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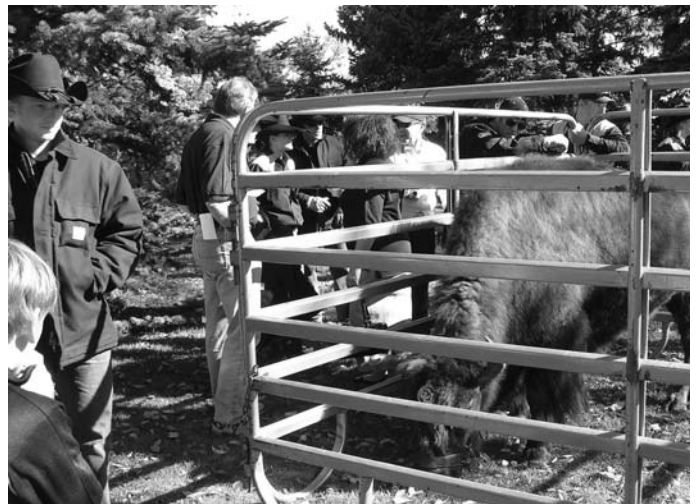
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Family Weekend hosts 4,000 visitors

Family Weekend 2005 was a tremendous success with nearly 4,000 visitors. Despite clouds and drizzle on Friday, guests enjoyed a wide variety of activities. Saturday dawned bright and clear and the picture-perfect day was capped off with a resounding 44-13 Buff victory over the Kansas Jayhawks.



Ethics and civic engagement focus of new institute

Engaging minds, transforming communities

THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO at Boulder officially approved the creation of a new Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement (IECE) on August 4, 2005, as part of its commitment to prepare students as thoughtful, ethical, and engaged citizens who participate civically and help their communities. In development for the past two years, the institute will build on the momentum already established to make ethical and civic engagement a defining characteristic of our educational community.

Initial programs include funding provided to a variety of faculty across campus for new and revised course development involving ethical and civic engagement; a model project at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication to better

integrate ethical and civic engagement in its curriculum; a series of guest speakers and workshops; and the Puksta Scholars, an intensive civic engagement program.

The IECE will not advance a particular ethical or political agenda. Rather, it will serve as a forum, catalyst, facilitator, and especially a forceful proponent for faculty, staff, students, and community leaders who wish to encourage ethical and civic engagement at CU-Boulder.

As part of this campus-wide effort and its many excellent programs, CU-Boulder has been named one of the top 81 civic



Puksta Scholars remove invasive plants, plant native plants, and re-seed at Bluff Lake Nature Center in Denver.

engagement schools in the country in a new book, *Colleges with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community*

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Financial aid reminders and deadlines

2006–07 FAFSA: Beginning January 1, 2006, your student can submit their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2006–07 academic year. The FAFSA is required to apply for financial aid, including scholarships, from CU-Boulder. We strongly recommend applying online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The hard-copy version of the FAFSA is available from our office.

CU scholarships application online: You'll find the CU-Boulder scholarships online application at www.colorado.edu/finaid. Using their student identification number and CU-Boulder personal identification number (PIN), your student can easily submit their application, resume, and essays online. March 1, 2006, is the deadline to apply for scholarships offered by CU-Boulder for the 2006–07 academic year. This is an absolute deadline.

April 1, 2006, is the "priority" deadline for applying for financial aid (other than scholarships) from CU-Boulder; if their application is complete by that date, your student is assured of receiving the best aid package for which they qualify. Your application consists of your FAFSA; we may also request a signed copy of the first two pages of your (the parents') 2005 federal tax return. After April 1, we continue to offer aid based on fund availability.

For more information about the above or any financial aid questions you may have, contact the Office of Financial Aid at **303-492-5091**, finaid@colorado.edu, or see us on the web at www.colorado.edu/finaid.

by Gayle Lalich, Office of Financial Aid

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CU parents get involved

CU IS LUCKY TO HAVE SO MANY extraordinary students. And every day we're learning how lucky we are to work with their parents as well! From the CU Parents Association (CUPA) to Parent Volunteers in Support of Admissions to the CU Parent Fund Committee, parents have many opportunities to get involved at CU.

A group of Atlanta parents has taken their dedication one step further by starting the Atlanta Regional Parent Group. Tim and Susan Ellington, B. J. and Karen Loyd, and Ed and Suzanne Godfrey opened their homes this year to host events for CU students and parents from Atlanta. Thanks to their efforts, Atlanta now has one of the largest CU parent groups in the country. Social in nature, these events provide an opportunity for parents to get to know one another, hear about other students' experiences, and connect with CU-Boulder administrators, faculty, and staff, who usually attend one event each year. The best part of these events? They're fun and they've led to some great outcomes—students finding new roommates, ideas shared about interesting courses, and students finding internships through other parents.

Events can take place any time of the year. This year the Ellingtons hosted an event in April for current CU parents. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ron Stump and Director of Career Services Lisa Severy attended and gave updates from campus. This summer the Loyds hosted a Send Off in their home to welcome new Atlanta freshmen to the CU family and "send them off" to Boulder with Buffalo pride. Most recently, the Godfreys hosted the fall National Council Parent Event in their home. This



Left to right: Susan and Tim Ellington, Suzanne and Ed Godfrey, Karen and B. J. Loyd.

event gave CU families a chance to hear updates on CU's leadership and learn about new student programs.

We want to thank these Atlanta families for their involvement and for making generous donations to the CU Parent Fund. Their gifts along with gifts from 6,000 other CU parents provide support to campus programs that directly impact students both inside and outside the classroom. The Parent Fund strives to enhance every student's experience by supporting such integral programs as CU Night Ride, Career Services, Tutoring and Academic Support, Disability Services, Student Leadership Development, and the Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement. This year the goal is to raise \$850,000. Thanks to the Ellingtons, Loyds, and Godfreys as well as countless other families, we're on our way, having already raised \$250,000.

If you'd like more information on giving to the Parent Fund or starting a regional parent group in your area, please contact Laura Marlow at **303-541-1263** or via e-mail at laura.marlow@cufund.org.

by Laura Marlow, development associate for campus programs, University of Colorado Foundation

Important Dates for 2006

Spring Semester

Residence halls open (9:00 a.m.)	Jan. 11
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 16
Classes begin (8:00 a.m.)	Jan. 17
Tuition deadline (6:00 p.m.)	Jan. 25
Spring Break	March 27–31
Last day of classes	May 5
Final exams	May 6–11
Residence halls close (1:00 p.m.)	May 12
Commencement	May 12

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First day of classes	May 15
Memorial Day	May 29
Last day of classes	June 2
Final exams	June 2

You are CUPA

We hope this column will support the ongoing education of you, the parents of CU students. We are continually learning through our son's CU experiences and our membership in the CU Parents Association (CUPA) Board of Directors.

WHEN MY HUSBAND returned from his first CU Parents Association (CUPA) Board of Directors meeting in September 2001, he announced that he had signed us both up for the board. I was surprised because he's not usually a "joiner." He was so impressed with the work being done and the caliber of people involved that he couldn't help himself.

As a parent of a CU-Boulder undergraduate, you are automatically a member of CUPA. There are no fees or dues. Our goal is to enhance communication and establish involvement among parents across the country. Our programs include:

- publishing *CU Parent*, this quarterly newsletter, designed to keep parents informed of current campus activities and issues;
- fundraising activities to finance scholarships for freshman and continuing students, and LEAD Alliance scholarships for students of color and first-generation students; and
- awarding grants to assist university community programs such as safety, diversity, and community building.

Our events include hosting summer orientation dinners for parents of new students and the fall Family Weekend that includes campus tours, entertainment, presentations, and football. There's nothing like a crisp autumn day for cheering the Buffs to victory!

If you live in Colorado or you're able to travel, consider joining the CUPA Board of Directors. Typically we meet on campus once a month during the academic year, on a Saturday morning. We've had board members from

California, New York, and Washington, D.C. The monthly meeting also gives us an excuse to get together for lunch with our students; how many students turn down a free lunch?

If serving on the Board of Directors isn't geographically possible, or just isn't your style, there are many other opportunities to help students and the university. Here are some ideas:

1. Organize a regional parents' group in your community; Parent Relations will help get it started. These are informal groups that meet one to four times a year.
2. Join P-VISA (Parent Volunteers in Support of Admissions). You can help recruit the next year's freshman class by talking with local high school students and their parents about CU-Boulder. Take a look at this web site: www.cualum.org/clubs/naaap/index.html.
3. Host a Summer Send-Off by providing a local venue. CU does the invitations. This is an opportunity to welcome new students and their parents to the CU family, and to send students to Boulder with a local support network and new friends.
4. Be a Parent Fund Volunteer. Last year parents raised more than \$785,000 for programs such as CU Night Ride, alcohol awareness, the Honor Code, Career Services, and Disability Services.

Check out the CU Parents Association web site and get involved: www.colorado.edu/parentrelations.

by Margie Lewis, Parents Association board member

Campus community unites to meet hurricane needs

WHEN HURRICANE KATRINA hit the Gulf Coast earlier this fall, the CU-Boulder community quickly responded with remarkable volunteer efforts, while welcoming displaced students to the campus.

The university extended the enrollment deadline in order to accept students who had planned to attend schools in the Gulf Coast region this semester. Thirty-five Colorado residents were among the 149 undergraduates and three law students admitted to CU-Boulder after being displaced by the hurricane. Off-Campus Student Services helped these students and their families to find free and discounted housing in the Boulder area.

Shortly after the hurricane impacted those on the Gulf Coast, members of the campus community came together to form "CU Hurricane Relief." The organization gathered donations and created a web site to coordinate hurricane-related events for potential volunteers.

The university also offered its expertise to various media outlets covering the devastation. Eleven CU-Boulder specialists have been available as contacts for the media on topics such as natural hazards, oil and gas, disasters and pets, economic impacts, and engineering of levees.

The hurricane has affected many individuals on campus, both directly and indirectly. The Office of Victim Assistance and Counseling and Psychological Services are available for community members wishing to discuss the impacts of the hurricanes.

For more information on CU Hurricane Relief visit cuhr.org. For full coverage on CU-Boulder's response to Hurricane Katrina, including additional volunteer efforts, visit www.colorado.edu/news/reports/katrina.

by Vanessa Lozano, senior, School of Journalism and Mass Communication

CU's women's basketball coach brings new style to games



Kathy McConnell-Miller

KATHY McCONNELL-MILLER achieved a new level of success in her six seasons as head coach of the University of Tulsa. With a running, up-tempo style of offense, she led the Golden Hurricane to 91 wins in six seasons and their first two post-season appearances. She now brings that offense and style to Colorado with the hopes of rejuvenating the program, which suffered its worst record in nearly 20 years last winter. It will be a distinct change from the triangle offense that the CU basketball community has become so familiar with for 20-plus years.

"It's a more up-tempo style of play," McConnell-Miller said. "With the half-court sets that we eventually get into, I think there is more opportunity for more players on the floor to flourish and shine. I think it's more of an equal opportunity offense. You're going to see different players step up in different situations. There's a lot of room for creativity within each position and each player."

McConnell-Miller replaced Ceal Barry who retired last March after 22

seasons with the Buffaloes to become an associate athletics director.

Prior to Tulsa, McConnell-Miller spent three seasons as an assistant coach and one year as associate head coach at the University of Illinois (1995-99), two seasons at Rutgers University (1993-95) and the two at the University of Pittsburgh (1991-93).

She played basketball at the University of Virginia (1986-90), helping the Cavaliers to a pair of Sweet 16 appearances and the 1988 Elite Eight. McConnell-Miller earned her bachelor's degree in rhetoric and communications from Virginia in 1989.

One of eight children, she is one of six McConnell siblings who attended college on a basketball scholarship. Her older sister, Suzie McConnell-Serio, is the head coach for the Minnesota Lynx of the WNBA. McConnell-Miller and her husband, Brad Miller, have three children: Brice (5), Mackenzie (4), and Macie (1).

by Troy Andre, assistant sports information director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

Sign up for the CU Parent E-Connection!

Do you want to receive regular e-mail updates on CU policies, programs, and news of interest to parents?

If you do, you may subscribe to the CU Parent E-Connection by simply sending your e-mail information to parents@colorado.edu. There are already more than 1,000 subscribers.

Your contact information will remain in the Office of Parent Relations and will not be shared or used for any other purpose than providing you e-mail updates.

If you have any questions about the program, don't hesitate to contact George "Barney" Ballinger or Jennifer Hudson at parents@colorado.edu or via telephone at 303-492-1380.

"Leeding" the way on diversity

HISTORICALLY, THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER has been challenged to effectively recruit and retain under-represented students. The Leeds School of Business has recognized this and has made a commitment to this important priority. It has embraced the goal of working toward providing a welcoming and supportive environment for under-represented students.

In June 2001, the Office of Diversity and Minority Programs (Office of Diversity Affairs) was created, in part, to begin addressing the critical need of developing a welcoming and supportive learning environment for under-represented populations, focusing specifically on undergraduates. The initial step included creating the Leeds Diversity Scholars Program for first-year students. The program has been a resounding success. Under the direction of Aswad Allen, the program has grown from 32 students to over 130 student participants today. The program has consistently measured a 90-percent-plus retention rate. Perhaps most impressive is that these students in the Diverse Scholars Program graduate in four-and-a-half years. If the past four years of the program are any indication of the future, the Leeds School of Business is truly "Leeding" the way on diversity.

by Derrick Watson, assistant to the vice chancellor for administration

Job market improved for 2006 college graduates

According to a new survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), employers expect to hire 14.5 percent more new college graduates in 2005–06 than they hired in 2004–05.

“We have seen positive movement in the job market for new college graduates over the past few years, and this report reinforces that college hiring is moving in the right direction,” says Marilyn Mackes, NACE executive director. “In fact, this is the third consecutive year in which employers have projected hiring increases.”

Overall, 66.5 percent of employers responding to *NACE’s Job Outlook 2006 Fall Preview Survey* reported that they expect to hire more new college graduates in 2005–06 than they hired in 2004–05.

When examined by region, hiring expectations in the West are even higher with an expected 16 percent increase. That is good news for University of Colorado at Boulder graduates who intend to stay and work in this area.

In fact, the job outlook for CU-Boulder graduates has been better than the national average for a number of years now. For example, the number of employers who participated in campus events last year doubled from the year before. Early signs this year indicate another busy recruiting season as our Fall Career Fair at the Coors Events Center on September 20 was filled to capacity and our on-campus recruiting schedule for the fall is bursting at the seams.

In addition to the logistical challenges of hosting so many employers, Career Services staff members are focusing a great deal of attention on bringing more students into the system. Whether they are overwhelmed by course work, undecided about future pursuits, or wary of a job market that has been sluggish for years, students seem reluctant to pursue these new opportunities. In fact, many great jobs and internships in our system have gone unapplied for in the past year.

Parents can help their students by encouraging them to utilize Career Services. They can activate their Career Services accounts online at www.colorado.edu/careerservices. If students are unsure about their current major or future plans, they can also access our staff of professional career counselors by stopping by the office during walk-in counseling hours or by calling **303-492-6541** for an appointment.

This academic year promises to be an exciting one for Career Services and we look forward to helping all students be successful now and in the future!

by Lisa Severy, director of Career Services

About NACE: Since 1956, the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) has been the leading source of information about the employment of college graduates.

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doing so enhance our contributions to the vitality of the many communities we serve, please contact Julie Ditter at the CU Foundation (Julie.ditter@cufund.org, 303-541-1250). For more information about the IECE visit our web site at www.colorado.edu/iece or contact Peter Simons (peter.simons@colorado.edu).

by Peter Simons, IECE coordinator

THE NUMBERS: ROTC counts at CU!

The University of Colorado at Boulder Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program has a tremendous history and continues to be among the most viable in the nation. The following numbers represent the combined strength of CU’s Army, Air Force, and Naval ROTC units.

492	Cadets/midshipmen/officer candidates in CU’s ROTC program
95	Number of women (20%)
397	Number of men (80%)
67	Number of minority cadets/midshipmen/officer candidates (14%)
112	Second lieutenants and ensigns commissioned last year (now serving in our nation’s armed forces)
370	Cadets/midshipmen/officer candidates on scholarship
1,176	Average SAT test score
3.06	Average GPA for spring 2005 semester

Other Highlights

- ROTC scholarships bring more than \$4.1 million to CU each year.
- CU ROTC participants are drawn from 28 states. Besides Colorado, California is the most well represented with 21, followed by Washington with 6, and Virginia, Texas, and Illinois with 4 cadets/midshipmen/officer candidates each.
- Nearly 50 percent of ROTC participants are in technical majors. Aerospace engineering is the most common major with 49 cadets/midshipmen/officer candidates enrolled.
- CU’s Naval ROTC program is the 8th largest of 70 throughout the nation.
- CU’s Air Force ROTC detachment is the largest among the 44 located in the northwest region.
- Considering number of cadets, Army ROTC at CU ranks 6th out of 272 programs in the nation.

Changing your address

If you are currently listed on your student’s record, your student can change your address using CUConnect. To add a parent name or an additional address not currently on their record, your student must e-mail Judy Myers in the Office of the Registrar at judy.myers@colorado.edu. They need to provide the following:

- The name and address of the parent(s) they wish to add
- The last 4 digits of their student ID number

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