



Memorial scholarship honors former student

Colby Community College criminal justice students will benefit from a new scholarship fund established to honor the memory of a former student.



C. Wang

According to Eric Eicher, director of the Thomas County Community Foundation, the Cory R. Wang Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded its first scholarship to Laken Steele, Wang's

cousin. Starting next fall, this scholarship will annually award a full-year's tuition at Colby—\$1,800, in this case—and will be open on a competitive basis to all Colby criminal justice students.

Scholarship guidelines are available from the Thomas County Community Foundation, where Micki Steele Blair, Cory's mother, has endowed a scholarship fund in his name to finance this yearly scholarship.

Wang attended Colby from 2001-2003 and was an honor roll student, member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as president of

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the Criminal Justice Student Association. He was one of the original two recipients of a criminal justice scholarship funded by the city of Colby's Special Law Enforce-

ment Fund.

In addition, according to Dr. Michael Thompson, director of the CCC program, Wang's freshman class changed the direc-

tion of the criminal justice program at CCC, helping it evolve into what it has become today.

“Endowing a memorial criminal justice scholarship, as Cory's mother has generously done, is a fitting tribute to Cory's memory,” said Jessica Baughn, vice president of the community foundation and chair of the grants committee. “We are very pleased to be able to offer this scholarship.”

The community foundation was established in 2001 to endow funds to improve the quality of life for all Thomas County citizens.

College fills open positions

It was a busy summer for Colby Community College administrators as they searched for and hired several new instructors in key academic positions.



B. Griffith

Brad Griffith, a veteran educator with over 35 years of experience, was selected to join the math department.



B. Herndon

Griffith taught math at WaKeeney High School for 27 years. He also taught for three years in Lincoln, Neb., and five years in the Kansas City area.



C. Tsuda

Brad Herndon was selected to lead the instrumental music department. Herndon is familiar to many in the Colby area.



B. Maier

He has been the pastor at the First Baptist Church and the First Christian Church.



T. Fleming

Herndon taught band at Allen County Community College for several years before moving to Colby. He replaces Dr. David Mruzek who resigned to accept a job in Ohio.

Cindia Carlson-Tsuda joins Cal Mahin in the art department. Carlson-Tsuda has taught at community colleges for nine years.

She replaces Cathy Gordon who accepted a job in Iowa.

Nursing instructors Susan Belshie, Renea Studer and Deborah Erickson were hired for classroom and clinical instruction in the LPN and RN programs. All three have extensive experience and have worked as nurses in clinical settings for many years.

Bobette Maier was selected to be an instructor in the dental hygiene program.

A registered dental hygienist, Maier worked for many years with Colby dentists Dr. Randy Nordstrom and Dr. Karen Thummel. She will be responsible for classroom and clinical instruction.

Terrilynn Fleming was hired as a part-time instructor to lead the theater department at the college. In addition to her duties as a classroom instructor, Fleming is producing fall and spring plays which will feature students and community members.

Students vs. administration



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Colby College students Mandy Hoagland of Colby, foreground; Weston Bugbee of Ulysses and Gabe Moore of Oberlin were three of the students who competed against Library Director Shelly Huelsman; President Dr. Lynn Kreider; Human Resources Coordinator Melanie Fortin and vice-president of Academic Affairs Dr. Kristen Bishop during a Quiz Bowl scrimmage. The event was held Wednesday, Sept. 6. The administrative team led by Kreider de-

feated the students 330-75. The Colby College Quiz Bowl team, coached by Tom Moorhous, won the state championship title last year. It was the school's fourth trip to the "Final Four" since 2000. The college has been chosen to host this year's state competition April 27-28, 2007. The Quiz Bowl team will also scrimmage various campus organizations including the nursing students and Broadcasting Club.

Woman athlete switches from wrestling to softball

If your dad is the high school wrestling, football and track coach, competing in those sports is probably not unusual.



B. Arntt

However, if you happen to be the coach's daughter and you're on the high school wrestling squad, it brings considerably more attention and scrutiny.

Brittani Arntt of Burlington, Colo., does not look like a typical wrestler. The petite 5-2 freshman was recruited by head softball

coach Carl Adams to play softball for Colby Community College.

“It's just a natural thing for me to compete in all sports,” said Arntt. “I was raised around every sport. My dad was the varsity football, wrestling and track coach when I was a kid. I was going to play football when I got older, but really got into volleyball and enjoyed the sport.”

Wrestling was always a passion for Arntt. She began competing in kids wrestling events when she was 4 years old.

“I had a lot of success when I was younger because there is not much difference in terms of strength between boys and girls,” said Arntt. “It became more difficult in high school because guys get so much

stronger when they mature.”

Arntt did very well in women's wrestling competitions. She placed first at the state competition in Missouri and finished in fourth at the national meet in Michigan.

She also won several matches against male competitors in high school.

“It was tough on the guys that I wrestled,” said Arntt. “It's a lose-lose situation for them. If they win, they defeated a girl. If they lose, they lost to a girl. I actually made three guys cry during my freshman year.”

“I was such a tomboy in high school. The guys who wrestled against me several times got used to the situation and my teammates

were supportive even though I defeated some of them in wrestle-offs and made the varsity squad.”

Arntt wrestled at 103 pounds as a freshman, 112 pounds as a sophomore and at 112 and 119 pounds during her junior year at Wymore Southern High School in Wymore, Neb. She transferred to Burlington as a senior and did not compete in wrestling. However, she continued to be involved as the team photographer.

“My junior year was tough,” said Arntt. I dislocated both shoulders and broke my pinky knuckle. I was able to pop the shoulders back into place and finish the match. My mom was concerned that year because I lost 20 pounds to get back

to the 112 weight class.”

In addition to her wrestling skills, Arntt is also an exceptional softball player. She can bat both ways and plays several positions including catcher and third base.

“Brittani is a hard-nosed athlete,” said Adams. “She gives 100 percent and battles to the very end of each game. She really shined over the weekend at our tournament in Concordia. She is a tough, tough competitor.”

Arntt plans to transfer to the University of Nebraska at Kearney or Peru State after graduating from Colby. She is currently majoring in graphic design and journalism.

Brittani's parents are Duane and Deb Arntt of Burlington, Colo.

Student takes second place in national competition

Colby Community College student Marlin Stramel of Colby joined the ranks of an elite group with a second place finish in the marketing competition at the National Phi Beta Lambda Conference held this summer in Nashville, Tenn. Stramel also finished fourth in the economics competition at this prestigious event.

Stramel was one of three Colby students who attended the conference after qualifying at the state competition held during the spring semester.

Phi Beta Lambda is the largest professional business leadership organization for college students in the United States with over 12,000 members. The competi-



Phi Beta Lambda sponsor Bob Selby, left, and members Deanne Wedermyer (WaKeeney), Jessy Schlichenmayer (Burlington, Colo.) and Marlin Stramel (Colby) at national convention in Florida.

tion included 1,700 students from two- and four-year public and private colleges and universities representing 34 states.

Stramel majored in business management at Colby. He is currently enrolled in classes offered by

Friends University of Wichita on the Colby campus. He plans to receive his bachelor's degree in organizational management and hopes to work in the marketing field.

Stramel is a non-traditional student who returned to the classroom

after working at several jobs.

“It was a great experience,” said Stramel.

“Everyone was very supportive. I would like to thank instructors Bob Selby, Sue Mardock, Mike McVay and Tom Moorhous for their

encouragement. I would encourage those who are hoping to improve their job prospects to consider Colby College. It was not a difficult transition and I enjoyed it.”

Also competing for the Colby chapter were Jessy Schlichenmayer of Burlington, Colo., and Deanne Wedermyer, WaKeeney.

In addition to the competitive events, members attended national workshops on a variety of topics.

The group was accompanied by long-time accounting instructor Bob Selby. Selby, who chairs the Arts and Industry Division at Colby, is co-sponsor for the group with Business Technology Program Director Diane Williams.