CU community shows strength in numbers under gold dome[1]

About 200 University of Colorado leaders, students and alumni gathered at the state Capitol on Friday, Jan. 28, for CU Advocacy Day. The occasion served as a celebration of the institution's value to the state – in the place where lawmakers determine the amount of state funding it will give to the university.

Attendance by CU community members and supporters was about triple the number from a similar event two years ago. Speakers including President Bruce D. Benson and Board of Regents Chair Kyle Hybl touted the benefits the university brings to the state, while state senators and representatives spoke of their own connections to the university as they addressed fellow lawmakers.

"CU is an important economic driver in our state," said Sen. John Morse, D-Colorado Springs. "It's not only a leader in education, but a leader in jobs creation." He noted that CU contributes $6.3 billion to the state's economy via demand for goods and services, effectively supporting 30,000 jobs outside the university.

Benson stressed that theme as well, and encouraged supporters of the university to continue to spread the word to fellow Coloradans – especially during a time when state funding has dwindled drastically.

"If legislators had their way, they would be sending more money our way," Benson said. "Their hands are tied by the budget."

Gov. John Hickenlooper spoke briefly during a gathering in the old Supreme Court Chambers. He, too, acknowledged the funding difficulty facing CU and higher education institutions throughout the state.

"This is going to be a real difficult year for the budget," Hickenlooper said, noting its "Byzantine complexity."

"There are no hidden pools of money. Whether your passion is for higher education or transportation or K-12 or health care, we are going to face significant challenges on every front."

Hickenlooper said supporters of the university must be engaged with the budget process that will be ongoing during the current Legislative session. The budget for the current fiscal year faces a $251.8 million shortfall; Hickenlooper is expected to present a budget for the next fiscal year Feb. 15.

"(Lawmakers) need to hear your input," Hickenlooper said. "I'm not saying you have to light bonfires, but pay attention."

The event provided state lawmakers a chance to reconnect with – or meet for the first time – leaders from throughout the CU system. Chancellors from all four campuses attended; Hybl was joined by fellow regents Michael Carrigan, Monisha Merchant, Joe Neguse and Sue Sharkey, as well as former regents Pat Hayes, Pete Steinhauer, Paul Schauer, Maureen Ediger and Gail Schwartz, who now represents Snowmass Village in the Colorado House.

Five questions for Jeremy Németh[2]

Jeremy Németh

Perhaps Jeremy Németh's interest in urban design began in preschool, where he would spend entire days building wooden block towers taller than his classmates. Later he understood he was good at math and science, but also was interested in humans, perceptions and relationships. Architecture seemed like a good fit and he majored in the subject at the University of California, Berkeley. During his junior year, while studying abroad in Italy, he realized he was fascinated by the urban scale and the relationships between people and the spaces between buildings.

"I was less interested in designing interiors and understanding structural loads than I was in understanding how people interact in public parks, sidewalks and social spaces," he says.

At the urging of one of his professors, he received a master's degree in urban design at University College London. He worked for three years as an urban designer in southern California but found that while clients wanted something interesting and different, arcane regulations stifled creativity. Inevitably, he says, the designers re-created "the same lifeless subdivision or the same multi-unit complex, or the same neighborhood layout."

Németh entered the Ph.D. program at Rutgers University, which focused on planning and policy. After graduation, he wanted to teach in a planning program housed in a design college. The University of Colorado Denver – and its College of Architecture and Planning (CAP) – stood out.

"And Denver fascinated me," he says. "There is a real progressive planning and urban politics culture here. While I was out here for my interview in 2007, I remember looking out the window of my hotel and counting five cranes on the horizon. Things are happening here, and I wanted to be a part of it."

Németh is an assistant professor of planning and design and director of the master of urban design program. He teaches core courses in the master of urban and regional planning program and advises about 50 students. His favorite courses include design studios where classes work with community groups to help develop neighborhood plans. A few years ago, he led a team of 14 graduate students in designing plans for the $470 million Denver Union Station redevelopment project, which will be the central hub of the FasTracks system. The students spent 15 weeks gathering data and talking to interested parties. Four plans were devised; many of those components remain in the final design for the project, which is nearing the groundbreaking phase. The project[4] won several awards.

— Cynthia Pasquale

Jeremy Németh takes in the sites of Guangzhou, China.

1. Recently you published research on security zones in public areas. What did you find and what are you working on now?

There was another casualty of 9/11, one with perhaps even greater impact for citizens not directly affected by the attacks on New York's World Trade Center – the shutting down and fencing off of some of our most important public spaces and the emergence of an "architecture of fear."

Any visit to Washington, D.C., London or New York City reveals that our most open, diverse and exciting downtowns have become virtual police states. Those who "plan" security zones do so with virtually no public input or consideration of the surrounding architecture and landscape.

While security zones are an easy way for authorities to appear proactive, by limiting access and closing off space, we reduce the potential for more "eyes on the street" to catch possible terror acts in progress. The safest places are often those where residents and visitors have easy access.

I am continuing my work on security in cities, trying to find the most effective ways to balance need for security with the imperative of civil liberties and personal freedoms. Although I've published several pieces in scholarly journals, my focus now is on public scholarship: I've written several op-eds in nationally syndicated newspapers in recent weeks (including The Denver Post).

I am also looking at the impact of the new medical marijuana laws on cities around the United States and Denver in particular. Colorado has legalized medical marijuana, but cities have been left to develop their own zoning and operation ordinances that control where clinics and grow operations can be located. We are helping craft a model ordinance that can balance the concerns of neighborhoods (which feel clinics degrade the areas and reduce property values), patients (who need easy access), dispensary owners (who want to make money) and policy makers (who

recognize millions of tax and licensing dollars can be made by regulating medical marijuana).

Second, I am looking at how to plan for "smart decline" instead of "smart growth." Most cities have been concerned for years with growing sustainably, but cities like Detroit, St. Louis and other Rustbelt cities are losing population precipitously. How do we plan for decline when all we know is that "growth is good"?

Third, I am working on a project to understand how to deal with the massive amounts of underutilized spaces in downtown Denver. For example, if we turned half of our surface parking lots into green spaces or community gardens, we would save millions of dollars in storm-water infrastructure and create landscapes that serve as amenities for our public.

Fourth, I am looking at the role of technology on everyday planning processes. How might Facebook, Foursquare, Twitter and mobile technologies such as iPhones change the way people understand and inhabit the city? How might planners harness these technologies and engage a broader citizenry?

2. What would you consider some of the good aspects of urban planning in Denver? What about the not-so-good?

I think what makes Denver so special is its neighborhoods. One can live a mile or two from downtown and not pay too much in rent or mortgage. I love that each neighborhood has embedded retail (along former streetcar lines) like South Pearl Street in West Washington Park, South Gaylord Street in Washington Park, South Broadway in Baker, 32nd, Lowell, Tennyson, in Highland, and the list goes on and on. Denver's Capitol Hill is, in my humble opinion, a world-class neighborhood. You couldn't create that vibrancy if you tried! The diverse mix of students and long-term residents, the combination of chains and local establishments, of large apartment buildings and single family mansions. The residents are so active, so engaged. We rarely go downtown: We feel the neighborhood bars and restaurants have just as much, if not more, life to them. And we own a great 1920s bungalow in Congress Park and we feel like we've got the best of both worlds: urban and suburban living at its best. In terms of new projects, I think the RiNo (River North Art District) and the Riverfront Park/Commons Park areas are great successes. I love the feeling in both of those places.

On the other hand, we have a mismatch between services and residents in downtown – there is not one grocery store downtown or in the Lower Highlands area besides the King Soopers on Speer. And I get so frustrated at the lack of walkability in Denver. Try crossing Speer Boulevard to get from the architecture and planning building to the main Auraria Campus. You better be a world-class sprinter to get across the 10 lanes of traffic. How about a pedestrian bridge for the thousands and thousands of students that cross these streets every day?

Németh and his 3-week-old daughter, Marin.

3. If you could plan a city from the ground up, what would it look like?

That is a really hard question. We have entire courses devoted to "the good city" and people smarter than I have spent their lives trying to understand the workings of the world's best cities. Instead, I love already existing cities, precisely because they are not perfect. That's why I love Capitol Hill. I am also attracted to the margins, the edges of cities and societies, the less popular but just as valuable spaces that comprise the authentic city. These places are waning and that worries me. Most of my work focuses on how we can limit the powerful effects of privatization that limit real social interaction. Because I believe open, inclusive spaces increase empathy among disparate factions. We might not liketo see homeless people on our way to work, but their presence forces us to acknowledge that they exist and that we live in a society that is OK with allowing people to go without a home. I love the messiness of cities; sanitized, clean spaces scare me.

4. What do you like to do when you're not thinking about urban design?

My favorite thing to do is meet up with friends and watch sports, go to dinner, or just talk. I love Cal (Berkeley) sports and the Pac-10 and I love college sports in general. I played baseball at Berkeley and you can often catch me talking sports with friends or going to a Rockies game. I also read a lot: I love Dave Eggers' books and I am currently

fascinated with Roberto Bolano – I'm wading my way through his 800-plus-page book 2666. I love to play golf at Denver's public courses (especially Wellshire), and I am really, really into good food and good beer. I love going for walks with my wife, Leslie, and my daughter, Marin, who is only 3 weeks old. If I miss a day with either of them, I feel like I am going to miss out on something wonderful. We always have such a great time together. They are my buddies.

5. If this were not your job, what would you like to be doing? Why?

I would be a food writer who travels around the world exploring different cuisines, but instead of restaurants I would go to people's houses to get authentic, home-cooked meals. Think Anthony Bourdain but with a heavier focus on the everyday foods cooked by everyday people. I love to travel with my family and we generally spend our entire days wandering around, exploring sites and planning where we'll eat next. We often sit down to lunch and the discussion revolves around where we'll be eating dinner that evening. We've been to many, many countries together, and all our trips have been chosen based on whether we like the cuisine.

CU-Boulder grads rank first in nation for Peace Corps volunteers[7]

For the first time in its history, the University of Colorado Boulder is ranked No. 1 in the nation for graduates serving as Peace Corps volunteers this year with 117 undergraduate alumni currently serving around the world, the Peace Corps announced Tuesday, Feb. 1.

CU-Boulder was ranked No. 2 last year and in 2009, and is ranked the No. 5 all-time school for volunteers with 2,269 alumni who have served in the Peace Corps since it was established in 1961.

"I am delighted that our emphasis on civic engagement as part of the learning experience at CU-Boulder has resulted in service-oriented graduates contributing to their global community," said Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano. "Service-learning and civically engaged graduates are a cornerstone of our Flagship 2030 strategic plan and it is gratifying for the university community to realize that our vision is becoming a reality."

The University of Florida ranked No. 2 for large schools this year with 97 undergraduate alumni serving. Also placing in the top five were the University of Michigan, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Washington.

Each year, more than 13,000 CU-Boulder students participate in some form of community service, according to Peter Simons, director of CU-Boulder's Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement.

"We have traditionally attracted students who have a desire to be engaged in communities locally and overseas," Simons said. "The combination of these students and our emphasis on civic engagement really fosters an environment where a good number of our graduates join the Peace Corps every year."

The Peace Corps ranks its top volunteer-producing schools annually according to the size of the student body. Large schools have more than 15,000 undergraduates, medium-size schools have between 5,001 and 15,000 undergraduates, and small schools have fewer than 5,000 undergraduates. George Washington University ranked first among medium-size schools with 72 undergraduate alumni currently serving and the University of Mary Washington ranked highest among small schools with 32 undergraduate alumni serving.

"For the last 50 years, colleges and universities across our country have been an integral part of the Peace Corps family, from developing young leaders to hosting trainings and teaching the importance of lifelong learning," said Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams. "In 1961, President Kennedy created the Peace Corps in response to the passion of university students, and today we continue to be inspired by the enthusiasm, dedication and creativity of the thousands of Americans now serving overseas. Colleges instill a commitment to public service among their students and share

our belief that, together, we can work to make the world a better place."

When asked how CU-Boulder has prepared her for the Peace Corps, Chelsea Komlo, a senior majoring in anthropology and philosophy, said her opportunities to work as a leader and learn about leadership on campus really helped give her the confidence to tackle her next challenge as a Peace Corps volunteer. Komlo was part of the university's Presidents Leadership Class, where she learned about best leadership practices. She also held leadership roles in several other student groups and efforts on campus.

"I think being involved in several leadership roles here at CU-Boulder has made me realize how much I have to offer, and I hope to use my leadership experience when I travel to Africa," said Komlo, who recently was accepted into the Peace Corps and will travel to Africa later this year after graduation. While she hasn't been assigned to a specific country yet, she most likely will be working in health education.

Last December, CU-Boulder also became part of the Peace Corps' Master's International program, which allows volunteers to combine Peace Corps service with a master's degree program and receive credit for their Peace Corps service abroad.

Each year since 2004, CU-Boulder has ranked in the top three schools in the nation for Peace Corps volunteers – three times as the No. 2 school and four times at No. 3.

To read first-person accounts from CU-Boulder alumni and Peace Corps volunteers visithttp://www.colorado.edu/news/reports/peacecorps2011/[8]. To watch a video on CU-Boulder's connection to the Peace Corps visit http://www.colorado.edu/news[9].

For more information about the Peace Corps, call the campus recruiting office at 303-492-8454 or visithttp://www.colorado.edu/iece/peacecorps/[10].

Tuition waiver benefit could be expanded by July[11]

The University of Colorado has room to improve its tuition waiver benefit in comparison with other comparable institutions, according to a benefits study commissioned by the university.

The study by Aon Hewitt[12] also found that CU's benefit programs for faculty and exempt professionals are competitive with peer institutions, and that the net value of all employer-paid benefits is slightly above average for faculty and exempt professionals.

The study is the latest step in the university's ongoing consideration of expanding the tuition waiver benefit, potentially increasing not only the number of available credits but also allowing transferability of credits from the employee to a spouse or dependent. Such a benefit was tested in a pilot project that proved popular at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

E. Jill Pollock, senior associate vice president and chief human resources officer, summarized the report at the Jan. 28 meeting of the Faculty Council. She said university administrators are examining how to proceed with likely expansion of the tuition waiver benefit, which could go into effect as soon as July 1.

Pollock also said the university's Health and Welfare Trust is reviewing suggestions for changes to plan designs. Federal requirements are leading to the lifting of litetime limits on plans, as well as the addition of 100 percent coverage for preventative doctor's visits and tests.

Also at the Jan. 28 Faculty Council meeting, CU Regent Joe Neguse, D-Boulder, and Ken McConnellogue, associate

vice president for University Relations, spoke and answered questions about internal and external communications. The council is pursuing the creation of an ad hoc communication committee that could include representation from University Relations, partly to improve public perception of the university community.

"I think we all agree that in this or any environment, it's incumbent upon us to talk about the good things we have going at this university. They're substantial," McConnellogue said. "You all deal with it every day. We know there's a disconnect between the great, life-changing things we do at the university and what the public sees."

Neguse said he appreciates the job being done by University Relations, including the Faculty and Staff Newsletter, but that he still laments the 2009 discontinuation of the Silver & Gold Record, and that he hopes the newspaper could return at some point in the future.

Discussion also turned to the recently launched branding effort, a $780,000 project in the works for more than two years. Some Faculty Council members said that the new brand should be accompanied by a larger public relations campaign, to correct the perception that the result is nothing more than a logo change. Some members also said the Faculty Council should have been made a greater part of the project while it was being developed.

McConnellogue said the effort entailed extensive research, including surveys and one-on-one interviews with representatives of constituents throughout the system, including Faculty Council.

Neguse, who did not vote on accepting the branding project at last month's meeting of the Board of Regents, said he did not hear objections from faculty before the issue was up for consideration.

"When branding came up, someone should have engaged the faculty sooner," Neguse said. "(But) it would make my advocacy on behalf of the faculty a lot easier if we can hear from you all. Call me, call the other eight board members and tell them, 'Hey, look, why didn't you engage us on the branding matter?'"

Math, physics library to close this summer[13]

The Oliver C. Lester Library of Mathematics and Physics on the University of Colorado Boulder campus will close this summer in order to accommodate other departmental needs.

With the growing faculty and student body in physics and astrophysical and planetary sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences has recommended the library space be renovated for other uses.

Planning for the closure of library, one of the five branches of the CU libraries system, will take place this spring and will involve a committee made up of all library departments affected by the closure. Affected faculty groups also will be consulted throughout the semester.

Established in 1972, the Oliver C. Lester Library's collection covers the fields of mathematics, physics, atmospheric sciences and astronomy. It contains more than 80,000 volumes and about 1,000 journal subscriptions. Most of the collection will move to the engineering library in the math building.

Current staff in the Lester library will be redeployed within the libraries system. Questions may be directed to Jack Maness, acting faculty director of the Lester library, atjack.maness@colorado.edu[14].

Researcher to explore informal disaster communication[15]

Faculty researchers at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs and the University of California Irvine will study the role of online informal communication in disasters as part of a $750,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

The two universities will create Project Hazards, Emergency Response and Online Information Communication (HEROIC) to understand the role and effectiveness of informal communication. Among the topics to be studied is the role of microblogging sites such as Twitter.

Principal investigators Jeannette Sutton, senior research associate, UCCS Trauma, Health and Hazards Center, and Carter T. Butts, associate professor, sociology, University of California, Irvine, currently are studying events surrounding the April 20 Deepwater Horizon oil spill along the U.S. Gulf Coast. The two bring a combination of disaster response expertise, online communication and social dynamics to the project.

"This project aims to study the dynamics of information exchange during and following emergency situations from official sources and members of the public at large," Sutton said. "By understanding this process, we hope to improve emergency communication and to save lives."

Data collected by the project team will allow researchers to examine information communicated across different types of hazards, communities and time periods. The project will develop predictive models of online communication following natural disasters and emergency events. Researchers also hope to create a database of information on hazards that will include resources about official response to emergencies, details of natural disasters and corresponding losses, and the role of informal communication.

The initial project will run until 2013. Additional information about the project is available atwww.heroicproject.org[16]

The Trauma Health and Hazards Center at UCCS is part of the National Institute of Science, Space and Security Centers. Other centers include the Center for Homeland Security, the Center for Space Studies, and the Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education.

School of Dental Medicine expansion under way[17]

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The drilling you may hear in the School of Dental Medicine isn't all about filling teeth. Construction is under way to expand the third and fourth floors.

Dan Shomers, project manager in facilities projects, says the project will add about 20,000 square feet of operatory, office and lab support space to the school. It also will provide another 42 dental chairs on the fourth floor and 24 chairs on the third floor.

The $10.5 million project is expected to be completed in December, Shomers says. Haselden Construction is the contractor; the design team is Anderson Mason Dale Architects. See the map.[19]

SPA professor a 'star' among women in criminal justice, criminology[20]

Angela Gover

A few years back, Angela Gover, associate professor in the School of Public Affairs (SPA), was ranked seventh nationally among women "stars" in criminal justice and criminology. Now she's climbing the chart: A recent study that re-ranked the top female academic stars in criminology and criminal justice lists Gover at No. 2 or 3.

"This recognition means a lot because it is an indication that my work is having an impact on the field, which is what I've hoped my research would do," she says. "It is also great to see a focus on female criminologists, since the field is changing from the historically male dominated academia to a field where the number and influence of female scholars is increasing."

Gover's research primarily focuses on gender and crime, intimate partner violence, and the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and children. Nearly all of her work is applied in terms of policy and practice. She has an appointment as a Faculty Fellow in SPA's Center on Domestic Violence and is serving as the associate director of the bachelor's program in criminal justice (BACJ) and will become director of the program in June.

"We have known for many years at SPA what a true superstar we have in Professor Angela Gover, with her path-breaking research in victimology and domestic violence, among other criminal justice areas," says SPA Dean Paul Teske. "To see the entire criminal justice research community recognizing her excellence via a rigorous quantitative assessment is gratifying and rewarding."

The ranking is based on the publication and citation analyses of the individual's record. Aspects of a publication record were taken into account such as total number of papers, total number of citations, years since first publication, average number of citations per year, total citations per paper, total citations per author, and total papers per author. The analyses included a host of indexes that adjust for age of publication, number of co-authors and highly cited works.

"Being recognized for publications is important, but I wouldn't be doing what I do if I didn't love it," she says. "I feel fortunate to work at UC Denver and to have great colleagues; I see myself at UC Denver until the end of my career."

As an undergraduate student, Gover saw herself as having a career in crime victim services. After earning her master's in criminology, she worked in the Maryland Governor's Office of Justice Administration and interacted with programs throughout the state that served victims of crime.

"I thoroughly enjoyed that work but realized that my passion was focused on the academic side of victimization issues," she says. This passion has greatly benefited the area of policy and practice in the field of criminal justice and criminology as well as SPA students in the criminal justice programs.

"I would hope that the ranking may impact the prestige of the program and would be an attraction for potential students who are interested in graduate education in the areas of violence against women and gender and crime," Gover says.

'Christy's Match' supports gifts of Leeds faculty, staff[22]

Christy Orris, board chair of the Leeds School of Business, has made a $10,000 gift toward the school aimed to incentivize giving to the school by Leeds faculty and staff.

Orris has offered to match, dollar for dollar up to $100, gifts made toward an array of giving opportunities at the school.

"What we want to do is encourage giving throughout the faculty and staff," she said. "The goal, for me, is 100 percent

participation."

More than 25 Leeds faculty and staff already have taken advantage of the match.

"I teach entrepreneurship, so I supported the entrepreneurship program," said Eva Yao, assistant professor at Leeds. "I think it's really important that I show that interest and enthusiasm to the students."

Nearly $8,000 remains available to match Leeds faculty/staff donations; gifts may support more than a dozen specific designations within the school.

To make a gift, call 303-492-1856, stop by Koelbel S318, or visit www.cufund.org/leeds[23]. Checks should be made payable to the CU Foundation, with your gift allocation on the memo line.

To view a video about this matching gift initiative, click here[24].

Biopharmaceutical company signs license agreement with CU[25]

Soligenix, Inc.[26], a late-stage biopharmaceutical company, recently announced that it has entered into a definitive license agreement with the University of Colorado for novel technology for use in the development of subunit vaccines with long-term stability, including stability at elevated temperatures.

Soligenix has been developing this stabilization technology under an option-to-license agreement from CU that was initiated to support the technology development efforts funded by a $9.4 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). The underlying technology has been developed by Drs. Amber Clausi, John Carpenter[27] and Theodore Randolph[28] at CU.

(Read the full release from Soligenix[29].)

Longtime business leader named to strategic relations post[30]

Draper

Frances Draper has been named associate vice chancellor for strategic relations, effective Feb. 14. University of Colorado Boulder Chancellor **Philip P. DiStefano** appointed her to the post; she currently serves as executive director of the Boulder Economic Council, an arm of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce.

"I am delighted that one of our region's most visionary community leaders will be joining the University of Colorado Boulder," DiStefano said. "Frances brings a strong background in relationship management, communications and government affairs that will extend and leverage CU-Boulder's strategic relationships, further align them with the Flagship 2030 Strategic Plan, and do so while serving our students, alumni and key communities."

As associate vice chancellor for strategic relations, Draper will manage university communications and government, community and business relations for the CU flagship campus. She will serve on the chancellor's cabinet and provide strategic advice to the campus's leadership on communications and external relations, and also will unite the efforts

involved in further implementing CU-Boulder's Flagship 2030 Strategic Plan.

"I am delighted to be given this unique opportunity to join CU-Boulder's administrative team," Draper said. "CU faces a host of challenges: securing adequate funding, building and maintaining vital internal and external relationships, publicly leveraging the excellent work of the faculty and serving new generations of students. These challenges require highly innovative thinking, focused creativity and careful strategic communication. I look forward to helping the very capable CU-Boulder administrative team achieve these goals."

Draper has served as executive director of the Boulder Economic Council since 2006. Prior to that, she worked for General Electric in Boulder and Westminster, as a vice president in the business development (2004-05) and risk management (1998-2003) divisions, as well as in treasury and financial services (1995-97). She worked for 12 years (1982-94) for First Interstate Bank in Denver in marketing, strategic planning and financial analyst positions. From 1978-80, she served on the legislative staff of Harrison Schmidt, the junior U.S. senator from New Mexico.

Draper holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University (1978) and an MBA (1982) with an emphasis in marketing from the University of California, Berkeley. She has served on numerous local boards, including Boulder Rotary, the Boulder Innovation Center, CO-LABS Inc. (where she served as interim executive director in 2006-07), and the Deming Center for Entrepreneurship Affiliate Board within the Leeds School of Business at CU-Boulder.

As associate vice chancellor for strategic relations, Draper succeeds Michael L. Warden, who left the post in December to serve in a similar capacity at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Budget director brings state experience to role at Denver campuses[32]

Lisa Esgar has joined the University of Colorado Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus as associate vice chancellor for budget and finance. She will oversee the departments of budget, finance, policy and fiscal analysis, and Student Financial Services.

Esgar comes from the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, where she has served as deputy director since 2007. She also served for 11 years in the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, ending as senior director of operations and finance.

She is a registered nurse and holds a science master's degree in nursing.

Small Business Development Center has interim director[33]

Shawna Markiewicz, assistant to the director for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, has been named interim director of the center.

A search for a permanent replacement for former director **Matt Barrett** has begun. Barrett recently accepted a position with Graham Advertising, Colorado Springs, after five years at UCCS.

The SBDC will continue to offer services including small business counseling, training seminars and events, Markiewicz said.

The nonprofit SBDC is hosted by the UCCS College of Business. SBDC personnel provide free counseling and low-cost training seminars to operators and potential operators of small- and medium-size businesses in El Paso and Teller counties. Successful business experts and entrepreneurs from the Pikes Peak region often conduct the seminars and workshops, sharing personal experience.

The SBDC is partially funded by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, the city of Colorado Springs, and the College of Business.

Dropping names ...[34]

Hartley

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Laurel Hartley, assistant professor of integrative biology at the University of Colorado Denver, and her colleagues have a new paper out in BioScience this month. "College students' understanding of the carbon cycle: contrasting principle-based and informal reasoning" was highlighted in Science Daily[37] and was the subject of a segment on NPR's Science Friday[38] with Ira Flatow. ... **Lisa Keränen**, associate professor and director of graduate studies for the communication department at the University of Colorado Denver, published an essay, "How Does a Pathogen Become a Terrorist?" in Rhetorical Questions of Health and Medicine, edited by Joan Leach and Deborah Dysart-Gale (2011, Lexington). ... **Brian L. Ott**, lecturer for the department of communication at the University of Colorado Denver, was elected first vice president of the Western States Communication Association. He will plan the association's annual conference in 2013 and preside over its 2014 conference. ... **Paul Stretesky**, associate professor in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado Denver, has been chosen North American editor of a new international journal, Green Criminology. Previously, Stretesky was chosen book editor of a new Ashgate publishing series in this emerging field. Green Criminology: An International Journal on Environmental Crime and Ecological Justice is an international journal dedicated to a criminological analysis of environmental crime and ecological justice.

SkillSoft's multiple features await discovery[39]

You have probably logged in to SkillSoft, the employee portal of online training. Most likely, you have accessed SkillSoft in order to complete required training for Discrimination and Harassment or Lab Safety, as just two examples.

Did you know that SkillSoft has much more to offer? Information collected from Employee Learning and Development indicates that the most popular courses are from the Desktop Curricula, such as "Getting Started With Word 2007."

There also are SkillSoft standard courses that cover such topics as:
Business skills Customer service Leadership tools Time-management skills Problem-solving skills
Access SkillSoft today and peruse the plethora of knowledge offered as a benefit to you.

Questions? E-mail system.training@cu.edu[40]

Cost-saving idea could lead to reward[41]

Do you have a cost-saving idea? You might earn a cash reward. Learn more here:

https://www.cu.edu/articles/upload/HB10-1264-InfoPage.pdf[42]

Boulder blood drive continues Feb. 7-8[43]

You have what it takes to save a life and you have two more days to donate: The Boulder Staff Council sponsors its Bonfils blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 7-8 at the UMC room 382-386.

To make an online appointment, go to www.bonfils.org[44] and use site code 0248, or call 303-363-2300.

Meet the new Cognos reporting system at informational meeting[45]

If you work with financial reports, you'll want to attend one of this month's Reporting System Town Hall meetings, offered by the Office of University Controller (OUC) and campus controller staff.

These brief (60-75-minute) sessions will demonstrate the new m-Fin (management-financial) Cognos reports, the new business model for developing them, and plans to create additional m-Fin reports to eventually replace reporting tools from other reporting systems.
Town Hall sessions are scheduled for February 8-16. For campus locations and other details, see the Reporting Initiative website at www.cu.edu/controller/initiatives/reporting.html[46].

Boulder Faculty Assembly to grant faculty excellence awards[47]

The Boulder Faculty Assembly (BFA) has announced it will grant up to 12 BFA Excellence Awards to Boulder campus faculty in spring 2011. Each award is accompanied by a cash prize of $3,000.

Excellence Award categories are:
teaching service research, scholarly and creative work
More information about the awards, including nomination instructions, is available online.[48]
The deadline for receipt of all nomination materials is **Feb. 15.**

Commitment to community could mean $10,000 prize[49]

The Office of Academic Affairs is soliciting nominations for the annual Faculty Community Service Award, made possible by an endowment from the Chase Corporation through the CU Foundation.

The purpose of the endowment is to provide a single award of $10,000 to a full-time faculty member at one of the campuses of the University of Colorado who has rendered exceptional educational, humanitarian, civic, or other service in his or her community, outside of CU duties and for no pay.

Any university employee or student may submit nominations. Previous winners are not eligible to apply.
Each nomination packet must include:

A letter of nomination that speaks specifically to the award criteria as stated above. Two supporting letters from people within the CU community who have direct knowledge of the nature and benefit of the community service. Two supporting letters from people outside the university who have direct knowledge of the nature and benefit of the community service. A copy of the faculty nominee's current curriculum vitae.
Additional relevant information supporting the nomination also may be included. Please submit six copies of the complete nomination packet to:

2010-2011 Chase Faculty Community Service Award
Office of Academic Affairs
University of Colorado
1800 Grant Street, Suite 800
Denver, CO 80203
- OR -
Campus Box: 35 UCA

A systemwide advisory committee will review nominations and submit a recommendation to President Bruce D. Benson.

Nomination deadline is **Feb. 25.**

For more information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs, OfficeofAcademicAffairs@cu.edu[50] or 303-860-5623.

Links
[1] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/cu-community-shows-strength-numbers-under-gold-dome[2] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/five-questions-jeremy-n%C3%A9meth[3] https://connections.cu.edu/sites/default/files/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/5q-page-nemeth1.png[4] http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/ArchitecturePlanning/discover/StudentGallery/archive/UnionStation/Pages/index.aspx[5] https://connections.cu.edu/sites/default/files/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/5q-page-nemeth2.jpg[6] https://connections.cu.edu/sites/default/files/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/5q-page-nemeth3.jpg[7] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/cu-boulder-grads-rank-first-nation-peace-corps-volunteers[8] http://www.colorado.edu/news/reports/peacecorps2011/[9] http://www.colorado.edu/news[10]

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