

Indigenous Reader

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NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES



Ute Tribes visit Colorado State



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Colorado State welcomes the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Tribes!

The NASS office and Colorado State University President's Office hosted the two Ute Tribes of Colorado; Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute on February 1-4. Both tribes visited the CSU campus, met with the deans, provosts and administrators, toured the James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and attended the CSU and UNM men's basketball game.

Initial discussions focused on developing potential programs and partnerships for research and education. "This meeting will

provide an opportunity for Colorado State to connect with both tribes and look for areas where collaboration can benefit everyone," said Ty Smith, Director of Native American Student Services at Colorado State.

The Southern Ute Tribe reservation lies in the southwest corner of Colorado (Ignacio), in the southern part of La Plata and Archuleta Counties. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe reservation also lies in southwest Colorado (Towaoc), southeast of Utah and northern New Mexico.

"We at Colorado State are honored to welcome the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute

Indian Tribe to our campus and to Fort Collins," said Colorado State President Larry Edward Penley. "Colorado State has a strong tradition of working with all people in Colorado to meet the needs of communities in this state. We look forward to engaging in continued discussions as to how we can best meet the needs of these tribes."



Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute visit with CSU Alumni and Faculty

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 21st,
2007...a celebration of life.

North Star Mentor Dinner

The North Star Peer Mentor Program hosted a dinner for advocacy office mentors and mentees on February 7th in the Native American Student Services office.

This event kicked off future program collaboration among the Black Student Services

office, El Centro Student Services office, and the Asian/Pacific American Student Services office mentoring programs.

NASS mentor, Katrina Gillette, coordinated the event and did an amazing job. For future event information please

contact Katrina Gillette at 970-491-1332.



NASS/El Centro Mentor Dinner

"The program promotes the importance of health, exercise, and teamwork"

NASS Basketball Team

Watch out intramural sports basketball. The North Star Peer Mentoring program has a men's basketball team, *Kickin NASS*, the official team name, took the basketball court for the intramural season. The team is umbrellaed under the NASS Physical Activities program headed by North Star Mentor, Goldlin Wall. The Physical Activities program promotes the importance of health, exercise, and teamwork.

Native American Student Services office offering students the opportunity to get involved. Activities range from intramural sports to office organizations. It is important that college students maintain healthy life styles.

build a sense of teamwork and incorporate health," said Goldlin Wall founder of the program.

The Kickin NASS men's basketball team had five games this semester which were held on Monday nights at the CSU intramural gym. For further information contact Goldlin Wall at 970-491-1332. Upcoming planned activities will be listed on the NASS website at www.NASS.Colostate.edu under 'calendar of events'.

"I want to get the students involved with programs involving physical activity. Lack of exercise and well being is predominant in many native communities, so I created the Physical Activities Program with the North Star Mentor program to

This program is an example of



Goldlin Wall and Seraphina Wall putting the finishing touches on the NASS jerseys

Native Women's Circle

issues of native women.

On March 2nd the program visited local art galleries for the First Friday Gallery Walk in Old Town Square, Fort Collins. Future meetings include hosting guest speakers, traveling to the Colorado History Museum, and other various activities. The program will soon have the potential to initiate volunteer opportunities,

provide outreach to the Fort Collins community, and will continue to empower the needs of native women at Colorado State.

The Women's Circle meets once a month. For future events and further information contact Seraphina Wall at 970-491-1332.



Shequeita Byrne, Jamie Folsom, Heather Vincent, and Katrina Gillette at Illustrated Light Gallery of Fine Art Photography

Last semester the Native American Student Services office created the Women's Circle which focuses on the

"The Native Women's Circle hopes to bring experience and ideas to the program and empower native women"

Spring Break Little Shop of Physics Style

For spring break, March 12-16, NASS once again hit the road with the Little Shop of Physics (LSOP). The goal of this collaboration was to excite Native youth about science and education. This Spring Break trip included visits to the Southern Ute Tribe, and Navajo Nation. This annual outreach program is spearheaded by Brian Jones, Director of LSOP, and Ty Smith, Director of NASS.

LSOP and NASS students engaged over 1,000 Native youth, and 35+ teachers and community members about the wonders of science. The group also visited the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park in Towaoc to see ancient Anasazi ruins first hand and to learn more about Ute Mountain Ute history.

and Sophie Ottens Foundation, BHP Billiton, CMMAP, Ute Mountain Ute Casino and Hotel, and the Sky Ute Casino and Hotel for their support!

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Ojo Amarillo Elementary student, Meri Baudoin, explores the experiments

Special Thanks!

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NASA and AISES



Heather V., Paige G., Shequeita B., Jay H., Seraphina W., Courtney W., Joe R., Jacque V., Mike F., Alicia V.

The 2006-2007 NASA student organization is in full swing this spring semester and continues to meet every week with new and current projects. Fundraising is currently being done by soda sales in the NASS office and a Native

Taco Sale scheduled for March 22nd. The Native Taco Sale will coincide with American Indian Science and Engineering Society's drumming exhibition highlighted by Ram Nation.

Future plans for the NASA group include attending the CSU Challenge Ropes Course during the fall semester again. Some outdoor group hikes and plans for a new group logo and accompanying student org t-shirt as well. The meetings will continue on Thursday evenings at 5 pm, so be sure to attend to discuss any current or new ideas.

November: Native American Awareness Month

This past November marked the third consecutive year of commemorating National Native American Awareness Month on the CSU campus.

NASS is proud to say that over 500 individuals participated in the events, which included students, faculty, staff and community members. Topics of discussion included Tribal Sovereignty, Issues of Blood Quantum, Tribal Enrollment, Sexual Assault of Indigenous Women in Native America and



Stan Scott, Troy Sice, Mike Frank, Alex Benally, Sgt. Allen Dale June, Virginia June, Ty Smith

storytelling. The NASA student organization also showed various films in the LSC theatre. The month culminated with a new exhibit in the Duhesa Lounge featuring artists Alex

Benally, Bunky Echo-Hawk, and Troy Sice. Also honored at the event was Sgt. Allen Dale June, Navajo Code Talker and Congressional Gold Medal Award recipient.



Joe Robertson thanks Charles Abourezk, producer/director of *Tattoo On My Heart*, for coming to the viewing of his film.

Got a favorite song and want to request it?

Our very own Micka King is deejay for KCSU, experimental college radio, and has her own show from 3:00am-5:00am Friday mornings.

For requests call 491-KCSU or further questions contact Micka at micka@simla.colostate.edu

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Celebration: Halloween, Christmas, Homecoming



The NASS family celebrated Halloween with a pumpkin carving contest, handed out candy to the trick o' treaters stopping by the LSC, and ended the day with a costume party.

Christmas festivities were celebrated with a potluck dinner, movie, and white elephant gift exchange.

This year NASS and the Native American Student Association placed 2nd along with Black Student Services and El Centro Student Services in the 2006 CSU Homecoming parade.

We look forward to future festivities!!



Calendar of Events for Spring 2007

March 12th-16th: Spring Break, Native American Student Services & Little Shop of Physic Outreach to Southwest Colorado and Northwest New Mexico.

20th: NASS Carpool to Buffalo Feast at Denver Museum of Nature and Science. 6:00pm-9:00pm. Please RSVP for this event. Contact Seraphina Wall at 970-491-1332.

21st: National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

22nd: Native American Dance Expo & Taco Sale

April 12th: NASS Graduation Reception 5:30pm-7:30pm Cherokee Park Room, Lory Student Center. Please contact Teresa Roybal at 970-491-1332 to RSVP.

May 7th-10th: Finals Week

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