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*Donny and Angie Edwards enjoy a taco on opening day at La'au's.*

## New taco shop increases dining options on campus

**L**a'au's, a 1,254-square-foot taco shop on the west side of the Spencer Building, officially opened for

business on the CC campus

last weekend. A "soft opening" was held on Oct. 24, with approximately 125 people served in about 2 hours, said co-manager David Beckstrom, a December '06 CC graduate.

The restaurant, whose menu consists of six different types of tacos (chicken, shrimp, fish, pork, beef, and veggie) and a variety of taco toppings, is the creation of Joseph Coleman, who owns two other restaurants, the Blue Star and Nosh, and Matt Shea.

La'au's (pronounced La-OW-z) means "stick" in Hawaiian; it's also the name of a raw fish market in Hawi,

Hawaii, where Coleman goes whenever he is on the Big Island.

The restaurant, which faces the Cornerstone Arts Center, seats 24 to 30 inside, and Coleman hopes to seat another 30 on an outdoor patio by next summer. "I wanted a southwest-facing patio," Coleman says. "It's a lot warmer on the west side of the building, and I wanted to be near the Cornerstone Arts Center and the Fine Arts Center and Packard Hall."

The taco shop offers flavors from around the world. "This is food you would see in various indigenous markets," Coleman says. "If you got a walking stick and walked around the world, exploring it, this is what you would come across. If you were staying the Ritz-Carlton,

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## Get to know: Sandi Wong

**S**andi Wong, the current chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, is used to being in a variety of environments. A third-generation Chinese-American, and a first-generation college graduate, she left California at the age of 11 and has been journeying ever since.

Along the way, she earned a B.A. in sociology and English at Rice University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Yale University, before arriving at CC in 2000. Her teaching and research interests include the sociology of education, race and ethnicity, schools and

social change, and the sociology of emotions, subjects that will serve her well in her position as FEC chair.

She is currently working on two research topics: a study of racial beliefs and attitudes on college campuses and a project on life-transforming events and individual processes of adjustment and recovery.



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# KUDOS

The Staff Council solicited nominations for “Colleague Kudos,” which were announced at the Staff Voices meeting on Oct. 25. Those receiving kudos were:

**Millie Brence** - IT  
**Amy Brooks** - Tutt Library  
**Pam Butler** - HR  
**Heather Coles** - Payroll  
**Karen Crews** - Facilities  
**Alan Davis** - IT  
**Lisa Dearborn** - Communications  
**Lynnette DiRaddo** - Worner Desk (2)  
**Lee Doughty** - Facilities  
**Mike Edmonds** - Student Life  
**Cheri Gamble** - Student Accounts (2)  
**Marla Gerein** - IT  
**Mark Hatch** - Admission  
**Amy Ingalsbe** - Student Accounts  
**Kris Jones** - IT  
**Kelly Lollar** - Center for Service & Learning  
**Annette Megneys** - Music Library  
**Tom Nycum** - Business Office (2)  
**Rose Pacheco** - Development

**Robb Pike** - Development Office  
**Sally Potts** - Student Mail Room  
**Elizabeth Pudder** - Center for Service and Learning  
**Ron Rubin** - Development Office  
**Chad Schonewill** - IT  
**Deb Sharpe** - Civic Engagement  
**Rory Stadler** - Religion and Philosophy (2)  
**Joan Taylor** - Business Office (2)  
**Dan Wienczek** - Audio Visual (2)  
**Will Wise** - Facilities

## Edmonds receives NAACP award

Mike Edmonds, vice president of student life, received the Freedom Fund Community Award for Higher Education on Oct. 20 from the Colorado Springs branch of the NAACP. Edmonds was honored as a longtime leader in higher education, and for his outstanding community service over the years. He was presented with the award at the 89th annual NAACP Freedom Fund Gala at the Crowne Plaza.



## HR news

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Thanks to resolutions passed by Congress, the week of Oct. 21-27 has been designated National Save for Retirement Week. Colorado College offers three retirement savings plans.

- The Defined Contribution Plan, available to benefit-eligible employees age 30 and older with at least one year of service, includes a 5 percent employee salary reduction and a college contribution of 9.3 percent.
- The Tax Deferred Annuity Plan, available to all employees regardless of status, length of service, or age, allows employees to make contributions up to the IRS limit. For 2008, the limit will be \$15,500 and an additional catch-up provision of \$5,000 for those employees age 50 and over.

- The Emeriti Health Solutions Plan, for benefit-eligible employees age 40 and over, includes a \$47.08 per month employee salary reduction and a matching \$47.08 per month college contribution.

For additional information on these plans, please refer to [www.tiaa-cref.org/coloradocollege](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/coloradocollege), [www.emeritihealth.org/emeritihealth.htm](http://www.emeritihealth.org/emeritihealth.htm), or [www.coloradocollegehr.org](http://www.coloradocollegehr.org)



# New stove warms the hearts of volunteers

The Colorado College community kitchen was started 15 years ago by students who wished to welcome the hungry and homeless into their home. Since then, we have been serving a warm, nutritious meal at 2 p.m. every Sunday at Shove Chapel. Currently we feed approximately 100 people every week, and sometimes up to 130 people, with the help of an average of 10 volunteers.



*Jennifer Crittenden '10 flips hamburgers on a grill outside Shove Chapel. Volunteers at the CC community kitchen resorted to the grill when their stove died.*

The community kitchen operates on a minimal budget, aiming only to serve to the needs of the guests to the best of its abilities. However, our stove finally gave up and the kitchen was greatly challenged on Sept. 16 and the four following Sundays.

Gay Victoria, director of the Center for Service and Learning at CC, states that the stove was donated in 1995, brand new, by the Women's Educational Society (WES). The stove had served the kitchen well and fed hundreds of people, and several temporary fixes had been applied to the stove during the past year. It seems that the increasing volume finally took its toll and the stove could handle no more.

During the time the stove was out, volunteers grilled everything from hamburgers to chicken fillets to a Mexican casserole. While we adapted techniques to grill almost any food, we would not have survived without the help of the community. CC students, staff, and faculty, as well as Colorado Springs community members, contributed donations of food, clothes, and volunteer hours. We had donations from the CC hockey team, La Casita, and the International Anglican Church, as well as from dozens of individuals. Volunteer groups such as the Saints Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church, the CC Catholic Community, and several residential life halls also helped enormously.

The kitchen volunteers would like to extend a huge thank you to Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Life Mike Edmonds, Vice President of Business and Finance Tom Nycum, Chaplain Bruce Coriell, and CCCA, CC's student government, for providing funds to buy a new stove for the kitchen. The support we received from the Colorado College community has amazed the students who work with the kitchen and is deeply appreciated. We are all very passionate about serving our guests as family and are happy to see that our community is behind us. A new stove was installed on Oct. 19, just in time for some really bitter weather.

○ Jennie Vader '10

## To help:

*Interested in volunteering at the community kitchen? Come by between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any Sunday. To donate, look for the Sodexo food-drive boxes on Nov. 7. The drop-off boxes for non-perishable items will be located at Rastall's, Benjamin's, Jazzman's, Herb 'n' Farm, and the C-Store. Also needed are blankets and warm clothes. For more information, contact the Center for Service and Learning at 389-6846, or Jennie Vader at [commkitch@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:commkitch@coloradocollege.edu).*

## Thursday, November 1

**Concert:** MUSE: Electronica in the Gallery, 12:30 p.m., Coburn Gallery

**Exhibit:** Cyberskins (through Dec. 12), Coburn Gallery (open 12:30 -7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday)

**Lecture:** Kwame Anthony Appiah: Cosmopolitanism, 7 p.m., Packard Hall

**Symposium:** Colorado College Ahlberg Outdoor Education Symposium, 7 p.m., McHugh Commons

## Friday, November 2

**Celebration:** Dia de los Muertos, 7 p.m., Worner Campus Center

## Monday, November 5

**Film:** Operation Atropos, 6:30 p.m., Max Kade Theatre; free with a CC ID, \$5 without. Tickets available at the door.

## Wednesday, November 7

**Lecture:** "Art, Artifact and Authenticity: Woodcarving and Archaeological Replicas in Oaxaca, Mexico," Noon, Gaylord Hall, \$12.50, reservations due by Monday, Nov. 5; call 389-6649.

## Wednesday, November 7

**Film:** Italian Movie Night: "Unfair Competition," 8 p.m., W.E.S. Room

## Thursday, November 8

**Reading:** Jessy Randall, 7 p.m., McHugh Commons

**Lecture:** Harold James: "Globalization, Empire and Natural Law," 7:30 p.m., Gaylord Hall

## Friday, November 9

**Film:** Occupation: Dreamland, 7 p.m., W.E.S. Room

## Sunday, November 11

**Concert:** The Lanner Faculty Artist Concert: "Artists in Exile," 3 p.m., Packard Hall

## Monday, November 12

**Lecture:** Robert Duffy: Deja Vu All Over Again: Why Nuclear Energy is Still Not a Green Alternative, 7 p.m., McHugh Commons

**Lecture:** From Reed Pen to XML: A Brief History of Script and Print, 7:30 p.m., W.E.S. Room

**Lecture:** Yoram Bauman: Comedy, Economics & Climate Change: Stand-Up and More, 7:30 p.m., Gates Common Room

## Tuesday, November 13

**Reading:** Poet Kate Northrop, 7 p.m., McHugh Commons

## Wednesday, November 14

**Concert:** Music at Midday, 12:15 p.m., Packard Hall

## Thursday, November 15

**Lecture:** The Innovative Minds Lecture Series Presents: Dave Calley, 7:30 p.m., Shove Memorial Chapel

## Friday, November 16

**Performance:** Musical Theatre Experience: "State Fair," 7:30 p.m., Packard Hall

## Saturday, November 17

**Performance:** Music Theatre Experience: "State Fair," 7:30 p.m., Packard Hall

## Sunday, November 18

**Performance:** Music Theatre Experience: "State Fair," 3 p.m., Packard Hall

## Monday, November 19

**Lecture:** Robert B. Eckhardt: "Tall Tales About Little People: Doing Science in the Age of Media," 7 p.m., McHugh Commons

## Thursday, November 29

**Lecture:** Buddhism - Discovering Mind's Freedom and Joy, 7:30 p.m., McHugh Commons; suggested

donation: \$10 for the general public, \$6 for students.

## Friday, November 30

**Sale:** Colorado College Arts and Crafts Sale (The sale continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2.) 4 - 8 p.m., Worner Campus Center

**Concert:** Colorado College Choir and Chamber Chorus Concert, 7:30 p.m., Shove Memorial Chapel

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## CC on track for a sustainability 'road map'

In early October, Colorado College sought proposals from sustainability consulting firms to collect and summarize quantitative and qualitative data that the college can use to create an environmental inventory and a sustainability management plan. Recently CC selected The Brendle Group of Fort Collins from the four consultants responding to the request for a proposal.

The Brendle Group was chosen over other consultants because its proposal appeared to provide the best value, and demonstrated a more "personal" approach with strong engagement of the entire campus community, including faculty, staff, and students, says George Eckhardt, acting director of facilities.

The management plan the consultants submitted will provide a "road map" for the college to become more sustainable, and will provide guidance for reducing CC's carbon footprint over the next 10 years. The plan also will enable the college to practice one of the mission core values, "nurture a sense of place and an ethic of environmental sustainability."

One of the most accepted definitions of "sustainability" states that "sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

The Brendle Group's goal is to develop a strategy that

will integrate sustainability across the campus and allow the efforts embodied in the sustainability management plan to continue after the consultants have completed their work.

The Brendle Group will begin the environmental inventory audit task this month, and complete the task by February. The sustainability management plan will be completed before the end of the school year.

Some of the points the plan will address include:

- A listing of steps the college will require in moving towards carbon neutrality.
- Identification of quantitative indicators for campus sustainability, and ways of tracking these indicators.
- Ways for the college to save money while reducing the institution's ecological footprint.
- Improvements the college can make in its patterns of communication and decision-making that will facilitate enhanced campus sustainability.
- Ways that students, staff, faculty, and administration can contribute to this effort.

One of CC's criteria when selecting the company was that the environmental inventory process would be set up in a user-friendly database that could be readily understood and contributed to by undergraduate students who might be enrolled in environmentally related classes or work in campus environmental groups, Eckhardt says.

## CC receives \$10 million from El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Foundation awarded Colorado College a grant of \$10 million – the largest single gift in the college’s 133-year history – just as CC announced the “public” phase of a \$300 million fundraising campaign to achieve Vision 2010. With the El Pomar gift, the Vision 2010 campaign – just past its midpoint – has raised \$125.5 million toward its goal.

The grant, which was announced Oct. 11, enables the college to move forward with building projects that are part of El Pomar’s long history on campus. In addition, it will fund financial aid for CC students, continuing the foundation’s support for hockey scholarships and El Pomar Scholars.

“The trustees feel Colorado College is an important part of the Pikes Peak region and an integral part of the fabric of the state as a whole,” said El Pomar Foundation Chairman and Chief Executive Officer William J. Hybl ’64, who is also a CC trustee. “From the classroom to



*Bill Hybl*

the athletic field, Colorado College contributes to our community’s overall vitality in many ways.”

When Spencer and Julie Penrose established El Pomar Foundation in 1937, they also created a legacy of support for CC. With the latest grant, CC becomes the beneficiary of the greatest amount of El Pomar funding – \$39.6 million total – since the foundation was established.

Major El Pomar grants have helped shaped the current Colorado College campus, including construction of El Pomar Sports Center, Charles L. Tutt Library and Russell T. Tutt Science Center, and renovation of Palmer Hall and Rastall Dining Hall.

Currently about 30 Colorado College students each year receive need-based El Pomar scholarships totaling \$700,000.

In addition, since 1992 El Pomar has made grants totaling \$3,625,000 to support hockey scholarships and the hockey program.



*Thayer Tutt and Dick Celeste*

○ *Jane Turnis*

## Kennedy, Ford, and Bush at Homecoming?

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations processed about 2,000 registration forms for Homecoming and Parents Weekend. They discovered that among the attendees were:

- An alumnus from 1946 whose granddaughter is a member of the class of 2010
- An alumna from the class of 1934
- Alumni and parents from Mongolia, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, and Switzerland
- A White, Gray, Green, and Brown

- An Adams, Kennedy, Ford, Bush, Woodrow, Wilson, and Hilary
- A Calvin and a Hobbs
- A Bump and a Knight
- A Cook and a Baker
- A Bob, Ted, Carol, and Alice
- A Hunter and a Fisher
- A Power and a Surge
- A Stuart and a Little
- A Day and a Sunshine
- And a Starr, Moon, and Goodnight

# CC Sustainability News: Saving paper at the printer

CC installed GoPrint, a print monitoring program, on campus late in the summer of 2006 in an attempt to help reduce paper waste.

GoPrint saves paper because people have to go to the station to release their print jobs; without such a release, the job is not printed. More than 1.5 million pages were printed during the 2005-2006 school year in CC labs and the Tutt Library – and many of those pages were left unclaimed at the printer.

Institutions that have installed similar systems have seen a 25 to 50 percent decrease in waste. Currently, CC is not charging for printing, but rather is using GoPrint as a means of encouraging people to consider how much they print and to re-evaluate their printing habits.

Karen To, director of new media and web editor, did some calculations: The 504,623 pages that were sent to printers – but weren't printed – between Sept. 1, 2006 and Oct. 1, 2007, equal 2.5 tons of paper, or 60 trees.

According to her research, the average cost of a wasted page is \$0.06, which comes to a savings for Colorado College of about \$30,000 in 13 months.

Data based on reporting period from Sept. 1, 2006 to Oct. 1, 2007:

- Mean pages printed per user: 780
- Median pages printed per user: 484
- 913 people printed more than 1,000 pages
- 2,361 people printed less than 1,000 pages
- 2 people printed more than 10,000 pages (50,625 and 32,600 respectively)
- 4 generic accounts printed more than 10,000 pages (user1, reference, public2, and public3)

If you have any questions or comments regarding the GoPrint system, please email the Network & Systems Services Team at [nsg@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:nsg@coloradocollege.edu); for more information, go to [www.coloradocollege.edu/sustainability/links.htm](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/sustainability/links.htm)

## CC labyrinth

The wall surrounding CC's labyrinth on the northwest side of Shove Memorial Chapel is nearly completed. The 18-inch high wall shelters the labyrinth, allowing pilgrims to focus on their walks.

The cap on top of the wall serves as a place to sit for rest and reflection, as well as a place to engrave the names of donors to the college, says Linda Madden, Shove Chapel manager. A spur at the southeast edge will host a donor recognition map that will locate trees, benches, and other donated items on campus.

The stone used in the wall is rhyolite, which is mined near Castle Rock and is found on several campus buildings, including Jackson House, and Bemis, Cossitt, and Cutler



halls, says Will Wise, general shops manager at facilities services. The outer perimeter of the wall is rimmed with plants that require less water and are suited to the area.

CC's labyrinth is a 60-foot diameter, medieval Chartres-style labyrinth, designed after the one in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France. The labyrinth entrance is on the east side of the perimeter so that as one enters, one is facing the Rocky Mountains.

Madden makes the distinction between a labyrinth and a maze. Mazes involve many paths, forcing the walker to make choices

regarding which path to take and possibly getting lost or dead-ended. "In a maze you lose your way; in a labyrinth you find your way," Madden says.

## New taco shop *(from p.1)*

you wouldn't see it. It's food backpackers would encounter."

The fish tacos are made with mahi-mahi, which Coleman says is an ecologically friendly fish. He also is working toward lowering the restaurant's carbon footprint; to this end, he is looking for quality products as close to Colorado Springs as possible. He and his staff are also researching compostible to-go containers, and will encourage customers to start their own compost piles as opposed to throwing away the containers.



A liquor license is pending, and La'au's will offer bottled beer, wine, and margaritas. For now, the taco shop will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday; when CC resumes for Block 5 in January, it will be open seven days a week and will possibly expand its hours.

Coleman is considering other options, including, if demand warrants, breakfast tacos.

As for being tucked around a corner, Coleman says, "If the product is good, people will find us."

○ Leslie Weddell

## Get to know: Sandi Wong *(from p.1)*

Now in her third year on the FEC, Wong says she has learned a lot about the college from committee work and values the opportunity to engage in dialogue with colleagues from different divisions and departments. The FEC is committed to encouraging and maintaining faculty voice on campus. "The strength and impact of that voice depend upon what is occurring during a given year," she says, "but it is the FEC's responsibility to solicit input and represent the faculty's interests, as well as to generate new ideas based on its view of the large institutional picture."

The committee is advancing two initiatives this year: a sabbatical program for faculty in the early stages of their careers and a spousal/partner hiring policy. Currently, the committee is in the process of gathering information about practices at other colleges and universities and considering the logistics of taking similar or alternative steps at CC.

Other issues the FEC deals with are predictable, such as budget, planning, governance, and personnel matters. These routine issues include:

- Setting budget priorities and being mindful of future needs

- Retaining and promoting accomplished faculty
- Creating a supportive environment that enhances both teaching and scholarship
- Interpreting, implementing, and updating college policies

Wong says it was her professors at Rice University who inspired her to become a teacher and scholar. She enjoys teaching because of its potential to influence young people. "Ideally, we can help students mature intellectually, and they will take away a body of knowledge and skills they can use the rest of their lives. One purpose of a liberal arts education, and certainly a sociological education, is to move from ignorance, false assumptions, and limited personal experience to imagination and enlightenment," she says.

If you don't find Wong in her office, look for her:

- At the movies
- Walking her 2-year-old bloodhound, Sir Wallace
- Cooking or socializing with friends
- Working at home on one of her major research projects

○ Leslie Weddell