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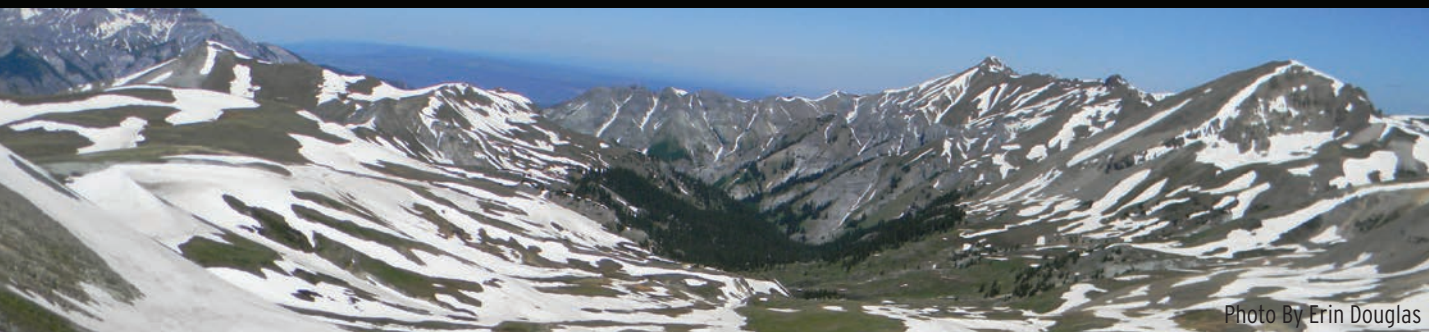


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I have lived in Colorado my entire life and am therefore a quintessential Coloradoan through and through. I grew up skiing and snowboarding, hiking, boating and soaking up the Colorado sunshine. I am obsessed with the Colorado flag (see the front cover). And, I am not quite sure how to live without a mountain range within site.

Colorado is just one of those places that you can't help but fall in love with — as long as you can keep pace with the sporadic weather. As such, the College Avenue staff decided to dedicate an entire issue to our state.

Pages 8 and 9 are jampacked with weird Colorado facts and laws that are sure to surprise. Did you know Great Sand Dunes National Monument is home to the tallest sand dune in America?

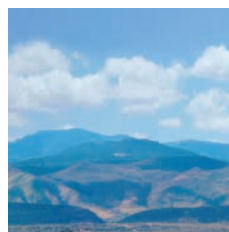
If you love music, flip to page 15 for the best concert venues in the state. Or, if you want a sound a little closer to home, check out page 14 to learn about the history of FoCoMX.

Or, turn to page 11 to check out students' favorite places to go along the Front Range, which is home to more than 80 percent of the state's population.

Whether you have lived here your entire life or you are from out of state, we guarantee that you will learn something new about Colorado in this month's edition!

Here is to you, Colorado! May you always be wild and beautiful.

Ricki Watkins, editor in chief





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13 Day Trips To Take

By Erin Douglas
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1 Devil's Head Fire Lookout Hike

Located about an hour from downtown Denver, the 143 steps up to this fire lookout on rock formations offer a 360 degree view of the mountains.

Hike distance: 2.8 miles round trip
Difficulty: Medium
Near: Sedalia, Colo.



2 Celestial Seasonings Tea Factory

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Located in: Boulder, Colo.



3 Bridal Veil Falls

This 20-foot waterfall in Rocky Mountain National Park is a great destination hike. Located 1 hour, 13 minutes away from Fort Collins.

Hike Distance: 6.6 miles round trip
Difficulty: Moderate
Near: Estes Park



4 Alpine Loop

In the San Juan Mountains, this is a 4-by-4 route with spectacular views of the "Switzerland of America."

Near: Ouray, Colo.



5 Incline 2,744 stairs

"The Incline is an awesome physical and mental challenge that is well worth the effort because of the amazing views and the sense of accomplishment upon reaching the top," said Keith Evenson, freshman electrical engineering student.

Near: Manitou Springs, Colo.



6 Bishop Castle

Jim Bishop's built-by-hand castle is one of the most unique day trips to take in Colorado. Located in the San Isabel Mountains, you truly must see it to believe it.

Cost: Free
Near: Pueblo, Colo.



Photo by Sydney Izenicki

7 Great Sand Dunes National Monument

This natural phenomenon is spectacular with the Sangre de Cristo Mountains towering behind them. This high-altitude desert features the tallest dunes in North America. When Lake Alamosa in the San Luis Valley dried up 440,000 years ago (in between the San Juan Mountains and

the Sangre de Cristos), the sand left behind was blown by southwest winds toward a curve in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The sand was stopped by the mountains, and the opposing storm winds caused the sand to pile vertically, forming the dunes.

Near: Alamosa, Colo.



8 Balloons in Steamboat Springs

30 hot air balloons take off accompanied by a festival and various events.

When: July 11-12, 2015
Located in: Steamboat Springs, Colo.



9 Coors Factory

Tours are free. Samples are available for those 21 years and older.

Located in: Golden, Colo.



10 Royal Gorge

One of the deepest gorges in Colorado, the Royal Gorge is about 10 miles long, carved by the Arkansas River. A gondola ride over the Gorge is included in the general admission ticket price.

Near: Cañon City, Colo.



11 Maroon Bells

The most photographed scene in Colorado.

Hike distance: 3 miles round trip
Near: Aspen, Colo.

12 Chimney Rock National Monument

This archaeological area was home to the ancestors of the modern Pueblo Indians 1,000 years ago.

Near: Pagosa Springs, Colo.



13 Mesa Verde

This park preserves nearly 5,000 archeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings that provide a glimpse into the lives of the Ancestral Pueblo people who lived there from 600 to 1300 A.D.

Near: Durango, Colo.



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Q & A with CONGRESSMAN JARED POLIS

By James D. Cao
College Avenue Magazine

I was recently able to snag an interview with U.S. Rep. Jared Polis. After talking with his staff members, it was through sheer chance that he would be in Fort Collins, and I got the chance to have a one-on-one interview with the politician.

For those of you familiar with my writing, this piece will be absent of the satirical undertone that is usually prevalent in my articles. I tried asking questions that would be important for college students — whether it be in the field of education or the changing policies taking place in Colorado.

It was also interesting to look into the transition of a man who excelled at business — his businesses gaining a net worth of \$1 billion — to a man who went to the Colorado State Board of Education and then to the House of Representatives.

Before you went to Congress, you sat on the Colorado State Board of Education. What

are some reforms you have pushed for?

Trying to get the accountability system right, making sure that schools served all kids. I was also there when we were trying to implement No Child Left Behind, and I saw a lot of the flaws in the federal education policy, which is one of the things that led me to run for Congress to try to fix it.

Where do you see higher education in Colorado progressing?

Well, we have a lot of challenges. One of the biggest ones we hear about from students is, how do we make college more affordable? And working on some initiatives, like open-source textbooks to save

students money on textbooks, to reduce some of the factors that are driving tuition increases. We also want to continue to support the Federal Research Investment in our universities. CSU receives over \$250 million a year in Federal Research money, and many undergraduates and graduates work in the labs and gain knowledge that way.

So, basically pushing for reform for affordability in college?

Yes.

Change in topic real fast: is the War on Drugs succeeding?

The War on Drugs has not worked. It should, it needs, drug abuse to be dealt with more as a health issue than as a criminal or military issue.

Colorado has made national headlines for its new marijuana laws, legalizing marijuana and all that. What are your thoughts on marijuana laws, and where do you see the industry progressing?

Well, I support federal laws that allow Colorado to decide what it wants to do with regards

to marijuana, so I'm the sponsor of the Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act nationally, which will allow states to formally decide how they want to regulate the sale of marijuana. Right now, our state statutes are in conflict with federal law, and we're getting by because we have memos from the attorney general that basically allow Colorado to get by, but it's at the whim of the president and the attorney general.

Why do you think voter turnout is so low, and why is it important that young people should vote?

Well, young people have even more of a stake in our future than anyone else. It is important for young people to participate in democracy, whether it be in municipal elections... or student elections...or state and federal elections which are happening next year.

Why is voter turnout so low though?

Well, I think the candidates need to talk about issues which are important to students, and they need to listen to what students have to say and where

they want the country to go.

I saw that you did a lot of philanthropy work, raising charter schools, donating computers. You are ranked as one of the wealthiest members of Congress with a net worth of \$65.91 million. Does wealth play a huge role in politics?

Well, money plays a huge role in politics. Money — where it's raised from, who is spending it. One of the biggest setbacks was the Citizens United decision, which allowed corporations to have free political speech and express advocacy. The part of the problem we have with the process is we don't have full disclosure laws around where money comes from. So, I support a law called the Disclosed Act that requires disclosure of where the money comes from for all campaign ads.

So, to what do you attribute your success, whether it be in business or in politics?

Well, success in any field requires hard work and rolling up your sleeves and getting it done and trying to get an idea of where you want to go.





colorado wacky facts

By Sarah Ross

College Avenue Magazine

We live in a state that is full of wacky traditions and spectacular sights, a state full of adventure and wonders that never cease to amaze even

long-time residents.

Colorado contains such a variety of attractions, people and places that eventually residents may think that nothing about Colorado can surprise them anymore, that they've seen it all.

They've been to Frozen Dead Man Days, attended concerts in the natural amphitheater at Red Rocks and seen the Garden of the Gods and the cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde. So, what else about this wonderful state could possibly come as a

surprise?

Rest assured, there are still weird things that most people, even native Coloradans, don't know about this great state.

Here at College Avenue, we want you to put your Colorado knowledge to the test. Grab a

pen, grab a friend, and see who knew more about the state as we present to you our 10 most surprising facts about Colorado, provided by 50states.com.

1.

The red marble that makes the Colorado State Capitol building so unique is called "Beulah red." The process of cutting, polishing and installing all the marble took six years alone, spanning from 1894 to 1900. All the Beulah red marble in the world went into the making of the Capitol. This means it cannot ever be replaced and makes our Capitol building priceless, literally.

2.

Fruita hosts an annual celebration called "Mike the Headless Chicken Day." The story claims that a farmer named L.A. Olsen cut off the head of a chicken named Mike with the intent of cooking him for dinner, yet Mike went on and lived for another 4 years without his head. Move over Frozen Dead Man Days, we have a zombie chicken contender for weirdest Colorado festival.

3.

Great Sand Dunes National Monument, near Alamosa, is home to the tallest sand dune in America. The dunes span 46,000 acres and rise up to 700 feet into the air. They are thought to have been the remnants of ancient ocean waters and winds, making the dunes more than a million years old.

4.

The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad has been continually operating since 1881. It is one of the most famous and recognizable railroads because it has been featured in dozens of films over the last 130 years, including blockbusters like "How the West Was Won" (1963) and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969).

5.

Rocky Ford, Colo., has been titled the melon capital in the world. If you've never been, we seriously suggest going and buying a melon from one of the farmer's markets; it's an experience everyone should have.

6.

Located in western Colorado, Grand Mesa is the largest flat-topped mountain in the world.

7.

Have you ever wondered why Colorado hasn't been chosen as the perfect spot for the Winter Olympics? Well, the state actually got the opportunity in 1976, but residents voted no to hosting.

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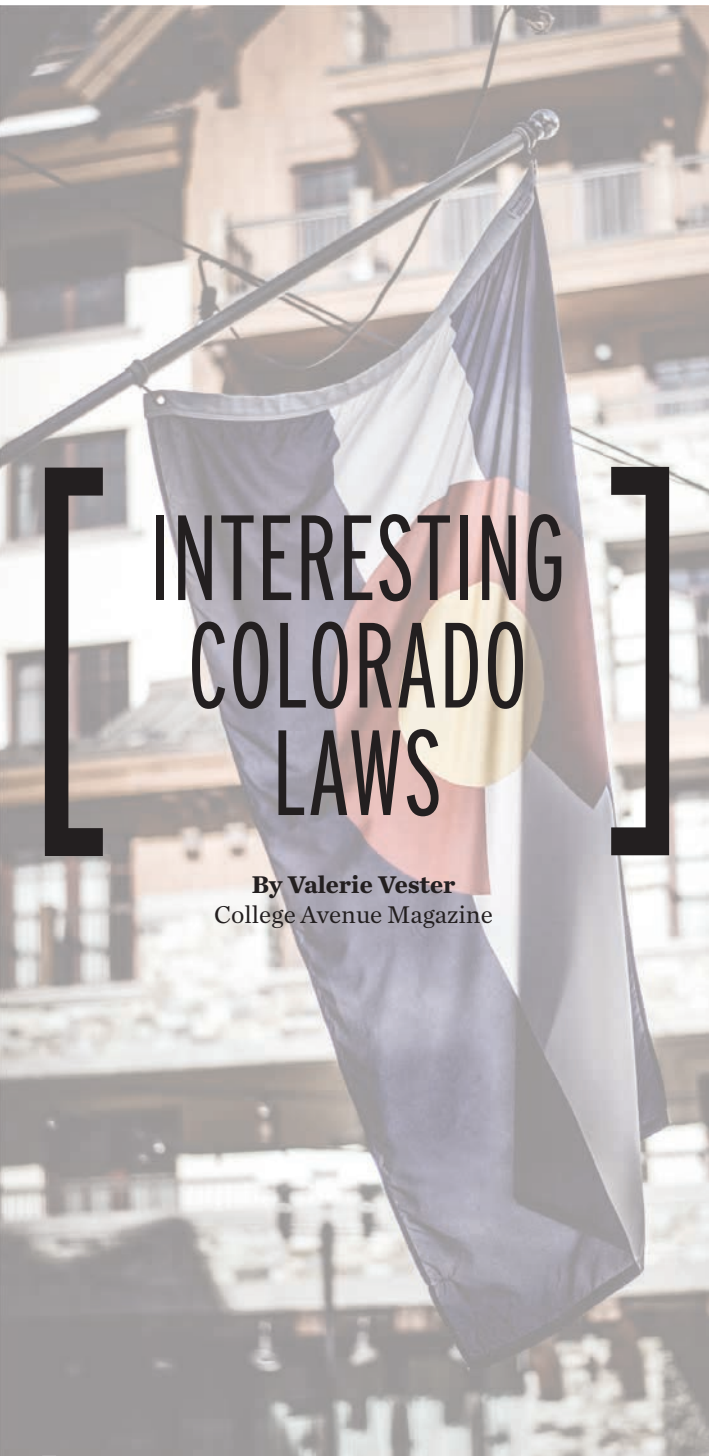
One of the nation's first rodeos was held in Deer Trail, Colo., July 4, 1869. Denver now hosts the National Western Stock Show, which is known as the "Super Bowl" of livestock shows.

9.

If you're not a fan of heights, best avoid Royal Gorge, near Cañon City. The canyon is home to the world's highest suspension bridge, which sits more than 1,000 feet above the Arkansas River.

10.

Loveland gets pretty busy around Valentine's Day with a hundred thousand people re-mailing their love letters to the city so they can get a special Loveland stamp before continuing on their way to loved ones around the world.



INTERESTING COLORADO LAWS

By Valerie Vester
College Avenue Magazine

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NO URBAN CAMPING IN DENVER

Jessie Croteau, a senior majoring in political science and finance, said she was listening to a Colorado Public Radio segment when she learned about Denver's ban on urban camping. This means you cannot sleep or set up camp in urban Denver areas.

Source: *Denver Post*

3

REMOVE "DO NOT REMOVE" TAGS

In case you have always been worried that the police are going to bust into your house and take you to jail because you removed the tag from your mattress, fear no longer. It is not illegal in Colorado to remove the "Do Not Remove" tags on mattresses and pillows. This amendment was made to C.R.S. 66-17-17 in 1963. Colorado likes to be different.

Source: *colorado.gov*

4

DO NOT SNEAK INTO YOUR FRIEND'S HOUSE

Your friends just might mistake you for a burglar, which, under the "Make My Day" law, will not work out in your favor.

While most people in Colorado are aware of this law, people from out of state may be a bit confused. Chloe Wilson, a junior majoring in psychology, said she had no idea what it was when she moved here from Boston.

This law allows one to use any level of force (even deadly force) if an intruder is in the person's home without permission and is believed to have intent to cause harm.

Source: *Denver Post*

5

DON'T FORGET YOUR PET PERMIT

Feel free to have all the newborn puppies and potbelly pigs you want in Alamosa, Colo. However, it is required that you get a permit in order to own a dog or potbelly pig older than 3 months. This was created years ago but was never amended or taken off the books.

Erika Vester, a criminal defense investigator in Denver, said that she "heard about this law somewhere along the way, but has never heard of anyone actually being arrested for this or any other strange laws."

Source: *Michigan State University Animal Legal and Historical Center*

1 DO NOT RIDE A HORSE DRUNK

Make sure to think twice before drunkenly riding your horse down the street to grab a pizza. If you may think it is the best alternative to driving your car, think again. According to C.R.S. 42-4-1301, it is illegal to ride a horse while intoxicated. Not only is it illegal, you could be given a DUI for it.

Source: *Colorado Revised Statutes*

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LIVING AND EXPLORING THE COLORADO FRONT RANGE

By Alex Rager

College Avenue Magazine

A lake rests at the base of a mountain range untouched by man, with rocks placed so perfectly along the shore that one cannot fathom how Mother Nature could create such an exquisite foreground for the setting sun.

That is what one might imagine when they think of Colorado — to be able to watch the sun set over the mountain-

tops and get lost in the colors splashed across the sky fills the mind with child-like wonder.

The Colorado skyline is something you are not going to find anywhere else. Look to the west and you will see the gorgeous mountains. Wait until midnight, look up, and you will see so many twinkling stars, you would be sure you were in a snow globe.

Finding what calls to you, finding that special something that makes Colorado home, is a beautiful thing. Even better is the opportunity to share your experiences and allow others the chance to explore the state.

The Colorado Front Range is any area in eastern Colorado that is home to more than 80 percent of the state's population. It encompasses

national parks, concert venues, exceptional views and the incomparable Colorado State University.

Out-of-state and international trips are made here, and those who call the Front Range home know all too well how easy it is to fall in love with everything uniquely Colorado.

In 2014, it was estimated that more than 5 million people live

in Colorado, according to the United States Census Bureau. In addition, the state catered to 60 million tourists in 2012, according to the Denver Post.

Go out, explore all that Colorado has to offer, make your own memories, and, better yet, share them to allow others the opportunity to do the same.

POUDRE RIVER FORT COLLINS PINGREE PARK ESTES PARK LONGS PEAK

The Cache la Poudre River gets its name from the French Canadian trappers who hid their gunpowder there in the 1800s. Its headwaters in Rocky Mountain National Park, the river eventually winds its way to Fort Collins. From its starting point down to the South Platte River, the river drops 7,000 feet, according to VisitFortCollins.com.

For many local residents, the river is part of the culture here. Tubing down the Poudre is a hobby many do in the summer and fall semesters, along with rafting and fishing. Visiting the Poudre should be something on every Ram's to-do list.

Our proud home, Fort Collins is actually pretty cool, as it boasts Horsetooth Reservoir, Old Town and Colorado State University.

The unique thing about Old Town is that the designer of Disneyland grew up in Fort Collins and used Old Town as his inspiration to create Main Street in the theme park.

Our town alone offers a variety of activities, from taking a stroll to seeing a concert in Old Town to hiking Horsetooth.

"There's always lots of cool things to see up at Horsetooth Reservoir," said Asia Zabala, a freshman business major. "I really liked hiking Horsetooth Falls. I liked the actual waterfall because it was really pretty and it seemed like a really cool, hidden place."

Two mini-lakes surrounded by a sea of trees is the view you will get if you hike one of the many trails in this quintessential Colorado destination.

Drive two hours west of Fort Collins and you arrive in Pingree Park, a gorgeous region in the high valley of the Rocky Mountains that is a staple of the Warner College of Natural Resources at CSU. Situated at 9,000 feet, Pingree Park is a destination everyone should explore.

With Rocky Mountain National Park at its back door, Estes Park is a big tourist destination on the Front Range.

Over 3 million people visit Rocky Mountain National Park annually, with many using Estes Park as their base. The main part of town is sprawling with picture-snapping out-of-staters and enough T-shirt and candy stores to satisfy the tourists.

For those who call Estes home, however, the downtown area does not interest them, as rock climbing, hiking and other adventures await.

"My favorite thing is the mountains, the scenery and just being surrounded by them and having them at your back door was cool," said Alexander Fraser, an undeclared freshman.

Longs Peak is a prominent fourteener that rises high above the western edge of the Great Plains. Many adventure seekers attempt to conquer Longs once the snow has thawed. The mountain offers various hiking trails and climbing routes at different difficulties.

It is located in Rocky Mountain National Park, and it is the highest point in Boulder County and the Park. Mills Glacier is the last remaining glacier on the mountain, just above Chasm Lake at the base of the eastern face.

BOULDER

Arguably the best thing about Boulder besides the proximity to the mountains, is Pearl Street Mall. The city is also close to Rocky Mountain National Park.

“My favorite memories are spending all day at the Boulder Creek tubing and rope swinging,” said Tyler Williams, a junior natural resources major.

Boulder has had a long-standing rivalry with Fort Collins, which comes to light every year at the Rocky Mountain Showdown. This annual football game, held at Sports Authority Stadium, gives Rams a chance to show their school spirit.

WINTER PARK

Winter Park, a town located in the Rocky Mountains just off Highway 40, was destined to be a staple for adventure seekers across Colorado. The town offers everything from mountain biking in the summer to “shredding the gnar” in the winter.

Winter Park Resort has four areas: Winter Park, Mary Jane, Vasquez Cirque and Vasquez Ridge.

“Skiing, hiking, biking and running are all things I have done while in Colorado,” said Cara Dunkelman, a senior psychology and criminal justice major.

GOLDEN

A city southwest of Denver, Golden has more going on than you might think. In 1999, the city established the Golden Public Art partnership, which allows for art to be publicly displayed that celebrates the community’s heritage and environment, according to cityofgolden.net.

In addition to its arts culture, Golden has a history with the bicycling community and is a part of the USA Pro Cycling Challenge. Who would have thought that a city tucked in between two mountains could offer so much expression and excitement?

DENVER

Denver is the Mile High City and home of the Broncos. This city is teeming with people and excitement. Take 16th Street Mall, sprinkle in street performers, shopping and a university campus and you are sure to make some memories.

For those who call the Front Range home, there is something even more special confined within the city streets.

“Piccolo in Denver is a diamond in the rough,” said Julie Hopko, a senior health and exercise major. “It is an Italian-Mexican restaurant where you can get anything from burritos to some of the best pizza in the world. Don’t forget the fabulous cannolis or sopapillas for dessert.”

CHERRY CREEK

Denver might have 16th Street Mall, but Cherry Creek offers luxury.

Cherry Creek may be best known for its lavish shopping center, which boasts such names as Burberry and Louis Vuitton. If the shopping bags are weighing a little too heavy on your arms, go ahead and take a seat at one of the many dining areas.

“I have this little coffee shop in Cherry Creek North I just love,” said Jack Savoie, a freshman apparel design major. “Aviano Coffee is incredible — very relaxing environment with good coffee, tea and pastries.”

AURORA

Aurora might have more to do and explore than you think. It is home to Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and the historic Aurora Fox Arts Center. In addition, Aurora hosts a variety of community events throughout the year.

Go Punkin Chunkin during Aurora’s annual fall festival, where you can compete in a pumpkin launching completion.

“The diversity there is just so cherished and encouraged,” said Casey Giles, a junior political science and economics major. “At least, in the areas I got to live, I got to experience what it’s like to be in a melting pot of different people and learned a lot about acceptance.”

PIKE NATIONAL FOREST

Conveniently located in the heart of Colorado, Pike National Forest is one of the most well-known and popular national forests, according to Forest-Camping.com.

According to the Forest Service, Pike is part of the Collegiate Peak Wilderness, which is home to eight fourteeners. Many adventure seekers look to fourteeners as a challenge to conquer, and for that and many other reasons, Pike National Forest gets a lot of attention year-round.

COLORADO SPRINGS

Located in Colorado Springs, Garden of the Gods is less intimidating than it might sound. This historic geologic wonder is a favorite to many, and the rock formations here seem to defy gravity.

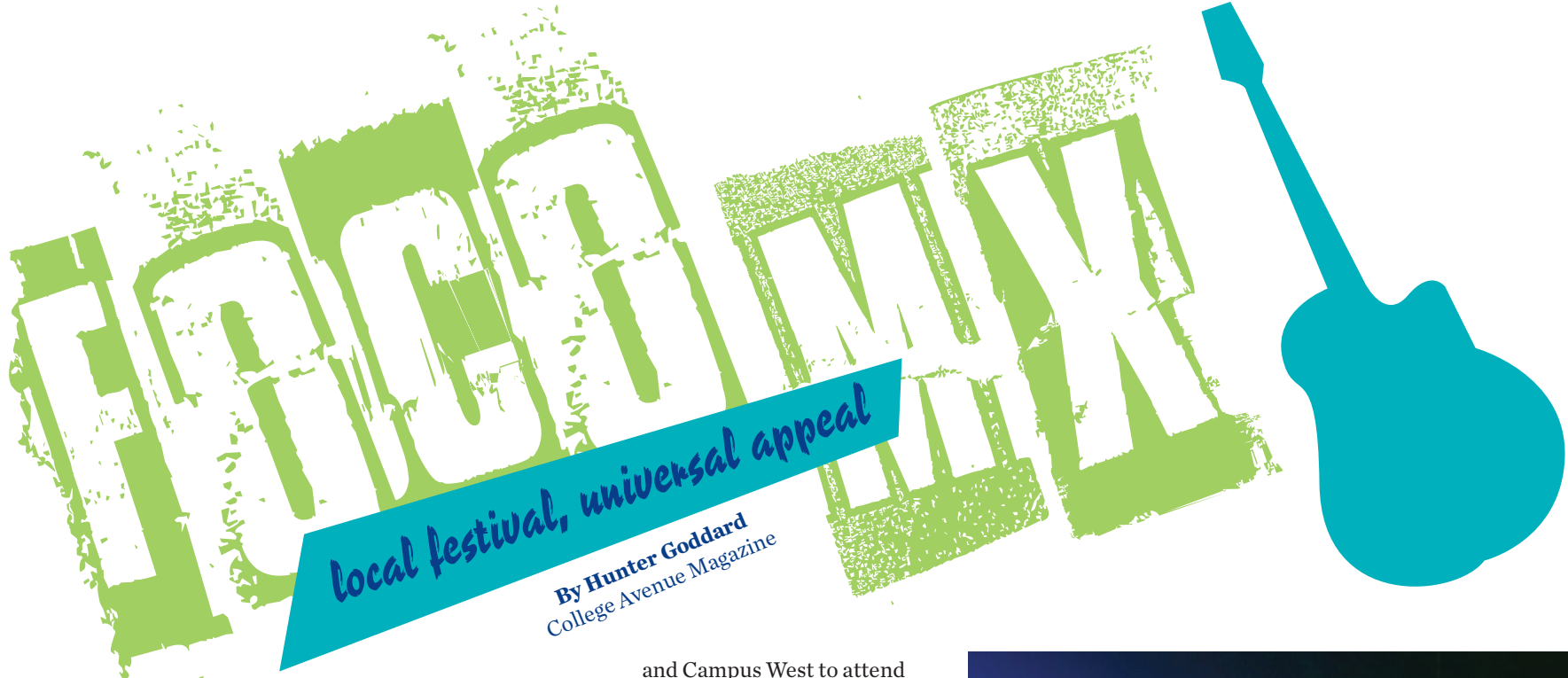
If rocks aren’t your thing, you can always look to Colorado Springs for its year-round calendar full of festivals. Among these is an annual hot air balloon festival usually held Labor Day weekend. The sweeping views one can experience from hundreds of feet up is a special memory hundreds participate in each year.

FOUNTAIN

Fountain is the classic small town just a short distance from an exciting city. A suburb of Colorado Springs, Fountain is a family place with stunning views of Pikes Peak and the Colorado Front Range.

According to the Census Bureau, Fountain is most representative of America’s composition, based on race, income and various other factors. The area, like many places along the Colorado Front Range, offers a variety of recreational opportunities.

“In Fountain, my dad and I won a bass fishing tournament together and that was pretty cool,” said Tyler Hassler, a junior fisheries biology major.



Between the Pepsi Center in Denver, the Fox Theatre in Boulder and the Aggie Theatre up here in Fort Collins, Colorado has music venues everywhere (see the next page for a list of CSU student's top concert venues).

In recognition of this musical community, particularly in Northern Colorado, Greta Cornett and Kevin Micke together cofounded the Fort Collins Musicians Association (FoCoMA) in 2006 as well as the annual Fort Collins Music eXperiment (FoCoMX) in 2008.

"I call him my 'partner-in-crime,'" Cornett said about Micke.

Cornett moved to Fort Collins in 1997 to pursue a degree in trumpet performance at CSU, and Micke came in 1999 for his degree in business. They have both played in local, independent bands. Micke has moved to Denver with his wife, but Cornett, who is still in Fort Collins, is part of three bands.

According to Cornett, several Fort Collins venues shut down around the same time in the mid-2000s, leaving local groups without many places to play. Road 34 Deli & Tavern

allowed her to book musicians and that helped lay the groundwork for FoCoMA and FoCoMX.

"People would get together and talk about the needs of the music scene," Cornett said. "Musicians bonded together to help FoCoMA, and we started hosting the Peer Awards, where people can vote for their favorite groups. FoCoMX started as a showcase for the Peer Awards."

Micke said FoCoMX is different from other music festivals because it is exclusively local without bringing in any national acts as headliners. The setup is completely volunteer-driven, and the profits go toward paying the artists who perform.

"I hope to see FoCoMX continue to grow and to help bring attention to some great artists," Micke said. "I'd love to see it help act as a springboard for undiscovered artists to start getting national attention. So many artists from so many genres deserve to have their music heard."

Cornett said 293 bands are playing at 25 venues in the festival's seventh year. Some years, the event has been too big with audiences having to travel between Old Town

and Campus West to attend different shows. As per their feedback, it is now a more centralized, "walking" festival.

"Since '97, the Colorado scene has grown by leaps and bounds," Cornett said. "The music industry looks at Colorado. It's diverse, people support it and we regularly produce national acts in Boulder, Fort Collins and Denver."

FoCoMX also includes an educational component for musicians called "ProDev," according to Micke. This year features two sessions on the second afternoon of the festival, one where artists can network with talent agents and another where they have the opportunity to meet each other.

"The thing that makes it worth the work every year is seeing thousands of people out in Fort Collins to support local musicians," Micke said.

FoCoMX takes place Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25. Concert and venue schedules are available online, at FoCoMX.FoCoMA.org. You must pay \$30 for your wristband, which grants you access to every performance, or if you volunteer at the event, you can get your wristband for free.



Rockin' the Front Range

By Jessica Hayes

College Avenue Magazine

A passionate ear must find a place near and dear. With the warm weather coming into season, concert venues are stacking up their spring and summer concert dates with local artists and headliners from around the world. Whether you prefer outdoor or indoor seatings, you just may find yourself searching up the next concert in town. Colorado is home to some of the most unique concert venues in the world.

7th Avenue Circle Music Collective

7th Avenue Circle Music Collective is one of a kind. A volunteer-run DIY venue, it provides a sense of comfort to the local artist. Located behind an old laundromat, the garage-like building provides a place for local, up-and-coming bands to release their talent.

“My favorite venue is 7th Circle Music Collective in Denver, as it is entirely community-operated and promotes positive interaction between people due to the compassionate guidance of the owner, Aaron Saye,” said Jake Quinter, a sophomore English major. “It is a small garage venue that always feels like home because most everyone at any show there cares about each other no matter how large the audience.”

Red Rocks Amphitheater

Red Rocks Amphitheater in Morrison is one of the most well-known venues. While locals enjoy attending yoga sessions, hiking and attending concerts, tourists from around the world rank Red Rocks as one of their most desired places to visit. A concert at Red Rocks is a night you won't forget. Overlooking the Denver skyline, watching the sunset while listening to your favorite band is the chance of a lifetime.

“It's really cool and unique,” said Quinn Nishida, a junior journalism major. “It's a nature-made venue and it's one of a kind. People from all around the country wish to come to Colorado just to see a concert there.”

Fiddler's Green Amphitheater

Another outdoor theater in Englewood is quite the scene. Fiddler's Green Amphitheater entertains people in the warm seasons with its usual great lineup of big stars. This year, several big-name country artists, along with a mixture of rock and rap artists, will draw huge crowds to the area.

“There's something to be said about a Colorado summer,” said Alexis Svenson, a sophomore business major. “The hot days lead to warm summer nights and concert season is in full swing. Fiddler's Green is the perfect concert location for those lazy days spent with friends, listening to great music and enjoying the beautiful Colorado weather.”

Nishida is one of the many people who like the atmosphere of an amphitheater.

“It's different because there's a grass section in the back that people can lay down and relax, so it's pretty nice,” Nishida said.

Marquis Theater

The Marquis Theater is not as known in presence, but is held dear to the concert-goer's heart. It lies on Larimer Street in the LoDo section of Denver's downtown area.

“The shows I normally go to are in smaller venues,” said Emily Vavra, a junior fish, wildlife and conservation biology major. “It's pretty small, so no matter where you're standing, you have a great view of the band.”

Also home to some great pizza, the Marquis is filled with great vibes. With it being only one block from Coors Field, people can go to the game then grab some pizza and hit up a late night concert. What a good evening!

“For bigger shows, the Marquis in Denver is perfect — excellent sound system and techs, almost no separation between audience and bands, friendly staff and excellent lineups,” Quinter said.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

As Recreational Marijuana becomes a reality in Larimer County, Choice Organics would like to highlight the rules for marijuana consumption.

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THE NOT SO 'MICRO' MICROBREWERY REVOLUTION

By Hunter Goddard
College Avenue Magazine

Craft brewing is the way of the future, and Colorado is at the forefront of this economic phenomenon.

The CSU Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition is now in the second year of offering its fermentation science and technology undergraduate major.

According to Jack Avens, Ph.D., a food safety and microbiology professor, it took a team of faculty years to develop the bachelor's degree before it became approved in 2014.

"We started developing it in 2010," Avens said. "To develop a major, you must go through

many levels of approval – curriculum committees, the academic vice president, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. It took multiple years to develop and approve."

Avens said he helped develop the brewing science and technology course, and he has taught it for 17 semesters, starting in 2005. Currently, 76 students are majoring in this new degree, and two or three came in with enough prerequisites to graduate this year, according to Avens.

"Basically, people like beer," Avens said. "Food consumers are trending toward the small and locally produced. People like to try new foods, not just beer and ale – non-beverage, fermented food."

With more than 300 breweries across the state and 15 in Fort Collins, Colorado is the largest total-volume beer producer in a national food industry where interest in craft brewing is growing, according to Avens.

"CSU is a land-grant university dealing with agriculture production and processing, bringing food from farm to table," Avens said. "We just so happen to be in the largest beer production state. It's very logical that CSU would have fermentation science and technology as a major."

New Belgium Brewing Company, Odell Brewing Company and Anheuser-Busch InBev Brewery have all donated to support the major, Avens said. According to Avens, the indus-

try is lucrative, and they are looking for people who have the knowledge and education that this major provides.

Amanda King is a CSU marketing alumna who found work at Odell after graduation, having been there for 13 years. She has the company's marketing and branding manager for five years, and she said college is when she developed her passion for the culture surrounding microbreweries.

"There's an adventurous and entrepreneurial spirit in Northern Colorado," King said. "We have access to water for making our great craft beer."

According to King, the 25-year-old Odell is an industry pioneer with a long state and local history. Strong fan loyalty, collaboration with

friendly competitors, the "Odell Outreach" charitable services and high-quality beer have all contributed to the brewery's success, King said.

"There's no slowing down anytime soon," King said. "There are over 3,400 craft breweries in the country. Beer is an affordable luxury, a treat accessible to a wide audience, and 80 percent of our regional sales come from Colorado."

King said the industry is as successful as it is because it is unique in that it emphasizes camaraderie rather than a cut-throat environment.

"Of course, we want to grow so that our coworkers have more opportunities," King said. "But, we're not out to take over the world."

ODELL BREWING RECOGNITION

Odell Brewing Company, located on 800 E. Lincoln Ave., has received a great deal of press coverage over the years, statewide as well as nationwide. Here are some of the top headlines from around the nation.

"The 100 Best Beers in the World"
– Men's Journal

"Top Wineries and Breweries Worth Traveling For"
– TripAdvisor

"Top 15 Craft Breweries in the USA"
– USA Today

"The Thirteen Best New Colorado Beers of 2013"
– Denver Westword

"A Kinder Shade of Pale Ale"
– The Wall Street Journal

"30 Beers for the Design Lover in You"
– BuzzFeed

"U.S. Brewery Tours"
– Travel Channel

"The 9 Best Sour Beer Breweries in Colorado"
– New York Post

The Battle for Every Coloradan's Heart

Chipotle vs. Noodles & Company

By Sarah Hansen

College Avenue Magazine

Colorado is known for being one of the most health-conscious "foodie" states in America. Its citizens tend to be more cautious when it comes to where their food is from, but they also aren't afraid to try wild cuisines from all over the world. Coloradans take pride in their hearty foods, while also promoting the idea of cultural awareness. That's why it's no wonder that two of the best fast-casual restaurants in the country, Chipotle and Noodles & Company, are based right here in Colorado.

Which restaurant is best though? On the surface, the answer is hard to find. Both

companies are part of the ever-so-popular, fast-casual dining movement with great service in a timely manner. However, the answer may be hidden in each restaurant's individual cuisine.

Chipotle was founded in 1993 in downtown Denver by Colorado native Steve Eells. The nutrition-valued lifestyle of Colorado can definitely be found on Chipotle's menu. The company promotes the motto "Food with Integrity" to all aspects of its restaurants. Chipotle ensures that all its meat is naturally raised, the dairy has no added hormones and all the produce is organic.

Freshman psychology major Jacob Dannenberg said he likes Chipotle's initiative of "Food

with Integrity".

"Its an appeal to people to want to have healthy food," Dannenberg said. "Their food is healthy and delicious at the same time, which is a plus."

The company also shows that environmental sustainability is also important, by using recycled napkins, cups and utensils. It's very clear by looking at the company's motto and menu that Colorado values are instilled in Chipotle.

However, when sophomore health and exercise science major Liz Brown was asked why she didn't eat much at Chipotle anymore, she had reasons unrelated to sustainability.

"I lived a block away from Chipotle growing up," Brown said. "I just got tired of eating

the same thing over and over again."

Sometimes, only four main dish options aren't enough for the average Coloradan. We like having options, preferably from multiple cultures. That's where Noodles & Company comes in. The company was founded in 1995 in Broomfield, Colo. With over 30 options to choose from and gluten-free or vegetarian substitutes, one can almost never get tired of eating the same thing.

Freshman political science and journalism major Alex Stettner said she believes that Colorado's healthy-living lifestyle is shown in the company's menu.

"They have a considerable amount of healthy options for

a pasta chain, and Colorado is known for healthy living," Stettner said.

That's not all they're known for, however. Noodles & Company provides salads, pastas and sandwich recipes from Tuscan, Asian and American cuisines. This allows for the company's daring customers to test flavors from all over the world in one spot.

When it comes to answering which restaurant is best, the answer may actually lie in what the individual wants. Chipotle and Noodles & Company both represent different sides of Colorado's healthy and cultural cuisine needs. It's safe to say that between the two restaurants, the average Coloradan will be satisfied.

Student Survey Results

50 CSU students polled

Do you prefer restaurants that support sustainable agriculture or promote world cultures?

Sustainable ag: 62%
World cultures: 23%
Neither: 15%

Do you pick restaurants with fresh ingredients or with a wide variety?

Fresh ingredients: 48%
Wide variety: 40%
Neither: 12%



Net income in 2014:

Chipotle:
\$445.4 million
Noodles & Company:
\$403.7 million

Restaurants opened in 2014:

Chipotle: 192
Noodles & Company: 59





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THE MOST INTENSE COLLEGE RIVALRIES AND HOW THEY STARTED

By Erin Douglas
College Avenue Magazine

ADRENALINE. The fans, the noise, the beer, the players, the sheer amount of people, the thrill of competition. But, none of these can surpass one element of adrenaline at a sporting event: rivalry.

Colorado universities have a long history of rivalries, especially in football. In the early

1900s, the universities in the state included Colorado A&M (CSU didn't become Colorado State University until 1957), Colorado School of Mines, Colorado University (Boulder) and University of Denver.

These four schools mingled in each other's history as the students and athletes of the time created rivalries that would last for the next century.



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The rivalry that would lead to every Ram statue on CSU's campus proudly facing their rear ends toward Boulder was initiated by Colorado A&M when the Aggies challenged the Buffs to a football game on Feb. 10, 1893, in Fort Collins.

The game remains one of the hardest losses over the century the two have been football rivals, with the Buffs destroying the Aggies 70-6.

Justice would come about 20 years later, in 1912. Boulder was on a 21-game winning streak, the CU school record to this day. Colorado A&M rightfully ended it with a 21-0 win in Fort Collins. Today, CU holds a 62-22-2 series lead, but CSU has won two of the past three meets.

In the 2014 season, CSU won the matchup 31-17 on Aug. 29, when CSU scored three touchdowns in the second half and the defense shut down Colorado's passing game to hold them to 17 points.

However, Rick George, athletic director for CU, is try-

ing to avoid playing CSU after 2020, when the universities' contract ends. George also told the Denver Post that playing the Rocky Mountain Showdown in Denver is "dead."

"I'm not sure where our series with CSU goes after that [the current contract] either," George told the Denver Post. "Today, we would not extend our agreement to play past 2020."

Even if George manages to end the Rocky Mountain Showdown in 2020, the CSU-CU sports rivalry will continue through basketball and volleyball.

In three major games against CU this year (football, basketball and volleyball), CSU won against their rival.

"All those people wearing green — they want to beat us, and they want to beat us bad," CU men's basketball coach Tad Boyle said in anticipation of the game against CSU.

The men's basketball team won 62-60 against CU on Dec. 10, and the women's volleyball team won 3-2.

Colorado School of Mines and the University of Denver may not be at each other's throats anymore, but, in its day, this may have been the most vicious rivalry in the state.

At 4:15 a.m. on Nov. 6, 1919, a series of huge dynamite explosions shattered Templin Hall on DU's campus. The blasts were so powerful that residents in Templin Hall thought there was an earthquake.

The explosions blew out 100 windows in DU's University Hall, the Iliff School of Theology, Carnegie Library and Memorial Chapel.

While it was not proven, Mines students were blamed because they were famous for dropping sticks of dynamite for fun throughout Golden. Not to mention the signs that were found reading, "Get DU" and "Give 'Em Hell, Mines."

DU students retaliated with a plan to drive up to the white "M" on Mount Zion that overlooks Mines and paint it

red. However, Mines students caught them after painting only a small portion of the M.

Mines students barricaded the road down the mountain, and both Denver papers reported that shots were fired, though they were said to be blanks.

According to the DU magazine, after being captured, the DU students had their heads shaved and "M"s were etched onto their scalps with silver nitrate, a caustic chemical that takes months to wear off. Afterwards, the captured students were kept in Mines' fraternity houses under heavy guard, according to The Denver Post at the time.

After a football game between the two that ended in a tie, Colorado Gov. Oliver Shoup ordered the intercollegiate war to end. The intense rivalry eventually fizzled out, and today, the CSU vs. CU competition is the reigning rivalry in the state.

The Bronze Boot is the most notable symbol of this historic rivalry. Each year, CSU and University of Wyoming battle it out on the football field to bring the bronze trophy back to their respective states. The Border War started in 1899, but the Bronze Boot was not introduced until 1968.

The boot belonged to a Vietnam War veteran. Capt. Dan Romero was a CSU Army ROTC graduate who wore the boot in combat in 1966-1967. Today, it continues to act as a symbol for the ROTC battalions of each school.

While this rivalry originated with football, in recent years, the rivalry has gained momentum in men's basketball. In 2013, the men's basketball Border War was one of four sellouts, and in 2011-2012, this was the only crowd to reach Moby's capacity, according to The Coloradoan.

Wyoming students were featured in USA Today after they chanted "alcoholic" at men's basketball head coach Larry Eustachy in 2013. Eustachy had been sober for 10 years at the time of the chants, but libelous fliers were distributed at Wyoming before the game. CSU won the game 78-56.

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IN THE WEST



By Alexa Phillips

College Avenue Magazine

We often associate fashion with an urban mecca like Los Angeles or New York City, not Denver. However, more recently, Denver has been growing stronger as a fashion hub and gaining recognition in the industry.

One struggle with growing the local industry is convincing graduating talents from fashion programs at CSU and the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design to stay in Denver, as opposed to moving to the coasts to pursue their careers.

The Denver Design Incubator was created as a way to keep the industry local. The DDI provides tools missing to college students as a means to become an entrepreneur out of college.

The DDI is a community of like-minded people, providing a space for designers to work on their sewn products by offering equipment to sew, design and market their clothing.

Executive vice president of Ralph's Industrial Sewing Machine and the director of the DDI, Jack Makovsky said that one of the goals of DDI is to provide equipment that

helps to facilitate education and training for members to create their visions.

The DDI is partnered with Ralph's Industrial Sewing, one of two industrial sewing companies in the U.S. Having access to this resource has also helped the industry thrive, reflecting in the rising number of new businesses.

Denver is promising for business owners, as there is an easier point of entry, where makers can enter the marketplace in a wide range of apparel and accessory genres.

"The fashion industry is picking up in Denver's way, not the traditional fashion way," said Kristen Littlejohn-Lasker, a board member and main staff member for the DDI.

Denver has a fashion showcase, Denver Fashion Weekend, a biannual event hosted by 303 Magazine. DFW started 10 years ago as a small show for the hair and makeup industry but has grown to a multi-day event that hosts over 1,000 people each night.

According to Lindsay Maynard, the editor of 303 Magazine, the fashion wave in Denver didn't catch on until two or three years ago.

"People are realizing that there are resources in

Colorado for fashion, and I think they're also realizing that whatever their style – boho, athletic, hipster, preppy – they can evolve with the fashion here, too," Maynard said.

DFW has allowed for rising designers like Mondo Guerra and Geoffrey Mac to get their start in the industry and for local designers, such as Stephanie Ohnmacht, to get more creative year after year in their presentations.

The shows display clothing of all styles, ranging from street style to high-end fashion to skiwear. Colorado has a diverse fashion scene, and DFW incorporates all different genres in its shows to appeal to everyone.

"Denver Fashion Weekend offers a fun experience for everyone," Maynard said. "Whether you consider yourself a fashionista or you just like to mingle with cool people, DFW is an experience you can't miss."

DFW will take place April 29 to May 3 at City Hall Amphitheater in Denver. The four-day event will feature street wear, local and national designers and the event's famous hair show. Tickets are available at www.303magazine.com/DFW.

Denver Fashion Weekend Events

Wednesday, April 29
303 Awards + SW Hairstyling Awards

Thursday, April 30
Street Wear Night

Saturday, May 2
Local and National Fashion

Sunday, May 3
Hair Show

Information from 303magazine.com/DFW

11 Denver Designers to Watch For

1. **Susan Kiely**, SK Designs
2. **Andrea Li**
3. **Stephanie Ohnmacht**, Stephanie O
4. **Lisa Welch and Julie Hill**, BornFit
5. **Maureen de Haan**, Denver Couture
6. **Phoebe Stapleton**, Sierra Designs
7. **Rustin Coburn and Noah Price**, DVLP clothing
8. **Holli Gibson**, LamanBlu
9. **Eulanda Sanders**, Yo-San Studio
10. **Josh Holleb and Jessie Sapir**, Totem Industries
11. **Mona Lucero**

Information from denverpost.com

Mile High Tuition

Limited state funds are costing Colorado's students

By Erin Douglas

College Avenue Magazine

By almost all standards of economic analysis, the recession that began in 2007 is over. Colorado's unemployment rate is the lowest since the recession, the state has found a whole new source of tax revenue from marijuana and the Coloradan obsession over the state flag (from apparel to full-size dorm room tapestries) reflects how state pride has never been higher.

But, higher education funding in Colorado tells a very different story.

From 2008 to 2014, tuition

in Colorado, on average, has increased by nearly \$3,000, according to the College Board's 2013 report, "Trends in College Pricing." The report also shows Colorado ranking second in the nation for the highest average tuition increase from 2013 to 2014.

"It would be nice to know what the money is going towards," said Scott Kaley, sophomore mechanical engineering student. "I know it's not always immediately obvious why college is so expensive, but I want to know why we are increasing tuition."

State funding is less than 5 percent of a Colorado student's

total financial aid package, according to the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Financial Aid Report, 2014-2015.

For the vast majority of students, that 5 percent is the Colorado Opportunity Fund, and most of student financial "aid" is a future of debt by loans.

However, there may be a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel if Gov. Hickenlooper's request of \$75.6 million for higher education funding passes.

"It would be nice to have the money go towards reducing tuition, but I don't see that

happening with the current CSU administration," said Michelle Wilk, a graduate student studying English.

However, in President Tony Frank's spring budget email, he claimed that the state funding would be used toward tuition.

"Thanks to the state's leadership in restoring higher education support, we've been able to decrease the planned tuition increase for next year to 5.5 percent for resident undergraduates," Frank wrote.

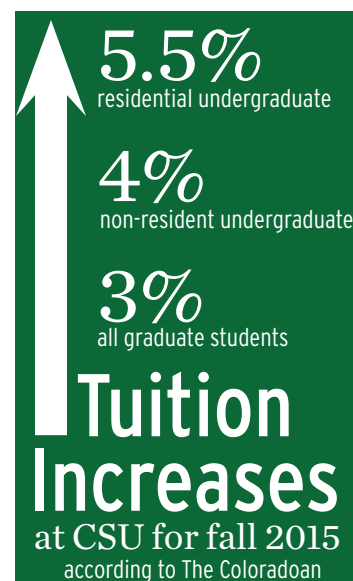
But, according to The Coloradoan's statistics in a report on tuition, 5.5 percent is not an improvement. Fiscal year 2016 will be the ninth consecutive

year that CSU has raised tuition for resident undergraduates above 5 percent.

Tuition increases aren't reflective of the state's new effort to increase higher education funding or the recovery from the recession. So what does this mean for higher education and Colorado students? There are two reasonable conclusions.

One, this is one of the worst times in Colorado history to be a college student because there's no out. Students can either pay a premium rate for in-state tuition or pay even more to leave the state.

Not to mention the aver-





Colorado Ranks:

2nd in the nation

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from 2013 to 2014, according to the
College Board



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more than 2/3 of
college cost**



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**highest percent of
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revenue from
tuition**

according to the State Higher
Education Executive Officers

age debt at graduation will be somewhere around \$26,000, according to the CDHE's Financial Aid Report, 2014-2015.

Two, if tuition continues to increase across all of Colorado (like it has since the Recession and like we know it will at CSU for fiscal year 2015-2016), more Colorado high school seniors are either going to take their skills elsewhere or be forced to decide against attending college.

"I think we'll see a lot less Colorado residents coming in," said Bailey Shaw, a sophomore environmental health major. "It's really unfortunate because a tuition increase makes

school harder to afford, and it's sad for people that want to attend college in-state but can't afford to."

However, a decrease in Colorado residents attending college may have a larger impact than anticipated on CSU.

Currently, CSU has the highest enrollment of Colorado residents in the state: 10 percent, according to the 2015 Legislative Report on the Post-secondary Progress and Success of High School Graduates by the Colorado Department of Education.

Yet, the highest proposed tuition increase for next fall is burdened on residential

undergraduates.

"I know a lot of my friends chose a school based on where they could actually afford to go," said Austin Kimber, sophomore fisheries biology student.

Consider this, according to the 2014-2015 Tuition and Fees Report by the CDHE, CSU receives \$138 million in revenue for only a 1 percent increase in tuition.

So, it shouldn't be surprising that the state of Colorado is fourth in the nation for the highest percent of institutional revenue that comes from tuition, according to the 2013 State Higher Education Finance Report by the State

Higher Education Executive Officers.

"That's just the way it is for public schools," said Elyse Roberts, a freshman international studies major. "When I applied out of state, I didn't get any funding, either. There's just not enough money to go around."

Though the battle against inevitably increasing tuition and higher education funding may seem like a universal problem throughout the United States, the truth is that Colorado is much worse off than the rest of the country.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Colorado is only one of six

states that ask their college students to pay at least two thirds of their college costs.

"Colorado is one of the lowest-funded states for higher education in the country," Wilk said. "With what I know about the current CSU president, I know that he wants to make CSU fully sustainable without government assistance, which essentially turns CSU into a business. I think that undermines the value of higher education and undermines those who can afford it."



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