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Do CC students need to reconsider their partying styles?



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Franken Amendment restores rights to sexual assault victims

Ben Quam
Staff Writer

In the summer of 2005, Jamie Leigh Jones signed an employee contract with the Halliburton subsidiary KBR, a firm involved in the rebuilding of Iraq. Ms. Jones arrived to work in Iraq that July and immediately began to file complaints with her supervisors about the constant sexual harassment directed at her by her male colleagues. She was living in a barrack with over 400 men and very few women. However, her requests were ignored, and within 4 days of being there, Jones was drugged and gang-raped. When she tried to report what happened to

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her supervisors, Jones was locked in a storage container and placed under guard. She was kept without food or a bed, and was told “if she left Iraq for medical treatment, she would be without a job.” It was only after she was smuggled a cell phone that her father and congressman made arrangements for her safe return. Jones was nineteen years old at the time.

Upon returning to the U.S., Jones attempted to sue KBR for damages, but the company invoked a condition in her contract: sexual assault allegations could not be taken to court and could only be heard in what is called “private arbitration,” where the decision is relegated to

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Parties die quickly and local authorities constantly deal with complaints. Where have we gone wrong?

Hugh Johnson
Guest Writer

It's been a long week; I think we all feel like that. After enduring five days of my professor's droning monologue, spending countless hours in the library, and having drained all my energy driving to and from various extracurricular activities; I'm ready to take a breather. Each weekend's arrival feels like a steaming bowl of soup after a long day outside in the freezing cold. The perks are endless: sleeping in, kicking it with roommates, watching ball games, and of course, partying. Somehow, I've become enamored with

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stuffing myself in a cramped room overcrowded with hot, sweaty, people and listening to music that's way, way, too loud. Not only this but also the opportunity to engage in meaningless and sometimes undecipherable banter with my inebriated peers.

Somewhere between the dozens of red Solo cups lying around the house and hardwood floors sullied with a slippery mixture of beer and dirt; I've come to like partying. But, as the years pass, Fergie's “Glamorous” turns into Lady Gaga's “Poker Face,” and parties that used to end at two now die down around twelve-thirty.

With each passing year, the problem gets worse. I'll arrive around midnight, just looking for a good time, only to realize that most of the parties have been broken up and the ones that are

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still worth going to have slowed down considerably. This past block was no exception, with the majority of parties being stopped before they really got going.

What's the reason behind this? Are the cops out to ruin our fun? Do the Colorado Springs residents that live around campus hate us? Perhaps, we are the source of our own problem. Local law enforcement officers say that the majority of area calls they receive are noise complaints around the college. They get a few open container complaints here and there, but noise

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remains as the biggest problem. The city of Colorado Springs upholds a “Generic Noise Code” policy, meaning that there isn't a set decibel

volume at which a noise complaint can legally be made. If a neighbor can hear noise outside his or her house and is bothered by it, he or she can legally call in a noise complaint. The police say that they also receive calls from drivers and local residents complaining of a high volume of pedestrian traffic in the street. Drivers claim that it is difficult for them to see the drunken students, who often cross the street at will.

However, law enforcement and residents are not the only ones concerned with this issue; many seniors are working against the problem as well. Recently, a meeting was held in Gaylord to discuss the noise complaints resulting from off-campus parties. I got the chance to speak more with two seniors, Tristan Kanipe and Troy Diechen, about their reaction to the issue. There was a common theme echoed throughout the meeting, and we concluded that the student body needs to reevaluate the way it views the party scene. Kanipe put it well when he said, “It's just kind of a different point of view now,

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Freshmen seem to interpret partying differently than seniors do. For a freshman it appears to be about “raging”—partying at full throttle with unhinged inhibitions and little afterthought.

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In contrast, seniors love to party and have good-ol-congenial fun, but now we have the responsibility of taking care of a home. Seniors are a bit more cautious, seeing as we are liable for those noise complaints and tickets that so frequently occur. Freshmen, who are only looking for a good time, and rightfully so, are not aware of their impact on both the community and the senior residents. Hopefully the

term “bar talk” to describe the conversations taking place on party nights. Since everyone is drunk and everyone is talking, there’s incentive for everyone to speak louder—hence, there are a lot of noise complaints. No one is being asked to stop drinking, partying, or having fun—just be a little quieter when traveling to and from house parties.

One way to keep things quiet is to leave the dorm rooms in smaller groups; try and limit

the CC bubble, that CC students are isolated from the rest of the town, but in reality there are many ways in which this simply isn’t true. When we go out, we need to remember that, unlike many colleges, CC is not sequestered from the community that surrounds it. There are many local residents that live amongst our seniors who have their own responsibilities. By following these guidelines, we can limit the number of noise complaints and, thus, we can

number of house parties here at Colorado College. Another possibility would be an increase in 21 and over parties that exclude the younger members of the CC student body, the dreaded “list parties.” No one wants this to continue or get worse.

With Halloween coming up, there’s no doubt that it’s going to be a wild and crazy time. We’re all excited and we all want to have a good time but we have to remember to keep things

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freshmen will begin to realize that, when they are partying, they are entering someone’s home. As Deichen puts it, “You’re actually going to students houses—where they live. The next day, they’ve gotta clean up the mess you make...which is fine, because the way CC traditionally runs is that, for three years you get to party at these houses and then it’s your turn to deal with it.”

The predicament is how to deal with these various repercussions: noise, traffic complaints and the like, so that our parties can run longer and be less disappointing. The fundamental issue is the banter associated with trekking to and from parties, as well as the obnoxious behavior outside houses. This has to stop! Jeff Cathey, the Associate Dean of Students, coined



Photo: Ben Mackall

the size of groups traveling to parties to ten and under. And remember, keep the volume level down when you enter the house. Don’t stand outside at 1:30 a.m.—that will attract more people and create more noise. Remember to be safe when crossing the street. Don’t assume that a car isn’t coming or isn’t going to speed up. As a student body, we need to be more respectful of the community by which we are surrounded. There’s a lot of talk about

party longer.

Ultimately, if things don’t settle down, the consequences will be dire. Seniors will be less willing to host parties if the danger of tickets and noise complaints loom. A ticket runs around \$115—at a minimum—and considering that seniors have to pay for clean up, beer, and household damages; the incentives to host big parties are dwindling. As a consequence of this we have already seen a severe drop in the

in check. We are lucky to have members of our student body who enjoy hosting seventy or more students at their homes; but, we cannot abuse their hospitality. We need to remember our neighbors: CC seniors don’t inhabit every house on Weber or Wahsatch. If we can keep it quiet in the streets and respect other people’s property, our parties will be everything we expect them to be.

Witnessing the Whitney: public urination and its consequences

Andrew Larson

Guest Writer

Outside the Whitney Electric Building on the night of September 19, a CC student (who has asked to remain anonymous) was urinating in the alley behind the building during the MasqueRave party thrown by student-run music group, Sensation Productions. Earlier in the night, other students had relieved themselves in a similar fashion without incident. In this particular case however, the Colorado Springs Police Department handcuffed the student, placed the student in a police car, and charged the student with public urination and resisting arrest. This incident marred an otherwise successful night of student directed entertainment.

According to Paraprofessional Ella Street, the “concept of the Whitney is to encourage creativity.” The building is a student directed site for performance art which primarily houses small poetry readings, video screenings and plays developed by and for CC students. It originated four years ago when students sought to make “art a more bottom up experience,” according to Ms. Street. The building has been largely under student direction, with students helping to improve the space.

A side-effect of the egalitarian spirit which the Whitney encourages is the relatively crude nature of the space. During the night of September 19, the unexpected size of the MasqueRave exposed problems with the Whitney as a site for mass events. Both Ms. Street and Sensation Productions chief Ian McGee noted

the difficulties posed by an event that spilled out of the building and into the adjoining parking lot. The spillover was not, however, a problem in itself. Only when students failed to find adequate bathroom facilities nearby did the situation become problematic. As the party continued, students spilled out of the CC parking lot, in which the Whitney is located, and into the public alley behind the building. Some of these students decided to relieve themselves in the alley, setting the scene for a confrontation with the police.

The CSPD and Campus Safety had been routinely notified of the event on the nineteenth and Ms. Street had procured a sound permit for the event. According to Campus Safety and Ms. Street, no sound complaints were filed with the CSPD. The police presence arrived in the form of a lone squad car, whose drivers heard the noise of the party and investigated on the initiative of the officers on the scene. Upon arrival, they found a student urinating in the alley and decided to take action against the offender.

According to the student, he/she had noticed the police and began to walk away when multiple police officers tackled and subdued him/her without warning. The student said that he attempted to tell the police that he/she was not resisting after they began to handcuff him and received no response. This account is largely corroborated by eyewitness testimony, although one witness reported hearing the police call for the student to stop as he/she looked at them while walking away.

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The Friendship Bridge is a non-profit organization that provides micro credit loans and education to Mayan weavers and their families in Guatemala. Over 10,000 women have been granted loans by the organization and in the process it has seen a 99% payback rate.

Over thirty non-profits will be participating in The Alternative Gift Fair. The groups will be selling hand made items from all over the world, and all proceeds will go to the non-profits for their work in helping to alleviate hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

The sale will take place on October 24, 2009 at the Broadmoor Community Church located at 315 Lake Ave, Colorado Springs, CO, 80906 from 9:30 am to 4:30 PM.

A neighbor's perspective on the party culture

Sarah Albert

Features Editor

I recently interviewed Kathleen Miller, a Colorado Springs resident who has lived next to CC for twenty years, in attempt to better understand what life is really like as a neighbor of the college. Although there are many negatives in the following discussion, I would like to note to the reader that this conversation was not intended to just rail on CC students; rather, Mrs. Miller and I would like to educate the community as to some of the real problems that occur far too frequently in attempt to end

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the madness that the CC party culture can sometimes create.

It is our hope that party-goers will be more cautious of the repercussions of their actions and, in the future, think twice before screaming obscenities down the street, urinating on someone's front porch, or dropping beer bottles in neighbors' yards. Please, take something meaningful away from this article: realize that not everyone within a two mile radius of campus wants to drink beer until he or she can't remember how stressful the block plan is. Act like a respectable human being.

Why did you choose to live in the area of Colorado Springs that you are in now?

I was right out of college looking for good work opportunities, and was attracted to the area because of the conveniences CC offers, in addition to the status of the neighborhood. The houses that you live in and around—they are worth over \$500,000—it's a very respectful

place to raise a family.

What are some of the benefits of living near CC?

We utilize many aspects of the College. From the fine arts, to the various lecture series going on around campus, to Yampa field, CC allows us to stay active in the community. It's fun for me to take advantage of the programs that they have, in addition to the facilities, and the campus is generally a nice place to walk.

How is living next to CC a negative?

The one and only negative: the parties. That negative weighs so big on the con side of this argument that it overshadows the good sometimes, especially in the last 6 or 7 years. I'd have to say that this year, by far, is the top one or two party years.

In what areas of life does this constant party scene affect your family the most?

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Right now, the way it affects us is that it keeps us up. We have sporting events on Saturday, we go to church in the morning on Sunday, so we can't stay up all night, but it often ends up that way on weekends. It's frustrating to be woken up—and anger only makes it harder to get back to sleep. I have worked the 4 A.M. shift at the airport, and parties sometimes continue to wake me up until 2 A.M., so there goes my night. But it's not just me who complains; my kids can't sleep either. The problem is, little children can't differentiate between loud parties and something going wrong outside. My ten-

year-old daughter will wake me up because she thinks the commotion is a danger... she worries about her safety. Although my fifteen-year-old isn't afraid any more, he gets mad when he has a test the next morning and he can't sleep because he keeps getting woken up.

Is it the music or the yelling that frequently interrupts your night?

Definitely the yelling... we call it “the woohoo factor.” The later it gets, the bigger and louder the woohoos. I mean, beer voices happen to everyone, whether you are 16 or 60. The problem is, the drunker you get, the louder you get, and so does everyone else. But it shouldn't be acceptable to run down the street with your friends screaming inappropriate language at all hours of the night. How would that go over if this were happening in your mother or father's neighborhood?

You're right, my dad would go crazy.

Exactly. This lack of respect is very disheartening. It gets out of control now, with kids on cell phones—people literally stand in my driveway screaming about the “rager” on the street with free beer and music. We don't use foul language in my house, but my children have heard unbelievable things up and down the street—things I wouldn't want to repeat.

I am ashamed of my peers and myself.

Well, there's another ugly side to this problem: the trash. We wake up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings and do trash sweeps—its part of our children's chores. We have filled trash bags with 7-11 snack bags, broken glass, beer bottles, cans and red cups and we don't even have that big of a yard. The worst part is

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that my kids walk here and they ride their bikes through here. I wouldn't drop my trash in your apartment.

What are some of your experiences with students?

Oh, I've had some great relationships

with CC kids. I like knowing the girls next to me, and, to be honest, I feel like a mother hen! Make sure that your doors and cars are locked—I don't want you guys hurt! But, as neighbors and older people, we have also had some terrible experiences with students. It's not about what happens in the four walls of your house, though. The party is a problem when it happens outside of your four walls. We've been in your position and we know where you are coming from, but lately it has become worse. It has just taken on a different flavor over the last several years—a whole lot louder and a whole lot dirtier. I've had people barf on my porch and on my sidewalk, and the public urination is appalling. One night, within 30 seconds, four people peed not only around my house, but on it. I watched two girls pee INTO my air conditioner. Do you know what that does? It blows urine through the house. When someone

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peed on my porch, it smelled like urine for so long because it was hot out. And that's the con—that's what I see as a neighbor. That means it doesn't matter how much we utilize the college, how great the arts or the sports are...what's imbedded in my mind is the actions of the people. We've had so many things stolen, from furniture to basketballs. I've even had my front window shattered after calling in a noise complaint.

Clearly, there must be a better way for students to communicate with neighbors, and vice versa. What would you recommend for those of us who want to party without disturbing the whole area?

Help the people around you and don't let it get to the screaming point. Remind each other that you are out in a neighborhood and it's not the campus anymore.

Old North End Neighborhood reaches out to students

Welcome to the Old North End Neighborhood

I would like to welcome back returning faculty, staff and students for another school year, and, at the same time, welcome first time students, staff and faculty members to the Colorado College, Colorado Springs and the Old North End Neighborhood communities. I hope you have a great school year, one that is full of new challenges, discoveries, learning opportunities and friendships. The Colorado Springs community is one of the finest in the Rocky Mountain region. The Old North End and Colorado College are two of the city's unrivaled gems, which are both located in the heart of downtown Colorado Springs.

The Old North End Neighborhood stretches out over eighty-nine city blocks covering 1,500 homes just to the north of Colorado College campus. Colorado Springs was founded in 1871, Colorado College in 1874, and roughly around that same timeframe, the meadows just north of the college were developed as the northern boundary of the established downtown of Colorado Springs. The grand and beautiful homes located just to the north of the College make up what is now known as the Old North End Neighborhood (ONEN).

Just like the fantastic and unique homes and trees within the neighborhood, the Old North End's most prized assets are the neighbors that live within its boundaries. The neighborhood

offers a blend of folks who come from all walks of life, from educational to professional backgrounds, retired folks, working class families and everyone else in between at all levels of education and income.

The neighbors of the Old North End openly welcome returning students to the neighborhood on a yearly basis. When asked for some of the top reasons why they moved into the neighborhood, most of the neighbors would respond that the proximity of the neighborhood to the college as one of main reasons for moving to their new location. There has been a working relationship between Colorado College and the Old North End Neighborhood for decades. Both the college and neighborhood have and will continue to support each other's community interests and goals. We definitely

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Vic Appugliese

want to be good neighbors and partners to the College and we understand that the staff, faculty, and student body feel the same way about our neighborhood.

However, there have been past occasions where the ties of friendship have been tested

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by over-zealous student partiers. Granted, at times, some of our established neighbors have not responded in the most neighborly fashion to being awakened from a night's sleep by animated party-goers from the College traveling to and from the neighborhood on weeknights, weekends, and block breaks. We welcome visitors to the neighborhood, but we ask that students who travel to and from (either visiting friends and classmates or searching for the next party) to respect the peace and quiet that have become the expected standard within the Old North End. Please keep the noise down; the people you wake in the middle of the night or in the early morning hours are working folks who need their sleep and rest to perform optimally at their jobs the next day.

Additionally, the second complaint by neighbors is the littering of plastic cups and bottles from one party to the next, down the block or around the corner. Again, please

respect the laws of the state, city as well as the long tradition of the Old North End to be a trash free neighborhood! Please, do not litter. I would also like to remind visitors to the neighborhood to be cautious when crossing the neighborhood streets, especially at night, when motorist visibility of pedestrians is at its lowest.

We all benefit from being neighborly and respectful to each other and we hope to keep the lines of communications open. I encourage you to get to know your neighbors! Take the initiative, introduce yourself to your neighbors and let them know who you are. I'm sure you'll find them friendly and approachable people who are reasonable folks.

If you cannot reach an amicable relationship with your neighbors or cannot reach a common ground of dialogue, then please, utilize the different school agencies such as Student Life & the Community Relations Manager or contact me via e-mail at president@oldnorthend.org. Together, we can find a mutual ground of communication and respect to move forward to conflict resolution.

Again, welcome back to the returning students, faculty, and staff and a special welcome to the first time students. I hope you'll enjoy your time within our unique and beautiful neighborhood. Good luck to everyone and have a safe and productive school year. Thank you.

Go Tigers!

Vic Appugliese
President
Old North End Neighborhood

The Carriage House: the unknown musical venue serves as a gem for student events

Partying at CC proves to be groovy and still run smoothly with on campus locations

Gordon Matthewson
Guest Writer

The live music scene at CC is constantly in flux. To throw a good house party with good music, the owners need to know musicians and prepared to foster an environment that can support it. Thus, parties with live music do not happen frequently enough. Due to the size of our school there is little area partitioned for exclusive college *house*-ing, and students often have neighbors not affiliated with the College.

This may seem irrelevant to those who live in the dorms but, the implications of having neighbors not on the block plan must be recognized—neighbors have real-world schedules

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and in some scenarios, have the ever-dreaded infants. Babies tend not to care what kind of spin you're putting on a Phish cover or that your bassist is killing it or even that attractive girls have started dancing on your amps. They care that their sleep is being disturbed and end up inciting their parents to invite the Colorado



Photo: Catalyst Staff

Springs Police to the party. But, perhaps I just have the wrong impression of our next-door neighbors. Maybe they are simply calling the police to tell them about a sweet party next door with a band and if they hurry there will

most likely still be some keg beer left. In any case, it is a situation set up for failure. Houses near campus will always have young children or they'll have other legitimate reasons why they

“Babies tend not to care what kind of spin you're putting on a Phish cover, or that your bassist is killing it, or that attractive girls have started dancing on your amps. They care that their sleep is being disturbed.”

don't want loud rock music to shake their windows.

However, the good news is that CC does have a few good music venues. These places take the pressure off landed seniors, allow for multiple spots for musicians to play and provide opportunities for younger CC students who don't have friends living off campus, to party. The Whitney, consistently

the culprit of fun dance parties, the outdoor quads and The Worner Center are all great places to host events. The Hunger Awareness Month barbecue, which had its own sound set up and stage, ended up being a rousing success. Some 350 people had the pleasure of listening to tunes in the sun while noshing on a wide variety of excellent foodstuffs. In addition to these spots, there is one place that really knows how to throw down.

If you get the chance this year, go to a gathering at the Carriage House. No matter who is playing, there is sure to be lots of smiling, provocative dancing and groovy tunes. Events are rarely interrupted by Campus Safety, and never by the police. And really, there is very little reason why they should be. It is right in the middle of campus buildings and student housing. So, at 10 P.M. on a Friday night, few people, if any, are bothered.

Freshmen have arrived with instruments and talent and it is about time to host an event at the Carriage House. Live music at the Carriage House brings power, complexity, focus, synergy and improvisation. Shows are awesome places in which to move, if you left yourself. The sounds of the Carriage House can take you to a place of foot-tapping, head-bobbing, eye-closing pleasure.

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MasqueRave unmasks questionable behavior

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The same witness reported that the police only tackled the student after he/she initially protested to being handcuffed.

Campus Safety had not noted any problems on their routine patrols. The CSPD notified CC security only after the student had been apprehended. Investigating the scene, the Campus Safety personnel on duty found no violations of Whitney policy and characterized the large crowd of students as festive but well behaved. The procedures for notifying police and Campus Safety about events had been followed and no alcohol was served on site, as required by Whitney policy.

The incident struck a nerve with many in the CC community. Asked what his response to the scene had been, witness Mark Gianetti said, "I think we were all shocked." The student handcuffed, while accepting responsibility for wrongdoing, characterized the police response as a "standoffish and aggressive" response to a common, nonviolent situation. This reporter personally witnessed many students milling about in confusion and shock shortly after the incident.

Although the police response was a shock to many, others did not find it surprising. Associate Dean of Students Jeff Cathey expressed concern over the lack of proper bathroom facilities at the Whitney. He was unaware of any misconduct from the police, who responded to a student engaging in inappropriate behavior. He said that, in spite of this incident, the rela-

tionship between the CSPD and CC has been generally good this year, with few serious noise problems. In his view, the combination of a well-attended event and the lack of bathrooms created the incident.

McGee also expressed concern over the facilities at the Whitney. Whitney policy requires that alcohol not be served and that events end at midnight, both policies were followed at the MasqueRave. He characterized the police presence as "early and unjustified," but he also recognized that the lack of bathrooms catalyzed the incident.

The consensus that a lack of facilities contributed to the incident should not overshadow the unique qualities of the Whitney as a student space. The presence of a student-directed space allows the CC art community a great deal of creative freedom. The unanticipated popularity of the MasqueRave should be an endorsement of the possibilities of such a space. The vast majority of student projects at the Whitney do not pose the same issues. Even at the MasqueRave, the vast majority of students behaved well and avoided problems with the police and Campus Safety.

The primary culprit appears not to be the facility but the nature of the event. A well-attended music performance exposed the Whitney's limits as a performance space. Its unique status as a student-directed space allows for a great deal of creative freedom and the building is a fine addition to CC's culture. There remains, however, a need for event organizers to account for the peculiarities of such a venue. Students must respect a space which allows

the student body to contribute to a richer and more varied campus art experience than would be possible without the democratic spirit of the Whitney.

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Communications Office speaks to the CC campus

Dear CC Students,

I'm so glad that the Catalyst has chosen to focus on the topics of drinking and partying, fostering student discussion and debate about the places where rights and responsibilities meet (and sometimes collide.)

As Community Relations Director, I have one of the coolest jobs possible. I get to celebrate CC with our community friends and partners and I get to promote the wonderful things CC faculty and students do. In the vast majority of my interactions with individuals, businesses and organizations in Colorado Springs. There is a very positive impression of the College and of you. Talking about CC students is a pleasure and usually brings me great pride.

However, there are occasions when your actions are not a source of pride. Sometimes, your behavior offends and alienates our neighbors who live near the college.

I'm not going to launch into a lecture about Colorado host liability law, underage drinking, local noise ordinances or our own CC Code of Conduct. If you're old enough to vote and smart enough to be admitted to CC, I assume you know the law. Instead, I want to talk about relationships.

Colorado College is not an island. We need the flourishing residential neighborhoods nearby and we need our alliances with the terrific people who live here and their neighborhood associations. If we mistreat them, we have to try to make it right.

I doubt that you set off with intentions of mistreating anyone when you go off-campus looking for parties. That's probably the farthest thing from your minds. Being drunk or getting a little loud probably seems like a victimless offense. But you don't live in a self-contained "bubble;" there are literally hundreds of other people living around our campus, next door to the seniors you know who rent houses nearby, across the street, along your path.

There are elderly people with chronic illnesses, there are young professionals working hard to maintain their homes and careers and there are lots of families with young children. Believe me, those children see and hear what goes on around them and some of what they've seen isn't very flattering to Colorado College. Many of these people form their main impression of CC students from what they observe on week-

end nights. Is that impression a full, fair and well-rounded one, reflecting all the good things you do? Maybe not. But the pertinent question is, what have you shown them? Your actions on the residential streets near CC can do more to bolster or undermine our image than almost anything else.

The overwhelming majority of our neighbors are good people and many of them are surprisingly mellow and forgiving. Most of them remember their own college days and they understand that you want to blow off some steam with fun occasions. They simply want to be treated with the courtesy and respect that our own Code of Conduct and our Core Values demand of us. They want the right to a good night's sleep in their own homes. They want to be free of loud disruptive behavior, property damage and littering in their yards. They deserve this much. I'm paid to apologize to our neighbors when they aren't treated with respect. It's my job and I'm happy to do it. But, your actions mean a million times more than my apologies.

Last but not least, as a member of the CC community, I don't want anything bad to happen to any of you. There are worse things that can happen than upsetting people or getting a visit from the CSPD. We all learn through making mistakes and testing our limits; most mistakes will just be rueful lessons learned along the way. There are a few mistakes that you don't get a second chance to recover from, however, and I never want to see a tragedy befall any of you. Everybody tells you these are the best years of your life, and they are. Enjoy them to the fullest. Have fun, be respectful, and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Connie Dudgeon
CC Community Relations Director



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Comment & Debate

Save our Synergy! Our beloved co-op is being forced to move, but where to?

Jeff Hester

Comment & Debate Editor

In wake of the Bush administration and all three versions of the civilian Hummer, our nation's collective attitude towards the environment has definitely changed for the better. Nowadays, everyone, even the Rastall powers-that-be, is buying locally grown produce. Blue states have been flooded with swarms of Prius sedans. Environmental consciousness is now a more pertinent subject than ever before, especially for our generation, which will be responsible, as cliché as that may sound, for not only cleaning up but also solving the underlying problems behind the messes we have created. It's true what they say: nothing is hipper than being green. Colorado College has surely followed this trend as evidenced by the 2009 Princeton Review. CC has been lauded with one of the fifteen spots on their coveted "Green Honor Roll," which recognizes the school for its environmental practices and academic offerings in environmental policy.

That being said, a shocking contradiction to this trend is the college's recent plan to move our beloved neighborhood co-op. The terms of the current plan include moving the Synergy house out of its quaint abode on Yampa and into a wing set aside in the dorms of Mathias. I don't know about you readers, but something about a co-op in a building that was built to resist riot behavior doesn't sound right to me.

After hearing this news, the appropriate response would be to cry, gnash your teeth and wonder to yourself why the college would be moved to do such a thing; so, here's the skinny:

In 2006, the American Department of Justice audited Colorado College under the

been forced to make adjustments in order to make certain theme housing more handicap accessible. Ultimately, the Department of Justice sought to make living situations such as the co-op at Synergy or the community at the Interfaith house (which is also set to be

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Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for not providing handicap access into some of CC's more "historic" residence halls, such as the Synergy house. As a result, the campus has

moved) more open to handicapped students. Renovating Synergy house to make it handicap accessible would require a complete overhaul of the building's structure, the significant cost

associated with that option renders it out of the question.

Initially, the college's best bet was to simply move the Synergists—a fair option—if the co-op were to receive just as much, if not more, land to expand in order to compensate for growing interest in environmental consciousness on campus. This, however, would obviously not be the case if the co-op were to be relocated to Mathias, where there is no backyard to grow veggies or develop compost, and definitely no room for a good old-fashioned potluck.

At a meeting with the student government, the Synergists expressed their concern that if the co-op was moved to Mathias, there would be a huge loss of interest and the strength of the program would wane. In order to remedy this problem, there has been discussion of moving the co-op to Arthur House, where they would have more room both inside and

outside their residence. This seems like a clean and logical solution to an otherwise pestering dilemma but, of course, it could never be that easy.

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On the door to the Synergy mudroom there are two pieces of paper dangling vertically beside an orange pen. The pages are fairly normal in length but they are already starting to fill up with names and e-mail addresses of supportive

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The uncertain future of our beloved neighborhood co-op: the Synergy house

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students. This resulted in a growing list of Synergy housemates and people who want to see the community live on and thrive in future years. It's an effort to prove to the college that the Synergy house is something of empirical importance to the student body. The members of Synergy are set on keeping Synergy out of Mathias and into a more nurturing environment, but the truth is, they just don't want to move at all.

"Well," Synergy resident Eleanor Anderson told me while passing out stir-fry to a sleepy housemate and a visiting friend, "the food situation will definitely be different. With twenty-five people and a kitchen smaller than we have now, it just won't feel nearly as communal."

Living in a co-op such as Synergy requires space that not only allows work outside of the house but also encourages tight-knit community living that fosters an agreeable lifestyle. Because of Synergy's position as a progressive presence at the school, Synergy deserves this

space. I agree it is unfortunate that the school has to move the co-op, but Synergy provides a constant positive influence on the student body and allows students to have the experience of living a sustainable lifestyle; it should be treated with the same respect and dignity it has given the school during its existence on campus.

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description explains, "Synergy offers the amazing opportunity for students and community members to visualize and practice the ideal of living as sustainably as possible." This is not an experience you can have in a dorm. In order to live sustainably, one has to live a little bit further than just a flight of stairs away from the C-Store.

The description goes on to say, "This little house stands to nourish the fertile seeds of the dawning sustainable living revolution." A co-op like Synergy simply cannot flourish as an organization if it does not have the space to evolve and become more sustainable as the demand for sustainability grows and grows. A revolution in environmental consciousness is

college will understand that a budding being like Synergy cannot bloom within the confines of Mathias and, as anyone who has tried knows, it is hard to keep compost in your dorm room.

I urge all of you readers out there to stop by Synergy house sometime before the block ends and sign the petition to keep Synergy out of Mathias. Don't be shy, it's on Yampa and you will undoubtedly be greeted with love and hospitality. All it takes is your name to take one step further in encouraging the growth of an organization that is truly worth saving. Save our Synergy!

upon us and Synergy is a proud organization that deserves to be able to expand accordingly.

If Synergy is to "nourish the fertile seeds of the dawning sustainable revolution," the college must support the co-op, not only in this instance, but also in the future, where it could continue to stand as an example of strong progressive action on campus. Maybe then the

The signing of the Franken Amendment searches for justice amidst bureaucracy

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evaluation by a third party. This meant that the charges would never be taken to court, Jones would not get to sue for the amount of damages she felt she deserved and the ruling would be kept secret, with no public record of a court decision.

This was the story told on the Senate floor by U.S. Senator Al Franken, Democrat of Minnesota, who proposed an amendment to the U.S. Defense Budget that would prohibit federal money from going to firms who use "arbitration clauses" to prevent victims of sexual assault from the ability to sue their employers. Franken said about his amendment, "The constitution gives everybody the right to due process of law ... and today, defense contractors are using fine print in their contracts to deny women like Jamie Leigh Jones their day in court. ... The victims of rape and discrimination deserve their day in court [and] Congress plainly has the constitutional power to make that happen."

The Franken Amendment passed with

"Jones was locked in a storage container and placed under guard. She was kept without food or a bed, and was told 'if she left Iraq for medical treatment, she would be without a job.'"

bipartisan, but not unanimous, support. Thirty Republican Senators, 75% of the Republican caucus, voted against it. They said that it was, "A political attack against Halliburton," that the amendment violated the constitution and that it would meddle in the private sphere's ability to write contracts. These charges are not only completely unfounded but are also dismissive to the cause of Ms. Jones and others in her position. The amendment would apply to any firm taking federal government money, not just Halliburton. Furthermore, the federal government conditions money all the time, for instance, federal transportation money is allocated on the condition

that states enforce a legal drinking age for alcohol of twenty-one. Finally, as for assertions that the amendment would meddle in contracts, it would only insofar as firms can't deny rape and sexual assault victims their ability to present the facts to a judge and jury. Among the Republican Senators who voted against the amendment, three in particular highlight the hypocrisy and political expediency that defines today's Republican party. They operate on the assumption that there is one set of rules for them and their favorite corporations, etc, and a different set of rules for Jamie Leigh Jones and everyone else.

John Ensign, Republican of Nevada, didn't think it was necessary for victims

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of sexual assault to have their day in court. Ensign did, however, think it was permissible to have an affair with one of his staffers earlier this year. Ensign, a married man, then thought it would be fine to have his parents "pay out nearly \$100,000 to the family of his mistress out of his private funds." This was on top of the \$25,000 that his mistress was paid personally as a "severance package" when she left his campaign. Finally, Ensign got the husband of the staffer a job as a lobbyist for multiple Nevada corporations, in clear violation of federal law. These facts have compelled the Department of Justice to explore pursuing a grand jury investigation. The Senator still denies he was trying to buy the silence of the family.

Similarly, Republican Senator David Vitter of Louisiana wouldn't put his name on the list of "Yea" votes for the Franken

amendment, but he's hasn't had problems with signing his name to more scandalous ones. "In 2007, Vitter's telephone number was found in the client list of the 'D.C. Madam,' or Deborah Jeane Palfrey, operator of a high-profile prostitution

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ring." Vitter admitted shortly after, "This was a very serious sin in my past for which I am, of course, completely responsible." Prostitution is a crime in both Louisiana and Washington D.C., and a complaint has been filed with the Louisiana Office of Disciplinary Counsel against him. However, Vitter has no plans to resign, instead he's pushing ahead with his 2010 re-election campaign.

Finally, Mike Johanns, Republican of Nebraska, was the chief author behind the Senate legislation that took away funding for the organization ACORN. Employees of ACORN, an advocacy group for low-income families, had been caught on tape at one center showing a fake prostitute and pimp how to get housing and evade taxes. Johanns said after the ACORN vote,

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"[a] bipartisan vote sent a powerful message that the U.S. Senate is serious about eliminating the flow of taxpayer funds to

an organization that is in a free-fall when it comes to allegations of illegal activity funded by taxpayers." Despite his passion against "illegal activity funded by taxpayers," Johanns voted against the Franken amendment. Apparently, Mr. Johanns, while being

enraged over ACORN, thinks that it's perfectly fine to fund an organization that is complicit in sexual harassment, sexual assault, false imprisonment and gang rape.

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tors is the same one that guides Halliburton and its former subsidiary KBR: If we break the law, or operate under double standards, it doesn't matter, but when others do, we make the rules. The pure pretense of their votes shows that these men would rather side with Halliburton and KBR, corporations that hide clauses in the fine print to deny rape victims a hearing, instead of standing with Jamie Leigh Jones and other victims of sexual assault. The fact that a Senator could funnel money illegally to a mistress, or engage in prostitution, or self-righteously cut-off money to one organization, and then afterwards turn around and vote against this amendment with a straight face is the height of arrogance and hypocrisy. Senator Franken showed courage and leadership in pushing this amendment. We can only hope the voters represented by the thirty "Nay" voting Senators will elect new ones who will show the same.

The price of the printed word: The high price of college textbooks and a student's options

What is the cost of choosing the Colorado College bookstore?

Nick Hawks
Staff Writer

Books, college textbooks in particular, are expensive; the average college student now spends nearly \$900 on textbooks and supplies annually, according to a 2005 report by the Government Accountability Office. This is no small sum, especially when Mommy and Daddy aren't picking up the tab. Therefore, it is in every student's best interest, regardless of who is bearing the weight of this financial burden, to understand why book prices are so high and what options are available.

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When a student purchases a new book, the money he/she spends is divided amongst a number of different parties. The majority of that money goes directly to the publisher to cover the costs associated with printing and content rights. (Textbooks are much more expensive due to the increased cost of printing books with higher quality paper, ink, and bindings, as well as the larger number of charts, pictures and graphs which require individually purchased content rights). The remainder is shared between the bookstore, the author, the

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college or university and the freight company.

Here at Colorado College, the campus bookstore is certainly the most convenient option for students. But while its prices for new and used books are reasonable when compared to the list prices and those of other vendors, students are exploited in the buy-back process and are thereby subjected to substantially higher markups.

“The College doesn't look at the bookstore as a profit center,” said Chris Melcher, J.D., Legal Counsel/Director of Business at Colorado College. “The standard in the industry is a 25% markup,” said Melcher, “It's very hard to run a

store on less... It's almost impossible.”

Using a hypothetical situation where the bookstore purchased a book for \$75 and sold it for \$100, Melcher went on to explain that \$22 of that is used to pay bookstore employee wages while the other \$3 is used to cover the bookstore's overhead costs. Such costs include utilities, repairs, display cases and all the other costs associated with maintaining a facility.

When one considers the costs covered by the markup, the pricing is quite fair, but this 25% markup is only applicable to new books. In regards to used books, the bookstore will sell the used copy for 75% of the new book's price. The problem that students have found with this policy is not the price of the used copy, but rather, the amount they receive from the bookstore at buy-back.

To illustrate this discrepancy in markup, let us look at the 5th edition of N. Gregory Mankiw's *Principles of Microeconomics*. For a new copy, the bookstore charges \$162.25, only \$16.30 more than the list price. For a used copy, it charges \$121.75, 25% less than the price for a new copy. At buyback, a given student will receive 50 cents on the dollar of the price he originally paid. If this student bought a new copy, he would receive \$81.13, if he bought a used copy, \$60.88. The markup would then be

50% and 100%, respectively.

If students are willing to take the time, there are many alternative options to explore for purchasing new and used books as well as selling old textbooks.

Publishers, as well as private corporations such as the Follet Corporation, are now experimenting with renting textbooks to students for a percentage of the original price. The Follet Higher Education Group, which runs more than 850 college bookstores, is currently trying this approach at twelve of its locations around the nation. Barnes and Noble is doing the same at three of its 624 college bookstore locations. In addition to these two companies, there are also online rental agencies already in existence such as Chegg and BookRenter.

Online sites which include Amazon.com, TextbooksRUs.com, Textbooks.com and a myriad of others function to provide individuals with a forum to buy and sell books at reduced prices. While almost every college student is already familiar with these sites, many are not aware that sites like Amazon.com sell textbooks for cheaper overseas. All that is required is of the student is to access the foreign site and to pay a little extra for shipping.

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“Our goal is to save everyone money, except for the college bookstore. Post (on the discussion board) class books and textbooks you want to sell, buy or lend, and some contact info so whoever is looking for a book can find one,” reads the CC Book Black Market mission statement. With 485 members, the CC Book Black Market is the larger of the two, but both provide students with a free public forum

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designed to enable the free trading and lending of books and textbooks.

As the consumers, students should never feel limited by their options when it comes to buying, selling or trading textbooks, as the case

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may be. The Colorado College bookstore may be the most convenient, but it's by no means the best option. If students take it upon themselves to plan ahead accordingly for each block by contacting professors and finding out which course materials will be needed; a great deal of money can be saved as students become more self-sufficient.

Note: The table data was collected on October 14, 2009. All of the online retailers directed buyers to used books sold by other vendors. Used book vendors varied. The prices listed for used books sold online were the lowest priced books that were listed as either very good or like new condition. None of the online prices listed include shipping and handling fees.

A look at the cost of your textbooks

	Principles of Microeconomics Mankiw. 5th ed. (New/Used)	Psychology: Bases of Behavior Bernstein et. al. 8th ed. (New/Used)	Freud Reader Ed. Gay (New/Used)
List Price	\$145.95	\$150.95	\$22.95
CC Bookstore	\$162.25/ \$121.75	\$154.25/ \$115.75	\$22.95/ \$17.25
Amazon.com	\$111.36/ \$87.00	\$106.38/ \$41.00	\$15.61/ \$6.49
BarnesandNoble.com	\$143.05/ \$103.50	\$118.20/ \$34.90	\$12.08/ \$10.00
Textbooks.com	\$116.92/ 104.75	Sold Out/ \$97.25	Sold Out/ \$12.65
TextbooksRUs.com	\$105.79/ \$101.35	\$161.39/ \$45.91	\$18.80/ \$11.18

News

Black bear visits campus during homecoming

Greg Collette
Staff Writer

For much of Sunday morning and evening a small group of people stood huddled around one of the trees on the southeast side of Tutt Library. Every head in the crowd was turned up, straining to get a good glimpse of a black mass of fur. This homecoming weekend, Colorado College not only hosted parents and alumni, but also a four hundred pound black bear.

Around nine on Saturday evening, Campus Safety received a phone call from students reporting that a bear was in a tree on the northwest side of Palmer Hall. Campus Safety went to confirm the students' story, and as Ron

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Smith, Chief of Campus Safety, stated, “sure enough, there was a bear.”

With the help of some of the police who were hired to assist at the Homecoming dance, Campus Safety sealed off the area and called the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Much to their surprise, the Division of Wildlife told Campus Safety that they would not remove the bear because it had not shown any signs of aggression. The policy of the Division of Wildlife is to tranquilize the bear and relocate it far from where it was removed, so that it will not return. Because it is so late in the season, however, the bear more likely than not has already established its den for hibernation. Relocating the bear now would condemn the bear to a slow death from starvation. If the Division of Wildlife were to come out, they would be forced to remove it and, in order to be humane, put it to sleep. The Division of Wildlife suggested that Campus Safety keep the area sealed and wait for the bear to tire out and come down from the tree on its own, so that is exactly what they did. Once it did come down from the trees, the bear did not seem interested in leaving campus. Around 10:30 Saturday night, the bear descended the tree on the northwest side of Palmer Hall, and lumbered over to the shrubs near the basement windows of Tutt Library. Worried that the bear



This four hundred pound black bear spent several hours on campus last weekend.

Photo: Sam Landsman

might decide that there was a perfect place to den near the library, Ron Smith and Campus Safety made some noise and watched as the bear got up and started to head toward the tunnel under Tutt. Just as it seemed the bear was going to wander back into the night, it turned and climbed a tree on the southeast side of the library. There it stayed from 2:30 Sunday morning until later that evening.

All Sunday, Campus Safety tried to keep people away from the bear's tree, but curiosity brought more and more people. Finally, Campus Safety had enough, and Sunday evening, the crew of Dwayne Cooper, John Ramsay, and Kevin Morgan, decided to lure the bear out of the tree using marshmallows. Smith commented, “I don't know if he was looking for marshmallows,” but the plan worked. The bear made its way to the ground. With the help of students, they formed a u-shaped pattern with

their bodies and steered the bear.

It made its way toward Armstrong, and then decided to climb another tree. Campus

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Safety dispersed, in hopes that without all the commotion below, the bear would come down. Eventually it did, and then a car drove by and it

scampered back up the tree. Sometime between eleven and twelve it came down one last time. Campus Safety ushered it toward the mountains and eventually it scampered off toward Monument Creek.

This was not the first time, wildlife has found its way on to the CC campus. Moose, deer, and even mountain lions have been spotted around CC. In 2008, a bear cub paid El Pomar a short visit. Luckily the bear, as Smith said, “did his own thing,” but, nevertheless, Smith suggested to many students who wished to see the live bear that they should do it in a safer environment like the zoo or on TV.

Though Smith understood the attraction the unique spectacle had for many students on campus. In the sixteen years, he had never seen anything quite like it. In his words, “It was definitely something different.”

Tuition hike anticipated for coming academic year

Ashley Mayo
Staff Writer

Hey, remember back in the day when CC's tuition was \$30,000?

Surprisingly enough, last year's graduating class does. That's how much it cost to go to CC just five years ago.

In recent years, colleges across the country have been hiking up tuition costs, and Colorado College is no exception. In the past 5 years alone, CC's yearly tuition has risen by

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Unfortunately, this trend doesn't seem to be changing anytime soon.

Last Thursday, October 8, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education unanimously voted to recommend a 9.5 percent tuition increase statewide for the 2010-2011 school year.

Each year, during the Committee's Novem-

ber meeting, it approves a budget bill, which determines the tuition costs for Colorado's public colleges and universities for the following academic year.

The CCHE is a group of approximately 10 local politicians and education experts. It was established in 1965 in order to “provide access to high-quality, affordable education for all Colorado residents that is student-centered, quality driven and performance-based.” However, the committee's commitment to affordability has come into question in recent years, as it has consistently proposed tuition increases. Last year, it raised tuition by 8.8 percent, and the year before, by 9.3 percent.

The good news for CC students is that the CCHE has no official control over private universities. The bad news is that CC has historically followed the committee's recommendations, if loosely.

In actuality, the yearly percentage increase in Colorado College's tuition is generally lower than committee's recommendation. Still, it puts a much larger dent in the wallets of CC students than their public school counterparts.

For example, last year's 8.8 percent increase in the University of Colorado's approximately \$7,000 tuition raised the school's total cost by about \$600. Colorado College, on the other hand, raised tuition by 3.5%, the smallest yearly increase in over 30 years.

The price change? About \$1,500.

Administrators were unavailable for comment, so how seriously CC will take the Committee's recommendation this year is unknown. It is likely, however, that next year's tuition increase will be greater than last year's.

That's a scary thought, considering that

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including room, board, books, and fees, it costs 49,700 to attend CC this year. Next year's increase will almost undoubtedly push the total cost of Colorado College past the unnerving \$50,000 mark.



And of course, these increases are occurring even in spite of last year's massive budget cutbacks, most notably the discontinuation of the CC's varsity football, softball, and water polo teams.

Tuition costs have been rising nationwide for decades, but even experts fear we may soon reach a kind of symbolic boundary.

“I genuinely believe that we are at a crossroads here in higher education,” said Daniel Weiss, president of Lafayette College in a New York Times interview, “I think we have reached a ceiling that we're beginning to bump into.”

CCHE Commission members will submit an official proposal to the Joint Budget Committee for approval on November 2, but the exact tuition increase will not be revealed until next April. Until then, college students at CC and across the state can do little more than hope for the best.

Administration responds to Swine flu outbreaks



Colorado College's Boettcher Health Center has been instrumental in responding to cases of H1N1 on campus.

Photo: Sam Landsman

Sydnie Felton
Guest Writer

Over the past couple of months Swine flu, or H1N1 as the virus is more properly named, has been a serious concern around the country. However, the spread of H1N1 has been especially frightening in Colorado.

On September 22, the Colorado Department of Public Health put out a news release on the state of the virus in Colorado. The article

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stated that the amount of swine flu cases in Colorado had greatly increased through September, announcing that; “from the week ending September 5, which was the official beginning of the 2009-10 flu tracking season, through the week ending September 19, there were 171 flu-related hospitalizations diagnosed and reported to the state health department.” The news release also stated that it is extremely difficult to track the spread of the virus and predict how many more individuals will contract it, because very few individuals actually go to a health care provider and get tested for H1N1.

Swine flu is a concern for individuals throughout the state, yet few groups are more

susceptible to contracting the virus than students living on college campuses.

American College Health Association reported that there were nearly 40,000 reported cases among the 3.1 million students on college campuses over the past seven weeks. Cases of the virus continue to increase on campuses from week to week, yielding numbers that are incredibly high considering most cases of H1N1 go unreported.

Yet, considering the living conditions on college campuses, the fact that the virus is spreading at a much higher rate among college students is not surprising. Students share many common spaces, including bathrooms, cafeterias, common rooms, and classrooms, allowing for germs to be easily spread. In addition, all-nighters for classes and social activities like alcohol consumption compromise the immune system which only makes it easier to contract any virus let alone one as contagious as H1N1.

Colorado College, being in a high-risk area of the country as well as a close knit college community, is a prime example of how quickly the virus can spread. Many students on campus have already been diagnosed with the Swine flu, while other students have suffered flu like symptoms but have not been diagnosed. A statement was released to the campus community about H1N1 and stating Boettcher Health Center's plan for containing the virus. To illustrate the severity of the risk of H1N1, they also stated that at least 138 members of the Air Force Academy freshman class were diagnosed in June, a campus which is incredibly close to Colorado College. The primary feature of the CC H1N1 plan is that diagnosed students will be held in isolation until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

Another important element of the college's plan for addressing the virus is informing the community. Judith Reynolds, the Medi-

cal Director at Boettcher, was able to answer questions on how the virus has affected the CC campus specifically, and what students can do to protect themselves.

Reynolds said that Swine flu is similar to other types of the flu, but is an entirely new strain. Staying healthy is the number one piece of advice that the health center is giving students, recommending that they get an adequate amount of sleep, eating nutritiously, and abstaining from drug and alcohol consumption. The health center also recommends that students wash their hands regularly and avoid contact with peers who are sick.

In addition, teachers are encouraged to tell sick students not to attend class until they are

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feeling better as to avoid spreading the virus. Reynolds gave these specific instructions to students who think that they may be sick; “if you are sick: wear a mask, stay in your room until you feel better and have no fever (off of fever medications) for 24 hours, cough in your sleeve not in your hand, clean your hands after blowing your nose, call Boettcher to speak to

the Flu nurse, if you think you have the flu.”

Some have estimated that nearly sixty percent of CC's campus will contract Swine flu over the course of the year, to which Reynolds responded; “The numbers are not that high yet, but they are increasing.”

Any student at Colorado College knows that being sick on the block plan is one of the only setbacks of the plan, but with such a high number of sick students the virus is already having a large effect on academics at CC. “I almost always miss class, even when I'm not sick,” one junior stated, “missing two days on the block plan is like missing two or three weeks at other schools.”

When asked about some of the consequences of Swine flu on campus, Reynolds said that the virus has caused not only missed classes and assignments for individual students, but cancelled programs, trips, and even entire classes. While swine flu symptoms can range from mild to severe, some students have been forced to miss up to a week of class from contracting the flu. One sophomore discussed the stress they felt about missing a full week of their second block class, “I calculated it and I missed the equivalent of November through March of the year in my class. I don't know how I can catch up.” The college has encouraged teachers to do everything they can to assist sick students in completing the block. The professors are suggested to utilize email to keep students updated and to also encourage students to see them during office hours when they are better.

While efforts have been made to contain the virus and accommodate sick students, one cannot help but wonder how the campus will function if the virus continues to spread. While rumors of closing the school have been circulating, the faculty at Boettcher did not discuss any plans to close down the school if the virus progresses.

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Sports

Balls to the wall: intramural volleyball offers fast-paced action for players of all types

Katie Burns
Staff Writer

Intramural Volleyball is back in full swing. Always an entertaining league to participate in and to watch, intramural volleyball certainly has its fair share of accomplished athletes. Colorado College Varsity Volleyball team members often referee, enjoying the playful antics of the game. On the court, players bring their best game faces and flare. So far there have been showing off the infamous “jorts” (jean shorts), spandex, sweatbands, tall socks, cutoff tee’s, and Velcro shoes.

From high school state champions to first time players, Intramural Volleyball teams bring

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Matt Franco

a multitude of different players to the floor. First time players have already learned that the key to success in volleyball is communication. More experienced players bring competitiveness to the court, helping new players by teaching them key terms and shouts, essential when someone goes to serve or when they need support at the net.



Photo: Samuel Landsman

Because the players aren’t concerned about the intense, rigorous rivalry involved in inter-collegiate leagues, their games often reflect a goofy, playful vibe. New player Matt Franco comments that, “Intramural Volleyball is not about the winning, but it is about the love for the game and each other.” The teams play against each other in a friendly and mildly competitive spirit. This past Tuesday after “Hudabich” beat “Golden Spike” in a best of three series, the two teams decided to play another game just for fun.

Improvised intramural rules allow players to kick the ball over the net, play it off the ceiling or basketball nets, or hit it with any part of their body. This was seen in a show of impressive effort in a game on Wednesday night: an unexpected ball to one player’s stomach bounced off to hit another in the head and then was kicked over the net by the final player. This lucky and skillfully coordinated play revealed the free-spirit felt by most of the intramural players.

The team “Suns Out Guns Out” is looking very strong this year, their talent leading them to triumph after triumph. Next Tuesday at 9:30 they play “What Now? Quiet Hours!,” which should provide lots of entertainment, clean competition and plenty of spandex. “Hudabich” plays the sophomore power house “Peer Ownage” the same day at 8:30 PM.

The single elimination tournament starts Monday November 2nd. Be sure to keep updated on who will be in the championship game!

Long awaited snow season finally begins

Joey Wolf
Guest Writer

As I sunk deeper into my bed to avoid the chilling winter-like air, a blaring 6 A.M. alarm startled me to a bittersweet awakening. After a few battles with the snooze button I got up, grabbed my bag, boots, and other gear for a day of skiing. And while this might be fairly normal in the middle of January, it is not so common on the average October 9th. My four comrades and I met at the car, loaded everything up and hit the road for opening day at Arapahoe Basin. No class, quiz or project could have stopped us from playing hooky.

A late night on Thursday prevented us from getting there for the first chair, but we made it in time for the sunshine. The parking lot, also known as “the Beach”, was a fun environment of ski enthusiasts enjoying “The Silver Bullet” and those red, white and blue cans we have come to love so much.

The line was long, but we didn’t mind. One chair, one run, four terrain park features and no worries. It was only October and we were at the mountain, on the snow; nothing else mattered.

Sophomore Andy Ball commented, “Opening day at A-Basin was great. Sure there were long lines and only one run, but if you timed it right, it was the perfect interval needed to drink a PBR.”

The terrain certainly did not pose the normal challenges of a ski run. People replaced the trees, making it necessary to weave, and the snowless sides revealed the small base. A backpack postponed the necessity to visit “the Beach” to re-stock, but we certainly stopped for some tailgate lunching. Car stereos surged along with the giddy excitement of the skiers.

Ski and snowboard companies, such as Burton, set up tents in the lot to demo new gear for the ’09-’10 season.

We hit the lift again as some of the early arriving participants began to leave the mountain. The crowd progressively shrank throughout the day, except for in the small terrain park, which maintained its horde until closing. It was clearly the highlight for some skiers and boarders who spent the day hiking up and down the four features. All had clearly been itching to get a few rails under their feet.

Hard at work, the A-Basin snow crew had been trying to open the mountain quickly, may-

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be to compete with Loveland Ski Area, which opened two days earlier, but almost all of the snow there was man-made. According to the A-Basin website, they started blowing snow on September 23rd, and continued to work on the mountain so they could open as soon as possible. They attribute their snowmaking success to the cold and clear weather.

While we certainly wished we were getting blasted in the face by some fresh powder, it was still awesome to see the ski season start so soon. Hopefully, good weather will continue to grace the mountains. The day ended and we tiredly stumbled off the mountain to the car when the lifts closed at four. About a half an hour later, we were loaded up and our least exhausted compatriot got us on the road home. Get ready, ski season has begun!

Intramural Standings

Flag Football Standings

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

Regular Season Volleyball Standings

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

Tigers win-one, lose-one in two-game series against Northeastern

Aaron Patterson
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the Colorado College Tigers opened their season in the World Arena with a two-game series against the Northeastern

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University Huskies. On Friday night, aided by a strong freshmen performance, the Tigers skated to a 4-2 victory over the Huskies. William Rapuzzi and Doug Leaverton, from Anchorage, Alaska and Palmsville, Ohio respectively, made their collegiate debuts with dual goals in the first six minutes of play. Freshmen goalie Joe



Howe from Plymouth, Minnesota was nearly perfect in the net, recording 29 saves out of 31 shots. Halfway through the second period, junior forward Tyler Johnson scored the game winner and Senior Bill Sweatt clinched the victory with a fourth a goal on an empty netter in the final minute.

In Saturday night’s game, the Tigers hoped to continue their triumphant streak but came up short in a 4-3 loss to the Huskies. Tyler

Johnson scored a goal, Mike Testwuide added two more and junior goalie Tyler O’Brien finished with 24 saves. However, it was not enough to turn aside the strong offensive effort made by the Huskies.

The Tigers will be on the road this weekend to face the rival University of Wisconsin Badgers, at the Kohl Center. The Tigers and Badgers met last January when they split a two game series. The Tigers lost the series opener 6-1 but rallied the second night to defeat the Badgers 4-3. Since the 2006-2007 seasons, the Tigers have won seven of their last eight games

against the Badgers. In national polls by CBS College Sports and USA Hockey Magazine, the Badgers were ranked No.13 and No. 14, respectively. The unranked Tigers will need strong performances from senior defensemen Kris Fredhelm and Nate Prosser to compete the Badger opposition, including forwards Blake Geoffrion and John Mitchell, who combined for thirty goals last year. With wins this weekend, the Tigers aim to set their sights on first place in the conference and ride their victory into next weekend’s showdown with Michigan Tech at the World Arena.

Intramural Standings (continued)

Regular Season Soccer Standings

"CO-ED" League Black Pool	Wins	Losses	Ties	Winning Pct.
Futbol Norteamericano	2	1	1	.625
FWS	0	2	0	0.000
The Howler Monkeys	1	3	1	.300
Pikes Peak Pikas	0	2	0	0.000
Back in My Day	2	0	1	.833
Top Ramon	0	2	1	.167
Buffalo Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000
Flavor Train	1	1	0	.500
"CO-ED" League Gold Pool	Wins	Losses	Ties	Winning Pct.
Fruit of the Loomis	2	1	0	.667
Slocum 69ers	2	1	0	.667
Cock Fighters	3	0	0	1.000
The Black Labs	1	2	0	.333
Joga Bonito	2	1	0	.667
Team Transfer	0	2	0	0.000
Blookies	2	1	0	.667
Mana	0	5	0	0.000
"CO-ED" League White Pool	Wins	Losses	Ties	Winning Pct.
Lostiospelados	1	1	1	.500
Del Fuego	3	1	0	.750
Southeast & Company	2	2	0	.500
Raptors	1	1	1	.500
Where's Spencer?	1	2	0	.333
Rocky Mountain Oysters	0	3	0	0.00
Kina's Cub Scouts	4	0	0	1.00
Team Cool	2	2	0	.500



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