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Better and better: freshman class biggest, most qualified

First day enrollment at CU- Colorado Springs brought the largest and best-qualified freshman class in the university's history.

There were 751 freshmen on campus after the first day of classes, a 1.3 percent increase from last year, according to Randy Kouba, director, Office of Admissions and Records. Enrollment will continue until September 7.

"We continue to have robust overall enrollment with a current 2.4 percent increase over last year," Kouba said. "Each year for the past six years the entering freshman class has been

a record class."

In addition to a large number of freshmen, Kouba said this year's freshman class will likely be the best-qualified group of students in university history. High school grade point average, class rank, and entrance exam scores are used to measure student qualifications.

"More than half of the freshman class meet the state's highest college admission standards," Kouba said. They chose CU Colorado Springs because of our unique combination of high-quality faculty, small classes and excellent facilities."

"These students could have gone anywhere in the nation."

--Randy Kouba, director, Office of Admissions and Records

Look for some new faces this fall on campus



Jimenez

What does the laidback California resort community of La Jolla have in common with Manhattan, Kan., an agricultural college town? Two of CU-Colorado Springs' new tenure track faculty members used to live there.

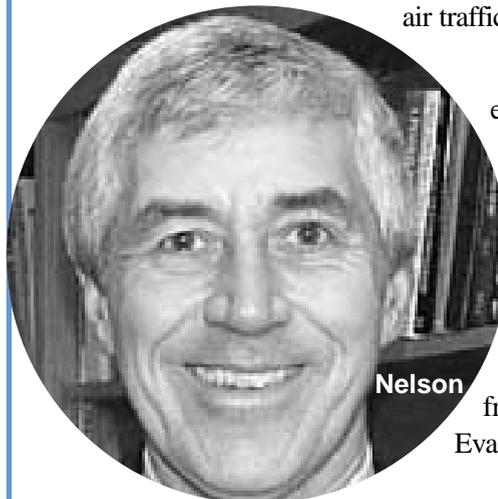
"We're always excited when a new group of faculty comes on the campus but this year seems an especially promising group," said John Pierce, vice chancellor for academic affairs. "They bring energy, strong academic records, and a passion for their work."

Christina M. Jimenez (California) and **Peter J. Gorder** (Kansas) are just two of the new teachers joining the faculty team this fall. Jimenez, assistant professor of history, previously taught at the University of California-San Diego. In San Diego, she taught a series on U.S. History, Race and Ethnicity.

As for Gorder, associate professor of engineering, he's the new chair of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Gorder received his Ph.D. in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering from the University of California-Davis. His latest teaching appointment before coming here was at Kansas State University. Past research efforts included a joint NASA-FAA effort to modernize the nation's air traffic control system.



Gorder



Nelson

David E. Nelson, the new dean of education, comes from Providence, Rhode Island, where he was dean of the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development and professor of educational leadership at Rhode Island College. Nelson has a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction for Reading and Language from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

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Overheard . . .

"It's a glorious time to be a man on campus."

-- Aug. 21 Denver Post, in reference to CU's gender enrollment

Employees of the month

In this issue of Communique there are three Employees of the Month, which just goes to show that hard work over the summer didn't go unnoticed.

May

Linda Guerreri, administrative assistant, Student Success Center, is the May Employee of the Month. Guerreri has worked at CU-Colorado Springs since 1989.



"Linda is extremely hard working and efficient. She never complains and is always smiling, even when under a lot of pressure. She works as a team player and is very uplifting to be around," said her nominator.

Guerreri has served on the Staff Extra Educational Development Subsidy (SEEDS) Committee and as treasurer of the Staff Council.

Guerreri said, "This is a great way to show recognition and appreciation for a staff member's exceptional work."

June

Irene Martinez, coordinator, International Student Services, is the June Employee of the Month.



Martinez has served on Staff Council, Staff Extra Educational Development Subsidy (SEEDS), Alumni and Friends, By-Laws Committee, as Vice President of Staff Council, and as a member of the Women of Color Conference.

"Irene is a very dynamic individual. She is truly devoted and exemplifies this in all that she does in both her personal and professional life. Working with a traditional population as well as an international population, she continues to touch many lives with a gentle kindness, smiles, and hugs," said her nominator.

To nominate someone for Employee of the Month, call Carmen Abeyta, interim director, campus activities board, 262-3447.

July

Dan Atencio, maintenance mechanic, physical plant, is the July Employee of the Month. Atencio's nominator says, "Dan's service is always above and beyond expectations. He is prompt, conscientious, and genuinely kind to others. This campus is fortunate to have an employee of Dan's caliber working here."



Atencio is known to be unfailingly cheerful and is always willing to help fellow employees. Despite being high in demand all over campus, Atencio is both friendly and professional.

In addition to his work at CU-Colorado Springs, Atencio has volunteered at the YMCA for over 20 years.

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Campus Calendar Goes *On-Line*

Campus events are now being entered into the Campus Calendar on-line. Go to web.uccs.edu/ur/events.htm to get the latest campus event information. Events can be entered by clicking on "Post an event."

Search the calendar by event, or by date. In a few weeks, the calendar will have an icon on the university's home page. The site was developed by Kirk Moore, information technology professional and Craig Decker, university webmaster.

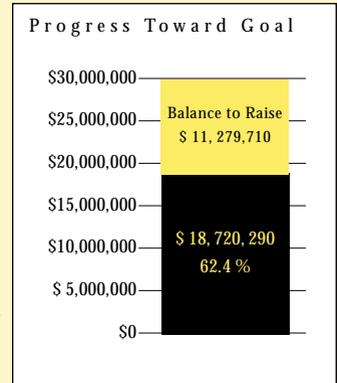
From the Foundation up

At the end of fiscal year 2000, nearly \$19 million has been raised towards a goal of \$30 million benefiting CU-Colorado Springs. The funds are being raised as part of a system-wide initiative to support the educational goals of CU's Colorado Springs, Boulder, Denver, and Health Sciences campuses.

At CU-Colorado Springs, more than a third of the contributions came from individuals who aren't alumni, while another 50 percent came foundations and corporations.

Priorities on campus include new construction and renovation, and enhancing existing educational programs.

The fundraising drive is part of the University of Colorado Foundation's Total Learning Environment Campaign, a comprehensive initiative aimed at positioning the University of Colorado as one of the nation's premier learning institutions. The campaign goal: to raise \$630 million. So far, about \$330 has been raised for the university system.



ELIZABETH HOFFMAN is the 20th president of the University of Colorado. The Board of Regents appointed her during its August meeting at CU-Colorado Springs. Hoffman, 53, also holds the tenured faculty position of professor in the department of economics, College of Arts and Sciences, CU-Boulder. Hoffman has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in economics from the California Institute of Technology.

Photo credit: Tom Kimmell

Chancellor kicks off new semester

For busy faculty and staff, the first weeks of school can often be a mad dash to the finish line. But for many students, particularly the new ones, college is an important rite of passage, an experience that will no doubt leave a lasting impression on them. For them, it's about joy, taking chances, expanding their horizons. As

for the rest of us, it's a time to begin anew and take stock.

These are some of the insights CU-Colorado Springs Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade will share on Friday, Sept. 1, as she officially kicks off the new fall semester. She'll also talk about the university's goals and progress so far in meeting them.

Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend.

TO GO:
 What: Kick-off speech by Chancellor Linda Bunnell Shade
 When: Friday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
 Where: Columbine Hall 317

New Faces *continued from page 1*



Bernice Forrest Guillaume is CU-Colorado Springs' new assistant vice Chancellor for Academic &

Multicultural Affairs. She also has an appointment here in the Department of History as associate professor. She was the chair of the Department of Social Sciences for Benedict College in Columbia, S.C. Guillaume has a Ph.D. in U.S. History from Tulane University, New Orleans, La. Her research areas include Native American history, African-American cultural and intellectual history, and traditional West African religion.

Debra L. Frank Dew, from Corpus Christi, Texas, is the English Department's new writing program director. Dew, who has a Ph.D. in Composition, Rhetoric, and Literacy from the University of Oklahoma, comes to CU-Colorado Springs from Texas A & M University. One of her areas of interest includes 18th- and 19th-century rhetorical theory, specifically women's contributions to it.

William Benjamin Martz Jr. joins the College of Business as an associate professor. Martz has a Ph.D. in Management Information Systems from the University of Arizona. Before joining CU-Colorado Springs, he worked at California State

University-Chico. His research interests include understanding how to support groups as they work together, and how to measure group and groupware productivity.

Michael Brunn joins the School of Education as an assistant professor. Brunn's last teaching assignment was at Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill., where he worked for the Department of Curriculum & Instruction. Brunn has a Ph.D. in Language, Reading & Culture from the University of Arizona. Professional interests include cross-cultural studies, educational anthropology, and literacy acquisition.

Catherine A. Kelly joins the School of Education as an assistant professor. From Sedalia, she has a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Denver. Before joining CU-Colorado Springs, she worked at the Metropolitan State College, Denver as an assistant professor of elementary education.

M. Karen Newell, formerly a visiting associate professor here, joins the Biology Department in the College of Arts, Letters and Sciences. Newell has a Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Her research efforts involve an exploration of the immune system and how it recognizes tumor cells.

Construction crews make progress

El Pomar Center

Construction on the 100,000-square foot El Pomar Center will continue but library staff will move into the new space in late September.



Leslie Manning, dean, Kraemer Family Library, said the move from the existing Kraemer Family Library to El Pomar will occur Sept. 29 through Oct. 16. As a result, the library will be closed, Sept 29 – Oct 1.

Both spaces – El Pomar and Kraemer – are expected to be renovated and open to the public by Spring 2001.

Coming next issue. . .

- ◆ *introducing new staff members*
- ◆ *University Club update*
- ◆ *US News & World Report rankings*