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## College enrollment more than last year

By **Patty Decker**  
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A series of initiatives boosted Colby Community College's fall enrollment by 65 students to 1,052, officials said today.

"We are very pleased with the increase in enrollment," said President Lynn Kreider. "Although our sophomore numbers are down, we have 69 more first-year students compared to 2005."

Each year, the college submits its official enrollment totals on the 20th day of classes to the Kansas State Board of Regents, which oversees community colleges and universities.



L. Kreider

The increase in enrollment for on-campus and online students is 6.6 percent above last year's total showing the college is headed in a positive direction.

"I believe our faculty members are among the best in the state," said Kreider. "Quality faculty and staff are vital to the recruitment and retention of our students. Outstanding faculty, a positive campus atmosphere and a dedicated administrative team were all part of the recent success."

In addition, the new president said he was pleased about both full-time equivalency and credit hour production showing significant increases.

In the full-time equivalency, numbers are significant because the college's state funding is based on that calculation, which went from 839 last year to 904.

Total credit hours for fall 2006 is

13,555 or a 7.8 percent increase compared to fall 2005.

Although funding is based on the 20th day official numbers, he said, enrollment at the college will increase as the semester progresses.

Outreach enrollment, for example, will continue for many weeks. For those unfamiliar with outreach, Debbie Schwanke, public information officer, said the program provides outreach education in 14 counties and 27 communities.

"Many of the classes taught at outreach centers will begin later in the semester," she said.

Kreider said he believes the college's integrated marketing plan is helping in the effort to bring more students to Colby.

Highlighted in the plan, the college will continue expanding its target market through advertising and connections with students, faculty, staff, alumni and others.

## Attorney fights murder charge

TOPEKA (AP) — The defense attorney for a Topeka doctor accused of killing a patient is arguing that because the state's leading medical organization already yanked this client's medical license and fined him, prosecutors are barred from charging him with murder.

Mark Bennett asked Shawnee County District Judge Jan Leuenberger this week to dismiss a second-degree murder charge against Dr. John Roy Toth, saying it would violate the double-jeopardy clauses of the U.S. Constitution and the Kansas Constitution.

Those clauses prevent a person from being prosecuted twice for the same offense if they have been acquitted or convicted, and doesn't allow multiple punishments for the same offense. Bennett said the double-jeopardy clauses include administrative and civil proceedings.

Leuenberger will consider the motion Nov. 2. A Shawnee County grand jury indicted Toth, 57, this summer of reckless second-degree murder in the death of Beverly A. Wunder, 47, of Topeka, and reckless aggravated battery involving

great bodily harm to another patient, Bertha "Susie" Groves. Wunder died April 20 in a care center in Overland Park, one year and two days after she collapsed at Toth's office in Topeka and had to be revived by emergency workers.

In the eight days leading up to that, the indictment alleged, Wunder was given intravenous infusions of the metallic element bismuth.

The aggravated battery charge was filed because Groves had to be hospitalized in serious condition with kidney failure after receiving a similar treatment.

## Get along little doggie!



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Jake Morgan from Bacone College of Muskogee, Okla., lassoed a calf during calf roping today at the annual Colby Community College NIRA Rodeo at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. More than 450 contestants from 26 colleges will compete throughout the weekend. Evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday. Finals begin 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

## Women raise kids and career all at home

By **John Van Nostrand**  
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Kylee Philipp not only thanks her customers for their business, but reminds them of how thankful she is of the lifestyle they have helped her create.

With every purchase, Philipp includes a business card thanking her customers for helping her stay home with her children while still able to run her business. Philipp is a Colby mother who runs a business from home so she can raise her children, still have a sense of work and help with the family's financial needs — all at the same time.

"It allows me to still be here for them," Philipp said, "and I still have something I can be proud of."

Since April 2005, Philipp has sold At Home America, a diverse line of home decorations, kitchen accessories and foods. Philipp has two daughters, Shianne, 6, and Riley, 1. Before At Home America, Philipp had worked a traditional job, but she desired to be at home.

Philipp, 25, usually does her sales in other homes. An interested customer invites friends to their home to see a display of products and catalogs from At Home America. Philipp explains the items and answers questions. Philipp occasionally sells from her own home, either over the telephone or if a customer stops by. She said that can be a challenge while still being a mother.

"I'll be on the phone while they are both hanging on to me," she said. "So I sometimes have to tell the person to wait a moment, put the kids in the other room, then take the call. Fortunately, people are understanding."

When working at someone else's house, husband Brad usually stays home to watch the kids. There have



JOHN VAN NOSTRAND/Colby Free Press

Ronda Faber showed off her new Cadillac she earned by selling Mary Kay cosmetics. Faber is one of several mothers who have started a business within their home so they can still be a parent at the same time.

been times Brad can't do it because of his own schedule and a sitter can't be found. Scheduling shows and childcare is key.

"I have taken Shianne with me. Sometimes there are other kids there, and I have held Riley the whole time there. I have felt at those times that I haven't gave 100 percent," she said. "Nights like that have not been a real big problem."

Philipp said running an at-home business has changed her personality.

"I was scared to death. I never had public appearances like this be-

fore," she said. But after speaking to living rooms full of people she noticed how she was changing.

"I am not as shy as I used to be," she said.

Philipp said her transition was probably unconscious since she needed to become a more sociable, outgoing person to improve potential for sales.

But she said she still needs to remember when to be a mom.

"I have dedicated a room in the house for all the At Home America things," she said. "It can be hard to separate it from family life. But I

need to keep it separate."

### **Paid by my hobby**

Mint Culver did not want her at-home business to feel all like work. So she turned her hobby of scrapbooking into a job.

Culver, 29, is a sales representative for Creative Memories, an extensive line of accessories to give the family photo album, wedding album and everything else related to snapshots, a customized theme and appearance. That hobby has taken the country by storm.

"I really enjoy the hobby," she said, "and I really like Creative

## Conference to help at-home businesses

By **John Van Nostrand**  
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Learning the tax rules for an in-home business can be taxing, according to Colby accountant Melinda Olson.

Olson, a mother of three who runs an accounting business from her home, wants to help other in-home business operators, and those considering starting one, with the financial aspect of the job.

Olson will lead a conference on taxes for home-based businesses from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, in the 4-H building at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

"I was researching a small-business tax workshop and thought about doing one for at-home businesses," Olson said.

Olson, who has been an accountant for the past five years, said her workshop is open to those who are in direct sales and in daycare.

"I had a couple of people tell me they were interested in starting a

daycare but wondered about the finances," she said.

Olson said she won't promise to have the answers to all of the questions during the conference, but hopes to at least get people in the right direction to find their answer.

"Everyone's situation is unique," she said. "but you still have to know what the I.R.S. considers a hobby and a business."

Olson said there are various ways at-home business operators can get tax breaks from mileage to using child care.

"If you need child care while you do your work you may be eligible for a tax break," she said.

Olson said the conference is not geared toward those in farming.

For information about the conference, contact Olson at 465-8137. Reservations are suggested.



M. Olson

### **Memories**

There are others, but they are not up to the same standards of Creative Memories."

Selling since early 2005, Culver organizes workshops and classes showing people how to design scrapbooks and sell the materials. Before Creative Memories, Culver had temporary jobs.



M. Culver

Culver said people interested in starting an at-home business need to remember it is still a job — even in the confines of your own home.

"I still have kids sometimes screaming to remind me I'm still a mom," she said. Culver and husband Howard have three children.

Culver said her constant challenge of having an at-home business is balancing the time to sell and be a mother. There is a psychological difference between having a job at a business and running a business

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