



Campus Close-Up

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SHANDA MATTIX/Colby Community College

Kelly Maxwell competed in Intermediate Fences at an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association competition at Fall River Farm in Fort Lupton, Colo. Maxwell finished sixth on the first and second day of competition.

Show team starts season well at first competition

The Colby Community College Intercollegiate Horse Show Association team got a great start to the fall season at the University of Colorado competition held Oct. 1-3 at Fall River Farm in Fort Lupton, Colo.

"CCC rode well and it was a fantastic start to the season," said Coach Shanda Mattix. "Rachael Kruse was undefeated all three days of showing, winning all of her classes. Devon Felts tied for high point rider at the Saturday show."

The performances qualified Kruse for the regional horse show in Advanced Walk Trot Canter. Felts qualified for regionals in Novice Fences.

Colby finished in the top four as a team in all three shows.

Individual results for the three days:

October 1

Open Flat: Felts, Manhattan, first.
Advanced Walk Trot Canter: Kruse, Ellsworth, first; Savannah Isely, Bird City, third; Faye Miller, Topeka, fifth.

Intermediate Flat: Kelly Maxwell, Manhattan, third.

Beginning Walk Trot Canter: Mariah Woolson-

croft, Salina, second; Jessica Koeppel, Rose Hill, fourth.

Intermediate Fences: Maxwell, sixth.

Novice Fences: Felts, fourth.

Colby finished third as a team.

October 2

Intermediate Fences: Maxwell, sixth.

Novice Fences: Felts, first.

Open Flat: Felts, second.

Intermediate Flat: Maxwell, sixth.

Advanced Walk Trot Canter: Kruse, first; Miller, second; Isely, fifth.

Beginning Walk Trot Canter: Woolsoncroft, fifth; Koeppel, sixth.

October 3

Intermediate Fences: Open Flat, Felts, second.

Advanced Walk Trot Canter: Kruse, Miller, first; Isely, fourth.

The Colby team will hold a two-day show Saturday and Sunday at the college farm, three miles east and a mile north of town. This is the first western show of the season. Everyone is invited. There is no admission charge.

Program gets five-year OK from Kansas Board of Nursing

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Following an approval visit on Oct. 6 by the state Board of Nursing, the practical nursing program at Colby Community College will receive the maximum five-year approval.

"We are very pleased with the results," said director Ruth Wolfram. "Many people assisted with the program's self study. Our success is the result of hard work by our dedicated instructors and staff. They all deserve a big thank you."

Representatives of the board provided a summary of their findings in an exit interview at the conclusion of the visit, with an official written report to follow. Several strengths were identified in the report, including good faculty communication, a good mentoring program, adequate library resources and good computer access.

Instructors were recognized for their availability and adaptation to the learning styles of the students. The only weakness addressed by the team was the lack of individual office space for instructors.

"I am very proud of the nursing program, which provides training to meet the needs of Colby and north-west Kansas," said Dr. Paula Davis, vice president of academic affairs. "The results of this visit verify the dedication of the faculty and staff in providing an excellent learning opportunity for our students. I would

like to thank the nursing faculty and staff for all the work they did in preparation for his visit, and to congratulate them on the results."

The college offers the Practical Nursing program on the Colby campus and in Norton at an annex at the hospital. Current plans are to add a third classroom next summer on the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus in Goodland.

The demand for nurses in Kansas continues to be a concern for health care providers, especially in underserved rural areas.

Among the causes for the nursing shortage is increased use of

the health care system by an aging population at the same time many nurses will be retiring.

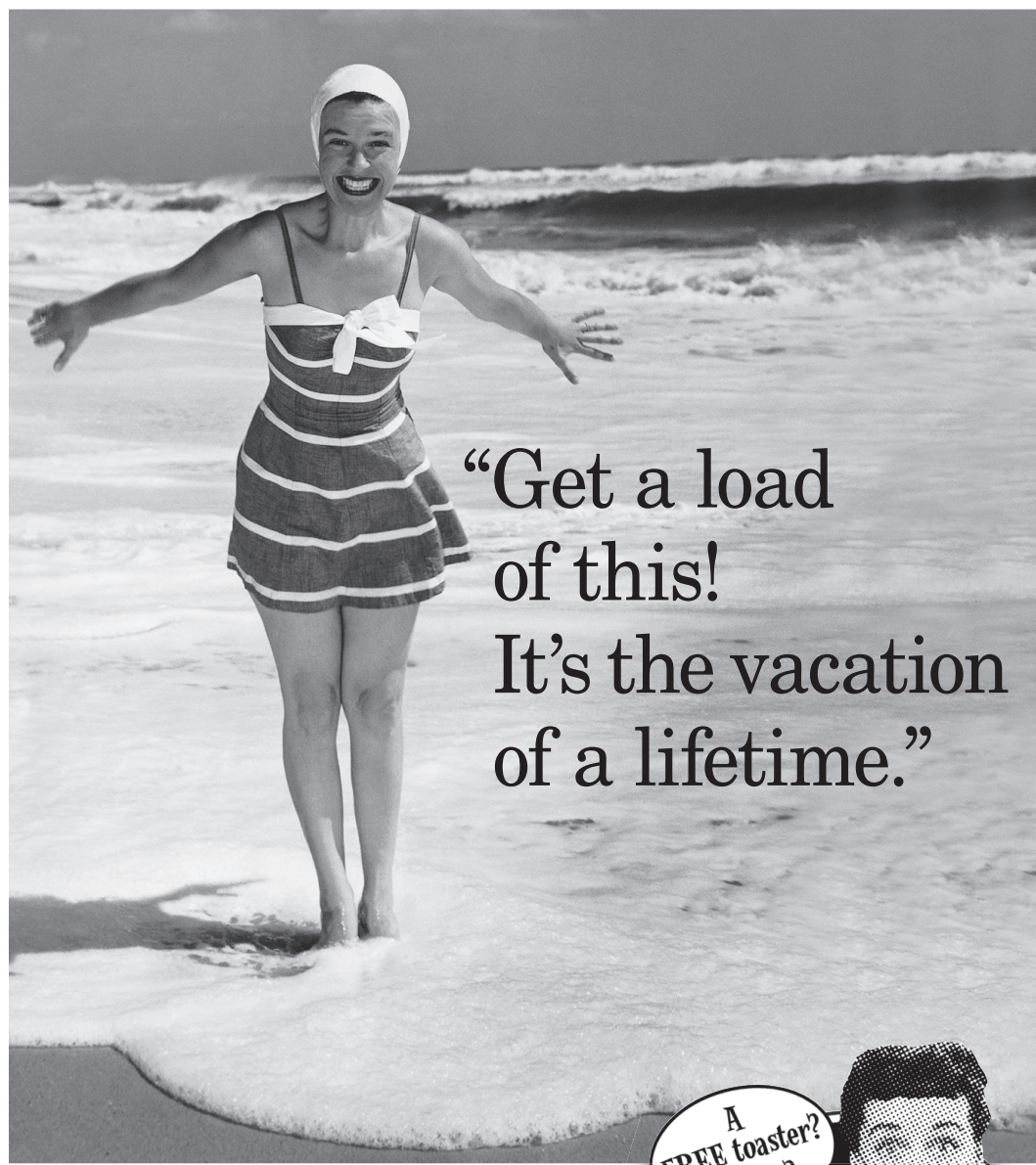
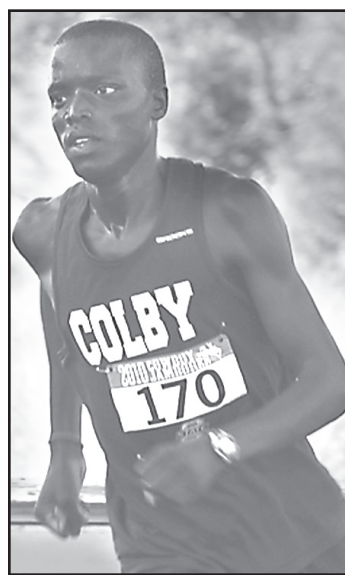
The college accepts 30 practical nursing students each year on the Colby campus. The program in Norton accepts 18, and 12 students will take instruction at the Goodland site.

"The practical nursing and registered nursing programs ... are a great example of how CCC plays a vital role in workforce development in the area," said Wolfram. "The college's role will continue to increase in importance as the area's population continues to age."

Keep on runnin'

Edward Limo at the cross country meet Sunday in Colby. The Colby Community College freshman from Eldoret, Kenya, was named the Verizon Wireless Kansas Jayhawk Conference Community College Runner of the Week for the second time this season after the Oklahoma State University Jamboree on Sept. 25.

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