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Students, coaches worry about family

The devastation of hurricane Katrina is far-reaching with the impact felt by several Louisiana students currently enrolled at Colby Community College.

Seven students and two assistant basketball coaches are from the New Orleans area. Justin Brown (New Orleans East), Micah Hagans (Kenner, La.), Autrail Manning (Marrero, La.), Hellion Knight (White Castle, La.) and Shedric Cole (New Orleans) are members of the men's basketball team. Assistant coaches Giang Phan and Vu Phan are also natives of New Orleans.

Brown's mother and two brothers evacuated to Houston, Tex. before the storm hit.

His dad stayed behind and was eventually evacuated by helicopter to Baton Rouge. He has talked with both parents.

"My dad has a lot of interesting stories to tell," said Brown. "My family hopes to return to New Orleans when it's possible."

Hagans' family is staying with family members in Shreveport.

"Our house was flooded," said Hagans. "My family plans to stay in Shreveport and hopefully find jobs. My mom was employed by Sam's Club so she may be able to transfer to the store in Shreveport."

Manning's family has relocated to Jackson, Miss. He has been in contact with them following their evacuation. They are safe and staying with family members.

Knight's family left the area prior to the storm and is staying in Baton Rouge. They are still searching for his aunt who has not been heard from since the hurricane hit.

Cole has talked with some family members but has not been able to make contact with his father who he believes is now in Baton Rouge.

"It is just heartbreaking when I watch the television coverage," said Manning. "We don't know where our friends and families are now or even if they are safe."

"It's just overwhelming," said Brown. "We have immediate needs and there are so many future worries. It's little things—like we don't know if we'll have a home to go to

for Christmas.

"Our families all provided some financial support and they are no longer able to help with our expenses. We have work-study jobs but are limited to a few hours each week."

Other students who have families in the New Orleans area are Avery Rhodes who is a member of the Trojan wrestling squad and Rushawn Toppin who will run track for CCC.

Carl Adams, athletic director at CCC, said people have called with offers to help these students.

"We have several offers from individuals to help with the immediate needs of these athletes," said Adams. "However, we are waiting for a ruling from the NJCAA regarding this situation. The organization has indicated they will be reviewing each student-athlete on a case-by-case basis."

Student Senate members at CCC have been collecting money for victims of Katrina. Their goal is to raise \$500 from students, faculty and staff members for the relief effort.

College selects Skip Sharp as interim president

Dean of students Glenn "Skip" Sharp has been selected to serve as interim president of Colby Community College following the retirement of Dr. Mikel Ary. He will begin his duties on Nov. 1.

Sharp has served as dean of students since August 1997. Prior to accepting the position in Colby, he was a teacher and assistant director at the Northwest Kansas Technical College for 33 years.

"I was very surprised when the Board of Trustees asked me to become the interim president," said Sharp. "It is a great honor to be asked and I look forward to moving ahead with the many projects that Dr. Ary and the college already have in motion. Colby Community College is a great institution and we have outstanding faculty and staff members. It will be a total team effort until we have our new president. I have enjoyed working with Dr. Ary these past eight years and I know the transition will be smooth and efficient."



Dean of Students Skip Sharp and Student Services administrative assistant Leasa Huddle review a report.

Sharp has served as president of the Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He was also very active on the national level serving on the NASFAA Board of Directors and Federal Title IV Reauthorization Task Force. He is a life member of the American Career and Technical Education Association, Kansas Career and Technical Education Association and Phi Delta Kappa. He is currently on the board of the Kansas ACT Council. Sharp has been a presenter at state, regional and national conferences on federal financial aid programs for students.

In addition to his professional commitments, Sharp is very active in several community organizations including Kiwanis International and the Boy Scouts of America. He served on the Goodland Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees, Goodland City Council and other city government commit-

tees.

"We have many challenges facing us at the college," said Sharp. "The reduction in state funding for higher education continues to affect Colby and all Regent institutions. The out-migration of our regional population challenges our creativity to attract new students from other market areas. We have a site visit from the Higher Learning Commission in another year and we have much work to be completed before they return. These are items we will be focusing on during the next six months."

Sharp earned his bachelor's degree in business education and a master's degree in administration from Emporia State University. He and his wife Sherry, who is a registered nurse, have four adult children: Stephanie Lambert, McCook, Neb.; Patti Sprinkle, Andover; Nancy Owens, Dallas, Tex.; and Chris Sharp, Colby. They also have 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Admissions has new head

Nikol Scheuerman Nolan was recently selected to head the Admissions Department at Colby Community College. Nolan, who has served as an admissions counselor since August 2000, is a native of Scott City. She graduated from Kansas State University in December 2000 with a degree in journalism and mass communications with an emphasis in public relations.

"Nikol has served CCC for five years as an admissions counselor," said CCC President Dr. Mikel Ary. "During that time she has exhibited initiative, industry and originality, all of which are critical characteristics in admissions work. With these talents, she will do well in her new position and I expect her to continue to advance the college in this highly competitive area."

While attending KSU, Nolan was named to the Dean's Honor Roll and was selected to Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

"The people of northwest Kan-



CCC Admissions Director Nikol Nolan (right) visits with prospective student Kelli Millsap (Wichita) and her mother during a campus visit to the school. Millsap plans to major in horse production and/or enter the veterinary technician program at CCC.

sas are so fortunate to have such a great school so close," said Nolan. "I truly believe in what Colby Community College represents and stands for. The faculty, cost, variety of programs, and the town of Colby itself make this a great place to begin your college education."

Nikol was married June 11, 2005, to Ray Nolan who was an assistant baseball coach, sports information director and instructor at CCC for the 2004-05 school year. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree and teaching part-time at the college.

Computer classes for over 55 group

Colby Community College is offering computer and Internet classes for older Americans beginning Thursday, Oct. 6. The beginner's class will start at 2 p.m.

The class for advanced students will begin at 3 p.m.

The classes, taught by Larry Koon, will meet in the computer lab

located in the Bedker Memorial Complex on the CCC campus.

CCC students will be providing individual assistance.

Topics to be covered include basic computer instruction, digital cameras, transferring photos to cloth and use of the Internet. Handouts will be provided.

There is no tuition charge for this class. However, participants will be charged a \$5 technology fee.

Refreshments will be provided.

To register, call Deb Koon at 462-6617. Classes will be held Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Trip sponsored for seniors

Colby Community College, the Thomas County Council on Aging and the Senior Progress Center are sponsoring a one-day trip for senior citizens on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Larry and Deb Koon will accompany the group to Golden, Colo., where they will attend the melodrama "Sweeney Todd: The Legend of the Barber Fiend of Fleet Street" at the Heritage Square Music Hall.

Participants will pay \$30 for the meal and play. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the bus trip.

"We can accommodate 50 people on the bus," said Larry Koon. "We will take reservations first from Thomas County residents and then

open the trip to residents from surrounding counties."

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

Sweeney Todd: The Legend of the Barber Fiend of Fleet Street

T.J. Mullin's hilarious adaptation of an 1847 melodrama entitled The String of Pearls by George Pitts was first introduced to the Music Hall stage in 1996. It brought gales of laughter as the multi-talented cast spoofed this centuries-old London legend. T.J. Mullin and Randy Johnson also wrote the fun-filled songs that accompany the farcical frolic. The show also includes a

musical comedy review presented immediately following the play.

Heritage Square Music Hall

Nestled at the base of the foothills, just south of Golden on Highway 40, the Heritage Square Music Hall first opened its doors on June 1, 1988.

The Music Hall offers a dinner theater experience that is known for fun-filled evenings of family entertainment.

Heritage Square

Heritage Square is a unique amusement park, theater and shopping village with delightful Victorian architecture.

'Love Thy Neighbor' at arts center

The Colby Community College drama department will present the comedy Love Thy Neighbor Nov. 3-5 in the Cultural Arts Center located on the college campus.

Love Thy Neighbor, written by Colby Community College alumnus Gary Ray Stapp (class of 1981), has a cast of eleven.

The comedy revolves around Leona Crump who is concerned about who will buy the house across the street and is determined to keep out the "riff-raff."

Still, a family of hillbillies moves into her neighborhood.

Obnoxious Gafina and her Maw, as well as Gafina's "trampy" sister Bambi and amorous boyfriend Turner make life unbearable for Leona.

She vows to remove them from her neighborhood with or without the help of her couch-potato husband and closest neighbors.

Love Thy Neighbor is directed and designed by CCC drama instructor Deb Bickner.

Cast members include Kristi Khan (Colby) as Leona Crump; Daniel Blake (Goodland) as Albert Crump; Jonathan Miller

(Burlington, Colo.) as Paul Harrison; Regina Heier (Colby) as Judy Harrison; Tina Schmid (Colby) as Rose Bush; Challis Horinek (Gem) as Ava/Maw; Megan Ford (St. Francis) as Gafina; Josh Kenney (Seward, Neb.) as Turner; James Mason (Winston-Salem, N.C.) as George; and Wendy Bugbee (Ulysses) as Officer Doonan.

Advance tickets will be available at the Colby College Campus Bookstore.

Tickets will also be available prior to each performance at the door.