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CRESTED BUTTE IS READY FOR WINTERFEST

WINTERFEST

Jesse Paul
Editor-in-Chief

Tom Martin, Chief Marshall in Crested Butte, has seen his fair share of groups and events

come through his tiny mountain town of roughly 1,500. And, contrary to popular campus opinion, Colorado College students letting loose at Winterfest aren't that abnormally rowdy or problematic, he said.

In fact, most officials and locals in the town and at the Crested Butte Mountain Resort agree that with the exception of drug and alcohol abuse issues that come with all college groups that visit the area, they welcome CC students with open arms.

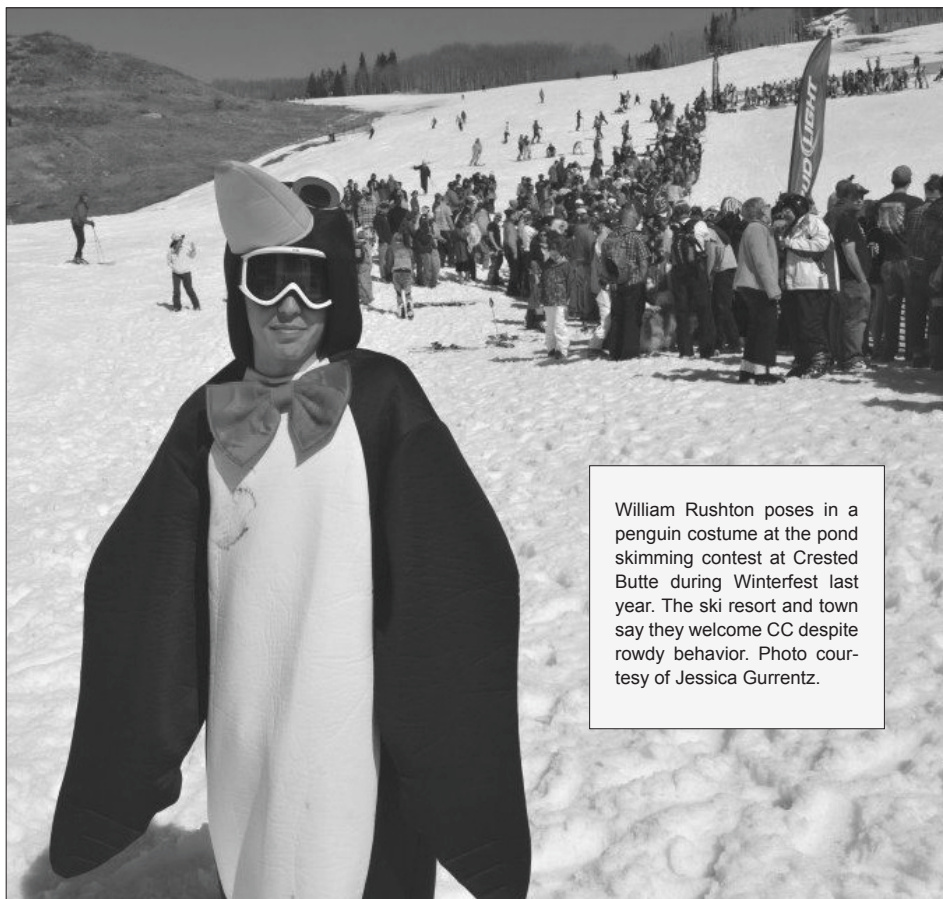
There were some exceptions at last season's celebration, however.

"Last year, there were some relatively serious issues that needed to be addressed from the CC group, but we are working closely with the school administration to mitigate any problems this year," Lynn Kiklevich, Vice President of the Lodging Division for Crested Butte Mountain Resort, said in a statement.

Next weekend, hundreds of CC students will head to southwest Colorado for the annual closing weekend ski and party getaway, organized by the Freeriders' Union of Colorado College.

The town and resort at Crested Butte relies heavily on tourism and visitors, and this weekend provides a helpful boost, according to the local Chamber of Commerce. With the town's large number of bars and restaurants, of-age students looking to drink help the economy.

One employee at a ski shop near the base of the resort even said, "We totally



William Rushton poses in a penguin costume at the pond skimming contest at Crested Butte during Winterfest last year. The ski resort and town say they welcome CC despite rowdy behavior. Photo courtesy of Jessica Gurrentz.

support rowdy party behavior."

"CC's a lot worse than the arts festival in August or the 50-year-old people who have a lot of money," Martin said. "But you talk to the bar owners and they would rather have [college students]."

Nevertheless, local police, resort staff and the ski patrol are still kept busy dealing with some out-of-control behavior.

"The issues come with the excessive alcohol use and the drug abuse, those sort of things," said Bill Dowell, Ski Patrol Di-

rector at Crested Butte. "We try to have a low tolerance for people skiing under the influence. We don't enjoy those encounters with those kinds of people... but there are other guests here [we have to respect] and we will escort [intoxicated people] off the hill if we have to."

Crime off the ski slopes has been documented by police as well.

"The destruction of property definitely does happen," Nate Stepanik, Chief of

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Sequestration strikes local military community

POLITICS

Ansel Carpenter
City Editor

Like federal, state, and local policymakers across the country, Colorado Springs officials are

worried about, and preparing for, the effects of budget cuts emanating from Washington.

As lawmakers in the nation's capital struggle with the sequester, allowing the government to continue running, and other budget issues, cities and states have also had to begin making tough choices and preparing their citizens and programs for the ripple effect that comes with cutting the federal budget.

This is especially true in Colorado Springs, where much of the economy is sustained by military personnel and military-related programs, including Fort Carson, Cheyenne Mountain, and the Air Force Academy.

"Due to the concentration of military installations in the community, sequestration is a concern, but it is difficult to predict the impact," said Principal Analyst Bob Cope, the city's chief economic analyst.

Cope added that pure budget cuts were not the only factor that could hinder the city's economic strength. "Uncertainty created at the federal level has hampered economic progress," he said. "This uncertainty is the result of a series of events such as the fiscal cliff,

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From beauty to boxes, Whitney Electric building to become storage space



Photo by Esther Chan.

RECLAMATION

Jack Sweeney
News Editor

The Whitney Electric building held its final art show last block after a long history of live performances, art installations, and raves. Due to the lack of structural safety, the building, much beloved by art majors, will now be used for storage.

Neither the Regional Building Department nor CSPD Code Enforcement have deemed the building "condemned," according to Deputy Fire Marshal Captain Ray Johnson.

Instead, Colorado College has deemed the building unsafe.

"I think the building is not safe for people to occupy. It has one door and no running water," Robert Moore, VP for Finance and Administration, said. "I think it is safe for storage. The cost, I feel, is prohibitive to bring plumbing into that

building. Beyond storage, I don't think there is any other safe use for the building."

The building was originally owned by the Whitney Electric Company and used for storage. Now it belongs to CC and for many art students, the space has become synonymous with presentation and accomplishment.

"In terms of artistic value, it is the only building near campus that has no constraints. It's this unique space where both Colorado Springs and Colorado College interact on the outside wall," Lindsay Murdoch, senior art student, said. "It's covered in graffiti. Some of it is from CC students and some of it is from the Springs. There really are no constraints."

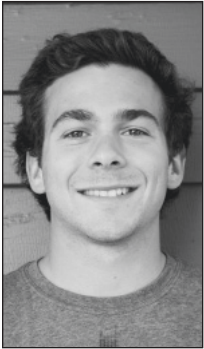
Senior Art Student Tsipora Prochnick was lucky enough to snag the last

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FROM THE EDITOR

Sexual Misconduct
at Colorado CollegeCOMMENTARY
Jesse Paul
Editor-In-Chief

According to the Department of Justice, one in four women will be the victim of an attempted or completed sexual assault sometime during their four years of undergraduate education. Heather Horton, Director of the Wellness Resource Center, believes those statistics are applicable to CC.

That means that roughly 62.5 women from each graduating class will be the victims of sexual assault.

That is a staggering and unacceptable number; in fact, it is unfathomable. How can we try to combat this problem of epidemic proportions?

As a campus community, I think we all need to ask ourselves what we can do to stop the confusion and change the nature of sex at CC. This issue is relevant to everyone, from the freshman arriving on campus in late August, to the highest levels of the administration.

In a meeting with Horton last block, we talked about a seemingly obvious but different way to prevent sexual assault: teach people why and how sexual assault and misconduct is wrong.

"Our comprehensive efforts include continual re-evaluation of policies and procedures, programming that addresses the entire continuum of sexual violence, dispels myths about sexual assault, teaches bystander intervention skills, as well as encouraging healthy consensual relationships," Horton said.

We need to begin to collectively denounce sexual assault in its entirety. Preventative efforts need to be taught equally, if not more often, than reactionary methods to stop assault.

In a year where sexual misconduct at institutions of higher education all over the country have grabbed headlines, and amidst allegations of administrative cover-ups and rejected reporting, I think it's time we look at our own policies.

At CC, we have a number of resources on and off campus for those who are victims of sexual assault, but are the sexual conduct policies in the Pathfinder clear-cut enough that we, as a community, know what is "right" and what is "wrong"?

"Active consent" is the pinnacle of this college's sexual conduct policy. I have the feeling, however, that many of us, including myself, don't really know what that means. What seems like active consent to one person might not mean the same thing to another.

In recent years, CC's "hookup culture" has come under close scrutiny as potentially perpetuating sexual assault. In all honesty, I don't really know if I agree or disagree with this statement.

What I think we can surmise, however, is that there is something fundamentally problematic with any kind of intimate sexual situation in which what is "right" and what is "wrong" is unclear.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, and CC will host a number of events to support victims, raise awareness, and work to change attitudes towards the issue. But until then, and in the last days of March, I think we need to start considering how we can better protect each other as a community.

Winterfest: Safety is paramount for resort, town officials

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...Police at Crested Butte Mountain Resort, said. "It happens with a number of groups."

Stepanik and Martin said they plan to meet with college representatives next Friday in order to exchange contact information. The Marshall's Office is also sending a representative to meet with students on Friday to receive questions and concerns.

Local police said they have higher staffing than they typically do when other groups come to town or during closing weekend. The ski patrol says it also makes note to expect additional visitors from a college group.

"We have a lot of alcohol-related problems any time we have a college-aged body in town and I don't think there is anything out of the ordinary with Colorado College kids," Martin said. "...We give people credit whenever we catch them, we give out tickets... We aren't hard-asses, but we if you urinate in public or are intoxicated in public we will cite you."

Stepanik said he encounters similar problems near the mountain.

"It's just a time of year when we have a large influx of college students that most likely know each other," he said. "Some issues we have are drug use and alcohol abuse. Most of what we deal with is noise complaints. It's really no different than other large groups."

On the mountain, though, intoxicated CC students pose a different kind of problem.

"Somebody skiing under the influence

of alcohol is impaired and their response time is lowered," Dowell said. "Skiing is an activity that happens at a relatively high rate of speed compared to walking. Sometimes you approach the speed of a car. We worry about the safety of the student or the people who are here partying and our goal is to keep it safe for everyone."

Dowell said he has also seen his share of naked skiing on closing weekend in years past. CC administrators caught wind of a student plot to ski bare-skinned planned on the FUCC listerv in recent years and quickly warned against it.

Since then, naked CC skiers and riders

haven't been a problem.

"We have always enjoyed hosting this group and are hopeful that last year was an anomaly," Kiklevich said. "We plan on enthusiastically welcoming them back this year and for years to come. We are hopeful that the students will ski hard and have a great time while also being respectful of the resort, their lodging properties, and other guests who are staying with us."

Nonetheless, those who break the law will suffer consequences.

"If you're underage, don't drink alcohol and don't do any drugs," Stepanik said. "If you are disorderly and destroying things, you will be sent off to jail."



From left: Juniors Chrissy Maruyama, Shealagh Coughlin, and Emma Volk pose during Winterfest in Crested Butte last year. Photo by Maggie Deadrick.

Colorado Springs crime, in brief

DISPENSARY, LIQUOR STORE RAIDED

Colorado Springs police reported that at least two burglars broke into a medical marijuana dispensary and a liquor store on Sunday morning.

The dispensary, Green Earth Wellness Center, and liquor store, Frank and Jack's Package Liquor, are both located in the same shopping center, located on North 30th St. at Green Eyrie Circle. Police say that a "significant amount" of marijuana and marijuana-infused products were stolen from Green Earth.

The break-in comes one day after another medical marijuana dispensary in Colorado Springs, Discreet Treats, at Academy Boulevard and Airport Road, was broken into and products were stolen.

Green Earth Wellness Center and Frank and Jack's Package Liquor are about three miles west of campus, Discreet Treats is five miles east.

ARMED MAN DISTURBS GATHERING

An unnamed man reportedly pulled out a handgun at a party on Monday night after arriving uninvited with friends and was asked to leave, police say.

The suspect, who left before Colorado Springs police arrived, stole personal items from the house on the 5100 block of Hopner Ct., north of campus. Although there were no injuries, the window of a vehicle was also smashed in.

POLICE PURSUIT, CRASH

Police chased a car that several call-

ers had called "suspicious" near the 3200 block of Platte Ave., west of campus, on Tuesday afternoon. The chase culminated in the eventual arrest of one man and the determination that the vehicle had been stolen.

The vehicle attempted to elude the pursuing police cruisers before turning into a nearby house on Purdue Street, crashing the car into the garage of a local woman. The driver, Jacob Arvik, 18, was found hiding in a nearby backyard and was arrested.

Police have confirmed that Arvik stole the car and he has been charged with aggravated motor vehicle theft, vehicular eluding, and "numerous traffic charges."

METH USE LEADS TO TASING

On Saturday, a Colorado Springs policeman Tased a suspect after the suspect disrobed during a snowstorm and began wielding a metal bar and canister of gasoline.

Freddie Cazarez, 21, had reportedly taken methamphetamine and was taken to Memorial Hospital after being arrested by police at the 3200 block of Platte Ave., the Gazette reported.

While naked, he broke into the shed of a business in the area, taking the metal rod and gas can when police arrived.

CONVENIENCE STORE HELD UP

Colorado Springs police say that a masked robber, who escaped before police arrived, held up a 7-Eleven on Saturday night.

The unknown man pulled out a

pistol and demanded the clerk of the 7-Eleven at 7692 Barnes Rd. give him an undisclosed amount of money. Police have revealed no suspects and an immediate search of the area turned up no results.

The store is approximately is located southwest of the CC campus, adjacent to Interstate 25.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED MAN HIT BY CAR

A visually impaired man walking with his seeing-eye dog was hit while crossing the intersection of Union Boulevard and Pikes Peak Avenue, two-and-a-half miles southeast of campus on Wednesday.

Police say that the man appeared to have been struck by the mirror of the car, which caused apparently minor injuries. The Gazette reported that the communications manager of the Colorado Springs Police Department told The Gazette that the driver of the car—an SUV—stopped at the time of the accident.

The pedestrian was taken to the hospital. The dog was not injured.

BURGLARY, QUADRUPLE ARREST

Several officers were dispatched Tuesday afternoon to the 2100 block of E. Williamette Ave., two miles east of campus, to respond to a burglary. The officers arrested four unidentified juvenile males in the area.

While the investigation is continuing, the four young men are charged with burglary and have been sent to the Spring Creek Youth Service Center, a Colorado detention facility for juveniles, in Colorado Springs.

CC sponsors non-partisan forum

LOCAL POLITICS

Tim Bruns
Staff Writer

On Monday evening, CC's Young Republicans and Democrats teamed up to sponsor a City Council candidate discussion as part of an ongoing effort to forge bonds between the Council and political groups on the CC campus.

The event featured candidates Brandy Williams, Bob Kinsey, Jim Bensberg and Keith King. The race for the District 3 seat, the district CC is in, is non-partisan.

Kinsey, who joined the race on a platform built around opposing hydraulic fracturing, used his time at the event to withdraw from the race. "I'm realistic enough to know that my campaign hasn't exactly generated a groundswell or a tidal wave of support and interest," he said.

The former candidate then endorsed Williams, praising her support of the "solar revolution" and telling the crowd that, with such a close race, she would need the votes that would have gone to him.

Williams, a Colorado Springs At-Large Councilmember and Springs native, started off the discussion. She told the audience that both her dad and grandfather were born and raised in the city, and that her mother was a CC graduate.

First elected in 2011, Williams is the youngest woman to ever sit on the Council. She stressed work she had done with the college, citing her involvement in the creation of a Solar Garden proposed by a CC student.

The Councilmember said that one of her goals is to market Colorado Springs towards college and graduate students.

Bensberg also stressed his Colorado roots, telling the audience, "I am a third generation Coloradan." A Colorado State University graduate, he sat on the El Paso Board of County Commissioners from 2002 to 2011.

When asked why he was running for City Council, Bensberg replied, "Someone's gotta do it." He also referenced his work with former U.S. Secretary of the Interior and CC graduate Ken Salazar, and work in the U.S. Senate and state capitol.

The former County Commissioner went on to voice his opposition to alternative energy, citing his concern for the higher electric rates. He said that residents of Colorado Springs don't want to see their electric bills go up "just so we can say that we live in a green city." He explained that although he does not think subsidizing solar energy is a good idea, he is "happy to have that discussion."

He said that he believes Colorado Springs could become an "amateur sports capital."

The final speaker was King, a former Colorado State Senator and school board member.

He stressed that he has given back to the community and that this was the impetus for him to run for City Council. King, who also founded a waterbed company, said that he wanted to turn the Springs into an entrepreneurial hub "for people like you," directing his comment towards the audience.

He also spoke about his belief that the City should stop taxing producers at such high rates, raising the example of Intel, which left Colorado.

Bensberg, like King, argued that high unemployment is one of the most pressing issues facing the Colorado Springs community. He also cited the lack of a federal courthouse and floodwater as pressing concerns facing the City.

"Jobs was the issue two years ago," replied Williams, "and it will be the issue two years from now." Another concern of hers is addressing the Waldo Canyon burn scars and the potential destruction that could result from springtime flooding.

The official City Council elections will take place on Tuesday, April 2.

CC Inn continues to experience damage problems

CAMPUS POLICY

Audrey Wheeler
Staff Writer

Blinding sunlight through the large windows reflects off shards of broken glass on the carpet. The building is abnormally quiet. The smell of stale beer and smoke hangs in the hallway; it's an average Saturday morning in the CC Inn.

The Inn is generally known as one of the rowdier dorms on campus, and it is home for many of the players on the hockey team. This year has seen above average instances of broken windows.

"We've had 38 broken windows this year, 18 first semester and 20 so far this semester," Chris Casey, RLC of SE Housing, said.

As a response to the lawlessness, there have been rumors that CSPD Officer Jason Newton will take up an office at the CC Inn. Despite previously having an office in the CC Inn, Officer Newton will not be returning.

"I can tell you that we have had no discussions on having me move back to the CC Inn. I have heard the rumors from several students, but they are just rumors," Officer Newton said.

Every broken window is charged to the 62 students who live there, costing around \$100 for each repair. According to one student, the window repairman has been heard to joke that the Inn pro-

vides his job security.

"This has been one of our biggest problems in the CC Inn this year, and we would really love to work with students on a solution to stop the [window] damage and to help everyone in the community feel good about where they are living," Sara Rotunno, Assistant Director for Residential Life and Housing, said.

For residents, the fun community and other benefits of living in the Inn generally outweigh the hassles of vandalism.

"The broken stuff really wouldn't bother me at all if I didn't have to pay for it," Julia Kelley, a resident of the Inn, said.

Students seem to enjoy the party scene that the Inn provides, but have their complaints about living there as well.

"It seems ridiculous that they're not addressing the problem [of window breaking], they're just fixing it when it happens," another resident said.

Residents also mentioned how the thin walls make it hard to sleep.

"It's not that people in the Inn party louder, it is just that you can hear literally everything," Kelley explained.

The presence of many hockey players adds to the reputation of the dorm, which on certain occasions can be irritating for other residents.

"God forbid the hockey players win a game, you cannot sleep. It's the nature of sports teams and the excitement that

comes with winning - they don't show concern for other people who live there," a resident said.

The party spirit of the Inn is both loved and hated among residents. In addition, benefits of air conditioning, personal bathrooms, bathtubs, and larger-than-average rooms draw students to live there every year.

"Sometimes I am glad to live in a perpetual party scene. There are always people willing to hang out and a lot of people come to the Inn," Kelley said.

For now, Residential Life is still figuring out a solution to the window-breaking phenomenon. Otherwise, renovations or changes are not expected.

"It's kind of like the wild west of CC housing," a resident said.



A hall of the CC Inn, where 38 windows have been broken so far this year. Photo by Sam Zarky.

CORRECTION: In last issue's article titled "Physical Attendance Thin at First Monday, Web Streaming Up," we incorrectly stated that for the next academic year only one presentation slot had been filled. In fact, nearly all the spots on the academic calendar are filled for 2013-2014. We deeply regret this error.

To comment on the accuracy of news, please contact the Managing Editor at Joseph.Jammal@coloradocollege.edu.

NEWS BRIEFS

>>> A man who was killed by police in Texas after a wild vehicle pursuit and shootout last week is now suspected by Colorado authorities to have murdered the Executive Director of the Department of Corrections in Monument, Colo. and a pizza delivery man in Denver.

Police believe Evan Eble, a parolee, killed DOC Executive Director Tom Clements on March 19 after killing delivery man Nathan Leon on March 17. Forensic evidence found in Eble's 1991 Cadillac, including shell casings, have linked him to the two crimes, the El Paso County Sheriff's office said.

Eble became involved in a high-speed chase near Decatur, Texas less than two days after Clement's murder, which ended when his car slammed into a tractor-trailer. After a brief shootout, he was critically wounded and later taken off life support.

"Investigators are actively pursuing all pieces of information and angles to determine whether Ebel acted alone in the shooting of Tom Clements or if others were involved," the El Paso County Sheriff's Office said in a press release. "There are no answers at this time surrounding motive and gaining these answers could be a lengthy process for investigators."

>>> **Dana Wittmer**, an Associate Professor in the Political Science Department, was cited in a front-page article in the New York Times last week, according to the college.

An article that Wittmer co-authored, titled "Once Few, Women Hold More Power in Senate," was referenced in the article that evaluated the position of women in the political sphere. The college said in a press release that the article was also authored by academics from the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University.

>>> **Local city council elections** are currently being held through mail ballots and are due on April 2 at 7 p.m. at the City Clerk's office or another designated drop-off site.

>>> The **Avenue Task Force** received the endorsement of the El Paso County Commissioners last week through a resolution to support assistance agencies working to resolve issues on the west side of Colorado Springs, according to a county press release.

The Task Force focuses specifically on West Avenue from Old Colorado City to Manitou Springs, a stretch of land that has seen an increase in homelessness, panhandling, and crime in the last two years.

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New IT after-hours support

STUDENT SERVICES

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The Help Desk in the basement of Tutt Library is the primary center for students to receive assistance with technological problems. Although they have always been accessible after-hours for assistance, the Information Technology (IT) now has a formal policy regarding their role in after-hours support.

Joseph Sharman, current System Administrator for Information Management (IM), said, "The new policy basically formalizes what we've already been doing. It isn't different from what we have now, but it does tell people how to address an after-hours IT outage."

If a student experiences a technological problem after-hours, that individual must first call Campus Safety. Campus Safety will then contact the "IM After-Hours Phone" in order to notify the staff member on duty at that time, and that staff member will contact the original caller.

The phone circulates among various staff members from the Network and Systems Services and the Educational Technology Services team, but one staff member is responsible each night. However, it is possible that the staff member on-call is unable to address the specific problem. In such a situation, the staff on-call will contact another staff member more familiar with the troubleshooting area, and together they can attack the issue. IM seeks to resolve the issue within two hours of the initial report.

Despite the accessibility, the after-hours support should only be utilized under certain circumstances.

Before contacting Campus Safety, students must confirm that the technical problem affects numerous people, is critical in nature, and cannot be resolved through standard troubleshooting procedures.

"We wanted to make sure students knew they could contact Campus Safety to reach IT staff about critical system

outages after hours. We aren't able to help with individual computer or printing problems after hours, but we can address larger IT problems (like Internet outages, etc.) that affect multiple people," Sharman said.

In any other case, the problem can be fixed the subsequent day.

The major difference that the after-hours support policy introduces is its formality. Students have always been able to contact IT outside of their office hours, but there was never an explicit policy outlining the circumstances in which a student can seek help.

"We wanted to formalize our process and make sure people knew how to get help for system problems after hours," Sharman said.

For students, the policy clarifies what sort of responsibilities the role IT staff can be expected to fulfill under the delineated conditions.

One dilemma with employing this policy is that it will likely increase the number of calls that Campus Safety receives. Sharman additionally expects to receive more reports while on-call, as students will now be more aware of the service. However, due to the fact that calls may only be placed in certain circumstances, Sharman does not anticipate the increase to be too drastic.

For technical concerns of any nature, the Help Desk is accessible by phone at (719) 389-6449 between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. For larger problems outside of these hours, Campus Safety can be reached at (719) 389-6707.



IT staff member Jeff Black assists a student with a question. The IT after-hours hotline is available in the event of a late night emergency. Photos by Morgan Bak.



Sequestration strikes local military community

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...sequestration, the debt ceiling, and a real or perceived looming debt crises."

Already, the President and Congress have taken steps to shield military programs and installations from the automatic spending cuts, instituted in a bipartisan deal in 2011.

In addition, the city hopes that the new aviation brigade that Fort Carson will be receiving will help offset any downturn that may result from decreases in military spending.

Worry about budget cuts comes after four years of what has been, compared with the rest of the country, a slow recovery.

Colorado Springs' economic bounce back has been slower than both the national average and the average rate at which Colorado's economy improved.

The past year has been better for The Springs than others, though. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) published a report this week showing that Colorado Springs' unemployment rate in January to be 8.8 percent. In January of 2012, the rate was nearly 10.1 percent.

Although the city's rate is higher than the state's, it has dropped at a much faster pace over the past year: the Colorado unemployment rate dropped from 8.8 percent to 7.5 percent in the same period.

This follows a trend among U.S. metropolitan areas. The BLS reported that about 60 percent of metropolitan districts in the country experienced drops in their unemployment rates this year.

The most predominant factors that contributed to economic growth, according to a city spokesperson, were improvements in the housing mar-

ket, including fewer foreclosures and renewed vigor in home construction, and overall increases in consumer spending.

The city is also trying to diversify the sources of its economic strength in order to make the city more of a hub for business and a place for consumer confidence. According to Cope, Mayor Steve Bach has worked to help the city attempt to improve its responsiveness to citizens and businesses, lower turnaround time on applications, and reduce regulations and fees that the city sees as interfering with growth.

Despite these efforts, substantial cuts in the Springs' military establishment could have far-reaching effects, causing businesses to close, laying off workers, and forcing the economy to become stagnant once again—or even reverse course.

Cope said that the city is hopeful Congress will pass legislation to lessen the blow to the armed forces and related enterprises. However, no matter what action is taken in Washington, the city says it will not engage in any type of stimulus program.

City officials believe that the proper role of the local government is to create a business-friendly environment, not use the city budget to boost the economy simply through investment.

Colorado Springs finds little help at the state level. Government spending on capital investment in Colorado is low, due to a complex set of restrictions that the state constitution places on lawmakers' ability to tax and spend.

Much statewide economic growth, then, is a result of private industry. Major contributors include tourism, the utilization of natural resources, and the production of certain specialized goods, including, perhaps unsurprisingly, beer.



General News:

- CCSGA Executive Council elections will occur on Thursday, April 4. Voting will be open until 7 p.m., accessed through a link on all student emails.
- Nominations and voting procedure for Honor Convocations are currently being developed and will be sent out the first week of seventh block.
- CCSGA is working with the college administration on optimal email formats and servers for students on campus next year.
- CCSGA hosted a Town Hall for District 3 political candidates on the March 25 at 6 p.m. in Gaylord Hall.
- Isaac Greene '14 is currently working on compiling a Colorado College Student Government handbook that will compile information from all positions of student government, as well as previous executive members and serve as a resource for future CCSGA members.
- A Full Council Meeting will be held on March 28 in the Carriage House at 7 p.m.
- The weekly Executive Council meeting was held on Mar. 27 at 1 p.m.
- Eating disorder week is the third week of Block 7 and CCSGA will be partnering with Grow to spread awareness on campus.

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German House Community Program Coordinator Katharina Ruchel talks about living in language houses, American culture, and Walmart.

10 QUESTIONS

How did you come to CC from Munich?

I study at the University of Regensburg and Colorado College German department offer the so-called Cultural Program Coordinator position, CPC, for which I applied, and I got in, they accepted me, so I came here.

What does a CPC do?

We are living in the language houses, we host cultural events for our departments in the language houses, and we try to build a house community. When we have house dinners we cook German cuisine more or less. We show cultural typical movies and all that stuff. It's fun.

What kind of degree are you getting at the universities?

I'm going to be a teacher for English and sports for the IB-level kids in Germany.

What do you think the most notable difference between the United States and Germany is?

The mentality towards not only foreigners, but also people in general. The Americans are much more open and friendly, more concerned about what happens in people's lives, and they don't do it in a hypocritical way. Sometimes Americans are being stereotyped in Europe as being like "HELLO HOW ARE YOU blah blah blah," but they don't see that they actually really mean it. That's what I'm trying to bring more to Germany, but it's hard.

How have Americans treated you since you got here?

Super nice. Everybody has been very nice. I have had the great opportunity to be on the Division III women's basketball team, and I entered the season late, so I was basically walking up on a team already. They were really nice, welcoming, open-minded, and interested. That was a great experience.

Where else have you been in the United States besides Colorado Springs?

I traveled both the West Coast and East Coast, and for winter break my boyfriend and I took a road trip to New Orleans which was pretty awesome. It took us about two weeks.

Are there any good German restaurants in Colorado Springs?

There is a very good schnitzel place. It's called Uwe, and then there's Edelweiss. Then there's a really good German bakery and butcher store called Weimmberger.

Do you ever get homesick?

That's difficult because of course everyone gets homesick, but not for the food or something, but more for the people. Long distance is hard. A long distance relationship is hard. Here, what makes it difficult is that I'm older than the CC kids. The CPC's are very close, but it is all limited to a year, which we all know, so it's kind of how much do you give and how much do you get back. It's mostly the people that I miss, but other than that the CC experience is awesome, and everybody is super nice.

Was there anything when you came to America that seemed really bizarre?

What is difficult is that everything is so big: that cars are huge, the streets are humongous. Everything has to be supersized. It's just making it very personal again, like you enter a store and it's like, "Oh, my God, XXL Walmart." That's something that I still have not adapted to.

Do you have any German words you want to teach to CC?

We can do a Bavarian greeting, which is servus. I don't hear that a lot. It's like a very informal greeting for younger people.



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Interview by Brooks Fleet

#cc top tweets

@iliketodrewsie I don't know what to wear out clubbing in London because it's not a theme party. #CCproblems -- 6 days ago

@davidramz Whatever happens in OT, a nice late revival this season by Colorado College hockey team. Team was pathetic at middle of season. -- 8 days ago

@CCcollegeTV #FilmFest is coming up! Get Excited! Stay tuned for TV Spots, trailers, and interviews with the Film makers. @ColoradoCollege -- Yesterday

@Ecomuseum The first field school course started this morning!! 24 students from Colorado College are participating. -- 4 days ago

@loskistras Say hello to the new tiger pit, sorry boys #upgrade #elpomar -- 3 days ago

@DieselhyphenSon Joe Howe is my arch nemesis because our names are so close and it gets confusing but he killed it tonight. Such a great win. @hamburguesa15 -- 7 days ago

@djarisafari Internet isn't working and my paper is on a google doc...guessing that's a clue to go home? #tigernet-prozb -- 3 days ago

@HannahWillstein The library, where souls come to die -- 3 days

@missjennaaleigh COLORADO COLLEGE C/O 2017 #tigers -- Yesterday

CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

MONDAY 3/4

A laptop was reported stolen at the CC Inn around 2:19 p.m. The laptop was taken from a common room, and the case remains open.

SATURDAY 3/9

Windows were reported broken at the CC Inn around 12:24 a.m. Campus Safety officers responded, and the case remains open.

SATURDAY 3/9

A rock was reportedly thrown through a window at Sigma Chi around 1:54 a.m. Campus Safety

officers responded and the case remains open.

THURSDAY 3/14

A drug violation was reported around 4:00 p.m. at Slocum Hall. Drug paraphernalia prompted the violation. The case was closed and referred.

MONDAY 3/18

Drug paraphernalia led to a drug violation at the Antero Apartments around 1:34 p.m. The case was closed and referred.

Whitney Electric: Building houses its last art

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...show in the building.

"It's not really special that it's the last installation in the Whitney building; it's just sad that there won't be any more shows," Prochovnick said. "I have no idea what they're going to do with the space. Lila was supposed use the space after me, but she got bumped into these old studios, and it was just not the same space. It was kind of bad, I thought."

Senior art student Lila Pickus was supposed to present her installation during block 6. Yet a week before her show, she was unexpectedly told by the college that she couldn't use the building.

However, Colorado College has responded with a new space for art.

Located in the Johnson Building, the space will serve as a new spot for art shows. The space was completed two weeks ago, according to Chris Coulter, Director of Facilities Services.

"We're trying to fix up that space so that art students have a place," Moore said. "The art department's sculpture studio is also conveniently located in Johnson."

"One perspective is that the building does not meet the ADA's disability services guidelines because it lacks a bathroom," Murdoch said of the Whitney building. "It ends up making our school look bad in terms of how we choose to meet these national certifications. It can only be used as a storage space instead of upgrading it. It can't officially be a meeting ground."

The building also might not be suitable for the art shows because shows that re-

quire electricity often short-circuit the power. Despite these constraints, the building has hosted many memorable events. Pictures can be found on Word-press dedicated to the building.

"It used to be a venue. The seniors will remember 'Masquerave' happened there. I went. It was ridiculous," Murdoch said. "It was the first time and only time since I've been at CC and seen a police officer throw someone to the ground and arrest them."

Students also banded together in 2008 to restore the building for the purpose of art shows.

"I can't think of any comparable space on campus," Prochovnick said.

Murdoch agrees.

She said, "There really isn't a place on campus for students to go to just mess around."



Graffiti adorns the front of the Whitney Electric building, created by CC students. The building is located behind Wooglin's. Photo by Jack Sweeney.

CCSGA approves divestment, campus split on decision

CAMPUS POLITICS

Eliza Carter
Staff Writer

On Feb. 28, CCSGA approved a resolution calling for Colorado

College to divest from the fossil fuel industry.

This resolution materialized as a result of pro-divestment sentiment on campus, which has escalated over the course of the past few years and prompted the formation of the Student Divestment Committee.

The resolution, approved by a vote of ten in favor, two opposed, and three abstentions, clearly delineates CCSGA's moral and practical grounds on which it decided to formally oppose the inclusion of fossil fuel companies in CC's endowment.

It also indicates CCSGA's endorsement of a national, university-oriented movement to eliminate stakes in fossil fuel companies.

Freshman Weston Sandfort is a member of the Student Divestment Committee and identifies with the values behind divestment.

"As far as effects on campus go, our belief is really that it's not going to have that much of an effect for the next few years," Sandfort said.

The topic of divestment had been previously mentioned in CCSGA's meetings. In December of 2012, Executive VP Pat Knecht drafted a resolution that outlined the values CCSGA supported regarding divestment.

He presented it to the rest of the Executive Council: Nathan Lee, Charis Whitnah, Elliot Mamet, and Stanley Sigalov.

"We decided to table it for the time being, until we saw more student support," Knecht said.

On Feb. 28, the Student Divestment Committee went to a CCSGA meeting and explained the case for abstaining from investment in fossil fuels.

They had gotten around 700 student signatures endorsing the project as well as creating a proposal in order to show concrete campus support for the cause.

"We didn't feel that we could take a position until we saw overwhelming student interest," said CCSGA president Nathan Lee.

The resolution, which is available for viewing on the CCSGA website, explicitly paints divestment as an issue of aligning CC's constitutional ideals with its investment practices.

"It's a question of framing the argument in terms of the core values of the college," Knecht said. "Saying that the practices of extraction, refinement, and transportation are all in contradic-

tion with our core values."

The Student Divestment Committee, headed by David Cully, Phoenix McLaughlin, and Sophie Javna among others, started to convene in November of 2012.

After a series of endeavors such as information sessions, surveys, and articles, the group decided to form a salient organization now known as the Student Divestment Committee.

They met officially for the first time on Nov. 12. Student Trustee Samantha Barlow played a large part in organizing the group and helping to identify goals.

"The students who were on the, 'hey, we need to do more about this, we need to really do more research on this, into ways to divest, we need to engage in conversation with the Board,' that group really kind of took the reins and led the charge," Barlow said.

The Student Divestment Committee will meet with CC's Board of Trustees to present their case in May.

The national movement to divest from fossil fuels has included institutions such as Harvard University, the University of North Carolina, and Hampshire College.

It is generally accepted that divestment does not have significant effects on corporations' share prices. The movement is generally one that aims to conduct a symbolic protest against fossil fuel organizations, not to incur financial ruin on those organizations.

"I don't think it makes the best sense to frame this in economic terms," Knecht said. "The impact that we're intending to have on the CC campus...is one of leadership and showing that the entire process of fossil fuel consumption and management is causing these sociological problems."

Climate change organizations turn to divestment as an effective form of expression because they see proxy voting and shareholder activism as an ineffective method of communication.

While the Student Divestment Committee has certainly gained traction over the course of this year, the release of CCSGA's resolution does not indicate that all individuals affiliated with CCSGA support divestment. Nor does it indicate that all CC students support divestment.

"It's important to understand, too, that there's student interest on both sides of this issue," Barlow said. "The survey that we sent out showed that there was an equal number of students who were in favor of divesting...and a number of students who didn't feel that we should change anything with the way we invest."

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COMMENT & DEBATE

Richard Dawkins sneezes at Colorado College

RELIGION

Darrell Dooyema
Guest Writer

The famous atheist, Richard Dawkins spoke at Colorado College last week...sort of. In reality, he barely opened his mouth except for a crowd-rousing sneeze into the microphone that marked the most exciting point of the entire evening. Instead of an intellectually engaging presentation from an atheist point of view, or a vigorous debate of some kind, Dawkins' name was merely used to promote the three other speakers of the evening.

When the crowd understood that Dawkins would not present any content at all (he merely "interviewed" one of the other speakers for a few minutes), someone yelled from the crowd, "Is Dawkins going to speak anymore?" Much of the crowd left after the realization that he would not.

The real intention of the evening was to promote a book by Katherine Stewart attacking the Good News Clubs, which teach Christian principles to children in an after school program. She called these people "predators" and accused them of using "draconian" principles to subvert our young children and make them feel bad about themselves. In reality, the presentation was filled with half-truths and inflammatory accusations. For example, one of the speakers demonstrated a supposedly abusive lesson from the curriculum of the Good News Club. He acted as the teacher and Dawkins roleplayed the student. The teacher placed a sign around the neck of Dawkins bearing the large word "sin." He then handed Dawkins an envelope, and asked him to open it and discover what he would earn from his sin. Of course, the envelope contained the word "Death." Then the presenters stopped and claimed that

this is the message the Good News Club offers children...that they are sinful and deserve death. "For the sake of time, we will not open the other envelope," they continued.

This statement is part of the gospel message of Christianity, that we all are guilty of wrong-doing and deserve justice. Yet, the part that was left out "for the sake of time" is the rest of the Christian message. According to the Bible's account, we are all made in the image of God and deeply loved by God.

What is more, there is a real solution to the problem of our own guilt, the offer of salvation from God who paid the price for us by sending Jesus. The second envelope surely contained this incredibly life-affirming message...too bad they ran out of time.

Interestingly, the atheist panel never offered to teach their own world view to children in a similar after school program, an option they have in our country due to our firmly held belief in free exercise of religion and freedom of speech.

Perhaps this is because the moral message they would preach to children would be devastating to our culture.

In his book *River Out of Eden: A Darwinian View of Life*, Richard Dawkins describes the universe as a place where there is "no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but blind pitiless indifference."

Imagine an after school program for kindergartners in which they were taught that there was no good or evil, that the world was actually a pitiless place, and where what they think and do morally have no real significance.

I wonder how our elementary school teachers would react to this kind of program for our children? How would our children apply such knowledge that there is no right and wrong in the classroom?

What is more, from this atheist viewpoint, how would they have argued that humans have any intrinsic value? The Good News Clubs teach children that all human beings have intrinsic worth

because they are created in the image of God and are deeply loved by God. Human rights, the Golden Rule, and respecting those different from ourselves make perfect sense in this view. From a Darwinian perspective, people have functional value based upon their ability to help the species survive, but there is no such thing as intrinsic value. In this view, why should those of less talent, less influence, less physical ability be thought of as equals? Rather, the dark experiments of social Darwinism have produced devastating effects on cultures that have applied them.

Dawkins himself has admitted that although he argues for Darwinism in biology, he can't stomach the thought of it being applied socially. In an article at *First Things*, Edward Oakes refers to an interview Dawkins gave with the Austrian newspaper *Die Presse*, on July 30, 2005. Dawkins is quoted as saying, "No decent person wants to live in a society that works according to Darwinian laws...a Darwinian society would be a fascist state." Indeed, he is most certainly correct in this view.

In all, the event at Colorado College was little more than a whimpering attempt to discredit a particular group of people based upon their religious views.

By equating the Good News Clubs with predatory child abusers, the speakers overstated their case and demonstrated their lack of tolerance for views different from their own. Instead of offering an alternative view of life and an alternative message to embrace, they merely flung mud. I would have enjoyed hearing their alternative view on life and thinking through the reasoning behind it. Instead, they offered no such message or reason.

Perhaps this was for the best, if the message they would offer our children would be deleterious to their moral life and to our culture.

Maybe Dawkins will appear again and offer more of a rational argument in favor of his own view, but for now we will have to settle for the excitement of the sneeze.



Illustration by Kelsey Skordal

Obama fumbles Kenyan election

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

James Kiawon
Guest Writer

The New York Times' recent editorial called the election of Uhuru Kenyatta in Kenya "awkward" and "deeply unsettling" because of his indictment by the ICC for alleged involvement in post electoral violence in 2007. The election of Kenyatta to the Kenyan presidency makes him the second African president currently on the court's wanted list. Sudan's Bashir has an arrest warrant due to human rights violation in Darfur.

Before the elections, the U.S. government made its dislike for Kenyatta very clear by warning that "choices have consequences."

But contrary to the intended result of driving away voters from Kenyatta, the move garnered sympathy for him and propelled him to a comfortable win over Raila Odinga. Odinga is currently disputing the results, although it is very unlikely that the constitutional court will grant his wishes.

Kenyatta has repeatedly denied the ICC's charges but said he will comply with the court in the investigation process. I hope he sticks to this promise.

I am not Kenyan. I have limited knowledge of Kenya's internal issues, I do not support Kenyatta, and I do not believe the ICC offers a viable solution to the human rights violation in the post-election violence.

Imprisoning Kenyatta does not offer a real end to Kenya's ethnic problems. Ending ethnic hostilities will require an arrangement similar to the Truth and Reconciliation process that was used in post-apartheid South Africa and post-war Liberia.

However, the Obama administration's unwelcome intrusion into Kenyan affairs is ill-advised. It violates the principle of national self-determination, it assumes guilt before the trial, and it has the potential to alienate the U.S. in a region of key strategic interest. Kenya holds the key to any effort to curb the spread of al-Qaeda and its affiliates in East Africa.

The last thing the U.S. needs in this

world is anti-American sentiments in Africa. While I do not envision hatred for the U.S. to come anywhere close to the kind of hatred exhibited by Islamic fundamentalists, it seems absolutely possible that people will elect more Kenyattas—candidates the U.S. does not want to occupy major posts in African countries.

The challenge for American diplomacy will be how to navigate these hostile environments. If these situations arise, the U.S. must not abandon its commitment to democracy or human rights to gain favor.

It must refrain from outright denunciations of leaders like Kenyatta. Success will require dialogue and vigorous diplomacy that achieves American interests without abandoning American ideals.

America's aid is vital to the sustenance of many governments in Africa, but it does not mean that local populations will not use their anger to frustrate U.S. initiatives.

With Chinese power rising in the region, shifting loyalty away from the U.S.

is no longer an invitation for poverty. China's aid is virtually unconditional and many African governments with bad human rights records will jump on their wagon. China's aid is not the best, but from the standpoint of a cash-strapped government, it makes perfect sense; China provides money and respects national sovereignty.

What America needs is not to assume Uhuru Kenyatta is guilty, but to ensure that he complies with the ICC investigations through vigorous diplomacy and other measures that respect Kenya's independence.

I am a huge advocate for U.S. hegemony, but it will not hurt if the U.S. treats other countries with mutual respect and exercises restraint in foreign policy.

As the Kenyans have shown, the world does not run according to the New York Times' editorial page, or Obama's video messages, or the messages that U.S. ambassadors relay to local politicians.

The era of massive U.S. influence in African politics is ending and we should behave accordingly.

Greenwashed groceries: Debunking organic foods

ORGANIC FOODS

David Cully
ComDeb Editor

Organic foods are fraudulent products that are a

waste of your money. They are no better for your health, worse for the economy, and often contribute to environmental degradation. Too many students fall for this ubiquitous example of greenwashing. It's time to end this farce within the CC community.

Greenwashing is a marketing term used to describe the process of sellers imparting a false sense of environmental friendliness to a product. Today's society increasingly demands eco-friendly products, and while some producers have "greened up" their act, others only pretend to.

Supermarket attempts to capitalize on the upper-class trend towards organic food consumption have left the industry rife with this insidious form of marketing. Organic food doesn't really help the environment. It just makes you feel better about contributing to the same level of environmental degradation as your grocery bill did before.

In fact, a lot of organic food is grown by huge factory farming corporations. Michael Pollan, a professor at University of California Berkeley and author of "The Omnivore's Dilemma" has been a leading critic of this trend, labeling it the rise of "Big Organic". Participation in the organic food movement strikes no finan-

cial blows at factory farming companies – you're buying from them regardless. This global food economy is bad for the environment because of greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the transport and preservation of produce. Organic food doesn't help.

Beyond the environmental fallacies, claims of proven health benefits from organic foods are almost as scientifically untenable as the denial of global warming.

While research continues on the subject, the Mayo Clinic and WebMD both report that so far, there is no clear evidence that organic foods contain any more nutrients than conventionally produced foods.

The Mayo Clinic reports that freshness is much more significant to your health than the organic label. Beyond freshness, common sense tells us that other, simpler factors matter more. Do you think it is better for your body to eat a conventionally grown apple, or organically produced potato chips?

Some organic food advocates claim that they are using less harmful pesticides than their conventional-food-eating neighbors. The USDA regulates that organic food can't be produced using synthetic pesticides. Because it is so difficult to grow large quantities of food without pesticides, organic farmers use "natural pesticides" instead.

This sounds nice, but as a result, organic and conventional foods are both

covered in chemicals that kill bugs. There are lots of natural substances that you wouldn't want to consume - cyanide is a natural pesticide.

The good news is that the USDA regulates the concentrations of these chemicals to the same levels, both on conventional and organic produce. Thanks to good old Uncle Sam, you retain the same level of safety from these chemicals, regardless of your shopping habits.

If you think that organic foods are good for the local economy, you are mistaken. Yes, organic foods are often local. But demand for organic goods has grown so high in recent years that organics are commonly shipped hundreds or thousands of miles before they show up in your grocery bag. Local foods are grown by local producers – but organic foods don't have to be.

At the global level, this growing demand for organic food is unsustainable. Organic farming is not as productive as conventional farming. According to a study in *Nature* comparing the yields of organic and conventional agricultural practices, sixty-six independent studies showed that organic crop yield is lower on average. This makes sense – organic farmers are not allowed to use the synthetic fertilizers that dump huge bursts of nitrogen into the soil.

Unfortunately, we need to maximize production, because there are a lot of mouths to feed. According to Nobel Peace prize-winner and path-breaking

agricultural scientist Norman Borlaug, organic farming practices could only feed four billion people.

There are seven billion of us, and the world's population continues to grow. While organic productivity has increased in recent years, it is not as productive as conventional farming, and it can't yet feed humanity.

So instead of embracing organic farming techniques universally, we currently produce just enough organic food to feed hungry, wealthier people in first-world countries. This demographic is willing and able to spend nearly twice as much money on food in order to get essentially the same product. While they think they are saving the world, they are actually just wasting their money.

The problem with the organic foods movement is not in its motivations but its actions. I applaud everyone who wants to save the environment, participate ethically in our economic system, or live a healthier lifestyle. But if you want to be healthier, you should get some exercise and properly regulate your macronutrient intake.

If you want agriculture to be more environmentally friendly or economically compassionate, you should lobby your Congressional representatives for stricter agricultural regulation.

As educated citizens, the next time someone tries to sell you the merits of organic food, your response should be "yes, I know, this food contains carbon".

Performer in Chief: The legacy of Hugo Chavez

POLITICS

Sam Smith
Staff Writer

Summarizing Hugo Chavez's complicated and often contradictory legacy as the leader of Venezuela is largely an impossible task.

Observers credit him with incredible accomplishments as well as monumental failures.

Chavez cleaned up the drinking water and empowered the working poor, but critics hold him responsible for the skyrocketing crime rate that destroyed Caracas and forced thousands of middle class Venezuelans to leave the country.

For some, Chavez was a leader whose policies dramatically improved education, but others vilify his oversight of Venezuela's overcrowded and dangerous prisons.

Much like his best friend Fidel Castro in Cuba, Hugo Chavez was uncritically lauded by many on the American left, and impulsively denounced by many on the right. Americans rarely understood Chavez as the multi-dimensional man he truly was.

Dichotomous perceptions aside, Hugo Chavez' legacy will most likely be his wild personality. He was a president who performed in power.

However, Chavez's performance antics were not those of an actor, as much as they appeared to be. In fact, according to those close to him, Chavez brought his genuinely fiery personality everywhere he went.

Chavez's late-into-the-night television speeches quickly became regular occurrences after his election in 1998.

His purposefully controversial accusations leveled at the United States quickly granted him international fame.

A loud voice, snappish and unrelenting

tone, and a crude sense of humor defined Chavez as a polarizing international figure, but in a country self-defined by wild soccer fans, fast and flashy dancing, and spicy food, Hugo Chavez was a national favorite.

As an editorial in the March 9 *Economist* put it, Chavismo turned out to be a "remarkably successful formula" in which Chávez won four elections by margins ranging from "sweeping to comfortable."

Chavez was left with a Venezuela rich in oil. His policies, across the board, worked effectively to increase Venezuela's wealth and international status.

This success bolstered his image and made Venezuelan people to listen to him on TV and radio.

His performances brought people coming back again and again, and soon, a performer was born.

This legacy will live on because, even in a world of Castro, Kim Jong-il and Vladimir Putin, Chavez was a performer in a league of his own. In fact, he made the rest pale in comparison, looking like amateurs against his wild tirades.

Chavez was brash, and consistently targeted his opponents directly. His language and ferocity made him convincing and divisive, commanding audiences.

By creating this spotlight, he mastered a formula for exploiting socioeconomic inequality in order to demonize his opponents.

Without his performances, he would not have been able to do this.

The wild and sometimes trashy talk-radio feel to Chavez's public declarations are abundant.

Consider for example when he claimed in 2008 that Sarah Palin was a beauty queen being forced into politics against her will, or called Halloween 'gringo ter-

rorism', or, suggested that 9/11 was an inside job orchestrated in private and kept private by the Bush administration.

Perhaps the most ridiculous statement came in 2006, when Chavez compared Hitler favorably to George Bush.

"The imperialist, genocidal, fascist attitude of the U.S. president has no limits.

I think Hitler would be like a suckling baby next to George W. Bush."

Hugo Chavez was a bit of a nut. But he was proud of it.

He loved the attention and he will certainly be forever remembered for demanding it and commanding it to the end.



Illustration by Kelsey Skordal

Youth invasion: Sports teams see influx of young players

SPORTS TEAMS

Marika Viragh
Staff Writer

Over the past two seasons, the men's basketball team included only two senior players; of a roster of sixteen, the volleyball team had two seniors during the 2012 season. The women's lacrosse team also experienced this trend of a young roster.

This pattern of young athletes raises questions about the experiences of the Division III athlete at Colorado College.

Having a roster of mainly underclassmen creates an atypical dynamic on the team.

"Having one senior forced the underclassmen to step up and take responsibility," junior men's basketball player Ryan Milne said. "The underclassmen fulfilled a larger role on the team. There was no group of seniors to show us the way, forcing us to hold each other accountable."

Young rosters force the underclassmen to step up both on and off the field. While there are numerous advantages, the absence of veterans means a lack of experience for the young players to learn from.

"Naturally, younger players are nervous with lack of experience, but our freshmen have stepped up in a big way

this season," senior lacrosse player Abby Fink said. "I think young teams take a while to get momentum going. When it comes to leadership, that's where experience comes in, and I think all of our seniors lead in a different way."

Of course, there are pros and cons to the situation, but it is interesting to ask why these teams have such young rosters. While it varies from team to team, the wealth of opportunities on campus, the recruiting process, and competition from within the team contribute to the phenomenon.

Volleyball coach Rick Swan explained the situation with his team as the result of a large senior class during the 2011-2012 season. "We had five seniors last year, and the incoming recruits will look at that and see that they might have an opportunity to play during their freshmen season," said Swan.

The volleyball team carries a roster of sixteen players and holds tryouts every year, but a few players decide to stop playing.

"We have kids quit for a variety of reasons," Swan said. "They come in and decide they don't want the commitment and they are ready to try new things. Some may realize that their playing time might be limited and they want to move on."

The women's lacrosse team has had a similar experience.

"We have 10 freshmen, and I don't expect to have 10 seniors in four years," women's lacrosse coach Susan Stuart said. "This is the way it always has been. Part of this is natural attrition. Some players aren't happy with how they are playing or their role on the team, but there are also a million things to do at CC."

A number of players decide to go abroad during their junior fall and come back to decide if they want to keep playing or not.

Former lacrosse player Hollis Moore spent her fall semester in India with a NOLS program. She had a very intense cultural experience, shifting her mentality in regards to her education and experience at CC. After two impactful seasons on the team, Moore decided to end her lacrosse career and pursue her other passions.

"I opened my eyes to many new perspectives because I was independent for the first time, and I gained a curiosity that I don't think I had before going abroad," Moore said.

Fink spoke about what it was like to have a substantial amount of her class decide to not play before her junior season.

"Obviously this comes as a shock at

first, and you're losing teammates who you love and are valuable to the team. But, in the end, you want people on the team who want to be there, and I admire them for realizing their commitment wasn't 100 percent there," she said.

Former men's basketball player Zander Goepfert reflected on his experience on the team and reasons for deciding not to play as well.

"In looking back at the months before I made my final decision not to play, it was the camaraderie and brotherhood that made the decision not to play so hard," he said. "When it came down to it, though, the time commitment and energy that is required for DIII basketball at CC was too much for me. Furthermore, at a school like CC where extracurriculars and clubs are so prevalent, I couldn't help but feel that there were things that I was missing out on."

While the rosters are seemingly young and sometimes absent of a senior class across the board (like the 2011 women's lacrosse team), the teams have dealt with the adversity and found great success. The volleyball team dominated the SCAC, the men's basketball team fell only in their conference championship, and the women's lacrosse team has begun to gain momentum for a successful season.

Students compete in MedWAR

MEDWAR

Kayla Fratt
Staff Writer

Roughly 90 Colorado College students took the Wilderness First Responder course over half-block this past January, joining the already large number of medically-certified students at CC. Senior Chris Dickson, Activities Chairman for the Outdoor Recreation Committee, hatched the idea of creating a medical race, dubbed Medical Wilderness Adventure Race (MedWAR), to "put students' medical skills to the test."

MedWAR follows a format similar to that of other races around the country put on by the Wilderness Medical Society and other programs.

Last year, the event did not have enough participants to function; however, this year, four teams totaling fourteen students competed for several hours in Red Rocks Open Space. Each team hiked roughly eight miles to six different disaster sites, at which they were required to treat whatever scenario they encountered.

Each team received a map marked with the victims' locations and used compass bearings to find the patients. Several participants admitted that they were scratched and bloody themselves by the end from hiking difficult terrain and finding hidden victims. The race had a time limit, although teams were given extra time for each full SOAP note, a written record of the patient's condition that is imperative to help EMS treat the patient quickly. Likewise, teams lost time for each Leave No Trace violation witnessed.

After several hours, only one sophomore team comprised of Haley Leslie-Bole, Fiona Haslett, and Lucy Gamble

completed all the challenges.

"One patient had a compound femur fracture, which is one of my worst nightmares," Leslie-Bole said. "Trying to improvise traction and stop the bleeding was quite intense...[however] it was an awesome chance to practice rusty WFR skills and run around Red Rocks Open Space decked out in flair."

Sophomore Dan Butler is a Wilderness EMT who worked on an ambulance last summer and teaches CPR at Colorado College. Like many of the qualified teams, they did not complete the race.

"Navigation was challenging, along with the responsibility," Butler said. "You realized there was no one you could ask questions to, and you just had to have confidence in your treatment as a team."

Virginia Hill, a sophomore geology major, volunteered as a victim for the event and said that her favorite part was performing her injury, putting her acting skills to the test while the WFRs tested their medical skills.

Hill is also a WFR and pointed out that one difficulty was rustiness; the freshest WFRs took their class two months ago. In addition, unlike during WFR class, MedWAR did not only use injuries recently taught in class, and there was no supervision during the treatment.

All involved attributed much to Dickson for spearheading the event, and many indicated that they would like to see the event repeated in future years. The "wild flair, fake blood, scrambling up and down to get to patients, and fierce competition," as described by Gamble, was a hit and hopefully will become an ORC tradition.

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Regaining the clutch

MCKENNANALYSIS

Henry McKenna
Guest Writer



Tiger Woods, adulterer, player of women and golf, retained his title as No. 1 in the world on Monday. I phrase it that way because there is no longer any way to think of Woods without thinking about his checkered personal past.

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Looking at Tiger's steady comeback reminds me of another sporting great: Michael Jordan.

In 1993, Michael Jordan's father was murdered. In response to the traumatic murder, Jordan pursued his father's dream for his son to play baseball. Jordan retired from the NBA and went full(/fool)-heartedly into the minors. He did this after winning three consecutive championships in basketball.

Though he improved over the season, Jordan clearly looked better on a basketball court than a baseball diamond. He was hitting a measly .202 batting average in the minors. Luckily, a MLB labor dispute gave Jordan a push in the right direction, which was a push back to the NBA.

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Before leaving the circuit and falling apart in 2009, Woods won two majors in three years and four in four years. He had 17 tournament wins in the three years before '09. Though Woods's harm was self-inflicted and Jordan's was not, both of them left their sport to deal with trauma, and both experienced the loss of their crown.

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Road trip with a side of skiing

SKIING

Thomas Crandall
Staff Writer

Many ski trips are punctuated by endless powder,

backcountry huts, or early morning skins, but for this freshmen spring break trip, the freedom of a car and an Epic Pass was so much more.

In 10 days, Adam Young, Salvador Bastian, Will Cohn, Ben Kimura, and Emily Greene travelled over 2200 miles by car - excluding a flight to Nevada. They crossed through five states (California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado), skied three of them, and fit five people and eight pairs of skis in Young's Jeep Liberty.

"I told them, 'Guys, we have no plans. We just have our Epic Passes, and I have a car back home. We'll make something happen,'" said Young.

After staying with Young's family outside Virginia City and skiing a few slushy days at Heavenly and Northstar, the crew visited San Francisco for St. Patrick's Day weekend.

After a relaxing weekend of sunsets and beaches, the crew put skiing back on the agenda and drove to Kirkwood. There they met up with senior Nikki Naylor and her friend Doug, a Kirkwood local, who showed them the mountain.

"We got to see a lot of spots we otherwise wouldn't have been able to find. Kimura threw a sick backflip off this natural feature that Doug showed us - [it was] a natural booter off a roll in the hill," Bastian said.

"[He was] the best skier I've ever skied with. Kirkwood is super vertical, with tons of cliffs, and tons of really gnarly terrain. If you don't know the mountain, you could get in a tight spot," Young said.

Continuing the search for snow, the group headed towards Salt Lake City to ski Brighton, where Cohn's mom's friend offered a stay in her condo to the group. Pulling into Brighton one morning greeted by fresh powder, the group quickly prepared to find fresh lines.

"The snow was really light and fluffy - 13 inches of fresh. We found this log ride



The legendary Jeep Liberty carted these adventurers. Photo courtesy of Thomas Crandall

that went out 10 feet and dropped off; nobody hit it before and we landed in powder so that was super sick. I'd never skied Utah before; it was an unreal day, no lift lines, and nothing was ever skied out," Bastian said.

"[I've] never skied in so much pow in my whole life," Greene said.

None of the group had skied Utah before, except for Cohn. Despite the powder day, the crew enjoyed relaxing mornings, arriving at the hill around midday.

"On any other ski trip I've ever been on, usually you try and get out the door as fast as possible. They would just [mess] around in the kitchen, watching movies in the morning. I was taking my time, I'd take a shower, and still be the first one ready," Greene said.

"It wasn't backcountry-esque - it was all resort skiing and travelling, but it was a lot of fun. We'd wake up in the morning and say, 'Do we want to ski Northstar, Heavenly, or Kirkwood today?' You're in lift lines now and then, so it's not like the backcountry experience of a hut trip, but it was still cool," Young said.

On the way to Utah, the crew even saw their ski heroes, part of Line's "The Travelling Circus," headed the opposite way in their yellow van. According to Bastian, the group practically worships those skiers on the show.

"The inspiration behind this trip was probably 'The Travelling Circus,' because

this is what they do. They just travel across the country and ski everywhere, make do with any situation. We watch their videos all the time," Young said.

Through visiting the Moment handmade ski factory in Reno, to buying a gas station Maxim, and even trying to get lip tattoos their last day, the group's mentality remained goofy. As the only girl, Greene suffered a bit of humiliation but enjoyed the experience.

"They made fun of all my gear the entire trip; they called my snow pants the 'Aladdin pants' because I got them for \$3 from the ARC. We get off the chairlift and I'm putting on my poles, and Bastian double ejects me and then shoves me. It was pretty good, though," Greene said.

"She'd get kind of pissed at us sometimes, but I think we got along, and I don't think we got too sick of each other by the end of the trip," Bastian said.

Between gas station adventures, staging a birth for an Epic Mix photographer, and constantly uploading pictures to Instagram under the tag #rigsending, despite late mornings and all in-bounds skiing, the group enjoyed sleeping together in guest rooms without a concrete plan.

"Nothing went bad, and nobody got injured. It was the perfect trip for me because I like skiing a lot, but if you ski every day, it could get boring," Young said. "Even if we didn't have powder, it [still] would have been a great trip."

Leader training in the Dark Canyon

ORC

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"Fantastic," "incredible," and "splendid" are some

adjectives that participants used to describe their experience on the ORC Trip to Dark Canyon, Utah.

The trip was a Level II Backcountry Leader Training Trip, and offered a way for participants to work towards the Level II certification through the Alberg Leadership Institute. Once their Level II is completed, they will be able to lead a wider range of trips for the ORC.

First, the group spent a couple of days at CC's Baca Campus in Crestone, furthering their leadership skills, playing games, and completing exercises with local spiritual leader Peter May. They hiked and set up a winter camp on Thursday, then drove to Dark Canyon on Friday.

In the canyon, they enjoyed warm temperatures, swimming, showering in waterfalls, learning new skills, and most of all getting to know each other. Games like Big Booty, Hot Seat, and Contact were played again and again.

"We were laughing non-stop and never had any problems come up. We truly became like a family," freshman Kenyon Fatt said.

Holly Moynahan, also a freshman, agreed that bonding with the group was the highlight of the trip.

"In the canyon, we all kind of forgot about the outside world and simply focused on each other, and what we were doing and why," Moynahan said.

"I could have not asked for a better, more down-to-earth and hilarious group of people to share my spring break with," freshman Maggie Kehlenbeck said.

The scariest moment on the trip was a close call with some deer in the road on the way to Dark Canyon.

"We were going about 60 mph around a slight bend when we saw them in the middle of the road. Kati couldn't slow down in time and Big Bertha (our van) sped by and probably missed them by a foot or two," junior leader Leo Stout said.

One challenge the group faced was the initial descent into Dark Canyon. In only one mile, the trail descended about 1,200 feet through a talus field with a 40-degree slope, switchbacks, and loose rocks.

"It was really tough," sophomore leader Kevin Moss said.

"It was basically a landslide, so we were climbing rocks and boulders at steep angles all the way down. It was

exhilarating but slightly terrifying at the same time," Moynahan said.

The group used a trail that followed the Colorado River, making for lots of opportunities to cool off in the freezing water.

"We planned on hiking six to eight miles a day, but didn't realize that a mile in the canyon was equivalent to two or three miles anywhere else. We did not hike the miles that we planned to, but we had so much fun," Kehlenbeck said.

"We didn't have a real destination...we were there to have fun and learn from each other," Fatt said.

"The backpacking aspect of the trip wasn't too strenuous because our main goal was to instruct and teach our tripees soft and hard skills," Stout said.

Along the trail, they learned to navigate with a map and compass, follow LNT principles, repair stoves, and many other ORC leader skills. The trip featured an experiential learning component that allowed each participant to lead the group for a bit.

"[This aspect of the trip] was both challenging and rewarding," Stout said, "All students grew during the trip and I'm confident they will become excellent ORC leaders."

After all, the best trips create the best leaders.

Ice of the Tiger

CC HOCKEY

Alex Woolford
Staff Writer



It's that time of year when miracles become commonplace and Cinderellas dance. Last weekend we witnessed a #15 seed reach the Sweet 16 for the first time in tournament history, and a #8 seed from a small school in Colorado Springs cruise to the WCHA

Finals.

The Tigers looked primed and ready to make a run in the WCHA playoffs ending the season with a strong 5-3-3 record. However, after a disappointing 5-3 loss to Denver in the first game of the conference tournament, Colorado College, once again, had their backs against the wall - but as they did all season in crunch time, they persevered.

The Tigers began competing with a sense of urgency - Joe Howe stood on his head the entire tournament, and deserved MVP honors in my book. In the second game of the tournament - a win-or-go-home situation for the Ti-

gers - Colorado College got incredible goaltending, played solid, shutdown defense, and scored clutch goals to outlast Denver 2-1 and force the rubber match in the best-of-three series.

In the third and final game of the series with arch-rival Denver University, CC went down 2-0 quickly into the first period, and once again were backed into a corner. The Tigers never stopped fighting, they left it all on the ice, and lived up to their motto for the tournament: "no regrets". Down 2-0, CC scored three unanswered goals in a five-minute span during the second period to take a 3-2 lead. The Tigers never looked back. In back-to-back nights, the Colorado College Tigers came from behind to win, and were heading to the WCHA Final Five in St. Paul, Minn. The victory over Denver snapped a streak that has seen the Denver Pioneers advance to the second round in five consecutive seasons.

In the first game of the Final Five, the Tigers faced North Dakota, who, like Denver, got off to an early lead. The Tigers fought back to force overtime, and with eight seconds remaining in the extra period, Peter Stoykewych, who was ultimately named to the WCHA All-Tournament Team, lit the lamp.

Next up - Minnesota. Trying to beat Minnesota, arguably the best team in college hockey, in St. Paul, in a one-game, winner-takes-all is a daunting task to

say the least. Colorado College was up to the test, and Joe Howe shut them down - posting just his second shutout of the season. It was also only the second time Minnesota had been shutout all season.

Colorado College did not have the most talented team in the tournament - but they made a case for having the most heart. And as CC Tiger fans, what more can you really ask for?

The Colorado College Tigers looked at one another in disbelief on Saturday night, listening to the sellout crowd of 18,782 screaming fans at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn., and still had difficulty fathoming the moment. The Tigers were in the midst of a remarkably improbable run, knocking off three teams who are bound for the NCAA Tournament - #13 Denver, #6 North Dakota, and #2 Minnesota.

What a storybook ending it could have been. In the final year, before Colorado College leaves the WCHA, the Tigers hoist the Broadmoor Cup high over their heads for the first time in school history. Unfortunately, CC faced arguably the hottest team in college hockey - the Wisconsin Badgers. After a miserable beginning to the season, going 1-7-2 in their first ten games, Wisconsin ended the regular season on a 16-5-5 run since the end of November.

The Badgers got an early 2-0 lead, but the Tigers fought back as they did

all season. After the Badgers got a lead, however, they locked down defensively, and the system was just too tight to penetrate. CC found the back of the net twice on goals from Charlie Taft, his third of the tournament, and a highlight reel goal from Rylan Schwartz, who scored five goals in the tournament and was also named to the WCHA All-Tournament Team.

The WCHA is sending six teams to the NCAA Tournament; unfortunately for us, our Colorado College Tigers are not one of them. Minnesota, North Dakota, St. Cloud, Denver, Minnesota State, and Wisconsin will represent the WCHA in the NCAA Tournament even though Colorado College beat all of them, except for Wisconsin, in the final weeks of the season. A win in the WCHA championship game would have given our Tigers an automatic bid and punched CC a ticket straight to the NCAA tournament.

It is time we close the book on the WCHA as we know it. The Tigers are moving on, and maybe it's the right time; maybe some change is necessary. Colorado College ended the regular season below .500 for the first time in 20 years. The Tigers are graduating seven seniors, including four of their top-five scorers, and the goaltender who made the improbable run a reality.

The forgotten risks of adrenaline: Corona Arch

CLIMBING

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On Wed., March 20, partway through a personal spring break trip, I stood atop Corona Arch, about 140 feet above Utah's desert floor. With three running steps, I was airborne, plummeting about 60 feet towards the earth before the rope attached securely to my harness caught me and I swung squealing and breathless through the sandstone structure.

After flying back and forth and taking in the beautiful views from my suspended position, I rappelled the remaining distance back down to the ground. Friends met me with laughs and hugs, and I settled in to watch the rest of our group take the leap. We headed back to CC on Sunday morning eager to share the story and videos of our experience with our peers.

While it is impossible to track the numbers of visitors who swing, people have been taking the jump since the '80s. The arch swing has increased drastically in popularity ever since a YouTube video, entitled "World's Largest Rope Swing," was uploaded. The video shows another group swinging off the arch and has gained over 17,000,000 views since it was posted in February of 2012.

Upon our return to campus, we learned that on Sun., March 24, Kyle Stocking, a 22-year-old resident of West Jordan, Utah died attempting the same swing that we had just preformed.

"The length of the rope used to swing from the arch was miscalculated and when Stocking swung... he struck the ground, receiving fatal injuries," said the Moab Sherriff's Office reports.

"When I heard [about the accident], my stomach dropped and I started feeling almost shaky," freshman Soren Mortvedt said. "Not good to hear that, especially when we were [at the arch] only a few days ago. Luckily, we had [junior Cody Memmel], basically a climbing genius, to set it up. When you're up there, you basically run every bad situation through in your head... I kept telling myself, 'no, this will be fun,' and it was."

"We're all pretty shaken up by this," said freshman Dan Morris, who also swung on Wednesday, "and I think I'll be shaken up for a while."

When I took that jump, I certainly experienced fear, but I felt confident in the security of the system. Memmel, who has extensive climbing and rope-work experience, took charge of the swing's setup, carefully measuring variables such as rope stretch and the angle at which to jump.

He first threw a backpack filled with rocks off of the arch as a test. When the backpack swung through successfully and he was certain all parts of the climbing gear were secure and measured, he jumped. Morris, Mortvedt, freshman Colin Chupik, and I followed in turn. Memmel thoroughly checked each harness and locking carabineer diligently before helping us to the edge.

The jump itself is an incredible feeling. The ground rushed at me with unbelievable speed and my mind sort of shut off while I was dropping. I was terrified and euphoric at once.

"So you have what seems like way too long of a free fall and finally you feel the increasing force of the rope on your harness and then you shoot through the middle of the arch and up into the air on the other side. At that point, I don't think you can be much more ecstatic," Memmel said.

Corona Arch resides in Bureau of Land Management property at the end of a 1.5-mile trail off Pothash Road (Utah State Route 279), about five miles outside Moab. The hike is popular with anyone who wants access to beautiful scenery as well as with adrenaline-seekers. A sign at the trailhead warns passerby that swinging from the arch can be dangerous or fatal.

The BLM recently stopped allowing private adventure companies to lead clients in jumping off the arch; therefore, anyone looking to swing must build it at their own risk, either with their own gear (there are five anchors atop the arch), or by joining a group already swinging.

"After figuring out what types of an-

chors were at the top and that I had most of the necessary material to set it up, I figured I knew enough to set up my own rope system that would work as a swing," Memmel said.

"On one hand, you want people who are going to set it up, to set it up correctly so they don't hurt themselves, but on the other hand if they don't know how to set it up themselves, they shouldn't do it in the first place," Memmel said.

The arch is closed while the Grand County Sheriff's Office conducts an investigation, but will later reopen to the public. ABC News reported that the BLM intends to reevaluate how to manage the arch.

"It's difficult problem to have where a lot of people want to do this, but fail to do it safely," Memmel said.

"I was fortunate to be with a group that knew what they were doing and nothing went wrong, but I realize now that

accidents happen and we have to plan to prevent them. I hope this event will spark awareness for climbing safety in our community in order to prevent these tragedies," Chupik said.

"Hearing about that is awful. I feel horrible for [Stocking's] family and friends, especially those who were there that day," Mortvedt said.

I, too, am grateful, shaken, and sad. As I stood on top of the arch, I called down to my friends, "This seems pretty dumb, but here goes!" I had a wonderful time on the arch, but I am still trying to figure out: Was it dumb? Why do we do this?

Stocking's accident makes the dangerous risks of the sometimes extreme forms of recreation in which many CC students participate seem much closer to home, much more possible. As outdoor adventurers, we must continue to find the balance between joy, adrenaline, and caution.



After setting up, Junior Cody Memmel makes the first leap. Photo by Emma Longcope



The Fitness Center, located in El Pomar Sports Center, boasts incredible views, as well as incredible machines. The windows face toward the mountains, but exercise enthusiasts can also enjoy traveling to many different location settings programmed into the television screens that are built into the treadmills, the bikes, and the ellipticals. The screens also connect to iPods, and have many basic cable channels. The center also includes a new strength training room, which will possibly gain additional equipment. Photos by Veronica Spann

New Fitness Center is a hit

GYM RENOVATION

Katy Stetson
Sports Editor

State of the art equipment, expansive windows, and

more than 15,000 square feet of active space have come together to make the Adam F. Press Fitness Center a recreational dream come true.

Many Colorado College students are troubled by the lack of windows in the architecture across campus. As one English teacher said, "a capital campaign can build a new library, but a capital campaign can't build you Pikes Peak." So why, we all ask, with our impressive backyard, were so many of our buildings erected nearly windowless?

Well, ladies and gentlemen, faculty, staff, student and alumni, our buildings are making steps in the right direction. The brand new fitness center, which opened March 25, the first day of seventh block, will certainly satisfy your viewing needs.

The Adam F. Press Fitness Center is host to top-of-the-line, commercial-grade equipment, with both cable and Internet on the cardio machines; an auxiliary gym for club, intramural, and recreational activity; a multipurpose room where group fitness and yoga classes will be held; locker rooms, the climbing gym, squash courts, and viewing decks. The majority of the new gym is facing toward a wall of windows that overlook Washburn field, the (soon-to-be-rebuilt) track, and of course, Pikes Peak.

"The initial response to the facility has been tremendous," Athletic Director Ken Ralph said. "It is great to see so many students taking advantage of the new recreational opportunities, [and] we thought it was important for our stu-

dents to have access to the best equipment."

From hour one of business, the reflection of active legs could be seen on every machine spanning the width of the windows.

"I feel motivated again. It's a whole other ball game when I feel like I'm almost running outside, but still have access to so many machines," sophomore Anne Schwartz said.

"I can't believe how hi-tech the machines are - I mean, I went on a hike with graphics of a path, mountains, and people cheering me on, on a stair stepper!" freshmen Rachel Gonchar said.

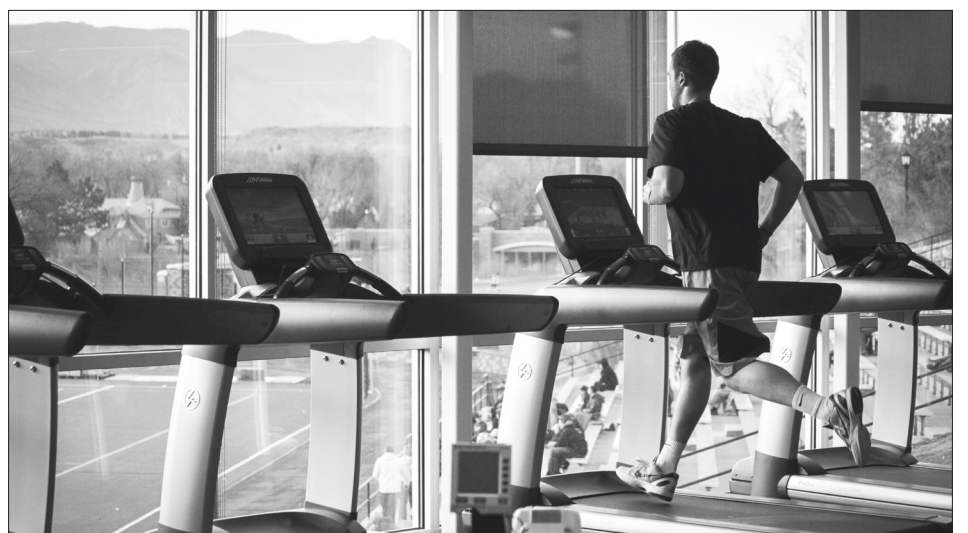
As for those who are looking to get seriously buff, the 4,500-square-foot strength training room is all you need. Though the new weight room is not yet as stacked as the varsity weight room (which students had access to during construction), the administration has plans to add equipment to accommodate demand.

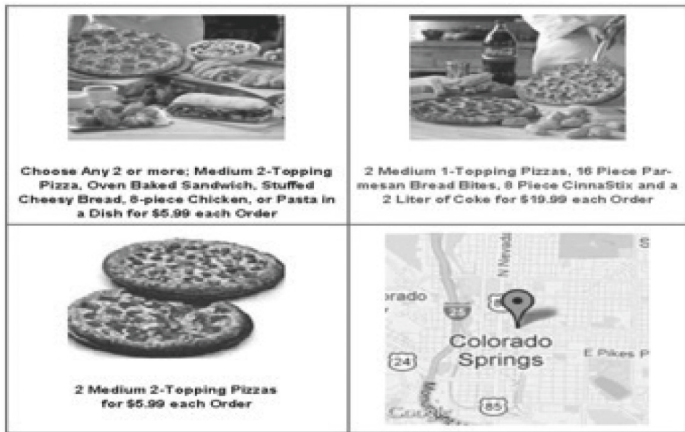
"The spaces will continue to grow and evolve as usage patterns become evident," Ralph said.

"I'm bummed I can't use the varsity weight room anymore, but I'm looking forward to them putting in more platforms," senior and workout savant Alex Woolford said.

If you have yet to explore and make use of the new facilities, it's in your best interest to at least take a peak. Whether you're there to work out, to shoot hoops, or watch the sun drop behind the Front Range from the viewing decks, the Adam F. Press Fitness center has something for all of us, and it is a space we can all be proud of.

The fitness center is open Sun: 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Mon-Thu: 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri: 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sat: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.





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Student and staff partnership bring Deer Tick to campus

EVENTS

Maggie Deadrick
Life Editor

Deer Tick, an up-and-coming Rhode Island-based alternative country band, will perform live at Colorado College's Armstrong Theater on Wednesday April 3, and it's all thanks to a little conversation behind the Worner Desk.

Sophomore Mike Stevens is a Worner Desk Student Manager and a music lover. About a year ago, his boss, Worner Desk Manager Lynnette DiRaddo, inspired his long-term quest to bring musical talent to campus, simply by offering her expertise.

"I have been an event planner for 30 years," DiRaddo said. "It's not technically my role at CC, but I do advise students on the logistical side of planning an event. Mike and I were working together, talking about bands and events. I told him, if you ever want to bring a band to campus, you can do it and I will help you."

As an entry-level employee, Stevens admits he was a little intimidated and nervous about his boss's offer and her impression of him if he didn't follow up. With the combined desire to impress his boss and provide a unique and exciting event to the student body, Stevens began emailing bands.

"Lynnette suggested I get a local band, but I thought if I was going to do this, I wanted to do a big band," Stevens said. "I went to Llama last year and I thought it was cool we could bring bands in, but I felt like the whole idea of it was getting pretty hazy. From what I'd seen in the past, we've had The Motet here; we've had Flylow and Big Gigantic. We've had awesome bands here, why don't we try to do something about that? I emailed an agent about a different band, which ended up being too expensive, but he

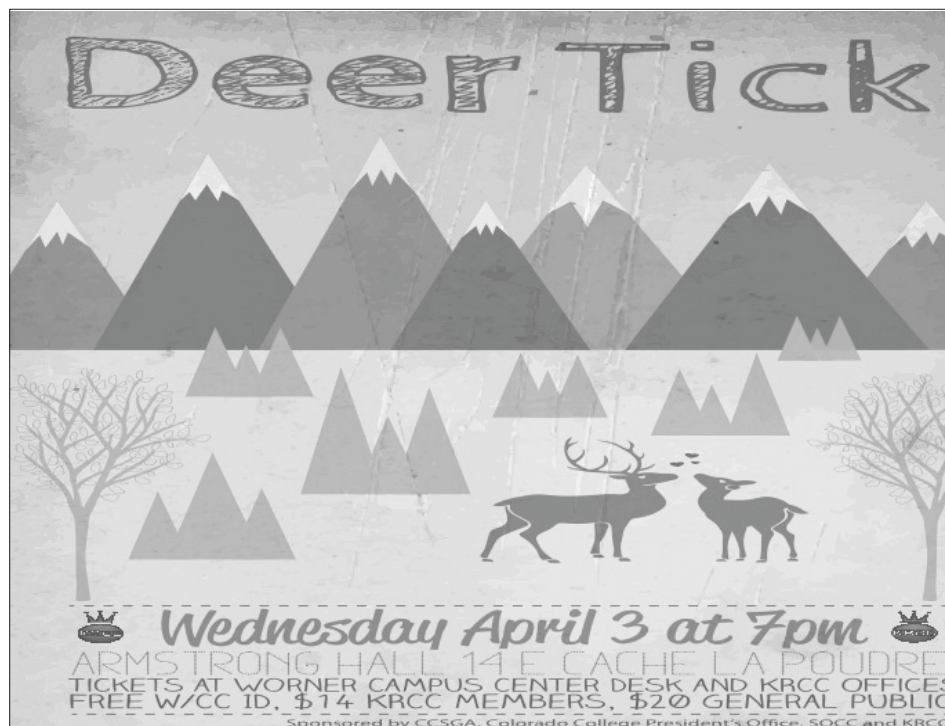
turned out to be the same agent for Deer Tick."

Deer Tick initially asked \$8,000 to perform on campus, and as a lofty goal, Stevens accepted their offer. As a philosophy major with little experience in Economics, the sophomore ran into budgeting issues, costing him a few grant opportunities. When the reality of the financial feasibility presented itself to Stevens, he returned to Deer Tick and proposed a lower price. They settled on \$4,000.

"There are a bunch of things that go into the event besides just the contract fee—the sound company, security, hospitality, publicity. I got some money from KRCC on the contingency that I'd pay them back from ticket sales," Stevens explained. "I went to CCSGA; they told me to go around to other people. I approached the SOCC and they said they had some money and they were looking to do another event. Once CCSGA saw that I was really pushing, they came around. Like a domino effect, once one fell, they kept falling. I was very persistent and pushed hard, and the money started coming."

The remainder of the event cost was covered by the President's office. DiRaddo explains that collecting the funding for a student-driven event, as opposed to one sponsored by an organization, is like applying for bank loans: you just need one source to get behind you, and the rest will soon follow. She would know, considering she is the woman behind two well-attended campus concerts: The Wood Brother's concert in the fall of 2010 and the Tedeschi Trucks Band concert in the spring of 2011.

"There are two kinds of acts that we can afford: the folks on the way up and the folks on their way down. And Deer Tick is on their way up," DiRaddo said.



Deer Tick is touring the Rocky Mountain west, playing shows in Utah and Wyoming before stopping at Colorado College. Following the campus event, the band will continue through the state, playing shows in Denver and Aspen. Illustration courtesy of Mike Stevens.

"They're getting more national exposure, they were on David Letterman. If you work with their agents, or if someone is in the neighborhood, you can get them cheaper. So they could sit in a hotel for a night and do nothing, or they could play for us at a lesser cost."

Stevens and DiRaddo have been working together since the inception of the project on budget and logistics, including choosing a date that won't interfere with the many seventh block campus events and focusing on community inclusiveness. Now, with only five days to go before the concert, last-minute details are falling into place and the pair feels surer than ever.

"We're down to processing the checks—we need to pay the band and the sound guy. We had to contract with a special sound guy because we don't have the equipment that they need," DiRaddo said. "We're thinking about who [is] going to help with load-in, because we need a crew to unload the truck. We're thinking about hospitality and what we'll stock their dressing rooms with. And watching the tickets, selling the tickets, and making sure students get them."

Stevens says ticket sales are looking great one week before the show, and he is certain he will generate enough revenue to pay back his loan from KRCC.

"This block, we're focused on publicity—the Facebook event, hanging posters, especially in Colorado Springs," he said. "The best part for me is finding people who are really excited about this and willing to help out. Even people who don't like this type of music are excited because they think it's going to be cool to

have professional talent at their school."

As the sole student responsible for the event, Stevens is anticipating a lot of responsibility on the day of the show, including an on-stage introduction. While he may have had a few butterflies in his stomach when he first began emailing bands a year ago, the chance to interact with the band next week does not phase him.

"It is a business; it's not like I'm bringing them here because I want to hang out with the band," he said. "I'm not getting my hopes up, I'm not going to be star struck or anything. I've been working on this for so long, I feel like I already know them. It's desensitizing."

Nonetheless, both Stevens and DiRaddo are highly anticipating the day of the event, whether in excitement or relief.

"It's a pretty cool accomplishment but I'm going to feel very happy when it's all finished; I have a lot of other projects I'm working on, and it's difficult with school work being intense," said Stevens. "I don't want to wash it away though; I want to enjoy it."

"That's one of the beautiful things about CC—anybody can do anything," added DiRaddo. "And I'm happy to help anybody who wants it."

Following next week's Deer Tick concert, Stevens hopes to try his hand at event-planning again, likely in the next school year.

"Since I'm only a sophomore, I'd like to establish some sort of committee next year to get more people involved and bring bigger names," he said. "We'll see what happens. It's great that I've established relationships with people who can help."

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BrewHaha: Best in the West but hard to come by

BEER
Carl Slater
Staff Writer

Pliny the Elder, the famous ancient Roman author and naturalist, gave hops (the quintessence of beer) its first botanical name. Fittingly, Russian River Brewing Company gave the world's first commercially brewed double IPA Pliny's prickly, peculiar name.

The beer is notoriously hard to find. Russian River distributes to a mere four places (California, Colorado, Oregon, and Philadelphia, Pa.). The story of the beer's distribution is noteworthy in the expansion of craft beer in the U.S. Craft brewers operate in one of the most regulated and taxed industries in the country. They face advertising, supply, and distribution problems in the face of the behemoth organizations like InBev.

On Tuesday, the Brewers Association, craft brewing's trade group, lobbied Congress to pass the Small Brewer Reinvestment and Expanding Workforce Act (Small BREW Act) as a part of the Craft Brewers Conference taking place in D.C. Essentially, the bill halves the tax per barrel for brewers producing 60,000 barrels or less, and changes the tax rate per barrel for up to 6 million barrels.

Craft brewing's expansion in the United States means more clout for the industry as it starts to support more jobs and gain more money to donate to campaigns. While the overall beer market grew 1 percent last year, craft brewing grew 15 percent in volume and increased by 17 percent in dollar value, according to the Brewers Association.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, while being hon-

ored for his support of craft beer, said that the Small Brewers Caucus was the only bipartisan effort in a divided, dysfunctional Congress. Moreover, the home brewer said, "Unlike Congress, you guys actually produce a product that consumers like." From Sierra Nevada to Russian River, DeFazio is right. The trouble is finding the beer.

In a year where, in most cases, demand outstripped supply for many younger breweries, it can be even more difficult to find that bottle of Pliny the Elder. In the Springs, the best bet is Cheers Liquor Mart on North Circle Drive or Coaltrain Wine & Spirits on West Uintah Street. If you desire the beer, I recommend calling them ahead of time or checking their websites and Facebook pages. According to their employees and Russian River's distributor in Colorado, Elite Brands, next week will be the best time to check for availability. The whole state receives one shipment every six weeks; an uncommon, but not unheard of, shipment schedule for that amount of beer.

If you couldn't tell, there's a lot of weird stuff that surrounds Russian River's distribution. For example, Coaltrain has a one-bottle-per-customer deal, while Weber isn't deemed "good enough" to carry the beer (by Elite, that is). In polite terms: that's bull shit. In my reporting, I haven't been able to determine whether it is Elite or Russian River that makes the rules. Weber is a great beer store. It has a huge bomber selection and lacks all the dumb wine they have at Coal-

train. Pliny would sell out immediately at Weber and appeal to the younger beer-drinker demographic who craft brewers desperately need to court in order to continue expansion.

But it appears Russian River isn't concerned about expansion or being the king of craft brew. Rather, they insist on making great beers that sometimes need to be consumed soon after production. The Pliny label instructs you not to age or keep it on the shelves for too long, lest the beer lose its incredibly fresh character.

Pliny is generally considered by critics to be the best American brew ever produced; it set the standard for an entire style. It's overwhelmingly pleasant. Masterfully balanced and packaged in an understated 22 oz. bottle, the beer brings a tamed ferocity to the IPA and precisely tunes, rather than kicks, up a notch on the intensity of the typical fruity and hoppy notes, while bringing in a fuller body that isn't heavy. When it slid down my gullet, I was relaxed, soothed, and quite frankly, in Nirvana without knowing it.

If you can get your

hands on it, you should try it. It's an important historical beer.

Initially, this column was going to be devoted solely to Pliny. But in the interest of being useful, I decided to review two other double IPAs that you may easily purchase at Weber.

The Firestone Walker Double Jack is helluva beer. I would suggest having one with the month's basketball events. It's basically a citrusy, bitter IPA that doesn't burden you with a heavy body or intense alcohol presence. The hops dry you out and the citrus give you a tingle of sweet.

In the opposite corner is the Mission Shipwrecked. I didn't like this San Diego beer. Too much alcohol presence, too heavy, not well balanced the way I think IPAs should be. Overall, I expected more from a brewery founded by an ex-Stone Brewing Company brewer. This beer isn't worth more words. Maybe he didn't voluntarily leave his former place of employment...

While you sit in your dorm, apartment, or house and watch March Madness, make a stop to the beer store before the next game, pop open a double IPA like Pliny or Double Jack, and help support craft brew in America

Pliny the Elder is one of three beers that Russian River Brewing Company makes all year round, but only in limited quantities to ensure freshness. Photo courtesy of Russian River Brewing Company.



Preview: Senior art thesis shows opening second week

The art thesis shows of Ian Sabler, Olivia Myerson and Lacy Carter will be on display in their respective campus venues for second week of second block



Art by Olivia Myerson, oil paint and wood based art, photo by Erin O'Neill

Come out to Packard Hall to enjoy Seasick, a work of art by Olivia Myerson. However, Myerson's expressive pieces are far from nauseating. She explains that her process of deciding on an artistic medium, and figuring out how to incorporate her love for color and her spirituality in a cohesive and simple way, was a feat. Inspired by nature's authentic beauty, Myerson is deeply drawn to wood and its expressive character. One day, she recalls, she stumbled upon the alliance of oil painting and wood and found harmony. Allowing the grains of battered sheets of wood to guide her swirling colors, Myerson beautifully expresses her identity and communicates her appreciation for the world.

-Erin O'Neill

Lacy Carter's thesis, A DINOSAUR ATE MY HOMEWORK, will be exhibited in the old KRCC building on 117 E. Cache la Poudre. Nearing the end of her formal education, Carter takes this opportunity to reflect upon her years of schooling and how, "specifically through creative arts [she] gained confidence as a thinker, and found a point of entry into the world of ideas."

Incorporating many mediums, she stresses the importance of creative expression, specifically within the classroom. Ultimately, Carter makes a fervent social commentary against the cookie-cutter life that our capitalist society has been programmed to desire, issuing that creative thinking is invaluable as it "provides access to intellectual discourse in new and varied ways."

- Erin O'Neill



Art by Lacy Carter, photo by Erin O'Neill



Art by Ian Sabler, photo by Grace Gahagan

Ian Sabler has created a show that is truly awesome. Assembling remnants of Juniper trees from Garden of the Gods and the Waldo Canyon fire, he has made "humanoids" that are stripped down to their bare musculature and speak to the inner torment of human beings.

Stabler admits that he struggled to depict the human form in his third-block painting class and instead turned to describing spaces absent of humanity. Stabler engages the viewer, pushing us to connect with his gnarled, raw figures into his spaces.

-Grace Gahagan

Can you Belize where some chocolate comes from?

FOOD

Mel Yemma
Staff Writer

I love chocolate, and once in a while I love to treat myself to some fancy dark and rich craft chocolate. Yet, at the grocery store, I always find myself staring at the infinite amount of choices in the specialty chocolate aisle, perplexed by what to choose.

This Spring Break, Sarah Perez-Sanz and I decided to investigate our choices further; we set out to trace some different brands of chocolate to their source: cacao. One of our favorites, Taza Chocolate, as well as another fancy brand called Green & Black, source some of its cacao from southern Belize, a region with a booming chocolate and cacao market. In addition, the area has an interesting Mayan history that involves unique uses of cacao from a spicy cacao drink to cacao bean currency.

Belize seemed to us like a perfect place to conduct a case study about the commodity chain of chocolate, as well as a nice Spring Break destination. One Venture Grant and President's Discretionary Fund Grant later, we found ourselves amongst the cacao trees and under the Belizean sun. When planning our trip, we made contacts with Maya Mountain Cacao (MMC), one of two cacao-sourcing companies that act as the middleman between the cacao farmers and craft chocolate makers. Lucky for us, Spring Break fell at a convenient time, as MMC was having its annual farmer's meeting and we were asked to help out. Many famed U.S. chocolatiers, including Alex Whitmore, the founder of Taza Chocolate, were also in town for the event.

At the meeting we learned that Belizean cacao farmers are doing pretty well. Because the market is so new, they demand to get paid a more-than-fair price, and they receive it. All of the farmers that MMC works with are certified Organic by USDA standards (which MMC helps them to receive), and MMC additionally aids farmers by picking up their cacao, drying and fermenting it for them, and providing grafted-seedlings, so farmers can easily expand their farms.

Hearing specific farmers speak at the meeting was fascinating; they were happy and excited about their current farming situation, as well as their prospects for the future growth of the Toledo cacao industry. It was also great to see their families guzzling down the samples of the free chocolate bars, with smiles of contentment on their faces.

We learned a lot from MMC, Alex Whitmore, as well as Jeff Pzena, founder of Moho Chocolate. They taught us a wide variety of information, from the history of cacao farming in southern Belize, to the current competition they have with the only other cacao sourcing organization in the region, the Toledo Cacao Growers Association (TCGA). TCGA is a cooperative of Toledo cacao farmers who work under a fair trade model to provide cacao for the five Belizean chocolate companies and Green & Black, based out of Great Britain. Interestingly enough, while Green & Black prides itself on its Belizean roots and labels its bars "Maya Gold," only a small portion of their chocolate contains Belizean cacao.

TCGA functions differently from MMC in many ways; the most notable difference to the farmers is that TCGA will only buy high quality pre-fermented and dried cacao. This means that some weeks, TCGA rejects the cacao that the farmers bring them. While both organizations have different pros and cons, after visiting many farms that sell to the different organizations, it seems that the competition is great for the farmers, as it gives them a choice as well as leverage over their crop. Our home-stay host, Mr. Silvano Sho, who is from the village of Blue Creek, mentioned how he chooses MMC because they help him, an asset he wasn't receiving from TCGA.

We spent three days with Mr. Sho, who is a Mayan cacao farmer as well as medicine man, shaman, tour guide, and cave explorer. From swimming in the dark abyss of the Blue Creek Cave, to touring his cacao plot, to chatting and story telling over homemade tamales and tortillas, we were able to get a brief snapshot of life as a cacao farmer



Yemma and Perez-Sanz worked with cacao farmers in Belize. Photo by Mel Yemma.

in southern Belize. While Mr. Sho's adventurous side is unique, we found that life as a cacao farmer is not too shabby. While cacao is susceptible to disease as many other crops are, once planted and established, cacao trees are relatively low maintenance. Additionally, with the new market operating consistently, the farmers receive a steady income from their crop. Many farmers do additionally plant corn, beans, rice, and other crops for their personal subsistence or for additional income.

Another organization that we worked with was the Ya'axche Conservation Trust, who oversees many different national reserves throughout Belize. The organization works on all sorts of initiatives, from forest conservation and environmental education, to community development and sustainable agriculture. They work with many farmers on developing diverse agroforestry plots that provide benefits to their homes, as well as grow cacao, avocado, coffee, vanilla, and many more seedlings that they sell to farmers at reduced prices. They do other agricultural work, like encouraging backyard gardening to prompt the Maya to diversify (without drastically changing) their diet, which used to only consist of corn, and they provide assistance and consultations for farmers.

Kenny, Ya'axche's agroforestry extension officer, took us to three different farms that they work with, and it became clear that the farmers are very appreciative of the work Ya'axche does for them.

Our explorations and inquiries left us with a lot of interesting facts about cacao and chocolate in southern Belize. But what does it all mean when back in the grocery store in the U.S.? Should I only buy Taza Chocolate? Maybe: Taza's chocolate is really delicious and they are about to release a bar that is exclusively made with chocolate from Belize. But our trip provided more lessons on the importance of looking past the label at the supermarket and probing a little deeper. Fair trade these days is just a label and does not consistently mean the same thing. For example, "Maya Gold" chocolate may only contain 1 percent Mayan Cacao. How is "Endangered Species Chocolate" really helping endangered species? And what's the real deal behind Hershey's? You also can't forget about all of the other ingredients of vanilla, sugar, and cocoa butter...where do those come from? Are they organic? While I may still be on the quest for the best choice in the chocolate aisle, the biggest lesson that I learned is that every food has a story behind it, and sometimes that story can reveal more than you realize.

The Bowed Piano Ensemble tours Europe for Spring Break



The Bowed Piano Ensemble rehearsing for a concert in Citta di Castello, Italy during their Spring Break tour. Photo courtesy of Drew Campbell.

ART

Grace Gahagan
Guest Writer

The Bowed Piano Ensemble is a rare gem here at Colorado College, most notably because it is the only ensemble of its kind. Last spring, many were introduced to the innovative musicianship of the Bowed Piano Ensemble when they performed at First Mondays, but in one year's time the group has achieved international recognition.

Professor of music Stephen Scott founded the group in 1977; since its inception, Scott has led, composed, and played with the group. According to the

ensemble's website, the bowed piano instrument is played by 10 players who "conjure, from one open grand piano, long, singing lines, sustained drones, chugging accordion-like figures, crisp staccato tones reminiscent of clarinets, deep drum tones, and more often simultaneously, to create a rich, contrapuntal new-chamber-music tapestry." Bowed Piano Ensemble performances are some of the most well attended of all music department events and are even streamed live online.

Over Spring Break, the Bowed Piano Ensemble went on tour, performing at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wis.;

Brunel University in London; Adria and Citta de Costello in Italy, and Malta. The group was able to enjoy days in Venice and Rome as well.

"We had the largest audiences in Italy," said Sylvie Scowcroft, a junior and current member of the ensemble. "All of the crowds were very receptive and always stayed after the concert to investigate the piano and ask questions."

Allowing the audience to investigate the piano is a common feature after Bowed Piano performances; during the third week of sixth block, after the group gave a preview concert of the tour, many audience members stayed after to fiddle and try their hand at bowing a piano.

Needless to say, the group could not haul their own piano across the Atlantic Ocean. "We were very much at the mercy of the people who invited us to play and the piano they were able to provide," Scowcroft said. "Our performance was always impacted by the piano we were playing."

Most of the pianos the ensemble used in Europe were smaller than what they were used to, which made for some interesting situations. "Our second concert in Italy went pretty poorly because the piano we were using was so terrible,"

Scowcroft said. "Strangely enough, that is where we got the most applause. To some extent what we do is so different, that no matter how horribly we think we played, the audience won't really notice."

The logistics of playing a bowed piano are unique, resembling in some ways a violin and a guitar. Working together as an ensemble is kind of like playing in an orchestra or small band; Scowcroft was able to provide insight.

"The bowed piano is definitely different than anything else," Scowcroft continued. "It is truly a team effort. It is next to impossible to rehearse with one person missing. If one person is not as reliable or committed it really affects all of us. Half the battle is figuring out how all of the parts fit together and how we physically all fit around the piano. That being said, there is still some individual work we can do and it is definitely possible and encouraged to spend some time rehearsing on our own."

Stephen Scott is in the middle of retirement and the fate of the Bowed Piano Ensemble is unknown upon his departure. But with the enthusiasm of the members and the positive reception both on campus and abroad, there is hope for the future of the ensemble.