



Campus Close-Up

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College names new dean of fiscal affairs

Daniel Erbert has been selected as the Dean of Fiscal Affairs at Colby Community College. Erbert replaces Ken Johnson who recently resigned from the college after serving in that capacity for 15 years.



D. Erbert

Erbert has extensive experience in higher education. He served as chief operations officer at Cloud County Community College in Concordia for five years and as vice president of administrative services at Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad, Colo. for three years.

A native of Stratton, Colo., Erbert was the owner of a training, consulting and design business. In addition, he served as finance director for a human services agency in Trinidad.

Prior to his work in higher education, he was the business administrator for the Lamar (Colo.) Public Schools for five years. As chief operations officer for the K-12 public school system which includes 2,000 students and 300 employees, Erbert was responsible for budgets in excess of \$11 million.

At Trinidad State Junior College, Erbert had fiscal responsibility for budgets in excess of \$17 million. Trinidad Junior College has 3,500 students and 350 employees at two major campuses and satellite sites. In addition to his other duties, Erbert managed the completion of approximately \$7 million of capital construction. He also developed and implemented the administrative staff pay for performance (merit pay) plan and initiated and sponsored a nontraditional student organization.

During his tenure at Cloud County Community College, Erbert managed the process which grew the school's general fund balance from \$5,000 to almost \$1 million. Cloud has approximately

3,000 students and 450 employees at two major campuses. He directed efforts that provided a clean fiscal audit which had been a perpetual issue at the college.

Erbert was recognized by his peers as the recipient of the Region II "Outstanding Chief Business Officer" award in October 2001. The award is given by the Community College Business Officers Organization.

He is a member of several professional organizations including the Colorado Association of Community and Junior College Business Officials, Kansas Association of Community College Business Officials, Association of School Business Officials International, Association of College Administration Professionals and Colorado Association of School Executives. Erbert is a director of the Trinidad Las Animas County Economic Development Board and a director on the Department of Business Officials Board for Colorado.

Erbert served as chair and negotiator for the salary and benefits committee at Larimer County Voc-Tech Center and was a representative for the Colorado Department of Education Financial Policies and Procedures Committee.

"We are very pleased that Dan will be joining our administrative team," said Dr. Mikel Ary, Colby College president. "He brings a wide variety of experience in postsecondary education. His background and professional accomplishments are outstanding and we look forward to the positive contributions he will make at Colby Community College."

Erbert earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in occupational administration and supervision from Colorado State University. He is completing work on a doctoral degree in community college leadership, also at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Erbert will begin his duties on Dec. 1.



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Accompanist Pat Ziegelmeier practiced with the Sunflower Singers as they prepare for their Winter Concert scheduled for Dec. 7.

The concert is free to the public and will include singers and bandmen under the direction of Dr. Phil Shuman and Dr. David Mruzek.

Musicians prepare for holiday concert

The Colby Community College music department has scheduled its annual "Winter Concert" for Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts

Center on campus.

The Concert Choir, Sunflower Singers, Concert Band and Jazz Band will be performing a wide variety of music.

Director of bands is Dr. David Mruzek. Dr. Phil Shuman is director of choirs.

They will be accompanied by Pat Ziegelmeier.

The public is invited.

This is the music department's major concert for the fall semester.

The college said there is no admission charge.

For college students...

Holidays also offer extra credit hours

Kansas college students who want to earn some extra credits during the holidays can count on a series of 14 short-term intersession courses being offered by EduKan, the Internet community college.

All 14 courses will be offered entirely online at www.edukan.org, beginning Dec. 13 and concluding in early January. EduKan is a con-

sortium of six Kansas community colleges including Colby Community College.

The intersession courses will take place while most campus facilities are closed.

The classes include American Government, Art Appreciation, Cultural Anthropology, General Psychology, Human Relations, In-

troduction to Business, Introduction to Computer Concepts and Applications, Introduction to Mass Media and Introduction to Music.

Other classes also available are Journalism I, Lifestyle Management, Principles of Macroeconomics, Web Page Design and World Regional Geography.

Information and enrollment are

available at the consortium's website. Students may also call the dean of instruction Gracemary Melvin at 462-3984, ext. 245, for details.

The registration deadline for the intersession courses is Dec. 8, with all payments due by Dec. 10.

The cost for EduKan classes is \$115 per credit hour.

Generational goodies



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Students in Larry Koon's social problems class prepared and served a turkey dinner to approximately 180 older Americans on Monday, Nov. 22. The 37th annual Thanksgiving dinner was held in the Colby Community Building. The annual event is an opportunity for students to interact with older Americans. The Thanksgiving dinner was sponsored by Colby Community College and the Senior Progress Center.

Art gallery features Gordon, Mahin

The featured artists at the Colby Community College Art Gallery are Cal Mahin and Cathy Gordon. Both are instructors at the college.

The exhibit includes mixed media paintings, handmade books and

charcoal drawings by Gordon and handmade masks by Cal Mahin.

The exhibit will run through Dec. 3. Works of Colby College students will be exhibited Dec. 7-13.

The college's gallery is located in

the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center and is open Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. It's free.

Groups may make special arrangements for other times by calling Gordon at 462-3984, ext. 310.

Forty-seven students included in 2005 edition of Who's Who

The 2005 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* will include the names of 47 students from Colby Community College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1966. Students selected for inclusion

this year from Colby Community College include (along with their hometowns):

Andrew Bird (Selden), Anthony Steele (Omaha, Neb.), Benjamin Schmidt (Torrington, Wyo.), Beth Zillinger (Logan), Braden Ham (Sedgwick, Colo.), Bryan Stephens (Jennings), Casey Miller (Wiggins, Colo.), Choromi Jang (South Korea), Cody Lofland (Goodland), Cody Stone (Louisburg), Connor Bramlet (Wheatland, Wyo.), Eric Luedke (Colby), James Coplin (Colby), Jayci Stone (Goodland), Jennifer Wildeman (Norton), Jerri Zwegardt (Colby), Jessica Spoo (Frankfort), John Weeks (Colby), Joy Zumbahlen (Bird City); and

Julee Wiegers (Leoti), Kacie Luebbers (Leoti), Katherine Mills (Brewster), Katie Lukow (Kenesaw, Neb.), Kealan Schroder (Tipton), Kelli Berg (Logan), Kevin

Brooks (Healy), Kobey McCall (Aurora, Colo.), Kyla Rico (Goodland), Kyle Christensen (Loveland, Colo.), Laurel Balluch (Quinter), Leanne Juenemann (Colby), Lori Ziegelmeier (Gem), Mary Egger (Herington), Megan Shaw (Oakley), Michael Neuberg (Littleton, Colo.), Miho Matsuo (Japan), Nicholas Baden (Colby), Naomi Suzuki (Japan), Rachel Jones (Frankfort), Reagan Smith (Colby), Rocky Baalman (Colby), Samantha Wolf (Colby), Sara Luckert (Brewster), Stephanie Koel (Colby), Tasha Diederich (Colby), Tracey Wilcox (Colby) and Zach Luedke (Colby).

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Enrollment is underway

Although the end of the fall semester is still several weeks away, enrollment is underway for the spring semester at Colby Community College.

Classes were not held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, to allow students to meet with their advisors to complete enrollment for spring 2005.

Final enrollment procedures will be Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005 for all students. Classes will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Spring class schedules are available by calling the admissions office at 462-4690. Schedules are also available online at www.colbycc.edu.



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Colby Community College chemistry instructor Max Pickerill enrolled Alan Foster of Hill City in spring semester classes.

Don't forget the Christmas Parade Sunday at 5