



## College takes proactive stance with gun course

Kansas became the 47th state in the nation to pass a concealed-firearm law, and the 39th "shall issue" state, in March 2006.

The new law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2007.

To obtain the concealed carry permit, applicants must complete an eight-hour training requirement and submit an application at their local county sheriff's office.



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Community Relations at CCC

Colby Community College offered two courses in September to provide the training required to apply for the concealed firearm permit.

“The response was excellent,” said Barry

Kaas, director of community relations at Colby College.

“We had 57 students from all across the state.

“The feedback from the participants was

very positive.

“They were pleased with the course and impressed with the instructors.”

Because demand for the course continues to grow, Colby College will offer an additional class on Saturday.

“Our course is particularly attractive because participants can opt to take additional training to obtain Utah certification which allows concealed carry in 28 states,” said Kaas.

Colby Community College, in conjunction with PROFIRE professional instructors, will offer the course at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Robert Burnett Memorial Stu-

dent Union.

Successful completion of the course enables participants to submit application for Kansas Concealed Carry Certification.

“Participants will be in the classroom for six hours and on the shooting range for approximately two hours,” said Kaas.

“The Utah certification requires an additional three hours.

“Ninety-seven percent of those who enrolled last month completed the Utah certification instruction.”

The \$145 enrollment fee includes lunch.

For additional information, call Kaas or Kathy Cayton at (785) 462-3984, ext. 319.

## Splish, splash . . . taking a bath



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby College

## Former student

## stars in ‘Madame X’

Brion Bliss, a student at Colby Community College from 1989-1991, is one of the main characters in the musical production “Madame X” now playing at the Chicago Center for Performing Arts.

Bliss continued his education at Emporia State University, graduating in 1997. He has appeared in many major theater productions, film projects and commercials.

“CCC is a perfect place to get started exploring avenues towards a future success,” said Bliss.

“If not for Colby College I would not have had the drive or the organizational skills I needed to survive, let alone succeed at a four-year college.

“Honestly, I have a strong love for CCC and have too many great experiences and friends to even begin to try and list.”

Dr. Rick Groetzinger was the director of the CCC theater department. Dr. Phillip Shuman was di-

rector of the vocal music department and Deb Bickner was the technical director during those years.

“Brion was in the cast of ‘Waiting for Godot’ and ‘Taming of the Shrew’ when he was at CCC,” said Bickner.

“I am very pleased he is doing so well in his career.

“He was very talented, and it’s always nice to learn about our graduates’ successes.”

“Brion was very talented,” said Dr. Shuman.

“He was a very good tenor who performed with the Sunflower Singers and was in the musical ‘South Pacific.’”

Bliss’s resume includes parts in “A Christmas Carol,” “Twelfth Night,” “MacBeth,” “Julius Caesar,” “Midsummer Night’s Dream,” “Romeo & Juliet,” “Blues Brothers” (National Tour), “My Fair Lady,” “Bachelors and Breads,” “Reunion,” “Frosty,” and “William’s Room.”

Brion’s sister Celeste Johnson also attended Colby Community College.

Information about “Madame X” available: [www.seemadamex.com](http://www.seemadamex.com). Details about Bliss’s company: [www.acrewofpatches.org](http://www.acrewofpatches.org).

## Dental students host clinic

Students enrolled in the dental hygienist program at Colby Community College will host a Sealant/Fluoride Clinic Saturday, Nov. 11.

The clinic for children ages 6-14 will be held from 8 a.m.-noon in the dental hygiene clinic located in the Health Sciences Building on the Colby College campus.

For many years scientists have known about the benefits of fluoride for protecting teeth. Adding fluoride to water helps reduce tooth decay, and many American cities and towns fluoridate their water supplies in an effort to improve the oral health of their citizens. Dental fluoride treatment is a supplemental way to reduce the risk of tooth decay and gum diseases.

Fluoride is nature’s cavity fighter. It makes teeth inherently stronger, and even small amounts of fluoride have been found to increase the relative strength of teeth in clinical tests. Also, since tooth enamel does not regenerate, fluoride is beneficial because it actu-



Tania Mueller (Rush Center), left, talks with Debi Henderson (Sharon Springs freshman) about the process of applying sealants and fluoride. Mueller is sophomore in the dental hygiene program.

ally repairs and re-mineralizes damage to the surface of teeth caused by acids and bacteria.

“A fluoride treatment is a simple and relatively effective way to defend against tooth decay,” said Colby College dental hygiene program director Becky Vollertsen.

Dental sealants are thin, plastic coatings painted on the chewing surfaces of the back teeth. They are applied on as a liquid and quickly

harden to form a shield over the tooth. Sealant placement is easy and painless.

Sealants, which can last up to 10 years, are suggested for children because the chewing surfaces of back teeth are rough and uneven. Food and bacteria become trapped in these hidden areas because toothbrush bristles cannot brush them away, and eventually the tooth can develop a cavity.

Dental experts suggest children should get sealants on their permanent molars as soon as teeth come in — before decay attacks the tooth.

Cost at the college dental hygiene clinic is \$7 per sealant and \$2 per fluoride varnish application. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment for their children by calling (785) 462-3984, ext. 316.

## Twelve openings available for day trip

Colby Community College and the Thomas County Council on Aging are sponsoring a one-day trip for senior citizens on Saturday, Dec. 9.



L. Koon

Larry and Deb Koon will accompany the group to Englewood, Colo., where they will attend the Country Dinner Theater to see “Phantom.”

“We still have room on the bus for 12 more people,” said Larry Koon. It’s going to be a fun day with good food and an excellent play. In order to make reservations, it’s important that those interested contact Deb or me as soon as possible.”

Participants will pay \$40 for the meal and play. Snacks and drinks



D. Koon

will be provided during the bus trip.

The Country Dinner Theater includes a spacious dining room to seat 470 people.

Audience members are

never more than 36 feet from the theater’s unique theater-in-the-round stage.

Phantom is a sensational show set to music which tells the memorable story of a horribly disfigured young man who falls hopelessly in love with a beautiful young woman. It includes well-known songs such as Home and You are Music.

Reservations may be made by calling Deb Koon at (785) 462-6617.

## Senior Day Nov. 10

High school seniors and their parents are invited to attend Senior Day activities at Colby Community College Friday, Nov. 10. The annual event is an opportunity for students to tour campus, meet with advisors and learn about activities at the college.



L. Krieder

The group will be welcomed to campus by Colby College President Dr. Lynn Kreider and Vice-President of Student Affairs Skip Sharp.

Parents will be involved in tours given by Student Ambassadors while students are entertained by

the Sunflower Singers and the Jazz Band. Parents will also have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion which will include CCC counselor Diane Frazier, student health director Ginger Rupp, financial aid director Paula Halvorson; student support services director Monica Kane, transfer and articulation specialist Linda Nelson and security officer John Cersovsky.

Lunch will be provided, followed by an opportunity to meet with coaches to learn about college clubs and organizations.

Admissions staff members are Nikol Nolan, director; Doug Johnson, counselor; Shauna Margheim, counselor; and Bobbi Barton, administrative assistant and housing director.