



Nearly 5,000 visit CU-Boulder during Family Weekend 2007

FAMILY WEEKEND 2007 got a big “thumbs up” from visitors as nearly 1,700 CU families, amounting to more than 4,600 guests, made the trip to Boulder for the fall festivities! The weather couldn’t have been better Friday, as folks participated in activities ranging from golf and classes at the recreation center, to area tours and faculty and staff presentations. Friday also featured the Second Annual Fall Convocation, a wonderful opportunity to highlight CU’s tremendous faculty.

Wonderful weather returned on Saturday as guests prepared for the Buffs’ clash with the Kansas Jayhawks by enjoying a delicious brunch and a mini-pep rally at the University Memorial Center. Unfortunately, a wonderful day ended with a disappointing 19–14 loss to the Jayhawks, despite a spirited comeback attempt by the young Buffalo football squad.

Family Weekend concluded on a surprisingly cold and snowy Sunday morning with a brisk Buffalo Family Stampede 5k Fun Run/Walk. More than 500 folks registered to participate in the race but only about 100 hearty souls actu-



ally competed Sunday morning. The race, however, was a total success as all proceeds, more than \$7,000, were donated to the CU Indigent Care Fund, providing support to CU students who have medical issues but are unable cover costs.

It’s not too early to start planning for Family Weekend 2008, October 17–19, featuring a Big XII Conference contest with the Kansas State Wildcats!

Visual Arts Complex construction begins

THE NEXT TWO YEARS will see a flurry of deconstruction and construction as the \$63.5 million Visual Arts Complex (VAC) replaces the Sibell Wolle Fine Arts building and makes possible a gateway to the campus that emphasizes the importance of the arts to CU-Boulder. The complex is scheduled to open in fall 2009.

The VAC will consist of a studio wing to the west and an east wing housing the CU Art Museum, with a 30-foot-wide pedestrian mall between them. The wings will be connected via a walkway on the third floor, and the east wing will be connected to the ATLAS building at the first basement level.

“The new complex is a total transformation of both the Department of Art and Art History and the CU Art Museum (CUAM),” said Graham Oddie, associate dean for arts and humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences who oversees both programs. He explained that the new facilities will be safer, cleaner, technologically far more advanced, and, at 170,000 gross square feet, much roomier.

Occupying the first two floors of the east wing, CUAM will feature 8,500 square feet of gallery space, including space for two permanent collections, a changing exhibition gallery, a



gallery for thesis exhibitions, and a video gallery. There will be areas for professional receiving, and art preparation and fabrication; and a museum gift shop.

For art and art history students, the studio wing will offer studio suites and classrooms with natural light, and access to a visual resources center featuring a digital image database containing some 350,000 slides. The studio wing will house ceramics and outdoor kilns on the first floor, sculpture on the second floor, printmaking on the third floor, and painting on both third and fourth floors.

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Financial aid checklist

2008–09 FAFSA: Beginning January 1, 2008, your student can submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2008–09 academic year. The FAFSA is required to apply for financial aid, including scholarships, from CU-Boulder. You can complete the FAFSA by going online to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Although applying online is the best way to submit your FAFSA, if you need a hardcopy version, you can download it at www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) toll-free at **1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)**. Students may request up to three copies of the paper application and should receive their FAFSAs in three to seven business days.

CU Scholarship application online: You will find the CU-Boulder Scholarship online application at www.colorado.edu/finaid/scholarships.html. Using his or her student identification number and CU-Boulder four-digit PIN, your student can easily submit an application, resume, and essays online. Students without access to the Internet should call the Scholarship Office, **303-492-4533**, for assistance. March 1, 2008, is the deadline to apply for scholarships offered by CU-Boulder for the 2008–09 academic year. This is an absolute deadline.

April 1, 2008, is the “priority” deadline for applying for financial aid (other than scholarships) from CU-Boulder; if your application is complete by that date, your student is assured of receiving the best aid package for which they qualify. Your application is your completed FAFSA, and we may also request a signed copy of the first two pages of your (the parents’) 2007 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, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at **303-492-5091**, finaid@colorado.edu, or visit us online at www.colorado.edu/finaid.

By Gayle Lalich, Office of Financial Aid

Paying the bill: advice from the Bursar’s Office

Have you received the spring semester bill yet? We mailed them on December 17 to the student’s billing address or to the permanent address if there was no billing address.

Students can also view a copy of the spring bill on CUConnect under the financial tab starting on December 18. So if you haven’t received the paper bill and you are one of those awesome parents who pays your student’s bill, ask your student to look on CUConnect and let you know the balance due.

We do send students personal e-mails about their accounts. We like to send reminders about due dates, past due balances, COF eligibility, refunds, and other financial issues. We realize that sometimes students forward these e-mails to their parents. Thanks to all of you parents who interpret for us and assist your students with their financial education!

January 23 is the due date for spring tuition and fees. You will need your student’s university identification number to pay via the Internet. If you would like to pay on the Internet, go to the Internet Payment link on our website at www.colorado.edu/bursar. Other methods of payment and our mailing address are also listed there.

Spring billing information is similar to fall regarding tuition rates, mandatory fees, course fees, residence hall charges, and financial aid. Whatever health insurance plan the student selected for the fall will automatically carry over to spring.

Students may again select the two-payment plan. They make the selection on CUConnect and pay half the bill by January 23 and the remaining one-half plus a 1 percent service charge on February 28. Signup starts December 18.

We are diligently working to implement our new CU Bill&Pay system which will allow your student to set you up as an authorized payer so you can view and pay the bill online. Here’s how it will work:

- 1) Your student goes to the new “Authorize a Payer” link on CUConnect under the financial tab. This will link to the new CU Bill&Pay system where the student enters your e-mail address and assigns you a temporary password. (Students can authorize up to five payers.)
- 2) Your student lets you know the temporary password.
- 3) You receive an e-mail about the authorization with the web address link to use to view and pay the bills.

In addition to being able to view and pay the account online, you will receive an e-mail notification whenever a bill is available and be able to save your banking information for subsequent payments.

Look for a postcard in the mail announcing the startup of this new CU Bill&Pay system. We hope that it will be available for spring 2008 tuition payments.

As always, if you have questions, contact us at **303-492-5381** or bursar@colorado.edu. Our website with general information is www.colorado.edu/bursar.

We wish you and your student a prosperous New Year!

Patricia & Laura
(aka the Bursar Ladies)

By Patricia Cassell, Office of the Bursar

Important Dates for 2008

Spring Semester

Residence halls open (10:00 a.m.).....	Jan. 9
Classes begin (8:00 a.m.).....	Jan. 14
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 21
Tuition due	Jan. 23
Spring Break	March 24–28
Last day of classes.....	May 2
Final exams	May 3–8
Residence halls close (1:00 p.m.).....	May 9
Commencement	May 9

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First day of classes	May 12
Memorial Day	May 26

Last day of classes.....	May 30
Final exams	May 30

Summer Session

First day of classes, Terms A, C, D.....	June 2
Last day of classes, Term A.....	July 3
Final exams, Term A	July 3
Independence Day	July 4
First day of classes, Term B.....	July 8
Last day of classes, Term C.....	July 25
Final exams, Term C.....	July 25
Last day of classes, Terms B, D.....	Aug. 8
Final exams, Terms B, D	Aug. 8
Commencement	No summer ceremony.
Official summer graduation date is Aug. 9.	

Communication is key with parents

CU-BOULDER BELIEVES that developing a strong partnership with CU families is a critical way of supporting the intellectual, social, and personal growth of our students. I've come to believe that the university values parents as partners and wants us to feel that we are an integral part of the CU community.

So, how does CU communicate with parents and how can you communicate with CU? For us, the potential information exchange with CU began when we participated in freshman orientation during the summer. While on campus, we had the opportunity to fill out a form to subscribe to the CU Parent E-Connection. The Office of Parent Relations (OPR) produces the E-Connection, an e-mail-based service that provides parents with updates on policies, programs, and news of specific interest to CU parents. OPR sends updates on an "as needed" basis but usually e-mails arrive every two weeks or so. To give you an idea of what you might receive, early in the semester OPR sent an E-Connection to parent subscribers notifying them of a situation on campus that highlighted the first-time use of CU's new text message

system. A friend told us that he was well informed of the circumstances by the time he received the emotional and less-than-accurate call from his student—thanks to the E-Connection update he had received. You can sign up for this service by simply e-mailing parents@colorado.edu and providing your name, e-mail address, city, and state. Be assured that your information will be held in strict confidence and that OPR only uses it to provide you information.

As members of the CU family, we also receive mailings of this *CU Parent* quarterly newsletter, chock-full of information from across the campus. To insure receipt of this useful newsletter, make sure that your student keeps your information current through CUConnect, the student portal.

Lastly, representatives of the Office of Parent Relations and the CU Parent Fund will team up and hit the road to host events in cities throughout Colorado and across the nation. The annual "visit cycle" consists of fall luncheons and spring receptions for current parents as well as summer send-offs for new students and their parents. Each of these events provides an outstanding opportunity to meet CU representatives, find out

what's happening on campus, and to mix with other CU parents in your area.

Most departments on campus welcome a call from a parent; however, don't be surprised if there is little personal information that they will share with you about your student due to FERPA regulations. Students over 18 years of age must give permission to the university to share personal information such as grades, health, or even where they live. More importantly, encourage your student to communicate their concerns with faculty, staff, and roommates—not just to you. If results are not satisfactory, a quick call to the Office of Parent Relations at **303-492-1380** can usually determine who on this large campus may be able to assist your student.

Become familiar with the CU-Boulder website, www.colorado.edu. I'm sure that you will find this one of the most informative websites you will ever navigate; the home page has current information that is just a click away. Want to know when Christmas vacation is? Simply type "academic calendar" in the search bar on the homepage. Want to know if its time to send sweaters? Type "webcam" into the search bar. How can your student get to

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Experiential learning opportunities available to CU Students

THE CU-BOULDER VISION Statement is "to lead in learning, research, teaching, and service to benefit and enhance the quality of life for the people of Colorado." CU is able to accomplish its vision as a result of experiential learning opportunities that provide students with real-world experiences in preparation for life beyond college.

The Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement is an important campus contributor for educating students to assume their roles as responsible citizens in our society. The institute funds faculty to develop courses on civic engagement and model projects (two to date: at the School of Education and at the School of Journalism and Mass Commu-

nication). The institute is also the home of AmeriCorps/VISTA and the Puksta Scholars program, which provides scholarships to students involved in civic engagement projects.

Another program that provides real-world experience is the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program. This program provides opportunities for 650 undergraduates to participate in cutting edge research, to connect with leading creative scholars in visual and performing arts, and to gain exposure to the nature of research, creative, and scholarly enterprise that constitute such a major part of our institution.

Finally, Career Services provides a centralized, comprehensive career center for all students at CU-Boulder. Career

Services empowers students to take control of their own professional development and job search by providing job and internship listings and career and internship fairs, among other important services. One of the internship opportunities available to CU students is the CU Public Interest Internship Experience Program (CU-PIIE). CU-PIIE provides fellowship grants to selected undergraduate students who have obtained full-time, unpaid, summer internship positions with nonpartisan public service organizations located in Colorado.

For more information about these opportunities, visit www.colorado.edu/parentrelations/parentfund.

By Abby Redwine, Parent Fund

THE GOLD STANDARD

CU student awarded for bravery

Sophomore business major Kyle DeLapp received the Carnegie Medal on September 20 in recognition of his brave actions in rescuing four children off of Miramar Beach, Florida. In April 2006, a fierce current swept three boys and one girl from the shore out into the Gulf of Mexico. DeLapp and two friends swam into the current and rescued the children. The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission awards the medal to those who risk their lives while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. DeLapp is one of 19 people in the United States and Canada to receive the medal along with a \$5,000 grant.

Professor Marvin Caruthers gives \$20 million for construction of biotechnology building

Distinguished Professor Marvin Caruthers of the chemistry and biochemistry department has gifted CU-Boulder with \$20 million for construction of a new interdisciplinary biotechnology building. The gift is one of the largest in the history of the university and the largest ever given by a faculty member. The contribution will support the Colorado Initiative in Molecular Biotechnology, a collaborative venture bringing together the fields of biology, physics, engineering, chemistry, biochemistry, computer science, and medicine.

Wetmore Sends Athlete to IAAF World Championships/DecaNation

CU head cross country and track coach Mark Wetmore sent one of his current athletes to compete at the IAAF World Championships and to DecaNation in August and September. Jenny Barringer, a 3,000-meter steeplechase athlete, won the 2007 USATF Championship, earning the right to compete in Japan on August 25. Barringer took 22nd overall (9:51.04) and was seventh in her heat. She then competed at the DecaNation in Paris, France, on September 8. Barringer won the race in a school record of 9:33.95, defeating the French national champion in the last 100 meters. Barringer is Wetmore's first athlete to compete at both championships while still competing at CU.

Ralphie Named Top Mascot

Ralphie IV, the beloved 1,300-pound rumbling mass of hoof, horn, and fur, has been named college football's number one mascot by CollegeFootballNews.com. Ralphie knocked off Georgia's bulldog named UGA and Texas's longhorn steer Bevo, who finished second and third.

Help your student find career success

If your student is looking for a job or internship, please encourage him or her to attend the Spring Career Fair, January 30–31, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (both days) in the UMC Ballroom. This is one of the largest career fairs of the year, so it's a good opportunity for students to connect with employers who are seeking full-time permanent employees as well as spring and summer interns.

We can help students prepare for the Career Fair. They should bring several resumes, be dressed in business casual attire, be prepared to talk about their skills and experience, and have some knowledge about the companies/organizations before they talk with them at the Career Fair. Students can view the list of participating employers at careerservices.colorado.edu/public.cs?studentFairs. Also there are some helpful Career Fair tips at careerservices.colorado.edu/CommonFiles/PDF/fairTips.pdf.

Many CU students are interested in careers in a non-corporate setting. The Global Impact Expo (March 13, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in UMC 235) will be showcasing organizations making a positive difference for people, community, and our planet. Students can explore humanitarian, non-profit, social service, and environmental organizations. Some will be offering internships, volunteer, or post-graduate employment opportunities for students.

If your student is exploring career interests, we encourage him or her to explore in multiple ways:

Speak to a Professional in the Field

Your student can speak to professionals currently working in a variety of fields of interest. Our website offers one way for students to "Contact a Professional" on a database of 168 community professionals, who are all willing to talk with students about their career questions and how to get a foot in the door. Whether the conversation is face-to-

face or on the phone, students can learn some interesting things about the person/field, and may gain a valuable contact for possible internships/jobs in the future.

Internships

We also encourage students to gain hands-on, practical experience in the form of an internship, and in fact recommend two or three while they're here at CU. What better way to learn about a particular occupation than "trying it on" for a few months! Internships also help students develop solid contacts in their field of interest—people who might be willing to assist students with their job search down the road. The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) surveys college recruiters every year, and in 2006, employers reported that 31 percent of their new college hires came from their own internship programs that year, and that 62 percent had internship experience of some kind. To see the full article, go to www.nacweb.org/press/display.asp?year=2007&prid=261.

Your student can view internship opportunities anytime on CSO (Career Services Online) at careerservices.colorado.edu (register for CSO in the top right corner).

Take a Career Interest Assessment

Another way students can explore career interests is by meeting with a career counselor and doing a career assessment inventory. These inventories are not meant to provide the "magical" career answer for your student, but taking one can be a good starting place to look at patterns of interests and themes. To see the list of interest inventories we offer, go to careerservices.colorado.edu/public.cs?assessment.

If you have any questions about how we can help your student, contact Ann Herrmann, career counselor, at Ann.Herrmann@colorado.edu or 303-492-8020.

By Ann Herrmann, Career Services

Reward an Exceptional CU Faculty or Staff Member

Has your student ever mentioned a CU faculty or staff member who is making their university experience exceptional? That person can be nominated for the **Marinus G. Smith Recognition Award**, given to faculty and staff members who have played an important role in the success of CU students. The award is sponsored by the CU Parents Association and is named for the famous pioneer whose land and financial contributions helped make it possible to place the university in Boulder. Instructions for submitting a nomination are available at www.colorado.edu/parentrelations/programs. Nomination information is also available from the Office of Parent Relations (parents@colorado.edu or 303-492-1380).

Nominations are due in Parent Relations by January 31, 2008. A luncheon/award ceremony will be held in the spring to honor winners of the award.

A projected slam-dunk season for CU basketball

THERE'S PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT in the air surrounding the CU basketball programs. As coach Jeff Bzdelik is expected to take a new direction for the men, the women's team, coached for the third year by Kathy McConnell-Miller, also has high expectations.

The men begin a new chapter in Buffaloes history with Bzdelik, who brings 29 years of coaching experience from the college and professional ranks to the Boulder campus. But his most recent successes, coaching the Denver Nuggets to the sixth-best turnaround in NBA history and taking a moribund Air Force Academy program from four wins to the NCAA tournament, have people following CU basketball more excited than they have been in quite some time.

Helping CU make successful strides in 2007-08 is three-year starter Richard Roby. The former All-Big 12 first-team selection in 2005-06 is the cornerstone of the Buffaloes' success, averaging 17.3 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. Roby is joined by a pair of seniors, point-guard Marcus Hall and forward Marcus King-Stockton.

Youth is also a staple of the team with one junior, four sophomores, and five freshmen highlighting the roster, in addition to a pair of sophomore transfers. Sophomore Xavier Silas emerged as a steady one-two scoring punch with Roby last season, averaging 12 points per game.

With a new offense and new schemes on defense, the Buffaloes will be exciting to watch as they develop under "Coach Buzz."

Meanwhile, the women are making strides to become a competitive force in the Big 12 Conference. After back-to-back single-digit win seasons in 2004 and 2005, McConnell-Miller's Buffs improved to 13-17 a year ago, and their best finish in the Big 12 since 2003. CU won its first Big 12 Tournament game in four seasons and will look to keep that momentum going in 2007.



Senior Jackie McFarland

Colorado returns four of its five starters from a year ago, including All-Big 12 first-team pick and honorable mention All-American forward Jackie McFarland. She averaged 17.8 points and 10.8 rebounds per game in last winter, ranking second in the Big 12 in both, which were among the best performances in team history.

In all, the Buffaloes feature eight returning letter-winners and seven promising newcomers on this year's team, which could be the perfect blend to give CU its first winning record and chance at returning to the NCAA championship tournament.

By Dave Plati, athletics media relations director

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The VAC hopes to earn a LEED Silver rating from the U.S. Green Building Council (www.usgbc.org) for using environmentally sustainable building strategies for water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

By Linda Besen, Publications & Creative Services

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the airport? Type "transportation to airport" into the search bar to go to a page with several options. All information on this website is kept as current as possible, but if you doubt its accuracy, ask your student, give the Office of Parent Relations a call, or visit their website at www.colorado.edu/parentrelations.

CUPA Board members Dennis and Joyce Kinde have four children ages 20-25 who are attending or have recently graduated from college. In August, Joyce joined the Parent Relations Office as assistant director.

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 can subscribe by simply sending your e-mail information to parents@colorado.edu. There are already more than 5,500 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 Joyce Kinde at parents@colorado.edu or via telephone at 303-492-1380.

Changing your address

If you are currently listed on your student's record, your student can change your address using the PLUS system. To add a parent name or an additional address not currently on their record, students must e-mail Judy Myers in the Office of the Registrar at judy.myers@colorado.edu. Students 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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