

Society of Senior Scholars

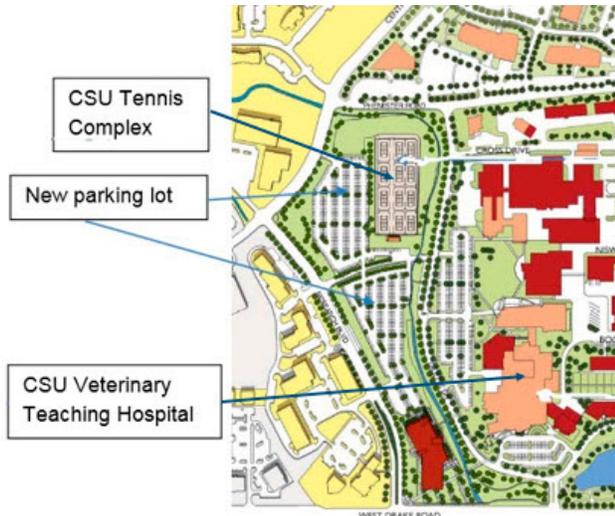
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CAMPUS ACCESS OVER THE NEXT DECADE: How to Get There, and Where to Park!

Currently there are 10,339 core campus parking spaces at CSU, which are on the average 70 percent full serving 33,244 students and faculty/staff. By 2024, the campus population will be 43,103, and 17,074 spaces will be required. But due to planned construction it is anticipated that 4,049 spaces will be lost! OK, you say, "I'll just park off campus." Sorry our campus neighbors are not thrilled by that idea, and The Fort Collins Parking Service has implemented the Resident Parking Permit Program, or RP3, which limits parking on the nearby streets in several areas to residents only. The RP3 constraint is likely to expand to most campus neighborhoods eventually.

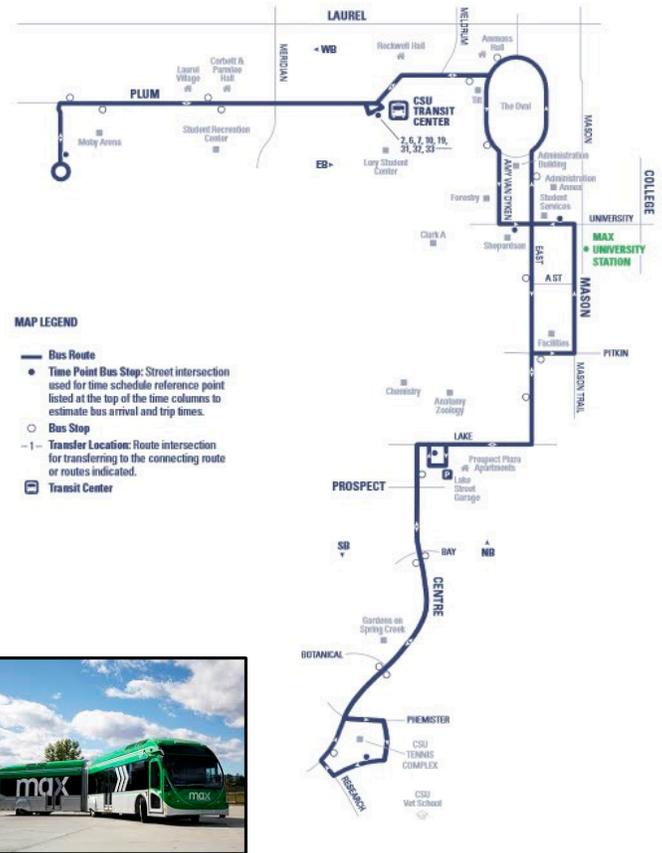
But fear not! New resources are already available: Research Drive Parking Lot with 900 new spaces west of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital opened August 2015, and the University Square Parking Garage will add 1,555 spaces at SE corner of Mason and Pitkin by the end of 2016!

The shuttle runs every ten minutes from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when CSU is in session, and it runs on the half hour Monday through Saturday all year long.



"Good grief, those lots are off campus or at best diagonally across campus from where I want to go!"

Fortunately, the free Around the Horn on-campus shuttle, linked with MAX, began running this summer. The shuttle provides free rides to 13 stops at locations across campus traveling from the Research Drive parking lot to MAX University Station, around the University oval, and West on Plum to the Moby Arena parking lot.



Employees and students can purchase an annual parking pass from CSU Parking Services for \$442 or from \$402 to \$476, respectively. Retirees are eligible for free parking permits for one car on campus at a time. If a visitor does not have a pass then they have the option of parking away from the campus and riding the Transfort/MAX bus systems to campus. CSU students and employees may ride the Transfort/MAX system free; however, others must pay for individual rides (\$0.60 to \$1.25) or purchase daily, weekly, monthly, or annual passes. Seniors (60 yrs+) annual pass is only \$25.00.

Living Fully in Retirement

Milan A. Rewerts,

Colorado State University Extension Director, Retired



I retired from Colorado State University Extension after 38 ½ years, having served in three positions out in the state of Colorado, as a district director, and finally as state director. Those experiences provided me with special knowledge of the state, and a relative vast array of personal contacts around the state. It was because of this background that in retirement I had the unique opportunity to serve as Consultant and Adviser

to the Colorado State University President & the Vice President for Engagement /Extension Director, 2010-2014; also the CSU System Office, during 2008-2009.

I worked as a part time consultant and adviser as well as an ambassador for Colorado State University with key stakeholders around the state, to advise and provide feedback regarding effectiveness and success of Colorado State University's mission to "fully engage our external constituencies" across the state of Colorado. I contacted select individuals across the state with whom to communicate. My focus was as follows:

- Identify and communicate with selected Coloradans across the state with interest in and commitment to Colorado State University's land grant mission.
- Identify and engage core stakeholders with knowledge of critical concerns/issues in their region to solicit candid feedback/communication regarding perceptions of Colorado State successes, challenges, and difficulties in an effort to increase outreach and help fulfill the University's land grant responsibility to the people of Colorado.
- Conduct periodic on-site visits and communicate with the above individuals via phone, fax, mail, and e-mail; provide information to advance knowledge and understanding of CSU's engagement efforts; and provide corrected information when the perceptions of these people appear to be grounded on incorrect assumptions/facts.
- Provide periodic summary reports to the System Chancellor, University President and Vice President for Engagement/ Extension Director.

In addition, my retirement activities have included and continue to include contact with former colleagues via a monthly coffee with Extension retirees, an annual BBQ with Extension retirees, a weekly breakfast with several University retirees, opportunities to maintain contact with various members of the U.S. Army Reserve where I served concurrently during my active working years – 29 ½ years before retiring with the rank of Colonel O-6.

After retiring, I have had time for my family to a level much higher than while working two jobs, CSU Extension and U.S. Army Reserve. I assist my son with his business enterprises, my wife and I have watched many basketball games where our two grandsons (our daughter's boys) were players – club teams and Rocky Mountain High School. And I have been returning for the past seven years to the Illinois farm where I grew up, which is operated by my brother, to assist with the annual planting and harvest of corn and soybeans. I will be heading back this fall for harvest. Membership in the Society of Senior Scholars and the Rotary Club of Fort Collins provide fellowship opportunities, while assisting with an endowment effort to support an Extension 4-H position in Weld County, and helping to plan the annual golf tournament as a fund raiser for the State 4-H Program. And I play quite a bit of golf.

Long-Term Care Planning and YOU!

Update 2:

Martha Denney, SSS EC board member



If you have been trying to decide what to do about long-term care (LTC) insurance please take a look at the CSU Benefits Office page at (<http://www.hrs.colostate.edu/benefits/fap-insplans-new.pdf>) for information on the program offered by CSU. It is through Genworth and you may still enroll if you are a retiree under the age of 75 or if you meet the employment requirements. The 2016 Summary should be available in November.

(Be aware that the information in the FAQ's on the Benefits page did not indicate that you would be eligible; however, talking with the staff and reading the Summary makes it clear that you can enroll even if you are no longer working.)

To get an age-graded estimate of cost you will need to follow this link: www.genworth.com/groupltc and log in using the following information for the CSU group plan: Group ID is **CSU** and the access code is **groupltc**. Read the information they provide for conditions that might apply. Newly hired full-time employees under 66 years of age have 75 days to enroll in the voluntary Group Long-Term Care insurance plan from their date of hire with limited underwriting.

CSU Extension Pamphlet No. 9.152 provides valuable guidance for the selection of LTC insurance outside the CSU system. It suggests LTC insurance comparison criteria and suggests where to find further information. (<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/consumer/09152.html>)

The New Lory Student Center Is Open!

Eat • Play • Shop • Relax • Gather • Learn



Here are a few of the enhancements to the Lory Student Center since reopening: the three-story engraving of the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862; a larger than life photo of Abraham Lincoln; Professor John Gravdahl's award winning poster depiction of the scientific method in the Level 300 hallway featuring CSU faculty members' art; CSU pride represented by the 1,600 pound glass rod structure



at the Plaza entry; Crepes and Walrus ice cream; breathtaking views of our Aggie "A"; and, the "Home Range" mountain mural for which we "mistakenly" forgot Boulder! Plus the many lounges, meeting and study areas, which meet our diverse student needs.

The first day of classes this Fall came with record numbers entering our doors – more than 37,000 entries counted by the infra-red sensors at each of our main entries. We've also seen record numbers in our food establishments and among our various services. We expect our daily average to level off to 22,000 entries per day, well above our former average of approximately 16,000.

Upcoming building enhancements include a Starbucks location across from the Curfman Gallery (known as "Inter-missions," self-operated and employing approximately 20 student employees), the Ramskeller microbrew in conjunction with our fermentation science program, and a new Mediterranean food concept in the Food Court to open early next spring.



Visit Renovation Videos at: <http://www.sc.colostate.edu/renovation-videos.aspx> and http://www.sc.colostate.edu/Data/Sites/1/UserFiles/Renovation/PerkinsWill_CSU_Final_HD.avi



View John Gravdahl's Posters: Scientific Method at: <http://www.graphis.com/entry/96121442-aed3-42ea-94e4-72eccf0b95b7/>

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Lory Student Center

Fall/Spring Happenings:

The joint Osher Perks & Senior Scholars presentations this fall are again offered from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Pathways Hospice on Carpenter just east of College Ave. (US287):

- * **September 21, 2015:** Dr. Robert Meroney will discuss "Earthquakes: the 1923 Tokyo experience, the 2011 Fukushima experience. Can they happen in Colorado?"
- * **October 19, 2015:** Dr. Robert Hoffert's presentation is entitled "The Federalist Papers – Answer to America's Perennial Political Question: What is the Meaning and Intent of the Constitution?"
- * **November 16, 2015:** Fort Collins historian, author, and columnist Ms. Barb Fleming will combine several of her history anecdotes into: "Fort Collins: From Fort to Town to City."
- * **January 25, 2016:** Dr. Robert Lawrence argues "How Nuclear Weapons Have Prevented Large Scale War between the Great Powers, including World War III!"
- * **February 22, 2016:** Dr. Roger Culver leads all on an astronomy tour "Around the Universe in Sixty Minutes."
- * **March 21, 2016:** TBD
- * **April 18, 2016:** Dr. Eric Aoki speaks of "An Intercultural Communication Toolbox: Cultural Engagement and the Global Sojourner."
- * **May 16, 2016:** Dr. Lori Peek talks of the travails of the "Children of Katrina."

Don't forget the SSS Website at <http://seniorscholars.colostate.edu/>. You can find there:

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Retirement Resources

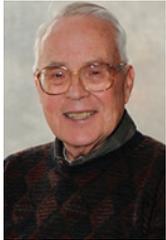
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Editor's Meditation

How Does Colorado State Compare with our Northern Neighbor, University of Wyoming?

Robert N. Meroney, Editor and Veep SSS



Did you know? In 2014 there were 1,403 undergraduate students from Colorado total out of 8,566 (16.4 percent) that attended UW; whereas there were 66 students from Wyoming total out of 22,507 (0.3 percent) that attended CSU! What makes the UW campus attractive to Colorado students? Let's look at other metrics.



CSU



UW

	CSU	UW
Total Students:	30,000	3,638
On-campus students:	25,600	10,539
Undergraduates:	22,000	8,566
State students:	75% CO	69% WY
Ethnic minorities:	18%	10%
International:	6%	3.7%
Gender: Male	49%	46%
Female	51%	54%
Fall-fall retention		
Freshmen:	86%	75%
Six year grad rate:	63%	54%
Students entering		
GPA	3.61	3.49
ACT	24.7	23.6
SAT	1,140	not available
Faculty total:	1,700	974
Faculty tenured:	1,050	638
Student/Faculty Ratio:	17.65:1	15:1
Cost: UG Resident	\$10,590	\$4,891*
UG non-Resident	\$27,258	\$15,631
Budget (2015)		
Tuition (million):	\$288 (67%)	\$60.5 (23.2%)
State (million):	\$68.9 (16%)	\$187.9 (72%)
Misc. (million):	\$73.2 (17%)	\$1.3 (4.8%)
Totals (million):	\$430.4 (100%)	\$261.2 (100%)

What part of each school's budget is derived from Severance Taxes and Mineral Leasing on Federal Lands?

	CSU (2008)	UW (2014)
Severance Tax (million):	\$152	\$457.1
Mineral Leasing on Federal Lands (million)**:	\$153.6	\$788.9

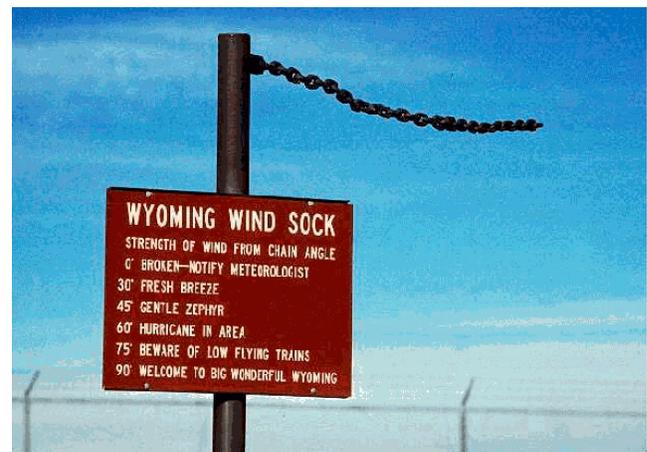
* In 2013 Forbes Magazine listed UW as best college value.

** Wyoming collects about 43 percent more on a given bench mark oil/gas company than Colorado.

Conclusions:

- UW draws significant CO students due to their low tuition rate,
- UW has a bit better faculty/student ratio level,
- UW gets far more \$ support from the energy resource and mineral leasing sector than CSU,
- UW entering students are not quite as well prepared,
- UW graduation rate is lower, and
- UW is less diverse with lower number of international students and minorities.

Finally, average daily maximum wind speed in Laramie is 24 mph and during the cold season (November to March) there is a 37 percent chance of snow or rain. In Fort Collins the average daily maximum wind speed is 15 mph, and during the cold season there is a 0 percent chance of rain or snow at any given location.



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Colorado State University:

For Those Ages 50 and Better



This Fall, Senior Scholars and Osher are collaborating on three Perk Series lectures – Bob Meroney on “Earthquakes,” Bob Hoffert on “Federalist Papers,” and Barbara Fleming on “Fort Collins’ History.” Overall, Osher is offering a varied program of 28 courses and 18 Perks during Fall 2015.

The following courses are just a sampling of options you might consider –

“Sports Talk” lectures inspired by “Scrimmage” at the University Art Museum

“Fern in Granite, Mustard in Shale,” a course joining botany and geology

“40 Years of Experiences with the Colorado General Assembly”

“The Healing Brain”; “Appreciating Opera”; “History and Epidemics”

Consider, as well, special lecture programs that will take you from the Volga Steppes to Fukushima to rural Georgia to Hanoi to Cuba to the intimacy of Fort Collins’ past to global environmental challenges to the virtual world of today’s personal technologies.

We encourage CSU’s community of Senior Scholars to consider supporting and participating in Osher to express commitment to a vibrant program of lifelong learning in our community, to benefit

from enrollment in the rich variety of courses and perks, and to consider teaching a course of special interest or offering a lecture on an issue for which you have a unique voice. Look us up at CSUOsher.com.

Learn more about Osher by visiting the website at www.osher.colostate.edu or calling 491-7753.

Robert Hoffert,
OSHER Co-Director



Dr. Robert Hoffert

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the five year period of 2010-2014, retired faculty and administrative professionals at CSU donated \$2.174 million or about \$435,000 annually to Colorado State University!

On August 24, infra-red sensors counted 37,000 patrons who entered the Lory Student Center during a single day on the CSU campus.

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