



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY-PUEBLO

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

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80
years
1933
2013

"E.T. Kelly called the meeting to order and explained the object of the meeting was to consider the advisability of perfecting an organization, and incorporating under the laws of Colorado a Corporation, not for pecuniary profit, for the purpose of founding, establishing and conducting an institution of learning on the college plan, to be known more particularly as a Junior College, and doing all necessary things incident thereto."

*— from the minutes of the
preliminary meeting for the
organization of Southern Colorado
Junior College, June 28, 1933*

Colorado State University-Pueblo has a long history of serving the community and responding to the growing needs of higher education in our region. Our roots were first established in 1933 when we began as a three-room junior college, Southern Colorado Junior College, with 63 students and two instructors.

We evolved from that three-room junior college first to a four-year college in 1963 as Southern Colorado State College, and earned University status in 1975 as the University of Southern Colorado. In 2003, we became Colorado State University-Pueblo, a regional, comprehensive university now offering 28 baccalaureate and nine master degree programs, serving nearly 5,000 students from all 50 states and 23 countries.

Over the past 80 years under five different names, the institution has graduated more than 40,000 students from around the world, 20,000 of whom live in Colorado.

In tribute to the final page of Harold A. Hoeglund's *History of Pueblo College 1933-63*, these words still are an appropriate ending:

Down in Southern Colorado
(Tune: "When It's Springtime in the Rockies")

Down in Southern Colorado
Where the skies are always blue,
In that high, wide sunny country
Where your friends are tried and true,

Where the mountains meet the prairie
That's the land that I love best
Come down to southern Colorado
You'll love it here, away out West.

Remember all our college friendships
At our dear S.C.S.C. (CSU-P?)
When again we stroll the pathways,
Alma Mater, Hail to Thee.

Again I see those Rocky Mountains,
The Spanish Twins and old Pike's Peak
Out beyond the sunset's splendor
Alma Mater's fame we'll seek.

2013

Major Renovation to
Occhiato University Center

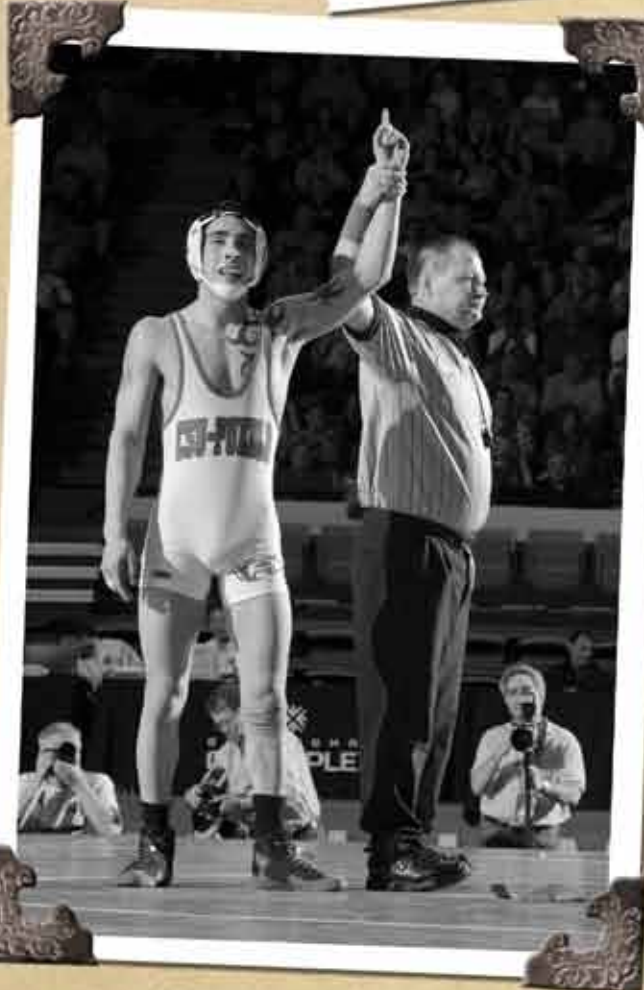


New \$16 million Academic Building



2013

- Jesse Hillhouse, a senior from Casper, Wyo., becomes the first wrestling national champion since the sport was revived in 2008 with a victory in the 125 lb. class at the 2013 NCAA Division II Wrestling championships.
- Two capital projects will break ground in fall of 2013 - a major renovation to the Occhiato University Center and construction of a new \$16 million academic building on the west side of campus, which topped the Joint Budget Committee's Capital Projects list.
- On July 13, 2013, CSU-Pueblo will begin its 80th year of service to the citizens of Colorado.



SCJCOLLEGE

1933-42



The first SCJC classes are offered in three rooms in the Pueblo County Courthouse in 1933.

PUEBLO COLLEGE

1933

- The Secretary of State issues a Certificate of Incorporation of The Southern Colorado Junior College on July 13, 1933. SCJC provides two years of college instruction in the arts, literature, and science, adult education, and vocational opportunities, as well as coursework to complete a high school program.

1935

- First commencement ceremony held on May 5 at Pueblo's First Baptist Church, where 17 students received associates' degrees.

1936

- Construction of the campus begins at the Orman Avenue site on land donated by Colorado Fuel & Iron (CF&I) and money from the City Federation of Women's Club and the Works Progress Administration.

1937

- The Pueblo County Junior College District is formed through the Junior College Act of the General Assembly, making the college part of the public school system supported by county-wide taxes. The name change to Pueblo Junior College brings a change in mission. The institution offers two years of general study at the college level as well as a range of practical courses for those not seeking a higher education degree.
- The school's first building on Orman campus is completed.
- Tsanti (college yearbook) and Warwhoop (the college newspaper) begin publication.

1938

- Physical education instructor Dale Rea starts the intercollegiate athletics program, which in its first year consisted of football and basketball, both coached by Rea. By 1939, the Empire Conference is formed and managed by Rea, joining Colorado and Nebraska junior colleges together in competition (the precursor to the modern day NJCAA Region IX). By 1940, golf, tennis, and track and field would be added to the offerings.

1942

- Due to the war, President Haines is called to serve in the US Navy, resigns his position, and is replaced by Dr. William Black.



E.T. Kelly
1933-36



L.R. Wren
1936-39



Charles E. Haines
1939-42



William A. Black
1942-45

1943-52

1943

• The athletics program goes on hiatus from 1943-46. Coach Rea departs the University prior to the 1942 football season to serve in World War II and does not return. He later becomes the President at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

1945

• First female student body president, Shirley Trontell, is elected.

1947

• A master plan for the completion of the campus is finished, and a \$750,000 bond issue is approved by the voters for the colleges' expansion.

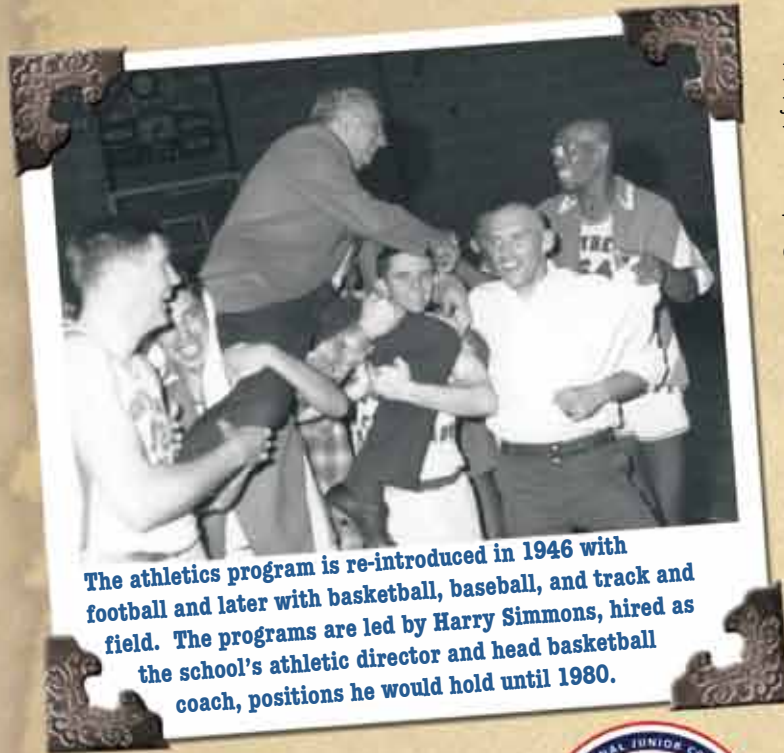


1948

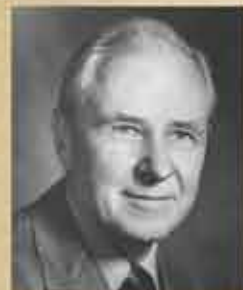
• The PJC basketball team earns its first-ever berth in the NJCAA National Tournament, but a blizzard halts the team's journey to the championship site in Hutchinson, Kansas, and the team must forfeit.

1951

• PJC becomes the first accredited junior college in Colorado by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.



The athletics program is re-introduced in 1946 with football and later with basketball, baseball, and track and field. The programs are led by Harry Simmons, hired as the school's athletic director and head basketball coach, positions he would hold until 1980.



Marvin Knudson
1945-64



2003-12

2011

- The Legislature approves a new mission for the University, for the first time allowing it to offer a limited number of doctoral programs.
- Dr. Lesley DiMare is named first permanent female president in the University's history.
- The University establishes the first Latina sorority on campus, Lambda Theta Nu.

2012

- CSU-Pueblo hosts two NCAA National Championship events -- the NCAA Division II Men's Wrestling National Championship at Massari Arena and the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field National Championships at the Neta & Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl.



The football team earns back-to-back RMAC football championships, undefeated regular seasons, and number one national rankings.



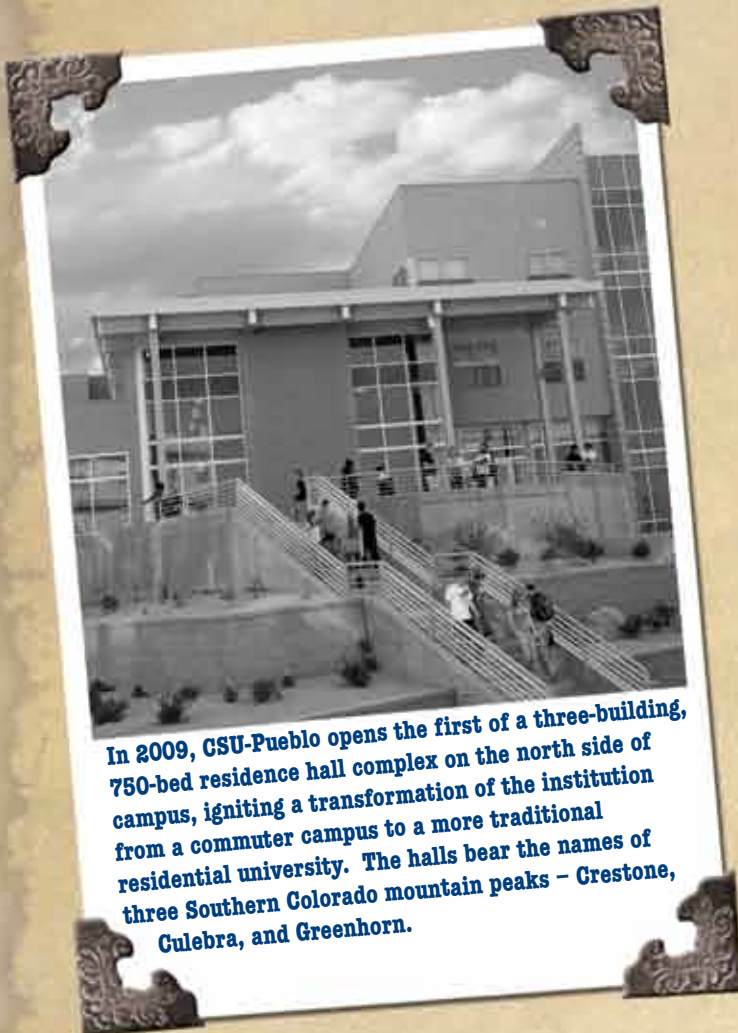
The Nursing Department becomes the lone U.S. test site for cutting edge simulation equipment produced by Australian-based company, MASK ED, using masks to create characters in nurse education.



Governor John Hickenlooper addresses the 300+ attendees at the unveiling of the Library & Academic Resources Center following a \$24 million renovation.



2003-12



In 2009, CSU-Pueblo opens the first of a three-building, 750-bed residence hall complex on the north side of campus, igniting a transformation of the institution from a commuter campus to a more traditional residential university. The halls bear the names of three Southern Colorado mountain peaks – Crestone, Culebra, and Greenhorn.

2009

- Grammy Winner Ludacris performs for the Spring Concert.

2010

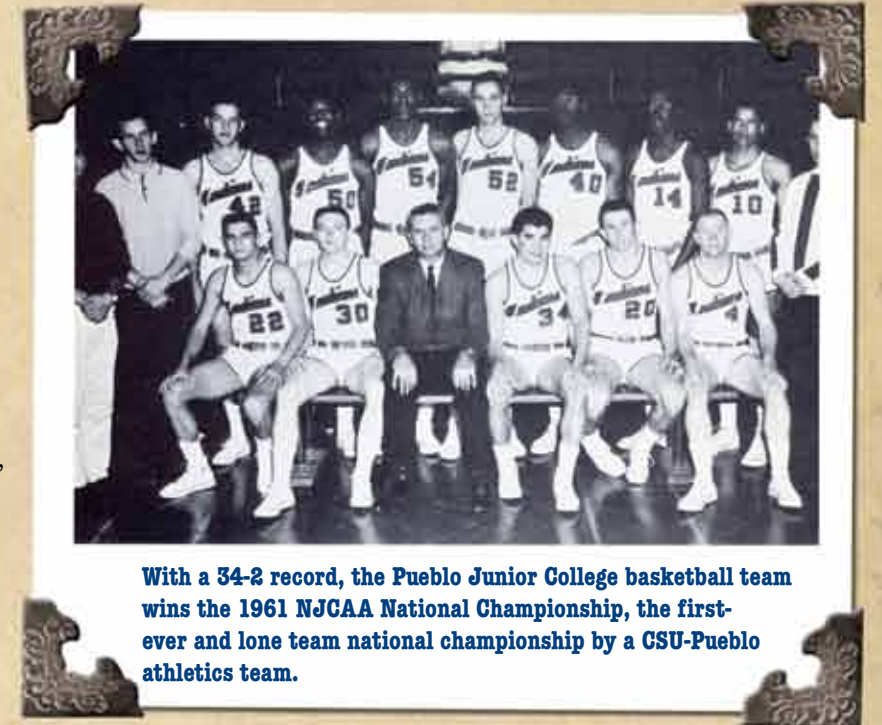
- Official CSU-Pueblo license plates became available to Colorado residents in January.
- Freshman Jessica Hartman of Pueblo is crowned 2010 Miss Colorado USA and places fourth in the 2010 Miss USA competition on NBC.
- The University earns a national ranking by Military Times EDGE magazine ranked CSU-Pueblo among the nation's top 25 colleges and universities in its "Best for Vets: Colleges" issue for its commitment to helping military veterans further their education.
- Governor John Hickenlooper names CSU-Pueblo President Joseph A. Garcia as his running mate for Lieutenant Governor, and they win the November 2010 election.
- The John L. Garcia, Jr. Language Center opens in honor of the brother of former President Joseph Garcia thanks to a donation by the family. The Center offers a place for students to improve their foreign language skills in a social setting.



The University renovates and expands the Southeast Asia Memorial in the center of campus in 2011 to include the names of all Colorado soldiers killed in the Vietnam conflict.



1953-62



With a 34-2 record, the Pueblo Junior College basketball team wins the 1961 NJCAA National Championship, the first-ever and lone team national championship by a CSU-Pueblo athletics team.

1954

- Baseball standout Frank DeLeon becomes the first PJC alum to play professional baseball, pitching for two seasons in the Brooklyn Dodgers' minor league system.

1961

- Bob Warlick, a standout on the PJC basketball team, is named the National Junior College Player of the Year. He would later play basketball at Pepperdine and become the first PJC athlete to play major professional sports, earning time with the Detroit Pistons, San Francisco Warriors, Milwaukee Bucks, Phoenix Suns, and Los Angeles Stars.

1962

- A television wing is added to the Vocational Technical Building.
- Enrollment in the fall quarter is 1413, with 600 evening students. Parking is a problem, with only 282 parking space on campus.



1963



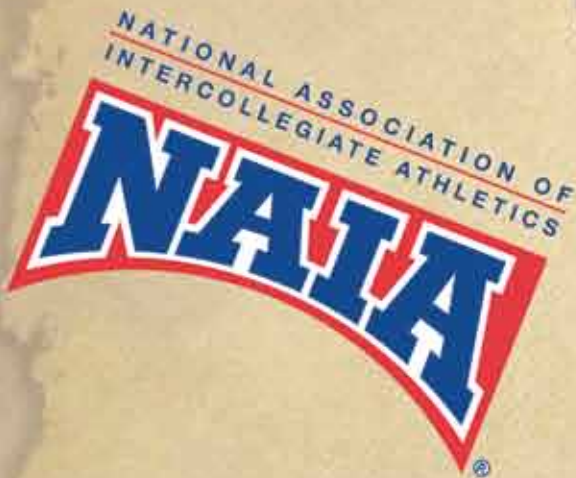
The 30th anniversary year sees the State enact legislation making the institution a four-year, degree-granting college and a member of the state system of higher education.

1963

- The name change to Southern Colorado State College (SCSC) reflects recognition of the need for more advanced degrees and an increase in the number of students pursuing a four-year degree in southeastern Colorado.
- SCSC begins competing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in basketball, football, track and field, baseball, and tennis.
- Plans for the development of the new Belmont campus begin.

1965

- Former professional women's basketball player Jessie Banks is hired and becomes the driving force behind the development of women's athletics, facilitating the start of tennis, volleyball, softball, and basketball teams that compete in the American Athletic Union circuit, and later, in the AIAW (Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women).



In 1964, construction of the new Belmont campus begins with a library, a chemistry/geology building, and a heating plant among the first completed.

2003-12



1994 Alumnus Dana Perino is named White House Press Secretary for President George W. Bush, bringing attention to the school and its mass communications department.



2008

- CSU-Pueblo and PCC celebrate the 75th anniversary with a Community Celebration.
- In front of 10,000 fans, the Neta & Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl opens on Sept. 6 as CSU-Pueblo defeats Oklahoma Panhandle State 24-13 under the leadership of former USC All-American quarterback John Wristen.
- CSU-Pueblo is named the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) top Hispanic Serving Institute for its commitment to the success of Hispanics in higher education.
- Massari Arena serves as the venue for Republican Presidential Nominee John McCain during his nationwide campaign tour.
- The Student Facility Fee Committee gifts a second bronzed wolf statue to campus, King of the Hill, located on a knoll east of campus.

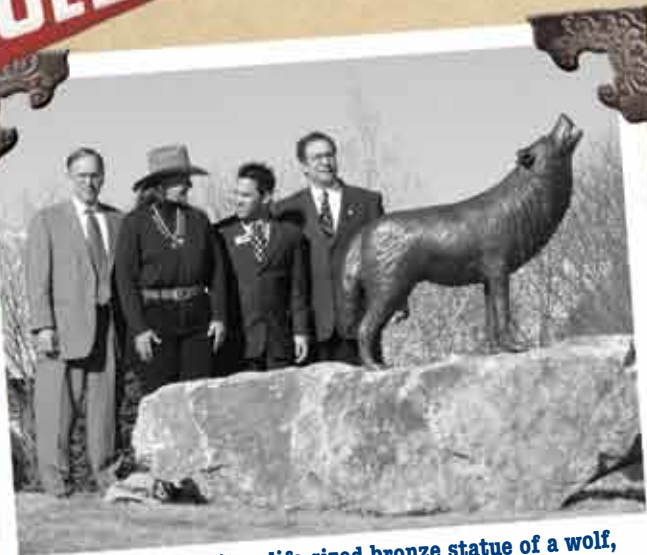


CSU-Pueblo, BP Solar, and Black Hills Energy team up to install one of the largest solar electric power systems for a U.S. educational facility, which contribute more than 10 percent of the University's electricity needs.



2003-12

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The school unveils a life-sized bronze statue of a wolf, a gift from the student body to commemorate the name change on July 1, 2003 and pay tribute to the real-life inspiration behind the school's mascot.

2005

- The Latino Chamber of Commerce Foundation unveils a Lifetime Achievement Wall in the Occhiato University Center Great Hall to serve as an inspiration to CSU-Pueblo students.

2006

- The women's basketball team hires Kip Drown as its head coach and wins the RMAC Tournament championship in his first season. Drown's squads win four RMAC Tournament championships over the next five years and progress to multiple National Championship tournament appearances.

2007

- Joseph Garcia becomes the 13th president of the institution following the death of Dr. Ronald Applbaum.
- CSU-Pueblo receives a Kane Family Foundation gift to provide 8 annual full-ride scholarships to Pueblo County high school graduates.
- The Colorado State University System Board of Governors approves an athletic expansion that includes football, wrestling and women's track and field. Construction begins on the Neta & Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl Stadium, a \$13.6 million project funded by donations from the Friends of Football.
- The University announces a community contest to help design the new football uniforms and helmets.
- CSU - Pueblo, in collaboration with EcoStruct-EcoSol of Beulah and Smart Growth Advocates of Pueblo, design and implement free-standing solar photovoltaic panels near the southeast end of the Technology Building.



Joseph A. Garcia
2006-10



Lesley Di Mare
2011 -



CSU-Pueblo breaks ground for a new Student Recreation Center.

1972



SCSC graduates its first class as 260 seniors receive baccalaureate degrees.

1966

- SCSC receives accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

1967

- John Martinez becomes the first SCSC individual national champion (mile run), and he and teammates Clayton Gall, Gene Morenz, and Isaac Barnes win the mile relay national championship.
- The Alumni Association is formed as the number of graduates top 5,000. James C. Moore, class of 1939, is named Alumni Association president with annual memberships of \$2.

1968

- SCSC joins the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

1971

- The newly-constructed Massari Gymnasium, named after former Pueblo state senator Vincent Massari, is dedicated and later hosts the SCSC commencement ceremony.

1972

- SCSC football standout Frank Grant becomes the first athlete to play in the National Football League as he is drafted by the Washington Redskins. He would play for seven seasons, earning all-NFC honors as a wide receiver.
- Groundbreaking takes place for the Occhiato University Center.
- The Master of Arts in Teaching with an emphasis in industrial education becomes the first graduate program to be offered.



In 1965, SCSC submits the original application for the public television station known as KTSC-TV. With a staff of six, KTSC-TV begins operation in 1971 with the airing of children's program, "Sesame Street."



J. Victor Hopper
1966-71



Harry P. Bowes
1971-76

1973



1974

- Longtime football coach Joe Prater hangs up the whistle after 18 seasons. His 85 wins are still the most wins by a football coach in school history.

1975

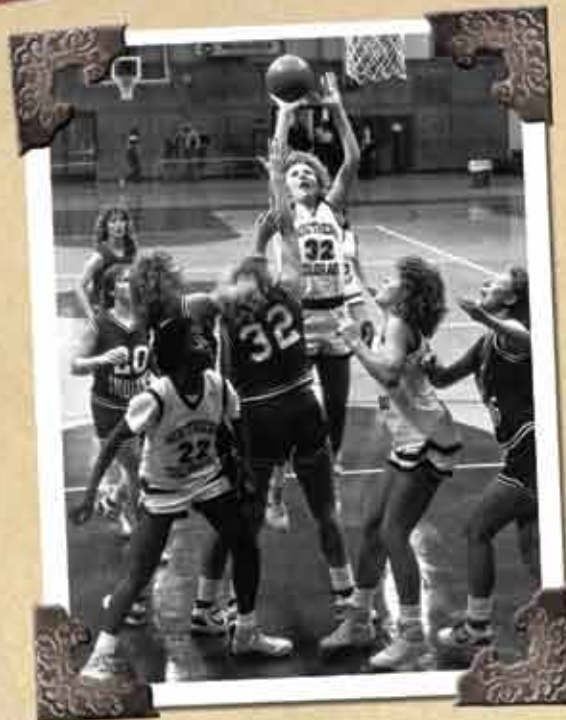
- The institution is granted university status and becomes the University of Southern Colorado as the number of academic degrees offered at the undergraduate and graduate levels increase.

1977

- The men's tennis team becomes the first athletic program in school history to three-peat as conference champions. The tennis team would go on to win seven straight conference titles, which stands as a school record for most consecutive conference championships by a program.

1978

- State Board of Agriculture assumes governance of the university.
- The Colorado Commission on Higher Education designates USC as a "polytechnic" institution.



1979

- USC severs ties with Orman campus following the creation of Pueblo Vocational Community College.
- SCSC's College for Community Services and Career Education becomes Pueblo Vocational Community College (and later Pueblo Community College), becoming a separate entity and joining the state community college system.



Richard Pesquiera
1977-80

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1993-02

1995

- KTSC-TV presents a new program, "Homework Hotline," a live call-in series that concentrates on math and science tips for middle-school students.

1996

- Ground is broken on the Malik and Seeme Hasan School of Business.

1999

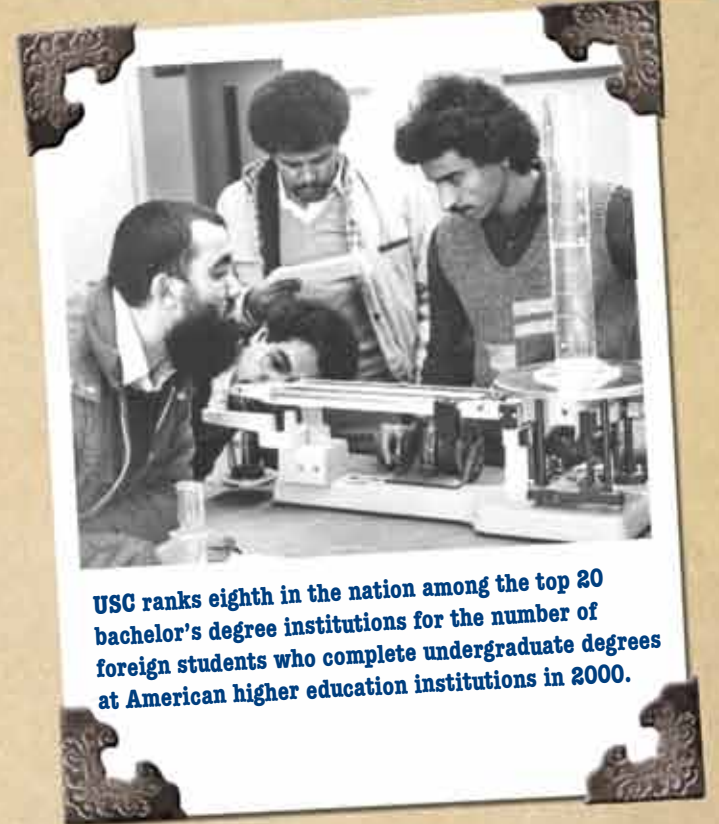
- The wrestling team celebrates two more national champions as Chris Currier and Trent Monlux claim titles. They would be the last individual wrestling championships for 15 years.

2001

- Due to a budget shortfall, the wrestling program is cut to make a return eight years later.

2002

- CSU-Pueblo is designated an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by the Department of Education for having in excess of 25% of its student population of Hispanic descent.

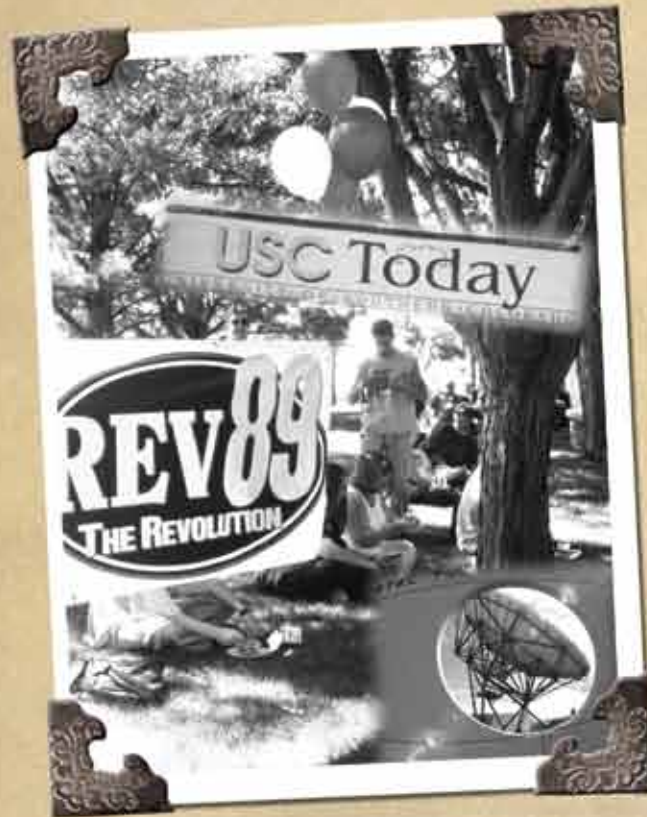


USC ranks eighth in the nation among the top 20 bachelor's degree institutions for the number of foreign students who complete undergraduate degrees at American higher education institutions in 2000.



In May of 2002, Governor Bill Owens signs legislation changing the mission and name to Colorado State University - Pueblo effective July 1, 2003. New President Dr. Ronald Applbaum oversees the year-long transition from USC to CSU-Pueblo.

1993-02



- The athletics program makes its largest expansion ever, adding baseball and softball while also committing to field a women's soccer team in the Fall of 1994.
- The University's Indian mascot is replaced by the ThunderWolf, a name considered to be non-controversial.
- On the air since the early 1970s, student-operated KTSC-FM adopts the "Rev 89" moniker in 1995 and regardless of format changes over the years, has been known to the public and students by that respected moniker ever since. CSU-Pueblo remains the only University in Colorado that provides hands-on experiences for students in an on-campus radio station, public television stations, and print and electronic publications.



Tito Guerrero
1997-01



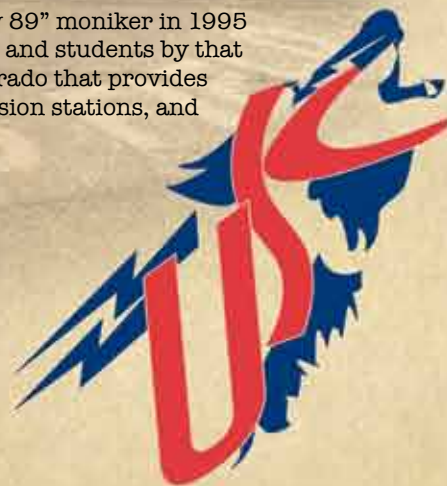
Ronald Applbaum
2002-06



A \$400,000 gift to the Pueblo community from The Pueblo Chieftain in celebration of the newspaper's 125th anniversary in 1993 and in-kind contributions from the community result in a 50-acre, outdoor community sports complex.

1994

- Baseball returns after a nine-year hiatus with a Mile High Intercollegiate Baseball League championship and an upset win over the top-ranked Division I team in the nation, Wichita State, dramatically raising the profile of the USC baseball program.



1982



1980

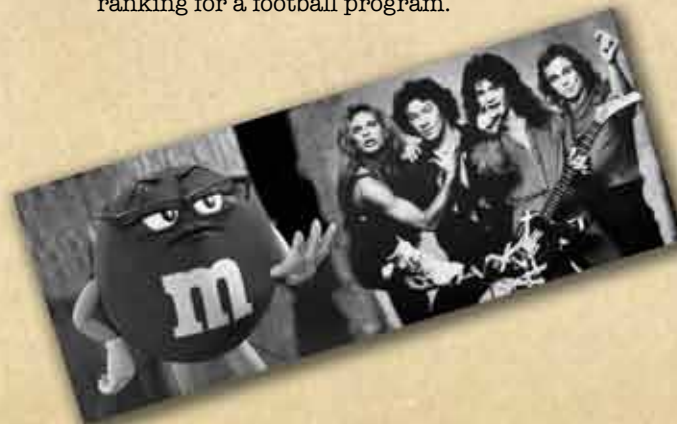
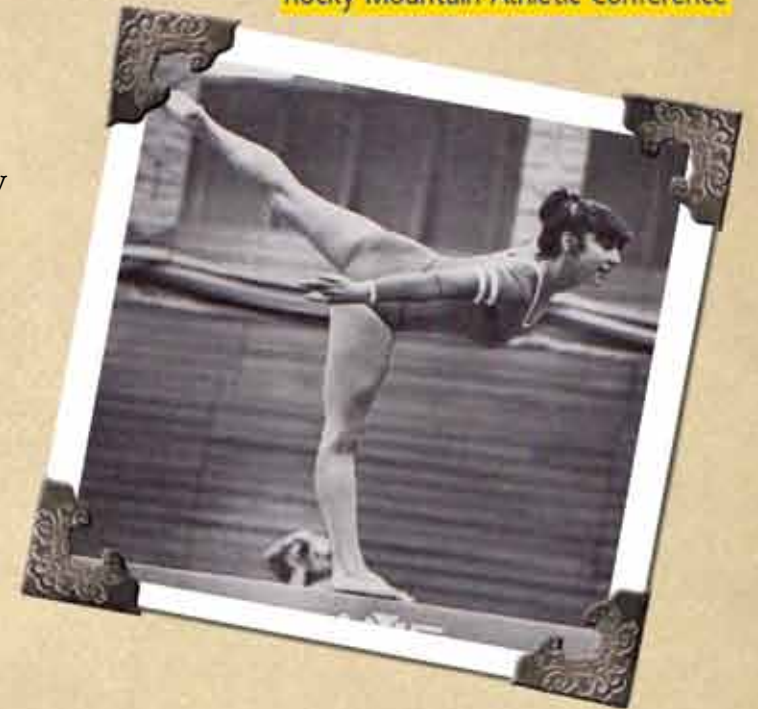
- A student group, the USC Concert Crew, work with legendary promoter Barry Fey to bring Van Halen to campus for a sold-out concert. Now known as the brown M&M Van Halen incident, the band causes nearly \$85,000 worth of damage to University property.

1981

- Groundbreaking takes place for the new Applied Science and Engineering Technology building.

1982

- The new women's gymnastics program finishes just short of a national championship, placing 2nd at the NAIA National Gymnastic Championships. The gymnastics team would win four straight conference championships and finish in the top 10 nationally four straight years from 1981-84.
- The USC football team earns its first ever playoff berth, hosting Central Oklahoma but losing 61-20 in the NAIA quarterfinals. USC finishes the season ranked fifth nationally, still the highest end-of-season national ranking for a football program.



Lyle C. Wilcox
1980-84

1983



1983

- The University celebrates its 50th anniversary by unveiling a new school seal and burying a time capsule in the OUC, which is scheduled to be opened on the University's 100th anniversary in 2033.

- USC establishes a wrestling program, which over the next 20 years, enjoys the highest level of sustained success of any program in school history.
- Students leap from the windows of Belmont Residence hall on March 11 during the building's worst arson fire in history. Thirty-three students are injured avoiding the flames on the women's floor of the university's only dormitory, which houses 500 students.

1984

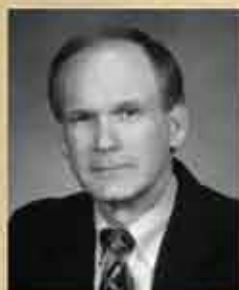
- USC, Colorado State University, and Fort Lewis College join to form the Colorado State University System under the governance of the State Board of Agriculture.
- The Buell Development Corporation donates the former Safeway building in Pueblo's Midtown Shopping Center to the USC Foundation effective February 1989, to house KTSC-TV and conference and seminar activities.

1985

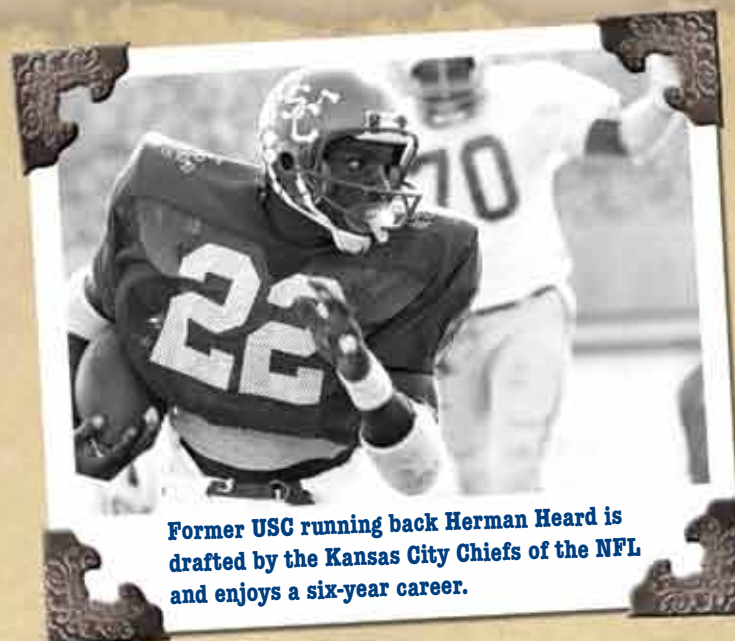
- In just its second season of competition, the USC wrestling team finishes 2nd in the nation, led by national champions Brian Hawkins and Mike Guenther.
- In a campus-wide reorganization initiated by new President Dr. Robert Shirley, several sports are cut, including football, baseball, gymnastics, golf, and tennis. All would return eventually, but efforts to revive the sports take decades.
- USC and USC Foundation announce the launch of the first Capital Gifts Campaign to raise \$19.6 million by the end of 1995.

1986

- MarTec Corporation pledges \$200,000 to establish a professorship in USC's School of Business. David Packard, chairman of the Hewlett-Packard Company board of directors, and his wife Lucile pledged a personal contribution of \$100,000 to the Capital Gifts Campaign.
- Local dentist Charles Brady and his wife, Mary Ann, donate 75 works of art to USC.



Robert Shirley
1984-86



Former USC running back Herman Heard is drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs of the NFL and enjoys a six-year career.



Architect Temple Buell donates \$700,000 for a new building to house the Channel 8 television station.

1992

1987

- The Mike Occhiato Foundation and Joseph Occhiato Estate donated \$500,000 for the College of Science and Mathematics. USC names the Joseph Occhiato University Center in the family's honor after a second gift.

1988

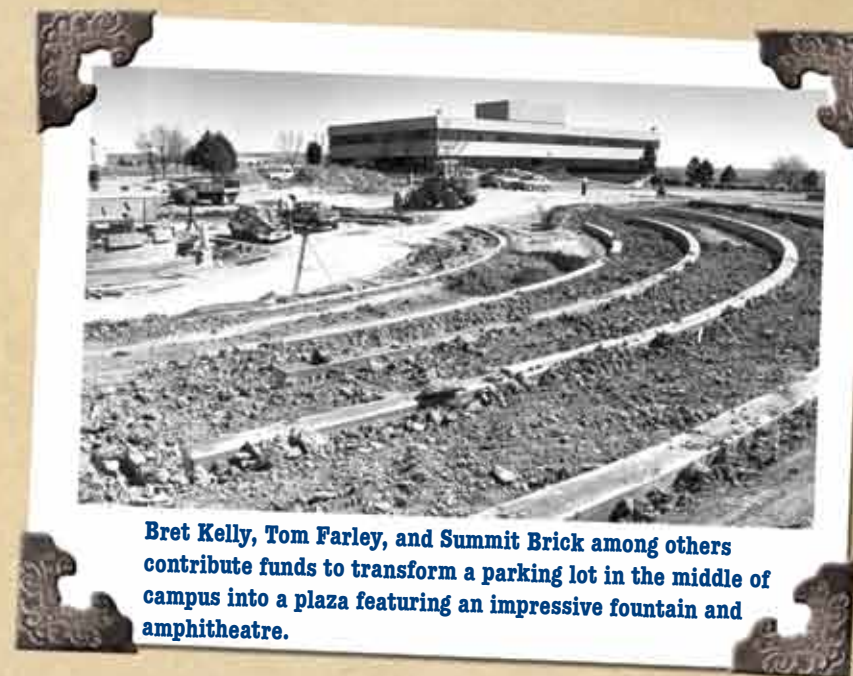
- Just days before the start of the men's basketball season, Head Coach Dick Dragmeister resigns, and Joe Folda is brought in to fill the spot. Despite the hasty nature of Folda's hire, he would become a mainstay at the University, winning more than 300 games as coach and eventually becoming Athletic Director.

1989

- Wrestler Chuck Pipher wins the last of his three straight national wrestling championships.
- A groundbreaking ceremony celebrates the completion of the \$2 million Samuel T. Jones Memorial Sports Complex, which features a swimming pool, racquetball courts, a wrestling facility, and expanded locker capacity, and the new Greater Pueblo Sports Hall of Fame.
- A contribution from Margaret Ellen McKinney and McKinney Concrete Products, Inc. provides the university with the new McKinney Pavilion south of the Psychology building.



The men's racquetball team wins its first national championship title. From 1992-2012, it dominates the nation, winning an amazing 16 national collegiate titles.



Bret Kelly, Tom Farley, and Summit Brick among others contribute funds to transform a parking lot in the middle of campus into a plaza featuring an impressive fountain and amphitheatre.

1990

- USC initiates the Hirsch Foundation Lecture Series with funds from the Audra E. Hirsch family of Pueblo.
- Groundbreaking occurs for Walking Stick Golf Course on land provided by the university, with play commencing in 1991. Although the course is owned and operated by the city, the university will share in the profits.

1991

- High jumper Jeff Martinez wins his third national title in two years and joins his father, John Martinez, as track national champions at the University.
- Led by three national championships from Mannie Garcia, Mark Villalobos, and Andy Pipher, the USC Wrestling team finishes 2nd in the nation.

1992

- The wrestling team competes in the NCAA Division II national championships for the first time, finishing fifth in the nation and bringing home its ninth national champion in school history in Dax Charles, who in 2008 becomes the team's head coach.
- Massari Gymnasium is officially renamed Massari Arena.

