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COMMUNITY EVENTS

President's Fall Address
and University Picnic

Join the CSU campus and community as President Tony Frank gives his annual Fall Address on the Oval at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 13 followed by the free All-University Picnic.

Cinch Jeans Rocky
Mountain Showdown

The rivalry continues with the match-up between the CSU Rams and the CU Buffs, 2 p.m. Sept. 1 at Sports Authority Field at Mile High. Faculty and staff tickets are available for \$25 each.

Call 970-491-7267 to purchase.

University holiday

CSU offices closed; no classes, Sept. 3.

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Leaping to stardom



CSU alumna and former track athlete Janay DeLoach became an Olympic medalist for the first time when she won the bronze medal in the long jump competition on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the London Olympics.

Photo courtesy of Kirby Lee/Imageofsports

Preserving Colorado State's 'piece of paradise'

*Spike camp aids firefighters at
Pingree Park*

by Mary Willson

As the High Park Fire swept through the foothills in late June, rather than running from the situation, the faculty, students and staff of Pingree Park faced it head on and showed how strong Rams can be.

This summer tested the mettle of Coloradans as wildfires swept through thousands of acres of forest, swallowing structures in multiple parts of the state. One of regions impacted is 50 miles (1.5 hours) west of CSU's main campus in Fort Collins and home to the university's mountain campus, Pingree Park.

Pingree Park, run by a mix of CSU students and staff, as well as students from other universities, played a vital role in containing the massive High

Park Fire.

The remote mountain valley campus fed and housed up to 250 hotshot fire crew members — the most elite wildland firefighters — who battled the High Park Fire.

"It was an interesting time as we could see towering smoke plumes," said Pat Rastall, director of the Pingree Park campus. "The fire was near us but prevailing winds from the southwest kept it away from us."

Pingree Park staff was required to wear Nomex, a hot and heavy uniform standard to all firefighters.

"We had 250 of the nation's best firefighters living on our campus, and I couldn't help but think that if worst came to worst they would just encircle us and all fight it off," said Addy Rastall, a junior in the Warner College of Natural Resources, with a concentration in global tourism, and a ropes course
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A 'labor of love'

*School is Cool donates
more than 2,500
backpacks*

by Courtney Riley

For this upcoming school year, every middle school student in the Poudre School District will have a scientific calculator, regardless of his or her family's financial standing.

That's because of a grant received by School is Cool, a program organized and managed by Colorado State University employees with generous support from the Bohemian Foundation and the Colorado State University Bookstore, to provide kids in the Poudre School District with school supplies.

"There is no better way for us, as a great university, to put our beliefs into action than to support kids in our hometown getting what they need to succeed in school," said Vice President of External Relations Tom Milligan. "I am so proud of CSU for starting this great program, and even more proud that we've kept it going for 20 years. School is Cool will be here 20 years from now too -- it is that good."

School is Cool committee member Jim Beers started working for Colorado State University four years ago and got involved with the program right away.

"They were looking for someone to assist with PR and community outreach efforts, so it was a good fit," he said. "It's
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Colorado State University



College of Natural Sciences

Department of Chemistry

The White House honored CSU chemistry associate professor, **Amy Prieto** with a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers on July 23, 2012. Her work developing new methods for creating a battery that could revolutionize the electronic, hybrid vehicle industry helped to win her this award. In 2009, Prieto co-founded Prieto Battery Inc., a company expected to commercialize a non-toxic battery technology up to 1,000 times more powerful, 10 times longer lasting and cheaper than traditional batteries. The development of this technology could revolutionize the transportation, communication and energy storage industries.

College of Engineering

Steve Abt, emeritus professor of civil and environmental engineering, is the new interim dean of the College of Engineering. Abt has more than 39 years of general engineering experience. He earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering, master's degree in water resources and doctoral degree in hydraulics from CSU. After serving in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and working as a consulting water resource engineer in Denver, Abt joined CSU's faculty in 1977.

In addition to his education and research duties, Abt has spent 14 years as a contract Research Station Facility Engineer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, providing facility-oriented services for a 10-state region. A major general, he has also served with the U.S. Army/Army Reserve since 1973.

Division of External Relations

National public relations honors have been awarded to CSU's **Division of External Relations**.

"CSU Biologist Builds Bomb-Sniffing Plant" was awarded a national Gold CASE -Council for Advancement and Support of Education- Circle of Excellence Award.

"Temple Grandin – The World Needs All Kinds of Minds," won a national Award for Publication Excellence in the category of Meeting and Event Campaigns, Programs and Plans.

In addition, 2012 APEX Awards were given, based on excellence in graphic design, editorial content and the success of the entry in achieving overall communications effectiveness and excellence.

Coleman Cornelius, director of Communications for CSU's College of Agricultural Sciences won an APEX Award in the category of Most

Improved Magazine for the College of Agricultural Science's college magazine, "Food for Thought."

Colleen Rodriguez, Cathay Zipp and Joe Mendoza with the Department of Creative Services won an APEX Award in the category of Best Redesigns for the publication "Eating Smart Being Active Cookbook."

Colorado Women of Influence

The Colorado Women of Influence have honored university distinguished professor **Diana Wall** and **Guadalupe Salazar**, the director of El Centro at Colorado State University, as 2012 Women of Vision.

Wall is also the founding director of the School of Global Environmental Sustainability and an ecologist in the department of biology at CSU. Wall has also spent 22 seasons in Antarctic Dry Valleys examining the response of soil biodiversity and ecosystem processes to environmental change.

Salazar is the director of El Centro, which provides workshops, leadership opportunities and Latina/o cultural awareness programs that promote student success and retention on campus. During the past 20 years, she has served as a role model and mentored countless students.

Campaign for Colorado State

CSU announced the most successful year of private fundraising in university history, with philanthropic support from donors, alumni and friends increasing to \$111.6 million, a 31 percent increase compared to the previous fiscal year. The campaign reached its goal of raising \$500 million six months early and surpassed that goal by nearly \$40 million by the campaign's end June 30.

Support for faculty is one of the most important features of the campaign, which created 16 endowed chairs and professorships to provide greater

support for excellent teaching and research. Private gifts raised during the campaign have enhanced academic programs in all of the university's eight colleges and more than 150 programs of study.

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

Dr. Ed Hoover, a CSU veterinarian who led the development of a vaccine to prevent feline leukemia virus infection, received the prestigious Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges' 2012 Merit-AAVMC Excellence in Research Award.

Research in the Hoover laboratory led to development of the first successful and most widely used FeLV vaccine, now used to immunize cats worldwide against leukemia-causing virus. Hoover also examined how to identify at-risk cats and how the disease is transmitted to improve understanding of managing diseases in populations. More recently, his research has focused on chronic wasting disease and how the diseases are transmitted among deer, moose and elk – research that could further understanding of Alzheimer's and other human diseases.

CSU Athletics

Colorado State Athletics announced the appointment of **Paul Kirk** as the Rams' director of media relations. Kirk returns to Colorado where he spent 13 seasons with the NFL's Denver Broncos before three years as a partner in Denver-based ProLink Sports, a full-service public relations and sports marketing firm. Most recently, Kirk has spent the last 17 months as the assistant athletics director for communications at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he managed the Bulldogs' overall athletic communications strategies and handled publicity for the men's basketball and football teams, while serving as media coordinator for the annual Drake Relays.

Office of the Vice President for Research

Mark Wdowik has joined the Office of the Vice President for Research at CSU as an assistant vice president for Research and Industry Partnerships.

Wdowik has been at CSU Ventures since 2006, which is a part of the CSU Research Foundation, a private, non-profit advocacy organization for the university. He has held various administrative roles for CSU Ventures associated with industry relations, business development/investments, economic development, technology commercialization and new venture creation. Wdowik will help the university expand its sources of research support and collaboration.

CSU Ventures

Denichiro "Denny" Otsuga has been named the new associate vice president of CSU Ventures, a non-profit corporation dedicated to technology transfer and commercialization of CSU research.

Otsuga has more than 10 years of technology transfer and commercialization experience translating research results to create positive impacts on society. He worked in university and industry technology transfer activities in California and Utah, and spent three years as the founding director at the Technology Transfer Office at South Dakota State University, where he helped increase licensing revenue by 250 percent and industry-sponsored research awards by 540 percent. Most recently, Otsuga was the executive director of the Technology Transfer Office at the University of Kentucky.

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Lory Student Center builds community, shares in historical stories

by Kayla Green

This year, the Lory Student Center is celebrating its 50th year as a catalyst for bringing the campus together and sharing in experiences that affected the community both locally and nationally.

The student center, which was built in 1962, was the result of CSU President William Morgan's building boom era. While demand stemmed from the expectation of enrollment doubling, the desire was to construct a building solely for student use that provided comfort and a meeting place for social events – much as Johnson Hall had done for nearly



LSC circa 1995.
Photos courtesy of Archives and Special Collections, CSU Libraries



LSC circa 1968.
Photos courtesy of Archives and Special Collections, CSU Libraries



LSC East entry concept.

30 years.

“For 50 years the Lory Student Center has served as a unifying force for CSU, from meeting the everyday needs of students to serving as the gathering place that celebrates the diversity of our campus community,” said Mike Ellis, executive director of the Lory Student Center.

When John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, students gathered on the building's main steps to console one another. Later, the Lory Student Center became a hotspot for anti-war protests, which ultimately culminated with the burning down of Old Main in 1970. And when Columbine High School and the 9/11 attacks occurred, students gathered within the building to watch as news unfolded.

It was because of such events that the Lory Student Center Governing Board began playing a role in creating commemorative campus memorials. The sculpture garden, located to the west of the student center, was named after Tom Sutherland, a professor at Colorado State University for 26 years who was held hostage in Lebanon from 1985-1991. Similarly, a peace pole was erected in the Sutherland Sculpture Garden a year following the 9/11 attacks.

In addition to pivotal moments like these, the student center has been the base for historic entertainment at CSU. Much like the Lory Student Center's ASAP student programming group does today, student programmers of the past played host to a variety of popular events and acts throughout the years. During the 1960s, the group booked comedian Steve Martin in the Ramskeller for only \$600. In the '70s, they contracted Chicago, the Beach Boys, Elton John and the Rolling Stones to perform at Moby.

The largest impact, however, was showcased by the overwhelming community effort it took to rebuild what was lost in the '97 flood. The flood, which destroyed the building's lower level and wiped out the entire CSU Bookstore inventory, forced the Lory Student Center into an \$18 million renovation. It was through this loss and recovery that the campus and city communities began to recognize the value and vitality of the student center.

Over the years, the Lory Student Center brought together thousands of campus and Fort Collins community members and shared in their experiences. Be it through student organizations, such as Campus Activities, or advocacy groups much like the Black/African American Cultural Center, the Lory Student Center has continued to serve its primary mission by offering a location for both comfort and social events. It is that idea that has been the primary building block for the student center since its inception, and it is that mission that still carries forward in conversations today for the next 50 years.

Join the Lory Student Center in its celebration of 50 years serving the community!

Kicking off Sept. 16, the celebration will pay tribute to each decade the student center has been in existence since 1962. Throughout the three-week celebration, lectures, movies, reunions and a variety of activities are planned to commemorate the unique building and its past.

1960s and 1970s: Sept. 16-22

- Classic movie nights
 - 1960s movie: *To Kill a Mockingbird*; 7 p.m. Sept. 17
 - 1970s movie: *Grease*; 7 p.m. Sept. 19
- Balloon Artist on the Plaza; 11:30-1:30 p.m. Sept. 19
- Blane Harding Talk: “50 Years in 50 Minutes;” Noon- 1p.m. Sept. 20, Lory Student Center Theatre

1980s and 1990s: Sept. 23-29

- Classic movie nights
 - 1980s movie: *Back to the Future*; 7 p.m. Sept. 24
 - 1990s movie: *Toy Story*; 4 p.m. Sept. 26
- Caricature Artist on the Plaza; 11:30-1:30 p.m. Sept. 26
- Time capsule display and meet the “New Faces of the LSC” on the Plaza; Sept. 26

2000s: Sept. 30-Oct. 7

- Classic movie nights
 - 2000s movie: *Men in Black III*; 7 p.m. Oct. 3
 - Roaming Magician on the plaza; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 3
- Homecoming Parade Float featuring the “LSC 7” and the “New Faces of the LSC”
- LSC 50th Anniversary Party; 6 p.m. Oct. 5, Lory Student Center Main Ballroom

Additionally, through Oct. 7 the Curfman Gallery is showcasing “Our Visual History: 50 Years of Art in the LSC.”

For more details or a full list of events, visit sc.colostate.edu.

Notes from a CSU wildfire refugee

by John Calderazzo

The sheriff's call came at 3:30 a.m.: Leave immediately. Luckily, my wife SueEllen and I were already up, grabbing passports, photos, dog food, wall hangings from Thailand and Zanzibar. A Bellvue valley neighbor had called earlier, saying that flames were coming fast over the foothills, driven by searing winds that made our backyard windmill blades a silver blur.

I'd gone to bed knowing that a new wildfire was crackling back in the high country to the west of us, threatening the Stove Prairie mountain school where kids sometimes rode horses to class. The school was seven miles away, as the sparks fly.

But those sparks had been flying like mad through the night, making the flames bound forward sometimes a quarter-mile at a time. As SueEllen and I drove off, we looked back. The foothills looked like some of the erupting volcanoes I'd seen around the world in my book research.

At least we'd had time to gather our valuables, unlike my friend, Gary, who lives up the Poudre Canyon. A 100-foot-high wall of flame exploding over a ridge in Poudre Park forced him to flee with just one of his five elusive cats. A neighbor escaped with only her dog and a sewing machine.

So it went that early June night for thousands of our northern Colorado neighbors, including at least 100 CSU employees and students. In all, the weeks-long High Park fire incinerated more than 250 homes and killed a woman in her mountain cabin. Our place was spared, thanks to nature's whims and the incredible work of firefighters who beat back fire just 300 yards from our property. Gary, his sewing machine-toting neighbor, and all of his cats-in-hiding made it through, too.

But whether we were touched by luck, tragedy or something in between, I'm beginning to think now that all of us evacuees share something. In small ways and large, we've become refugees of global climate change.

Refugees, it's true, with much greater resources and therefore better recovery chances than, say, the poverty-smashed lowlanders of Bangladesh, who present to us the most common face of global climate-change victims. But refugees just the same, or at least among the first in the American West who have seen the face of our possible--probable?--future.



High Park Fire smoke plume as seen from CSU's Pingree Park campus in June 2012. *Courtesy of Pat Rastall*

Of course I'm not arguing that climate change caused the High Park fire (lightning did). Or that the earth's piling-up greenhouse gases alone have powered the terrible drought that we all still feel and see every day---by June our valley had gotten less than 3 inches of rain for the year. Years of forest management, or mis-management, have no doubt played a big part.

But I am saying that single-digit humidity, a scorching spring, and a week of 97-degree temperatures probably amplified the fire. I know that everyday changes in weather should not be confused with long-term trends of climate, but don't weeks, months and years of freakishly hot and dry weather eventually add up to more than a "heat spell"? Hotter and drier on top of other contributing factors has to mean more intense fires.

SueEllen and I are English professors and writers, not climate scientists. But we work with a number of them on campus and around the country who want to explain their work to the public. Their fact-based arguments are by now almost universally accepted as good science: human activity is making the world warmer.

A 2008 study from Colorado's Rocky Mountain Climate Organization and the Natural Resources Defense Council found that the average worldwide temperature from 2003-2007 was one degree Fahrenheit higher than

the 20th century average. In the 11 Western U.S. states, that difference was 1.7 degrees.

The same study notes an astounding 78-day increase in the fire season, which largely agrees with regional and global projections from the USGS and the IPCC---the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

For weeks after the fire almost destroyed our home, our valley was alive with the sound of helicopters dousing hot spots. Smoke fogged our days, and dreams of escape dogged our nights. I heard a book-load of stories of human heroics and saw many kinds of communities come together, including fast and important disaster recovery outreach from CSU. So I suppose I should conclude with a note of hope, such as the happy fact that an evacuated alpaca, helped by CSU vet students, gave birth in mid-June to a calf named Cinderella.

But I also have to say that the greenhouse gas molecules we keep adding to our atmosphere don't care about any of this. By mid-June, eight other fires were blazing around the state.

And summer hadn't even officially begun.

Besides teaching English classes, John Calderazzo and SueEllen Campbell co-direct an innovative climate change outreach and education program: <http://changingclimates.colostate.edu>.

Healthy habits from Hartshorn

by Laurie Elwyn

Your "get healthier" New Year's resolution may be long buried under a stack of papers or filed away in cyberspace, but September is another great time to focus on your health. Fall officially begins on Saturday, Sept. 22, and the start of a new season brings a new opportunity to make changes. Listed below are some positive health habits you may already have and some tips on bumping them up a notch.

You drink coffee. Coffee contains antioxidants and it can be good for you. Moderate coffee drinking decreases the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease and liver cancer. Studies have also shown a possible inverse relationship between coffee drinking and overall mortality. The key is to keep your daily intake to three

cups or less (remember that a cup is 8 ounces, not that giant travel mug you got at Starbucks). Use skim milk in your latte, avoid non-dairy creamers (a source of unhealthy trans fats) and go light on the sugar. If you are prone to anxiety or heart palpitations, skip caffeine.

You eat dark chocolate. Cacao, from which chocolate is made, is another source of antioxidants. Chocolate might decrease your risk of developing diabetes, cardiovascular disease and stroke and is thought to have antihypertensive and anti-inflammatory properties. Although the initial studies recommended dark chocolate, cocoa (not Dutch processed) is fine too, and it may not matter so much what type of chocolate you enjoy as long as you stick to pure chocolate or cocoa. Just keep your intake moderate—an ounce or less of chocolate or a cup of cocoa a few

times per week and avoid the gooey sugary additions.

You like to laugh. Long touted as good for you, laughter decreases the stress hormones cortisol and epinephrine and makes you feel good. It can also be a workout for your abs if you keep it up for long enough. It is difficult to design studies to prove that laughter makes people healthier—it may be that people who follow other healthy practices also have a more positive outlook and laugh more, but it can't hurt to have daily laugh sessions. An afternoon laugh may increase your alertness too.

So drink a cup or two of coffee in the morning, have an ounce of chocolate for dessert after dinner and enjoy a good laugh daily. And while you're at it, consider having your coffee in the morning sunshine to boost your vitamin D intake,

take a walk with your coworkers while sharing a joke, and savor your chocolate while taking in the sunset to make this your healthiest autumn ever.



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Care for Body and Mind

Culinary creations

by Garrett Overlee, Chef Instructor at the Aspen Grille Restaurant

Smokey Bacon Cheeseburger with Chipotle Ketchup

Makes 4 / 6 oz hamburgers



To prepare the chipotle ketchup
you'll need:

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| 2 cups ketchup | 1/4 cup brown sugar or
agave nectar |
| 1/4 cup Worcestershire | 1/4 cup water |
| 1/2 can chipotle in adobo | |

- Gather all ingredients.
- Open the can of chipotle chilies in adobo.
- Puree the whole can of chipotles in adobo with 2 oz of water.
- Pass the puree through a strainer to remove any skin or seeds.
- In a mixing bowl, whisk all the remaining ingredients together with the chipotle puree.
- Chill until ready to use.

To prepare the burgers
you'll need:

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| 1 1/2 lbs of fresh ground
Colorado beef | 8 slices of apple-wood
smoked bacon |
| 4 hamburger buns | 5 slices of smoked
cheddar cheese |

- Gather the ingredients.
- Pre-heat your grill.
- Divide the beef into four, 6 oz balls. Pack the balls down into hockey puck shaped patties.
- Next place the patties on your grill. Turn the patties 90 degrees after two minutes to make beautiful grill marks. After two more minutes flip the patties over.
- After flipping and allowing the patties to cook for two more minutes, turn them 90 degrees one last time. Now place one piece of cheese on each hamburger patty.
- Finally, remove your hamburgers from the grill and lightly toast your buns. While the hamburgers rest for a minute, make an X shape with two pieces of bacon on each bottom bun. Add a dollop of chipotle ketchup to the center of each X. Add the hamburger patties and the bun tops and enjoy!

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Don't get skunked by rabies

by Dell Rae Moellenberg

CSU employees should be on the lookout for wildlife acting unusually. The Larimer County Health Department is tracking multiple and increasing incidents of skunks, raccoons, fox and other animals with terrestrial rabies, presenting a new threat to pets, livestock and people. This spring marked the first time this type of rabies has been confirmed in a populated area of Larimer County. Before 2007, the main source of rabies in Colorado was bats. Since

2007, however, "skunk rabies" has spread rapidly from eastern Colorado and along the Front Range. Once this kind of rabies is established in an area, it cannot be eradicated, and spreads to other common wild animals, such as foxes, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, as well as to horses, livestock, dogs and cats. Mammals – including humans – can get rabies when bitten by an infected animal. Pets and livestock can be protected from rabies with a vaccination. All unvaccinated animals that contract rabies will die of the

disease. If you see an animal acting strangely (overly tame, walking in circles, unusually aggressive, etc.) on or near campus, report it immediately to CSUPD - 911 or (970) 491-6425 - or Environmental Health Services at (970) 491-6745. Off campus, report a potentially rabid animal to Larimer Humane Society's Animal Control at (970) 226-3647. For more information, visit <http://larimer.org/health/ehs/rabies.htm#info>.

COMMUNITY
EVENTS



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Diversity Symposium: "Access, Attainment, and Responsibility"
Sept. 18-20 in the Lory Student Center, this year's theme explores the evolution of access in higher education as we approach the 150th Anniversary of the Morrill Act. Full schedule is at <http://www.diversity.colostate.edu>.

High Park Fire: From Science to Action & Recovery
Warner College of Natural Resources presents a one-day symposium in the Lory Student Center Theatre on Sept. 10 that provides a science-based overview of the High Park Fire, its impacts, and next steps for recovery. The symposium is free and open to the public and will feature individuals who were directly involved in the fire, scientific experts in wildfire ecology recovery and restoration, and organizations that are mobilizing and taking recovery action in response to High Park. For more information, visit www.warnercnr.colostate.edu/highparkfiresymposium.

Evening with Pulitzer Prize finalist Nicholas Carr
Carr, author of "The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains" will speak at 7 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W. Prospect. Event is free and open to the public. Carr writes about technology, culture and economics.

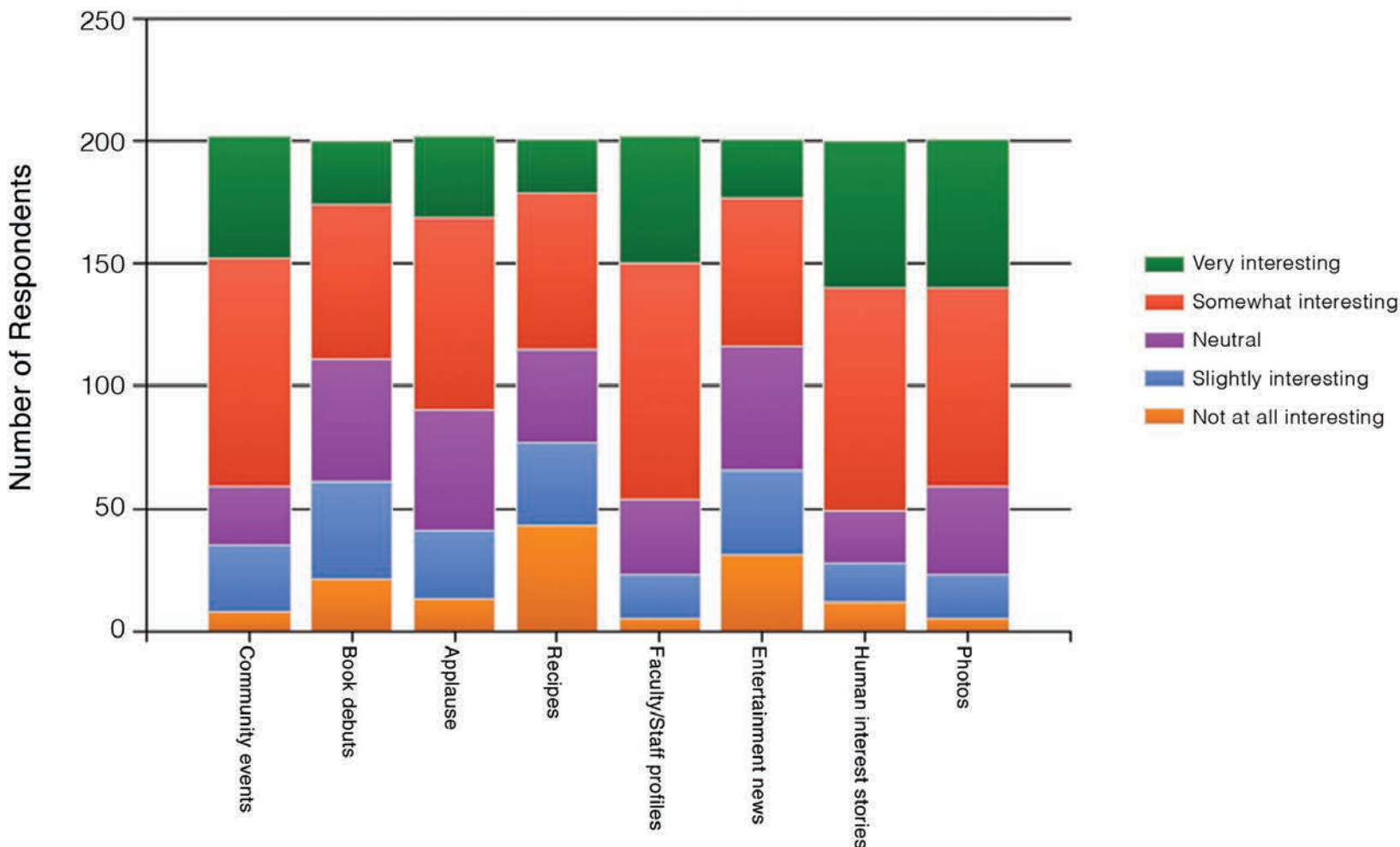
A new year and new goals

by CSU Life Staff

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We look forward to working with you this year, and we want our publication to serve you the best that it can. If there are any comments or additional opinions that you would like to personally provide, please contact us at CSULife@colostate.edu. We recently completed an online and print survey asking faculty and staff a few basic qualitative questions to gain feedback for further improvements we can make to CSU Life. Eighty percent of surveyers agreed or strongly agreed that reading about other departments and colleges is important to them, and almost 70 percent of survey takers were familiar with reading CSU Life. We greatly appreciate your participation with this survey, and we will use this feedback to make CSU Life the best it can be this year.

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Bas Bleu Theatre
Sept. 15 - Oct. 14
This performance features the ancient Greek myth of Philomele, the tale of two sisters who live

without language, which has been entertaining audiences since 8 A.D. For more information, visit www.basbleu.org.

‘Wit’ presented by OpenStage Theatre & Company
The Lincoln Center
Sept. 1- 29
“Wit” tells the story of Vivian Bearing, Ph.D., who is diagnosed with stage-four ovarian cancer.
For more information, visit www.lctix.com.

Opera Fort Collins 33: ‘Daughter of the Regiment’
The Lincoln Center
Sept. 14 and 16
This opera is set during the American Civil War and tells the story of Marie, a regimental camp follower who cooks, cleans and boosts the morale of her brothers in arms. The plot thickens when she falls in love with the enemy.
For more information, visit www.lctix.com.

Shakespeare at Sunset: ‘The Comedy of Errors’
University Theatre at University Center for the Arts
Aug. 30 - Sept. 2
Directed by Walt Jones, “The Comedy of Errors” is one of Shakespeare’s most farcical comedies, telling the story of two sets of identical twins separated at birth.
For more information, visit www.theatre.colostate.edu.

ART

Community Mural Workshop
Mighty Fine Art
Aug. 31
This hands-on workshop teaches the art of mural painting led by professional artist Chris Bates. To register, visit www.mightyfineart.org.

Art Exhibition Juried Graduate Students
Clara Hatton Gallery
Sept. 3 - 21
The work of graduate students Shandra Clark, Naomi Scheck and Kristen Gunderson will be displayed. For more information, visit www.hatton.colostate.edu.

Creative Writing Reading Series
University Center for the Arts
Sept. 6
This event features special guests and faculty reading from fiction, poetry and essays varying in styles. For more information, visit www.central.colostate.edu.

First Friday Gallery Walk
Downtown Art Galleries
Sept. 7
Every first Friday of the month, the art galleries in Old Town Fort Collins open their doors free of charge for visitors from 6 to 9 p.m. For a full list of participating galleries, visit www.downtownfortcollins.com.

Tri Media Film Festival
Screenings at Lory Student Center Theatre, Bas Bleu Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia
Sept. 7-9
Local and international filmmakers and writers are showcased in this event that celebrates, film, television and theater arts. Full schedule and ticket information is at www.trimediafestival.org.

Ruminate Retreat
Everyday Joe’s Coffee House
Sept. 14-16
This weekend includes the Faith and Arts Dinner, a panel discussion with author Marilyn McEntyre and workshops that focus on the roles of faith and writing in our daily lives. Sunday morning will feature hymns by musician Aaron Strumple, and

proceeds will go to Ruminare. For more information, visit www.everydayjoes.org.
Department of Art Faculty Exhibition 2012
University Center for the Arts
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Working in a variety of media and artistic genres within contemporary art practices, this exhibition highlights achievements of more than 30 faculty members.
For more information, visit www.artmuseum.colostate.edu.

MUSIC

7 Walkers featuring Bill Kreutzmann of the Grateful Dead
The Mishawaka Amphitheatre
Sept. 1
Bill Kreutzmann, the former drummer of the Grateful Dead, is coming to the Mishawaka with the 7 Walkers, featuring guitarist/vocalist Papa Mali, multi-instrumentalist Matt Hubbard and George Porter, Jr. on bass. For more information, visit www.themishawaka.com.

JazzFest
Avogadro’s Number
Sept. 3
Featuring more than 10 performers both inside the restaurant and on the patio.
For more information, visit www.avogadros.com.

This Must be the Band- A Talking Heads tribute
Hodi’s Half Note
Sept. 12
This Must be the Band is a Talking Heads tribute band. For more than five years, they have been playing to sold-out crowds all over the Midwest, and have recently expanded to national touring, especially in the Rocky Mountains. For more information, visit www.hodishalfnote.com.

Virtuoso Series Concert
University Center for the Arts
All performances start at 7:30 p.m.
Ticket information is at www.csuartstickets.com.
■ Sept. 4: Regina Helcher Yost, a flutist and piccolo player from South Carolina, brings a wealth of experience to her solo and orchestral playing.
■ Sept. 10: CSU faculty member Michelle Stanley, flute, with special guest Yoriko Morita, cello.
■ Sept. 11: Italian violinist Alessandro Cervo presents a lecture recital with pianist Nyela Basney, which includes selections by Arcangelo Corelli, Jules Massenet and Johannes Brahms.
■ Sept. 17: CSU faculty K. Dawn Grapes, flute, and special guest Kevin McChesney, guitar, present

a program of original and adapted music for flute and guitar.
■ Sept. 18: The award-winning Saakumu Dance Troupe performs traditional and contemporary African dance and music ranging from from spiritual, ceremonial and recreational genres to contemporary African dance forms.
■ Sept. 24: Sara McDaniel, pianist, joins CSU faculty member Margaret Miller in an evening featuring works by women composers from across the nation and Europe, including Rebecca Clarke and Grazyna Bacewicz.
■ Sept. 25: Special guests Alan Klaus, trumpet, and Daniel Fung, piano, perform works from throughout Europe and North America.

PINGREE | Staff supports High Park firefighters

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facilitator at Pingree and the Fort Collins campus.

“There was one night where we were able to drive about half a mile down the road and watch the flames come over White Pine Mountain. We all just sat in silence listening to the radios on the belts on the fire crews who accompanied us and watched the flames swell and recede,” he said.

The fire, which stretched across 87,285 acres of northern Colorado land, took one life and destroyed 259 structures. The fire was the second largest and the second most destructive fire in Colorado history, according to the Denver Post.

“The safety advisor for the whole fire visited our campus several times and personally said that he would feel safe if his own wife and kids were here. After hearing that, it wasn’t hard to trust the men and women fighting the fire,” Addy Rastall said.

Pingree Park was evacuated on June 12 as the fire gained ground. When the area was designated a safe place for firefighters, a crew of 24 student staff members was escorted back up to Pingree — and the spike camp was born.

“Our student staff did a wonderful job

with the spike camp,” Pat Rastall said. “The dining hall was run by our student staff as early as 5 a.m. and as late as 11 p.m. when crews would return after dark.

“Our staff never faltered during the entire fire,” he added.

“[Working] the spike camp was a life-changing experience but we were certainly glad to return to our normal routines once it was over,” Addy Rastall said.

The fire was officially declared contained by the Larimer County Sheriff’s office on June 30, about three weeks after the initial blaze. At one point, 941 firefighters from around the nation were fighting the blaze, according to the Denver Post.

Pingree Park is an important piece of Colorado State life, “[it] remains, and always will remain, a little piece of paradise for people who have a chance to experience its wonders,” Addy Rastall said.

“As a staff, we did everything we could to aid the High Park Fire efforts. Every student employee came back to help support the firefighters because they wanted to help in some small way,” Pat Rastall said. “As director, I couldn’t be prouder of their commitment and service.”



Seth Webb, assistant director of Pingree Park, and Pat Rastall, director of Pingree Park, outside a student cabin. *Courtesy of Pat Rastall*



Pingree student staff supported a hotshot crew during the High Park Fire. *Courtesy of Pat Rastall*



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Ram Welcome creates a contagious atmosphere

by Joi Dandridge

Aug. 16 through 19 was a time for receiving the new class of 2016 through Ram Welcome. This year the experience involved a four-day celebration for first year, transfer and international students as they entered their new homes away from home. Activities included the well-known carnival, Convocation, faculty and student picnic, College Welcome and many other events.

Orientation and Transition Programs trained a team of nearly 150 Ram Welcome Leaders whose jobs were to generate a welcoming atmosphere for apprehensive and eager students.

"I love how Ram Welcome not only creates a community for new students, but also for all students involved in the training process," said Orientation Leader Morgan Jueschke.

Orientation and Transition Programs intentionally creates an encouraging community which becomes contagious and trickles down into the attitudes of incoming students.

Ram Welcome is a time when the campus community is reminded to engage new students and welcome them to the Ram family. Because of this, many find a greater duty within, to take an extra moment to encourage the incoming class, and shoot them a few

pointers on what it means to be Rams.

Convocation was one of the first opportunities for faculty and staff to meet the Class of 2016. Speeches by Tony Frank, Blanche Hughes and robed faculty members reminded students of the ultimate purpose of becoming Rams: to graduate.

The faculty and student picnic was a way to initiate dialogue between faculty and students. Being intentional and present created the first stages of community for new students.

Orientation Leader Morgan Caron remembers participating in Ram Welcome as a freshman.

She said four years ago, a faculty member named Ruben Forest took the initiative to engage with her at the faculty and student picnic despite not being her personal advisor, and it made all the difference for her.

College Welcome provided an opportunity for students to learn more about their college by meeting advisors and faculty in their areas of study. This was a time when some students made their first connections with faculty members as well.

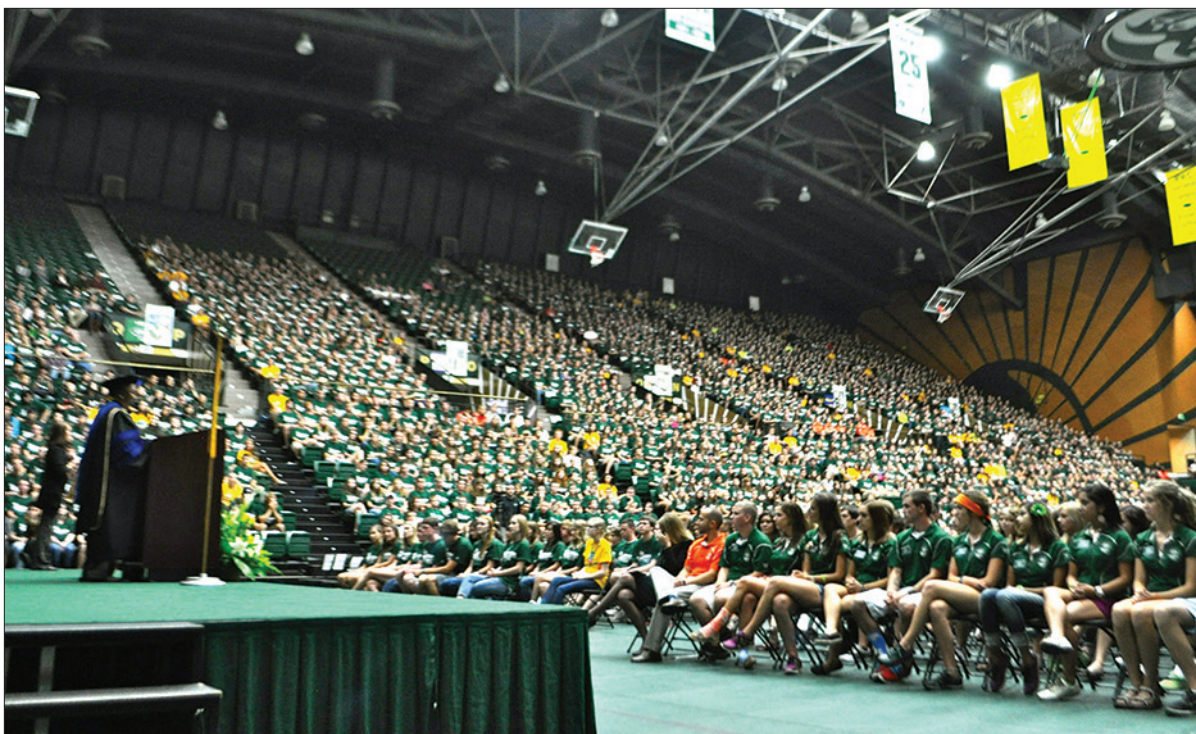
"It's been important for faculty to go out of their ways to connect with students because Ram pride is what brings two strangers to a common ground," Caron said.



During Ram Welcome faculty and staff members manned information tents around campus and helped parents and new students.



President Tony Frank and Chancellor Michael Martin addressed the Class of 2016 during Convocation.



CSU community welcomed the Class of 2016 in Moby Arena on Aug. 16, 2012.



Faculty members helped officially welcome new students at Convocation.

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CSU Sports Hall of Fame inductee: Jill (Johnson) Bedard

CSU will welcome six new members to its Athletics Hall of Fame during induction ceremonies in October. The Class of 2012 includes a trio of standouts from the gridiron in Harvey Achziger, Kevin McDougal and Damon Washington, six-time swimming All-American Jim Malley, volleyball record-holder Jill (Johnson) Bedard and track star Chris Adsit.

by Ryan Moulden

To say Jill (Johnson) Bedard bleeds green and gold is an understatement. Bedard gave countless hours of her time and talent to the university as an acclaimed volleyball player from 1987 to 1990. And, as a Fort Collins resident ever since graduation, she continues to support CSU.

Beginnings on the court

Bedard was born in Michigan and became highly involved in playing many different sports at a young age. “I tried them all and figured I would find one that I loved later,” she said. It wasn’t until the sixth grade that she began playing volleyball.

In the eighth grade, Bedard and her family moved from Michigan to Cerritos, Calif. It wasn’t until her freshman year of high school that she fully committed to volleyball as her primary focus. Growing up in Michigan, Bedard describes that she, “fell in love with the four seasons.”

When it came time to select colleges, Bedard looked at many schools in states, like Colorado, that would get her back to a climate in which could experience four distinct seasons. CSU was a great fit for her.



Jill (Johnson) Bedard holds the Colorado State University record for kills in a match (41) against Louisiana State University in 1990.



Bedard led the team in kills and digs for three consecutive seasons and was the 1990 team MVP.

Ram proud

It’s easy to look at how impressive Bedard’s CSU volleyball career was on paper. But, hearing stories directly from her illustrates the passionate player she was beyond the awards.

Bedard recalls her freshman year when a packed Moby Arena broke the national attendance record for a volleyball game. “Freshman year was huge,” she said.

Bedard recalls that CSU’s biggest volleyball rivalry during her time as a Ram was against BYU. But, in telling the story of her experience as a Ram volleyball player, one other rivalry seems to overshadow all others. The time-honored athletic match ups between the Rams and the Buffs were also noteworthy in Bedard’s experience.

In 1990, Bedard’s senior season, she said, “We’ll never lose to CU as long as I’m here,” in a newspaper article featuring Rams volleyball. Contributing to an already heated rivalry, Bedard later heard a rumor that the Buffaloes put that story up in their locker room to serve as motivation.

One of the biggest wins for Bedard was the Rams victory over LSU during her senior year. In the course of a five-game bout that lasted more than three hours, Bedard achieved an astonishing 41 kills.

Cost of victory

Bedard injured her right shoulder during the LSU match, three weeks before the season ended. Her injuries caused her extreme shoulder pain and shoulder instability when hitting. Following the recommendation of the team’s doctor, she received arthroscopic surgery days after the game. Medical staff said that she would be out for 2-3 weeks after surgery, but Bedard had a different timeline in mind.

The upcoming CU game was only days away and there was no way she was going to miss it. After the surgery, Bedard told the doctor and trainers that she would play left-handed for the remainder of the season or until her shoulder got the green light. Luckily, she originally had to learn to play volleyball left-handed during her freshman year of high school after she injured her right wrist playing softball.

Bedard, while serving and hitting left-handed, led the Rams to victory over the Buffs. She went on two play two more games in the same fashion to close out the season. Bedard had her shoulder surgically reconstructed at the end of the season.

On the home front

Bedard loved Fort Collins so much that she decided to stay after graduation. She has continued to coach volleyball at various high schools in town, and her main priority has been on her family.

She married Brian Bedard, a thrower on the CSU track and field team. After Brian graduated he went right into a track and field coaching position for CSU and has been on staff ever since. The Bedards have two daughters, Kelcey and Baylee. Just like their parents, both girls are heavily involved in athletics, playing soccer, basketball and running track.

An exercise and sports science major, Bedard is currently the physical education teacher for a preschool in Fort Collins. In her free time, she and her family love cheering on the Rams at just about any athletic event they can make it to.

Bedard will join her husband, who was inducted for coaching in 2005, into the CSU Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 26, 2012.

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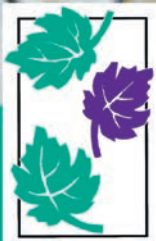
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SCHOOL | Volunteers equip students with supplies

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really been a labor of love ever since.”

This year, School is Cool distributed 2,554 backpacks and supply bags to a total of 46 schools throughout the Poudre School District with the help of 230

volunteers. School is Cool distributed 62 backpacks and supply bags when it started 21 years ago.

Beers said most of the volunteers have a connection to CSU. They include faculty and staff members of the university, along with their friends and family.

“School is Cool is, in many ways, exactly the kind of program that makes CSU what it is,” Milligan said. “We are a community that cares about each other, and when we see a chance to help someone, we just do it.”

Throughout the program’s 21 years of

activity, School is Cool has helped more than 29,000 kids get school supplies.

All backpacks and supply bags are grade-appropriate from elementary to high school. In the spring, School is Cool surveys schools to find out what their needs are and to see how they can best serve each school.

School is Cool delivers the backpacks and supply bags to the schools, and then the teachers, counselors, principals and office staff distribute the supplies to the kids.

“They don’t know who we are,” Beers said, “but they know they got a backpack and started school on the same footing as the other kids, despite their financial situation.

“It’s interesting because we don’t see the faces of the kids. But the most heartwarming thing is the thank you notes from the kids,” he added.

This year, Beers was involved in the delivery process for the first time.

“It’s a very rewarding experience. I think you get a great deal of satisfaction knowing you’re helping some of these kids start the school year on the same footing as other students,” he said.

There are more than 8,000 kids with free and reduced lunches in the Poudre School District, and according to Beers, between the efforts of School is Cool and those of other organizations, only about half of the need is met.

“We’re not meeting all the needs,” Beers said, “but we’re doing our part to help as best we can.”

To get involved with School is Cool, visit www.schooliscool.colostate.edu.



School is Cool volunteers fill backpacks and supply bags to deliver to schools throughout the Poudre School District. Featuring Miss Colorado, Hannah Porter, second from the left. Courtesy of John Eisele, CSU photographer



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New CSU faculty

by Joi Dandridge

Ken Bills recently joined the CSU accounting department as an assistant professor. His research and teaching interests are primarily in the area of auditing. He is particularly interested in the areas of



audit firm capacity, market space economics, audit quality, industry specialization and audit firms' portfolio management decisions. He received his doctorate degree from the University of Oklahoma and master's degree at Southern Utah University. Bills is a CPA and has worked as a senior auditor for Tanner LC in Salt Lake City, Utah prior to joining academia. His hobbies include hiking, fishing, soccer and most things handy-man oriented.

Nathaniel Riggs, an associate professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, is very excited to become a part of the Fort Collins community. His academic plans include the development, implementation and evaluation of health promotion programs for young people. Riggs' program of research includes the translation of basic research in neuroscience into public health interventions. Riggs teaches courses in adolescence, public health and grant writing. He enjoys spending time with his family, including his wife who is a faculty member in Communication Studies and his 2-year-old son. Riggs also has a love for college football and music.



Antero Garcia is an assistant professor in CSU's English department. He recently moved from Los Angeles where he was a high school English teacher for eight years. Garcia's doctoral degree in education and information studies is from the University of California, Los Angeles. His research has been centered around literacy and civic identity through media and game play in the learning atmosphere. He thinks he might secretly miss the traffic of Los Angeles. He and his fiancé spend a healthy portion of their spare time with a rambunctious puppy that is part beagle, part Jack Russell terrier and part pure evil. Garcia likes making and playing games and has spent the summer geocaching.



Dan Robinson is CSU's new director of the School of Education. Robinson is transitioning from the University of Texas at Austin, where he served as a professor in educational psychology for 13 years. Robinson researches optimizing learning in computer simulation environments. His projects include testing educational games and simulations to find out whether they lead to better student learning. He is also the editor of the *Educational Psychology Review* where serves in a national leadership role. In 2011, he spent six weeks as a Fulbright Scholar at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand. Robinson and his family are also excited for living in Colorado, where they have vacationed many times before.

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CSU Sports Hall of Fame inductee: Kevin McDougal

by Lindsey Bradbury

Thirteen years after his record-setting senior campaign, Kevin McDougal's name will be added to the CSU Sports Hall of Fame. McDougal was a starting safety for several games during his freshman season before being moved to running back.

Family legacy

For McDougal, playing college football anywhere but CSU wasn't an option. His father, Mike McDougal, played football for the Rams in the late 1960s as well as his brother, Matt, who played football under Sonny Lubick from 1994 to 1996. "Once I had the opportunity to play under Sonny, I could not give that up," McDougal said.

The big year

From 1996 to 1999, McDougal set the rushing career record with 2,898 yards. He also holds the leading yards-per-attempt record at Colorado State University.

The 1999 season was truly a breakout year for McDougal. He

was named the Mountain West Conference offensive player of the year and Scholar-Athlete of the year by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. He also played in the Hula Bowl all-star game and became MVP of the 1999 Liberty Bowl.

Life-changing moments

For McDougal, the most memorable moment playing CSU football was not the accolades and awards he received, but the 41-14 victory over the University of Colorado at Boulder in the 1999 Rocky Mountain Showdown. This was a huge win for the Rams and McDougal. "It was the first time we had beaten them in years, and it kicked off the rivalry between the schools," McDougal said.

Off the field, McDougal majored in sociology and planned to go into law enforcement. His career plans changed when he was offered a running back position for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts. He played for the Colts for two years.

Life after football

Fort Collins continues to be a part of McDougal's life. It's the city where he and his wife met and still live today. They both stay active in the CSU community; he is a Ram Club member who continues to attend the football games and support the Rams. "I could not have picked a better school. I loved my team and had some great experiences. I am so glad I got the opportunity to play for CSU," he said.

In addition to football, he enjoys playing golf, fly fishing and snowboarding. But unlike football, snowboarding is a sport that did not come naturally to McDougal. He is very passionate about it and often rides at Copper Mountain.

The Rams are proud to welcome Kevin McDougal into the CSU Sports Hall of Fame.

"Being inducted into the CSU Sports Hall of Fame was a nice ending to what I have done at CSU. It shows I was a part of something great," McDougal said.

The community is invited to meet our new inductees and celebrate their achievements on Friday, Oct. 26, 2012.

Colorado State's Sports Hall of Fame honors former Ram and Aggie athletes, coaches and administrators for their achievements and contributions to the university.

The event to commemorate outstanding athletes will take place at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in the Lory Student Center Theatre.

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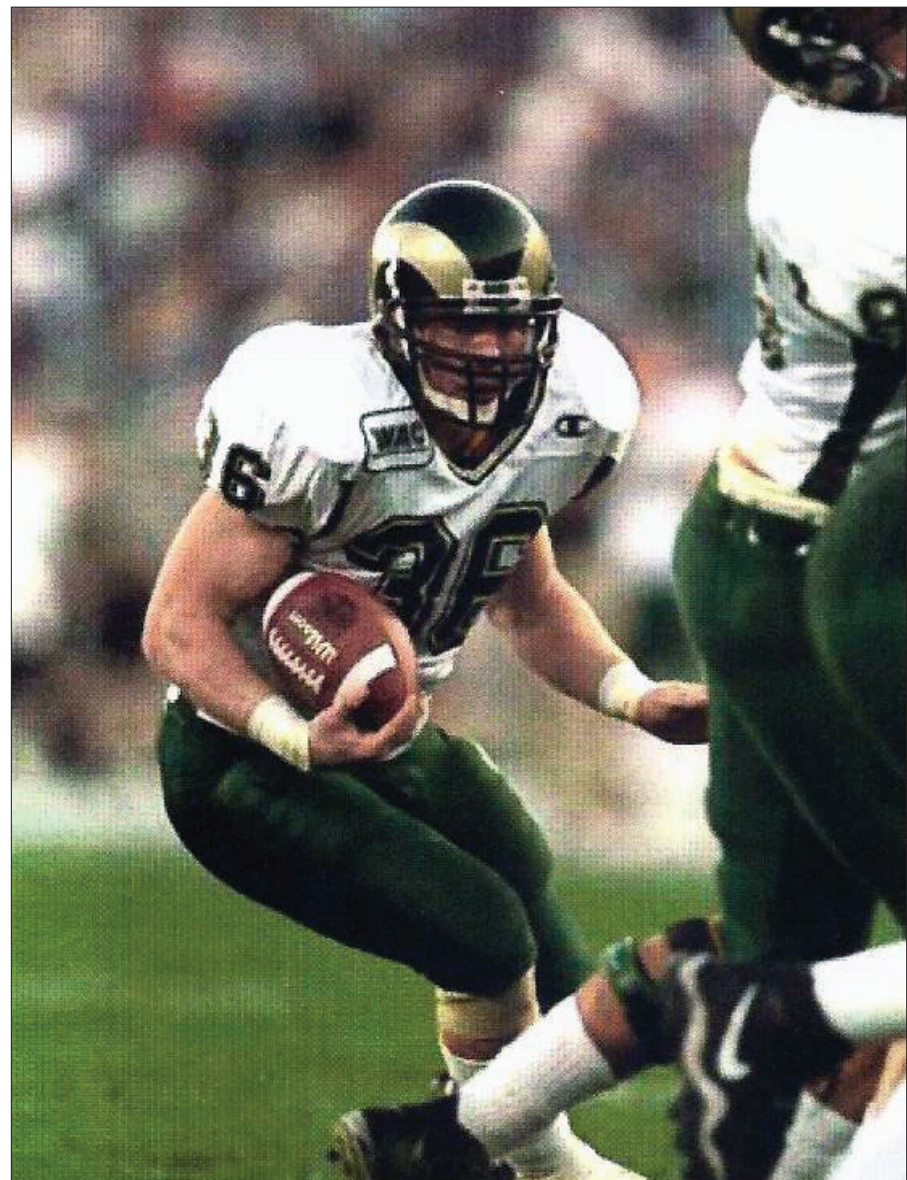
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