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FROM THE EDITOR

And so begins another year at CU Boulder.

As a senior, it's easy to be a bit jealous of the fresh faces moving into their dorm rooms, given carte blanche after leaving high school and in many cases, their home towns. We were there three short years ago, Class of 2017, wondering how this campus would shape us and where our decisions would take us. I remember staring at the off-white, tiled ceiling of my first-floor Farrand triple and thinking the world was my oyster.

What I often forget is that it still is. In fact, it is now more than ever.

There are things about the college experience one can't change. One is the mental growing pains that come with learning and expanding the mind. Another is discomfort as a product of conflict, stress and new experiences.

You feel it in that eyebrow-raising freshman philosophy course, that first house party on the Hill, and the singular lecture that either solidifies your major or calls it into question. You feel it in the inevitable mid-semester burnout period with your roommates. You’ll feel it when choosing who to vote for in November's election. You feel it when you know you could have saved that friendship, saved yourself heartbreak, gone after that job, or avoided what I like to call your 'set-back semester' (hey, we all have one). We feel it both in hindsight and as graduation inches closer, the real world looming over our day-to-day obligations in this glorious Boulder bubble.

I've learned that these feelings, whether positive or negative, are signs of growth. On campus you may recognize them as elation or depression, productive stress or detachment, focus or accomplishment. I encourage you to feel them all, push none away, let them pass, and welcome them back again when they come. Use emotion to your advantage, as it reveals where your passions lie. Treat this university as a stage for discovery, creativity, and ultimately deciding what your role will be. After all, you're in control.

Work hard, be nice, and have some fun this fall.

—Jordyn Siemens
Millennials (also known as the Millennial Generation or Generation Y, abbreviated to Gen Y) are the demographic cohort following Generation X. There are no precise dates for when the generation starts and ends; most researchers and commentators use birth years ranging from the early 1980s to around 2000.
The Kids Are

For A Generation so frequently talked about, no one actually seems to know who Millennials are. Some people say anyone born between 1980 and 2000 qualifies, while others say people between the ages of 18 and 34 in 2015 make the cut. There's even speculation that those still being born in 2016 fall within the parameters. Regardless of where you draw the line, Generation Y tends to be described with a mixed bag of generalizations.

Joshua LePree, a Ph.D. candidate in the Sociology Department at the University of Colorado, says, “In the normative sense, Millennials are a highly educated, more affluent group of white people who are more cosmopolitan. But the reality is, Millennials are a very diverse group of people.”

On the one hand, Millennials are often branded “as a group of overachieving, eco-friendly, social networking fans who are intent on a VP position by age 27,” according to Jessica Waldrop and Matthew Grawich of the Organizational Health Initiative in Saint Louis. But on the other hand, this group can be portrayed “as a faction of underwhelmed, lazy kids who cannot begin to fathom the satisfaction of a job well done.”

There's evidence for both claims. Millennials are very much a product of hyperparenting by Baby Boomers and Generation X, according to Sociology Ph.D. candidate Jennifer Pace. She says that the concept of the ‘helicopter mom’ emerged with the Baby Boomer generation, leading to overprotected and over-parented kids. As a result, Pace says, we have a group of “ill-equipped, emotionally dependent, entitled, weak young adults.”

On the other hand, the social pressures and changing economic dynamics within the past decade have forced Millennials to be crafty.

“I think you're a more creative bunch of folks,” says Joanna Ford, a Licensed Professional Counselor based in Denver. “You have a lot of challenges, like the cost of housing. That plays into the psychology of decision-making.”

What Matters To Them

With these new challenges come new passions. One thing people seem to agree on regarding Millennials is that they’re more socially active. Pace says this also goes back to parenting. The Baby Boomer generation was raised on prosperity and told their children they would have a similar future.

“Baby Boomers were raising their children, telling them, ‘You are a special snowflake. And if you go use your special snowflake-ness, you can expect prosperity,”’ Pace says.

But things didn’t pan out that way. Jobs aren’t as readily available, financial stability isn’t guaranteed and settling down isn’t necessarily a priority. According to Pace, Millennials now have to create their own life markers, and this often manifests in social activism.

“You have all these smart, educated people with a lot of time, and they’re pissed off,” Pace says. “That makes them entitled to make change.”

As LePree notes, “Movements like Black Lives Matter — they’ve been largely spearheaded by Millennials, using social media and technology to challenge white privilege.”

This social activism doesn’t just come from too much spare time and a falsely advertised future—they’re also more aware and accepting.

As a result of constant information via channels like social media, Millennials experience a greater connection to others.

“They are more tolerant and less prejudicial than previous generations,” says psychologist Jean Twenge. “They support same sex marriage at a much higher rate than previous generations. They have a much more egalitarian view of gender roles.”

This social awareness is funneled into avenues other than protests and movements — Millennials often seek out jobs that fulfill a purpose deeper than salary. Ford calls it “meaning making.”

“They’re creating their own jobs and own companies and own non-profits.”

But, again, there are also negative perceptions of Millennials in regard to their employment.

“Millennials are less work-centric than previous generations,” Waldrop and Grawich have found. “And they do seem to place a higher value on leisure time.”
Alright

—Magdalen Wagner

Their Mental State

A constant influx of information may lead to activism, but it also takes a psychological toll.

“Anxiety has taken a bigger role,” says Matt Tomatz, an on-campus counselor for CU’s Counseling and Psychiatric Services. “Partly, I think this is because we have all this data coming in all the time.”

Ford agrees.

“If there’s an earthquake in South America, you know about it as it’s happening,” Ford says. “I think that must cause some anxiety, even if it’s not directly impacting you. There’s this overall energy in the world that can be very difficult to deal with.”

But Millennials aren’t constantly down about the world. Another observation often made about them is that they’re narcissistic.

“Millennials tend to have very positive views of themselves, and are very optimistic about their expectations for their lives,” Twenge says. “The positive self views, more than likely, are rooted in the cultural movement toward more individualism.”

With labels like “narcissistic” and “arrogant,” high self esteem is often misconstrued as only negative, but Twenge also sees it as a source of the increased social acceptance.

“In general, individualistic cultures do tend to be more tolerant,” Twenge says.

How They Vote

You guessed it: for the most part, Millennials tend to lean left. The Atlantic cites three reasons for this: youths tend to lean farther left as an age group, Millennials are particularly diverse—scholars estimate that the U.S. population will be less than 50 percent white by 2050—and according to Twenge, “young white men and women are more liberal than their parents, particularly on social issues like gay rights, immigration, and marijuana.”

This explains the overwhelming Millennial support for candidates like Bernie Sanders earlier in this election cycle, forecasting a future characterized by more liberal politics. But, of course, things aren’t that simple, and candidates like him haven’t found a way to win.

But one detail flies under the radar. LePree, who studies immigration in the United States, says that while some minorities may lean left, immigrants tend to be more politically conservative.

“Immigrants overwhelmingly believe in the conservative version of the American dream,” LePree says. “[They] tend to be more entrepreneurial, more driven by the idea that they can individually create their own economic success. They want to limit government and limit its influence on the economy.”

Like It Or Not, Millennials Are The Future

We may not know everything about Millennials, but we do know that they’ll continue to shape the future of the country. And in that sense, they’re no different than any generation of the past.
A [Person] of the People

Millennials are hard to categorize, due to their desire not to be. Half of the generation considers itself to be politically independent according to the Pew Research Center, more so than any generation before them. They’re also the most diverse generation the U.S. has ever seen, according to NBC News. With this reality in hand, young voters voice a preference toward populism—that is, electing leaders who will let them set the political agenda.

An ideal president would be one who puts their ear to the ground, paying less attention to ideas coming from Congress and political groups and more to the Average Joe. Even more so, one who compromises policy based on feedback from the American people is preferred.

“Someone who isn’t willing to look into someone else’s ideas and say, ‘Maybe I was wrong about my own,’ and to potentially change their mindset based on new, proven facts...is not a suitable president for the U.S.,” said sophomore Karl Semczuk.

Someone to Guarantee Retirement

Forbes says Millennials are the most educated generation, due to the fact that a college degree has become the new norm to become a successful and productive member of society. But this education comes in an era plagued by high student debt and a recession that limited job opportunities for graduates. Recent college grads have also seen their wages grow at a substantially slower rate than in previous decades.

This economic situation exists as Millennials enter into adulthood, causing them to be more concerned with fiscal responsibility compared to their predecessors. Entering the workforce behind Baby Boomers, Millennials face a reality of declining pension programs and a Social Security program with deficits threatening its existence (Social Security’s rate of expenditures have exceeded its income since 2010 according to an annual report by the Social Security and Medicare trustees). In essence, their wallets are relatively light, and their economic priorities lean toward spending less and saving more.

An Activist

Committed to social progress, Millennials place the economy, education and health care as top priorities for the next president, and are deeply concerned with issues related to equality and discrimination, according to NPR.

For example, sophomore Sarah Nelson wants a president who “inspires hope, transparency and openness with the public” and not one who is a product of a political system which “has gotten to the point where people vote with their party rather than what they believe in.”

In the fall of 2015, the Institute of Politics at Harvard University polled Americans aged 18-29 as part of the Harvard Public Opinion Project. They found that Millennials placed the most weight on integrity, level-headedness and authenticity when describing what is valuable in a presidential candidate. Add in the ability to compromise with a polarized Congress, and you’ve got the perfect turn-of-the-century candidate.

Someone Who Plays the Game to Change the Game

Though young people are generally idealistic, Millennials tend to have a highly cynical view of politics. And this is not only a problem with presidential candidates—in fact, Millennials see political polarization as the product of a flawed system, recognizing the Democratic and Republican parties as two sides of the same coin with symptoms of the same disease.

“No one candidate is completely Democratic or Republican,” said sophomore Anna Padilla. “There should be an effort by Americans to accept a bipartisan candidate who isn’t one or the other...unfortunately we don’t really see that.”

The ideal candidate in this case is someone who can straddle party lines to avoid the political ‘sludge’ that prevents social and economic progress.
THE FOURTH ANNUAL University of Colorado Spring Town Hall was held on Thursday in the University Memorial Center Ballroom. It focused on the campus climate survey results released earlier this year.

The results of the survey indicated that only 38 percent of African American undergraduates felt welcome on campus. This was addressed in the meeting’s opening remarks. After that, Chancellor Philip DiStefano answered questions from the two moderators, Joseph Soto and John Lurquin.

Soto and Lurquin are both former presidents of the CU Student Government. The former is in charge of external affairs, while the latter leads student affairs.

The Town Hall was one of the few forums designed to discuss the university’s push for inclusive excellence. But the plan to get there isn’t quite set yet. Chancellor Philip DiStefano talked about possible actions that can be taken to achieve this goal that had been submitted by students and staff. The administration plans to look at these submissions and move forward from there.

DiStefano pointed to the school’s retention rates as an indicator of the problems the university needs to address. He opined that the retention rates aren’t as high as the school wants because of the lack of inclusivity.

The panel also mentioned some of the strides made by the school to improve. Resident advisors are now being trained in cultural awareness, and there are more events being held wherein students and staff can discuss these issues. The social dynamic panels, the first of which was March 9 and the second of which was April 15, are just some examples of these forums.

Also addressed at the panel was the racist graffiti found in a restroom on campus. DiStefano said that the Black Student Alliance posted about the incident and within an hour, the graffiti was covered up. He went on to say that the administration went back to the spot a couple days later to make sure that it was still blocked.

For a meeting characterized by a lot of negatives, some were able to find the light. Though he mostly reported on bad news, having the chancellor at the event was seen as a good thing to some who attended.

“It’s awesome that he’s actually engaging on this topic,” Lurquin said. “We’ve been working on this for years and a lot of it is student driven. Obviously, the more faculty and more administration that can join us, the more our movement can succeed.”

The chancellor’s main focus for the meeting was that the fight for inclusion is not a one-man battle. He said he could only do so much on his own, and asked the audience for their help as well. Mostly, the crowd was urged to participate in as many forums and discussions as possible.

One of the questions asked at the event was about the results of the sexual misconduct survey, which were released in February.
percent of undergraduate students reported being sexually assaulted. DiStefano said that the numbers reported were similar to what other universities were reporting, but emphasized that any percentage above zero was too high.

The talk also included mention of the recently proposed tuition plan. Based on the plan, tuition next year would increase by five percent for incoming freshmen, and wouldn’t change for four years for those students. Incoming freshmen the following year would also see their costs increase five percent, but then they would be locked in at that rate. The chancellor believes this consistency will prove effective and allow for potential CU students to know exactly what they would be paying.

While it remains to be seen how the administration plans to tackle the problems of diversity and inclusivity on campus, the frequent discussions and forums revolving around the topics are keeping the topic at the forefront of campus priorities.

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The CUI's Guide to Campus Groups

Academics
- Alpha Epsilon Delta
- Chi Beta Phi
- Neuroscience Club
- Eta Sigma Phi
- Golden Key Int’l Honor Society
- Honors Journal
- Order of Omega

For a full directory of student organizations visit sofo.colorado.edu

Alliances | Politics
- Bridge CU
- African Student Association
- AID Colorado
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Be the Match On Campus
- Boulder A.S.S.E.T.S.
- Boulder Open Square
- Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
- Boulder Students for Hillary
- The Ability Experience
- Buffs Israel Public Affairs Committee
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- New Era Colorado
- Student Voices Count
- UGGS

Art | Music | Film
- CU Ceramics Guild
- Figure Drawing Club
- Photographic Artists of CU
- In the Buff
- Buffoons | Jam Society
- Music Industry Club | Radio 1190
- Extreme Measures
- Boulder Blues
- Verve Hip-Hop

Sports
- CU Cycling
- Backcountry Club
- Boulder Freeride
- Climbing Team | Ski Racing
- Trail Team | Flow Arts
- Folsom Frenzy | Powerlifting
- Shooting Sports | Yoga Club
- Skydiving Club | Slackers
- Intramural Sports
- Club Sports

Service
- Food Recovery Network
- Challah for Hunger Boulder
- Global Medical Brigades
- Student Worker Alliance Program
- Hike to Help CU ICO
- Habitat for Humanity
- Rotaract at CU
- Timmy Global Health

Engineering | Business
- BUFF, Vex Robotics at CU
- Bridges to Prosperity | Game Developers Club
- Real Estate Club | DECA
- Delta Sigma Pi | Alpha Kappa Psi
- Athletic Business Club | International Business Club
- Women in Computing | Design Build Fly
- Engineering for Developing Communities
- Biomedical Engineering Society
- Engineers Without Borders | Ethical Hacking
- HackCU | Makers Collective
- STEMinar
- Engineering Council | Leeds Ambassadors
- Multicultural Business Students Association

Greek Life
- CU Sorority Chapters: www.colorado.edu/greeks/panhellenic-sororities
- CU Fraternity Chapters: coloradoifc.org
It’s that time again.

The Boulder community holds its liberal values close, despite hosting a GOP candidate debate last October on our campus. We, out of character, allowed our antithesis to step into our well-known bubble.

But conservative values also live nearby, and our state’s political favor can change as quickly as a July thunderstorm.

Colorado, colloquially known as a purple or “swing state,” has voted for the eventual presidential winner in each of the last four elections. Most notably, the state gave eight electoral votes to George W. Bush in 2000, when he only won by five electoral votes.

Unlike Boulder, Colorado isn’t a bubble as much as it’s a whirlpool of affiliation, stemming from the backgrounds and experiences of natives and transplants alike. And, though our nine electoral votes may not seem like much in the long run, our airwaves, landscapes and residents are part of a larger battle, where both ends of America’s infamous political spectrum live side by side.

“Nobody wants to win by the minimum,” University of Colorado Boulder Political Science professor Kenneth Bickers said. “As a practical matter, your margin is what puts you over the top. It allows you to exercise more political muscle when you’re trying to get your co-partisans to agree with you or the other party to exceed to your wishes in some way.”

And we’re not a quiet state either. During the 2014 midterm election, Colorado voting turnout was the third-largest in the nation. According to the bipartisan nonprofit group VOTE, 54.5 percent of voters turned out. On Super Tuesday last March, Democratic party officials recorded 122,000 voters present at various local caucuses, breaking the 2008 state record of 120,000.

In Colorado, there are currently 2,947,020 registered active voters. Of those voters, over 957,000 are registered republican and almost 935,000 are democratic.

Over one million are unaffiliated.

According to Bickers, unaffiliated voters are, in a way, the most active non-party. There are a few reasons
for this. Some voters truly are independent—they do not lean to one side or the other. Another is the fact that receiving notice from your registered party may be overwhelming, so some people may not want to do deal with that and register as independent. Regardless of why a voter is unaffiliated, it doesn't detract from the cohort's collective voice.

“But, if you look on any indicator, Colorado is a 'knife-edge' kind of state,” Bickers said. “It's as purple as you can get.”

Colorado does seem to be as middle-of-the-road as can be, but it should be noted that our state has changed. Colorado, for a long time, was predominantly conservative. Since 1948, the first presidential election after World War II, Colorado only swayed left three times before 2008.

More so, in the 2010 gubernatorial race Tom Tancredo won 36.7 percent of the vote running with the American Constitution Party. The American Constitution Party believes that the US is a Christian nation and that the Constitution is based off Biblical law.

The candidate running off the GOP ticket in that race, Dan Maes, only received 11.1 percent of the vote, so Tancredo seemed to split the conservative vote.

This is the detail to pay attention to. Colorado happily invites the independent voice. That's been proven by Sen. Bernie Sanders winning over our state with his anti-big-government rhetoric and desire to break the status quo. It's also been proven through conservative support for Donald Trump, who represents a similar separation from the politics we've seen from the opposite end of the policy spectrum.

Both political parties see this, and both will work hard to gain new members from the chasm between left and right, all the way up to election night.

Get ready to swing, Colorado.
ARE YOU A STUDENT PLANNING TO VOTE?
(here’s what you need to know about voter registration)

★ Out-of-County students
New to Boulder County? CO law allows college students to keep their voter registration in their hometown and vote by mail from college. This choice is up to the student.

★ Out-of-State / new to Colorado students
A registered voter in CO is considered a resident of CO for income tax and motor vehicle registration and operation purposes. Review the voter registration requirements at BoulderCountyVotes.org.

★ Voter Registration Requirements
Not sure if you are eligible? Visit BoulderCountyVotes.org for registration requirements and details.

ELECTION DAY IS NOV 8 - BUT VOTING BEGINS OCT 17
(Return your ballot once you decide how to vote)

You can register to vote...

ONLINE:
• www.GoVoteColorado.com
• www.USA.gov (to register in another state)

IN PERSON:
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Questions? Need to check your registration status?
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Boulder County Clerk & Recorder’s Office : Elections Division
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DON’T WAIT TO REGISTER!
Colorado does not have a registration deadline. But don’t wait! All voters in Colorado receive ballots in the mail and we need adequate time to mail your ballot.
HOW IT HAPPENED:

CUSG's Revolution Party and Black Student Alliance in Conflict
THE LONG-CONTESTED RESULTS of last semester’s University of Colorado Student Government (CUSG) elections were finally solidified earlier this month, and thus the controversy surrounding the Revolution party settled in its conclusion. The details of that controversy, though, were not well-known to those outside the courtrooms. The conflict after the election found Revolution and its outside critics at odds — in ways that went beyond the typical fray of election politics.

“I am under the impression that after hearing you bash and undermine student groups that you are not in support of underrepresented students,” read a comment from Paris Ferribee, co-president of Black Student Alliance (BSA), posted repeatedly on Revolution’s Facebook page and related pages as early as April 5. “We don’t take this as a joke, and your lack of willingness and commitment to us as a community is troublesome.”

BSA was perhaps the most vocal critic of Revolution on social media, and at the same time that the Ignite party filed allegations of election code violations against Revolution, Revolution filed allegations against Ignite, and also filed allegations of harassment and libel against Ferribee, and libel against BSA as a whole.

Ferribee said she had reason to characterize Revolution as being unsupportive of minority student groups.

According to Ferribee, Colton Lyons, one of Revolution’s reinstated winning candidates for CUSG’s tri-executive positions, reached out to her to say his party would work with BSA in the future. Lyons and another Revolution party member met with Ferribee on April 6 to discuss Revolution’s potential relationship with BSA going forward, according to Ferribee. She said she was disappointed, though, in Lyons’ proposals.

In a town hall-style event on campus on April 5, Lyons and other Revolution candidates had mentioned pushing for increased funding for student groups, as well as pushing for more recruiting of minority students and faculty and staff. Ferribee said she took issue with what the candidates had to say.

“[I felt like they were] pushed to say the right thing,” Ferribee said. “[It’s] a way to get people to believe they’ll do the right thing. When I met with [Lyons] and asked, ‘What are your plans?’, they didn’t have any.

“We’ve been looking to get a diversity center on campus, and reorganize orientation to discuss microaggressions,” Ferribee said. “[Revolution has said] ‘We want to work with student groups and bring their concerns to [university] administration,’ but we’re already doing that. So what are your plans?”

Revolution also expressed desire to create a long-term plan to address minority students’ concerns of demographic underrepresentation and feelings of being unwelcome. University administration has been working on developing such a plan since last May. BSA has also been meeting directly with Chancellor Philip DiStefano since last fall.

Ferribee said that sources told her they overheard Lyons and another Revolution party member saying they “don’t really care about” BSA and other student groups. That, Ferribee said, was the basis for her widely posted claim that Revolution undermined such groups. However, Ferribee could not disclose who the sources were.
Lyons and Marcus Fotenos, Revolution’s other CUSG president-elect who was reinstated, could not be reached for comment related to BSA.

Under the first hearing before the CUSG Election Commission on April 13, Revolution brought harassment allegations against Ferribee for her Facebook post, based on the frequency and breadth with which it was posted. Revolution also brought libel allegations against BSA as a whole for another Facebook post, claiming it falsely quoted the party. Revolution brought libel allegations against Ferribee as well, taking issue with the fact that her post accused the party of “bashing and undermining” and not committing to underrepresented student groups.

The commission did not award BSA or Ferribee any infractions on those counts, not finding them guilty of any allegations. Revolution was awarded 25 infractions, later revised by the CUSG Appellate Court to 13 infractions each for Lyons and Fotenos, and five for Revolution’s tri-executive candidate Madalena DeAndrea, only. Among the infractions were bribery with consumables (for conduct regarding the Sigma Nu fraternity), underreporting of campaign expenditures and unauthorized campaign tabling.

Lyons’ and Fotenos’ resultant disqualification from the election was overturned by DiStefano due to procedural errors made by the commission which included failing to consistently provide candidates the right to cross-examination. CUSG Appellate Court Chief Justice Steve Marcantonio and CUSG’s current tri-executives were in agreement with DiStefano’s decision.

Before that decision, Marcantonio commented on Revolution’s conduct during the hearing processes.

"For a political party to lodge election complaints against a student group that did not directly participate in the election is ludicrous, and Revolution should be ashamed of themselves for attempting to smear the Black Student Alliance and those associated with it," Marcantonio said in a letter to the university. "Moving forward it is clear that student groups should not be dragged into the political process."

Ferribee said that students in BSA and other minority student groups at CU like African Student Alliance, UMAS Y MEChA and Oyate Native American Student Organization were critical of Revolution because they did not see the party as having made sufficient efforts to support them the way the Ignite or Ally parties had. At the town hall event, Ignite claimed that it was the only ticket whose members had worked with groups like UMAS and BSA.

“When I hear Ally and Ignite talking, they’re addressing [our concerns],” Ferribee said. “Other student groups of color are not happy. ASA, Oyate, UMAS…But we can’t cry over spilled milk. We gotta keep moving.

“I would just hope that for students who are passionate about CU being an exceptional university that supports all people, administration and staff and faculty can come together to support that position,” Ferribee said.

Revolution expressed its opinions on DiStefano’s decision in an official statement.

“The chancellor’s ruling…confirms what we have been saying all along — that none of the post-election complaints, allegations or evidence presented by the losing tickets and their supporters in an effort to overturn the results of the student government elections met the standards required to sustain any findings of misconduct,” said Marilyn Alexander, campaign manager for Revolution.

“I’m very grateful that the chancellor and others in the administration were willing to step in to provide advice and direction to student government to help protect the rights of not only the candidates who ran for office, but the rights of thousands of our fellow CU students who participated in the election and whose voices and votes have now been sustained by the chancellor’s decision,” Fotenos said.

“I appreciate the thoughtful way that everyone approached the review of the election complaint process, and I’m glad that the current tri-execs and CUSG chief justice agree with and support the chancellor’s decision,” Lyons said.

“We want to thank all of our supporters, voters and allies that stood by us through this long post-election review process. We have not lost our passion, and we are more committed than ever to continue to fight for our fellow CU students,” Alexander said. “Now the hard part begins, and we welcome input and encourage everyone who wants to improve things on campus to join us in tackling the issues the Revolution ticket set out to change.”
WITH THE University of Colorado football team facing Colorado State on Sept. 2, some are calling the Rams CU's 'little brother', others are calling them our biggest rival, and some are saying there is no rivalry to be found at all.

Recent grads Jared Funk-Breay and Sam Routhier debate. Is CU vs. CSU a true rivalry game?

**Jared Funk-Breay:** This all depends on what you call a rivalry game. Is Colorado-COLORADO State up there with the likes of Michigan-Ohio State, Red Sox-Yankees or Packers-Bears? Absolutely not. Sure those are arguably the biggest rivalries in each of those respective sports, but it's the baseline you have to go off of.

Just look at the history. That's what rivalries are all about. CU leads the all-time series 63-22-2, and is 18-7 in the past 24 years. Not to mention the schools didn't even play each other from 1959-1982.

The best rivalries are the ones that contain two very good or elite teams going back and forth against each other in a relatively even battle. CU-CSU has never been that. Throughout the years Colorado has either dominated, or one or both of the teams have been poor. Colorado State's "dominance" as Rams fans will tell you has resulted in them winning two of the last three. But these are historically bad Buffalo teams we're talking about, although this year does seem more hopeful than seasons past.

The Showdown's heyday was in the early 2000s. I still have memories of guys like Bradlee Van Pelt going at it when both teams were ranked. But even then it was CU that won most of the games. My point is that there has never been a time when both programs were elite or close to it exchanging wins back and forth.

Colorado State will come out and say it's a rivalry game, and the Rams don't like the Buffs, but CU players don't seem as passionate about it.

Hear it from the Colorado players themselves.

"I won't come out and say I hate them," said senior Colorado quarterback Sefo Liufau.

Receiver Nelson Spruce, a recent grad who signed with the St. Louis Rams, has been recorded to say that most of the hate comes from the fan bases, not the players.

And keep in mind Colorado looks to be trying to end the annual game. The Buffs have nine Pac-12 games each year, leaving only three non-conference dates available (this year the NCAA gives them an exception because they traveled to Hawaii).

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**Fall 2016 | Dates**

**AUGUST**
- 8/8–8/12: Final Registration and Schedule Adjustment for All Students
- 8/10: Fall 2016 Tuition and Fee Bill Available in MyCUInfo
- 8/12: Last Day to Withdraw with 100% Refund
- 8/21: CU Soccer vs. CSU (Colorado Cup) at Prentup Field, 3 p.m.*
- 8/22: Classes Begin, Last Day to Submit Private Scholarship Checks without Service Charges
- 8/31: Last Day to Add a Class

**SEPTEMBER**
- 9/2: Tuition Due, Last Day to Select/Waive Health Insurance
- 9/2: CU vs. Colorado State — Sports Authority Field, Denver, CO*
- 9/3–4: CU Volleyball at home, vs. Penn State and Illinois*
- 9/5: Labor Day Holiday (No Classes; University Closed)
- 9/7: Last Day to Drop a Class Without a W Grade or Charges
- 9/10: CU Football vs. Idaho State, Folsom Field, 3:30 p.m.
- 9/16–17: CU Volleyball at home, vs. Chicago State, New Orleans, CSU
- 9/17: CU Soccer vs. Denver (Colorado Cup) at Prentup Field, 12 p.m.

**OCTOBER**
- 10/1–2: CU Boulder Family Weekend
- 10/1: CU Football vs. Oregon State, Folsom Field
- 10/2: CU Volleyball vs. UCLA, Coors Events Center, 12 p.m.
- 10/6: CU Soccer vs. Oregon, Prentup Field 3:30 p.m.
- 10/10: Spring 2017 Classes Available in MyCUInfo
- 10/15: CU Football vs. Arizona State, Folsom Field
- 10/21–22: CU Volleyball vs. Oregon, Oregon State, Coors Events Center
- 10/28: Last Day to Change Finals Schedule

**NOVEMBER**
- 11/3: CU Football vs. UCLA, Folsom Field, 7 p.m.
- 11/4: CU Soccer vs. Utah, Prentup Field, 3 p.m.
- 11/8: 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
- 11/19: CU Football vs. Washington State, Folsom Field
- 11/18–20: CU Volleyball vs. Washington, Washington State, Coors Events Center
- 11/21–25: Fall Break + Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed 11/24–25)
- 11/26: CU Football vs. Utah, Folsom Field
- 11/28: Spring 2017 Registration begins; check appointment in MyCUInfo

**DECEMBER**
- 12/9: Last Day for Undergraduates to Submit, Update or Cancel a Fall Grad Application
- 12/11–12/15: Fall Final Exams
- 12/20: Deadline for Instructors to Post Grades
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I GOTTA TELL you, 2016 has been kind of a lukewarm year for me regarding music. Bro country has completed its constrictor-like hold on the country scene, rappers don’t even bother to enunciate anymore, and even the metal output has been stagnant. I was really craving something with a little more craft.

Then, at the end of April, Aesop Rock dropped his latest album, ‘The Impossible Kid’, and it’s perfect. Aesop Rock is an underground veteran from the New York experimental scene, known for dense lyrical passages and having the largest vocabulary in hip-hop.

The first thing you notice about The Impossible Kid is how seamless it is. Tracks flow effortlessly together without any noticeable thematic departure from Aesop’s hand-tailored soundscape. This is the type of album that practically demands to be heard all the way through, and it’s deep and complex enough that you could listen to it for months on end and come away with something new after each spin of the record.

A huge part of what makes this album work as well as it does is Aesop’s lyrics. He tackles heavy topics like depression, growing old, and coming to terms with death, but presents it from a scope that makes it seem more sardonically comedic than depressing, which serves well to uplift the album a bit (it also helps that he stops once in a while to rap about things like his cat or a wild animal scare in his neighborhood). His mastery of language has always set him apart from his peers; he wields it with a practiced yet effortless grace.

The Impossible Kid is slightly different from Aesop’s past fare though; it’s more clearly intelligible. Many of his other projects tend to be a little obtuse, containing metaphors and schemes requiring many repeated listens and a Master’s in English Lit. That verbal clunkiness is absent from Impossible Kid for the most part, and it streamlines the listening experience greatly. In some ways, this record feels like a culmination of Aes’ songwriting chops, a showcase for what he learned from his previous full-length release, 2012’s Skelethon.

He’s also refined his production. Like his last release, Impossible Kid is self-produced, with longtime collaborator Blockhead absent from the tracks yet again. That fact alone is impressive, that one man produced such a titanic masterstroke, and it’s even better that the beats are fantastic. The sample choice is immaculate, with rich, thundering drums and judiciously applied zany, sideways synth work over the top. It starts out strong with the pulse-pounding lead-in on “Mystery Fish” and only improves from there, mirroring the facets of Aes’ truly odd personality throughout.

This album just feels so fun. The introverted wildin’ out of “TUFF,” the absurdity of “Kirby,” and the delicious wit of tracks like “Shrunken” and “Blood Sandwich” will have you unconsciously lip-syncing Aesop’s non-sequitur catchphrases. Make no mistake, The Impossible Kid is an album we should be thankful even exists and you owe it to yourself to listen.

—Thomas Roller
Slotting CSU in every year gives CU little flexibility. It is for that reason the Showdown won't happen in 2021. Instead Colorado will play Massachusetts, Texas A&M — potentially at Sports Authority Field — and Minnesota. If you ask me that's a much more exciting schedule than this year's.

That was a bit of an aside, but the fact that Colorado is trying to move away from the game signals that it's not that important to them. If it was they'd try to keep it.

Sam Routhier: For me, a rivalry game comes down to passion. You cite Red Sox-Yankees as one of the marquee rivalries in sports, and as a New England native and Red Sox fan I can assure you that the Yankees do indeed suck. But aside from Boston's recent World Series victories in 2004, 2007 and 2013, it was the Red Sox who did the sucking for 85 years.

From 1919 to 2003, the Yankees won 26 World Series to Boston's resounding zero. Furthermore, overall the Yankees have won 1,138 games in the rivalry, against Boston's 947, and on two separate occasions the Yankees beat the Red Sox 12 times in a row (1936 and 1952-53).

Despite decades of lopsided results in favor of New York, or perhaps because of those lopsided results, a fierce rivalry grew between the perennial champs and the lovable losers (I know, my inner-Bill Simmons is showing), until Dave Roberts swiped a base in 2004 and the tables were turned.

In a similar vein, Colorado and CSU carry a history of Buffalo dominance. Much like it would take Boston 191 consecutive head-to-head wins to pull even with the Yankees in the head-to-head wins, Colorado State would have to beat Colorado every year until 2056 to even the all-time record between the two teams.

That didn't make it feel any better when CSU put the hurt on CU to the tune of a 31-17 shellacking in 2014, and anything, the fact that CU has been so dominant in the past makes this an intense rivalry, because historically CU is supposed to win. Anything but that is a disappointment for Colorado, and a major feather in the cap of Colorado State.

Funk-Breay: That's an interesting comparison you make there, Sam. But I'm going to tell you why the Showdown still can't compare to the Boston-New York rivalry.

The last 10-15 years of Red Sox-Yankees have been amazing. And it's because both teams have been competitive against each other and won championships.

I hate to bring up the “little brother” comparison, but Colorado State was the school hating on CU first. Colorado didn't have time to hate on the Rams when they were busy making national championship appearances and winning Big 8 Conference championships in the 1980s and 1990s.

Maybe it's becoming a bit more of a rivalry now because the Rams have clearly outplayed the Buffs the last few years, but until CSU can do it when CU is also a powerhouse team I don't think we have a classic rivalry on our hands.

Christian Fauria was an elite tight end for the Buffs from 1990-1994. He had some choice words to say about the “rivalry” in a CU Independent article last spring.

“I would never EVER look at CSU as a rival,” Fauria said. “That drives me nuts. It shows you where the program has gone, the fact that CSU is a rival, CU is not a powerhouse — they're not a team that is going to be competing for a National Championship. One of the first things that Bill McCartney (who was head coach from 1982 to 1994) did when he got to CU was find the biggest, baddest, nastiest dog on the block, which was Nebraska, and he called them out. He didn't say ‘Oh, let's play CSU!”

Fauria's remarks still stand. Colorado State will never win a national championship — as long as it's in the Mountain West. CU's goal, at least in the long-term, should be to be a consistently ranked team that competes for championships. If the Buffs aren't even the best team in the state they won't be able to accomplish that. Colorado's aspirations have to be higher than Colorado State's.

Routhier: Well the gloves just came off, Jared's over here busting out quotes from all-time Buffalo greats and I'm trying to piece together coherent arguments using decade-old clips of Kevin Millar.

I agree wholeheartedly that there is another level this rivalry could go to if Colorado and Colorado State could both take a step forward and play against each other as ranked opponents or even teams in the conversation for earning spots in the College Football Playoff. But even if that day never comes, Colorado and Colorado State will remain rivals because being better than Colorado State matters to CU fans.

We'll always have our 1990 National Championship to wave at Rams fans, as well as the all-time head-to-head record and our Power 5 conference status. But lately they've got a lot to wave back at us from their perch in the top third of the Mountain West.

Here's a sobering stat that you'll probably wish I never told you:

CSU has made four bowl appearances since CU last appeared in the postseason in 2007, with three of those coming in the last three years. And I know it hurts to mention this again, but the two teams have essentially split the last seven Rocky Mountain Showdowns in half, with CU taking four and CSU taking 3.

It almost makes you forget which school the “little brother” is supposed to be.

Next weekend, insults will be hurled, school pride will be showcased and another year of bragging rights will be decided over 60 minutes of America's violent pastime. If you don't think CU-CSU is a true rivalry then you haven't been paying close enough attention, because until Colorado is realistically in the fight for division titles and bowl appearances, the battle for supremacy in the Centennial State is the most important game of the season.
UP[AND]COMING

THE SEASONS AHEAD IN CU ATHLETICS
-Jordyn Siemens

CROSS COUNTRY
Colorado’s powerhouse program sits hungry for 2016, a year dedicated to redeeming what could (and frankly, should) have been theirs in 2015: an NCAA championship. After finishing in second nationally for both men and women, head coach Mark Wetmore aims for another championship berth as the recently-named Pac-12 Cross Country Coach of the Century. A third consecutive sweep of the NCAA Mountain Region titles is firmly within reach for both squads, although the men are favored with returning runners like junior Ben Saarel and seniors Connor Winter, Pierce Murphy, Ammar Mousa and Morgan Pearson leading the charge.

GOLF
Women’s golf may have said goodbye to 2016 NCAA Woman of the Year award nominee Alexis Keating, but two-time All-American Esther Lee remains. The team finished fifth in the Pac-12 conference, scoring 4-under par as a team, and just missed a trip to the NCAA Championships with a seventh place finish at the NCAA West Regional in May. The Buffaloes rallied from a tenth place tie after round two of Regionals. Up-and-comers include sophomores Gillian Vance and Brittany Fan. On the men’s side, the Buffs will host two tournaments this season: the 7th Annual Mark Simpson-CU Invitational in September, and its first conference championship meet since 1972 in April. The men finished at No. 62 in the final 2016 rankings and welcome five recruits this year, including sophomore transfer Spencer Painton from the University of Kansas. Senior Jeremy Paul leads the squad as an All-American this year, and finished 56th in the BMW Int’l Open on the European Tour last summer.

FOOTBALL
The trending phrase around the upcoming football season comes down to a hashtag: #theRiseisReal. Yes, the Buffs are hoping to end their 10-year tradition of losing records under Mike MacIntyre and company, but don’t expect another year of Mac if the Buffs don’t post a bowl berth, or at least a winning record, in 2016. Although more high-profile recruits won’t be in uniform until 2017, marked improvement shows on the Buffs squad in the offseason heading into this fall. Year two of a Jim Leavitt-led defense should reach a full resurrection, with upperclassmen Tedric Thompson, Ryan Moeller, Jordan Carrel and Kenneth Olugbode on the field. It’s assumed that quarterback Sefo Liufau will start, despite the senior’s Lisfrank injury requiring rehabilitation through last summer. For success, Liufau relies on the relatively young offensive line led by seniors Sully Wiefels and Shane Callahan. Receivers Shay Fields, Bryce Bobo and Devin Ross should be the ones to watch this fall.

VOLLEYBALL
Jesse Mahoney took the job as Colorado’s fifth head volleyball coach on December 17 after a lukewarm season for the Buffaloes, who finished 11-9 in the Pac-12 without a trip to the NCAA Tournament. He says the team “started turning a corner” after spring break—the team faced NCAA Tournament teams Colorado State, Kansas and defending national champion Nebraska in the offseason. Sophomore Alexa Smith, a transfer from Purdue, spent the summer touring China with the USA Volleyball Collegiate team, and she wasn’t the only one. Redshirt freshman Taylor Joachim joined the USAVCS’s Indianapolis training program last summer and junior Gabby Simpson toured Europe and China with the USAV National Training team and the Pac-12 All-Star team. Under Mahoney, his staff, and co-captains Cierra Simpson and Joslyn Hayes, the Buffs welcome six additions to Colorado’s already solid foundation. Look forward to something special out of this squad.

SOCCER
Coming off a 7-10-3 record in 2015 and going 4-0-2 in the spring, head coach Danny Sanchez feels confident about his squad’s health and production. Hitting the field in 2016 is senior Danica Evans — who led the team in regular-season goals alongside alumni Brie Hooks (5) — and four transfers including midfielder Isobel Dalton and midfielder/defender Hannah Scheid. Both have international experience prior to repping the Buffs. After what should be a smooth start against five non-conference opponents, Colorado starts Pac-12 play on the road against Washington State and both Arizona schools and will return home in October when the temperature drops. Six 2016 opponents reached the NCAA Tournament last year, including USC and the University of Washington, who the Buffs will face at home.

Photos from top: Nigel Amstock, Danny Anderson, Will McKay
BOULDER STARTUP WEEK, an event designed to encourage our city’s startup community to innovate and learn, fell on May 16-20. With forums on every topic conceivable, one title stands out to women in the crowd: “Change the Ratio”. Specifically, Be a Player: Women in Entrepreneurship is a session taught by CU Boulder professor and CEO of MergeLane, Sue Heilbronner.

MergeLane, known as an accelerator company, is a venture dedicated to enhancing the profits of local startups who have at least one woman in a leadership position. Last April, the company sponsored Demo Day, where at least ten handpicked companies had the opportunity to pitch their ideas and meet other local entrepreneurs.

How does an organization like MergeLane thrive in Boulder? Not only is the city one of the friendliest for entrepreneurs, but its tech startup formation rate was six times the national average according to a 2013 Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation study. Its progressive attitude makes significantly more room for women in the small-business picture.

Before she decided to start her own company, Heilbronner served as an attorney and a prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice. During the May semester of 2016 at CU Boulder, she co-taught an undergraduate upper division Law Entrepreneurship class. Although she acknowledged her part in planning and participating in the community, she refused further comment due to needing “to stay heads down on MergeLane right now.”

Another face of Boulder Startup Week is Sarai Snyder, an entrepreneur who moved to Boulder after escaping an unfavorable business partnership.

“A couple of friends had lived here previously and told me that I belong in Boulder. They were right,” said Snyder. She mentioned that Boulder had exactly what she was looking for in terms of both lifestyle and opportunity. Companies like MergeLane, Women Who Start Up, and SheSays Boulder make her dreams an even more attainable reality in a historically sexist industry landscape, according to Snyder.

Since moving, Snyder boasts involvement in multiple projects including CycloFemme and ThinkingPOST. CycloFemme is a women’s cycling celebration that sponsors rides in over 40 different countries.

“Much of my work has been in the cycling industry, leading initiatives to encourage more women to ride bikes,” Snyder said.

Her newest project, ThinkingPOST, is a project similar to Heilbronner’s in that it helps new entrepreneurs. She assists people in creating their strategy and building a distinctive brand.

“Choosing words and images that exude confidence in what you do is vital for success. No one wants a watered-down brand,” she said.

Lauren Davis is a Boulder-born web developer and computer coder. Late last year, she quit the traditional college route and took advantage of a ten-week intensive and technical training program at Refractor U, a Boulder-based, internationally-known training center for coding. At age 19, Lauren Davis was considerably younger than her counterparts, but this did not keep her from achieving her goal to complete the course with outstanding marks. She completed the program right on time and even could be found helping out other with concepts on a daily basis.

"Everyday you want to think of something new. You just want to keep creating. You ask yourself how you can make something better,” she said.

For Davis, that ‘something’ includes building apps that benefits other businesses, and she is interested in creating a startup of her own in the future.

“We have an incredibly strong community,” Snyder said. “You are just as likely to run into Founders, CEOs, and brilliant creatives at the coffee shop or on the trail as you are at a startup event. It’s a very accessible and supportive community.”

And with tech resources in CU’s College of Engineering & Applied Sciences, top national rankings in research, and a business school like Leeds, well, we can’t really go wrong getting our start in Boulder.

— Ashley Hopko
**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 sticks butter (1 cup), softened
- 1 C. firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ C. granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tsp. bourbon (optional*)
- 1½ C. all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 C. quick cooking oats
- ½ C. chopped pecans
- 1 C. white chocolate chips

**Fall-Time Recipe:**

**Oatmeal Pumpkin Spice Ice Cream Sandwiches**

**Get Your Ice Cream**

We recommend pumpkin-flavored ice cream from Whole Foods Market or Trader Joes. If you’re more of a Ben & Jerry’s person, their Pumpkin Cheesecake might be the way to go.

**Make the Cookies**

- Preheat oven to 350°
- In large bowl, beat together the butter and sugars on medium speed until creamy.
- Add eggs and vanilla (and bourbon, if using) and beat well.
- Add flour, baking soda, salt, pumpkin pie spice and cinnamon, mix well.
- Add oats, pecans and white chocolate chips, mix well.
- Drop dough by rounded 1-2 tablespoon size scoops (depending on how big of cookies you want) on ungreased cookie sheets. Leave ample space between dough, they spread.
- Bake 9-10 minutes, until golden brown (every oven is different so keep an eye on them)
- Freeze cookies prior to assembling the sandwiches
- Assemble sandwiches and re-freeze before enjoying

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Recap: Dalai Lama Spreads Compassion at CU

TWO YEARS AGO, CU students and members of the Tibetan Association of Colorado (TAC) traveled to California with the hopes of persuading one of the world’s most prominent spiritual leaders to pay a visit to Boulder one day. On Thursday, June 23, His Holiness the Dalai Lama spoke to a packed Coors Events Center at the University of Colorado Boulder.

The event, aptly titled “Compassion in Action,” included morning and afternoon sessions where the Dalai Lama spoke of positive energy, identity and peace of mind.

The morning session, titled “Eight Verses of Training the Mind,” was preceded by beautiful music performances and traditional dance routines from groups associated with TAC. In a video that was shown just before the Dalai Lama took the stage, Boulder was listed as one of the largest Buddhist communities in America. The video promoted themes of harmony and keeping Buddhist and Tibetan culture alive for future generations around the globe.

Boulder Mayor Suzanne Jones welcomed the global icon, presenting His Holiness with a custom bike helmet and Boulder-themed biking shirt, very fitting welcome gifts from our cycling-obsessed community.

The Dalai Lama began his talk by discussing the symbolism of the bike helmet, likening it to protection one receives while on the journey toward enlightenment. His Holiness then discussed compassion, which remained the key thread throughout the day.

His Holiness also spoke of the importance of keeping one’s tradition and self-truth, and reiterated that he did not wish to “propagate Buddhism.” The Tibetan spiritual leader went on to draw common threads among different religions — listing altruism and forgiveness as shared themes among Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam and more.

After discussing the Eight Verses of the Mind, which were provided on a pamphlet for attendees, the Dalai Lama called for “vigilance toward afflictions,” and had the entire crowd repeat the first verse three times.

The gentle and solemn morning session closed with overwhelming positive energy from the Dalai Lama and the crowd. Yet attention was still called several times throughout the session to the Tibetan people’s plight due to Chinese governmental policies; however, The Dalai Lama remained committed to his peaceful resolution.

The afternoon session of the Dalai Lama’s visit was titled “Educating the Heart and Mind,” and began with a Q & A. His Holiness fielded questions on topics ranging from self-identity to parenthood and answered each one with an unforgettable sincerity and thoughtfulness. The afternoon session was also more focused on younger generations and contained an address by CU Student Government President Colton Lyons.

The Dalai Lama’s afternoon remarks involved the importance of education and a need for increased compassion among all people, but especially young people. His Holiness also focused on the importance of having peace of mind and compassion of mind in order to build a better world for today and provide a brighter future for the younger generations. The Dalai Lama closed the afternoon talk with a call to end selfishness and shortsighted attitudes.

The day marked a very special occasion for CU, the Boulder community and TAC. Upon final tally, $421,600 were raised for the event, $333,200 were spent on the event as a whole, and a remaining $88,400 will be paid to four local charities.