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The WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY (WES) is an autonomous community organization founded on April 20, 1889, to foster support of Colorado College. Its purposes are to bring community and college together, give assistance to students of the college, and undertake programs and projects to benefit the college, particularly women of the college. Gifts to WES are **tax-deductible**. *Newsfocus* is published twice a year as a service to members and friends of WES.

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## Message from the President



The Board members of WES were busy and productive during fall 2007. Our plans for 2008 ensure that we will again be actively involved in many projects.

The Scholarship Committee continues with its mentor program. Scholars participated in fall activities including the Scholars Tea, a chili dinner, a first-year students luncheon, and our annual fall luncheon and lecture. This coming year scholars are invited to a spring picnic, a spring luncheon and lecture, and our annual business meeting. Goody bags were delivered to scholars in December and will be given to scholars again in April.

The Membership Committee sent a mass mailing of nearly 400 membership packets and a cover letter encouraging recipients to join. Incentives for membership now include providing membership cards, discount cards at the Colorado College bookstore, and opportunities to win a gift basket at upcoming events. New members who pledge \$50 or more will receive a copy of *A Quiet Work*. Since September, WES has received 128 paid memberships with 52 scholarship donations of \$10,000.

The Publicity Committee put out an excellent *Newsfocus* for fall 2007 and, as you can see, this winter 2008 *Newsfocus* sets a standard of excellence.

The Program Committee developed an interesting year of luncheons with speakers. In October 2007, Tomi-Ann Roberts, a Board member and Colorado College faculty member, spoke on "Little Bratz – The Sexualization of Girls." On February 27, 2008, we will co-sponsor the Women of the West Luncheon. Anne Hyde, a WES Board member and Colorado College faculty member, will be the keynote speaker. On April 1, 2008, a tour of the new Edith Kinney Gaylord Cornerstone Arts Center is scheduled. After the lunch a staff member of Colorado College will take us on a tour of the new building. Our annual meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2008.

The Nominating Committee is currently working on adding new Board members. In January, Melanie Melcher, Sylvia Nolte, and Gerri Anne Reed will be added to our Board. We need new board members beginning in June, 2008. If you are interested in being a Board member, please let me know by phoning me at 635-3486.

The Fundraising Committee is continuing to encourage contributions for our scholarship fund. Activities this year included the Van Briggles Historical Building Tour, Van Briggles note card sales, Marianne Stoller's southwest tour, and mailing a second request for contributions. We have already begun preparation for the Van Briggles Pottery Tour in conjunction with Van Briggles centennial celebrations this coming year. The Van Briggles note cards are beautiful and still for sale. Marianne Stoller has arranged two tours for 2008, one to the California Missions and a trip to the Canadian Rockies.

A special thanks to Jeanne Stiles, a Board member, and her husband, Randy Stiles, vice president of Colorado College. Randy is an artist who created beautiful watercolors of CC buildings. The paintings were placed on cards and are sold at the CC bookstore. The Stiles are contributing half the profits to the WES scholarship fund.

As you can tell, I am so proud of the accomplishments of WES Board members. They have worked hard, planned successfully, and deserve a round of applause.

— Vicki Nycum

# Scholar Update 2008



The WES Board and its membership are so proud of our scholars. Each time we visit with them at one of our activities, these outstanding young women amaze us with their energy and enthusiasm. In response to our recent survey, 10 upper-class scholars shared information regarding their busy academic and personal lives, as well as their future plans.

**Rachel Pizzie** is a sophomore interested in a psychology or neuroscience major. Whenever we see Rachel, she is usually dashing off to one of her many extracurricular activities: Tiger Eyes Dance Team, CC Chamber Chorus, theater department shows, Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, or Health Professions Club. This summer she plans to either take an organic chemistry class, choose a course to study abroad, or work at a research job in Denver. Rachel is still trying to decide if she wants to pursue medical school or psychology after CC. So far her favorite classes are in psychology and not the sciences, so we'll see where she ends up! Rachel appreciates being welcomed into the arms of CC and WES. She has been able to meet amazing girls and women who have done some astounding things. "It's been an inspiration being able to learn from what they have accomplished."

Junior **Cayla Schreiber** is a biology major and education minor. She plays a very active role in the Relay for Life organization at CC. This year, Cayla chaired the advocacy position, informing the campus about different illnesses like lung cancer, colon cancer, and current legislation dealing with cancer. Besides studying and work, she also finds time for Cool Science, Student Health Advisory Committee, and best of all—reading! Cayla is looking forward to a career in teaching. She knows she will be educating the future doctors, lawyers, and politicians, who will make a difference in our world. She says, "One teaches to feel the rewards of students learning on a daily basis."

A double major in art history and the classics has kept senior **Kristina Rutledge** very busy these past four years. She is proud to say she participated in the first Sanskrit class at CC and has taken it to the limits offered here. When she's not working as the "Saluta Developer" at Romano's

Macaroni Grill, she finds time to play her flute and take care of her cats. Kristina's career goals have fluctuated from archaeology to teaching art history to museum work. She is still trying to decide where her passions will take her. She mentioned Owen Cramer and Rebecca Tucker as two very inspirational people who influenced her life at CC. When we asked Kristina if her life at CC had been enriched by receiving a WES scholarship, she said: "This really deserves an essay. My family just isn't able to support me financially and I wouldn't be at CC if it weren't for help from WES!"

**Kameron Moding** is a sophomore this year. When she first came to CC, she wanted to go into medicine, but after taking her psychology classes, she found that she has more interest in research than in medical school. Kameron devotes a lot of her extracurricular time to volleyball at CC, as well as coaching middle school volleyball players. She is involved in Delta Gamma (Service for Sight), Relay for Life, and finds time to be a resident advisor. When we asked Kameron what the WES scholarship has meant to her she says that it was the deciding factor for her to come to CC. In addition, the WES book scholarship allows her to take any class she wants (mainly science classes) without the worry of the cost of books.



As a religion major with an education minor, senior **Amanda Shaub** plans to stick around after graduation to do student teaching and fulfill her certification requirements. Her future plans include teaching abroad for a year or two. Amanda loves to travel anywhere and everywhere and that is what she will do for three weeks in January. She is a member of the International Service Project team that will be working on sustainability issues in a rural village in India. This will be her second trip to India. WES was happy to give her an additional financial award of \$500 to help with her expenses. She is also one of the Community Kitchen co-managers. When we asked Amanda how she has grown as a person at CC, she answered: "The opportunities to meet new people who share my passions and the amazing chances to study and travel abroad have given me a broader perspective of the world. WES has played a major part in all of that."

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Senior **Elizabeth May** (known as Izzy to all of her friends) is a Hispanic studies major. She is very proud to be on the national Dean's List for the third year, was inducted into Phi Sigma Iota national honor society, and won the Dreamkeeper Award for outstanding commitment to social change. While at CC, Izzy has developed a passion for serving the underprivileged. "The people in Minority Student Life have had such a tremendous impact on who I am and how I perceive the world." She goes on to say how she has grown tremendously while at CC. "I am much more open as a person to the perspectives and viewpoints of others and I am much less stubborn. I have also learned to trust the people around me much more." Izzy has applied to several law schools on the east coast. WES will be anxious to hear her choice for next fall!

**Kelsey Pullar**, a junior, has decided to major in sociology. Because of her interest in that field, she applied and was recently accepted to the ACM Tropical Research Program in Costa Rica. She will spend this spring semester doing a sociological research project there. Kelsey finds time to play in the CC Jazz Band, as well as volunteering with the North Boys Enrichment Program (mentoring at-risk middle school boys). Her future plans include pursuing a graduate degree in social work or clinical psychology. Her immediate plan when she returns from Costa Rica is to go home to Washington State and work for the City of Bellingham Public Works. Have a great time in Costa Rica, Kelsey!

As a sophomore **Hannah Heckman** is undecided on her major, but is leaning toward environmental science. Hannah serves as a resident advisor and is also a student leader with the Sts. Cyril and Methodius College Catholic Community. She participates in several community service projects including the Community Kitchen and Habitat for Humanity. This summer she will attend World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, Australia. When we asked Hannah how she had grown since coming to CC, she answered: "I have grown immensely. I am learning about my likes and dislikes and am practicing becoming the person I want to be. I have faced (and continue to face) many challenges, both in the people I meet and the responsibilities I take on, but I see how every experience develops my character for the better. I love the opportunities I have here to converse with people who have different backgrounds from my own and learn about them and the best way to communicate with them. I am happy that my views often clash with the views of others – it means that I am learning more here than I would anywhere else."

**Vanessa Roberts** designed her own major: Critical Race Theory, Emphasis Performance Comedy. She is actively involved with theater at CC (recent credits include *Attempts on Her Life* and *The Trojan Women* in which she played the lead, Hecuba). Vanessa also manages to co-chair the Black Student Union and volunteers at the CC Soup Kitchen. Her awards and honors include the Dean's List 2006-2007, the Crown-Goodman Presidential

Scholarship in 2007, and she has been nominated for the AIMO Conference's Undergraduate of the Year Award 2007. When asked how she has grown as a person at CC, Vanessa replied: "I have grown by leaps and bounds in terms of how I perceive my role in this world. My sense of civic responsibility has been greatly heightened, and I feel that my time at CC has revealed my 'calling' in life, and it has unearthed my life's work of engaging with the difficult questions of race and ethnicity and how it affects our world. The members of WES have helped me immensely by providing much needed support throughout this process. I do not just mean the financial support but also the genuine interest the ladies express in my life, the interest in how I'm doing, what I'm doing, and how they can help. All of that is what has helped facilitate my growth." Vanessa has applied to graduate schools and is hoping to enter a performance studies program.

Majoring in global health and development, **Rachel Shaffer** is an active senior on campus participating in HIV (Helping Ignorance Vanish, the CC HIV/AIDS Awareness Group), CC Soup Kitchen, and the Library Committee. She is also an intern at Senator Ken Salazar's office, specializing in health care and immigration issues. After graduation Rachel hopes to find a job relating to health care research and health care policy – possibly in a public policy research think-tank environment or for the government in issues broadly related to health care and social services. After this experience she will likely pursue a master's in public health. We asked Rachel how her time at CC had been enriched by receiving a WES scholarship: "It's great to be supported by a group of women who value education and women's leadership so much. When I think about how much I've grown and benefited from my time here at CC, I too become all the more passionate about helping other women have the opportunity for a similar experience. Seeing so many women in the community dedicated to facilitating college attendance for females here at CC helps me to comprehend the profound, lifelong effect that education has on one's life, and further inspires me to pursue every educational opportunity I have at my fingertips."



WES wants to congratulate all of our scholars on their hard work and dedication and thank them for the positive impact they have on both the Colorado College campus and the Colorado Springs community. You inspire us, ladies!

## RACHEL SHAFFER

### Study Abroad in Costa Rica



During the spring semester of 2007, I was fortunate to spend the semester doing independent research with the Colorado College affiliated study abroad program, ACM, in Costa Rica. My primary focus during my four-month stay in Costa Rica was conducting a large-scale field study project, which I designed with the aid of a renowned Costa Rican demographer, tailoring it to address pressing local research needs. At CC, my major is global health and development, which strives to take an interdisciplinary approach to examining health, human capital, and socio-economic development issues worldwide by uniting biology, sociological research, political science, and economic development theory. Far more economically developed and politically stable than any other country in Central America, Costa Rica enjoys a high literacy rate, a widespread education system, and universal health care. In many ways Costa Rica more closely resembles a first-world country than its third-world neighbors. For someone with my health and development interests, unique Costa Rica was – and is – ripe for investigation.

Initially when I headed to Costa Rica, I intended to research its capacity and methods for dealing with HIV/AIDS, but soon discovered a significant, pertinent local phenomenon whose root causes had never before been investigated: a sky-high teenage birthrate, with over 20% of babies born to women 19 or under. In the region of Guanacaste, where I was to later do research, 30.2% of births occur to adolescents less than 20 years old. I was fascinated by this dichotomy within Costa Rica, developed on so many levels yet decidedly archaic in its teenage birth patterns.

The goals of my research, which was conducted on female students in public secondary schools, were two-

fold. First, I performed an introductory investigation into adolescent female sexual knowledge and attitudes, studying both their level of understanding of the facts and their attitudes about them, as well as looking at where they obtain and discuss their contraceptive information. Second, I examined the correlations between adolescents' personal attitudes and behaviors involving the use of contraceptives and a variety of factors that may influence, or be related to, the formation of these attitudes and behavioral decision-making processes. This included an examination of social, familial, educational, and self-efficacy influences in order to illuminate what factors may be most important in determining their likelihood of using contraceptives, including knowledge levels, communication levels with parents and friends, religiosity, educational aspirations, and attitudes toward a potential pregnancy.

Although the detailed findings and the statistics surrounding this research are too extensive to mention in this brief article, there are a few pieces of information to note. Parents' conversations with their daughters had a large impact in the end results of whether to use or not use contraceptives at a young age. Girl don't want to get pregnant, but some fail to comprehend specific, but vital, facts such as how reproductive systems function, the female cycle, the comparative effectiveness of different contraceptive methods, and the reality that many methods do not incur any unwanted side effects.

Although my research project took up the vast majority of my time and energy, I still found time to enjoy the natural beauty of Costa Rica, and make some incredible friends. I grew to be extremely close with my host family in the Guanacaste Province. It was so refreshing and rewarding to discover how people from entirely different backgrounds and cultures can truly relate to one another and bond.

My time in Costa Rica was undoubtedly one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. Thank you so much to WES for all your support in my time and travels; I couldn't have done it without you!



# Pueblo Indian and Spanish: Two Worlds of New Mexico

October 3-8, 2007



As Professor Marianne Stoller began her seventh trip, it was easy to see why she is such a popular tour guide. Without notes, she lectured from the front seat, pointing out landmarks and tidbits of history. Travelers learned Greenhorn Peak was named after a Comanche chief, that “la veta” (as in La Veta Pass) means “the vein,” and that San Luis Valley, home to the Southern Utes, produces potato and barley (as in Coors beer).

Aspens, at the peak of their glory, dotted the mountainsides. Marianne grew up in San Luis, the oldest town in Colorado, leaving to attend Adams State and eventually obtaining her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Near Taos Pueblo there was a stop for lunch at the Tiwa Kitchen and a demonstration by potter Pam Lujan-Hauer of the Taos tribe. Because Taos soil is rich in mica, there’s no need for temper to strengthen pottery. Pam’s bean pots and water jars sparkled.

The Millicent Rogers Museum in Taos with Indian artifacts and modern artists was the next stop. Dinner was in Santa Fe at Maria’s Kitchen – potent margaritas and classic Mexican plates. Marianne mentioned that before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, Santa Fe was settled by the Spanish in the early 1600s.

In route to Bandelier National Monument, vibrant gold rabbit bush dotted the landscape with cholla and clumps of purple asters. Marianne pointed out the Jemez Mountains and talked of her college classes and their digs unearthing information. The Ancestral Pueblo Ruins in Frijoles Canyon were discovered in 1880 by Adolf Bandelier, a native of Switzerland.

At Nambe Pueblo, a procession emerged from San Francisco de Assisi Church amid the beating of drums and accompanying chants. A corn dance unfolded with costumed men, women and children marching to the beat – toe, heel. They carried fir branches and corn ears, and some men bore bows and arrows or shook rattles. Indians displayed their jewelry and shoppers enjoyed buying directly from them. South of Albuquerque, a stop was made at Mountainair, a ranching community untouched by modern hustle and site of the main park visitor center for Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument. The town’s treasure was a 1920s hotel housing Pop Shaffer’s Dining Room, with Indian designs

on the tin ceiling. Marianne escorted her group through Gran Quivara Ruins where dry desert winds whipped the area. Founded in 1909, this secluded monument is one of America’s oldest. Marianne pointed to mounds of ruins left intact. In the 1960s, archeologists unearthed burial grounds, but reburied the human remains.

Abo Ruins, a peaceful, sun drenched setting, was the next stop. A kiva positioned in the front accommodated the “conversion” to Christianity. Although the Spaniards buried kivas, they couldn’t squelch the Indian religion. “These people were human,” came up again. Marianne added that the Spanish are criticized for their treatment of the Indians, but pueblo peoples couldn’t vote in the USA until the 1920s – they weren’t citizens in their own country. The ranger talked of poachers stealing pottery shards by using helicopters to “sweep” the ground, unearthing the treasures.

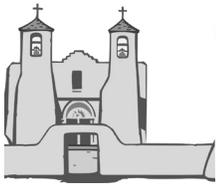


El Camino Real Heritage Center was the first early morning stop. It is an architectural wonder on 120 acres of remote desert. This museum commemorates the public road from Mexico City to Santa Fe. Spain didn’t allow

trade with other countries, so this trail brought supplies to the Franciscan missions. Stretching for 1500 miles, the trip took six to eight months. When Mexico gained independence in 1821, El Camino Real was no longer needed.

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge was a very interesting spot. The guide boarded the bus to explain the amazing water system and to point out blue heron, deer, ducks, geese, pin tails and cranes. The next morning we visited El Rancho de las Golondrinas, a stopping point along the Camino Real and living history museum of Spanish colonial life. Later there were stops at Museum Hill in Santa Fe, where there was a tour, Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, International Folk Art Museum, Spanish Colonial Art Museum, and the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian.

With a friendly, flexible group of travelers, a relaxing pace with a knowledgeable leader, and visits to remote sites, this was a remarkable experience. Marianne donates her time, prices are competitive, and \$100 from each participant goes to the WES scholarship fund. Consider that Marianne Stoller plans to take a group to the California missions May 10-17, 2008 and to Canada in the fall of 2008. These trips will fill up very quickly so make your reservations early.



# Get on Board for the Trip to the California Missions and More

May 10-17, 2008

The Woman's Educational Society invites you to join a tour of several California missions and other historical and interesting sights.

Aboriginal California was a densely populated area with many different Native American tribes living along the coasts, in the inland valleys, and mountainous foothills. After the conquest of Mexico, Spain established missions along the coasts of Baja California in the 1600s. It was not until the latter part of the 1700s that missions were founded in Alta California. Fearing the encroachment of Russia and England, the missions were a statement of hegemony, as well as an effort to convert the Native Americans.

The missions marched up the coastal areas of California, a day's journey apart. Many were founded by the famed Franciscan priest, Fr. Junipero Serra. By 1834, after secularization, many were abandoned or destroyed by earthquakes and disuse, their extensive farm and ranch lands pre-empted by settlers. Some continued in use, some have been reconstructed. The tour will visit the following missions: San Francisco de Asis (Mission Dolores) in San Francisco, San Carlos Bartolomeo in Carmel-By-The-Sea, La Purissima near Santa Barbara, the "Queen of the

Missions" in Santa Barbara and the Presidio, and San Juan Bautista. In addition, travelers will visit Big Basin Redwood Forest, the famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, have a tour of the William Randolph Hearst Castle as we go south on the scenic coastal highway, see the Danish settlement of Solvang, the John Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, and, of course, a couple of wineries.

The tour is led by Dr. Marianne L. Stoller, Colorado College Professor Emerita of Anthropology. It will begin in the late afternoon of May 10th in San Francisco and end there in the late afternoon of May 17th. The first and last nights are in San Francisco, two in Monterey, two in Santa Maria, and one in Salinas. The estimated fee of \$1,400.00 includes transportation in a comfortable highway bus, all lodging (double occupancy, single supplement extra), all entrance fees, one dinner, and a tax-deductible contribution of \$100.00 to the WES scholarship fund. A deposit of \$400.00 is due by February 15, the remainder by April 1. To reserve space and obtain more information, please contact Marianne at 719-634-4278 or [mstoller1@msn.com](mailto:mstoller1@msn.com).

The next tour will be to the magnificent Canadian Rockies, September 7-13, 2008.

## WES SCHOLAR MAKES SUMMER PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

### Hannah Heckman

Sophomore WES scholar, Hannah Heckman, participated in a twenty-day pilgrimage to visit 10 sites in Italy from May 22 to June 11, 2007. The group consisted of eight students (six from Colorado College and two from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs) and two adults, Valerie Klassen, the Catholic campus minister for CC and Kate Holbrook, CC's assistant chaplain. The group met several times during the second semester of 2006-2007 school year to prepare for the pilgrimage. They read and reflected upon four books in conjunction with the trip, completed research, and maintained journals during the trip.

The order of the sites visited was geographically practical and chronologically relevant. The pilgrimage began and ended in Rome, the home of Catholicism worldwide. It continued to Venice,



Padua, Ravenna, Assisi, Florence, Sienna, Amalfi, and the San Giovanni Rotunda. Each site was important to Catholic history, some holding churches with historical significance and some containing amazing works of art that were created to give glory to God.

The eight students were chosen through an application process. Ms. Klassen proposed the pilgrimage to the Sheffer Committee, an organization that provides grants for Roman Catholic studies. Each participant traveled with one suitcase and one day bag for the three weeks, doing laundry in the sinks of the hostels and convents along the way.

Ms. Heckman was inspired by the pilgrimage in many ways. She has become very interested in ecumenical work and hopes to simplify her life (material goods and activities) to necessities.

## Jacqueline Lundquist



Jacqueline Lundquist is a familiar and much respected name to the Woman's Educational Society membership. It is known that Jacqueline is wife of Colorado College's president Richard Celeste, that Jacqueline is the lovely hostess of WES's annual Scholars Fall Tea held in her home, and that she is

curator of many treasurers from all over the world. However, there is so much more to CC's first lady.

She was born in the United States, but her father was military so she moved to Europe when she was a young girl. She lived in Germany, then in Greece and then back to the Washington, D.C. area. She graduated from the University of Virginia and opened her own public relations firm, was doing entertainment PR and working with The Beach Boys. She got involved with helping President Bush put together his Points of Light Foundation, which used about 30 different entertainment celebrities to help kids get excited about community service. When President Clinton was elected, she helped him pass his national service legislation which started Americorps. Richard Celeste was on the board of this organization and that is how they met and married. Moving on in her successful career, Jacqueline was an entertainment television reporter for CBS in Cleveland.

In 1997, Jacqueline set out for Delhi with her husband, the new U.S. ambassador of India. She welcomed the challenges of her role as the new ambassador's wife. Settling in Roosevelt

House (the ambassador's residence) in Delhi, Jacqueline used her status and entertaining skills to promote awareness of many issues. Between official and charitable functions, Jacqueline traveled widely, falling in love with the country and its people. She discovered India's textiles and clothes, which seemed to her to be physical manifestations of the country's magic. Upon returning to the U.S., she welcomed a new challenge by beginning her own business.

Presently she is involved in import and sale of several products from India. Her company named One World 2 U features stunning clothes, rich textiles, fashionable jewelry, unique wood furniture designs, colorful handmade carpets and wall hangings. Each weekend sale benefits a local charity and so far over \$7,000 has been donated to the Colorado Springs community. The next warehouse sale is February 29, March 1 and 2. See ads in *The Gazette* and *Independent* for details or e-mail her to get on the list at [jlundquist@gmail.com](mailto:jlundquist@gmail.com). Attending one of her weekend warehouse showings is a fabulous experience and an opportunity to pick up something wonderful – and you will be able to visit with Jacqueline because she is usually present at her events.

Jacqueline enjoys entertaining students, members of the CC and the Colorado Springs communities and visiting college guests. She saves time for many other ventures, one being the 1874 Society which she chairs. This is an annual giving organization where people give \$1,874 or up to \$9,999 a year to the college.

When Jacqueline came to Colorado College, it was a breath of fresh air and a little like a fairy tale. She is filled with grace, style and energy, yet very approachable. She opens her home and her heart to many organizations, WES being one of them. WES is very grateful to her for her interest in the organization and her genuine concern for the WES scholars.

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## Third in a Series – A Tribute to Life Members

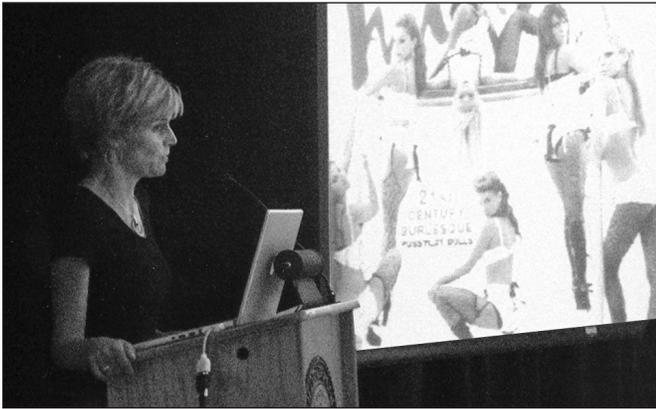
Over the years, we have seen a "Life Member" designation on the membership list, indicating that some women made contributions to WES that would make them members for life. Life Membership is no longer offered, yet many of these members continue to support WES. WES greatly appreciates this support and would like to introduce these generous women to the membership. This is the third in a series of tributes to our "Life Members."

MARGE ABBOTT was a 1944 Colorado College graduate, majoring in biology and later becoming an occupational therapist. Her father was a member of the Colorado College faculty from 1920-1947. Her mother was actively involved in politics and WES. After her father was killed in a car accident, members of WES got together and started the funding for the Abbott Lectures at CC. Marge later received her master's degree in child development at Mills College and was an administrator/principal in a San Jose public school for orthopedically challenged children. Marge enjoys photography, gardening (she used to garden for other people) and traveling, which included a 1980s trip to Nepal with a friend who had gone there with the Peace Corps. Marge was on the

Nominating and Finance Committees while active in WES.

HELENE KNAPP became active in WES when her good friend Marjorie Carrico, an active member of WES, told her "she would love the WES organization." She was on the Scholarship and Publicity Committees. Helene has been asked to be the community representative on the present Scholarship Committee. Helene graduated with a music major from Douglas College in New Jersey (the women's division of Rutgers). After moving to Colorado Springs with her husband, an Air Force test pilot, she worked with the Colorado Springs Symphony from 1978-2003. She was the Concert Preview Hostess for 10 years. She enjoys the opportunity to attend CC events, such as concerts and lectures, and is particularly interested in politics and in international relationships. Helene belongs to many organizations in Colorado Springs. She was very active in the POW/MIA movement after her husband was missing-in-action in 1967 and declared dead in 1978. Her daughter lives in Oregon and has two children. Her son lives here and is active in the Colorado Springs Chorale and the Opera Theater of the Rockies. Her hobbies include reading, movies, theater, golf, tennis, traveling, and water aerobics.

# A Memorable Luncheon



The crowd of scholars, WES members, and their guests sat mesmerized as Colorado College professor of psychology Dr. Tomi-Ann Roberts presented her program for the November luncheon at Gaylord Hall entitled, “Little Bratz: The Sexualization of Girls.” “Sexualization” occurs when a person’s value comes from sexual appeal or behavior, to the exclusion of other characteristics, and when a person is sexually objectified, e.g., made into a thing for another’s sexual use.

Images of Bratz dolls (complete with thong panties), Trollz Kids (modern versions of Troll dolls), and Pussycat Dolls flashed across the screen. Magazine ads paraded sensual adult women in little girl poses, hair in pigtails, toes pointed inward, clutching teddy bears. Music lyrics, video games, movies, and the Internet send messages that harm girls’ self-image and healthy development.

With the proliferation of 24-hour media, girls learn that if they dress and behave in a provocative manner, they will be rewarded. This leads to “self-sexualization,” where they become consumed about their bodies, makeup, hair and clothing. As Tomi-Ann explained, “It takes a lot of cognitive energy to be a bimbo.” Research links self-sexualization with eating disorders, low self-esteem and depression.

Speaking from her own experiences, Tomi-Ann shared an incident when her younger daughter was 10 years old and watching a Harry Potter movie. She exclaimed, “Women can’t be professors! That’s for men.” This was coming from the daughter of a woman who has been a CC professor since 1993!

Tomi-Ann is a member of the American Psychological Association task force studying this issue. Their report was

released in February, 2007 and can be accessed online at [www.apa.org/sexualization](http://www.apa.org/sexualization).

Parents need to teach young girls to value themselves for who they are rather than how they look, and boys must learn to see girls as friends and sisters, rather than as sexual objects. Tomi-Ann praised the organization, Dads and Daughters ([www.dadsanddaughters.org](http://www.dadsanddaughters.org)), as a source of positive information in keeping our daughters, nieces, and granddaughters on track with healthy outlooks.

With the terrific turnout, good food, and extraordinary speaker, many WES members thought this was one of the best luncheons ever!

## SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES

Open to All Members and Guests – Invite a Friend

### Women of the West Luncheon

Co-sponsored by WES and Southwest Studies  
Anne Hyde, WES Board member and CC faculty member as keynote speaker. *Love and Money in the Early American West: Stories I Can't Write Down*.  
Wednesday, February 27, 2008 – noon Open to the public.

### Spring Luncheon

Presentation and tour of the Edith Kinney Gaylord Cornerstone Arts Center (WES members will be the “first” to have a non-hardhat tour of the glorious new building.) Luncheon in Gaylord Hall in the Worner Campus Center before beginning tour  
Tuesday, April 1, 2008 – noon Open to all members and guests.

### Members Annual Meeting and Luncheon

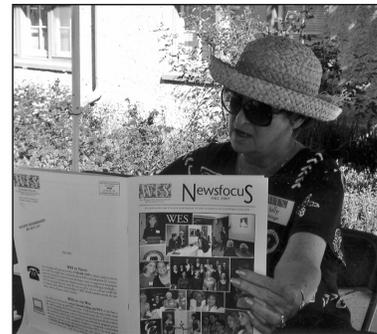
WES scholars will give a presentation on travels and studies abroad  
Gaylord Hall, Thursday, April 24, 2008 – noon  
Open to all members and guests.

### Van Briggie Historic Pottery Building Tours

Saturday, September 13, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open to the public.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- WES is now issuing membership cards to new and renewing members.
- WES is offering Members Only gift baskets at each of our luncheons as an incentive to join and an additional “thank you” to current members.
- WES is now receiving Members Only 10% discount certificates from the Colorado College bookstore.
- WES continues to send thank you letters to those members who send money over and above the membership dues, which goes directly into our scholarship fund.
- WES membership numbers are increasing.
- WES greatly appreciates being notified of an address change or the passing of a treasured member.



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### Please Welcome New Board Members

**Melanie Melcher** so graciously agreed to serve on the WES board even though it is obvious that she is a very busy lady. Melanie is wife of Chris, General Council at Colorado College, and mother to her four-year-old son Connor. Melanie is a very happy stay-at-home Mom, but most recently has been employed as a financial analyst for the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C. and upon returning to Colorado became the CFO for the Colorado State Land Board. Melanie loves Colorado and earned her B.A. degree in communications at the University of Colorado. Chris says that she is a fantastic cook and also enjoys reading, skiing and being outdoors. One more awesome thing that really keeps Melanie busy is being Chairman of the Board of the Himalayan Dental Relief Fund. One hundred percent of the money that is raised goes toward providing dental assistance for the people of Nepal. So far 100,000 people have received dental treatment through this agency. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Melanie to the WES Board of Managers.

**Sylvia Nolte** grew up in the Kansas City area and attended the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She has her Ph.D. in education from the University of Colorado and was assistant superintendent and principal in the Cheyenne Mountain School District. She has been a successful teacher in many venues, in many states, and at many levels. In 2005, Sylvia retired from education

and her position as Director of Teacher Education at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She says that it was a pleasure to do all the things she wanted to as an educator. Sylvia has served on a long list of boards relating to education, sororities, and academics and is presently a docent at the Fine Arts Center and on the board of the Colorado Springs Dance Theatre.

Sylvia is married to Maurice (Maury) and has two children.

We are delighted to welcome her to the WES Board and thank her for her willingness to serve many organizations in the Colorado Springs area including WES.

**Gerri Anne Reed** says that Colorado College and its scholars are dear to her heart and she is excited at the opportunity to be on the Board of WES because it will bring her once again to CC and its students. Gerri Anne was employed at CC as Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Business and Finance. She left to begin a new career in commercial real estate and property management. She is highly talented, possesses unique and strong skills in writing and computers and is a delight to work with. Along with her new career, Gerri Anne has her husband Dave (Athletics Media Relations Coordinator at Colorado College) and her 14-month-old son Jackson to keep her busy. Gerri Anne will be a wonderful addition to the WES Board.

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### A Positive Report from the Fundraising Committee

A second mailing regarding the Scholarship Fund Campaign went out just before the holidays began. The response has been very positive and generous. Thanks to all of you who responded so enthusiastically to the letter, who have contributed additional funds with their membership, who came to the Van Briggles pottery event, who purchased note cards, and who have participated in the tours. It is a true pleasure to report that the contributions and pledges have now exceeded \$92,000 to date and more checks are

coming in. Our goal for this campaign is \$100,000 and we are confident that we will soon reach our goal.

The importance of the monies we raise on behalf of the scholarships to assist outstanding women at Colorado College is huge, ongoing and the primary purpose of WES.

Thank you again for continuing to support our worthy organization.

**WES BY PHONE** – Our message-only phone number, (719) 389-7699, is always ready to receive your call. You might have comments about WES scholarships for CC women, questions about the annual lecture-luncheon series or suggestions for projects to benefit the CC community. Maybe you do your best thinking at midnight... dial the message-line any time! Be sure to call if you or a friend would like to inquire about WES membership. A WES Board member checks the line often, and you'll get a quick response.

**WES ON THE WEB** – Our Web site is located at [www.ColoradoCollege.edu/WES](http://www.ColoradoCollege.edu/WES). A visit there is a great way to keep up with WES activities. You'll read fascinating articles about the 1889 founding of The Woman's Educational Society, the 21 scholars in our current scholarship program, and over 100 years of special projects. Find out about the remarkable speakers who will present the lecture-luncheon programs, peruse the latest copy of the WES newsletter *Newsfocus*, or download a membership application. The site is your information station about WES. Our e-mail address is [WES@ColoradoCollege.edu](mailto:WES@ColoradoCollege.edu). We love to get your questions or comments, and you'll always get a reply from a WES Board member.

## Membership Invitation

To those of you who are not already members, WES cordially extends an invitation for you to join our group. Just fill out the form below and mail it back to us with your check. A new feature this year will be membership cards, which will be sent to all members.

Every member is welcome to serve on any of the committees listed on the Membership Information form below. Just note your preference and someone from the Membership Committee will contact you. We look forward to meeting you and having your support this year!



THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY  
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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

WES membership is open to all, and membership is renewable **annually**. Please select one of the following membership categories, and make your membership check payable to WES.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal                         | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dues \$25                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cum Laude \$50-\$99         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Summa cum Laude \$500 and above |  |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send to:** The Woman's Educational Society of Colorado College, 14 East Cache La Poudre Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

If there are any questions regarding membership, call the WES message number, (719) 389-7699, and someone from the Membership Committee will respond to your inquiry.

**I am interested in serving as a WES volunteer. Please call me to help with:**

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| _____ Fundraising/Projects                           | _____ Program    | _____ Scholarship |
| _____ Membership                                     |                  |                   |
| _____ Please send me information on bequests to WES. |                  |                   |

Thank you for your kind contribution to WES. All contributions, above the \$25 membership dues, are used directly for scholarships, programs, and projects of WES to benefit students of Colorado College and are **tax deductible**.



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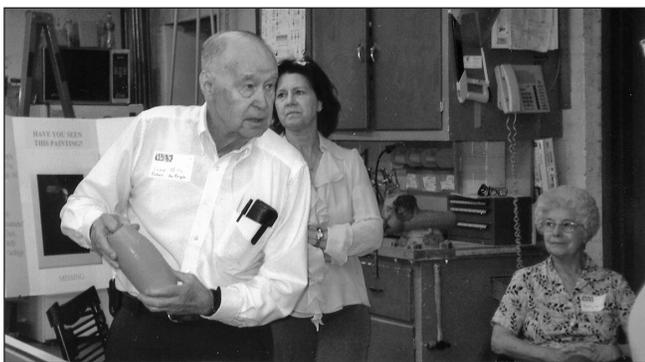
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## *Van Briggle Tour - A Huge Success*

The Van Briggle Memorial Pottery Building tour happily returned on September 15, 2007, and was a huge success. The WES Board members turned out to sell tickets, note cards, reprints and DVDs, serve cookies, and conduct tours. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to September 13, 2008, for another great Van Briggle event. Be sure to mark your calendar and come join the fun.



*Do you have questions on how to purchase the Van Briggle note cards?*

By popular demand, the beautiful note cards with pictures of the historical Van Briggle pottery building and selected tiles are now for general sale. The note cards were printed to sell at the Van Briggle tour in September and were so coveted that they are now for sale at all the luncheons and WES meetings. They also can be obtained by calling Cathy Lewis at 678-9491 or Pat Cole at 576-6387. The cost is \$2.00 each or six for \$10.00.