



# University of Denver in the News

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### National/International reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

**TradingMarkets.com, May 1**—In remarks at the Higher Education Summit for Global Development, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice mentioned that her father was an associate vice chancellor of the University of Denver. **Beijing Today, May 8 and Virgin Islands Daily News, May 26**, also reported on Rice's connection to the University of Denver.

**Houston Chronicle, May 1**—In a study to be published in the fall issue of Houston Law Journal, University of Denver sociology professor Scott Phillips concludes that black defendants in Harris County, Texas are 1.75 times more likely to face the death penalty at trial and 1.49 times more likely to be sentenced to die. Other media reporting this story include: **FirstScience.com, May 1; MedicalNewsToday.com, May 4; KPFT-FM (Houston), May 7; IPSnews.com, May 26 and MacroWorld Investor, May 27.**

**TV Week, May 1**—"The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" will broadcast a week of shows during the Democratic National Convention from the Byron Theatre in the Newman Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Denver. Other media reporting this story include; **Multichannel News, May 1; Conde Nast Portfolio, May 1; Broadcasting and Cable, May 1; Denver Business Journal, May 1; Digital50.com, May 1; UPI.com, May 2; PoliticalGateway.com, May 2; TMC.net, May 12 and Interestalert.com, May 14.**

**National Post (Toronto), May 2**—The SLAPP Resource Centre at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law defines the practice as "being sued for just telling the government what you think, want or believe in." The lawsuits themselves are often without merit or even frivolous, but the point is often to spread fear among critics.

**Hotel News Resource.com, May 5**—The themes of economic downturn and corporate social responsibility ran prevalent during the 8th annual Resort Conference presented by the University of Denver's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management. Other media reporting this story include: **HospitalityNet.com, May 6; Hotel Executive.com, May 6, and HSMAIconnect.com, May 6.**

**Washington Post, May 5**—The United States is moving south in Iraq, planning to upgrade facilities at Camp Delta and the Al Kut Air Base, which is about 140 miles southeast of Baghdad. A report written by Derrin Ray Smith of the University of Denver's Graduate School of International Studies, who visited Camp Delta in 2004, describes what he observed of Romanian troops' intelligence capabilities. Other media reporting this story include: **Kansas City Star, May 5; Globalpolicy.org, May 5 and San Diego Union-Tribune, May 6.**

**Wall Street Journal May 9**—Scott Stanley at the University of Denver has found cohabitation can create an inertia effect—a tendency for cohabiting couples who otherwise wouldn't marry to slide into marriages of convenience that later hit the rocks.

**Courier-Mail (Australia), May 12**—Melbourne-born forward Adam Tanner is heading home from the U.S. to play for the re-building Brisbane Bullets next NBL season. Tanner moved to the University of Denver in the NCAA Sun Belt Conference in 2006 where he finished two seasons ranked 11th in assists and 15th in blocked shots. **FoxSports.com (Australia), May 12 and Yahoo! Sport (Australia), May 12**, also reported this story.

**BlogJunkies.com, May 14**—Robert Amme, a physicist at the University of Denver, is modeling a nuclear reactor in Second Life as a training tool. Many research institutions are leveraging the simple simulation tools of Second Life to create immersive science learning experiences.

**SC Magazine, May 15**—The National Security Agency announced that the University of Denver is one of 10 new colleges to be designated National Centers of Academic Excellence in information assurance. Other media reporting this story include: **Denver Post, May 19; Campus Technology, May 20, and Rocky Mountain News, May 22.**

**Bayonet, May 16**—The Army Marriage Project, which is designed to assess the effectiveness of Army marriage enrichment programs over a three-year period, is being conducted by the University of Denver's Center for Marital and Family Studies.

**Chronicle of Higher Education, May 16**—The two largest academic divisions at the University of Denver have nabbed new leaders this summer. Christine Riordan, associate dean for external relations at Texas Christian University's Neely School of Business, has been tapped as dean of the Daniels College of Business. Anne McCall, associate dean in the School of Liberal Arts at Tulane University, will become dean of the division of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Other media reporting this story include: **Denver Business Journal, May 5; ColoradoHigherEdNews.com, May 5, and Denver Post, May 6.**

**History Channel, May 18**—Larry Conyers, associate professor of archaeology at the University of Denver, was featured in "Indiana and the Ultimate Quest." He was interviewed about the similarities and differences between real archaeologists and Indiana Jones. **Washington Times movie blog, May 27, and KOA-AM, May 28**, also featured Conyers.

**Washington Post, May 27**—Republican candidate John McCain said in a speech at the University of Denver that he would pursue nuclear arms reduction talks with Russia and China as part of a foreign policy vision "in which the United States returns to a tradition of innovative thinking, broad-minded internationalism and determined diplomacy." *130+ other local, national and international media outlets reported on McCain's visit, including: ABC News, May 27; AOL News, May 27; Bloomberg.com, May 27; Boston Globe, May 27; Caucus (New York Times Politics Blog), May 27; CBS News, May 27; Chicago Tribune, May 27; CNN.com, May 27; FoxNews.com, May 27; Houston Chronicle, May 27; Huffington Post, May 27; International Herald-Tribune, May 27; Kuwait News Agency, May 27; MSNBC.com, May 27; Rocky Mountain News, May 27; Denver Post, May 27; Kansas City Star, May 27; Reuters Africa, May 27; San Francisco Chronicle, May 27; USA Today, May 27; Yahoo News, May 27; Arizona Republic, May 28; Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 28; Baltimore Sun, May 28; Boston Herald, May 28; Dallas Morning News, May 28; Hartford Courant, May 28; Irish Independent, May 28; Japan Today, May 28; Korea Times, May 28; Los Angeles Times, May 28; Miami Herald, May 28; Minneapolis Star-tribune, May 28; New York Daily News, May 28; New York Times, May 28, Oman Tribune, May 28; Seattle Times, May 28; St. Louis Post-Dispatch, May 28; Tampa Tribune, May 28; Times of India, May 28; Wall Street Journal, May 28; Kuwait News, May 29; Business Day (South Africa), May 29; Yahoo News United Kingdom, May 29; Arab Times, May 29; and National Review, May 30.*

Local reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

**Durango Herald, May 3**—The Four Corners Program of the University of Denver’s Graduate School of Social Work, located in Durango, welcomed Dean James Herbert Williams in April. Williams, who started his tenure as dean last summer, met with students, advisory council members and agency directors. Three Master of Social Work classes have graduated from DU’s Durango program, for a total of 62 students from Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

**Denver Post, May 4**—It’s a good time to renew your University of Denver hockey tickets for the 2008-09 season. The Pioneers got great news from freshman Tyler Bozak, who announced he would return to DU for his sophomore season.

**Daily Camera, May 6**—While he searched for post-college employment, University of Colorado senior Brent Bucknam also applied for law school at the University of Denver and was accepted— but wasn’t sure if he wanted to go. As graduation drew nearer, however, prospects for the political science major didn’t get any better. So Bucknam decided the job market could wait.

**Denver Post, May 7**—Nationally, more than 300 universities and colleges allow employees to extend medical benefits to domestic partners. In Colorado, only CU and two private schools, the University of Denver and Colorado College, do.

**Denver Post, May 7**—Erik Johnson was named women’s basketball coach at the University of Denver. During his three seasons as an assistant at Boston College, the Eagles advanced to the Sweet 16 of the 2006 NCAA Tournament and posted consecutive 21-win seasons.

**9news.com, May 7**—The University of Denver men’s lacrosse team is preparing for its second trip ever to the 2008 NCAA Tournament.

**KWGN-TV, May 8**—High school students from across Colorado came to Elitch Gardens to compete in roller coaster challenges as part of the University of Denver’s annual physics night. The goal of the event is to get young people interested in science.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 8**—The University of Denver will host a special appearance by champion cyclist and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. Armstrong’s appearance will be one of his four stops on a daylong cross-country trek to support the 2008 LIVESTRONG Day. Other media reporting this story include:

**Earthtimes.org, May 6; Silive.com, May 6; Rocky Mountain News, May 9; Daily Camera, May 10; Denver Post, May 12; KWGN-TV, May 13; KCNC-TV, May 13; KUSA-TV, May 13; KMGH-TV, May 13; LIVESTRONG Blog, May 13; Livestrong.org, May 13; KVVU-TV (Las Vegas), May 13; KUSA-TV, May 14 and Denver Post, May 14.**

**Denver Post, May 9**—A sidebar featuring stats on homelessness in Denver references DU’s Project Homeless Connect.

**9news.com, May 9**—They are the best doubles tennis team ever to play at the University of Denver. Seniors Adam Holmstrom and Nick Persson have yet to lose this season on their way to compiling a 15-0 record.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 9**—The University of Denver women’s golf team maintained its fourth-place standing after a second-round, 10-over-par 298 at the NCAA Central Regional Championships in Austin, Texas.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 11**—Denver-based ViewMyLife is a combination online-life toolbox and social and philanthropic network. The first cause was the University of Denver Relay for Life, a fundraiser to benefit

the American Cancer Society. MBA students from the Daniels College of Business are also using the company as a case study, and ViewMyLife has pledged \$1,000 to the cause if 500 DU students join the group.

**Law Week Colorado, May 12**—Outgoing Colorado State House speaker Andrew Romanoff says with his work in the House behind him, forced from office by state term limits, he will focus on completing his law degree at the Sturm College of Law.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 13**—Apartment vacancy rates in the Denver area fell to 5.9 percent during the first quarter of 2008, from 7.1 percent a year earlier. “There are about 17,000 empty apartment units in the metro area, which maybe would house about 30,000 people,” said Gordon Von Stroh, the business professor at the University of Denver who authored the report. **Conde Nast Portfolio, May 13**, also reported this story.

**Denver Post, May 14**—The University of Denver has hired two assistant coaches for its women’s basketball team, including former University of Colorado star Shelley Sheetz and Yvonne Hawkins, who was an assistant coach at Boston College the last four seasons. **Daily Camera, May 16**, also reported this story.

**Denver Post, May 16**—Robert Coombe, chancellor of the University of Denver, submitted an op-ed supporting Gov. Bill Ritter’s proposal to add funding to higher education through severance taxes on the oil and gas industry. The plan proposes directly supporting students through scholarships rather than institutions themselves.

**Denver Post, May 19**—The University of Denver women’s golf team will compete in its second consecutive national tournament, concluding a highly successful school year for the Pioneers’ athletic department. The golf team will be the school’s eighth program to make it to a national tournament or meet in 2007-08.

**Denver Post, May 19**—The University of Denver women’s soccer team has named Kris Peat assistant coach. Peat comes to Denver after serving as a volunteer assistant coach at Georgia State from 2006-08.

**Denver Post, May 19**—The University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business has awarded the 2007 Morton Margolin Prize for Distinguished Business Reporting to Denver Post reporters David Olinger and Aldo Svaldi and Rocky Mountain News reporter Gargi Chakrabarty. **Rocky Mountain News, May 23**, also reported this story.

**Denver Post, May 19**—The University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law honored Daniel Muse of the firm Pendleton, Friedberg, Wilson & Hennessey PC with the 2008 DU Law Star Alumni Professional Award.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 19**—Incoming University of Denver freshman men’s soccer player Sam Garza was named the 2007-08 Gatorade Texas Boys’ soccer player of the year.

**ColoradoHigherEdNews.com, May 21**—In a ceremony marked by plain-spoken advice, solemn tradition and some lighter moments, the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law graduated 300 new alumni May 17 before a packed arena at the Ritchie Center.

**Denver Post, May 21**—J.P. Testwuide is pioneering the Pioneers. The Vail native was named captain of the University of Denver hockey team, becoming the first Coloradan to don the “C” in the 60-year history of the tradition-rich program. **Rocky Mountain News, May 21**, also reported this story.

**Denver Business Journal, May 22**—Jim Griesemer, professor and dean emeritus at the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business, was named to the board of the Daniels Fund.

**Westword Music Blog, May 22**—Performing at the May Days Music Festival at the University of Denver, the Flobots played through an unabashedly earnest and emotive set for about an hour. The Flobots’ frequent banter,

from a shout out to the hometown and the value of the education that viola player Mackenzie Roberts received at DU to a request for more donations to a fund for Burma, made it clear that their activism and just plain likeability did not end at the stage.

**Denver Business Journal, May 23**—As the buses pulled up one by one to the entrance of Ritchie Center on the University of Denver campus, bedraggled passengers stepped out. Brightly T-shirted volunteers escorted them up the stairs. It was a convention for the homeless, organized as part of Denver's Road Home, the city's nationally recognized 10-year effort to deal with the problem. The May 9 event at DU—"Project Homeless Connect 6," the latest in a twice-yearly series—drew more than 800 homeless people, mostly brought from area shelters.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 23**—The Carson-Brierly Dance Library, now part of the Penrose Library, is one of only 14 nationally recognized resources of American dance.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 28**—Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright joined a large crowd at the University of Denver today for the dedication of its international studies school in honor of her father, Josef Korbel. "Our father and mother would be totally thrilled over what happened (today)," said Albright, who spoke on the steps of Ben Cherrington Hall, site of the newly dedicated Josef Korbel School of International Studies. It was named after her father, a diplomat and Czechoslovakian emigre, who founded it in 1964. Other media reporting on Albright's visit include: **OutsidetheBeltway.com, May 27; RockyMountainNews.com, May 27; DenverPost.com, May 28; CBS4Denver.com, May 28; Examiner.com, May 28; KJCT8.com (Grand Junction, Colo.), May 28; KRDO.com (Colorado Springs, Colo.), May 28; KXRM.com (Colorado Springs, Colo.), May 28; Myfoxcolorado.com, May 28; Sky-Hi Daily News (Granby, Colo.), May 28; Summit Daily, May 28; PRweb.com, May 28; KOA-AM, May 28; KGHB-TV (Colorado Springs-Pueblo, Colo.), Noticero Colorado, May 28; KWGN-TV, May 28; Denver Post, May 29; Rocky Mountain News, May 29 (Sidebar and Photo); Emediawire.com, May 29; ColoradoHigherEdNews.com, May 29; ColoradoIndependent.com, May 29; KBCO-FM, May 29; KCFR-AM "Colorado Matters," May 30; Denver Post, June 1 and KUSA-TV "YOUR SHOW," June 1.**

**Denver Post, May 28**—Hao Jiang Tian, an opera singer who's musical training was here in Denver, first at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music and then at Opera Colorado, wrote "Along the Roaring River: My Wild Ride from Mao to the Met," a book he wrote with New York Times music writer Lois Morris.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 28**—Adam Tanner was named Most Valuable Player, while David Kummer earned the Pioneer and defensive player awards at the inaugural University of Denver men's basketball banquet.

**Denver Post, May 31**—University of Denver archaeology students and the Museum of the West's investigations team used ground-penetrating radar this weekend in a Grand Junction parking lot as part of a search for the storied safe of the city's founder.

*National/International expert comment in electronic and print media placements*

**Harper's Magazine, May 1**—Sturm College of Law professor Robert Hardaway says the subprime lending crisis "can be directly traced back to the [1983] Bureau of Labor Statistics decision to exclude the price of housing from the Consumer Price Index." **Providence Journal (Providence, Rhode Island), May 26**, also quoted Hardaway.

**Financial Times, May 2**—Charles Ellison, a senior fellow at the University of Denver's Center for African-American Policy, said there was widespread acceptance among black leaders that Barack Obama had to put more distance between himself and Jeremiah Wright.

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch, May 5**—Jennifer Reich, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Denver, said incorrectly listing parents as child abusers is “terrible,” but not because of malice on the part of investigators. “All the social workers I saw in my own research were much more afraid of leaving a child in a home where they could be harmed than they were of falsely accusing a parent,” she said. **Individual.com, May 4**, also reported this story.

**BlackAmericaWeb.com, May 6**—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 North Carolina is a “significant and loud win” for Barack Obama, particularly in the wake of damaging weeks where so much focus was placed on the Jeremiah Wright issue. Other media quoting Groff include: **BlackAmericaWeb.com, May 8** and **BlackAmericaWeb.com, May 14**.

**Chronicle of Higher Education, May 16**—The crunch in the student-loan market, a weak U.S. economy, and declining home values are all conspiring to make this an unpredictable year for college enrollment. Tom Willoughby, vice chancellor for enrollment at the University of Denver, says the institution is trying to be more conscious of students’ needs this year.

**Wall Street Journal, May 16**—While Polar bears were recently listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, they were not getting a measure known as a “critical-habitat” designation. Without that, many environmentalists and legal experts say, the bear’s new protected status will have about as much teeth as a newborn cub. “The only way you will ever bring them back is by preserving habitat that is not currently occupied,” says Federico Cheever, a law professor at the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law. Other media reporting this story include: **Arizona Daily Star, May 26** and **Redorbit.com, May 27**.

**Airport Business, May 23**—Stephen Van Beek, who teaches for the Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Denver, says there’s a culture gap in the U.S. when it comes to transportation interests. **Logistics Online, May 22**, also reported on the Intermodal Transportation Institute.

**Isn.ethz.ch, May 26**—Suisheng Zhao, professor and executive director of the Center for U.S.-China Cooperation at the University of Denver, says that some China watchers took Beijing’s decision to cancel the USS Kitty Hawk’s port visit to Hong Kong as an indication that the Hu Jintao’s leadership had abandoned Deng Xiaoping’s low-profile policy. **KDVR-TV, May 13**, also quoted Zhao.

**National Public Radio, May 26**—“Living on Earth” ran a piece on the fuel used to grill on Memorial Day. Geography professor Matthew Taylor was featured on the May 26 program, based on his work on charcoal making in Sonora, Mexico.

*Local expert comment in electronic and print media placements*

**KUSA-TV, May 5**—Hillary Clinton and John McCain support a proposed lifting of a federal tax on gas and diesel. “Sure it’s a reduction in price the consumer would have to pay at the pump, but it’s not going to solve the real problem of lowering demand and increasing the supply of gas,” said Mac Clouse, finance professor at the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver.

**Denver Business Journal, May 2**—Many Coloradans give to both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama’s campaigns. That strategy is a way for givers to play it safe politically by hedging their bets according to Seth Masket, assistant professor of political science at the University of Denver. Other media quoting Masket include: **Gazette, May 9**; **Dawn.com, May 12**; **St. Petersburg Times, May 26**;

**Rocky Mountain News, May 2**—A series of failed deals by Danny DeGrande, a corrections officer turned Centennial real estate broker, are typical of those in the sub-prime mortgage industry collapse, which has roiled

financial markets worldwide, said Glenn Mueller, professor at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business.

**Denver Post, May 8**—Lisa Pasko, an assistant professor of criminology at the University of Denver, contributed an op-ed about HB 1208, which checks prosecutors' ability to charge youthful offenders as adults.

**KCNC-TV, May 8**—Closing arguments are set to start in the death penalty trial of Sir Mario Owens, who is accused of killing a key witness in another murder case. The jury will have to decide on a murder conviction and the death penalty for it to be imposed. "It's not just beyond a reasonable doubt anymore, in terms of the actual guilt or innocence, it's beyond all doubt," said Karen Steinhauser, adjunct professor of law at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law

**KCNC-TV, May 8**—An out-of-state architectural firm has billed an Adams County School District nearly \$60,000, for hotels, meals and travel expenses in the last year but the district hasn't bothered to ask for, or review, a single receipt. "It's negligence," said Kevin O'Brien, a business ethics professor at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business. **Rocky Mountain News, May 8**, also quoted O'Brien.

**Denver Post, May 9**—Former Democratic Gov. Lamm, now a professor at the University of Denver, said Bill Ritter still has opportunities to take the kind of political risk former Republican Gov. Bill Owens did in supporting Referendum C, which temporarily suspended TABOR revenue limits.

**Rocky Mountain News, May 16**—In a leafy old neighborhood here known as Newlands, an increasing number of worn brick ranches and aging bungalows have been demolished to make way for much larger, more luxurious custom homes. "You'd think we'd get over this," said James van Hemert, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute at the University of Denver. "But building a house is about much more, apparently, than an adequate place to live."

**Denver Post, May 18**—The focus on non-competitiveness is one of the strengths of the Lil' Kickers soccer-skills program, said Marcee Martin, the executive director of the Fisher Early Learning Center at the University of Denver. "I think competition is somewhat inborn in us. I don't think we need to teach that," Martin said. "What we do need to instill in children is how to get along with each other."

**Rocky Mountain News, May 21**—Don McCubbrey, a University of Denver professor, uses the Colorado Benefits Management System mess as a case study of how not to replace a computer system. He said he is "surprised and disappointed" that it still has not been fixed, 16 months into the new governor's term.

**Denver Post, May 23**—The Transportation Security Administration will start screening travelers at Denver International Airport using a machine that bounces radio waves off skin to produce a graphic, whole-body image. Whole-body imaging "is an extremely high invasion of privacy," said John Soma, a University of Denver law professor and executive director of the Privacy Foundation. **Silobreaker.com, May 24**, also reported this story.

**Littleton Independent, May 29**—Despite growing numbers of Libertarians in the country, Tom Knecht, assistant professor of political science at the University of Denver, says the existing electoral system is not conducive to third-party success.

**KDVR, Fox31, May 30** – DU psychology professor Howard Markman was interviewed for Good Day Colorado about the "Sex and the City" movie debut and how it relates to every day romantic relationships.

**KUSA-TV, May 30**— Carl Raschke, a religious studies professor at the University of Denver, says while the Catholic Church in America may be seeing newer and more Hispanic faces, there are no real big surprises in the latest population trends and shifts.