

successes

Athletics commitment

CSU has made its largest commitment toward athletics facilities in four decades. Breaking ground this summer near Moby Arena, the University will construct a \$13 million indoor practice facility and a \$7 million academic and training center. Enhanced facilities are critical to promoting excellence and attracting national-caliber student-athletes to CSU, note administrators. While Colorado State is supporting the construction through bonded funds, the athletics department has begun a campaign to raise \$20 million. CSU graduates Brett and Danette Anderson launched the fundraising campaign with a pacesetter gift of \$1.5 million.

Space achievement

CloudSat, the world's first cloud-profiling radar in orbit and one of the few university-led Earth science missions, has received a Rotary National Award for Space Achievement for providing unprecedented perspectives of Earth's clouds. The joint project of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Colorado State University, and other agencies was launched in April 2006 and has reached a position 438 miles above Earth. Colorado State's Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere processes CloudSat data for the scientific community.

Golf champs

The Colorado State men's golf team in April captured the first Mountain West Conference championship in the program's history with a four-stroke win at the Omni Tucson National Golf Course. With its Round 3 total of 278, Colorado State finished the tournament with a 2-under-par score of 850, overcoming TCU, BYU, and UNLV for the championship. Three Rams captured Top 10 finishes, and Coach Jamie Bermel was named MWC Coach of the Year. The conference championship is the first in CSU history.

programs

Master of management

CSU's College of Business is offering a new master's degree for non-business majors. Students in the Master of Management Practice program earn the master's degree in one year

after obtaining a bachelor's degree. The skill-set required for technical and scientific workers has changed dramatically, which has led to changes to the traditional M.B.A., says John Hoxmeier, associate dean of graduate programs in the College of Business. The program teaches business skills to accelerate a career path in project management, teamwork, and financial or functional management. Classes begin this fall for the 30-credit program.

Plant picks

Plant Select, which introduces and recommends plants for the Rocky Mountain and High Plains regions, has announced its picks for 2008. The 2008 recommendations of the Colorado non-profit corporation – administered by Colorado State University, Denver Botanic Gardens, and nursery and landscape professionals – are Mongolian Bells Clematis, Seven-Son Flower, Blue Velvet Pansy, Little Trudy Catnip, Red Birds in a Tree, Northern Lights Pansy, and Saint Theresa Seedless Grape. Visit www.plantselect.org for more information on the 2008 selections and the locations of the more than 90 demonstration gardens throughout the state and region.

Watershed moment

Colorado State recently celebrated 50 years of fresh water resources stewardship. The CSU Watershed Science Program, founded on the study of the natural processes and human activities that affect water resources on a watershed scale, began with a grant in 1958 from the Charles Lathrop Pack Foundation. The first undergraduate class of the Cooperative Watershed Management Unit – three students – received bachelor degrees in 1959. Today, the Watershed Science Program boasts more than 100 undergraduate and graduate students.

Elder care

CSU's School of Social Work received a \$75,000 grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation to prepare social workers to specialize in older adult care. Within the next three decades 70 million Americans, or one in five, will be 65 or older, yet only 4 percent of social workers currently specialize in elder care. In the next decade, nearly 30 percent of licensed social workers are expected to retire. Students in the Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education will begin Fall 2008.

rankings

Physics jump

Colorado State University's graduate program in physics jumped 13 places to No. 68 in *U.S. News and World Report's* 2008 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," released in March. CSU's physics graduate program ranked with programs at seven other universities, including Syracuse University, CUNY Graduate School, and the University of Illinois.

O.T. leader

CSU's Department of Occupational Therapy is ranked 8th in the nation in *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools." The department is listed with such peer programs as Boston University, the University of Southern California, and the University of Kansas Medical Center. Recognized as one of CSU's 12 Programs of Research and Scholarly Excellence, the department also has been designated a Program of Excellence by the state of Colorado. Occupational therapy has been considered a Top 10 program by the national survey for multiple years.

appointments

VP select

Tom Gorell, longtime Colorado State University administrator and faculty member, has been named vice president for Administrative Services. Gorell has a record of more than 30 years of accomplishments and success at the University, most recently as CSU's vice provost for Faculty Affairs. Gorell also has served as a professor of biology and associate dean in the College of Natural Sciences.

research

Hibernation station

Changes in snowfall, summer precipitation, and ambient temperatures caused by global warming could affect the survival of hibernating species such as groundhogs, marmots, and ground squirrels, says Greg Florant, CSU biologist. Florant is researching whether animal torpor patterns – periods of reduced physical activity, body temperature, and metabolism – are genetic or can be manipulated by environmental temperatures. If animals increase their metabolism before plants have begun to sprout, they could die from starvation.



The Green University



csu green Go Green pledge

Colorado State University has instituted a “Go Green” pledge, which encourages sustainability practices within the campus community. CSU faculty, staff, and students can pledge to take proactive steps to leave a smaller carbon footprint on the University and the environment. In the effort to positively impact environmental resources, campus community members can commit to making a personal difference, such as taking shorter showers and purchasing environmentally friendly products.



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