UCCS Center for Homeland Security to conduct elementary school survey[1]

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The Center for Homeland Security, part of the National Institute of Science, Space and Security Centers at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, will help evaluate security at Academy School District 20 elementary schools this fall.

Students from the U.S. Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base will conduct a survey as part of ongoing efforts to improve security in the school district. The district requires all schools to complete a risk analysis through a system developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Elementary school students will not be involved with the survey.

The Colorado Department of Public Safety has identified state schools as critical sectors requiring risk analysis and vulnerability assessment. The Northern Command students will oversee site surveys at 18 elementary schools, said Center for Homeland Security Associate Director Rick White.

"The students gain practical experience and the district gets additional eyes, ears and minds to assist in making schools safe," White said. "Everyone, but most importantly, our youngest citizens, wins in this arrangement."

The students will collect basic data on school security and contribute to the school district's strategic security plan in coordination with the district's security chief, Larry Borland.

Budding authors explore the art of writing[3]

Student Brittanie Meredith participated in the summer writing camp sponsored by the UC Denver Writing Center and the Metro Denver Promotion of Letters. [Photo by Integrated University Communications/University of Colorado Denver

Two dozen children between the ages of eight and 15 spent part of their summer learning how to become better writers through a partnership between the University of Colorado Denver Writing Center and the Metro Denver Promotion of Letters.

UC Denver and its partner played host to two writing campus in July, one for youths between the ages of 12 and 15 and the other for children between eight and 11.

One of the assignments the children took on involved following a fellow participant around for a week to observe their behavior, and then using that information to write a fictional piece set in locales such as New York City, the Grand Canyon and Africa.

The students also took field trips to the Denver Public Library, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Red Rocks Amphitheatre, and the Flobots Community Center to inspire them for future storytelling.

"We have offered weekend workshops and have collaborated with local schools on writing projects, but we very much wanted to offer an intensive, fun, experiential summer experience for local kids," said Amanda Lueck Grell, director of the Metro Denver Promotion of Letters board.

The summer writing camp was free to the young writers, who worked with UC Denver graduate students and instructors.

Study: Commoners may have catered food for elite Chaco priests[5]

Jim Scott/University of Colorado at Boulder Chimney Rock in southwest Colorado.

Commoners living in the valley beneath Chimney Rock near Pagosa Springs, Colo., may have prepared catered meals for elite Chaco priests who lived closer to the rock's summit, according to University of Colorado archaeologists.

The findings, released in late July, suggest the priests were dining on elk and deer, unlike the workers who built community structures near the site and ate smaller game, said CU-Boulder Professor Steve Lekson, who directed the excavation.

Lekson said Chimney Rock was an "outlier" of the brawny Chaco Canyon culture, which was centered 90 miles away in northern New Mexico, and ruled the Southwest with a heavy hand from A.D. 850 to 1150. He said the group's elite leadership was likely tended to through a complex social, economic and political network.

"While our analysis has only begun, there might have been two different groups at Chimney Rock-those that built it and the elites that inhabited it," said Lekson, curator of anthropology at the CU Museum of Natural History. "It looks like the elites were calling the shots."

Seated at 7,600 feet above the San Juan Basin, Chimney Rock is perhaps the most dramatic of the scores of Chaco outliers in the Southwest. The site is marked by a pair of twin rock spires, and harbors a Chacoan-like "great house" and great kiva that some archaeologists believe workers built as part of a lunar observatory.

Pulmonary hypertension drug helps former smokers[7]

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A drug that doctors use to treat high blood pressure in the lungs has been found to significantly improve damage caused by long-term smoking, according to the results of a clinical trial led by the University of Colorado Cancer Center.

The study's findings were presented at the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer meeting in San Francisco on Aug. 2.

Researchers examined the lung biopsies of 152 people who had smoked at least 20 "pack years," or the equivalent of smoking one pack a day for 20 years, before and after six months of treatment with the oral version of a drug called Iloprost or a placebo.

Doctors commonly prescribe Iloprost to treat high blood pressure in the lungs, a condition called pulmonary hypertension. The treatment is similar to a body chemical called prostacyclin, which widens blood vessels to lessen blood pressure.

None of the 82 current smokers who entered the trial saw significant improvement in the signs of lung disease, but former smokers treated with Iloprost showed significant improvement, according to researchers.

"These results are exciting because they show we can actually keep former smokers from developing lung cancer with a drug that has been used routinely for other problems," said Robert Keith, the study's principal investigator.

Keith is an associate professor of pulmonary medicine at the UC Denver School of Medicine and associate chief of staff for research at the Denver Veterans Administration Medical Center. He said the next step is to test Iloprost in a

larger, phase-three study to determine exactly who will benefit most from taking the drug.

Five questions for Pulitzer Prize winner, James Sheeler[9]

Jim Sheeler

In 2008, opened a new chapter in his prolific journalism career when he became a scholar in residence at the University of Colorado at Boulder School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Sheeler won the Pulitzer Prize in feature writing in 2006 for a searing, up-close Rocky Mountain News[11] series[12] about a U.S. Marine charged with notifying family members when a loved one had been killed in action in Iraq, and accompanying the families as they soldiered through one of the greatest losses any family could experience. For his harrowing, heart-rending book, Final Salute, based on his award-winning newspaper series, Sheeler[13] was named a finalist for the 2008 National Book Award. His experiences chronicling the lives of everyday people led to the publication of Obit, which earned him critical acclaim. In the classroom at CU-Boulder this fall, he will share his gift for deeply intimate storytelling with a new generation of journalism students.

You began your Pulitzer Prize-winning journalism career on the obit desk. Tell us about that experience.

When I joined the fledgling weekly newspaper The Boulder Planet, the goal was to find a way to connect with the community by telling stories that were often overlooked. As I saw the faxes coming in from the funeral homes one day, I realized there were some amazing stories that we had missed. Then I realized we still had one last chance to recognize those lives. I purposefully searched out people whose names had never appeared in the newspaper, and spent time with families to really give the reader a chance to learn from their lives. Over time, I realized I was writing a lot of obituaries about war veterans, and began searching for vets who could tell their stories in person. In the process, I gained a new respect for the often unseen sacrifices of military families. When the war in Iraq began, I applied the lessons learned from spending so many hours in so many homes with grieving families. I truly believe that if I hadn't started out writing obituaries I never would have had the background, understanding and experience that allowed me to write and report Final Salute.

Why did obit writing intrigue you so much?

One of the questions I ask family members is, "What did you learn from this person's life?" It's often a difficult question to answer, but is one of the most important. These are stories that can teach, and the lessons are as diverse as the lives we glimpse every day, but rarely examine. Also, obituaries last. I never complained about having my stories in the back of the newspaper, because I knew that most of the front-page stories would be fish wrap in a few days, while the obits would be cut and pasted on refrigerators and scrapbooks and read for generations.

You were teaching when the Rocky Mountain News closed, but Publisher John Temple allowed you to return to the newsroom on the last day of publication to write one final story. What did you learn as you watched one of the great American newspapers shutter its doors?

One of the things I admired most about the Rocky - even before I joined the paper - was its emphasis on storytelling. In my final article for the newspaper, I lamented the stories that wouldn't be told - not just the breaking news stories, but the quiet stories that hold a mirror to us all. Months later, I still feel there's a gaping hole in my driveway every morning.

What are you teaching here at CU, and what lessons do you hope to share with your students?

In the fall I'll teach a new course I helped design called "Storytelling and Civic Engagement." The students will spend the bulk of the semester gleaning stories from residents and staff of a local retirement community and assisted living

home. At the end of the semester, we'll have a multimedia Web site to showcase the stories that are too often relegated to the shadows, and the lessons the students learned along the way.

Tell us something about yourself that few people know.

Initially, I planned to find a job in broadcast journalism, and completed internships at CNN in Atlanta and other TV and radio stations before realizing that I felt more comfortable at a newspaper. In the end, I think that broadcast experience helped me develop into a better print reporter because I was trained to think in terms of scenes and pictures. Also, lugging the camera around on my shoulder taught me not to rely on the telephone. I still feel that there's no substitute for meeting people in person and spending the time it takes to immerse myself in the story, no matter the medium.

CU startup licenses iPhone app that enables location-based social networking[14]

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The University of Colorado and a high-tech startup founded by a CU professor recently inked a licensing agreement to develop an iPhone application that enables end users to engage in on-the-fly social networking, the CU Technology Transfer Office announced recently.

Richard Han, an associate professor of computer science at the University of Colorado at Boulder and president of the startup TechoShark Inc., developed the technology underlying a new iPhone app called "hoozat."

Available for download in the iPhone App Store, hoozat interacts with Facebook to allow users to connect with friends and meet and learn about new people in real time based on location. Han hopes to expand the app to LinkedIn, Twitter, MySpace and other social-networking sites.

"Our goal is to be the premier mobile application for networking among people at social events," Han said. "You'll be able to immerse yourself into an event, whether you're there or not, and find out 'who's at' an event and what they're talking about. We like to think that our app puts the 'face-to-face' in Facebook."

CU and TechoShark recently signed an exclusive licensing agreement to develop hoozat and commercialize it. In January, the company won a $100,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation to develop the technology platform into an application linking a mobile phone user's location with coupons from local stores and restaurants.

The concept, called location-based marketing, has been discussed for the past decade. However, the development of more sophisticated, feature-rich smart phones in recent years has spurred greater "moco," or mobile content and applications and related marketing strategies.

Prestigious fellow joins UCCS[16]

Col. Kathleen Harrington [Photo by: Tom Hutton

Col. Kathleen Harrington will spend the academic year at UCCS as an American Council on Education Fellow. As an ACE Fellow, Harrington will observe and work with Chancellor Pamela Shockley-Zalabak and other campus leaders on issues important to her field.

The ACE program, which is more than 40 years old, combines seminars, interactive learning opportunities, campus visits, and placement at peer higher education institutions to condense years of job experience and skills development into a semester or academic year.

Harrington, one of only 21 permanent professors at the U.S. Air Force Academy and one of only 42 college and university faculty named ACE Fellows this year, is a career Air Force officer and a professor of English. She heads the English and Fine Arts Department at the Air Force Academy, and oversees the academy's forensic team. The president of the United States nominates permanent professors, and the U.S. Senate confirms their nomination.

University Requirements[18]

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To meet federal, state and university requirements, University of Colorado employees are often required to complete specific online training courses.

Knowing which courses to take can be confusing, especially because SkillSoft offers a wide array of standard courses in many compliance areas.

Under the "shortcuts" menu in SkillPort is a folder called **CU Custom Curricula**. This is where CU employees may find the customized courses that the university requires and/or recommends that employees complete, based on their job role or responsibilities.

All of these CU-specific courses are denoted by a "CU:" before the title. Â Successful completion of a CU custom course is reported into your **MY.CU Portal** within 48 hours. If you have any questions, please visit our Web site at www.cu.edu/eld[20].

UCCS to dedicate Science and Engineering Building tomorrow[21]

It took more than a decade for the new Science and Engineering Building to transition from an idea to reality. [Photo by UCCS/University Advancement

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs on Thursday will dedicate its new Science and Engineering Building, the campus's largest and most energy-efficient facility to date.

Work crews were still putting the finishing touches on the project on Tuesday, including a Foucault pendulum and other public art displays. Campus officials expect several Colorado lawmakers, CU regents, Colorado Springs City Council members and other community and civic leaders to be on hand for the dedication. Regent Kyle Hybl will be the featured speaker.

After the ceremony, visitors will tour the building and observe faculty and staff presentations. Classes are scheduled to begin in the new building when the fall semester starts on Aug. 24.

"The dedication of the Science and Engineering building is the culmination of more than a decade of collaborative efforts by university, community, state, and industry leaders," said UCCS Chancellor Pamela Shockley-Zalabak.

"This building is a cornerstone of the Southern Colorado Innovation Strategy, which seeks to invigorate innovation in our community and to educate the next generation of scientists and engineers."

The UCCS Science and Engineering Building is the campus's largest and most energy-efficient facility to date. [Photo by UCCS/University Advancement

The Southern Colorado Innovation Strategy, a partnership with other educational institutions launched in January, focuses on reinvigorating innovation in the region as well as improving education of southern Colorado residents, particularly in science, technology, engineering and math.

UCCS' new building will house the departments of biology, physics, and mechanical and aerospace engineering, the National Institute for Science, Space and Security Centers, and the CU Institute for Bioenergetics.

Additionally, the building will feature a K-12 center with imagination stations and computer kiosks to assist teachers and to encourage elementary, middle school and high school students to consider science and technical study. The leading-edge facility is the culmination of plans initiated more than a decade ago to update science teaching and research laboratory facilities at UCCS.

An existing Science Building dates back to 1981, and was built for a campus of about 5,000 students. UCCS now has 8,000 students and is one of the fastest-growing university campuses in the United States.
Cost: $56.1 million. Of the total, the state of Colorado provided $20 million. Size: 156,000 square feet, the largest building on the UCCS campus. Energy efficiency: Solar power, high-efficiency heating and cooling and other conservation measures are used throughout the building. UCCS will seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Art: In its foyer, the building will feature a Foucault pendulum, one of five in Colorado, and artwork by the California-based team of Louise Bertelsen and Po Shu Wang. Beneath the pendulum[24] will be a black granite floor surrounded by a stainless steel border. Incorporated into the design are biofeedback electronics to connect the viewer with the artwork.

Preemies reunite at University of Colorado Hospital[25]

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The University of Colorado Hospital recently held its 25th annual reunion for the families of children who were born prematurely and received care in the neonatal intensive care unit, or the NICU.

The families gather each year to celebrate the lives of their children, reuniting with physicians, nurses and others who cared for their babies and helped them weather the challenges of nursing a preemie before they go home to begin their new lives in good health.

The 25th annual neonatal nursery graduate party recognized babies that had been cared for by the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at University of Colorado Hospital. Photo by Internal Communications/University of Colorado Denver.

About 100 families participated in this year's silver anniversary celebration on Aug. 1, including babies, toddlers, children and young adults who all graduated from the NICU after birth.

University of Colorado Cancer Center welcomes two new members[28]

Dr. Paul Jedlicka [Photo Courtesy of: University of Colorado Cancer Center

Last month, the University of Colorado Cancer Center welcomed two new employees: **Paul Jedlicka, MD, PhD**, and **Erica Pierce, PhD.**Headquartered on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, the center is a consortium among CU-Boulder, UC Denver, Colorado State University, and the University of Colorado Hospital and its affiliates: The Children's Hospital, Denver Health, the Veterans Administration Medical Center, and National Jewish Health. The center's more than 400 members perform research, provide cancer care and educate the public about prevention and control of the disease.

Jedlicka, an assistant professor of pathology in UC Denver's molecular oncology program, researches Ets factors and how they relate to colon cancer progression. Ets proteins affect DNA sequences and can contribute to the malignancy of tumor cells. Jedlicka earned his doctorate in biology from Johns Hopkins University and his medical degree from McGill University. He also did an internship at Harvard Medical School.

Pierce (center) with colleagues Kendra Hasebroock (left) and Natalie Serkova, PhD. [Photo courtesy of University of Colorado Hospital

Erica Pierce, research instructor of radiology and anesthesiology at UC Denver, is an associate member of the developmental therapeutics program. She performs research on cancer therapeutics, including the investigation of anti-cancer agents in living organisms, also called in vivopharmacology. Among her various research topics is the development of techniques for noninvasive assessment treatment efficiencies. Pierce earned her PhD in pharmaceutical science at UC Denver.

CU receives a record $711 million in sponsored research funding in 2008-09[31]

Dr. Peter Buttrick is the head of the Division of Cardiology at UC Denver.

University of Colorado researchers across four campuses received more than $711 million in sponsored research funding in fiscal year 2008-09, a record high that reaffirms the university's position as one of the top public research universities in the United States.

Total sponsored research dollars received by CU's four campuses in 2008-09 exceeds the record-setting $661 million the CU system received in fiscal year 2007-08, according to preliminary data provided by the university's institutional research officials.

Sponsored research funding stems from contracts and grants awarded to the university primarily by federal, state or local government agencies; state, national or international private foundations; private corporations; or individual donors from Colorado and elsewhere.

"CU faculty researchers are among the top in the United States, and their success this year will allow them to build on their work in areas of compelling state and national need, such as health care and biosciences, renewable and sustainable energy, geosciences and aerospace engineering," said CU President Bruce D. Benson. "The funding they bring in, mostly from the federal government, also has a significant positive multiplier effect on Colorado's economy."

While such funding is important to public research universities, funding entities earmark it for specific projects and research, and the university cannot apply it to a general fund to pay for operating costs such as faculty and staff salaries, technology, utilities and capital improvements. As such, general funding from the state continues to be an important source of support for the university.

In fiscal year 2008-09, the University of Colorado at Boulder received total sponsored research funding of $340 million; the University of Colorado Denver received $363 million; and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs received $8.7 million.

Federal agencies that awarded grants and contracts to CU campuses over the period include the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Veterans Administration, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Department of Defense.

CU researchers also received sponsored research funding from the state, local governments, international agencies and foundations, private companies developing new technologies and health care treatments, and individual donors.

Recent examples of sponsored research contributions to CU campuses include:
A $42 million NASA contract[33] to the **University of Colorado at Boulder** to develop a sophisticated instrument that will orbit Earth to monitor changes in the sun's radiation and help evaluate climate change. A $2 million grant[34] from the Colorado Health Foundation to expand programs and recruit top faculty at the**University of Colorado Denver**School of Public Health, which was collaboratively formed by UC Denver, Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado. A $1.9 million grant[35] from Coloradans Martha and Tom Dillenberg, who were so impressed with the care they received from **School of Medicine** professor Peter Buttrick, MD, that they wanted to support his cardiology research. Buttrick heads the school's cardiology division and treats patients at **University of Colorado Hospital**. A $1.5 million grant[36] from the U.S. Department of Education to support a **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs** project to assist students with math learning disabilities. UCCS Associate Professor Lindy Crawford will oversee the three-year project.

UCCS names new assistant softball coach[37]

Becki Pepper [Photo by: Doug Fitzgerald

Former UCCS softball player Becki Pepper joined the Mountain Lions staff for the 2009-10 season. Pepper, who graduated from UCCS in 1998, held school records for batting average, home runs, RBIs, doubles, stolen bases, hits, runs and at bats. Even today, she still ranks among the top 10 in each of the listed categories. UCCS softball head coach Scott Peterson was impressed with her extensive experience as a coach at the local level as both a high school and competitive coach. Pepper worked for four years at Rampart High School, two years at Lewis-Palmer High School and nearly two years at Liberty High School.

Law school's Dean David Getches honored[39]

Dean David Getches [Photo by: Larry Harwood/University of Colorado

The Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation honored University of Colorado School of Law Dean David Getches with the Clyde O. Martz Award for Excellence in Teaching. Based in Westminster, Colo., the foundation is an educational organization that involves numerous law schools, state bar associations, and oil, gas and mining associations.

Getches received the award in acknowledgement of his dedication to teaching natural resources law throughout his career. He donated the $2,500 prize that comes with the award to the Clyde Martz Endowment, which was recently created to support the law school's Natural Resources Law Center.

Clyde Martz, the award's namesake, was a founder of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and began his teaching career at CU-Boulder. He served in positions at both the U.S. Department of Labor and Justice and the U.S.

Department of the Interior.

Stolen UCCS laptop sets student notification process in motion[41]

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University of Colorado at Colorado Springs information security officials recently notified 766 former students that a faculty member's laptop was stolen, and that the computer may have contained personal information such as names, grades and e-mail addresses. Of those notified, 241 learned that their Social Security numbers may have been stored on the laptop, too.

The laptop, which was stolen from the home of a UCCS faculty member during a suspected burglary, contained personal information for students who studied at UCCS between 2003 and 2009. UCCS police and information technology staff members are assisting Colorado Springs police in the investigation of the July 5 burglary. Two computers were stolen from the faculty member's home, police said.

Campus officials sent letters to affected students on July 23, advising them that the laptop contained class roster information such as names, student identity numbers, e-mail addresses, graduating year and grades for current and past students. No financial information was stored on the laptop.

However, officials said there is a possibility that Social Security numbers for 241 students enrolled before the summer of 2005 may have been stored on the laptop's hard drive. Beginning in 2005, UCCS stopped using Social Security numbers to identify students. University security officers said there is no indication that the theft has resulted in the unauthorized use of students' personal information. Even so, they are advising affected students to take steps to prevent identity theft[43].

Meanwhile, the mishap is providing CU security officers with the opportunity to remind faculty and staff on all four campuses of the importance of securing sensitive data stored on both desktop computers and laptops, smart phones, flash drives and other portable devices.

In addition to increasing campus awareness of the perils of not securing sensitive student and other information, UCCS will continue to work with all of the campus's departments to encrypt all identifiable personal data on university computers, said Jerry Wilson, the campus's executive director of information technology and chief technology officer.

SOM dean seeks to improve faculty understanding of UPI through weekly letter[44]

Richard D. Krugman, dean of the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine and vice chancellor for health affairs on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora

Richard D. Krugman, dean of the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine and vice chancellor for health affairs on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, has introduced a special feature in his weekly e-mail "What's Going on Here?"

The feature is aimed at helping faculty better understand the role of University Physicians Inc. (UPI), which provides business and administrative support to 1,200 faculty members who teach at the School of Medicine and treat patients at University of Colorado Hospital and affiliates such as The Children's Hospital, National Jewish and Denver Health Medical Center.

Krugman and Lilly Marks, senior associate dean for administration and finance at the School of Medicine and executive director of UPI, met recently with a group of 25 faculty members who voiced concerns about a revised UPI member practice agreement. Faculty members worried that the School of Medicine was trying to "unilaterally" revise the agreement without a formal approval process and faculty sign off.

However, Krugman explained that the modifications were an effort to streamline administrative details. In the end, the meeting provided Krugman and Marks with the opportunity to clarify a number of issues.

UPI was simply trying to enable future updates of the document without the administrative burden of having 1,000 members re-sign, Krugman explained in his weekly e-mail.

"Clearly, however, the language created valid concerns that major changes might be made and become binding without appropriate input and process," he said.

In his e-mail, Krugman said an amendment would be drafted that "will clarify that any change that alters the major obligations and responsibilities of faculty relative to the UPI bylaws cannot be made via the MPA without a change to the bylaws, which still requires a vote of the board and the faculty."

The amendment will not require faculty signatures, he said.

Fourth annual 'supplier showcases' series to kick off in September[46]

There will be supplier showcases at all four campuses. [Photo courtesy of Amber Williams

The Procurement Services Center is playing host to the fourth annual supplier showcase series on all four University of Colorado campuses.

The showcases give CU faculty and staff opportunities to meet with office, equipment and other suppliers, review vendor displays, learn about new products and technologies, talk to university procurement representatives, and discuss ethics and sustainability issues with campus officials.

As in the past, this year's event will include the participation of companies large and small, including event sponsor Staples, and Colorado Correctional Industries, a state-run business that sells furniture and other office supplies manufactured by Colorado prison inmates. Vendors who will participate in the showcases offer resort and hotel meeting venues, precision instrumentation, diagnostic tools, sanitary and office supplies, and catering, moving and other services.

Supplier showcases are organized by the Procurement Service Center. [Photo courtesy of Amber Williams

"This year will be bigger and better," said Amber Williams, small-business liaison officer in the Procurement Service Center (PSC). "As with past showcases, the PSC purchasing and payables services staff will be on hand to answer your questions. All faculty and staff, regardless of their home campus, are invited to attend any and all showcases."

Williams encourages faculty and staff who want to attend the showcases to register[49] so PSC can plan adequately.

More than 1,200 CU employees are expected to participate in the campus events, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's showcases will be at the following locations:

CU-Boulder, Coors Event Center, Wednesday, Sept. 2
Anschutz Medical Campus, RC-2 Conference Room, Thursday, Sept. 10
UC Denver, Downtown Campus, Baerresen Ballroom in the Tivoli, Monday, Sept. 14
UCCS, University Center Gymnasium, Thursday Sept. 24

Send your questions, comments and registration changes to supplier.showcase@cu.edu[50]

Seventh annual Buffalo Bicycle Classic rolls next month[51]

The Buffalo Bicycle Classic promises stunning views of the Boulder area. [Photo by: Steve Bailey

Organizers of the seventh annual Buffalo Bicycle Classic expect this year's event to set a scholarship fundraising record.

Considered one of the state's premier cycling events, the classic started in 2003 as a way of raising scholarship funds for promising students studying at the University of Colorado at Boulder College of Arts and Sciences. It has become the college's top fundraiser and its largest funding source for student scholarships, said Dean Todd Gleeson, who founded the event.

Since the ride's inception, cyclists have raised more than $1 million for some 300 student scholarships. This year's goal is to raise $300,000. Recently, an anonymous donor pledged to match all donations up to a total of $100,000, which means that a $5 donation will become a $10 gift.

Organizers expect some 2,500 cyclists to participate in this year's event, which will take place on Sunday, Sept. 13.

Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at CU-Boulder Todd Gleeson (right) joins former CU-Boulder Chancellor Bud Peterson (middle) and Buff enthusiast Woody Eaton at the Boulder Buffalo Classic. [Photo by: Rory Clow

"The BBC represents leaders of the community and the college collaborating on one of the core missions of the university: to provide an Association of American Universities-caliber education to Colorado students," Gleeson said. "That the citizens of Boulder organize a cycling event for the Front Range that supports 101 scholarship students who hail from across Colorado is something that both the community and the university can be very proud of."

Gleeson said many CU alumni and friends of the university have helped with the cycling event over the years. A 20-person organizing committee meets regularly, and some 300 volunteers help coordinate the event each year.

CU-Boulder Chancellor Phil DiStefano has pledged to ride this year, and UC Denver Chancellor M. Roy Wilson, an avid cyclist, has ridden in the ride before plans to do so again this year.

As in the past, riders will be able to select from several courses that run from the 14-mile "Little Buffalo" to the 100-mile "century" course, which winds through scenic rural areas of northern Boulder and southern Larimer counties. The "Little Buffalo" passes through south Boulder, winding along the city's bike paths and residential streets. The century includes more than 30 miles of road, a climb to Carter Lake, and a significant climb on either side of the Horsetooth Reservoir aid station.

Organizers said all of the rides start and finish with live entertainment at Benson Field, adjacent to Folsom Field, and include food, drinks, a post-ride celebration, and drawings for gifts that include bikes, clothing, gift certificates and other

items. Riders can sign up as individuals or ride with a team.

Gleeson, who rides an 8-year-old Bianchi Talledega, has been riding since graduate school, and considers himself more of a commuter biker than a serious road cyclist. He said he logs most of his miles riding back and forth between his home in Louisville and the CU-Boulder campus, and doesn't mind the extra weight of his older bike because he focuses more on physical activity and not speed.

Two weeks before this year's classic, he and other organizers plan to ride the century route, looking for potholes and other obstacles they can mark for cyclists. More than half of the cyclists who participate in the annual event choose to ride the century route, and Gleeson said the middle 50 miles of the route, particularly in Larimer County, features stunning vistas.

"The day of the ride I generally start early, ride with the century riders out to Hygiene north of town, then turn back and return to campus to ride the Little Buffalo with the chancellor and the families," Gleeson said. "It makes for about a 50-mile day."

The cycling classic "has been a productive and enjoyable mechanism that the college has used to forge strong ties with the Boulder business community," Gleeson said. "The event has also grown to become our most important fundraising event of the year, and the largest single source of student scholarships in the college. Both aspects are very important."

News briefs[54]

Colorado loses important advocate for children

Dr. Ruth Kempe, left, and her daughter, Annie Kempe

One of the nation's most passionate advocates for the safety and welfare of children has died. Ruth Kempe, MD, professor emerita of psychiatry and pediatrics at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, passed away on Friday, July 24. She was 87.

Kempe was a member of the medical school's pediatric and child psychiatry faculty for more than 50 years. Along with her late husband C. Henry Kempe, she pioneered treatment for victims of child abuse while building a private practice and raising five daughters.

The Kempes worked together at the National Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect, which later became the Kempe Center[56]. C. Henry Kempe, who died in 1984, also founded the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN[57]).

Ruth Kempe (née Svibergson) was born in Norwood, Mass., on Oct. 11, 1921, and graduated from Radcliffe College before earning a medical degree at Yale University. She met her husband while both were in residency at Yale. The couple later moved to Denver when he was named chairman of the pediatrics department at UC Denver.

"She was an extraordinary woman," said Richard Krugman, vice chancellor for health affairs at UC Denver and dean of the School of Medicine.

"She was always there with food, advice and whatever support new mothers and fathers needed after the birth of their babies, whether they were her own relatives or just part of the extended family she helped create within the department of pediatrics," Krugman wrote in his July 27 internal communiqué to faculty and staff, "What's Going on Here?"

The Kempes co-authored several books, including "Healthy Babies, Healthy Parents," and co-edited the book, "The Battered Child."

Their daughter, Annie Kempe, an occupational therapist, wrote a biography about her father, "A Good Knight for Children: C. Henry Kempe's Quest to Protect the Abused Child."

Nat'l forensics pioneer passes away

Richard Sanders was a professor at UC Denver in the College of Arts and Media.

Richard Sanders, a University of Colorado Denver professor and national forensic pioneer whose work was instrumental in several high-profile criminal investigations, passed away Monday. He was 57.

Family, friends and colleagues will honor Sanders at a memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the King Center Concert Hall on the Auraria Campus in Denver.

Sanders is credited with single-handedly establishing an audio forensics graduate program at UC Denver. Investigators relied on Sanders' audio and video forensics expertise while investigating the JonBenét Ramsey murder, the rape allegation involving Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant, the Columbine High School shootings and the Oklahoma City bombing trial.

"On behalf of the entire UC Denver community, I extend our deepest sympathies to the Sanders family and to all those who knew and loved Rich," said Provost Roderick Nairn. "He was a leader in his field of audio forensics and a real asset to our university. He impacted the lives of many students who were inspired by his brand of hands-on education. His contributions to UC Denver as a researcher, educator and campus leader will be deeply missed."

In addition to his rich academic life, Sanders was a touring musician and avid sportsman. He graduated with a bachelor's of electrical engineering from the General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich., in 1974, and received a master's degree in electrical engineering from CU-Boulder a year later.

In 1998, he was tenured and promoted to associate professor of music at UC Denver, and was promoted to full professor in 2004. He became director of the National Center for Media Forensics[59] in 2008.

Last year, Sanders and the UC Denver College of Arts and Media received more than $700,000 in federal earmark grants to establish a new National Center for Audio and Video Forensics. Recently, Sanders received a third $500,000 grant for the newly renamed National Center for Media Forensics, established in 2007. The grant will fund the center through its startup period and foster a new generation of experts in the field of media forensics, or the study of audio and video "fingerprinting."

Sanders's vision for the center was to establish cross-disciplinary, inter-institutional collaborations for research in forensic sciences and homeland security, thereby improving opportunities for research while increasing the diversity of students seeking graduate degrees from the UC Denver College of Arts and Media, campus officials said.

In addition to his wife, Ann, who serves as the assistant to the associate deans for the School of Education and Human Development at UC Denver, Sanders is survived by his daughter, Sarah, son Jeffery, stepson Andrew, and seven grandchildren.

Discounted football season tickets for faculty/staff

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University of Colorado faculty and staff across all four campuses are eligible to receive a 20 percent discount on 2009

football season tickets, according to the CU Athletic Department in Boulder.

"We appreciate all that CU employees do for the university and the long hours they put in to make this a special place," said CU-Boulder Athletic Director Mike Bohn. "They are a vital part of the university and have shown an incredible amount of support through the years for our athletic programs. This is our way of recognizing their efforts and contributions."

Bohn said all CU faculty and staff can purchase two season tickets at a discounted price. Pricing depends on seat location in the stadium and Buff Club membership status. To get more information on these discounted tickets, please go to the CU Faculty/Staff ticket information page[61].

On Sunday, Sept. 6, at 5 p.m., the Colorado Buffaloes will open their 2009 season in Boulder against the rival Colorado State Rams, the first of six games at Folsom Field this fall.

Other games will include the first in 12 years with Front Range foe Wyoming on Sept. 19, followed by a pair of key Big 12 North Division matchups against Kansas on Oct. 17, which is also Family Weekend, and Missouri on Oct. 31, the highlight of CU's annual homecoming weekend. The Buffs will remain home the following week (Nov. 7) to take on Texas A&M, and conclude with the crucial end-of-season showdown against Nebraska on Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving.

Bohn said that in addition to great action on the field, Colorado Football offers a game-day experience only a few places in the country can match.

"With the beautiful Flatirons and CU campus as your backdrop and festivities like the Pearl Street Stampede, Buffalo Roundup, and the running of Ralphie—the best mascot in the country—there is no better place to be in the fall," he said.

To take advantage of this special offer, the Athletics Department encourages all CU faculty and staff to buy tickets by calling the Athletic Ticket Office at 303-49-BUFFS.

New student information system goes live

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The University of Colorado's new Integrated Student Information System (ISIS) went live on Monday, Aug. 3, when admissions offices began processing fall 2010 applications.

The milestone was the first in the project's eight-week, phased rollout of admissions and recruitment applications, said LeeAnn Baronett, the project's communications director.

Baronett said project managers would continue to implement ISIS admissions and recruitment functionality through September, as well as other features that form the technology foundation of the entire student information system.

"Although this first go-live serves a very small user base, it encompasses approximately 95 percent of the system's overall technology footprint," she said.

ISIS, an Oracle-based system, will replace the university's 20-year-old student information system. The old system was so outdated that current vendor technology no longer supports it.

University Information Systems began developing the new, $50 million system in October 2007 under the transitional name of the MetamorphoSIS Project[63]. Project funding came mostly from initiative funding out of the president's office. Administrators said the new system would offer employees and students a more powerful, feature-rich computer records database.

Surprise gift benefits seven journalism students

William S. "Bill" Hemingway donated nearly $800,000 to the CU-Boulder School of Journalism and Mass

Communication. [Photo courtesy "Bylines" newsletter

The University of Colorado at Boulder School of Journalism and Mass Communication has named its first class of Hemingway Scholars.

Seven CU-Boulder journalism students will benefit from a nearly $800,000 gift left to the school by the late William S. Hemingway, a former copy editor at The Denver Post.

Last October, Dean Paul Voakes announced in the alumni newsletter Bylines that Hemingway, who did not graduate from CU, had left exactly $778,778.39 to the school. The school received the check from Hemingway's estate, and the funds were earmarked for scholarships for juniors and seniors.

Each year, the school plans to award Hemingway scholarships to seven deserving students. Voakes expects the scholarship fund to last as long as 18 years, depending on investment trends. Each of this year's Hemingway scholars will receive a $10,000 scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year.

This year's recipients are Kylie Bearse, Mesa, Ariz.; Gerardo Ortiz, Denver; Amber Klein, Estes Park; Cameron Naish, Lakewood; Daelena Tinnin, Colorado Springs; Vignesh Ramachandran, Littleton; and Adam Milner, Lakewood.

Special conference-call meeting set for CU Board of Regents
The University of Colorado Board of Regents will have a special conference-call meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12.

The meeting will originate from the Astronauts Conference Room on the eighth floor of the system administration offices at 1800 Grant St.

The regents are scheduled to discuss sabbatical requests and tenure cases.

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