



# Campus Close-Up

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Veterinary technician students Crystal Riffel (Chapman) and Josh Gonzales (Garden City) draw blood from instructor Lori Baney's poodle. Riffel and Gonzales plan to continue their education at KSU after receiving their veterinary technician certification. Both students plan to apply for admission to the KSU veterinary school.

## Veterinary technicians recognized

Colby Community College is joining the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) in celebrating National Veterinary Technician Week Oct. 9-15. This annually celebrated event recognizes veterinary technicians for their contributions to the veterinary health care team. Veterinary technicians primarily function as professional technical support to veterinarians, biomedical researchers and other scientists.

National Veterinary Technician Week provides technicians the opportunity to promote their profession to the public and colleagues. Primary responsibilities in a veterinary practice involve animal nursing, administering medications, assisting in surgery, taking radiographs, inducing and monitoring of anesthesia, hospital management and laboratory duties. Veterinary technicians are also employed in biomedical research, military, sales, industry and education.

NAVTA emphasizes that veterinary technicians must continue their education and master new skills in order to provide the proper treatment for the animals in their care.

The two-year vet-tech program at CCC is the only such program available in Kansas, and one of 103 nationwide.

In order to maintain a standard of excellence these programs are accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Colby's program was first accredited in 1974.

According to the NAVTA, the first job for about 85 percent of

graduate veterinary technicians is in a private veterinary practice, with companion animal practice leading the list. However, the demand for veterinary technicians in other fields is rapidly growing. Opportunities exist in the areas of teaching, military service, humane societies, herd health managers, industry, biomedical research, diagnostic laboratories, zoo/wildlife medicine and veterinary supply sales.

The Student Veterinary Technician Association at CCC sponsors several events during the year including Pet Washes and other fund-raising activities.

The CCC Board of Trustees recently voted to investigate funding venues to expand the delivery of veterinary technician course work to Kansas State University.

Courses will be taught via ITV from the CCC campus. Labs will be taught on the Manhattan campus. Students on the K-State campus will receive their associate's degree from Colby College.

The director of the CCC program is Dr. Jennifer Martin, DVM. A graduate of Purdue University, Dr. Martin worked at an animal clinic in Hillsboro prior to accepting the job at CCC. Dr. Cathy McMullin, DVM, and Lori Baney, registered veterinary technician, are long-time instructors in the program.

Dr. McMullin, a graduate of KSU, has taught at CCC since August 1979.

Baney began her teaching career at CCC in August 1989. She received her associate's degree from CCC and her bachelor's degree from Friends University.

## Olympic wrestler to speak at fund-raising event

Colby Community College head wrestling coach Steve Lampe has announced a special fund-raising event scheduled for Monday, Oct. 17, in Colby.

"Rulon Gardner, 2000 Olympic Gold Medal winner, has agreed to speak at our annual event on Oct. 17 at the Community Building," said Lampe. "He is a tremendous motivational speaker and an incredible athlete."



Gardner

In the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Gardner beat the unbeatable in a match no one thought he could win, in what would come to be dubbed "The Miracle on the Mat." Gardner, with no major title to his name, ended Russian Alexander Karelin's string of three

Olympic Gold Medals and a 13-year unbeaten streak.

Until that day, Karelin had never lost an international competition and had not conceded a point in 10 years. Gardner celebrated his 1-0 victory with a cartwheel and a somersault.

Gardner has a long list of accomplishments in addition to his Olympic gold medal.

He was the 2001 World Champion and 2004 Olympic Bronze medalist in Greco-Roman Wrestling.

"After my Bronze Medal match in Athens, I decided to retire from wrestling," said Gardner. "I have been pursuing a motivational speaking career ever since, and have found enjoyment in traveling the country speaking to numerous corporations, organizations and

schools. We have a great country, one I am very proud to represent. I am humbled by the continued support I receive from so many hard-working people."

A snowmobile accident on Valentine's Day, 2002, left Gardner trapped in a Wyoming forest, with sopping wet clothes, as temperatures dropped to 25 below zero.

In addition to dragging his 600-pound sled across thigh-deep water several times (something that would later take four male rescuers to do) and dropping off the edge of a 150-foot cliff, Gardner proved his strength by surviving nearly 18 hours in the cold.

When rescuers finally reached him, having been delayed by security concerns for the Salt Lake City Olympics, Gardner's body temperature was 80 degrees.

A person usually become uncon-

scious at 82 degrees. Told he would lose his feet and never walk again, much less wrestle, Gardner began the road to recovery.

As an athlete concerned about drug addiction, he refused painkillers. In the end, only one toe was amputated, and the others were attached to his foot with pins. One year later he was already training for the Athens Olympics.

After one last Greco-Roman battle at the birthplace of the sport at the 2004 Athens Olympics, an emotional Gardner left his wrestling shoes at the center of the mat as a ceremonial farewell to his sport.

"To leave them on the mat meant I left everything on the mat as a wrestler," said Gardner, who blew kisses to the fans and waived a U.S. flag after his victory in the Bronze Medal match.

In addition to his Olympic victo-

ries, Gardner has received numerous awards and honors including USA Wrestling "Man of the Year" (2001), James E. Sullivan Award "Amateur Athlete of the Year" (2001), ESPY Award "U.S. Olympic Athlete of the Year" (2001), Jesse Owens Award (2001), Wyoming Sports Hall of Fame "Athlete of the Year" (2001), U.S. Olympic Spirit Award (2001), The Sporting News "Top 100 Most Powerful" list in sports (2000), USA Flag Bearer at Closing Ceremonies of Sydney Olympics Games (2002) nominated and selected by peers.

The 6'2" native of Afton, Wyo., graduated from Ricks College (1991) and the University of Nebraska with an undergraduate degree in physical education and health in 1996.

The CCC wrestling team will host a hog roast dinner prior to

Gardner's talk beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Colby Community Building.

"This is a fund-raising event for our team," said coach Lampe. "Everyone is invited. Enjoy the evening and listen to a great motivational speaker and Olympic medal wrestler."

Gardner will also be signing autographs and will have copies of his recently released autobiography Never Stop Pushing.

In this book, he details growing up on a farm in Wyoming, and pushing himself to become a USA Olympic wrestling team member.

A free will donation will be taken to attend the hog roast and talk by Gardner.

For more information, contact Steve Lampe or assistant coach Todd Voss at Colby Community College.

## Author talks about Kansas

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series will present Thomas Frank, author of *What's the Matter with Kansas?* How the conservatives won the Heart of America. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center located on the college campus. There is no admission charge.

In a book called "brilliant" by the *Boston Globe*, Frank sets out to find answers to some fundamental questions: Why do so many Americans vote against their own economic interests? Why aren't Americans demanding corporate accountability? Why aren't Americans angrier about job outsourcing and layoffs than about a public display of the Ten Commandments? How did CEOs convince Americans that they speak for the little guy? Why

would small farmers cast votes in favor of an economic system that will eventually push them off their land? Frank's search for the answers to these questions brought him to the very heart of America, the state in which he grew up—Kansas.

Frank traveled across the state of Kansas talking with Kansas politicians, wealthy Kansans and ordinary citizens. He talked with Kansas veterans, Kansans for Life, and a Kansan who thought he was the true Pope. He researched the history of Quantrill and John Brown, of Boeing and Raytheon, of Tiahart and Brownback, and even blew the dust off of a forgotten 1896 essay called *What's the Matter with Kansas* by William Allen White.

After contemplating his travels

throughout the state, Thomas wrote *What's the Matter with Kansas?*, an analysis not only of Kansas' conservative and liberal gap but of the bitter divide between moderate and conservative Republicans. The *New York Times* called *What's the Matter with Kansas*, "the best political book of the year" as it continues to grace its best-seller list week after week.

The lecture series has donated additional copies of *What's the Matter with Kansas* to the college and public libraries. The Campus Bookstore located in the Student Union has copies of the book for sale. There will be a short book-signing after the lecture.

For more information, contact Lecture Series chair Cathy Gordon at the college.



PTA student Cinnamon West (Holyrood) practices reflexology on student Chandra Stephens (Manhattan).

## Massage clinic being offered

Would you like a relaxing massage at a reduced rate? Students in the Colby Community College physical therapist assistant (PTA) program are offering massages on Tuesday, Oct. 4, and Thursday, Oct. 13, from 5-9 p.m. each evening.

The massage clinic, which provides practical experience for students, will be held in the Health Sciences Building, room 804.

Thirty- and sixty-minute massages will be offered.

Cost is \$10 for each 30 minutes. Proceeds from the event will be used to pay trip expenses for students attending the fall PTA conference in Wichita.

Pat Erickson, D.P.T., is the director of the PTA program. Kathy Robert, registered physical therapist assistant, is an instructor for the program.

Walk-ins are welcome for the massage clinic. For an appointment time, call Trudy Wildeman at 460-4797.

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