



College celebrates National Veterinary Technicians Week

The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, Inc. (NAVTA) proclaimed Oct. 15-21 as National Veterinary Technician Week. The event is celebrated annually to recognize veterinary technicians for their contributions to the animal health care team.

Colby Community College students enrolled in the veterinary technician program will be participating by placing posters in campus buildings and hosting a "Pet Wash" on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Student Veterinary Technician Association (SVTA) member Emily Zens said money raised from the Pet Wash will be used to fund a field trip for the group's members to visit schools in the Denver area.

"The SVTA organization works at several pet washes throughout the school year," said Zen. "The Pet Washes are very popular and the field trips are always interesting."

Zen, a graduate of Wellington High School, began her post-secondary education majoring in occupational therapy. After two years, she decided to transfer to CCC and

enroll in the veterinary technician program.

"I've always loved animals and came to CCC because of the reputation of the school and the vet tech program," said Zen. "One of the veterinarians in Wellington recommended Colby. I worked as an intern last summer at an emergency animal clinic in Denver and hope to return to work there after graduation."

"We CARE!" is the theme for this year's NAVTA activities bringing to the forefront the very nature of this caring profession. Events scheduled nationally focus on increasing awareness of the veterinary technician's role. Primary responsibilities on the animal health care team include nursing care, administering medication, assisting in surgery, X-rays, anesthesia, hospital management and laboratory testing.

NAVTA is a nonprofit organization that represents and promotes the profession of veterinary technology. NAVTA provides direction, education, support and coordination for its members, and works

with other allied professional organizations for the competent care and humane treatment of animals.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of veterinary technologists and technicians is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2014. Job openings also will stem from the need to replace veterinary technologists and technicians who leave the occupation up to 2014 period.

Pet owners are becoming more affluent and more willing to pay for advanced care because many of them consider their pet to be part of the family. This growing affluence and view of pets will spur employment growth for veterinary technologists and technicians. The availability of advanced veterinary services, such as preventive dental care and surgical procedures, may provide opportunities for workers specializing in those areas.

Biomedical facilities, diagnostic laboratories, wildlife facilities, humane societies, animal control facilities, drug or food manufacturing companies, and food safety inspec-



COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHOTO
Colby Community College students Allison Wegerer (Marion), Emily Zens (Wellington), Kara Mawhirter (St. John) and Crystal Hammond (Longford) exercised pets in the completed exercise pen which was partially funded by a \$1,000 donation from the Kansas Association of Veterinary Technicians. The new enclosure allows students in the veterinary technician program to exercise the animals in a controlled area. Lori Baney, registered veterinary technician, is an instructor in the CCC program. She made the proposal to the state organization to request the donation.

tion facilities will provide additional jobs for veterinary technologists and technicians. Furthermore, demand for these workers will stem from the desire to replace veterinary assistants with more highly skilled technicians and technologists in animal clinics and hospitals, shel-

ters, kennels, and humane societies.

Employment of veterinary technicians and technologists is relatively stable during periods of economic recession. Layoffs are less likely to occur among veterinary technologists and technicians than in some other occupations because

animals will continue to require medical care.

Dr. Jennifer Martin, DVM, is the director for the CCC program. Dr. Cathy McMullin, DVM, and registered veterinary technician Lori Baney provide classroom and clinical instruction.

Phonathon begins Oct. 22

A chance to support Colby Community College was sent to approximately 10,000 mailboxes last week. The letter kicks off the Foundation Association's annual fall Phonathon scholarship development campaign.

In addition to the mailing, an estimated 5,000 people will be called beginning Sunday, Oct. 22, and asked to support the cause.

This year, the Foundation Association is working to raise over \$50,000 for academic scholarships.

"This is an all-volunteer effort that directly serves students at Colby Community College," said CCC President Dr. Lynn Kreider. "We will be contacting friends, alumni and supporters of the college Oct. 22, 23, 24 and 26 from six to nine each evening. People who don't contact us during the mail-in drive can plan on a personal call during those four days."

Last year hundreds of CCC students received approximately \$150,000 in scholarship assistance through the Foundation Association.

"Every gift makes a difference," said Kreider. "Ongoing support from our alumni and friends is an important component of our success in recruiting and retaining students. CCC has always enjoyed committed, meaningful support from our graduates as well as from their families and friends. We appreciate this support and ask that you continue that help during the 2006 Phonathon."

Several groups will be making the calls beginning Sunday, Oct. 22. Members of the Foundation Association, Board of Trustees, faculty and staff will man the phones the first night. CCC student clubs and organizations will take over on Monday. Student Senate members, Student Ambassadors and Presidential Scholars will make the phone calls on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.



COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHOTO
Weskan High School senior Madeleine Hornung gets information from CCC Admissions Counselor Doug Johnson about the physical therapist assistant program. Madeleine is the daughter of Margaret Hornung.

Students inquire about college

Brochures, booklets, pamphlets and reams of information were distributed at the annual College Planning Conference hosted by Colby Community College Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Student Union.

Admissions Director Nikol Nolan was pleased with attendance by area high school seniors and transfer students.

"We had over 300 students who took advantage of this opportunity to meet with representatives from two- and four-year colleges across the state," said Nolan. "We also had representatives from the Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators who were available to assist with financial aid in-

formation."

Representatives from the six Regent's universities, private colleges, community colleges and technical schools distributed information and answered questions. Personnel from branches of the military also attended the conference.

"Phantom" is a sensational show set to enchanting music which tells the memorable story of a horribly disfigured young man who falls hopelessly in love with a beautiful young woman. It includes well-known songs including "Home" and "You are Music."

Reservations may be made by calling Deb Koon at (785) 462-6617.

includes a spacious dining room with the ability to seat 470 people. Guests are never more than 36 feet from the theater's unique theater-in-the-round stage.

The generous buffet served at each performance typically includes an array of salads, fruits, garden vegetables, North Atlantic turbot, oven-roasted chicken and choice baron of beef.

meal and play. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the bus trip.

"We will take reservations first from Thomas County residents and then open the trip to residents from surrounding counties," Larry Koon said. "It's important that those interested make reservations as soon as possible because seating is limited on the bus."

The dinner theater experience

College offers Denver dinner-theater trip

Colby Community College and the Thomas County Council on Aging are sponsoring a one-day trip for senior citizens on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Larry and Deb Koon will accompany the group to Englewood, Colo., where they will attend the Country Dinner Theater to see "Phantom."

Participants will pay \$40 for the

H.F. Davis Library releases new books

By Shelly Huelsman
H.F. Davis Librarian

The best part about working in a library is opening a box of books.

New shipments of books bring out those Christmas morning emotions of suspense, excitement and wonder. We've received several shipments of new titles this fall. All are available for circulation to citizens of Colby, Thomas County, as well as to CCC students. Below are a few of the titles we've recently received.

"Misquoting Jesus: the story behind who changed the Bible and why" by Bart D. Ehrman is for "anyone who might be interested in seeing how we got our New Testament, seeing how in some instances we don't even know what the words of the original writers were, seeing in what interesting ways these words occasionally got changed, and seeing how we might, through the application of some rather rigorous methods of analysis, reconstruct what those original words actually were."

Ehrman has spent 30 years studying the New Testament. He wrote this book to show that there are mistakes, mis-translations, misspellings, changing the works and therefore, changing the meanings of the words. This is a readable, interesting history of the New Testament and those who wrote it.

"Miracle in the Andes: 73 days on the mountain and my long trek home" by Nando Parrado. Nando Parrado was one of the surviving members of the Uruguayan soccer team trapped in the Andes Mountains. Trapped for 73 days, without food, shelter, or water, the survivors

resorted to cannibalism. Nando was one of the two survivors who finally managed to walk over the mountains to find help.

Nando shares his memories of the crash, of life and death, and how he rebuilt a life for himself in the 30 years since the accident. While the novel "Alive," gives an account of the accident, this personal memoir is both tragic and moving.

"The Heart has reasons: Holocaust rescuers and their stories of courage" by Mark Klempner shares the stories of 10 brave individuals who risked their lives by saving Jewish people from the Nazis in occupied Holland. None of these individuals are famous, none have attempted to achieve any monetary gains from their wartime activities. Each share their reasons for rebelling against the Nazis, each tells a compelling story; a powerful story in a short book.

"The Wal-Mart effect: How the world's most powerful company really works—and how it's transforming the American economy" by Charles Fishman. American's either love or hate Wal-Mart. In this title, Fishman looks at the business philosophy and practices of Wal-Mart. This is not a Wal-Mart bashing book, instead, it's an honest examination of the impact Wal-Mart has in America today. The Wal-Mart effect is a very enlightening and thought provoking book.

If any of these titles interest you, stop by and check one out. Remember, the library is for all to enjoy, not just students at Colby Community College. Our hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Sunday.

Kenyan students to speak

The International Students and Friends Organization at Colby Community College is sponsoring a cultural presentation by four students from Kenya, Africa 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in Colby.

Betty Rotich, Onesmus Too, David Kurgat and Mary Nyambura, who are all members of the cross country team, will be the presenters. The students will be speaking about Kenya and their future plans.

Nyambura, president of the CCC organization, is from the Nakuru district. She follows two of her brothers, Ragiv and Anthony, who also attended CCC.

"The biggest adjustment for me was the food," said Nyambura. "However, I do like french fries. My house in Kenya does not have running water or electricity. Few

people have cars so we must walk to get places."

Rotich is also from the Nakuru district. She is one of seven children.

"I attended a private high school," said Rotich. "We must pay to attend these high schools and most are boarding schools. Onesmus and I are cousins but we did not attend the same school."

Onesmus Too said learning the language has been challenging.

"We take English classes but focus more on grammar," said Too. "Running is the big sport in Kenya but we also participate in rugby, basketball, and soccer."

David Kurgat and Too are from the Eldoret district.

For more information, contact Connie Davis or Joyce Washburn at the college.