



University of Denver in the News

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National/International reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

Flagship, April 2—The diplomats of tomorrow met with Deputy Chief of Naval Operations Vice Adm. John Morgan and naval strategist Capt. Dan Cloyd at the University of Denver to discuss the new joint-service Maritime Strategy. **Silobreaker.com, April 3**, also reported this story.

SooToday.com (Sault Ste. Marie, Canada), April 3—A federal judge ruled that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is in violation of the Endangered Species Act for allowing trappers to set traps and snares that catch, injure, and kill Canada lynx, a protected species. The case was filed by Jay Tutchton of the Environmental Law Clinic at the Sturm College of Law, and Marc Fink and John Buse of the Center for Biological Diversity.

Fleet Maintenance, April 4—In its semi-annual Board of Directors meeting, the Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Denver installed newly elected Stephen Branscum, group vice president of Consumer Products Marketing at BNSF Railway, as the new Chairman of its 50-member Board and elected several people to new leadership roles. Other media mentioning ITI in April include: **AmericanShipper.com, April 4** and **Tampa Tribune, April 10**.

PR Inside, April 9—Daniel Hoffman has been honored with the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL). Hoffman serves as dean emeritus and professor emeritus of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he was dean from 1978 to 1984.

Bayonet, April 12—Fort Benning soldiers and their spouses are asked to volunteer in an Army-approved research study about the challenges Army families face. Researchers from the University of Denver's Center for Marital and Family Studies will conduct the Army Marriage Project and will pay 200 couples to participate.

New York Times, April 14—Madeleine Albright, the first female U.S. secretary of state, and Republican Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had nothing but praise for one another at a ceremony to unveil Albright's official portrait despite their policy differences. The former secretary called Rice "my sister" and recalled the intellectual debt they both owed her father, Josef Korbel, an emigre Czech diplomat and professor whose University of Denver class inspired Rice to study international relations. **Other media mentioning the unveiling and Albright and Rice's connection to DU include: U.S. News and World Report, April 9; Yahoo! Canada, April 14; Washington Post, April 14; Reuters, April 15; CalibreMacroWorld.com, April 15; Turkish Weekly, April 15; Washington Times, April 15; Board (New York Times blog), April 16; Daily Herald (Provo, Utah), April 16; Washington Post, April 16; Telegraph India, April 16 and Denver Post, April 17.**

Tartan (Carnegie Mellon University's student paper), April 14—Michelle Kwan has been building up her political experience since she left the competitive skating circuit in 2006. In the fall of that year, she transferred to the University of Denver to major in political science and pursue a minor in international studies.

Divorce360.com, April 15— If you're married and you live in a city that has a professional baseball, you're less likely to get a divorce than if you live in a city without a pro ball team, according to a study done by Professor Howard Markman, a psychologist and the director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies, at the University of Denver. **Jezebel.com, April 16**, also reported this story.

Baltimore Sun, April 17—Kelly O'Connell never felt far from home during her four years at the University of Denver. She had a large part of home right there with her—her closest friends, Megan Carver and Danielle Provance. After playing lacrosse together at every level since third grade, the three Seton Keough graduates headed west four years ago to complete their athletic careers together.

Seattle Gay News, April 18—In 2004, Paul Tontz entered the University of Denver's doctoral program in higher education administration. He began studying why Division I male athletes choose to conceal or reveal their sexual orientation to teammates and coaches.

DogChannel.com, April 20—The American Humane Association and the University of Denver have joined forces to create a \$2 million endowed chair in the Graduate School of Social Work to explore the field of animal-assisted social work and the bond between humans and animals. **Colorado and Company, April 1, TickerTech.com, April 29** and **Denver Business Journal, April 29**, also reported this story.

Nation's Restaurant News, April 29—David Corsun, director and associate professor of the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business, says he expects the HRTM school to grow to 400 in the next two years. Applications have tripled over the past few years. **Hotel News Resource, April 8**, also quoted Corsun.

New York Times, April 29—About 1,100 people have been executed in the United States in the last three decades. Harris County, Tex., which includes Houston, accounts for more than 100 of those executions. A new study by Scott Phillips, a professor of sociology and criminology at the University of Denver, found a robust relationship between race and the likelihood of being sentenced to death even after the race of the victim and other factors were held constant.

Local reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

Denver Post, April 2—The University of Denver women's golf team took first place at the NCAA Western Regional Preview.

Denver Post, April 2—University of Denver senior Adam Holmstrom was named the Sun Belt Conference men's tennis player of the week for the sixth time this season, tying a conference record.

Rocky Mountain News, April 3—Opinion: SCR 3—inspired by a University of Denver blue-ribbon panel on constitutional reform—marks an encouraging change of attitude that does not give grass-roots activism short shrift. **KUSA-TV, April 28**, also mentioned DU's Constitutional Panel.

Denver Post, April 6—Speaker of the House Andrew Romanoff is nearly finished with a law degree from the University of Denver. In typical, overachiever style, he's one of the few who would attempt law school and speaker of the House at the same time.

Denver Post, April 7—Evelyn Paley, a founder of the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver and a pioneer in the study of how psychological factors affect the success of heart surgery, died March 27 at a Denver nursing home. She was 87.

Denver Post, April 8—Recently, Judy and Newell Grant hosted Chapter Three of Tables of Content, a book-themed fundraiser for the University of Denver’s Humanities Institute.

Denver Business Journal, April 10—Denver’s Project Homeless Connect—a twice-yearly series of one-day gatherings where homeless people get one-stop access to job, health and housing services— is receiving a national award from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. The next Project Homeless Connect event in Denver is slated for May 9 at the University of Denver and is co-sponsored by DU.

Denver Business Journal, April 14—The University of Denver announced a \$1.5 million donation from investment manager Tom Marsico’s foundation that will be used to create a new Institute for Early Learning and Literacy at DU’s Morgridge College of Education.

Denver Post, April 14—University of Denver senior goalie Peter Mannino was named Western Collegiate Hockey Association co-defensive player of the week and DU freshman forward Tyler Bozak was selected rookie of the week.

KUSA-TV, April 20—A free service at the University of Denver allows parents of special needs children to enjoy a worry-free night out. The “Night Owls” respite program is held at DU’s Fisher Early Learning Center.

Denver Post, April 20—The University of Denver women’s tennis team rallied from a 3-0 deficit and defeated three-time defending champion Florida International 4-3 on Sunday to win the Sun Belt Conference Championship in Monroe, La.

Denver Post, April 21—As much emphasis as the University of Denver has put on basketball since becoming Division I across the board in 1998, ice hockey, skiing and gymnastics have been the school’s most successful sports. And in this school year, those name-brand programs each will finish at an NCAA Tournament — something most state schools can’t regularly claim.

Denver Post, April 21—Megan Smith and Sarah Hussion, who met while students at the University of Denver, opened Unity in the South Pearl Street shopping district a year ago and say response to their eco-friendly wares has been encouraging.

Denver Post, April 24—Jessica Lopez, who will compete for Venezuela at the Beijing Olympics in August, is considered the best gymnast in University of Denver history.

Denver Post, April 24—University of Denver sophomore Stephanie Sherlock won the Sun Belt women’s golf championship for the second straight year.

KUSA-TV, April 24—100 years ago, the business college opened up at the University of Denver with a grand total of 12 students. At the time, the school was just the eighth in the country. Today, there are more than 3,000 students enrolled at what is considered one of the best business colleges in the world.

Denver Post, April 29—A newly proposed ballot initiative would ask Colorado voters to give authority to the state’s gambling towns to increase casino bet limits, add new games and extend operating hours. “We’re not real excited about this because we think the original proposal had some wisdom to it,” said Bobbi Vollmer,

director of the Problem Gambling Treatment and Research Center at the University of Denver. “There was a reason they excluded certain games and (higher stakes).”

Rocky Mountain News, April 30—A growing number of major college lacrosse programs, including at the University of Denver, and the success of two professional leagues, have drawn notice of lacrosse enthusiasts from around the world.

National/International expert comment in electronic and print media placements

Boys Life, April 1—Todd Rinehart, University of Denver assistant vice chancellor of enrollment, was interviewed about how to prepare for and select a college.

Casper Star-Tribune, April 4—The legal-malpractice system links compensation with accountability the way it works now, said Ed Dauer, professor emeritus at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. “A patient can’t get compensation if the doctor doesn’t lose,” said Dauer, who is currently president of the Colorado branch of Common Good, a bipartisan legal and health care reform coalition.

Hartford Courant, April 6—University of Denver professor Lynn Schofield Clark says one of YouTube’s main uses in politics has been as a tool to make candidates look foolish, and she’s glum about its overall effect on the electoral process.

The Irish Independent, April 6—Republican Party presidential nominee John McCain has surged in key polls as his Democratic rivals fight an increasingly bitter battle that could scupper their White House chances. “No Democrats are holding [McCain] to account right now. He is free to do what he wants and he is getting a boost from that,” said professor Seth Masket, a political scientist at the University of Denver. **Mail and Guardian (South Africa), April 13**, also quoted Masket.

BlackAmericaWeb.com, April 15—Peter Groff, a Colorado state senator, publisher of Blackpolicy.org and executive director of the Center for African-American Policy at the University of Denver, said the controversy about Hillary Clinton’s visit to an Indiana bar is all smoke and mirrors. **BlackAmericaWeb.com, April 24**, also quoted Groff.

CNN.com, April 15—Thousands of Ismaili Muslims are celebrating a rare U.S. tour by the Aga Khan. Liyakat Takim, who teaches Islamic studies at the University of Denver, said “Ismailis see him as the final authority in today’s world,” Takim said. “His word is law.” That means as a spiritual leader, the Aga Khan “is able to reinterpret” the teachings of Islam and has the authority to “nullify or supersede religious practices.”

National Public Radio “All Things Considered,” April 15—A presidential campaign can resemble a business: Some of the same principles of marketing and leadership apply. “Clinton says she will be a hands-on manager, that she will get down into the agencies and make sure that they’re implementing the processes that her brain trust put together in the White House,” says Jim O’Toole, a business school professor at the University of Denver.

New York Times, April 20—Luís León, a professor of American religions at the University of Denver, says “latino immigrants still find some kind of solace and connection with their home country through Catholicism, and they’re looking for a reason to hang on to the church in this country,” he said. **The Ledger (Lakeland, Fla.), April 20**, also ran this story.

Straits Times, April 24—Chinese nationalist sentiments ran high over the weekend, with protesters taking to the streets in anti-West demonstrations in several cities. But the current protests are hurting China’s international image, noted University of Denver Professor Suisheng Zhao.

Chicago Tribune, April 25—Glenn Mueller, professor at the Burns School of Real Estate and Construction Management at the University of Denver, says that an idea popularized in the U.S. 40 years ago, the real estate investment trust, or REIT, has spread around the world and is creating a need for U.S. real estate expertise.

Business Day, April 28—Doug Allen, director of global programs and associate professor at the University of Denver, says that “no longer can we assume that investing in the United States is the haven that it once was—a certain amount of diversification seems to make sense in a world where you have rapidly fluctuating relationships between economies.” **Denver Post, April 26**, also quoted Allen.

Local expert comment in electronic and print media placements

Denver Post, April 1—Chief U.S. District Judge Edward W. Nottingham Jr. has presided over high-profile and complex cases, including those dealing with prisoner rights, employment law and the environment. “He’s been very, very busy despite his personal issues,” said John Holcomb, professor of legal studies at the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver.

Denver Post, April 1—The treasury secretary unveiled a sweeping “Blueprint for Regulatory Reform,” proposing changes to the ways mortgage lenders, banks, investment banks and even private hedge funds are regulated. Mac Clouse, a finance professor at the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business says “we don’t need new regulations, we just need smarter regulators.” Other media quoting Clouse in April include: **KMGH-TV, April 2; KWGN, April 4; Denver Post, April 13; Colorado Confidential Blog, April 15; Denver Post, April 24 and Parker Chronicle, April 24.**

Denver Post, April 2—University of Denver chancellor emeritus Dan Ritchie contributed an op-ed applauding the leadership of Sens. Peter Groff and Nancy Spence and Representatives Rob Wittwer and Terrance Carroll for introducing SB130, the Innovation in Schools Act of 2008.

KUSA-TV, April 2—Ronald Rizzuto, a finance professor at the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business, says you shouldn’t let the incentives fool you into buying more car than you can afford.

Denver Business Journal, April 4—Accurate and up-to-date information about Colorado housing—from home-sale prices to apartment vacancies—is particularly sought after in the very soft housing market created by the collapse of the subprime lending market. “Data is more important now, as people search for answers to understanding the housing market,” said Gordon Von Stroh, a business professor at the University of Denver and compiler of state housing division reports.

Rocky Mountain News, April 5—Mark Levine, chair of the University of Denver’s Burns School of Real Estate and Construction Management, said getting an advanced degree in real estate fields can be beneficial, but sometimes in less tangible ways than a higher paycheck. **KMGH-TV, April 18**, also quoted Levine.

Rocky Mountain News, April 9—A series of concerts by the Colorado Symphony stress the emergence of hope in the face of the utter despair of the Holocaust. “It’s a natural inclination we have, to find light in the darkness,” said David Shneer, director of the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver.

Denver Post, April 9 – Robert Hardaway, professor of law at the Sturm College of Law says that “the Obama-Clinton contest has many Democrats fretting about the prospects of a “bloodbath” at the Democratic Convention in Denver this summer.”

Denver Post, April 14—The acquittal of an immigration agent accused of improper use of a criminal database has raised concerns about privacy. “What happens if the data is about your granddaughter? That makes people think a few more times,” said John Soma, a University of Denver law school professor and executive director of the Privacy Foundation.

KMGH-TV, April 15—Religious studies professors Carl Raschke and Luis Leon were featured in a story on the Pope’s visit.

KCNC-TV, April 15—J.K. Rowling said that her efforts to halt a publisher’s “Harry Potter” lexicon have been crushing her creativity. Viva Moffat, a Sturm College of Law assistant professor, said copyright laws give some control over what others can do with a work, but that control is not absolute.

KDVR-TV, April 16—Martha Wadsworth, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Denver, discussed strategies on dealing with financial stress.

KMGH-TV, April 23— Andrew Goetz, director of the University of Denver geography department, analyzes the state of the airline industry, and says that higher fares, a less stable environment and more consolidation are in the future.

KCNC-TV, April 24—University of Denver psychologist Marcy Pregulman was interviewed about the pros and cons of “take your daughter or son to work day.”

KDVR-TV, April 24—Sturm College of Law professor Tom Russell discussed what some say is a “sweetheart deal” involving the sale of 80 acres in the Lowry area to developers.

KMGH-TV, April 30—Buie Seawell, chairman of the University of Denver department of business ethics, commented on the millions of dollars going to Blackhawk elected officials to fix up their homes. “This is Alice in Wonderland,” said Seawell. “I walk out of the room and you take care of my problem. Then it’s your turn.”