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## Colby College president finalists to visit

Clayton Tatro, Garden City, and Dr. Lynn Kreider, West Monroe, La., have been named by the Colby Community College as the two presidential finalists for the vacancy created following the retirement of Dr. Mikel Ary in October, 2005.

The applicants will be interviewed by the Colby College Board of Trustees and introduced to the public when they come to Colby for a two-day visit set for Wednesday and Thursday, April 5-6.

The finalists will meet with college faculty, staff, students and citizens during the two-day interview process.

A public forum will be held each day from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on the college campus.

The following is information about the



C. Tatro



L. Kreider

two finalists.

### Clayton Tatro

Clayton Tatro has served as dean of learning services and chief academic officer at Garden City Community College since 2001, handling responsibilities ranging from strategic planning, budgeting, staffing and evaluation to faculty development,

course scheduling, instructional evaluation and assessment of student outcomes.

He also supervises both the Technical Education Division and Continuing Education and Community Services Division, as well as general education and learning resources programs.

He handled most of the same responsibilities under the title of Dean of Instruction from 1998 to 2001. From July of 1998 until January of 1999, he worked as the Garden City Community College interim Dean of Instruction.

Before his selection as interim dean of instruction, Tatro served as a Garden City Community College Social Science Division instructor from 1995 to 1998, with responsibilities including teaching, assessment, academic advising, curriculum de-

velopment and program review, as well as committee work and professional development.

He is a doctoral candidate in the Community College Leadership Program at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, and will complete his doctorate in June of 2006. His doctoral dissertation is entitled, "The Organizational Culture of a Comprehensive Community College Engaged in Continuous Quality Improvement."

Tatro completed a master of science degree in psychology at Pittsburg State University in 1995, and a bachelor of science in psychology in 1994.

Tatro's responsibilities and accomplishments include leading the college's Academic Quality Improvement Program initiative for institutional reaccreditation;

chairing the college's ongoing Student Outcomes Assessment Program; managing four sub-award agreements between Garden City Community College and Kansas State University; bringing over \$250,000 to the college annually; leading a task force through the writing of a successful \$1.75 million Title III grant application and subsequently serving as project coordinator; serving twice as chief negotiator in collective bargaining with the college faculty; helping to initiate new programs in fire science, emergency medicine and practical nursing; and serving in various leadership capacities in EduKan, an on-line consortium of western Kansas community colleges.

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## A time for work and a time for play



**RIGHT:** Kyle Peterson worked on a snow hill in his front yard today, and was planning to make a snow shelter. Colby students are on spring break this week. **LEFT:** Gary Schuette shoveled snow from his driveway at his home on West Sixth Street



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today. Many people around the community are still digging out from the weekend snow storm. Total snowfall since Monday in Thomas County was about 14 inches. More snow is expected tonight.

## Concealed weapons bill vetoed

TOPEKA (AP) — Citing opposition from law enforcement and business leaders, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius as expected vetoed a bill Tuesday that would have allowed qualified Kansans to carry concealed guns. Supporters promised a swift attempt to override her veto.

The governor spiked a similar bill in 2004, and said repeatedly she didn't believe the measure would make Kansas safer. In her veto message, Sebelius said Kansas' crime rate is lower than states where concealed guns are allowed.

"While every law-abiding Kansan has a right to keep and bear arms, hidden weapons make it harder for law enforcement to do its job, and they make Kansas' workplaces less safe," Sebelius said in her veto message.

"Legislators know concealed weapons are a safety threat, which is why they ban them in their own workplace — the Capitol. Because of opposition from law enforcement and business leaders, I cannot support allowing hidden weapons into businesses, restaurants, malls and any number of other public places," she said.

## College board of trustees discusses swimming pool's future

By Tisha Cox

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Colby Community College athletics could end up with its own offices and weight facilities on campus. The board discussed the matter at its meeting Thursday, March 16.

Board member Kenton Krehbiel

said the wellness committee met with interim college president Skip Sharp. They put forth a proposal on turning the college swimming pool into a wrestling room.

The board gave its approval to go forward with preliminary architectural drawings and costs only.

Wrestling coach Steve Lampe also met with the group, and Kreh-

biel said Lampe is excited about the possibilities.

He said there is plenty of space for a training room, two mats and weights.

"This committee was all in favor of this," Krehbiel said.

The work could be done before the wellness center is completed, and he said the purpose is to get a

better wrestling room.

Krehbiel is comfortable the group can raise the money for the conversion. He added the college's other coaches like the idea of a weight room.

The school currently has to pay outside fees each month for athletes to have access to weights. If they had campus access, it can be used

as much as necessary, and will pay for itself.

Krehbiel also talked about the wellness center's potential features.

"I think we have some definite possibilities of what we can put in there," he said.

Krehbiel suggested aquatics could be included in the wellness center. A lap pool would take care

of the swim club, and also accommodate water aerobics classes. He said they're also not ruling out a basketball court.

All of it depends on fund-raising and costs.

Board member Larry McDonald said the pool is outdated.

"We've turned the corner on this," Krehbiel said.

## Snowstorm brings relief for wheat

TOPEKA (AP) While this week's big snowstorm caused some problems on the roads, including temporary closing of a stretch of Interstate 70 in western Kansas, farmers are welcoming the much-needed additional moisture.

"In our area it stopped the wheat from dying," said Steve Clanton, who raised wheat on about 1,300 acres near Minneapolis in north-central Kansas.

Clanton said his wheat would typically be 6 to 8 inches high by now, but because of the extended dry weather that's plagued much of western Kansas it has grown only about 3 inches. He thinks the new moisture might save the crop, although the yield still might suffer.

Dan Engler, who farms in Osborne County and is an area director of the Kansas Wheat Growers Association, said moisture from this week's storm was good but a lot more is needed soon. He said the moisture will become critical to the crop when wheat plants mature to a stage just before heading out.



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## Who's got it?

Colby Trojans Ivana Stojadinov and Rita Kollo battled with Salt Lake City Community College players for a loose ball Tuesday during Colby's 106-83 first-round win over the Bruins at the NJCAA National tournament in Salina. For more about the game, see page 10.