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The Prairie Museum of Art and History set up this Colby High School exhibit earlier this year in preparation for the All School Reunion. It is located on the southeast corner of the museum's main exhibit floor.

# '40-foot' exhibit showcases donated uniforms, pictures

Step back in time to revisit your Colby High School years with the newest exhibit at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. Arranged in a 40-foot case, the memorabilia in this exhibit is an in-your-face orange and black timeline of Colby history.

This temporary exhibit features jerseys, costumes, letter jackets, uniforms, photos, pennants, megaphones, yearbooks, buttons, caps and alumni souvenirs.

Some of the earliest artifacts include a baseball uniform made of hot, scratchy wool that was worn by Earl Howard in 1907. Earl Morrison's letter sweater was bought from Warner Brothers for \$9 in 1929. He lettered four years in football and track and played every minute of every football game during his high school years.

Marvin Stark, who was principal from 1968 to 1989, encouraged faculty men to wear

orange jackets on game days. His orange booster jacket is on display. Former high school band members will remember William Beck's concert jacket as well. Beck was band director from the 1940s until 1977 and taught music and marching skills to generations of Colby students.

The museum is still looking for more artifacts, stories and photos from Colby school history.

"Items don't have to be old to be accepted into the permanent collection. We are really short on anything from the 1980s on through present day," said Chris Griffin, museum registrar.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. For information call (785) 460-4590.

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