ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION
NEWSLETTER

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68th ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION OF THE MAA

The 68th Annual Meeting will be on the campus of Casper College on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16. Prof. Lida Barrett of the University of Northern Illinois and of the MAA is our featured speaker.

Attached are reservation forms for the banquet, preregistration forms for the meeting, information on the Casper campus and available hotels and motels. The Annual Banquet will be at the Hilton.

Please send in the banquet reservation form as soon as possible. Hotels continually require a few days guarantee so that they can prepare the food. The deadline is March 12.

A copy of the preliminary program will be sent to all preregistrants and all Department Chairs.

CAMPUS PROFILE

University of Northern Colorado

Rex R. Schweers, Jr. is our Department Chairperson. Several new faculty have been added in the past few years including Chris Baltus (continued fractions, complex analysis), Torcom Chorbajian (biomathematics), Pedro Cubillos (numerical analysis), Peter Isaacson (computer science), Ledda Moraga-Hope (computer science), Don Searls (statistics) and Ann Thomas (statistics). Robert Heiny has returned to our department after a three year stint as Assistant to the President.

We have undergarduate majors (liberal arts, teaching, or computer science emphases) and graduate programs including a Ph.D. program in Applied Statistics and Research Methods. Generally speaking, enrollments in undergraduate programs and service courses are booming while enrollments in graduate programs are small.

Our student nominees this year for MAA membership are Debra Pharo and Pichai Intarapavich. Richard Brophy was awarded the Boettcher Foundation Scholarship ($4,000).

How I Went Broke Saving Money With My Computer

A dismal tale in words and data.

MXT Microcomputer	$ 900.00
Disk drives	700.00
Printer	500.00
Service contract	100.00
Computer course	350.00
Repeated course; did not understand instruction.	390.00
Balanced checkbook on computer; bank charges for writing checks on insufficient funds in account	25.50
Purchased box of floppy disks	39.50
Purchased roll of paper for printer	32.75
Audit by IRS: miscalculations on tax form performed on microcomputer.	310.03
Purchased TV monitor for computer (kids wanted their TV back).	269.25
Spent evenings and worked late into the night learning how to use computer; as a result overslept, late for work and lost promotion.	5,000.00
Purchased additional computer instruction books and software.	85.95
Power failure after typing yearly budget on microcomputer and before it was saved on disk. (Paper documentation was discarded.) Cost of replacing budget data.	360.11
Purchased new chair (destroyed it while drunk).	45.95
Joined local computer club.	25.00
Sued for copying after breaking code on copyrighted disk program.	157.37
Divorce settlement	28,543.04
Relocated to apartment (moved out of house).	7,200.00
Total first year's cost:	45,034.45
Savings on conventional methods of managing household budget.	71.67
Net cost first year's use of computer	$44,962.78