



*Respect the Past...*

# **A PROGRAM OF TRADITION**



## **Catch**

Colorado's Hail Mary Touchdown Shocks Michigan



*Trust*

*Passion*

*Leadership*

*Hard Work*

*Attention to Details*

*Blue-Collar Attitude*

*Standard of Excellence*

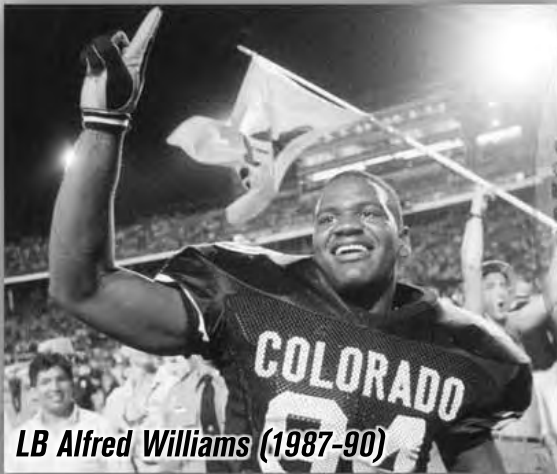
*Mental & Physical Toughness*

*Integrity & Discipline*

*...Represent the Future*



# STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE



*LB Alfred Williams (1987-90)*



*Colorado players pose with the Big 12 Championship trophy in 2001 after beating Texas.*



*TB Hugh Charles (2004-07)*

**20<sup>TH</sup> BEST RECORD SINCE 1989**

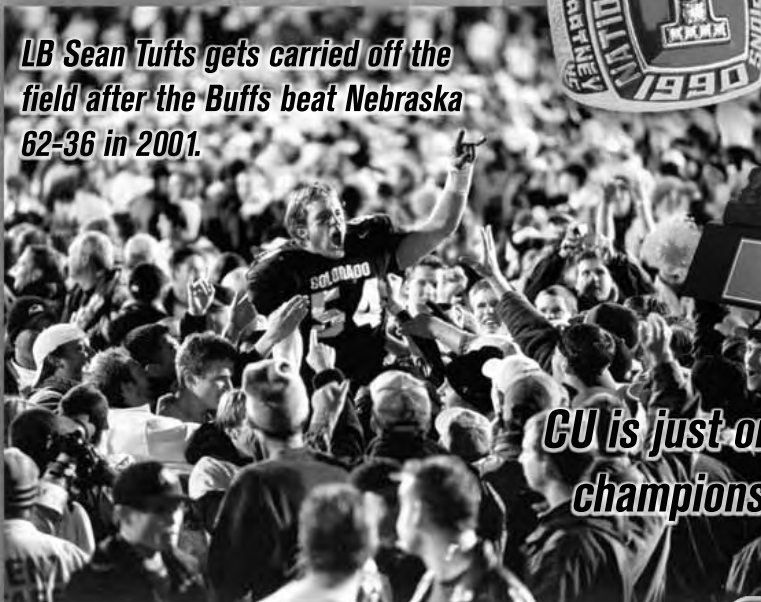
**17<sup>TH</sup> ALL-TIME IN WINS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> MOST BIG 12 DIVISION TITLES**

**11<sup>TH</sup> MOST ROAD WINS SINCE 1988**



*LB Sean Tufts gets carried off the field after the Buffs beat Nebraska 62-36 in 2001.*



*QB Joel Klatt (2002-05)*

*CU is just one of 23 schools to have won a national championship and have a Heisman Trophy winner.*





*OG Joe Garten and FB George Hemingway pose with the Big 8 Championship trophy in 1989.*

*Colorado won its first national championship in 1990, becoming one of just three schools to accomplish the feat while playing the nation's toughest schedule.*

*From 1989 to 1995, Colorado finished first in the Big 8 Conference three times and second four times.*

*Since the inception of the Big 12 Conference in 1996, CU has won the conference championship once and the Big 12 North Division four times.*



*PK Mason Crosby (2003-06)*



*OT Tyler Polumbus (2003-07)*

*TE Quinn Sypniewski holds up the Centennial Cup after beating Colorado State in 2005.*



# ***GAMEDAY TRADITION***



*On game days the team walks through campus on the way to the stadium and touches the buffalo statue in the courtyard outside of Folsom Field.*

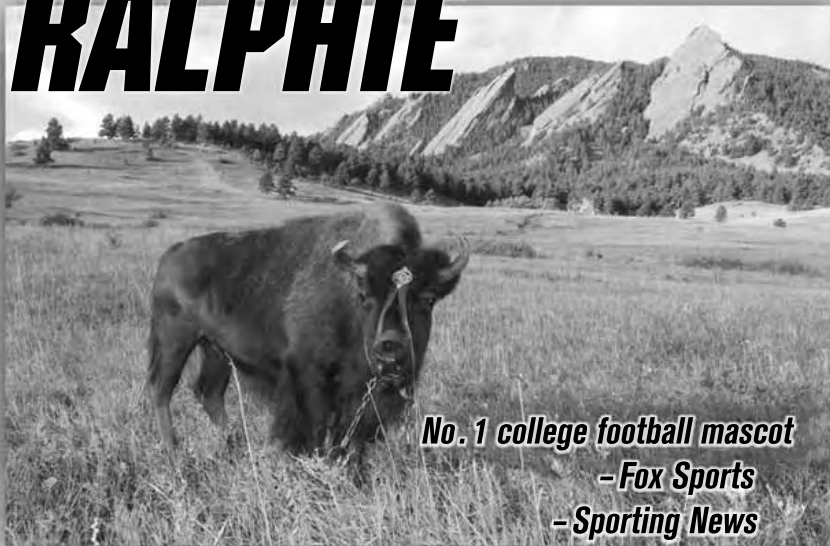


*After every win the Buffs sing the fight song to the fans in the stands—home and away.*



*Fight CU down the field,  
CU must win  
Fight, fight for victory,  
CU knows no defeat  
We'll roll up a mighty score,  
Never give in  
Shoulder to shoulder  
We will Fight! Fight!  
Fight! Fight! Fight!*

# ***RALPHIE***



*No. 1 college football mascot  
- Fox Sports  
- Sporting News*

*There is quite possibly no more intimidating entrance in college football than when the Buffs run onto the field behind their thundering mascot, Ralphie (below), a live 1,200-pound buffalo, in front of 50,000-plus black-and-gold-clad screaming fans who reach a fever pitch.*

*The young Ralphie V (below), who is being trained to replace Ralphie IV (right), became a YouTube sensation when she escaped the grasp of most of her handlers during CU's 2008 Spring Football Game.*



*No. 3 pregame college football tradition  
-Rivals.com*



*Ralphie IV*



# ASSISTANT COACHES



**Mark Helfrich**

*Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks*

**122 games coached  
67-55 overall record  
7 bowl games**



**Jeff Grimes**

*Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line/  
Running Game Coordinator*

**98 games coached  
55-43 overall record  
5 bowl games**



**Darian Hagan**  
*Running Backs*

**38 games coached  
2 bowl games**



*Hagan also had a  
28-5-2 record as CU's  
starting quarterback  
from 1989-91*



**Eric Kiesau**  
*Receivers/  
Passing Game Coordinator*

**87 games coached  
50-37 overall record  
4 bowl games**

**Kent Riddle**  
*Tight Ends/  
Special Teams*

**156 games coached  
87-68-1 overall record  
6 bowl games**



## ***Colorado Assistants by the Numbers:***

**37** - average age of Buffs' five offensive assistants

**37** - number of all-conference players coached

**26** - NCAA conference championship rings (coaching & playing)

**15** - years of NFL coaching experience (all by Brown)

**11** - number of combined All-Americans coached

**1** - NFL Super Bowl ring (Cabral with the '85 Chicago Bears)



**Ron Collins**

**Defensive Coordinator**

89 games coached  
61-28 overall record  
5 bowl games



**Romeo Bandison**

**Defensive Line**

89 games coached  
61-28 overall record  
5 bowl games

109 D-I games coached

59-47-3 overall record

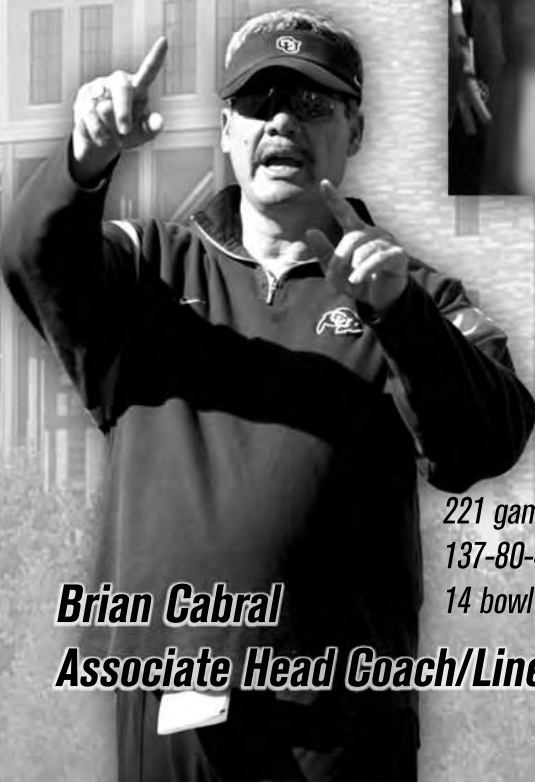
6 bowl games

25-8-3 record at CU from 1991-93

241 NFL games coached

**Greg Brown**

**Secondary / Defensive  
Passing Game  
Coordinator**



**Brian Cabral**

**Associate Head Coach/Linebackers**

221 games coached at CU  
137-80-4 overall record  
14 bowl games



# THE HARDWARE



*TE Daniel Graham (right) after winning the John Mackey Award in 2001.*



*CB Deon Figures (far left) and CB Chris Hudson (left) won the Thorpe Award in 1992 and 1994, respectively.*



*LB Jordon Dizon (above) was a Butkus Award finalist in 2007.*

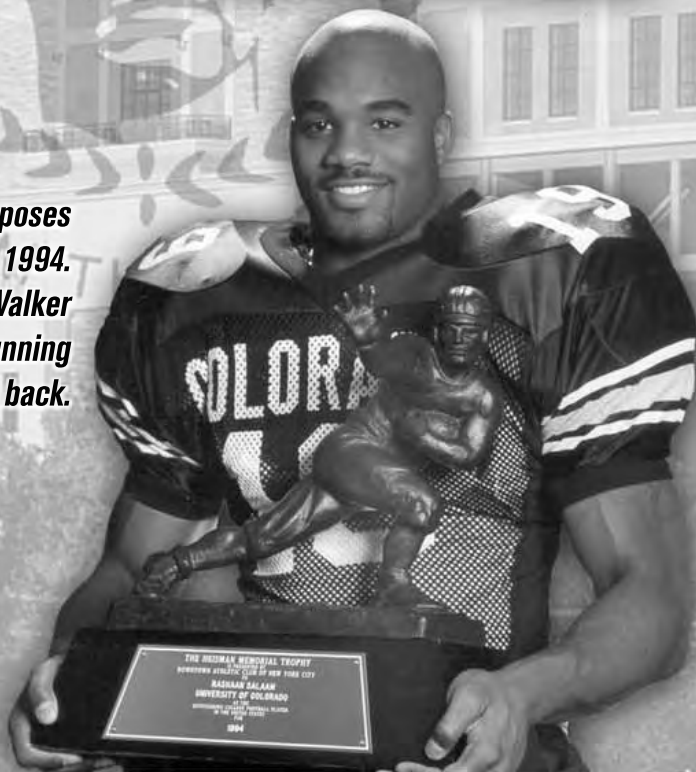
*LB Matt Russell (right) was the Butkus Award recipient in 1996.*



*RB Rashaan Salaam (right) poses with the Heisman Trophy in 1994. He also won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back.*



*P Mark Mariscal (left) took home the Ray Guy Award in 2002.*





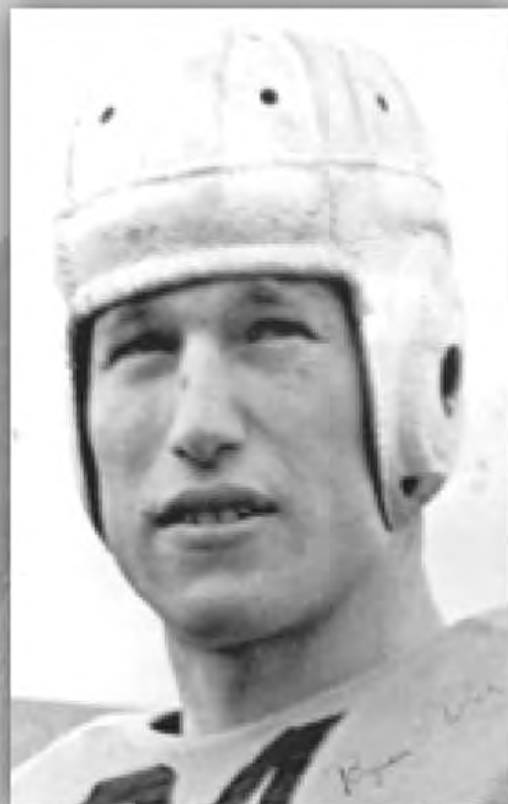
# ALL-AMERICANS



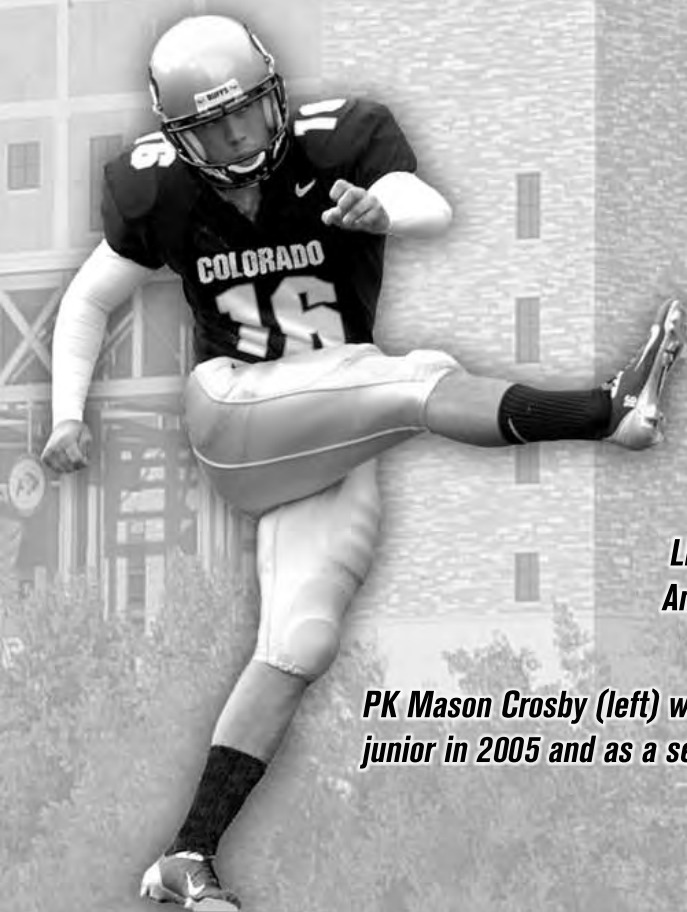
*LB Alfred Williams (above) is greeted by Bob Hope at the taping of the AP All-America Football Team in 1990.*

## Consensus All-Americans

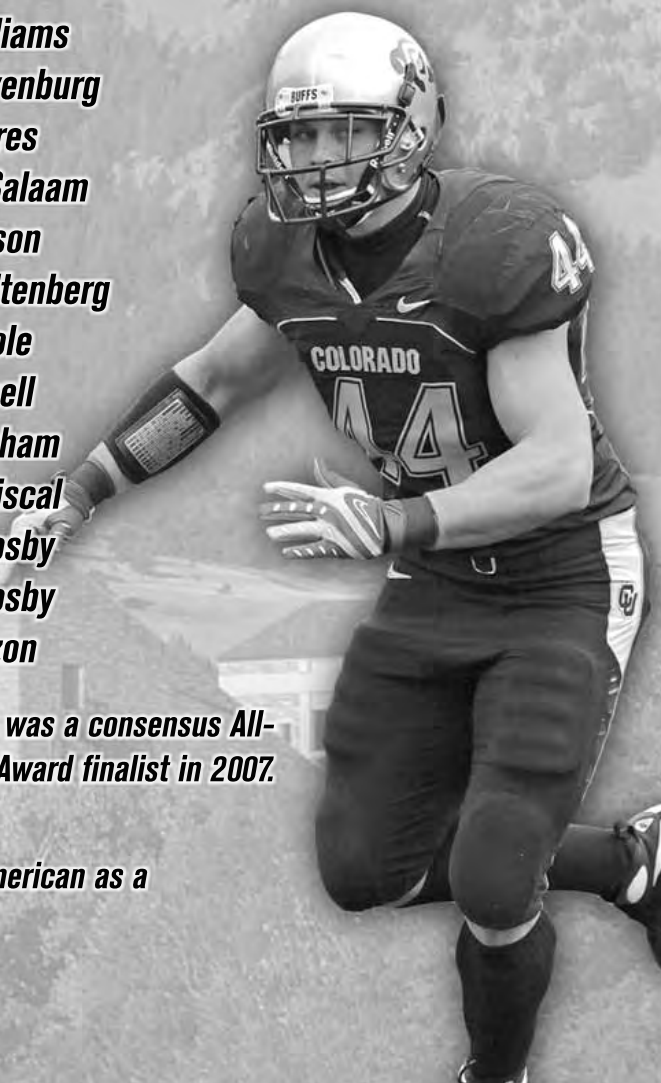
- 1937 *Byron White*
- 1960 *Joe Romig*
- 1961 *Joe Romig*
- 1967 *Dick Anderson*
- 1968 *Mike Montler*
- 1969 *Bobby Anderson*
- 1970 *Don Popplewell*
- 1972 *Cullen Bryant*
- 1985 *Barry Helton*
- 1986 *Barry Helton*
- 1988 *Keith English*
- 1989 *Joe Garten*  
*Tom Rouen*  
*Alfred Williams*
- 1990 *Eric Bienemy*  
*Joe Garten*  
*Alfred Williams*
- 1991 *Jay Leeuwenburg*
- 1992 *Deon Figures*
- 1994 *Rashaan Salaam*  
*Chris Hudson*
- 1995 *Bryan Stoltenberg*
- 1996 *Chris Naeole*  
*Matt Russell*
- 2001 *Daniel Graham*
- 2002 *Mark Mariscal*
- 2005 *Mason Crosby*
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- 2007 *Jordon Dizon*



*Byron White (above) was CU's first All-American in 1937.*

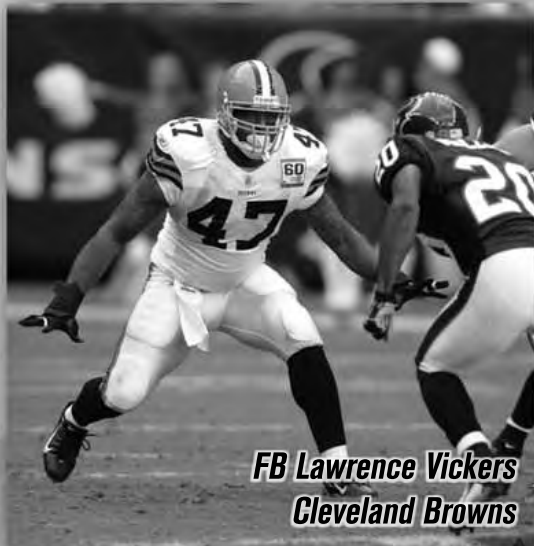


*PK Mason Crosby (left) was a consensus All-American as a junior in 2005 and as a senior in 2006.*

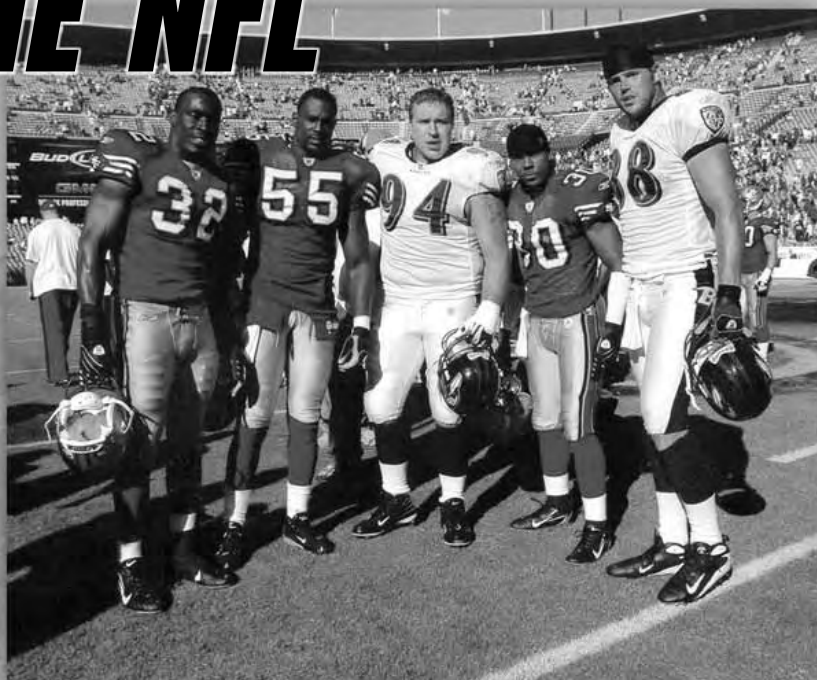


*LB Jordon Dizon (right) was a consensus All-American and a Butkus Award finalist in 2007.*

# BUFFS IN THE NFL



*FB Lawrence Vickers  
Cleveland Browns*



*Former Buff Players (From left to right) S Michael Lewis, LB Hannibal Navies, DT Justin Bannan, CB Donald Strickland and TE Quinn Sypniewski pose for a picture before a Ravens-49ers game in 2007.*



*TE Daniel Graham  
Denver Broncos*

Pete Eklund, Denver Broncos Football Club



*K Mason Crosby (left), who led the NFL in scoring as a rookie in 2007, and WR D.J. Hackett (right) take time for a picture after a game between the Packers and Seahawks last season.*



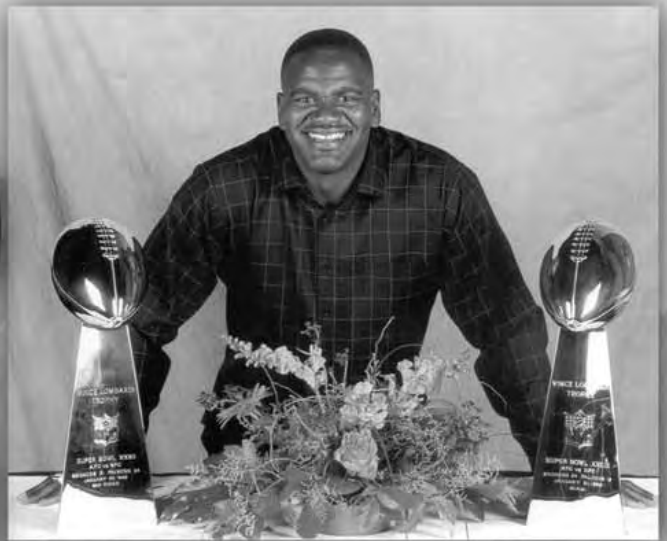
*Two-time Super Bowl Champion Matt Lepsis (left) retired from the Denver Broncos last season, paving the way for former Buff Tyler Polumbus (right), who signed on with the Broncos after the 2008 NFL Draft.*



*G Chris Naeole  
Jacksonville Jaguars*



*From left to right: former Buff and current Philadelphia Eagles scout Matt Russell, Tom Brady and former Buffs Ted Johnson, Christian Fauria and Daniel Graham showing off their Super Bowl XXXIX rings they earned while members of the New England Patriots.*



*Former Colorado linebacker Alfred Williams poses with the two Super Bowl trophies he helped the Denver Broncos earn in 1997 and 1998.*

# ***RIISING TO THE TOP***



*Two-time Pro-Bowl center Andre Gurode (above) signed a six-year extension with the Dallas Cowboys in 2007.*

*LB Jordan Dizon (right & below) was a second round pick by the Detroit Lions in the 2008 NFL Draft.*



*CB Terrence Wheatley (below) was a second round pick by the New England Patriots in the 2008 NFL Draft.*



*OG Brian Daniels  
Minnesota Vikings*



*RB Chris Brown (left) signed with the Houston Texans after the 2007 season.*

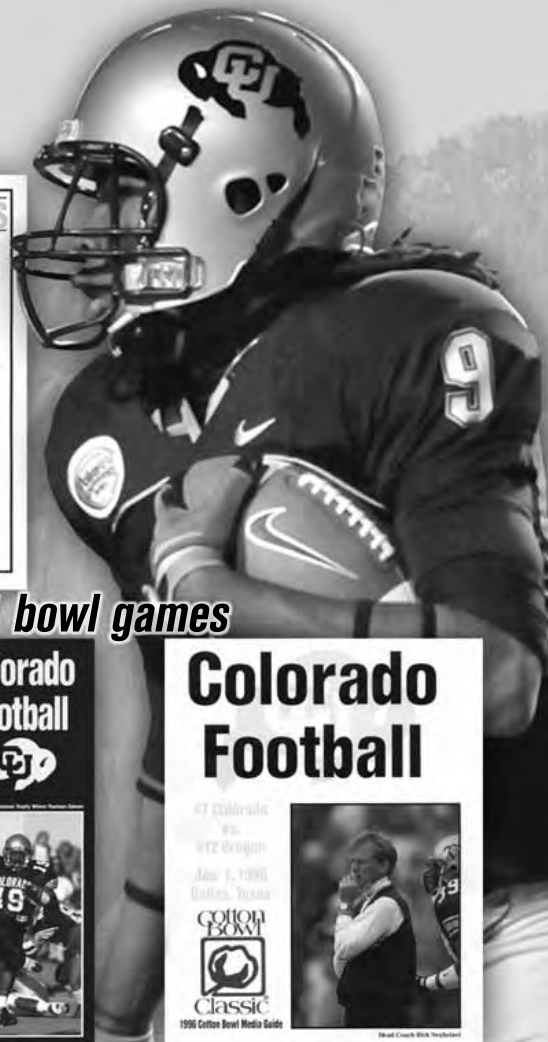
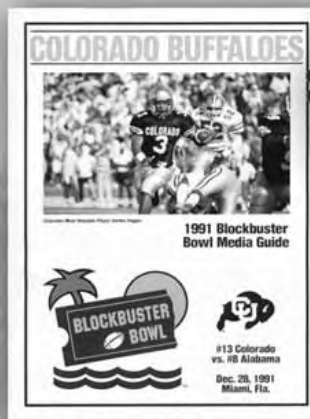
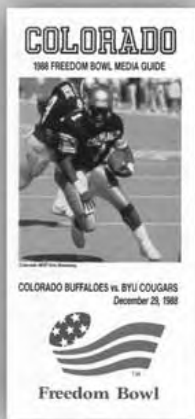


*DT Matt McChesney  
New York Jets*

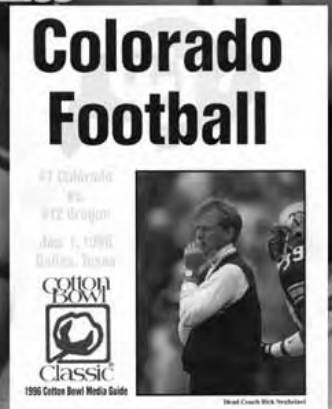
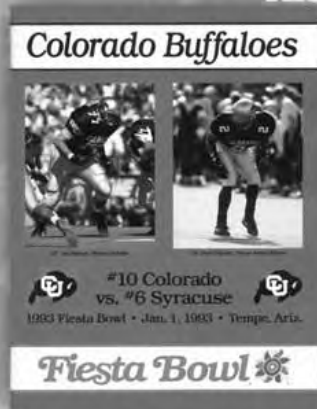




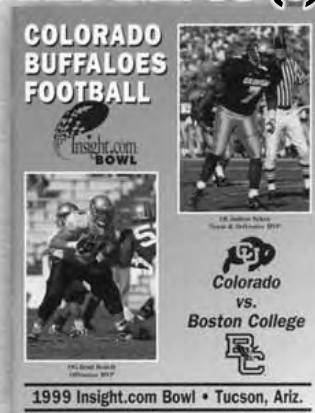
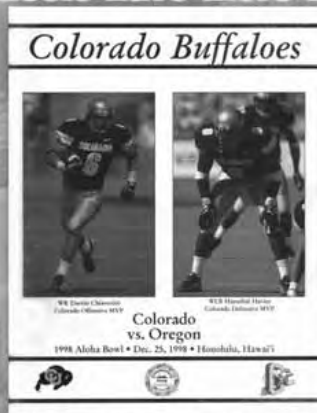
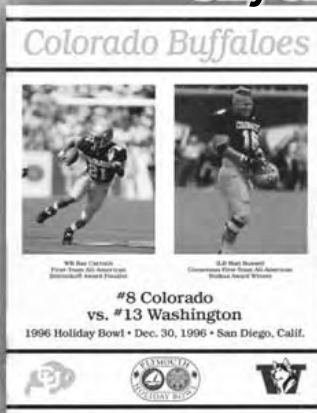
# GOING BOWLING



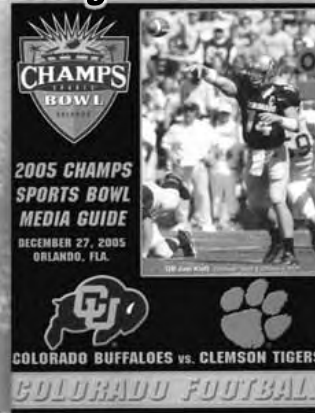
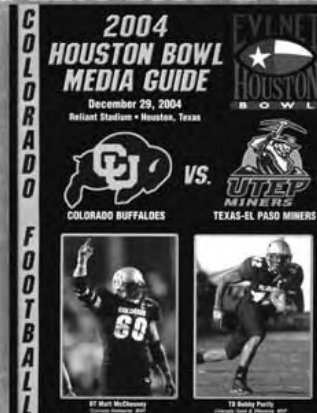
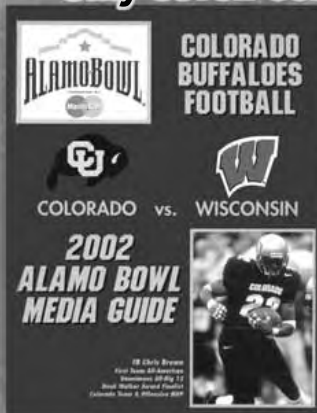
*The Buffs have won seven of their last 11 bowl games*



*Only six schools have more bowl wins than CU (8) since 1990*



*Only seven schools have been to more bowl games than CU (18) since 1985*





# ***COLORADO AND NIKE***



***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 chose to***

***Colorado's exclusive contract with NIKE calls for NIKE to supply all 16 varsity sport programs with practice gear and game uniforms.***

***CU's football uniforms were designed by NIKE and made exclusively for the Buffaloes in 2007. They consisted of new age fabrics and materials that provided maximum benefit to the student-athletes. The 2008 uniforms will also be exclusive to the Buffs with new features providing a unique advantage.***



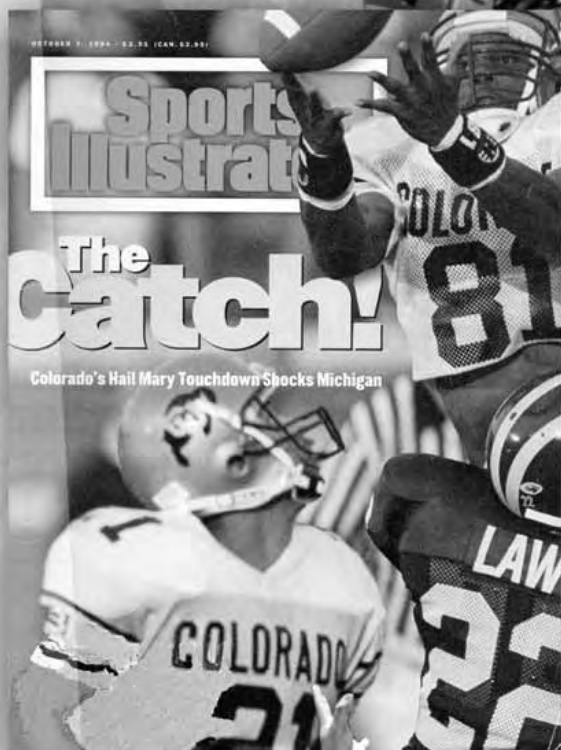
***Colorado's contract with the world's largest shoe manufacturer provides both equipment and financial support to the CU athletic department. CU benefits from NIKE's foresight as the company lends its research for new products and designs to make things better for the student-athlete***





# NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

abc SPORTS



Colorado's Hail Mary Touchdown Shocks Michigan



TE Joe Klopfenstein (2002-05)



Onrushing Colorado scrambled the national title picture by stepping all over No. 2 Nebraska  
BY KEVIN MURPHY

**W**hen the Nebraska (number 2) team was ranked No. 1 in the nation, it was a surprise. The team had a great season, but the coaches and fans were not sure if they could win the national title. The team's success was a result of the coaching staff's strategy and the players' hard work. The team's success was a result of the coaching staff's strategy and the players' hard work.



DT John Guydon (left) performs at the Orlando House of Blues before the 2005 Champ Sports Bowl.



The CU-Oregon game on Sept. 8, 1979, was the first college football game ever televised on ESPN.



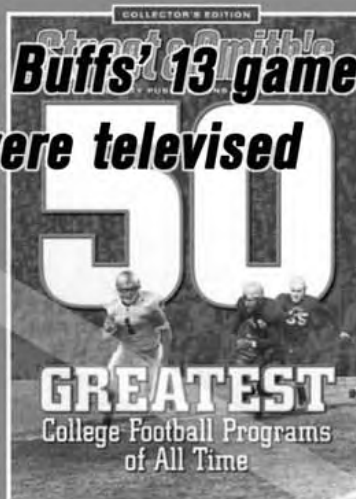


*PK Mason Crosby after making the game-winning field goal against Colorado State in 2005.*



*Since 1990, the Buffaloes have been one of the most televised teams in the nation, as 141 of their 209 games (67 percent) have been broadcast either nationally or regionally.*

*Last season, 11 of the Buffs' 13 games were televised*



*QB Bobby Pesavento is interviewed with the Big-12 Championship trophy in 2001.*



# BUFFS IN THE COMMUNITY



*Buffalo Hugs (above): CU student-athletes regularly visit hospitals and deliver stuffed animals to children.*



*The entire Buffs team participated in a food distribution event in Shreveport, La., before the Independence Bowl in 2007.*



*Healthy Kids Day (above): Football players interact with children and sign autographs every year before the annual Spring Football Game.*



*Senior DT George Hypolite (left), who was a member of the AFCA Good Works Team in 2007, participates in the Read With the Buffs program where student-athletes visit Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Schools to read to fifth graders and answer questions. Below, senior OL Erick Faatagi reads to elementary students.*



# PROMINENT ALUMNI

**Vance Brand** - Astronaut (Soviet Mission)

**Buzz Calkins** - IRL race car driver

**Scott Carpenter** - Astronaut (Soviet Mission)

**Kalpana Chawla** - Astronaut (Columbia)

**Judy Collins** - Singer-Songwriter

**Dave Grusin** - Jazz Musician

**Hale Irwin** - Professional Golfer

**Larry Linville** - Actor (M\*A\*S\*H)

**Doug Looney** - Sports Illustrated

**Bill Marolt** - U.S. Skiing President

**Chris Meloni** - Actor (Law & Order: SVU)

**Glenn Miller** - Musician/Band Leader

**Ellison Onizuka** - Astronaut (Challenger)

**Trey Parker** - Actor/Producer/Director  
(South Park Creator)

**Rick Reilly** - Sports Illustrated / ESPN

**Matt Stone** - Actor/Producer/Director  
(South Park Creator)

**Jack Swigert** - Astronaut (Apollo 13)

**Bill Toomey** - 1968 Olympic Gold Medalist

**Joan Van Ark** - Actress (Knots Landing)

**Marilyn Van Derbur** - 1958 Miss America

**Steve Wozniak** - Inventor (Apple Computer)

Former Buffalo  
basketball player  
and Denver native  
Chauncey Billups  
(left) was the 2004  
NBA Finals MVP as  
a member of the  
Detroit Pistons.



Chris Fowler  
ESPN



Jim Gray  
ABC/ESPN



Robert Redford  
Actor



Byron White  
U.S. Supreme Court Justice



Kevin Corke  
NBC News



Solomon Wilcotts  
NFL Network



# STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

*"A herd of buffaloes can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members."*



*(Above)*

*Linebackers Marcus Burton (junior) and Brad Jones (senior)*



*Colorado's Speed-Strength & Conditioning Staff, from left to right: Assistant coaches Lee Marks and Jared Aurich, head coach Jeff Pitman and assistant coach James Hardy*

*"The strength of the Buffalo lies not in the individual but in the herd."*

*Head Strength Coach Jeff Pitman is in his third year at Colorado after spending seven years at Boise State. At CU, Pitman supervises the training programs for all of the Buffs' 16 varsity sports*



*Colorado's Speed-Strength & Conditioning Center is home to over 300 varsity student-athletes, where each one is trained by certified staff in an individualized and sport-specific manner.*



*The weight room overlooks Folsom Field and its mountain backdrop giving CU athletes the best view in the nation.*



*Senior DT  
Brandon Nicolas*





*Nicholas R. Petry Auditorium*

*State-of-the-Art Computer Lab*



*Award/Trophy Room*

# ***TOP-NOTCH FACILITIES***



*(Above) CU's New Lockerroom*



*Dal Ward Athletic Center*



*Inside View of New Indoor Practice Facility*



*New Indoor Practice Facility*



# DENVER SPORTS MECCA



*Dick's Sporting Goods Park*



*INVESCO Field at Mile High*

*Cornerback Champ Bailey and the Denver Broncos have enjoyed 38 years of consecutive sellouts at home.*

*Colorado Rapids midfielder Pablo Mastroeni*



*Outfielder Matt Holliday (above) led the Colorado Rockies to the World Series in 2007.*

*Rockies manager Clint Hurdle (right)*



*Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony (left) and guard Allen Iverson (right) were both in the Top 4 in NBA scoring last season.*



*Garrett W. Ellwood/NBAE/Getty Images*



*Coors Field*

*Center Joe Sakic and the Colorado Avalanche have won the Stanley Cup twice since moving to Denver in 1995.*



*Pepsi Center*

# CAMPUS LIFE

*The CU campus is home to about 200 classic rural Italian-style buildings made of Colorado sandstone.*



*Old Main*



*University Memorial Center*

*Outside magazine ranked CU second among the 40 Best Colleges, noting that the university, "...turns out smart grads with top notch academic credentials, a healthy environmental ethos and an A+ sense of adventure."*



*Norlin Library*

*With the Rocky Mountains for a backyard, skiing, snowboarding, biking, climbing and hiking are never far away.*



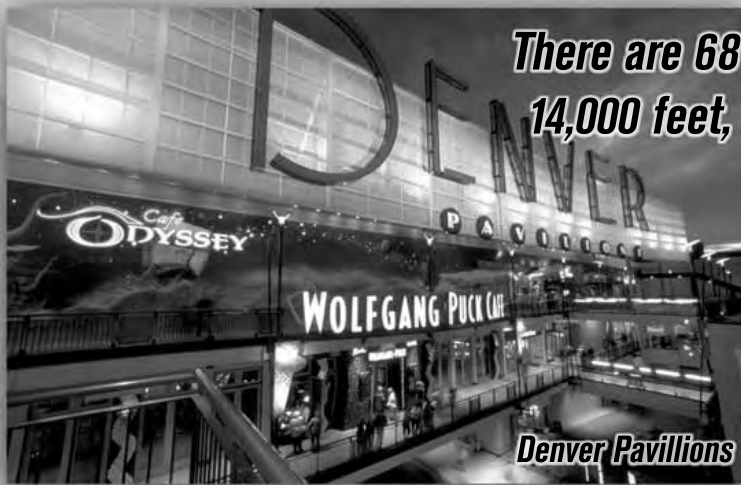
*Aerial view of Folsom Field*

*Recently, CU was ranked the 11th best public university in the world by a study referenced in London's The Economist.*



*Varsity Pond*





*There are 68 mountains in the U.S. that hover above 14,000 feet, and 54 of those “14ers” are in Colorado.*



*Colorado’s average elevation of 6,800 feet makes it the highest state in the nation.*



# **COLORADO SPLENDOR**



*Colorado boasts 255 sunny days per year and over 320 days where the sun will shine, adding to more hours of sunlight than Miami and San Diego.*



## **Average Yearly Humidity:**

**Midwest Region - 72%**

**Southeast Region - 70%**

**Texas - 69%**

**California - 50%**

**Colorado - 38%**





# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## STEPS

*(Success Training and Exit Plan for Seniors)*

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

***“Learn to Earn” with Alice Swanson, veteran of The Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Leeds School of Business***

- Interview Skills
- Job Placement
- Contract Negotiation

***Personal Financial Planning with Susan Morley of Leeds School of Business***

- Playbook for Life, the Student-Athlete's Guide to Understanding and Planning Your Financial Future

***Exit Interview with Athletic Department***

- Student-Athletes discuss their CU experience with a senior level administrator in the athletic department (one-on-one interview and survey)

***Career Services***

- Resume / Folio 21
- CSO On-Line
- Letters of Recommendation (4-6)
- Job Fairs
- Post-Graduation Test Preparation

***Exit Physical***

- Athlete completes final medical physical, reviews medical history with Office of Sports Medicine and discusses lingering injuries with Sports Medicine on coverage

***Counseling and Psychological Services***

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

***Alumni C-Club***

- Student-Athletes stay connected to CU through membership in the Alumni C-Club

***Graduation Checklist***

***Post-Graduate Scholarships***

***Professional Sports Counseling Panel***

