Corson talk to examine self-determined Boulder

Boulder’s rich tradition of communitywide participation in determining its destiny will be the focus of a presentation at the RFA’s annual fall luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Dan Corson, intergovernmental services director for the Colorado Historical Society’s Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (www.colorado-history-oahp.org) will discuss “Boulder: The Community That Its People-Made.”

The annual spring meeting of the RFA will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 235 of the University Memorial Center on the CU-Boulder campus. Following the business meeting there will be a 45-minute break for fellowship and conversation. The luncheon will begin in the same room at 12:15 p.m.

A former Boulder city council member, Corson earned degrees on the University of Colorado’s Boulder and Denver campuses. One of the themes he will explore is the importance of volunteerism and volunteer groups in bringing forth policies that have been adopted by the community.

Another is residents’ role in choosing the nature of the Boulder’s industry, of which the development of the University of Colorado is but one example.

“Land for Boulder’s federal laboratories was purchased as the result of a subscription drive,” Corson said. “The Hotel Boulderado was built in support of the tourism industry, also a result of a community subscription drive.”

Corson will also talk about Boulder’s storied efforts to control growth.

“The long history of comprehensive land use regulation goes back to Feb. 10, 1899, the first meeting of the Boulder City

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In this new academic year, your RFA continues its efforts to be a more effective instrument for representing the interests of all our members and fostering the collegiality we continue to enjoy as members of the University family.

A major concern is how we can do a better job of facilitating retiree activities on all of the campuses of the University. We are an all-University organization and benefit from the strong support of the central administration. The question is, how can we best perform that role in the face of the geographic separation of our members and potential members who have not chosen to join us. Coordination with UC-COLORADO Springs has been especially difficult because of the distance from the Denver-Boulder area. Exploratory discussions have been initiated to determine the desirability and feasibility of creating a UCSC “chapter” of the RFA as a means of encouraging post-retirement association of the faculty of that campus, with close ties to the RFA.

Your executive board has also been discussing possible implications for the RFA of the merger of UC-Denver and the Health Science Center. We shall hear more details of the merger from Vice Chancellor Mark Heckler at the Oct. 20 meeting. Our present conclusion is that it is too soon to take actions. UCHSC has a strong and active organization of retired faculty. Might that evolve to include those retired from UCD? Do we continue to treat the two components separately for purposes such as liaison with governance bodies or allocation of our graduate student awards?

The further development or new creation of active autonomous retirement groups on the campuses implies a potential change of the RFA into an umbrella organization. So far, there is strong agreement in the executive board that a unified association of retirees that enjoys good relations with the central administration and with the administrations of all the campuses, and which can represent the interests of all the faculties, without regard to their campus association, is highly desirable and must be maintained. Any substantial changes in your RFA will come about by evolution in response to the changing needs of the members and changes in the University structure itself.

Another, even more pressing topic that has occupied the executive board is the troubled financial status of the RFA. You received with the dues notice in September my plea for voluntary additions to our very low dues to bridge the gap in our budget for this year. I can only hope that you have responded. Because of the increased costs of all the services we provide, including the use of the UMC for meeting and luncheon and the much-appreciated RFA Newsletter, we are asking for a modest increase in annual dues, to take effect in the fall of 2005. Our goal is to be able to continue the present level and quality of services. No one on the executive board can even remember when in the distant past our present dues, $10 per year, went into effect. In terms of present buying power, this is simply not enough to cover our necessary operating expenses. You will have an opportunity to discuss this issue when the motion to increase the dues is introduced at the meeting on Oct. 20.

The creation of interest groups by members is slowly developing. This activity is largely the product of the initiative of Johann Stoyva, whose own group based on discussion of the great ideas of the 20th century has been highly successful. The association stands ready to assist any members in organizing groups around any subject of shared interest. Horizons, a new organization emerging in Boulder that is closely related to the interest-group concept, offers our members, for example, a chance to teach that course they always wanted to teach or lecture on pet subjects. The Horizons concept is explained in an accompanying article in this newsletter. Horizons is completely independent of the RFA, but would like to develop a productive partnership relation.

I want to remind you that we have a long way to go, in one year, toward the successful completion of our campaign to endow our graduate student awards program. We are about half-way toward the minimum of $25,000 to create an endow-
Horizons group seeks partnership with RFA to enhance intellectual activities in Boulder

Horizons is a new membership organization forming in Boulder for semiretired and retired individuals who want to stay intellectually engaged and challenged. Horizons would like to establish a partnership with CURFA. The goal of Horizons is to create and offer discussion groups with a variety of topics selected by the membership. Offerings will fall into broad categories, including political science and current events, history and economics, arts and literature, science and medicine, philosophy and religion. The plan is to begin offering seminars in mid-January 2005, with terms of four or eight weeks, depending on the topic.

Horizons intends to enable its members to design and lead their own seminars. Where the topics are challenging, the advice of experts in the field would be invaluable. The organizer, Melissa Mahaney, considers CU’s retired faculty to be an outstanding source of this expertise. The purpose of a partnership relation is to enable its seminar leaders to request assistance from RFA members as they design their course outlines and select reading materials. Horizons will not be approaching RFA members to join it. Mahaney envisions an arrangement that allows seminar facilitators to request assistance by contacting a member of the Executive Board. A board member would contact an appropriate CURFA member and put the two in contact by e-mail or phone.

In addition, Horizons will be offering three or four one-hour lectures on subjects of general interest per year to its entire membership. It would like to recruit CURFA members to give these special lectures. Since Horizons’ budget will be tight in the first year, it will be able to offer only a modest honorarium. However, it can guarantee an enjoyable and convivial experience, with a sophisticated and challenging audience.

The Executive Board endorsed a working relationship with Horizons and will keep the membership informed about the opportunities as they develop. If member response is also favorable, a roster of members interested in interacting with Horizons will be compiled.

Annual Spring Meeting
Wednesday, April 28
University Memorial Center
CU-Boulder
Business meeting
10 a.m., UMC 235
Social
11:30 a.m.
Luncheon

the Planning Board from 1993 to 1997 and the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board from 1985 to 1993.

He practiced law from 1977 to 1996 and joined the Colorado Historical Society in 1998.

Corson has a B.A. in history from Miami University in 1972, a law degree from the University of Colorado in 1976 and an M.A. in history from CU-Denver in 1998.

He has served on the following nonprofit boards:
• PLAN-Boulder County.
• Boulder City Improvement Association II.
• Boulder Shelter for the Homeless.
• Boulder Housing Authority.
• Historic Boulder, Inc.
• Colorado Preservation, Inc.
• History Advisory Board, UCB.
• National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

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Town Company,” he said. “They set forth land use regulations.
“Four example, cabins had to be in nice orderly rows facing north and south; in Denver homes looked they’d been dropped from the sky.”

“From beginning, Corson said, Boulderites were aware of the desirable location of their town. Boulder was closer to the gold mines.

“In Boulder, they priced lots at $1,000, while in Denver they were giving them away for free,” he said.

Corson has lived in Boulder for 31 years. He served on the City Council from 1997 to 2003.

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ment, but only about a quarter of the way toward our goal of being able to fund awards at the present level. Your generous contribution, through the CU Foundation, and your help in encouraging others to give are vital to achieving this goal.

This is my last letter as your president. My term ends on Dec. 31. I have great confidence that under the leadership of Chuck Howe, working with the outstanding group of officers and other board members, our association will reach new levels of excellence in serving the members and the University. I want to thank the current board members for having made my work easy and fun, and especially recognize the unsung contributions of our editor, Alan Kirkpatrick and our outstanding one-woman staff, Katherine Harris.
AL BARTLETT (Physics, UCB) had his book “The Essential Exponential! For the Future of Our Planet” published by the Center for Science, Mathematics and Computer Education at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (www.unl.edu/sci-math/exponential). It is a 300-page archival collection of articles he wrote on the importance of understating the implications of continuous growth on Earth. The July 2004 issue of Physics Today included his article “Thoughts on Long-Term Energy Supplies: Scientists and the Silent Lie. Albert.Bartlett@colorado.edu

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DONNA BOGARD (Music Entertainment Industry Studies, UCD) reported that the CU Alumni Choir concert “Music from Around the World” featured Ron Tomocik, ethnic accordionist, and Irish step dancers from the Reed School of Irish Dancing. The event was May 2 in the Concert Hall of the King Center on the Auraria campus of UCD. She was one of four directors of the City of Arvada Interfaith Choir, which sang patriotic songs at a Rotary Club awards banquet. Bogard and her husband, Chuck, went to Spain in July to attend and international conference of music educators. chasbogard@aol.com

RUTH CLINE (Education, UCB) wrote that she enjoys a lifestyle where she spends the winter in Mesa, Ariz., the summer Duncombe, Iowa. “Our association in Mesa offers oil painting classes, which I enjoy very much,” she wrote. “The palette knife is my favorite tool, I have entered paintings in several art shows and am pleased with some awards, I’m sorry I didn’t have time for painting when I lived in Boulder!” She attends the National Council of Teachers of English in November, mainly to enjoy visiting with friends: “No more papers to present!” clinerk1@juno.com

ELLIE GREENBERG (Cellular and Structural Biology, UCHSC) was elected to the Board of Directors of the Colorado Judicial Institute (CJI). Ellie.Greenberg@uchsc.edu

CARL J. HANSEN (Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences, UCB) had the text “Stellar Interiors” published in February after more than four years of work, and the book is now being used at several institutions worldwide. “Writing is an excellent way to keep the retired mind functions, although I do not suggest it as a way towards great wealth,” he wrote. “I figure I was working at the $0.15 an hour rate. Not as good as Wal-Mart, but I don’t have to sing the Wal-Mart anthem.” chansen@jila.colorado.edu

CHARLOTTE IREY SHORT (Theatre & Dance, UCB), a graduate in dance from the University of Wisconsin School of Education, was honored in May in Madison as a pioneer in dance education.

FRANK KREITH (Mechanical Engineering, UCB) was one of four people to receive the American Society of Mechanical Engineers’ highest distinction – Honorary Membership – in June. The honor is bestowed for outstanding accomplishment in engineering, science, industry, research or public service and for related pursuits. Kreith was awarded the ASME Medal in 1998, the Ralph Coats Roe Medal in 1992, the ASME’s Dedicates Service Award in 1990 and the W. Reed Warner Medal in 1981. His service to ASME has included steady involvement in the Distinguished
Lecturers Program and the Council on Public Affairs.
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JOYCE LEBRA (History, UCB) in June 2003 took the Queen Elizabeth II to England, then in August sailed the Irish coast on the Wild Atlantic. Early this year she spent three months in Maui, and in February she snorkeled in the Micronesian island nation of Palau. She is now studying the Irish harp, making collages with antique Japanese papers and looking for a publisher for her Hawaiian historical novel. Last fall she facilitated a program at the Boulder Public Library “Western Authors – Asian Settings” – to examine issues in cross-cultural communication and miscommunication.
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ERNEST PORTS (Fine Arts, UCD) is working on the book “Creativity and Problem Solving.”
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FRANZ ROEHMANN (Music, UCD) recently released a CD, “Getting’ Together,” consisting of big-band jazz. It includes six original compositions and six arrangements, all of which he scored for a 24-piece jazz orchestra. Other original works composed this year include:
• “In Times Like These” for string orchestra and chorus.
• “Excursion No. 1” for flute and piano.
• “Excursion No. 2” for bassoon and piano.
• “Excursion No. 3” for oboe and piano.
• “Excursion No. 4” for clarinet and piano.
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CHARLES ROITZ (Fine Arts, UCB) has finished his book “The Way Home” that contains 50 years of photographic documentation of his spiritual journal. He is looking for a publisher. He is also teaching one class at Regis University – a writing class for “second-chance” students designed to give them skills to be successful in college. A 50th-year retrospective art and photography exhibition is being held Sept. 16 to Oct. 21 at the O’Sullivan Art Center at Regis University this fall. He also reported that he is enjoying his three grandchildren.
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DON ROPER (Economic, UCB) is working on a cabin in the mountains, building music libraries for iPods for friends, writing Web pages in international political economy and learning Spanish.
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WAYNE SCOTT (Music, UCB) in 2003 composed a short piece, “We Give Thanks” for double horn quartet, performed under direction of Thomas Bacon at his Concert of the Spirit in Conway, Ark. In 2004 he completed five arrangements for the Longmont Symphony Orchestra to accompany the Hazel Miller Blues Band performance on May 8. The orchestra was conducted by former College of Music faculty member Robert Olsen.
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HARMUT SPETZLER (Geological Sciences/CIRES, UCB) is active in a research project involving field work in Arizona. He has done some traveling in Europe and Cooper Canyon, Mexico, and undertook a bicycle trip across the United States, starting from the Pacific coast.
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MICHAEL (Psychology, UCB) and MARI- LYNN (Norlin Library) WERTHEIMER report that an exhibit of color photographs by Marilyn Wertheimer, “Youth Around the World,” is scheduled for display at the Boulder Public Library’s gallery Oct. 22 to Nov.14, 2004. A biography of Michael’s father, “Max Wertheimer and Gestalt Theory,” by D. Brett King and Michael Wertheimer, is due to be published by Transaction Publishers at Rutgers University in November. The couple’s travels during 2004 included a trip to Guatemala and Belize in February, a leisurely drive to the Pacific northwest in June, a convention in Hawaii in late July and two quiet weeks on Monhegan Island, Maine, in late August and early September.
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Participants sought for study of aging and movement

CU Retired Faculty Association members have been extended an invitation to participate in a research study on the Boulder campus by Michael Pascoe, professional research assistant.

The study is being conducted by Pascoe and a colleague in CU’s Neural Control of Movement Laboratory in the Department of Integrative Physiology (formerly Kinesiology). The project is part of an extended series of investigations examining the effects of aging on movement in humans.

“This particular study will be looking at the steadiness of the index finger as you produce various levels of force, and will focus on the underpinning changes in muscle behavior,” Pascoe said.

The study consists of one to three testing sessions, each around two hours in length. Participants will be compensated for their time and, if the circumstances warrant, for travel to Boulder.

Those who are interested in participating or know someone who may be can call the lab at 303-492-4965 and ask to speak with Mike or e-mail him at mike.pascoe@colorado.edu.

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