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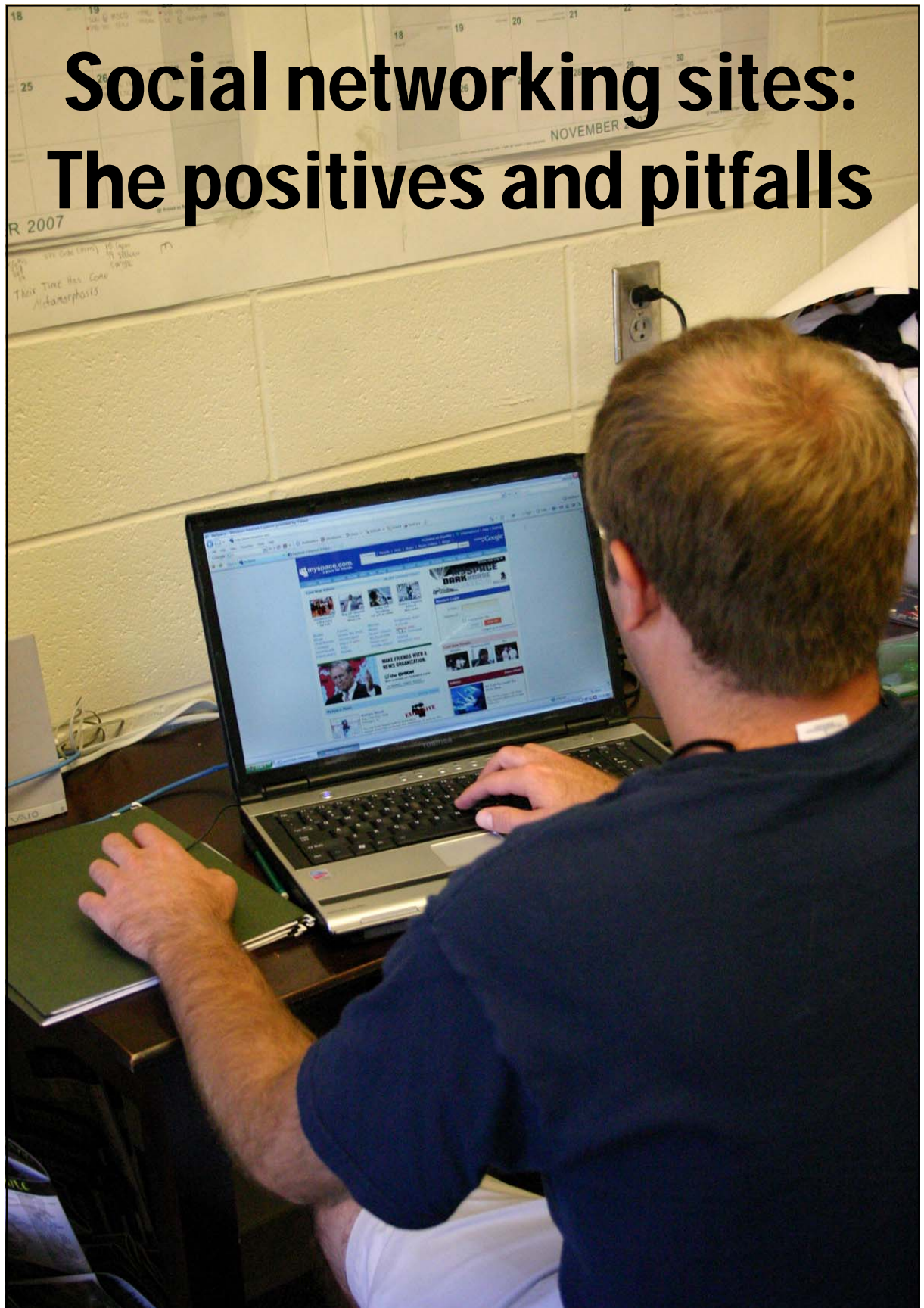
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Upcoming Schedule

Friday, Sept. 7

Men's soccer at Colorado Christian, 3 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Colorado Mines, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Golf at Air Force Invitational, 8 a.m.
Cross country at Lobo Invitational (Albuquerque) 9 a.m.
Softball vs. Colorado Mines, 11 a.m.
Softball vs. CSU-Pueblo, 1 p.m.
Softball vs. Lamar CC, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9

Softball vs. Lamar CC, 11 a.m.
Softball vs. CSU-Pueblo, 1 p.m.
Soccer at Colorado Mines, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Soccer vs. CSU-Pueblo, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14

Soccer vs. Regis, 3 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Nebraska-Kearney, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15

Softball vs. Trinidad JC, 10 a.m.
Softball vs. Otero JC, Noon
Softball vs. Colorado State, 4 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Chadron State, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Softball vs. Otero JC, 11 a.m.
Soccer vs. Metro State, 1 p.m.
Softball vs. Metro State, 1 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 17

Golf at RMAC (Pueblo)

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Golf at RMAC (Pueblo)
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UCCS Athletic Director

Well summer is over and the 2007-2008 school year has begun. The world continues to change at an alarming rate and that is not the bitter observance of someone in their sixth decade (I was born in the fifties)! This is a fact that must be dealt with in a collegiate athletic department.

Social interaction has seen some of the most change and keeping up with the young people and their rapid-fire exchanges is a challenge to say the least. Cell phones and text messaging has allowed contact at all times. Professors have had to banish them to avoid the temptation to cheat.

In athletics we have had to initiate new legislation regarding recruiting rules constantly to keep the prospective student athlete from being absolutely overwhelmed by contacts from coaches. This all stems from advances in technology.

Our greatest challenge has been the advent of web pages like Facebook and Myspace. These are terrific ways to meet and communicate. Very different

from the party lines that many of us remember where your neighbor could overhear your phone calls to friends: "Mrs. Johnson let me finish asking for a date, jeesh." We really did say jeesh in the sixties. Now someone in another country on another continent can access your web page and attempt contact.

Educating young people on the dangers and possible repercussions from ill-advised information placed on their pages is one of our current challenges. The latest statistics show that companies hiring graduating students are turning down up to 17% of applicants because of content on their pages.

In athletics, where we hold the student athlete to a higher standard, content on a web page can, and has, led to suspensions of individual athletes and even entire programs. Of course common sense and a clear understanding of expectations and penalties can help our student athletes avoid the embarrassment and even the loss of a career. Bad judgment is part of the growth process. Minimizing the unwise decisions made in youth is part of our expectations for our athletes.

So we no longer have Wally Cleaver trying to get off the phone when his mom was listening. We now have a basketball coach texting an athlete in Lithuania or a student athlete putting pictures of a party on their web page. I am personally waiting for the implanted Bluetooth so I don't have to carry a phone anymore! There could be an issue in charging it however.

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Social networking: Good, bad and ugly



The Computer Age has changed how people communicate.

By Michelle Maitre
Oakland Tribune

Incoming University of California, Berkeley freshman Alex Gair found the perfect use for Facebook. He used the popular Internet site for college students to research the stranger who would soon become his roommate.

"I was more prepared for meeting him," said Gair, an 18-year-old from Chico who moved into his new dorm room Saturday. "That was definitely helpful."

Social networking Web sites such as Facebook and MySpace are a boon for students looking to connect with new friends or keep in touch with old ones, but colleges are also taking steps to warn students about the sites risks.

For the first time this year, several universities added sessions on social networking to orientation meetings for new students.

In everything from short films to real-life cautionary tales of losing plum internships because of injudicious postings, students are being schooled in the pitfalls of Facebook and MySpace.

"Those things you think are funny or cool may come back to haunt you later," said Joanna Royce-Davis, dean of students at University of the Pacific in Stockton, which added sessions on social networking

to mandatory orientations this fall. "A big part of the conversation is helping students to understand that what they perceive to be a private space that they own truly isn't."

Online communities are exploding in popularity. Students can set up personal pages with photos and journal entries and connect with friends through chat rooms, instant messaging and bulletin boards. While MySpace is open to anyone older than 14, Facebook is restricted to those with an academic e-mail address, typically one that ends in .edu.

Facebook has grown from about 1 million members in 2004 to more than 7.5 million users at high schools and colleges. Most members visit the site at least once a day, although others confess to popping in as many as three or four times a day. A campus survey at UC Berkeley revealed that 60 percent of incoming freshmen visit Facebook at least once a day.

"That's how young people are talking to each other," said Mary Fortune, director of student life and leadership at California State University, East Bay in Hayward. "For the first time this year, students prepared a skit for incoming freshmen to warn them to think profile before they post."

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MySpace Facts

- MySpace is a public, social networking, online community.
- The website was founded in August of 2003.
- Founded by Tom Anderson, Chris DeWolfe, Josh Burman, and a small team of programmers.
- Over 100 million accounts worldwide.
- The site is the third most popular website in the United States and the sixth most popular website among all languages.
- Users can personalize their profiles with pictures, thoughts, interests.
- People can communicate through website email, MySpace messenger, blogs, bulletins, and comments.
- Users can set their profiles to private, where only their friends can view it.
- Minimum age requirement for creating a profile is 14 years old.

Cons of MySpace

- MySpace users often fall victim to Spyware, and being phished, which is the theft of passwords.
- There are so many users, that sufficient customer service is almost impossible.
- Many people, especially children, find easy ways around guidelines to creating profiles.
- MySpace can provide sex offenders, predators, stalkers with a means to find and communicate with possible victims.
- MySpace profiles, if not private, can often be viewed by potential employers, teachers, coaches, and family members.

Facebook Facts

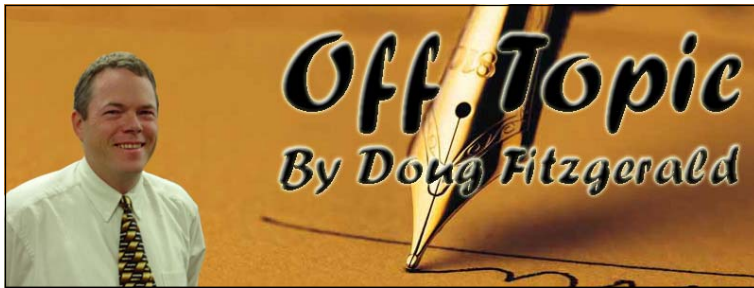
- Facebook is a public social networking, online community.
- The site was founded in February of 2004.
- Founded by Mark Zuckerberg, Andrew McCollum, and Eduardo Saverin, whom were all Harvard students.
- Over 34 million accounts worldwide.
- Facebook is the tenth most popular website in the United States and is the most popular website for photos.
- Users can not personalize their profiles, only text is allowed.
- Communication on the site includes message walls, virtual gift shops, "Pokes" which attract other users attention, and a classified marketplace.
- Profiles are not private.
- There isn't an age requirement, but users must have a .EDU email address to register.

Cons of Facebook

- Facebook has fallen prey to "worms" and hackers trying to make their profiles look more like MySpace profiles.
- Facebook can sell your information to private third-party companies.
- The site used to be only for colleges, but now other people with connections to education can create an account.
- Profiles are not private and can be viewed by anyone who wants to look.
- Profiles and pictures can be viewed by college officials, teachers, and coaches.
- Universities and colleges often used Facebook as a means of investigation for underage drinking, incriminating photos, and disloyalty to the school.

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Let's make one thing clear from the outset: I have nothing against social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace. Quite the contrary, had these sites existed when I was in my early 20s, I'd have most definitely been online and active. After all, I wasn't the most socially gifted post-adolescent. These sites would have undoubtedly proven invaluable.

Social networking sites are an exciting, new phenomenon in the Age of Communication. They provide a place to connect, reconnect, chat, share pictures, tell stories and generally let others know who you are and what you're about. I keep a Facebook account myself and, through it, have reconnected with some former UCCS athletes.

But the reason I keep a Facebook account is one reason why social networking sites should be approached with caution. I use it to periodically check the profiles of UCCS student-athletes to make certain they haven't posted anything that could be problematic. Call me the Department of UCCS Homeland Security.

But I'm not alone. Coaches, including some UCCS coaches, educators and college administrators nationwide keep tabs on their students. They do it mostly to keep the students out of trou-

ble. Unfortunately, they're not always effective.

Take the case of a female student-athlete competing for a school in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. She posted a compromising, albeit not pornographic, photo of herself at a party on her Facebook account. A male student at a rival school stumbled across the photo, downloaded it and paraded it around the stands when the girl's school came to town. The Girls-Gone-Wild-like snapshot proved so embarrassing that she left the match early.

In addition, the tragedy at Virginia Tech has college and law enforcement officials everywhere taking no chances.

But that's not all. A USA Today story recently reported that parents are starting to review social networking profiles and are objecting to potential roommates of their children before ever having met them. And if your parents are snooping into potential roommates, you can bet they're snooping into your profile as well.

Worse, employers – including those who offer the best internships – regard background checks as due diligence, not invasion of privacy. Factor in renters, loan officers, district attorneys, nosy neighbors and others and it becomes obvious why what your friends think is funny might have some adverse consequences.

None of this means you shouldn't use these and other sites; it just means use your head. If a site is public access, it means just that. If you wouldn't want your baby sister, grandmother, employer, professor, clergyman or boyfriend/girlfriend to see the photo or read the comment you're about to post, you shouldn't post it. Print it out and show your friends the next time you see them.

Hmmm... face-to-face communication – now that's a novel

Networking: Public access cause for caution

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In the play, an employer checked out a job prospect by visiting her site on MySpace -- where he found all sorts of incriminating evidence about the applicant's party-hearty ways.

"They put stuff on MySpace and I'm like, 'what are you doing?'" said Fortune, who said she regularly checks the online forums to get the pulse of her student body. "Whatever you put out there is public."

Virtual postings can have real-world consequences.

Two Louisiana State University swimmers were suspended for making disparaging comments about coaches on Facebook last spring. Kent University briefly banned students from Facebook earlier this year over concerns that some postings reflected badly on the school, and students at schools from North Carolina State to Northern Kentucky have been censured for

alcohol violations based on photos on online forums.

At UC Berkeley -- where a session on safe computing, including social networking, is mandatory before dorm residents can get an Internet hook-up -- officials also warned students about identity theft and other dangers from posting too much.

"Our tagline is 'think before you click,'" Manager of Residential Computing Dedra Chamberlin said.

Timothy Haskell, director of first year programs at Santa Clara University, said officials aren't trolling the sites in search of misbehaving students. But administrators have a duty to act when wrongdoing is brought to their attention -- and professors and provosts may be on Facebook, too.

"We can't reject the technology, it's not going away," Haskell said. "We need students who can think critically about the issues -- ethically, morally and legally -- that come with the technology."

Administrators are also using the technology to their advantage. Pacific encourages students to use the sites as forums to start new clubs, and some campus units, such as the Career Resource Center, maintain space on both MySpace and Facebook, Royce-Davis said.

The shift has been for colleges and universities to embrace this as another way to connect with students in a place that would be efficient and most comfortable for students, Royce-Davis said.

Gair, the UC Berkeley freshman, said he's aware of the risks, but knows that some students can go too far. He said the sites are a great way to keep in touch with friends.

"I think some people don't think about it," Gair said, "but it's not that difficult to understand -- don't post things you don't want everyone to know about in a public forum."

Engineering success UCCS program among nation's best

By Tom Hutton
Director, UCCS University Relations

The undergraduate engineering program at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs is among the best in the nation, according to the editors of U.S. News and World Report.

In the 2008 college rankings edition, "America's Best Colleges," to be released Aug. 20, the magazine's editors ranked the UCCS undergraduate engineering program ninth in the nation among public engineering schools offering bachelor's or master's degrees. The magazine's editors ranked all of UCCS tenth among public Western universities.

For the past several years, UCCS ranked in the top tier of all public and private master's universities in the West. Master's universities provide a full range of undergraduate and master's degree programs.

In ranking more than 1,400 colleges and universities, U.S. News relies on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality. Among the measures are student retention rates, graduation rates and class size.

"I am pleased the quality of UCCS is being recognized from a non-partisan and objective point of view," Chancellor Pam Shockley-

Zalabak said. "Rankings serve as a way of highlighting the high-quality and relatively low costs of a public education in Colorado."

Other top engineering programs at public engineering schools offering bachelor's or master's degrees, include the California Polytechnic-San Luis Obispo, U. S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, California State University-Pomona, Rowan (N.J) University, San Jose (Calif.) State University, Virginia Military Institute, and California State University, Los Angeles.

Other universities cited as top public universities in the West were: California Polytechnic University-San Luis Obispo, Western Washington University, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Evergreen (Wash.) State College, California State University-Long Beach, California Polytechnic University-Pomona, California State University-Chico, San Jose (Calif.) State University, Sonoma (Calif.) State University, California State University-Fullerton, California State University-Stanislaus, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and Texas State University-San Marcos.

The rankings are available on-line at www.usnews.com.

Do Not Ticket Periods a boon for UCCS fans

By Michelle Fredolino
Lion Eyes staff

Finally, some good news for Mountain Lion fans – you can now park for free on campus during events.

The UCCS Athletic Department and the Public Safety Department worked together to define Do Not Ticket Periods for Mountain Lion home events. During these Do Not Ticket Periods, campus police will not ticket for failure to display a parking permit.

The Do Not Ticket Periods apply to Lots 3 and 4 near the Lion's Den and will begin at least 30 minutes prior to the event start time and will expire 30 minutes after the event end time.

The agreement was brokered through the

efforts of UCCS assistant athletic director A.J. Joseph and parking and transportation services manager William 'Whit' Whitfield.

"Whit and parking services have been great to work with," said Joseph. "This will allow more fans from outside of campus to attend UCCS athletic events."

The Do Not Ticket Periods do not apply to any other parking lot or the parking garage. Visitor parking on the third level of the parking garage or in Lot 1 will also be available during events, but Mountain Lion fans parking in visitor parking areas must pay the normal fees to park. Additionally, all other parking regulations will apply and will be ticketed, including handicapped violations, metered parking, restricted parking spaces, and no parking areas.

Overnight Parking Policy for Athletes

Please direct all questions to parking@uccs.edu.

Ticketing

- All parking lots, except for lot 9 and deck 5 of the parking garage, are ticketed for failure to display a parking permit, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. during fall, spring, and summer terms.
- Lot 9 and deck 5 of the parking garage are ticketed for failure to display a parking permit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the fall, spring, and summer terms.
- The Four Diamonds Sports Complex has a prohibition on overnight parking. This prohibition is enforced every night. Do not park overnight at Four Diamonds.
- All lots are ticketed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for all other violations, which include but are not limited to handicapped, loading zone, reserved parking spaces, parking in no parking areas and fire lane violations. For a complete list of parking regulations, please visit the website at <http://www.uccs.edu/~pusafety/>.

Overnight Road Trips:

1. **Sunday to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday:**
If vehicles are going to be parked overnight, follow the following steps:
 - a. For athletes/coaches who do not have a parking permit or who have a Lot N permit, advise them to park in Lot 9 and e-mail the license plate number(s) along with arrival and departure dates to parking@uccs.edu at least 48 hours prior to the departure date.
 - b. If the athletes have a Residential student permit, no notification to Public Safety is necessary. The athlete should continue to park in either Lot 9 or deck 5 of the garage.
 - c. If the athletes/coaches have a HUB permit, park in lot 4, deck 1 or deck 2 of the parking garage. Advise Public Safety of the license plate number(s) and arrival/departure dates at parking@uccs.edu at least 48 hours prior to the departure date/time.
2. **Thursday after 4:00 p.m. –Monday at 6:00 a.m.:**
NOTE: This option is only applicable if the departure time is AFTER 4:00 p.m. ON THURSDAY AND THE ATHLETES/COACHES WILL RETURN IN TIME TO MOVE VEHICLES BY 6:00 a.m. ON MONDAY.

If vehicles are going to be parked overnight, the Athletic Department Representative must e-mail Public Safety at parking@uccs.edu with the following:

- a. Regardless of whether or not they have a parking permit, all athletes/coaches may park their vehicle in Lot 4, deck 1 or deck 2 of the parking garage.
- b. License plate numbers MUST be e-mailed to parking@uccs.edu at least 48 hours prior to departure date or vehicles may be ticketed.

Remember, always park in a marked space that is not otherwise restricted. Never park on or over the lines.

Failure to follow the above steps will result in the ticketing of vehicles

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Men's Soccer

Preview: Mazzetti hopes there's power in youth

By Doug Fitzgerald

College coaches so often bemoan their teams' youth that it has become cliché. When University of Colorado at Colorado Springs soccer coach Flavio Mazzetti makes that claim, though, he has a valid point.

Mazzetti and the Mountain Lions will enter the 2007 season with a roster that features 16 freshmen, five sophomores, five juniors and no seniors.

That's young enough for an episode of *The O.C.*

Of course, *The O.C.* was recently cancelled. Mazzetti is hoping the UCCS soccer team can avoid the same fate. From a talent standpoint, he has little to worry about since the Mountain Lions will field a nice blend of size, speed and skill. Experience is another subject, though.

"A lot of these kids didn't know each other two weeks ago, so trying to get them playing together is going to be an ongoing project," said Mazzetti. "Experience is going to come one touch at a time – we can't rush that."

"They've come in with a great attitude and a great work ethic. They realize that there are a lot of positions up in the air. The competition right now is extremely high everywhere."

That competition begins on the front line. UCCS returns sophomore Bryan Stoeber, who was the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference freshman of the year in 2006 after recording seven goals and four assists. Freshmen Dami Oladiran, Isak Tengesdal, and Wade Hood along with junior Greg Packer are vying for the other starting spot. Regardless of who starts, all should see playing time since Mazzetti wants his forwards to stay active.

Tengesdal was named the North Dakota player of the year by RISE Magazine after an 18 goal, seven assist performance in 2006. Hood was a scoring machine at Northridge High School in Greeley with 27 goals and three assists. Oladiran, a native of Nigeria, did not play high school soccer, opting instead to concentrate on his studies. Mazzetti discovered him playing in a Denver adult league. Packer played defense this past season but Mazzetti prefers him up



Junior midfielder Jeff Bettner is one of a handful of players on the UCCS roster with college experience.

front where he can use his strength and aggressiveness.

"We've got five good forwards," said Mazzetti. "They're all working hard and we're just still looking right now for the guy that's going to complement Stoeber and give us the best pair up top."

Talented junior Jeff Bettner will anchor the midfield. Sophomore Jeff Poburka has spent most of the preseason running with Bettner at center midfield, but Poburka may also see playing time at the wing. Freshmen Ryan Piechowski, Calvin Cook and Chris Santalauria have all shown flashes and will figure into the mix. Bryan Manson and Francisco Soto could also play their way into the rotation.

"Center mid is a position where we have a lot of depth," said Mazzetti. "We haven't found the complement for (Bettner) yet. We don't have a lot of experience – five of them are freshmen and one's a sophomore."

A similar situation exists on the wing, where sophomore Andrew Oliver and red-shirt freshman Mike Seely are the most experienced players. Oliver has played several years in Mazzetti's system and can play either the right or left side. He figures to get significantly more than the seven starts he had a year ago. Those two will face stiff

competition from speedy freshmen Bobby Cinea and Mike Mason.

"On the (wing), we're going to bring a little bit more speed (than last year)," said Mazzetti. "We certainly don't have the experience, having had two seniors there last year."

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2007 Soccer Schedule/Results

| Date | Time | Opponent | Result |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------|
| Fri Aug 31 | 1:00 P.M. | Saint Mary's @ | L, 2-1 |
| Sun Sep 2 | 3:00 P.M. | at Eastern New Mexico | L, 4-2 |
| Fri Sep 7 | 1:00 P.M. | at Colorado Christian * | |
| Sun Sep 9 | 2:00 P.M. | at Colorado Mines * | |
| Wed Sep 12 | 6:00 P.M. | CSU-Pueblo * | |
| Fri Sep 14 | 3:00 P.M. | Regis * | |
| Sun Sep 16 | 1:00 P.M. | Metro State * | |
| Fri Sep 21 | 7:00 P.M. | at Mesa State * | |
| Sun Sep 23 | Noon | at Fort Lewis * | |
| Fri Sep 28 | 3:00 P.M. | Westminster | |
| Thu Oct 4 | 7:00 P.M. | at Western Washington | |
| Sat Oct 6 | 1:30 P.M. | at Seattle Pacific | |
| Wed Oct 10 | 3:30 P.M. | at CSU-Pueblo * | |
| Fri Oct 12 | 7:00 P.M. | Colorado Mines * | |
| Sun Oct 14 | 1:00 P.M. | Colorado Christian * | |
| Fri Oct 19 | 3:30 P.M. | at Metro State * | |
| Sun Oct 21 | 1:00 P.M. | at Regis * | |
| Fri Oct 26 | 7:00 P.M. | Fort Lewis * | |
| Sun Oct 28 | 1:00 P.M. | Mesa State * | |
| Fri Nov 2 | TBA | RMAC Championships | |
| Sun Nov 4 | TBA | RMAC Championships | |

@ at Portales, N.M.
* RMAC match

Men's Soccer

Roundup: Trip to New Mexico nets Mountain Lions two losses

By Doug Fitzgerald

St Mary's 2, UCCS 1
Aug. 31

PORTALES, N.M. – Bryan Stoeber got the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs' 2007 soccer season off to a promising start with a goal in the seventh minute



Bryan Stoeber

Friday, but a pair of second-half scores by the St. Mary's Rattlers sent the Mountain Lions to a 2-1 defeat.

Stoeber's score on a pass by Greg Packer gave UCCS a 1-0 lead that lasted into half-time. Stoeber accounted for four of the Mountain Lions' five shots in the match.

St. Mary's evened the score in the 55th minute when Kris Sumpter bent the ball around the defensive wall on a free kick and drilled it into the corner of the net. The Rattlers took the lead in the 73rd minute when David Peterson knocked in a crossing pass by Scott Kilpatrick.

St. Mary's managed 15 shots in the match, only four of which were on goal. UCCS had three shots on goal, all by Stoeber.

Freshman Mark Howard went the distance in goal for UCCS and had two saves.

Eastern New Mexico 4, UCCS 2
Sept 2

PORTALES, N.M. – Bobby Cinea and Isak Tengesdal scored less than four minutes apart as the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs staged a spirited comeback from a three-goal deficit only to fall short in a 4-2 loss to the Eastern New Mexico Greyhounds Sunday.

Having spotted Eastern New Mexico (2-1) to a three-goal advantage – all in the first half – the Mountain Lions (0-2) finally scored 2:29 into the second half. Dami Oladiran slid a pass to Cinea, who knocked it past ENMU goalkeeper Leif Craddock.

Just 3 minutes, 14 seconds later, Bryan Stoeber drew the defense toward himself before finding Tengesdal. The scores were the first career goals for Cinea and Tengesdal, who are both freshmen.

The Greyhounds scored the clincher in the 63rd minute when Cesareo Conyreras knocked in a corner kick by Ryan McClanahan.

UCCS goalkeeper Michael Bergren (0-1) made seven first-half saves and eight overall.

Soccer Notes:

Fresh start: The Mountain Lions started freshman goalkeepers in each of their first two matches with Mark Howard in net in the opener and Michael Bergren starting the second. It's the first time a freshman has started in goal for UCCS since Matt Mitchell did it in 2003 and the first time ever that two different freshmen have started the first two matches of the season.

Stoeber honored: Bryan Stoeber was named the RMAC men's soccer offensive player of the week.

Stoeber recorded a goal and four shots (three on goal) in a 2-1 loss to St. Mary's on Friday. Two days later at Eastern New Mexico, he added an assist and two shots (both on goal) in the 4-2 loss. Combined, he recorded a goal and an assist for three points, and six shots, five of which were on goal.

"Bryan's worked very hard over the summer," said UCCS coach Flavio Mazzetti. "It's nice to see him get some recognition."



Bobby Cinea



Isak Tengesdal

Preview: UCCS pins 2007 hopes upon very youthful roster

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Defensively, UCCS is in serious rebuilding mode.

"We don't have any of our defenders (from last season) back this year," said Mazzetti. "We graduated the whole back line so communication and teamwork are still a project for us that we're working on daily."

Sophomore Tristan Robinson, who saw most of his action in the midfield last season, will start in the middle of the defense along with Jeff Girali. At 6-foot-4 and 6-foot-1 respectively, that duo should be formidable against crossing passes in the air. Behind them is Jarad Giegler, a 6-foot-4 transfer from Itawamba Junior College.

Ryan Buttner, a transfer from Chandler Gilbert Community College, is the most experienced of the outside defenders. Sophomore Alexander Gino, redshirt freshman Aaron Mazzetti and true freshman Nick Christopher are also vying for playing time.

Three freshmen will compete for the goalkeeper job, with Mark Howard holding the edge coming out of training camp. Howard, Adam Liszewski and Michael Bergren have all had their moments.

"With three freshmen in the goal it's been a battle the entire training camp," said Mazzetti. "There have been days when they've all looked great."

There have been days. That says it all when dealing with a team this young. One day they look like world beaters, the next it's more like Egg Beaters. Mazzetti's hoping to get more wins than omelets from his talented neophytes.

"A young team can be successful," he said. "They're going to have to find their groove and their consistency along the way."

"I do believe it's a group the core of which is going to have a lot of success in the future - whether the future is this year or next year. Every time they step on the field they're going to gain some experience. This is a solid group that's only going to get better and I'm happy with their development."

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Volleyball

Roundup: Brutal schedule part of Woods' plan

By Doug Fitzgerald & Eric Fitzgerald

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs volleyball team opened its season by playing six nationally-ranked teams in its first nine matches. While the tough schedule has been largely to blame for the Mountain Lions' pedestrian 3-7 (1-0 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) record to date, it was intended to have its biggest impact once the team got into conference play.

"We're seeing incredibly tough competition which a) reveals your weaknesses and b) makes you stronger and smarter," said Wood. "We're going to be used to playing at very high level when we get to RMAC games."

So far, so good on that front. The Mountain Lions beat Regis in their first conference match.

That tough competition is also putting the learning curve on UCCS' new, quicker offense on the fast track.

To run the quick-set, a team must develop the timing and precision of a circus trapeze act. That requires patience during the learning phase. When Fort Lewis coach Shelly Aaland installed the quick-set prior to the 2005 season, the Skyhawks opened the campaign with nine straight losses.

But there's a big payoff once the team adjusts. Fort Lewis finished the 2005 season by winning 13 of its final 20 matches. In 2006, the Skyhawks went 20-10.

UCCS 3, Regis 0

Sept. 4

COLORADO SPRINGS – To open the 2007 season, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs volleyball team did something it had never done by beating a nationally-ranked opponent. Tuesday night at the Lions' Den, the Mountain Lions did something almost as rare; they beat Regis.

Brooke Akers had 14 kills and Diane Sheldon added 12 more as the Mountain Lions topped the Rangers 3-0 (30-28, 30-28, 30-24) in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

It was only UCCS' third win over Regis in 24 meetings.

The Mountain Lions overcame deficits of

six points in Game 2 and four points in Game 3 to win their third match in 10 tries this season. Six of UCCS' first nine opponents were nationally ranked.

"I think we're a lot stronger team than we show at the beginning (of games)," said Sheldon about the comebacks. "I don't know if it's a lack of focus or we're just kind of nervous when we step on the court."

UCCS also benefited from a strong net game with nine blocks. Sophomore Cassey Santucci came off the bench to participate in six of them. Senior outside hitter Stephanie Laband added five assisted blocks.

No. 16 Washburn 3, UCCS 0

Sept. 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – UCCS lost Game 4 of the Rockhurst Classic to the No. 16-ranked Washburn Lady Blues (8-1) 3-0 to close out the tournament. Brooke Akers led the Mountain Lions with 13 kills on 29 attempts. Heidi Fehringer had seven kills on 24 attempts.

Minnesota State 3, UCCS 2

Sept. 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Mountain Lions lost an emotional match 3-2 to the Minnesota State, Mankato Mavericks (6-1) in the third game of the Rockhurst Classic on Saturday. The Mountain Lions struggled with their execution, tallying a total of 48 errors, and a fantastic Maverick front line that produced 19 blocks. Akers had 19 kills on 33 attempts to lead the Mountain Lions. Sheldon had 11 kills on 35 attempts.



Brooke Akers, left, and Diane Sheldon put up the block during the Mountain Lions' match against California Baptist. Akers leads UCCS with 3.44 kills per game while Sheldon is second with 2.71 kills per game.

UCCS 3, Missouri St. Louis 2

Aug. 31

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – UCCS came into the second game of the Rockhurst Classic against the Missouri-Saint Louis Tritons with one thing on its mind, proving they could compete at this level. A 3-2 win proved just that. Sheldon led the Mountain Lions with 19 kills on 38 attempts. Akers had 15 kills on 32 attempts and Lauren Orth managed 14 kills on 40 attempts.

No. 22 Rockhurst 3, UCCS 0

Aug. 31

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Mountain Lions came into this season knowing their schedule was going to open tough. Friday's first game at the Rockhurst Classic against hosting team Rockhurst (4-1) was no exception and the Mountain Lions struggled as they dropped the opener 3-0.

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Volleyball

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“The opening schedule is as difficult as we could make it,” said Jessica Wood. “I want to be as prepared as we can for the RMAC. We haven’t seen any weak teams and we will not see any weak teams.”

Akers led the UCCS with 15 kills on 29 attempts and four blocks. Heidi Fehringer managed nine kills on 17 attempts.

Eckerd 3, UCCS 0

Aug. 27

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – UCCS completed its trip to the Sunshine State Monday with a 3-0 (30-16, 30-26, 30-21) loss to the Eckerd Tritons at the McArthur Center. The Mountain Lions went 1-4 on the trip, going 1-3 against nationally-ranked opponents. Eckerd, the only non-ranked team on the opening schedule, qualified for the Southern Regional in 2006 and returned one first-team all-region player and two first-team all-Sunshine Conference players.

Akers led UCCS with 11 kills, while Sheldon added seven and Orth had six. Andrea Weedman had a team-high 15 digs, while sister Cortney Weedman had 19 assists and five digs.

No. 10 Hillsdale 3, UCCS 0

Aug. 25

LAKELAND, Fla. – Akers had nine kills but the Mountain Lions lost their third straight match – all to nationally-ranked opponents – falling 3-0 (30-16, 30-20, 30-20) to the No. 10 Hillsdale Chargers Saturday evening at Florida Southern College.

Colorado Springs native Kitt Smith led Hillsdale (3-1) with 14 kills. Sheldon added eight kills for UCCS.

No. 1 Tampa 3, UCCS 0

Aug. 25

TAMPA – UCCS coach Jessica Wood took the Mountain Lions to Florida in order to play some of the best teams in the country. They don’t get much better than the Tampa Spartans, who beat the Mountain Lions 3-0 (30-15, 30-12, 30-26) Saturday.

The Spartans (2-1), the hosts of the 2007 Tampa Invitational, are the defending Division II national champions and are currently ranked No. 1 in the national poll. Akers led UCCS with eight kills, followed by Orth (six).

NAIA No. 3 California Baptist 3, UCCS 0

Aug. 24

TAMPA – University of Colorado at Colorado Springs assistant athletic director A.J. Joseph made an observation prior to Friday night’s match against the NAIA No. 3-ranked California Baptist Lancers.

“This is probably the toughest serving team we’ll face all season,” said Joseph, who has many years of experience as a volleyball coach and official.

He was right. Behind a wicked service game, California Baptist defeated the Mountain Lions 3-0 (30-17, 30-23, 30-25) at the 2007 Tampa Invitational.

Laband led UCCS with eight kills, while Orth added seven and Sheldon and Fehringer had five each.

UCCS 3, No. 23 Western Washington 2

Aug. 24

TAMPA – It took the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs exactly one match to accomplish something no Mountain Lions volleyball team has done since at least 2001.

They beat a nationally-ranked opponent.

Behind 17 kills by Brooke Akers and 15 more from Diane Sheldon, UCCS defeated No. the 23-ranked Western Washington Vikings 3-2 (30-27, 23-30, 30-24, 20-30, 19-17) Friday at the 2007 Tampa Classic.

“Any win is a big win,” said UCCS coach Jessica Wood. “We try not to focus on the ranking. We try to focus on the team at hand and they’re a very, very good team.

“That was a very good test for our team and it was definitely a growing experience.”

NOTES:

Can you dig it?

Andrea Weedman is just 12 digs away from setting a new UCCS career record. The current record of 1,478 was set by Melissa Clark, who played at UCCS from 1992-95.

2007 Volleyball Schedule/Results

| Date | Time | Opponent | Result |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------|
| Fri Aug 24 | Noon | Western Washington @ | W, 3-2 |
| Fri Aug 24 | 5:00 P.M. | California Baptist @ | L, 3-0 |
| Sat Aug 25 | 1:00 P.M. | at Tampa | L, 3-0 |
| Sat Aug 25 | 7:00 P.M. | Hillsdale # | L, 3-0 |
| Mon Aug 27 | 1:30 P.M. | at Eckerd | L, 3-0 |
| Fri Aug 31 | 2:15 P.M. | at Rockhurst | L, 3-0 |
| Fri Aug 31 | 4:30 P.M. | Missouri-St. Louis % | W, 3-2 |
| Sat Sep 1 | 9:30 A.M. | Minnesota State % | L, 3-2 |
| Sat Sep 1 | 2:00 P.M. | Washburn % | L, 3-0 |
| Tue Sep 4 | 7:00 P.M. | Regis * | W, 3-0 |
| Fri Sep 7 | 7:00 P.M. | Colorado Mines * | |
| Fri Sep 14 | 7:00 P.M. | Nebraska-Kearney * | |
| Sat Sep 15 | 7:00 P.M. | Chadron State * | |
| Fri Sep 21 | 7:00 P.M. | at Metro State * | |
| Sat Sep 22 | 7:00 P.M. | at Colorado Christian * | |
| Thu Sep 27 | 7:00 P.M. | CSU-Pueblo * | |
| Fri Sep 28 | 7:00 P.M. | Adams State * | |
| Sat Sep 29 | 7:00 P.M. | Western State * | |
| Thu Oct 4 | 7:00 P.M. | at N.M. Highlands * | |
| Fri Oct 5 | 7:00 P.M. | at Western New Mexico * | |
| Fri Oct 12 | 7:00 P.M. | at Mesa State * | |
| Sat Oct 13 | 7:00 P.M. | at Fort Lewis * | |
| Fri Oct 19 | 7:00 P.M. | Colorado Christian * | |
| Sat Oct 20 | 7:00 P.M. | Metro State * | |
| Fri Oct 26 | 7:00 P.M. | at Chadron State * | |
| Sat Oct 27 | 7:00 P.M. | at Nebraska-Kearney * | |
| Tue Oct 30 | 7:00 P.M. | at Regis * | |
| Sat Nov 3 | 7:00 P.M. | at Colorado Mines * | |
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UCCS coach Jessica Wood talks to the Mountain Lions during a timeout



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Cross Country

Preview: New coach, approach for cross country

By Doug Fitzgerald

You've got a freshman-laden roster, a new coach and your best runner just had knee surgery. Sounds like the makings of a rebuilding year for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs cross country team, doesn't it?

Well, yes and no.

"Of the 26 kids on our roster, we only have one that will complete her eligibility this season," said new Mountain Lions coach Mark Misch. "So I look at this as this team's not all about this season but it's also about what we'll be doing next year building with the kids we have."

That would be the 'yes' portion of the

rebuilding question. The no comes when Misch is asked whether qualifying for nationals is a realistic goal for 2007.

"I think it's very realistic," said Misch. "In the North Central Region this year, we have five bids on both the men's and women's side.

"I've been around a lot of teams. We have enough that if we stay healthy and we do things right, we'll be in the mix."

That seems to be a bold statement for someone in Misch's position. Of the seven runners who took the Mountain Lion women's team to a seventh-place finish at nationals a year ago, two have graduated (Sarah Shepard and Ashley Birger), one transferred (Lisa Short), one is out for the

season (Shannon Payne) and two are currently battling nagging injuries (Whitney Lund and Christy Severy). That leaves just one experienced sure thing, Jenna Dorsey-Spitz.

"We have a lot of young kids, a lot of freshmen," Misch said of the UCCS women.

"On the women's side, it's OK because freshmen can come right in and do a pretty



Jenna Dorsey-Spitz

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Payne Looks at Training Smarter, Not Harder

By Diana Agra

This cross country season Shannon Payne is living by the age-old phrase that teaches athletes how to train effectively: "train smarter, not harder."

After having injured her knee back in the winter of 2006, Payne has struggled to get her knee to 100% each season. She said getting her knee to be 90% and then starting running again was only getting her on the sidelines, and that is why she decided to have knee surgery and red-shirt this upcoming cross country season.

Payne commented that her summer training was a "rough ride." Describing it as a stop-and-go kind of training, her knee was not able to withstand a consistent training regimen. Payne said it was frustrating and discouraging because summer training plays a huge part in determining how well one does during the season. Luckily, however, Payne's recent surgery on her left knee will allow her to be doing easy runs in as little as three weeks.

Payne is finding great support from her coach in the recovery as well. Recently-hired Mark Misch is contributing greatly to her comeback.

"It is amazing how much stress can be relieved from a situation when you feel like you have someone backing you up," Payne explained. "He wants me to be 100% just as



Shannon Payne looks toward the finish line during the 2006 RMAC cross country championships.

Payne will redshirt the 2007 season.

much as I want to be 100%."

She only has great things to say about the new coach, team and training strategies. She describes all the newcomers as people who are "ready to get fast" and those returning runners as "strong and durable." Her outlook says the powerhouse at UCCS this season will be the men's team. The men will have eight returning runners and five promising freshmen, including Branson Bartlett who holds Peyton High School's record in both the 5k and the mile.

Although Payne plans on taking it slow in her recovery this season, her expectations for the upcoming track season are not minimal. She hopes to see a national team title as well as individually qualify for indoor track nationals.

"I feel I have learned more about running in the past three months than I've ever learned about running," said Payne.

And that's what training smarter is all about.

2007 Cross Country Schedule / Results

| Date | Time | Meet | Location | Result |
|------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Sat Sep 8 | 10:15 A.M. | Lobo Invitational | Albuquerque, NM | |
| Sat Sep 22 | 9:00 A.M. | Colorado College Invitational | Colorado Springs, CO | |
| Sat Oct 6 | 10:00 A.M. | Tiger Invitational | Hays, KS | |
| Sat Oct 20 | 10:00 A.M. | RMAC Championships | Durango, CO | |
| Sat Nov 3 | 10:00 A.M. | NCAA Regional Championships | Vermillion, SD | |
| Sat Nov 17 | TBA | NCAA National Championships | Joplin, MO | |



Cross Country

Preview: Men's team has fewer question marks

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good job since there's not much difference between a 5K and 6K."

Those freshmen have been impressive in workouts so far. Vivian Reed, Paige Hall, Kaitlyn Frier and Alicia Del Pardo were among those Misch mentioned as having a good chance of contributing immediately.

Lund and Severy, if healthy, will also be a major factor. There's also a wild card.

"Tavia Hammond is in real good shape," said Misch of the junior who has competed sporadically during her first two seasons at UCCS. "She's really stepped it up a notch."

The men's team is, for now, much more defined. Last year's team was full of young runners learning the ropes. Now, those youngsters are veterans, giving the Mountain Lions a strong core including Dan Pinter, Gabe Small, Alex Tiernan and Carlos Ruibal. In addition, runners like Dustin Simeons and Joel Keinitz gained valuable competitive experience last year.

"We're fortunate to have a solid core group of guys returning," said Misch. "Then you throw in a freshman like Branson Bartlett, who we think is going to be a contributor right away."

"I think we're sitting really well. We've got a great group of kids, they're working really hard, they're committed and they've come in with great attitudes about the transition and doing things a little bit differently."

Part of that different way is to look long-term as well as short-term. With that in mind, Misch encouraged his best runner, Payne, to have the surgical procedure she's needed since the fall of 2006. It wouldn't have taken much to convince the tough-as-nails all-American to tough it out this season, but that's not Misch's way.

"You always want to do well when you put the singlet and the race number on," said Misch, "but the way we're training and also the decisions we're making are based around long-term success."

Part of that long-term is looking toward future seasons. The larger part is looking at the season at hand. With that in mind, UCCS will focus its training on having its athletes peek at the right time.

"We want to do well at New Mexico and Colorado College and Fort Hays State," said Misch, referring to UCCS' first three meets. "But at the end of the season we want to be able to look back and say 'yeah, we made it to the NCAA championships.'"

"That's the overriding team goal."



Dan Pinter

Women's cross country tabbed 11th in preseason poll

By Doug Fitzgerald

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs ranks 11th in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division II women's cross-country preseason polls.

Perennial Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference powerhouses Adams State and Western State ranked Nos. 1 and 3 respectively in the poll. Those two schools have won every national championship since 1996. Sandwiched between the RMAC duo is Harding at No. 2.

After finishing the 2006 season ranked seventh in nation, the Mountain Lions are looking forward to 2007 by welcoming new head coach, Mark Misch, and returning runners Whitney Lund, Christy Severy, and 2007 team captain, Jenna Dorsey-Spitz. Shannon Payne also returns but is expected to undergo an arthroscopic procedure and is likely to miss the 2007 season.

The young UCCS squad includes three seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and six freshman. First year head coach, Mark

Misch, expects a successful season but doesn't read too much into preseason rankings.

"As a team, we try not to pay much attention to rankings. We prefer to focus on our next competition," said UCCS coach Mark Misch. "But it is nice to get that kind of recognition from our peers."

Cross Country notes: Former UCCS runner is now coach

David Harmer, former XC and Track athlete for UCCS from 2006 to 2007, has decided to be the assistant coach for the upcoming XC and Track season. The former runner has taken up the position because he hopes to continue coaching after he finishes his graduate studies in Sports Medicine here at UCCS.

Harmer is new to the XC/Track team, as many others are this season. The previous head coach Graeme Badger was replaced with Mark Misch, also a former runner and coach. The team itself is taking on seven new women and five men.

"The whole ethos and motivation of the team has increased dramatically. Everyone

is positive; there's no negative. There's a better communication between coaches and athletes. Everyone knows what they're supposed to be doing and what's expected of them."

UCCS women grab top places in Colorado Springs Classic 10K

UCCS runners Alicia Del Pardo and Jenna Dorsey-Spitz took top places this summer at the Classic 10K in Colorado Springs late July. An incoming freshman, Del Pardo took third place in the 15-19 age group in the famous Classic 10K while Dorsey-Spitz came in third for the 20-24 age group.

Ashley Birger, a former UCCS track and XC star didn't fail to make a stunning appearance, landing first for the 20-24 age group and fourteenth place overall in this year's race.

The race is open to the entire community, but hundreds of familiar faces show up every year.

Notes by Diana Agra

Golf



Division I transfers expected to help Mountain Lions reach coaches' lofty goals

By Daniel "D.J." Martin

The golf program at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs has enjoyed a lot of success. This season seems to be built for another Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title — and maybe even further success. Much of that optimism can be attributed to the presence of NCAA Division I transfers David Cosel, Tyler Bishop, and Todd Napikowski. The team, ranked thirty-fifth in the nation and molded by head coach Phil Trujillo, expects great things for the upcoming season.



Tyler Bishop



David Cosel



Todd Napikowski

All three Division I transfers are natives of Colorado and were recruited out of high school by Trujillo. "They new that if things didn't work out in Division I, that they could come back here and play," said Trujillo, the reigning RMAC coach of the year.

The impressive resume of the Mountain Lion golf team, which includes a 2006-2007 RMAC championship, the third in the past six seasons, and a ranking of second in the northwest region, helped reel in the three players.

Other factors, such as the tournament schedule also helped.

"There is a lot better travel schedule than in Division I," said Trujillo.

This helps the players handle their classes better, which helped enable them to lead all sports programs at UCCS in GPA over the past six years.

Aside from the academic marks of the team, the goals for the golf course are high.

"Our goal every year is getting to the national championship," said Trujillo.

Trujillo is not alone in that goal. Bishop, a redshirt junior who came to UCCS prior to the 2006-07 season, will not accept losing.

"We can win everything," he said before noting, "We plan on easily winning the RMAC."

"We wanna win a national championship," said Cosel after being asked about the team goals.

Last season, a team slump caused them to suffer in the spring. Napikowski, who was good friends with Trujillo before he transferred, remarked on the potential for another slump this season.

"I really don't see that as being a problem," he said.

Trujillo remarked on the development of leadership in Cosel, Bishop, and Napikowski.

"What matters is scoring," he said, "And with that will come leadership."

Trujillo noted that before every season the team has a meeting. At that meeting, he identified the same three goals the team has had the past several years: to lead all UCCS sport programs in GPA, to win the RMAC title and to get to the national championship.



The 2007-08 UCCS golf team

Golf team receives votes in national preseason poll

The UCCS golf team was the 35th highest vote getter in the 2007-2008 Division II Golf World/NGCA preseason coaches' poll.

The Mountain Lion's received 21 points, which was tied with Pfeiffer. While both schools were No. 35 among vote getters, only the top 25 are considered "ranked."

Florida Southern, which finished third in last year's NCAA Tournament, was ranked No. 1 with 430 points. Defending national champion Barry was ranked second with 394 points. Columbus State was ranked third, just one point below Barry. West Florida ranked fourth and Georgia College ranked fifth.

Last year's UCCS golf team finished second at the NCAA Division II Northwest Regional Golf Championship. Western New Mexico finished first with 12 strokes ahead of UCCS. Western New Mexico advanced to nationals.

Tyler Bishop, who had a team-best stroke average of 73.77 in 2006-07, returns for this season. So does Eric Winder, who was close behind with an average of 74.57.

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Women's Basketball



UCCS coach Jessica Caldwell (formerly Stratton) poses with members of the Mountain Lions basketball team at Caldwell's wedding reception.

By Nicole Quast

Coach Jessica Stratton finally met her match – literally.

Now known as Jessica Caldwell, she knows how it feels to be living the married life. While attending a Church group she has been involved with several years, she met her future husband playing basketball on boys' night. She felt no pressure playing with the guys, she was just happy that they provided no competition and the odds were in her favor.

Apparently, more than just the odds were in her favor.

She officially tied the knot with Tony Caldwell on Aug. 4, 2007 at Arrowhead Golf Course in Littleton, CO. Her close family, friends and most of the team attended the wedding.

Coach meets her match

"I loved the girls being there and sharing this experience with me," said Jessica Caldwell. "They definitely saw me in a whole different light, being all dressed up, wearing makeup, my nails were done and wearing lipstick for the first time."

The golf course, with its green grass and mountain views provided the perfect setting for the wedding.

"I loved the wedding. It was absolutely beautiful," said Caldwell. "The wedding displayed more than just us."

Since the wedding, life hasn't changed for Jessica.

"Married life is great. It hasn't changed," said Caldwell. "We get the chance to experience our journey, by creating a marriage and a relationship that will last like our parents and grandparents."

Now that she's enjoying every minute of the married life, Mrs. Caldwell will be focusing the remainder of her time on here upcoming basketball season as she enters her third year as head coach.

"I think that this year will be fun," said Caldwell. "Going through the ups and downs of coaching. It will be nice to have someone at home when I come home whether we win or lose. Hopefully he will still like me."

NOTES:

LaBuhn on schedule: Point guard Stacy LaBuhn, who was limited to 12 games last season because of a knee injury, is on track to be ready to go when practices begin on Oct. 15.

Veteran presence: Caldwell has been pleased by her team's performance in small-group workouts this season. The Mountain Lions return nine players from last season's team. A year ago, Caldwell had just four veterans and nine newcomers.

"Our freshmen are adapting quickly," said Caldwell. "Since we have so many returners, the teaching goes more quickly."

Parents, fans invited to cheer team at Disney D II Tip Off

By Doug Fitzgerald

Parents and fans of the UCCS women's basketball team wanting go to the Disney DII Tip Off tournament on Nov. 2-4 can get all the information they need by referring to the ad on this page.

The Mountain Lions will play Winona State on Friday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. The next evening at 5 p.m., UCCS will play Limestone and on Nov. 4, the Mountain Lions will face Bellarmine at 5 p.m. All games will be played at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex located on the grounds of Walt Disney World.

"It would be great to have some UCCS fans not only at the games, but also enjoying the wonderful Orlando area with us," said Caldwell. "Maybe they could even get their picture taken with me and Mickey Mouse."



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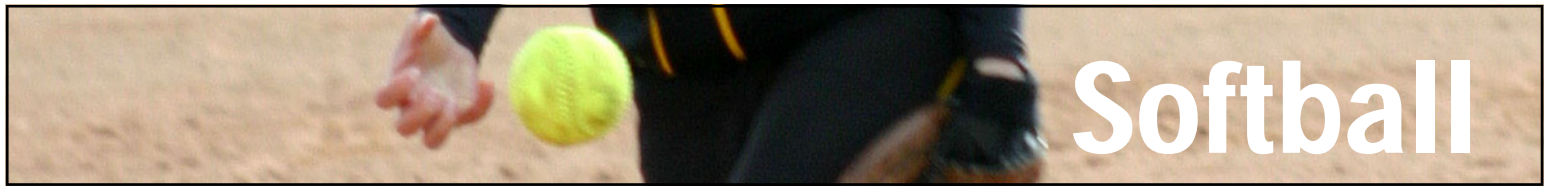
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Petersons bear unannounced visitors



A bear cub checks out Cathie Peterson, who's taking the photo, during a visit to Cathie and Scott Peterson's house. The mother bear can be seen in the background.

By Eric Fitzgerald

UCCS coaches frequently have encounters with Grizzlies. They do it every time they head to

Men's Basketball notes

Napoleon dynamited for season: The UCCS men's basketball team took a blow this past week when Clint Napoleon suffered a season-ending knee injury while playing in a pickup game.

Napoleon, a junior transfer from McCook Community College in Nebraska, is an athletic 6-foot-6 forward who shot 53.8 percent from the field this past season.

Comings and goings: Eric Hill withdrew from classes and will not be competing for UCCS this season. The 6-foot-10 transfer from Otero Junior College was expected to compete for the starting center spot.

On the plus side, Josh Anfang, who played for Western State the past three seasons, was granted a hardship transfer waiver and will be eligible this season.

The 6-foot-8 center averaged 6.2 points and 3.8 rebounds in 17.9

minutes per game last year.

Hawkins added: Coach Russ Caton put an emphatic exclamation point on his tremendous 2007 recruiting class when Tomaul Hawkins joined the Mountain Lions. The 6-foot-3 guard starred for Otero Junior College this past season and had a number of NCAA Division I teams express interest. That interest failed to turn into a bona fide offer, though, and in the meantime Hawkins had turned down several offers from top Division II programs.

UCCS point guard bumped into his former teammate in Denver and told him to call Caton.

"It shows we've reached a new level when Division I-caliber players consider UCCS a good option," said Caton. "Tomaul brings a high level of skill and athleticism to our team."

Adams State. Softball coach Scott Peterson, though, has made a regular habit of dealing with a different type of grizzly altogether. That's because two bears, a mother and her cub, keep showing up at his house.

"This is the third time they've come around," said Peterson. "It's crazy; there they are - right in front of the house."

"It looks like once in a while the mother sits back."

That was not however enough to scare off Peterson's wife, Cathie, who grabbed her camera and began furiously taking pictures.

The bears are now regular visitors to the Peterson's home, showing that sometimes even an occasional grizzly wants to see what a couple Mountain Lions are up to.

UCCS softball Fall Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 8

- 11 a.m. Colorado Mines
- 1 p.m. CSU-Pueblo
- 3 p.m. Lamar Community College

Sunday, Sept. 9

- 11 a.m. Lamar Community College
- 1 p.m. CSU-Pueblo

Saturday, Sept. 15

- 10 a.m. Trinidad Junior College
- Noon Otero Junior College
- 4 p.m. Colorado State

Sunday, Sept. 16

- 11 a.m. Otero Junior College
- 1 p.m. Metro State

It was uncertain as of press time whether the Mountain Lions would be participating in a tournament in Pueblo the weekend of Sept. 22-23.



The UCCS softball team played a team of alumni in a scrimmage this past week. Among the alumni were: (front row from left) Lindsay Shandera, Brenna Pool, Amber Colton, Brittni Carlson (back row from left) Janine Ota, Crystal Krebs, Jen



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