

HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS



Dan Hawkins was named the 23rd head football coach in University of Colorado history on December 16, 2005, officially taking over the reins of the program on New Year's Day 2006.

He has completed three seasons at Colorado with a 13-24 record, his eighth season as a head coach on the Division I-A level with a 66-35 mark. He is the 12th active winningest head coach with an overall career mark of 105-47-1 (69.0 winning percentage) mark for those coaches with at least 100 games under their belts.

Hawkins, 48, came to Colorado from Boise State, where he compiled a 53-11 record in five seasons as head coach. That included three 11-plus win seasons, and 31-game winning streaks in both Western Athletic Conference play as well as at home on Boise State's famous blue artificial turf field. His teams won or shared four WAC titles, including three outright under his direction.

In the modern history of Division I-A football, only Bob Pruett (Marshall, 58-9), Bob Stoops (Oklahoma, 55-11) and Pete Carroll (Southern California, 54-10) won more games in their first five seasons than Hawkins' 53 at Boise State (a number also matched by Miami's Larry Coker).

"Coach Hawkins represents a level of competitive spirit, integrity, work ethic and passion that will serve this institution, football program and entire athletic department well for many years to come," CU athletic director Mike Bohn said at the press conference announcement of Hawkins' hiring. "This is an exciting time at the University of Colorado and he is the perfect fit for what we were looking for."

In his first year at Colorado, the Buffaloes posted a 2-10 record, his first losing season as a head coach. Offensive struggles were the biggest contributor to the mark, as CU finished 102nd nationally averaging just 291.4 yards per game. Defensively, CU fared a bit better, allowing 340.9 yards per game and ranked 66th overall, though were stingy against the run, as opponents averaged just 112.4 per outing (30th nationally). And there were other positives, most notably the fact that his Buffaloes were in every game, fighting until the end despite being outmanned at several positions. Evidence of that was the fact that CU was plus-8 in turnover margin, a rarity for a team eight games under .500. CU played turnover-free in a school record four games on the season, and cut its penalties nearly in half from the previous year.

His second CU team improved by three-and-a-half games to a 6-7 mark, and earned him his first bowl invitation as the Buffalo coach, against Alabama in the Independence Bowl. Still in a rebuilding mode as evidenced by 29 lettermen who were underclassmen

(including 16 freshmen, seven true), and battling depth problems and injuries at key positions like linebacker, the secondary and the offensive line, the Buffs made a lot of progress. CU opened the year with a thrilling 31-28 win over Colorado State in Denver in overtime, and along the way knocked off No. 3 Oklahoma, 27-24, and secured a tough road win at Texas Tech, the 31-26 win the Red Raiders' lone home loss of the year. Colorado ended the regular season with a resounding 65-51 win over Nebraska, and top player honors included Jordon Dizon being named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and a Butkus Award finalist. It marked just the fifth time in school history that CU defeated both NU and OU in the same season. Alabama got the best of the Buffs in the bowl game, however, 30-24.

The win over the No. 3 Sooners made him the fifth coach in CU history to lead the Buffs to a win over a top three ranked opponent, but just the second to accomplish the feat in his first two years as coach.

In his third season, the Buffaloes went 5-7, and considering the team battled over 120 games lost to injury by players in the two-deep, were a 57-yard made field goal by Nebraska away from qualifying for a second straight bowl games. CU defeated No. 21 West Virginia, 17-14, in overtime at Folsom Field, the signature win of the season, which opened with a decisive 38-17 win over Colorado State, the largest margin of victory in the series since a 41-14 CU win in 2001. The Buffs were 2-6 in the Big 12, with wins over Kansas State and Iowa State; in the former, a 14-13 win, CU's defensive held on to that 1-point lead for almost the entire second half, the longest the Buffs had to hold off an opponent with a 1- or 2-point lead since 1936. In the finale at Nebraska, the Buffs led most of the game and were ahead 31-30 with 1:43 remaining when the Huskers made their school record field goal to end CU's season.

His overall record includes a 39-12-1 mark in five seasons as the head coach of Willamette University (Salem, Ore.), where he won or shared three conference titles between 1993 and 1997. Thus in 10 years of combined conference play between Boise State and Willamette, Hawkins' teams won or shared seven league championships while going a remarkable 58-6-1, including six undefeated seasons, in league play (a 90.0 winning percentage).

At Boise State, he was 37-3 in WAC conference games, leading the Broncos to outright championships in 2002, 2003 and 2004 with 8-0 league marks, and the co-title in 2005 with a 7-1 record. At one point Hawkins guided the Broncos to a league record 31 consecutive victories, a streak that began late in his first year and continued well into his fifth campaign. His winning percentage for overall and league games stands as the highest in WAC history.

In 154 career games as a head coach, his teams have been shut out just once, scoring at least one touchdown in all but three games while being held below 13 points just 12 times (seven times at CU, and only once at Boise State). The Broncos scored 40 or more points in 37 of his 64 games, as BSU averaged 41.6 points per game in his time there, the top figure in the nation for the five-year period between 2001 and 2005 (ahead of Texas and Texas Tech, who



averaged 40.3 and 38.4, respectively). That included 50 or more points 19 times and 20-plus on an amazing 59 occasions.

Boise State also won 28 games by 25 or more points under Hawkins, and 43 by double-digits; however, his teams also excelled in close contests, as the Broncos were 10-5 in games decided by seven points or less. His teams were well balanced across the board, as evidenced by the Broncos owning top 10 marks for five-year NCAA numbers in his tenure not only in scoring, but also in total offense (3rd, 465.7 yards per game), passing offense (10th, 274.6), rushing defense (6th, 107.8) and kickoff returns (1st, 23.5 average for 245 total returns).

At Boise State, Hawkins had a knack for molding a talented group of players and coaches into a dominating force, part of the reason he was named the WAC Coach of the Year on two occasions (2002, 2004)

DAN HAWKINS vs. THE NATION (I-A/FBS Only)

School	W	L	Pts	Opp
Alabama.....	0	1	24	30
Arizona State.....	0	2	17	54
Arkansas.....	0	1	14	41
Baylor.....	1	1	74	57
Boston College.....	0	1	21	27
Bowling Green.....	1	0	48	20
Brigham Young.....	2	0	78	39
Central Michigan.....	1	0	26	10
Colorado State.....	2	1	79	59
Eastern Washington.....	1	0	31	24
Florida State.....	0	2	27	55
Fresno State.....	4	1	173	111
Georgia.....	0	2	26	62
Hawai'i.....	5	0	244	124
Idaho.....	5	0	242	86
Idaho State.....	1	0	62	0
Iowa State.....	3	1	123	87
Kansas.....	0	3	43	69
Kansas State.....	1	2	55	94
Louisiana Tech.....	4	1	206	122
Louisville.....	0	1	40	44
Miami-Ohio.....	1	0	42	0
Missouri.....	0	3	23	141
Montana State.....	0	1	10	19
Nebraska.....	1	2	110	128
Nevada.....	5	0	256	52
New Mexico State.....	1	0	56	6
Oklahoma.....	1	1	30	48
Oklahoma State.....	0	1	17	30
Oregon State.....	1	2	104	90
Portland State.....	1	0	21	14
Rice.....	1	1	63	52
San Jose State.....	5	0	272	98
SMU.....	2	0	83	23
South Carolina.....	0	1	13	32
TCU.....	1	0	34	31
Texas.....	0	1	14	38
Texas A & M.....	0	1	17	24
Texas Tech.....	2	0	61	32
Tulsa.....	4	0	165	96
Utah State.....	2	0	108	59
UTEP.....	4	0	198	72
Washington State.....	0	1	20	41
West Virginia.....	1	0	17	14
Wyoming.....	2	0	68	30
Totals.....	66	35	3455	2385

and was a finalist for the 2004 Paul "Bear" Bryant College Football Coach of the Year Award.

Hawkins took over the Boise State program on December 2, 2000, replacing Dirk Koetter, whom he had served as assistant head coach, after he took the head coach position at Arizona State. Hawkins had joined the BSU staff in 1998, and coached the tight ends and special teams in addition to assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator duties. Hawkins also oversaw a highly successful community service and public involvement program for the Bronco football team during this time.

DAN HAWKINS / SITUATIONAL (I-A/FBS Only)

Category	W	L
Overall.....	66	35
At Colorado.....	13	24
At Boise State.....	53	11
Home.....	40	11
Boulder.....	9	9
Boise.....	31	2
Road.....	23	21
At Colorado.....	2	13
Neutral.....	3	3
Bowl Games.....	2	3
Day Games.....	39	23
Night Games.....	27	12
Shutouts.....	2	1
Scoring 50+ Points.....	20	0
Scoring 20+ Points.....	64	13
Scoring <20 Points.....	2	22
Ranked Teams.....	4	16
No. 1.....	0	0
Top 5.....	1	1
Top 10.....	1	5
Unranked Teams.....	62	19
As A Ranked Team.....	16	2
Conference Games.....	45	19
Home.....	26	6
Big 12 Games.....	8	16
Home.....	6	6
Non-Conference.....	21	16
At Colorado.....	5	8
7-Point Games Or Closer.....	17	13
Overtime.....	3	1
1 OT.....	2	0
2 OT.....	1	0
3 OT.....	0	1
August.....	2	0
September.....	17	14
October.....	25	9
November.....	19	9
December.....	3	3
January.....	0	0
Sunday.....	1	1
Monday.....	0	0
Tuesday.....	2	0
Wednesday.....	1	1
Thursday.....	2	1
Friday.....	6	3
Saturday.....	54	29
Eastern Time Zone.....	0	4
Central Time Zone.....	10	15
Mountain Time Zone.....	47	13
Pacific Time Zone.....	6	3
Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone.....	3	0

Before ascending to Boise State's head man, as tight ends coach Hawkins helped developed a wealth of Bronco talent. In each of his first four seasons on the Bronco staff, a Boise State tight end earned either first or second team all-conference honors. Twice Bronco tight ends were drafted into the National Football League, most notably Jeb Putzier, who earned first-team All-WAC honors in 2001 after putting together the most productive season by a tight end in school history and would be a sixth round draft pick by the Denver Broncos. Special teams also blossomed under his direction, with top national rankings by teams or individuals in kickoff returns, placekicking and punting.

Koetter would serve as head coach in his final game, the 2000 Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl, but Hawkins took over leading the team in practice and preparation for the game, which Boise State defeated UTEP, 38-23. Though Hawkins served in his assistant coaching role in that game, his work as head coach was already evident to close observers of the program.

As just the eighth head coach in the school's 33-year history, on the surface, Boise State went 8-4 in his first season in 2001. But the Broncos were transitioning from the old Big West Conference, in which they had claimed back-to-back titles, into the stronger Western Athletic Conference. Hawkins met the challenge by posting a 6-2 league mark, tying for second overall, doing so after opening with losses to No. 21 South Carolina and Washington State, who would appear in the national rankings some three weeks later.

His biggest win that season came on October 20, and had an indirect link to his future school, Colorado, at the time. He took his Bronco team on the road where it would defeat Fresno State, 35-30, ranked eighth in the nation with a 6-0 mark at the time. Fresno State began its season with a 24-22 win over the Buffaloes in Boulder and had designs on crashing the BCS (Bowl Championship Series) until being derailed by Hawkins' Broncos, the school's first-ever over a ranked opponent.

That set the stage for the next three seasons, when the Broncos strung together consecutive records of 12-1, 13-1 and 11-1 in posting a 24-0 record in WAC conference play in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

The WAC championship won in 2002 came in just the school's second year in the league and was the first to go undefeated in league play since BYU did so in 1996. Along the way, BSU overwhelmed its eight league opponents, scoring an average of 51.1 points per game while owning a victory margin of 37.2 points, which broke BYU's league mark of 34.0 set in 1979. Boise State led the nation in scoring (45.6), total offense (501.5) and passing efficiency (169.4) and led the WAC in five defensive categories, with Hawkins' success recognized at the conference and regional levels as he was selected the WAC Coach of Year, and the Co-Coach of the Year for Region

Career Breakdown Prior To Colorado

Overall Record	92-23-1	.797
Boise State (I-A)	53-11-0	.828
Western Athletic Conference	37- 3-0	.925
Home	31- 2-0	.939
Road	22- 8-0	.733
Neutral	0- 1-0	.000
Bowls	2- 2-0	.500
Vs. Ranked Teams	2- 5-0	.286
Willamette (NAIA)	39-12-1	.760
Mt. Hood League	21- 3-1	.860
Home	21- 5-1	.796
Road	18- 6-0	.750
Neutral	0- 1-0	.000
NAIA Playoffs	4- 2-0	.667

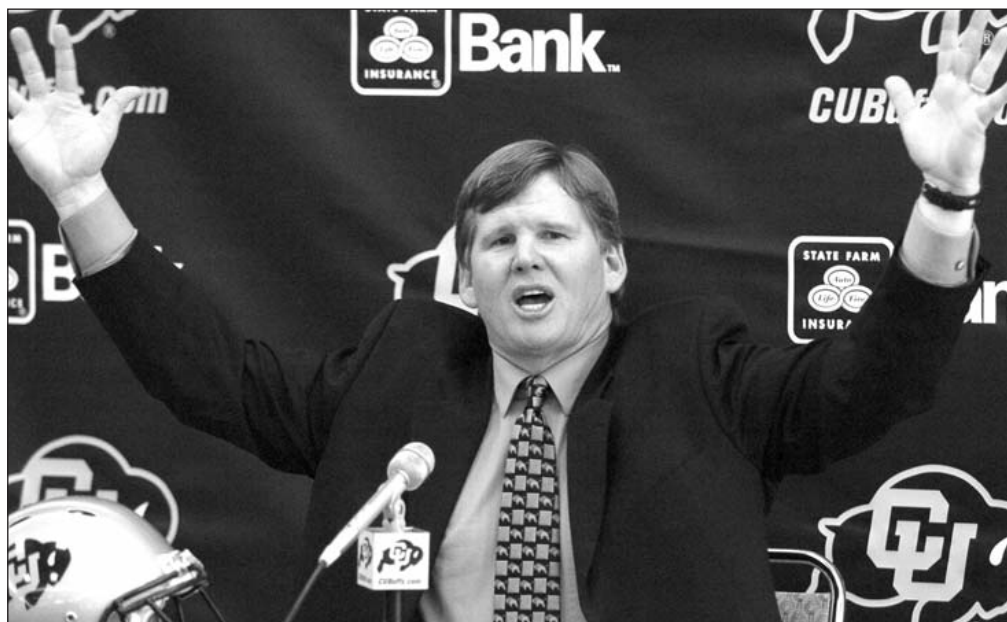
4 by the American Football Coaches Association (the latter with Oklahoma's Stoops).

The Broncos appeared in the nation's top 25 late in the year, and following a 34-16 win over Iowa State in the Humanitarian Bowl, Boise State was ranked No. 12 in the final *USA Today* Coaches Poll (and No. 15 in the Associated Press ballot).

It was more of the same in 2003, as the 13-1 Broncos again appeared in the rankings in November and ended the year ranked 15th by the coaches and 16th by the Associated Press. The only setback came at Oregon State (a 26-24 defeat) in the third week of the season; the Broncos would end the year with 11 straight wins (which started a 22-game winning streak, the longest in the nation by the end of the 2004 regular season). The season was culminated by a 34-31 win over No. 19 TCU in the Fort Worth Bowl on the Horned Frogs' home turf.

Hawkins' 2003 team again produced the top offense in the nation averaging 43.0 points per game, and in the five major offensive categories in football, Boise State was ranked among the top 10 in four of them. The defense was no slouch either, as the Broncos was ranked among the top 12 in three categories (rushing defense, pass efficiency and scoring defense). Quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie was the league's Offensive Player of the Year and was one of five Broncos to be named first-team All-WAC.

Despite all those accomplishments, Boise State entered 2004 unranked, but at least on the national radar. After a 53-34 win over Oregon State in the second game of the year, the Broncos entered the rankings at No. 23 and were a regular from that point on. BSU survived scares from BYU, Tulsa and San Jose State (winning the latter 56-49 in two overtimes) to finish the regular season undefeated at 11-0 and ranked its highest ever — 10th — in both major polls (and ninth in the final BCS Standings). In one of the season's most anticipated bowl games, and arguably the most intriguing non-BCS bowl since the creation of the system some seven years earlier, Boise State dropped a 44-40 thriller to 10-1 and No. 7 Louisville in the Liberty Bowl.





The Hawkins family, at the June 2007 wedding of daughter Brittany: Ashley, Dan, Misti, Brittany, Cody and Drew.

That 2004 team prided itself on all-around excellence, with top rankings in all three phases of the game, placing in the top 21 nationally in nine major statistical categories including scoring (second), punt returns (third), total offense (fourth) and rushing defense (10th). BSU was ranked either first or second in 16 conference categories and had 16 players earn some kind of All-WAC recognition for a second straight year.

Important to note about the 2004 season was that it might have been Hawkins' best coaching job to date in his illustrious career. Despite returning just 10 starters from the '03 team, he guided the Broncos to their first perfect regular season since the school moved to four-year status in the 1960s. The team spent a school record 13 consecutive weeks in the national rankings and peaked at No. 7 in the BCS Standings in early November.

His final team there in 2005 went 9-4, but had only four senior starters, the lowest total among all 119 I-A schools while also playing one of the toughest schedules in school history. That squad rallied from a 0-2 start, winning nine of the final 10 games in earning a fourth straight bowl berth. Three of the four losses came at the hands of ranked teams, including Hawkins' finale in the MPC Computers Bowl, a 27-21 setback to No. 19 Boston College; the Broncos spotted BC a 27-0 lead in that game, only to see a fourth quarter rally come up just short. Despite some inexperience at the onset, the team of largely underclassmen finished in the top 25 in eight statistical categories including scoring (ninth), sacks (17th) and rushing offense (19th).

Overall, 20 of his players at Boise State earned first-team all-WAC honors, with three earning some kind of All-American mention and 10 either being drafted or signing as free agents with National Football League teams. Including his three years as an assistant coach, Hawkins helped the Broncos to an overall record of 79-21 and six conference championships in eight years, including Big West titles in 1999 and 2000.

Hawkins' first collegiate head coaching position was at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., taking over the program in 1993 after the school had suffered two straight losing seasons, including a 1-8

campaign the year before his arrival. He proceeded to guide the Bearcats to winning seasons over the next five years, with two appearances in the NAIA playoffs.

Under his guidance, Willamette was 39-12-1, including a 13-1 record and a runner-up finish for the NAIA National Championship in 1997. The Bearcats had finished the regular season with a No. 7 national ranking and won three playoff games, including one in overtime, to reach the title game before succumbing to Findlay (Ohio), 14-7.

He was named the 1997 District Five Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association, and was selected three times as the Mount Hood League (Columbia Football Association) coach of



the year. Those accolades came in 1995 when Willamette was co-conference champion, and 1996 and 1997 when the Bearcats won the outright conference title with undefeated records in league play.

Hawkins spent time as both an offensive and defensive coordinator before taking over as head coach at Willamette. In 1992, he was in charge of the Sonoma State University defense. From 1988-91, Hawkins was the offensive coordinator at the College of the Siskiyous (Calif.), helping lead the team to the Golden Valley Conference championship in 1991.

A 1984 graduate of the University of California-Davis, Hawkins earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. In 1993, he earned a master's degree in educational administration from St. Mary's (Calif.) College. He's the fourth head football coach in CU history, the last three in succession, to hold two degrees.

Hawkins began his coaching career with his alma mater, serving as the head freshman coach as well as the linebacker coach for the varsity in 1984. After three years at UC-Davis, he served as head coach at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento in 1986 and 1987.

He agreed to a five-year, \$4.25 million contract with the Buffaloes, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, not including incentive compensation for academic progress, student citizenship and community outreach and various performance incentives ranging from rewarding bowl appearances to winning a national championship. The CU Board of Regents approved a two-year extension for him in May 2008, extending his deal through December 31, 2012.

He was born November 10, 1960 in Fall River Mills, Calif., and graduated from Big Valley High School in Bieber, Calif., where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. At UC-Davis, he lettered four times at fullback for coach Jim Sochor; as a junior, he was a member of UCD's NCAA Division II runner-up team.

He is married to the former Misti Rae Ann Hokanson, a registered nurse. They are the parents of four grown children, daughters Ashley and Brittany, and sons Cody (a junior quarterback at Colorado) and Drew (a sophomore at Boise State), and the grandparents of one. His interests range from doing things with his family, such as skydiving with his daughters and taking family vacations to places such as Machu Picchu, to reading (he owns quite a collection of books), to studying game video while listening to jazz music.



Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year Coaching Record

Season	School	Overall			Pct.	Pts	Opp	Conference			Pct.	Pts	Opp	Finish/Conf.
		W	L	T				W	L	T				
1993	Willamette.....	5	4	0	.556	293	281	3	2	0	.600	179	143	t-2nd / Mt. Hood
1994	Willamette.....	6	3	0	.667	218	214	4	1	0	.800	111	108	2nd / Mt. Hood
1995	Willamette.....	6	2	1	.722	314	171	4	0	1	.900	195	103	t-1st / Mt. Hood
1996	Willamette.....	9	2	0	.818	374	246	5	0	0	1.000	158	100	1st / NWC (a)
1997	Willamette.....	13	1	0	.929	470	187	5	0	0	1.000	200	47	1st / NWC (b)
2001	Boise State.....	8	4	-	.667	411	280	6	2	-	.750	307	184	t-2nd / WAC
2002	Boise State.....	12	1	-	.923	593	240	8	0	-	1.000	409	111	1st / WAC
2003	Boise State.....	13	1	-	.929	602	239	8	0	-	1.000	375	143	1st / WAC
2004	Boise State.....	11	1	-	.917	587	308	8	0	-	1.000	401	196	1st / WAC
2005	Boise State.....	9	4	-	.692	469	317	7	1	-	.875	339	178	t-1st / WAC
2006	Colorado.....	2	10	-	.167	196	267	2	6	-	.250	160	199	5th / Big 12 North
2007	Colorado.....	6	7	-	.462	355	383	4	4	-	.500	238	276	3rd / Big 12 North
2008	Colorado.....	5	7	-	.417	242	351	2	6	-	.250	135	257	t-4th / Big 12 North
Colorado Totals.....		13	24	-	.351	793	1001	8	16	-	.333	533	732	
Division I-A Totals.....		66	35	-	.653	3455	2385	45	19	-	.703	2364	1544	
Career Totals.....		105	47	1	.690	5124	3484	66	22	1	.747	3207	2045	

KEY: (a)—NAIA National Quarterfinalist; (b)—NAIA National Runner-up.

Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year At Willamette

1993 (5-4 overall, 3-2 *Mt. Hood)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 18	at Simon Fraser	W 17-16
S 25	at Western Washington	L 29-37
O 2	*WHITWORTH	W 29-27
O 9	*PACIFIC LUTHERAN	L 35-48
O 16	at Eastern Oregon	L 20-24
O 23	*at Lewis & Clark	W 43-27
O 30	SOUTHERN OREGON	L 48-61
N 6	*LINFIELD	W 31-28
N 13	*at Western Oregon	W 41-13

1994 (6-3 overall, 4-1 *Mt. Hood)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 17	SIMON FRASER	W 42-15
S 24	WESTERN WASHINGTON	L 14-42
O 1	*at Whitworth	W 47-39
O 8	*at Pacific Lutheran	W 10- 7
O 15	EASTERN OREGON	L 23-26
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O 22	*LEWIS & CLARK	W 34-13
O 29	at Southern Oregon	W 28-23
N 5	*at Linfield	L 14-49
N 12	*WESTERN OREGON	W 6- 0

(#—later forfeited to Willamette)

1995 (6-2-1 overall, 4-0-1 *Mt. Hood)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 16	at Central Washington	L 16-21
S 23	WESTERN OREGON	W 39-14
S 30	at Southern Oregon	L 15-23
O 7	EASTERN OREGON	W 49-10
O 14	*LINFIELD	W 40- 6
O 21	*at Whitworth	W 50-18
O 28	*PUGET SOUND	W 42-32
N 4	*PACIFIC LUTHERAN	T 35-35
N 11	*at Lewis & Clark	W 28-12

1996 (9-2 overall, 5-0 *Northwest Conf.)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 21	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	W 34-14
S 28	at Western Oregon	W 57-29
O 5	SOUTHERN OREGON	L 32-34
O 12	at Eastern Oregon	W 25-21
O 19	*at Linfield	W 20- 3
O 26	*WHITWORTH	W 37-26
N 2	*at Puget Sound	W 44-21
N 9	*at Pacific Lutheran (OT)	W 28-27
N 16	*LEWIS & CLARK	W 29-23

NAIA Championship Playoffs

N 23	BETHANY (at Eugene)	W 56-35
D 7	at Western Washington	L 12-13

1997 (13-1 overall, 5-0 *Northwest Conf.)

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 13	HUMBOLDT STATE	W 42-14
S 20	at Chapman	W 40- 6
S 27	at Central Washington	W 34-21
O 4	EASTERN OREGON	W 13- 7
O 11	*at Lewis & Clark	W 34-14
O 18	*LINFIELD	W 27-20
O 25	SOUTHERN OREGON	W 41-27
N 1	*at Puget Sound	W 54- 0
N 8	*PACIFIC LUTHERAN	W 43- 6
N 15	*at Whitworth	W 42- 7

NAIA Championship Playoffs

N 22	WESTERN OREGON (OT)	W 26-20
D 6	MONTANA TECH (at Corvallis)	W 50-24
D 13	SIOUX FALLS (at Portland)	W 17- 7
D 20	#Findlay (Ohio)	L 7-14

(#—at Hardin County, Tenn.)

Dan Hawkins Year-By-Year At Boise State

2001 (8-4 overall, 6-2 *WAC)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 1	—	at South Carolina (21)	L 13-32
S 8	—	WASHINGTON STATE	L 20-41
S 22	—	*UTEP	W 42-17
S 29	—	at Idaho	W 45-13
O 6	—	*at Rice	L 14-45
O 13	—	*TULSA	W 41-10
O 20	—	*at Fresno State (8)	W 35-30
O 27	—	*NEVADA	W 49- 7
N 3	—	*at Louisiana Tech	L 42-48
N 10	—	*at Hawai'i	W 28-21
N 17	—	*SAN JOSE STATE	W 56- 6
N 24	—	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 26-10

2002 (12-1 overall, 8-0 *WAC)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
A 31	—	IDAHO	W 38-21
S 7	—	at Arkansas	L 14-41
S 14	—	at Wyoming	W 35-13
S 28	—	UTAH STATE	W 63-38
O 5	—	*HAWAII	W 58-31
O 12	—	*at Tulsa	W 52-24
O 18	—	*FRESNO STATE	W 67-21
O 26	—	*at San Jose State	W 45- 8
N 2	—	*at UTEP	W 58- 3
N 9	—	*RICE	W 49- 7
N 16	—	*LOUISIANA TECH	W 36-10
N 23	23	*at Nevada	W 44- 7

Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl

D 31	18	IOWA STATE	W 34-16
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2003 (13-1 overall, 8-0 *WAC)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 6	—	IDAHO STATE	W 62- 0
S 13	—	at Idaho	W 24-10
S 20	—	at Oregon State	L 24-26
S 27	—	WYOMING	W 33-17
O 4	—	*at Louisiana Tech	W 43-37
O 11	—	*TULSA	W 27-20
O 18	—	*at SMU	W 45- 3
O 25	—	*SAN JOSE STATE	W 77-14
O 30	—	at Brigham Young	W 50-12
N 15	24	*UTEP	W 51-21
N 21	20	*at Fresno State	W 31-17
N 29	18	*NEVADA	W 56- 3
D 6	18	*at Hawai'i	W 45-28

Plains Capital Fort Worth Bowl

D 23	18	TCU (19)	W 34-31
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2004 (11-1 overall, 8-0 *WAC)

Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 4	—	IDAHO	W 65- 7
S 10	—	OREGON STATE	W 53-34
S 18	23	*at UTEP	W 47-31
S 24	21	BRIGHAM YOUNG	W 28-27
O 2	23	*SMU	W 38-20
O 16	21	*at Tulsa	W 45-42
O 23	19	*FRESNO STATE	W 33-16
O 29	18	*HAWAII	W 69- 3
N 13	14	*at San Jose State (2OT)	W 56-49
N 20	13	*LOUISIANA TECH	W 55-14
N 27	10	*at Nevada	W 58-21

AutoZone Liberty Bowl

D 31	10	Louisville (7)	L 40-44
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2005 (9-4 overall, 7-1 *WAC)


Date	Rank	Opponent (Rank)	Result
S 3	18	at Georgia (13)	L 13-48
S 10	—	at Oregon State	L 27-30
S 21	—	BOWLING GREEN	W 48-20
O 1	—	*at Hawai'i	W 44-41
O 8	—	PORTLAND STATE	W 21-14
O 15	—	*SAN JOSE STATE	W 38-21
O 22	—	*at Utah State	W 45-21
O 29	—	*NEVADA	W 49-14
N 5	—	*NEW MEXICO STATE	W 56- 6
N 10	—	*at Fresno State (21)	L 7-27
N 19	—	*IDAHO	W 70-35
N 26	—	*at Louisiana Tech	W 30-13

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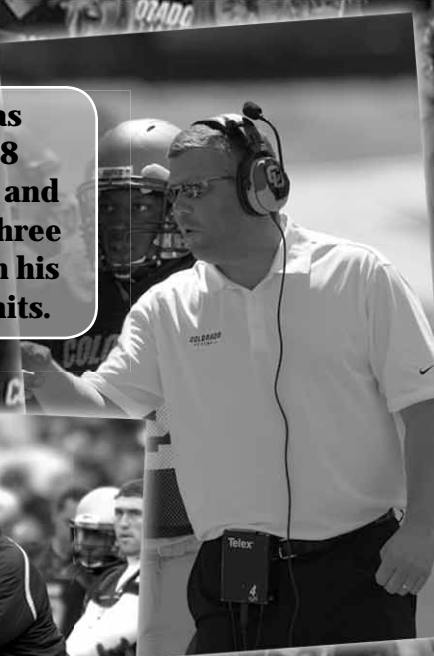

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Assistant Coaches



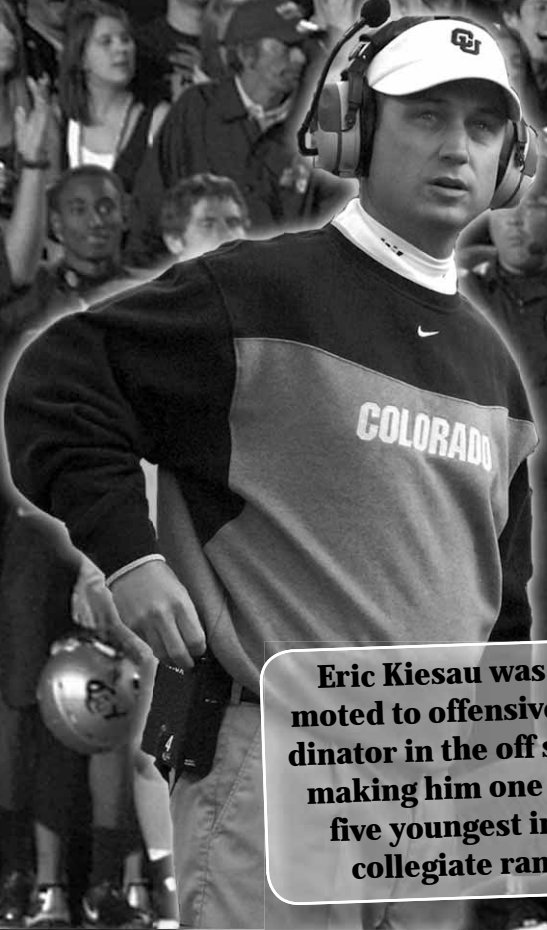
Running backs coach Darian Hagan was CU's starting quarterback from 1989-91, compiling a 28-5-2 record, including 18-0-1 in Big Eight play.



Kent Riddle has coached in 168 Division I games and he has coached three All-Americans on his special teams units.




Denver Johnson comes to CU with 13 years of collegiate head coaching experience.




CU's full-time assistants have a combine 1,771 game days between them, including 1,494 at the college level with 866 collegiate victories.

Eric Kiesau was promoted to offensive coordinator in the off season, making him one of the five youngest in the collegiate ranks.




CU full-time assistant coaches have a combined 175 years of coaching experience, including 51 at the University of Colorado and 15 in the NFL.

Top-Notch Coaching Staff




Bob Foster has 40 years of college coaching experience, including the distinction of coaching Dan Hawkins at UC-Davis.



Brian Cabral is CU's longest-serving assistant coach (all-time, any sport). CBS Sports ranked him as the top LB coach in the country. Entering his 21st season at CU, he sports two championship rings - with the 1985 Chicago Bears and the 1990 Buffaloes.




Romeo Bandison has four years of NFL playing experience after a stand-out career at Oregon.



Five coaches on the CU staff have NFL ties. Bandison, Cabral, Hagan and Johnson as players and Brown as a coach.

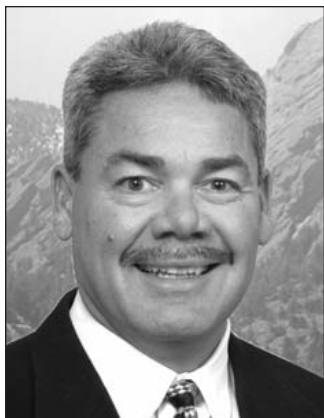
Ron Collins has been a defensive coordinator at the Division I level for the past eight seasons.



Greg Brown is in his second stint at CU. In between his time at CU, he coached in the NFL for 15 seasons.

BRIAN CABRAL

Associate Head Coach / Linebackers



Brian Cabral is in his 21st season at the University of Colorado, his 20th as a full time assistant coach, as he joined the Buffalo staff as graduate assistant in 1989. He was promoted to associate head coach by Dan Hawkins on February 7, 2008.

His 20 years as a full-time assistant rank as the most in CU history, not only for football but for all sports, as he recently passed two legendary "Franks," Potts and Prentup, both of whom assisted Buff head football coaches for 18 seasons. Since he joined the staff, he has always coached the inside linebackers, and

occasionally has had the outside 'backers under his direction as well. From 1999 through 2005, he also coached the punt return unit on special teams, and served as the director of CU's summer football camps from 1995 through 2005 and for a brief time as recruiting coordinator.

Cabral has worked for four head coaches during his tenure, Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett and now Hawkins. For all seven seasons under Barnett, Cabral also was the assistant head coach, which included a three-month period in 2004 as interim head coach when Barnett was on paid administrative leave. In that role, he continued to coach his position players but also took care of day-to-day operational details of the program.

Hawkins cited his leadership when promoting him to associate head coach, noting that "no one person has had more influence in the success of Colorado football than Brian Cabral."

You could also call him an ambassador for his native Hawai'i, as he has worked youth camps in the state as well as all-Polynesian camps in the states. He is a founding board member of the Polynesian Coaches Association, formed ahead of the 2007 season.

In the summer of 2002, he was one of 500 nationwide recipients of the AFLAC National Assistant Coach-of-the-Year Award. Coaches on all levels were honored, from youth to professional, and he was one of 10 selected regionally to receive the award. In 2008, CBSsportsline.com selected him to its "All-Coach" team at the linebacker position.

Cabral, 53, tutored the inside linebackers his first year in Boulder as a grad assistant, and assumed full-time duties in the same capacity in 1990 and has coached the position at CU to this day. He returned to Colorado, his alma mater, from Purdue, where he coached the inside linebackers for two seasons (1987-88).

Known as one of the top linebacker coaches in the nation, his students have included Matt Russell, the 1996 Butkus Award winner, all-Big Eight performers Greg Biekert, Chad Brown and Ted Johnson, all of whom went on to stardom in the National Football League, and all-Big 12 linebacker Jordon Dizon, a consensus All-American who was also the league defensive player of the year for 2007. He also recruited tailback Rashaan Salaam, the 1994 Heisman trophy winner, and Chris Naeole, a 1996 All-American guard.

His 2001 punt return team led the nation with a 17.4 average, and also boasted the nation's top individual return man in Roman Hollowell, who averaged 18.0 per return and scored two touchdowns. In 2002, Jeremy Bloom averaged 15.0 yards per return and was 13th in the nation as a freshman (ranking 21st as a sophomore in '03). Cabral prided himself on the team being composed largely of non-starters, drawing comparison to his roots when he was special teams captain of the Chicago Bears.

He is a 1978 CU graduate, as he earned a B.S. degree in therapeutic recreation. He lettered three seasons for the Buffs at linebacker from 1975 to 1977 under Coach Bill Mallory, as he was a captain and played a big role on CU's Big Eight champion team in 1976. He led CU with 13 tackles (12 solo) in the 1977 Orange Bowl against Ohio State. As a senior, he was honored as the Big Eight Conference's player of the week for a monster 25 tackles in a CU 27-21 win over Stanford and shared the team's Sure

Tackler Award with Mark Haynes. That 25-tackle game included 13 solo stops and is still tied for the fourth most in a single game in CU history.

Cabral had 297 tackles in his CU career (120 solo, 177 assisted), a number that still has him tied for 16th on Colorado's all-time list. A unique fact is that he has coached eight of the players on the list ahead of him: Matt Russell, Greg Biekert, Ted Johnson, Chad Brown, Michael Jones, Jashon Sykes, Thaddeus Washington and Jordon Dizon (seven rank in the top nine). His players through the years have registered just over 6,000 tackles wearing the Black & Gold he once wore.

He was a nine-year NFL veteran, as Atlanta drafted him in the fourth round in 1978. He played two seasons with Atlanta, one with Green Bay and six with Chicago. As the captain of the Bears' special teams, he was a member of Chicago's Super Bowl XX champion team in 1985. He was selected as the Frito-Lay Unsung Hero in the Bears' win over New England, as he had two solo and two assisted tackles on special teams.

He was born June 23, 1956, in Fort Benning, Ga, but grew up in Kailua, Hawaii. He is married to the former Becky Lucas, and they have three grown children, son Kyle and daughters Maile and Mele. He is an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has authored a book ("Second String Champion"), and his hobbies include surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding.

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (3): Jordon Dizon (Butkus Award runner-up), Roman Hollowell (punt returner), Matt Russell (Butkus Award winner). All-Big Eight/12 Performers (7): Greg Biekert, Chad Brown, Dizon, Hollowell, Ted Johnson (Butkus Award runner-up), Michael Jones, Russell. Big 12 Defensive Players of the Year (1): Dizon. Big 12 Defensive Newcomers of the Year (1): Dizon. NFL Players/Draft Picks (10): Biekert, Brown, Dizon, Johnson, Ron Merckerson, Hannibal Navies, Russell, Jashon Sykes, Sean Tufts, Drew Wahlroos.

RECORD—He has coached in 255 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 142-87-4 at Colorado (153-88-4 including his graduate assistant year); Purdue was 7-14-1 when he was on the Boilermaker staff. He has coached in 14 bowl games (six New Year's Day).



ERIC KIESAU

Assistant Head Coach / Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks



Eric Kiesau is in his fourth year as a member of the Buffalo coaching staff assembled by head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005. He is in his first season as offensive coordinator, promoted into the position on April 30, 2009, just a little over a month after he was also named assistant head coach.

He was CU's passing game coordinator and receivers coach his first three years in Boulder. When he moved into the coordinator role, he switched to coaching the quarterbacks instead of the receivers. At 36,

he is one of the five youngest offensive coordinators in the collegiate ranks.

Kiesau came to CU from the University of California at Berkeley, where he coached the receivers for four seasons (2002-05). He was a significant contributor to the Bears' high-powered passing attack in his four years at the "other" UCB.

Though Kiesau had only six years as a collegiate assistant coach under his belt prior to arriving at Colorado, he seemingly mastered the art of both tutoring the accomplished performer as well as molding walk-ons into top-notch players, doing so at his previous two institutions before coming to Boulder. He personally thrives on the teaching and developmental relationship with his players, working on the total person concept in academics, athletics and character.

He's already pulled it off at Colorado, as six players caught 20 or more passes in a season for just the third time in school history in 2007, including a team-best 43 by a redshirt freshman walk-on, Scotty McKnight, and 23 by a true frosh, Josh Smith. McKnight led the team again with 46 receptions in 2008, with another former walk-on, Cody Crawford, second with 31. Due to attrition at the position, Kiesau often coached a group that had three walk-ons on the field at the same time but would hold their own for the most part.

In 2005, his receiving corps produced four 100-yard receiving games. Robert Jordan and DeSean Jackson were his stars at the starting positions, with Jackson having two of the century games, 128 versus UCLA and 130 at New Mexico State, the latter being the most yards ever by a Cal freshman. Jordan's top performance came at Washington, when he caught 11 passes for 192-yards, the sixth-best single game total in school history; he also had three touchdowns, all in the first half, tying a school record. And with Jackson and Jordan sidelined due to injury, former walk-on LaReyelle Cunningham caught five balls for 112 yards and a score in his first career start.

Though injuries sidelined four of his top five receivers for much of 2004, the Bears continued to field first-rate pass catchers in a Cal offense triggered by quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Second-team All-American Geoff McArthur set school career marks for receptions (202) and receiving yards (3,188). In 2003, McArthur ranked second nationally and set a school season receiving record with 1,504 yards on 85 catches. That same year, Kiesau developed two walk-ons, Burl Toler and Vincent Strang, as the pair combined for 65 receptions for 814 yards and eight touchdowns, as both blossomed as they emerged in the regular rotation of receivers.

In 2002, his first campaign at Cal, he developed a wide receiving corps that featured Jonathan Makonnen (54-682, 7 TDs), LaShaun Ward (39-709, 9 TDs) and McArthur (36-454, 1 TD), a trio that combined for 129 receptions, 1,845 yards and 17 TDs.

Kiesau earned his bachelor's degree in business communications at Portland State in 1996, where he lettered at quarterback (he was PSU's starter as a senior in 1995). He was an All-American junior college quar-

terback as a sophomore in 1992, as selected by JC Gridwire, at Glendale Community College in southern California.

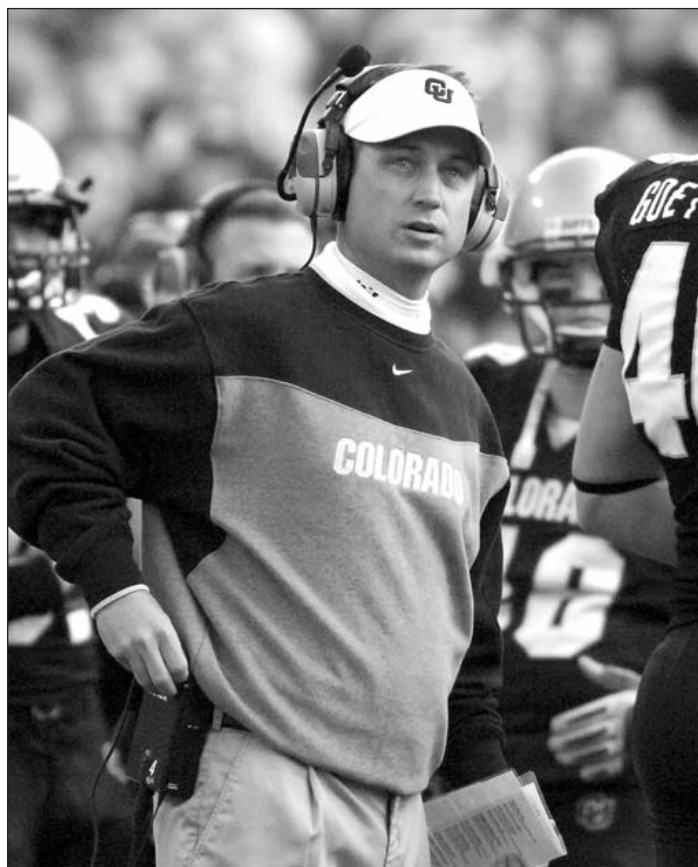
Upon graduation from PSU, he worked the better part of five years in private business, for Corporate America in Portland, and then for Eclipse Specialties, Inc., a family-owned and operated company, in North Hollywood, Calif. He first entered coaching while employed by his JUCO alma mater, Glendale Community College. He then made a brief four-month stop at the University of Oregon as head coach Mike Bellotti's team-work coordinator in the winter and spring of 2000.

His first full-time collegiate coaching position followed later that year, when he was named running backs and receivers coach at Utah State University under Mick Dennehy. In 2000, he tutored Emmett White, Utah State's third team All-American who led the nation in all-purpose yards and ranked 13th in NCAA rushing, including a school-record 322-yard effort against New Mexico State in 2001. In his second year at USU, he coached wide receiver Kevin Curtis, who would earn *Associated Press* All-American honors that season with an NCAA-high 100 passes (while ranking third in yards per game and eighth in all-purpose yards). He was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, accomplished after walking on at Utah State the previous year.

He was born November 24, 1972 in Pasadena, Calif., and graduated from Glendale (Calif.) High School, where he lettered in football and baseball. He is married to the former Wendy Kanan, and they have a daughter, Taylor (11) and a son, Blake (5). (*His last name is pronounced key-saw.*)

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (3): Kevin Curtis, Geoff McArthur, Emmett White. All-Pac-10 Performers (1): McArthur. All-Big West Performers (1): White. NFL Players/Draft Picks (2): Curtis, Chase Lyman.

RECORD—He has coached in 109 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 55-54 (13-24 at Colorado, 33-17 at California and 9-13 at Utah State); he has coached in four bowl games.



RON COLLINS

Defensive Coordinator



Ron Collins is in his fourth year as defensive coordinator at Colorado, as he was one of four assistant coaches to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005. He oversees all phases of the defense for the Buffaloes, but does not coach a specific position.

Collins, 45, served as Boise State's defensive coordinator for four seasons, while coaching the linebackers all five years he spent on the BSU staff under Hawkins. Under his guidance, the Boise State defense developed into one of the top defenses nationally and as the best in the Western

Athletic Conference. All together, Collins had 26 players earn All-WAC recognition during his four seasons as defensive coordinator.

His first Colorado defense in 2006 was solid against the run (fourth in the Big 12, 30th in the NCAA at 112.4 yards per game) and allowed 341 yards per game overall in limiting five opponents to fewer than 20 points in a game while forcing 24 turnovers.

In 2007, the Buff 'D' was again strong against the run (31st nationally), and had a three-week stretch where the opponent gained only 590 total yards, the second lowest total CU allowed over the previous 42 seasons. Within that run, the Buffs contained a powerful Oklahoma offense to only 230 yards, and Rivals.com selected him as the National Coordinator of the Week for Colorado's 27-24 win over the third-ranked Sooners.

The 2008 team was decimated by injuries on both sides of the ball, but despite all the prolific offenses in the Big 12, CU was the only school in conference action not to allow 500 or more yards in any game. And in a 14-13 win over Kansas State, CU held that precarious 1-point lead the final 25:49 of the game, the longest any team protected a 1- or 2-point lead in Division I-A (and the NFL) in 2008 and the longest a CU defense was asked to do it since 1936.

The 2005 Boise State defense ranked 15th nationally against the run (107.9 ypg), a figure that also topped the WAC; it was also among the best in the nation in forcing turnovers with 26. Collins also had one of his players, linebacker Korey Hall, repeat as a first-team all-WAC performer.

His 2004 unit may have been his best. That year, the Broncos ranked in the top 10 nationally in three categories: interceptions (second), turnovers gained (fifth) and rushing defense (10th), while also finishing 13th in turnover margin.

That same team also ranked first in the WAC in five different categories, including rushing defense (103.9 yards per game), turnover margin (0.83) and interceptions (23), and was also second in total defense (357.8 ypg). Seven of BSU's starters selected were selected either first or second-team or honorable mention All-WAC in 2004, including first-team linebackers Hall and Andy Avalos and cornerback Gabe Franklin.

Those accomplishments followed up on a solid 2003, when BSU ranked in the top 20 nationally in interceptions (sixth), pass efficiency defense (seventh), rushing defense (11th), scoring defense (12th), turnovers gained (14th) and turnover margin (17th). Boise State was also 37th in total defense, and ranked first in the WAC in seven of the nine major categories, including scoring defense (17.1 points per game), rushing defense (100.5 ypg), total defense (348.4 ypg), pass efficiency defense (99.0), interceptions (21) and third down conversion defense (31.3 percent). All three of Collins' linebackers earned All-WAC recognition: Avalos was first-team, Travis Burgher was second-team and Hall an honorable mention selection.

In 2002, Boise State led the WAC in eight defensive categories, and finished 16th in the nation in rushing defense and 17th in scoring defense. One of his linebackers also garnered postseason recognition, as Chauncey Ako was named second-team All-WAC.

During his first year at BSU, he helped develop a young linebacker corps into a solid and deep group. He had one player, Greg Sasser, named second-team All-WAC.

He spent 13 seasons at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., the first full-time position of his career, as he joined the Bear staff under coach Ken Woody as secondary coach for the 1988 season. He was elevated to defensive coordinator a year later under new coach Larry Kindbom, a position he would hold through the 2000 season. In addition to his defensive coordinator duties, Collins also served as the special teams co-coordinator during the 1999 and 2000 seasons, and worked as the school's strength and conditioning coach for his entire 13-year stay.

With Collins at the helm of the defense, Washington University had one of the school's top football decades during the 1990s. In producing a 68-33 record from 1990-2000, Washington University shared three University Athletic Association (UAA) titles and won seven or more games on five occasions. In 1999, Collins coached the top ranked Division III defense in the country, as Washington allowed just 192 yards of total offense per game and a school record 49.8 rushing yards per game in making the NCAA playoffs for the first time in school history.

Prior to joining the Washington University staff, Collins was a graduate assistant at Iowa State University during the 1987 season. He started his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at his alma mater, Washington State, in the spring of 1987.

Collins is a 1987 graduate of Washington State, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education. The defensive team captain as a senior, he lettered four years for WSU at strong safety for coach Jim Walden. He started three seasons (1984-86) and once had three interceptions in a game (versus Stanford as a sophomore in 1984). He received a master's degree in education administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1991.

He was born January 30, 1964 in Wenatchee, Wash., and graduated from Cashmere (Wash.) High School, where he earned a total of 10 letters in football, wrestling and track. He is married to the former Sharon Arthallony, and the couple has two daughters, Taylor Rae (10) and Alexandra (8).

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Western Athletic Conference Performers (4): Chauncey Ako, Andy Avalos, Korey Hall, Greg Sasser.

RECORD—He has coached in 101 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 66-35 (13-24 at Colorado, 53-11 at Boise State); he has coached in five bowl games. He coached in 120 Division III games (76-44), including one playoff game at Washington University.



GREG BROWN

Defensive Passing Game Coordinator / Secondary



Greg Brown is in his fourth year as secondary coach and his third as CU's defensive passing game coordinator, returning in 2006 to the state of Colorado for the third time in his professional career, the second as a member of the Buffalo coaching staff.

Brown, 51, resurfaced at CU in January 2006, named to the staff of new Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins following the completion of the 2005 National Football League season. He wrapped up his fourth and final year as a defensive assistant with the NFL's New Orleans Saints under coach Jim Haslett. In that 2005 season, the Saints' pass defense ranked third in the entire NFL, allowing a paltry 178 yards per game.

A 15-year NFL coaching veteran, developing top notch defensive backs became his specialty as he was often sought after for new coaching staffs around the league, working with six different teams in his professional career.

In his first two seasons at Colorado, he helped tutor Terrence Wheatley, coaching him to first-team All-Big 12 honors and a second round NFL draft pick by the New England Patriots. He has tutored a youthful group of players in his return to Boulder, several of whom should bloom in 2009.

He coached the secondary for three years (1991-93) at Colorado under coach Bill McCartney, tutoring a pair of Jim Thorpe Award winners during his first days at CU: cornerbacks Deon Figures (the 1992 winner) and Chris Hudson (the '94 winner). Colorado led the nation in pass completion defense and the Big Eight in pass defense in 1992; he also coached the kickoff coverage unit on special teams for the Buffs. He joined the CU staff days after the Buffs won their first national championship (January 7, 1991), and returned to the NFL in 1994, joining the Atlanta staff as defensive backs coach; the Falcons finished second that season in the league with 23 interceptions.

He spent the 1995-96 seasons as the secondary coach for San Diego, with the Chargers finishing in the top five both years in fewest yards allowed per completion. He also coached Rodney Harrison, who eventually would become one of the league's top safeties. He moved on to the Tennessee Oilers, coaching the secondary in both 1997 and 1998; he again coached three of the top defensive backs in the game, cornerback Samari Rolle and safeties Blaine Bishop and All-Pro Marcus Robertson.

In 1999, he served as the defensive backs coach for the San Francisco 49ers; a twist with this was that had he not received an NFL offer, he was set to return to Colorado as a member of Gary Barnett's staff when he replaced Rick Neuheisel in January of that year. He rejoined the Atlanta Falcons as secondary coach for the 2000 and 2001 seasons before moving on to New Orleans, where he was a defensive assistant for quality control in 2002 before being promoted to defensive assistant/cornerbacks coach in 2003, a position he held for three seasons with the Saints.

He began his coaching career in 1981 as a graduate assistant at the University of Texas-El Paso, his alma mater, where he worked with the secondary. The following year, 1982, he came back to Colorado, working that fall as a defensive coach at Green Mountain High School in Lakewood.

He made his first move to the professional ranks the following spring, joining the staff of the Denver Gold of the United States Football League (USFL). He coached the secondary for the Gold for two seasons (1983, 1984) before moving on to the National Football League for the first time in the summer of 1984, joining the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Staff. For the Bucs, he coached three different positions: defensive quality control (1984), offensive quality control (1985) and the U-backs/tight ends (1986).

Brown returned to the college game in 1987, coaching the defensive backs for two seasons at the University of Wyoming before doing the same at Purdue University for the 1989 and 1990 campaigns. He then returned home to Colorado for a second time in joining McCartney's staff in 1991.

He graduated from the UTEP in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in education (history/physical education). At UTEP, he lettered twice at cornerback under Bill Michael, and received the Coca-Cola Hold Helmet Award for his play against San Diego State in September 1979. He earned his A.A. degree from Glendale (Ariz.) Junior College in 1978.

He was born October 10, 1957 in Denver, and graduated from Arvada (Colo.) High School, where he lettered in both football and track. His father, Irv, is a long-time Denver radio personality and the former head baseball coach and one-time assistant football coach at the University of Colorado. He is married to the former Stacie Bible, and the couple has two daughters, Hannah (8) and Grace (6).

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (2): Deon Figures (Thorpe Award winner), Chris Hudson (Thorpe Award winner). All-Big Eight/12 Performers (5): Ronnie Bradford, Figures, Eric Hamilton, Hudson, Terrence Wheatley. NFL Players/Draft Picks (6): Ronnie Bradford, Dennis Collier, Figures, Hudson, Steve Rosga, Wheatley. NFL All-Pro Performers (15): Ashley Ambrose, Blaine Bishop, Fakhir Brown, Ray Buchanan, Dale Carter, Scott Case, Rodney Harrison, Darrell Lewis, Tim McDonald, Mike McKenzie, Marcus Robertson, Samari Rolle, Kevin Ross, Lance Schulters, Fred Thomas.

RECORD—He has coached in 120 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 64-54-3 (38-32-3 at Colorado, 21-5 at Wyoming and 5-17 with Purdue); he has coached in six bowl games, including one New Year's Day. Professionally, he coached in 241 National Football League games, including one playoff game, with six different teams (Atlanta twice, New Orleans, San Diego, San Francisco, Tampa Bay, Tennessee), as well as in 36 United States Football League games with the Denver Gold.



ROMEO BANDISON

Defensive Line



Romeo Bandison is in his fourth year as defensive line coach at Colorado, as he was one of four assistants to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Bandison, 38, was Boise State's defensive line coach for five seasons. Under Bandison, the Bronco defensive line anchored one of the top rushing defenses in the country for four seasons (2002-05), as the Broncos ranked in the top 16 in rushing defense all four of those

years: 15th in 2005, 10th in 2004, 11th in 2003 and 16th in 2002.

He had an immediate impact at Colorado, tutoring All-Big 12 Conference defensive end Abraham Wright in 2006, who with 11½ quarterback sacks, registered the most in that category by a Buffalo in 13 seasons. His defensive line was a key component in limiting opponents to just 112.4 rushing yards per game.

In 2007, he coached tackle George Hypolite to All-Big 12 honors, the first non-senior Buff defensive lineman to earn first-team all-conference honors since 1996. Once again, his defensive front played a big role in plugging the run as the Buffs ranked 31st nationally in allowing just 128 yards per game. Hypolite earned second-team honors as a senior in 2008.

At BSU in 2005, two of his players garnered All-Western Athletic Conference honors, Alex Guerrero (first-team) and Andrew Browning (second-team); both were honorable mention performers the previous year. In fact, in his final four years in Boise, he had two linemen recognized with postseason honors each of those seasons, as defensive end Julius Roberts earned first-team All-WAC honors, while Dane Oldham was an honorable mention All-WAC selection in 2003, and in 2002, both Ryan Nelson and Oldham were named to All-WAC teams.

Bandison began his coaching career at his alma mater, the University of Oregon, where he was a standout player for the Ducks before joining the coaching staff. During the 1999 and 2000 seasons, he served as a graduate assistant for the Ducks, working with the defensive line and coordinating the defensive scout team. Oregon made consecutive postseason bowl appearances in those two seasons, winning both the Sun Bowl (1999) and Holiday Bowl (2000).

He also served a two-week internship with the Oakland Raiders in the National Football League prior to the 2002 season.

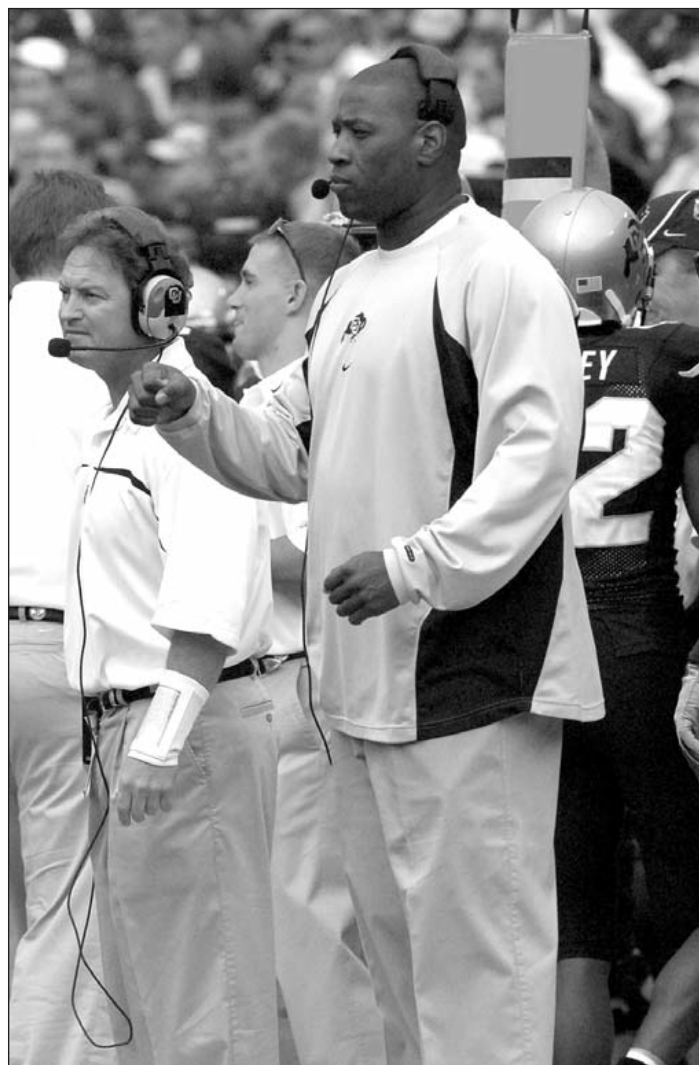
Bandison earned his bachelor's degree in economics in 1994 from the University of Oregon, where he lettered as a defensive end and nose guard for the Ducks from 1990-93. Oregon advanced to two bowl games during his playing career, the Freedom Bowl in 1990 and the Independence Bowl in 1992.

Following his senior season, Bandison played in the Hula Bowl and East-West Shrine Classic all-star games before being selected in the third round of the 1994 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns. Bandison continued his NFL career the next three years (1995-97) as a defensive tackle with the Washington Redskins. He completed his professional playing career in 1998 with the Amsterdam Admirals of the World Football League.

He was born February 12, 1971 in The Hague, The Netherlands, and moved to the United States as a youth and would graduate from Tamalpais High School (Mill Valley, Calif.), where he lettered in football. He is married to the former Amy Kowalewski, and the couple has 3-year old fraternal twins, Dominic and Olivia. (*His first name is pronounced row-may-oh.*)

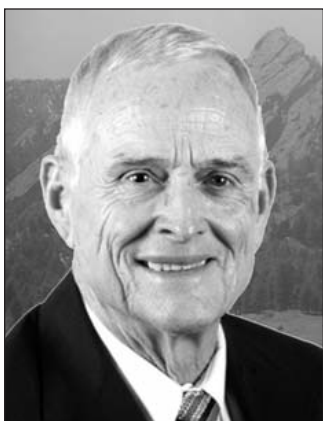
TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Big 12 Conference Performers (2): George Hypolite, Abraham Wright. All-Western Athletic Conference Performers (2): Alex Guerrero, Julius Roberts. NFL Players/Draft Picks (1): Wright.

RECORD—He has coached in 101 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 66-35 (13-24 at Colorado, 53-11 at Boise State); he has coached in five bowl games. Oregon was 19-5 in his two seasons as a graduate assistant coach.



BOB FOSTER

Outside Linebackers



Bob Foster is the newest and oldest addition to the Colorado football staff, joining one-time pupil Dan Hawkins' ranks on June 1, 2009 as outside linebackers coach. At present, the plan is for him to coach just the 2009 season with no recruiting duties.

Foster, 68, is the oldest person ever named a coach, head or assistant, in any sport in Buff history. But the expertise he has gained over four decades of coaching, especially on the defensive side of the ball, was exactly why Hawkins lured his former

mentor out of retirement ... again.

Hawkins was a fullback at UC-Davis when Foster was the school's defensive coordinator in the early 1980s, eventually serving as UCD's head coach from 1989 to 1992. Fast-forward to 1995 when Hawkins was wrapping up his stint as head coach at NAIA power Willamette, and he brought Foster out of retirement to work three seasons as a defensive consultant. The two roamed the sidelines last together in 1997, when Willamette finished 13-1 and reached the NAIA championship game.

He then stayed "un-retired" and joined Mike Bellotti's staff at Oregon as defensive coordinator for the 1998 and 1999 seasons. Bellotti also was a player at UC-Davis during Foster's time there and called upon his old friend those two seasons, in which the Ducks would go 17-7 and earn two bowl invitations. One was the '98 Aloha Bowl against Colorado; the Buffs won in a 51-43 shootout, but had just 397 yards on offense while feasting on six Oregon turnovers with two touchdowns on returns, one on the opening kickoff.

Foster came out of retirement twice to coach the linebackers at California under head coach Jeff Tedford, whom he met while working on the same staff at Oregon. The first stint was the 2002 season, in which he helped turn a 1-10 team into one that went 7-5, and again in 2006 when the Bears finished 10-3.

Foster earned two degrees from UC-Davis, his bachelor's in physical education in 1964 and a master's in the same field in 1974. He began his coaching career at his alma mater as the freshman team head coach for the 1963 and 1964 seasons. He then spent six years (1965-70) at Vanden (Calif.) High School as an assistant coach before returning to Davis as linebacker coach. After coaching the 'backers for seven seasons (1971-77), he was named defensive coordinator for the 1978 season, a position he would hold for 11 years and during which his defenses gained a reputation for being stingy and fundamentally sound.

In 1989, he replaced the legendary Jim Sochor, who coached UCD for 19 seasons, the last 18 with Foster on staff. The Aggies posted a 30-11-1 record in Foster's four seasons as head coach, winning three conference titles and reaching the NCAA Division II playoffs on two occasions.

At UC-Davis, he also coached current Boise State head coach Chris Petersen and Oregon defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti.

He was born January 12, 1941 in Clovis, Calif., and graduated from Analy High School (Sebastapol, Calif.), where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He was a four-year letterman as a running back at UC-Davis from 1958-61, earning All-Far Western Conference honors as a senior. He also lettered twice as an outfielder in baseball for UCD and was inducted into the Aggies' Hall of Fame in 2002. A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, his hobbies include fly-fishing, golf and singing. He is married (Carol) and is the father of two grown sons, Scott and Luke.

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Pacific 10 Conference Performers (2): Wendell Hunter (California), Peter Sirmon (Oregon). NFL Players/Draft Picks (6): Jeff Allen, Bo Eason, Hunter, Casey Merrill, Sirmon, Mike Wise.

RECORD—Overall, he has coached in 317 games on the Division I-A, II and NAIA levels, with a record of 242-68-7. He has coached in 49 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 34-15 (17-7 at Oregon, 17-8 at California); he has coached in three bowl games. Including his 30-11-1 mark as a head coach at Division II UC-Davis, the school posted a 180-48-6 record during his 22 years there as a full-time coach. Willamette was 28-5-1 during his three years at the NAIA school (1995-97).



DARIAN HAGAN

Running Backs



Darian Hagan, one of the names synonymous with Colorado's rise to glory in the late 1980s, is in his fifth season as running backs coach and fifth overall on the CU staff, as he was one of two assistant coaches retained by new CU head coach Dan Hawkins when he was named to the position in December 2005.

Hagan, 39, was named an offensive assistant coach on Gary Barnett's staff on February 9, 2005, and worked with the skill position players on offense in the spring and fall in his first year as a full-time

collegiate assistant.

A popular coach with his players yet with a stern touch, he was coaching true freshman Rodney Stewart on the way to a 1,000-yard season until a season-ending injury sidelined him in the ninth game of the 2008 season. Stewart's 622 yards were the third most by a CU freshman in school history. In 2007, he tutored Hugh Charles to a 1,000-yard year including the Independence Bowl; he has since gone on to play successfully in Canada.

He had a brief taste of coaching in the spring of 2004 as he subbed as secondary coach when the staff was minus a full-time assistant. Otherwise, he was the defensive technical intern for the '04 season, assuming that role in February of that year. It marked the third time he has made the University of Colorado his destination of choice.

Hagan made a difference in his first season (2006) mentoring the running backs, as CU had three 500-plus yard rushers for just the 10th time in its history. He also played a role in the development of quarterback Bernard Jackson, as Hagan's own skills of blending the run and the pass rubbed off on the Buff junior in his first year as a starter. And his persistent coaching helped Hugh Charles run for over 1,000 yards, including the Independence Bowl, in 2007.

He starred at quarterback for the Buffaloes between 1988 and 1991, leading the school to its first national championship, and following his professional playing career, returned in the mid-1990s to work as CU's Alumni C Club Director.

Hagan left CU in the spring of 1998 to work as an area sales manager for the Transit Marketing Group. Three months into his new position, he was promoted to Southeast Regional Sales Manager. He remained in that position for over five years until deciding to pursue his dream as a coach and return to his alma mater for the third time. By working as a technical intern, he learned the intricacies of the profession in a hands-on role in his desire to coach; when a temporary vacancy opened on the staff, he was "activated" as a coach to work with the defensive backs and it added to his penchant for the profession.

Arguably the best all-around athlete in the history of the CU football program, he was an integral part of CU's run at two national championships in 1989 and 1990. The Buffs were 11-1 in 1989, losing to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but went 11-1-1 in 1990 with a win over the Irish in an Orange Bowl rematch to give CU its first national title in football. CU was 28-5-2 with him as the starting quarterback for three seasons, including a 20-0-1 mark in Big Eight Conference games as he led the Buffs to three straight league titles in 1989, 1990 and 1991. His 28-5-2 record as a starter (82.9 winning percentage) is the 37th best in college football history.

In 1989, he became just the sixth player in NCAA history at the time to run and pass for over 1,000 yards in the same season, finishing, as just a

sophomore, fifth in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy. He established the school record for total offense with 5,808 yards (broken three years later by Kordell Stewart), and is one of two players ever at CU to amass over 2,000 yards both rushing and passing along with Bobby Anderson. He was a two-time all-Big Eight performer, and the league's offensive player of the year for 1989 when he also was afforded various All-America honors. He still holds several CU records and was the school's male athlete-of-the-year for the 1991-92 academic year.

In 2002, he was a member of the fourth class to be inducted into CU's Athletic Hall of Fame, and his jersey (No. 3) is one of several to have been honored.

Hagan played for Toronto, Las Vegas and Edmonton over the course of five seasons in the Canadian Football League, mostly as a defensive back and special teams performer. He returned to CU to earn his diploma just prior to his last professional season, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in May 1996. He was hired later that year (December 1) as the Alumni C Club Director, a position he held for 16 months until leaving for an incredible opportunity in private business.

He was born February 1, 1970 in Lynwood, Calif., and graduated from Los Angeles' Locke High School in 1988, where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was drafted in two sports, football (by San Francisco in the fourth round in the 1992 NFL Draft) and baseball (selected as a shortstop by both Seattle and Toronto). He is the father two sons, Darian, Jr. (20) and DeVaughn (17), and a daughter, Danielle (13).

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—CFL Players (1): Hugh Charles.

RECORD— He has coached in 50 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, all at Colorado, with a record of 20-30.





Denver Johnson, a respected coaching veteran whose resume includes nine years as the head coach at Illinois State University, joined the Colorado staff on February 18, 2009 as offensive line coach.

Johnson, 50, summed up his love for coaching offensive linemen the day he was hired. "I have been a head coach for 12 years, but I'm an offensive line coach by trade," he said. "That's my passion, so I am excited to be here at such a critical time." Colorado is very talented but also youthful on the O-line and it's the perfect time for someone with Johnson's resume to coach them.

He resigned as ISU head coach following the 2008 season, announcing the move after the Redbirds' season-ending 17-10 loss to Southern Illinois that dropped Illinois State to 3-8. The Redbirds had winning records in five of his nine years, including a 9-4 mark in 2006, the second most wins in school history.

Johnson was the Redbirds' head coach for nine years, the 2000 through 2008 seasons. He posted a 48-54 record, highlighted by reaching the quarterfinals of the 2006 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (I-AA) and a season-ending No. 8 national ranking. Johnson's teams produced some of the most prolific offensive campaigns in the program's history by establishing 28 offensive school records, including the most points and the most rushing, passing and total yards in a season.

His ISU teams produced 34 players who were afforded some kind of All-America honor and 62 first-team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference selections, including the MVC's first-ever three-time defensive player of the year, Boomer Grigsby; and the offensive and defensive players of the year in 2005 with Laurent Robinson and Brent Hawkins, respectively. During his tenure, the Redbirds also boasted the Valley Football Defensive Player of the Year for five straight seasons, from 2002-06, with Grigsby winning the honor three times, followed by Hawkins and Cameron Siskowic.

Johnson had originally joined the Illinois State staff after a three-year head coaching stint at Murray State, where he compiled a 21-12 mark. He owned a 69-66 career record in his 12 seasons as a head coach.

Johnson graduated with a degree in Business Management from the University of Tulsa in 1981. A four-year letterman at offensive tackle, he helped the Golden Hurricane to the 1976 Independence Bowl as a player and was a two-time All-Missouri Valley Conference offensive lineman under former Ohio State and Arizona State head coach John Cooper. He was also an academic all-conference pick.

He was drafted in the eighth round of the 1981 National Football League Draft by the Tampa Buccaneers, and was with the club for two seasons. He then joined the Los Angeles Express of the now-defunct United States Football League for the 1983 and 1984 seasons and wrapped up his professional career with the USFL's Houston Gamblers in 1985. His USFL playing days included playing stints with quarterbacks **Jim Kelly** and **Steve Young**, both of whom went on to stardom in the NFL.

Following the 1985 USFL season and after four years of playing professional football, he made the decision enter the coaching ranks and began his climb in the fall of '85 as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma State. The Cowboys went 8-4 that season, were at one time ranked as the No. 5 team in the nation and earned a spot opposite Florida State in the Gator Bowl. He traveled with OSU to Boulder that season when the Cowboys eked out a 14-11 win over Bill McCartney's Buffaloes, which were on the rise at the time.

His first full-time coaching job came at Tennessee-Martin, where he was assistant head coach and coached the offensive line for three seasons (1986-88) under head coach Don McCleary, whom Johnson met as a player when McCleary was on the staff of the USFL's Express. His last year there, UTM featured an explosive offense and advanced to the quarterfinals in the NCAA Division II playoffs before finishing the year with an 11-2 record.

Johnson then returned to Stillwater where he would coach the offensive line for Oklahoma State for the next four seasons (1989-92), and was on the sidelines for the '91 game when CU called perhaps its most famous trick play in its history, a fake field goal trailing 12-10 with 12 seconds remaining. With the winds howling as they often do in the plains in November, holder Robbie James completed a 20-yard pass to tight end Christian Fauria and CU won, 16-12 (missing the PAT kick into the wind).

He then joined the staff at Mississippi State where he spent the next three years, also as the offensive line mentor. The 1993 Bulldogs earned a spot in the Peach Bowl, and in 1995, Johnson was recognized as one of the top assistant coaches in the Southeastern Conference. He then returned to Oklahoma for a third time in his coaching career, but this time with the University of Oklahoma for the 1996 season.

Early in 1997, he was named head coach for Murray State. A late hiring process and the loss of several key players from the previous year's team appeared to have Johnson poised for a slow start at MSU, but that was not the case. The Racers responded with a 7-4 mark, the same record they would post in the 1998 and 1999 seasons before Johnson moved on to Illinois State. His first ISU team opened 1-4 and then caught fire, winning its last six and was one of the better teams in I-AA by the end of the year.

He was born October 17, 1958 in Seminole, Okla. He is married to the former Danita Kay Powell, and the couple has two grown daughters, Taylor and Kelsey. He collects vintage cars and guitars, has skydived and lists water skiing as one of his hobbies. Johnson's father, the late Luke Johnson, was a decorated veteran of World War II, and his mother, Claudia, still resides in Seminole, Okla., near the farm on which the family lived. Throughout his career, he has been a public speaker in high demand, as he is known for an interesting delivery style featuring home spun humor with his natural southern drawl.

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Missouri Valley Conference (67); too numerous to list. NFL Players/Draft Picks (7): Boomer Grigsby, Brent Hawkins, Laurent Robinson (SIU), Brian Anderson, Melvin Hayes, Pervis Hunt, Jesse James (MSU).

RECORD—He has been a part of 273 game days in the collegiate coaching ranks across three divisions. He has coached in 89 Division I-A games as a full-time coach (15-17-2 at Mississippi State, 12-30-2 at Oklahoma State, 3-8 at Oklahoma); OSU was 8-4 the year he was a graduate assistant (1985). He has coached in two bowl games (one New Year's Day). He was head coach for 135 Division I-AA games, guiding Murray State and Illinois State to a 69-66 record, and UT Martin was 22-15 in three seasons there, reaching the D-II quarterfinals in 1988.



KENT RIDDLE

Tight Ends / Special Teams



Kent Riddle is in his fourth year as tight ends coach and special teams coordinator at Colorado, as he was one of four assistants to join Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins when he accepted the Colorado position in December 2005.

Riddle, 40, was Boise State's running backs and special teams coach for five seasons, all under Hawkins. Many of his special team units finished regularly in the NCAA top 25, as the kickoff return team was in the top 21 all five years and the punt return team placed in the top 18 the last four seasons. And over the course of his five years, precision

reigned in the kicking game, as BSU kickers converted 96.8 percent of their PAT kicks (330-of-341) and 73.1 percent of their field goal tries (68-of-93).

While his units didn't rank as high as he is accustomed to in his first season at Colorado, he coached two All-Americans: senior placekicker Mason Crosby was a repeat first-team selection, while punter Matt DiLallo was the unanimous first-team Freshman All-America performer.

In 2007, however, Colorado was one of just of just six schools in the nation to rank in the top half in all five special team categories: net punting, punt returns, kickoff returns, punt return defense and kickoff return defense. In 2008, the units were affected a but by injuries in the two-deep that prevented many starters from filling roles, with CU's top unit nationally, kickoff return, finishing 38th in the NCAA with a 22.3 average.

In 2005, Boise State ranked 12th in the nation in kickoff returns (24.2), anchored by Lee Marks, who was 10th nationally as an individual (27.9, 1 TD). The Broncos were also 18th in punt returns (12.8), with Quinton Jones second in the country with a gaudy 20.9 yards per return, including three scores. The coverage units were exceptional as well; BSU was 17th in punt return defense (5.9) and 29th in kickoff return defense (18.7).

Riddle coached placekicker Tyler Jones to an All-American season and a spot as one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award in 2004. Overall, BSU's special teams proved to be as good as any unit in the country. In addition to Jones, punter Kyle Stringer was named second-team all-WAC, averaging 43.9 yards per punt. The Broncos finished third in the nation in punt returns (16.6), 21st in kickoff returns (23.0) and 29th in net punting (37.3 yards). The Broncos also blocked four kicks for the second straight season, including a possible game winning field goal by San Jose State. Following the 2004 season, he spoke at the American Football Coaches Association convention on special teams, one of his many personal highlights.

In 2003, the Broncos ranked 15th in the country in both kickoff and punt returns, following up a 2002 campaign when both finished 13th in the NCAA. The Broncos also led the WAC in punt returns and kickoff coverage, allowing just 17.0 yards per return. In 2001, David Mikell was seventh in the nation in kickoff returns (28.4, 1 TD), leading the team to a 19th place national ranking.

He achieved significant success as the Broncos running back coach as well. Though the perception is out there that Boise State makes its bones as a passing team, the 2005 edition under Riddle's tutelage finished 19th in the NCAA, averaging 202.5 yards per game. That followed up a 2004 effort which saw the Broncos finish 14th nationally (229.8 per game), which was good for second in the WAC, as the "tailback-by-committee" scheme that featured six different players scored a school record 49 touchdowns.

In his first three seasons at Boise State, the Broncos produced a 1,000-yard rusher every year. In 2003, David Mikell earned honorable mention all-WAC honors after rushing for 1,142 yards and 13 touchdowns. In 2002, Brock Forsey was named the WAC Offensive Player of the Year, as he rushed for 1,611 yards (11th in the NCAA), and led the nation in scoring with 26 touchdowns. In his first year, 2001, Forsey was a first-team all-

WAC performer after gaining 1,207 yards.

Riddle had moved on to Boise State after serving as an assistant coach at the United States Military Academy for six seasons. At Army, his first full-time coaching position, he coached the fullbacks for his four seasons there (1995-98), and then switched to special teams coach and recruiting coordinator for the 1999 and 2000 seasons. He worked his first five years there under head coach Bob Sutton, and was retained when Todd Berry was named coach in 2000. Additionally, he worked as Army's junior varsity head coach and offensive coordinator, while also overseeing the program's summer camp. In 1996, he helped coach Army to its only 10-win season in history, as the Black Knights went 10-2, including a loss to Auburn in the Independence Bowl.

Prior to joining the Army staff, Riddle began his coaching career in 1991 as a student assistant football coach at Oregon State University. In 1992, he was promoted to a graduate assistant position with the Beavers, first working one year as the video G.A. before working as the offensive grad assistant in both 1993 and 1994, helping tutor the running backs while also being in charge of preparation for the defensive scout team.

He earned his bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management from Oregon State in 1992, after completing his playing career for the Beavers, as he played quarterback for coach Dave Kragthorpe.

He was born June 25, 1969 in Iowa City, Iowa, and graduated from City High School in Iowa City, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. His grandfather, Bucky O'Connor, was the legendary men's basketball coach at Iowa, where he led the Hawkeyes to a 108-54 record in seven seasons; he coached the '54-55 Hawkeye team that lost to Colorado in the national third place game. He is married to the former Camaren Matlock, and the couple has a son, Connor (8) and daughter Kayleigh (2).

TOP PLAYERS COACHED—All-Americans (3): Mason Crosby, Quinton Jones, Tyler Jones (Lou Groza Award finalist). All-Big 12 Performers (1): Crosby. All-WAC Performers (6): Chris Carr, Brock Forsey, Tim Gilligan, Q.Jones, T.Jones, Kyle Stringer. NFL Players/Draft Picks (4): Carr, Crosby, Forsey, T.Jones. CFL Players/Draft Picks (1): Gilligan.

RECORD—He has coached in 168 Division I-A games as a full-time coach, owning a record of 92-75-1 (13-24 at Colorado, 53-11 at Boise State, 26-40-1 at Army); he has coached in six bowl games. He also worked 44 games in his various roles at Oregon State.



PAUL CREIGHTON

Graduate Assistant (Defense)



Paul Creighton is in his first year as the defensive graduate assistant, as he joined the Colorado staff in February 2009.

Creighton, 26, returns to his alma mater after a stint at Auburn University where he was the graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach for two years.

Originally a walk-on at Colorado where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 2006, he was placed on scholarship after just one semester. In 2002, he practiced all fall at tight end and earning the Scout Team Offense award for the Big 12 Championship

game against Oklahoma. He then saw action 47 games at Colorado at tight end, fullback and extensively on special teams. In 2003, he saw action in 11 games and earned two special teams points. In 2004, he played in all 13 games including the Houston Bowl and saw action at both tight end and fullback due to injuries as well as special teams. As a junior in 2005, he finished fourth on in special teams points and played in all 13 games including the Champs Sports Bowl. He missed two games as a senior in 2006 but saw action in 11 games plus the Independence Bowl and started two games when the Buffs opened the game in a two-tight end formation.

He was born July 22, 1983 in Tecumseh, Neb., and graduated from Niwot High School in Niwot, Colo., in 2002. He lettered three times in football at both tight end and defensive end and was an all-state player as a senior. He also lettered in basketball four times, earning honorable mention all-state honors as a senior, and outdoor track three times where he was an all-conference and all-region selection in the 110-m hurdles. He is married to the former Kathleen Almon.



SKYLER FULTON

Graduate Assistant (Offense)



Skyler Fulton is in his first year as the offensive graduate assistant, as he joined the Colorado staff in February 2009.

Fulton, 27, comes to Colorado after a professional career that saw him have stints with the Indianapolis Colts, Minnesota Vikings and Seattle Seahawks in the NFL and one season in NFL Europe with the Amsterdam Admirals. In 2006, he had 53 receptions for 992 yards and seven touchdowns for the Admirals while racking up six 100-yard receiving games. Both his 992 yards and six 100-yard receiving games

were Admirals' season records while the latter is also the NFL Europe record. He was just 32 yards shy of the league receiving record and missed some action with a hamstring injury late in the season. In 2007 he returned to the Admirals and had 49 receptions for 650 yards and five touchdowns.

He graduated with a degree in elementary education in 2003 from Arizona State University, where he lettered four times in football and one in baseball between 2000 and 2003. He began his career at Arizona State as a running back before moving to wide receiver his sophomore year. He finished his Arizona State career with 99 receptions for 1,324 yards and 14 touchdowns, including a breakout senior year when he had 62 receptions for 901 yards and 10 touchdowns, enough to earn him honorable mention All-Pac 10 and ASU's offensive player of the year accolades. His 62 receptions and 10 touchdowns were at the time the fourth-best season totals in Sun Devil history and both still rank in the top six. He also earned first-team Academic All-District VII honors and was one of just 11 Division I-A players named to the AFCA Good Works Team for his commitment to community service.

Prior to returning to Arizona State for his senior season, he played baseball at Skagit Valley Junior College in Mt. Vernon, Wash., and was drafted in the 22nd round of the 2002 Major League Baseball draft by the New York Yankees. He was also drafted in the 25th round of the 2000 MLB Draft by the New York Mets.

He was born June 17, 1982 in Olympia, Wash., and graduated from Capital High School in 2000 as a prep All-American in both football and baseball. He was named the player of the game as Capital won the state football championship his senior season. He lettered four times in baseball and three in football and captained both teams his senior year and the baseball squad his junior year, as well. He has one son, Jaden, 3.



ASHLEY AMBROSE

Technical Intern (Defense)



Ashley Ambrose is in his second year as Colorado's defensive technical intern, as he assumed the role in March 2008. This fall will be a transitional one for him, as he is being groomed personally for the receivers coaching position by head coach Dan Hawkins, who is mentoring the group in 2009.

Ambrose, 38, brings a wealth of professional experience to the Buffalo staff after a long and distinguished career in pro football. It was in the National Football League where he became acquainted with Greg Brown, CU's secondary coach. Brown coached him

at both Atlanta and New Orleans and helped bring him to Colorado.

Ambrose played 13 seasons in the NFL after being selected by Indianapolis in the second round (29th pick overall) out of Mississippi Valley State. He played four seasons with the Colts (1992-95), three with Cincinnati (1996-98), three with New Orleans (1999, 2003-04) and three with Atlanta (2000-02). He earned All-Pro honors with the Bengals in 1996, when he was also the AFC Defensive Back of the Year. During his career, he had 42 interceptions, returning three for touchdowns, and also had 178 pass deflections to go with 514 tackles (464 solo).

After 192 games (which included 135 starts), he retired from professional football after the 2004 season, and started to enjoy his retirement. But got right back into football a year later, spending the 2006 season as an intern coach with the Atlanta Falcons.

He earned his degree in industrial technology in 1992 from MVSU, where he lettered four years at cornerback. He had 17 interceptions, 40 pass deflections and 110 tackles during his college career, when he also had seven kick returns for touchdowns (four punt, three kickoff).

He has long been active in community service, as he developed the

"Ashley Ambrose All-A's Club" that rewarded high school football players who excelled academically. He participated in VH-1's Save the Music program and in the NFL United Way Hometown Huddles Campaign among many things he did as a professional, which included donating hundreds of tickets to scholar-athletes.

A native of New Orleans, he graduated from Alcee Fortier High School in 1988, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He has two children, Aisha (10) and A.J. (8)



BRAD BEDELL

Technical Intern (Offense)



Brad Bedell is in his third year as the offensive technical intern on the Colorado staff, as he returned to his alma mater in the spring of 2007 after retiring from professional football.

Bedell, 32, wrapped up his pro career for the Houston Texans in 2006, playing in nine games, and then decided to retire in June of this year. His desire to coaching has led him back to CU, where he was an All-American, earning two letters as an offensive guard for the 1998 and 1999 seasons, respectively, under coaches Rick Neuheisel and Gary Barnett.

He saw action in 40 National Football League games, including four starts, playing for the Cleveland Browns (2000-01), the Miami Dolphins (2003), the Green Bay Packers (2004-05) and Houston. He missed the 2002 season recovering from an injury.

At Colorado, he earned first-team All-America honors from the Football Writer's Association of America as a senior in 1999, with the Associated Press selecting him to its second team, which also named him first-team All-Big 12. That season, he had 24 touchdown blocks and was in for 834 plays at guard and on special teams, the second most on the team. He received a medical redshirt for the 1997 season after a neck injury sidelined him following the second game of the season. He started 24 of 26 games in his CU career, grading out at 89 percent over his final two seasons. He was a third-team all-league performer as a junior.

He was a member of two bowl champion teams for the Buffaloes, as CU defeated Oregon 51-43 in the '98 Aloha Bowl and Boston College 62-28 in the '99 Insight.com Bowl. He was a large part of an offense that racked up 113 points and 920 yards on offense in the two wins.

A sociology major at Colorado, he was working toward completing his degree this summer, as he pursued his pro football career immediately after his eligibility expired.

He was born February 12, 1977 in Arcadia, Calif., and graduated from Arcadia High School where he earned honorable mention All-America honors in football. He earned his A.A. degree from Mt. San Antonio College in 1997, as he was a first-team JUCO All-American and was rated as the top junior college offensive lineman and the No. 4 overall JC performer. He is married to the former Jessica Marie.



JEFF PITMAN

Director of Strength & Conditioning



Jeff Pitman is in his fourth year as Colorado's director of speed-strength and conditioning, having joined the program in May 2006, just ahead of summer conditioning.

He works directly on a day-to-day basis with football, while overseeing the speed, strength and conditioning needs of all 16 CU varsity programs. In his first year with the Buffaloes, his coaching regimen and techniques, which includes a no frills and no nonsense approach, made a difference in the overall strength of the football team, and that has continued annually as players are

posting improved numbers across the board in all facets of the conditioning program.

He instituted the Iron Buffalo Award in 2007 to recognize those at each position who represent hard work, dedication, toughness and total poundage lifted in the weight room; the winners are selected by him and his staff.

Pitman, 38, came to CU from Boise State, his alma mater, where he spent seven years as the head strength and conditioning coach. He played an integral role in the Broncos emerging as the dominant school in the Western Athletic Conference, winning six league championships in that span. He thus was reunited with former BSU head football coach Dan Hawkins and four of his assistants, all of whom moved on to Colorado in December 2005; the group spent six football seasons together in Boise.

His first full-time strength and coaching position was as an assistant at Montana State University, as he was with the Bobcats from 1995 to 1997; he was in charge of the programs specifically for football, women's skiing and women's track. He then moved on to San Jose State University in the fall of 1997, where he supervised the training programs for all 16 of the Spartan sport teams for the next two years before returning to his alma mater.

He is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NCSA), and is also certified as a level one club coach by USA Weightlifting.

A three-year letterman at center for Boise State from 1990-92, he originally walked on to the team in 1988, eventually earning a scholarship and becoming a two-year starter at center. He was a member of the Broncos' 1990 team that finished 10-4, advancing to the semifinals of the Division I-AA playoffs, where the Broncos went down fighting in three overtimes to Nevada.

Dedicated to hard work in the weight room, Pitman was recognized as an NCSA Strength and Conditioning All-America in 1992, one of 10 BSU players in history to win the award.

He graduated from Boise State with a degree in health promotion in 1993, and immediately went to work as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach for the University of Minnesota. While coaching for the Gophers, he earned his master's degree in education in the spring of 1995.

Born September 14, 1970 in Melba, Idaho, he grew up on a dairy farm near the Snake River and graduated from Melba High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track (throws). He is married to the former Gina Muralt, and the couple has two sons, Nicholai (12) and Jacob (9), and a daughter, Isabelle (7).



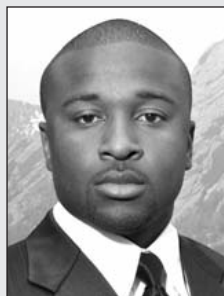
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	Power Clean	Hang Clean	Squat	Bench	Vertical Jumps	40's	Pro Agility
Offensive Line	Solder 407 Stevens 356 Tau 353	Solder 445 Ils 393 Tau 391	Solder 622 Clark 605 Stevens 565	Ils 411 Stevens 388 Mier 377	Solder 34.0 Ils 30.0 Owens 28.5	Solder 4.86 Ils 5.22 Bahr 5.38	Ils 4.58 Owens 4.61 Solder 4.64
Defensive Line	Herod/Oli 370 Lasson 364 Goldberg/Poremba 334	Herod 426 Lasson 396 Correll/Oli 375	Correll/Herod 677 Goldberg/Lasson 616 Poremba 584	Herod 405 Gore 389 Sale 365	O'Neill 32.5 Cooney/Lasson 31.0 Oli 30.5	O'Neill 4.84 Herod 5.00 Cunningham 5.07	O'Neill 4.40 Poremba 4.54 Perick 4.57
Linebackers	Burton 381 Beatty 375 Atiles/Harigan/Spli 353	Burton 445 Atiles 415 Spili 402	Burton 696 Stangel 605 Atiles/Beatty 561	Burton 354 Beatty/Major 327 Stangel 316	Burton 4.78 Burton 35.0 Smart 34.5	Burton 4.78 Smart 4.83 Rippy 4.84	Beatty 4.28 Stangel 4.35 Burton 4.37
Tight Ends	Shanahan 353	Behrens 415	Behrens 683	Walters, L. 347	Devenny 35.0	Devenny 4.79	Walters 4.33
Full Back	Walters 342 Behrens 334	Shanahan 375 Walters 364	Devenny 605 Adams 527	Shanahan 344 Devenny 333	Owshan 32.0 Shanahan 30.5	Walters 4.90 Coer 4.96	Devenny 4.46 Shanahan 4.55
Runningbacks	Surfiter 347 Scott 342 Nabors 323	Surfiter 375 Stewart 364 Lockridge 347	Moyd 636 Nabors 633 Surfiter 594	Moyd 394 Stewart 352 Surfiter 335	Lockridge 36.5 Scott 36 Nabors 34.0	Lockridge 4.45 Scott 4.49 Stewart 4.54	Stewart 4.11 Scott 4.20 Nabors 4.30
Defensive Backs	Sandersfield 358 Smith, J. Perkins 353 Meyer 323	Smith, J. 393 Hawkins J/Sandersfield 375 Perkins 370	Jaffee/Perkins 605 Smith, J. 561 Hawkins, J. 538	Perkins 36.5 Hawkins, J. 333 Jaffee 317	Smith, J. 35.5 Makrakis/Vigo 36.0 Smith, J. 35.5	Smith, J. 4.44 Jaffee 4.53 Burney 4.54	Burney 4.00 Sandersfield 4.11 Jaffee/Smith, J. 4.17
Wide Receivers	Espey 317 Makrakis 311 Simas 300	Han 364 Espey/Makrakis 335 Simas 301	Espey 561 Simas 516 Makrakis 500	Espey 316 Marwell 272 Makrakis 266	Ebner 35.5 Espey 34.0 Marwell 33.5	Ebner 4.65 Simas 4.75 Espey 4.77	Espey 4.16 Makrakis 4.21 Simas 4.26
Quarterbacks	Hansen 300 Hawkins 284	Hawkins 311 Hansen 294	Hansen 472 Hawkins 461	Hansen 268 Hawkins 266	Hansen 28.5 Hawkins 28.5	Hansen 4.68 Hawkins 4.68	Hawkins 4.31 Hawkins 4.35
Specialists	Drescher 323 Binow 317 DiLallo 300	Drescher 347 Binow 318 DiLallo 311	DiLallo/Drescher 527 Binow 466 Goodman 427	DiLallo/Drescher 268 Binow 278 Davis 277	Binow 29.0 Goodman 28.5 DiLallo 27.5	Goodman 4.92 DiLallo 5.00 Drescher 5.19	DiLallo 4.49 Drescher 4.57 Goodman 4.81



strength to move mountains

"The strength of a Buffalo lies not in the **INDIVIDUAL** but in the **HERD.**"



Nate Solder earns No. 4 ranking on ESPN.com's Workout Warrior:

4. Nate Solder, Colorado, OT: A handful of five-star recruits have come to CU in the past few years. Solder wasn't one of them. He was deemed an average tight end prospect by the online recruiting services, but man, has he blossomed in Boulder. He's now a chiseled 6-8, 300-pound junior with a staggering 8.3 percent body fat according to the school, which had him tested in the Bod Pod, a system for measuring body composition. The guy practically makes Dwight Howard look like a Van Gundy. Solder's workout numbers are just as impressive: He power-cleans 407, hang-cleans 445, back squats 622, vertical jumps 34 inches and runs the 40 in 4.86 seconds.

The weight room overlooks Folsom Field and its mountain view giving CU athletes one of the best views in the nation. The Speed-Strength & Conditioning Center is home to more than 100 football players where each one is trained by a certified staff in an individualized manner.





ROBERT TUCKER
Director of Football Operations

Robert Tucker is in his third year as the director of football operations and recruiting and his fourth year overall at the University of Colorado, having joined the CU staff in January 2006 in continuing his long association with head coach Dan Hawkins.

He was promoted to his current position in the spring of 2007 after serving as the assistant in his first year in Boulder.

Tucker, 35, came to Colorado with Hawkins from Boise State, where he spent five seasons as the Broncos safeties coach and recruiting coordinator. In four of those five seasons, he coached one of his safeties to first-team All-WAC honors, including Quintin Mikell, who was the 2002 Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year who has gone on to play in the National Football League with the Philadelphia Eagles.

He first joined the Boise State coaching staff in 2000, working as a defensive graduate assistant for the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl champions. He was then promoted to full-time status the next season.

Prior to arriving at Boise State, Tucker served as teamwork coordinator at the University of Oregon for the 1999 season (from June to January), spending most of his time with the Ducks specializing in recruiting.

Tucker graduated from Willamette University in 1997 with a degree in psychology, where he played for Hawkins. He earned four letters in football, playing defensive back, and earned NAIA Honorable Mention All-American honors at safety as a senior in 1996.

His first coaching position came at his alma mater, as for the 1997 and 1998 seasons, he was the assistant defensive backs and defensive line coach, the first year under Hawkins and the next for Mark Speckman. In his two years as an assistant coach, Tucker helped Willamette go 20-4, win a conference championship and advance to the NAIA National Championship game in '97.

Following each of those seasons, from January to June, Tucker crossed the Atlantic and was a player/coach for the semi-pro Molosses team in Asnieres of the French Federation of American Football. Tucker led the team to an overall two-year record of 17-6-1 as the team's head coach, including playing in the 1999 French National Championship. He then moved on to Division I-A football for the first time and joined the Oregon program.

While coaching at Boise State, Tucker earned his master's degree in physical education and athletic administration from Idaho State University in 2001.

He was born July 10, 1974 in Tucson, Ariz., and graduated Grant High School (Sacramento, Calif.) in 1993, where lettered in football and baseball. He is married to the former Oriana Santos.



TODD RITTER
Coordinator of On-Campus Recruiting

Todd Ritter enters his second season on the University of Colorado football staff as a full-time employee and his first season as coordinator of on-campus recruiting. Previously, he served as the assistant to the head coach in 2008 and was a volunteer assistant in the football operations

office during the 2006 and '07 seasons.

Ritter, 29, was enrolled in a Ph.D. program for political science at the University of Colorado from 2005-06. Prior to enrolling at CU, he was an assistant coach for linebackers at Colorado College in 2004.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Albion College in Albion, Mich., in 2001 where he lettered four times in football and three in baseball. He earned all-conference mention as a defensive back and on the diamond, he played third base and shortstop.

He earned a master's degree in public administration from Valdosta State College in December 2003 and served as a graduate assistant football coach during the 2002 and '03 seasons there. Valdosta State recorded a 24-3 record those two years and lost in the NCAA Championship game in 2002.

Born March 28, 1980 in Rochester, Mich., he graduated from Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Mich., where he lettered in baseball and football three times and basketball once. He is single.



CHIP MARKS
Coordinator of Administration

Chip Marks enters his first season as coordinator of football administration at the University of Colorado after joining the staff in June 2009.

Marks, 41, came to Colorado from the Colorado School of Mines where he was an assistant wide receivers coach in 2008. Prior to his stint at Mines, he was an assistant coach at Legacy High School in Broomfield, Colo., where he helped guide the Lightning to the state quarterfinals in 2007.

A 1990 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, he played football for the Falcons from 1986-88 and he also played two seasons for the baseball team at the Academy. He garnered academic and military recognition as a member of the Dean's List, Commandant's List and Superintendent's List during his time there. From 1990-97, he served on active duty as an Air Force officer, attaining the rank of Captain where he served in various roles.

He earned a master's degree from the University of Arkansas. He served in the private sector as a bank vice president, specializing in agricultural finance and also held various corporate board positions and served as an elected county official. He continues to operate a small farming and livestock business in Colorado during the off season.

Born December 14, 1967 he attended Smoky Hill high school in Aurora, Colo., where he earned multiple letters in baseball and football and was named the school's athlete of the year. He is married to the former Ruth Rhea and the couple has two daughters, Kristen and Abby.



JASHON SYKES
Coordinator of Football Relations

Jashon Sykes is in his fourth year as a member of the football staff, his first as the coordinator of football relations after working two years as the assistant director of on-campus recruiting. He returned to his alma mater in August 2006 as an administrative assistant, working in recruiting and operations, after retiring from professional football.

This fall he will become an area radio personality, co-hosting *In The Red Zone* alongside Andy Zodin Saturdays on 1510AM (Mile High Sports Radio) between 10:00-Noon through the Super Bowl.

Sykes, 29, spent the four years prior to his return in the National Football League, signing on as a free agent with the Denver Broncos after his CU career and was on the team's practice squad for the 2002 season. He was a member of the team the next two years, starting 11 games at

linebacker in 2003 (including a playoff game at Indianapolis), as he had 65 tackles, two fumble recoveries and a blocked punt for the NFL's fourth-ranked defense. He ended his career with the Washington Redskins.

At Colorado, he finished his career 10th all-time in tackles (330), tied for 16th in quarterback sacks (12½), tied for 12th in tackles for loss (33) and tied for fifth in forced fumbles (7). Interestingly, he has had 14 tackles each time out in three games versus Nebraska for 42 of those 330. As a senior in 2001, he started the first four games of the season, but a herniated disc and subsequent operation ended his season. He decided to forego pursuing a medical redshirt and declared for the NFL draft. He had been on the official watch lists for both the Butkus and Lombardi awards.

As a junior (2000), he earned honorable mention all-Big12 honors as he had 111 tackles (78 solo), 13 third down stops, three-and-a-half sacks, four hurries, two pass deflections and interception. He had at least seven tackles in all 11 games, and hit double figures eight times. His sophomore season, he blossomed into one of the nation's top linebackers at CU's new defensive position, "hawk" linebacker, one of two inside positions in the CU scheme. He earned defensive MVP honors in the Insight.com Bowl, when he had nine tackled and returned an interception for a touchdown against Boston College. He earned second-team All-America honors from the *Football News*, with the *Associated Press* selecting him first-team All-Big 12. He was selected by his teammates as the Zack Jordan Award winner as CU's most valuable player, and he also won the Dave Jones Award for the most outstanding defensive player as presented by the coaching staff. He led the team and was second in the Big 12 in tackles with 134 (including 82 solo), just the fifth sophomore to lead the Buffs since tackles started being tracked in 1965. He forced seven fumbles, which not only set a school record, but led the nation as well.

He developed rapidly his true freshman year, as he played in all 12 games and started four of the last five, including the Aloha Bowl. He finished seventh on the team in tackles with 52 (31 solo), with 28 in the last four regular season games including 14 at Nebraska; the 52 tackles were the most ever by a true freshman at the time. He was a co-winner of the Lee Willard Award, presented by the coaching staff to the most outstanding freshmen, and *The Sporting News* selected him as a first-team freshman All-American.

As a high school senior at Serra (Los Angeles), he earned a host of All-America honors, and received the maximum 10 votes in being names to the prestigious *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Best-In-West team. He also lettered three times in tracks (sprints) and once in basketball.

Born September 25, 1979 in Los Angeles, Calif., he graduated with a degree in Ethnic Studies from CU in 2002, and is taking graduate courses in Business Administration. He is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Qiana Turner, and the couple has two daughters, Joslyn (5) and Autumn (born Nov. 2007). As a player, he played with a small bible on the left side of his football pants. It was given to him from his grandmother on her deathbed before he watched her take her last breath, and he thinks about her and that situation before every game.



ZACHARY DICKSON
Recruiting & Operations Specialist

Zach Dickson is in his second year as the recruiting and operations specialist, assuming the role in the spring of 2008. The position includes coordinating recruit correspondence and working with the director of football operations on day to day needs of the program.

He is in his fourth season working with recruiting and operations and his sixth year within the Colorado football program, starting out as a freshman equipment manager for the 2004 season.

Dickson, 24, graduated with a degree in Communication from the University of Colorado in 2007.

He was born on June 27, 1985 in Boulder, and graduated from Peters Township High School in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 2003, where he lettered in football and baseball. His great grandfather, Andrew Dickson, won the 1934 contest that established the permanent nickname of the CU's sports teams as the Buffaloes; he won the grand prize of \$5.



MATT MUELLER
Operations Intern

Matt Mueller enters his second year on the University of Colorado football staff as an operations intern after joining the program in May 2008.

Mueller, 29, came to Colorado from Independence Community College in Independence, Kan. where he served as the wide receivers coach for a year-and-a-half (spanning two spring seasons and one fall). He also taught math courses at Independence.

He graduated from Grand Valley State in May 2006 with a degree in physical education with a minor in elementary education. He played football one season for the Lakers as a wide receiver as the team won its first NCAA championship in 2002. Mueller went up against fellow CU operations staff member Todd Ritter in that championship game as Ritter served as a graduate assistant at Valdosta State that season. He then was a student-assistant as the team defended its title in 2003 and worked some with the team through his graduation in 2006.

He began his college career at Michigan Tech, redshirting the 1999 season and playing wide receiver in 2000 and '01 and he played in 20 consecutive games.

He was born March 27, 1980 in Negaunee, Mich., and attended Negaunee high school in the Upper Peninsula. He earned various letters in basketball, football and track & field and was an all-conference wide receiver and honorable mention all-conference defensive back. He has two brothers, Chris and Josh, who both played defensive back at Michigan Tech and one brother-in-law, Andy Leuhmann, who was a linebacker there. Another brother-in-law, Jason Lawson, played defensive back at Northern Michigan. He is married to the former Elizabeth Luehmann.



KIRK JONES
Operations Assistant

Kirk Jones enters his first year on the University of Colorado football staff after joining the staff as a student intern for the operations staff in January 2009. This fall, he will move into the role of an operations assistant.

Jones, 24, graduated from Metro State College in Denver in May 2009 with a degree in sport industry operations. Jones attended the University of Colorado from 2003 to 2006 before transferring to Metro State.

Born Dec. 8, 1984 in Grand Junction, Colo., he attended Grand Junction high school where he lettered in cross country and track and field and also played baseball and basketball. He was an all-conference and all-region track and cross country performer from his sophomore through senior seasons. He is single.



BEN STEELE

Operations Assistant

Ben Steele enters his first year on the University of Colorado football staff as an operations assistant after joining the program in March 2008.

Steele, 31, came to Colorado from Mesa State College, where he was an offensive assistant coach in 2008. Prior to returning to his alma mater at Mesa State to coach, he attended the Harvard Business School as part of the NFL Executive Business Program in 2006 where he received master's credit from the school.

Steele played in the National Football League for seven seasons, signing with the San Francisco 49ers in 2001 and earning a spot on the practice squad there as a tight end. He then signed with the Oakland Raiders for the 2002 season where he was a practice squad member for the Oakland team that advanced to Super Bowl XXXVII. He was a member of the Minnesota Vikings in 2003 before signing with the Green Bay Packers for the 2004-05 seasons and finishing his career on the Houston Texans from 2006-07.

He saw NFL game action in Green Bay in both 2004 and '05, playing in 17 games and registering four receptions for 42 yards on offensive and 15 tackles while playing special teams. He also signed with the Frankfurt Galaxy for the 2002 season where he recorded 11 receptions for 110 yards and a touchdown.

He graduated from Mesa State College (Grand Junction, Colo.) in 2001 with a degree in communications, with an emphasis in broadcasting. While there he worked at various local media outlets including KMSA radio and he also returned to Grand Junction to work at KKCO NBC 11 News where he served as the weekend sports anchor during the off season in 2002 and '03. He earned all-conference honors at Mesa State as a junior and senior year played in a Division II all-star game.

He started his collegiate career at Fort Lewis College, where he played football from 1996-98. He redshirted the 1996 season and then played tight end in 1997 and '98 where he hauled in 10 receptions for 84 yards and one touchdown.

He was born May 27, 1978 in Denver and attended Palisade High School in Palisade, Colo., where he played basketball and football. He is married to the former Rachel Stophlet.



JEAN ONAGA

Administrative Assistant

Jean Onaga is in her 24th year with the Colorado football program as the administrative assistant to the assistant coaches, handling all secretarial duties for both the offensive and defensive coordinators and each staff as well. In addition, she coordinates all football office volunteers and facilitates program activities and events including: pro-scout visits, Pro Timing Day, Junior Team Pro Day, Coaches' Clinic, Passing Jamboree and Big Man DL-OL Camp.

She joined the football staff in January, 1986. She is the longest continuous employee in the football department; only four current employees have been associated with the entire athletic department longer than her. She has worked with four CU head coaches: Bill McCartney, Rick Neuheisel, Gary Barnett and presently with Dan Hawkins.

For her years of service, Jean was recognized as an honorary member of the Alumni C Club by the Board of Directors during CU-Missouri game on November 3, 2007.

Originally from Honolulu, Hawai'i, Jean and her husband Loren, moved to Boulder in 1985. She graduated from McKinley High School and graduated from Kapiolani Community College with a degree in business.



Returning football operations student assistants. From left, Brian Weickmann (second season), Matt Butterfield (third season), Matt Dvorkin (second season), Rick Thomas (third season)

Sports video & buffvision

CU has two of the best video departments in college athletics. The sports video department shoots all coaches game and practice film and with a state-of-the-art system that is connected to more than 50 terminals throughout Dal Ward, so coaches and players have unparalleled access to game and practice film.

CU's BuffVision department runs the in-game video boards, produces the Buffalo Stampede coaches show and handles the BuffsTV portion of CUBuffs.com. BuffVision is tops in the industry and has received seven national awards including multiple Telly Awards.



CU Football's BuffVision and Sports Video Staffs



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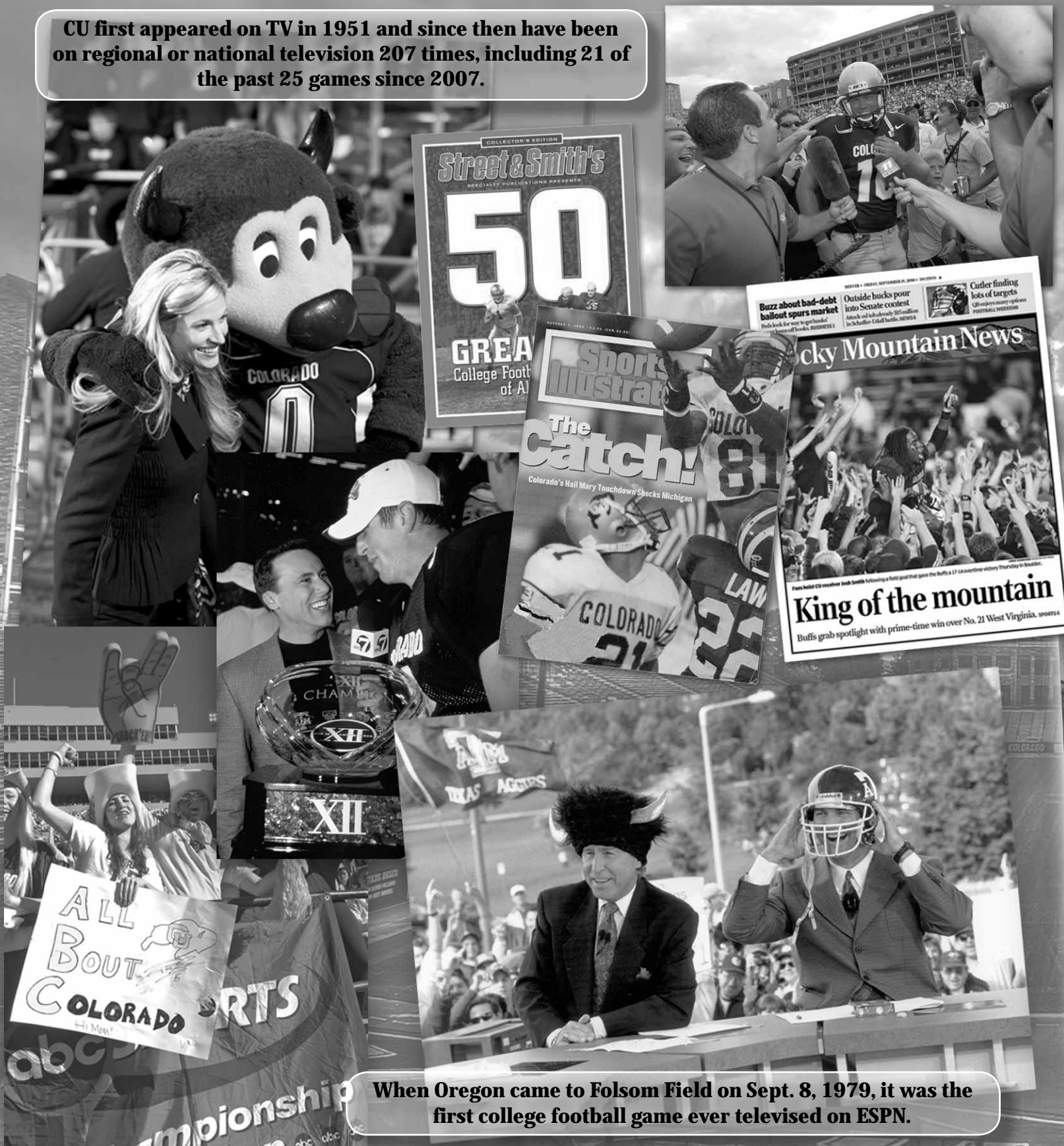


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Assistant Athletic Trainer



A Program In The Spotlight

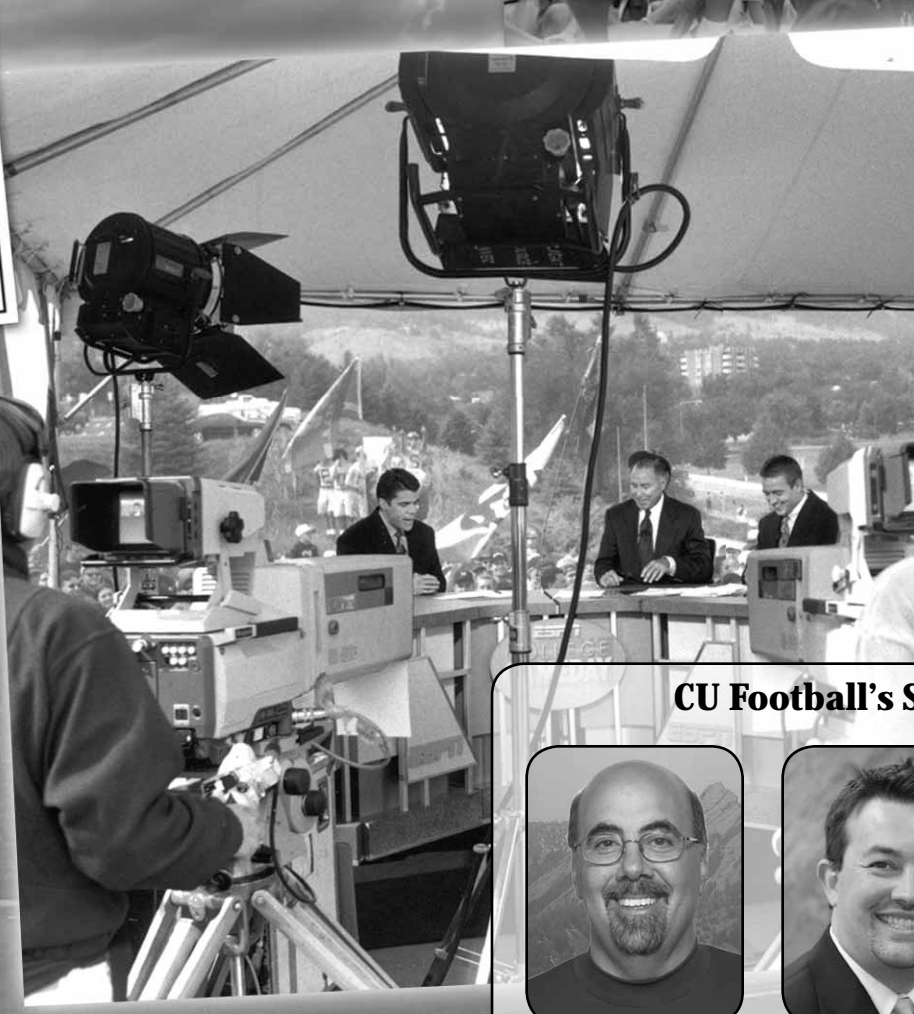
CU first appeared on TV in 1951 and since then have been on regional or national television 207 times, including 21 of the past 25 games since 2007.



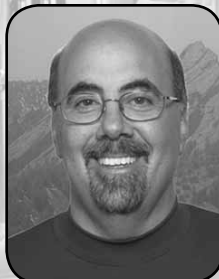
When Oregon came to Folsom Field on Sept. 8, 1979, it was the first college football game ever televised on ESPN.

Sports Information Staff

The Best Damn Sports Show aired live from CU's campus the Friday prior to Colorado's 2004 season opening victory over Colorado State.



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Nick Sprouse
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The University of Colorado and Nike, Inc., have been partners since 1995, as CU was selected to be part of Nike's initial group of schools they choose to partner with.

Colorado's exclusive contract with Nike calls for the company to supply all 16 varsity sports programs with practice gear and game uniforms.

CU's football uniforms were designed by Nike and made exclusively for the Buffaloes in 2008. They consisted of new age fabrics and materials that provided maximum benefit to the student-athletes.

The 2009 uniforms will also be exclusive to the Buffs with the new features providing a unique advantage.

Colorado's contract with the world's largest shoe manufacturer provides both equipment and financial support to the CU athletic department.

CU benefits from Nike's foresight as the company lends research for new products and designs to make things better for all student-athletes.

Steps program

STEPS is a program designed to assist graduating student-athletes as they transition to life after the university setting.

The “Learn to Earn” workshop with Alice Swanson, a veteran of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Leeds School of Business helps with interview skills, job placement and contract negotiation.

Susan Morley from the Leeds School of Business trains about Personal Financial Planning, which is a playbook for life and is a guide to understanding and planning your financial future.

Student-athletes participate in an exit interview to discuss their experience with a senior level administrator.

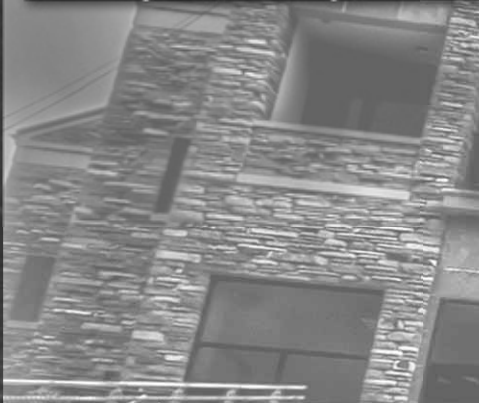
Student-athletes complete a final medical physical to review medial history with the Office of Sports Medicine and to discuss lingering injuries.

Career services available for student-athletes include help with a resume / folio 21, CSO On-Line, Letters of Recommendation (4-6), Job Fairs and Post-Graduate Test Preparation.

Dr. Jan Johnson, CU’s psychologist, offers one-on-one counseling sessions to athletes learning to cope with the impending life changes once their careers have ended.

The Alumni C-Club is available for student-athletes to stay connected to CU through membership.

A graduation checklist is made available as well as help with post-graduate scholarships and a professional sports counseling panel.



Pictured:

Upper and lower left: Ceal Barry discusses the STEPS program. Middle left: former soccer player Katie Griffin, former football players Lorenzo Sims and Tyler Polumbus. Right page from the top: Ryan Miller and Victoria Almagno during the academic awards banquet. Conrad Obi and Maurice Cantrell also accepted awards at the banquet. Also pictured is one of CU’s high tech computer labs.

Unprecedented academic success

The CU football team has been enjoying unprecedented success in the classroom. In the fall of 2008, the Buffs recorded the highest team GPA for a fall semester in history with a 2.545 average.

The Buffs then followed up that impressive performance by recording a 2.637 GPA in the spring 2009 semester. The 2.637 average is the highest on record for any semester for the football program.

"This particular group of student athletes has a very strong work-ethic," Director of Academic Kris Livingston said. "They worked hard all year and they were rewarded with a collective GPA that set new standards for the program at CU."

CU Football's Academic Support Staff



Ceal Barry
Associate AD/SWA



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Director of Academics



Ryan Kataoka
Academic Coordinator



Melanie Zaharias
Academic Coordinator

A program that cares



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