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Levy Ryan of Russell and Andrew Starns of Brewster were two of the students who worked the phones during the annual fundraising Phonathon at Colby Community College.

Appellate judges talk to students

Three Kansas Court of Appeals judges spoke to Colby Community College students last Wednesday in the Bedker Memorial Complex.

The judges were in Colby for two days hearing cases at the Thomas County courthouse.

Henry W. Green, Patrick D. McAnany and Michael B. Busser are three of 13 judges on the state's second-highest court. Court of Appeals judges are selected by the governor from a list of lawyers submitted by the Supreme Court Nominating Commission. Judges serve terms of four years. One of the 13 is appointed chief judge of the Court of Appeals by the Supreme Court.

Court of Appeals judges do not conduct trials. They decide an appealed case by reading the record of the trial and written briefs filed by the parties, and sometimes

hearing oral arguments of lawyers. They research and review the law involved in the case and then write an opinion, which is then published in bound volumes.

Criminal justice students at the college went to the courthouse Wednesday morning to hear Justin Barrett argue before the three-member panel.

The judges answered several questions posed by students and explained the role of the appeals court in the Kansas judicial system.

The judges travel as three-member panels to hear cases across the state. Each panel reviews about 100 cases per month, both civil and criminal appeals. About 75-80 percent of the trial-court decisions are affirmed. Only 5 percent of the appeals decisions are then reviewed by the Kansas Supreme Court.

Phonathon supports scholarships

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Students made more than 6,000 phone calls during six nights of calling for the annual Colby Community College Endowment Foundation Phonathon.

Foundation Director Nick Wells reported that about \$30,000 in pledges came in during the event.

"The economy did have some effect on the total," said Wells. "We typically receive an additional \$7,000-\$10,000 after the event and are hoping that will be the case again this year. Last year's total was close to \$50,000."

The annual Phonathon is an all-volunteer event. Students, faculty and staff members make calls and help with the paperwork.

The money raised by the Phonathon goes directly to students in the form of scholarships. Over half of Colby students receive an academic or achievement scholarship, with more than \$500,000 is awarded each year.

"The support from our alumni and friends is essential to our success in recruiting and retaining students," said college President Dr. Lynn Kreider. "Recruitment has become increasingly competitive. The ability to offer academic and athletic scholarships is a key factor in this endeavor."

The Phonathon is one of two major fund-

raising events hosted by the foundation. The other is the Scholarship Auction and dinner set for Saturday, April 4, at the Comfort Inn Convention Center. The foundation's next event is the Scholarship Dinner and Annual Meeting on Monday.

"Everyone is invited to the Foundation Scholarship Dinner and Annual Meeting on Monday, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Union," said Wells. "Students, scholarship donors and others will be attending the event. There is no charge."

The foundation office is in the Student Union. For information, call Wells at 460-4684.

Ambassador Classic starts on Thursday

Colby Community College will be the host for the annual Ambassador Classic community college basketball tournament beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Community Building.

Here is the schedule for the three-day event.

Thursday: 6 p.m. (women) South Plains vs. Western Nebraska; 8 p.m. (women) Colby vs. Hastings junior varsity.

Friday: 2 p.m. (women) West-

ern Nebraska vs. Hastings junior varsity; 4 p.m. (men) Brown-Mackie vs. Laramie County; 6 p.m. (women) Colby vs. South Plains; 8 p.m. (men) Colby vs. McCook.

Saturday: Noon (women) South Plains vs. Hastings junior varsity; 2 p.m. (men) Brown-Mackie vs. McCook; 4 p.m. (women) Colby vs. Western Nebraska; 6 p.m. (men) Colby vs. Laramie County.

You Are Invited!

High School Seniors & Parents

Colby Community College

Senior Day

November 14, 2008

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Student Union, Room #108 ~ Lunch Provided

Register online at www.colbycc.edu or call the Admissions Office at 460-4690