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## College gets expert help in writing plan

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Colby Community College is moving closer to developing a comprehensive development plan and they are getting some expert assistance in that endeavor.

Dr. Jimmie Downing, who served as president of Barton County Community College for 28 years before retiring, visited with the college's board of trustees at their Monday meeting about writing such a plan. He compared it to a business plan that would address issues pertinent to growth, expectations and cost. He said such plans need to be updated each year, reflecting change. Downing is serving as a consultant as the college writes its comprehensive development plan, and said he planned to be on campus as needed.

In other matters:

- The board voted to give exempt and classified personnel the same raise in pay as the faculty, and authorized issuance of contracts. Pay raises will be prorated on 5.7 percent.

- The board reviewed bids for a new e-mail and web server and accepted the bid from Office Works — if they could get a three-year labor warranty instead of one-year. The bid was for

\$10,570 for a Premio Zeus 5U. They rejected bids of \$10,106.28 from Dell for a Dell PowerEdge 2500, and for \$12,712 from NexTech for a Compaq Proliant ML 370.

They chose the Office Works bid over the lower bid because of higher speed and local service.

Dean of Community Services Joe Mildrexler said the college has been using the mini-frame 'Katie' as a server for many years, and also for computer services for the college, but Katie is not big enough to handle the increased business.

The new server, he said, will allow for virus screening of e-mail, increase security, allow users to check e-mail for any Internet accessible computer, and free up Katie for classroom purposes.

- The board authorized Dr. Mikel Ary, college president, to send a letter to Corporate Benefits Services regarding health insurance.

Corporate Benefits is the present carrier, and the college will be changing over to the state health insurance plan July 1. Corporate Benefits will administrate carry-over claims from July 1 at a cost of \$5,287.68 for three months.

- The board authorized agreements with hospitals in Garden City, Englewood, Colo., Guymon, Okla., Emporia, Comanche County Hospital in Lawton, Okla., and Western Iowa Health Care Systems for physical therapy students to go to practice. It also authorized an articulation agreement with Southwestern College in Winfield.

- The board authorized 46 standard contracts for outreach and other part-time employees.

- The board approved a contract for the rodeo program to use the Thomas County Fairgrounds on the same terms as last year.

- Ary said they are trying to get the company which is doing the road work on I-70 to resurface the Bedker Memorial Complex parking lot. Their estimate for the job is \$29,500; however, there is concern about the underlying area.

- Trustee Cleona Flipse said they still had complaints from the athletes that the cafeteria was closed when they got done practicing.

Dean of Student Services Skip Sharp said they were keeping the cafeteria open later, but the coaches were keeping the athletes longer.

## Student charged in planting bombs

RENO, Nev. (AP) — After a five-day reign of terror that had rural Americans nervously eyeing their mailboxes, a cell phone signal and an alert motorist led to the arrest of a 21-year-old college student accused of planting pipe bombs in several states.

Luke J. Helder, of Pine Island, Minn., was charged Tuesday after a high-speed chase along a desert highway followed by a phone conversation with an FBI negotiator and his parents.

After Helder surrendered, bomb squads called to the scene along Interstate 80 some 50 miles east of Reno

dismantled five pipe bombs found in the car, said Maj. Rick Bradley of the Nevada Highway Patrol.

Early Wednesday, a handcuffed Helder was led into the Washoe County Jail by four federal agents. Wearing a black Kurt Cobain T-shirt and long, baggy tan shorts, his hair matted, Helder offered no comment.

Helder was enrolled as a junior majoring in art and industrial design at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, located in Menomonie, Wis. Former classmates said Helder loved the grunge band Nirvana and was preoc-

cupied with Cobain, its lead singer, who committed suicide.

The capture came just eight hours after the FBI issued an all-points bulletin for Helder and said it wanted to question him about the 18 pipe bombs.

Six people — four letter carriers and two residents — were wounded by bombs left in mailboxes in Illinois and Iowa. Twelve other bombs found in Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas did not explode. Most of the bombs were accompanied by anti-government propaganda warning that more "attention getters" were on the way.

## Ag secretary to address women in agriculture during Oakley visit

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Jamie Clover Adams, the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, will be in Oakley at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, to talk about women in agriculture. The presentation will be held at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, 703 W. 2nd St.

The purpose of her appearance is to discuss how women can become more involved in agriculture.

"In the changing world, women have developed a sense of independence and now have the knowledge to better themselves as well as their families in agricultural production," said Adams, who now resides in Lawrence. In addition, Adams said she plans to emphasize those points and talk about the changing roles in agriculture and how women are affected.

Offering a brief biography about Adams, it was noted that she was appointed secretary to the agriculture department in 1999 and prior to

accepting the position, served for three years on the governor's staff as Legislative liaison specializing in agriculture, environment, natural resource and water issues.

She is a native of central Michigan, born and raised on a small farm near Ionia. Adams was active in 4-H livestock projects, Michigan Junior Angus Association, Michigan Junior Beef Breeders Association and participating in local, regional and national livestock exhibitions.

The agriculture department, Adams said, is charged by law to ensure the safety of meat, milk, and egg supplies, along with controlling pesticides and nutrients.

Adams' appearance is being sponsored by Co-Ag, Farmers State Bank, The Bank, First National Bank of Colby, Sunflower Bank, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Peoples State Bank, BankWest and State Bank. The presentation is free and everyone in the area is encouraged to attend.

## Budget battle

# Senators hope for breakthrough on taxes

TOPEKA (AP) — Senators hoped for a breakthrough on tax issues after lawmakers reported little progress on the 97th day of their session.

Republican leaders in both chambers struggled Tuesday to find enough support for the tax increases necessary to finance a \$4.4 billion budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The budget went to Gov. Bill Graves last week even though it was \$290 million out of balance.

The Senate postponed an expected debate on a \$335 million tax bill until Wednesday, while top House Republicans meet again with Democratic leaders but still didn't have an agreement.

"We're in Nowheresville," said House Speaker Kent Glasscock, R-Manhattan.

A sticking point was whether the state should raise income taxes and, if so, whether the burden should fall on most Kansans or just the wealthy.

Senate GOP leaders were more hopeful than their House counterparts

## Checking the list



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Seniors Karen Saddler (left) and Lydia Leondaris (right) examined the program for Tuesday night's awards ceremony at Colby High School. Karen Saddler was joined by her mother, Janet. Karen was the recipient of eight awards and scholarships to include the Hays City Silver Award, Kansas Honor Scholar, Spanish IV Award of Excellence, All A's in English IV, Who's Who Among American High School students; Odd Fellow's and Rebekah's Scholarship, Board of Regents Curriculum Completer, and Scholar's Bowl Participation. A complete list of students and their scholarships and awards will appear later in the week.

## Briefly

### Little hope for rain

The 50s, 60s and 70s are the high temperatures the Colby region can expect for the next few days, according to the forecast issued today by the National Weather Service.

Tonight, clear, lows in the middle 30s, north winds around 10 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, highs only in the upper 50s, north winds around 10 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, lows in the middle 30s. Friday, cloudy, thunderstorms in the afternoon, windy, highs in the upper 60s, chance of rain 30 percent. Friday night and Saturday, partly cloudy, lows in the middle 40s, highs in the upper 70s, with a chance of thunderstorms. Colby's high Tuesday was 57 and the overnight low this morning was 43. The soil temperature at the 4-inch depth is averaging 63 degrees. There was 0.01 inches of precipitation recorded during the past 24 hours, moving the rain total for the month to 0.02 inches. The records for May 8: 95 in 1934 and 27 in 1975. (The temperatures and precipitation are provided by the Northwest

Kansas Research-Extension Center, Colby.)

### Physicals on tap today

All Colby School District students in grades 6-11 who plan to participate in athletics, cheerleading and drill team next school year, will have an opportunity to get their physicals today from 5-7 p.m. at the high school, said Jeff Quenzer, assistant principal/activities director. Quenzer said there will be a \$10 charge per individual that will be collected before the physical is given, and explained that the money will be used to continue the student-athlete training program at the high school, a program set up to allow students who are interested in the medical field to get some hands on experience under the guidance of a certified athletic trainer. For those unable to make this date, Colby Medical and Surgical Center, 175 S. Range, will also offer physicals, at no charge, on Tuesday, May 14. Colby Middle School students will need to arrive at the center by 5 p.m.;

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that they could put together a bipartisan plan, though they acknowledged chances were slight for a bill awaiting Senate action that would increase an array of taxes.

"We're working on a lot of different ideas," said Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson.

The bill before the Senate would increase the sales tax to 5.2 percent from 4.9 percent and increase the cigarette tax by 65 cents a pack, to 89 cents.

In addition, the bill would raise income tax rates across the board to generate \$93.8 million in new revenue.

The state's top income tax rate, 6.45 percent, is applied to individuals with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$30,000 and couples earning more than \$60,000. Some Democrats argue the state should create new, higher rates for wealthier Kansans.

"There is no reason a family of four making \$60,000 a year should be paying as much as a family of four making \$600,000 a year," said Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka.

Kerr and other Republicans oppose any increase in individual income

taxes, given the slumping economy.

Sen. Janis Lee, D-Kensington, said: "At this point, I don't sense any consensus on a tax plan."

In the House, Democrats have acknowledged that they are not sure they have reached a consensus on tax issues — or budget issues, either.

That has frustrated Glasscock and other Republicans, who insist they are ready to strike a deal.

"It's certainly well-intentioned, trying to look for a strategy," said House Taxation Committee Chairman John Edmonds, R-Great Bend. "There may be one, but I'm not aware of one."

In other action: — A bill authorizing bonds to build three university research centers and improve a fourth won House approval Tuesday and went to Gov. Bill Graves.

— The Senate passed a bill raising motor fuels taxes and vehicle registration fees to finance highway projects.

— Legislative negotiators toiled over how to redraw the state's four U.S. House districts.

Colby High School students by 5:45 p.m.; and Brewster and Golden Plains students at 6:30 p.m. Students are reminded to bring with them the Kansas High School Activities Association physical forms the day of the exam and make sure to return all paperwork to the appropriate school since no copies of the physical are kept by the physicians, Quenzer said.

### Fair board meets Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in the 4-H Building to make plans for the fair and conduct routine business. They will also hear reports from 4-H representatives and fair board representatives.

### Basketball 3-on-3 Saturday

The Mid-America Youth Basketball 9th and 10th grade girls team is sponsoring a 3 on 3 street ball tournament on Saturday in the Southwind Plaza parking lot. Registration

is at 8:30 a.m. with tournament play to start at 9. There will be three divisions for boys and girls high school age, age 19-30, and age 31 and up, male and female. For more information call Linda Taylor at 462-3058.

### College ceremony Saturday

Colby Community College will celebrate its 37th annual commencement at 2 p.m., Saturday, in the Colby Community Building. There will be 376 students awarded associate degrees, said Debbie Schwanke, director of public information. Dr. Duane Dunn, president of Manhattan Area Technical College, will deliver the commencement address, and degrees and certificates will be conferred by Dr. Mikel Ary, president, and Kenton Krehbiel, chairman of the board of trustees. Also on the commencement program is David and Lois Ferguson for honorary associate degree; presentation of the Mosier Award to this year's outstanding graduate; and presentation of the Tangeman Award to the distinguished teacher in 2001.



