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Campus Close-Up

News of Colby Community College



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Dental hygiene students Jenny Lichter (Great Bend) and Trista Ploussard (Oberlin) applied sealants to Colby sixth-grader Olivia Wetter's teeth under the direction of dental hygiene instructor Bobette Maier. Students in the program applied sealants and fluoride to 12 patients on Feb. 6, under the supervision of Dr. Jay Sekavec. The dental hygiene clinic, in the Health Sciences Building on campus, is open Monday-Friday. To make an appointment, call 460-5438.

Study for recession-proof jobs

Daily headlines cry about more and more layoffs by major corporations and smaller businesses. The jobless index is at 6.5 percent and climbing. Where to turn?

Dr. Laurence Shatkin gives some clues in his book, "150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs," which was profiled recently by Jim Axelrod of CBS News.

Shatkin uses three criteria to identify the jobs which provide the best economic rewards, override downtrends and are the most stable in times of economic unrest.

The book, published by Jist, lists at least four programs offered by Colby Community College among the top 10 recession-proof jobs: veterinary technician, physical therapist assistant, nursing and dental hygiene.

Veterinary technician is listed second among recession-proof jobs. The field is expected to grow 41 percent in the next decade. The placement rate for graduates of recognized programs is 96 percent. Licensed veterinarians only rank fourth on the list.

In the uncertainty of today's job market, security is a top priority. Shatkin considered three items and their correlation to economic downturns in his list: median income, potential for job growth and the current number of openings. Computer systems analyst was the No. 1 job, with veterinary technician second best.

The college offers the only veterinary technician program in Kansas accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. It was one of the first such programs in the U.S., and can graduate up to 27 students per year. Admission

requires application materials and a personal on-campus interview. Students are trained to perform, under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, skills allowed by state law. These include most everything except diagnosing, performing surgery and prescribing drugs.

The program director is Dr. Jennifer Martin, a licensed veterinarian. Dr. Cathy McMulkin, also a veterinarian, and Esther Penner, a registered veterinary technician, are instructors.

"Although most of our students are employed by veterinarians in private practice," Martin said, "some find employment in zoos, colleges and universities, laboratories, cattle feedlots and horse farms.

"Veterinarians are continuing to learn more about the role of graduate technicians and their potential to benefit almost any veterinary practice. Technicians can increase a veterinarian's efficiency and profit by adding services to the practice, improving the quality of services rendered and increasing the practice's professional image."

Although conventional thinking might be that spending on pets would decline during a recession, the CBS report indicated that's not true. In 2006, Americans spent \$24.5 billion on their pets' health, more than double a decade earlier.

The physical therapist assistant program at the college follows the standards of the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The college has had an accredited program since 1975.

The last three physical therapist assistant graduating classes have a

100 percent placement rate within six months. Starting wages range from \$15-\$20 per hour in Kansas and neighboring states.

The college offers a Certificate in Practical Nursing and an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing. On completion, the student is eligible to take the licensing exam for practical nursing or registered nursing. Courses are offered on the Colby and Norton campuses. Courses needed to work toward a baccalaureate degree in nursing also are available.

Applicants are admitted in the spring for the next nursing classes, 40 to the associate program, 30 in the Colby practical nursing program and 18 in the Norton practical nursing program.

The dental hygiene program accepts 12 students each year. Students focus on the assessment, control and prevention of dental disease. They learn to inspect the mouth and remove deposits and stains from teeth. They are trained to take dental x-rays and counsel patients in preventive dental care.

They work as a member of a dental health team. Graduates find employment in public and private practices, overseas, hospitals, research and community dental health facilities. Students are prepared to take national and regional exams required to get a license. The program has a 100 percent placement rate, college officials say.

For information, contact the Admissions Office at 460-4690. The deadline to apply to the veterinary technician and the physical therapist assistant programs is Sunday, March 15.

Curtis Korthanke, Colby, third.

Novice, Show 2: Melton, fifth; Foster, fifth; Brown, second; Smith, fourth.

Intermediate II, Show 2: Price, sixth.

Beginner, Show 2: Malcom, fourth; Sitz, fourth; Korthanke, second; Vogt, third.

Also competing in the second show were Temple and Daugherty.

The next competition for the team will be Saturday and Sunday at the Hunt Show put on by the University of Nebraska Omaha and Lincoln campuses.

Nagengast, Kansas Rural Center president.

Topics will include lease arrangements, agricultural implications and community wind development.

Cost is \$10. To register, contact Kathy Cayton at (785) 460-5413 or go to the college website at www.colbycc.edu.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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WEEKDAYS						MARCH 3 - MARCH 9						
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 6	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				The Martha Stewart Show		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Today	
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News Cont'd		The Early Show				The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 2	Arthur	Martha Speaks	Curious George	Sid the Science	Super Why!	Clifford Red	Martha Speaks	Caillou	Sesame Street		Dragon Tales	WordWorld
ESPN 28	SportsCenter	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
USA 37	Varied Programs								Movie		Varied Programs	
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Movie				Home Improve.	Home Improve.
WGN 39	Changing	Believer Voice	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	7th Heaven		Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Nash Bridges	
TNT 40	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		Las Vegas		Las Vegas	
DSC 42	Paid Program	James Robison	Paid Program	Paid Program	How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Overhaulin'		The New Detectives	
A&E 47	Third Watch		Crossing Jordan		The Sopranos		American Justice		Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files	
HIST 48	Varied Programs											
NICK 55	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Backyardigans	Go Diego	Wonder Pets	Dora the Explorer	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Olivia	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego
DISN 56	Handy Manny	Mickey Mouse	Einsteins	Tigger & Pooh	Mickey Mouse	Handy Manny	Imag. Movers	Einsteins	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Movie	
FAM 58	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Step by Step	Living the Life	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House
HALL 60	Paid Program	Paid Program	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Touched by an Angel	

WEEKDAYS						MARCH 3 - MARCH 9									
	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30			
KLBY/ABC 4 6	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Rachael Ray		News	Access H'wood	News	ABC Wld News			
KSNK/NBC 8 3	News		Days of our Lives		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		The Doctors		Jeopardy!	Deal or No Deal	News	NBC News			
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News	Bold-Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	Evening News			
K15CG 2	Reading Rainbow	Barney-Friends	Varied Programs			Lions	Arthur	WordGirl	Fetch! Ruff	Cyberchase	Maya & Miguel	Business			
ESPN 28	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Outside-Lines	Football Live	NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn		Interruption	SportsCenter			
USA 37	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		NCIS		NCIS				
TBS 38	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	King of Queens	King of Queens	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	Ray-mond	Friends			
WGN 39	WGN Midday News		Be-witched	Be-witched	Dream-Jeannie	Dream-Jeannie	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Becker			
TNT 40	Without a Trace		Saving Grace		Saving Grace		Charmed		Charmed		Bones				
DSC 42	The FBI Files		A Haunting		A Haunting		Varied Programs		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab			
A&E 47	CSI: Miami		Crossing Jordan		The Sopranos		American Justice		Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files				
HIST 48	Varied Programs														
NICK 55	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Wow! Wubbzy!	SpongeBob	OddParents	Varied Programs				SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh			
DISN 56	Movie Cont'd	Varied	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Varied Programs										
FAM 58	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	What I Like	What I Like	Gilmore Girls		My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids			
HALL 60	7th Heaven		7th Heaven		Little House on the Prairie		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H			

THURSDAY												MARCH 5											
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KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (N) (CC)	Entertainment	Ugly Betty	Ignacio enters a TV cook-off.	Grey's Anatomy	Piece of My Heart	Private Practice (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Nightline (N) (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)												
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Name Is Earl	Kath & Kim (CC)	The Office	30 Rock (N) (CC)	ER What We Do (N) (CC)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night												
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (N) (CC)	Inside Edition	Survivor: Tocantins (N) (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)	Eleventh Hour Subway (N) (CC)		News (N) (CC)		Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late													
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop Frankie Valli hosts performances by Little Richard, Jay & the Americans, and others. (CC)				World News		Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)													
ESPN (28)	College Basketball: Carolina. (Live)		Tennessee at South Carolina. (Live)		College Basketball: Illinois at Penn State. (Live)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)		Basketball Final												
USA (37)	NCIS Judgment Day (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		House Love Hurts (CC)		House Three Stories (CC)		Burn Notice Lesser Evil (Season Finale)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent												
TBS (38)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: Twister (1996) Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. (CC)		Sex and the City		Sex and the City												
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: Mighty Joe Young ★★½ (1998, Adventure) Charize Theron. (CC)				WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Scrubs My Hero	Scrubs (CC)	The Bob & Tom Show (CC)												
TNT (40)	Law & Order Venetia		NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at New Orleans. New Orleans Arena. (Live) (CC)				Orleans		NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Denver Nuggets. Pepsi Center. (Live) (CC)														
DSC (42)	How It's Made	How It's Made	Rampage! Road Rampage (CC)		De-destroyed (CC)		Treasure Quest Malta (N)		How It's Made		How It's Made		Rampage! Road Rampage (CC)										
A&E (47)	The First 48 Double homicide. (CC)		The First 48 A home invasion case. (CC)		The First 48 (N) (CC)		The Beast Mercy (N) (CC)		The Beast Mercy (CC)		The First 48 A home invasion case. (CC)												
HIST (48)	Star Trek Tech (CC)		Modern Marvels Butchers. (CC)		Gangland: Aryan Brotherhood (CC)		Ax Men Ax Men Cometh (CC)		Cities of the Underworld (CC)		Modern Marvels Butchers. (CC)												
NICK (55)	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Family Matters	Family Matters	Home Improve.	Home Improve.											
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Movie: Stuck in the Suburbs (2004) Danielle Panabaker. (CC)		Wizards-Place		Wizards-Place	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	That's Raven	Cory in House											
FAM (58)	That '70s Show		Movie: Jumanji ★★½ (1995) A sinister board game puts its players in mortal jeopardy. Robin Williams. (CC)				America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)		Whose Line? Whose Line?												
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger End Run		Movie: The Valley of Light (2007, Drama) Chris Klein, Gretchen Mol. (CC)		Murder, She Wrote Jessica Behind Bars		Golden Girls		Golden Girls												