



## Historic season for women's basketball

The Rams women's basketball team earned its sixth-ever NCAA Tournament appearance with an unprecedented season that saw the Rams rattle off a school- and Mountain West-record 28 consecutive wins and finish a perfect 18-0 in the Mountain West. The team earned a No. 22 ranking in AP and *USA Today* Coaches polls under head coach Ryan Williams. After a tournament loss, CSU finished the season with a 31-2 record for the year, the second-highest single-season win total in school history for women's basketball. The Rams were led by junior Ellen Nystrom, the Mountain West Player of the Year.



Photo by Marylu Weber, North Dakota Badlands Horse Registry

## Finding better ways to manage wild horses

A team led by CSU animal reproduction researchers trekked through the badlands of North Dakota in March to dart-deliver a contraceptive vaccine called GonaCon to a select group of wild mares. The project aims to provide safe and humane solutions to help rein in wild horse populations in the West and reduce the need for roundups, sales, and adoption programs.

“Coach Sonny Lubick showed CSU how to win and be competitive at the highest levels – and in doing so – he helped set a trajectory that continues to this day. Sonny means so much to our community; it’s wonderful to honor him in this way.”

– CSU President Tony Frank




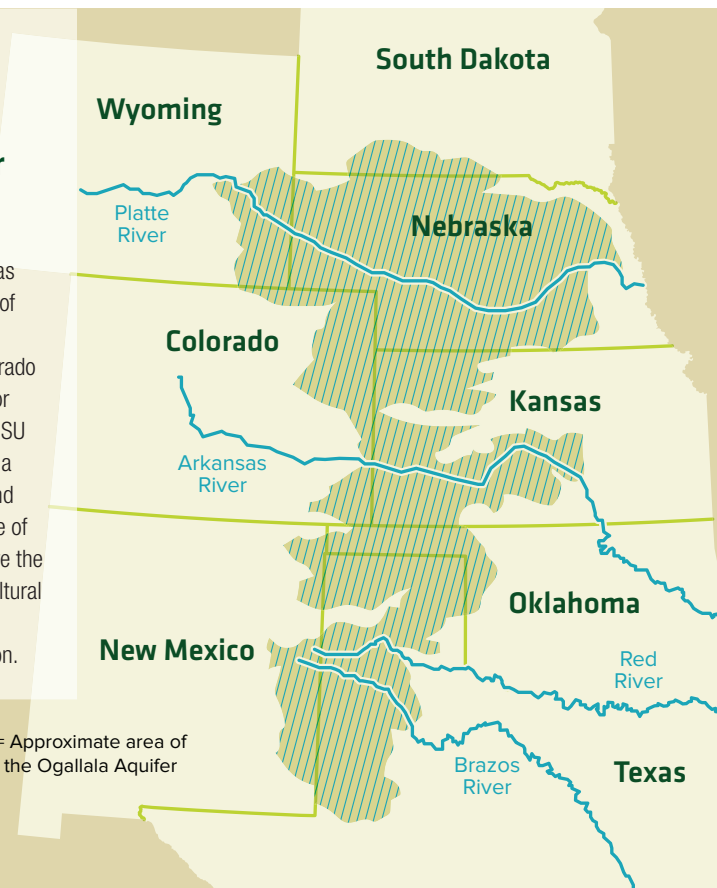
## “Sonny Lubick Field” endures

The name “Sonny Lubick Field” will continue at the University’s new on-campus stadium when it opens for the 2017 season. A donor wishing to remain anonymous committed \$20 million over the next 30 years to transfer the name from Hughes Stadium to the field at the new venue.

## CSU-led team receives \$10 million to study Ogallala Aquifer

The Ogallala Aquifer, the largest freshwater aquifer in the world, has been the main source of agricultural and public water for eastern Colorado and the Great Plains for more than 80 years. CSU is taking a lead role in a \$10 million study to find ways to prolong the life of the aquifer and improve the sustainability of agricultural systems and rural economies in the region.

 = Approximate area of the Ogallala Aquifer



**“This award is recognition of the pivotal role that Bernie has played in advancing how academics and scientists globally approach the use of animals in research and education. His deep desire to build a more responsible and compassionate world, coupled with his immense knowledge and intellect, have truly transformed the way we think and behave as human beings interacting with other species, and I am so proud to see him recognized for his lifetime of extraordinary work.”** – CSU President Tony Frank

## **Rollin lauded with lifetime achievement award**

Bernard Rollin, a CSU University Distinguished Professor and leading international scholar in animal rights welfare, was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Research Ethics from Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research, a nonprofit organization founded in 1974. The award recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the field of research ethics and, more specifically, honors people whose work has been seminal, exemplary, and the embodiment of a commitment to advancing research ethics. Rollin is the first award recipient recognized for animal care and use and only the eighth person to receive the award since 2001.



## **Historic agreement bolsters CSU's partnership with Colorado wheat growers**

Nearly 70 percent of Colorado-grown wheat varieties, with characteristics ranging from drought resistance to herbicide tolerance, were developed in the labs and greenhouses of CSU. The program has been enriched through a historic, 10-year collaborative research and commercialization agreement between the Colorado Wheat Research Foundation, Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee, and CSU to bring critical funding to CSU for new research, outreach and education, and program support.