Dear CSU Parents and Families;

I’m afraid spring fever has hit our campus, as shorts, flip flops, and tank tops have replaced the winter coats, hoodies & boots on a majority of our students (and a few faculty members!). We can only hope for dreary, rainy weather to keep students inside, glued to their desks, studying and completing homework rather than out enjoying the typical 320 days of sunshine in Fort Collins.

This newsletter is a bit shorter than others in the past and instead, includes updates for you to be more aware of what is happening on campus as well as information to share with your student(s). Attached is an article highlighting the numerous cultural events scheduled for April & May, with special attention focused on the upcoming Asian Fest. These programs and activities are both educational and entertaining, helping the campus and Fort Collins communities celebrate the rich cultures students bring with them to college. We also have included an article on what parents and families need to know about the Drugs, Alcohol, and You program at CSU. Our final article is written by the CSU Bookstore reminding folks about the Text Book Buy-Back program that happens at the end of every semester.

A few additional notes:

• Homecoming/Family Weekend Dates have been set! Mark your calendars for Friday, October 5 – Sunday, October 7 for a weekend full of celebrating families, football, and Ram Pride.

• Jane Goodall is coming to Colorado State to speak at on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Her lecture, “A Reason to Hope” will address her career as well as the power every individual has to make a difference. Admission is free; however, a ticket is required for entry to the lecture. As of Thursday morning, March 22, 4,660 tickets had been picked up, with 2,250 still remaining. Tickets are available at the Lory Student Center box office. The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 970-491-4TIX or visit www.csutix.com.

• You may remember your student’s freshman year Ram Welcome, the 4-day Welcome Week prior to school beginning in August. We are planning for Ram Welcome 2007 and are looking for student volunteers. If your student is planning to return to Fort Collins prior to school beginning and would like to help welcome the new class of students and their families to CSU, encourage them to sign up to volunteer for one of the many activities happening Thursday, August 16 – Sunday, August 19. Students can begin signing up on the Ram Welcome website (www.ramwelcome.colostate.edu) soon!
Please visit the Parent and Family website (http://parentsandfamily.colostate.edu) each month to participate in the CSU survey of parents and families. This past month we asked what your student planned to do for Spring Break. A majority of the students (40%) were “going home”; with 32% reporting they were “traveling somewhere fun with friends.” For April, we’re asking how you will encourage your student through the rest of the semester. Will you:

- Give them pep talks & send emails
- Send care packages filled with their favorite things
- Send money to go have fun
- Visit them/welcome them home for a weekend
- Do nothing in particular

(This is, of course, a subtle reminder that students need to know you care about and support them in their academic efforts. A card, text message, care package, or visit can convey your love and encouragement at just the right time. Students tend to doubt themselves during stressful times so communicating your belief in their abilities and faith in their success can be extremely powerful in helping them get past their self-doubts or a lack of motivation.)

Please also forward any newsletter ideas, suggestions for programming during Family Weekend and general feedback. We are currently visioning a new structure for the Parent & Family Council, so your ideas are appreciated!

As always, I close with my sincere appreciation for all you have done and continue to do to raise your sons & daughters to be such fine citizens and members of our community. We take our responsibility very seriously to provide an education, both in and out of the classroom that is second to none. We hope your students take advantage of all that is available to them at Colorado State University. If I can be of assistance, don’t hesitate to call (970) 491-5312, email me at jody.donovan@colostate.edu, or make an appointment to come visit with me in person.

Take care and enjoy the spring!

Sincerely,

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Important Upcoming Dates

- **April 3-ongoing**: Registration for fall 2007 classes for continuing students
  (http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Registrar/Imp.Dates.html)
- **April 23**: First Next Step Transfer Orientation session
  (http://www.casa.colostate.edu/orientation/NextStep/)
- **May 4**: Last day of spring 2007 classes
- **May 4**: Last day to withdraw from spring 2007 classes
- **May 7–May 11**: Final examinations
- **May 11-May 12**: Commencement ceremonies
  (http://commencement.colostate.edu/)
- **May 14**: First summer school session begins
  (http://www.summer.colostate.edu/courseIndex.cfm?dispg=calendar)
- **June 10**: Registration begins for newly admitted students
- **June 10-July 12**: Preview Freshman Orientation
  (http://www.casa.colostate.edu/orientation/Preview/)
- **June 11**: Second summer school session begins
- **July 9**: Third summer school session begins
- **August 3**: Summer session concludes
- **August 16**: Residence halls open
  (http://www.housing.colostate.edu/halls/index.htm)
- **August 16-19**: Ram Welcome!
  (http://ramwelcome.colostate.edu/)
- **October 5-7**: Family Weekend/Homecoming!
- **December 14**: Last day of fall 2007 classes

Got Culture? Look no further than CSU!

By Karlen Suga, practicum student
Student Transitions & Parent and Family Programs

One of the hallmarks of an education at Colorado State University is students’ exposure to culture. Currently, CSU is home to over 3,000 students who identify as African or African American, Asian and/or Pacific Islander, Latino/a, and/or Native American. Students who identify with these ethnicities are served and supported by the Ethnic Advocacy Offices on campus. Throughout the year, Asian/Pacific American Student Services (A/PASS), Black Student Services (BSS), El Centro Student Services (El Centro), and Native American Student Services (NASS) provide a variety of services for all students, including weekly study nights, lounges for students to relax and study in between classes, and peer mentoring programs. Each office also hosts a variety of events for the CSU and Fort Collins communities aimed at promoting cultural awareness. Some examples of past and upcoming events include:

- **Asian Fest in April**: This year’s celebration kicks off on Thursday, April 19, with a Food Festival on the Lory Student Center Plaza. Other exciting events include a workshop on Personal Branding by Erin Yoshimura of www.empowerful.com, a concert by the Ken Oak Band, and a
traditional Lu’au hosted by the Hui ‘O Hawai’i Club students. For a complete listing of upcoming events for this year’s Asian Fest, visit: http://www.apass.colostate.edu.

- **Black History Month in February:** A highlight of the 2007 Black History Month was the showing and discussion of the film “Glory Road” hosted by Nevil Shed, one of the African American basketball players responsible for ending the segregation of men’s college basketball by winning the 1966 NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament. Other events included “The Untold Truth: African American Men Moving Forward” - a presentation by CSUPD Chief Dexter Yarborough, an African American Spiritual and Drum Concert, and a Comedy Show.

- **Hip Hop Explosion in November:** A Step Show featuring members of African American and Latino/a fraternity and sororities. Stepping is a form of dance with African American roots, influenced by cheerleading, the military and drill team moves, with special attention paid to the element of call and response.

- **Native American History Month in November:** Native American Student Services hosted numerous programs and activities throughout November, including “What is Race? The Obstacles of ‘Blood Quantum’, Ancestry, and Multiculturalism” - a panel discussion with students and staff from NASS and BSS, and “Native American Stories and Legends” – a presentation by Night Wind, a professional storyteller.

- **Hispanic Heritage Month in September & October:** A variety of cultural and educational programs honoring the Hispanic heritage occurred from September 15 – October 15. Notable events for the 2006 celebration included a Block Party at Romero Park with live music and dancers, and the Hispanic Natural Resources Center Camp.

For more information about any of the Ethnic Advocacy Offices, please visit the following websites:
Asian/Pacific American Student Services: http://www.apass.colostate.edu
Black Student Services: http://www.bss.colostate.edu
El Centro Student Services: http://www.elcentro.colostate.edu
Native American Student Services: http://www.nass.colostate.edu

**Drug and Alcohol Treatment at CSU:**

**What Parents & Families Need to Know about DAY IV**

By Tim Love, DAY Program Case Manager

You might not have heard of the DAY program, but your students most likely know about it. The DAY Programs office consists of a wide spectrum of services designed to meet the needs of
students who are facing issues related to alcohol and drug use. Colorado State University’s DAY IV Program (Drugs, Alcohol & You) is a nationally renowned substance abuse treatment program that provides CSU students with the tools they need to overcome substance-fueled problem behaviors to be successful college students. The DAY IV Program was developed in 2001 to combat the national trend of binge drinking and substance abuse on college campuses. DAY IV relies on a diverse and multidisciplinary staff, including clinicians, case managers, University judicial officers, law enforcement personnel, and other student affairs administrators.

Students typically enter DAY IV in order to remain at CSU after committing a substance-fueled behavior that is in violation of the Student Conduct Code. While in the program, they must abstain from using alcohol and drugs, meet weekly with a case manager and clinician, attend regular status reviews, attend monitored study hours, and participate in numerous other skill building workshops. Each student’s history is uniquely viewed so an individually tailored contract can be developed between the student and the University.

The structure of the DAY IV model is relatively simple. Students progress through three phases, each adapted to helping students stay sober, build skills, and gain the self-awareness and confidence to navigate the pressures of college life regarding alcohol and drug use. Each student’s progress in the program is individualized and completion may take anywhere from four months to over a year. DAY IV graduates conclude their experience with a graduation ceremony during which they are celebrated for their commitment and accomplishment.

Who benefits from DAY IV? We all do! Although the number of students served by the DAY IV program remains small, the benefits of the program are felt across campus. The DAY IV program is proud to celebrate that 70% of students who enter the program go on to complete the requirements and successfully accomplish their educational and personal goals. In addition, enrolled students and graduates inevitably share their experiences and new skills with friends—who often rally to support their peers as they work through the goals of the program.

DAY IV is another example of Colorado State’s commitment to supporting students and meeting the needs of our community with the best resources available. If you are concerned that your student may have a drug or alcohol problem, please refer him/her to the CSU Alcohol & Drug Online Assessment. To make a referral, have your student go to: https://myonlineforms.com/csu. There will be a prompt for a code: type in “voluntary”. Please assure your student that confidentiality will be maintained. Students will receive individualized feedback that includes specific recommendations and the option to attend a service offered by DAY (Drugs, Alcohol & You) Programs that fits each student’s level of risk.

We also encourage you to contact the DAY Programs (491-4693) or Department of Alcohol & Drug Education & Prevention (491-1702) with any questions or concerns on how best to handle difficult situations or visit our websites: www.day.colostate.edu, www.alcoholprev.colostate.edu. There is a specific section of the website is focused specifically toward parents and families who are concerned about their students’ alcohol or drug use: http://www.day.colostate.edu/parents.asp.
The month of May signals book buyback season as Colorado State. You may have seen how much your student has spent on books at the beginning of each semester. Have you ever asked if your student is taking advantage of buyback at the end of the semester?

The bookstores in Fort Collins, including the CSU Bookstore, buy unneeded books from students May 2\textsuperscript{nd} through May 11\textsuperscript{th}. By selling back books they will not use again, students can greatly reduce the cost of textbooks each semester. The local bookstores will pay up to 66% of what the book was sold for in January.

Here is how it works: The bookstores receive information from CSU instructors on what books and editions will be used for summer and fall semesters. If the book is used in fall or summer classes, the bookstore will pay 50% of the current new book price. That’s 66% of the used book price. There will be some variance, but the prices are fairly consistent from store to store.

If the book has not been requested by the instructor for the upcoming semester, there may be a national or wholesale price instead. This amount is less than the amount paid for books that will be used again as CSU, but can still be very attractive if your student does not plan on reusing the book.

Some buyback tips.

- Sell books during the buyback period of May 2\textsuperscript{nd} through May 11\textsuperscript{th}. Books sold before or after this time will get the wholesale price.
- Sell books as early as possible. There can be limits that can affect the buyback price.
- Return everything that was contained in the book including CDs and software.
- Make sure books are in good condition. If the book is damaged or has missing pages it may not be bought back.
- Bring in all books. Even books used in previous semesters may have value. Students are under no obligation to sell the book if they decide the price is too low.

Good luck and happy selling.