

With barely three weeks to go, election battles heat up



Actor Kal Penn urged CC students to vote for Obama outside Armstrong Hall on Sunday

Photo: Rusty Leonard

On Nov. 4, ballot initiatives to decide controversial topics, including legal status of fetuses via direct democracy

Ethan Axelrod

When Coloradoans enter the voting booth this year, they will be handed the longest ballot in the state since 1972. The length of the ballot is due to an abnormal number of ballot initiatives. In addition to voting for national, state and local office, voters will choose “yea” or “nay” on 14 separate ballot initiatives. Amendments 46 through 49 have garnered particular attention around the country.

Ballot initiatives are a system by which non-office-holding citizens can force a popular vote to change a state’s laws or policies by collecting a certain number of signatures supporting their cause. Colorado is one of 26 states to use some sort of ballot initiative system. Since 1912, the Colorado Constitution has allowed citizens of the state to enact constitutional amendments, create new state laws and nullify laws passed by the state legislature.

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CC Hockey looks for key veterans to deliver explosive season

Marty Patterson

The CC Men’s hockey team opens their season this Friday with a two game series versus non-conference opponent Alabama-Huntsville at the World Arena. The Tigers will look to build on their regular season success from last year, which saw them capture the McNaughton Cup and a number two seed in the NCAA tournament, and hope that their added experience will help them advance further in the WCHA and NCAA tournaments. The expectations are high for this year’s team, which enters the season ranked third in the USA Today National College Hockey poll. Here are some things to look for and expect with this year’s team:

Key Returns:

Chad Rau (C, SR, 07’ Stats 28-14-42)
Alternate Captain and 07-08 2nd Team All American, Rau is the Tigers’ greatest offensive threat. Possesses a hard and accurate

shot with an extremely quick release. Rau is a staple on both the power play and penalty kill with six short-handed goals last season. Rau is an early season favorite for WCHA Player of the Year.

Scott McCullough (LW, SR, 07’ Stats 13-8-21)

Granted a fifth year of eligibility by the NCAA due to an injury sustained as a freshman, McCullough now serves as a Tigers Alternate Captain for the second year in a row. In addition to providing leadership, McCullough gives the Tigers size up front, enhancing the Tigers’ physical play. McCullough is expected to start the year on the Tigers’ top line, along with Rau and Eric Walsky.

Andreas Vlassopoulos (C, JR, 07’ Stats 8-23-31)

Vlassopoulos will center the second line and play a crucial role in the CC power play. Arguably the Tigers’ best passer and playmaker, ‘Dre’ was second on the team in assists last season with 23.

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Resistant bacteria



Discovery of antibiotic-eating super bugs leads to exciting new area of research

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Nosh, a culinary treasure

Potato pancake topped with melted brie and served atop a white truffle apple salad. Enough said.

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Opinion: King’s Chef reigns over local breakfast

Mitchell Price

For some time now my custom on a Saturday or Sunday has been to roll out of bed, collect myself from the night before as best I can, and find a ride over to the King’s Chef Diner. Over many years, this pastime has become something of a Colorado College tradition. I was first alerted to the magic of the purple castle late in my freshman year while conversing with some seniors. Once they had realized my complete ignorance of King’s Chef I was promptly slapped across the face by one of them, a Mr. Charles Parr. And he slapped me like he meant it. After the shock of this assault passed, I decided that I must be missing out on something, and I concluded that an investigation was in order. Early the next year, upon waking one morning and finding that my body hated me, and that my soul had gone looking for greener pastures, I decided that the time was right.

Upon my arrival I was shocked to realize that the description of a purple castle was quite apt, although its physical dimensions were something less than grand. As I crossed the threshold I was greeted by an eclectic mix of Colorado Springs that was crammed together in an impossibly small space and juxtaposed by the enormous size of the portions on each person’s plate. I quickly realized that I had been missing out on something quite wonderful.

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NEWS

Antibiotic-eating bacteria causes waves in scientific community

Wagma Mommandi

Think about this statement: Antibiotic-eating bacteria. This may sound counter-intuitive, it is generally accepted that antibiotics are chemotherapeutic agents used to treat illnesses that are caused by microorganisms including bacteria. The potential implications of such “super” bacteria could be catastrophic. The main scientific arsenal of defense against harmful bacteria are antibiotic drugs. The possibility of human pathogenic bacteria evolving to use common antibiotics as sustenance would provide scientists and health care workers with a sizeable and potentially deadly problem.

However, recent research by geneticist George Church of Harvard Medical School published in *Science*, studying a large array of soil microbes shows that contrary to commonsense opinion, there are certain species of microbe that consume even the most powerful antibiotic drugs. To complement this research, the CC biology department is studying antibiotic resistance in the commonly studied bacteria *A. baylyi*, a close relative of *E. coli*.

The research has also found that this unusual trait is actually widespread, it spans many environments and 11 orders of bacteria, leading to grounds for a worrisome outlook on the lessening power of the main arsenal of defense science has produced against infections that affect billions of people.

In recent years it has become apparent that scientific progress is not be keeping up with the evolution of these types of harmful agents. In 1928 Alexander Flemming’s newly discovered penicillin was the miracle drug, however, today researchers are fighting the clock against finding new treatments for increasingly dangerous killer bugs.

Mycobacterium tuberculosis the mycobacterium that causes TB is one rapidly evolving bacteria that

has made headlines recently with more and more patients exhibiting strains that are drug resistant. In 2007 Andrew Speaker sparked world-wide fascination after he was



Senior Ben Ittleman prepares to transfer bacteria onto antibiotic plates. Ittleman is a member of a team of students researching the causes of antibiotic resistance in certain strains of bacteria.

Photo by Wagma Mommandi

diagnosed and then treated in Denver’s National Jewish Hospital for a rare, extensively drug-resistant form of tuberculosis, known as XDR-TB. The emergence of XDR-TB caught health care workers across the globe off guard and led to an ever increasing fear of killer TB outbreaks especially in developing countries that would potentially put into jeopardy the progress of global TB control. Professor Phoebe Lostroh of CC’s Biology Department explains, “We

need to create drugs that interfere with virulence proteins instead of making antibiotics that just kill bacteria.” With new treatments developing that completely destroy bacteria,

the bacteria are forced to drastically evolve in order to survive. The new strains become even more virulent and the race to make antibiotics becomes more difficult.

Unlike TB, the soil bacteria Church’s team discovered, is not only resistant to antibiotics it consumes them and uses them for nutritional purposes. Church and his team of researchers unintentionally discovered the new antibiotic-eating bacteria, they were originally study-

ing microbes that would convert agricultural waste into biofuels. Researchers gathered soil from 11 different sites that all had varying levels of contact with human-made antibiotics. Every single site was home to bacteria that could survive with nothing else but antibiotics to consume.

The newly discovered bacteria can be characterized as “extremely tolerant” of antibiotics; they are able to endure concentrations of antibiotics that are 50 times higher than the conventional bacteria that are qualified as resistant.

Church’s team tested 18 antibiotics on the bacteria and found that each one, including well-known penicillin and kanamycin, provided sustenance for at least one type of bug. The research now is targeted at trying to nail down what gene or genes are responsible for the resistance.

Professor Lostroh’s team of student researchers are working on a study using *Acinetobacter baylyi*, to begin the research that will eventually pinpoint what genes are important players in antibiotic resistance. Their task is to assist in finding out which genes give the resistant bacteria the ability to express the catabolic pathway to extract carbon from antibiotics to digest them. The students are transforming ADP1 with strep10, an antibiotic, to prove competence and prove that they can become antibiotic resistant. Competence is the ability of some bacteria to incorporate nearby DNA into their genome.

They are transforming DNA from the antibiotic eating bacteria into a strain (ADP1) of *A. baylyi*. Senior Hana Potvin explains, “We’re taking ADP1 and we’re conferring upon it streptomycin resistance, so we’re giving it DNA which it uptakes to become resistant to streptomycin which is an antibiotic.”

Hannah and Senior Ben Ittleman are working

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Supporters of abortion rights, unions, and affirmative action oppose Colorado's controversial ballot measures

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Ethan Axelrod

There are ten amendments to Colorado's Constitution on the 2008 ballot that were placed on the ballot by petition, and four legislative referrals that were placed on the ballot by the legislature. The issues on the ballot range from tax and budget issues to repealing of gambling restrictions in certain counties.

Among the initiatives, Amendment 48 has been particularly controversial, drawing the attention of abortion rights organizations and right-to-life groups throughout the country. The amendment seeks to "define the term 'person' to include any human being from the moment of fertilization as 'person' in those provisions of the Colorado Constitution referring to inalienable rights." It is the first attempt to legally define personhood via ballot initiative in U.S. history.

Kristi Burton, a 20-year-old law student at Oak Brook College of Law and Government, has spearheaded the initiative, founding a group called Colorado for Equal Rights. The group was able to collect 103,377 signatures, easily surpassing the 76,000-signature threshold required for en-

try onto the ballot.

In a recent debate on Colorado Public Television, Burton argued that the amendment "recognizes the advances in modern medical science, which tells us that human life really does begin at the moment of conception. At that moment we have a unique DNA that makes us a truly unique individual." She went on to argue that the amendment is necessary to "depoliticize the issue of life."

Opponents of the amendment worry that, should Amendment 48 pass, it would create a legal situation in which abortion is equivalent to murder. Protect Families, Protect Choices, an organization that was created to counter Amendment 48, claims that the passage of the amendment would also make illegal certain forms of contraception that operate by preventing fertilized eggs from attaching to the uterine wall.

The Rocky Mountain News reported on September 4 that the Protect Families, Protect Choices had raised \$388,874, much of it from Planned Parenthood. Former Republican Presidential Candidate Mike Huckabee of Arkansas expressed his support for the initiative during the primaries. The amendment has

also been the subject of articles in the Washington Post, the National Journal and the Wall Street Journal. Since the effort to place the initiative on the ballot began, similar efforts have taken place in Georgia, Mississippi and Michigan.

A survey of likely voters conducted on September 8 by Rasmussen showed that 39% of Coloradans will likely vote "yes" on 48, while 50% will likely vote "no." 11% were still undecided.

Other controversial ballot initiatives include Amendments 47 and 49, which seek to place restrictions on Union activities in the state. 47 seeks to ban employers from considering union membership a necessary condition for employment, while 49 prohibits automatic deduction of union fees.

As unions and business organizations sparred over 47 and 49, Governor Bill Ritter attempted to negotiate an agreement to prevent strife between unions and employers. On October 2, an agreement was reached under which labor unions pulled several pro-labor initiatives from the ballot. In exchange, several large employers' organizations, including the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, will actively oppose amend-

ments 47 and 49.

Amendment 46, known as the Colorado Civil Rights initiative, has also come under fire lately from affirmative action proponents who claim that the language of the initiative is misleading. 46 seeks to prevent the state from "discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to any individual or group based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin."

The amendment is sponsored by the American Civil Rights Coalition, a group that has sought to dismantle affirmative action. The amendment would make it illegal for any state institution to use race as a criterion for hiring, contracting or admission into public schools.

If ballot initiatives are approved, they will take effect the day the results of the vote are announced by the Governor. Presidential campaigns are not taking official stances on ballot initiatives, but Senate and Congressional candidates have urged supporters to support certain initiatives.

Amendment 46

Colorado Civil Rights Initiative

Prohibit state from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment and education.

Amendment 47

Right to Work Initiative

Prohibit unions and employers from negotiating contracts under which employees would be required to pay union membership fees as a condition of employment.

Amendment 48

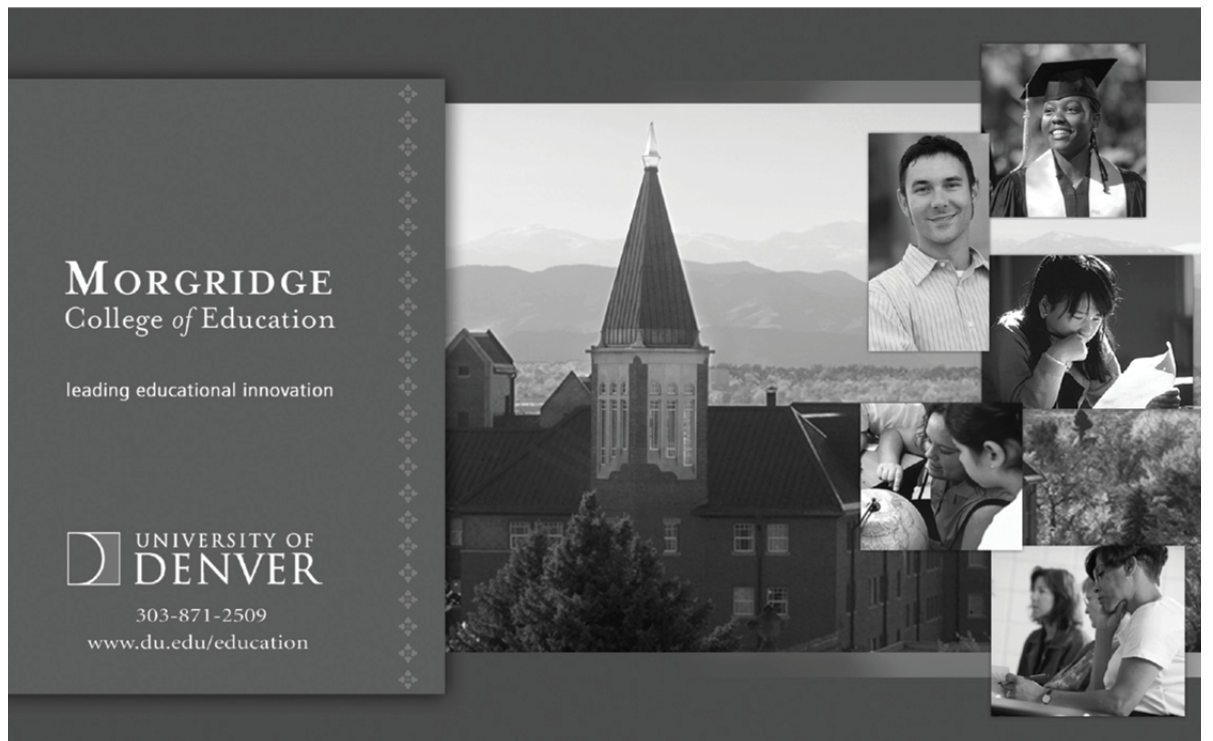
Definition of Personhood

Establishes the definition of 'person' in the Colorado Constitution to include any fertilized egg, embryo or fetus.

Amendment 49

Limitation on Public Payroll Deductions

Bar automatic union dues deductions from public employee payrolls.



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Ban on cyanide mining at issue in supreme court case

Lincoln Peek

Environmentalists and miners are gearing up for a showdown in the Colorado Supreme Court. At issue is neighboring Summit County's ban on "open-pit cyanide leach gold mining," a mining process which is very controversial for its destructive effects on the environment. Colorado's first open-pit cyanide leach gold mine, the Summitville Mine of Rio Grande County, opened in 1986 over the protests of environmentalists. Several devastating cyanide spills followed and were blamed for killing aquatic life in the Alamosa River. \$155 million was spent on the site for detoxification and to reduce leakage. Despite cleanup efforts, cyanide, heavy metals and acid from the mine killed all aquatic life in 17 miles of the Alamosa River.

The potential downside of the cyanide leach process is that it can leak cyanide into aquatic ecosystems and devastate them.

Matt Reuer

Cyanide mining is process by which cyanide is used to extract gold from gold from low-grade ore. The process releases traces of cyanide into the environment.

The Summitville mine spill was the

worst cyanide spill in American history. The county has recently banned cyanide mining through zoning laws, and in 2004 the Colorado Mining Association sued to repeal the law. This form of mining has been banned in four other counties as well, Conejos, Costilla, Gilpin and Gunnison.

What concerns lawmakers the most is the high impact that cyanide mining has on water sources around the mines. Montana, which has a statewide ban on this sort of mining, had 50 cyanide releases into groundwater since 1982, according to the state's Environmental Information center. These spills cost in excess of \$20 million dollars to clean up, and had a significant impact on neighboring ranches and homes. Also of concern to environmentalists, lawmakers and homeowners alike is the fact that groundwater is not exposed to enough sunlight or oxygen to break the highly toxic cyanide into harmless chemicals.

Still, the mining association contends that cyanide mining is safe. The Newmont Mining Company, a company based in Denver, Colorado, with operations all over the world has only had 28 cyanide incidents that they were required to report under the United Nations Environmental program governing cyanide mining, and of these incidents, only one resulted in excessive amounts of cyanide release. Furthermore, they

argue that the Mined Land Reclamation act gives the power to regulate mining solely to the state, and not the county.

In an interview with the Denver Post, Jeff Parsons, senior attorney with the Western Mining Action Project said, "throughout the west and Colorado, the courts have generally upheld counties' local control, and that's what we hope...to preserve here in Colorado." Others argue that leach mining is better and more profitable because there is no need to go through the effort, time and money of traditional mining techniques.

Matt Reuer, the technical director of CC's Chemistry and Environmental Science departments, explains, "If its done properly it's less destructive than typical strip mining." However, "the potential downside of the cyanide leach process is that it can leak cyanide into aquatic ecosystems and devastate them."

Summit County's argument rests on the fact that this same act requires that mining operations obey local zoning laws. The lower court upheld Summit County's ban, which could be a good sign for environmentalists. If the Supreme Court strikes down the ban, then it would be effectively killing the bans in the four other counties as well.

Antibiotic resistance troubles researchers

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to see if the ADP1 does become resistant to the antibiotics they are being treated with when they are transformed. If this can be tested, then the tools are available to see which new genes are being expressed in the ADP1. This process can potentially isolate the specific genes required for antibiotic resistance in the antibiotic eaters.

So far the medical and scientific importance of these soil-bacteria are unknown, however two major issues could arise. These bacteria, that would otherwise be innocuous, could effect the immuno-suppressed, such as HIV/AIDS patients. Furthermore, soil bacteria can potentially pass antibiotic resistant genes to closely related pathogenic bacteria. As far as human health is concerned and the next steps in antibiotic development, Professor Lostroh explains, "We are very concerned about antibiotic resistance...we need to consider if there are different kinds of antibiotics that cannot be degraded." As of now, no pathogenic bacteria has been identified as antibiotic-eating. Luckily, for the time being, killer pathogenic strains of bacteria that munch on antibiotics are still the topic of badly written science fiction.

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SPORTS

Football team sees improvement but still falls short

Hannah Furr

Last weekend, the Colorado College football team came within sight of ending their four game losing streak when they played Austin College at home on Washburn Field, but they fell short after a disappointing fourth quarter.

Entering the final quarter, the team was winning by two points against the Kangaroos. However, during that fourth quarter of the game, a string of CC turnovers and defensive errors shifted momentum to Austin College. Austin was able to accumulate a three-touchdown lead by game's end. Mike Box, a freshman from Denver commented on the moments that could have changed the fate of the Tigers, saying, "we were really close to breaking a lot in the third and fourth quarters."

Unfortunately, fortune never fa-

vored the Tigers; the game ended with a final score of 17-36. This game moved Austin College to 1-2 in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, while it moved Colorado College down to 0-2 in conference play. Although the team is not taking this loss lightly, they have remained optimistic about the rest of their season, and look ahead to the challenges they face.

One contributor to the Tigers' challenges is the loss of many graduates from last year.

"This year we lost a lot of seniors, but a lot of players are stepping up and we'll start to do better," said David Mauro, a junior from Austin, Texas. This is Mauro's third year on the team and, along with his teammates, he hopes that this year's football season will end more positively than last year's, with its 4-6 record.

Even with the seemingly rocky



Photo: Virginia Dreux

start they have encountered this season, the team is aiming to win the Conference Championship. However, they do realize that in order to accomplish this goal, they first need to start working harder as a team to win Conference games.

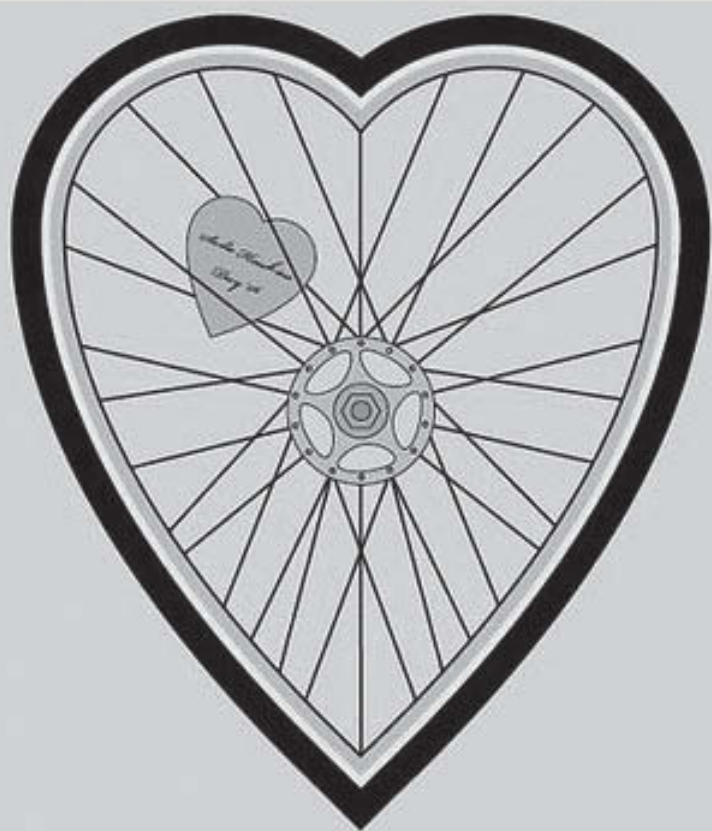
The team meets with their line coaches and head coach Bob Bodor every day of the week except Monday, training in the weight room as well as on the field. Ultimately, the Tigers are aiming to repeat winning stunts like junior fullback Sean Farrell's rushing attack in game three against 21st-ranked Trinity College. Farrell's attack resulted in a 102-yard

gain on 25 carries, which nearly doubled his total for the season.

This year, 19 of the roster's 55 players are freshmen, and despite the team's youth, they are keen on picking up wins. With their rigorous practice schedule, they will surely be back on their toes by the time they travel to their next game against Rhodes College in Tennessee. After that, they will be back at home on Washburn Field against Birmingham-Southern College at noon on November 1, and again for the last game of the season against Centre College on November 15.



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Faces of 08/09 Tiger Hockey

Who to watch for and what to expect from this season

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Marty Patterson

Quick, soft hands make him a threat in the offensive zone and he consistently looks to set up line mates.

Bill Sweat (LW, JR, 07' Stats 10-17-27)

Sweat is the Tigers' fastest skater and among the fastest in the nation. His speed makes him a threat in odd man rushes and also makes him a high impact penalty killer.

Eric Walsky (F, SR, 07' Stats 12-8-20)

In his first year with CC, Walsky, an Alaska Anchorage transfer, was fourth on the team with twelve goals. Walsky has quick hands and excellent one-on-one moves, which makes him an offensive threat. Walsky is also one of the Tigers' more physically dominant players. At 200 pounds, Walsky uses his size to protect the puck down low in the cycle and has very strong puck possession skills.

Jake Gannon (D, Sr, 07' Stats 0-5-5)

Gannon will wear the Captain's "C" in the 08'-09' campaign and lead a young CC defensive corps. As the only senior defenseman, Gannon's physical play and defense-oriented game sets the tone for the rest of the defensive. Gannon led the team in hits last season and has the ability to pummel unsuspecting forwards, giving his team an emotional boost.

Brian Conelly (D, Jr, 07' Stats 3-16-19)

Connelly possesses great vision and is an accurate passer, helping CC's transition game and power play. Connelly will likely man the point on CC's top power play unit. Despite having an offensively oriented game, Connelly is still responsible in the defensive zone.

Nate Prosser (D, Jr, 07' Stats 3-17-20)

Prosser is one of the Tigers' most well rounded defensemen, possessing good size (6'2" 210 lb.) and scoring ability, as proven with his 20 points from a year ago. As one of the Tigers' top-four defensemen, Prosser will also see power play time.

Richard Bachman (G, SO, 07' Stats 1.85 GAA, .931 Save Pct., 25 Wins)

As a freshman, Bachman was named WCHA player of the Year and First Team All-American. Bachman was stellar and consistent in net for the Tigers, posting four shutouts. The Tigers will continue to look to Bachman to lead the defense against the high powered WCHA offenses.

Key Losses:

Jack Hillen:

Now a New York Islander, Hillen lead the Tigers in assists last year with 31 and was named WCHA Defensive Player of the Year, as well as First Team All-American. The Tigers will miss his play in man-up situations and as his smart movement of the puck.

Jimmy Kilpatrick:

Kilpatrick was second on the team in scoring last year, with 15 goals and 16 assists for a total of 31 points. He provided consistent scoring for the Tigers over the last few seasons and the Tigers will miss his production.

Players to Watch:

Mike Testwuide:

With 11 goals and 10 assists last season, Testwuide qualifies as a key returnee. Testwuide doubled his point total from his freshman year and is poised to add on to that point total this year, as he will start the season on the wing alongside Vlassopolous and get more power play time. Testwuide is the only Junior Alternate Captain.

Drew O'Connell:

As senior backup goalie, O'Connell finished last year on a high note, beating Denver University 3-1 with several spectacular saves. O'Connell is a very strong backup, capable of stealing a game when needed.

Tim Hall:

As a freshman, Hall will provide secondary scoring for the Tigers. Hall is a quick, aggressive and scrappy skater with strong stick skills.

David Civitarise:

Also a freshman, Civitarise is a big and strong power forward (6'2", 210 lb.) who will help the Tigers on smaller ice sheets and against some of the more physical teams in the WCHA.

Brian McMillin:

McMillin will likely center the fourth line. McMillin is a strong two-way player and penalty killer who will look to put up more points in his third year.

Outlook:

With Bachman in the net and lots of scoring depth, the Tigers are rightfully the favorite in the WCHA and a Top-5 team nationally. CC also boasts experience that cannot be

matched in the WCHA, due to the early departures that top teams such as Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and DU have suffered over the past few years. The top six forwards of CC can go up against any team each night, and should be able to put up points while Bachman, Gannon and company should limit opposing forwards and key CC's transition game.

Team speed and skill is once again the Tigers' strength, and something they look to capitalize on when playing on the World Arena's Olympic-size Ice. However, this year the Tigers have more size and physical players than in years past, which should allow them to have more success on smaller sheets and against bigger, more physical opponents. Look for the Tigers' depth and experience to propel them to the top of the WCHA, and potentially deep into the NCAA tournament.

Games to Watch:

The Tigers once again will have to go up against the nation's top competition during WCHA play and feature some tough out-of-conference opponents as well. These are some of the toughest and best match ups this year:

10/24-10/25: Clarkson

10/31, 11/2: DU

11/7-11/8: North Dakota

12/13-12/14: Minnesota

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Women's soccer making a strong impact on conference so far thanks to senior leadership

Denali Johnson

August and September were excellent months for the CC Women's Soccer team. The Tigers opened with three straight wins at home. They went 3-1 against the University of Oklahoma, 1-0 against Valparaiso University, and 2-1 when they played Idaho State University. The streak ended with a tie in their first September game against the Long Island University Blackbirds. The Tigers regained their confidence with a 2-0 shut out against Ball State University at home.

Never losing their stride, the women defeated both the University of Denver (2-1) and the United States Military Academy (3-0) at the Falcon Invitational hosted at the Air Force Academy. However, after traveling to the University of Illinois and Purdue University, the women suffered back-to-back losses. Never ones to be burdened by defeat, the women stepped up and delivered a win in Dallas, Texas against the Southern Methodist University, 2-1.

The women's soccer team had another amazing display of talent on Sunday. After traveling for almost a month, the women came back to play at home on Friday and Sunday. Following a hard loss in Tulsa, the women showed no signs of distress. They lit up Stewart field with their impressive footwork, solid teamwork, and overall speed.

Most impressive was sophomore Tiffany Brown whose display of talent and two unassisted goals locked in the win for the Tigers, 2-1, over the conference rival, University of Memphis. Brown scored in the 19th minute, stealing the ball in the middle then dribbling in and firing a quick, low shot from outside the box. She outdid herself with a game-winning shot from the right side, which rocketed past Memphis goaltender Jordan Boyles. Brown has

been named Conference USA co-Offensive Player of the Week for her remarkable efforts.

Senior goalkeeper Geneva Sills showed great talent with nine saves, only letting one slip past. The fluke goal bounced off the top of one of her own defenders after a Memphis free kick from Emiko Schwab.

The CC Tigers had an exciting weekend, defeating both the University of Alabama Birmingham on Friday, and the University of Memphis on Sunday. Sunday's win was head coach Geoff Bennett's fiftieth win at Colorado College.

After such a stirring weekend, the Tigers moved from third to second place in C-USA. The women's team is currently 3-1-0 in the conference and 9-3-1 overall and tied with Rice University. The women trail first-place Eastern Carolina University by a mere point. They have a nine-game undefeated streak (8-0-1) at home, dating back to October 2007, and will try to continue the streak at Stewart Field with conference games against Southern Miss on Friday and UCF on Sunday.

Friday is the second meeting between CC and the University of Southern Mississippi. The Tigers won, 2-0, in Hattiesburg, Miss., last October, in the previous encounter. Colorado College is 2-1-1 in four all-time matches against UCF, after the teams battled to a scoreless tie in Orlando, Fla., last Oct. 21.

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COMMENT & DEBATE

Palin's power play: A misplay at best

Nick Hiebert

Dick Cheney will be remembered by many for his rigid, if not sclerotic, temperament, his presumed pig's heart, and his ability to transform the vice presidential office into something that resembles the Mandate of Heaven. Dishearteningly, he will also leave behind a legacy of unprecedented vice presidential autonomy that should not be quickly emulated. Now the question is whether or not Sarah Palin, or to a lesser extent Joe Biden, will carry on his legacy.

For all of you "Joe-six-packs" and "hockey moms" across the campus who missed the smile-and-deliver display during last Thursday's vice presidential debates, here's the retort. Suspicions confirmed: Palin's not only an idiot; she's also Constitutionally deranged.

While Palin fails to share Cheney's affinity for torture and the conduct of war in Iraq, she honors his claims of executive supremacy for the purpose of bypassing constitutional limits on the separation of powers. During last week's debate, Palin described herself as "thankful that the Constitution would allow a bit more authority given to the vice president if the vice president so chose to ex-

ert it." An interesting take on "authority," Sarah, seeing how the vice president has none.

According to the Constitution, the vice president has two duties. One is to cast the tie-breaking vote in the event of a stalemate in the Senate. The other is to make sure that the president doesn't choke on his freedom fries. The vice president may have additional duties assigned to them by the president. However, the Constitution assigns no executive powers to the vice president; in performing such duties he or she acts only as an agent of the president. Unfortunately for Palin, McCain appears slightly more competent and a bit more comfortable in the driver's seat than Bush.

Indeed, Governor Palin's hair, posture, and rhetorical wiggling abilities were almost flawless on Thursday. Her primary tactic was simply to repeat the same thing over and over: John McCain is a maverick and so is she. But Moderator Gwen Ifill did not make it easy. In order to stick to the game plan, Palin had to indulge in some exceedingly interesting logic: One minute she promises to get "greater oversight" by government; the next, she lectures, "Government, you know, you're not always a so-

lution. In fact, too often you're the problem." Hmm.

Palin also spoke of her abilities to "positively affect the impacts" of climate change—a phenomenon that she refuses to acknowledge as human induced.

"With the impacts of climate change, what we can do about that, as governor, I was the first governor to form a climate change sub-cabinet to start dealing with the impacts." Dizzying, I know.

Substantive and semantic black holes aside, Palin's scariest moment came when she was asked to comment on Cheney's assertion that his office is neither in the executive nor legislative branch.

Palin replied, "Well, our founding fathers were very wise there in allowing through the Constitution much flexibility there in the office of the vice president. And we will do what is best for the American people in tapping into that position and ushering in an agenda that is supportive and cooperative with the president's agenda in that position.

"Yeah, so I do agree with him that we have a lot of flexibility in there, and we'll do what we have to do to administer very appropriately the plans that are needed for this na-

tion."

If the Constitution is as ambiguous as Palin says it is, which it's not, then Americans can expect a dimmer, more pig-tailed version of Cheney for the next four years. While McCain probably won't let this happen, it is not out of the question to imagine a power-jealous Palin, yelling, "drill, baby, drill" in McCain's war-torn eardrum. Political differences between vice president and president—oil extraction from Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, for instance—may not tear the ticket apart, but they will in fact change its appearance once in office. Particularly if said vice president follows in Cheney's footsteps.

Cheney increased vice presidential power by hiring wisely. He surrounded himself with advisers who complemented his intelligence, like "Scooter" Libby and David Addington. Thankfully, the only things that complement Palin are hairdryers and librarian glasses. It would seem that no amount of coaching and shoulder massaging by the Cheney or an aged, influence-starved Henry Kissinger can save Palin from her eventual election-defining gaffe.

State of the Rockies ushers in sense of regional pride

Kira Grush

I imagine myself, over the last couple of years, as being someone who walked around campus with my hands over my eyes, trying not to look up and recognize the extraordinary possibilities all around me. Maybe I refused to be overwhelmed. Perhaps the thought of truly being ignited scared me a little bit. Or maybe I just did not have enough time to get involved. As I quickly learned, you cannot last very long here at Colorado College without being ignited. All it takes is opening your eyes to some of the inspiring endeavors that CC has to offer. The State of the Rockies Project is definitely one of those endeavors.

It is hard to miss the flyers that begin to appear each Spring, announcing the events of the State of the Rockies Conference that is held annually at Colorado College. Usually accompanied with a stunning picture of the Rocky Mountains, the flyers are enticing in their descriptions of keynote speakers and issues that affect all of us here at Colorado College and in the greater Colorado Springs community. It is easy, however, to take in the uplifting site of the mountains, make mental note of some of the issues, and continue the

day without another thought about the conference. It is easy to ignore the realization that not many of us know what the State of the Rockies Project is all about.

The State of the Rockies Project is in its sixth year and involves "Colorado College students, faculty, and staff interested in the long-term viability of Rockies' communities and environment." Each year a group of dedicated students and faculty, along with some staff, devote their summers and much of the school year to researching and reporting on issues pertinent to the Rockies and engaging the community in their research. As students at Colorado College, an institution working towards sustainability and social responsibility, we recognize the necessity of caring for the environment in which we live. This is not just about the nature that surrounds us here at the base of the mountains. The Rockies Project opens our eyes, and the eyes of everyone in the Rocky Mountain community to the deeply rooted integration of nature and social processes. Members of the research team work to discover those connections, focusing on issues involving wilderness, river restoration, affordable housing, resources, occupation patterns, and other economic issues.

The Rockies Project releases a Report Card annually, detailing the research conducted by students during the previous summer. Each year, the Report Card has been cited by over one hundred media sources in the United States, including *E!* and *USA Today*. The Project also hosts an annual symposium that highlights the findings of the team. It includes thought provoking films regarding the state of our region and welcomes renowned speakers that help gain insight into the many faceted topics surrounding economic and environmental sustainability. Last year, the conference welcomed Ms. Gale Norton, Former Secretary of the Interior. Most of the flyers can be found around campus right before the conference. However, you may have noticed some last block and leading into this one as well. The State of the Rockies Project is also responsible for the 2008/2009 Wild Rockies Speaker Series, which includes talks regarding the pros and cons of hunting, the future of the Cache la Poudre River, the impact of wolves on ranchers, balancing energy and wildlife, and the relation of bison in Yellowstone.

Colorado College is strongly defined by its history as well as its location. We, as students at CC, need to

welcome our responsibility to give back to the environment and community by providing an objective voice in regional issues of concern. That is exactly what the State of the Rockies Project is all about. We need to take ownership of the Project, recognize its irreplaceable role in the political decisions and social concerns of the Rocky Mountain West. What a dream that Colorado College could have such an influence in researching issues of concern in our region in order to enlighten the public regarding how we can sustain ourselves as well as the natural world in which we live. What an outstanding opportunity to truly have an influence in promoting a stronger sense of responsible citizenship and calling into question the issues that affect us here every day. I now have a deep respect for those students who devote their summers to the project, to the staff who make it possible, to the faculty that aid in research endeavors, and, of course, to Walt Hecox, the founder of the State of the Rockies Project. They work hard for a cause that they believe in. All we have to do is recognize what a great role they have in our region and take pride in those values for which the Project stands.

COMMENT & DEBATE

Guitars outsourced to synthesizers

Attitudes bridge generations, but soundtrack changes

Sarah Albert

Everyone has heard stories about the 1960s: the free love, the copious drug use, the protests, the road trips, and so on.

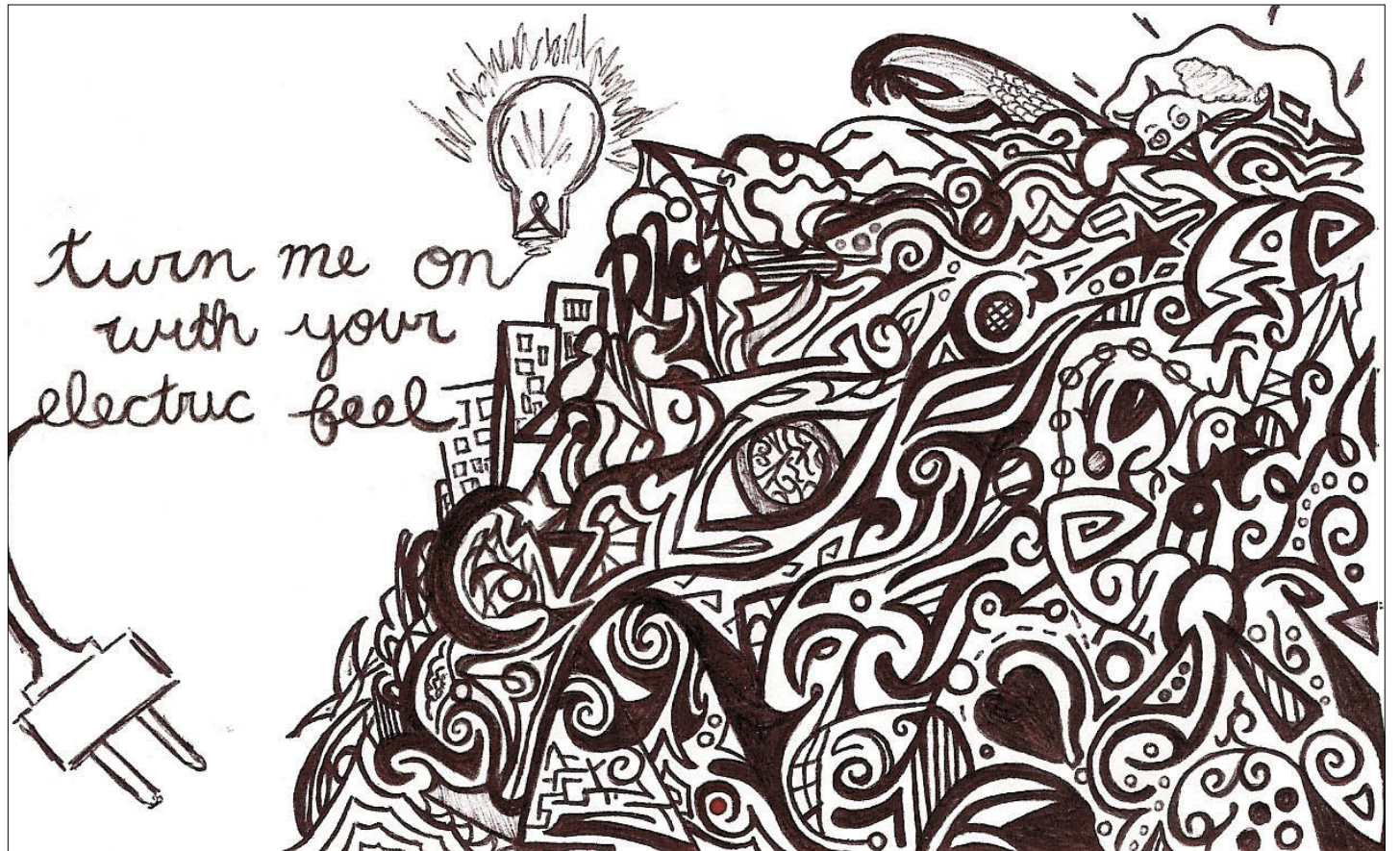
It was a culture composed of outspoken baby boomers into peace, their bodies, and their beliefs who liked taking charge of all three to prove a point. But while the population of people trying to save lives and create equality grew, so did that of drug users and party goers.

And what about those people now? Those experimenters, merely children tryin' a stick it to the man a few decades ago, now have kids of their own approaching the same age and mentality that they embraced way back when.

We may not have the epic flood of values across the country that influenced the lovers of the '60s, or the draft that ripped men away from their schools and homes, but it seems like the outrageous war in the Middle East is influencing our generation the same way Vietnam did in its day.

Instead of communists, however, our target is now "the terrorists," and while the country is at war, we're simultaneously getting angrier about everything else wrong with humans.

Everyone is so busy trying to save Darfur, free Tibet, contradict Bush, and change whatever else it is that grinds our gears, that it is almost too much to handle; people need to out-



Cartoon: Sarah Albert

source to relax.

There is this growing need to find an outlet to make the world suck a little less, and I cannot help to look to our modern music to interpret the behavior of the masses.

Whereas a lot of us copy our parents and hate on the war with Bob Dylan and move to the groovy riffs of the Grateful Dead, we are living in an era where a new sound is emerging – that of electronic music.

This psychedelic impact promotes a similar kind of thinking and acting that occurred in the '60s, and despite the change in genre, the technological style resonates with many.

Now, I love acoustic jam bands just as much as the next dirty CC hippie, but I also can't help but find myself putting bands like The Disco Biscuits

or The New Deal on repeat for days at a time.

It's no surprise that hundreds of rooms across the campus boast Dead Bears and Bob Marley posters, nor was it a shock that a huge number of our student body bought tickets to STS9 1st Block at Red Rocks.

Which leads to my big question: these sounds are drastically different, what makes them so appealing to the same crowd?

I would never compare Phish to Modest Mouse, but these two bands click with the same fans, those who enjoy feeling music. I can't quite describe it, but I'm just as compelled to chill out to Led Zeppelin as I am to MGMT, and there are really very few parallels between the two.

The futuristic noises of Radiohead

have traces of Pink Floyd in their styles, influences from hip hop and techno, and lyrics similar to the inspirational words of peace makers of the past, definitely making it the next "cool" thing.

But will it last? Will our children use (the will-be outdated) MP3s to listen to M.I.A. the way we use vinyl to appreciate classic rock?

On that note, what about our visual pleasure? Who is our next Warhol or Escher? What is the next trippy sound or sight? I'll never forget the Beatles, but I am definitely ready for a new artist to amaze me, in any state of mind.

New old ideas proposed by Campus Sustainability Council

Lizzy Stephan

Think Colorado College should go carbon neutral? Offer more local food? Be more concerned about water use in Colorado?

Well, we're working on it.

CC's Campus Sustainability Council (CSC) is in the process of drafting a "Sustainability Strategic Plan" that will guide the college's sustainability efforts in the next few years. The comprehensive plan is organized around six major categories: carbon neutrality, education, organization and structure, buildings and landscape, natural resources, and financing.

Is this news to you? Here's some history to contextualize the new plan:

In January 2008, CC hired the

Brendle Group (TBG), a Fort Collins-based environmental consulting firm, to complete an environmental inventory for the college, including the Baca campus and the CC cabin.

The team of six consultants, including '04 alumna Emily Wright, conducted a variety of assessments, including energy and water use in major campus buildings, campus attitudes regarding sustainability, and existing practices of the college.

Nearly 40 student volunteers assisted TBG in the lighting and water components of its building assessments by documenting fixtures in need of efficiency upgrades.

TBG recommended close to 25 strategies, which, if implemented, would result in an estimated 35 percent increase in efficiency and almost a 30 percent reduction in the

college's carbon footprint.

These efficiency strategies are grouped with eight other initiatives that together outline a possible ten-year plan for carbon neutrality, including a large-scale renewable energy purchase.

TBG completed the environmental inventory in June 2008, and CC now holds three years of GHG emissions records and extensive building assessment details and recommendations.

So, what's next?

During first block, CSC began the drafting process for the Sustainability Strategic Plan, using TBG's report as a guide and indicator of current status. Now, as we approach third block, the Council has proposed a version of this plan for CC.

This plan will be presented to the

campus for review in the first week of next block, during which the Council hopes to get input from a wide audience of students, faculty and staff members through a series of feedback sessions.

Collected feedback will be incorporated into a revised version of the plan, which will then be presented to Senior Staff, and eventually the college's Board of Trustees, for approval.

So, come to a feedback session the first week of next block and help shape CC's Sustainability Strategic Plan. We want your input! The schedule is on the back page of this newspaper.

In the meantime, check out the new sustainability website: <http://sustainability.coloradocollege.edu>.

SCENE

Movie Review: *Religulous* resonates with rationalist minority

Meredith Mantik

A movie about religion? How could that possibly be controversial? Please, there's a reason why "Real Time with Bill Maher" only airs on HBO. In fact, it's not very surprising that *Religulous* is only playing at one theater in Colorado Springs, given the city's conservative reputation. And Christians beware, Bill Maher is mercilessly scathing.

Maher begins the documentary looking back at his own religious background, having been raised by Catholic father and a Jewish

And just as the Shakespearian fool reveals his wisdom by asking questions and poking fun at social norms, Maher succeeds in promoting doubt with just about everyone he interviews.

mother. Maher also asserts that the Founding Fathers had no intention of mixing religion with their nascent government. In fact, most of them loathed religion themselves (Ben Franklin said, "Lighthouses are more useful than churches").

The documentary moves from the holy land of Jerusalem to the Holy Land theme park in Florida where a reenactment of the crucifixion is interrupted by the roar of an overhead airplane. Interviews include a high priest of the Vatican, a homosexual-turned-heterosexual, a member of the Senate, and Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda who earns his living as a "saint."

Religulous is a much-needed reality check for avid religious devotees. Though the documentary attempts to make objective, rational observations about religion—from Christianity to Judaism to Islam to

Scientology—we all know where Maher stands and the film is very much one-sided. Every interview is juxtaposed with hokey movie clips, sarcastic subtitles, or discontinuous edits. Maher has a tendency to cut people off and transform what they say into something that makes them look twice as stupid, and he loves to hear himself talk. Nonetheless, *Religulous* had me laughing more than any film I've seen since *Borat* (another jaw-dropper). Maher is the king of witty comebacks after all, even when they derive from sheer shock-factor.

Most importantly, *Religulous* succeeds in casting doubt. The film maintains that "faith makes a virtue of not thinking." And just as the Shakespearian fool reveals his wisdom by asking questions and poking fun at social norms, Maher succeeds in promoting doubt with just about everyone he interviews. Maher should be treasured along with Trey Parker and Matt Stone of *South Park* as necessary jesters of society. And no matter how pretentious Maher might seem, *Religulous* is a film crucial to our era in which Christianity has turned from trend into obsession. It should be seen by religious enthusiasts most of all.



Verdict: Maher's ego and bias notwithstanding, *Religulous* is a must-see for modern America.

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Nosh offers an escape from downtown mediocrity

Tyler Smith

Thirty steps east of McKenzie's Chophouse and twenty steps north of the Fine Arts Center Modern gallery lies a culinary treasure. Tucked away in a corner of the Plaza of the Rockies on South Tejon is Nosh, a restaurant that offers an escape from the overrated eateries and underwhelming chains of downtown Colorado Springs.

When walking into Nosh, a member of the Blue Star family, you may be struck by a number of unique features. One side of the main dining room is occupied by a large bar framed by a haphazardly crisscrossed wine rack. Opposite the bar is a mural of enormous koi that continues throughout the restaurant, providing a muted, Zen-like atmosphere.

The mural winds into the back dining room, which overlooks an expansive outdoor eating area where many diners choose to enjoy Nosh's daily \$2.50 white sangria, or one of the many other unique drink options. The mango mojito is a refreshing, fruity twist on the minty Cuban cocktail and the reasonably priced champagne mojito, although a bit heavy on the champagne, is a sophisticated compliment to any entrée.

With their massive wine list and 3pm-6pm happy hour Monday through Saturday, Nosh is an en-



A unique koi mural frames the dining room of this hip eatery.

joyable experience for drinks alone. However, it would be a mistake to leave without at least trying one of the signature 'Noshers'- the restaurant's version of tapas, or small plates.

Photo: Gabby Greenberg

The latke Noshers is composed of a fried, finely shredded potato pancake topped with melted Brie and served atop a white truffle apple salad. The combination of textures and flavors makes this dish one of the most agreeable things I have eaten in Colorado Springs.

Equally impressive is the unique combination of flavors in the mizuna salad. A bed of fresh greens is covered with shaved manchego cheese, drizzled with black pepper honey vinaigrette and tart pomegranate syrup, and then garnished with delightfully chewy Calmyrna white figs.

The entrees, although a bit pricey

at \$16 to \$35, include mostly carnivorous options such as the Sweet Water Bison Short Ribs served with lemongrass broth, rice noodles, and bok choy and the Kansas City Strip Steak with a roasted red pepper demiglace.

If your taste buds haven't been thoroughly overwhelmed by the end of dinner, try the not-so-Mexican blackberry flan or the honey lavender panna cotta for desert.

Whether you go for the happy hour, the excellent service, or the hip and casual atmosphere, find a reason to dine at Nosh. I'll even draw you a map.

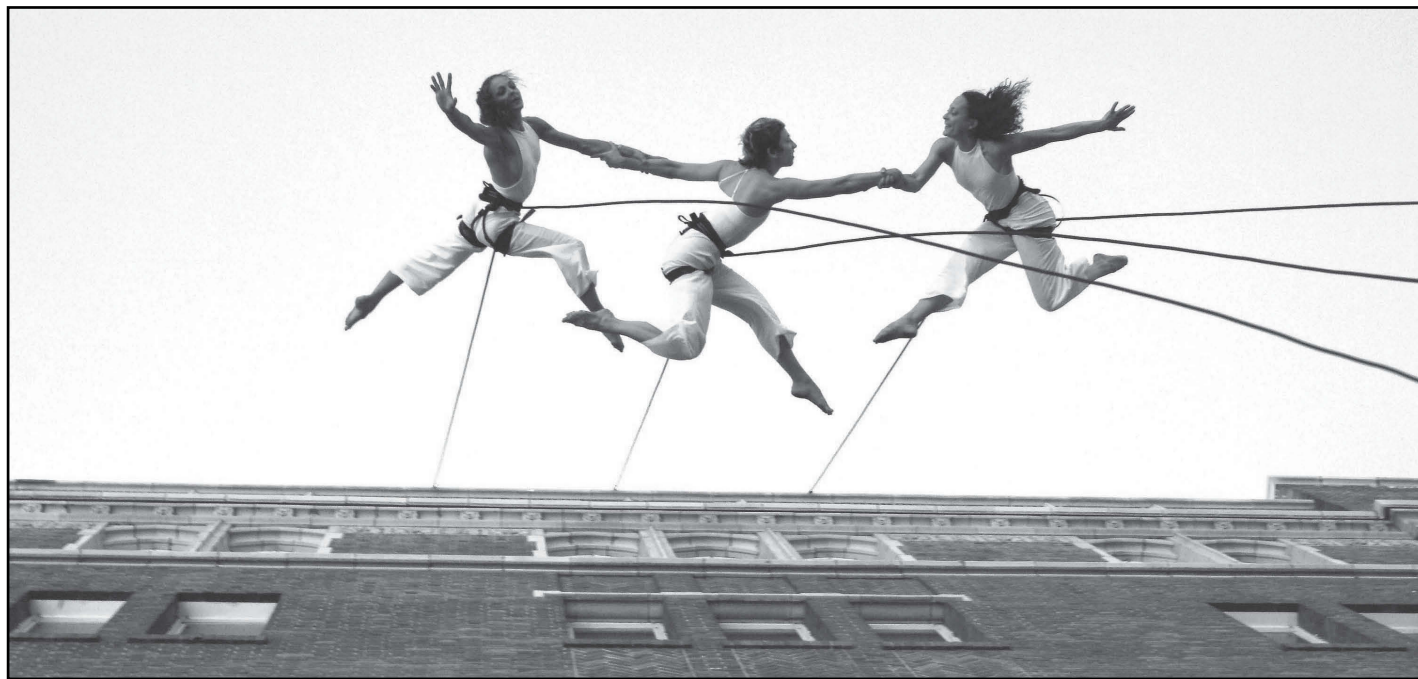


Spotlight on the bar: Nosh's unique crisscrossed wine rack
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