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Prehistory grabs student

Colby Community College student Adam Schroeder has a passion for paleontology. His interest in the study of prehistoric life including organisms' evolution and interaction with each other and their environments.

Schroeder said his interest began at a young age. "I've always been interested in fossils," he said.

"For my last birthday, my parents gave me a trip to a dinosaur dig in Marmarth, N.D. My brother Bob came with me. We worked with Doug Hanks at dig sites for three weeks. It was a great birthday present.

Hanks is the vice-president, field coordinator and casting and molding technician for Marmarth Research Foundation located in the Hell Creek Formation of North Dakota.

A native of Eagan, Minn., Hanks began his paleontology career as a volunteer at the Science Museum of Minnesota in 1995. Later he worked for the museum as a preparator, preparing, molding, casting and mounting various fossil specimens.

The dig sites are located on land which belongs to Tyler Lyson, director and president of the Marmarth Research Foundation. Lyson received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and is working on his Ph.D. at Yale University.

"I learned so much from Doug on how to cast and mold," Schroeder said. "I recently completed a mold for a crocodile scute. Rows of scutes cover a crocodile's body from head to tail, forming a tough protective armor. I made the mold and cast of a scute fossil from the dig site."

Silicone rubber is used to manufacture a mold. A form of urethane plastic is poured into the mold to make the cast.

"Molds are very expensive to make,

Schroeder said. "It's about \$100 per gallon for mold materials. I really like making molds and spend most of my free time working on them. I've been working on a crocodile jaw mold."

During the weeks when Schroeder worked at the dig sites he worked with management consultant Daniel Trozzi at the dinosaur dig.

"I can't remember working with such hard-working,



CCC student Adam Schroeder with a cast he created of a fossilized crocodile scute (closeup,

said. "They didn't have to be told what to do and they worked really hard. On our first dig, they shoveled an area for nine hours."

Schroeder plans to attend the South Dakota School of Mines to earn his degree in paleontology.

Adam is the son of Bob and Jacque Schroeder of

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respectful, fun young men as Adam and Bob," Trozzi

"I'll finish this year at CCC," Schroeder said. "I'm looking forward to attending school in South Dakota. When I receive my degree I can teach, possibly work for the government or at a museum.'

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Sports and music draw student

Garrett Jones has been selected the physical and spiritual side of as the Colby Community College running. There were a lot of lectures Student of the Month.

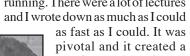
Jones, a graduate of Perry-Lecompton High School, was recently recognized in an article written by Tony Jimenez for the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. Jimenez commented on Jones' contribution to the college's cross country team.

Garrett Jones

"He (Jones) got the spark to be a top-flight runner in part at the summer camp of a fellow Kansan halfway across the country just over a year ago and now Garrett Jones is hitting his stride as a freshman on the cross country team at Colby," Jimenez wrote.

According to Jones, he never took running seriously until his junior year in high school, more often than not training on this own by running a six-mile route just outside Lecompton on an all-gravel route that runs parallel to the Kansas River.

"I got better faster thanks in part to a Jim Ryun Running Camp I attended in Gettysburg, Pa., in the summer of 2008," Jones said. "It focused on



pivotal and it created a lot of enthusiasm for me in running." Jones ran 25 to 30 miles

weekly in high school. However, at Colby he is up to about 55 miles each week.

The college's first-year head coach James Ortiz is impressed with Jones' improvement.

"He's done a great job in transitioning into collegiate-level running," Ortiz said. "He's done what he's been asked to do. He was the only freshman on the team to get votes to be a team captain. There are runners who run well because of natural talent and those who run well because of hard work. Garrett is one of those guys who falls under hard work.'

In addition to the cross country team, Jones is a presidential scholar, member of the Sunflower Singers and a member of the concert and jazz bands. He is also a member of the barbershop chorus which meets Thursday evenings in Colby.

"I've always loved music," Jones said. "My dad Shane also attended school here and was a member of the Sunflower Singers for one year. My mother is an elementary school music teacher."

Jones, who is majoring in preengineering, plans to transfer to Kansas State University after graduating from Colby.

"I've checked the transfer requirements and believe I can earn my architectural engineering degree in three years at KSU," Jones said. "I'd also like to continue with music and hope to find a combo group to play with."

"I was considering CCC and several other schools when I was a high school senior," Jones said. "I registered at the state fair for a chance to win free tuition at Colby and my name was drawn. That finalized my decision I live with my grandparents, Gene and Frieda Jones, so that's allowed me to save more money. I'm very happy with my decision to attend CCC and am looking forward to competing on the ... track teams after cross country season is finished."

Garrett is the son of Shane and Amy Jones of Lecompton.



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Mike Russell, Accenture senior partner, talked with Brad Bennett's business students. Russell was instrumental in launching and marketing the iPhone.

Marketing expert visits class Brad Bennett's business students

heard from one of the nation's top marketing experts during class on Oct. 9.

Mike Russell, senior partner at Accenture in Atlanta, Ga., spoke to two class sessions. The company is a global management-consulting firm with revenues of over \$23 billion and approximately 177,000 employees in 2009.

As a senior partner Russell was instrumental in launching and marketing the iPhone, one of the largest and most successful launches of new technology in the past decade. He also managed the merger between AT&T and Cingular.

He spoke at the University of asked great questions." Colorado on Oct. 8.

"Mike and his wife Katie made the drive east to speak to our students at CCC," said Bennett. "It was a great honor to have an industry leader the caliber of Mike to come to CCC.

Russell spoke about the iPhone project, marketing, management, communication and hard work.

"The students thoroughly enjoyed his presentations," Bennett said. "I look forward to continuing this relationship and having the opportunity to have Mike visit CCC again in the future."

"I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with the CCC students," Russell said. "They were engaging and

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