

Taking it to the hoop



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Sophomore Kayla Hockersmith dribbled the ball while being guarded by junior Rhett Martin at an afternoon basketball practice on Monday. The Lady Eagles' next game will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9 at Holcomb.

Trojans plan tournament

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The annual Tournament of Champions wrestling tournament will bring four or five college teams to the Colby Community Building on Friday and Saturday. Teams expected are Colby Community College, Minnesota West, Pratt, Western Wyoming and Iowa Lakes. Colby wrestling Coach Steve Lampe said he was not sure if Iowa Lakes would be competing. The Trojans have competed in five opens and two duals so far

this season. They are 1-1 in duals. Lampe said he has been pleased with the performances of several of his players so far this season. Ganbayar Sanjaa and Bekzon Abdurakhmonov have both had some outstanding performances, he said. Also said that Justin Gardener, Jernato Harris, Jaksen Cotterell, Nick Kriss and Julian Hightower also had done a great job this season. The team's lack of a national rankings does not sit well with Lampe. The Trojans are currently not ranked as one of the top 10 wrestling community colleges in the country.

"We should be ranked somewhere between four and 10," Lampe said. "The ratings have been poorly done this year." Lampe said the only thing that matters is the amount of points on the scoreboard after the national tournament is over, though. Several Trojans have a chance to place in the nationals, said Lampe. "I think if Ganbayar and Bekzon are healthy, they will place first," he said. Lampe added that he thought Gardener could place in the 125-pound class, Tetreault at 165, Harris at 141 and Kriss at 197.

Basketball team struggles but shines in the classroom

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It's been a tough season so far for Colby Community College men's basketball Coach John Woods and his team. The Trojans have only won two of their first 14 games. Woods said inexperience played a part in the team's struggles. The Trojans have 11 freshman and only three sophomores. Two of the sophomores, Anthony Rohr and Daray Hill, have been sidelined with injuries for most of the season. Rohr had a cracked sternum and Hill has been struggling with

a hip pointer and back problems, the coach said. Rohr returned to action a couple of games ago, but Hill might be out for the rest of the year, said Woods. Woods said making too many mistakes and not playing hard enough has caused the team to lose ball games. "Both of these things are related to inexperience," he added. Woods said the Trojans show signs of being a good defensive team, but they have been unable to put together a good effort for an entire game. The season has not been devoid of good news. Freshmen Shamar

Acuary and Aireus Stephenson have been two of the team's top scorers. Acuary is the leader, averaging 21.8 points a game, and Stephenson is third with 10.6. Sophomore Erick Peguero is the team's second-leading scorer with a little under 16 points a game. While the team may be struggling on the court, it's succeeding in the classroom. Woods said 10 of the team's 15 players received a 3.0 (B) grade point average, five posted a 3.5 or better and two had a 4.0. The Trojan's next game will be against Pratt at 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Community Building.

Jayhawks whip Minnesota 42-21

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Kansas Jayhawks had plenty of reasons to celebrate, and just as many to look forward to next season. The Jayhawks hope their 42-21 victory over Minnesota in the Insight Bowl on Wednesday will be a springboard for 2009. They're expected to have several key players back, including

junior quarterback Todd Reesing, who riddled Minnesota for 313 yards passing and four touchdowns, and sophomore Dezmon Briscoe, who caught a game-record 14 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns on his way to game MVP honors. High expectations are the standard for Kansas' basketball team, which won the NCAA title last

spring. "We've got a lot of guys coming back," said Reesing, now 20-6 as a starter. We're going to have big expectations for next year." We're going to enjoy this one tonight and then come back in January and get after it for next year."

Wildcats pummel Wagner in rout

MANHATTAN (AP) — On a night that Kansas State dominated the court from start to finish, the game ball was given to a member of the losing team. Joey Mundweiler, a native of Olathe, Kan., led Wagner with 17 points and surpassed the 1,000-

point mark in career scoring. But Wagner, a little school from Staten Island, N.Y., was overmatched by the Wildcats as Kansas State defeated the Seahawks 82-53 Tuesday. Mundweiler, who grew up about two hours east of the Kansas State

campus, entered the game needing just 12 points to reach the milestone. "It is a privilege to be able to score 1,000 points, especially against K-State, so close to home for me," said Mundweiler.

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~ League Bowling Results ~

December 23, 2008 - Pinbusters League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Bargos	34	8	1
Cummins Central Power	24	18	2
Colby Bowl	22	20	3
Subway	20	22	4
Al's Painting	18	24	5
Colby Automotive	8	34	6
Roofmasters	0	12	7
Corona Kids	0	12	8

December 22, 2008 - First Nighters League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
McKee	208	127	1
Parking Lot Maintenance	200	136	2
Woolter Well and Plumbing	194	142	3
Kansas Quick Lube	182	154	4
Discount Repair	181	155	5
Sparky's Fireworks	180	156	6
Grinnell Furniture	178	158	7
NW Refrigeration	152	184	8
Frontier Ag Inc.	150	186	9
Wild Ride	144	192	10
Pepsi	138	198	11

December 18 - King Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Automotive	189	105	1
www.visitcolby.com	167	127	2
Pony Men	162	132	3
Colby Bowl & Fun Cen	154	140	4
T.J. Tire	153	141	5
Orschelns	141	153	6
Morgan Construction	127	167	7
Balls Deep	105	189	8
FireXrikers	76	50	9

December 23, 2008 - Early Bird Ladies League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Bowlerettes	3	1	1
Van's Merry Four	3	1	2
www.strike	1	3	3
NW Vacuum	1	3	4


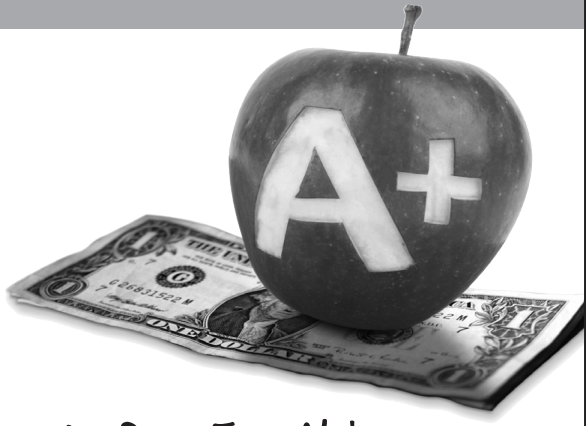
December 17, 2008 - Ladies Nite Out League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Golden Harvest Seeds	20	8	1
Strike-Outs	18	10	2
Bop Shop Betties	18	10	3
Straightline	15	13	4
Service Oil	14 ^{1/2}	13 ^{1/2}	5
Don's Electric	14	14	6
Twisters	13 ^{1/2}	14 ^{1/2}	7
Twisters II	12	16	8
Citizens Medical Center	9	19	9
Super 8 Motel	6	22	10

December 21, 2008 - King & Queen non-smoking			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Schissler-Koehn	25	7	1
Barton-Reeh	20	12	2
Swartz-Barnett	19	13	3
Norman-Mackley	17	15	4
Renner-Schwank	16	16	5
Kreutzer-Garrett	13	19	6
Pancake-Heartman	11	21	7
Cook-Dennis	7	25	8

November 30, 2008 - King & Queen smoking			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Phillips-Carmen	19	9	1
Schmidtberger-Benson	17	11	2
Huff-Waddington	15	13	3
Pancake-Heartman	13	15	4
Skolout-Wagoner	11	17	5
Barnett-Schroeder	9	19	6

December 12, 2008 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Cal Williams	41	19	1
Once Upon a Sign	36	24	2
Colby Bowl	30	30	3
Farm Credit	30	30	4
Minds in the Gutter	26	34	5

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