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College decides to waive general fees for programs

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to complete, and Vacik said it depends on whether it's a short-term certificate or a one-year or two-year degree.

Trustee Dale Herschberger asked how many students are enrolled in career technical classes today. Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs, said they are just in a survey period where they are talking to Colby High and WaKeeney students.

Vacik said there's every reason in the world to waive these fees. It will help generate interest in their career technical programs, he said, and try to get students enrolled in them next fall.

"I think this would help them alleviate some of that burden," he said, "even though it's not going to take all the burden..." In other business, the board:

• Approved the resignations of Danielle Silsbee, administrative assistant in student support services, and Adam Frisch, farm manager and instructor, with regrets.

"We're excited for them to move on to new chapter," Vacik said, adding that Silsbee is moving to Nebraska and Frisch to Norton.

• Heard from Washburn, who talked about the Higher Learning Commission's report on the Norton facility. She said the campus met all seven criteria there

and the evaluator, who was from McPherson, was impressed. She mentioned that the instruction resources, financial resources, plans for growth and maintenance, oversight and assessment and evaluations received a good report, among other things.

"Very, very positive report back," Washburn said.

• Heard the financial report for October from Alan Waites, chief financial officer and vice president of business affairs. Waites said through October, expenses are on track and there were \$109,200 in encumbrances as of Oct. 31. The college has about \$9.4 million remaining in the budget, he said, which is 68.4 percent.

Waites said the cash balance at the end of October was \$290,000, which was lower than expected because they ran into issues with federal money. The college was expecting to receive money at the end of the month, but the offices were closed due to Hurricane Sandy. They got the money about a week later.

He said he was missing the cash flow analysis from his report, the sources and uses of the money, because they are still working through getting that information together.

"We know where we stand," Waites said, "but that information of sources and uses each month is largely a manual sys-

tem."

He closed by saying they finished audit work and the report will be delivered next month; the financial work-out plan for the Higher Learning Commission is completed and has been submitted for review/approval; they are watching cash flow and are using "lots of people hours" to stay on top of that.

• Heard a request from Waites for Dr. Marcy Ward, beef production program director, to increase the beef program budget by \$70,000 due to a significant increase in the number of bulls in the bull test, as well as feed and advertising costs.

The original amount approved for the budget was \$171,100. Waites said most of this money will be recovered from the bull test.

College attorney John Gatz said he thinks the board has to republish the budget before approving this addition, and he and Waites said they would check on that.

Herschberger asked how much of an increase in bulls there's been, and Ward said last year they had 65 on test and this year there are 112. Waites asked if there was a consensus from the members to support this increase, but the board members said they wanted to know what has to be done first and then go from there.

Archaeologist talks at museum

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common sense."

A ring of stones in the ground, for instance, indicated a tipi had been set up there, he said. Farming tribes in east Kansas lived in huts made out of grass and earth, and since the floors of these huts were below ground level, archaeologists can find them by looking depressions in the ground.

Smaller depressions mark post holes, fire and storage pits, Rowlinson said. Archaeologists can try to figure out what kind of culture the people making the artifacts lived in, he added, but they are using scant evidence.

"We're building a story on how these people lived and what they used on maybe 10 percent," he said.

They think that the earliest people in Kansas hunted game such as woolly mammoth and extinct species of bison because the bones of these animals were discovered at certain sites. They used small spears called darts which were thrown using a weapon called an atlatl. The points on these darts were larger than arrowheads used later on.

While plains Indians hunted buffalo, and so left weapons behind, people living in central Kansas were farmers who grew corn, beans and squash. Archaeologists in that part of the state find what's left of ancient clay pots and gardening tools.

"We really can't put a name on these people be-

cause we don't know the tribes," Rowlinson said.

He said archaeologists can only guess which modern-day Indian tribes were descended from the people who made the artifacts they dig up in part by where they are working. He wrapped up his talk with pictures of more recent artifacts, such as rifle cartridges and glass panes from an 1800s trading post.

Nancy Arendt, chapter president, talked briefly about ways to get involved in archaeology. A field school usually is held the first two weeks of June in northwest Kansas, she said, adding that she doesn't yet know the time and place for next summer.

She asked people who had access to artifacts to help out, especially farmers. Try to limit construction on your land from oil derricks, wind turbines and cellphone towers, she said. She suggested that people with collections list where they were found in their estate planning.

Several audience members had brought artifacts and spent time after the meeting discussing them.

Ralph Kinkade had one of the atlatl dart points, made out of white rock. He wanted to know what time it was made and especially what kind of stone.

The stone is a type of flint from Missouri, Rowlinson said. It appeared to have been made in the "archaic" period, anywhere between 5,000 and 1,400 years ago.

Briefly

Storyteller to recreate Ellis Island at library

Actress and storyteller Pippa White will present "Voices of Ellis Island" at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Admission is free. For information, call Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

Group plans dance at Meadow Lake

A singles and couples dance is planned for 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake Golf Clubhouse. Craig Stevens will provide music. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Holiday Craft Fair offered at Legion post

Craft vendors, holiday gifts, refreshments and baked goods will be featured at the Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Colby American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St., sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary. Proceeds will support programs for veterans. For information or to be a vendor, call Megan Quenzer at 443-3611.

KanCare meeting coming to Colby

Seating is limited for a Kansas Pharmaceutical Association's KanCare roadshow meeting in Colby. Representatives from the association and state Medicaid staff will be at the Holiday Inn Express at 4 p.m. Saturday to discuss changes that KanCare will cause for the pharmacy industry. Registration is free for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Go to the association website or call (785) 228-2327.

Christmas Light Parade set for Sunday

Starting at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, downtown Colby will be all lit up for the annual Christmas Light Parade, with the theme "A Merry Little Christmas From A to Z." Santa will lead the way from the corner of Second Street and Franklin Avenue to Santa City. The deadline to register a float is Friday. Forms are available at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office, 350 S. Range, Suite 10. Contact the Chamber for questions at 460-3401 or at colbychamber@thomascounty.com.

Holiday homes will be open for tour this week

The Holiday Home Tours will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin; Horlacher Jewelers, 442 N. Franklin Ave.; at any of the homes during the event; or from any of the Methodist women. On the tour are the homes of Evan and Regina Barnum, 770 N. School; Dr. Stephen and Candace Vacik, 540 Woolfiter; and Mike and Jeanene Brown, 1070 W. Third St. For questions, call Kathy Calliham at 462-2081.

Orchestra to give Christmas concert

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will offer a "Wrapsody" of Christmas and holiday favorites with conductor Andrew Salvador at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College. The program will feature JuBELLation, the hand bell choir from Trinity Lutheran Church. Admittance is free for patrons or \$10 at the door for adults and \$3 for students.

Kappa Upsilon to sell baked goodies

Kappa Upsilon sorority members will be selling baked goods from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin. Goodies are \$7 per pound. Contact Pam Augustine for questions at 443-1806 or 460-2924.

Santa's Workshop will open for young kids

Preschoolers through fourth graders will get a chance to shop for their parents, grandparents or guardians at Santa's Workshop from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday or until supplies are gone, at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range. Kids are limited to four gifts each. A donation of \$4 per gift is suggested. For questions, call the Thomas County Community Foundation at 460-9152.

Auto parts stores collecting toys for tots

Federated Auto Parts stores are taking cash and gift donations for the Toys for Tots program, which helps area children. People can drop off contributions by next Wednesday at S&W Supply in Colby, 185 W. Fifth St., or Dave's Auto Supply in Rexford. For information, go to the Facebook page "Toys for Tots - Federated Auto Parts," or call S&W manager Mark Schwarz at (785) 462-3373 or owner Dave Williams at Dave's, (785) 687-3235.

Women's League invites public to coffee

The Colby Women's League will hold its 16th annual Christmas coffee from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Meadow Lake Golf Club. The group will raffle off a quilt and accept donations to help area groups and charities. For information, call Anita Hills at 462-6208.

Weather forecast table with columns for Day, High, Low, Precip, Month, Year, Normal, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moon phase.

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