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## Welcome Home, Rams!

What a whirlwind of change, excitement, and honor the past few months have been – opening your new home on campus in the Iris & Michael Smith Alumni Center, making history in the new stadium with a crushing 58-27 victory over the Oregon State Beavers, and getting to see so many of you back on campus for all of the fun!

Speaking of getting to see you, we are eager to welcome you back for Homecoming and our Grand Opening to help us fill this new space with all the moments, all the memories, and all the community and camaraderie that make a house a home. You – our alumni family – breathe life into a place like this and make it the space it was always intended to be – home.

Throughout this issue, you'll read all about the areas within the Smith Alumni Center and what to expect of this new tradition, starting with the grand welcome you'll receive from Mindock Hall as you enter through the front doors. Here, you'll find yourself surrounded by the CSU story as told through her graduates. Our beautiful University is home to some incredible people, each with a journey of his or her own, yet one shared by so many. You'll lose yourself taking the trip through time, so plan to stay awhile!

Finally, I want you, as a member of the CSU Alumni Association, to know that you're the inspiration behind all of this. Because of you, we're able to really make a statement with this space – offering professional development, lifelong learning opportunities, and even student programming like never before. We are so grateful for your support in keeping CSU traditions strong. To learn about all the ways you can connect with your alma mater and be involved with the CSU Alumni Association, visit [alumni.colostate.edu](http://alumni.colostate.edu).



Ram proud,

*Kristi Bohlender*

Kristi Bohlender, B.S., '93; M.B.A., '95, and Life Member

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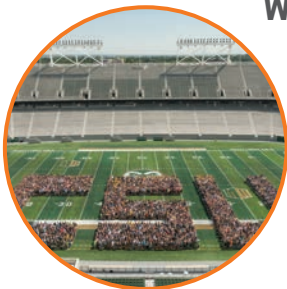


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## WHAT DEFINES US AS RAMS?

Between that anxious moment we set foot on campus and the moment we don cap and gown, something happens to us. It's more than an educational journey that ends with a degree. It's an experience that unites us in tradition, pushes our boundaries, challenges our beliefs, roots us in the beauty of this special place, equips us for accomplishment and adversity, and makes us forever part of the alumni family.



PROUD TO BE





ON AUG. 24 AND 25 of this year, we made history; history that so many of you have been anxiously awaiting, some for decades. We opened the Iris & Michael Smith Alumni Center, hosted the kickoff to college football right here on our very own beautiful campus, and exemplified PROUD TO BE like never before. If you needed a reason to return to your alma mater, this is it. The energy pulsating through this campus on Game Day weekends is undeniable, and your home is at the heart of it all.



# MAKING THIS HOUSE A HOME

IRIS & MICHAEL SMITH ALUMNI CENTER



You know that feeling? The feeling of “new.” The butterflies in your stomach when you take your new car for a spin, or the goosebumps you get when you step into your new home? There’s adrenaline and excitement, and even anxiety, as you get those keys in your hands for the very first time.

That just about sums up how we feel about the Iris & Michael Smith Alumni Center. And we are eager to welcome you home to help us fill this new space with



everything that makes a house a home.

"We couldn't be more excited to welcome everyone to the Smith Alumni Center," said Kristi Bohlender, executive director of the CSU Alumni Association. "Whether it's Game Day or other special events, such as Homecoming & Family Weekend, we look forward to celebrating our Ram Pride and our traditions with our alumni and friends in our new home."

The Smith Alumni Center opened its doors on Aug. 25, 2017, with an open house celebration and the kickoff to

a new tradition in Football Fridays.

Funded entirely by private donations, including a generous \$3.5 million lead gift from Iris and CSU alumnus, Michael Smith, the beautiful, 20,000-square-foot facility is located on the northeast corner of the on-campus stadium. Home to our more than 220,000 living alumni, and nestled in the heart of our beautiful Fort Collins, Colo., campus, the Smith Alumni Center pays tribute to all that makes us proud to be CSU Rams. It's a place for alumni, students, family, and friends to come together and celebrate in any one of these incredible spaces:

#### MINDOCK HALL

Designed as a welcoming entrance to the Smith Alumni Center, Mindock Hall, named in honor of Peter J. Mindock ('72), is home to the **Our Impact area**, made possible by the Green and Gold Foundation, the **Our Family area**, made possible by the Tobin Johnston family, and the **Proud to Be Wall**, made possible by the Colorado State University Alumni Association board of directors and Old Main Circle.

The soaring space features interactive displays that walk you down memory lane, reconnecting you to the University you love with stories about CSU's history, alumni, and traditions. It's also where you'll find our Kids' Zone, a fun space full of imagination for budding Rams!

#### RUDY & KAY GARCIA COLLABORATION ROOM

Equipped with Internet, a printer, and charging stations, this space lends itself to alumni passing through as a quiet work area to catch up on things. Reservations required.

#### EVENT HALL

As you enter the Event Hall and pass by the **Model T area**, made possible by Schrader Oil in honor of Wayne ('53) and Phyllis Schrader, be sure to take advantage of the one-of-a-kind photo opportunity!

Then head over to the **Hornung Family Alumni Welcoming Space** to reminisce with fellow alumni around our fireplace that seems to make the expansive open space of the Event Hall feel warm and cozy.

This 1,650-square-foot area is also available for rent, seating approximately 150 people for banquet-style events.



#### KEEPER OF TRADITIONS

Painting the A, firing the cannon, CAM the Ram, Homecoming – the Alumni Association is built on tradition, and the Smith Alumni Center brings those traditions home. Dedicated to preserving and honoring our green and gold legacy, this is a place where Ram Pride comes alive, and new memories are made. As such, one of our oldest traditions will ring new again in the Jim and Nadine Henry Family Tower, located just outside the main entrance to the Smith Alumni Center, and now home to the revered and refurbished Old Main Bell. See Page 16 for more on bringing the bell home.







### SEMINAR ROOMS

Join us for ongoing alumni-focused programming and learning opportunities in our two seminar rooms. Also rentable spaces, our seminar rooms feature the ability to reconfigure into one larger classroom that can seat approximately 110 people.



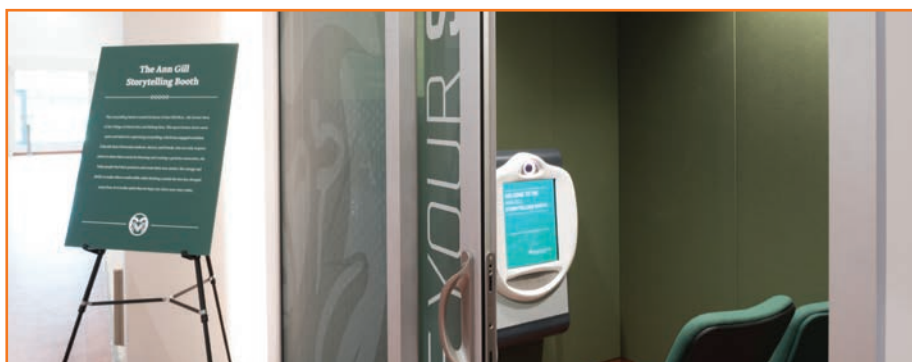
### EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM/PATIO

The elegantly appointed executive boardroom features a large conference table, banquet bar, big-screen televisions, and access to our private outdoor patio. The room's capacity of 26 makes it a perfect space for your next meeting or staff retreat.



### ANN GILL STORYTELLING BOOTH

While you're here, be sure to step into the Ann Gill Storytelling Booth to share your best CSU memories with us. You'll even have the chance to post your video on your social networks using #CSUAlumniStories, and see others' who've done the same!



### CAM'S CORRAL

CAM the Ram now has his very own space outside the Smith Alumni Center. You'll find him there during Alumni Association tailgates before home football games, ready and waiting to be the star of your next selfie!



It's easy to see why the **Smith Alumni Center** should be your first stop anytime you return to campus. You'll find the most current information about business hours, tour times, special events, reservation details, and more at [alumni.colostate.edu](http://alumni.colostate.edu).

And staff can always be found in the Alumni Association offices, made possible in part, by Ren and Sharon Jensen. Thank you for your support as we embark on a new era of Ram Pride. **Welcome home!**





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# BAY AREA RAM NETWORK

Getting involved with your local Ram Network is a great way to share Ram Pride with fellow CSU alumni wherever you live. Here's what makes the Bay Area Ram Network one of the best alumni chapters in the nation!

## BAY AREA RAM NETWORK BY THE NUMBERS

**12,608** CSU ALUMNI IN CALIFORNIA

MORE THAN **3,100** IN THE GREATER  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

**LARGEST** CSU  
ALUMNI POPULATION  
OUTSIDE COLORADO

**22** ALUMNI EVENTS  
HELD LAST YEAR

**50** ALUMNI AND FAMILY  
MEMBERS ATTENDED CSU  
DAY AT THE OAKLAND ZOO.



**MVPS**

ROBY DEMANCHE ('98),  
LIFE MEMBER  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Roby is the senior director of hardware operations at iBeat, a startup company launching a smart-watch biometric health and safety monitor that can alert emergency services to save lives.

Roby recruits new members and coordinates events in San Francisco and is his Ram Network's primary point of contact with the Alumni Association.

### FAVORITE BAY AREA RAM NETWORK EVENTS

Watch parties, traveling to bowl games, the Sonny Lubick speaking event at Google, networking, and CSUnity days of service.

### I'M INVOLVED BECAUSE ...

"The Bay Area has great energy, and our Ram Network involves people with such a diverse set of backgrounds. We can tap into our local CSU support network to find a house, a job, or a social connection. That's been amazing."



JONATHAN MORGAN ('99),  
LIFE MEMBER  
SAN JOSE, CALIF.

Jonathan is director of operations planning for Palo Alto Networks, a cybersecurity company that helps tens of thousands of organizations worldwide prevent cyber breaches.

Jonathan coordinates watch parties, CSUnity days of service, away games at San Jose State, and other events in the South Bay Area.

### FAVORITE BAY AREA RAM NETWORK EVENTS

Watch parties, away games at San Jose State, traveling to bowl games, and CSUnity days of service, where he joins forces with his company.

### I'M INVOLVED BECAUSE ...

"I like giving back to my school and community, and I enjoy networking, the camaraderie, and bringing people together to cheer on the Rams. The Bay Area Ram Network keeps me connected to CSU, and it's how I met one of my best friends."



With more than 220,000 living CSU alumni, there are bound to be fellow Rams living near you. For more information about existing Ram Networks or how to start a new chapter, visit [alumni.colostate.edu/alumni-in-the-nation](http://alumni.colostate.edu/alumni-in-the-nation).





# SMITH ALUMNI CENTER GRAND OPENING - SATURDAY, OCT. 14

As part of the 2017 Homecoming festivities, the Iris & Michael Smith Alumni Center will celebrate its Grand Opening on Saturday, October 14. See below for a list of other Homecoming & Family Weekend events:

## THURSDAY, OCT. 12

Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

## FRIDAY, OCT. 13

50 Year Club Luncheon

Festival on the Oval

Homecoming Parade

Friday Night Lights & Member Reception  
(pep rally, bonfire, and lighting of the A)

## SATURDAY, OCT. 14

Homecoming 5K Race

Iris & Michael Smith Alumni Center

Grand Opening

CSU vs. Nevada Football Game

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# CAM'S *NEW DIGS*

Because no visit to campus is complete without an obligatory photo op with our beloved mascot, the Iris & Michael Smith Alumni Center is proud to be CAM the Ram's official Game Day home.

Named in 1954 after Colorado A&M, and a Colorado State University tradition for more than 60 years, CAM is a constant at University events and activities – from Homecoming to graduation – and, of course, at all home games on the gridiron.

Stop by to see CAM during the CSU Alumni Association tailgates held before each Saturday home game. You'll find our beloved ram holding court in his new "CAM's Corral" on the northeast corner of the Smith Alumni Center. The picture-perfect space is set for selfies and snapshots with family and friends, so be sure to work some time in to check out CAM's new digs as part of your Game Day plans!

Thanks to member support, even when CAM's not posing for the paparazzi in his new space, he's still under the care of the CSU Alumni Association.

The CAM Forever fund supports the care, housing, and transportation of our four-legged mascot. On a day-to-day basis, a devoted and enthusiastic group of student volunteers, known as Ram Handlers, ensures our Rambouillet gets the attention he needs and deserves. At right, read more about the new class of Ram Handlers we welcomed in May.

By Whei Wong Howerton



**FIND CAM** IN HIS "CORRAL" AT THE SMITH ALUMNI CENTER EVERY SATURDAY DURING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TAILGATES BEFORE HOME GAMES.







### NEW CLASS OF RAM HANDLERS

Usually sporting blue jeans and boots, and often seen driving a large trailer around campus or accompanying our favorite Rambouillet sheep, our Ram Handlers are second to none.

This semester, we welcomed a class of 22 Ram Handlers who are responsible for escorting CAM the Ram to nearly 80 events throughout the year, representing the Alumni Association and helping Colorado State University proudly uphold our live mascot tradition. Most importantly, this dedicated group of students oversees the care of CAM – from feeding him every morning and night, to cleaning his pen, and washing and shearing him to ensure he looks his best at events.

Our volunteer Ram Handlers are full-time CSU students who maintain at least a cumulative 2.5 GPA, and have a willingness to develop their leadership skills and agricultural craft while actively promoting CSU and engaging with fellow students, alumni, community, and donors.

Next time you see the boots and blue jeans, be sure to shake the hands of those so outfitted, and tell them thanks for all they take on for the good of our CAM.

To learn more, or if you know a current CSU student interested in applying to become a Ram Handler, visit: [alumni.colostate.edu/cam-the-ram](http://alumni.colostate.edu/cam-the-ram).



On June 5, 1884, Libby Coy, George H. Glover, and Leonidas Loomis graduated from the State Agricultural College at Fort Collins, becoming the first three members of our alumni family.

Since then, the college has grown up to become a world-class University, and our family grew to almost a quarter-million alumni living around the world today.

Each alumnus/alumna journey is unique. Each small victory, career achievement, new idea, useful invention, and artistic expression distinctive.

Yet, our paths crossed – at different times, but in the *same place*.

**UNITED IN GREEN AND GOLD, WE ARE ONE FAMILY. WE ARE RAMS.**



## KIM TOBIN

**O**n the off-chance you catch Kim Tobin sitting still long enough to reminisce about her ties to Colorado State University, you'll quickly notice a transformation. Her eyes light up a little more. You know she's talking about a place she holds dear. A place she considers home.

*"There's really no place we'd rather be," says Kim Tobin.*

The native Canadian (who still shares a small part of her Oval-shaped heart with Thunder Bay, Canada) is a current CSU doctoral student, an Alumni Association Life Member, and CSU's new vice president for University Advancement. Tobin, who took on the new role July 1, has had a remarkable journey; one that's had her wending her way through the Fort Collins campus for nearly 15 years.

Hoping to relocate closer to her

sister's family in Colorado, in 2003, Tobin was in the running for a fundraising position with the College of Natural Resources (now the Warner College of Natural Resources). She clearly remembers one particular moment on the Oval during a campus visit that sealed the deal. As she and husband, Len Johnston, meandered through, they could picture their children – baby Devon at the time, later joined by Aidan – running and playing among the elms. This is when they knew CSU was the place for them.

"It just felt right. Those historic elms, and how they're rooted in tradition but always getting stronger, always reaching higher," says Tobin. "President Frank likes to remind us that they were planted generations ago by people who knew they would never live long enough to enjoy their shade or the peacefulness they cast over campus. People today reap the benefits. And in



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a similar way, we are responsible to do the same for future generations.”

She’s had many “homes” across campus – from temporary spaces to off-campus buildings. Each one is treasured for its history and contribution to the CSU campus.

“Every space, every place, has its own personality. It’s been fun getting to know the University through the spaces I’ve inhabited.”

Tobin’s first home was the building that houses the Warner College of Natural Resources. The facility, which is undergoing a long-overdue renovation and addition, thanks to generous gifts from alumni Michael Smith and Ed Warner, will be named the Michael Smith Natural Resources Building. This is the first expansion for the college since the late 1970s, and will include a student success center, advising and engagement areas, classrooms, and computer labs.

“The campus is so different now,” says Tobin. “Donors and friends of the University have helped us transform spaces and elevate the student experience – the labs, the facilities, the programs – are top notch, and people who work here are inspiring.”

Tobin’s next home was the International style Clark building. It was here, leading fundraising efforts for the College of Liberal Arts for nine years, that she started picking up more “family” members.

“Kim always created a fun family atmosphere in CLA Development,” says Ann Gill, former dean of the College of Liberal Arts, who worked with Tobin. “She remembered all the birthdays, decorated offices, with results that ranged from whimsical to hilarious, and brought laughter and an upbeat atmosphere to every occasion!”

At the same time, Tobin practically lived in the University Center for the Arts while securing donations for its renovation, touring donors through the construction site and helping open spaces. The UCA, which continues to evolve with improvements, more

## “OUR FAMILY” INTERPRETIVE SPACE

The generosity of many donors, alumni, and friends of Colorado State University have made the new Iris & Michael Smith Alumni Center a reality. Among them is Kim Tobin and Len Johnston’s family. To solidify their ties to CSU, they have named the “**Our Family**” interpretive space in gratitude to a place that’s been so meaningful to their family.

galleries, and donor-named spaces, will celebrate its 10th anniversary in Spring 2018.

“The arts are a passion of mine – as an undergrad, I completed a double major in arts management and art history. Being part of the team that reinvigorated the former Fort Collins High School, and creating a home for creative artistry at CSU, has been one of the highlights of my career.”

Finally, she moved to the University Services Center on South Howes Street, which served students as a residence hall in the 1960s, complete with a courtyard pool. A student herself – Tobin expects to earn her Ph.D. in higher education leadership this spring – she feels fortunate she used Howes as an office space rather than a living space, although she wouldn’t mind a pool out front.

“It’s not the most attractive campus building, but it’s about the people and work that goes on inside. The University Advancement team members housed in the building are some of finest advancement professionals in the nation, and they are making a huge impact on the University we all love.”

Today, she’s fortunate enough that her window in the Administration Building looks out over that special place where it all started – the Oval.

“For me, the Oval is the most inspiring space on campus,” says Tobin. “It’s beautiful any time of



CELEBRATING DAVE AND PAULA EDWARDS’ HONORARY DEGREES IN MAY 2014. L-R: PAULA EDWARDS, AIDAN JOHNSTON, LEN JOHNSTON, DEVON JOHNSTON, KIM TOBIN, DAVE EDWARDS



MUCH OF TOBIN’S WORK IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS FOCUSED ON THE RENOVATION OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS. FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION, THE EDNA RIZLEY GRIFFIN CONCERT HALL HELD ITS OPEN HOUSE IN 2004.



THE TOBIN JOHNSTON FAMILY TOURING THE NEW STADIUM FACILITIES IN APRIL 2017.

year. It’s a place where I feel deeply connected to the history of CSU, our land-grant mission, and our values around providing access to a world-class education.”

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## OLD MAIN FALLS AS ACTIVISM FLARES DURING THE VIETNAM WAR

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### OLD MAIN BURNING: AS SEEN THROUGH EYES OF AN ALUMNUS

**O**n the evening of May 8, 1970, CSU political science major Tim Schultz ('72) gathered with a group of graduate students, helpless to act, as they watched Old Main burn out of control. By the time firefighters arrived, it was too late to save the iconic building that had been a mainstay on campus for more than 90 years.

According to Colorado State University library archives, Old Main was constructed in 1878 as the second building on campus, and it played an important role in the history of CSU. Old Main housed the boardroom where President Elijah Edwards and the State Board of Agriculture determined the first courses of study; the classrooms where the first students and professors gathered; the gymnasium where members of the 1903 women's basketball team honed their skills to clinch the University's first athletics championship; and the auditorium where William Jennings Bryan and John Phillip Sousa commanded the stage. It was also home to the 450-pound Old Main Bell that would ring in the start of each school day – that is, until it was stolen from the belfry as a fraternity prank in 1919. (Read about the bell's return, 98 years later, on page 16.)

While it was a tragedy to lose Old Main to arson, the graduate students standing next to Schultz on that fateful night lost a lot more than memories.

"This was before computers, and their thesis papers were in that building," says Schultz, who remembers the students' devastation as they watched years of hard work go up in flames.

James Hansen's book, *Democracy's College in the Centennial State: A History of Colorado State University*, chronicles the events leading up to the blaze. On April 30, 1970, President Nixon announced an American-South Vietnam invasion of Cambodia as a strategy to shorten the Vietnam War. The president's policy intensified the anti-war movement on college campuses across the United States, including Kent State University where four

student protesters were killed and others wounded by Ohio National Guardsmen on May 4.

According to Hansen's book and library archives, CSU campus activists responded to these events by calling for a student strike on May 7 and 8, which received strong support from faculty. Many classes were boycotted, and the students and instructors who continued to meet focused their class time on war-related discussions.

During the student strike, activists held a rally in the Student Center Plaza, and a group of 2,000 protestors marched on City Hall to make their anti-war voices heard. As a political science major, Schultz participated in both the rally and the march to witness history in the making. "I wanted to just see it and understand it," says Schultz.



THE AFTERMATH OF THE OLD MAIN FIRE, 1970

On the evening of May 8, a special concert was held as part of the organized student moratorium. Hansen writes in his book, "These activities remained singularly free of violence until Friday evening, when, with the concert in progress, one or more arsonists put the torch to Old Main and unsuccessfully attempted to burn down the ROTC Firing Range Building as well."

In the days following the incident, Schultz joined a group of students, including ROTC cadets, to camp out in

several CSU buildings to guard them from possible anti-war vandalism.

Adding to the growing tensions and upheaval on campus, male students were required to register with Selective Service, and Schultz was eventually drafted. After taking his final class at CSU, he reported to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri to start his six-year military obligation in the Army Reserve. But as luck would have it, Schultz would not go to war.

After graduating from CSU in 1972 with a B.A. in political science, Schultz returned home to Colorado's Western Slope where he involved himself in local and county government.

Years later, Schultz served in a variety of state leadership roles including executive director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, chairman of the Colorado Economic Development Commission, chairman of the Colorado Wildlife Commission, and Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture.

In 1995, Schultz became the executive director of the Boettcher Foundation, a Denver-based philanthropy that strives to keep and cultivate the brightest minds in Colorado. Schultz recently retired from Boettcher leaving behind a 22-year legacy of thoughtful leadership and an endowment worth \$287 million.

Schultz's legacy at Boettcher also includes eight capital grants made to CSU, worth \$1.6 million, to help build several new mainstays on campus, including the University Center for the Arts; CSU's Agricultural Research, Development and Education Center; and the new CSU Health and Medical Center.

Schultz, so helpless to save Old Main nearly 50 years ago, is now known for his passion to rebuild struggling rural economies across Colorado and, as a Ram, he will always be remembered for the important role he played in building a better future for CSU.

By Becky Jensen ('93)



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# OLD MAIN BELL RINGS AGAIN



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On Aug. 26, for a few short minutes, the Henry girls – Linda, Kathleen and Sharon – were kids again.

They each grabbed the rope, and together, they joyously rekindled a century-old tradition by ringing the Old Main Bell prior to the inaugural game at Colorado State University's new stadium.

"It was a great thrill to ring the bell, and we were having a wonderful time," said Sharon Crangle, the baby of the family at age 66. "We had lots of friends and family there, so it was a really memorable occasion."

The bell, reclaimed recently following a 98-year absence, now hangs in the Jim and Nadine Henry Family Tower outside the Iris & Michael Smith Alumni Center. The tower was named for Jim and Nadine, who were honored as "Alumni of the Century" in 2000 for



CSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KRISTI BOHLENDER WITH THE HENRY SISTERS PRIOR TO THEIR INAUGURAL BELL RINGING

their decades of passionate support of their alma mater.

Their children – Sharon, Kathleen Henry, Linda Henry, and Denzel Henry – were approached by Kristi Bohlender, executive director of the Alumni Association, about naming the tower after their parents. The children

– all CSU alumni, and all CSU Alumni Association Life Members – quickly agreed. (Denzel was unable to attend the ceremony.)

"We jumped on that with both feet," Sharon said. "It was a chance to keep our parents' legend alive. I think they would be very, very honored. They had





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a great love for this University and we (children) are trying to carry on what they started.”

The bell tradition dates to 1910, when leaders at CSU – then Colorado Agricultural College – purchased a bell to signal the start of classes each day. The bell eventually was placed in the belfry at Old Main, the first significant building on campus.

By 1915, students had launched a new tradition: ringing the bell following football victories. The bell usually rang until midnight and became somewhat of a nuisance to residents living near campus. Perhaps that explains why, in about 1919, the bell was silenced by what was first reported to be a stolen clapper.

It was revealed recently, however, that the bell was actually stolen by members of a campus fraternity.

The crime was never reported; the bell was forgotten by all but a few with knowledge of its location.

Fast-forward to 2015, when CSU announced plans to build the stadium and attach a much-needed home for alumni. An anonymous source contacted Bohlender and asked if CSU would be interested in having the bell returned. Bohlender enthusiastically agreed – with a promise that CSU would not seek to punish anyone associated with the bell’s disappearance or subsequent storage.

As it turns out, the bell had been hidden in three separate locations over the years. First, buried on a farm not far from Fort Collins for more than 50 years. Then, hidden in a house near campus. Finally, it was stored on a ranch about 50 miles from campus.

When the bell was returned, it was remarkably well-preserved, save for a

missing clapper and a broken yoke. Representatives from Associated Students of Colorado State University agreed to pay to have the bell refurbished, and the fully restored bell was returned to campus earlier this year.

While the Henry siblings were the first official bell ringers, it wasn’t long before students could revive their post-victory tradition. After the Rams opened their season with an impressive 58-27 win over Oregon State, former ASCSU President Daniela Pineda Soraca, Edward Kendall, and Mike Lensky – all prominent in the bell restoration process – enthusiastically rang the bell for two minutes.

“This is a great tradition,” Sharon said. “I’m sure my parents were looking down with big smiles on their faces.”

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By Tony Phifer



Colorado State University’s Main Campus is one square mile of home. It’s where “nice to meet you” on move-in day becomes a lifelong friendship. It’s a zillion cups of coffee in the student center that add up to a major. It’s a group study session that starts in Morgan Library and ends in Old Town. It’s Moby Madness, Orange Outs, the Fight Song, and one very loud cannon.

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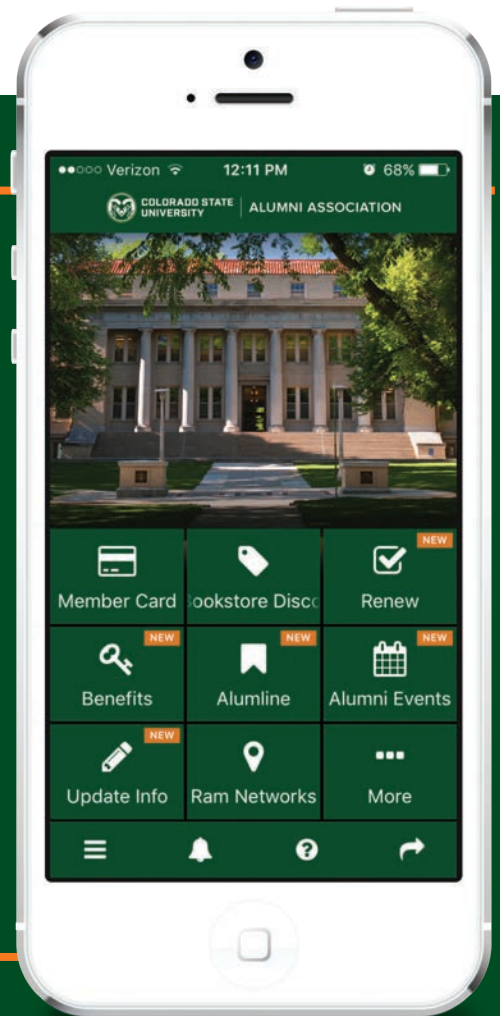
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