Are you ready to send your student back to CSU for Spring Semester?

- No! The break was too short!
- I'm ready for my student's laundry to go, but not my student!
- I'm not ready, but my student is anxious to return.
- We're both excited to see what the spring semester brings!
- Student? What student? I barely saw my student over the break!

This month’s poll on the Colorado State University Parent & Family webpage says it all, doesn’t it? Many students and families look forward to Winter Break when the family can be together again and catch up after a long fall semester away at school. However, after a few weeks, both students and family members begin looking forward to the beginning of second semester! Please take a minute to register your vote on the parent and family website (http://www.parentsandfamily.colostate.edu/)

The RamFam Association is really going places thanks to a dedicated group of CSU families. In just a few meetings (we meet the second Saturday of every month, from 10:00 – 12:00 noon in 201 Administration Building), we have developed our structure, a mission statement and objectives, a RamFam brochure and a Parents Fund brochure. We are looking forward to our first event, welcoming the January new and transfer students together with their families during a dinner on Thursday, January 17. Please join us next month on Saturday, February 9!

 Included in this newsletter is:
+ Fact or Myth: All Students Move Off Campus after Their First Year
+ Academic Dishonesty article
+ Students Giving Back to CSU article
+ January Calendar of Events

Remember, the residence halls open on Thursday, January 17 for new students
Fact or Myth? All students must move off campus after their freshmen year.

Answer: Myth

By Mary Ellen Sinnwell,
Director of Residence Life

Colorado State University wants your student to return to the halls for their second, third and even their fourth/fifth years. Approximately twenty (20%) percent of our residents return as upper class students to the halls each year. Many of them take on leadership roles such as being an RA (Resident Assistant,) a dining center staff member, a desk worker or a hall council executive board member. All roles and positions are important and assist with making the best living- learning communities here at Colorado State University. In addition, we are proud to say the students who live with us achieve and maintain a higher GPA than their off campus counterparts. For details about this fact and other exciting reasons to return to the halls, please take a moment and visit our web site
www.housing.colostate.edu

SO HOW DOES THIS ROOM RENEWAL PROCESS WORK?

Each year students currently living in the halls are given priority to select the room of
their choice in specific halls for the upcoming academic year. Some of the halls, however, are designed to be first year experiences - ONLY and are not eligible to be selected. **Beginning February 1, 2008, we invite your student to make the decision to return to the residence halls.**

**DATES FOR ROOM SELECTION:**

**February 1 – 6:** Residents have priority in selecting their current rooms.

**February 7 – 13:** If a student’s room is on a Living Learning Community floor (IE: Academic Village) and the student is no longer eligible to live on that floor, he or she may select an available room in the hall of his or her choice. Students currently in a Key Program who are accepted to the Key Plus Academic Program for Fall 2008 will select their room during the Key Plus selection process. Residents of displaced communities (see below*) may also select at this time.

**February 14 - 29:** Select a room anywhere in the residence hall system. Room selection opens for current students not already residing in the halls that wish to return.

*Displaced residents are students whose current room will not be available for the 2008-2009 academic year for renewal or who are not eligible for that particular community. We are making displaced students a priority during February 7 – 13 to assist in their room selection. Displaced communities include:

Academic Village – Engineering
Academic Village – Honors
Braiden Hall – except for Global Village residents
Newsom South – reserved for transfer/upper class residents needing fall semester housing – only
Newsom North – reserved for the Honors Living Learning Community

There are numerous choices for students to select including single rooms in Summit, Corbett and Durward Halls. They may even care to return to the hall with their first year roommate. We look forward to having your student return to the halls for another year and wish you all a very healthy and safe 2008.

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**Academic Dishonesty**  
By Ron Hicks, Associate Director, Conflict Resolution & Student Conduct Services

What is cheating? The answer to this question depends on who you ask. To answer the question, we must expand the term from cheating to academic dishonesty, and then explore the reasons why people cheat. The expanded definition of academic dishonesty includes many different areas including plagiarism, cheating, and providing false
information to university officials. Overall, the number of people who cheat is relatively small. The reasons people cheat vary, but share a few common themes.

According to the Colorado State University Student Conduct Code, the document that addresses policies for all students, academic dishonesty can include the following but is not limited to: Cheating, Plagiarism, Unauthorized Possession or Disposition of Academic Materials Falsification, Facilitation of any act of academic dishonesty.

The University community has a duty to create an atmosphere of Academic Integrity, which includes educating students about the policies regarding academic dishonesty as well as the response if they choose to violate the policies. The university has many different ways to educate students about what constitutes academic dishonesty and address ways to respond to people who do engage in this behavior thus creating an atmosphere of academic integrity.

Academic Dishonesty is a significant issue on university campuses and is not treated lightly. Numerous sanctions can be applied when students are found responsible for academic dishonesty, including but not limited to: zero credit for the assignment/exam, failure for the class, dismissal from the university, and many other educational sanctions developed by the faculty, student, and Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services.

One of the most common reasons for violating the academic integrity policies is poor time management. The second most common reason students provide is their assumption that academic dishonesty will not be a problem and therefore, do not talk to the instructor to ask for clarification or assistance when experiencing academic difficulties. The University has many services to assist students in a proactive manner such as the Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services, University Counseling Center, the Learning Assistance Center, as well as countless other offices to assist students in their pursuit for academic success. Students can access these services throughout the year; however the earlier students seek academic assistance, the better, as the options tend to be greater with more time and opportunity to plan.

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The Importance of Giving
To celebrate graduating seniors’ successful careers at Colorado State University, members of the Senior Class of 2005, 2006, and 2007 have left their legacy at Colorado State University by raising funds to plant a commemorative tree. Annual Giving sent emails to all seniors asking them to make a gift of $20.05, $20.06, or $20.07 to commemorate their graduation year for their class tree and student scholarships. The three graduating classes raised enough money to buy their own class trees and also contributed to the Students First Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide unrestricted, flexible scholarship assistance for students enrolled in a degree program, regardless of major, such as scholarships for recruitment of exceptional students, supplemental scholarship awards, scholarships to match awards students bring with them, one-time emergency scholarships, etc.

The 2005 tree was the first step in creating a “young alumni grove” for future generations to enjoy and gain inspiration from.

The Class of 2006 continued the legacy and also raised enough money to buy their first tree to be planted in the “young alumni grove” in the spring of 2007. The Class of 2007 will have the opportunity to contribute to the grove and fund scholarships throughout this academic year. Each class can decide what their gift and/or project will be. The Class of 2005, 2006, and 2007 choose to leave their legacy by making gifts to the class tree. The goal for each senior class was to raise $350 to buy a tree to beautify campus. The cost includes planting and perpetual care. Any additional funds from each Senior Class gifts will benefit the Students First Scholarship.

In 2006, the Office of Annual Giving implemented an internship program to allow student voices to impact the planning and organization of the program. The student interns added a more personal contact by interacting with students on campus. The interns have been working hard to get students involved and to create a community among fellow classmates. The tree planting ceremony for the class of 2007 allowed for students to come and meet with graduates from the class of 1957, including the 50 year club representative Tom Nix. Also, a student bowling trivia night was a great opportunity for students to come together and raise awareness for the importance of
giving back to the CSU community. Piggy banks went around the bowling alley allowing students to donate their spare change to the Class of 2007 Senior Class Gift. It was a very successful night filled with a lot of fun and great prizes donated by local companies.

Senior Class and student giving projects is an important avenue for higher education institutions to educate students about the power of giving and encourage them to take the first steps in supporting their alma mater. Colorado State University has had small student giving projects several times in the past decade, and we are now working to build upon those efforts through a student focused approach.

The spring of 2008 is filled with multiple projects encouraging students to give back to CSU! Additionally, Annual Giving is working to educate students about making a gift and how their gift can benefit the students as well as the institution. Student interns in the Office of Annual Giving have been working hard since the beginning of the semester continuing to plan and implement student focused events throughout the year.

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**What’s Happening at CSU?**

Here are just a few of the diverse involvement opportunities available at Colorado State University for the month of January. When your student says "there's nothing to do here," you'll be ready to suggest some really interesting and fun events! For more ideas, visit What’s Up @ CSU at [http://www.whatsup.colostate.edu/](http://www.whatsup.colostate.edu/) to view the entire calendar.

January 17 – 25, 2008 – Spring RAM Welcome
[http://ramwelcome.colostate.edu/schedule/spring.asp](http://ramwelcome.colostate.edu/schedule/spring.asp)

January 19, 2008 – CSU Day @ the National Western Stock Show
[http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21176&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=](http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21176&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=)

January 21, 2008 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
[http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21173&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=](http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21173&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=)

January 21, 2008 – Last Day to Cancel Spring 2008 Registration
[http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=10404&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=](http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=10404&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=)
January 23, 2008 – Women’s Basketball vs. Air Force
http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=20848&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=

January 24, 2008 – Water Polo vs. UC San Diego
http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=20913&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=

January 24, 2008 – Class of 2007-2008 Graduation Party
http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21114&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=

January 25, 2008 – Questionable Shellfish Improv
http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21339&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=

January 29, 2008 – 4th Annual Mind Body Fair
http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21244&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=

January 30, 2008 – Study Abroad Fair
http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21294&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=

January 30-31, 2008 – Focus the Nation on Climate Change
http://events.colostate.edu/event_view.asp?EID=21174&ID=7&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2008&cate=