

# The GRIOT

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In the records of West African history, "Griot" (pronounced gree-oh) was the honored name bestowed on wise and knowledgeable story tellers entrusted with the task of documenting tribal histories and genealogies.

## The New Director of B/AACC

Joe Goings

Bruce Smith is the new director of the Black/African American Cultural Center. His previous job was as the Director of African American Student Affairs at the University of Arizona.

The potential closing of the cultural centers there prompted his move to CSU.

"There were a lot of budget changes at UA," Smith said. "All of the cultural centers were going to combine to form the 'Unity Center' and I was going to be the Program Director. That's not what I wanted to be."

What Smith wanted to do was work closely with students to help them succeed. He began his search for a new university to achieve this goal at during the spring semester of 2009.

Smith had three schools in mind: Colorado State, the University of San Diego and Towson University in Maryland. Smith began his search at CSU.

"I came to my interview here and [Fort Collins] felt very comfortable for me and my family," Smith said. "I didn't even go to the other two."

Smith arrived in Fort Collins and at CSU this past summer.

One of the first things that he did was read about the history of the B/AACC office.



Bruce Smith  
Director of B/AACC

He wanted to learn what past directors have done and hopes to maintain their success as well as building on it in the future.

Some programs that worked well at UA are attempting to make their way to CSU.

## Colorado State University

One idea Smith is looking to implement is a President's council, which is a meeting of all of the Presidents of the Black or African American organizations on campus.

The goal there is to create unity between all of them and provide leadership training. The program is in its preliminary stages. So far there has been one meeting with the hope of meeting every week.

Smith feels good about his new position and the students that he interacts with on a daily basis.

"Everyday I'm motivated and impressed," Smith said. "The amount of engagement the students have inside and out of the office is impressive."

Smith's ultimate goal, for himself and the office, is to provide students with the tools that they need to make a change in the world.

He wants them understand, voice concerns about and take a stand on any issue they are passionate about.

"I want this to be a place where student s feel empowered," Smith said. "That is my biggest goal."

## Name Change to B/AACC

Danielle McConnell

Last semester CSU decided to change the name of many of the advocacy offices (the division is now called Student Diversity Programs and Services) so that they would sound more inclusive. This year the changes became official.

The office of Black Student Services is now the Black/African American Cultural Center. After the change to the office, students were asked their opinion of the new name.

**"I don't like the new name change. It was unnecessary. Even though the name was changed everyone still calls it BSS. I feel like people were just bored. It serves no purpose. I still like the office, and it is still my kick it spot. They changed the office to make it more open but why can't we have our own space?"**

--- Raven-Olivia Kellum

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## 2009 First-year Student Retreat

Danielle McConnell



Students preparing for team activity

It was interesting to be on the other side this year for the freshman retreat. After last year's experience, I was excited to see what I could get out of the retreat this year.

While the experience was different, there was still much to learn this time around. The freshman students shared a similar feeling.

It started Saturday at 6 a.m. when the freshmen arrived at the buses to begin the ride to Pingree Park.

After a bumpy and slightly heart wrenching trip up steep hills and on thin roads, we finally reached our destination. There were looks of excitement and curiosity on their faces.

The day began with icebreakers and skits that allowed the freshmen to connect with each other and relax. The rest of the day was filled with games, such as capture the flag, volleyball and tug-of-war.



Leah and Danielle in Pingree Park residence hall

The games got really wild and competitive, but they also allowed for the freshman to get closer and more comfortable with one another.

"Capture the flag was a good game but rules should have been changed because it was getting pretty intense after a while," says Rachel Washington, one of the freshmen that struggled with keeping her team's flag.

The retreat also included some discussions. Dating and a man and woman's role are examples. CSU faculty also came to talk to the students.

Students learned about valuable resources that are available on campus, as well as, the focus needed to succeed through college and reach one's goals.

The purpose of the freshman retreat is to allow for African-American students that



Team Tug-of-War

are new to campus to meet others that they may otherwise not see.

Last year when I came back from the retreat, it was comforting to know that there were people I could go to.

A new door opened for me as a result of this retreat. Justin Washington, a freshman who attended the retreat said, "I met a lot of people. I basically know someone everywhere I go."

It is important when you enter college you connect with people; otherwise the experience is less enjoyable. Also we wanted to make sure that the freshman knew about different places they could get involved.

The retreat accomplished all of its goals. Connections were made, confidence was gained, and the students are armed with resources to help them in the coming year.

## Transition to CSU

Joe Goings



Jamal Bowen on his floor in Durward Hall

The transition to a new school is a difficult process for some. For Jamal Bowen the transition to CSU has been an easy one.

Bowen was born in Washington D.C. but grew up in Denver. He originally attended Ashford University in Iowa but decided to transfer to CSU this fall.

"It was tough," Bowen said. "I didn't like being away from home. I was the only person from Denver [at Ashford]."

Upon arriving at CSU, it didn't take long for Bowen to become accustomed to his new campus. He has already become acclimated to his new surroundings.

One thing that has helped his transition is the amount of people he already knew here at CSU.

"I knew people here but not in Iowa," Bowen said.

"I didn't have to try as hard to become comfortable here because some people are familiar to me."

A goal of Bowen's is to expand a fraternity that he started at Ashford University.

The purpose of the fraternity is to help out at-risk students in the community as well as other Ashford students. Currently the fraternity is only at Ashford.

Bowen has also become involved with groups on campus in his short time here. He regularly goes to meetings for the United Men of Color.

He also frequently visits the Black/African American Cultural Center and is connecting with the students of the office. Bowen likes what the office and his organization stands for.

"They show unity," Bowen said. "It's not just about the name mentioned in the group. Everyone is accepted."

## *A Letter from the Zetas*

September 7, 2009

Dear Editor,

In direct reference to the article written on August 27, 2009 by J. David McSwane regarding the alleged hazing incident involving the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Undergraduate Chapter Omicron Omicron, I, as a proud member of the sisterhood of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and a direct descendant of Omicron Omicron would like to address the issue with a perspective that has been lost amongst the invective allegations brought against my beloved chapter.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded 89 years ago on the principles of scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood.

In an age where women were being regarded as little more than demimondes, five women moved forward with temerity in order to establish a platform for women to coalesce and reach greater levels than had ever been possible.

It is the responsibilities of each undergraduate and graduate chapter across the nation to amalgamate in order to not only uphold these principles with one another, but also to present the fruits of our labor and dedication to the greater community.

As a member of Omicron Omicron I, along with my sorority sisters, worked tirelessly to carry on the prodigious legacy of our five founders.

Our responsibility as individuals and together as a unit far exceeds the bootless activities of hazing in order to gain membership into our prestigious organization.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) has been witness to a number of proud leaders who have emerged from Omicron Omicron, once students on the campus of Colorado State University.

Educators, doctors, lawyers, historians, business women, and strong members of society were created in our chapter as that was the legacy that was passed down year after year.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is an organization founded on the simple belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow the real mission for progressive organizations: to address societal issues, ills, prejudices, poverty, and health concerns for the present day.

In a present-day society in which children are dying of AIDS, homeless and hungry and thousands of Americans are without employment or proper health care I, along with my sorority sisters, work tirelessly to ensure our founding principles are upheld.

This is an age when communities are looking towards organizations such as ours to help close the gap between the resources they need and the resources they receive.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is a lifetime membership organization emphasizing the importance of a commitment that extends well beyond four years of college,

thus we are obdurate by the dross mechanics of hazing and passionately committed to upholding our founding principles.

As an organization, we are proud sponsors of the March of Dimes, AIDS benefits and awareness events, participants in the Taste of Colorado, health fairs and education fairs.

Omicron Omicron may be housed on the campus of CSU, but as the only undergraduate chapter in the entire state of Colorado we strive to create a community wellness antithetical to the miasmatic environment portrayed by the ladies representative of the alleged hazing incident.

The women who proudly claim membership in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. recognize this as a privilege and we strive to live up to our expectations as leaders and exemplary women. It grieves me to see a storm on the horizon of all Omicron Omicron has worked hard to achieve.

As an organization we have been positively highlighted and honored by our campus, the NPHC and our community and I would ask this to be the image imprinted upon your memory as we stand together as an organization against the hubris allegations.

Sincerely,  
Omicron Omicron chapter member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

## *Healthcare: H1N1*

Joe Goings

Swine flu, also called H1N1, is a new illness that is now affecting lots of people around the country.

The first reported case in America was reported in April of 2009, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It has made its way to CSU with 140 reported on campus.

So how can you get swine flu? It can be passed from person to person in the same way that the seasonal flu can, i.e. if an infected person sneezes, coughs or touches something and another person touches it.

It is also far more contagious than the seasonal flu.

The symptoms for swine flu are, for the most part, the same as the seasonal flu. These include: sore throat, coughing, sneezing, headaches, chills and fatigue according to the CDC.

The CDC encourages people to visit the doctor if they experience these flu-like symptoms. They can lead to more severe complications that can lead to hospitalization or death.

Though more contagious, swine flu

and the seasonal flu can both be cured with rest, washing your hands and not touching your face.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms should stay home.

If you have shown no signs of a fever for at least 24 hours then you are considered non-contagious.

Some vaccines prevent and treat the illness. Antiviral drugs also help treat the illness. A vaccine was made widely available in America as of October.

## Black Educational Support Team

*Ivory Allen*



Hello, my name is Ivory L. Allen and I was born in Denver, Colorado. I am a junior with a major in Human Development & Family Studies and a minor in French. I love playing softball and I play for CSU's softball team. I am an outfielder and a slapper, someone who walks up in the batter's box to "slap" the ball and get a base hit. I also love to dance and listen to music.

In the Black/African American Cultural Center I am a Peer Mentor. I wanted to become a peer mentor because I know it's a great opportunity, not only for me, but for my mentees as well. To have someone that can support you through the first year of college is so important. I greatly enjoy being the person that someone can come to when they need help or just need to talk. Being a peer mentor gives me the ability to do something I love and that's to help people.

An interesting fact about me is that I play softball here at CSU on the Division 1 team. This year my goal is to try and stay in touch with as many mentees as possible and to give them the time they need. I also want to strengthen my skills in working with my peers.

*Alisha Andrews*



Hi, I'm Alisha Andrews I was raised in Colorado Springs, CO. I am now a junior Social Work major at CSU. My biggest interest is assisting elderly people who suffer from Alzheimer's disease. I am currently a peer mentor in the Black/African American Cultural Center.

I wanted that role because I feel I am a great resource and I have been very disconnected with B/AACC since I have attended school here. One interesting thing about me is that I have amazing time management skills. My goals for the year are to establish a successful relationship with my mentees, get a 4.0 for the semester, and to launch a successful women's empowerment group.

*Leah Andrews*



My name is Leah Andrews and I was born and raised in Denver Colorado. I am a sophomore majoring in Political Science with a certificate in Diversity in Law. I enjoy multiple styles of music: jazz, hip hop and R&B. I love to play basketball, relax and hang out with friends. I chose to work in the office as student staff because I wanted the opportunity to meet more black students and become a role model. An interesting fact about me is that I put hot sauce on just about everything. My goal for the year is to raise my overall GPA to a 3.2. I feel that this would raise my chances of getting into the University of Denver's law school when I graduate.

*Kennisha Ayers*



Hi, my name is Kennisha Ayers and I was born in Denver, CO. I am a junior, majoring in Health and Exercise Science. I also am a Spanish minor. I enjoy reading, basketball, watching movies and hanging with friends. In the office I am a Peer Mentor. I chose to do this because I wanted to help first-year students with their transition to CSU and also to be there for them throughout the year.

An interesting fact about me is that I am the first woman in my family to pursue a bachelor's degree. A few goals I have are to get a 3.0 GPA or higher because it's the right thing to do and I know I can do it. I also want to get more involved this year because my schedule allows it and it's always been my passion.

*Joe Goings*



Hello all! My name is Joe Goings and I was born and raised in Chicago. I am a junior, double majoring in Journalism and Social Work. I am also interested in Psychology, particularly behaviors of the brain. A few of my hobbies and interests are watching and playing football, anything on the Wii, reading, watching movies, hanging with friends and listening to music. This is my second year as the editor of the GRIOT, which is B/AACC's newsletter. Overall this is my third year with the office.

I chose this role because it can help me achieve my aspirations of become a journalist someday. This role has helped me to become a much better writer. An interesting fact about me is that I am taking a course in American Sign Language. My goals for the year are to achieve 3.5 GPA by the end of the year, a 4.0 GPA this semester to become better at time management and, most importantly, to take time for myself so I don't burnout.

## Ashley Griffin



My name is Ashley Griffin and I am a junior from Denver. I major in Human Development and Family Studies. Some of my hobbies include cooking and laughing. Some of my interests are community service, program planning, and the development of families and adolescents and leadership development.

In the office I am a Peer Mentor. I wanted to be a peer mentor so that I could be a resource for first year students like my mentor was for me. I also feel that I can help them gain a sense of community in this first year. I hope that it will last throughout their college careers. An interesting fact about me is that I love to eat. Food is one of my favorite things. My goal for the year is to “Rise to the occasion.”

## Tegan Landrey



Hi, my name is Tegan Landrey and I was born in Lakenheath, England, a place I still consider home. I am a sophomore Anthropology major, specializing in Archaeology. I enjoy science-fiction, writing novels, reading and playing video games. I'm working as student staff in B/AACC. I wanted that role because it's a chance to meet a lot of people, and helps out in the day-to-day office workings. An interesting fact about me is that I practice Parkour, which is the art and sport of getting through an environment in the most efficient way possible. My goals for the year are to raise my GPA and do better in social interactions.

## Danielle McConnell



Hi my name is Danielle McConnell. I was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Aurora, Colorado. I am a sophomore at CSU and currently an English major, seeking to change to Journalism with a minor in Communications. I enjoy writing and getting involved in social events that take place on and off campus.

This will be my second year working for the office and writing for the GRIOT. I wanted to work in this office because it is a great opportunity to get connected to the African-American community and it also provides a place where I can relax when I am not working. I also liked the idea of working on the GRIOT since I aspire to start my own magazine.

My goals for the year mainly surround just getting through it. I want to get good grades as well as make sure that I stay involved in the community. I hope this school year will go well and open new arenas for me to explore.

## Rhesa Melvin



My name is Rhesa Melvin and I am from Denver, Colorado. I am a junior Communication Studies major with a Business minor. I like to sing, act, write music and poetry, and I enjoy playing tennis. As for my work in the office, I'm a peer mentor. I want to be a positive force in someone's life, to be there for them if they need me, provide support, and to be a positive role model. A couple of my goals are to be active in the community, school, and continue to do well academically. An interesting fact about me is that I was born in, and lived in Germany for 4 years.

## Samara Payton



My name is Samara Payton and I am a junior Communication Studies major with a minor in Business. I was born in Chicago but have lived in Aurora, Colorado for the past 8 or 9 years. I don't find myself getting into too many hobbies lately because I am too busy with school. I do however enjoy going to parties. I also love music so I have my headphones on 24/7.

I am affiliated with the Black/African American Cultural Center because I am a Peer Mentor, which I enjoy because of my excellent mentees. I wanted to work as a Peer Mentor because I wanted to give the incoming students someone to turn to as a guide and a friend. My goals for this year are to get good grades, network more and to just have fun!

## Jheryl Thomas



My name is Jheryl Thomas. I am currently a sophomore and I am from Denver, CO. as for my major I am undeclared, but I plan to major in Accounting or Business with a minor in Information Science and Technology. My hobbies and interests include football, basketball, drawing, watching movies, collecting shoes and loving my family. My role in the office is that of a Peer Mentor. I decided to be a Peer Mentor to help out the first year students in making their first year the best and most successful it can be. An interesting fact about me is that I am the first person in my family to attend college. My two goals for the year are to get a 4.0 GPA both semesters and create many opportunities for myself and others.

## Ashley Waller



Hello! My name is Ashley Waller! I am a junior and I major in Psychology. I am from Aurora, Colorado, where I attended Overland High School. I love to dance. I am Vice President of Colorz Remade, a dance group that I co-established on campus. This is my second year as a peer mentor for the Black/African American Cultural Center. The reason I decided to become a peer mentor is because I wanted to be a vital resource to all of the incoming freshmen students. I have made it my mission to help these students transition smoothly into college life. My goal for the year is to have a positive impact on as many people as I possibly can by offering my advice, support, experiences, and friendship to anyone who needs it.

***“I think it was fine the way it was. Changing the name doesn’t mean anything different is happening in the office. Whatever goal they were trying to accomplish by changing the name, I don’t think they are going to be able to make it happen.”***

***--- Joe Goings***

## Bowling with the Deltas

### Danielle McConnell

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, the Tau Lambda chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. hosted a bowling night.

This event was a way for people to come together, relax, and have fun before the semester got stressful, as Sara Anderson, president of Delta Sigma Theta stated.

The event was not only hosted by the sorority but they also covered half the cost of every student that came to play.

This was helpful because not every student can afford to go bowling these days.

The bowling night was just for fun. Each student that came to play got a pair of

bowling shoes and two games for only three dollars, a hard deal to pass up.

Lauren Stewart, a student that attended the event said, “I like how we got together as a team and really just bonded well... [I liked] just being able to bond and have fun with everyone.”

This was a great opportunity to get to know people and enjoy the company of other students on campus that you may not see everyday.

One thing that the Tau Lambda chapter stands for is being a public service organization that boldly confronts the

challenges of African-Americans, but also, those of students in other ethnicities.

One of the challenges students, African-Americans especially, face on the CSU campus is having the ability to be placed in a setting where they can bond with one another.

The bowling night was the first of many events to come this year that would allow for students to connect and have fun with each other. Students are looking forward to what else is in store for the rest of the year

***“I think the name change is stupid. They are making it for everyone and it’s not for everyone. They are making it seem like it was the best thing ever and it wasn’t needed at all. The advocacy offices are for under-represented groups.”***

***---Ashley Knight***



# CSU Rises to Victory Over CU

Danielle McConnell

After three years without a win against the University of Colorado Buffaloes, on September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Colorado State Rams finally came out victorious.

I went to the big rivalry game for the first time this year. I was both amazed and shocked at just how serious the fans from CU took this game.

Many students often assume that when attending a game like this, it is unlikely that CSU will come out on the winning side. With that being said, the CU students have every-right to be confident when the two teams meet.

When I went to pick-up my tickets I was instantly laughed at and ridiculed for the

CSU football shirt I had decided to wear for the game.

Many had informed me that it was quite dangerous to go to this game both unaccompanied and representing CSU, however, I decided to take my chances. It was definitely worth it.

The game began with two quick touchdowns, and the Rams continued to dominate throughout the game. Leonard Mason, wide receiver for the Rams, gave them the ability to make several touchdowns by having a big day receiving.

At the end of the game the Rams defeated of the Buffs 23 to 17. This was the first time since 1986 that CSU had beaten CU

at Folsom Field.

Many students got the opportunity to gloat and represent the CSU rams to the fullest up and down the streets of Boulder after the game.

It was exciting to notice how quiet and shy the CU students got after losing the game. They had talked so much and disrespected CSU all throughout the game.

In the end, when we proved them wrong, there was nothing left to be said. I am so happy that the CSU Rams rose to victory and that I was there to witness it. GO RAMS!!!!

# 1st Year Retreat Experiences

Rachel Washington

My experience at the retreat was great. I had an awesome time.

I thought the skits were lots of fun and that the conversations we had were great. I enjoyed hearing both sides, male and female, on all of the different topics.

The team games were a good way to meet new people. Capture the Flag was a fun game but the rules should be changed for next year because it got pretty intense after a while.

Overall, I enjoyed the retreat. My favorite part was the discussions for sure because people got the opportunity to speak their mind.



Students on the bus waiting to drive to Pingree Park

Justin Washington

My experience at the retreat was one to remember for many reasons. First, I met a lot of people. I feel like I know someone everywhere I go now.

I made a really close friend as well, and he is becoming more of a brother to me. Next, I got a new outlook on how I perceive certain aspects of life.

Some of those things are music and the way we present ourselves to others.

Lastly, I have started getting involved on campus by joining United Men of Color and wanting to spend a lot of time in B/AACC.



Freshmen learning about the challenges they will face in college



Students participating in a group activity



Students listening to instructions

## EDITOR'S NOTES

### *Is the Media Overstepping Its Bounds?*

Danielle McConnell

It seems that celebrities and those with power in the world have started overstepping their bounds. Recently, there have been three that come to mind.

The first would be the congressman standing up and calling President Obama a liar. This is a major accusation.

A close second would be Kanye West at the MTV Video Music Awards.

Who is he to stand up in front of the world and state that Taylor Swift's music is not worthy to be recognized or awarded? Did he direct the video? Produce it?

The answer: he did none of the above. Not only did he embarrass her on national television but also he made a fool of himself and made African-Americans look bad, for no other reason than him feeling the need.

Lastly is Serena Williams. In a tennis match that wasn't going in her favor she lost her head. She informed the referee of the match that she was going to shove a tennis ball down her throat.



Kanye West on stage during Taylor Swift's acceptance speech

Photo courtesy of [www.mirror.co.uk](http://www.mirror.co.uk)

This is not the best thing to say to someone who has the power to tilt a game out of one's favor.

I wonder when people began thinking that it was their place to exercise their first amendment rights any and everywhere. I know that they can do it but there is such thing as a time and a place.

In the aforementioned incidents, it was more of a sign of ignorance than it was actually expressing one's intellectual opinion and handling things with maturity and sound judgment.

It is saddening to see that people would rather make a fool of themselves instead of being respected for their point of view.

It is time that we start paying attention to the way we talk to people and express ourselves.

As African-Americans we have an image to uphold. We need to prove that we are capable of rational thoughts and choices and not random outbursts.

***"I don't like the new title. It sounds like a place for people to come and view black culture. I feel like it defeats the purpose of actually trying to help black students."***

***--- Jheryl Thomas***

### *A Message From the Director*

Dear B/AACC Community,

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to each of you. My name is Bruce Smith and I am the new Director of the Black/African American Cultural Center (that's a mouthful) here at CSU.

I am very excited about the opportunity to assist you in your endeavors to thrive and achieve as students and community members at CSU.

I feel that it is a great privilege to follow in the footsteps of the directors who preceded me and I will do my best to honor each of their accomplishments and innovations.

Each member of the staff here at the Center is committed to contributing to the success of CSU's students of African descent, and we are in the process of planning a variety of programs and events that will contribute to student unity, empowerment, and engagement.

The Black Student Services programs

that many of you are familiar with will continue, and the invaluable leadership provided by Marcus Elliott, Bridgette Johnson, and Freda Whaley always remain constants.

I look forward to working with CSU's Black community and invite you to visit the Center when you get the chance. If you have any ideas you'd like to share, please let me know.

***“I think it’s dumb. It is not worth it. This isn’t a cultural center. Secondly, there is no reason for it to be the Black/African American cultural center. That creates more division within this community.”***

**--- Simenah Menso**

## CSU Construction

Joe Goings

Let’s see now. What has our fine university been up to in the last few months? The answer to that is construction, and lots of it. All over campus there are projects being completed and some that have recently been finished.

### Parking Garage

Firstly, there’s that new parking lot going up by the Hilton, but it doesn’t solve the parking issue on campus. People will of course park there, but it’s really out of the way of classes, residence halls, administrative buildings, everything really.

### Addition to Clark

Once upon a time there was a parking lot next to Clark C. This is now the future site of some massive new add-on to the Clark building.

Details are scarce about the contents of the building but it is supposed to have a café on the first floor. That should make a nice resting spot for students who are just out of class and want to relax.

### Indoor Practice Facility

In the former site of the tennis courts,

there is a new indoor practice facility for the football team.

Last year I was not very thrilled about the idea because, let’s face it, the Rams were a bad football team. Some parts of me still disagree with it but at least they are doing well to warrant this new construction.

### Recreation Center Addition

The Student Recreation Center is getting a new section build as well. This new section will have some fun new items in it when it is completed in August of 2010.

The new features include a rock climbing wall, massage rooms and more court space just to name a few things. This is by far the thing I am looking forward to the most.

### West Lawn

Across the street from the Rec Center is the West Lawn. Right now the area is filled with dirt and has an orange barrier around it. Not sure of what it is yet but I liked it better when it was just a grassy area.

This is supposed to be a green university but we keep losing it and spending it.

I’m sure whatever structure is going there will benefit the students somehow. Why else would the university get rid of more green space?

### Aspen Hall

Aspen, or Building D as it was once called, is complete as of this August. That building is very aesthetically pleasing. One great feature that it has is, unlike the Academic Village, is available to upper class students.

This is CSU’s effort to get students to want to return to the residence halls. The university is also trying to increase its number of students. New and stylish residence halls like this one are a great way to increase student interest.

### Rockwell Hall

Though it’s specifically for a particular population of students, another way to increase student interest is to have a new building in that department’s college.

Rockwell has been here for years but it is currently getting an addition built. This will benefit students in the college of business and others who have interest in this university.

***“I don’t like the fact that when we think of cultural center we think of a museum. This office is not a museum. These offices have always been inclusive of everyone. There was an assumption that the offices didn’t include everyone when in fact they do. There was no need for a name change.”***

**---Alfreda Whaley**

# Creative Corner

## *Disorganized*

### Joe Goings

Jovial  
 Happiness  
 Smiles  
 Sweet talk  
 Like Splenda  
 Only pretending to be sugar  
 All fake  
 Truths to the unknowing  
 Lies to those in the know  
 Anger  
 Melancholy  
 Misery,  
 Minus the company  
 Dejected  
 Discontent  
 Unlucky  
 The real truth

The distance  
 Wounds  
 The heart,  
 Torn by circumstance  
 Patch it up  
 Surgery,  
**Can't help in this ER**  
**Patient's too far gone**

Letters,  
 Making words  
 Filling pages  
 With thought,  
 Sentiment  
 Get it off your chest  
 Spontaneity of feelings

The weight  
 Too much  
 Another task to complete  
 Put down your fork young man  
**There's too much on this plate**

It runs over  
 Uncontrollable  
 Overflowing  
 Emotion:  
 Spilling onto the floor of your mind  
 The weight  
 Too much  
 Haunts you  
 Antagonizing  
 Yielding sleeplessness  
 The body,  
 Weary,  
 Drained  
 No break to come  
 I want to go home  
 I just want to go

Jealousy  
 The people  
 Interacting  
 Laugh  
 Play  
 Frolic  
 Cheerful,  
 On the one end.  
 Cheerless  
**Don't frolic**  
**Can't play**

Stoicism,  
 On the other.  
 Creates distress  
 Concealed,  
 By a concrete face  
 Poignant behind the mask

Treatment?  
 Cure?  
 Not readily available  
 Doc says wait  
 Impatience  
 Hates delays in the program  
 Too bad  
 Learn to deal  
 Learned to deal  
 Is dealing  
 Hates to deal  
 Only compromise  
 Unfortunately  
 Upsetting  
 Shakes hand  
 Deal  
 Backs away  
 Helpless  
 Again  
**Can't fight the feeling**  
 Take a seat  
 Gather thoughts  
 Leave them to wish  
 Imagine  
 Wonder  
 Oh what a feeling  
 To be organized



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 Spring 2010 Sophomore registration	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Spring 2010 Freshman registration	14 World Unity Fair @ 3pm
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