COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System  
May 2, 2007  

I. DEMONSTRATION OF EXCELLENCE  

A. Supercluster Launch  

Colorado State University in February unveiled MicroRx, a first-of-its-kind enterprise to speed the transition of life-saving research on infectious diseases from the academic world into the global marketplace. MicroRx is the first of the University's "Superclusters," alliances of academic researchers, economists, and business experts designed to encourage collaboration and bridge the vastly different worlds of business and academia. CSU also announced its Superclusters acceleration research-to-market model, which the university began developing in 2004. Colorado State Superclusters will focus on research areas where the university has demonstrated international prominence, and where a potential for growth is evident. A premier research institution, CSU has experienced double-digit growth in research dollars in recent years with total annual research expenditures topping $267 million last year.  

B. CSU Programs Excel in National Graduate Program Rankings  

U.S. News and World Report's 2008 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools" ranks several Colorado State programs among the nation's best in their disciplines. Programs in five CSU colleges made the rankings this year, led by the No. 2 ranked College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Other ranked programs include:  

- Career and Technical Education Program, School of Education, College of Applied Human Sciences—No. 8  
- College of Engineering—No. 55, up from 61st last year  
- College of Engineering programs: chemical engineering--52nd up from 62nd, with such universities as Clemson and the University of California-Irvine; civil engineering--31st, up from 34th last year, with such universities as Duke and Columbia; mechanical engineering--60th, up from 62nd last year, with such universities as the Illinois Institute of Technology and SUNY-Stony Brook; electrical engineering--57th with such universities as Drexel University, SUNY-Stony Brook and Clemson; and environmental engineering--33rd with such universities as Harvard and the University of Massachusetts  
- Chemistry, College of Natural Sciences--43rd, up from 45th
• Computer science, College of Natural Sciences--60th with Notre Dame, the University of Oregon and Iowa State
• Biological sciences, College of Natural Sciences--77th with such universities as Baylor, Virginia Tech and Georgetown University
• Mathematics, College of Natural Sciences--89th with Tufts University and the University of South Carolina
• Physics, college of Natural Sciences--81st with the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
• Earth Sciences, Warner College of Natural Resources-- 70th with Florida State, Michigan State, the University of Iowa and the University of Illinois-Chicago

The latest *U.S. News* report marks the latest in a series of positive rankings for the University. In 2005, Colorado State's occupational therapy master's degree program ranked seventh, up three places from the 2001 survey, the most recent *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of this category.

C. **Professor Earns National Teaching Award**

Colorado State University Professor and Distinguished Teaching Scholar Ray Whalen received the National Carl J. Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award in recognition of exemplary teaching impact and excellence.

D. **CSU Research Team Earns First Equine Research Award**

A Colorado State University research team led by Dr. Chris Kawcak, associate professor of clinical sciences, has received the first Elastikon Equine Research Award, made possible by a grant from Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Company to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. The CSU team conducts research aimed at avoiding a common type of fracture in horses.

E. **CSU Vet School Celebrates 100th Anniversary**

Colorado State University's prestigious College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences celebrates its 100 year anniversary in 2007. The college is a global powerhouse in research fields that advance medical and health knowledge and products for both animals and humans, with priority research areas in cancer, environmental and radiological sciences, infectious and immunological diseases, neurosciences, reproductive biology and genetic engineering, orthopedics and the bond between humans and animals. In recognition of the
anniversary, the college will celebrate with a number of events throughout the year and has established an Imagine the Possibilities 100 Year Anniversary scholarship.

F. Forestry Economics Professor Honored by Department of the Interior

The U.S. Department of the Interior recently honored Colorado State University forestry economics Professor Douglas Rideout for his research in wildland fire management. For seven years, Rideout led a Colorado State research team that contributed to the development of the Interagency Fire Program Analysis System. The system provides a blueprint for cost-effective and efficient wildland fire management on federal lands. The Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service plan to use the system for budget requests and funding allocation.

G. Pioneering Equine Orthopaedic Researcher Earns Career Achievement Award

Dr. Wayne McIlwraith, director of the Colorado State University Equine Orthopaedic Research Center, recently received the Founder's Award for Career Achievement from the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the art and science of veterinary surgery by diplomats of the ACVS, and is the college's most prestigious award.

H. Animal Cancer Center Investigates Promising Bone Cancer Drug Combination

The Colorado State University Animal Cancer Center is studying a promising combination of a new and an old cancer drug that may increase chemotherapy effectiveness without increasing unwanted side effects. The study may eventually be useful for the treatment of both human and animal cancer.

I. CSU Undergraduates Chosen for Leadership Summit

Thirty-four Colorado State University undergraduates were among 360 selected to participate in the 2007 El Pomar Leadership Summit Feb. 22-23. The summit, presented by El Pomar Foundation, the Denver Metro Chamber Foundation and the Colorado Leadership Alliance, encouraged students to explore the ethical and leadership implications related to critical issues in today's world.

J. Penley Delivers Keynote to National Conference

CSU President Larry Penley delivered the keynote address to the national conference of the Higher Learning Commission in Chicago in April. More than 2,200 higher-education officials from around the country participated in the conference.
II. CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Bighorn Leadership Program Moves to CSU

The Bighorn Leadership Development Program, part of the former Bighorn Center for Public Policy, has joined Colorado State University's Colorado Institute of Public Policy. The centrist think tank, founded in 1999 by Rutt Bridges and a bipartisan group of statewide leaders, was known for advocating a wide range of legislation including fiscal reform, health care, and consumer issues like the Colorado Telemarketing No-Call List.

B. CSU Announces Plans to Convert to Wind Energy

Colorado State has announced plans to convert its entire Fort Collins campus energy use to 100 percent wind power. The university, already a worldwide leader in developing and disseminating clean and renewable energy solutions, has committed to developing the CSU Green Power Project, a wind farm in northern Colorado that will generate more power than the university consumes. The project—to be completed within eight years—will also serve as a unique outdoor laboratory for researchers across campus in areas ranging from clean energy technology development to a variety of related environmental impact studies.

C. CSU Offers Green Certificate Program in Response to Industry Needs

Professionals seeking specialized training in emerging commercial and residential building practices are the focus of the new Green Building Certificate Program offered by Colorado State University. The certificate will be offered this spring as an accelerated evening program providing critical knowledge about sustainable building tools and strategies. Colorado State's Institute for the Built Environment created the certificate program in direct response to the growing need for specially trained professionals who can adapt to the changing industry and culture.

D. CSU’s Engineering Education Degree Boosts Competitiveness

Colorado State’s new one-of-a-kind engineering education bachelor's degree trains engineers to be junior-high and high-school engineering and technology teachers—with a goal of improving the nation's technological literacy and global competitiveness. The program, co-sponsored by Colorado State's College of Engineering and the School of Education in the College of Applied Human Sciences, requires students to earn an engineering bachelor's degree with a concentration in engineering education.
E. **CSU Leads Forum on Marketing Biofuels**

CSU Researchers and faculty came together to discuss the production and ramifications of the emerging biofuel markets during the 2007 research colloquium, "BioFuels: Challenges and Opportunities" April 11-12.

F. **CSU Professor Co-Authors *Science* Article on Delta Damage**

Human activity has hurt the interactions of the natural processes that formed the Mississippi Delta—changes that could cause even more damage and loss of human life when another intense hurricane hits, according to a *Science* magazine article co-authored by Civil Engineering Professor Chester Watson. Watson is the only river engineer and Colorado representative on a national panel of scientists that has recommended major improvements to Louisiana's devastated marshlands in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

III. **INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

A. **CSU Grant Promotes Diversity through Indian Textiles**

The Department of Design and Merchandising will offer new courses and activities that use textiles as a way to learn about cultural diversity and the culture of India. The Fabric of Indian Life Project is made possible through a Fulbright-Hays Group Project grant from the U.S. Department of Education, which provided $83,000 out of the project's total funding of $112,000.

B. **Penley and Swanson Speak at Costa Rica Conference on Agriculture**

President Larry Edward Penley and Vice Provost for Outreach and Strategic Partnerships led a presentation about the university's leadership role in addressing the needs of agriculture and rural communities in the 21st century at the fifth annual international conference of the Global Consortium for Higher Education and Research for Agriculture in Costa Rica in March.

C. **CSU Researchers Develop Eco-Tourism Plan for Kenya**

CSU researchers are working with Kenyan agencies to develop a sustainable eco-tourism plan that preserves local culture and natural habitat while providing enriching experiences for visitors from around the world. Warner College of Natural Resources graduate student Adam Beh and faculty member Brett Bruyere interviewed locals in the Samburu region and Kenyan park rangers and surveyed visitors to understand the perceptions each group had about conservation and tourism. The results were used to train park rangers in basic principles of visitor education
and economic initiatives during the summer of 2006. The researchers presented their findings to the full Samburu County Council, the governing authority of the region, in May 2006.

IV. RESOURCE GENERATION TO SUPPORT KEY PRIORITIES

A. Report on Private Support

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B. Major Gifts – ($100,000 +) Not Previously Reported

**Hewlett-Packard Company**
$537,507 gift in kind to support the College of Business and the College of Natural Sciences.

**Mr. Walter C. Emery and Mrs. Jaynn M. Emery**
$150,000 pledge to support Clinical Science Special Projects, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

**Wilson Family Charitable Trust**
$135,000 gift to support the Wilson Family Endowed Scholarship, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

**Stavros W. Niarchos Foundation**
$100,000 gift to support Equine Orthopaedic Research, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.
C. Harpers Create Endowed Chair in Chemical and Biological Engineering

Longtime Colorado State supporters Jud and Pat Harper named Colorado State University the beneficiary of a $1 million life insurance policy to partially fund a new $1.5 million endowed chair of Chemical and Biological Engineering.

V. ADVANCES IN RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

A. Tissue Engineering Could Replace Animals in Research Labs

Colorado State University is engineering tissue in a laboratory that can replace the use of animals in research. The Tissue Engineering Laboratory, established this year in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, creates tissue from a combination of cells, materials and biochemistry that model living biological systems. The model tissue replaces live animals in the initial phases of many biological studies, reducing the number of animals needed for use in research. Dr. Tom Eurell, veterinarian and expert in toxicology and immunology, is director of the laboratory.

B. CSU Program Works on Biological Inventory of Southeast Colorado Lands

Researchers from Colorado State University's Colorado Natural Heritage Program will be working with nearly 40 private landowners from southeastern Colorado to complete a biological inventory on ranch land in the region. A $200,000 Great Outdoors Colorado grant to the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust brings together this new partnership aimed at conservation.

C. Researchers Complete First Emissions Test on Biofuel Production

Researchers from Colorado State University’s Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service have conducted the first of its kind, complete analysis of greenhouse gas emissions from biofuel production. The results revealed that a variety of bioenergy crops used for biofuels have the potential to reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions per unit of energy generated as compared to greenhouse gases emitted from fossil fuels.

D. Economics Professor Analyzes Impact of Insurance Costs on Entrepreneurship

How health insurance costs affect individual decisions to leave wage employment for self-employment is the subject of a new research project to be conducted by David Mushinski, an associate professor in Colorado State University's Department of Economics. The study will be
funded with a grant from the Kauffman Foundation, a Kansas City, Mo.-based organization dedicated to issues of education and entrepreneurship.

E. Researcher Investigates Potential Pathways for Avian Influenza in U.S.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded Paul Doherty from the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Department $700,000 for one year to identify potential routes of introduction and spread of avian influenza by waterfowl in the United States.

F. Continental Margin Research Takes Place in the Gulf of Mexico

Geosciences Professor Dennis Harry received $135,000 from the American Chemical Society to investigate enigmatic characteristics of the northern Gulf of Mexico continental Margin over the next three years. This research will advance the fundamental understanding of rift basin formation, knowledge of the Gulf of Mexico evolution, and will test new paradigms for hydrocarbon exploration of the Gulf of Mexico basin.

VI. TOP QUALITY FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT

A. Rizzuto Named Vice President for Administrative Services

Bob Rizzuto, a longtime senior administrator in Colorado’s higher-education system, joined CSU in April as the new vice president for Finance and Administration.

B. Warner College Names New Dean

Colorado State University’s world-renowned Warner College of Natural Resources has named Joseph T. O’Leary, currently a professor and department head of the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University, as its new dean.

VII. ADVANCES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS

B. Donor Visits Lead to Improved Reporting

Based on feedback from recent meetings with high-level donors, President Penley has recommended changes to the reporting materials used by CSU’s Advancement division and the Colorado State University Foundation. A team of marketing and public relations staff is working with the CSU Foundation and Advancement to improve the institution’s annual reports and the availability of performance data for donors.
B. Pingree Park Works to Preserve Historic Homestead

CSU’s Pingree Park Mountain Campus recently received a $25,000 grant from the Colorado Historical Society to continue preservation work on the Koenig-Ramsey Ranch Historic District. The Pingree Park Campus includes the historic Koenig-Ramsey Homestead, which was acquired from the Koenig family in 1974 and designated as a state historic district in 1996. The new grant will help create visitor access to the site's historic buildings by creating an interpretive plan, which will guide visitors through the site with stories about homesteading and life on the ranch.

VIII. ATHLETICS

A. Miles Named CSU Basketball Coach

CSU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk named Tim Miles the new head coach of the Rams men’s basketball team.

IX. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

A. Penley Speaks at National Education Finance Summit

Colorado State University President Larry Edward Penley and Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), led a discussion on enhancing productivity in higher education at the 15th annual National Education Finance Summit sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

B. Continuing Education Launches Lifelong Learning Institute

Colorado State University's Student Association for Fire Ecology and the C.P. Gillette Entomology Club hosted a public panel discussion on mountain pine beetle and its effects on forests, particularly in regard to potential for catastrophic fire in April. The highly visible beetle-killed lodgepole stands across Colorado forests have thrust this ecological process into the public consciousness, raising fears of extreme wildfires and negative socio-economic impacts.

C. Colorado State Involves Youth in Ag

Colorado State University's College of Agriculture is offering youth 14- to 18-years old the opportunity to learn about food-animal agriculture and equine sciences at this summer's Camp
Round-UP in June. The Camp Round-UP program invites students from both urban and agricultural backgrounds to learn about animal agriculture through hands-on activities.

D. NREL Hosts Internship for Science Teachers

CSU’s Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory will host a field ecology internship for high-school science teachers June 18-29. The focus of the workshop will be ecological complexity, and participating teachers will have the opportunity to work with Colorado State scientists on an authentic research project that can be transferred into high-school classrooms. Participants also will be collaborating with other teachers from Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

E. New Ag Commission Visits Campus for Honor Society Event

Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture and CSU alumnus John Stulp was the keynote speaker at the annual banquet of the Gamma Sigma Delta agricultural honor society March 28. It was his first visit to campus since his appointment to head Colorado's Department of Agriculture. A Prowers County farmer and rancher, Stulp earned his bachelor's and doctoral in veterinary medicine from Colorado State in 1970 and 1972. Stulp Farms in Lamar has provided continued support to Colorado State, including hosting sites for the Colorado State-led Pierre Auger Observatory-Northern Observatory project and a weather station for Colorado State-based Colorado Climate Center. He served on the State Board of Agriculture, then the governing body of Colorado State, from 1986 to 1995.

F. Students Spend Spring Break Working with Children in Four Corners Region

A group of CSU students spent spring break on an educational outreach tour showing children of schools in the Four Corners region how science can be fun. Three students from CSU’s Office of Native American Student Services joined student volunteers from the Little Shop of Physics to travel through northwestern New Mexico and southwestern Colorado. The Little Shop of Physics program engages young students with experiments that use everyday objects to demonstrate scientific principles. This is the fourth year Native American Student Services has joined the program to visit to the area. The group visited schools in Shiprock and Fruitland, New Mexico that are part of the Navajo Nation and then headed to the Southern Ute Education Center in Ignacio.

G. President Creates New Greek Vision Award

The Office of the President announced a new honor this spring, the Presidential Greek Vision Award, which will provide grants to one fraternity and one sorority each year to fund a project to advance the quality of CSU’s Greek System and the University as a whole. This year’s recipients
are Pi Beta Phi sorority, which will be planning an alumni career networking event for Greeks and other interested students; and Phi Delta Theta fraternity, which will support student participation in a Greeks Against Sexual Assault training course and coordinate sexual-assault awareness programs on campus. President Penley presented the awards at Greek Night Out April 15.
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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Teaching

iJoomla accepts professors request.

iJoomla has accepted Professor Chuck Suscheck’s request to donate iJoomla Magazine Component to his CIS 411 course—the value of which is $1,000. The product is a visual enhancement for the web content management systems his students are creating in class. iJoomla will help to integrate an impressive visual aspect into the websites. With this type of experience, students will be able to directly apply what they learn in class to small businesses who wish to open an internet shopping site.

Department of Nursing implements Nurse Educator emphasis.

In response to this growing regional and state need for masters-prepared nurse educators and for nurse educator certification, the CSU-Pueblo Department of Nursing has implemented the Nurse Educator emphasis in the Master of Science program. This emphasis will meet all National League for Nursing academic requirements for nurse educators. The CSU-Pueblo MS Nurse Educator program is the only public program in southeastern Colorado. The Master of Science program received National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission accreditation in July, 2006.

Scholarly Activity

Music Faculty participate in the Colorado Music Educators Association Conference

Several Members of the CSU-Pueblo Music Department participated in the Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA) conference. There were nearly 1800 music educators and students from throughout the state in attendance at this annual event.
The CSU-Pueblo Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Dana Ihm and assisted by a number of CSU-Pueblo instrumental students led by Artist-in-Residence Todd Sizer, performed to an audience of approximately 300.

Mike De Luca, lecturer in music, served on a panel discussion at the annual Colorado Music Educators Association. Mr. DeLuca’s presentation was titled "Advice from the Experts: Building and Maintaining Strong Music Programs."

Dr. Jennifer Shadle-Peters, assistant professor of music coordinated music education students, as well as a number of our faculty, in presenting an exhibit throughout the three days of the conference. Professor Shadle-Peters serves as Collegiate Music Educators chapter faculty sponsor.

Dr. Mark Hudson, Chair of the Department of Music, served on a panel for the Vocal music educators in a presentation on "Getting Students Ready for College."

Al Eberhardt, artist-in-residence in the Department of Music presented a well-attended session for brass teachers and players and served as conductor of the All-State Small School Jazz Band. Working with 25 students from 20 different smaller high schools from across the state, Mr. Eberhardt rehearsed and subsequently performed with these students for an audience of nearly 1,000. This performance included one of Mr. Eberhardt's own compositions for jazz band.

Ms. Kimberly Carr, music student, was elected to serve as President-Elect of the statewide CMENC organization in 2007 and then as President in 2008.

Professor co-authors article

Dr. Dennis Madrid, professor and chair of the Department of Psychology, co-authored (with M. Canas and M. Ortega-Medina) an article on the “Effects of Team Competition versus team cooperation in class wide peer tutoring” in The Journal of Educational Research, 100(3), 155-160.

Service

College of Science and Mathematics begins tutoring program

Dr. Linda Wilkes from the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Brian Vanden Heuvel from Department of Biology and Ms. Mary Middleton from the Math Learning Center have begun a tutoring program within the College of Science and Mathematics for students in beginning chemistry, biology and physics courses. Tutors have been identified and students have been notified that this service is now available. The goal is to improve retention in courses with typically high D, F, and W rates.
Professor serves as engineering mentor

Dr. Jude DePalma, associate professor of Engineering, participated in the Regional Future City Competition in Denver on January 27, 2007, as engineering mentor for Trinity Lutheran School. Trinity Lutheran finished in 5th place and received numerous other special awards.

Outreach

Department of Nursing initiates faculty exchange and mobile Clinical Educator Seminar

The Department of Nursing has initiated two additional programs to meet local and regional faculty shortages. First, a faculty exchange program has been developed with the Pueblo Community College Department of Nursing to meet the local need for specialty faculty in psychiatric and obstetric nursing and to set a precedent for collaborative educational partnerships in nursing education. The Department has also initiated a mobile Clinical Educator Seminar to provide professional development for local and regional clinical faculty.

Professors present to local groups

Professors Huseyin Sarper, Neb Jaksic, Keith Sinkhorn, all of the Department of Engineering, and Sylvester Kalevela, and Michael Mincic of the Department of Engineering Technology, made presentations to local groups over the last two months. Dr. Sarper addressed the Pueblo Technology Alliance on November 17 to discuss sustainable energy projects engineering students are working on; Dr. Neb Jaksic spoke on February 1 in the CSU-Pueblo Physics Seminar series on nanotechnology; and Professors Sinkhorn, Kalevela, and Mincic are participating on an educational project funded by the T-REX Project providing a DVD and lectures to help disadvantaged businesses compete for government contracts.

Grants Received

Athletics

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SPECIAL EVENTS/AWARDS/ACTIVITIES

Outstanding Faculty and Staff Recognized at Luncheon

The shining stars among CSU-Pueblo’s faculty and staff were recognized on Tuesday, April 24 in the OUC Ballroom. Among those honored were service award winners, new retirees, as well as the recipients of the outstanding classified and professional employees and outstanding faculty. Winners included Shelly Moreschini, President’s Leadership Program, outstanding professional employee; Katie Cadena Priebe, administrative assistant in the Department of Nursing, outstanding classified employee; Carol Loats, associate professor, history, Faculty Excellence in Teaching; Bill Sheidley, professor and chair, English and Foreign Languages, Faculty Excellence in Service; David Lehmpuhl, associate professor and chair, chemistry, Faculty Excellence in Research; and Jeff Piquette, assistant professor, teacher education, Faculty Excellence in Advising. The top faculty in each college were: Ruth Depalma, associate professor of nursing, College of Education, Engineering, and Professional Studies; Bill Sheidley, professor and chair, English and Foreign Languages, College of Humanities and Social Sciences; Abhay Shay, professor of marketing, Hasan School of Business; Brian Vanden Heuvel, assistant professor of biology, College of Science and Mathematics; and Karen Pardue, instructional technology librarian, University Library.

Student Employee of Year

Alicia Drew, who provides office support the Teacher Education Program was named the 2006-2007 Student Employee of the Year. She was nominated by Karen Micheli and Barbara Ramirez. This year’s runner-up is Deidre Trujillo, accounting assistant in Business Financial Services. She was nominated by Vicki Pfeiffer and Diane Caldwell. Everyone who was nominated received a Certificate of Appreciation signed by CSU – Pueblo President Joseph Garcia.

Kane Scholars Announced

Eight high-achieving Pueblo students have earned full tuition, fee, and book scholarships for up to five years to pursue a bachelor’s degree at Colorado State University – Pueblo thanks to a Fountain couple’s estate. President Joseph Garcia announced today the names of the eight students who make up the 2007 class of the Kane Family Scholars. The program was made possible by the foundation of the late Alexander “Andy” and Wanden Matthews Kane. The students will be introduced to the community and welcomed into the CSU-Pueblo family as part of the 2007 President’s Scholarship Gala on April 27. The following students have been named Kane Scholars for 2007: Kristi Vigil, Centennial High School, Azalia Sais, Central High School. Danae Nafziger, County High School, Maritza Espinoza, Dolores Huerta Preparatory High, Royce Cappis, East High School, Jaclyn Gazette, Pueblo Technical Academy, Amber Jones, Pueblo West High School, Francesca Stuart, South High School.
Racquetball Team wins fourth national team title

The Racquetball Team at CSU-Pueblo recently won its fourth consecutive men’s national team title in Tempe, AZ. The team matched up in the finals with the University of Alabama in 8 of the 9 finals. CSU-Pueblo captured the singles title at the numbers 1 through 5 positions, and the doubles titles at the numbers 1 and 3. Senior Ben Croft has become a legend in collegiate racquetball by repeating as the number 1 singles champion in each of his last three years and never losing in number 1 doubles. He lost only one match during his four-year tenure at the University. Matt Melster, also a senior, followed suit by winning at the numbers 4 and 6 positions each of his four years, and also winning 3 out of four years at the number 3 doubles position. The team has won the national men’s title every year since the University became CSU-Pueblo.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Relay for Life in Applbaum’s Honor

This year’s Relay for Life on campus will be in honor of Dr. Applbaum, who lost his battle with cancer this past November. Dr. Applbaum’s wife, son, and President Garcia will speak at and participate in the overnight event to raise money for cancer research. The event is scheduled for Friday through Saturday, June 8-9, and will take place around the Fountain Plaza. To show our support of the Applbaums and since so many of our lives are touched by cancer, either through personal experience or a friend or loved ones’ battle, we are encouraging as many individuals and groups on campus to form teams of 8-15 members. Call Bev Rubey at 586-1188.

Displaced Puebloan Reunion

The seventh annual informal social gathering of Pueblo natives now living in Denver will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 in the Seawell Ballroom of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, 14th & Curtis, Denver. At a cost of $20 per person, attendees may sample Pueblo ethnic cuisine, shop for art with Pueblo artists and witness Governor Bill Ritter receiving an “Honorary Puebloan of the Year” Also being honored this year are Andrew Hudson, former executive at Frontier Airlines and former Colorado Attorney General, J.D. McFarlane, as well as Irving Andrews, who will receive a posthumous award for his work in civil rights. The silent auction will benefit the CSU-Pueblo Foundation, the Pueblo Community College Foundation, the Bessemer Historical Foundation and the Pueblo County Historical Society. For more information or to register, contact Jane Parker Ambrose at 303-571-1744 or jpa@earthnet.net or Tom Mauro at 303-859-1355 or tmmauro@aol.com
SPORTS NEWS

Jonson is New Volleyball Coach

The athletic department has hired Chris Jonson as the school’s new head volleyball coach. Jonson replaces Emily Asanovich, who resigned early this year after two years at the helm. Jonson spent the last three years as an assistant at fellow Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference school Metro State. At Metro Jonson assisted in all aspects of running the program, with an emphasis in player development and weight training/conditioning. During his time at Metro the Roadrunners qualified for three straight NCCA Southwest Regional appearances. Prior to his work at Metro State, he was the head coach for Flatirons Volleyball Club, where he coached the club’s 17s and 18s. He also served as the head junior varsity/assistant varsity coach at Ralston Valley High School in Arvada, Colo. He helped lead Ralston Valley to district championships in 2002 and 2003, as well as a regional championship and state tournament berth in 2003. Jonson graduated from Colorado Christian University in 1999 with a degree in communications (speech specialization) and a minor in youth ministry. Jonson and his wife Jen have two daughters, Sadie and Jacey.

Men’s BB signs Two

Men’s basketball coach Patrick Eberhart has added two talented players to his roster for next season. Vaughn Gaines and Daniel Pierce both signed National Letters of Intent to play with the ThunderWolves in April. Gaines, a 5-11 point guard from Tacoma, Wash., spent last season at Highline Community College. He put together a very solid freshman campaign at Highline, averaging 14.5 points and four assists per game. Two years ago, Gaines averaged 26.5 points per game his senior year at Bellarmine Prep, where he was named First Team All State and Marows League MVP. Pierce is a 6-6 forward from Moriarty High School in New Mexico. He was named First Team All-State by the Associated Press after leading all 4A players in scoring at 24.7 points per game and rebounding at 12.1 boards per game. Pierce, who also led the state of New Mexico in scoring as a junior, finished third in the balloting for the Gatorade New Mexico High School Player of the Year Award.

Former Athlete Reunion Scheduled for July, 2007

The next PJC, SCSC, USC, and CSU-Pueblo Former Student-Athlete Reunion is set for July 26-28, 2007 in Pueblo. The weekend of activities starts with a reception at the Pueblo Marriott on Thursday, July 26, starting at 4 p.m. A barbeque is planned for Friday, July 27 on the CSU-Pueblo campus followed by a scramble golf tournament at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 28, at Elmwood Golf Course. The weekend wraps up with a dinner in the Occhiato University Center Ballroom during the evening of July 28. For more information, call Don Stutters at (719) 564-2224 or Todd Kelly (719)549-2013. In order to get the special hotel rate of $89 you must call 800-228-9290 and ask for
reservations under CSU-Pueblo Athletes/Reunion. All guaranteed reservations must be accompanied by a major credit card, and there is a 24-hour cancellation penalty. As soon as you book, you will be given a confirmation number. Send or call Bob Berry the confirmation number in order to cross reference bookings. Remember the rate is based on availability so hurry with your bookings. Rberry741002@comcast.net