is necessary to take this workshop.

Cost for the workshop, which includes lunch buffet at the college, is \$50 per student. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. Individuals completing the workshop will re-

ceive six continuing education units.

Topics will include: nature and types of cyber-crime to include embezzlement, fraud, general theft, cyber-terrorism and security system breach; scene of cyber-crime; intrusion, detection and incident response; investigative responses (how to trace email); digital evidence collection and handling; and modus operandi of computer hacking.

The workshop will be held in the Bedker Memorial Complex, room 706, located on the CCC campus.

For additional information call Barry Kaaz at (785) 462-3984, ext. 224.



T92 program director Rachael Keller is one of 18 CCC students who work as on-air talent. Keller, who is originally from Sacramento, Calif., is a graduate of St. Francis High School. She is majoring in radio and television broadcasting.

Radio station on air for 35 years

KTCC-FM, the radio station at Colby Community College, is celebrating 35 years on the air with several changes.

The music format has changed from a variety of rap and heavy metal to more modern rock. The name has also changed from 92 JAMZ to T92. The station, which can be found at 91.9 on the FM dial, began broadcasting with live on-air talent on Sept. 28.

Radio instructor Corey Sorenson is in his third year as director of the

program.

“We started broadcasting a little later than usual owing to new equipment which was recently installed,” said Sorenson.

“A state-of-the-art digital audio board was purchased with grant money from the Carl Perkins Foundation. This board is similar to those utilized in the commercial radio industry and will allow our students to gain important hands-on training.”

Station program director Rachael Keller (St. Francis) said the station

is on the air 24 hours a day with live shows aired each evening from 7 p.m.-12 midnight.

“There are 18 DJ’s this semester,” said Keller. “The specialty shows are Rock Request, Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m.; Hard Rock, Wednesdays from 9-12 p.m.; Top 30 Countdown, Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.; and Fear and Loathing, Sundays from 9-12 p.m.” The request line will be open during these times and DJ’s are urging listeners to call 460-4662 with requests.