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Members of the Colby High School football team practiced a play earlier this week. Practice for all of Colby High's fall sports began this week. Colby's first football game is Sept. 1 versus Hoxie.

Trojan cross country teams young but have talent

By Trent Rose
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The men's and women's cross country teams at Colby Community College have one main thing in common. They will both rely heavily on freshmen.

There are four returning sophomores from last season, two on the men's side and two on the women's side.

Despite the youth, head coach Jeff Becker believes his teams can compete in the Jayhawk Conference.

"Our region is always one of the toughest," Becker said. "Butler and Cowley have solid teams returning, but if we put everything together, we'll be right there with them."

The Trojans begin their season 7 p.m. Aug. 25 in Great Bend at the Barton County Invitational. The Colby Invitational is 7 p.m. Sept. 8.

On the women's side, Mary Nyambura is the top returner and Becker expects her to be one of the teams leaders.

"I look for her (Nyambura) to compete better this season than last year. Last year, she was still adjusting to the United States after coming over from Kenya," Becker said. "She put in a lot of time this summer and should be improved."

The women's team also features Jenna Faimon (Stratton, Neb., sophomore), Nichole Eckels (Scott City freshman), Kalie Smith (Sharon Springs freshman), Tiffany Thomas (Edson freshman) and Klare Zillinger (Phillipsburg freshman).

The men's cross country roster also looks much different from last year. Anton Sandoval (Lamar, Colo. sophomore) is top returner from last season.

"Anton was our number six run-

ner last year, and we look for him to be improved and help lead our team," Becker said.

With the overhauled roster, Becker looks for newcomers Sandino Nero (Trinidad and Tobago freshman) and Harper Community College transfer Juv Chavez (Glenview, Ill., sophomore) to make an immediate impact.

The men's team also features Mark Porter (Nelson, Neb., sophomore), Kerry Barnett (Garden City freshman), Lance Clark (Lamar, Colo., freshman), and Carlo Figlio (Lamar, Colo., freshman).

Becker is in his fifth season as the head men's and women's cross country coach and he is assisted by Crystal Berndt.

For more information on the cross country teams, go to www.colbycc.edu and click on the athletics page.

Barton County athletic director says work-study fraud widespread

WICHITA (AP) — The fraudulent use of work-study money to bypass Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference rules banning full scholarships is widespread in the league and has not stopped despite the convictions of eight people at Barton County Community College, the school's new athletic director said Tuesday.

"The attitude is that if the feds come in and start investigating other schools, it will change. Right now everybody has the attitude it is just Barton and nobody is going to come after them," said athletic director Kurt Kohler.

"The entire conference needs to wake up and make some changes so that the entire conference is clean." His remarks came one day after two more former Barton County coaches were sentenced to probation for their roles in the academic and financial aid scandal at the college.

The defense attorney for former basketball coach Ryan Wolf — the coach whose case started the federal investigation at Barton — told reporters that the fraudulent use of federal and campus work-study programs to provide athletes room and board is "the rule rather than the exception" in the league.

Prosecutors say the coaches used

funds from the work-study programs to pay athletes for work they never performed so the players could pay for room and board. Conference rules prohibit giving student-athletes money to cover such costs.

Government prosecutors have 163 secretly recorded cassette tapes of phone calls from various coaches in the conference who called Wolf wanting to know if they were going to be discussed, said attorney Roger Falk.

Jim Cross, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Wichita, has declined to comment on the phone recording claims and refused to say whether prosecutors were investigating other colleges.

Since the investigation broke, BCCC and perhaps other schools have instituted multiple checks to make sure similar abuses don't recur, Kohler said.

But some Jayhawk schools are not worrying about it "until it ends up knocking on their front door," Kohler said.

Kohler declined to name the colleges he believes may be continuing the practice, but said new work-study reporting requirements instituted by the conference in the wake of the scandal raise questions about the legitimacy of some student

work-study jobs.

Kohler took over as athletic director at Barton County in June after his predecessor, Neil Elliott, was indicted and later pleaded guilty in the scandal.

Falk's statement to reporters Monday over the alleged widespread practice of fraudulently using work-study funds came as no surprise to Kohler.

Kohler said that when he was a coach at Missouri Western State University, he recruited players from the Jayhawk conference. While he never recruited any Barton County players, he talked to a lot of players from other Jayhawk junior colleges who told him of similar work-study practices at their schools.

He acknowledged some of those coaches may be nervous now.

"I know coaches are looking at their whole careers, their livelihoods taken away if some of those issues come out," Kohler said. "If you have 163 tapes, it is probably widespread."

Bryce Roderick, commissioner of the Jayhawk conference, said Tuesday he does not know of any other institution in the league involved in something like Barton County.

He said he is not aware of any federal investigation of similar practices at other colleges.

"We are getting work-study reports from presidents of the colleges — hoping to head off anything that might not be appropriate on that type of thing," he said.

George Knox, president of Labette Community College, reviewed the work-study reports coming in from the 19 colleges in the conference.

"We have 19 different ways of doing things with work-study — and I am confident we have 19 ways of doing work-study legally," Knox said of the report.

He disputed allegations that abuse of work-study was widespread in the conference.

"In my opinion it is not league-wide. I can't tell you of a president in our Jayhawk conference that would stand for it," he said.

The conference has also set up a committee to look at the issue of work-study and scholarships. That committee begins meeting next month.

On the Net:
Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference: <http://www.kjccc.org/>

Golf, auction to help men's basketball

The Colby Community College men's basketball team will host its ninth annual fundraising golf tournament on Friday at Colby Country Club.

The event features four individuals per team with a scramble format.

Registration for the event is at 9 a.m. Friday and tee-off time is 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. The event is \$65 per person and \$250 per team.

"The event is open to the public and we encourage individuals to come Friday morning to sign up as well," said John Woods, head men's basketball coach.

"It's a fun event for anybody who doesn't want to work on Friday."

The fundraising event also features a benefit auction to take place at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The auction includes lunch.

"The auction is also open to the

public and we have many great items," Woods said.

Some of those items include a men's watch from Donelan Jewelry, Taylor-made golf bag, a 7-piece patio set, Colorado Rockies baseball tickets, two Denver Broncos football tickets, two Kansas City Chiefs football tickets, two Kansas State women's basketball tickets, an autographed football from the Denver Broncos, Colby Community College drinking glasses from Barton Concrete, a five-drawer toolbox from Sears and many other items.

As part of the golf tournament, should anyone get a hole-in-one during the tournament, Horlacher jewelry will award that person with a one-carat diamond.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Darrell Pabst at 462-3313 or Shannon Wells at 460-2000.

Last first-round pick signs

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Quarterback Matt Leinart and the Arizona Cardinals agreed to terms on a six-year contract that can bring the rookie up to \$51 million, Leinart's agent said.

Leinart was expected to begin

training camp Tuesday after a two-week absence. He will be guaranteed \$14 million, said agent Tom Condon.

Leinart was the last first-round pick to reach a contract agreement.

SportsBriefs

BASEBALL
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge told two San Francisco Chronicle reporters they must comply with a subpoena and tell a grand jury who leaked them secret testimony of Barry Bonds and other elite athletes ensnared in the government's steroid probe.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey White means reporters Lance Williams and Mark Fainaru-Wada must appear before a grand jury investigating the leak unless a higher court blocks the ruling. The pair have said they would not testify and would go to jail rather than reveal their source or sources.

The two reporters published a series of articles and a book based partly on transcripts of testimony by Bonds, Jason Giambi and others who testified in the grand jury investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. Known as BALCO, the Burlingame-based nutritional supplement company was exposed as a steroid ring.

CYCLING
ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Floyd Landis' former cycling team will shut down at the end of the season.

Phonak owner Andy Rihs said that he has been unable to find a buyer for his team since Landis, this year's Tour de France champion, was busted for doping.

The Swiss hearing-aid firm had already decided to pull its sponsorship because of doping issues. American company iShares, a subsidiary of Barclays Bank, was to replace Phonak as title sponsor in 2007, but the deal was called off

after Landis' positive doping tests.

PRO FOOTBALL
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Running back Lee Suggs failed his physical with the New York Jets, voiding his trade from Cleveland.

Suggs, who has had a myriad of injuries throughout his four-year career, was brought in to help bolster the group of backs struggling without the injured Curtis Martin. Cornerback Derrick Strait returns to New York.

Softball team to host co-ed tournament

The Colby Community College softball team is hosting a co-ed softball tournament Sunday in Colby at the City Recreation softball fields on East Ninth Street.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. and the cost is \$100 per team.

"We already have seven teams committed to play this year," head

coach Carl Adams said. "If we get a few more to sign up, it will be the biggest tournament we've ever had."

For more information or to sign up, contact Ryan Sturdy at the Colby Recreation Department at (785) 460-4440.

SIZZLING SUMMER SALES EVENT

FINAL THREE DAYS!
Thursday, Friday, Saturday ~ August 17th, 18th, 19th

- Entire Stock of Suits Reduced 25%
- Sportcoats (Select Group, Values to \$210) \$69.95 ea.
- Short Sleeve Sport Shirts (Values to \$65) \$14.99 ea.
- Short Sleeve Knit Shirts Reduced 50%
- Tall Men Sportshirts (Values to \$65) \$16.99 ea.
- Tall Men Short Sleeve Knit Shirts Reduced 50%
- Short Sleeve Silk Crewneck Shirts (Values to \$75) \$19.95 ea.
- Short Sleeve Banded Bottom Knit Shirts \$14.99 ea.
- Men's Walking Shorts \$9.99 ea.
- Men's Lightweight Jackets Reduced 50%
- Ties (One Group, values to \$35) Now \$9.99 ea.

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9:00-7:00 Monday,
Tues., Wed., Thurs.
9:00-5:30, Fri. & Sat.

BOWLING LEAGUE OPENINGS

2006 Fall League Schedule

SUNDAY P.M. - Mixed Couples League. Two couples per team. Bowls at 7 P.M. every other week. Starts Sept. 10th

MONDAY P.M. - 5 person Men's League. Starting at 8:00 p.m. Starts August 28th.

TUESDAY A.M. - Ladies Coffee League. Starts at 9:00 a.m. and bowls 4 to a team. Starts Sept. 5th.

TUESDAY P.M. - Men's 5 person teams. Starts at 7:15 p.m. Starts Sept. 5th.

WEDNESDAY P.M. - Two - 4 person Ladies Leagues. Starting at 6:15 or 8:15 p.m. Definitely Ladies Night Out!! Both Start Aug. 30th

THURSDAY MIXED COUPLES - "Free NFL Team Ball League" Bowls at 6:30 p.m. (two games and shorter season. Starts Oct. 5th

THURSDAY COED LEAGUE - 5 person (any sex) Teams starting at 8 p.m. Starts Sept. 7th

FRIDAY P.M. - 4 person Ladies League at 7:00 p.m. Starts Sept. 8th.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JR. LEAGUES - Ages 5 & up. Sign up is Sat., Sept. 30th at 1:00

Let's Bowl

Most Leagues still have openings!
Call the League Hotline to save your spot:
460-2672