

Smith College Club of Colorado

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President's Letter ♦ Kirsten Steinke

Dear Smith Alumnae in Colorado and Wyoming,

As you may be aware, Ann Crampton asked me to step into the role of President a few months early so that she could be free to focus on more pressing personal matters. Ann has contributed a great deal to our Club, serving in every position on the board over the years, and working directly with the college in a variety of roles. I hope you will join me in thanking her for the incredible work she has put into our club.

Please mark your calendar for our Club's annual meeting on June 18! We will be considering climate change, as Robert Burger, Smith's Achilles Professor of Geology, joins us to present his talk entitled "Global Warming: Using the Past to See into the Future." This event continues the theme of President Carol Christ's visit to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science last fall, in which she lead a panel discussion about sustainability at Smith.

We'll also host a young alumnae event this summer, when Jessica Brody '01 meets with alums in an informal setting to discuss her recently published book, *The Fidelity Files*. As with all of our young alum events, alumnae of all ages are welcome to attend. Watch for more details via email.

We're already looking to the fall and will be hosting an event with a local alumnae speaking about quantum theory and the

importance of women's education in the sciences. Stay tuned for more information as this event develops. Please contact me if you have any ideas for future club events and presentations.

Additionally, I hope that you are all taking advantage of the "Ivy Plus" happy hours. These occur monthly in Denver, Boulder and now in Fort Collins. No one likes the name, but these can be a fun opportunity to connect with alums of our peer colleges.

Please remember that we are always looking for new events and activities to keep our local alums connected with one another. If you have a suggestion for a fun or educational event please contact me or another volunteer, and we'll be happy to explore it! We're also always interested to hear about our local members making headlines. Please share these news items with us so that we can include them in future newsletters.

Many thanks to our hard working board members and volunteers: Ann Crampton, Tanya Mathews, Danielle DiMauro, Nora Hoskins Neureiter, Elizabeth Rohrbough, Donna Feldman, Brazee Smith, Emily Farrell, Laura Perry Barton, Elizabeth Mitchell, Ali Colby, Jennifer Tredeaux, Mary Hoagland, and Julie Bock.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Kirsten Steinke '06
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Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

As of March 31, 2008, the Smith Club of Colorado has \$4,834.00 in the bank. The majority of this money, \$2,670.00, is a committed gift to Smith College for funding scholarships to Colorado students attending Smith. These funds were raised from the sale of Enstrom's Toffee as well as from additional contributions made by Club members.

For the July 2007-June 2008 fiscal year, Club members' dues payments and additional contributions of support have increased more than 200%

from the year before. Thanks to all of you who have joined the Club and for your generous contributions. This level of financial support by all of you enables the Club to provide programming that hopefully will continue to meet or exceed your intellectual, cultural and social expectations.

For those of you who haven't joined the Club, I encourage you to do so and to send your dues and any additional contributions to me. As a reminder, 100% of your dues payment and additional

contributions are deductible for tax purposes and all proceeds directly fund events for Club members, as well as student scholarships.

Please complete your 2008-2009 dues form (included as an insert in this newsletter) and mail it, with a check made payable to SCOC, to Tanya Mathews, 3840 Wolff St., Denver, CO 80212. Please feel free to contact me with questions at:

303.588.5453 or
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Admissions Report ♦ Brazee Smith

Greetings to all! I am thrilled to announce that the 2007-2008 recruiting year was a huge success. Not only did Smith receive a record number of applications from Colorado, but it also had a record number of Colorado admissions! The class of 2012 will be a stellar one and should make all of us alumnae proud. A total of 23 Colorado and Wyoming women were admitted, and three have already accepted the college's offer and will be heading to Northampton in the fall.

A special thanks to Kathy Harhai '73 for hosting our yield party on April 21. We had a small but animated gathering of alumnae, admitted students, and parents. The class of '06 had a strong turnout with **Kirsten Steinke, Mary Beth Orr, Danielle Most, and Alyssa Doody** sharing stories about their Smith experiences.

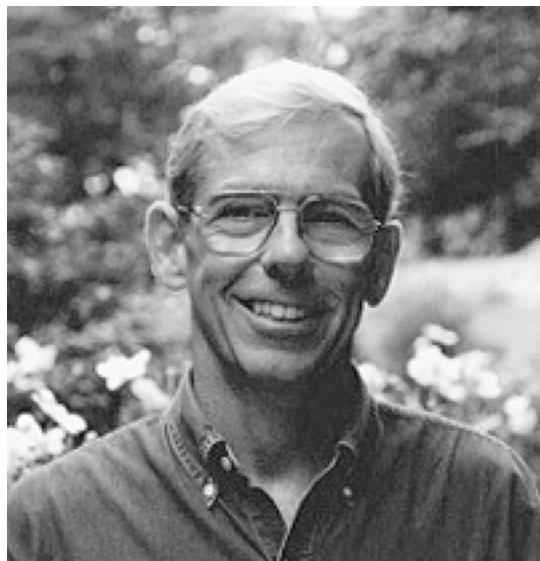
Emily Farrell and I would also like to thank

Wendy Bolger, Shannon Berg, MK Sagaria, Nancy Jianakoplos, Erin Haertling, Stephanie Schacht, Katie MacPhail, Alison Ulmer, and Tiphaine Ravenel Bonetti for volunteering to help with alumnae interviews this year. Your assistance helps to showcase the college's strengths and the many qualities of its alumnae.

We hope this year will be another record-setting year for applicants from Colorado and Wyoming, and encourage alumnae to get involved with recruiting. If you would like to help, please email Emily Farrell (Alumnae Admissions Coordinator) at eefarrell@yahoo.com or Brazee Smith (Network Alumnae Admissions Coordinator) at bsmith@amfam.com. We look forward to the continued success in recruiting the next generation of talented Smithies from Colorado and Wyoming.

Annual Meeting with Professor Bob Burger ♦ June 18

Global Warming: Using the Past to See Into the Future



Robert Burger received his B.S. from Yale University in 1962 and a Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1966. He arrived in Northampton in September, 1966, to begin his long association with Smith College. Courses he currently teaches include: Natural Disasters, Structural Geology, Environmental Geophysics, and Modeling Our World: An Introduction to Geographic Information Systems.

Professor Burger's major professional interests have been directed toward understanding the growth of mountain ranges early in Earth history and in using geophysical principles to explore below the surface of the Earth. He currently is engaged in using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to help understand and mitigate natural disasters.

Global Warming: Using the Past to See into the Future. The goal of this talk is to learn what geologists know about past climates on Earth, how they know it, and how it can be applied to evaluating future climate change due to human and natural activities.

Wednesday, June 18th
6 – 8 p.m.

The Molkery / Montclair Civic Center
6820 E. 12th Avenue, Denver

Bob has published many scientific articles and monographs, including such recent examples as *Paleoproterozoic Metamorphism in the Northern Wyoming Province: Implications for the Assembly of Laurentia*; *Precambrian Geology of the Tobacco Root Mountains, Montana*, and *Visualizing The Evolution of Fault Systems During Progressive Deformation*. He is the author or co-author of three textbooks: *Exploration Geophysics of the Shallow Subsurface*, *An Introduction to Structural Methods*, and *Introduction to Applied Geophysics*. He currently is working on another text: *Understanding and Coping with Natural Disasters*.

Spring Event: Nutrition in the 21st Century

Two dozen Smithies gathered at the home of Laura Dombrower '83 in Boulder on Sunday, April 6, for a presentation on nutrition by Donna Feldman '73. The talk started off with a Food Guilt Caucus, which involved voting on foods that made people feel guilty. The discussion moved on to new research information on nutrients like vitamin D and vitamin C. Food

labeling issues were also covered, and Donna pointed out some of the labeling tricks manufacturers use to market products. Before taking questions, she addressed omega-3 fats and the importance of getting enough of the so-called fish oils. Thanks to Donna for an informative and interesting presentation, and to Laura for hosting the event.

Jessica Brody '01, Author of *The Fidelity Files* ♦ June 20

One of Colorado's own is coming to town! You may have noticed a column by Bill Husted in *The Denver Post* last March, enumerating the upcoming events at the Tattered Cover. Jessica Brody '01 is having a book signing at the Tattered Cover on Colfax on June 18 to mark the publication of her first book, entitled *The Fidelity Files*.

Jessica was raised in Colorado and graduated from Ponderosa High School in 1997; her parents currently reside in Franktown. While at Smith, Jessica lived in several houses including Cushing, Sessions and Chase. She was a French/Economics double major who spent her Junior Year Abroad in Paris.

As part of her visit to Denver, Jessica has agreed to join the Smith Club of Colorado for a private gathering. The date has been set for Friday June 20, but the location has not yet been decided. If you can suggest a good location for this meeting, please email Brazee Smith at bsmith@amfam.com. A follow-up, electronic invitation will be sent to all Club members.



Smith Club of Colorado Web Site

We are excited to announce the launch of a website for the Smith Club of Colorado! The website contains an event listing, online versions of the newsletters, and a downloadable copy of the dues form. We hope it will facilitate communication among Colorado and Wyoming Smithies. If you have contributions or suggestions for the web page, please send them to smithclubco@gmail.com.

The web address is a little awkward, so we encourage you to bookmark it or save it to your favorites. You can also access the web page from the *Clubs and Groups Directory* on the Alumnae Association web page.

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Would you like to update the Smith Club on your recent accomplishments, travels, or anything else? Please email smithclubco@gmail.com.

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Join the Board!

We welcome anyone interested in serving with the Smith College Club of Colorado Board as a committee member, chair or officer. The only requirements are Club membership, commitment and enthusiasm!

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