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BEST HANGOUT

University Memorial Center
Ahh, the UMC. Food. Billiards. Bowling. Coffee. Bookstore. The lifeblood of CU – the nerve center and the place where it's all goin' on, the UMC, remodeled several years ago, is now a comfortable, happening place. It's home to the Glenn Miller Ballroom (in honor of CU's most famous musician) as well as to the offices of every student organization on campus. Students can be found there at virtually all hours, reading, studying, eating, sipping coffee or just taking refuge from the difficulties of academics. It's been their home for 50-plus years, and it will be for centuries to come. If there's a CU, there will always be a UMC.

Runner up: Starbucks

BEST CU COACH

Ricardo Patton
This mild-mannered but tough-minded leader has managed to stick around for a decade and compile a pretty darned good record in the process. In eight full years as the Buffs' head coach, Patton has taken his teams to five post-season appear-



The UMC has everything for everybody.

ances, a pair of NCAA Tournament berths (1996-97, 2002-03) and a trio of NIT appearances (1998-99, 1999-2000, 2003-04). He also has accumulated 152 career victories, for third place all-time at CU. Patton, who holds several degrees of black belt in Tae Kwan Do and possesses a finger-whistle so loud it could stop a jet aircraft in mid-air, also takes

pride in his duties as a role model for his players. He pushes them hard on and off the court, makes them dress the part of young gentlemen and gives them tours of jails to show them how fortunate they are to be Buffs. On the court this year, CU piled up 19 regular season wins and, at this writing, awaits the Big 12 tournament while being on the bubble for

the NAAs. Some say Patton's on the hot seat this year to keep his job, but even if he loses it (which we sure hope he doesn't), CU's loss will be someone else's gain. Patton's a class act.

Runner up: Dan Hawkins

BEST CU CLUB SPORT

Ultimate Frisbee

Men:

<http://www.colorado.edu/StudentGroups/mamabird/>

Women:

<http://www.colorado.edu/StudentGroups/kali/>

Simply called "Ultimate" these days, CU's disc devotees form men's and women's team that have compiled national honors for their skill and talent. The 2005 men's team lost in the national finals to Brown 15-14. The women's team, with 30 members, plays in seven major tournaments a year, all under the watchful eye of their goddess/mascot "Kali." This game was practically invented in Boulder, Colo – okay, maybe perfected here – and these teams are two of the best college teams in the nation, year in, year out. Check out their games or better yet, join up.

Runner up: Hockey

BEST STUDENT ORGANIZATION

CU College Democrats

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This year, the College Democrats knocked their GOP rivals off the pedestal of top student group in what might be a harbinger of things to come. After all, the Democrats knocked the elephants out of the majority in the Colorado Legislature in 2004 and picked up a congressional and U.S. Senate seat in Colorado to boot. The Dems, led by their president, Matt Ginsberg, are a force on campus, writing letters, working with candidates and organizing dozens of fundraisers and political awareness events on and off campus all year long. Like VISA, they're everywhere you want to be. Unless you're a Republican, of

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