



Wellness Center goes over \$1 million mark

A gift from the Texas Garvey Foundation has pushed the Colby Community College Wellness Center campaign over the \$1 million mark.

“Carol Sweat of Wallace worked with the Foundation to secure this gift,” said Endowment Foundation Director Nick Wells.

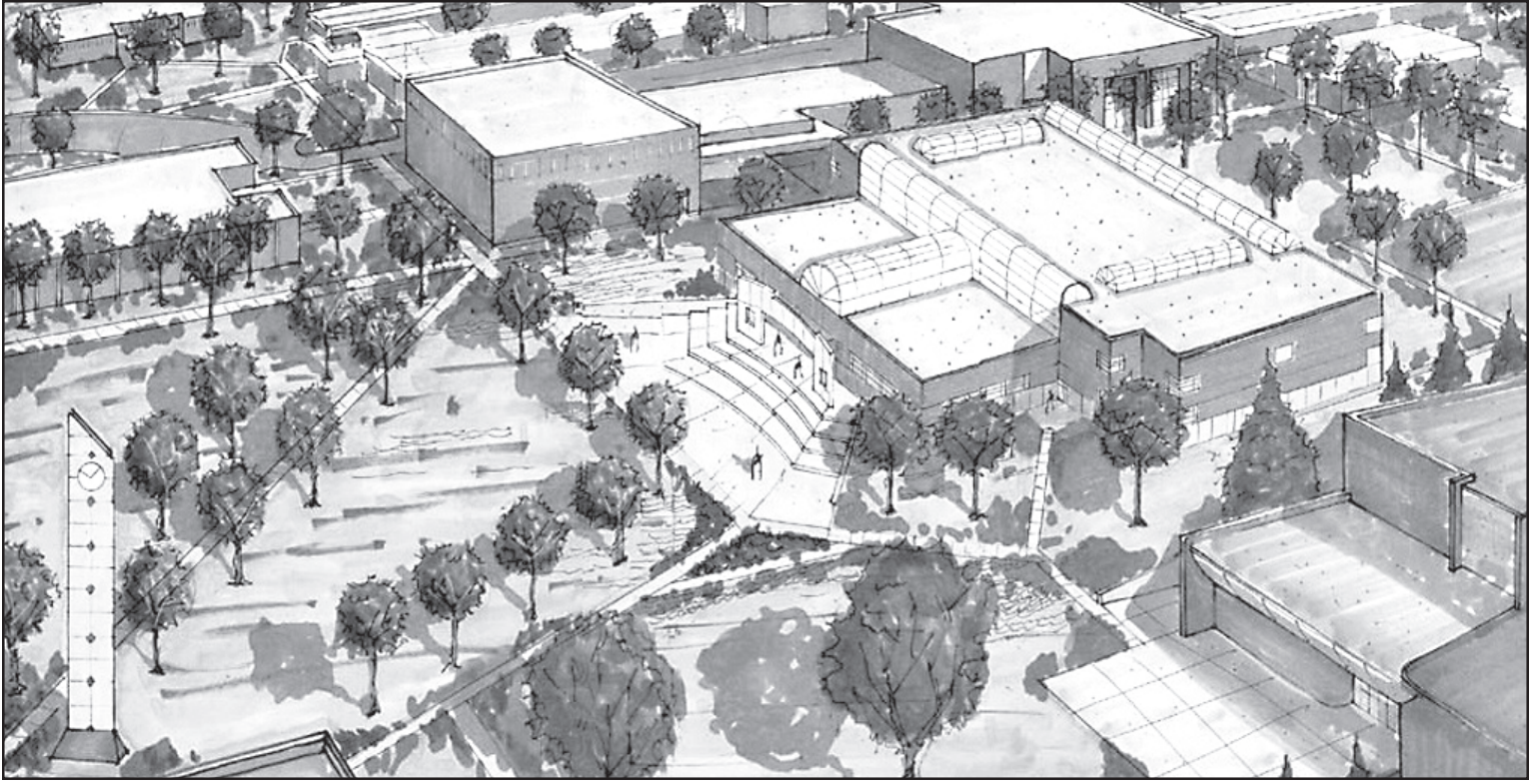
“This is the first major gift under the leadership of President Skip Sharp working in partnership with the Foundation.

“We are very pleased to announce this donation from the Texas Garvey Foundation. In recognition of this considerable donation, the lobby of the Wellness Center will be named the Garvey Lobby.”

The construction of the Wellness Center is part of the Endowment Foundation’s comprehensive “Colby at 50” campaign.

The goals of the campaign are to raise \$4 million to fund construction of the Wellness Center, \$1 million in new endowment funds and \$500,000 in annual fund contributions.

“The proposed 27,500-square-foot Wellness Center will be designed to address multiple needs of



The artist’s illustration is of the proposed Wellness Center. It was designed by Glenn Strait of Colby.

the college and Thomas County area,” said President Skip Sharp.

“The name is purposeful.

“The Wellness Center will be a

physical education site, a strength and conditioning center, a practice facility and recreation center,” he said.

Current plans for the Wellness Center include two exercise rooms, a cardiac exercise room, gymnasium space, walking track/pacing

track, recreation room, classrooms, athletic training room and locker rooms to assist wrestling, baseball, softball, track, basketball and cross

country programs.

“Members of the Endowment Foundation and the college Board of Trustees are to be commended for their vision and commitment to this project,” said Sharp. “The Wellness Center will positively impact student enrollments and retention.”

“For the general public, such a center will greatly assist in longevity issues, quality of life and therapeutic considerations.

“A great deal of planning and hard work has contributed to the ongoing success of the ‘Colby at 50’ campaign.

“We look forward to the completion of the Wellness Center project.”

Endowment Foundation members are Sherry McDonald, president; Nancy Saddler, secretary; Troy Faulkender, treasurer; Karen O’Neal, president elect; Tom Moorhouse; Sandy Hill; Diane Williams; Lon Frahm; Troy Hilt; Kristen Ostmeier; Amanda Wahlmeier; Darrel Pabst and Dale Schilling.

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees members are Don Kready, president; Kenton Krehbiel, vice-president; Larry McDonald, treasurer; Cleona Flipse and Cindy Black.

College library is community resource

by Shelly Huelsman

CCC library director

Joe came into the library looking for a video to watch over the weekend. While browsing the library collection, he found a DVD of Star Wars, Episode 3, “Revenge of the Sith.” Joe checked it out, watched it over the weekend and returned the DVD on Monday.

Judy has been researching her family history. She borrowed the 1915 issues of the Clark County Clipper through Interlibrary Loan. Using the library’s Microfilm reader/printer, Judy found her great-grandfather’s obituary, which told her where and when he was

born. Judy printed a copy of the obituary for her records.

Evelyn was recently diagnosed with a medical condition. Wanting more information, she came to the library. Using both print and online resources, with the help of a librarian, she found more information about her condition.

Seth likes to play chess and meets with Brenda every Wednesday morning at the library for a match. They enjoy a chance to play in a quiet, comfortable environment. Frequently they have a small audience of library patrons who watch and learn from these chess masters.

Brad is a fan of author Diana

Gabaldon’s works. He discovered her newest title “A Breath of Snow and Ashes” on the shelf and checked it out.

All of these users came to the H.F. Davis Memorial Library on the Colby Community College campus. None were Colby College students. While a valuable resource for students, the library is a community resource as well.

The collection is predominately non-fiction which supports the academic goals of the institution. The print collection is supported with various electronic resources ranging from e-books to online periodical databases to hardware and software. However, library officials

recognize the need to fulfill the recreational needs of students and community patrons.

Every Friday the library offers free popcorn to all patrons. There is a DVD and video collection of current and popular movies. For recreational readers, the library houses a small collection of popular fiction and receives new titles bi-monthly from the Northwest Kansas Library System.

All these resources are available for Colby Community College students as well as anyone living in northwest Kansas. The library is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 4-8 p.m.

Graduate selected as scholar award winner

Jeffrey G. Sekavec, a 2004 graduate of Colby Community College, has been selected by the United States Achievement Academy (USAA) as a Collegiate All-American Scholar Award winner.

A biology and chemistry major at Colby College, Sekavec continued his education at Bethany College in Lindsborg. He will graduate with honors in May 2006 with plans to apply for admission to the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Long-time chemistry instructor Dr. Max Pickerill was Sekavec’s advisor at Colby College.

“Jeff is one of the best and most outstanding students I’ve had in my 57 years of teaching experience,” said Pickerill. “He is a true scholar and is serious about his education. Jeff will bring honor to our institution.”

The Academy membership rep-



Jeffrey Sekavec with his father Dr. Jay Sekavec at CCC commencement ceremonies in May 2004.

resents the elite among today’s students. The recognition of excellence among America’s students has long been a hallmark of the United States Achievement Academy.

Since its founding, the USAA has endeavored to recognize outstanding students through nominations

from distinguished faculty across America. Members of the United States Achievement Academy represent all 50 states; from cities, suburbs, small towns, farms; from public, private and parochial secondary and collegiate institutions; from every ethnic and religious background; and from across the

economic spectrum. Admission into the Academy is based upon achievement and promise.

The United States Achievement Academy accepts students nominated by teachers and professors or who meet athletic or academic standards set forth by the Academy’s official standards.

USAA standards for selection include academic performance, dependability, citizenship, leadership, enthusiasm, teacher’s recommendation, dedication to self improvement, attitude and cooperative spirit and responsibility.

Sekavec is a member of Beta Beta Beta, Phi Theta Kappa, Who’s Who Among Junior Colleges and Who’s Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

He is the son of Dr. Jay and Pamela Sekavec of Monument, Colo.

History buffs



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Dennis Smiley (Killeen, Tex.) and Autrail Manning (New Orleans, La.) visit with Angela Bates following her talk to Colby Colby Community students. Bates, a native of Nicodemus, spoke to a full house in recognition of Black History Month Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Colby Community College. Bates is president of the Nicodemus Historical Society and works as an educational consultant providing materials and programs on Nicodemus and the African-American experience in the West. Bates discussed cultural differences between whites and African-Americans and the roots of these differences by tying them back to specifics during the time when African-Americans were enslaved.

Agency gets \$5,000 grant to promote child care

The Colby Community College Child Care Resource and Referral Agency was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant in support of the organization’s work to promote quality child care.

Funding for this project was provided in part by the Kansas Health Foundation, Wichita. The Kansas Health Foundation is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to improve the health of all Kansans.

The Colby Community College Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R), a service organization that promotes quality child care, links parents with licensed and registered child care providers.

The Resource and Referral office also supports child care providers with professional opportunities as well as information on

becoming a child care provider.

The organization serves the northwest Kansas counties of Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace.

Director for the Colby Community College program is Jeanne Thyfault. She is assisted by Infant/Toddler Consultant Tanya Koehn and Referral Coordinator Lisa Herbel.

The program is funded by Kansas Social and Rehabilitative Services through the Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies and Colby Community College.

There is no charge for services provided by the program. For more information, call the Resource and Referral office at (785) 462-3984, ext. 250, or toll free (888) 634-9350, ext. 250.

College open house to feature Trent Loos

Radio personality, columnist and outspoken advocate for production agriculture Trent Loos will be in Colby on Wednesday, Feb. 22, as part of the Colby Community College Agriculture Department’s open house.

The Colby Community College first open house will begin at 2 p.m. at the college farm located five miles east and one mile north of Colby. The college hopes to make the open house an annual event.

Agriculture and veterinary technology instructors and students will be assisting with the event.

“In recent years a lot of new faces have arrived in the agriculture and vet-tech programs,” said beef cattle program director Dr. Marcy Ward. “With the new personnel come new ideas for growth in these two areas of the college. The open house will be a way to meet the faculty and learn more about the programs.”

Introduction of the college faculty will begin at 2 p.m. followed by Trent Loos’ radio broadcast from 2:30-3 p.m. A farm tour will follow



Trent Loos will be at Colby College, Wednesday, Feb. 22.

at 3 p.m. The open house will continue at the Stanley Carr Agricultural Center on the college campus at 4 p.m. with a tour of the vet-tech department. A speech by Trent Loos, sponsored by the Collegiate

Farm Bureau, will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the student union.

Loos’ daily radio commentary, Loos Tales, is a look at the people and places in rural America. Loos Tales is currently aired on nearly 100 stations throughout the Midwest.

A native of Quincy, Ill., Loos is a sixth generation farmer who got his start in the business at the age of 5 by raising swine. He expanded his operation, in conjunction with his father, to a purebred seedstock company supplying boars and gilts to producers across the country.

Loos earned an American Farmer Degree in Future Farmers of America and won numerous awards at state and national swine shows. He went on to work in many areas of the pork industry, from family seedstock supplier to managing a state-of-the-art multi-site unit.

In 2001, Loos began to share his knowledge and experience of production agriculture when he launched Loos Tales. Today, 3 million listeners on 100 radio stations,

hear the show daily.

His commentaries may be read in the “High Plains Journal” and his Loos Lips daily e-newsletter updates readers on the most current issues happening in regard to food production—typically centered on anti-ag activist groups, bio-terrorists and other attacks on the agriculture industry.

The public is invited to attend the open house and the talk by Loos. There is no admission charge.

Colby College instructors in the agriculture and veterinary technician departments include Allen Russell, instructor and rodeo coach; Dr. Marcy Ward, beef cattle program director; Matt Ellicott, instructor and livestock judging coach; Dr. Kelly Riccitelli, equine science program director and ISHA coach; Dr. Jennifer Martin, vet-tech program director; Dr. Catherine McMulkin, vet-tech instructor; and Lori Baney, vet-tech instructor.

For questions, call Dr. Marcy Ward at 462-3984, ext. 256 or e-mail: marcy@colbycc.edu.