

# Communique

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO-COLORADO SPRINGS

## Commencement honors five

Five people received awards at the 2001 Commencement exercises May 18 at the World Arena.

**Ann Haymond Zwinger**  
*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

Ann Haymond Zwinger, author and educator, is known for her writings about the fragile lands above tree line in Colorado and the West. A constant in her 30-year career and many books and articles is scientific vigor, literary grace and a belief in conserving natural lands. Two of her books, *The Near Sighted Naturalist* (1998) and *Women in Wilderness* (1995) are on their way to becoming classics.



Zwinger

**Edward A. Osborne**  
*University Medal*

Edward A. Osborne, former Air Force fighter pilot, instructor, tenured professor, and retired owner of local company AMI Industries is a member of the CU Foundation Board of Directors, a member of the campus Engineering Advisory Board and chair of the Theatreworks Advisory Board.



Osborne

**Robert K. "Rocky" Scott**  
*University Medal*

Rocky Scott, president, Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation, is a champion of education and economic development and understands the connection between them. He is a member of the university's Engineering and Applied Science Advisory Board and the Business College Advisory Board. He has actively supported expansion of the CU-Colorado Springs campus.



Scott

**Mary Ellen McNally**  
*Distinguished Service Award*

Mary Ellen McNally, a local legend in Colorado Springs, is a member of the Chancellor's Round Table. As a member of the Student Leadership Institute Advisory Board, McNally acts as a motivator and visionary to help guide the next up-and-coming generation of young leaders on campus.



McNally

**Andrew (Andy) McElhany**  
*Alumni Legislative Award*

State Sen. Andy McElhany, R-Colorado Springs, has been an ardent supporter of CU-Colorado Springs and higher education in general during his three terms in office. He has sponsored legislation targeting welfare reform, government efficiency efforts and tax reform as well as efforts to improve child support payments by denying driver's licenses to individuals who have not paid child support.



McElhany

### New Bulletin now available

The 2001-2002 CU-Colorado Springs Bulletin is complete with printed copies and web versions now available.

Produced by the Office of University Relations in coordination with the Office of Academic Affairs and many other campus departments, the *Bulletin* is a 296-page guide to academic requirements throughout the university and offers brief course descriptions.

To view the *Bulletin* on the web, visit [www.uccs.edu/~pubs/bulletin](http://www.uccs.edu/~pubs/bulletin). Printed copies are being distributed to campus offices this week.

For the first time, a CD-Rom version of the *Bulletin* is planned and will be offered to students attending orientation sessions and at the University Bookstore. A delivery date has not been set.

For more information about the *Bulletin*, contact Margo Baker, associate director, Office of University Relations, 262-3832.



#### Overheard

"I want to see the University of Colorado take its place as one of the top three public research universities in the country. CU has the collective strength to be ranked among the best university systems in the nation."

CU President Elizabeth Hoffman when announcing a 10-year university strategic plan

Employee of the Month

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profile

It's 3 p.m. and Bev Kratzer is looking at the lunch sitting on her desk and the line of students outside her door seeking her advice.

No matter, Kratzer says, lunch is optional.

Students come first with Kratzer, academic adviser, Student Success Center, a quality that has not gone unrecognized. Kratzer is the April 2001 CU-Colorado Springs Employee of the Month.

"She obviously cares about these students and honestly thinks the Beth-El program is the best there is," her nominator, Vicki Helton, academic advisor, Student Success, said. "If her day is full, talking with students, she has no qualms at all about working into the evening or on weekends to catch up."



Bev Kratzer

Kratzer focuses her attention on students who want to enroll, or are currently enrolled, in the Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She recommends courses and schedules for students in Beth-El, in the College of Letters, Arts and Science and counsels students hit with the news of academic probation or suspension. She does it all with a smile and a faint Texas accent that many of her colleagues assume is from Louisiana which is where she lived before moving to Colorado.

"For a while there, Coloradans didn't like people from Texas so I'd tell them that I'd moved here from Louisiana," Kratzer explained. "All of a sudden, they thought my accent was cute."

Between advising students and preparing for new student orientation, Kratzer took a moment to talk about her job at CU-Colorado Springs.

**Name:** Beverly Kratzer

**Age:** 45

**Birthplace:** San Angelo, Texas

**Education:** bachelor's and master's degrees from CU-Colorado Springs. She earned a master's in counseling in 1997.

**How long have you been here?**

"As an official full-time employee, only four years. But I began work here in 1994 as a student peer advisor so to most people it seems like a much longer time."

**Were you a non-traditional student?**

"Yes. I helped put my husband through school and we moved here from Pueblo so he could take a job in the high-tech industry. I enrolled here when my youngest child entered first grade. I don't regret the decision to put my career off for a few years for a minute."

**What do you like about your job?**

"The students, of course. There's lots of variety, which helps keep me energized. I have a great supervisor in Sue Mitchell and a lot of autonomy."

**What's the worst thing about your job?**

"I can't do everything I want to do. There just isn't enough time."

**What's the worst job you've ever had?**

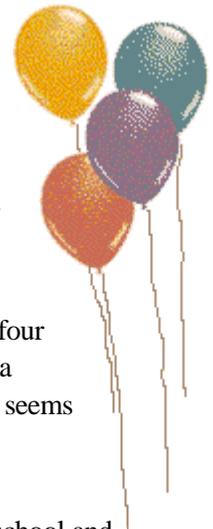
"I worked in a wholesale electric supply warehouse where it was really a 'boy's club.' I resented that people assumed I could not do something because I was a woman or that opportunities were not opened to me because of my gender."

**What was your reaction to being named Employee of the Month?**

"Complete surprise. I was overwhelmed by the nice gesture from my co-workers to nominate me and then to surprise me. I was totally unsuspecting when they gathered outside of my office."

**Do you have a motto to live by?**

"Attitude is everything."



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## CU-Colorado Springs students, staff build competition car

With its 10-horsepower engine and four knobby tires, the vehicle parked behind the Engineering and Applied Sciences building looked like a lawn tractor after a healthy dose of steroids.

But “Overkill,” as the car is affectionately named, is much more. The black, tubular-steel framed one-passenger car is a working test bed for mechanical engineering principles and a competitor in the Society of Automotive Engineer’s Mini-Baja Competition for collegiate engineers.

“We called it ‘Overkill’ after realizing the tubing we selected for the frame was a whole lot stronger, and a whole lot heavier, than we really needed,” Scott Rehorst, laboratory coordinator, Physics Department and adviser to the campus SAE chapter, said.

The SAE chapter has 35 members but about eight actively worked to build the university’s first-ever participant in the Mini-Baja West Competition. The idea to build the car came from club president Jason Beech who helped build such a car while attending a California university.

Working with a standard 10-horsepower engine provided by Briggs and Stratton Corporation, as well as dimensions not to exceed eight-feet by five-feet, the students built a car with an emphasis on simplicity and reliability.

“There’s a \$3,000 limit on what you can spend on your car,” Rehorst explained. “We came in \$600 under that.”

The students solicited donations, scrounged parts, and both designed and



*Scott Rehorst, lab manager, Physics Department, prepares to drive a student-constructed vehicle from a travel trailer parked behind the Engineering and Applied Sciences building.*

built a frame to protect the driver as well as transfer the engine’s power to the rear wheels. They also borrowed suspension and steering tips from a commercially sold all-terrain vehicle. In the process, they practiced such things as welding, metal fabrication and design – things that many of the students had learned about in class but with which they had no hands-on experience.

The combination of ideas and borrowed parts worked pretty well, Rehorst said, except for one thing.

“They wouldn’t let us compete because we didn’t have any brakes,” Rehorst said of the team’s recent trip to Kansas State University, Manhattan, to watch university teams from throughout the region drive their vehicles over an obstacle course.

Even though the car could not compete, students were allowed to present their work plan detailing their structural and materials analysis and budget. They also got to meet professional engineers and other student engineers, and see cars, built by students from other universities, in action.

The result, Rehorst says, is a group that’s invigorated to return to the competition next year with an improved vehicle that bears the university’s name. And, if Rehorst – an avowed hot rodder – has his way, next year’s car will be in the winner’s circle.

“I’ve got the only machine shop on campus,” Rehorst said. “We plan to put it to good use.”

### Newsletter slows for summer

*Communique*, published twice monthly during the fall and spring semesters by the Office of University Relations, will reduce its publication schedule during the summer months.

Issues are planned for June 13, July 18 and August 29. A twice-monthly publication schedule will resume in September.

*Communique* is an on-line publication for faculty, staff and friends of CU-Colorado Springs. To review previous issues, visit <http://web.uccs.edu/ur/communique.htm>.

To submit items for inclusion, contact Tom Hutton, director, Office of University Relations, 262-3439, [thutton@uccs.edu](mailto:thutton@uccs.edu), or Margo Baker, associate director, 262-3832, [mbaker@uccs.edu](mailto:mbaker@uccs.edu).



# Campus fetes its best

A May ceremony at The Lodge honored current and retiring faculty and staff, students and friends of the university. The following faculty and staff award winners were honored:

## Campus Wide

### *Alumni and Friends Award*

Joseph and Dorothy Petta

### *Outstanding Staff Award*

Curt Straub

### *Faculty Award for Excellence in Research*

Edith Greene

### *Outstanding Instructor Award*

Craig T. Palmer

### *Outstanding Teacher Award*

Robert von Dassanowsky

### *Chancellor's Special Award*

Ramaswami Dandapani

Barbara Gaddis

### *University of Colorado Staff Council Service Excellence Award*

Jeanne Knudson

### *CU System Diversity Award*

Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies Programs

Teaching Enhancement Grants

### *Campus Innovation in Teaching with Technology Award*

Edward Chow

## College of Business and Administration

### *Outstanding Faculty Award*

Morgan Shepherd

## College of Engineering and Applied Science

### *Outstanding Teacher Award*

Jugal Kalita

### *Outstanding Instructor / Lecturer Award*

Jon Epperson

### *Outstanding Staff Award*

Ruth Ann Nelson



*John Pierce, vice chancellor for academic affairs (left), congratulates Craig Palmer, instructor of anthropology, on Palmer's receipt of the university's Outstanding Instructor award.*

## College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

### *Outstanding Resident Faculty*

Susan Taylor

### *Outstanding Instructor Award*

Jacek Lubecki

### *Outstanding Research Award*

Tom Pyszczynski

## Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences

### *Outstanding Faculty Award*

Mary Hagedorn

## Faculty, students earn spots

### Faculty Representative Assembly

A new slate of officers and representatives were elected in early May.

Results from the 2001 Annual Ballot for Faculty Government are:

#### President

Mark Malone

#### Vice President / President-Elect

Don Morley

#### Secretary

Jenenne Nelson

#### Faculty Council

Richard Blade, Maryanne Wanca-Thibault, Rex Welshon

#### College of Business and Administration

Rebecca Duray, Venkat Reddy

#### College of Education

Michael Brunn

#### College of Engineering and Applied Science

Sudhanshu Semwal, Charlie Shub

#### College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Lesley Ginsberg, Kelli Klebe, Dan Ponder Paul Sondrol

#### Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Lea Gaydos

#### Library

Sue Byerley

#### Student Government Association

New leaders in student government were also elected this spring.

#### Elected:

Bethany Hollister, *Co-Executive*

John-Michael Warner, *Co-Executive*

Nate Bastian, *student dean of Engineering*

Karen Clem, *senator-at-large*

Onllwyn Dixon, *student director of multicultural affairs*

Gina Giannone, *student dean of Letters, Arts and Sciences*

Tim Hurlbert, *senator-at-large*

Teresa Kinney, *senator-at-large*

Matt Kleve, *senator-at-large*

Kollin Luman, *senator-at-large*

George McDermith, *senator-at-large*

Mike Ratliff, *student dean of Beth-El*

Olivia "Liv" Sebastian, *student director of finance*

Brie Sparks, *senator-at-large*

William "Billy" Trask IV, *senator-at-large*

Yet to be named, *student dean of business*

Yet to be named, *student dean of the*

*graduate school*

#### Appointed:

Greg Buchanan, *vice chair of the judicial branch*

Ryan Cross, *judicial board representative*

Elliott Linke, *judicial board representative*

Dave McGrath, *judicial board representative*

Carolina Prinz, *judicial board representative*

Rick Salido, *chair of the judicial board*