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PENSCRIPTS

Fast on the heels of another terrific Conference on World Affairs, our student assistant, Erika Usui, was working on an article about how professor Polly McLean has been unraveling the fascinating history of CU's first African American female graduate (see page 12). Polly called to say that not only would 1918 grad Lucile Buchanan be honored during commencement ceremonies for women and gender studies majors but the speaker would be another of history's "firsts" — Carlotta Walls LaNier.

A longtime Denver resident, Carlotta LaNier was one of the "Little Rock Nine." In 1957 she and eight other African American teenagers defied Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus and integrated Little Rock High. I had the pleasure of writing about Carlotta after hearing her speak on campus some years ago. She describes the horrors of 1957 in a style that brings sadness, shame and a sense of triumph to all fortunate enough to hear her. What a treat to have Colorado's only Congressional Gold Medal winner back at CU.

And later this year we'll witness another historic first. Martha-Elizabeth "Marty" Baylor will collect her doctorate in physics — a first for a black woman at CU and placing her among only 56 African American women in the nation. She's researching optical physics in a department that boasts three Nobel laureates — and fits right in.

Hope your spring was equally inspiring.

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News of CU

Campus striking an energetic green cord

Microbes, sunlight and plants are part of CU-Boulder's groundbreaking work on renewable energy — research that could revolutionize the international renewable energy field.

In February Chancellor Bud Peterson signed an agreement with leaders from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Colorado State University and the Colorado School of Mines to create the Colorado Renewable Energy Collaboratory. The goals are to increase the production and use of energy from renewable resources and to support state and national economic growth with renewable energy industries.

"Renewable energy technologies offer tremendous promise in confronting some of today's most pressing issues — national security, global warming and economic competitiveness," Peterson says.

Three weeks later, the collaboratory joined forces with such business giants as Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Dow Chemical and Shell Global Solutions to create the Colorado Center for Biorefining and Biofuels. Known as C2B2, it aims to become the world's leading center for research, education and innovation on the integration of renewable energy sources into the chemical fuels industry.

"Our vision extends from crops to chemicals to fuels," says Ryan Gill, C2B2 managing director and assistant professor of chemical and biological engineering. "We aim to speed the development of an entirely new industry in an area of critical national need."

C2B2 will allow the three universities and NREL to pursue broad projects on a scale no single university in the world could manage, according to Alan Weimer of chemical and biological engineering, who is C2B2's executive director. The companies' undisclosed membership fees will fund shared research. Sponsors will gain the opportunity to be a part of the discoveries and patents generated. The goal is to commercialize new technologies as quickly as possible.

Two other campus energy initiatives and grants are:

- Peterson signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, joining 74 U.S. colleges and universities that have pledged to reduce greenhouse gases, with the long-range goal of zero net emissions.
- Christine Hrenya of chemical and biological engineering received \$1.6 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop plans for more efficient and less polluting coal-fired power plants through gasification, a process that enables coal to burn cleaner while creating more energy.



CASPER A. CASS

Joining graduates from more than 100 schools across the country, over 200 CU students wore green cords to commencement May 11 to signify their commitment to being socially and environmentally responsible world citizens.



TIM MURPHY

Among those honored at the 77th Alumni Awards ceremony are, front row from left, Polly McLean, Alan Stern, Jeannie Thompson and Rolan Zick. In the back row are Uriel Nauenberg, Walter Koelbel Sr., Daniel Baker and Scott Wood.

Alumni Association honors 16 with awards

Scores of CU community members gathered in Old Main on May 9 for the 77th Annual Alumni Awards Ceremony. Sixteen outstanding CU people were recognized at the event, which also commemorated the 125th anniversary of the CU-Boulder Alumni Association.

The George Norlin Award honors outstanding alumni for their careers and service to society. Recipients of the 2007 Norlin Award are:

- Peter Henning Jr. (PhD-Phys'65), a nuclear physicist, dairy farmer and real estate developer from Bellevue, Wash.;
- Walter Koelbel Sr. (Mktg'47), a highly respected Denver real estate developer who has donated time and funds to CU and the Leeds School of Business for 60 years;
- Leonard LaPointe (MComm SpchDisSci'66, PhD'69), a nationally recognized expert on human communication disorders at Florida State University; and
- Alan Stern (PhDAstro'89) of the Boulder-based Southwest Research Institute, who is principal investigator for NASA's New Horizons mission to explore Pluto, Jupiter and the Kuiper Belt and became NASA's top space scientist in April.

Three CU faculty members received the Robert Stearns Award in recognition of their extraordi-

nary contributions to the university: Daniel Baker, director of the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics; Polly McLean, professor of journalism and director of women and gender studies; and Uriel Nauenberg, professor of physics for 37 years.

The Alumni Recognition Award was presented to Boulderites Jeannie Thompson (Zoo'64) and Rolan Zick (Chem'51, MD'55) for their service to the university.

The 2006 Kalpana Chawla Outstanding Recent Graduate Award went to James Tighe (Aero'97), of Lancaster, Calif., who was chief aerodynamicist of *SpaceShipOne*, the manned space-

craft that won the \$10 million Ansari X Prize.

Scott Wood (A&S ex'77) of Erie received the Leanne Skupa-Lee Award as the top student recruiter for the National Alumni Admissions Assistance Program.

Denver attorney John Jacus (Law'84) received the Board of Directors Award for his service to the Alumni Association, having been board chair for 2003-05 and a board member for six years.

Also recognized were four students who received paid internships through the Public Interest Internship Experience Award program — Russell Hedman, Thuy Huynh, Jennifer Nelson and Jim Skeffington.

A star is born



NASA

CU researchers believe this embryo of an infant star may someday develop into a virtual twin of our Sun. Located 7,000 light-years from Earth, the object — E42 — is thought to be in the earliest stage astronomers have ever detected a Sunlike star, says Jeffrey Linsky of JILA.



Fraternities play hardball

The university has been playing hardball with CU fraternities for a couple of years now. But hardball is a game two can play.

Last fall the IFC (Interfraternity Council) noticed that hardly anyone votes in UCSU elections (duh). So the IFC quietly recruited some candidates, applied a little targeted GOTV (Get Out The Vote) and seized the government.

The IFC didn't do this just for fun. As a result of getting tossed off campus for refusing to, among other things, defer rush week, fraternities have to pay nonstudent rental rates for using university facilities.

CU wanted rush deferred from fall to spring semester as part of its broader campaign against underage drinking and alcohol abuse. It figured that, if rush were deferred, impressionable freshmen would be less likely to fall in with a hard-drinking crowd, at least before they learned a bit more about being in college, booze and peer pressure.

The Greeks (well, the frats anyway) concluded that deferring rush would cost them money and members, as well as constitute impiety to the gods (well, Bacchus anyway). Sororities agreed to defer rush and follow other administration mandates.

So after the fraternity dudes took over UCSU, they hit Dear Old CU with their purse. (Well the power of the purse anyway.) They control allocation of an annual operating budget of roughly \$40 million — certainly not chump change. They proposed an amendment to the UCSU budget that banned giving student fee money to UCSU cost centers that charged outside rates to IFC member fraternities. This could conceivably shut down the UMC, the Wardenburg Student Health Center and the Rec Center. Think of this as the nuclear option.

In the end the IFC group decided not to go nuclear this year and contented itself with cutting budget increase requests. The UMC got a \$20,000 increase instead of the \$258,000 it wanted, for instance. Health services at Wardenburg will likely be reduced.

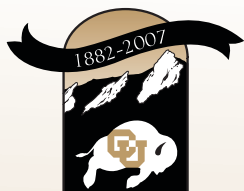
The frat boys have shown some pretty crafty political skills. They transformed a dispute over lifestyle into a dispute over money. Good move. Lifestyle disputes are almost impossible to negotiate. Financial ones are much easier.

Ah, but there's always another election. This spring the pro-Greek ticket fell by 1,500 votes to a ticket of students espousing a variety of issues. One winner, Hadley Brown, told the *Colorado Daily*, "The threats to cost center budgets made a lot of people angry so when [they] ran an all-Greek ticket, a lot of people went the other way."

Paul Danish (Hist'65) came to CU in 1960, which was the last time the student body president was the candidate of a fraternity political party (the Council of Greek Students). His name was Hank Brown (Acct'61, Law'69).



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News of CU

Sculpting a new home for the arts

Long before acclaimed New York artist Marlene Tseng Yu (MFA'67) returns to Boulder for her 50-year reunion, a much-awaited Visual Arts Complex will be the cultural gateway to campus. Desperately needed to accommodate the rapidly growing art and art history department and burgeoning interest in the CU Art Museum's exhibits, programs and art collection, construction of a state-of-the-art building will begin this summer.

Alums like Yu are excited. "The CU art and art history department opened up new worlds to me," she says. "I learned how to create, how to think with vision and how to explore my own mind."

The Visual Arts Complex will be home to art and art history, a department ranked among the finest in the nation, and the CU Art Museum, home to the impressive Colorado Collec-



An artist's rendering depicts the new Visual Arts Complex to break ground this summer.

tion with over 5,000 works of art. Started in 1939, the collection includes original works by Salvador Dali, Pablo Picasso and Diego Rivera, among others, and features art from Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

Because of the unique collaboration between academics and the Art Museum, students and faculty will savor the rich

experience of combining education, exhibits and the theoretical with the tactile. In addition to offering a robust array of exhibits and public educational programs, the museum provides professional experience for students through internships and employment.

CU students made the project possible, as roughly half of the



\$56 million construction cost will be financed by student fees. In keeping with student desires to build "green," the complex is designed to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for environmental sustainability. The center will be built on the site of the dilapidated Sibell-Wolle Fine Arts Building near the UMC.

Capital funding will also come from the state, the university and private sources. Efforts are under way to raise the additional monies still needed. Alumni can help CU students build this cultural oasis and breathe life into the arts for students, faculty, staff, alumni and the broader community for decades to come.

For more information, contact Micah Abram, director of development for the College of Arts & Sciences, at 303-541-1465 or micah.abram@cufund.org.

Learning science from a sphere



Fiske Planetarium boasts a new Science on a Sphere exhibit, which "makes you feel like an astronaut floating above Earth," says Doug Duncan, director of the planetarium and Sommers-Bausch Observatory. The sphere, which is six feet in diameter, can project images of the Earth's atmosphere, oceans and continents, as well as those of other planets.

Pitching in over spring break

Many students stepped out of Boulder during spring break, not to enjoy sun on the beach, but to visit places that needed the helping hand of public-service-oriented college students.

In March the university-sponsored Alternative Spring Breaks program hosted five trips, sending students to New Orleans for Katrina relief, northern Minnesota and Dallas to help children affected by HIV/AIDS and the Arizona desert to learn about Native American issues.

Student applications to participate in the program nearly doubled from last year, attracting about 70 students, according to Anna Domenico (Soc'96), director of the Volunteer Clearing House.

One of the students was senior journalism major Jason Griffith, who painted and prepared cabins in Minnesota for campers affected by HIV/AIDS.

"You take all this energy and idealism about wanting to make a difference in the world and focus it on this one very spe-

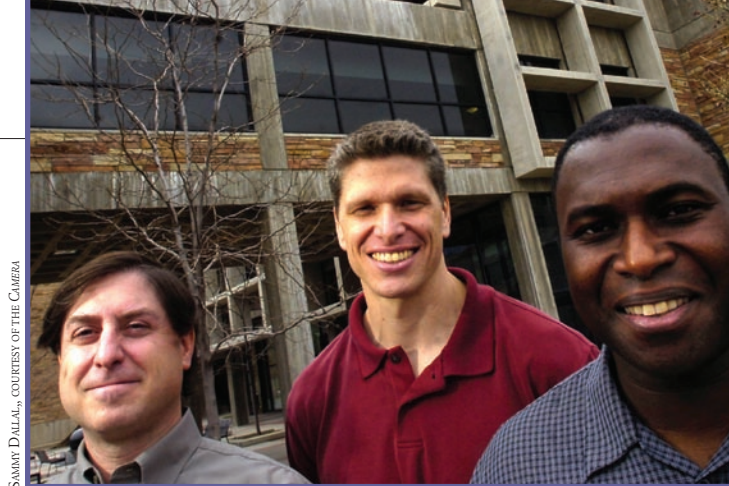
cific and very measurable thing," Griffith told the *Colorado Daily*.

Other student groups unaffiliated with the Alternative Spring Break program included five students from the Wesley Fellowship who traveled to Guatemala. They mixed cement for a new orphanage center and stacked mud blocks to build adobe houses for people in rural villages.

While the students gained an awareness of important issues and deepened friendships during spring break, some said they were overwhelmed by seeing how much help is needed in the places they visited.

Senior computer science major Lisa Doan, who made her second trip to New Orleans this year, said the city is still very far from its original state two years after Hurricane Katrina.

"When my group looked at the situation of the city, it opened our eyes to how much work still needs to be done," Doan says. "I will definitely go back again to help."



SAMMY DALLAS, COURTESY OF THE CAMERA

This trio will use a supercomputer to focus on the North Atlantic, Antarctic Sea and Mediterranean plumes they say drive the motion of the whole ocean conveyor belt. From the left, CU professor Jeffrey Weiss; Joe Werne, a senior scientist at NorthWest Research Associates; and professor Keith Julien.

Supercomputing our pending meltdown

Ice melting in the Arctic may seem like a faraway phenomenon, but CU researchers argue the loss of that ice will have an impact on everyone south of the Arctic from avid snowboarders to farmers.

A CU-Boulder study indicates decreased Arctic ice will lead to changes in atmospheric patterns that could reduce rainfall in the American West and increase precipitation over southern and western Europe. About 38,000 square

miles of ice have melted annually since 1979 because of increased greenhouse gases. Plus, thinner ice is more vulnerable to warming ocean and air temperatures, says Mark Serreze of CU's National Snow and Ice Data Center.

Yet ice isn't the only culprit to blame in changing weather patterns. Warming sea-surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean have led to delays in the summer monsoon rains in the

southwestern United States, particularly since the 1970s, says Katrina Grantz (PhD-CivEngr'07), a water resources engineer at CU.

And two CU professors are examining deep-ocean convection to understand how it drives the "global conveyor belt" system of ocean currents. This belt ensures, for instance, that western European temperatures stay mild compared to those of northern Canada, thanks to the Atlantic Gulf Stream.

To understand how climate changes could impact that belt, applied mathematics professor Keith Julien and professor Jeffrey Weiss of atmospheric and oceanic sciences will use the world's eighth fastest supercomputer for 1.25 million hours to run models. A grant worth an estimated \$6 million will foot the bill for the 2,048 processors who will spend 25 days working on the project.



ERIKA USUI

Junior Erika Usui (Jour'09), lower right, takes a photo of herself and her new Guatemalan friends. Erika was helping build adobe houses for these villagers in Lemoa during CU's spring break.

Hip-hop helps explain social change

Hip-hop culture is more than something to be emulated or eschewed, says professor Reiland Rabaka of ethnic studies.

It's a springboard to explore urban culture, social activism and political change. It's also the foundation for Rabaka's class, "Introduction to Hip-Hop Studies: From Roots of Rap Music to the Rise of Hip-Hop Culture."

"Language is never neutral and it speaks to the importance of history," Rabaka says. "In my class there are a lot of ideas that are pretty abstract so I link them to a hip-hop song or film."

It was the language of W.E.B. Dubois and Martin Luther

King Jr. that first stirred Rabaka while he was in junior high school. As a young academic he realized hip-hop could serve as a similar tool in reaching younger generations of students.

Indeed, when word got out about the course, which was offered for a third time this spring, interest was so high students petitioned to expand the class size to 100.



LARRY HANWOOD

Professor Reiland Rabaka gets students interested in examining the United States on multicultural levels through the language of poetry and music.



CASEY A. CASS

Philip Charles Sneed (Thtr'80) will introduce two new playwrights to the Colorado Shakespeare Festival lineup.

Shakespeare Festival celebrates 50 years with five plays

Fifty years ago the Colorado Shakespeare Festival opened its curtains for the first time on a grassy stage to a small crowd of university professors, students and locals. Forty-eight volunteer actors and 10 scholarship students performed *Hamlet* in the Mary Rippon Outdoor Theatre.

Today, the festival boasts 200 professional actors, directors, designers and technical staff members. It is the second oldest Shakespeare festival in the country. The CSF's new producing artistic director Philip Charles Sneed (Thtr'80) is proving you can teach an old dog new tricks.

For the first time there will be five plays this summer season, June 22 to Aug. 18 — three outdoors in the Mary Rippon

Theatre and two inside the University Theatre. In addition to Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Julius Caesar* and *All's Well that Ends Well*, there will be performances of two plays by playwrights from other centuries.

Around the World in 80 Days, adapted by Mark Brown from Jules Verne's family friendly Victorian classic, will lead audiences across the globe via yacht, elephant, train and steamboat.

Carlo Goldoni's 18th-century farce, *The Servant of Two Masters*, will keep audiences amused with its main character Truffaldino, whose somersaults from one crisis to the next lead inadvertently to two love stories.

CU Light Opera also will turn its stage lights on for the summer 2007 season from July 5 to July 29. Catch a production of Cervantes' classic novel *Man of La Mancha*, which follows

knight-errant Don Quixote through tragedy, comedy, romance and adventure as he tries to win the woman of his dreams. For a classic musical don't miss *South Pacific* by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

For information about the CSF visit www.coloradoshakes.org; for the Light Opera, visit www.cuconcerts.org/lightopera.html.

Students mourn, respond to Virginia Tech shootings

It occurred more than 700 miles away. But the shots fired by student Cho Seung-Hui at Virginia Tech on April 16, which led to 32 dead before he killed himself, reverberated throughout the CU campus.

Before the end of the week, CU students had held two candlelight vigils to honor those who died in Virginia and police had arrested two students — one after allegedly sympathizing with the gunman during a class discussion and one for two counts of possession of deadly weapons on campus and three counts of unlawful conduct on public property.

The day after the shootings, Max Karson, a junior psychology major, was charged with "interfering with faculty, staff or students of an educational institution" after witnesses in a women's studies class alleged Karson said he could see how someone would be mad enough to kill 32 people and "if anyone in this class says they haven't been that mad, they're lying," according to a *Silver & Gold Record* article.



JOSH LAWTON, COURTESY OF THE CAMERA

CU students share a moment of silence during a candlelight vigil in honor of the students and faculty members killed at Virginia Tech.

Digging up dirt at Walter Reed Hospital

When graduate student Kelly Kennedy (MJour'07) started talking to soldiers at an off-campus Walter Reed Army Medical Center housing facility last fall, she knew she had stumbled on a big story for her journalism master's degree project. She didn't know that what she would eventually write, in conjunction with other press reports, would make headlines across the country.

Kennedy, who now works for the *Army Times*, focused her thesis on the inadequate treatment and other health care issues faced by military service members hospitalized at Walter Reed in Washington, D.C. This includes the hurdle-ridden process many injured troops face when seeking everything from medical treatment to post-service disability payments.

"The wounded soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines are stuck in holding patterns awaiting hear-

ings and decisions on whether they will continue their military service or be discharged, and if so, at what level of benefits — if any," wrote Kennedy, who served in the Army in the early 1990s in Iraq, Kuwait and Somalia.

Her story broke on the *Army Times* website a day before the *Washington Post* story ran about the substandard hospital conditions at Walter Reed, which led lawmakers and other groups to call for accountability that resulted in resignations and dismissals of several high-ranking military officials.



Kelly Kennedy

CU Police Department as part of a program to accommodate students who hunt or target shoot. Furnish's attorney said his client brought the weapons to school to target shoot with friends later that week.

"This is not a Virginia Tech situation," his attorney told the *Camera*. "This is a personable, articulate young man with lots of friends."

Both men were banned from campus pending judicial affairs reviews.

CU looks to strange bedfellows for funding

The lottery, casinos and the oil and gas industry may not seem likely partners for Colorado's higher education institutions, but all three are being eyed as life rafts for the state's cash-strapped colleges and universities.

Colorado schools dramatically trail their peers in average state funding, needing an additional \$832 million per year to reside in the middle of the pack, according to the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

To go beyond merely treading water, CU's regents and state legislators are searching creatively for additional ways to pay for higher education costs ranging from utility bills to capital construction projects.

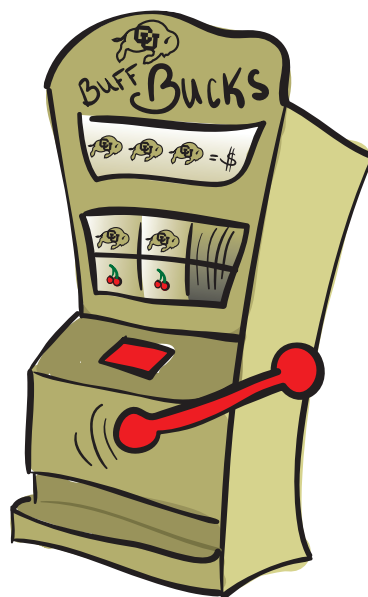
One idea tossed in the hat by Sen. Chris Romer, D-Denver, is to follow New Mexico and Wyoming and tap into taxes paid by oil and gas producers. Gaming, lottery and casino revenues are other possibilities as some states have directed these monies to higher education. Thanks to gambling revenues, the University of Georgia provided 99 percent of its in-state freshmen last fall with scholarships that cover tuition and fees, plus \$150 for books.

Also, President Hank Brown (Acct'61, Law'69) has mentioned a tax increase for higher education that would be tied to student achievement on standardized tests, among other things.

In the meantime, state legislators passed the Long Appropriations Bill in April that contains the largest general-fund increase — \$52.2 million — for higher education in six years.

After suffering years of financial cuts from the state, officials at CU-Boulder welcomed the increase of \$6.9 million. The Boulder campus receives a mere 22 percent of the average level of state funding

compared to its peers, Brown says. The bill also limits increases in undergraduate resident tuition to no more than 7 percent.



Creating the incredible shrinking laser

Building a table-top laser that could improve X-ray biological and medical imaging by 1,000 times may be just around the corner, based on groundbreaking work by CU physics professors Henry Kapteyn and Margaret Murnane and their team of graduate students and a senior research associate.

At present X-ray machines used in hospitals can detect bro-

ken bones, but they cannot detect really small cancers because the X-ray source is more like a light bulb than a laser, Murnane says. And most of the X-ray lasers that do exist require fusion laser facilities the size of football stadiums to power them, rendering their use inherently difficult.

In contrast, the CU team engineered a way to create X-ray laser beams with a much smaller power source by using another beam of light to coordinate disparate X-ray waves and visible laser light traveling at different speeds. Once coordinated the waves flow together to make a strong X-ray.

"We've come up with a good end run around the requirement for a monstrous power source," Kapteyn says.

The team members are optimistic they can extend their new technique to the hard X-ray region of the electromagnetic spectrum because there are no physical principles blocking the way.



LAURE HARWOOD

Margaret Murnane and her husband, Henry Kapteyn, make a giant light bulb filament during their CU Wizards presentation for school kids in March.

In the right place at the best time

By G.P. "Bud" Peterson

It's hard to believe the 2006-07 academic year is already over. For Val, my wife, and me it still feels like September — all new, as each day we meet new alums. Everywhere we go, people express support for the positive things happening on campus. It's easy to understand why this has indeed been a transformative year.

This past fall, we enrolled one of the largest, best qualified and most diverse classes in CU-Boulder history and the incoming class will likely surpass the past one in all three areas.

Under the leadership of more than 60 internal and external stakeholders, we launched Flagship 2030, our strategic planning process, with the goal of identifying the characteristics that will define a great university in 2030 and setting forth an action plan that will take us there.

There are many other examples of progress:

- Record fundraising
- Newly created tenure faculty positions
- Increases in unit operating funds
- Stronger support from the state legislature and the Department of Higher Education
- A renewed commitment to diversity
- A significantly strengthened focus on communications
- Continued progress in incorporating athletics into the fabric of the university
- A stronger working relationship with the Boulder community

With these achievements as a backdrop, our university will strengthen its position as one of the finest national, comprehensive research universities in the country and *the* resource for both the public and private sectors across the Rocky Mountain region.

As that era begins, I continue to be awestruck by the unique character of our campus community. I have seen it revealed in a thousand faces and myriad ways — at a ceremony in January honoring past and present CU participants in the Peace Corps; in the innovative people of our CU LEAD Alliance, who have wedded diversity, community and academic achievement into a model for universities everywhere; in the commitment of our faculty to excellence in teaching and research and their willingness to engage in meaningful discussions about tenure reform; in our outstanding staff who provide the energy and impetus to help propel the university forward; and daily, in the faces of our students, who come to us from all over the world in order to find the means to change it.

All we have accomplished has challenged me, but it has also convinced me that I am in the right place at the best possible time.

Chancellor Bud Peterson joined CU-Boulder on July 15, 2006. He and his wife Val live in the University Residence near Williams Village and have four grown children. You may contact the chancellor at chanchat@spot.colorado.edu.



THE MURPHY

Bud and Val Peterson