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Obama taking attention away from Health Care by aiding and abetting Fox News?

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Staff Writer

A new war is brewing in the White House. As our Commander in Chief sits at his desk designing a strategy for victory, he announces to his staff a new group of "America's Most Wanted." However, on this list Osama Bin Laden is nowhere to be found. Instead, a few familiar replacements are found: Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and Glenn Beck. Let the battle begin!

Unfortunately, my exaggeration is not too far from the actual actions of the Obama Administration in the past weeks. While the current war in Afghanistan continues to crumble without appropriate troop support and a serious healthcare bill looms over American heads, the Obama Administration has decided that its time is better spent waging war against a news organization. Anita Dunn, the White House Communications Director, held nothing back after proclaiming, "The reality of it is that Fox News often operates as either a research arm or the communications arm of the Republican Party...let's not pretend that they are a news network the way CNN is." On the CC campus, the mere mention of Fox News will bring sneers of anger and disgust from the student populous. Yet, at the same time, that same population is proud to admit that they rarely, if ever, watch Fox News.

How is it that Fox News has become such a despised news station by liberals who profess open-mindedness? Is it really that biased when compared to its competitors such as CNN and MSNBC?

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Ellie Wood
Guest Writer

A legend in the hallowed annals of Colorado College frisbee, Fright Flight is an annual tournament in which various becostumed teams from around the state flock to Fort Collins to strut their hucks. With team themes ranging from Tentacle Porn to the Von Trapp Family Flingers, the tournament allows for an astonishing display of costumes and impressive disc handling prowess.

The Colorado College team—composed of the men's club team, Wasabi, and the women's club team, Lysistrata's Tools—chose the venerable theme of Sex Ed and elected to dress as the birds and the bees. The day of the tournament was brisk with a hint of the sun's rays. The players adorned themselves in brightly colored boas, black and white duct tape, and a wide array of antennae in anticipation of the day's four matches.

With the 9:30 start looming, team Sex Ed huddled in a circle and produced escalating shouts, cheers and bee noises. The first game of the day was against the Redneck Superheroes. The birds and the bees—manned mainly by an underclassmen roster—trounced this team of their mulleted master players (generally aged 40 and over).

The men, led by Junior captain Nick Spiva, commanded an impressive number of points on the field. Sophomore Josh Anderson, outfitted in a hybrid chicken and ostrich costume, consistently demonstrated his ability to overpower the opposing players by showcasing his innate ability to handle, cut and utterly destroy the offense of the other team. Dominated by sophomores of all ranges of disc ability, the men's team proved its strength as a cohesive unit alongside the ladies.

The female counterpart of Sex Ed, spearheaded by the leadership of veteran players Senior Lauren Sinnott and Juniors Lucy Holtsnider and Sophie Herscu, put on an equally impressive show throughout the tournament. Playing for the first time with freshmen prodigies Nikki Kaufman and Taylor Kanemori, the Tools were able to outmaneuver the most daunting male players.

Frisbee, a game with which I had previously not had such an intimate connection, takes an enormous amount of athletic ability. The



matches themselves were capped at an hour and half—a length of time in which Sex Ed often scored up to fourteen points. Sprinting up and down the field, the seven active players—four men and three women—pass to each other as they are not allowed to run while holding the

disc. Points are scored when a player throws the frisbee to a teammate in the other team's end zone. The line up of each team can only be changed at the culmination of these points; thus, the players on the field must sprint lengths of the field until a point is scored.

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News

Does Canada have the secret to new warfare?

Ashley Mayo
Catalyst Staff

When Canada joined the invasion of Afghanistan in 2002, the country was in turmoil. Bombings killed soldiers and civilians almost daily, a shaky interim government was struggling to maintain power, and the Taliban was regrouping and gaining strength.

Seven years and more than 1,400 international coalition casualties later, Afghanistan is still in havoc, but according to Ken Lewis, the former Canadian representative to Afghanistan, coalition forces have made considerable

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progress in cleaning it up.

Lewis, who spoke to a group of students in the Fine Arts Center on Wednesday afternoon, was deployed to Kandahar province, Afghanistan this past September. He was responsible for supervising and organizing about 100 civilian employees, including police officers, diplomats, aid workers, and intelligence personnel.

“Our ultimate aim is to leave Afghanistan to the Afghans...to create a viable country that is better governed, more peaceful and more

secure,” Lewis said on Wednesday.

This goal is no small task in an impoverished country where the life expectancy is just 43 years and only 35% of the male population is literate. Trust, Lewis emphasized, is one of the greatest obstacles.

“It’s hard to get people to trust you when you show up places in a tank, and then get out wearing body armor and a helmet,” he said.

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Based upon these priorities, Lewis’ team developed three signature programs. One is the rehabilitation of the Dahla Dam. Over the next three years, Canada will invest up to \$50 million to repair the dam. Completed, it will provide 10,000 seasonal jobs, and secure irrigation. Officials hope that a stable water supply will help reduce the size of Afghanistan’s drug trade by allowing farmers to grow “pomegranates rather than poppies.”

Canada’s second project is the eradication of polio. By providing vaccinations to seven million Afghan children, Canada hopes to completely eliminate the disease by the end of this year.

Education reform is the third major endeavor. With an investment of \$12 million over the next three years, Canada will build or repair 50 schools and expand the Ministry of Education. So far, they have completed five schools and started work on twenty-eight more. Lewis said that security for schools is difficult in a country where the Taliban frequently assassinates teachers.

Canadian workers have also done some work rebuilding and helping run prisons. “We’re trying to make it not just a place where people go to get tortured,” Lewis said.

Despite the setbacks, Lewis believes that Canada has made considerable progress in Afghanistan.

“We’ve really accomplished a lot,” said Lewis, “It just doesn’t make headlines because it’s boring. CNN likes shoot-em-ups and bombs going off.”

The press, as well as the general public, might do well to reevaluate their conceptions of war, advised Lewis.

“I don’t think we will be fighting anyone wearing a uniform in the next twenty years. This is the future of warfare: going around knocking on doors. It’s boring, but it’s effective.”

It is more difficult to garner public support for this new kind of war. Roughly half of the Canadian population supports Canada’s campaign in Afghanistan.

Although Canada has pledged to remove all

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troops from Afghanistan by 2011, Lewis said that a diplomatic civilian presence will likely remain in the country for at least 20 years, until a stable democracy can be established. Creating such a government is a task he supports.

“I don’t think installing democracy anywhere is a bad idea,” he said. “It’s a nice form of government- people should try it sometime.”

However, Lewis emphasized that we cannot simply create peace and security for Afghanistan.

“Afghans have to step up to the plate. It has to be them, not us. They have to create a government people can trust.”



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Fort Carson wraps up deadliest war month since 2001

Elle Emery
News Editor

While CC students may feel removed from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, our neighbors down the road are far too close.

The Fort Carson army base in Colorado Springs, home of the 4th Infantry Division of the US Army, has suffered the greatest number of casualties of any army base in the country according to the Gazette's October tally. On October 27, the Pentagon announced that two more Ft. Carson soldiers had been killed in Afghanistan—bringing the monthly toll to seventeen deaths. Ft. Carson hasn't experienced a month with so many deaths since 2001.

A number of the deaths were due to an attack on a U.S. post in Afghanistan earlier this month. "Hundreds of insurgents armed with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades attacked the soldiers at two U.S. outposts in Nuristan province Saturday [October 3], causing one of the highest U.S. death tolls in Afghanistan in a single battle in more than a year," the Huffington Post reported.

Eight Ft. Carson soldiers from a single unit were killed in that battle.

The two deaths earlier this week bring the Ft. Carson death toll in Afghanistan to 32 and the total deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan to 287, according to The Gazette.

Although the Pentagon is naming October the deadliest month for Ft. Carson soldiers, this isn't the first time Ft. Carson has had the highest casualty rate of any base in the country. In May 2006 Ft. Carson soldiers lost their lives in Iraq at a rate nearly double that of other Army post around the country, according to



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The Gazette.

An article at the time reported that: "Nine soldiers have died for every 1,000 assigned to the post since the war began in 2003. That's

nearly twice the rate of more populous posts such as Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Campbell, Ky., where five soldiers have been killed for every 1,000 in residence."

The death toll for the year of 2009 has not yet reached that of 2006.

Decreased funding leaves fewer venture grants for CC students

Elizabeth Findell
News Editor

Venture grants- those magical quantities of money that allow you to pursue the research project you've always wanted to study- have long been an opportunity many students value. This year, however, CC is expected to award about 25 percent fewer venture grants, due to funding loss and endowment decline, according to the Dean's Office.

The venture grant program, which has been operating since 1970, gives up to \$1,000 in funding to an innovative student research project. Past projects' subjects have ranged widely and have been conducted all over the world. Funding is also given for student conferences, visiting faculty and faculty-student collaborative research.

In the recent past, venture grants have been awarded to up to 100 students per year. This

year, there is only enough funding to award 75 grants. So far, in blocks one and two, 25 grant applications were submitted and 23 approved, leaving about 52 grants to award throughout the rest of the year.

"We do turn down venture grants," said Associate Dean of the College Victor Nelson-Cisneros. "We expect them to be serious research proposals. If it's not up to snuff we'll deny it."

In addition to funding student research, the program provides faculty \$3,000 to hire student assistants for research projects. The school normally awarded 20 faculty-student grants, a number that has been cut in half due to budget concerns. The "Life of the Mind" grant, which provides up to \$2,000 for a project to enhance intellectual life on campus, often through funding a student writing collection, saw funding decline this year from \$25,000 to \$16,000.

Students have not always fully utilized grant opportunities in the past. While last year CC

approved 92 venture grants (out of 99 submitted), in the 2007/2008 school year, only 59 grants were approved out of 83 submissions. The Keller family foundation, run by the family of two CC graduates, agreed to reimburse the college for grants awarded up to \$490,000 over four years, but CC utilized only \$383,000 of the offer.

"We were not able to spend all of it," Nelson-Cisneros said. "We can only award those that are submitted."

Now that the set four-year Keller foundation donation has ended and the Centennial fund endowment has declined by more than 10 percent, the program has an opposite problem- it is has seen a decline in funding and thus, more grant applications are likely to be declined.

The CC venture grant program has grown steadily since it originally started with a Ford Foundation grant for \$150,000 that was matched by the college.

Venture grants at CC have allowed students to pursue a wide-range of projects all over the world. One year, venture grants funded academic projects in 40 different countries. Also, one reason that CC students receive prestigious postgraduate Watson fellowships in high numbers, said Nelson-Cisneros, is partially due to their experience formulating plans for venture grants. He considers the ability to do field work one of the most important facets of CC.

"It's one of the programs that is distinctive here at the college, with that kind of support for student research," Nelson-Cisneros said. "Other colleges have grant programs, but I don't think other colleges give as many awards in a year as we do."

CC is holding a venture grant forum next Thursday, November 5 in Gates Common Room.

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To early to claim recovery from recession while so many remain unemployed

Ben Quam
Catalyst Staff Writer

Have you heard? The “Great Recession” is over! Since about two weeks ago the media and national economic leaders have been sounding the mantra of economic revival. The Dow Jones rose about 10,000 for the first time in over a year on October 14th. The next day, Goldman Sachs, the behemoth of Wall Street that needed \$10 billion in government funding just to stay alive last year, reported an unexpectedly high \$3.19 billion in profits for the third quarter. “A recession that showed no signs of ending last January appears to be firmly entering the recovery phase,” said Christina Romer, the chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers. Ben Bernanke, Chairman of the Federal Reserve contributed to the chorus, saying, “From a technical perspective, the recession is very likely over.”

So does this mean that we’re out of the woods? Well, that would depend on what we mean by a recession, and how they end. A recession is two consecutive quarters, or half a year, of negative growth. By negative growth

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The hard truth though is that getting back to prosperity is a lot harder than all the recent media attention would make it seem. Sure, the Goldman Sachs of the world are back to pulling in billions, but what does “the recession is

over” mean for workers who’ve been fired, or those who are losing unemployment insurance, or those being forced to take less hours and pay? As James K. Galbraith, an economist at the University of Texas at Austin has been saying, “It’s just a word. A recession technically

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lasts during negative quarters. But that doesn’t mean you’re back to prosperity once you have positive growth. You’re back to prosperity when the unemployment rate is back around 4 percent.”

An honest look at unemployment in America right now shows that we are not anywhere near being back to prosperity. The official unemployment statistics are dire enough; businesses have shed some 7.2 million jobs in total since the beginning of the recession in December 2007, 3.4 million have been lost since Obama took office in January, the unemployment rate stands at 9.8 percent and is expected to climb to just about ten percent.

Where things go from dire to extreme is when you look beyond the conventional unemployment statistics. According to the New America Foundation, a nonpartisan public policy think tank, “The official statistics do not include the 875,000 Americans who have given up looking for work, even though they want jobs. When these “marginally attached” workers and part-time workers are added to the officially unemployed, the result, according to another, broader government measure of unemployment known as “U-6,” is shocking. *United States has an unemployment rate of 17 percent.*” But wait there’s more. *Businessman and Obama advisor Leo Hindery Jr. goes one step farther,* “By adding the 3.4 million Americans who want a job but have not looked for one in over a year... Hindery infers an actual unemployment rate of 18.8 percent.” That’s almost one in five Americans that are unemployed. Sorry soon to be CC grads.

At the height of the Great Depression, the estimated unemployment rate was 25 percent in the United States. That’s not too far off

from the 18.8 percent number in this “Great Recession.” This isn’t to overly conflate these two economic crisis, during the Great Depression the stock market lost over 90% of its value and international trade fell from anywhere between one half and two thirds. This

collapse hasn’t even approached those levels. But in the area of unemployment it’s beginning to be comparable. That’s why this is easily the closest we’ve ever come, and probably the closest we’ll come in a long time, to feeling what the country felt like in the 1930’s. The financial crisis of 2008 struck our economy when it was not in a position to recovery quickly.

The United States economy is heavily dependent on consumer spending. The problem is that people who are unemployed are not likely to spend a lot of money. As the Associated Press reported, “The job market is caught in a vicious circle: Without more jobs, U.S. consumers will have a hard time increasing their spending; but without that spending, businesses might see little reason to start hiring.” At the same time we have structural problems, industries like auto-manufacturers or the construction business have been traditional

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early sources of job growth, but, “the carnage among Detroit’s automakers and the surplus of new and foreclosed homes and empty commercial properties make it unlikely these two industries will be engines of growth anytime soon.”

All of this is not meant to make the situation seem hopeless, indeed the reason we are not at Great Depression levels of chaos and devasta-

tion is because of structural changes made in the 30’s and 40’s. The government acts in many cases as an “automatic stabilizer” in cases of economic crisis. FDR’s crowning achievement, Social Security, has continued to deal out retirement benefits, Medicare and Medicaid coverage and ever increasingly important unemployment benefits.

The importance of these programs is hard to exaggerate, but they alone cannot break massive unemployment that now exists. Obama’s stimulus plan was a step in the right direction, the Denver Post reported this week that it has “saved or created almost 4,500 jobs in Colorado.” And yet, the numbers on unemployment call for more action. Obama needs to seriously consider another round of stimulus spending, but this time with a greater focus on direct government hiring for job creation. Creating public service jobs solves the greatest criticism of the stimulus bill, that there weren’t enough “shovel ready” type projects set, so job creation was slow. Our public infrastructure in the U.S. could certainly use the work; we’ve seen bridges collapse in Minnesota, levies break in New Orleans, and towns in California succumb to wild fires. These types of infrastructure programs would give workers the skills they need to potentially re-enter to construction business, or some other business, when the economy does actually recover.

It is imperative that Obama does act, because the truth is that saying “the recession is over” doesn’t mean that we’re out of the woods. The disastrous figures on unemployment show

that the average American worker is not better off just because the Dow passes 10,000. If we allow close to twenty percent of the U.S. workforce to stay unemployed, we risk never being able to genuinely say that the economic crisis of 2007-2009, our “Great Recession,” is truly over.



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“And what would your mother say?”

Nick Hawks
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I have a strong gag reflex – always have. So when I stepped in vomit the other day, vomit that definitely wasn't mine, I gagged a little, as stepping in the half digested pasta allowed its aroma to waft up into my nostrils – marinara, stomach acid, alcohol. I was moderately appalled – only moderately, though, because it certainly wasn't the first time a conversation of mine on a Sunday

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afternoon walk was interrupted by another's inability to remain content with a more functional level of inebriation.

College is about a lot of things: expand-

ing one's mind, earning a degree in a specific field, experimenting with all sorts of things in a safe environment, growing up. The latter is the one I'm particularly concerned with. Now, don't get me wrong, I do enjoy the occasional cocktail and/or beer (more so and), but if I have learned one thing in the past three years at Colorado College, it's how to hold my booze.

Now, don't get me wrong, there have certainly been times when the statement above didn't hold true, I assure you, but those lapses in judgment have ceased to continue as they served as periods of learning, I have made a fool of myself a number of times, thrown up in public places, and did and said a lot of many other things that I never remembered, but came to regret regardless. It took all of these incidents to get to the point where I am now. You must fall off the edge to really get a good understanding of where that edge is exactly.

The point that I am getting at is this: Halloween is just around the corner and I really don't want to step in vomit, walk through a hallway that reeks of vomit, or go into a

bathroom where all the toilets are peppered with vomit. I don't want this, the cleaning

level of alcohol tolerance due to varying experiences, tendencies, gender, size, and of

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staff doesn't want this, the administration doesn't want this, and realistically, you shouldn't want any of this either.

While All Hallows Eve has different cultural significance across the world (many more significant than ours), on American college campuses, it is a night to revel in good old fashioned masked debauchery. But participation in this debauchery does not require you to lose all self respect by trying to prove your worth by drinking more than your peers.

Some are big, some are small. Some are tall, and others, not so tall. But let's be honest, despite the overall homogeneity of Colorado College students, everyone is shaped differently and has a different

course, predetermined genetic disposition (I personally come from a long line of cross-bred ancestors who hailed from a number of nations known for their ability to function at even the highest levels of inebriation).

So do me a favor, nay, do yourself and your community a favor this weekend; as you are donning your mask, your drag attire, or whatever costume you're choosing to pretend that you're someone you're not for a day, hold your booze. It's not a contest and I can assure you that you can still get pleasantly inebriated without making an ass of yourself. And more importantly, ask yourself throughout the evening, “What would my mother say?”

Obama Sends More Troops to Combat... Fox News?

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As far as opinion shows, it is well known that Fox News chooses conservative hosts such as Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and Glenn Beck. However, what is often disregarded is the fact that these are opinion shows; of course they will be biased. In addition, each conservative

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host brings at least one (and most of the time multiple) opposing viewpoints on every show. But more importantly, news shows should not be evaluated for biasness based upon their opinion shows; CNN, CNBC and MSNBC have their fair share of liberally slanted hosts as well. When Fox and its rivals are evaluated based on the biasness of their news show programs, the results are quite opposite of the stereotypical portrayal of some media sources.

In a study conducted by Tim Groseclose, a UCLA political scientist, and Jeff Milyo of the University of Chicago, Groseclose and Milyo measured media bias by computing the number of times a media outlet will cite a certain think tank. Next, Groseclose and Milyo compare that to the number of times members of Congress cite the same think tank. Thus, a score is created that measures whether a media outlet will often side with more Democratic or Republican members of Congress. According to Groseclose and Milyo, the “results show a very significant bias...all news networks except for Fox News' Special Report received a score to the left of the average member of Congress.” When the major news organizations are lined up from the most centrist to the most biased (centrist citing nearly equal amounts of

liberal and conservative think tanks), they are placed in the following order: Drudge Report (1), Fox News' Special Report (2), ABC World News Tonight (3), and CBS Evening (4). The most biased media sources, which are the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times and USA Today, actually rank closer to the average score of a Democratic member of Congress (74.1) than the median of the entire House (39.0) between 1993-1999. In a past study conducted by freelance reporter Elaine Povich, Povich found that the large majority of journalists are liberal. In the 1992 Presidential election, only 7% of all Washington correspondents voted for George H. W. Bush, compared to the 37% of the public.

Recently, the rise of liberal media bias has not escaped the attention of the public. Gallup Polls in the past few years have found that Americans are three times as likely to find media bias “too liberal” as opposed to “too conservative.” Some of the best examples of media bias could be seen in the coverage of this summer's town hall meetings and 9/12 March on Washington. On Saturday's Good Morning America, co-host Bill Weir described a protest full of hatred and lack of civility: “This morning, outrage. Protesters descend on Washington to rally against the President's health care plan. As civility gives way to shouting, what's fueling all this anger?” Later, CNN's 5pm reporter Jim Spellman sought to categorize the protesters as a radical, conspiracy-theorist group. He argued that the protesters presented “outlandish

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conspiracy theories” by “comparing Obama to Hitler” and were “a sizable thread. It's not just a couple people on the edges.” Finally there was MSNBC, which simply chose not to cover any part of the protest, as tens of thousands took the streets of Washington.

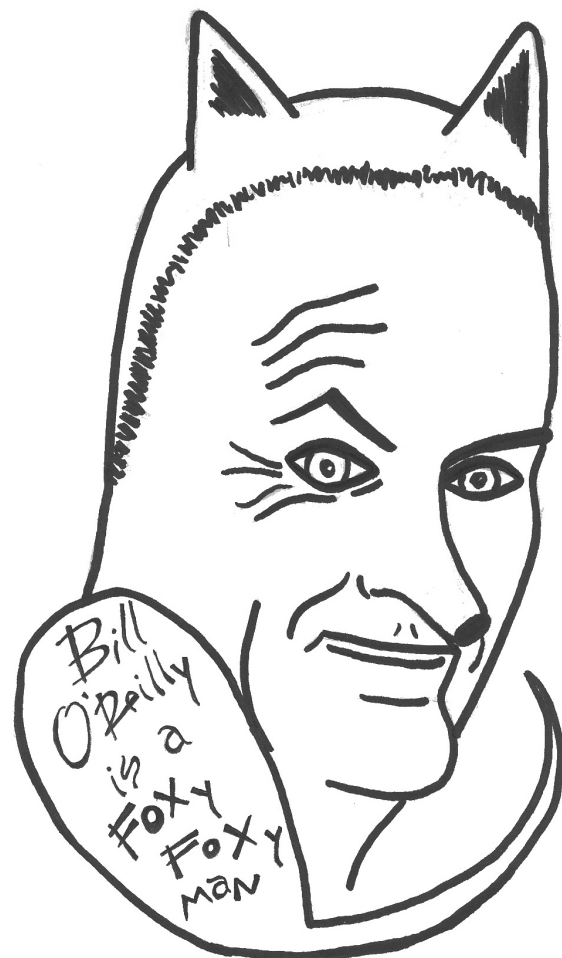
So why is it that an administration that faces so many daunting issues would rather pick a fight with a relatively moderate news station? To put it lightly, Obama seeks any distraction that will pull the attention of Americans

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away from the passage of the health care bill. Although August and September appeared to be the most heated months of debate, late October and early November will prove to be the most significant months, as the bill is voted on in the House and Senate. If Obama can distract voters from calling their representatives in the final weeks, there is a much stronger chance that Obama will be able to persuade key Congressmen and Senators to vote for his bill. Even with poll numbers showing a strong stance against Obamacare, Obama

needs to make only a few persuasions with an overwhelming Democratic majority in both the House and Senate.

As Obama continues his war, I believe that he will ultimately help rather than hurt Fox News. His administration's assaults raise questions about their motive behind attacking Fox News, drawing more curious viewers to “the show.” With all this misguided scrutiny, is it possible that Fox News has touched upon something Obama would not like you to know?



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Features

Cooper Smith's Pub and Brewery- reason to dive into Fort Collins

Nick Hawks
Catalyst Staff

Continuing the Catalyst tradition, we'd like to provide you with a recommendation for fine beer and dining whilst you are venturing around our great state of Colorado. So, if you find yourself in Fort Collins and the New Belgium and Odell Breweries are closed (as they are on Sunday), head out and explore the finer parts of Old Town.

After a long day of nationally renowned rock climbing near the Horsetooth Reservoir, located just a few miles west of Fort Collins, Colorado, the consensus in the car was that we were all craving a burger- but not just any fast food burger would do. We needed something authentic and hearty.

On our way into town, we called a friend who had lived in Fort Collins for the past three years and asked him to recommend a moderately priced place that met the requirements mentioned above. His response: Cooper Smith's Pub and Brewery.

Located in Old Town Fort Collins, a chain-free district made up of mostly historic brick buildings and brick laid sidewalks, Cooper Smith's is a large establishment which consists of an on-site brewery, pool hall and pub. The pub is long and rectangular with outside seating in the front, allowing restaurant goers to watch the bustling activity along East Mountain Avenue. Cooper Smith's also features a large indoor bar and dining room further away from the street.

Upon entering, we immediately noticed the well-lit dining area and the lively, slightly overwhelming atmosphere filled with the sounds of

clanking pots, sizzling meats and chefs yelling from the exposed kitchen. All of this was mixed with moderately loud music and the conversations of the other customers. The brick walls inside matched those on the outside and were decorated simply with framed paintings, one about every 15 feet.

There was no wait on this particular Sunday evening, but a majority of the tables were occupied. We were in a group of four and were seated in an uncomfortably small, semi-circular booth facing the exposed kitchen and the computers used by waiters to enter in the orders. Awkwardly enough, the booth's shape was not conducive to conversation and created a sense of distance despite the fact that all of our legs were touching under the table.

The service was prompt, but not particularly friendly, perhaps because we were a group of 21 year olds in an establishment mostly occupied by families and thirty-somethings. Water was refilled regularly and the main orders came at the same time in about 20 minutes.

The menus were printed on newspaper and were to be read as such, which, while novel, was slightly off putting as it seemed temporary, wasteful and unprofessional.

The menu's actual content, on the other hand, was much more appealing. All of the beer served was brewed onsite and could be ordered in a 5 (\$1.95), 10 (\$3.35), or 18 oz. (\$4.35) glass or a 60 oz. pitcher (\$10.00). They also had sample packs that could be ordered, consisting of 4-6 5 oz. glasses of different beers of choice for \$7-9, respectively. We sampled the Not Brown Ale, Horsetooth Stout, Green Chili Beer, and the Chai Stout.

For starters, we shared the vegetarian quesadilla, which was generously filled with hummus

and brie cheese, topped with diced tomatoes and chives, and served with a moderately spicy red chili dipping sauce (\$9 for 4 triangles). The dish arrived approximately 5 minutes after being ordered.

For the main course, I ordered the Mesa Verde Burger (\$9). This is their house burger topped with green chilies, pepper jack cheese and a chipotle bbq sauce, with pub chips on the side. The burger was cooked to order (medium) and was indeed hearty. The meat was lean, well seasoned, and not too greasy. As a whole, the burger was pleasantly spicy in that it had a kick, but was not so spicy that it slowed me down. The chipotle sauce was sweet and slightly spicy, but also fairly thin and watery. The pub chips, which were inch-long potato wedges, were golden brown, served at just the right temperature and were crispy on the outside and soft on the inside.

The menu was quite varied and offered a wide selection of sandwiches, steaks, salads, pastas, and fish, along with many other traditional pub-styled dishes such as wings, pizzas, and of course, burgers.

The Green Chili Beer was dark gold in coloring with a small, light head. It was quite aromatic with strong notes of green chilies, citrus, and hops. The flavor was well balanced with sweet notes in the beginning which transitioned to a stronger taste of spicy chilies that could be felt on the sides and the back of the palate, leaving a dryer aftertaste with a refreshing spice in the back of the throat. I would recommend this beer as the perfect compliment for any of the spicier dishes or burgers, especially those served with actual green chilies, as the beer is lighter, yet matches and flatters the other spices.

The Chai Stout had a rich, dark brown

coloring that allowed almost no light to pass through. The aroma had strong notes of sweet chai spice, chocolate and caramel. The stout, when tasted, was initially sweet but mellowed out into smoother flavor of deep chocolate malts.

The Not Brown ale had a dark burgundy color and smelled sweet with notes of nuts and hops. The flavor matched the scent in its slight sweetness, but was a fuller bodied brown ale with notes of nuts present throughout, especially in the aftertaste.

The Horsetooth stout was poured on a nitro tap, which uses nitrogen instead of carbon dioxide and makes the texture of the beer smoother, a technique that has become increasingly popular in the past years. Many people enjoy this smoother texture, but I find it to be bland and can often mellow out some of the beer's flavors. The Horsetooth stout was bland in both aroma and taste. It had notes of chocolate and caramel, but was not particularly flavorful and left me unsatisfied: it tasted more like a Guinness than the hand-crafted fuller bodied stout that I was expecting.

Cooper Smith's is a fun and lively restaurant that is appropriate for everyone from families to college students. The location is ideal as Old Town Fort Collins is a beautiful historic district. While not all of Cooper Smith's beers were exceptional, they have a much more impressive chili beer than I had previously tasted and their Chai Stout was an innovative and well-balanced rendition of a winter classic. Despite the establishment's shortcomings, it is worth a visit as their burgers are impressive and experimental and the ingredients are of very high quality.

To hell with guns, old cops fear retirement; Dan Marion's ride along experience with the CSPD

Dan Marion
Catalyst Staff

I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but the taserings, shootings and beatings in the TV show Cops are inaccurate. Bummer, right? As cliché as it sounds, the job of the Colorado Springs police is just as emblazoned right on their cars: "Safeguarding the community as our family."

Riding along with the self-proclaimed "Grandma" of the force, I had my chance at

excitement; she took me "smack dab in the center of where all the dead bodies are," in a place once dubbed the "kill zone." Even a scissor-stabbing pregnant woman was once found in the area! Now in her 60s, Kathy cared little about the running and shooting that she once experienced in the "kill zone." There's a story "much more interesting than what I do as a cop," she said while paying for my 44 oz. Watermelon Slush during happy hour at Sonic. "Us old people are afraid to quit." She explained how the struggling stock market and pricey

insurance policies make her fearful to retire; she couldn't afford it. Kathy jokingly nudged me and said, "I guess I should tell ya [my job is] for the good of the people," but she admits she got into law enforcement because of the money.

Still, I couldn't help noticing the enjoyment and true passion she had for the job. Outside her car, Kathy showed no mercy when busting a guy for illegally dumping his trash, but inside, she instant messaged "Your (sic) perfect" on her in-dash computer and threw-in "Yo baby"

and "Thanks dear" during her phone conversations.

As far as protecting and serving, Kathy does her job, but the real question is whether she can expect the same treatment from the government once she leaves the station. "They got to do something about us old people." Driving along, I hear her humming the tune to "Forever Young," and I can't help wondering if the song is a painful reminder of the financial problems she might experience once she retires.



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Sports

The Tigers move to first place in conference after a dominating two-game sweep of Michigan Tech

Aaron Patterson
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the Colorado College Tigers continued their impressive conference play with a two-game sweep of their rival Michigan Tech Huskies at the World Arena. On Friday night the Tigers opened with an impressive 4-1 victory. The “special offensive play” was the difference in the victory as the Tigers capitalized on three of five power-play opportunities. Strong defensive plays also contributed to the victory as they shut out the Huskies on both of

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their power-play opportunities.

Freshmen winger William Rapuzzi secured the win with an empty net goal with 2:06 left in the game. Senior left-winger Bill Sweatt contributed to all four goals, scoring the first goal of the game and assisting on the other three. Junior defensemen Ryan Lowery scored another of the four goals.

The Tigers enjoyed another superb performance by their freshmen players who



Photo: Colorado College

contributed two goals for the win. Freshmen William Rapuzzi scored a goal and fellow freshman Rylan Schwartz scored the game winning shot at 10:55 in the second period. Freshmen Goalie Joe Howe played a nearly perfect game, recording 33 saves and improving his record to 3-0-1 as a starter.

On Saturday night, the Tigers rallied for a

wild 8-5 win scoring five goals in the third period and overcoming an early two-goal deficit to move 4-1-1 overall on the season. The Tigers rallied back to tie the game 4-4 mid-way through the final period, aided largely by the play of Junior forward Tyler Johnson who kept the Tigers in the game with two-goals in the second period. Sophomore

Nick Dineen scored the go-ahead goal with 5:24 left to play in the third period to make it 5-4. Sophomore defenseman Gabe Guentzel contributed immensely to the Tiger's offensive effort in recording three assists and a goal in the come-from-behind victory. For the second straight night the Tiger's special teams were superb, surrendering only one goal in eleven of

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Michigan Tech's power plays. Senior left wing Bill Sweatt added three assists to the Tiger's winning effort and ended the weekend sweep with a total of seven points. For the second night in a row freshman Rylan Schwartz scored the game winner.

The Tigers are currently ranked 18th in Inside College Hockey (INCH) rankings. Upstate rival DU is ranked 3rd. Next weekend the Tigers will meet conference rival University of Minnesota Duluth at the World Arena in a two-game series where they hope to improve to 6-1-1 on the season and remain in first place in the WCHA conference.

Colorado College intramurals get physical

Katie Burns
Staff Writer

The annual Colorado College intramural dodge ball tournament is, once again, underway. The teams have gathered their players, each flaunting the usual amount of athleticism and brutality.

The game is played with six members on both teams who must fight for control of the eight rubber balls. The goal is to eliminate all players on the opposite team, while simultaneously retaining your team's numbers. The traditional rules apply: if a player catches a live ball, the thrower is out of the game. Balls can be played off the walls and when only two players are left on one side, the other team can

move in closer for the kill. These rules can make for vicious game play, especially when players conspire and single-out members from the other team. They ruthlessly throw cannons at these opponents, reminiscent of a firing squad. Games begin when participants rush to the middle line, grabbing at the dodge balls. They then engage in a standoff as teams edge toward the back walls. Eventually, the first ball is thrown, starting the game. Balls constantly whistle past players' heads, smacking the walls with ear-deafening force. Soon, when either side is left with only two players, the game really picks up. The opposing team is allowed to advance to the second line, getting a closer shot at the two disadvantaged players. The losing team is forced to dive and ditch balls,

desperately trying to stay in the game. They must make a quick come back or their team will be eliminated.

After fifty minutes of dodging, ducking, dipping, diving and dodging, even Patches O'Houlihan would be proud of teams “Lorraine Jordan and The Carolina Road” and “Balls are Fair in Love and War”. The two teams faced each other in a typical series of five games, each lasting ten minutes. Team “Balls” proved to be tougher, stealing the victory with their intimidatingly hard, fast throws. Despite team “Lorraine's” loss, two of their players, the “Gard(i)ner Brothers”, put on an impressive show. “Lorraine” player Ben Gardner made the most daring move of the night. Trying to avoid being hit, he jumped in the air, arms

and legs spread wide, exposing a sensitive target. He was hit between the legs, forced to crawl, whimpering, off the court. On a more positive note, “Lorraine's” Andrew Gardiner discovered a way to confuse the other team. He would punt the rubber balls over to the opposite side, creating a noisy distraction, allowing other teammates to pick off the opponents.

In case you plan on joining a team, here are some tips to prepare you for the big game... Make sure you know the rules, playground rules, they have a tendency to change. As satisfying as they are, face shots don't count. Girls are the biggest asset, if they're good, the team is good, don't settle for the average Betty. Be prepared to dish out the trash talk and receive it ten fold; it's a brutal game.



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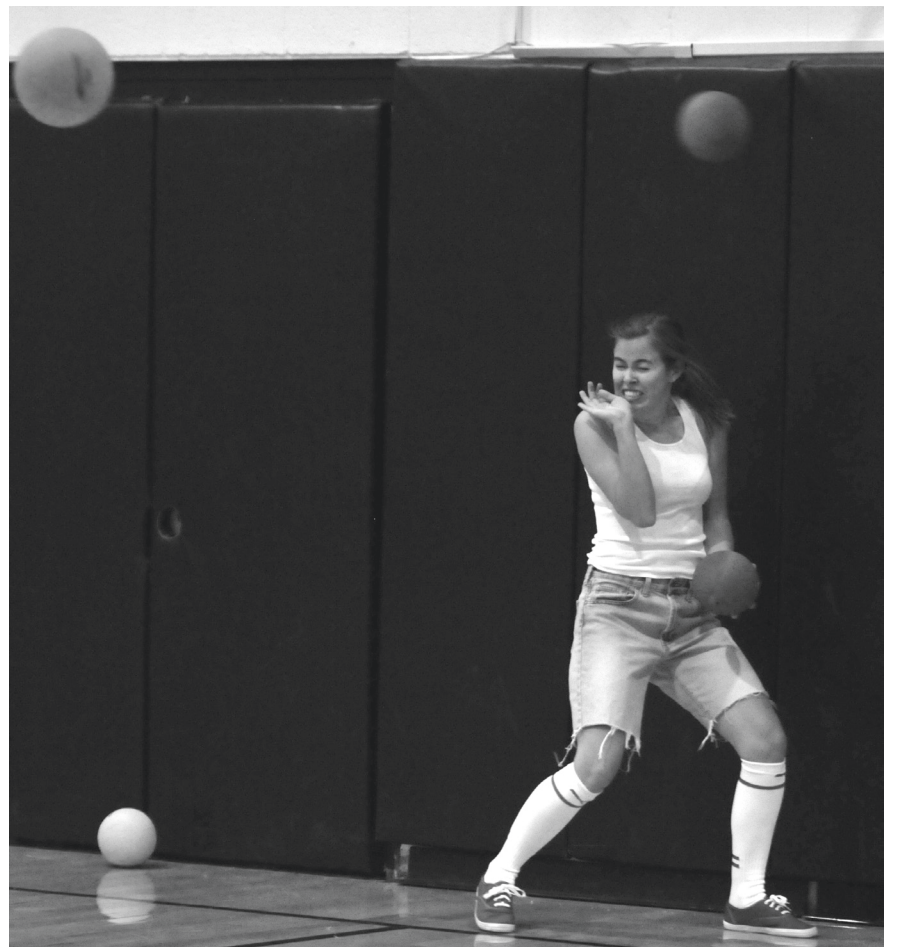


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Team Sex Ed re-introduces older players to the “birds and the bees”

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Team Sex Ed played a total of six games at Fright Flight; the men and women of this amalgam of teams won a laudable five out of the six games. While Sex Ed was originally ranked last in the tournament, their performance allowed them to rise from bracket E to bracket C after the first four games.

By the victorious end of the second match against the Von Trapp Family Flingers, their carefully applied face paint was beginning to melt off their sweaty, yet jubilant, faces. Wings and boas were drooping and their playing field was now littered with an assortment of faux red, green, orange and purple feathers. It was obvious that the consecutive ultimate matches were taking their toll, but two games and four hours later, Sex Ed emerged with a perfect record on the first day of Fright Flight.

The next day dawned with cobwebbed brains, aching muscles and cloudy skies. The temperature had dropped overnight and the wind had risen to wailing gusts. Despite the adverse weather conditions, team Sex Ed won its first match against the Inmates, a team of orange suited masters. They scored the winning point, effortlessly completed by freshman Nikki

Kaufman to fellow first-year Dan Eppstein, in a dramatic 6-6 showdown.

The second match, against the Party Animals, did not go as favorably, ending in a 7-6 victory for the opposing team. The last point of the game—a point called the “universe point” in the sudden-death vernacular of frisbee—came down to a nail-biting five minute rally. Although the loss was surely an upsetting one, their efforts were more than valiant. They left the tournament with a 5-1 record and their heads held high.

The bottom line is that Sex Ed dominated at Fright Flight. Despite the lightheartedness associated with the costume tournament, the men and women of the Colorado College team faced players far beyond their years. With the type of performance seen in Fort Collins, it is clear that this year’s club frisbee teams are armed with the tools to succeed on the field, even whilst covered in duct tape and feathers.



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Intramural Standings

DODGEBALL STANDINGS

Pool A

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Forfeits
Off Constantly	0	1	0	0
Multiple Scorgasms	1	0	0	0
The Abusement Park	0	1	0	0
Basketball Superstars	1	0	0	0
No Noodle Arms Here	0	0	0	0

Pool B

Team	Wins	Losses	Forfeits
Chuckie and the Butterflies	1	0	0
Balls are Fair in Love and War	1	0	0
Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road	0	1	0
FWS	0	1	0
Voodoo Narwhals	1	0	0
Balls Deep	0	1	0

Pool C

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Forfeits
Forest Guardians A	0	1	0	0
Prosthetic Balls	1	0	0	0
Bobs ont he Reg	1	0	0	0
1 Wild Wild West	0	1	0	0
Visions in Flannel	1	0	0	0
OG Muddog	0	1	0	0

Pool D

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Forfeits
Fruit of the Loomis	0	1	0	0
The 2 East Beast	0	2	0	0
Shank You Very Much	1	0	0	0
Hard as Ruckus	2	0	0	0
Inzaneity	1	0	0	0
Three Wolf Moon	0	1	0	0

Regular Season Volleyball Standings

"GOLD" Pool	Wins	Losses	Forfeits
Peer Ownage	5	1	0
What Now? Quiet Hours!	6	1	0
Golden Spike	0	6	0
Rage!	4	3	0
Hudabich	2	4	0
Team Awesome	1	5	1
How I Set Your Mother	3	3	0
Suns Out Guns Out	5	1	0
"BLACK" Pool	Wins	Losses	Forfeits
Team Derty Girl	4	2	0
Hit That (OUT)	0	4	2
Moons of my Hammie (OUT)	2	7	1
Team Soup a Stars Resurrected (OUT)	2	5	1
Clam Divers	0	0	0
Hip Hop Taste Buds	6	0	0
Robo Stevie (OUT)	0	4	2
The Setters	4	3	0

Flag Football Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Forfeits
The Balls	6	4	1
The Bearded Clams	3	4	0
[Clever Pun]	5	2	0
Hellfire Cannons	2	5	0
Ma' Chicknay	1	5	0
No Whiskey Business OUT	1	6	1
The Retrievers	1	6	0
Sexual Tyrannosaurs	7	1	0
Starship Troopers	7	0	0
Team Filthy McNasty	4	3	0
Who is Snapper Tams? OUT	0	4	2