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DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College Kitty Johnson shot video recently of students walking on the Colby Community College campus.

Broadcast student prepares for art video work in Kenya

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Kitty Johnson is not your typical student at Colby Community College. In addition to taking a broadcast production class, she's working to complete a doctorate from the University of Indiana.

video and digital graphic production to learn basic techniques which she about public service transportation vehicles known as Matatus.

"I am completing research on the graphic designs on these public transportation taxis," said Johnson. "They are actually works of art with elaborate designs, lights and other amenities such as LCD screens."

A Matutu shared taxi route usually starts and finishes in a central locations known as a taxi park, lorry park or motor park, she said. When passengers arrive at a taxi park, they are often assailed by people known as touts, coti-men, or taxi scouts, whose job is to persuade travelers to use their vehicle or taxi company with efforts that range from praising the comfort of their

vehicle to promising a quick journey or grabbing baggage and throwing it atop their car.

Nevertheless, most shared taxis only leave the taxi park after all seats have been sold, whether that be a matter of minutes, hours or days. Taxis headed to more popular destinations generally have lower wait times, she said, though such Johnson is taking the class in locales are often serviced by more than one company.

can use in Kenya to produce a video with the most passengers, leading broadcasts 24 hours a day from follow a loose schedule, though this is seldom made public.

Johnson spent time in Nairobi, Kenya, to learn about the elaborate designs on the Matutus.

"Young people in Nairobi learn from the Internet," said Johnson. "Some of the taxi artists have degrees in graphic design. The Matutus are a way for the artists to display their craft. They compete to have the best design or the hottest vehicle on the route.

Johnson's thesis is titled "Esthetics in Action: Matatus Design in at CCC so I can return to Nairobi and put together a tape highlighting the Matutus," said Johnson. "I think the visual representation is essential for people to understand the elaborate designs and significance of these shared taxis. I also plan to publish a book on the taxis and include a DVD with the publication."

"Iam taking the production course

The broadcasting department at the college offers radio and tele-Travelers often opt for the car vision courses. The radio station some companies to sit employees in studios on campus. The television cars to make them seem fuller than department produces a newscast they really are. The cars sometimes and other local programming for channel 188 on the S & T cable

Johnson, a graduate of Grinnell High School, earned her bachelor's degree in English from Kansas State University. She has a master's degree in art history from Indiana and a master's degree in museum science from Texas Tech University. Her doctorate will be in art history.

"My ultimate goal is to teach," said Johnson. "I plan to complete my thesis and receive my Ph.D. in December." She and her 3-year old daughter

Naisula live in Oakley.

Regents' grant helps evening classes

college received \$74,372 in 2006

and \$63,110 last year. "The additional funding has allowed CCC to expand its program in Colby and Norton," said college President Lynn Kreider. "We increased the number of LPN students on the Colby campus from 20 to 30. The RN program was also increased from 30 to 40 students.

"This year's grant will help fund the new evening nursing program which began this fall. Completion of the evening program prepares licensed practical nurses to become registered nurses. It is a two-year program which meets one evening each week.'

A grant review committee consisting of representatives from the Kansas Association for Homes and Services for the Aging, the Kansas Board of Nursing, the Kansas Health Care Association, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders, and the state Nurses Association reviewed proposals and made award recommendations.

The 2005 Legislature, concerned about a shortage of nurses in Kansas, recommended that the Regents report to the governor and the 2006 Legislature on the resources needed

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The Kansas Board of Regents to increase the state's capacity to be filled, for a total projected need of has made a \$60,000 grant to Colby educate registered nurses by 25 Community College to expand percent. The Legislature required nursing faculty and supplies. The a time line for building the infrastructure to accommodate up to 250 more nursing student admissions each year.

> Among the causes for the nursing shortage in Kansas is increased use of the health care system by an aging population at the same time many nurses will be retiring. Last year, the Kansas Department of Labor predicted that 6,890 new registered nurses will be needed by 2010 to meet rising demand, while 4,460 replacement positions will need to

11,350 new registered nurses.

Implementing nationwide strategies and initiatives within the state, Kansas has succeeded in attracting people to careers in health care. The pressing issue now is not interesting students in nursing careers, but expanding program capacity.

Virtually every nursing program has an extensive waiting list of qualified applicants. Increasing capacity is a complex process that includes additional faculty, new or expanded clinical instruction sites and classroom space and equipment.

Outreach head an alumnus

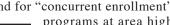
Troy Bielser, a Colby Commu- for the college's 24 outreach sites nity College graduate, has been and for "concurrent enrollment"

named to supervise the Outreach Department at the college.

Bielser majored in history education from 2002 to 2004. He transferred to Fort Hays State University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 2007.

He worked for Purple Wave Auction in Man-

Troy Bielser hattan and Derby prior to accepting the job in Colby. The rent enrollment classes in area high Colby native will be responsible schools.



programs at area high

He is the son of Shelli and Roy Bielser of Col-

A pioneer in outreach education, the college serves a 14-county area of northwest Kansas.

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