

The Monthly Rag

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The Night Hys Shirt Was Stolen From a Sex Club in Ravenna

one.. two.. me..
three men gather
to stare at silhouettes
zip back into flesh
then exit through a door
where light rushes from the box
and he without thought
of what it might do
steps into view
an empty space
stripped of bodies
stripping hys jeans
and breasts unseen
unbound
before a crowd he can not see
cosi cosi
the fe/male likeness of me
cocked proudly
in visible lines
eyes traced
and ached to taste
but not one could touch
i know its rough
to have a boner boys
twenty-two and counting
like sheep and strange shepherd
stricken from record
flocking this labyrinth of lies

Adison Q. Petti, Class of 2011

Contribute to the Monthly Rag!

Hello reader!

I hope you're enjoying this block's installment of the Monthly Rag. If you've ever thought of contributing, please know you can email me submissions at

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Understandably, peers often ask me what constitutes Rag-eligible content. Well, the answer is quite simple (more simple than the content, that is) – anything related to the many facets and ideas of feminism. Here are a few examples:

1. Blog post about intersectionality.
2. Poem about hegemonic masculinity.
3. Quote about women's health in politics.
4. Class essay about the female orgasm (I can edit down essays to size).
5. Cartoon or comic strip poking fun at contradictions present in sexism.
6. Reflective blurb about an experience or thought you feel should be shared.
7. Two to three paragraphs on why you're a feminist.

...And the list could go on. This is a space for all CC students to learn about and explore feminism. The more student voices, the better.

Your Editor-in-Chief,

Tess Gattuso

"I admit it: I am louder than the average human being and have no fear of speaking my mind. These traits don't come from the color of my skin but from an unwavering belief in my own intelligence." ~ Michelle Obama

Kenzie Mulligan-Buckmiller, FGS Major, Class of 2015

To many, Block One is defined by the senior calendar. It's packed with fun and exciting themes – a good amount representing ideals that are quite unfavorable. It's funny; the party culture reinforces the stereotypes that many CC students passionately fight against. To me it seems that during the night, we attend parties with themes opposing the very beliefs we protect with such dedication during the day.

Yet, the party culture is taken for granted. It has become the norm, and as such, is not challenged. Consequently, the lessons and ideals that these parties denote create a precedent for the parties of the coming years.

Simply attending parties with names like "Manhattan Bros and Hampton Hoes," "Astronauts and Sluts," and "Bring Your Daughter to Work" implies and ingrains acceptance of inflammatory and derogatory terms. Passive support is still support.

At CC we know the difference between acceptance and marginalization. We understand civil and human rights, and we strive for equality. At CC we also know how to unwind (do we ever!). But, let us be mindful! Do you want to be defined as someone who passively supports these sexualized and derogatory themes? Or do you want to define yourself by the questions you ask and the challenges you pose?

The frenzy of Block One is past. Start fresh. Stand up for yourself, support your beliefs, and stick to who you are.



Carmen Rodi, Sociology major & FGS minor, Class of 2013: Getting out the student vote!

Recent public debate and legislative battles on voter suppression efforts have specifically targeted out-of-state students. If you live out of state, your gold card is acceptable to prove residency at CC. This is not the case nation-wide. For example, in Tennessee, a university-provided ID is not considered acceptable proof of identity for out-of-state students (but it is for faculty). Especially in swing states like Ohio and Pennsylvania, these efforts seem to be attempts to keep students from voting. Students are already known for not turning up at the polls. Why is this the case, and what is being done? Please read ahead:

(The following is taken from a piece written by Steve Fenber, the Executive Director of New Era Colorado, that appeared in the Huffington Post)

Students, young people, people of color, elderly and the working poor voter turnout are all below the national average.

In part those people vote in lower numbers because of structural barriers to voting, set in place by congress. Our election system structurally excludes a set of folks. And the 47 percent, as a group, face a greater number of these structural and cultural barriers. For example the working poor and young people move residences more often -- so they don't always update their registration or know where their new polling place is.

Lower income workers tend to have less flexible work and life schedules. The elderly have difficulty getting to the polls. The young, new Americans and the very elderly may not always have the correct identification now required in some states.

On September 25, thousands of people across the country and hundreds here in Colorado celebrated National Voter Regis-

tration Day. This single day of coordinated field, online and media efforts builds awareness of voter registration opportunities -- allowing us to reach tens of thousands of voters or more who we could not reach otherwise.

We know people who register to vote are far more likely to turnout to vote... *But we need to go beyond that.*

Once National Voter Registration Day and the 2012 election are over, it'll be time for our newly elected leaders to improve our voting system and remove some of these structural barriers. Same way voter registration, motor voter, vote by mail, online voter registration, improved ballot design and other reforms are important ways to get closer to full voter participation.

New Era Colorado is a multi-issue non-profit organization committed to engaging, educating, and training a new generation of active citizens and young leaders in Colorado. Want to volunteer or intern with New Era this block? E-mail carmen@neweracolorado.org for more info!

Do you have a question, want more info or resources, don't understand something, or want to contribute to our publication? Contact Tess: Theresa.Gattuso@ColoradoCollege.edu