



**EMMA BROKAW** COLLEGIAN

Coleman Centrola, an employee of the on-campus bike repair shop, The Spoke, prepares to replace a chain on a student's bike Friday afternoon.

## The Spoke offers free bike education

By Sady Swanson

*The Rocky Mountain Collegian*

In the northwest corner of the Pavilion in Laurel Village, Colorado State University students, staff and faculty will find an unexpected workshop full of tire tubes and gears.

The Spoke, located in a space slightly smaller than a dorm room, aims to teach people how to fix and maintain their bikes.

"We mainly focus on basic maintenance and education," Lead Technician and CSU alum Jordon Traylor said. "(It's) really just to promote biking in the community, on campus and off campus."

Sophomore construction man-

agement student Zack Alves began working at The Spoke at the beginning of the spring semester and said the shop is a great resource for students.

"Many people don't have access to the tools and they don't have the knowledge," Alves said. "We can play the middle man as far as offering those tools and offering that knowledge."

Alves said most of his knowledge of bike maintenance has been self-taught.

"I enjoy it when people come in and they want to learn because I've always loved teaching people," Alves said. "It's a time that I don't really

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# THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIAN

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## Doctor prescribed, campus banned

### Medical marijuana use on campus can lead to disciplinary action

By Veronica Baas

*The Rocky Mountain Collegian*

Darin Hinman opted out of a CSU camping trip due to University restrictions on medical marijuana use. Hinman uses prescription marijuana to ease pain from an injury he sustained fighting in Iraq.

Colorado State University does not allow medical marijuana on campus or at campus-related activities.

Hinman, a senior studying journalism and technical communications at CSU, received his medical license to replace his opiate use.

"I was injured in Iraq," Hinman said. "I got some shrapnel in my back — metal from an explosion. So the VA had me on 240 (mg) tramadol and like 100 (mg) methadone a month — a lot of opiates, just for pain management. It got so bad I was having seizures and blackouts because they had me on such a high dose. My VA doc actually convinced me to get the medical marijuana card."

Hinman said he tried to work with leaders of the group on the

drug policy, suggesting edible alternatives but was ultimately denied.

"Unfortunately it's CSU's policy that they don't allow medical marijuana at any of their campus activities that are CSU-related in general. Even if it's off campus, it doesn't matter," Hinman said. "So basically I can't go on the trip then, because you know I can't go skiing for five days without using something for pain."

Colorado law allows medical and recreational marijuana use, however under the federal Controlled Substance Act, these activities are still illegal.

Executive Director of Public Affairs and Communications Mike Hooker said that since the possession and use of marijuana is still prohibited under federal law, the University must abide by it.

"Because marijuana possession and the use of marijuana is prohibited under federal law, we are actually required to not allow it here on campus," Hooker said. "We don't allow marijuana, whether it's for medical or recre-

ational use, because that's federal  
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## FORT COLLINS FOCUS



KEVIN OLSON COLLEGIAN

CSU journalism student Ben Ward takes advantage of the beautiful spring weather to take some photos of the Poudre River while standing upon the tracks just north of Old Town.

## IN BRIEF

### Rocky Mountain Student Media gets new president

The Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation is pleased to announce that Pete Waack, general manager of The Daily Orange in Syracuse, NY, has been selected as the new President/CEO of the RMSMC.

Waack will begin in June 2015, replacing Larry Steward, who has decided to return to the private sector.

Waack has served as the general manager of Syracuse's independent student newspaper since 2001, having received his J.D. from the University of Colorado and a B.A. in communication from the University of Wisconsin. Waack was recognized as the Nonprofit Executive of the Year

from the CNY Business Journal in 2013 and has served on a variety of community boards within the Syracuse area. Also noteworthy is that the Daily Orange placed second in the Princeton Review's selection of the Best College Newspapers in 2014, along with being named the Best College Paper in the Country by the Society of Professional Journalists in 2011.



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■ **What:** Peace Corps General Information Meeting: Join CSU's Peace Corps Representative and returned Peace Corps volunteers to learn helpful strategies for applying and hear about the realities and logistics of service.

■ **When:** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 ■ **Where:** Laurel Hall

■ **What:** Resume Rush: Put your best foot forward at the Just In Time Job & Internship Fair. Have your resume critiqued by a resume professional. This event is an excellent way for you to fine tune one of your best marketing tools - your resume. No appointment necessary, just drop-by for a quick 15 minute critique.

■ **When:** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 ■ **Where:** Career Center - Lory Student Center Room 120

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“Campus Corps links college student volunteers with Fort Collins kids facing a troubled home life, disciplinary problems or who are struggling in the classroom.”

# Campus Corps provides direction to at-risk youth

By Rachel Musselmann  
The Rocky Mountain Collegian

Thanks to a small group of Colorado State University students, local at-risk youth are receiving guidance through mentoring at a crucial time in their lives.

According to Program Director and CSU professor Jen Krafchick, Campus Corps links college student volunteers with Fort Collins kids facing a troubled home life, disciplinary problems or who are struggling in the classroom.

The volunteer-based club partners each kid with a college-aged

mentor who provides them with a support system they might not otherwise have access to, Krafchick said.

The club meets for four hours a week for a 12-week period, during which the participants eat dinner together, work on homework and join in pro-social activities such as gardening or science experiments, Krafchick said.

“We’ve done everything from sports to poetry,” Krafchick said. “We try and bring a lot of diversity into the activities so all the participants can find something they like. We even made hovercrafts.”

Krafchick said the young participants are recommended by school systems, therapists and juvenile court systems. She said college students work well as role models for kids without strong direction in their lives.

“We’ve been shown to successfully help kids, to the point that we’re receiving national attention,” said senior Campus Corps intern Katie Harnson. “This is such a positive outlet for them.”

The club, founded in 2010, also extends to the professional world.

“We’ve helped students complete their GED and apply for jobs

or college,” Krafchick said. “We want to set them up for success.”

Campus Corps techniques are based on years of mentoring research, and every session is supervised by a graduate student studying family therapy, Krafchick said.

“It gives the kids the chance to speak to a therapist in a casual, no-pressure atmosphere,” Krafchick said.

Senior Nicole Arja said the club has changed her life.

“It’s so great to know that every volunteer is there to help make a difference, and when the kids walk in, it’s like a light,” Arja said. “You

just know how much they want to be here.”

Arja said one of the best aspects of the club is the variety of students participating.

“It’s not just psychology majors — we have over 85 different colleges participating,” Arja said. “It shows that this is something everybody needs.”

Campus Corps applications are due April 1, but late applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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# Comedy Central announces current 'Daily Show' correspondent Trevor Noah as new host

By McKenna Ferguson  
The Rocky Mountain Collegian

Early Monday, Comedy Central gave fans of “The Daily Show” what they’ve been waiting for since Jon Stewart announced he was leaving the show after 16 years as its host back in February. We have a successor, and it’s a familiar face.

Current senior international correspondent Trevor Noah will be sitting at the desk after Stewart’s departure.

Noah made a name for himself on the late night program when he joined the team in December, with some of his most notable segments being “Spot the Africa,” in which he displayed photos of locations in both Africa and the U.S. and asked Stewart to guess which was which,

and “Boko Haram in Nigeria,” where he discussed the hypocrisy in the lack of coverage of the terrorist group’s atrocities.

Many are already suggesting that, as a South African who grew up during apartheid, Noah’s perspectives on race and intersectionality will bring a fresh take to the show.

Entertainment Weekly proceeded to gather up supportive celebrity tweets about the replacement, arguably the best and most direct being Chris Rock’s that simply read: “Thank you, President Obama.”

In a statement, Stewart expressed excitement for the change saying, “I’m thrilled for the show and for Trevor. He’s a tremendous comic and talent that we’ve loved



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working with.”

Noah himself took to Twitter shortly after the announcement tweeting, “No one can replace Jon

Stewart. But together with the amazing team at “The Daily Show,” we will continue to make this the best damn news show!”

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## Negative stereotypes do not define Greek life



TROY WILKINSON

Two fraternities have been suspended on two separate campuses in the past month, one due to racist chants and the other for sharing nude photos of women on a private Facebook page. Greek life should not suffer as a whole because of these types of incidents nor should Greek life be thought of as inherently negative because of them.

Scandals associated with Greek life culture — those involving fraternities in particular — seem to come up pretty often and appear to be perpetuating the age-old idea of all fraternities being a hot mess. That stereotype is wrong in plenty of cases, though. A fraternity, at its core, is nothing more than a group of men with common interests and goals. This is not inherently a bad thing, so why do all fraternities get flak when incidents like the two above happen?

Fraternity and Sorority life is extremely diverse, so it's unfair to dismiss all of it as something disastrous based off a couple misguided organizations. Greek organizations range from those that focus on social growth, to others that focus on a particular area of study or service.

Social fraternities and sororities are usually the ones behind the scandals that pop up, but within Greek organizations, no two groups are the same. For example, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter at Colorado State University is much different from the chapter that just got banned at University of Oklahoma. Even the members within the same fraternity or sorority are extremely different from one another.

I myself am in a fraternity, and have seen just how positive of an experience it can be. The common stereotype is that fraternities are crazy, disrespectful, misogynistic and an assortment of other negative traits. That is not a completely unfounded stereotype, but for many fraternities it is completely undeserved. For the one I joined, and many others, it is not a fair de-

piction of fraternities.

Fraternity and Sorority Life here at CSU is not perfect. There

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has been a fair share of negative incidents in the past, but the intentions are positive. A huge part

of my experience, and what is at the core of the fraternity I joined (and no doubt many other fraternities and sororities), is the goals of trying to improve as a person and making a positive impact in the world. Greek organizations here at CSU, and many of those at other institutions, are committed to both helping members become better people and serving the community. The intentions of improving as a person and helping the community Greek culture have real potential to lead to amazing things, but too often these values fall to the wayside and poor decisions start being made.

No doubt fraternities can get out of hand. When a bunch of college men get together, sometimes bad things can come from that, but fraternities are not the problem. The problem is deeper than the fraternity itself. Behind fraternities that turn to hazing or collective racism, there is a community that fosters those types of individuals — the ones who allow rotten activities and values to be realized. Greek organizations with the right values, right intentions and members can be used to curb activities like sexual

harassment, hazing or excessive drinking too.

An important fact to realize is that membership in a Greek organization alone doesn't actually alter a group of people. For various reasons, the idea of a fraternity as a crazy and wild entity has been implanted in society, but in reality a Greek organization is just a group of people working together towards a common goal. There's nothing inherently bad about that, but sometimes, like any organization, it can turn into something negative.

Though it is not perfect, CSU's Greek culture is more often than not a positive experience that focuses on community and charity. It is both the responsibility of Fraternity and Sorority Life members and the community to keep Greek culture positive and make sure it remains a pathway to improve the community and those who choose to join.

Collegian Columnist Troy Wilkinson is searching far and wide for a date to his fraternity's formal and can be reached at [letters@collegian.com](mailto:letters@collegian.com) or on Twitter @blumitts.

## Bravo & Gotta Go



The free app Periscope lets you stream video from your smart phone. This is huge for breaking news coverage.



Four journalists arrested during last summer's Ferguson protests over the death of Michael Brown filed a federal lawsuit Monday against St. Louis County police for violating the reporters' civil rights during newsgathering. Shout out to protecting the First Amendment.



Tidal, a music streaming service that streams at higher quality than Spotify, was launched today. Jay-Z owns it. Ninety-nine problems, but streaming music ain't one.



Discrepancies between state and federal law regarding marijuana make university regulations difficult and should be resolved.



Republican potential presidential candidates Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Bobby Jindal, Rick Santorum and Ben Carson all supported Indiana's religious freedom bill. Not surprising, but still a bummer.



Jamie Foxx's insensitive comments about Bruce Jenner's alleged transition at the iHeartRadio Music Awards was not OK.

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## ASCSU elections key to strengthen student voice



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It's time to get informed this spring. With student election season in full swing, we have an unparalleled opportunity to stand in solidarity as a campus community and assert our needs to University administration. It is time for everyone to decide what ASCSU's role is in holding CSU leadership accountable for their actions. It is time to get informed and involved in student representation.

The reason student government is so important this season is because these elections are taking place during a critical time of transition and friction for both the University and Fort Collins. The rapid urbanization along the Front Range has caused our region to experience growing pains, evident by struggles with panhandling, conflicts over student hous-

ing and transportation concerns. As the CSU administration and city council begin to have these conversations on issues like the U+2 law and public parking, it is essential that we have strong student representation to defend our interests and voice our concerns as one of the fastest-growing populations in the city. Campus government is the place to start.

ASCSU provides an excellent platform for students to voice their concerns, but it has been sorely underutilized by our campus community. The organization is not very visible on campus and can appear to some as a homogenous group of overachieving students and Type-A personalities because it is dominated by a very small segment of the CSU community. In reality, ASCSU struggles to attract students and sees a high turnover rate in its representatives because many across cam-

pus are unaware of how it works or what it does. The strength of our student government is only as strong as the community it represents. In other words, our platform for the student voice is only as loud as we are willing to make it. We are foolish to not utilize the opportunity.

ASCSU serves two primary functions that will be critical to students' influence moving forward. First, they have control over allocation of millions of dollars in student funds, including indirect control over the budget of the *Collegian*. This can have a large impact on student-run organizations and involvement opportunities on campus. More importantly, the vice president of ASCSU (either Clayton King, Taylor Albaugh or Filipp Dedogryuk after this election) sits on the Student Fee Review Board, which provides a direct outlet to University administration to voice students' budgetary concerns. As CSU's largest source of income, we deserve transparency and addressing of our concerns, and this function is essential to getting that respect and legitimate attention from University leadership moving forward. This starts by students getting involved to legit-

imize our campus representation.

As a student body, we cannot afford to continue as we have and leave ASCSU under-utilized by students and under-respected by administration. Too often with recent student concerns like parking and the on-campus stadium, we have seen Tony Frank and other University administrators turn their noses up at public opinion. While CSU has every right as a business to use its land and resources as it sees fit, we cannot let administration forget that we the students are their primary customers and deserve to be treated as such. Whether you plan to vote for Yearby, Sydoriak or Wester this election season, it's time to get behind our student representation and demand the accountability and transparency as that we deserve as paying customers.

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**MEGAN DAUENHAUER COLLEGIAN**

**MEN'S POLO**

# CSU Equestrian Polo strives for first national title since 1999

**By Haleigh Hamblin**

*The Rocky Mountain Collegian*

No one could have expected that of all the schools in the United States, Colorado State is the No. 1 team in the country right now.

With football, basketball and most NCAA teams done for the season, it is important not to forget right now is the most important part of the season for Equestrian Polo and the United States Polo Association.

For the second time in three seasons, almost two years to the exact date, CSU has advanced to compete at Nationals. With 2013 ending in a loss in the finals by one goal and 2014 concluding at regionals, this season has the highest potential in 15 years.

"This really means a lot to us because a lot of people were doubting us, but we haven't lost since the beginning of the season and have been beating all these tough teams," transfer student

Alex Kokesh said. "Now that we have the regional title, they are a little nervous."

The team will leave Easter Sunday for Philadelphia, destined for Storrs, Connecticut. With a bye in the first round of the tournament and a No. 1 seed locked in, the team is excited to make history with four other teams standing in the way.

A win would be the first national title for the school since 1999.

"I would say it is a big difference compared to last season," captain and coach Kareem Rosser said. "This season we have a lot more chemistry. Over the three years that I have been here, I would say this is the closest our team has been."

With two returning starters, one of which being the captain and coach alongside midfielder Jarod Berg, the team feels this season has clicked unlike any before.

Rosser has been the captain of the team for the last two seasons and has been the elected coach by the team. Without a coach look-

am a better captain this season. I have been able to slow things down in my head, which makes it easier to take a step back and look at the things we need to do to win as a team."

Last season the team lost senior Ryan Hattara, a pivotal component to the success of any competitive polo team. Without a skip in the team's step, a transfer student, Alex Kokesh, with experience playing at his parents' polo club in Santa Fe, New Mexico and overseas in Argentina, considered the polo capital of the world, brings a whole new style of play to the team.

Kokesh described it like indoor soccer — a fast-paced game that lets players use the walls when driving down the field, with each position rotating as each player moves up and down the field. He believes their style and strategies rely on its fluidity.

"It's really cool because Kareem (Rosser) is a lot like the people I played with overseas. He is an animal out there," Kokesh said. "I try my best to complement his style, and that really has worked well with us this season winning games."

Kokesh mentioned that one of the team's strengths, competing against some of the other schools on the national level, is the fact that they spread out around the arena and do not line up along the boards like some of the Ivy League schools.

"Now we are getting toward the end of the season, I think we are going to continue to focus on what we have done all season long, seeing that it has kept us winning," Rosser said. "I think that these next couple days and weeks are going to be intense. Getting as much time on the horses as we can and keeping ourselves healthy is what is important right now."

"We can't play down to the other teams' level. We are a well-balanced team with a strong bench," Kokesh added. "We are the team to beat right now."

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**Alex Kokesh**  
Transfer student

ing in on the team's every move, Rosser and the team are able to make decisions that work best for the team and are often taken to a vote. Rosser was described by his teammates as a humble player who looks to make the team the best it can be.

"Jarod Berg has improved a lot this season. And Kokesh brings a different style of play to the team that we didn't have last season and is much needed," Rosser said. "Myself personally, I have matured as a player and I





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## SOFTBALL

# Pitcher Holly Reinke set to knuckle her way through the Mountain West

By Sam Lounsberry

*The Rocky Mountain Collegian*

Every softball club needs an ace pitcher. For Colorado State's softball team, that ace is Holly Reinke.

Reinke established herself as

one of the most dominant pitchers in the Mountain West last season as a sophomore, registering 20 wins in 24 starts for the third most wins in a season in CSU program history. She used her perfect 5-0 start to emerge as CSU's No. 1 and went on to hold op-

ponents to a .256 batting average for a rank of fifth in the MW while also notching a 2.56 earned run average, which was third-best in the conference. CSU rolled to a 32-17 record last season, making Reinke the pitcher of record for over 62 percent of the

Rams' wins.

So there was no doubt in CSU head coach Jen Fisher's mind that Reinke would be her ace when she returned for this season as a junior.

"When you have someone like Holly, you're going to throw them," Fisher said.

But to start this season, Reinke stumbled out of the gate, losing in her first three starts and six of her first seven.

"It was definitely frustrating. I think I came off of a real high from last year," Reinke said. "I felt expectations that I was supposed to come out and do the exact same thing (this year), which was fair. I mean I wanted it, too. It wasn't like pressure from everybody else. It was pressure on myself to want to do just as well."

Part of why Reinke saw what seemed to be diminishing success is due to the increased level of competition on CSU's schedule this year compared to last. The Rams have played six games against teams either ranked in the top 25 or receiving votes in the top 25, and Reinke pitched in five of them, enduring losses to No. 18 Nebraska, No. 19 Arizona State, No. 15 Minnesota and Texas, which received votes.

But Feb. 28, everything turned around. Reinke picked up a win against Bryant in which she gave up only one run, and it must have sparked the Rams. CSU won its first 11 games in March for a total of 12 in a row, six of which came courtesy of Reinke who brought her record back to .500 at 8-8 on the season with her six-game win-streak. The junior threw a signature shutout in which she gave up zero walks against Buffalo March 14 in Northridge, California.

"I couldn't even tell she lost those first games. She does a really good job of keeping her composure," sophomore infielder Haley Hutton said.

Reinke said she took a helpful step back after her early-season struggles to refocus and return to the winning habit she developed last year and during her illustrious high school career at D'Evelyn in Littleton, where she threw 18 career no-hitters and was elected first-team all-state in each of her four years.

"Honestly, I think I went through a big mental change," Reinke said of the shift to success this year. "I went through a lot of self-focus, trying to reconnect with who I was last year, and trusting in my abilities, and a lot of trust in God with that, he provided me with a lot of that strength."

Part of what Reinke stopped doing was trying to emulate last season.

"I just switched, I didn't expect myself to do like last year. I just wanted to be me again and play the game," she explained.

Statistically, the junior is back among the top pitchers in the Mountain West. Though her ERA and opponent batting average are up somewhat significantly from last year's solid marks to 4.51 and .327, respectively, Reinke's 60 strikeouts and eight wins rank her fourth in the conference in each of those categories.

What makes Reinke such a tough pitcher is partly her ability to throw a knuckleball, a rarity in softball.

"I have big enough hands that I can throw it," she said of the knuckle.

Fisher sometimes has trouble catching for her because of the high unpredictability of Reinke's knuckleball.

"I've never had a pitcher that can throw the knuckle as well as she does," Fisher stated. "I catch her in the bullpen sometimes, and it will shock the heck out of me, moving different directions."

Reinke learned to throw the difficult pitch from Richard Shriner, who has served as Reinke's de facto pitching coach since she was nine.

"He's kind of my father figure in a way, another father figure I have," Reinke said of Shriner.

Additionally, Reinke has displayed her skill at the plate this season with more allowance from Fisher to hit. She took only four at-bats last season and got one hit, but this year already Reinke has eight hits — including one home run — on 29 at-bats for an average of .276.

"Her first role on our team is as a pitcher, so it really takes a lot of persistence to go ahead and keep hitting," Fisher said. "For two years, she really did all the same (batting) drills as all the other girls and kept showing me 'I want to hit.'"

Though the start of March treated Reinke and the Rams well, they closed out the month with four straight losses, two of which went to Reinke to put her record at 8-10 on the year, before beating Northern Colorado last week. But with conference play underway, expect to see Reinke continue to persist. Fisher said the junior will likely start this week when the team goes to San Jose State for a three game series.

"We expect her to get a lot of innings from here on out in all the

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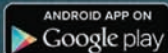
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# ASCSU presidential campaign: Lauren Wester and Filipp Dedogryuk

By **Hannah Ditzenberger**  
*The Rocky Mountain Collegian*

The myriad of personalities at Colorado State University motivates Lauren Wester to serve the student body.

“At the end of the day, our individualities make us valuable — inherently valuable,” Wester said. “Who is to say that one person’s ideas aren’t as good as another’s?”

After hearing the platforms of the other candidates, Wester and her running mate Filipp Dedogryuk announced their candidacy Thursday.

“We do think some of the ideas (of the other teams) are wonderful,” Dedogryuk said. “We do, however, have some of our own ideas that we want to put out there.”

While the two acknowledge the unique challenge of being write-in candidates, they are optimistic about the results. They say that interacting with students makes running for ASCSU president and vice president a rewarding process.

“Regardless (of) who wins, we’re going to be helping the students,” Dedogryuk said. “That’s what really brings hope to me.”

Calling themselves “The Open Door Campaign,” their vision involves improving the transparency between ASCSU and student body. They want to encourage all branches of student government to reach out to their constituents, improve relations with student media and increase student awareness about the function of ASCSU.

By implementing a student absentee policy, expanding the space of the Resources for Disabled Students Of-

son who creates impact,” Wester said. “I want to be a person who inspires change, who inspires growth — not only at the organizational level but also at an individual, person level.”

**Presidential candidate: Lauren Wester**

When Lauren Wester was 15, she bought her first horse. An untrained mustang, Wester says it taught her important skills that she uses now in her presidential campaign.

“My parents said that I had to pay for the entire thing,” Wester said. “That’s really how I learned my work ethic — through jobs, I had to work to pay for it.”

While the junior international studies major describes herself as diligent, she says service is most important to her.

“I’ve been given skills, leadership abilities and a heart to serve people,” Wester said. “I’m passionate about horses, but I’m more passionate about people. I’m more passionate about helping people.”

Wester did not originally plan on attending college. The Monument native instead wanted to train as an equestrian. However, after working at a Russian orphanage immediately after graduating high school, she decided to pursue a career in diplomacy.

“After this trip, I realized, wow, my life needs to be orientated around impacting people, not orientated around something I want to do,” Wester said. “That’s kind of how my whole life has played out.”

Robert Jordan, a history professor, has taught Wester in three upper division classes.

“(She’s passionate about) human



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Presidential candidate Lauren Wester is running with Filipp Dedogryuk in an “Open Door Campaign” that aims to increase transparency between students and ASCSU.

Wester overflows with ideas.

“She always is talking to me about what she wants to do — what she wants to change,” Hettenger said. “She always aims to go higher than herself. She’s very passionate.”

Hettenger is a close friend of Wester, saying she has seen the candidate overcome many challenges since they first met their freshman year. Wester suffered with a chronic illness for six years, which motivated the programs she sponsored during her two years at ASCSU. Her initiative, the Chronic Health Mentoring Program, connects students suffering from illnesses with upperclassman experiencing similar issues.

“I knew coming into college that (living with my illness) would be difficult,” Wester said. “I have the determination and the will to fight when it’s necessary.”

Wester says she wants to fight for the diverse student population, especially for international students and spiritual groups. While at ASCSU, she initiated the first Faith, Belief and Spirituality Fair at CSU. She said she wants to find meaningful connections at the University and is unafraid to develop innovative ideas.

“My goal while being at ASCSU has been to take those blinders off,” Wester said. “I want to dream bigger than what has been previously established through tradition or the norms we have in the organization.”

**Vice presidential candidate: Filipp Dedogryuk**

Proudly displaying intricate woodwork, Filipp Dedogryuk explains his love for unconventional arts, including wood burning and blacksmithing.

“He gives everything. He does his all,” said Rhiannin Bunney, a close friend of Dedogryuk’s and a junior English major. “He’s a very passionate person and will spend a long time devoted to whatever he’s interested in.”

Bunney said that Dedogryuk wants all students to experience the University with the same spirit he has.

“That’s why he reached out to me,” Bunney said. “I was just a freshman girl in the dining hall. He started talking to me because he didn’t want me to be lonely. That’s why we’re friends.”

According to junior computer science major Adam Lynch, this passion flows into every area of Dedogryuk’s life. From working in the Corbett dining hall, to researching memory, the junior psychology major lives actively.

“He’s one of the most interesting people that most people might ever meet,” Lynch said. “His life experiences have been to a point that he has a lot of unique insights that other people don’t have.”

Born in Russia, but raised in Colorado, Dedogryuk says that he wants his peers to have the best possible experience at CSU. As a student paying his own tuition, he says he understands the financial woes his classmates discuss.

He is very passionate about encouraging open source textbooks.

“College really should not be this expensive,” Dedogryuk said. “I see students burdened by money and some of them can’t afford textbooks. ... I can’t tell professors what to do, but I can advocate for the students.”

He emphasizes his desire to interact with students. Whether asking about the University programs they use, to making small talk in the residence halls, he said he tries to empathize with his peers.

“I try to make as many jokes as I can in a single moment with a customer (at the dining hall),” Dedogryuk said. “I’ve come across hard times. I’ve had friends pass. I have had to face that loss. I have faced the loss of being betrayed. I want to support (the students here).”

Lynch, who used to be a senator with ASCSU, said that Dedogryuk has the energy the organization needs.

“There’s not a lot being done in Senate,” Lynch said. “Filipp is the perfect mix of all of these volatile qualities to put some life back into the organization. He really does care.”

Further information about the Wester-Dedogryuk campaign can be found on Facebook, and voting will occur between April 6 and April 8.

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“I’ve been given skills, leadership abilities and a heart to serve people.”

**Lauren Wester**

a presidential candidate for the Associated Students of Colorado State University

office, encouraging the use of open source textbooks and improving collaboration between faith communities in the community, they say they want to support students emotionally, spiritually and academically.

The team also wants to address transportation and parking by looking into creating a program like MAX on the west side of campus, championing buses down Elizabeth St. to address the overflow of traffic and expanding the awareness about carpooling services.

“I’m passionate about being a per-

son who creates impact,” Jordan said. “She always tries to see how the topics we cover in the history class into the contemporary period, to see how those can be an outlet for positive change now. ... She is a person that you can tell cares about other people.”

Wester says she loves learning about various cultures.

“Even the regional differences within the U.S. fascinate me,” Wester said.

According to Bethany Hettenger, a junior international studies major,



# Giving blood sure takes a lot out of you: blood drive held on campus

By **Jessie Trudell**

*The Rocky Mountain Collegian*

It was approximately 2:15 p.m. Thursday as my life flashed before my eyes, my vision became hazy and I dropped to the ground.

Just kidding – but I sure got close.

Like many other people, I do not particularly enjoy needles. They do not especially appeal to me. However, the fact that every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs a transfusion of blood convinced me to get past my fears and donate some liquid gold.

So there it was: my opportunity to give back, only a few steps and a needle away.

“It smells so sterile in here,” I said aloud as I entered the donation-site-on-wheels: the Bonfils Blood Center bus, stationed right outside Colorado State University’s Clark A building.

The nurse filling out my information asked, “well, would you rather have it smell not sterile?”

Touché.

The nurse finished registering me as a blood donor and asked questions pertaining to a brief history of my health. I was then declared eligible to donate.

I think the nurses are trained to

“The most rewarding part for me is the fact that giving blood saves lives every day.”

**Jeff Dillavou**  
CDR for Bonfils Blood Center

smell fear, because before I even sat down at the blood-giving station, they had a bottle of juice in my hand and were instructing me to breathe deeply. Once I got comfortable, they

took the donation. The only pain I felt was a slight sting in my arm when they inserted and removed the needle. However, I think a minor irritation such as the needle can be easily conquered when lives of others depend on it. Following my donation, I was free to go after a brief recovery period.

I walked out of that bus feeling like a better person, especially because I learned that one whole blood donation can help improve and save the lives of up to three patients. Bonfils Blood Center serves as the necessary middleman between donors and the people that need the donations the most.

“The most rewarding part for me is the fact that giving blood saves lives every day,” said Jeff Dillavou, CDR for Bonfils Blood Center.

Bonfils Blood Center has been accommodating the blood needs of the Rocky Mountains since early 1943. Given that blood cannot be synthetically made, Bonfils Blood Center relies solely on the donations of healthy and willing volunteers. These donations are then



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Jay Kailey, a second year nursing student, and Nick Millisor, a third year business and finance major, donate blood at the Bonfils Blood Center bus just outside the Warner College building.

used to save the lives of people that experience significant blood loss through trauma or other circumstances.

“Lives depend on donated

blood,” Dillavou said. “Decide to save a life.”

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law, and that's the way we have to approach it."

According to the CSU Student Conduct Code, students who use or possess marijuana are subject to discipline.

Although CSU is following federal law, Hinman claims they have violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"You basically denied me an activity because of the medication I'm taking, which is blatantly against the Americans with Disabilities Act," Hinman said. "The crazy thing is I can basically go on this trip with prescription opiates, which is what I would have done if I hadn't transitioned. I would have been taking all kinds of opiates, which are, I think, worse than the marijuana because of their side effects. I was having seizures."

Students living in the dorms are also prohibited from using medical marijuana.

Danielle Wesolowski, a junior studying agricultural business,

dealt with this issue her freshman year.

"It was terrible, I even had the cops called on me one night, but the cop let me go because it was for emergency medical use," Wesolowski said. "It was really messed up, because if I wanted to use my medication I would have to go off campus."

Students who are caught with marijuana on campus are required to attend a disciplinary hearing and can ultimately be put in Back on TRAC (Treatment, Responsibility and Accountability on Campus), in the case of multiple offenses. In this program, students are required to take daily breathalyzer tests and weekly drug tests.

"I think that it's wrong to say that people can't use their medication," Wesolowski said. "For some people, it's more than just getting stoned. It's going through pain on a day to day basis. That's why we pay to use this."

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feel like I'm working. I just feel like I'm doing what I enjoy."

The shop opened in November, but is getting busier now with the warmer weather, according to Traylor.

The Spoke sells basic bike components such as brake pads, cables, tires, tubes, helmets, lights, bike bags, chains and locks at a similar price to other bike shops, such as Route 34.

"Anyone can come in and learn how to fix their bike for free," Traylor said. "They only have to pay for parts. That's the only catch."

Sophomore business student Drew Casebier decided to come into The Spoke because he wants to be able to do his own bike maintenance and wants to start mountain biking.

"The hands-on approach is a lot easier than watching YouTube videos because they can actually show you what you're doing wrong and what you're doing right," Casebier said.

Alves said it is a great opportunity for students to work on bikes because they are not required to go through a certification program.

"It's always been really hard to get involved on the maintenance side of bicycles," Alves said. "(There are) a lot of steps you have to take working in larger bicycle shops."

Casebier said he likes how relatable the students are who work in the shop.

"(The service) is better than any other bike shop that I've been to," Casebier said. "They'll actually show you how to do it instead of trying to make a paycheck. ... You can't beat that"

Traylor said their location in Laurel Village may be cramped and out of the way for many students, but is fitting with the theme of the building.

"The whole purpose of this building (the Pavilion in Laurel Village) was to promote renewable resources, be eco-friendly," Traylor said. "It goes along with the whole idea of being renewable."

Alves said that because of the location, The Spoke ends up serving mostly students in the resident halls, and if they moved closer to campus, they would be able to serve more of the general student population.

Traylor said it would help to have more space and that it may or may not be beneficial to move the shop closer to central campus.

"Right now, we are still in an experimental phase," Traylor said. "We're just seeing if it's going to work. So far I think it does work pretty well. We'll see where they decide to take it."

Traylor said he saw a bike shop like this coming to CSU.

"I feel like CSU needed to have its own bike shop for a long time," Traylor said. "It just goes hand-in-hand with being a... renewable school."

Casebier said that he plans to continue coming back to The Spoke when he needs help with his bike.

"I would rather learn than pay," Casebier said. "The learning is a lot more valuable than just getting the bike fixed."

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# Last minute to-do list for CSU seniors before graduation

By Caitlyn Berman

The Rocky Mountain Collegian

Graduation looms just around the corner, and for Colorado State University seniors who feel overwhelmed, this list of last-minute graduation tips can serve as a helpful survival guide.

1. Order your cap and gown. If you haven't done this already, now is the time. The CSU Alumni Association offers various grad packs ranging in price and perks. For a Bachelor's degree prices range from \$39 to \$750. The deadline to order is April 8. If these grad packs seem a bit too pricey, you can order the cap and gown without a grad pack at the Herff Jones website where prices start at around \$30. The deadline to order from this site is April 9.

2. Know the date, time and place of your graduation. This seems simple enough, but it's important to let your friends and family know exactly where to go. Some venues have larger seating possibilities than others, so double-check where you need to be and how many people you can bring on the commencement website.

3. Research the rules of the ceremony. There are steps, requirements and expectations at graduation ceremonies, including what to wear and how to wear it.

4. Book hotels. For those of you with out-of-state parents, family and friends coming to stay for graduation, find them a place to stay. Hotels are booking up fast, so if you don't have enough room in your current home, you'll need to act quickly. If you

can't find a hotel in Fort Collins, alternative options include couch surfing or hotels in nearby towns.

5. Order your class ring. If you want to order a ring to remember

“Graduation can be a scary time, but this list will make it easier to remember what to do and will help the time around graduation run a little bit smoother.”

your time spent at CSU, Balfour has a wide selection of special rings for graduation. The site offers rings for men and women in a variety of prices, stones and settings.

6. Utilize the Career Center. CSU's Career Center is a helpful resource for those looking to start their careers. If you're not sure what you want to do with your degree, the center has assessments to specify what you're good at and where you'd fit best. To take one of these assessments, schedule a meeting with a career counselor. Another helpful tool CSU offers is CareerRAM, a search engine that connects students and alumni with employers. CareerRAM

posts internships, on-campus interviews, career events and more.

7. Attend a career fair. Career fairs at CSU bring together dozens of employers, companies and students, offering them a chance

to mingle and pursue potential career paths. The next job and internship fair will take place April 1, from 4:30- 7 p.m. in the Lory Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Graduation can be a scary time, but this list will make it eas-

ier to remember what to do and will help the time around graduation run a little bit smoother.

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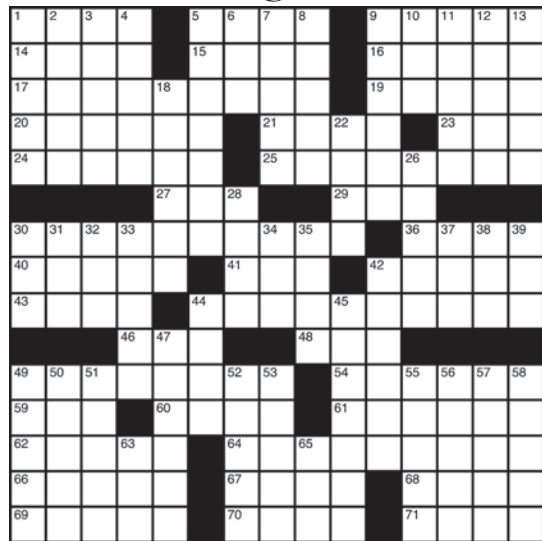
When her softball career ends, you might catch Reinke on the basketball courts at the Student Recreation Center or Rolland Moore park. The health and exercise science major earned three letters and three all-conference selections in hoops in high school and tied the state record

for three-pointers made in a game with 10 her senior year.

"I think when I'm done with softball I'll go play some pick-up basketball," Reinke said with complete seriousness.

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# Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle



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 1 Dash gauge  
 5 Pawn at a shop  
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 14 Height: Pref.  
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 17 \*Pest-control device  
 19 Hersey's bell town  
 20 Like paradise  
 21 Go round and round  
 23 "Tao Te Ching" poet  
 —tzu  
 24 "Yummy!"  
 25 \*Off-the-wall game?

- 27 Grant-granting gp.  
 29 Soul automaker  
 30 \*Simple garment  
 36 Aerobic exercise aid  
 40 Woodlands man-goat  
 41 Campus URL suffix  
 42 Serious  
 43 Old Russian ruler  
 44 \*One given to flights of fancy  
 46 Short-lived Egypt-Syr. alliance  
 48 Drunkard  
 49 \*Hidden explosives activator

- 54 Overthrow  
 59 Farm female  
 60 "\_\_\_o' your throats": "Measure for Measure"  
 61 Phobic  
 62 "Alas and \_\_\_!"  
 64 Figuratively, where some wild ideas come out of; literally, a hint to a word and its position when paired with the starts of the answers to starred clues  
 66 In need of a chill pill  
 67 Mystery writer Gardner  
 68 Colombian city  
 69 Beer holder  
 70 Ear piece?  
 71 \_\_\_slapper

- Down**  
 1 Got under control  
 2 Words after "crack" or "live by"  
 3 Pitiless  
 4 Mubarak of Egypt  
 5 Came out of one's shell?  
 6 "Days of \_\_\_ Lives"  
 7 Attend uninvited  
 8 Letter after iota  
 9 Chastain of women's soccer  
 10 Guided  
 11 City NW of Orlando  
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 42 Exit the bus  
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 45 Went round and round  
 47 Greet the day  
 49 "\_\_\_ Life": Sinatra hit  
 50 Rented again  
 51 Silly  
 52 Romeo and Juliet, e.g.  
 53 Apply, as pressure  
 55 Puncture with a pin  
 56 Song of praise  
 57 City in northern France  
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## Daily Horoscope

Nancy Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (03/31/15). Fortune favors doing what you love this year. Springtime planning sets the stage for summer action. Dreams can come true ... make bold declarations. Increase your level of fun and play. Confirm reservations for an exciting trip or educational program after June.

*To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.*

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — 8 — Get into your work today and tomorrow. You're exceptionally clever with words over the next few weeks, with Mercury in your sign. Creative ideas abound. Write them down.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — 7 — Today and tomorrow could get creatively fun. For the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aries, finish up old business. Review what worked and didn't, and update plans.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — 8 — Your team is especially hot over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aries. Friends are a constant source of inspiration. Over the next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus, clean closets, garages and attics.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — 9 — Together, anything seems possible over the next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Friends provide your secret power.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — 9 — Travel beckons over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aries. Make long-distance connections. Take bold action. Pour energy into your professional growth.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — 7 — It's easier to manage shared finances over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aries. Get up and go! Experience a subject directly by visiting the source.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — 8 — Think and plan today and tomorrow. The competition heats up over the next few weeks, with Mercury in Aries. Work together. Revise the budget to fit future plans over the next six weeks.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — 8 — Partnership flowers over the next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Work together for a shared vision. Organize your work for greater efficiency.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — 9 — Work faster and make more money over the next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Romantic communication flowers over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Aries. Express your deepest feelings. Put your love into words.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — 8 — Your actions speak louder than words over the next six weeks. Romance and passion take new focus. Practice what you love.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — 9 — Pay bills today and tomorrow. Learn voraciously over the next three weeks. You're especially creative and words flow with ease. Write, record and report.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — 9 — For nearly three weeks, with Mercury in Aries, develop new sources of income. Make profitable connections. Get the word out. A partner helps.



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By DAVID OUELLET

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'BIRDMAN' (FILM)

Solution: 10 letters

C	A	S	T	G	O	L	D	U	N	C	A	N	E	U
N	E	P	A	T	A	R	A	L	C	H	I	N	N	N
O	H	Y	B	T	K	B	L	E	ⓔ	ⓐ	ⓐ	P	C	O
T	C	E	I	I	N	A	R	R	I	T	U	A	E	T
R	A	L	T	R	U	L	T	I	S	D	R	H	S	A
O	Z	D	H	R	M	H	X	H	E	E	P	P	U	E
N	A	I	A	E	O	A	G	H	E	L	B	E	P	K
J	E	R	E	M	Y	M	S	R	A	R	C	M	E	T
E	R	S	S	M	N	A	E	R	O	K	I	N	R	S
N	D	O	A	A	W	J	L	A	L	C	N	N	H	H
A	N	M	D	R	A	W	D	E	H	Y	E	O	E	I
G	A	A	D	K	A	W	S	A	I	H	W	R	R	M
G	O	H	E	T	A	L	E	J	A	N	D	R	O	I
I	M	S	T	Y	E	L	I	N	D	S	A	Y	T	Z
R	I	S	R	Y	A	N	N	A	I	M	A	D	H	U

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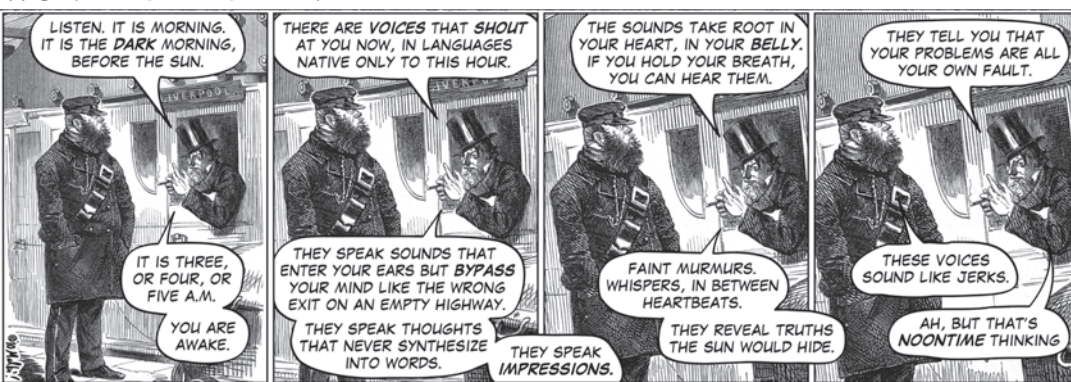
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	6	4		3	8			
		9		7			1	6
1	2		9					
			3					
9	1		6		5		8	7
				1				
				4			5	9
2	5			1	3			
			5	8		7	2	

Yesterday's solution

5	9	7	2	6	1	8	3	4
6	2	3	4	5	8	7	1	9
4	8	1	7	3	9	5	2	6
9	3	5	6	8	4	1	7	2
2	6	8	1	7	5	9	4	3
1	7	4	9	2	3	6	5	8
8	1	6	3	4	7	2	9	5
3	5	9	8	1	2	4	6	7
7	4	2	5	9	6	3	8	1

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