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As college winds down, Summer Programs revs up

When Commencement is over it’s tempting to think that Colorado College just shuts down for awhile. This is hardly the case, as Summer Programs is gearing up for a lot of

summertime work – and fun.

Summer Programs is comprised of three entities: The summer session, Summer Festival of the Arts, and summer conferences. We consider ourselves a “college within the college” representing the same goals as the college in the regular academic year, while engaging a broader group of students and community members in our courses, programs, events, and use of CC facilities. We plan year-around but execute our work in a frantically short period of time. Once we finish in August, we start planning the next summer’s curriculum, recruiting and enrolling students, planning workshops for the community, organizing a top-notch arts festival, and hosting conferences that take place on campus throughout the year.

What are the highlights for Summer Programs 2008?

Summer Session

- The academic Block Plan continues with Blocks A, B, and C offering traditional and one-of-a-kind special courses to more than 400 CC students
- International courses are offered in Bolivia, Brazil, France, Greece, China, Canada, Sweden, Tanzania, England, Italy, and Spain
- Off-campus courses are held in Chicago, Colorado’s Black Canyon, and at the Democratic National Convention in Denver
- College Ahead!, a two-week full scholarship program, brings high school sophomores from the American Southwest interested in the liberal arts to campus
- 100 high school students are in our undergraduate courses, 30 of them Southwest Scholars who receive full tuition, travel, room, and board scholarships
- Experienced and aspiring teachers engage in institutes and education courses as part of our two distinct M.A.T. programs
- For the first time, teachers may enroll in a unique

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Say farewell to...

The end of the academic year brings change. This year, three faculty members and a senior staff member are retiring, and several others are moving or taking new jobs. A sampling:

Lief Carter, professor of political science, started at CC in 1995. After retiring, he will return to CC as a visitor to teach two law courses and to serve, when here, as pre-law advisor. He plans to travel and see more of friends and

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KUDOS & News

Colorado College senior **Christen Lara** presented her thesis, “The Anatomy of a Likely Donor: An Analysis of Philanthropic Giving in Higher Education,” at the National Social Science Association’s National Technology and Social Science Conference in Las Vegas in early April. Lara’s research uses a statistical model to predict which alumni are likely to donate money to their alma mater. An economics and anthropology major, Lara analyzed Colorado College alumni data to predict likely annual fund, major, and planned-giving donors.

Kristi Erdal, CC associate professor of psychology and chair of the psychology department, was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to the University of Bergen, Norway, for the 2008 fall semester. Erdal, a neuropsychologist, will conduct research on the conceptualization of depression among Norway’s majority and minority populations. The immigration and influx of refugees that has led to great cultural diversity in Norwegian urban areas has prompted questions about mental-health service utilization, which Erdal will examine, in part, with a two-phase clinical vignette study.

Music Professor **Victoria Levine** has been awarded a \$50,400 faculty research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the 2008-09 academic year. Levine is an ethnomusicologist whose research focuses on American Indian music. Her NEH Fellowship project is a study of music, ceremonial life, and social relationships among the Woodland Indian communities of eastern Oklahoma.

CC senior **Amy Reedy**’s thesis garnered second place in an international sociology honorary society’s undergraduate competition. Her senior thesis, “A Longitudinal Study of Female Gender Performance in the Classroom,” was an award-winner in the Alpha Kappa Delta society’s contest. She will receive the award at the

American Sociological Association meeting in Boston this summer, and as a result of her award, is automatically placed in the ASA student honors program. Reedy’s thesis examines how students manage female status in the classroom and how teacher and student behavior reinforces gender boundaries.

Two Colorado College seniors, **John Zirkle** and **Brian Hockaday**, have been awarded Thomas J. Watson Fellowships. Zirkle, of Knoxville, Tenn., will study “From the Stave to the Stage: Choral Music of Eastern Europe” in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, and Estonia. Hockaday, of Port Isabel, Texas, will study “The Sum of Us: Sexual Identity and Gay Communities in the New Urban World” in South Korea, Vietnam, India, Turkey, South Africa, and Brazil. The Watson Fellowship is a one-year, \$25,000 grant for independent study and travel outside the United States. It is awarded to graduating college seniors nominated by their institution.

Colorado College first-year student **Chris Mahaney** led the U.S. men’s team at the 2008 Snowboard Junior World Championships in Valmalenco, Italy. Mahaney, from Greenwich, Conn., finished fourth in the men’s snowboardcross event, which was held March 21. A CC winter start, Mahaney also plays on the CC lacrosse team.

Steven Janke, professor of mathematics and computer science at CC, was named the winner of the 2008 Burton W. Jones Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics by the Rocky Mountain chapter of the Mathematical Association of America. Janke will be presented with the award at the regional MAA conference banquet at Black Hills State University on April 25th, and will be a contender for the association’s national award.

Drew Foster ’08 has won a Fulbright to study in Japan. He is a sociology major with an Asian studies minor.

Foster, who had not studied Japanese before coming to CC from Canon City, wrote his thesis on colleges marketing themselves, which he is extending to Japanese universities as his Fulbright subject.

CC students **Zachariah Falconer-Stout** '08 and **Ella Street** '09 are among the 59 Humanity in Action Fellows this year. Falconer-Stout will study international political economy in Berlin, and Street will study political science in Warsaw. The American students join university students from Europe for five weeks of intensive study of contemporary minority and human rights issues in the United States and Europe.

In case you missed CC senior **Kristina Caffrey's** appearance on the TV game show "Jeopardy!," she was on the air for four nights (March 17-20), and came away with a grand total of \$59,000. She plans to use part of her winnings to help fund her Block 8 trip to London.

Public radio station KRCC (91.5 FM) has hired **Andrea Chalfin** as its news director. Chalfin, who will start in mid-May, has been a news reader and reporter for the University of Missouri-Columbia's NPR affiliate. She's replacing Eric Whitney, who started the KRCC news department in 2004 and left in January to become the health reporter for Colorado Public Radio.

What do you like best about the Rockies?

The first 100 people to tell us what they like best about the Rocky Mountain region will receive a 2008 State of the Rockies poster. The top 20 entries will receive a 2004-2008 State of the Rockies fifth anniversary poster.

Your answer can be heartfelt, insightful, humorous or just downright goofy. We will print the best ones in our CC publications and Web site. So you may even get published!

Entries to: Communications@ColoradoCollege.edu, or send by campus mail to "Rockies contest," Office of Communications, Spencer Center. Judging will be by a kangaroo jury of your peers.

Cartoons welcome.

○ *Bob Kerwin*



COLORADO COLLEGE
STATE OF THE ROCKIES 2004-2008

Take a quiz

In late 2006, *Around the Block* (then still called *Access*) asked several people on campus what their recommended books for the upcoming year were. Now that more than a year has passed, let's see how many people read those books.

Here's a quick quiz: See how many books you can match with its opening line:

BOOKS:

- “The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage” (recommended by Kate Holbrook)
- “Saturday” (recommended by Susan Martz)
- “The King of America: A Novel” (recommended by David Durham)
- “A Gesture Life” (recommended by Tomi-Ann Roberts)
- “A Prayer for Owen Meany” (recommended by Carl Brandenburg)
- “Jamesland” (recommended by Meg Remple)
- “The Natural Mind” (recommended by Ted Smith)
- “Your Money or Your Life” (recommended by Ellen Rennels)
- “The Count of Monte Cristo” (recommended by Stephen Hauser)
- “The Historian” (recommended by Anne Hyde)
- “Bury the Chains: Prophets and Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire’s Chains” (recommended by Anne Hyde)
- “The Omnivore’s Dilemma” (recommended by Anton Krupicka)



OPENING LINES:

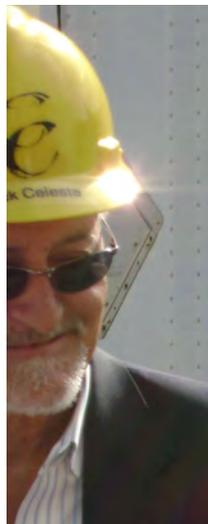
- “This book is an exposition of a theory that can help us.”
- “On February 24, 1815, the lookout at Notre-Dame de la Garde signaled the arrival of the three-master Pharaon, coming from Smyrna, Trieste, and Naples.”
- “Alice lived in her great-aunt’s large bungalow on Wren Street in a desirable neighborhood known as Los Feliz.”
- “It was 1972 I was sixteen – young, my father said, to be traveling with him on diplomatic missions.”
- “Some hours before dawn Henry Perowne, a neurosurgeon, wakes to find himself already in motion, pushing back the covers from a sitting position, and then rising to his feet.”
- “What should we have for dinner?”
- “I am doomed to remember a boy with a wrecked voice – not because of his voice, or because he was the smallest person I ever knew, or even because he was the instrument of my mother’s death, but because he is the reason I believe in God; I am a Christian because of”
- “... If somebody thrust a gun in your ribs and said that sentence, what would you do?”
- “At the end of November the monsoon bursts over the southern coast of Irian Jaya, pounding the villages of thatch-roof huts that sit along the Asmat River.”
- “The night the earthquake struck San Francisco – April 18, 1906 – Dorothy Day was there.”
- “People know me here.”
- “When people dream of riches, their imaginations follow the shape of the economy.”

Answers available at the CC Bookstore, the Worner Center Information Desk,
or via e-mail from Leslie.Weddell@ColoradoCollege.edu

The Year in Photos



2007-2008



Say farewell to ... *(from p.1)*

family, although, he says, “in my case they overlap. My 95 year-old mother, whose marbles still roll pretty well, lives in my boyhood home on Lake Washington across from Seattle. Our grandchildren live in New York and Buenos Aires.” Carter is a member of his daughter’s conservation community in Athens, Ga., where he has started an organic muscadine vineyard.

Ron Capen, professor of biology, started at CC September 1971. He has no plans for retirement other than traveling more, spending time with grandkids, and learning Spanish. “I think what I look forward to most is having flexible time,” he says.

Alex Vargo, professor of biology, who started at CC in 1973, says she will try to finish the book she’s been working on for the last eight years. “I hope to work on CC’s insect collection and continue my research in pollination,” she says.

Tom Nycum, vice president business/finance, started at CC in 2000. He will split his time between Colorado

Springs and Grand Junction. He also hopes to spend time with his three grandchildren, and do more golfing, fly-fishing, and traveling.

Caitlin Fennell, program officer for young alumni and current students, is moving to West Point, N.Y., where her husband will be a chemistry instructor. She has been at CC for five years.

Tim Ambruso '05, interim assistant director for the Center for Service and Learning, will attend graduate school at the University of Colorado - Denver to earn an M.B.A. with a focus in sports and entertainment.

Margie Ainsworth, course materials coordinator for the CC Bookstore, originally was hired in 1996 as the file clerk in the development office and worked her way up. She is leaving to become an account manager for MBS (Missouri Book Service) Textbook Exchange. “I will be on campus from time to time since CC will be one of my main accounts,” Ainsworth says.

Students hit pay dirt in Celeste’s backyard

CC is getting a little greener and it’s not just because it’s springtime. The CC Farm Club is digging up President Dick Celeste’s backyard and turning it into an organic garden.

CC’s gardening venture has moved from Venetucci Farm, about 10 miles south of campus, to Stewart House, which is within easy walking distance. Brook Brouwer '08, co-chair of the CC Farm Club, says the new location enables more students to participate, and gives the garden a more direct connection to the campus.

The students are starting to plant the hardy crops, says co-chair Annie Bossange '09. Eventually, they plan to have tomatoes, broccoli, peppers, lettuce, peas, spinach, and a variety of squash on the 1.3 acres. “We’re also going to plant fruit trees and berry bushes,” Bossange says. “We want to develop an agro-forest,” a planting system more in tune with a natural forest in that it has plants of various heights - those low to the ground, shrubs, and trees.

Bossange, a biology major, is using part of the upper portion of the garden for a project this summer, in which she will compare an intercropping system to a monoculture system.

Students are removing sod, laying out plots, tilling the soil, and incorporating steer manure in the garden. They also are putting in a gate and trellis, to make the entryway (accessible from the driveway) more inviting. Brouwer says there are about 200 students on the listserv, a maximum of 30 at a gardening event at any one time, and a dozen hard-core participants.

The club received tools and a \$800 gift certificate from Fiskars; they will use the certificate to purchase more supplies, Brouwer says. Seeds of Change donated seeds, and several crops have been started in CC greenhouses.



Annie Bossange and Brook Brouwer

○ Leslie Weddell

Bringing solar power to CC, Block-Plan style

“No way!” The naysayers told me that CC students could not raise \$110,000 in a week – which is what we needed to fund the first CC solar electric system by the end of Block 8. However, a group of dedicated students and generous donors have accomplished just that. A 25-kilowatt system, enough to power a language house about the size of Windom House, will be installed on the south-facing roof of Edith Gaylord apartments, an area selected for its high visibility. The Edith Gaylord House, as the building is officially known, currently houses campus safety and is visible from Cascade Avenue.

By graduation day 2008, CC will be able to demonstrate to colleges nationwide that achieving a goal of carbon neutrality does not necessarily have to be a decade-long process and that CC is committed not only to sustainability, but to preparing students to be leaders of the next generation.

Over the past several weeks I met with Tom Nycum of the business office, George Eckhardt of facilities services, SunPower, and Independent Power Systems to discuss raising money, pushing the project through the college’s required review process, and installing the system. Since solar systems usually take at least two or three months to plan and install, and the deadline for generating power was May 14, I knew we were on an extremely tight deadline (Block-Plan style!).

We were informed early in April that the system would cost \$190,000, but that after installation we would receive approximately \$80,000 in rebates from Colorado Springs Utilities. That meant we needed to raise roughly \$110,000, get approval from the legal department and all other parties that have a say in construction on campus, and sign the contract for construction within a week.

Sue Woolsey, vice-chair of the CC Board of Trustees and co-chair of the President’s Advisory Council for Sustainability, made a generous donation of \$25,000. That got the ball rolling, and we then applied for money from the Ecofund and Colorado College Student Government Association.

Students Katie Elliott, Jimmy Singer, David Sullivan, and I organized a Friday lunchtime fund-raiser with live music

provided by the student band Cooperation Station. Funds for lunch were provided by ENACT, and the Carnivore Club grilled burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. The event was well attended and raised more than \$700 in donations from several hundred faculty, students, staff, and even prospective students who were visiting the college.

Within the week, we received donations from the Ecofund, SunPower, and several interested parents. In addition, the office of student life pledged funds and facilities services agreed to match those. At 5 p.m. Friday, April 11, I presented the numbers to President Dick Celeste, and he agreed to chip in the difference from the President’s Circle Fund.

By the end of the week, we had raised roughly \$110,000 that, in addition to the \$80,000 utility rebate, would fund the entire project and allow us to have the solar system generating power by the end of Block 8. This could not have been done without the unwavering support and assistance of Nycum and Eckhardt and without the financial support of SunPower and the whole Colorado College community.

Renewable energy technology is viable, cost-effective, and accessible to those wishing to make the transition to carbon-free power. I wanted to drive home this point by demonstrating that we could raise the money and make this project a reality in record time.

I have confidence that Colorado College can be a leader among the nation’s colleges and universities as it supports and displays its commitment to the technologies that will play such a crucial role in the future of its students.

This effort will require leadership at all levels in the college, among students, faculty, staff, the administration, and the Board of Trustees. By working together, we can make a difference!



○ David Amster-Olszewski '09

Summer Programs *(from p.1)*

certification program in collaboration with Penrose-St. Francis and The Dyslexia Center

- Early morning energetic grade-schoolers engage in the Gifted and Talented and Whiz Bang Programs, part of the fifth-year M.A.T. program
- Community members, alumni, and we hope, CC employees, will participate in “Back To College” courses on Saturday and evenings; topics include calligraphy, papermaking, letterpress, Jane Austen, Buddhism, terrorism, chamber and symphony music, and creative writing

Summer Festival of the Arts includes:

- The Summer Music Festival, in its 24th season, with internationally acclaimed faculty artists teaching and performing festival artist concerts—some of the finest chamber music one can find anywhere in the world; 47 national and international students on a full scholarship participating in concerto readings, Music at Midday, and festival orchestra concerts
- Dancers from around the country and Taiwan, gracing the halls of Cossitt Hall for the Extraordinary Dance Festival; “Informances” in the evening, culminating in the final annual gala performance
- The New Music Symposium showcasing works by contemporary composers and musicians along with young composers creating music in the Pikes Peak Young Composers Summer Workshop
- The Vocal Arts Symposium with world-renowned faculty teaching students and presenting a series of concerts including opera, jazz, and music theater
- Film series with the Windrider Film Forum
- The return of CC alum and comedian Marc Acito

Best advice: Look for the Festival of the Arts calendar, coming out soon, or go to: <http://www.ColoradoCollege.edu/SummerPrograms/SummerFestivaloftheArts/>

Conferences

- Bring more than 5,000 people to campus and host more than 50 conferences
- Colorado College professors Christine Siddoway (geology) brings the Integrated Solid Earth Sciences (ISES) to campus, Tom Sanny (film studies) hosts the University Film and Video Association, and Neena Grover (chemistry) hosts Impact of Change ICS Guidelines

○ Ann Van Horn

WHAT'S NEW THIS SUMMER?

Back to College: Courses for the Community

Summer Programs is offering non-credit courses for member of the community, taught by CC faculty, visiting scholars, and acclaimed artists. These courses are open to anyone, and are FREE to all current CC employees when space is available (sorry, we can't offer them free to spouses or dependents.) Look for dates and times in the brochure coming in your box soon. Here's a preview of our offerings:

- **Introduction to Italic Calligraphy**, David Ashley
- **The Joy of Chamber Music**, Michael Grace
- **The Joy of Symphonic Music**, Michael Grace
- **Introduction to Letterpress Printing**, Colin Frazer
- **Terrorism**, Dennis Showalter
- **ObamaNation: Representations of Race in Post-Race America**, Charles Gallagher
- **“Pride and Prejudice”: Austen vs. the Filmmakers**, George Butte
- **Telling the Truth: Writing Creative Nonfiction**, Kathryn Eastburn
- **The Relevance of Buddhism Her and Now**, David Gardiner
- **Local and Natural Papermaking**, Colin Frazer
- **Culture of Islam and Middle Eastern Food**, Maha Foster