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PENSCRIPTS

Finally, *Glory Colorado II* is going to press.

It's been seven years since CU officials asked William E. "Bud" Davis (PE'51, PhDEdu'63) to write a sequel to his 1965 history of the University of Colorado, *Glory Colorado!* Bud completed the writing a couple of years ago. Late this spring the long-awaited tome will be published by the University Press of Colorado.

Glory II covers all aspects of university history from 1965 to 2000 and will be a welcome companion to his earlier book, which was written for his doctoral thesis.

Bud's been a busy fellow in between *Glory* books. The Korean War veteran and CU football coach became president of Idaho State University in 1965 when he was 36. He headed up two other state institutions before finishing his career as chancellor of Louisiana State.

Now retired and living in New Mexico with his wife and college sweetheart, Polly Peterson Davis (Edu'51), he's pleased CU's bureaucratic wheels will finally churn out *Glory II*.

So are we, and we'll let you know all about it in our June issue. In the meantime, if you have about \$35,000 to invest in a good book, we can get *Glory I* reprinted — it's been out of print for a couple of decades.

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News

Hank Brown to step down

At the Jan. 18 regents meeting, CU President Hank Brown (Acct'61, Law'69) said he had "a little announcement." His last day will be Feb. 1, 2008, because he believes the reforms he has undertaken since becoming the 21st president on Aug. 1, 2005, will be completed by then and he wants to give the regents a year to find his replacement.

To his potential successors, Brown, 67, says, "Come on in — the water's great. I love this place. It's the greatest spot on the face of the Earth."

Most observers praise Brown's ability to calm the waters after CU spent several years facing public outrage over "scandals" in the athletic department, accounting processes and over Ward Churchill (whose employment status will be decided this spring).

Gov. Bill Ritter (Law'81) said, "Colorado owes [Brown] a debt of gratitude for providing strong leadership at a very challenging time for the University of Colorado."

His biggest challenge was dealing with "a climate that was not open." Brown said, "What [Coloradans] won't tolerate is you not addressing the problems and not being open about them." He noted, "Our goal has been to make sure no one ever needs to file an open-records request again."

Other goals include realigning the administrative structure "to match responsibility with authority," tenure reform, reorganizing accounting systems, reforming alcohol and drug policies and overhauling the university's relationship with the CU Foundation. He cut \$1 mil-



MICHELLE MALOY DILLON

President Hank Brown (Acct'61, Law'69), left, visits with Ed McVaney, the parent of two CU graduates. Brown has worked to convince Colorado residents that CU is being open and transparent while providing a top-flight education.

lion by eliminating positions on his staff and filled nine of CU's 11 most visible posts.

"I hope people feel we've done a first-class job of attracting talent," Brown said, citing CU-Boulder Chancellor Bud Peterson and CU Foundation President Wayne Hutchens (Mktg'67). Enrollment at the three campuses is at record levels, and fundraising is expected to exceed goals.

One challenge he is unlikely to solve is what he calls "the funding crisis." While Brown was instrumental in getting it passed in 2005, Referendum C is a temporary solution. Another recession could devastate higher education in the state, he said.

The former U.S. senator plans to teach in his retirement, and began with a course in the law school this spring.

17th Buff stampedes to space



NASA

When Steve Swanson (EngrPhys'83) climbs aboard NASA's space shuttle *Atlantis* scheduled for takeoff March 15, he will become the 17th CU-Boulder alum to fly in space. Headed to the International Space Station, Swanson will do one spacewalk and operate the station's robotic arms during the mission. In 1962 Scott Carpenter (AeroEngr'49, HonDocSci'00) flew on the *Mercury/Aurora 7* mission and became the first CU-Boulder alumnus in space.

	State funding per student	Funding at peer schools	% of peer funding
Colorado School of Mines	\$5,172	\$10,179	50.8%
Colorado State	\$4,554	\$11,554	39.4%
Adams State College	\$2,665	\$6,150	43.3%
Metro State	\$2,495	\$5,695	43.8%
CU-Boulder	\$2,413	\$9,523	25.3%

SOURCE: COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Changes at capitol raise CU optimism

Hopes for improved support from the state capitol are on the rise at CU following the November elections, which saw the governor and the legislature in Democratic hands for the first time in 44 years.

And, although it took three weeks for the votes from one race to be tallied, the university began the new year with three new regents. The at-large seat went to Democrat Steve Ludwig of Denver in a five-way race. Republican Brian Davidson lost by a 0.91 percent margin — 5,820 votes in the statewide vote. Ludwig, a self-employed consultant, was a student leader at CU-Colorado Springs and a former member of the CU president's staff. He takes over for term-limited Republican Pete Steinhauer (A&S ex'58) of Boulder.

The political make up of the board will remain the same with six Republicans and three Democrats holding the six-year, unpaid seats. The two other new regents are Republicans Kyle Hybl (Law'96) of Colorado Springs, who ran unopposed for term-limited Jerry Rutledge's (A&S'66) 5th District seat, and Tilman "Tillie" Bishop of Grand Junction. Bishop defeated Democrat Susan Hakanson in the 3rd District. Bishop, who spent 28 years in the legislature and 31 as associate dean of students at Mesa State College, replaces Democrat Gail Schwartz (Mktg'71), who successfully ran for the legislature.

With Gov. Bill Ritter (Law'81) (see page 10), his appointees and the legislators in office, CU President Hank Brown (Acct'61,

Law'69) is encouraged by funding prospects for CU. "You obviously hope that people will give you a fair shake when it comes to allocating resources," Brown told the Boulder *Daily Camera*.

An independent study released by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education in November shows the state contributes \$2,413 per student at CU-Boulder — lower than at any other state college. The report also reveals that state universities need \$832 million in additional funding simply to move up to the middle of the pack of their peer institutions across the nation.

Brown is drafting a proposal to circulate among the state's university presidents that would ask the voters for a tax increase to support higher education.

Regents vote to divest from Sudan citing genocide

In Sudan more than 400,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million displaced in the country's genocide — facts CU regents could not ignore.

In December CU became Colorado's first state-funded institution to divest from Sudan.

"This is genocide, like in Nazi Germany and Cambodia and Rwanda," said Pete Steinhauer (A&S ex'58), a Vietnam veteran and outgoing regent.

CU had invested in four to six companies that appear on the "worst offending" list drawn up by Divest Colorado, an organization whose president is CU doctoral student Scott Wisor.

While the vote overrode the institutional neutrality policy, which states all investments must be made without regard to social or political factors, CU Treasurer

Don Eldhart told the *Silver & Gold Record*, "This is not a subject that, under the policy, individuals would debate. No one would take the side of genocide."

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Refugees rest in a tent in the Touloum Refugee Camp in eastern Chad.



BOULDER BEAT

BY PAUL DANISH

Boulder vs. global climate change

Boulder is thinking globally and acting locally, again.

About three years ago the city Moms and Pops became energized over the fact that (a) global temperatures were on the rise, and (b) the federal government wasn't doing anything about it — like ratifying the Kyoto Treaty.

So, quicker than you can say CO₂ they called the City Department of Symbolic Solutions for Impossible Problems and ordered up a plan — the Climate Action Plan. It calls for Boulder to combat global warming with insulation, energy-efficient light bulbs and "education" (i.e., swarms of earnest, young civil servants who will nag everyone to insulate their homes and change their light bulbs).

Ah, but what about funding? No problem. Last November, the taxpayers passed an excise tax on electricity to pay for the program. It'll raise about \$1.3 million a year.

Personally, I think if Boulder's going to beat global climate change, it has to do more than fight it one light bulb at a time.

So I have a modest proposal for an alternative approach: bus tickets to Florida. Instead of trying to insulate everyone's home against a Colorado winter, just give everyone in town a free round-trip ticket to Florida on a city-chartered, biodiesel-fueled bus. Leave after Thanksgiving and return in mid-May.

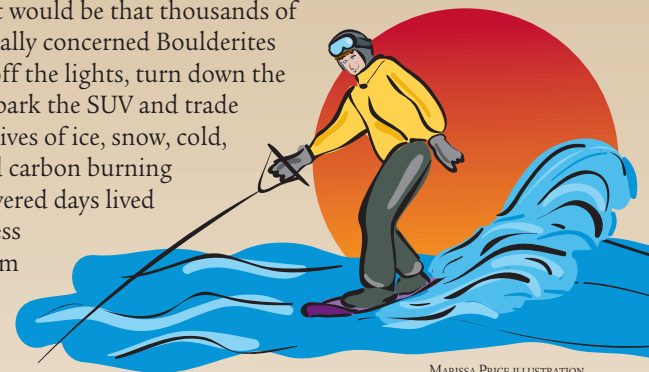
The result would be that thousands of environmentally concerned Boulderites would turn off the lights, turn down the thermostat, park the SUV and trade their dreary lives of ice, snow, cold, darkness and carbon burning for solar-powered days lived as the Goddess intended them to be lived

— on a beach. (As for skiers,

they would just have to learn to do it on liquid water. We all have to make sacrifices to save the planet.) The subsequent greenhouse gas reductions within the city would leave America gawking in slack-jawed amazement. According to a city study, 51 percent of Boulder's greenhouse gas production comes from burning fossil fuels to produce electricity and another 17 percent comes from burning natural gas for heating, hot water and cooking. Amazing reductions in emissions would be achieved if tens of thousands of light bulbs, televisions, computers, microwaves, electric blankets, food processors, furnaces and hot water heaters were turned off for months.

But would anyone actually go? Hah! Since Dec. 20 we've had nearly five feet of snow, and the city is still digging out as forecasts call for more. At the moment, global warming seems like a pretty good idea around here. Why wait 50 years to enjoy it?

Paul Danish (Hist'65) served on the Boulder city council and the board of county commissioners and remains content offering suggestions to both bodies.



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News

Wesson, Van Gerven dig up century-old murder mystery

To solve a 127-year-old murder mystery, CU anthropology professor Dennis Van Gerven excavated a grave, ordered DNA testing on bone fragments and, when that didn't lead to results, he turned to modern technology — Adobe Photoshop.

Van Gerven and law professor Mimi Wesson joined forces to find out who was actually buried in John Hillmon's grave in Lawrence, Kan. In 1879 Hillmon left his wife in search of land with a traveling companion named John Brown. Brown returned early, claiming he had accidentally killed Hillmon while unloading his gun in Medicine Lodge, Kan., a death ruled accidental by the local coroner.

However, when Hillmon's wife filed for her husband's \$25,000 life insurance policy, the Mutual Life Insurance Co. grew

suspicious. Insurance fraud was common at the time. The insurance company claimed that the two men killed someone named Frederick Walters of Iowa and dressed him in Hillmon's clothes to collect the insurance money.

The case got tried six times, twice reaching the Supreme Court. The 1892 Supreme Court ruling of *Mutual Life Insurance v. Hillmon* established a key federal evidence law, which said that because Walters sent a letter to his fiancé stating his intentions to travel with Hillmon, it was admissible evidence of what he ended up doing. But Wesson, who has long taught the case in her law classes, always wondered if it was Hillmon, not Walters, buried in the grave.

When the body was exhumed, tests only revealed bacterial DNA that eats human DNA. Van Gerven decided to use Adobe



LARRY HARWOOD

CU anthropology professor Dennis Van Gerven played Sherlock Holmes by using Adobe Photoshop to solve a long-standing murder mystery.

Photoshop to compare pictures of the corpse's profile with those of the coffin's two possible occupants. All six prominent bone features of the dead man lined up with Hillmon while only two lined up with Walters.

"I'd bet my job that this is a positive identification," Van Gerven says.

Wesson plans to complete a book on the case to convince the "community of scholars" that Hillmon was buried as claimed. A change to the federal rules of evidence can occur only with a committee appointed by the Supreme Court and with Congressional consent.

Who's Marni?

For the 1.5 million people in the United States suffering from Parkinson's disease, there's a woman named Marni with short red hair and incredible speaking skills who can come into their homes and lend a hand.

Marni is a virtual therapist that appears on computer screens to help Parkinson's patients with their speech and voice problems. Created by the CU Center for Spoken Language Research, she acts like a sensitive teacher, getting feedback from users as if she were a real person.

"If she says, 'You need to get louder,' they say, 'Oh, come on, Marni,'" Angela Halpen, a researcher at the National Center for Voice and Speech, told the *Daily Camera*, describing patient



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Ron Cole, director of CU's Center for Spoken Language Research, works with Marni to demonstrate Parkinson's treatment.

interactions with the virtual language whiz.

Marni also can fill in when there is no therapist available. She is capable of handling about half of the sessions normally conducted by a therapist, researchers say.

Programs geared to improve math, science in public schools

High school teenagers and CU undergrads are targets of new CU programs that support math and science-interested students.

Boulder Valley School District and the engineering college partnered to create scholar-

ships for high school students that will average about \$2,000 a year per recipient. The program targets those who participated in the Pre-Engineering Academy at Lafayette's Centaurus High. Ten four-year scholarships will be given this year, while next year the number will grow to 16.

The goal is to attract high-quality students, including such

underrepresented students as females, racial minorities and first-generation students.

For CU undergrads, the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics Teacher Preparation program will help them shore up the shortage of certified K-12 math and science teachers around the country.

The program employs nearly 50 undergraduates as learning assistants each semester. Their jobs entail helping science faculty members in their large undergraduate courses by leading smaller learning teams and meeting with faculty members to plan for future classes.

Learning assistants also take a two-credit course on mathematics and science education through the education school.

Leinwand heartened by Marsico endowed chair

From examining the effects of soy on heart disease in mice to studying pythons' hearts, professor Leslie Leinwand's groundbreaking research on genetic heart defects has turned more than a few heads.

Thanks to Denver alum Tom Marsico (EPOBio'77) and wife Cydney Marsico, Leinwand will be able to build on her work. In 2002 the Marsicos donated \$5 million to support CU faculty members whose intellectual achievements have received wide national and international recognition. In January Leinwand of the molecular, cellular and developmental biology department assumed the Marsico Endowed Chair of Excellence.

Leinwand also directs CU's Colorado Initiative in Molecular Biotechnology, which fosters new research, teaching and technology development in the fields of life sciences, physical sciences, math, computational sciences and engineering. She is

a co-founder of Myogen, a highly successful CU spinoff company begun in 1999 to research and treat cardiovascular ailments with small molecule therapeutics.

Leinwand has garnered numerous national awards. She is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute professor, recognized for her innovative teaching concepts.

Endowed chairs enable CU to attract and retain the highest-caliber faculty and to continue the tradition of teaching excellence. Leinwand joins Nobel laureate Eric Cornell of physics, the other current holder of a Marsico Endowed Chair.

"The University of Colorado is very fortunate to have individuals like Tom and Cydney Marsico among its supporters," says Leinwand, who is a fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science. "This endowed chair exemplifies the commitment to excellence in teaching and research that we all care so much about."

A leading researcher into the causes and cures for heart disease, Leslie Leinwand now holds, among other honors, the Marsico Endowed Chair of Excellence at CU. The chair is funded by Tom and Cydney Marsico of Denver.



LARRY HARWOOD

Chancellor Bud Peterson, right, helps students and staff clean up the meadow near the Bear Creek Apartments last fall.

Raising the flagship on vision 2030

With his Flagship 2030 strategic planning project under way, Chancellor Bud Peterson aims to set long-term goals that are not hampered by the traditional three-to-five-year plans that tend to result in merely "shifting resources around."

A 60-member steering committee (alumni, faculty, staff, students, CU Foundation representatives, community members and city of Boulder officials) is charged with creating the strategic plan based on these questions:

- What will our graduating students need to know and be able to do in the year 2030?
- To what needs of the year 2030 will our research, scholarship and creative efforts respond?
- What will the state of Colorado need from us in the year 2030?
- What should our relationship with the Boulder community be in the year 2030?
- What kind of university community will we aspire to be in the year 2030?
- What kind of financial and operational models will CU-Boulder need in order to succeed in 2030?

Defining the Boulder campus role within the CU system, as

well as helping guide fundraising goals for a capital campaign to be launched within the next three years, are key impetuses for the plan, says Peterson.

The committee is expected to release its reports in March and hold open forums that month for public comment. The final report should arrive on Peterson's desk by May 4.

? *If you would like to provide input on the questions or committee reports, go to <http://www.colorado.edu/chancellor/flagship2030/index.html>.*



CASEY A. CASS

The ATLAS Building scored a gold rating for being environmentally green.

Green season sprouts on campus

CU's new state-of-the-art ATLAS Building has garnered much attention but now it's won an award for something invisible to the eye — its "green" construction.

"With ATLAS we not only have a building that is aesthetically pleasing and filled with innovative features that meld art and technology, but one that meets the highest standards when it comes to human and environmental health," said campus conservation officer Moe Tabrizi.

ATLAS is 20 to 30 percent more water and energy efficient than others recently built in Colorado, helping it garner a gold rating — the nation's highest — from the U.S. Green Building Council under its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The gold rating follows on the heels of the renovation of the University Memorial Center, which received a silver rating.

The university has students to thank for helping it become a leader in green construction. When students approved fee

increases to help pay for new campus buildings, they mandated green construction.

Students, staff and faculty have been working to reduce waste and be more environmentally friendly in all corners of campus. Aiming for a waste-free campus in the future, CU's 2006 *Blueprint for a Green Campus* plan includes information and strategies pertaining to reducing the campus' ecological footprint.

CASEY A. CASS



Space research — from bummed out to far out

Bummed out since a mission to service the Hubble Space Telescope was canceled in the aftermath of the January 2003 *Columbia* space shuttle disaster, CU scientists and students can finally celebrate. NASA has decided to move forward with a May 2008 Hubble repair mission.

One instrument that will be installed on the Hubble in 2008

is the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph designed by CU's astrophysicist James Green and built by Ball Aerospace. The spectrograph will be able to detect ultraviolet light 30 times fainter than Hubble's spectrograph. Some scientists say it could allow them to put together disparate pieces of ancient and modern universes, enabling them to confirm the

structure of the universe.

And NASA provided CU with \$20 million in research money for work related to the Hubble repair mission. CU will hire about 10 postdoctoral researchers and 10 graduate students in the coming years.

Other CU-related space highlights include:

- Early organisms on Earth may have received their daily three square meals from a somewhat unappetizing mix of methane and carbon dioxide, according to a team of CU and NASA scientists. The mixture would have formed a haze that could have rained down on primeval organisms. A similar smog exists on Titan, Saturn's moon, although its chemistry is different.
- Two biology experiments designed for schoolchildren — a seed germination experiment and one on worm development — were on board the space shuttle *Discovery* in December. Flying in a suitcase-sized container built by CU's BioServe Space Technologies, the experiments were transferred to the International Space Station. Information from the experiments is downloaded via BioServe and sent to BioServe's educational partners worldwide to be studied by an estimated 1,000 students.



Mike Shull of astrophysics and planetary sciences stands before a 1/6th scale model of the Hubble Space Telescope in the lobby of CU's Center for Astrophysics and Space Astronomy. He is a lead scientist for a new spectrograph that will be added to the Hubble in 2008. The model was recently built by senior astronomy student Sarah Levine to demonstrate some of CU's handiwork on the Hubble.

New days at CU promise to take contributions to record levels

Donor confidence in CU is back, as giving to the CU Foundation increased to \$54.1 million from July 1, 2006, to Jan. 1, 2007. Contributions totaled \$17.8 million in six months last year.

"This generosity will have a major impact on our students and faculty and will pay significant dividends for Colorado for years to come," says CU President Hank Brown (Acct'61, Law'69).

A stronger economy, public trust in the university's leadership and an awareness that CU



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receives just 7 percent of its funding from the state encouraged donors, says Wayne Hutchens (Mktg'67), foundation president.

At the current pace, the foundation's fundraising could far exceed its goal of \$72 million and easily break the record set in 2000 of \$84.9 million.



CASEY A. CASS PHOTOS

Donors to Koelbel Hall, the new name for the business school's building, include students and Jean Engebretson (MEdu'76) and Dick Engebretson (MBA'72) of Wayzata, Minn. Dick is a former chair of the Alumni Association.

Business school gets elbowroom

In 1970 CU opened the doors to the business school's new building for 1,500 students.

Nearly 40 years later, the Leeds School of Business boasts 3,600 students. Next fall they'll no longer have to squeeze into the school's cramped quarters. A 65,000-square-foot, four-story addition will give students some elbowroom.

The \$38 million addition and renovated original building will be named Koelbel Hall after the family who donated \$4 million toward construction. The Koelbels — Walter Koelbel (Bus'47); his wife, Gene Norgren Koelbel (Bus'47); and their son, Buz Koelbel (Fin'74) — have a long history of supporting CU.

Walt Koelbel founded the real estate development firm Koelbel

and Co. 54 years ago. "Koelbel has a longtime philosophy — if the community has been good to you, you've got to give back," Buz Koelbel told the *Denver Post*. "CU is the singular most important institution in the state."

Also, Leeds recently received national attention for its Sustainable Venturing Initiative when the Robert H. Deming (Acct'56, MMgmt'59) and Beverly A. Deming Center for Entrepreneurship won the 2006 Award for Excellence in Specialty Entrepreneurship from the National Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers.

The initiative aims to help entrepreneurial leaders gain entry to the fast-changing world of sustainable business opportunities.

Get up to speed at World Affairs



Although it won't be the same without the late columnist Molly Ivins, the 59th annual Conference on World Affairs April 9-13 promises to be another rousing week of discussion and debate. The schedule of events will be available in mid-March at www.colorado.edu/cwa.

Ancient humans had gourmet palate and penchant for Europe

Far from being finicky eaters, our ancient human relatives in South Africa savored many more foods over a million years ago than previously thought, including fruit, leaves and possibly animals, according to a team of researchers that includes CU scientists.

The findings challenge the idea that *Paranthropus robustus* became extinct because picky eating habits prevented it from being resourceful when Africa began to dry up.

CU's Matt Sponheimer of anthropology and his team used teeth from four individuals found at the Swartkrans site to uncover details of their diets.

Laser ablation, a new technique for analyzing teeth, gave them answers. Like tree rings, primate teeth grow for many years creating microscopic layers that reveal the types of food eaten. Using laser ablation the team peeled away tiny strips of *Paranthropus* teeth and studied the chemical composition to uncover food types.

"We've never before been able to see dietary change within a single individual's lifetime," Sponheimer said. "It's like having a motion picture running over months and years instead of just having one still image."

Researchers say they probably need to look to other biological, cultural or social differences to explain *Paranthropus* extinction.

■ Meanwhile in Europe, 250 miles south of Moscow, a team of CU and Russian researchers has discovered what appears to be the earliest evidence of human beings on the continent.

Perforated shell ornaments, blades, scrapers and a piece of ivory carved into what appears to be the head of a small human figurine surprised researchers, indicating humans may have

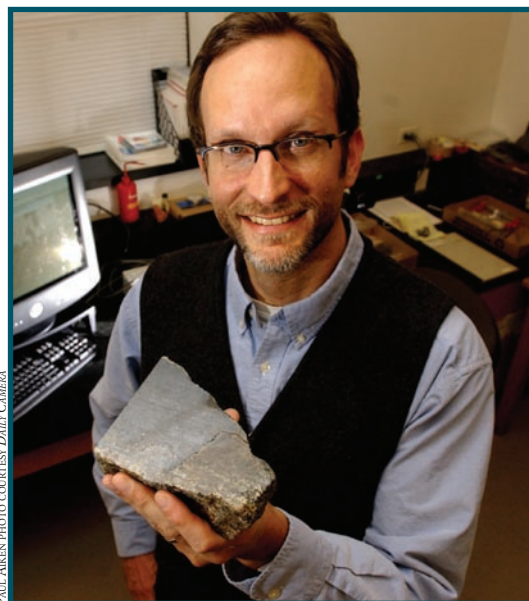
migrated from Africa to one of the coldest, driest places in Europe as long ago as 45,000 years.

"It is one of the last places we would have expected people from Africa to occupy first," says John Hofecker, a fellow of CU-Boulder's Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research.

Researchers uncovered the tools and fragments of human teeth in a layer of volcanic ash deposited by a huge ancient eruption hundreds of miles away in what is now Italy.

■ In other ancient news, CU geologist Stephen Mojzsis has a rock the size of an adult hand that's fueling the debate about the origins of life on Earth. Mojzsis says the 3.83 billion-year-old

Akilia rock he found in Greenland was processed biologically a few hundred million years after Earth was formed nearly five billion years ago. If he's correct, the microbial life would be 400 million years older than any other known microscopic creatures. He says the rock proves life can form in the right conditions and could mean that life on Mars is possible.



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Geology professor Stephen Mojzsis holds a 3.83 billion-year-old rock from Greenland in which he discovered signs of life.

CU remembers alums who died on 9/11



JENNIE MARCH-ALEI PHOTO COURTESY COLORADO DAILY

Law Dean David Getches speaks at the 9/11 Memorial Plaque dedication on Sept. 11, 2006. The plaque, located in front of the Wolf Law Building, remembers the 10 CU alums who were among the 2,973 people who died in the 2001 attacks.

Back at home in the Boulder classroom

By Hank Brown

Moving the CU system administration office from Boulder to Denver in October was bittersweet.

We gained important access to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, the state capitol and legislature. We also have greater interaction with current and potential donors. The move also highlighted that the chancellor is the leader of CU-Boulder. Each of the three universities in our system is a dynamic institution that is both part of a whole and an independent entity.

The sad part of the move is that Boulder has always been our home. And despite all the good reasons to move system administration to Denver, something is lost. Obviously, Boulder offers a stunning setting. But what we miss the most is the energy of the campus, its intellectual vibrancy and the rhythm of the academic calendar — its clearly defined beginnings and endings are all-too-lacking in today's nonstop, multi-tasking world.

Thus, I welcomed the invitation to teach a class this semester in the law school. Teaching the one-credit course, "Legislation," not only affords me a connection with the campus but also provides direct contact with the challenges facing both students and faculty members. The interaction between professors and their students is at the heart of our university. Good administrators recognize this and use it as a key basis for their decisions.

The beautiful new Wolf Law Building with the latest in technology provides an excellent learning environment. However, the basics remain the same — dedicated faculty and bright, motivated students.

In the class I teach, students interact with Colorado lawmakers, both in class and during a trip to the state capitol. They are learning about the role of agencies in lawmaking and interpretation of laws. We examine campaign finance reform and explore how the executive branch of government offers a check on the legislature with the line-item veto. And in what has led to lively discussions, we use the 2000 presidential election as a case study.

Despite what Thomas Wolfe wrote, you can go home again. Driving from the CU system administration office in Denver to Boulder retraces a journey I first took five decades ago. When cresting the hill on Highway 36 I look down on the campus nestled in the beautiful Boulder Valley. The inspiration of that view has never diminished. And now it is enhanced by the opportunity to be part of the learning endeavor at our world-class university.

Hank Brown (Act'61, Law'69) became the fourth alumnus to serve as CU president on Aug. 1, 2005. He has announced his decision to step down from the post on Feb. 1, 2008. You may contact him at OfficeOfThePresident@cu.edu.



LARRY HARWOOD

President Hank Brown shares his vast experience as a legislator with CU law students.