



After receiving the March issue of the *Coloradan* and reading about students in the Peace Corps, **Jerry Bates** (Bus ex'47) thought it important to mention and appreciate others who performed valuable service to their country. Jerry served for 20 years in World War II and Korea and acknowledged many other men who enlisted and served in the armed forces after college. Jerry lives in East Moline, Ill.

Former NASA astronaut **Scott Carpenter** (Aero'49, HonDocSci'00) returned to his alma mater in October to present a \$10,000 Astronaut Scholarship check from a foundation funded by six of the original Mercury astronauts. The recipient is physics student **William Willcockson** (Phys'07). Scott became the second American to orbit Earth in 1962 and went on to participate in the U.S. Navy's SEALAB II program, work as executive assistant to the director of NASA's Manned Spaceflight Center and founded Sears Sciences, a corporation working in ocean resource use and environmental health. A resident of Vail, Scott frequently travels giving lectures about the future of ocean and space technology.

From his birthplace in Mozyr, Russia, to Hartford, Conn., to India, Burma and finally Colorado, **Leonard Tulin's*** (CivEngr'50, MS'52) life experiences have led him around the world. Leonard's family left Russia when he

was a toddler and settled in a close-knit immigrant community in Hartford. During World War II Leonard served as a weather forecaster in India and Burma and later attended CU-Boulder. He now lives in Estes Park.

Billings, Mont., resident **Cleve Kimmel** (Chem ex'54) has a great appreciation for CU's chemistry classes. After graduating from CU and serving in the Korean War, Cleve used his new knowledge in chemistry to develop a system that prevents aircraft fuel tank explosions caused by any ignition source. His work on aircraft fuel systems was featured in a CNN special about the topic in July and August 2006.

American Friends of the Hebrew University recently announced that international bank consultant **Alex Halberstein** (Mgmt ex'54) has become a member of the organization's southeast regional board.

The fall season sparked fond memories of CU for **Stan Wyatt** (A&S ex'56). Currently a resident of San Diego, Stan wrote to the *Coloradan* about how he "yearned" to be a student at CU-Boulder again, eating breakfast in Farrand Hall, strolling across campus and practicing football with his teammates.

With a party thrown by their three children, **John Wiseman*** (Phar ex'57) and **Carolyn Fansher Wiseman*** (HomeEcon'57) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. The party was held in Ann Arbor, Mich., where the couple lives. Carolyn's grandfather, **Timothy Stanton** (A&S 1883), was a member of the second class to graduate from CU.

After meeting in Sewall Hall in 1957 and spending time together in Seattle and Costa Rica, **Nancy Neece Cranton** (Edu'58) and **Yvette Sole Kaplan*** (Hist'61) plan to cel-

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Dick Roark (Bus ex'47)

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brate their 50th year of friendship by taking a trip to Hungary. The friends' destination is especially significant because Yvette escaped from Hungary as a child after the Hungarian Revolution was suppressed by the Soviets in 1956. Yvette lives in Rockland, Mass., and Nancy lives in Troutdale, Va.

Drawing 116 alumni, the class of 1956 from Durango High School held its 50-year reunion in September, which included a charity raffle and a memorial service. Gifts donated at the raffle included a quilt from **Marianne Haffey*** (Edu'74, MA'86) and a piano trio CD featuring, among others, her sister **Eileen Rose Haffey Brown*** (Mus'60) on the violin. Eileen lives in Sun City West, Ariz., and Marianne lives in Boulder. 🐾



Former CU Stearns Award winner **Richard G. Weingardt** (CivEngr'60 MA'64) became the 32nd person to receive the 2006 Heritage and History Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers in New York City. Rich was praised by the Society for his research and publication accomplishments as well as his leadership within the engineering community and in society as a whole. Rich lives in Denver and heads up his own engineering firm.

Senior broker associate **Kit Cowperthwaite** (Law'61) was named the 87th president of the Colorado Association of Realtors during its state convention in October. Kit has held many positions with the 27,500-member organization over the past several years and lives in Littleton.

Former CU admissions office employee **Dwight Grotewold** (MPersServ'64) writes he attended **Rob Romanin's** (Bus'78) 50th birthday party. Dwight made a "Go Buffs" banner as a gift. Rob practices dentistry in

Sun Lakes and lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Dwight lives in Sun Lakes.

John Richard "Dick" Lynch (Acct'64, Law'67) and **Jean Ann Feis Lynch** (Edu'65) are working hard on the direction and expansion of their volunteer organization, Baby Basics. The volunteer nonprofit organization distributes free diapers to low-income families who have difficulty affording diapers for their children. The couple lives in Naples, Fla.

Professor emeritus of business law at Southern Oregon University, **Dennis Powers** (A&S'64) recently published his 10th book, *Treasure Ship* (Citadel). The book, available in hardcover and paperback, tells about the dramatic discovery of a long-lost gold-bearing ghost ship. Dennis lives in Ashland, Ore., with his wife. They enjoy fishing and white-water kayaking.

The CU Foundation board of trustees elected **Jeannie Doepper Thompson*** (Zoo'64) as vice chair and **Glenn Porzak*** (PolSci'70, Law'73) as chair. Both have been trustees since 2002 and will serve two-year terms as officers. Both live in Boulder.

In his recently published book, *Four Seasons North: Exploration and Research in the Arctic and Subarctic* (Vantage Press), **H. Robert Krear*** (PhDZoo'65) writes about his explorations of areas with freezing temperatures and icy landscapes most people would never consider visiting. In the book, he expresses an overarching love and respect for the arctic landscape and its incredible inhabitants as he describes his research expeditions through Quebec, Labrador, the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea and Amchitka Island in the western Aleutians. He lives in Estes Park.

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After working for the past 40 years as a geographer with the U.S. government, **Hull McLean*** (Geog'66) aims to retire with his wife in June. The couple now lives in Ellicott City, Md., but plans to retire in southern Delaware. Hull also wrote that his son, **John F. McLean** (Fren, IntlAF'02), and **Kerry Tay Smith McLean** (Jour, Mktg'03) are married and live in Loveland.

CU Foundation President **Wayne Hutchens*** (Mktg'67) received the 2006 Del Hock Lifetime Achievement Award from the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. The award honored Wayne for his leadership role in job creation and sustainable economic development in Colorado while he was chair of the Metro Denver Network. He lives in Denver with his wife, **Joyce Bishop Hutchens*** (Bio, Edu'67).

The former events director for the CU Alumni Association, **Nancy Smith Rasmussen*** (Engl'67) has taken the position of associate director of alumni relations with the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Nancy writes very positively of her new job, which primarily involves reaching out to alumni outside the Northeast. She also adds that, despite living in Philadelphia, she still loves reading the *Coloradan* to catch up on CU news.

After serving as general manager of two Fortune 500 companies in China, **James Stepanek** (A&S'67) is now an independent industrial consultant specializing in helping American manufacturers export to China. He lives and works in Branford, Conn.

A resident of Crested Butte since 1964, **Sandra Cortner** (Ital'68) has published her first book, *Crested Butte Stories...Through My Lens* (Wild Rose Press). The historical narrative includes interviews with Crested Butte natives as well as photos of the town, its people and its quirky events and traditions. More information about the book can be found at crestedbuttestories.com.

Professor of physics at the University of Kentucky, **Lance DeLong** (Phys'68) was elected as a fellow of the American Physics Society. He was cited for his contributions to the understanding of the magnetic properties of metallic crystals and films in superconducting. He visited his former CU physics professor, **Al Bartlett**, during an APS convention in Denver in March.

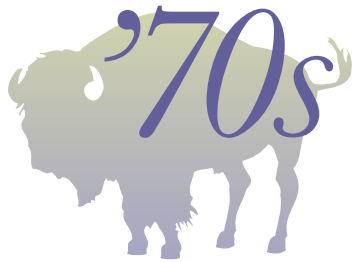
The co-owner and broker of Wright Kingdom Real Estate, **Lew Kingdom*** (Mgmt'68) celebrated the 30-year anniversary of the company in 2006. Wright Kingdom was voted Boulder County's best real estate company in 2004 and 2005 by readers of the *Daily Camera*. Lew's wife, **Sarah "Sally" Reed Kingdom*** (Engl'66), is a past board member of the Boulder Valley School District and continues to be a community volunteer. She also has served as president of the Alumni Association's board of directors. The couple lives in Boulder.



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At its 2006 annual dinner, Hillel of Colorado awarded **Ed Barad** (Engl'69, Law'73) the Kaufmann-Waldbaum Leadership Award for his work as the Jewish organization's Colorado board president. Ed currently works with the Brownstein, Hyatt & Farber law firm and lives in Englewood. 🐾



Featured for his work in controlling nuclear proliferation in the December 2006 *Coloradan*, **Jim Navratil*** (Chem'70, MS'72, PhD'75) flew to Vienna in December to do some consulting for the International Atomic Energy Agency before heading to Libya with his wife to visit friends. The two are working on memoirs and live in Pendleton, S.C.

Steve Katz (Acct'71) writes that he was living in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit. He survived, but his house did not. He relocated to Vail and is enjoying Colorado.

The West Quad at CU-Boulder's business school was named in honor of **Dick Engebretson*** (MBA'72) and **Jean Engebretson*** (MEdu'76), who pledged \$1 million for the school's expansion and renovation. Dick, who is past chair of the CU Alumni Association, is a retired executive of the world's largest exhibition and publishing company. The couple lives in Minnesota and California.

Hikers **John Simons** (Phil'72) and **Tony Moores*** (MEdu'77) made it to the rooftop of Africa – the summit of Kilimanjaro – in

October. John is a Realtor with Remax in Boulder and lives in Superior. Tony is a retiree who serves on CU's College of Music's advisory board and lives in Boulder.

A *Hard Kept Secret* (SBI Press) is a contemporary Western adventure novel set in southwestern Colorado by author **Stephen Bloch*** (Engl'73). More info is at a hardkeptsecret.com. Stephen lives in Carmel Valley, Calif.

Principal architect of the Rocky Mountain Institute, **Gregory Franta*** (Arch'73) received a U.S. Green Building Council Leadership Award in the education category. He was recognized for the 30 years he has spent educating and transforming the building industry regarding sustainability through professional development programs, workshops and speaking engagements. He lives in Boulder.

Director of research and education at the Mountain Institute, **Alton Byers** (Geog'75, PhD'87) received the Sir Edmund Hillary Mountain Legacy Medal for his service in the conservation of culture and nature in remote mountainous regions. A mountain photographer who has worked for more than 30 years to protect mountain environments and improve the lives of mountain people in the U.S., Nepal, India, Africa and South America, Alton also received the David Brower Conservation Award from the American Alpine Club. He lives in Elkins, W.Va.

A political science professor at Strayer University in Manassas, Va., **Jane "Amar" Biddle Merritt El-Yacoubi*** (MPolSci'75, PhD'83) spoke at CU-Boulder's Islam Awareness Week in March. In her talk, "Mayflower Muslim: A Woman's Quest for Truth as a White, Anglo-Saxon Muslim," she spoke about balancing a career, family and religion, in the context of marrying a Muslim, converting to Islam and then becoming a college professor and mother of eight children. She is married to **Hassan El-Yacoubi** (PhDPolSci'73).

Fourteen years after her first novel, **Catherine O'Connell*** (Jour'77) published her second, *Well Bred and Dead* (Harper Collins). The book revolves around a wealthy fashionista who unveils the secrets of her best friend's apparent suicide, set against the backdrop of Chicago's gold coast. More details about the mystery novel are at wellbredanddead.com. She lives in Aspen.

A professor of architecture at Texas A&M, **Jeff Haberl** (ArchEngr'78, MCivEngr'81, PhD'86) was named a fellow of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers in summer 2006. He lives in College Station, Texas.

The College of Labor & Employment Lawyers inducted **Theodore Olsen** (Law'78) as a fellow in summer 2006. He has practiced employment and labor law for 28 years with Sherman & Howard in Denver. He lives in Englewood.

Evergreen resident **Tom McLagan** (Mech-Engr'79) is president of the Association of General Contractors for Colorado for 2007. He is also president of Hyder Construction.

Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire appointed **Kyle Usrey*** (MBA'79, Law'85) to the Washington State Executive Ethics Board for a five-year term that began in October. Kyle is the only citizen-at-large member on the five-person board, which ensures compliance by executive agencies with the Washington State Ethics Public Service Act. The dean of Whitworth College's School of Global Commerce and Management, Kyle writes that he joined the CU Alumni Association at the behest of his parents, **Harold Usrey*** (Mktg'50) and **Mary Thornton Usrey*** (Bus'50). Kyle lives in Spokane, Wash., and his parents live in Boulder. 🐾



Former CU Alumni Association and current CU Foundation board member **Marty Erzinger*** (Econ'80) was ranked No. 2 in Colorado among "top wealth advisers" in the *Denver Business Journal*. He lives in Greenwood Village.

The Leukemia Research Foundation hired **Cynthia Kane** (Fin'81) as senior director of development. Cynthia had been director of new business development at Club Car. She lives in Highland Park, Ill.

Assistant professor and head of access services at the University of Rhode Island Library

Healing at CU after World War II

If not for World War II, Dick Roark (Bus ex'47) would have remained a Texas Longhorn instead of becoming a Buff.

Dick graduated from high school in Texas in 1938, then spent two years at the University of Texas before World War II interrupted his studies. He was an apprentice sheet metal worker for the war effort until 1942.

Then he enrolled in the Aviation Cadet Reserve (Army Air Corps) while working at the Consolidated Bomber plant on the Army base in Roswell, N.M. Dick already held a private pilot's license, and the Army furthered his training by putting him in the cockpit of a P-38 Fighter. In 1943 he joined the 475th Fighter Group to fly missions out of New Guinea in the Pacific Theater. He then flew with the 431st Fighter Squadron out of the Philippines.

After 15 months, 123 missions and 414 combat hours, Dick completed his tour of duty and returned from the war unscathed.

"I survived 123 missions and countless bad meals," Dick says jokingly. "I lost 40 pounds in the process but cannot recommend eating dehydrated food as a method of dieting." He tries not to bore people with too many war stories. "Suffice to say I had a lot of opportunities to get killed. I declined them all."

After his military duties, he came to CU in the fall of 1945 courtesy of the G.I. Bill, which he much appreciated. CU was "a healing experience," Dick recalls.

"The main reason I went to CU was to complete my education and to ski," he says. "Or vice versa." He spent his weekends at Berthoud Pass, Loveland and Arapahoe Basin. Everyone used what he describes as crude or sometimes nonexistent ski facilities – the combination of an Army Jeep and a friend substituted for a ski lift.

Even though he had never thought of himself as fraternity material, he was rushed by SAE the same fall. "The frat was a great experience. A lot of us were veterans, and I felt at home there," Dick says.

He joined the FBI and worked for the agency until 1963, shortly before John Kennedy was assassinated. Then he worked for IBM and the Coors Construction Co. while raising his four children with his wife, Wilma Jean Brintnall, whom he'd married in 1949.

They settled on a small farm near Loveland with two horses for his growing family. He retired in 1980. In 2004 he moved to be near his family in Higganum, Conn., and remains proud to be a Buff. — *Haley Sinn-Penfold*



Dick Roark (Bus ex'47), left, and his friends take a break from skiing 1940s style – before ski lifts were commonplace in Colorado.

James Teliha* (Hist, PolSci'82, MHist'93) and his wife, **Misti Maura McConahay** (MInfoSys, MBA'97), spent seven New Year's Eves from 1997 to 2003 on seven different continents. When the couple is not traveling the world, they live in Kingston, R.I. Check out their wanderings at www.uri.edu/library/staff_pages/teliha/telihaj/travel.htm.

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease's commercial litigation lawyer **W. Breck Weigel** (PolSci'82) made the 2007 *Best Lawyers in America* list. He lives in Terrace Park, Ohio.

Denver architect **Niccolo Casewit*** (Env Des'83) of Environmental Productions is
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associate producer of the documentary *Sprawling from Grace: Reshaping the Great American City*. The film explores the negative impact of sprawl on the largest U.S. cities and the promise of transit-oriented development as an alternative. He lives in Denver.

Texas resident **Richard Tremaine** (Psych'83) was selected as administrator of the Austin Veteran's Affairs' Outpatient Clinic. He is also involved in the design, development and construction of a new and larger outpatient clinic to be located at the old Austin Airport site, scheduled to be in operation by 2010.

Director of golf **Jim M. Phillips** (Engr Phys'84) has been teaching private and group lessons at Lake Valley Golf Club in Boulder since 1975. The former Buff football player lives in Longmont with his wife and child.

After being struck by the lack of educational resources in Nepalese schools, **John Wood** (Fin'86) left his senior executive position with Microsoft and established Room to Read, a nonprofit organization that establishes schools and libraries in developing countries (see March 2006 *Coloradan*). He wrote about his experiences in *Leaving Microsoft to Change the World* (Harper Collins), and also spoke at CU-Boulder in March. He lives in San Francisco.

Proud grandmother **Nadia El-Muakeh Turk** (PhDFren'87) writes that her daughter, **Nisreen Turk** (Kines'97), gave birth to twins Noah and Aiya, a boy and a girl, in December. Nadia lives in Boulder, and Nisreen lives in Erie.

In July **Eric Reiche** (EnvCon'88) married artist Olivia Daane. The wedding was on Martha's Vineyard, with family and friends flying in from Tennessee, New York and Aspen. Eric is a snowmaking controller at Aspen Mountain who completed his 19th season at the resort this winter. The couple met and live in Aspen.

Sharon Eileen Miller Anderson (Psych, Edu'85) and Cmdr. **Gregory S. Anderson** (AeroEngr'86) will be moving to Boulder County this summer when Greg retires from being a Navy pilot after a 20-year career. He won't get too much rest as he will start a new job as a United Airlines pilot. The couple has four children and is excited to build their new home on a 13-acre plot. Greg graduated from the Topgun flight school and participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He's been in the Navy since his NROTC days at CU. 🐻

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For the fourth year in a row, Chicago resident **Gretchen Beetner*** (Comm'90) participated in the American Diabetes Association's walk in Chicago. She writes that her husband is a Type 1 diabetic, so the walk is a cause that is "near and dear" to her heart. With the help of her friends and family she raised over \$2,600 to support the ADA's mission and notes she wore her CU colors while walking.

Proud parents **Leigh Peterson Shine** (DistSt'90) and husband welcomed Aidan Michael Shine into the world in October. Leigh writes that Aidan is a "happy, healthy and wonderful baby who is looking forward to his first CU event and Ralphie introduction." The family lives in Pennington, N.J.

Boulder residents **Joseph Vigil** (MPolSci'90) and **Brandy LeMae** (Art'94) are owners of VaST, a Boulder-based green architecture firm that was retained by the Longmont Housing Development Corp. to prepare

"Boxing and philosophy are the two treasures in my life. Philosophy was something I had to do. It gave me a much richer life than if I was just a boxer."

Dave Gaudette (MPhil'80)

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design and construction drawings for the rehabilitation of Longmont's Village Place, an affordable senior housing project.

Attorney **Rod Cooper*** (DistSt'91, MBio'94) merged the Cooper Law Firm into Nix Patterson & Roach and became a partner in the firm's Dallas office. He manages the firm's office and oversees the firm's intellectual property licensing and litigation practices. Rod, his wife **Lori Cooper** (MSci'93) and their two children live in Roanoke, Texas.

Former vice president of business development at Broomfield's Capstone, **Brian Winkelbauer** (MusEdu'91) joined the CU Foundation as director of development for CU-Boulder campus programs. Brian is no stranger to CU, as he previously served CU as business manager for athletic development,

special assistant to the athletic director and assistant athletic director for student services. He lives in Superior.

Albuquerque-based attorney **Erika Anderson** (Psych'92) was elected as the Young Lawyers Division chair member of the state bar of New Mexico's Board of Bar Commissioners. She does civil litigation and works primarily on cases involving civil rights, employment, business and personal injury law.

Senior vice president of CB Richard Ellis, a Los Angeles real estate firm, **Nico Vilgiate*** (PolSci'92) was named to the board of directors for Shane's Inspiration, a nonprofit organization that develops universally-accessible playgrounds to allow disabled children to play side-by-side with their able-bodied peers. Nico lives in Santa Monica, Calif.

Director **Matt August** (Thtr'93) led the Broadway production of Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, which showed at the Hilton Theatre from October to January. He lives in New York City.

Baby Buff Alyssa Bird was born to **Lora Allison Bird** (Anthi'93) and **Michael Bird** (InfoSys'94) in October. The couple, Alyssa and her older brother live in Des Moines, Iowa.

Chicago resident **Angela Kimsey Carter*** (IntlAf'93) is a partner of advisory services at KPMG. She lives in Chicago.

Executive managing director **David Goldstein** (Soc'93) of Studley was elected to the company's board of directors. Studley is a commercial real estate firm based in New York City, where David lives.

For 13 years **Dan Kingdom** (Comm'93) has been Realtor with Boulder's Wright Kingdom Real Estate. In October 2005 he was awarded the Realtor of the Year award from the Boulder Area Realtor Association. He is a former president of the association and is currently a director for the Colorado Association of Realtors. Dan writes that he is a loyal Buff fan who lives with his wife and 2-year-old daughter in Boulder.

In December Jackson Thomas Rubenstein was born to **Brett Rubenstein** (EPOBio'93) and his wife. Brett is a high school biology



teacher and ski coach at the Fountain Valley School of Colorado. The family lives in Colorado Springs.

The difficulties of a high school debate team are chronicled in **Joseph Carl Miller's** (A&S'94) *Cross-X* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), which was published in October. The narrative explores the ways in which urban communities have been decimated by racism and economic apartheid. He lives in Longmont.

Lawyer **Peyton Berg** (Hist'95) and his wife had a daughter, Leah Elizabeth Berg, in November. He hopes to take Leah to a CU football game soon, he writes. The family lives in Indianapolis, Ind., where Peyton practices at Bose McKinney & Evans.

Boulder's search marketing and social media agency Room 214 Inc. hired **Monica Teufel Kurtz** (MJour'95) as vice president of business development. The internet marketing expert previously worked with clients such as Qwest, Aramark Educational Resources, Children's Hospital, John Mansville and the National Ski Areas Association. She lives in Evergreen.

Ulmer & Berne announced that attorney **Stephanie Straub Kennedy** (Psych'95) was appointed secretary to the board of directors for the Cleveland Entrepreneurship Preparatory School. Stephanie, who focuses her practice on employment and civil rights litigation, lives in Aron Lake, Ohio.

Filmmaker **Derek Cianfrance** (Film ex'96) was awarded \$1 million for winning the 2006 Chrysler Film Project competition. The prize money is financing his independent film *Blue Valentine*, which he co-wrote about a couple whose marriage is in trouble. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The first married couple to both achieve status of captain at AirTran Airways is **Michael Meline*** (Mktg'96) and his wife, Shelley Barron. Michael is captain on a Boeing 717, while Shelley flies a Boeing 737. The couple lives in Villa Rica, Ga.

A lecture series on RNA at CU in December that featured Nobel laureate **Tom Cech** was sponsored by Dharmacon, a Boulder biotech company founded by **Steve Scaringe** (PhD-

Chem'96). The company uses CU-patented technology in the chemical synthesis of RNA. Steve lives in Lafayette.

Independent film *Quest for RB 928* is an adventure and automotive enthusiast's documentary about **Lewis Johnsen's** (Comm'97) journey to find the long-lost car from the '80s movie *Risky Business*. Lewis, who is producing the film, plans to submit it to the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. He lives in Thornton.

Proud parents **Travis McAfoos*** (Fin'97) and **Kerri Bieber McAfoos** (Mktg'97) welcomed baby Buff Blake McAfoos in October. The family lives in Denver.

In January **Tim Meeks** (MEngrMgmt'97) became administrator of the Western Area Power Administration, a part of the U.S. Department of Energy that markets and delivers cost-based hydroelectric power and related services within a 15-state region of the central and western United States. Tim lives in Lakewood.

Toddler Sarah Koegler had a memorable Halloween last year when she dressed as a CU cheerleader, complete with pom poms. Dad **Jeff Koegler** (FilmSt'98) hopes his "good luck charm" will help the Buffs next season. The Koegler family lives in Los Angeles.

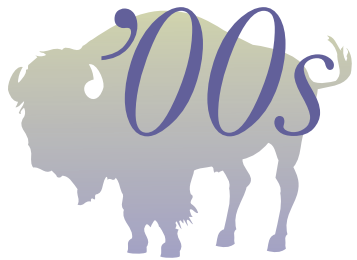
Associate professor of history at Colorado State, **Kelly Ann Long** (PhDHist'98) is author of *Helen Foster Snow: An American Woman in Revolutionary China* (University Press of Colorado). The biography tells the story of a woman who was born in rural Utah, lived in China during the 1930s and became an author, lifelong humanitarian and a bridge-builder between the United States and China. Kelly lives in Fort Collins.

Champlain College named **Jennifer Hetling Vincent** (MEcon'98, PhD'01) of Colchester, Vt., assistant professor in the division of business. She teaches macroeconomics and microeconomics.

In May 2006 **Brian Corcoran*** (Fin'99) graduated from Boston College with an MBA and a master of science in finance. In August he married Libby Forstom, and the couple bought a home in Boston, where

Brian works as a senior portfolio trader at Seamans Capital Management.

Erie resident **John Rocko DeLuca** (Kines'99) was promoted to associate director of development for athletics at the CU Foundation. 🐃



Emily Hager (PolSci'00, MPubAd'06) works for Denver-based Holland & Hart in the marketing department as a marketing manager in the law firm's natural resources department. She lives in the Denver area.

Soprano **Katy Hedalen** (MMus'00) and a Vancouver pianist joined forces to present "No Translation Required," a one-night-only recital of English-language theater showpieces, operetta, arias and jazz in Vancouver on March 31. Katy lives in West Vancouver, B.C.

Hungarian artist George Gach's masterpiece, a bronze sculpture of a buffalo, was donated to CU-Boulder by George's son Peter Gach, daughter-in-law Susan Hummel and grandson **Christopher Peelle** (Mgmt'00).

CU couple **Billy Euell** (Soc'01) and **Leslie Glassman** (Span, BusAd'01) married in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands in May 2006. **Steve Hurd** (Arch'01) of Elizabeth, **Michael Lyons** (Arch'01) of Broomfield and **Evan Rappaport** (Mgmt'02) of New York City attended the wedding celebration.



Katie Ochowicz (Kines'00) of Chicago also attended. Leslie writes that Billy proposed to her on Flagstaff Mountain in October 2005. The couple lives in New York City.

In the summer of 2000 **Marquella Signa*** (Mus'01) met Ted Cnota Jr. at her sister's wedding. Six years later, the couple married at the same venue where they first met and then bought a home in the Chicago area. Marquella works in the building department in an Illinois municipality.

Assistant research professor at the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University, **Ronald Cossman** (PhDGeog'01) was awarded \$107,000 from the Office of Rural Health Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with Delta Health Alliance. He will use his funding for a one-year project to examine spatial patterns of disease in the Mississippi Delta, using prescription data as a proxy for chronic illness prevalence.

Former Parkersburg, Pa., resident **William W. Davis** (MMCDBio'01) left for Uganda in February to provide technical assistance to AIDS outreach organizations as a Peace Corp crisis corps volunteer. He is with the Bugiri Network of AIDS Service Organizations.

On Valentine's Day **Kristina Lizardy** (RelSt'01) married Ali Hajbi at Shove Memorial Chapel in Colorado Springs. The couple lives in Colorado Springs, where Kristina is a minority student life specialist at Colorado College. Last June she received her master of divinity from Denver's Iliff School of Theology and will be ordained as a United Church of Christ minister.

Denver's **Matt Ralston** (Law'01) is a litigator with an insurance defense firm in Golden. He lives in Denver with his family.

Stanford doctoral student **Piya Sorcar** (Econ, Bus, Jour'01) is founder and execu-

tive director of Interactive Teaching AIDS. The program is an animation-based health curriculum that teaches HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention in a culturally sensitive manner to young adults in developing countries. She has presented the project at the international AIDS education consortium in Beijing, China, and was also elected to the board of directors for XRI, a California-based nonprofit that specializes in Internet-based medical education.

Buff couple **Ryan Cook** (Arch'02) and **Bridget Cowan** (Comm'02) married in January in Maui. More than 20 Buff alumni attended the wedding celebrations, which included a whale watch cruise, scuba diving, snorkeling and a luau. The two met in 1998 while waiting in line to receive their BuffOne cards, Bridget writes. They live in Denver.

Louisville's **Polly Doyle Moriarty** (M-Span'02) is co-owner of Global Works Custom Group Travel, which offers cultural immersion, community service and language learning programs for teens and young adults. She has led many overseas trips, including seven summer trips to Costa Rica, where she has served as in-country director of month-long programs. She also teaches part time at Boulder's Summit Middle School.

Melanie Smith (Geog'02) of Destin, Fla., graduated from the Dealer Candidate Academy of the National Automobile Dealers Association. She plans to use skills developed at the academy to prepare for further management responsibilities at her family-owned dealership.

Surrounded by family and friends, **Sarah Mercer Anderson*** (BioChem'03) and **Shaun Anderson** (ChemEngr'03) married at Littleton's Inn at Hudson Gardens in August. Sarah is finishing her final year as a student in CU's School of Pharmacy, and Shaun is a process engineer with Washington Group International. Following a honeymoon to Cabo San Lucas, the couple is at home in Denver.

In July 2006 **Mark Hanson*** (MHist'03) married Jessica Roberts, with **Mark Benson** (Hist'05) as the best man. After a honeymoon to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, the couple settled in Oak Ridge, N.C., where Mark works for the Internal Revenue Service.

Agent **Ewan Choate** (Phil'04) joined Lee & Associates' Newport Beach, Calif., office to specialize in office investment, flex and industrial sales and leasing throughout Orange County. He had worked at Voit's Irvine, Calif., office. He lives in Newport Coast, Calif.

Linhart McClain Finlon Public Relations added former intern **Jennifer Tilliss** (Comm, PolSci'04, MComm'06) as a full-time account associate. She lives in Denver.

The philosophical fighter

Dave Gaudette (MPhil'80) thought he wanted to become a Franciscan priest. But after the New Hampshire native took philosophy courses at Massachusetts' Stonehill College, a Catholic school, he developed a passion for Eastern philosophy, especially Zen Buddhism.

Then he fell in love with boxing. Dave trained in the tough south-of-Boston neighborhood of Brockton under Goody Petronelli, best known for training and managing Marvin Hagler.

In 1968 Dave headed Stonehill's Boxing Club. A year later he won the New Hampshire Lightweight championship. In 1971 he won the Southern New England Amateur Athletic Union Junior Welterweight Championship.

But college graduation left the right-brained philosopher with a mean left hook in a quandary. "I basically had four options," he says. "I could turn pro as a boxer in New England, I could become a resident of the San Francisco Zen Center, I could move into the Alaskan wilderness, or I could go to CU-Boulder."

CU was the prime option as one of only three universities at the time offering a master's in comparative East-West philosophy. "Boxing and philosophy are the two treasures in my life," Dave says. "Philosophy was something I had to do. It gave me a much richer life than if I was just a boxer."

Dave came to CU in 1975 and, after completing his master's, stayed in Boulder. In 1994 he founded the Front Range Boxing Academy in the back of a karate studio. From 1998 to 2003 he returned to CU as an assistant coach for the athletic department's speed, strength and conditioning program.

Today Dave continues his love affair with boxing and philosophy at Front Range Boxing, which has migrated into a Quonset hut near the intersection of Pearl Street and Foothills Parkway. The gym's 70 or so members are mostly recreational boxers.

The gym has an authentic feel — speed and punching bags, weights, blaring rock music, a pair of canvassed rings and old newspaper clippings of Dave in his glory days hanging from the walls. Only the quotes from Laotzu's *Tao Te Ching* on Dave's office door signify that it's no ordinary boxing gym.

Just a small fraction of the members actually spar. Even fewer will go on to become real fighters. More important are the life lessons to be gleaned from Dave and boxing — self-confidence, persistence, determination.

"It ain't for sissies," he says, drawing a comparison between Zen Buddhist philosophy's perspective on life and boxing. "It requires discipline and practice. The people who are successful are the ones who work through the difficult times."

— Peter Bronski



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Combining his passions for philosophy and boxing, Dave Gaudette (MPhil'80) runs a Boulder boxing academy inspired by Buddhism.

A CU Foundation employee since November 2005, **Milagro "Misa" Lobato's** (Engl, EthSt'05) latest position is development research analyst. Before joining the foundation she worked in CU's Office of Judicial Affairs. She lives in Boulder.

U.S. Institute of Peace employee **Mike Aguilar*** (IntlAF'06) writes that during his time in Washington, D.C., he has had the chance to be in the same room as Afghanistan president Hamid Karzai and Pakistan

President Pervez Musharraf, as well as travel abroad to Sydney and Morocco. Mike, who is also a student at American University, spent a weekend in Boulder during the winter and writes that he was happy to see snow again. He was a student worker for the Alumni Association during his days at CU.

High Noon Production's **Shannon Brohard*** (Jour'06) works in Centennial for an HGTV home-remodeling show called *New* (Continued on the next page)

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Spaces. She lives in Denver. For information on her projects, contact her at sbrohard@highnoonentertainment.com.

Brian Camley (Phys, Math'06) was one of 15 students around the nation to receive the Hertz Foundation fellowship for 2006. The five-year fellowship will fund Brian's study at the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he will research condensed matter physics for a doctoral degree. He lives in Goleta, Calif.

Game Face Executive Academy graduate **Mike Flynn*** (Soc'06) was placed into a full-time sales position with the Atlanta Spirit organization. He is responsible for selling and marketing the Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Thrashers and numerous Philips Arena events.

Urban social geographer **Daniel Trudeau** (PhDGeog'06) joined Macalester College's geography department as assistant professor and taught "Qualitative Methods for Geographers" and "Political Geography" during the '06-'07 academic year. He lives in St. Paul, Minn. 🐾



Award in the history and biography category for *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* (Norton), which chronicles the dynamic rebirth of American Indian society and culture.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation awarded assistant professor of geology **Alexis Templeton** a Packard Fellowship of Science and Engineering. She will receive a research grant of \$625,000 over five years. Her research focuses on little-understood microorganisms in subsurface environments that get their energy from water reacting with rocks rather than sunlight or organic carbon.

In *Rationality and Logic* (MIT Press), professor of philosophy **Robert Hanna** argues that logic and human psychology are both intrinsically psychological. He claims that logic is cognitively constructed by rational animals, and that rational animals are essentially logical animals. In order to do so, he defends the Kantian thesis that all rational animals possess an innate cognitive logic faculty.

Arctic climatologist and geography professor **Roger Barry** received the Goldthwait Polar Medal from the Byrd Polar Research Center at Ohio State University last fall in recognition of his lifetime contribution to

Faculty, staff & students

Student Recognition Awards for 2006 were presented to **Jeannette Boyd** (Span, Edu'07), **Mebraht "Mo" Gebre-Michael** (Soc'07) and **Matthew Edwards** (AeroEngr'07). The students were honored by the Herd, the student arm of the Alumni Association, for their contributions to CU and the Boulder community and were recognized during half time at the fall CU vs. Baylor homecoming football game at Folsom Field.

bris is Wrecking Careers and Companies and How to Avoid the Trap (Kaplan Business), written by business professor **Mathew Hayward**.

An advocate for women in science, professor **Margaret Murnane** of physics was named a fellow of the Association for Women in Science. She was one of 10 fellows selected in 2007 for her efforts to recruit, retain and mentor women in the field of physics.

One of the five artists nominated in the Best Classical Vocal Performance category of the 2007 Grammy Awards was associate professor of music **Patrick Mason**. He was nominated for his album *Songs of Amy Beach*. In February Patrick performed in three free campus concerts as part of the annual music faculty series.

As one of two winners of the 2007 Elizabeth Gee Memorial Lectureship Award, physics professor **Patricia Rankin** spoke at the CU Women Succeeding Faculty Development Symposium in March. She was chosen for her scholarly contributions, distinguished teaching, interdisciplinary work and efforts to advance women in academia.

Education professor **Leonard Baca** was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Business Social Responsibility Award by the Front Range chambers of commerce. He was recognized for his work as director of the campus BUENO Center, which improves educational opportunities for culturally and linguistically diverse students on and off campus. The center has helped more than 10,000 migrant workers earn their GEDs since 1976.



Mo Gebre-Michael, Jeannette Boyd and Matthew Edwards receive honors from the Herd.

The American Heart Association awarded its 2006 Outstanding Research Award in Pediatric Cardiology to **Rui Wang**, a doctoral student in mechanical engineering. He was recognized for developing an artificial right heart ventricle, which could be surgically implanted to take over a child's missing right ventricle function. He presented his research at the AHA Scientific Sessions in Chicago last fall and continues to work on incorporating the device into the cardiovascular system.

The reasons that compel business leaders to behave in ways that damage their careers or risk the financial viability of their companies are examined in *Ego Check: Why Executive Hu-*

The art and art history department named retired professor **Ronald Bernier** its first Exploratory Professor Emeritus of Art History in recognition of his extensive studies of art and art history around the world. Ron, who retired in spring '06 after 35 years of teaching, is working on a book about Himalayan and Tibetan art and hopes to keep his hand in teaching through continuing education.

Three scientists from CU-Boulder's Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration received a 2007 U.S. Department of Energy award to support research efforts to improve climate models. The trio is **Gilbert Compo** (MAstro'94, PhD'97) and **Prashant Sardeshmukh** of CIRES and **Jeffrey Whitaker** of NOAA. They aim to build the first complete, 20th century database of global weather maps.

The director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology named **Kathleen Tierney** as one of 15 distinguished experts to serve on the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Advisory Committee. Kathleen is a professor of sociology and director of the Natural Hazards Research and Applications Center.

In October space scientist and professor **Bruce Jakosky's** *Science, Society, and the Search for Life in the Universe* (University of Arizona Press) was published. Bruce is associate director for science at the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics.

Director of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences and geography professor **Konrad Steffen** participated in the U.S. kickoff event to campaign for the International Polar Year at the National Academy of Sciences Auditorium in Washington, D.C. The IPY is a two-year research effort to study the Earth's frozen regions.

A \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy was awarded to associate professor of chemical and biological engineering **Christine Hrenya**. The grant is to be used for developing new technologies to improve the performance and economics of clean power generation systems.

Director of the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics **Daniel Baker** chaired the committee that issued the National Research Council report "Space Radiation Hazards and the Vision for Space Exploration," which notes there needs to be a better understanding of solar storms and how best to protect astronauts from space radiation. Dan is the recipient of CU's 2007 Robert Stearns Award.

The Marketing Science Institute named business school assistant professor **Peter McGraw** one of the nation's top scholars. Thirty faculty members early in their careers were chosen for showing potential to become leaders in the field of marketing research.

"The U.S. culture in the eyes of some Europeans is a depiction of what they watch on TV and movies. Some think Americans are wealthy, gun-totin', spouse-cheatin', prom queens who wear stilettos, sleep with the gardener and love war."

Leasa Weimer (Comm, Psych'95)

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The National Communication Association named communication professor emeritus **John Waite Bowers** as a distinguished scholar. John retired in 1991 after serving the previous five years as chair of the CU-Boulder communication department. He lives in Bend, Ore.

Associate education professor **Michele Moses** received a Fulbright New Century Scholars Award to be part of a team that will research on the theme of "Higher Education in the 21st century: Access and Equity." Michele, whose research focuses on educational equality and social justice within education policies related to diversity and poverty, is in Porto Alegre, Brazil, to collaborate with Brazilian scholars on affirmative action policies.

Distinguished Professor **Charles Wilkinson** of law won the 2006 Colorado Book

the field of cryospheric science. For four decades Roger has pioneered research in weather pattern analysis, global climate modeling, ice-age climates and changes in mountain and Arctic environments.

The American Physical Society awarded adjunct physics professor and JILA fellow **Jun Ye** with the 2006 Rabi Prize for his contributions to the field of precision measurement.

Mechanical engineering professor **Robin Shandas** will lead a multimillion-dollar project funded by the National Institutes of Health for the study of pulmonary hypertension in children.

CU-Boulder's Council on Research and Creative Work awarded 14 faculty fellowships for the 2007-08 academic year. Winners are associate professor **Tim Curran** of psychology; associate professor **Katherine**

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Professor emerita **Joyce Lebra** talked about her novel *Sugar and Smoke* (PublishAmerica) during a reception in September for her photography show, "Faces of Hawaii: Diversity and Renaissance." The theme of her novel is the murder of Hawaiians because of conflicts over land and is based on actual events during the 1970s. The book was written under the pen name Napua Chapman.

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics named senior engineering instructor **Donna Gerren** the 2006 recipient of the AIAA Faculty Advisor Award in January. She was honored for her commitment to CU's AIAA student branch.

Professor emeritus **Bill Weber** of the CU Museum published the results of 60 years of research on five genera of wild sunflowers in volume 21 of *Flora North America* (Oxford University Press).

The American Public Health Association Disability Forum honored **David Braddock** with a Lifetime Achievement Award in November. David is an associate vice president, professor in psychiatry and executive director of the Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities.

Associate philosophy professor **Claudia Mills** is author of more than 40 children's books, including *Being Teddy Roosevelt* (Farrar Straus & Giroux). She was inspired to write this book after one of her sons was assigned to read a biography of and dress as Teddy Roosevelt in elementary school.

In *Monsters to Destroy: The Neoconservative War on Terror and Sin* (Paradigm), religious studies professor **Ira Chernus** argues that secular and religious ideologies played a major role in helping the Bush administration explain and sell the war on terror to the American public. He writes that the war on terror is based not on a realistic appraisal of the causes of the conflict but on "stories" that policy-makers believe about human nature and a world divided between absolute good and evil. 🐼

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Becoming a student of the world

By Leasa Weimer (Comm, Psych'95)

I quit my job, sold my X-terra, rented my town home and loaned my cat to a friend for two years. I said goodbye to friends and family. I packed two suitcases and headed off to fulfill a deep-rooted desire to live in another country. Little did I know I'd have to become an American diplomat.

After working for 10 years at CU-Boulder as UMC assistant director for student programs, director of parent relations and program coordinator for the Alumni Association, it was time to go back to school. My dream offer came in May 2006 via e-mail: "You have been chosen as an Erasmus Mundus scholar for the European Master's Programme in Higher Education."

This two-year joint degree master's program takes me to three different universities in Europe: the University of Oslo in Norway, the University of Tampere in Finland and the University of Aveiro in Portugal. The program is sponsored by the European Commission, which translates to a free education and a free ride (so to speak) while living in Europe.

The first semester I settled into my new life with ease: living abroad and learning to balance my studies with travels. However, I don't really have to travel to have an international experience. Living in a student village with my cohort class representing 17 different countries, I've gained many life lessons (as well as flashbacks from dorm days at CU). Our dinner table is not only a smorgasbord of international cuisine but a classroom for discussions on everything — religion, food and politics. With the current state of U.S. foreign affairs, I have also experienced a fair share of anti-American sentiment.

The U.S. culture in the eyes of some Europeans is a depiction of what they watch on TV and movies. They imagine our lives are just as depicted on *Sex and the City*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Sopranos* or *Desperate Housewives*. Some think Americans are wealthy, gun-totin', spouse-cheatin', prom queens who wear stilettos, sleep with the gardener and love war.

So, how do I respond? I'm still trying to figure that out but I have learned that I am supersensitive to these types of degrading conversations because I know how stereotypes, prejudices and assumptions can be dangerous. I'm caught in a crossfire — proud to be an American because of our quality of life but ashamed of our foreign policies and our global greed.

So this diplomat-in-training is again a student, a student of the globe, a student of life. It's been a blessing, and I will continue to make the most of this experience everyday.

📖 Read about Leasa Weimer's life abroad by visiting www.leasa.blogspot.com. She's currently in Finland and will spend the summer on an internship at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. Then she'll return to Europe to complete her thesis in July 2008. After that, she says, "Who knows?"



Leasa Weimer (Comm, Psych'95) takes in the view on Lofoten Island, Norway, which is north of the Arctic Circle. She's spending two years studying in Europe as a Mundus Scholar.

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