



Campus Close-Up

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Ex-Colby High star player rebounds on college team

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Attending college right after graduating from high school at age 18 did not work out for Colby native Corey Woofter.

Although he went to Colby Community College for a short time after graduation, Woofter left classes and worked for several years in the well-drilling and grain businesses. He returned in 2008 with a new focus and attitude about education.

In addition to being a student in the entrepreneurship program, he is taking classes in hospitality management and history. That would be more than enough for most "nontraditional" (older) students, but Woofter added even more to his schedule when he decided to try out for the Trojans men's basketball team.

"I was playing in a men's league on Sundays," said Woofter. "Parker McKee and a couple of others encouraged me to try out for the team. I quit smoking on March 1, started daily training and decided if I was going to do this, I was going to go all out and be a significant contributor to the team. I didn't want to just sit on the bench."

Woofter did more than just make the team. At the age of 27, he's a starter for the Trojans.

"We are so proud of Corey Woofter for all he has accomplished and overcome to be where he is today," said men's coach Dustin Pfeifer. "Corey exemplifies exactly what we want our basketball program to be about on and off the court - character, hard work and pride. He is a great person, a great leader and has a very bright future ahead of him."

It took some work to earn his spot on the team, Woofter said.

"I started lifting weights for an hour each day and running at least a mile six times a week," said Woofter. "I've lost 35 pounds since last March. It wasn't easy. I had to push myself through the 'wall' several times...."

Woofter and Pfeifer played on the 1999 Colby High School basketball team, which won a state championship.

"Coach Pfeifer is great," said Woofter. "He may be one of the youngest coaches in the conference, but he and assistant coaches Shane Stover, Rusty Grafel and Ross Smiley are the greatest coaches in the Jayhawk (Community College Conference). I've learned so much from them."

Woofter said he was working in Kansas City as a superintendent at a 4.2-million-bushel grain eleva-



Freshman Corey Woofter (33) battled for a rebound inside during a Colby Community College men's basketball game.

tor when he decided to return to college.

"I was making a comfortable living and was on track to be a manager," said Woofter. "I didn't make the decision to return to school for economic reasons, I just decided I didn't want to do that for the rest of my life. I plan to continue with my education and maybe even earn my doctoral degree in history. I'm not sure where I'll transfer after Colby, but plan to be here through 2011."

Woofter had a paid internship last summer at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park as part of the hospitality management program taught by Sue Mardock.

"It was great," said Woofter. "I

was a line cook and learned so much from the chefs. They made work a lot of fun, and Estes Park was a wonderful place to work during the summer heat."

The next home game for the basketball team will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Community Building.

"We are fighters," said Woofter. "Nobody gives up on our team. The attitude and commitment is obvious in our coaching staff and from every member of the team."

"I think we'll have a great deal of success this year, and I'm proud to be a part of the program."

Joint effort improves horse arena at Colby Community College farm

The arena at the Colby Community College farm has a new look, thanks to the joint efforts of several individuals and businesses.

Dean of External Affairs Barry Kaaz coordinated renovation of the arena, which is used by the college's equestrian team.

"PAR Electric donated poles to place around the perimeter of the arena to hold sand," said Kaaz. "Jim Fellhoelter donated 254 cubic yards of sand valued at approximately \$1,000."

"Workers for Thomas County hauled the sand at a reduced rate. Farm manager Adam Frish spread the sand and moved power poles to their final locations."

In addition, equestrian team coach Shanda Mattix and team



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PAR Electric crew members unloaded donated poles at the Colby Community College horse arena.

members moved panels and stabilized poles."

The college farm is used by several programs, including horse and

beef production. The farm, five miles east and a mile north of Colby, is open to the public.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Thursday Evening		November 26, 2009									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Charlie Brown	Beyoncé-I Am	Paul McCartney	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: Samoa	CSI: Crime Scn	The Mentalist	Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late					
KSNK/NBC	The Office	Matt Lauer	The Jay Leno Show	Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh					
KSAS/FOX	Night at the Museum		Local								

Cable Channels	
A & E	The First 48
AMC	The Godfather
ANIM	Awesome Pawsome
BRAVO	Real Housewives OC
CMT	Smarter Smarter
CNN	Larry King Live
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham
DISC	MythBusters
DISN	Cars
E!	Swingers
ESPN	College Football
ESPN2	College B College Basketball
FAM	Miracle-34 St.
FOOD	Iron Chef America
FX	Home Alone
HGTV	Holiday Ideas
HIST	Pawn
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy
MTV	S. Park
NICK	Mr. Troop Mom
SCI	Tomorrow Never Dies
SPIKE	Band of Brothers
TBS	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy
TCM	To Catch a Thief
TLC	Cake Boss
TNT	NBA Basketball
TOON	Tom and J Tom and Jerry: Shiver Me
TRAV	Extreme Fast Food
TV LAND	Little House
USA	The Game Plan
VH1	Road House
WGN	WWE Superstars

Friday Evening		November 27, 2009									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Supernanny	Ugly Betty	20/20	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	Ghost Whisperer	Medium	NUMB3RS	Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late					
KSNK/NBC	40-Year-Old Vir		The Jay Leno Show	Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh					
KSAS/FOX	Ice Age: Melt		Local								

Cable Channels	
A & E	Criminal Minds
AMC	Unforgiven
ANIM	I'm Alive
BRAVO	GoodFellas
CMT	Smarter Smarter
CNN	Campbell Brown
COMEDY	Kevin James: Sweat
DISC	Deadliest Catch
DISN	Stuart 2
E!	Bring It On: All
ESPN	NBA Basketball
ESPN2	College Football
FAM	Tarzan
FOOD	Diners
FX	Maid in Manhattan
HGTV	Divine

American Profile

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HIST	Holidays-Black	Pawn	Pawn	Modern Marvels	Holidays-Black
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Call Me Claus		Will	Will
MTV	S. Park	Fantasy	Fantasy	Bad Santa	Bad Santa
NICK	SpongeBob	Penguins	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
SCI	Casino Royale	GoldenEye			Goldfinger
SPIKE	Band of Brothers	Band of Brothers		Crimson Tide	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	The Santa Clause	The Sweetest Thing	Ellens
TCM	Bedknbs-Broom		Son of Flubber		The Shaggy D.A.
TLC	Dress	Dress	Say Yes to the Dress	Happily	Happily
TNT	300		300		Chronicles-Ridd
TOON	Ben 10: Alien Swarm		King-Hill	King-Hill	Chicken
TRAV	Man Food	Man/Food	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Haunted Plantation
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Footloose	Man Food
USA	Elf	Monk	White Collar	Burn Notice	Monk
VH1	Hard Rock	Hard Rock	Hard Rock	Storytellers	Sex-Dr. Drew
WGN	Mr. & Mrs. Smith			Videos	Scrubs

Saturday Evening		November 28, 2009									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	College Football						Local				
KBSL/CBS	The Good Wife	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	Local	Saturday Night Live						
KSNK/NBC	Merry	The Incredibles		Local	The Wanda Sykes Show	Sit Down	Local				
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Most Wanted	Local							

Cable Channels	
A & E	Criminal Minds
AMC	The Green Mile
ANIM	Dogs 101
BRAVO	Next Top Model
CMT	Strict Parents
CNN	Campbell Brown
COMEDY	Waiting...
DISC	Dirty Jobs
DISN	The Santa Clause 2
E!	Knocked Up
ESPN	College Football
ESPN2	College Football
FAM	A Boy-Charlie
FOOD	Chopped
FX	Click
HGTV	Sandra Lee: Holiday

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HIST	Tombstone			White House: Behind	Tombstone
LIFE	Secret Santa	Comfort and Joy		Comfort and Joy	
MTV	Scream 3			Dawn of the Dead	Halloween
NICK	iCarly	Big Time Rush	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez
SCI	Lake Placid 2	Sherwood Fore		Ice Spiders	
SPIKE	Forrest Gump	Forrest Gump			Road House
TBS	The Santa Clause	Jingle All the Way		The School of Rock	
TCM	Devil-Webster		Bedazzled		Picture-Gray
TLC	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear
TNT	300	Gladiator			The Guardian
TOON	TMNT		King-Hill	King-Hill	The PJs
TRAV	21 Sexiest Beaches	Paradise Uncovered	Forbes Luxe 11	Extreme Wild Parties	21 Sexiest Beaches
TV LAND	Footloose		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	The Game Plan	Elf		Law Order: CI	50 First Dates
VH1	Three Men and a Baby		Tough Love		Sex-Dr. Drew
WGN	Home-Holiday		WGN News	Videos	Scrubs

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