

CC students pledge to keep each other safe during Alcohol Awareness Week.

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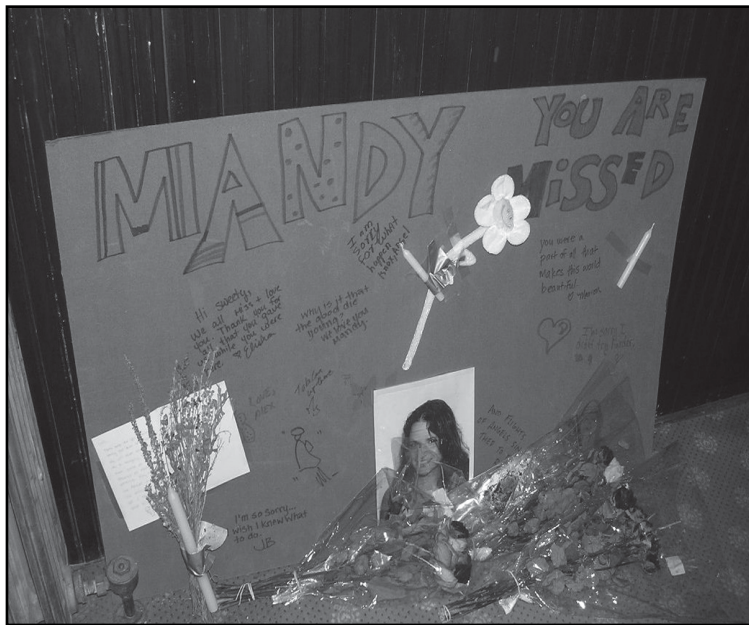
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Students crafted a billboard honoring the memory of Amanda "Mandy" Morrison in Bemis Hall where Mandy fell.

Campus mourns student death

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Editor-in-Chief

Junior Mandy Morrison fell to her death from her fourth floor dormitory window in Bemis Hall late Thursday night, Oct. 21. School officials have confirmed that Mandy had been intoxicated before she died, which possibly caused her to become unbalanced while leaning out her window to speak to someone below her.

Anna Hardman, Morrison's roommate, was in the room with Morrison when she saw her slip and briefly cling to the window-sill. Hardman had attempted to drag her roommate up by the arms before she fell nearly 40 feet onto

the grass on the west side of Bemis Hall.

Morrison's blood-alcohol content measured .22, nearly three times the legal driving limit for people over the age of 21, according to the Colorado Springs *Gazette*.

Morrison's death marks the third recent alcohol-related, on-campus death among underage college students in Colorado, and the second such death at CC within the past two years.

Sophomore student Ben Hoyler was also killed while intoxicated in October of 2002 in an accident involving the service tunnels near Tutt Library.

"I would not say CC's [alcohol-related] incidents are atypical from other, select liberal arts colleges," Dean Edmunds said, "This is an issue that all of our sister institutions are also dealing with."

The Boettcher Health Center and CC's Resident Advisors expect to counsel students who are bereaved over the loss of their fellow classmate.

"People will keep on drinking," said an RA who wished to remain anonymous, "but alcohol poisoning is a serious issue... I think there's now going to be a higher awareness [among] people drinking in their rooms."

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Campus phone directories recalled after privacy breach

Peter Rice
Copy Editor

The college is recalling hundreds of phone directories that contain student ID numbers, the names of academic advisors, names of parents and home phone numbers.

About 3,000 directories were printed, and roughly half have been retrieved as of Thursday afternoon, according to Todd Wilson, the director of communications. The directories were distributed to college offices and student Worner boxes.

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—Todd Wilson

Wilson said the blunder was a result of a miscommunication between the Registrar and the Communications Office.

Every year, the Registrar's Office sends the basic student phone list to the Communications Office for publication. Occasionally, it also sends student lists complete with ID numbers and advisor's names to other campus departments – not for publication.

"The wrong list got included in this directory," Wilson said. "What we failed to do is look back at what normally is in there."

He added that his department will make sure similar mistakes don't happen again.

In response to the privacy breach, the college is changing all student personal identification numbers and ending the practice of posting grades next to IDs. Cashiers at Rastall have been instructed not to let anyone in based on the numbers alone. Wilson said that he would look into whether the numbers could be used to put library books on hold.

Students are being asked to return the directories to residence hall front desks, or to the Worner Mail Room.

The college is ordering a reprint, and is also publishing a temporary list.



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Students watched the television for incoming votes in Bemis Hall on Tuesday.

Election Wrap: Bush wins, most students cry, others plot a move to Canada

Sarah Matthews
Staff Writer

In case you haven't been watching the news, George W. Bush has emerged the victor of the 2004 election. His party also added to its majority in the Senate – 55 seats to the Democrats' 44 – and the House of Representatives.

CC reactions ranged from anger to despair to indifference to quiet jubilation (Republicans not wanting to draw attention to themselves) to loud jubilation (Republicans too drunk or excited to care).

The two most common sentiments on campus were "How could this happen?" and "Well, they're both jerks, so I guess it doesn't really matter much." Also, a surprisingly high proportion of CC students have declared plans to move to Canada.

Tuesday night did hold some victories for the Democrats. CC grad Ken Salazar, Colorado's Democratic candidate for Senate, pulled off a narrow victory against Republican Pete Coors.

In other election news, Colorado passed the tobacco tax and the renewable resources amendment, but voted against Amendment 36, to split electoral votes, and Amendment 34, the so-called construction amendment.

Important results from other states include California's decision to fund stem cell research. Also, eleven states voted to ban same-sex marriage.

Exit polls show that Bush was more popular among men than women. Also, 60 percent of individuals between 18 and 29 voted for Kerry. The vast majority of voters chose their own party's candidate; about ten percent from either side defected.

This election had the largest voter turnout in history, which those who spent hours at the polls on Tuesday saw first-hand. Unlike four years ago, Florida went quickly and easily to Bush. Ohio was the primary state of contention: many news networks called it for Bush Tuesday night but "uncalled" it Wednesday morning. In the end, though, that state also was taken by the incumbent. Kerry graciously conceded Wednesday afternoon and asked the American people to find common ground.

Analysts are already making predictions for the next four years. Some say the apocalypse is upon us. Others say God has spoken. But most are trying to be rational. Michael Hirsch of Newsweek writes that Bush's second term may actually lean more to the middle than his first one, "Because his campaigning days are over, and because he has already proven his willingness to use force in dramatic new ways, he will no longer need to posture as a 'war president.'"

However, this time around Bush has

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Tiger tags could be coming to Colorado cars

Naomi Botkin
Staff Writer

You could be the proud owner of a Colorado College license plate.

But you'll have to get a few hundred of your friends to buy one. The state won't manufacture the plate until 500 people have made a commitment to purchase one. As of Wednesday, the count was 334 commitments short.

Assuming 500 people do commit to purchasing a plate, those individuals will have to donate \$50 to the college to be eligible to receive an "Alumni License Plate Approval Certificate."

To apply for the plate, one needs only to



take the certificate and \$25, plus the regular registration fee, to a Colorado county motor vehicle office. The plate isn't available to non-Coloradans.

"I think one of the main reasons [for the plate] is just to get more recognition for Colorado College in the state," said Courtney Arnstein of the Colorado College Alumni Office. "It's not something that all alumni all over the country can have."

The added expense and exclusion of non-Colorado residents make the license plate less than appealing to some students. "It's \$75 extra," said sophomore Michael Blaustein of the minimum \$50 donation and the \$25 extra registration fee. "It's only a license plate, who cares what's on it?"

The residency requirement disqualifies junior Luke Wallens, who doesn't plan on living in Colorado after he graduates. He doesn't think he'd be interested in a CC license plate anyway.

"The expense is annoying," Wallens said.

On the other hand, sophomore Zach Wolfson, a Colorado resident, said that he would be likely to purchase one of the plates.

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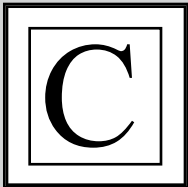
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‘Active Consent’ doesn’t work

David Light
Staff Writer

This is a joke, right? Tell me it’s a joke. Someone tell me this is all an elaborate hoax and I’m on Candid Camera or I’ve been Punk’d or something.

For those of you who haven’t heard about the school’s new sexual assault policy, let me summarize and quote from Lisa Perazzoli’s article in the last Catalyst.

The new policy is based on the idea of “active consent.” Kate Lane, the new hire who’s taken the position of Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, had this to say when she explained it: “Active consent means the person that’s initiating the process has an active, verbal ‘Yes.’... You ask and you ask and if there’s any doubt in your mind, then the answer is ‘no.’” Wait, you ask and you ask? Repeatedly? Of course you do. “You need to make sure,” explains Lane, “that the person you’re interacting with understands exactly what you’re saying and what you want to do. The person may have said ‘yes’ to a whole lot, but they have to say ‘yes’ as a continuum.”

That last sentence is the important part. It means you have to get explicit consent for every stage of sexual contact in the course of an encounter. Excuse me, but I call BS. Did the people who came up with active consent actually stop for a moment and think about what sex would be like if this

policy were followed?

“So, uh... can I, like, kiss you?”

“Yep.”

“Can I slip you some tongue?”

“Yep.”

“Can I feel you up?”

“I’m sorry, I don’t understand exactly what you’re saying or what you want to do. Please rephrase your request.”

“Wait, what? What part of ‘can I feel you up’ is the slightest bit ambiguous?”

“Define ‘feeling me up.’ And until you DO explicitly define it and I say ‘yes’ to it, you’d better keep your hands right where they are or you’ll be sexually assaulting me.”

“You know what? Screw this, I’m gonna go Google for porn.”

“Yep.”

No one will follow this policy. No one. It’s almost like the policy was designed to produce bedroom conversation so absurd and surreal that it almost staggers the imagination to picture the required dialogue during the actual act of sex (“May I insert my penis into your vagina?” “Yep.” “May I thrust my hips rhythmically?” “Yep.” “May I...”). If anyone actually followed this policy, it would reduce sex to a game of 20 Questions.

I realize the policy was created by intelligent, well-meaning people, but it is—and this is a word

I’m very loath to use in deadly earnest—stupid. Not misguided, not insufficiently thought-out, not even absurd in the extreme: it’s just stupid. And it has to go, be-

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cause an unrealistic sexual assault policy that nobody will follow is worse—far, far worse—than the policy we had before.

“Stupid” is a fine word to describe the new policy, but there are other adjectives that come to mind. “Intrusive” just for starters, and possibly even “tyrannical.” This policy says that if we do not say certain specified things during sex, we’re committing sexual assault. Let me repeat that: If, during the most intimate and personal of acts, we don’t say what Kate Lane et al would like us to, we run the risk of being accused of sexual assault and (if found guilty by the school’s judicial process) expelled from the college.

How is that all right? How is that not outrageous? Someone else is giving me and you and every single CC student a detailed set of guidelines for the conduct of our sex lives, and straying from it could conceivably get us

expelled.

Look, on a practical level, I don’t think anyone’s gonna get expelled for a trifling offense like forgetting to ask, “Can I take off your pants?” or something. And just so we’re clear on this, actual sexual assault should get you expelled, no exceptions. The fact that it didn’t up until last year is a sad, pathetic joke.

But this policy is in no way better than the system we had in place at the end of last year, because the new policy (a.) won’t be followed, so why should we embrace it even on pragmatic grounds? And (b.) at the risk of repeating myself, it also puts the weight of the school behind a certain very narrow code of bedroom conduct, and it makes a deviation from that conduct an offense punishable by expulsion.

Well, why not also tell us we can’t have gay sex on penalty of expulsion? Because that would be a reprehensible invasion of our privacy. Then why the hell is it OK to tell us exactly what words have to come out of our mouths during sex?

I reiterate: this policy has to go. Not only is it invasive and impractical and just barely on the good side of sanity, but the crowning insult, the supreme indignity, is that it was foisted on us without a school-wide vote. If the administration is going to regulate my sex life, I want a vote on it.

Attention Geeks: take back your culture

Robert Guthrie
Staff Writer

The State of the Geek Union. You may be asking yourself: “Who is this guy? Why does he get to write the State of the Geek Union?” To this I have to respond: I’m a geek and no one else is going to do it, so deal with it. It’s high time the geeks of America reevaluated their lives.

American geek culture is in peril. With the advent of “Geek chic” and the influx of Japanese culture into American geekdom, we are all in danger of losing our identity. More and more we see the popularization of geekiness: cool kids are displaying geek characteristics and we are beginning to see a new generation of geek hybrids.

Geek has suddenly become “cool” in some circles, a fashion and lifestyle statement. Thick black glasses have become truly popular, even attractive, to today’s audience. In pop culture, geeks are becoming better looking and more heroic. Movies star geeks now instead of ridiculing them! What happened to the 70’s and 80’s when geeks were either the butt of every joke or even the antagonist in popular movies? How far have we fallen?

Furthermore, what has hap-

pened to the true, deep geeks that even pop culture cannot accept? Gone are the days of Dungeons and Dragons; now is the era of Yu-Gi-Oh and DDR. This is unacceptable! Average American children are being raised on card games. Even

the kids who grow up and ridicule geeks later have had some experiences with them. No child can even fathom Dungeons and Dragons before they’re old enough to realize its inherent geekiness. And DDR? Physical activity? A geek values not these things! The very idea of rhythm and movement is anathema to geek culture.

What’s more, where are the great sci-fi movies like those of the past? Now geeks are all watching anime, or pop culture hybrids like “I, Robot.” Attempts at pure geek movies fall terribly flat, as proven by the atrocious “Dungeons and Dragons.” Gone are the days of pure geek movies like “Short Circuit,” “Logan’s Run,” “Blade Runner,” and “The Day the Earth Stood Still.” No they weren’t spectacular, and didn’t always make a lot of sense, but they belonged to the geek alone.

Geek literature is just as bad. Classics like Heinlein novels,

Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy, Snow Crash, and Neuromancer have fallen by the wayside as geeks read more and more consistently anime comic books and books based off of things like Magic cards and popular computer games.

I say, this cannot happen! Eschew popular culture and foreign influence, geeks of America! Re-

turn to your roots! We may not have respect, and we may not have popularity, but if we have our identity, then we need nothing else.

But if we allow ourselves to be sucked into the morass of American and Japanese pop culture, then all our years of being tripped in the lunchroom and having sand kicked in our faces are in vain! Don’t give in to the pressure of the world! Stay strong, and may the force be with you, always.

Eschew popular culture and foreign influence, geeks of America!

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Nothing done to prevent senseless deaths

From the Colorado Daily

"Take care of each other." It's advice as old as the Bible and one renewed in our time by the tragedy of Sept. 11. And yet, it's an unfortunate fixture of our time that too many of us don't live it. We're seeing the consequences of that failure now in the deaths of CU student Gordie Bailey and CSU student Samantha Spady.

Why is it that people will turn out in droves for a memorial for a student they barely knew, light a candle, cry and hold each other, but won't take the time to stop the person from going over the edge. Why didn't anybody care enough about Gordie Bailey when he was alive to say "hey, Gordie, that's enough booze" or "hey guys, enough with the stupid drinking game?"

Why, with all the apparent affection for Bailey we've seen in the last week, didn't anybody direct that affection toward him as concern when he, with some apparent help, was making straight for the hereafter last Thursday night? Where were his "brothers" in the Chi Psi house? Some evidence suggests they were helping him get drunk.

But what Bailey needed, above all else, was the kind of "brother" who would help him find his limits or take him to the hospital when he exceeded them. Likewise, where were the Sigma Pi brothers at CSU when Samantha Spady, a frequent partier at their house, was left alone to die in the Sigma Pi house lounge?

We think it's time for Colorado's two main campuses and for student bodies all over the nation to put an end to candlelight vigils—or at least, to the need for them. There shouldn't be any more memorials—no more flowers, no more easels with pictures of young people full of promise smiling out from beyond death. If you think, like we do, that the deaths of Bailey and Spady are simply senseless, then you have the power to prevent them, if you will use that power.

It's called taking care of each other, and it means not abandoning your friends to pursue your own good time.

It's found in knowing your own boundaries and helping your friends find theirs.

It's as simple as walking your friends home at night, male or fe-

male, drunk, or sober, so that you know they're safe.

It means appointing a designated driver and making sure that person is sober.

Sometimes it means taking the bottle away or standing up against others who want to keep the "fun" going.

At the very least, it means not leaving someone visibly and horribly drunk alone to "sleep it off."

There is something loose in our society that, on the one hand, makes all of us susceptible to recreational groupthink, and on the other, too quick to abandon each other at dangerous, critical moments. People will go out drinking in groups, aid each other in overdoing it, then leave member of the group to their own devices to get home. That's a travesty we can't afford any more at CU or anywhere else.

Look at the spectacle it causes: vigils where those who swear up and down they were dear friends of the deceased will cry, then scramble to find an alibi and an attorney. It wasn't their fault. The guy liked to party. The girl was a party girl. We were worried about

her/him. But we didn't do anything. When's the next party?

American culture has encouraged an amazing self-absorption and coupled it with an arrogant detachment that's as lethal as shots of tequila and kegs of beer. We abandon each other in ways that, if we saw the same behavior on a nature show, we'd weep for the helpless cubs left to die by their animal mothers. But animals can't reason. College students, who are supposed to be adults, can. And they need to in order to work against the party-to-the-edge ethos.

Here's a reality check for CU and CSU students: when you're 18, it's your job to protect yourself, and your job to protect your friends and even your drinking buddies.

It's not the job of some disembodied institution like CU to ensure your safety everywhere you go. Neither will mom and dad be there at the moment you go too far, though a lot of mom and dads have a lot to answer for in giving their kids that false impression.

Yesterday in Colorado Springs, CU Regent Gail Schwartz proposed a "good Samaritan" rule

that would keep students from simply abandoning their drunk friends—presumably shielding them from punishment for underage drinking if they acted to ensure the physical safety of their friends. It's not a bad suggestion, though the thought of making a "rule" out of something that should be an act of simple moral conscience is a sad testament to the state of our society.

If anything positive comes out of the deaths of Spady and Bailey, it might be that two campus communities have been treated to a harsh, very non-MTV reality. Two nice, privileged kids, one male and one female, dying drunk and alone in a fraternity house is not a tragedy, it's simply a waste: one that could have been prevented by better choices by the victims and by the employment of an old phrase our grandparents used.

"We are our brother's keeper."
And our sister's too.

This editorial was published Sept. 24 in the Colorado Daily, an independent Boulder newspaper.

McAffrey's election reflection

Sarah McAffrey
Staff Writer

I have always been conscious of the criticism that CC students are not open-minded. Rather, we think we are open minded and yet really label our liberal-hippie-radically-peaceful-and-inclusive views as the "open minded set of values" and deem everyone else "wrong." I have strived not to be one of "those people."

I've tried to remain strong in ALL of my convictions – one of those being the importance of respecting other people, regardless of their beliefs. My older brother was the 2004 campaign finance manager for a Republican/Mormon/pro-life Congressman from Utah and my oldest and dearest friend holds that Ronald Reagan is our greatest president. I've always been able to enjoy this diversity of ideas and the volatile discussions that emerge from it.

I gotta be honest, I really don't feel that way anymore. It troubles and frustrates me that I now feel that a large portion of the country is backward and, well... wrong. And no, I'm not referring solely to the presidential election...

Eleven states banned gay marriage. I'm embarrassed and sad that Oregon – my beloved, home state – was one of them. I do not even understand how it is Constitutional to vote on such an issue. People can (and will) remain gay... they just get less rights! Is that legal? Welcome to America: Land of the free... for some, land of oppression if you're different. Over 60 percent of people in at

least 11 states oppose gay rights and I can't help but view them as misguided and close-minded. As the right moves further to the right, I am unable to appreciate or even understand their views in any way, or see any possibility for the country's unification.

About Bush being reelected – although many people have valid reasons for having voted for him, I can't see how Bush offers anything to individuals who do not view the world in the same

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radically conservative light that he does. I'm tired of people telling me that it's okay, that nothing will change, and that four more years will fly right on by. What about spending a lifetime with the three or four Supreme Court justices that Bush will likely appoint? Of the six judges who vote to uphold Roe vs. Wade, John Paul Stevens is 84, Sandra Day O'Connor is 74, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 71. If two of them get sick (all three have previously had cancer) or ya know, decide that people should be allowed to retire before turning 88 (slackers), Bush can appoint conservative justices who will likely vote to overturn women's right to choose. The more divided the country becomes, the more dif-

icult it is to tolerate and respect one another's beliefs.

According to Karen Hughes (Bush's senior adviser), Bush has been trying to be a "Uniter." She argues that he has been reaching his hand out and that the country is divided only because the left is not reaching back. Wait a second. How is Bush reaching out to me? "Here Sarah, take my hand, let's oppress gay people, go to war, and pray in school." Cool, I know I want to jump on board.

Seriously though, when I think of Bush reaching his hand out to the left, I remember the debates. I remember him insulting Kerry by referring to him as "the liberal senator from Massachusetts" and even (brace yourself, this one's bad), "the most liberal senator."

When did the word "liberal" become an accepted insult? Some of the dictionary definitions of "liberal" include "not limited by traditional attitudes or dogmas; free from bigotry," "open to new ideas for progress," and "tolerant of the ideas and behavior of others, broad-minded." So George, were you accusing John Kerry of being the senator most devoted to progress or the senator most free from bigotry? (Not that both aren't absolutely horrifying). Is it just me or is criticizing the political beliefs of a large chunk of Americans the opposite of "uniting"? If attacking liberal views is Bush's form of "reaching across the aisle," my response is not to offer a hand but rather my middle finger.

Think for yourself, selfishly

Andrew Draft
Staff Writer

What is the greatest lie ever told? It's the claim that if you are good while on earth, then you can achieve some form of happiness or eternal salvation once you die. There are two schools of thought that are solely responsible for this misconception: religion and altruism.

One of the most basic principles of religion suggests that individuals have a duty to sacrifice themselves while on earth so they can be saved for a life beyond the grave. Later, as the age of enlightenment and industrial revolution emerged, we saw a new way of thinking come about—where sacrificing for God was replaced with man's moral obligation to sacrifice himself for the community.

What ever happened to man having a choice? Choice no longer exists when you are born into a family that practices a certain religion. The same can be said about those who receive a liberal education and simply accept everything that's put in front of them.

In order for man to truly live freely, he needs an integrated and clearly defined perception of life. What man is constantly searching for and revising daily is his own unique philosophy. When in doubt, we refer to this philosophy, assess the situation and determine whether or not we should accept it. This understanding of the self presupposes that man has a choice, and that it's up to him alone to undergo the process of

thinking to make these choices. It man chooses not to think, and not to question everything, then he has no other alternative but to acquiesce to outside influences that tell him to accept religion or altruism because it's moral and virtuous. These are the obsequious individuals that must awake from their slumber and begin to take responsibility for their own lives as fully conscious individuals.

Fortunately, we have seen a transformation begin to take place within our own country. If we refer to history as our evidence, we can begin to see the trend. As previously noted, the community replaced the church as the center for individuals to rely on to guide their actions. Then, Adam Smith, a revolutionary thinker, came along and laid down the foundations and principles for individualism in a free market economy. This was revolutionary because for the first time, people begin to think about themselves before the community.

Selfishness emerged as the philosophy that our founding fathers used when they drew up the Constitution, asserting that man has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The only issue is that we don't actually practice what they preached. We chose to accept things without thinking, and we sacrifice ourselves on earth so we can achieve some elated state of life after death. It's time to begin to think and act selfishly and live our lives to the fullest extent while on earth as opposed to living like preconditioned robots.

Battle lost, but political war rages on

Sean Anderson-Branowitz
Staff Writer

Well, it's over. That's it. Bush has won, Kerry has conceded, and at the White House, the American flag hangs limp and still. As the days go on, little American flags will be swept up and thrown away, banners will be torn down, people will go home, and the halls of the Ronald Reagan Building will hum with the ghostly echo of "four more years," chants of the victorious stained on the walls. And in Boston, only the sound of feet shuffling into silence and murmurs of defeated fatigue. The American people have chosen, and George W. Bush is still their—our—President.

This year, there is no controversy, there is no litigation, there are no swarms of lawyers and bile-filled courtroom dramas. Bush has won, by all appearances, a perfectly legitimate victory, nabbing not only the 270 Electoral College votes needed but also the popular vote, eclipsing John Kerry by nearly four million votes. After months of bitter, violently divisive campaigning, it has come to end not grandly or gloriously, but quietly and simply, subdued and accepting, the smallest whimper to what was supposed to be a momentous bang.

John Kerry's concession speech was mild, emotional, and will, in just a short amount of time, be forgotten. He said what needed to be said, all that his audience needed for tepid applause and his televi-

sion viewers needed for sober reflection. He was wrong when he said there are no losers in this campaign season, because there certainly are, but he was right about it not being over.

Ideas do not die on arbitrary dates and hopes do not evaporate under a Republican sun. The election may be over but the fight is not. The faces may have faded away but the ideals and aspirations have lost none of their clarity. Whatever a Kerry presidency was supposed to stand for is still worth preserving, even if it was defeated by the crush of democracy.

If nothing else, the responsibility of each democratic vote, and each democratic voter, does not end on this day. What we voted for must be kept alive, must be protected, and more than ever now, must not be discarded or brushed away like yesterday's crumbling newspaper.

Those of us who voted as Democrats have a responsibility to uphold the beliefs we held on November 2 into a future unknown and murky. We voted, and now we have to stick by those votes and cradle what power they have left so that four years from now they still possess some potency and fire.

However, the next four years are not

merely a waiting period, because if those who support the Democratic ideals do not fight for them tomorrow, the day after, and the weeks, months, and years that follow, they will not be waiting for us come 2008.

Action is required, and though this battle is lost the struggle goes on, and apathy is unacceptable, for if inaction is the only course to guide us then our opponents have won a more devastating victory than we

could have ever possibly imagined.

Old soldiers never forget the feel of their boots or the weight of their rifles, and always long for the glory of battle long after the war has ended. But the next four years should not be a battle of aggression, but one of defense and creation.

Bitterness and hate may be perfect blankets to wrap ourselves in and shield us from the cold, but they will only worsen this already bad outcome. The Dems must try to be the better party and reach a hand out in peace while the Republicans are still choking and laughing with arrogance.

The obligation of every American is not to an abstract notion or personification of their country, but to their fellow individual countrymen and human beings. It is disheartening to know that half of your fellow

citizens voted for everything you believe is wrong, but they are still fellow citizens, and the patriot fights for their well-being.

For those who voted for Bush, your responsibility has not yet ended either, for it is you who must summon a greater maturity and respect than I would have thought possible and prove that this country is more than the sum of the Red States and the Blue States, but a United States.

And, Mr. President, the ultimate responsibility to your country rests with you, as terrifying as that may seem. Hollow promises do not beget allies, and smiles do nothing to change a mind when a knife is held behind your back.

You are the President of the United States of America, representing to the world not only the states and the people you won but the ones you lost, both those who love you and hate you, those who raised their fists to your victory and those who pulled their hat brims low. 51% is not a mandate. It is 49% short of that. Don't disappoint us.

The struggle goes on, and perhaps, in the end, the struggle will define us. This a struggle for everything American, for all that can be claimed as good and true and all that could not be perverted in four years but could be corrupted in eight. This is a struggle that lasts beyond one man, but it is a struggle that must be fought one man at a time. Welcome to the next four years.

Those of us who voted as Democrats have a responsibility to uphold the beliefs we held on November 2 into a future unknown and murky.

Genocide in Sudan demands attention of the world

Frank Bauer
Staff Writer

A short 10 years ago the African country of Rwanda lay in turmoil. All told, 800,000 of these Africans paid the ultimate price of genocide. Hutus and Tutsis, the two warring parties, hacked each other down with machetes and whatever else was handy. The struggle was short and brutal, with most of the slaughter taking place in a matter of weeks.

On April 23, 1994 the CIA predicted the genocide in the National Intelligence Daily, a report sent to hundreds of U.S. policy makers. In short, Bill Clinton and his administration, among many other world leaders, knew about the situation both before and during the genocide. Bill Clinton avoided doing anything by never recognizing the situation as genocide, which would have been necessary for intervention. The rest of the world failed these people too.

The world now stands at another crossroads. Another genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan is heating up. A tenuous peace agreement between the northern and southern governments is crumbling. Followers of the authoritarian ruler, al-Bashir, are targeting resistant communities. Thirty thousand have already died and many, many more are at risk. This could develop into the next chapter of genocide in humanity's history. Although the U.S. State Department has recognized the situation as genocide,

and the U.N. has recognized the major human rights violations occurring, both remain largely silent and almost entirely inactive. The only viable option is international intervention, without which it seems that genocide will proceed unchecked.

It is hard to know what the claims against intervention are. It seems that the international community believes that the peace talks between the rebels and the government will be fruitful. Su-

www.africaaction.org calls on President Bush to act on behalf of the people of Darfur.

dan has newly developed oil reserves that would be hard to utilize if the region destabilizes more. Finally, inaction is much easier and less costly than action.

While the best course may seem to be letting the situation work out internally, this is not an option. The peace is already broken. How many more dead are needed before the international community recognizes this? Not only have 30,000 died but there are an estimated one and a half million people displaced from their homes. This is not peace.

Truly, if the international community hopes to deal with the government of Khartoum to obtain oil, no action can be taken. Khartoum will probably avoid selling to governments that anger

them, and there will still be other buyers available. Buying this oil would be wrong. Doing so would

implicitly claim that oil is more valuable than human life. Letting dependence on oil override human rights will never be acceptable.

This is not the first time the world has seen genocide. At the 1948 World Convention on Genocide, convened in response to the Holocaust, 130 countries acknowledged responsibility to prevent and punish genocide. Genocide was recognized as a crime of international law. Sure, it is easier to remain silent and inactive, but the international community has an obligation to the people of Darfur.

International interven-

tion could take many forms. The important thing is not what form the intervention takes, but that the

genocide is stopped. One thing is very clear; avoiding this issue is not an option.

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New position on campus marks new chapter for CC

Daniel Nelson-Kangas
Staff Writer

Colorado College has taken a big step in improving services for the numerous students on campus and those who will come to CC with disabilities.

This week, the college brought in candidates for the new Disabilities Services Coordinator position. The candidates faced a gauntlet of interviews and meetings with various members of the CC community that have interest or direct links to the new position.

On Monday, the college brought Jan Edwards to campus. Edwards currently works at Western State University in Gunnison, Colorado as the Disabilities Services Coordinator.

On Tuesday, the candidate on campus was Barbara Riverdahl. She works as an Internet accessibility specialist at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The third and final candidate brought to CC was David Farrell, who was on campus Wednesday. He is the former principal for the Colorado School for the Blind in Colorado Springs.

"It seems like we have some great candidates to look at. They all seem to have a genuine interest in the position. I think it's great that we're finally working on making accommodations for people with disabili-

ties a priority instead of an afterthought," said Belinda Micciulli, a junior and co-chair of the Disabilities Awareness Group.

The new position is a big step for CC. It will help centralize and improve the services offered to those students requiring accommodations. There are numerous students with all disabilities ranging from learning to physical.

The new position will be responsible for all aspects of disabilities services on campus, from residential to academic. They will also consolidate various departments on campus to ensure that their programs are accessible.

"The disabilities coordinator will complement the services offered in The Learning Commons," says Laurel McLeod, Vice President for Student Life, chair of the ADA Review Committee and the chair of the search committee for the Disabilities Services Coordinator.

"The coordinator will provide appropriate accommodation to ADA-qualified individuals in order to assure a CC-quality experience for all students, leveling the playing field for those with disabilities, and teaching the entire campus community about the variety of differences that our students bring to enrich the learning and discovery process at CC," said McLeod.

Sophomore MaryAnn Holland echoed



Candidates for the new Disabilities Services Coordinator (clockwise): Barbara Riverdale, David Farrell, Barbara Riverdale, Jan Edwards. Photos courtesy of Daniel Nelson-Kangas

McLeod's sentiment. "I think it's important to have a position like this at CC because we're all entitled to the same education, and without someone filling this position, the education offered to everyone isn't necessarily getting to those with special needs." Holland is a member of the Disabilities Awareness Group and attended interviews with the candidates this week.

Colorado College has come a long way in providing services to students with disabilities. This new position is the exciting beginning to a new chapter in CC's quest to provide the best educational experience to all of its students.



Students grumble as election turns to Bush

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something he didn't have before: a mandate. In other words, he not only won the majority of the electoral college votes, he also won over fifty percent of the popular vote (third-party candidates sometimes take enough of the vote that the winner cannot get more than half, but in this election Nader and other alternate candidates had surprisingly small impact).

Bush got three and a half million more votes than Kerry did. In Washington, that counts as a big thumbs-up sign to plow on ahead.

In his acceptance speech, President

Bush said he would reach out to those who voted against him. Some of our European allies with whom our relations have been rather strained, such as Germany, claimed that this is a chance to start over and try to rekindle the friendships. Regardless of what Bush decides to do, he will have his work cut out for him: a large number of Americans still foster a vehement hatred for him, and in Europe he is one of the least popular American presidents ever.

We will just have to wait and see where he leads us. The American people have spoken.

CC seeks to be on the road

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(including his own grandmother in Michigan) who haven't heard of Colorado College-an issue that might be better addressed if the license plate was going to be available in all states.

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College responds to student drinking

Chrissie Long
News Writer

Colorado College is located at the foot of the mountains, only miles from adventure and alternatives to drinking. Yet, it suffers one of the highest drinking rates among liberal arts colleges.

"CC students are venturesome," said Vice President of Student Life, Laurel McLeod. "Many come here from far away, attracted to the innovation of the Block Plan and the intensity of the engagement offered here...Many are risk-takers, intellectually and physically."

McLeod said that this may translate into drinking: "Our student body is not a highly constrained or rule-bound population in terms of formulaic, moral judgments about the triumvirate of adult decisions [sex, drugs, and alcohol] making challenges for college students."

In a survey conducted at Colorado College in the spring of 2003, 73.9% of students drank on average three or more times a week. Ninety percent felt that the campus environment promoted alcohol use. Only 4% of students at CC never had a drink.

Underage drinking has been a part of the college experience for decades. Students, parents and administrators have accepted that large amounts of alcohol consumption will exist, regardless of campus policy.

However, it is the hope of college administrators that they can prevent severe consequences of drinking through educational programs such as Alcohol Awareness Week and also by providing alternatives to student drinking.

As many Colorado campuses are facing the consequences of alcohol-related student deaths, CC is also taking measures to ensure student safety.

A flash listserv went out to the student body at the beginning of the

year. It asked students to look out for each other and to make healthy choices about alcohol consumption.

It also warned that when students put their well-being in danger the college will do everything it can to ensure that students get help. This includes sending students home if they pose a threat either to themselves or to the well-being of the community.

This year, three students have been sent home as a result of drinking. Dean Mike Edmonds says this is not an unusually high number of cases, citing that the number is usually around 12 by the end of the year.

However, there are a number of students who believe that the college was unreasonably strict in the judgment of those cases.

A flyer circulating the campus this week reads, "Save our Schwager." It asks students to sign a petition to keep Andrew Schwager on campus.

"Colorado College is using excessive force to prove a point: kids who are intoxicated should not call security, even if their lives are at stake," read the flyer.

However, according to college administration, if you go to the hospital due to excessive alcohol consumption that does not mean you will be sent home.

"There have been several students who have gone to the hospital and are still on campus," said Patty Armfield, Drug and Alcohol Education Coordinator.

"How the college responds should not be a concern of the student," said Edmonds. If students are worried about a friend's alcohol consumption, they should seek help.

In response to the deaths of students at CSU and CU, CC put up posters to remind students of the effects of excessive alcohol consumption. These posters highlight

a newspaper article written on the recent student deaths. The posters are intended to make students think twice about drinking.

In addition to a number of alcohol education events already planned, CC added an alcohol safety presentation to educate students that when they do chose to drink, how to drink responsibly.

Armfield admitted that it's "hard to get students to attend [these events]."

She said, however, "even if one student is impacted...then we have done something positive."

Mandy Morrison's death two weeks ago adds to an already high number of student fatalities. Although alcohol was not a direct cause of Morrison's death, the coroner's report does indicate she had been drinking.

Although the annual Alcohol Awareness Week has been planned for months, it comes as a timely response to Morrison's death.

The annual Alcohol Awareness Week began on Monday with the "Wall of Friends Pledge." Students took pictures with their friends and pledged to look out for them. On Tuesday, students watched the elections with red, white and blue mocktails. Five students volunteered at the Full Circle Alternative program on Wednesday, improving its facilities and learning about the impact of alcohol abuse on the lives of its residents.

The week will continue this weekend with activities meant to offer an alternative to campus-drinking. On Friday night, there will be an all-campus capture the flag game and Saturday night after the last home football game there will be a Late Night 5th Quarter Party.

Armfield hopes that throughout this week, students will gain "a better understanding of how to drink responsibly, will explore non-alcohol activities and will become aware of the negative effects of drinking."



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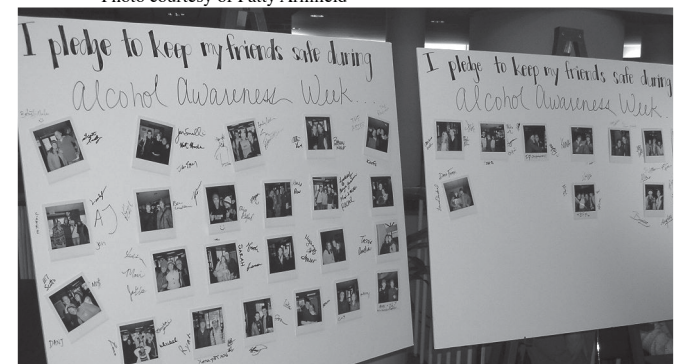


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Scenes from Alcohol Awareness Week
Top: Students share mocktails as they watched the campaign.

Above and left: Students who went to Full Circle Alternatives try on some clothes as they help organize the group's collection.

Below: Students took a picture with their friends and pledged to keep them safe for the week.



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Bishop John Spong puts God in modern context

Jaimie Stevenson
Staff Writer

While most Colorado College students attended the Telluride Film Festival, a few brave souls joined faculty and Colorado Springs residents to listen to an Episcopalian sermon in Shove Chapel.

On the final Friday of second block, the CC community was joined by retired Bishop John Spong of Newark, New Jersey, who is trying to redefine the Christian God in modern terms. It was not a matter of redressing God in Patagonia and close-toed shoes. Rather, Spong suggested "seeing Jesus" who is considered a conveyor of the spirit of God as "not quite either human or divine."

Spong is a scholar, author and bishop. According to the Diocese of Newark, he is the most pub-

lished member of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Spong has authored fourteen books and over ninety articles.

He has held office as a publishing editor, served as a theological consultant and was even a play-by-play sports-radio broadcaster while living in North Carolina and Virginia.

He served as rector for varying N.C. and V.A. congregations from 1956, until his consecration as Bishop of Newark in 1976.

Spong strayed from religion that Friday night, as he opened his comments, saying, "I've been here 5 times in the last 2 years, I almost feel like I'm running for President." He went on to set the parameters for his sermon, alerting the congregation of his two goals for the evening.

He presented the question of whether Christianity can live as

a viable, authentic source of explanation for 21st century society and morality. He aimed to explore ways to acknowledge and free Christianity from its historical context.

"One doesn't have to look far in the western world," Spong said, speaking of the many images of God in the Christian church and abroad, "to find popular images which are quite fearful."

Catholic and Protestant violence in Europe; Palestinian suicide bombing in the Middle East; Jewish tanks in the Gaza strip; and the United States' shock-and-awe tactic in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Have you ever wondered what sort of God this is?" Spong asked, responding that it is a "deeply tribal god."

According to the idea of a "tribal god" in Spong's terms, there is no acknowledgement that a certain group's god might

bless a people or a place outside of the named boundaries of that group. Evidence of such a conviction rings in the statement, "God Bless America." Bishop Spong acknowledged that such a conviction is "clearly revealed in the pages of the Holy Bible," and that it is flawed.

Spong's hope is to redirect the Christian narrative to, in his eyes, a more accurate and modernistic application. "In my opinion, Christianity is the courage to live in a radically insecure world," said Spong. "Christianity is not peace of mind."

He does not believe that there is an eternal explanation of God, but acknowledges that experiences which define this explanation last in time.

Spong said emphatically, "the tragedy comes when we claim that our perception of God and God are the same."

Spong expressed his discontent with an idolatrous, specifically a tribal, view of God. Many bodies of religion, Spong conceded, including numerous Christian followings, are guilty of such idealism. He does not excuse Episcopalianism from this criticism.

"I cannot tell you who, what god is," said Spong. "That is not within human capacity. The most that we can do is explain how we, I, have experienced God."

As he introduced the congregation to his personal view of God, and its evolution, Spong shed light upon his belief that such a perspective must be updated. Not only individually, but within each religion and among interdependent societies – so that, perhaps, such perspectives may coexist more peaceably.

Features

Students and faculty predict election results Tuesday night

April Russo
Features Editor

I interviewed students and faculty to find out their predictions for the 2004 election on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Bemis Great Hall. Here are the results:

Junior Lizz Mueller

Win Overall: John Kerry
Florida: John Kerry
Pennsylvania and Ohio: Unsure
Colorado: Unsure
Salazar or Coors: Salazar

Freshman Chandler Wigton

Win Overall: John Kerry
Florida: Unsure
Ohio: John Kerry
Pennsylvania: Unsure
Colorado: George Bush
Coors or Salazar: Salazar

Professor Bob Loevy

Win Overall: George Bush
Florida: George Bush
Ohio: George Bush
Pennsylvania: Kerry
Colorado: George Bush
Coors or Salazar: Salazar

Junior Kathrine Gutierrez

Win Overall: John Kerry
Florida: Unsure
Ohio: John Kerry
Pennsylvania: John Kerry
Colorado: George Bush
Coors or Salazar: Pete Coors

Freshman Daniel Dalton

Win Overall: John Kerry
Florida: Unsure
Ohio: John Kerry
Pennsylvania: John

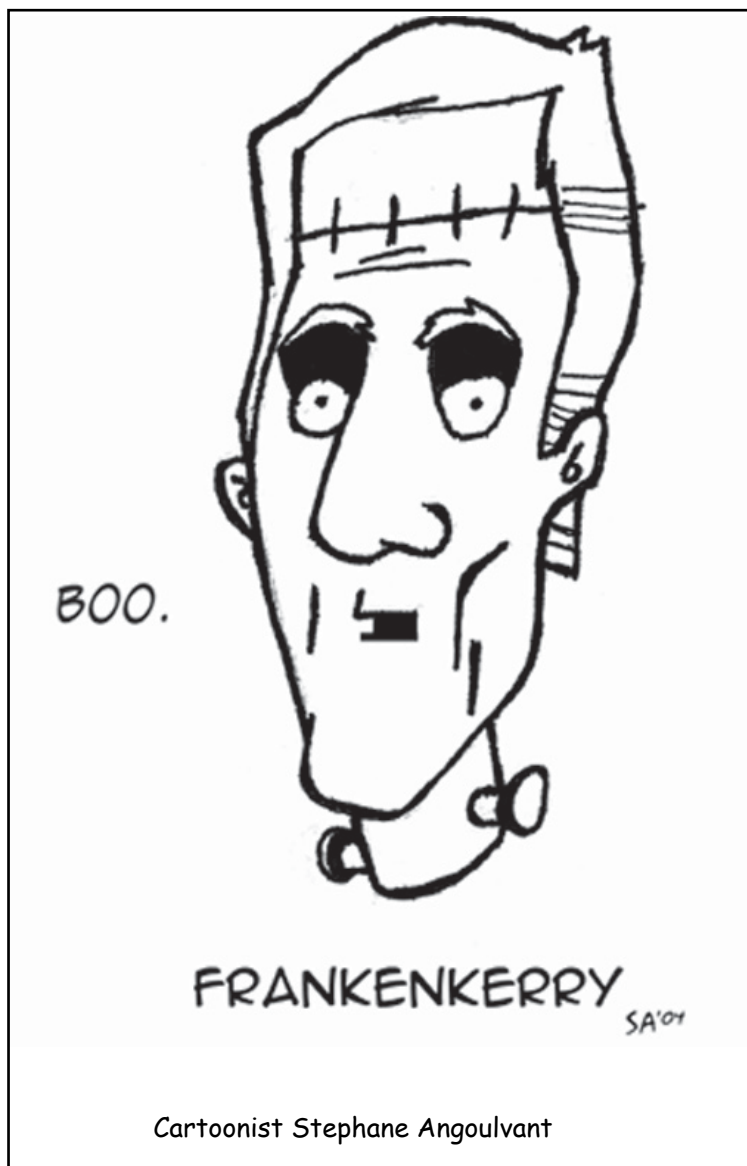
Kerry
Colorado: George Bush
Coors or Salazar: Ken Salazar

Sophomore Shari Gerstenberger

Win Overall: John Kerry
Florida: George Bush
Ohio: George Bush
Pennsylvania: Unsure
Colorado: George Bush
Coors or Salazar: Ken Salazar

Junior Tess Meier

Win Overall: John Kerry
Florida: George Bush
Ohio: John Kerry
Pennsylvania: John Kerry
Colorado: Close but George Bush
Coors or Salazar: Pete Coors



Movement starts to save national forests

Kati Standefer
Guest Writer

"What is your favorite place in the world?" I often ask my campers. We are usually hiking along the side of a ridge just above Clear Creek, with Triple Peak rising snow-crowned behind us and McDougal Gap just to the north; more likely than not it's July, hot sage and dust baked into our nostrils, the streams swollen with the last snowmelt.

"I really enjoyed France," one of them smiles. Her hiking buddy suggests the Florida Keys.

"Cayman Islands!" someone cries. A pause. "How about you?"

"Here," I laugh, lifting my face to the sun.

The Wyoming Range has been called the most remote area of the lower 48. Part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem but too far south to be known, it runs 140 miles longitudinally and 83 miles latitudinally, hidden below the Hoback and Gros Ventre ranges, east of the Idaho border along the Salt River Range, west of the Red Desert, and north of I-80 right before it chugs into Utah. It's my home.

I spent a month in the Range in 2000, my first backpacking trip, and spent the rest of my high school career trying to get out of Illinois and back to a place "where the streets have no name."

Or where there are no streets. Boxed in only by the LaBarge Creek Road and Greys River

guarantee but no one but the cashier at the Daniel Junction gas station is going to know what you're talking about.

Located mostly in Bridger-Teton National Forest, it holds the sixth highest peak in the state-Wyoming Peak- and a plethora of beautiful streams, wildflower fields, and ridgelines unduplicated anywhere. It was supposed to start oil leasing on October 15.

drinking fountain, *anything* to avoid the tablers. But my case is important, the timing is urgent, and I can guarantee that it affects you.

WHAT IS THE ROADLESS AREAS RULE?

The National Forest "Roadless Areas" Conservation Rule was passed by the Clinton Administration in January 2001. Affecting one-third of all National Forest Lands, it placed 58.5 million acres in 39 states off-limits to new roads- and thus, to industries like oil, mining, and timber.

The policy was developed over a two-year period that involved more than 600 public meetings. During a public comment period, over 1.6 million citizens wrote in- 95% of whom felt ardently that our National Forests deserve the strongest protections.

The Roadless Rule protects crucial lands along the Appalachian, Pacific Crest, and Continental Divide trails, and holds intact some of our most extensive ecosystems, like the prized Greater Yellowstone ecosystem that my dear Wyoming Range is part of.

The rule has been challenged numerous times by industry, flopping in and out of courts all over the West. In fact, in December 2003 the Bush Administration ordered an "exemption" to the Roadless Rule in Tongass Na-

In July 2004 the Bush Administration announced its plan to eliminate the Roadless Rule altogether. Under the proposal, National Forests would lose all overhead protection and would become open to leases for mining, logging, or drilling.

The administration of these lands would then fall into the hands of state governors, faced with two options for conservation. First, the Bush Administration notes, the governor could petition the Forest Service to preserve a specific area.

However, this right is already in place- not to governors alone, but to each citizen, should they carry out the correct analysis and review procedures.

(The Forest Service retains the right to reject such proposals.) Second, the governors may survey their lands, decide if anything is worth designating Wilderness, write up an official Wilderness proposal, and submit it to Congress for discussion. This proposal was submitted without a single public meeting to evaluate it.

From a conservation perspective, the situation is bleak: for a governor, the Wilderness proposal process is time-consuming, requiring initiative and the *ability to turn down economic opportunities* in the name of conservation. Additionally, the new policy would leave some citizens- like in Illinois, where there are no National Forests- out of the legislative process: *their* elected official would have no say.

In specific relevance to the west, areas with roads are at a much greater wild-fire risk- not only because of increased interaction with humans (and therefore human-caused fires), but also because logging, etc., tends to leave a certain amount of destroyed foliage in its path; this debris will catch fire instantly. Large trees- those logged- are often fire resistant, and take a long time to burn through when they do catch; clearcut areas, without trees to shelter them, dry out quickly and are exposed to wind.

National Forests were originally designated to stop destruction by local interests by focusing on a "big-picture view," linking crucial ecosystems, allowing for normal migration

patterns, and staggering environmentally-damaging exploitation of resources.

The loss of the Roadless Rule is the beginning of the end for 58.5 million acres of our last best lands, suddenly thrown open to the mining, logging, and drilling industries that will eagerly sap resources in the coming energy crisis.

In Colorado, the recreation industry dwarfs the extraction industries in economic importance: what might the aftershock of expanded drilling, logging, and mining be?

WHAT CAN I DO?

A representative from EnAct's new Environmental Education and Action Network will be sit-



CC students are asked to fill out postcard to save national forests. On the back of this card, there is a letter to President Bush.

The Roadless Areas Conservation Rule was one of the cornerstone arguments used by Earthjustice and other plaintiffs in a lawsuit to halt the leases.

The lawsuit- along with intense public opposition- brought oil negotiations to a halt. They simply weren't legal- for now, at least. If the Forest Service adopts a new proposal by the Bush Administration, all this could change.

My Range- 3,551 square miles of home- is a part of me. That is why I've been sitting out at a table in Worner the last few days begging students to sign postcards. Come check it out- I swear, I don't bite. I won't even shout crazy en-



Courtesy of Kati Standefer

ting in Worner over the next week with official public comment postcards you can fill out. These cards will be mailed into Chief Bosworth, head of the Forest Service, by the November 15 (our comment deadline).

Remember, this is an extended deadline (the Service received 2 million comments between July and the original deadline, September 15) so it is very important that we comment in record numbers to protest this poorly-planned policy.

If you would like to take further action, please stop by the table to pick up a stack of postcards to distribute to your friends and neighbors: your fellow students are your biggest ally. Intense public opposition has prevented Forest Service action before; let's do it again!

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vironmental slogans at you.

Okay, forget my pleas. You'll probably walk by anyway, glazed eyes focused on Rastall, the

tional Forest in Alaska; 50 timber sales- mostly from clearcuts- have commenced along the Forest's borders.

“Amanda”

By Andrew Prevot

I knew not your name,
nor your face . . .

only your fall

and the siren call, the ringing
in my ears,
the fears,
the darkness pierced by
flashing lights,
the tormented night,
the gritting teeth,

and my feet, as I watched them,
step after step
crushing these leaves into the ground,
leaving but a sound,
a disappearing into dust,
a trust that this is not all,

this fall,
these autumn winds, their somber
ends,
their crushing blows
to leaves, by toes, by shoes
that smash and grind.

Though blind, we find
that in time life is born again,
falls are not ends—
and that my spirit breathes,
even as I wake, and that this darkness vanishes,
and banished is the pain, the ache,
the earthquake, the ground that shakes, that catches the
falling leaf,
putting it to sleep,
giving it rest,
letting it be
in softness blessed . . .

—these tears in my eyes
do not disguise
the love that abides.

I ♥ I ♥ Huckabees

REVIEW

Kate Miller
Staff Writer

If the word ‘existentialism’ sends a warm and fuzzy feeling throughout your brain, then the next five dollars you spend should go towards seeing *I Heart Huckabees*. Two existentialist detectives, played by Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin, guide a young idealist through a post-adolescent crisis. Albert, played by Jason Schwartzman (*Rushmore*), hires the detectives to spy on himself and to help him de-

velop an understanding of his part in the world around him.

Though the premise may sound intimidating, the film is not a hollow lecture: There are plenty of goofy scenes and funny one-liners that keep it flowing.

The film seems forced at some points, but that is to be expected when dealing with such complicated concepts.

Throw in an innovative plot line and a stellar cast — Mark Wahlberg,

Naomi Watts, and Jude Law — and out comes a comedy that effectively deals with the ins and outs of existentialism while poking fun at the difficulty of reconciling philosophy with life. If *Napoleon Dynamite* and *Waking Life* had a baby, *I Heart Huckabees* would be it.

The movie is playing at Kimball’s theater downtown so there’s no excuse not to hop on the downtown shuttle and check it out. It’s snowing. It’s gray. Go see a movie.

Amanda Morrison dies after fall

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Morrison’s death came just two weeks before the college took part in Alcohol Awareness Week. Besides the event’s scheduled array of informative seminars, the school has taken some measures in response to the accident, the most recent of which was installing window-blocking devices in all the fourth floor windows of Bemis Hall. The devices prevent students from opening their windows wide enough to fit through.

According to Edmunds, the school will not revise its policy regarding the punishment of underage drinking on campus as a result of Morrison’s death.

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Corrine Johnson
Staff Writer

The yells and screams echoed throughout the gym as Heidi Schuldtserved yet another service ace. The junior setter's record breaking season marks just one of the highlights of the volleyball team's 2004 season. For the seventh straight year, CC looks to have a berth in the NCAA Tournament. They find out this coming Sunday if that is a fact. The season started a little rough however, with several players learning to play new positions, but the team put it together nicely, working their way to a 20-10 record with two matches left.

This season came with many accomplishments, both individually and team-wise. Senior Aubrey Reed broke the career record for digs, and hopes to break the season record this year as well, only needing seventy more in order to do so. She joins Heidi Schuldts as record holder, as Schuldts broke the career record for service aces. The team added to these individual accomplishments as well, beating their rival

Chapman College two times this year as well as going 4-0 on their first trip to California. The 2004 team also put together the longest winning streak in the past seven years, as CC won eleven matches in a row. Both team and individual accomplishments add to the likelihood of a seventh trip to the NCAA Tournament.

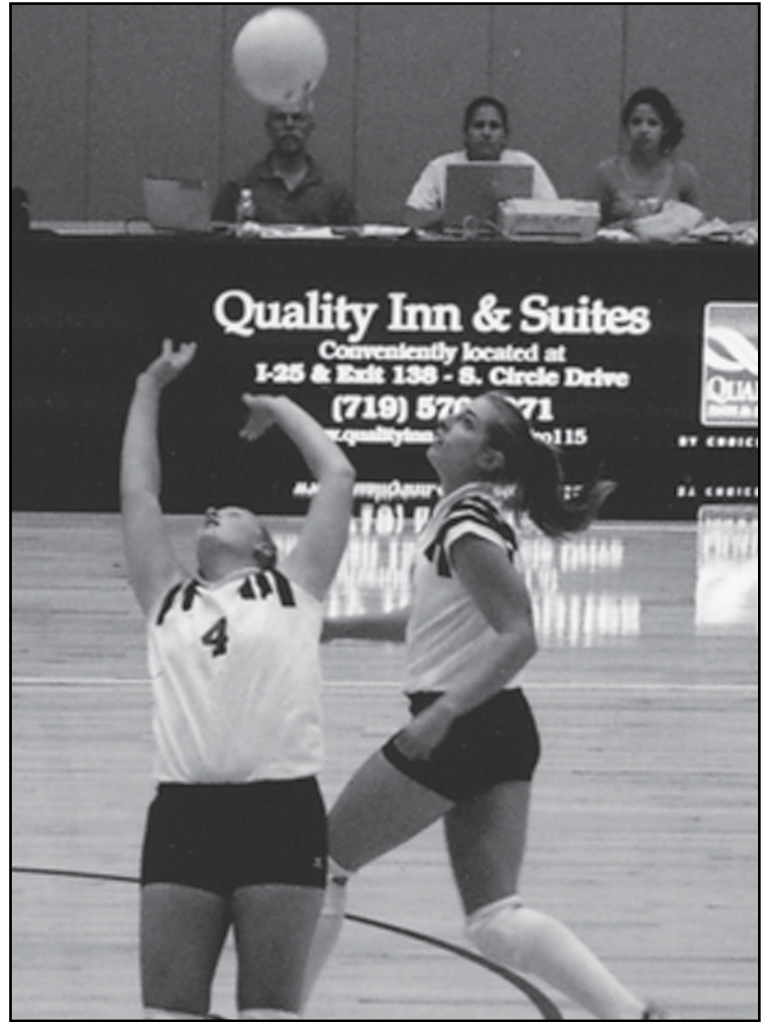
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Head Coach Rick Swan commented that the team has a "great shot" to get the good news on Sunday that they have an invite to participate in the postseason once again. He expects that the team will start on the road, traveling to Cal State-Hayward, where he hopes to "go win a game and win the West Regional Championship."

Senior Aubrey Reed comment-

ed, "This team has already overcome huge obstacles, playoffs should be no problem. Our team is excited at this opportunity to prove to ourselves, our coaches, and the nation what we can really do." Before they find out where they sit for the postseason, however, the Tigers must face Colorado Christian University and the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.

CC goes on the road on Thursday to face CCU and come back home on Saturday night to face cross-town rival UCCS for their final match of the season. On Saturday the Tigers say goodbye to six seniors, who play in the final home match of their careers. Coach Swan remarks, "They are all going to be tough to replace, but we have young kids making strides to build upon them." He invites everyone to come support the team, help them finish strong, and say goodbye to seniors Jamie Martin, Aubrey Reed, Katharine Hauschka, Kristina Rogers, Captain Ashley Bowron, and Heidi Faro on Saturday at 6 p.m. in Reid Gym.



The Catalyst/PETE DAVID

Heidi Schuldts sets the ball to Heidi Faro in tournament match. With a winning record the Tigers will enter into post-season play.



The Catalyst/MIKE CALDERON

Junior Stevie Kernan fights for the ball against defense. The Tigers hope to find a spot in post-season tournament play.

End of season looks hopeful for soccer

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Staff Writer

The CC Women's Soccer team brings the regular season to a close this weekend at Stewart Field. On Thursday they played Utah Valley State in the first of two games in a three team tournament for the Independence Cup. The girls tied UVS in double overtime 0-0. On Saturday they will take on the University of Northern Colorado at 3 p.m.

These two games draw to an end a fine season that started off rough but which became increasingly positive throughout the fall. After starting with three straight losses, two against national powers, the Tigers went on a seven game unbeaten streak while compiling a 6-0-1 record.

Megan "Busta" Loseke, the Senior Co-Captain, offers an explanation to why they started off slow and then caught fire; "At the beginning we were experimenting with positions, but when we got our defense settled with [Megan]

Currey at sweeper and Lindsay "Mac" MacDonald at stopper, everyone became much more comfortable. We started really having fun and taking it to our competition."

However, their streak ended at the hands of the University of Arizona where they lost 1-0 on an unlucky goal in the last 15 minutes. Despite the letdown, the women rebounded to win two out of three in California, including a 5-0 romp of Sacramento State. After that, they had nearly two and a half weeks before their next game.

Due to some scheduling conflicts created last year, the girls ended up with two straight "bye" weekends. Says Loseke, "It was very frustrating because we were all dying to play a game instead of just practicing all the time." Along with the scheduled break, a game was cancelled against San Diego State University due to inclement weather. It amounted to 24 days without a game, or rough-

ly 17 days of practice without being rewarded with a game.

All the canceled and unscheduled games really hurt the teams' tournament chances. Just like most CC sports, the women are independent, which means that there is no automatic bid for a conference championship. But the coaches have done a great job of keeping the team focused on winning and possibly getting into the tournament.

As the season winds down, the team continues to remain optimistic. With a slight chance, but a chance nonetheless, to continue into the post season, the women continue to give all their effort. Freshman Megan Currey puts it bluntly, "Basically, the door is open, but barely. All we can do is win the rest of our games and hope for the best."

Loseke agrees, "We just need to win these two games and not have any regrets about what we could have done."

Undefeated hockey team now faces challenge

Gordon Nitka
Staff Writer

They are perfect, so far. With a 4-0 record, the Tigers have proved themselves strong and have posted a fair number of lop-sided wins against North America's "B" squads. Wins against Quinnipiac (who?), Union (where?) and Windsor (Canadian) have enabled Coach Owens to ease his freshmen into the college game and allowed the Tigers to practice their shooting (averaging 40 shots a game).

"They are not exactly high-caliber teams, but it's still possible to lose if we don't keep focused,"

said junior Brett Sterling. "I'm ready to get the WCHA started." So far, the league is wide-open. After many prominent teams split last weekend's series, Minnesota-Duluth was pinned as the dominant force, but in the points-wise rankings, Colorado College is not trailing far behind.

On the ice, the Sterling-Sertich power-combo is shaping up to be a match made in hockey heaven. Together, they have already posted double digits in goals and have established themselves as some of the NCAA's leading scorers. Junior Marty Sertich explains, "We played together a lot last season

and have built on that." Sterling adds, "Our defensive pairs helped a lot."

Team captain Mark Stuart is as powerful as ever, and with senior veteran Richard Petiot and the addition of right-wing Derek Patrosso's physical presence, the Tiger's defensive game is devastating. Goalies, senior Curtis McElhinney and sophomore Matt Zaba, look crisp and have been very efficient between the posts.

"I expect [forward, Joey] Crabb and [forward, Aaron] Slatengren will contribute a lot this year," says Sertich, "some of the new guys too, Patrosso, Killpat-

ric. we've got a lot of depth this season."

Heading into their first league game and first road game this weekend, the Tigers feel ready to face the 6th ranked North Dakota. This series marks the start in a string of formidable teams including Minnesota, Boston University and the defending national champions, Denver University.

Because CC has yet to compete in any WCHA games, it is hard to place them in the WCHA standings. "It's always a tight league and anyone could beat anyone else on a given night," says Sertich, "I think it's too early

to be able to make predictions, but we're ready." Regarding North Dakota, Sterling remarks, "I think we'll match-up well and it'll be good to prove ourselves."

With archrival Denver coming up November 12th, many Tiger fans wonder, do the players despise DU as much as the fans? Claims Sertich, "We have to respect them because they're the defending national champions, but it's always a big rivalry, even for us. We play a bit more physical because our adrenaline is pumping for it." Sterling quips, "'Despise'? Yeah. You could say that."

Men's soccer set eyes on tournament placing

Max Schuman
Staff Writer

The CC Men's soccer team is having a magical season. With one more game, and hopes of securing a position in the national tournament, players and fans are hoping that this magical season will conclude with a fairy tale ending. These guys are good.

"I think we'll surprise a lot of people. We are just flying under the radar right now," junior Brian Tafel said.

On Sunday, the Tigers pounced on the University of St. Thomas, securing their fifteenth win of the season. This fifteenth victory tied the team record for most wins in a single season.

With one more game at Nebraska Wesleyan this Saturday, it is likely that this year's team will secure sole possession of the single season record at CC.

There are numerous reasons that this year's CC men's soccer team is excellent. One reason is the valuable contributions freshmen are making on the field. Jason Steiert and Patrick Fagan are significant starters on the team, and Matt Samson and Greg Breslau give the team some energy off of the bench.

"We are getting great production from freshman that have really stepped it up this year," Tafel said. But the thing that has really propelled this team to success, according to Tafel, is their love of the game.

"We play as a team, we play for each other, we don't give up, we love to play soccer, and we love every moment that we are competing out on the field," Tafel said.



The Catalyst/MIKE CALDERON

Senior captain Alex Aguirre powers by opponent. The Tigers are hoping their winning season will give them tournament placement.

Tafel also was sure to tell me that another key to the success of this team was the play of Patrick McGinnis.

If you haven't been able to see this team play yet, you are missing something special. McGinnis

makes defenders look slow and awkward. Quick, explosive moves break the ankles of someone trying to stand between McGinnis and the goal. He is fun to watch.

"Pat is so much fun to play

with. He is the best player I have ever played with. He does things with the ball that no one else can do," Tafel said of his teammate.

McGinnis has scored thirty-five goals this season, setting the CC single season record for most

goals scored by a single player. He is unbelievable.

"He plays at a higher level of soccer than every one else on the field," Tafel said, "in every game we have played in."



The Catalyst/JUSTIN ROCHELL

Tiger football player takes a break from practice. The team has been working hard in preparation for their final game this week.

Football prepares for final game

Sara Solomon
Staff Writer

A light breeze wafted through Washburn Stadium Saturday afternoon just as the football game between the Colorado College Tigers and the Puget Sound Loggers was getting underway. The skies were clear and the sun was shining. The crowd of 334 cheered, giving off positive energy. The weather and the atmosphere of the stadium, however, did not reflect the outcome of the impending game. The Tigers hoped to end a two game losing streak with a win at home.

The practices of the week prior were more intense in preparation for Saturday's game. "We had the best week of practice and then things just didn't go the way we planned, we just didn't feed off of our practices," commented Marquis Malcom. Malcom is the freshman running back who recently broke the school record of number of yards in a game, running for 344 yards against Macalester College.

CC scored first with a minute twenty-two seconds remaining in the first quarter. The score came

from a five yard toss by Sophomore Chris Neal to freshman Nolan Swett. With this score, the Tigers led the Loggers 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

But the Tigers could not hold onto their lead for long. During the second quarter Puget Sound rallied and scored two touchdowns. The first touchdown was scored within the first few minutes of the second quarter.

CC made a valiant drive but had to settle for a twenty two yard field goal kicked by Matt Shepard. Shepard's field goal made the score 10-14, bringing the Tigers within four points of Puget Sound.

Unfortunately, the Tigers were unable to produce any more scoring, which left the door wide open for Puget Sound, who scored five more touchdowns as the game progressed. The final score was 52-10.

The Tigers passed for a total of 146 yards; Chris Neal accounting for 106 yards with 12 completions for the game.

Jeremy Lachman briefly revived some hope within the Tigers when he intercepted one of the

Logger's passes. Unfortunately no score could be produced from this possession.

When the game ended at 3:30 p.m. the skies were clear and it was still sunny, but the energy that had pervaded the stadium previously had vanished along with the Tiger's hope for victory.

This loss gives the Tiger's a 2-6 record. The Tiger's next game is against Pomona-Pitzer Colleges. The game versus Pomona-Pitzer is the final game of the season: "We are looking at it like any other game, even though it is the last game of the season," says Malcom.

Pomona-Pitzer Colleges has a 2-5 record, very similar to the Tiger's record. "We are looking at them like any other team, a two and five record doesn't mean anything, anything could happen, it's college football," Malcom answered when questioned about Pomona-Pitzer's record.

The Tiger's final game will take place this Saturday at Washburn Stadium at 1 pm. The Tiger's hope to end the season with a final win at home.

Events Schedule

Monday November 8

- A celebration of the Hindu New Year will be in Gaylord Hall at 6:30 p.m. "The Festival of Lights" will feature south Asian food, music, and performances. Short presentations will introduce the holiday and traditional ways it is celebrated in India and Nepal. This event is sponsored by the South Asian Student Alliance.
- The Flanders Recorder Quartet will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Shove Chapel. This concert is free and open to the public.
- Comedian Bernie McGrenahan will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Armstrong Hall. This show is free.

Tuesday November 9

- Ed Blake, a well-known landscape architect, will present "Landscape's Architecture" as part of the Landscape and the Built Environment Series.

Blake directed the development of Crosby Arboretum at Picayune, Mississippi, and is the founder of the Landscape Studio. This lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in Gaylord Hall and is free and open to the public.

Wednesday November 10

- Richard Florida, author of "The Rise of the Creative Class: And How it's Transforming Work, Leisure, Community, and Everyday Life" will discuss the growing role of creativity in our economy. This lecture will be at 6:30 p.m. in Armstrong Hall. It is free and open to the public.
- There will be a Frank Morgan Quartet jazz concert at 7:30 p.m. in Packard Hall. Frank Morgan is recognized as one of the premier be-bop and alto saxophonists of our time. This concert is free and open to the public.

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- *Capture the Flag: East Coast vs. West Coast Throwdown* will meet at 10:00 p.m. at the North Side of Armstrong Hall.

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