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Above: A student crosses Cascade Ave. this week. The Transportation Master Plan Working Group has favored a plan to reduce the number of lanes on Cascade to increase safety. Right: Junior Garrett Benisch represents students on the group. Photos by Brendan Young.

Possible lane reductions for roads through CC

STUDENT SAFETY

Eliza Carter
Guest Writer

On Feb. 26, CC's Transportation Master Plan Working Group met for a review of the comprehensive plan's goals. The most favored solution for student safety: reducing the number of lanes on Cascade and Nevada Avenue.

The Transportation Master Plan is a seven-month collaborative endeavor spearheaded by a Working Group made up of CC students, faculty, and administrators, as well as residents and public officials of Colorado Springs.

Junior Garrett Benisch is a student member of the Working Group and has a unique understanding of the factors at

play.

"I would say that the Working Group is looking towards trying to bind all the areas of the town," Benisch said. "They're looking to create a community. Whether that means bike lanes, trolleys, things like that, they're looking to create more of a neighborhood in the North End and less of a thoroughfare."

Discussion at previous meetings has largely centered on the Cascade and Nevada Avenue areas and how to make them both safer for pedestrians and more convenient for drivers.

The most recent meeting intended to narrow down the plans that have been suggested so far.

It involved a series of three work-



shops: traffic calming through parking and lane reduction, different options for the pedestrian crossings, and overpass solutions. Group members were divided into sets that participated in the workshops together.

According to CC's news release on the meeting, President Jill Tiefenthaler described the meeting's purpose as a community-oriented one. "During this

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FAA still 'looking into' CC Harlem Shake

SHAKE UPDATE

Jesse Paul
Editor-in-Chief

Almost a month after the fact, the Federal Aviation Administration is still "looking into" the "Harlem Shake" video a group of Colorado College students filmed on a plane in February.

"We are still gathering information," Elizabeth Cory, a spokesperson for the FAA, said in an e-mail to The Catalyst on Thursday. "That is all we have at this time."

The CC ultimate frisbee team filmed the video on a Feb. 15 flight from Colorado Springs to San Diego on a Frontier Airlines Airbus A320. After uploading the video to YouTube, which now has some 400,000 views, team captain Conor Crowley, a senior, received a voicemail from a federal investigator who wanted information on the flight.

The story of the video and the ensuing investigation went viral last Thursday-Friday, prompting a media firestorm of newspaper, radio and television inquiries. Members of the team were interviewed on The Today Show, Good Morning America, Inside Edition, and during CNN's regular programming.

"It was pretty crazy and a little overwhelming I think, especially on Thursday-Friday," Matt Zelin, the sophomore who filmed the video, said. "But it was a really cool experience, and obviously something I've never experienced before and something I won't experience again. It's great to say have that part of

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PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE THIN AT FIRST MONDAYS, WEB STREAMING UP

FIRST MONDAYS

Ansel Carpenter
City Editor

Last year, when Ralph Nader lectured at the first-ever First Monday, more than 1,700

people were in attendance. Both Armstrong Hall and Shove Chapel were filled to capacity.

But you might have noticed some empty seats near you at more recent First Mondays events.

The event series began last school year and can be described as the second version of another event, "Symposium," that had been discontinued some time before. The program was created to provide a free, open-to-the-public event that could involve speakers, panels, presentations, and other activities all focused on one theme or idea.

The Academic Events Committee—a

body composed of three faculty members—and the Blue Key Honor Society direct the lectures, presentations, and performances of First Mondays.

"A liberal arts education is enriched by community-wide conversations on thought-provoking, engaging issues that can be of interest to students, faculty, and staff," said English Professor Claire Garcia, who sits on the Committee, "regardless of our disciplines, jobs, or majors."

The number of people who stream the event online has increased, according to Geology Professor Christine Smith Sidoway, also a member of the Committee and one of the first supporters of First Mondays. However, she noted, "the virtually complete attendance of the initial event...has not been repeated."

Today, the event averages an atten-

dance of roughly 900 people, almost half of what it was when it began.

An eventual drop in attendance is understandable, expected, and can be attributed to a number of factors. One may be the loss of novelty, as with the premiere of a movie or the opening of a new, much-anticipated restaurant, interest generally wanes after prolonged exposure.

For some, First Mondays ceases to be an occasion and becomes one event among many that compete for students' attention.

In addition, as the years go by, students generally have more and more on their plates. They are involved more heavily in clubs and other extracurricular activities. Events such as First Mondays,

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Omar Offendum, a Syrian-American hip-hop artist, gives a presentation in Armstrong as part of the First Mondays series last block. Photo courtesy of CC Office of Communications.

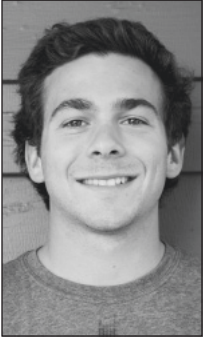
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FROM THE EDITOR | EXTENDED COLUMN

Student barred from campus, CC reacts

NEWS ANALYSIS

Jesse Paul
Editor-In-Chief



You might notice some important news missing from The Catalyst this week.

In an effort to best serve the community and respect the privacy of affected persons in the community, we have decided not to run an in-depth article regarding the recent barring and timely warning announcement surrounding Nathan Plowman.

Campus Safety alerted the community last Thursday, Feb. 23, that Plowman had “made threats against current students.” Because of those threats, officials said, he has been barred from campus.

The Communications Department confirmed this week that Plowman has been “dismissed” from CC.

Within a day of assigning one of our Staff Writers to investigate the threats made against community members, we began receiving concerned notes and hearing about social media messages criticizing The Catalyst for reporting on a “personal issue.”

One person posted a status on Facebook saying that our coverage was “extremely inappropriate,” a heartfelt message that was immediately addressed.

I called the author of the post to talk through the situation and explain why I felt we needed to report on the issue as the college’s newspaper of record, slated with the responsibility of investigating student concerns and matters of public interest.

Many community members relayed concern that the email sent out to faculty, staff, and students regarding Plowman was vague and made some “feel more unsafe” because of the ambiguity surrounding the victims of the alleged threats and if the entire campus was in danger.

The college did not tell The Catalyst if the threats were made against specific individuals or the community in general.

“If you are talking about something that takes place over a period of time, there may be a number of components there,” said Pat Cunningham, Director of Campus Safety. “But I think the big concern for us is to say, ‘Here is someone who has made threats against members of the community and because there is potential for them to cause harm on-campus at some point, then we would take that in a broader sense.’”

Timely warning messages have been a point of controversy at CC in recent years, raising questions about the privacy and legitimate need to maintain a safe environment.

“It’s not a decision that is made lightly,” said Heather Horton, Director of the Wellness Resource Center, about deciding to send a community alert message. “It is a big conversation and there is a lot that goes into it.”

Timely warnings and “flash all” messages are sent when campus officials decide that there is a real or potential threat to campus, Horton and Cunningham echoed.

When deciding to send those messages, CC has to weigh the consequences of what information needs to be released and how it can potentially make people feel unsafe, Horton said.

“You get a situation like this where [we say] there are threats against the campus community and people wonder who’s involved in the threat,” Cunningham said. “We want to make sure if people see this individual on campus they report it to us, regardless of who may or may not have been referenced [in the threats].”

Last week’s email was sent on behalf of the federally regulated and mandated Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, which was created in response to the 1986 rape and murder of a 19-year-old Lehigh University student named Jeanne Clery.

After Clery’s death, her parents discovered that nearly 40 unreported violent crimes had occurred at Lehigh University in the years leading up to the heinous 1986 murder. The Clery Act passed leg-

islation to ensure that colleges and universities throughout the country report all crimes, from liquor law violations to murder and sexual assault.

Campus Safety and the Colorado Springs Police Department deemed that Plowman was a danger to the safety of Colorado College and had to release a message informing the community. This most recent situation is not unlike the “flash-all” sent last academic year that warned of another student who had been expelled for violating CC’s sexual assault policy.

While the Clery Act mandates that timely warnings must be released in certain circumstances, Cunningham said that Campus Safety sometimes releases information about other threats not covered by the legislation in order to keep everyone informed.

“We want to put that information out there,” Cunningham said. “Part of that is not to get bogged down in the idea of timely warning.”

It would be impossible for The Catalyst to ignore a threat that has been legitimized by a number of safety officials, and, for the sake of good, fair reporting, attempt to record the opinions and story of the other side -- in this case, Plowman.

The ethical and moral implications of writing this article are of real concern to our entire staff, and represent a difficult decision for myself as Editor-In-Chief.

How do you weigh the personal privacy of one person against the safety and public interest of the entire college community?

Ultimately, it appears that the benefits of writing such an article would not outweigh the negative aspects of doing so.

I feel that this situation ceased to be a personal issue as soon as threats were made against others, and when the rest of campus was informed it became a college-wide problem.

While we at The Catalyst never aim to intentionally ostracize, embarrass, or pry aimlessly into the personal matters of anyone, it is the unfortunate reality of journalism that sometimes, such action is necessary. For that reason, I believe this extended column reaches that middle ground.

Campus officials continue to assess the circumstances surrounding Plowman and the Colorado Springs Police Department is “investigating very actively,” according to Cunningham.

CC has many resources in place for those who feel unsafe or victimized by anyone, including housing reassignment options, counseling, and, if utilized, a long list of community resources, including the local police, that can be of assistance.

A Facebook account bearing Plowman’s name posted a message on a CC “Free & For Sale” page on the social media site that said, “I’ve done some things I really regret and have hurt people I truly care about.”

Anyone who sees Plowman on-campus, or has any further information regarding the threats he made against the community, are encouraged to contact Campus Safety or the Colorado Springs Police Department.

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Colorado Springs crime, in brief

SAMURAI SWORD ATTACK

Early Tuesday morning, a man wielding a samurai sword allegedly attacked his neighbor, leaving both men bloody and in need of surgery.

Sean Knapp reportedly attacked Kenneth Sipes, his neighbor in the Westwind Apartments on the 1900 block of Carmel Drive, as soon as he opened the door, swinging the antiquated weapon at his face. By the time police arrived, both men were injured after a fight ensued when Sipes caught the blade with his hand before it hit.

Both were rushed to the hospital and have since been stabilized, police said.

LOCAL SOLDIER MURDERED

A soldier stationed at Fort Carson was fatally shot in his Widefield home last weekend.

Although no one has been taken into custody, a juvenile family member—who police have said is not a threat to the public—is reportedly suspected.

Sergeant James Flemming, 36, was

an Iraq war veteran and a father of three. The police said that because the investigation is ongoing, they do not want to jeopardize it by revealing the identity of their prime, and so far only reported, suspect.

The family lived near Mesa Ridge Pkwy, making Flemming’s death the fifth homicide in El Paso County this year.

LOCK VANDAL CAUGHT

A man is behind bars this week following a string of vandalism at governmental agencies and private businesses in and around the downtown area.

Michael Meriweather, 61-year-old local, was arrested by police and charged in connection with the vandalism. Meriweather had been placing an unnamed substance into their locks, causing them to malfunction.

The extent of Meriweather’s activities is unknown and police have urged businesses to call authorities if they have had this substance placed in their locks.

LOCAL RESTAURANT ROBBED

Police are searching for three suspects after a local Indian restaurant was robbed at gunpoint last Friday night.

Around 8:28 p.m., three men, at least two armed with handguns, entered “A Taste of India” on the 4800 block of Flintridge Dr. and demanded cash. Employees handed over an undisclosed sum and the suspects fled on foot, police said. Responding officers searched the area, but could not locate the suspects. No injuries were reported.

STORAGE FACILITY BURGLARIZED

Six camper trailers being kept at Public Storage Units, a self-storage facility northwest of campus, were broken into between Monday night and Tuesday morning.

So far, police have reported no leads or suspects. Authorities are unsure if other campers were broken into and have urged property owners who find damage or signs of forced entry to contact the police.

ACCIDENT NEAR CAMPUS

On Tuesday night, a head-on vehicle collision at the intersection of East Platte Ave. and Murray Blvd. left three people in the hospital—one in critical condition—and closed the intersection while police investigated.

Other details of the crash are not currently known.

FALCON CYBER-BULLIES STOPPED

Two local teen students have been named as suspects in a cyber-bullying investigation.

Alexander Natale, 18, and Kyle Pate, 18, were issued summons and charged with harassment after the Sheriff’s office found the allegations to be legitimate.

On Feb. 26, the El Paso County Sheriff’s Officer responded to reports of cyber-bullying on a Facebook group called “Falcon Problems,” associated with the Falcon School District. The content on the site was found to be threatening in nature, the Sheriff’s office said.

CC student tries to scale back waste

FOOD POLICY

Jack Sweeney
News Editor

dining facilities.

Above the compost bins in Rastall Hall, a handmade sign declares that students and faculty who eat at the all-you-can-eat cafeteria are throwing roughly 250 pounds of food away each day.

CC freshman Whit Walker decided to change that trend.

During fourth block, Walker was getting annoyed with all the food that was being thrown out by students on a regular basis in Rastall. It was then that he started his study on the amount of food students were throwing away.

After nearly every meal, Walker and his team measure the amount of food waste from the compostable bins in Rastall. The results are staggering.

"I just decided to do something about it," Walker said. "I decided that if we could find some sort of incentive or motivation for the students we could help decrease the food waste."

One of the incentives Walker and friend Andy Post, freshman, came up with was a sticker campaign. Students who finish everything on their plate get a square, yellow sticker that reads "Proud Owner of a Clean Plate." The project has been a big hit with students.

"Whit came to me in December and said he wanted to put together a waste-reduction campaign. I told him it was a great idea," Derek Hanson, Director of Operations for Bon Appétit, said.

Walker and his team, including Post, are committed to the project.

"I'd say this last block we probably weighed after 95 percent of the meals," Walker said. "We're trying to get more and more people on board."

The clean plate initiative has to be an

Since Jan. 21, 12,000 pounds of edible food has been wasted in Colorado College

all-college endeavor, he says.

"I think both Rastall making too much food and students taking too much food are definitely an issue," Walker said. "Rastall has more of an excuse because you can't have kids go up there and not have enough food. They still throw out a fair amount of food though."

Hanson agrees.

"We have numbers of how many people ate at specific meals going back to July of 2008," Hanson said. "We refer to those numbers and that's how we figure out how much food to make. And it's pretty accurate; the numbers are consistent."

Bon Appétit is cognizant of the amount of food they make in order to reduce waste, but they can't control what community members do after they pile up their plates.

"Being here for a good amount of time, the chefs are pretty locked in to the amount of food we need to complete a meal," Hanson said. "Sometimes we get thrown a curveball. I don't think we ever really over-produce. It's more of students choosing to grab too much food."

Bon Appétit, CC's food provider, tries to limit food waste by having servers serve the food to limit students who take more than they can eat.

"In Rastall, you can go back up as many times as you like, but we hope that when you eat a proportioned meal, served by our servers, that that will be enough for you," Hanson said.

As for the excess food made in Rastall, Walker and Post have a plan for that too.

"We've been talking to someone about getting all the extra food Rastall makes and giving it to a homeless shelter or some sort of charity," Walker said.

Bon Appétit does give some of the extra food to the CC kitchen after meals, but not all of it. If the food is perishable, there is not much Rastall can do to save it. It comes down to the artificially high

demand students create when they take too much food.

Although the "Clean Plate" campaign has been popular among students, there has been no difference in the amount of food waste.

"I notice it with my friends and some other people doing it, but as far as the data goes, there is no difference in the amount of food people throw away," Walker said.

After every meal, Walker and his team measure the amount of dining waste in the compost bins that can be seen at the exit of Rastall. To determine the amount of unnecessary food waste in the bins, Walker determines the weight of other items such as napkins and fruit rinds and subtracts it from the total weight.

The food waste, which used to be composted on campus, is now processed through the Bestway disposal company.

"We need to get better about the stickers so we can hand them at to more people on a regular basis. It will give the students at least some incentive. We just printed 1,000 stickers yesterday," Walker said.

Walker offers some advice to those who have bigger eyes than stomachs: "If you've never had something before and you're not sure if you'll like it, just take a bite. Also, the smaller plates help. You can go up for as many trips as you want. There's no need to bring three massive plates to your table."



Roughly 12,000 pounds of edible food have been thrown away since Jan. 21. Photo by Veronica Spann.

FAA still 'looking into' ultimate team's 'Harlem Shake'

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...my life, to say that happened."

The video now has 4.63 million views on YouTube as of Thursday evening.

The short clip was filmed in the air somewhere near the Grand Canyon in Arizona with both the permission of the crew and the enthusiastic participation of fellow passengers. Aviation experts told The Catalyst last week that the dance posed no danger to the structural integrity of the plane.

Frontier Airlines released a statement saying all regulations were followed and that the seatbelt sign was off.

"We believe we were never in the wrong because we followed the instructions of the flight attendant and we aren't worried about the federal investigation," said senior Conor Crowley, a team co-captain who was on the flight.

In the shaky, 30-second video, passengers are seen jumping up and down, banging on the cabin, and generally acting erratically in one what person

aboard the flight likened to "a riot."

"I got phone calls from friends and family, and people from high school I haven't talked to in years, sending me emails and Facebook messages, which was nice to get that attention," Zelin said. "But obviously it's just overwhelming. It was fun to be able to talk to friends and have their support who said they didn't see any reason why we should be investigated by the FAA."

While team members say the media attention has died down since last week, some are still trying to find out more about the circumstances surrounding the video.

"[The attention is] pretty much done except for emails from a student in Belgium who is writing an article for her university publication," Zelin said. "Very broken English questions are being sent to me so I'm in the midst of interviewing with her."

President Jill Tiefenthaler was also contacted by the student journalist from Belgium for comment.

Because the actual "Harlem Shake" song is copyrighted, the ultimate team can't make money off of the ads running with the video online. However, one person called the Worner Desk this week asking for information on how to donate directly to the ultimate team.

After all the media attention, what's next for the ultimate team?

"As we said in all our news interviews, we have a season to play now," Crowley said. "We have four more tournaments to play and then hopefully nationals."



The ultimate team is interviewed by Good Morning America in Armstrong Hall. Photo courtesy of Ian Adams.

NEWS BRIEFS

>>> **Professor Marlow Anderson** received the 2013 Burton W. Jones award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics, CC announced this week in a news release.

Professor Anderson, who teaches linear algebra, number theory, calculus, real and complex analysis, and abstract algebra, received the award from the Rocky Mountain Section of the Mathematics Association of America.

>>> **Human trafficking** is a reality for states along the Interstate 25 corridor, which is why officials in El Paso County approved a resolution to raise awareness regarding the problem.

County Commissioners unanimously approved legislation to support public and private efforts to tackle the problem, the County said in a press release last week. The resolution aims to assist the victims of human trafficking crimes and marks the beginning of plans to find a long-term solution to the issue.

Nearly 200,000 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year, the release said, many of them through Colorado.

>>> **Joshua Carrier**, the former Colorado Springs Police Officer who was recently convicted of molesting 18 boys while serving as a wrestling coach at a local middle school, was sentenced this week to 70 years to life in prison.

Subsequent lawsuits from the molestation charges and brought upon by the families of victims could cost a local school district nearly \$11 million, The Gazette reported.

Carrier was initially arrested in 2011 for allegedly possession of child pornography after which authorities received allegations that he had molested students while working at his volunteer coaching job, according to local media reports.

>>> **Road improvements** along Fillmore St. will leave reduce some roads near campus to one lane until May.

The Fillmore Corridor Improvement Project, as part of local efforts to meet transit needs in the region, will repair aging infrastructure on Fillmore Street. The right-hand lane will be closed from Straus Lane to Parket Street following a re-striping that took place this week.

Business and resident access points will remain open though construction, the City said in a news release.

>>> **New bike corrals** have been added in downtown Colorado Springs at Tejon Street and Colorado Avenue, and at Tejon Street and Cache La Poudre Street to free up sidewalk space and encourage citizens to patronize local businesses, the City said.

The two new corrals offer space for 10 bikes and were funded by the Bicycle Tax and Sustainability funds, according to a news release.

"Adding free bicycle parking gives people more transportation options to shop, dine, and enjoy Downtown," said Anthony Pratt of City Public Works in a City press release.

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Increased funding for 'immensely helpful' Career Center

STUDENT SERVICES

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Staff Writer

The Career Center here at CC may be one of the most beneficial resources for students during their time on campus. With the help of a recent increase in funding, the center continues to expand and improve.

They can help students at virtually any stage of the career search process from determining a major to searching for internships and seeking out contacts in the business world.

Numerous seniors graduating this May are thankful for the assistance they have received during their four years.

Senior Rafael Arenas scored his internship with La Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores de Mexico (SRE), Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during the summer of 2011. He worked as an Analyst Intern for the Unit of Economic Relations at the SRE's headquarters.

Although he found the internship on his own, he attributed part of his success in earning the position to the Career Center for offering personal assistance in reviewing his resume, cover letter, and emails.

"I learned much about my working style and fit to the professional world," Arenas said. "I decided to pursue a career in the private sector after college, although I would like to go back to SRE and the diplomatic world at some point in my life."

More specifically, his personal responsibilities included translating documents, summarizing large bodies of data, editing speeches for the Minister

and ambassadors, and participating in meetings to craft the G20 Mexico Summit.

Senior Kai Ory will be working at Amazon.com after graduating, and appreciates the help he received from the Career Center earlier in the year to investigate the job opening.

He described the Career Center as "immensely helpful" with finding job openings, preparing for interviews, and revising his cover letters and resumes.

"For me, however, just being able to talk to them about the job search process, and the advice they have given, has been the most helpful," Ory said.

Seniors Ari Glantz and Reggie Anderson have both been placed in schools for Teach for America (TFA). The Career Center reaffirmed Glantz's decision to work with TFA, and helped Reggie Anderson stay prepared and informed.

"The Career Center has been a resource for me throughout my time at CC. I constantly go in there for a resume check-up, to work on interviewing skills, ask for advice from the all-wise Gretchen Wardell, and, if nothing else, then to get a piece of candy," Glantz said.

"The Career Center does a great job of circulating printed and electronic information for CC students, and has apparently made considerable improvements recently due to budget increases," Anderson said. "I just wish that I would have been able to attend some of their personal financial planning sessions or other information sessions for graduating seniors this year. I missed a number of them simply from scheduling conflicts that were unavoidable."

With an increase in funding for the upcoming year, the seniors outlined their ideal improvements. The general consensus was to see an expansion in staffing to increase efficiency even further.

"We have a huge alumni network that we could use and if we had a little bit more manpower, it could be harnessed into something amazing," Glantz said.

Ory proposed a more concentrated expansion. "I think the Career Center has made significant improvements in the past few years. In the future, I would love to see more resources for students hoping to go into the public or nonprofit sector."

The resources and events of the Career Center circulate the listserv and are also explained in greater detail on their website. And these resources are not only for upperclassmen. President Tiefenthaler has established 250 positions through an internship and job campaign to facilitate the transition from a liberal arts education to the working-world.

"I encourage all freshman I know to make an appointment and get their resume looked at," Glantz said. "As college-aged students, it is expected by all employers, including those on campus, that we have a professional and up-to-date resume."

One of the greatest benefits of the Career Center is the networking and connections. Senior Dan Ward will be working as a proprietary trader at T3 in New

York City, and he found out about the job on the Career Center's SUCCESS page. He will be working on Wall Street doing intraday stock trading.

"The interview practice provided by the Career Center is an underused resource that I found extremely helpful," Ward said. "My interview is the reason I got my job, and I was prepared for my interview thanks to the Career Center."

In his opinion, the most constructive form of improvement would be in recruiting lunches. "I think the Career Center does a great job setting up recruiting lunches to create opportunities for students at high-quality companies and any expansion of this would be great."

"Maybe the Career Center should increase emphasis if possible on these recruiting lunches as opposed to the Career Fair," Ward said. "I personally did not find it that useful as it seemed top-notch companies did not come to the Career Fair and were more inclined to come for a recruiting lunch."

Regardless of year, major, or interests, the Career Center can aid students in a myriad of ways, but especially by gaining experience through internships. "It was a great opportunity to define my career," Arenas said. "When you start your job search, you will find that having an internship in your resume gives potential employees an idea of what you are capable of, and it provides you with a great conversation starter."



Gretchen Wardell, Career Connections Advisor, in her upstairs Worner office. Photo by Morgan Bak.

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**CCSGA
HAPPENINGS**

General News:

- CCSGA will be hosting a Town Hall for District 3 political candidates on March 25 at 6 p.m. in Gaylord Hall.
- CCSGA Full Council entertained a proposed resolution regarding divestment on campus from Phoenix McLaughlin, Weston Sandfort, Evan Levy, and Sophia Javna. The pro-Divestment resolution was passed with 10 in favor, two opposed, and three abstentions.
- Emily Spiegel and Ryan Hass are currently working on organizing a CCSGA cabin retreat for next year.
- Emily Spiegel will be working with Heather Horton to put on Wellness Week, which will be occurring the fourth week of block 6.
- Issac Greene 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. This handbook should be available before executive elections occur next block.
- A Full Council Meeting will be held on March 7 in the Carriage House at 7 p.m.
- The weekly Executive Council meeting will be held on March 5 at 1 p.m.

The Finance Committee approved the following budget allocations (known as of 3/4):

Club	Event	Amount
QCC	Gaypril	\$720
World Water Day	Globemed	\$492
Delta Gamma	The Kind Campaign	\$175
Cool Science	Science Festival	\$1,200

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President Tiefenthaler talks about a 12-block academic year, the tuition increase, the ultimate frisbee team's Harlem Shake, studying abroad, and CC's new video commercials.

Have you fielded complaints from alumni and parents about the tuition increase announced last week?

I received about 20 notes from students and parents after the announcement of the tuition increase. Approximately five were actually positive, [saying] "I think the education you provide is exceptional. I think the tuition is also well within exceptional value for the experience." Another five or so had questions about financial aid, and about ten were upset about the increase.

2. It is my understanding that you initially made a proposal to the Board of Trustees for a tuition increase greater than the roughly 6 percent that was approved. Is that valid?

This is not true. The Campus Budget Committee, comprised of faculty, staff, and students, met throughout this academic year to assess the financial needs and priorities of the college. After their hard work, they recommended to me a 5.95 percent increase in our comprehensive fee which I adopted as my recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

3. We heard the Associated Press tried to reach you for comment on the ultimate team's "Harlem Shake" video. Did that really happen? If so, what did you tell them?

The Associated Press has not contacted me. The only media request that I have received about the ultimate team's "Harlem Shake" was from a Belgian student journalist who wanted [sophomore] Matt Zelin's email address.

4. What do you think is more beneficial: Taking a summer class abroad or completing an internship?

Wow, that's a tough one. Both are extremely valuable. If I had to choose, I would say study abroad. While everyone will get the chance to work, a college study abroad experience might be your only opportunity to live in another country and immerse yourself in a different culture. I hope that students will do both during their time here.

5. Recently I wrote my column about CC's campus physically expanding into the community. What are your feelings on that?

I read your column and I certainly share your sentiment that "there is a kind of magic in keeping this unique learning structure to ourselves." We don't want to lose sight of what makes Colorado College special, which is why I spent my first year listening and why we have asked for so much community input throughout the Year of Planning. I think it's smart to be protective of the things we love about CC, like the block plan and the special campus culture, but it's also important to always be looking for ways to improve the college. While we don't currently have any plans to expand the borders of the campus or make "Armstrong Hall twenty stories high," (yikes), we are constantly evaluating our ability to match the needs and ambitions of our students.

6. Do you think that CC will ever have a student population size greater than 2,000?

Currently, our undergraduate enrollment is 2,023. It would be nice to offer the CC experience to more talented students, with an acceptance rate of 23 percent, there are many great students that we have to reject. But, of course, if we grow too much it wouldn't be the same CC.

7. There is a rumor that the Board of Trustees and Faculty are considering an 11- or 12-block system. Can you tell us a little more?

This idea has been suggested in strategic planning brainstorming sessions. However, it came from the campus community during the process, not the Board of Trustees or me. The larger goals being discussed are how to create more flexibility for students and faculty and how to make better use of our campus in the summer. The 12-block year is just one suggestion on how to achieve these goals.

8. The college has begun advertising our academics through short video commercials both online and at events like hockey games. How do you think that portrays us?

We live in a multimedia world. Video is one way to communicate with our various constituencies.

9. If you had to find a study spot at CC, where would you go?

I love libraries! When I was in college, there was a table in the library that was my regular study spot. However, given what I have seen in a recent video, Tutt Library appears to be a little too wild for studying!

10. This happened a while ago, but why no more "Unique Intellectual Experience?"

I don't have anything against the idea that CC is a "Unique Intellectual Adventure," but I don't like taglines.

10 QUESTIONS

Story compiled by Jesse Paul

President Tiefenthaler teaches during her Economics of Higher Education class last block, co-taught by her husband, Kevin Rask. Photo courtesy of Communications.

#cc top tweets

@OverheardAtCC This is the ORIGINAL Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer. Nature's choicest products provide its prized flavor. Only the finest of hops and grains used. -- 39 days ago

@SCAC_Sports The SCAC Character & Community Male Student-Athlete of the Week is Will Bowers of Colorado College - <http://bit.ly/Xr3TOo> -- Yesterday

@emamet Marian Wright Edelman to serve as commencement speaker at @ColoradoCollege! So excited!! -- 4 days ago

@MentalityMag These Colorado College students who did a #HarlemShake video at 30,000-ft in the air should be arrested and flogged -- 7 days ago

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@julia_celeste "Where the high school girls at" best thing I have ever heard yelled in lift line -- 20 days ago

@bigDmulc009 And the random blizzards continue #ccproblems or #ccwins? -- 4 days ago

@HannahWillstein Going to class really sick is awesome! #thanksblockplan #longest3hoursofmylife -- yesterday

@bigalhamham Ok library-goers, getting pizza delivered to Tutt is listed as #notokay okay?! -- 2 days ago

CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

FRIDAY 3/1

Windows were reported broken at the CC Inn around 11:23 a.m. Campus Safety officers responded and the case remains open.

SATURDAY 3/2

A theft was reported at the 900 block of Cascade Ave. at 12:40 a.m. A car window was broken. The case remains open.

SUNDAY 3/3

Windows were reported broken at the CC Inn around 12:26 a.m. Campus Safety officers responded and the case remains open.

SUNDAY 3/3

A fire extinguisher was discharged in a hall of the Edith Gaylord apartments around 12:39 a.m. The case remains open.

MONDAY 3/4

The walls of the tunnel under the Tutt library were found to be covered in graffiti at 10:51 a.m. Campus Safety is investigating the incident as vandalism, and the case remains open.

Colorado legislature considers gun control measures

LOCAL POLITICS

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City Editor

After the 2012 election, Colorado's Democrats enjoy what many consider the "dream" of separation-of-powers politics: control of the state's governorship and both houses of the General Assembly, the Senate and House of Representatives. Following a growing trend among states in Democratic hands, Colorado is poised to put a series of gun control measures, which several observers have termed "sweeping," into effect.

Several committees, in both the Senate and House, passed—along party lines—bills that include limits on ammunition in magazines and expanded firearm background checks.

Many see a correlation between the votes and testimony given by Mark Kelly, husband of Gabrielle Giffords, the former U.S. Representative from Arizona who entered the national spotlight when she was shot at a meet-and-greet last week.

The Senate committees passed seven measures that will be put before the full legislature next week.

The bills, almost universally supported among Democrats and universally opposed among Republicans, are expected to pass and be signed into law by Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat who has announced his support for some level of gun control.

Last week, the House passed four bills out of the seven the Senate is set to consider.

One of the proposals passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee and the full House would remove the prohibition on banning firearms in public colleges. That ban, unique to Colorado, stops public college administrators from stopping students from bringing guns onto campuses.

Pro-gun control lawmakers and other supporters are optimistic. The families of victims of the Aurora shooting testified before the Legislature with Kelly. John Morse, the Democratic President of the Senate, was also hopeful about the

bills' passage, according to The Denver Post, Colorado's Fox affiliate, and others. "I think they'll all pass. I really do," Morse said. He added, "I think any of them failing doesn't make Colorado as safe as we could make Colorado."

Morse, a sponsor of several bills and a key supporter of the package, introduced the bill that may be the most controversial of all the bills proposed: a bill that would impose liability on those who sell guns for gun crimes.

If enacted, the law would also increase culpability for those who own guns if a crime were committed with their firearms.

Aside from Republican lawmakers, the new gun laws face widespread opposition in Colorado. On the days with hearings and voting, those who oppose gun regulation turned out en masse. Cars attempted to circle the Capitol, activists gathered and protested. Most widely reported by many outlets, including the Huffington Post and Denver Post a biplane flew over carrying the banner, "Hick: Do Not Take Our Guns!"

At one point, a Democratic committee member in the Senate admonished the audience, telling them, "I've never seen such unprofessional behavior."

Concerned citizens are not the only ones fighting the bills. Magpul, a well-known firearms manufacturer threatened the Legislature and Governor with exodus.

The company—whose products have "Made in Boulder, CO" stamped on them—said in a statement that, should the bills become law, they would relocate to a more gun-friendly state.

In addition to the proposals limiting magazine capacity, expanding background checks, imposing liability on owners and sellers for crimes committed with their guns, and removing the ban on public colleges from barring guns, other proposals include: preventing those convicted of domestic violence from purchasing firearms, forcing those undergoing gun-related background checks to pay a fee, and mandating that owners undergo online gun safety and training sessions.

Transporation: Lane reductions as solution

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...next meeting they will cull the best suggestions by determining potential implications and weighing how well each alternative meets community values," Tiefenthaler said.

The overall consensus on overpass and underpass remedies was negative. Lane reduction seems to be a popular and potentially effective method of improving safety in the Cascade and Nevada areas.

The city has refused to install pedestrian flashing lights at the Nevada Avenue crosswalks.

"We are undoubtedly going to look at lighting on the Cascade crosswalks," Benisch said. "The flashing lights do their job, but are more of a Band-Aid fix than a permanent fix."

Benisch also highlighted the exceptional nature of the Cascade and Nevada areas. "It's interesting because we have more accidents on Cascade than we do on Nevada. And that is because Nevada is dangerous enough to make pedestrians pay attention."

"And there's no confusion," Benisch said. "Because those blinking lights (on Cascade) are so obscure. That signal is not used anywhere else in the world, as far as we are concerned. So who needs to stop there, you know?"

Some dismissed propositions include rumble strips, speed bumps, the closure of Cascade, and pedestrian tables.

The overarching purpose of the Working Group is to ensure that all parties

with a vested interest in the safety and mobility of the area are represented in any long-term plans that are produced.

"It's become a system-wide proposal," Benisch said. "We're talking about all the way into downtown and all the way up into the North End and combining all those master plans."

Those master plans include the interests of the Downtown Partnership, the Old North End Neighborhood, as well as CC's Long Range Development Plan. Links to detailed information on all of these plans are available on the transportation master plan's web page on the CC website.

Thus far, the Working Group has met four times over the course of the year. It meets on the final Tuesday of each month.

Discussion has also included talk about orienting cities to make them primarily friendly to pedestrians, rather than designing the city around the automobile. This perspective most often cites a study by Geoffrey Stack, who conducted a study on the topic several years ago.

Unfortunately, this has proved an elusive goal. "It's hard because of the way the city's built. It comes from a visionary mentality, but that's just not the reality of what we want anymore," Benisch said.

The Master Plan has seen a limited amount of student presence at meetings, which is due in part to a lack of advertising. "It has not been advertised very well," Benisch said. "But we do really need students there."



Ben Capelin crosses Cascade Ave. Photo by Brendan Young.

First Mondays: Attendance shrinks

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...which may have been a pleasant digression at the start of a term, may morph into an unwelcome distraction—or even an obligation.

This is not to say that First Mondays are struggling. Seats at the event are still scarce.

Although no official concern has been voiced, more and more First Monday slots stay open for longer than they have before. In the past, the Committee has worked with several sects and constituencies of the College to fill their airtime.

The First Mondays series is not only a sounding gun for each block, but serves a community-building purpose as well. The lectures or presentations are meant to be intellectually stimulating.

"The hope," Siddoway said, "is that the events create an impetus for all members of the CC community to enquire, imagine, and embrace the life of the mind." She added, "First Mondays serves as a focus point for social interaction across academic boundaries or divisions, on the vibrant first day of a block."

The de facto first First Monday event of this school year was at the beginning of second block. The room was packed. By the time the event started, there was barely floor space on the balcony, let alone open seats. Visiting Professor Idris Goodwin and several students performed excerpts from his play, "How We Got On."

It was the general feeling on campus

that the event had been a success—something owed in no small measure to Goodwin's well-received play. But what about the idea behind First Mondays?

They are a shot in the arm, of sorts, after the alternate world that is block break, an accent to the beginning of a new class.

Lecturers, presenters, and performers have come from both inside CC and out. Past First Monday guests have ranged from the Chief Curator of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to CC's Bowed Piano Ensemble, and from Patagonia's Chief Marketing Strategist to Syrian-American hip-hop musician Omar Offendum.

One memorable and well-attended First Monday event was the election-themed debate between CC and the Airforce Academy, at which CC debaters represented former Gov. Mitt Romney and the Airforce Academy represented Pres. Barack Obama.

As for the next academic year, only one First Mondays slot has been filled so far, by well-known dancer Cleo Parker Robinson, who will speak about Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Even though, for some, support for the event has waned, the idea still appears strong.

Compared to most CC events, First Mondays rank highly in attendance. And, although there are indicators that guests are becoming more difficult to come by, the schedule is full through the end of this school year.



First Monday's debate between the Airforce Academy and CC. Colorado College defended Mitt Romney, while Airforce argued in favor of President Obama. Photo courtesy of Communications.



"I did believe the release of the cables might be embarrassing...this could spark a debate about foreign policy in Iraq and Afghanistan," -Pfc. Bradley Manning confessing to a role in intelligence leak.

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COMMENT & DEBATE

Strategic planning: A confused plan despite a clear goal

REINVESTMENT
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Nathan Lee, in his article "The effectiveness of our strategic plan," is correct to say that my previous assessment of the Strategic Plan as "wrong" is incorrect. Wrong is too strong of a word. Upon reviewing the Strategic Plan in closer detail, I would prefer to say that the Strategic Plan is misguided.

To avoid confusion, it is first necessary to explain the types of goals in the Strategic Plan. There is no discernable order within the 13 goals that indicates which types of goals are most desired, so I will organize them by type for the sake of convenience. This organization does not mean any of these goals are being prioritized over the others.

The first category is recruitment. Goals one, four, eleven, and twelve all focus on recruiting better students, faculty, and staff to Colorado College. The second category is improving the Block Plan. Goals two, three, and eight pertain to this area. The third category is improving our campus by establishing a better connection between our school and both the local and global community. This category pertains to goals five, six, seven, and nine. Finally, there is goal thirteen, which seeks to improve transparency and administrative structures to enhance effectiveness.

The problem with these goals is that they are moving at odds with one another. The first real challenge for our school is that we must identify what type of institution we want to be. In my article from first week of this block, I posited that we wanted to be a school that can provide the best possible education for undergraduate students. Defining this goal in achievable steps should be the goal behind the Strategic Plan.

However, the Engaged Teaching and Learning Committee goals pertaining to education are contradictory. On the one hand, the questions are asking faculty to become mentors, to spend more time with students, and to make the classroom more engaging. At the same time, the guiding questions are trying to support faculty research and professional

development. These two goals are not complementary.

Our professors already teach more hours on average than professors at equivalent institutions, so just deciding to teach at Colorado College represents a sacrifice in their professional development. Goals like mentoring students will lead to even more time spent with students and therefore will require an even greater sacrifice on the part of our professors.

There are two ways to avoid this type of problem. The first is that we only hire faculty who are dedicated to teaching and are not pursuing their own research. But realistically, it seems that if we want the best faculty, we also have to bring in those people who are doing research. The best thinkers in any field of study are probably engaged in the debates in their subject. Thus, we cannot hire the best faculty without allowing them the time to do their own research.

Currently, for a few students in most departments, mentorship does happen through the opportunities to help professors with research. However, if professors are going to be expected to mentor more students, they will have to offer more research opportunities, possibly creating redundancy, and they will definitely be spending less time with each student. If the number of professors is finite, and their time is also finite, then making professors spend more time with more students will require them to sacrifice more of their professional life to their educational responsibilities.

Faculty-student research is a valuable opportunity for a few students but it does not solve the problem of mass mentorship. The solution is to hire more professors and decrease the teaching load of all teachers, therefore allowing professors to spend more time in a mentoring role while not losing their ability to focus on professional projects. But hiring more great professors will increase the operating costs of our college and will either require an increase in tuition or more donations from alumni to establish endowed chairs.

The problem of improving education is further compounded if we add in the

third set of goals. The Strategic Plan suggests that we want to make Colorado College a center for local and regional ideas while also providing students with the means to experience global diversity.

The problem with our regional focus is that Colorado and most of the surrounding states are focused on agriculture. The largest single industry in Colorado is the beef industry. Furthermore, the other major industries for the state are manufacturing, mining and services. Denver does have some internship opportunities, primarily in aerospace and insurance, but these specialized fields do not satisfy the needs of most liberal arts students. Compared to colleges on the East Coast, our regional focus does not give us an equivalent comparative advantage, unless you are focused on bovine sciences.

The majority of great academic research and professional institutions are on the coasts. If a physics major is interested in engineering, he or she should spend some time interning with a company like Boeing, which would mean spending time in Seattle. A political science major should probably travel to Washington, D.C. and work as an intern for a lobbyist, a think tank, or on the Hill. Students of economics probably should go to Chicago or New York to work with hedge funds or consulting firms.

Our students are innovative and unique. Therefore, we need to make the Block Plan function to liberate students to pursue their academic goals. The Extending Our Reach Committee does not seem to understand this point. Their third question is "Should we consider establishing a physical location in another part of the U.S. or the world?" Innovating education is the diversification of education to fit the unique demands of each student. There is no single location that could adequately satisfy this goal.

This question is also indicative of the larger problem in how we are thinking about the Block Plan. We are not taking advantage of how segmented time is on the Block Plan. Summer internships are more competitive than those in other seasons since most college students are not in school; therefore, our students

are less likely to be hired for prestigious positions. Our students should be able to look for internships in other seasons without academic repercussions.

However, if a student were to take two blocks in the winter to do an internship, they would probably end up graduating late. The summer blocks do not have the same number of courses available and generally basic requirements are all that can be satisfied. Making the school available year-round while giving students three optional blocks would allow students to be able to use the full year more effectively.

The immersive education question increases the confusion surrounding our expectations for the role of faculty in education. Pursuing an internship requires advice, letters of recommendation, and probably complimentary academic reading. Therefore, faculty members are expected to take on an even greater and more personalized course load. Experiential learning is an interesting idea, but it requires resources that the college currently does not have.

The goal of our school should be to improve the quality of undergraduate education. In pursuit of this goal, we need to realize that there are limits to what we can ask our faculty to do before we start to damage the current quality of education. Pursuing internships, functioning as mentors, and helping students on independent research all increase the time faculty members must spend with students.

This use of time is not inherently a bad thing. However, to expect faculty to complete these goals sincerely, we also need to give them time to work on their research so they can achieve their own professional goals. Achieving this balance means spending money on recruiting more faculty to satisfy these new demands. Hiring professors, not passing progressive plans, is the first step towards innovating the life of the mind.

Prior articles in this debate can be found online at www.catalystnewspaper.com.

Poverty is still an undeniable issue for many Americans

POVERTY
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Among U.S. households, 800,000 live on less

than \$2 a day per person, according to a 2012 study by University of Michigan's National Poverty Center. Those households, including 1.4 million children, are living at or below the World Bank global benchmark for extreme poverty.

The metric used to gauge poverty in third world countries turns out to be a useful measurement in what is usually considered the wealthiest country in the history of the world. According to World Bank data, this ranks us close to Mauritania-Laos for total number of people living under \$2 a day.

These figures include all cash income and food stamps (SNAP), although not all forms of in-kind government benefits are included in the initial number. In-kind benefits are provided by the federal government in the form of vouchers in-

stead of cash.

About 20 percent of these households utilize some form of housing assistance and 66 percent have at least one child who is covered by public health insurance. This means that a huge number of people are still falling through the holes in the social safety net even when all forms of benefits are included.

It's hard to understand how people live in such extreme poverty, as the authors of the study explain in their conclusion: "...it is unclear how households with no cash income—either from work, government programs, assets, friends, family members, or informal source—are getting by even if they do manage to claim some form of in-kind benefit."

No one knows exactly what should or can be done about this problem. Something is very wrong when millions of people are living in such extreme poverty that the National Poverty Center, which has been studying poverty in America for years, can't even under-

stand how the people survive.

Our country supposedly has a basic social safety net in place, but if millions are people are going totally uncovered by the system, then it is clearly not doing its job.

Contemporary political discourse is so focused on the "middle class" that Obama, a politician who got his start as a community organizer in the south side of Chicago, hasn't made one speech about poverty during his time as president. The middle class is great and all, but clearly we are forgetting to address the millions living below that distinction.

Do these people just not know where to find help? The report was based on census data, so clearly they had some form of contact with the government. Has the welfare system not grown enough to keep up with the demand?

Obviously, there has been a lot of talk about entitlement reform, but that is largely for Medicare and Social Security,

which don't necessarily impact the people in question.

The welfare reforms in the '90s may have had something to do with these statistics, since cash benefits were supposed to be replaced with more in-kind benefits.

Maybe the process for in-kind benefits became too complicated for those in need to receive them.

Regardless of how these people have been left out of the system, we need to help them.

It may be a tough sell in today's political environment of sequester-driven spending cuts, but the government needs to increase the scope of its benefits to catch those who have been falling through the cracks.

We are grappling with serious spending issues, but I think most Americans can agree that we need to figure out a way to prevent millions of our fellow citizens from living in third-world levels of poverty.

In response: Addressing divestment concerns

DIVESTMENT

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Last week's article by Alex Harleen, entitled "The Difficulty

with Divestment," included a series of claims made to back up the assertion that it is difficult to divest from fossil fuels. In addition, Alex raised several concerns that he had with divestment, and we appreciate that there are advocates on both sides of this issue.

As members of the Colorado College Student Divestment Committee (CCSDC), we hope to both address his objections and explain why some do not hold water. We also hope that this will put to rest some common misconceptions with the Colorado College divestment movement. The following are a series of claims made in last week's article followed by our responses:

Claim: "[The Board of Trustees] is unwilling to divest without the guarantee of similar or better rates of return on their investments," and if the endowment shrinks, "tuition goes up or CC starts cutting events and offering less to students."

We believe that everything stated here is true, but it is not an argument against divestment. If the Board of Trustees adopts divestment, it will be because they believe it is unlikely to add substantial risk to our portfolio. We don't think it will increase risk. Don't worry, the school won't divest if it means cut-

ting Llama.

Claim: "Colorado College doesn't get to choose which parts of the [J.W. Bristol] portfolio they want to divest in; it's either all or nothing."

Bristol is an investment adviser for Colorado College. On their website, they state that although Bristol will continually review our investments professionally, "the [investment] committee can still set a band of strategic asset allocation guidelines." The Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees can give Bristol input, such as a request to divest from fossil fuels.

Claim: "I thought I would fact-check the administrations [sic] claims and see if it really is that difficult to divest from the fossil fuels. The unfortunate truth is that they're right."

We have never made the claim that it is easy to divest from fossil fuels. What the article fails to mention is for whom divestment would be difficult. From reading the article, you might get the impression that the role of divesting falls on students. This is not the case. The role falls onto our Board and their investment advisory firm, Monticello Associates, who, upon request, could hash out the details of how to divest. Colorado College pays them a lot of money to help us with these challenges. Our only difficulty as students is to make the case for divestment to the Board of Trustees.

Claim: "I believe that divestment, even if carried out a national level, would have little impact on...the economic health of

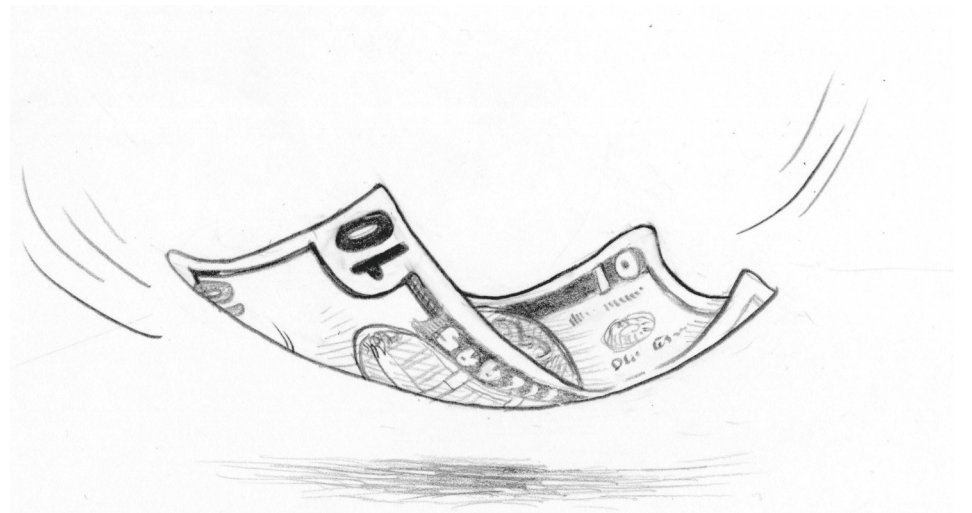


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the fossil fuel companies."

We have a couple of issues with this statement. First, we agree that the financial impact on fossil fuel companies from divestment would be negligible. This is not the argument CCSDC is making for divestment.

We believe that because fossil fuel companies' practices go against Colorado College's core values, we should divest to affirm our school's commitment to "nurture a sense of place and an ethic of environmental sustainability."

Colorado College students are concerned with the impacts of global climate change, and we are committed to the aforementioned principles. Divestment is an act that realigns our investment portfolio with our values.

Our larger argument for divestment is that as part of nationwide campaign with over 250 other colleges, we will help the public think critically about the oil and gas industry. We know that we can't take away their economic power. Instead, we are trying to revoke their social license.

Alex's article highlighted many misconceptions about CCSDC's goals for divestment and the logistics of how to make it happen. We hope to have cleared up some of the fog surrounding divestment. Also, we know that we have not addressed all possible concerns in this editorial. The CCSDC is open to hear concerns and answer questions, from the student body.

Please contact us at ccddivestmentcommittee@gmail.com.

Americans should demand drone warfare information

DRONE WARFARE

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Guest Writer

The legal and human rights considerations that the current admin-

istration uses to justify targeted drone and special operations assassinations against non-state security threats have not been fully shared with the Senate Intelligence Committee, nor have they been released more broadly to the public.

This is a poor decision that reflects the political goal of the current administration to confirm John O. Brennan, who was influential in formulating the U.S.' targeted killing policy, as CIA director. Though it is essential for national security that the methodology for intelligence gathering, planning and execution of these strikes remain a state secret, the legal and human rights opinions of the Obama administration must be made known to the Senate Intelligence Committee and the general public.

This disclosure must occur for two reasons.

First, Americans live in a democratic society. We elect our own government. To properly carry out our civic duty we must be as fully informed as possible about the actions of the current administration. Knowledge of the legal and human rights considerations of America's targeted killing program is essential to carrying out our civic duties.

Second, the U.S. is a leader in the international community. Other countries take cues from what we do and why we do it. We must set an example of good transparency and faith in our own citizenry if we wish to see this trend in other nations.

I accept that national security dictates such operations be carried out in secret for the defense of the United States to

maintain a strategic advantage. Rather, the material that should be disclosed to the public is the reasoning behind why such attacks are domestically and internationally legal and morally justifiable. As a democracy, it is fitting that we do this.

This is no minor, obscure issue in American politics. It involves the death of those who are declared enemies of the state and interference into the physical and legal realm of other sovereign nations, often without their full knowledge and consent. As voting citizens, we must know the full scope of these legal and moral opinions so that we may decide whether targeted killing is a morally and legally defensible practice.

If we find the policy to be utterly repre-

hensible, then it is our right to force our government to discontinue it. To withhold this information shows a remarkable distrust and lack of faith in the rational capabilities of the American people. There must be transparency when such violent, potentially morally questionable action is taken in our name.

Such a dramatic example of secrecy at home regarding a controversial issue is an example of inept foreign policy. Other nations take after the United States in terms of foreign and domestic conduct, as well as in regards to relations with their own people. To show such distrust in our own electorate and secrecy abroad is to tacitly encourage such ethically questionable actions and intrigue amongst our allies and other nations.

We are a prominent example of democratic governance, and should strive to be a morally just and consistent example. Our secrecy also damages the capabilities of the United States to exercise "soft power" through our moral authority. If there is a hypocritical gap between our rhetoric and our conduct, we will not be a credible moral leader in the world, and as such we will be unable to exercise moral authority.

The Senate Intelligence Committee and the general public have a right to know how the government justifies targeted killing programs both morally and legally. The Obama administration should look beyond political concerns and release the memos detailing their justifications for targeted killing.

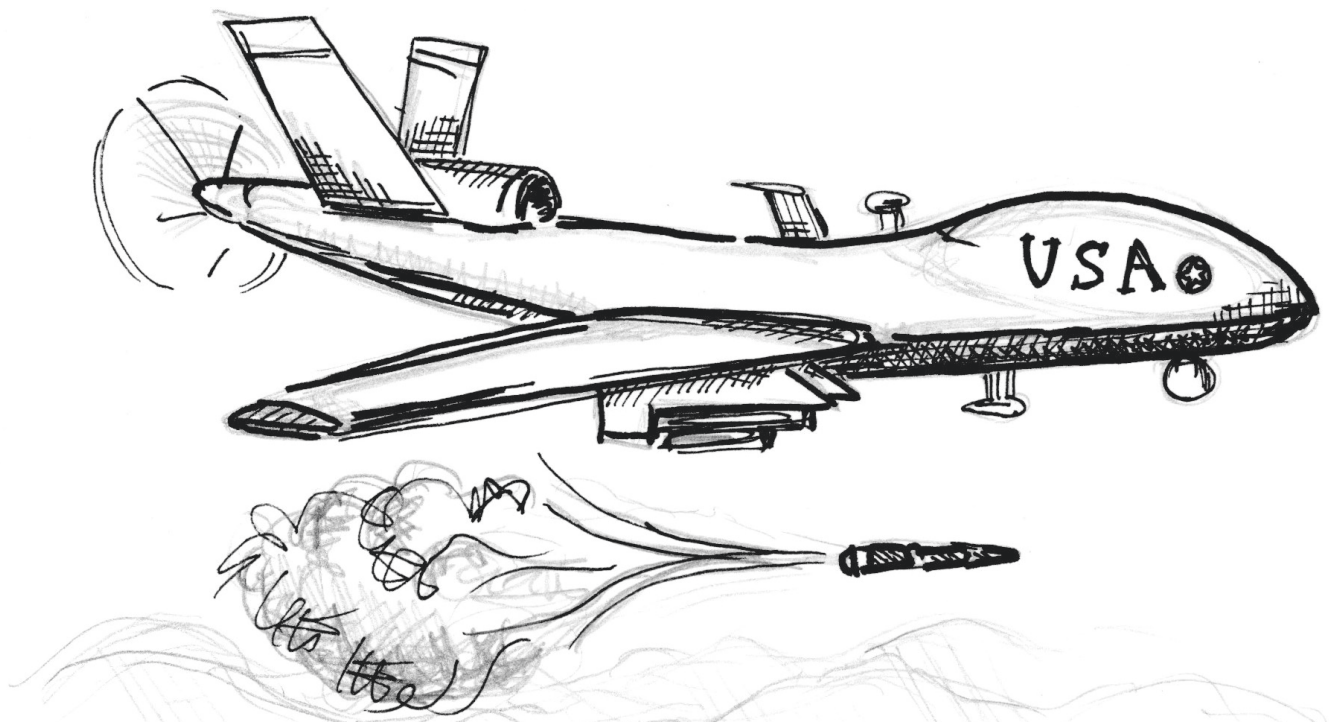


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Sign-ups for Quony Cup:

Teams should be between 6 and 12 players, with a maximum of two current varsity soccer players per team. Cost of entry is \$50.00 per team. Sign-up is online at www.coloradocollege.edu/other/intramurals/quony-cup.dot

Upcoming weekend games:

- Fri.: Men's lacrosse (home), 6 p.m.
Cancelled: Men and Women's Tennis

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Where are they now: Division I soccer

Spotlight on: Tiffany Brown '11

W. SOCCER

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For no other reason than pure love for soccer, former

Tiger Tiffany Brown pursued a career at the professional level. Brown's strong sense of self has allowed her to balance her options and chose a path that best suits her life. This awareness shaped Brown throughout her tremendous career at Colorado College.

Brown's career at Colorado College was full of many moments, games, and seasons that are worthy of recognition. During her tenure, she received a number of conference, regional, and national accolades, most notably First Team All-Conference USA during her junior and senior seasons.

Other notable achievements and memories include a number of victories against teams ranked in the top 25, scoring game-winning goals, and climbing the program's all-time goal-scoring chart to fourth place since the program's inception in 1984.

"My career at Colorado College was great. One of my proudest moments was scoring the game-winning goal against the University of Central Florida," Brown said. "I played really well that game. I was in that state where I wasn't thinking, just doing."

As Brown described her current career at the semi-professional and professional levels, she acknowledged that she flourishes in the moments of "flow."

At the end of her senior season, Brown decided that she was not ready to be done with soccer.

"I knew I wanted take my career to a new level. Part of this was curiosity and part of it was not being willing to let my career end with a [disappointing] season," she said. "I felt like I was doing myself a disservice by not exploring my options."

During the winter months of her senior year, Brown put in innumerable hours training on her own as well as with the

team. It was during this time that she was invited to try out with the Boston Breakers, a team in the women's professional soccer league (National Women's Soccer League).

The tryout proved to be successful, and Brown was asked to attend the Breakers' preseason camp. During the preseason camp, Brown made significant gains and was asked to join their semi-professional feeder team with the possibility of training and playing with the professional team.

Brown had the intention of returning to Boston after graduation and accepting the offer made by the Breakers until she received a call from her hometown semi-professional team, D.C. United, with an offer to join the squad in Washington D.C.

She decided to take the offer from the hometown club.

"If I accepted the offer in Boston, I would move there with soccer being the biggest thing in my life. Being home in D.C. allowed soccer to be an additive."

The day after her 2011 graduation, Brown returned home to start her first season with the team. And that season proved to be a success, as the team finished third in their conference.

Brown had a very impressive showing during her preseason and tryout period.

"My coach called and asked me to try out for the 2012 season and that week of tryouts I was not thinking, but simply doing. I had nothing to lose," she said.

The 2012 season included a roster of international and Olympic-level players, as well as a conference title and a trip to nationals.

This winter she was invited to try out with a professional team, the Washington Spirit. After a successful tryout period, Brown was invited to the mid-March preseason, but has started to feel the pressures of having such an intense time commitment.

"I don't necessarily have the flexibility [at this point] to commit to the professional



Brown maintains possession of the ball in separate games. Photos courtesy of Casey B. Gibson

season," Brown said. "I have a full-time job in D.C., and I'm not sure leaving the semi-professional level will prove beneficial to me. I will have some decisions to make after the upcoming preseason period."

Brown's recent semi-professional and professional experience has given her great insight into her lifelong career.

"Training in this environment here in D.C. has both forced me to work harder but also made me realize that I am here because I love soccer," she said. "I am here

for myself. Players can hate or love their experience with the game, but I am here because I love the game and love playing."

Looking forward, Brown knows that she wants to continue playing at a high level and remain involved with the sport to some extent. Whether that requires her to play in a men's league at midnight during the winter months or early-morning practices in the summer, Brown is committed to evolving as a player and enjoying the game she loves.

'The Vast Unknown': A presentation from Everest author

OUTDOOR ED.

Emma Longcope
Staff Writer

"If America could put a man on the moon, certainly

we could put a man on top of our own earth," Broughton Coburn said, describing the United States' "space craze" in the 1960s during his presentation in Gaylord Hall on Feb. 28. Coburn, a mountaineer, writer, and conservationist, gave a thought-provoking talk titled after his book, "The Vast Unknown: America's First Ascent of Everest."

A Jackson, Wyo. native, Coburn is well known at CC for teaching in 2010 and 2011. He will be co-teaching the class "Himalayan Odyssey" in Nepal this June with Mark Smith. The students who will participate in the Nepal course were part of the audience last Thursday.

"Coburn has lived in the Himalayas for 20 of the past 35 years, writing, filmmaking, and overseeing development and environmental conservation efforts for the World Bank, World Wildlife Fund, and other agencies," Ryan Hammes, Director of Outdoor Education, said in his introduction. "He has written or edited six books, including the New York Times bestseller, 'Everest: Mountain Without Mercy.'"

Coburn has also won several literary and educational awards and co-authored a collaboration piece with well-known mountaineer and Sherpa Jamling Tenzing Norgay entitled, "Touching My Father's Soul: A Sherpa's Journey to the Top of Everest."

His presentation last week centered on his newest book, "The Vast Unknown," which tells the story of the first Americans to climb Mount Everest in 1963. It's an expedition that has fascinated him since adolescence. The book will be released this April on the 50th anniversary of the expedition.

Coburn told the audience how Swiss-American Norman Dyhrenfurth spearheaded the effort to put an American expedition on the Everest summit after attempting the mountain unsuccessfully with a Swiss team. His words were accompanied by a stunning photographic slideshow.

"The team arrived in Kathmandu... [and] found a radical kind of innocence that arguably would change in the coming decades," Coburn said.

Coburn described the adventure in detail. The team used 900 porters to carry 27 tons of supplies to base camp. Six Americans made it the summit. One perished in an icefall. Jim Whittaker became the first American to make it to

the top.

Some members succeeded in climbing the formidable West Face, a route that 14 people have climbed successfully and 14 people have died trying to climb, giving it a 1:1 death rate. Two members of the American team reached the summit via this western route at 6:15 p.m. with no idea how to descend. The route they chose to descend was incredibly dangerous and involved a bivouac, a camp without shelter, at incredibly high altitude.

"They were virtually assured of dying, but they survived," Coburn said.

Seven members of that expedition are still alive today.

"It was a very comprehensive presentation on the story of the American ascent, with interesting information about the Sherpas' involvement and the relationships of the team members," said junior Dominique Saks, who will be going on "The Himalayan Odyssey" in Nepal this summer.

Coburn also discussed his process of learning about the expedition and writing "The Vast Unknown" during his presentation. He was 12 or 13, he said, when Willie Unsold, a well-known member of the expedition, came to his school and showed the class his amputated toes.

"Everyone else wanted to run the other way, but I wanted to hear more," Coburn said.

When reflecting on his writing, he explained how he wanted to share the seldom-told stories of a unique and groundbreaking expedition with the world.

Over 600 people climbed Mount Everest last spring, an incredible increase from previous years.

"[Now] there are fixed ropes all the way up the mountain. All you have to do is put one foot in front of the other... the brotherhood of the rope has been compromised," Coburn said. "Now you don't have to know how to climb to do Everest."

Coburn wrote about the expedition because he believes what the members accomplished was genuinely good.

"Nowadays, in light of changing ethics in Himalayan mountaineering, it is especially important that we tag back to the ethics that these gentlemen provided us," Coburn said.

Said Hammes, "Students are very lucky to have opportunities to have such wonderful instructors to co-teach the Himalayan Odyssey course, allowing [them] to explore the natural world and other cultures far beyond the Pikes Peak region."

Ice of the Tiger

CC HOCKEY

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Staff Writer



Last weekend was a tale of two nights. Although both games were chippy, Friday night's game got the best of the Minnesota State Mavericks, while Saturday night featured the collapse of the Colorado College Tigers.

All the progress the Tigers made over the past 11 games was essentially erased Saturday night in an embarrassing loss to #10 Minnesota State. Last weekend marked the final two home games for the Colorado College Tigers in the 2012-13 season.

On Friday night, the Tigers stunned another top 10 opponent in an upset at the World Arena. Colorado College looked solid; puck movement was crisp and mistakes were few and far between. Joe Howe, all the while, continued to look more and more like the reigning Vezina Trophy winner - King Henrik himself - stopping 31 of the 32 shots he faced.

The Tigers went down 1-0 quickly into the second period off a lucky bounce that found Mavericks freshman winger Dylan Margonari wide open for a back door.

But the Tigers - being the resilient team they have proven to be over the course of this season - answered quickly and often for the rest of the game. CC seemed to grow stronger as the game went on.

Less than ten minutes after Minnesota State scored the opening goal, Scott Winkler tapped home a rebound off of Mike Boivin's clapper for the point. Boivin seemed to be everywhere on Friday night, dominating in all three zones.

With a little over ten minutes remaining, the referee raised his arm, signaling a delayed offside. The Tigers went d-tod, finding Boivin around the top of the circle in the defensive zone. He held the puck for a moment before baking it so brilliantly off the boards that it was not only able to elude the Mavericks defencemen, but also landed perfectly on the stick of a streaking Alex Krushelnyski. Krushelnyski then ripped a shot far side, past the glove of goaltender Stephon Williams.

The arguably unintentional pass was so perfect that it was almost too good to be true.

Everything the Tigers accomplished on Friday night, however, was immediately erased Saturday in the tale of the second night. All the maturity, poise, and discipline Colorado College displayed the night before had vanished. The Tigers not only spent 55 minutes in the sin bin, but also allowed four unanswered power-play goals in the second period.

The Tigers will need to regain their poise and discipline if they are going to even think about advancing past the first round of the conference tournament. You cannot give a team 13 power-plays and expect to win the game - not at this level.

The Tigers cannot let the belligerent aggression of a hockey game get the best of them - retaliation is always caught and called.

It's imperative that Colorado College keep this in mind as they face-off against a less-than-good Michigan Tech team for the final series of the regular season.

Bridging fitness and mental health

WELLNESS

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Several Colorado College campus clubs dedicated to the mental and physical health of students combined forces to create Wellness Week, a weeklong series of events devoted to raising awareness of holistic wellness.

Wellness Week emphasized the connection between physical fitness and emotional well-being through active events such as yoga and Zumba, both of which encourage a connection between body movement and emotion.

"Wellness Week is a celebration of living happily and healthily," sophomore Anne Schwartz explained. "It seems that all of the events on campus regarding mental or sexual health ask people to reflect upon bad experiences that they have had and how they have grown into a stronger person. Us Spillers just want to celebrate the fact that we are well, that we are lucky, and that we have some idea of how to stay happy and healthy."

Senior Lauren Schneider coordinated Wellness Week as part of her work as president of the mental health advocacy group, Spill. Other student groups dedicated to mental health, nutrition and sexual safety such as Grow, DAWG, SOSS, and Farm Club, also assisted in the planning of the week.

"We basically wanted to create a well-rounded approach to wellness because wellness comprises so many aspects of our daily lives," Schneider explained.

On Tuesday afternoon, 30 students participated in a yoga class taught by a Lululemon yoga instructor and were rewarded with free frozen yogurt from Buttercup's at the end of the hour-long class.

On Thursday afternoon, Wellness Week hosted a presentation given by nutritionist Julie Anderson about healthy diets and de-stressing through food. The link between physical wellness and mental health is undeniable.

"When a friend tells me that they are feeling down and can't figure out why, I always try to suggest exercising and eating well," Schwartz said. "I guarantee, it might be a pain to get out and do, but you will feel better, be more productive during the day, and sleep more during the night."

However, the connection between fitness and emotional well-being is not always healthy. Wellness Week tried to address the importance of having a healthy body image and exercising for the right reasons.

"Although I understand the importance of physical exercise, I think many students exercise for the wrong reasons," Schneider said. "We want to advocate for healthy eating habits and healthy exercise habits [to] create a healthy mindset, which is the

foundation to a healthy lifestyle."

On Friday, Schneider will teach a Zumba dance class at 4:30 p.m. in Cossitt Gym.

"By teaching Zumba, I hope to promote a healthy way to exercise while having fun, without focusing on the number of calories burned," Schneider explained.

Additionally, senior Tori Marsh will teach a special yoga class called Laughter Yoga on the quad (weather permitting) on Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Laughter Yoga is a practice in which participants force themselves to laugh to induce the same psychological and physiological that natural laughter provides.

"Many studies have shown that laughter can improve circulation, stimulate the immune system, reduce stress hormones, and alleviate depression and anxiety," Marsh said. "Since our body can't tell whether our laughter is fake or real, why not trick it and get some health benefits out of it? Plus it's a total blast."

Wellness Week reminded CC students that maintaining a healthy body and healthy mind are interconnected, and it's difficult to have one without the other.

"Our physical and mental wellness are so connected; it is really hard to have one without the other," Schneider said. "I don't understand why people get annual physical check-ups, and not mental ones. Our mental health is just as, if not more important."

Upcoming Wellness Events:

Friday

- 3:30 p.m. Laughter Yoga (Worner quad)
- 4:30 p.m. Zumba (Cossitt Hall)

Below: The official Spill logo. Courtesy of Colorado College's Spill website.

Right: Students stretching during Tuesday afternoon's Yoga and Yogurt event. Photo courtesy of Lauren Schneider.



Younger, smarter, and faster than you

M. TRACK

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Guest Writer

The men's track and field team has been trudging through the snow since January in preparation for another exciting season. The team is young this year after graduating a very strong senior class, but the Tigers are still expecting to clock fast times.

The team has a lot of representation in the shorter events, which hasn't always been the case in the traditionally distance-heavy program.

"We actually have a full enough sprint squad to pull together relay teams," said sophomore Graham Frank. "I think a lot of the distance guys are going to make huge improvements."

For such a young team, the level of intensity is certainly not lacking.

"We have a lot of strong-looking freshman and while there are not that many returning runners, everyone that is an upperclassmen is dedicated

and psyched to run fast," sophomore captain Sam English said. "I am really looking forward to seeing (and racing against) Mike Murney, a freshman, who is showing a lot of promise in workouts and definitely is going to have a really fast season."

While the Tigers aren't far into the season, the men did have a chance to run a 1500-meter race at the Air Force Academy a couple of weeks back.

"Everyone that raced was pretty pleased with where they were so early in the season," Frank said.

Despite the makings of a solid season, the weather and the absence of a track around Washburn Field have proved challenging in executing important workouts.

"The weather hasn't helped us much. We did half of the workout outside and finished the other half in the auxiliary gym," Head Coach Ted Castaneda said.

Though the weather isn't ideal, it does have its benefits in strengthening the runners.

"The snow has been hindering our workouts a bit, but it's a long season and I personally think that modifying a few of our workouts now might help some of the younger guys keep from getting injured in the long run," Frank said.

"Running is a very challenging sport, not only in terms of the physical commitment it requires, but also, and more importantly, because of the mental commitment it demands," English said. "It can be very hard to get out to run eight or so miles every day, especially when the weather is not agreeable. Fortunately, everyone on the team has a positive attitude."

While the Tigers may be very serious in their training, they've also shown their dedication to success in the classroom after the cross-country team was awarded Academic All-Americans for the second year in a row. Frank also was granted the award individually.

All in all, the men's team has a bright future and the results this season should certainly demonstrate that talent.

SPORTS WEEK IN REVIEW

Chronicling wins, losses, achievements, and recognitions
Information received from Colorado College Athletic Association

HOCKEY

Men's hockey was the only team to compete last weekend and walk away with a win. Men's Hockey beat Minnesota State University on Friday (4-1) but followed with a loss Saturday night (2-7).

LACROSSE

Women's lacrosse lost to Adrian College (10-14) and Dennison University (10-11). Men's lacrosse lost to Colorado Mesa University (7-11).

Junior midfielder Will Harris was named Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week. The weekly SCAC award is the first of his career. Harris is one of three captains.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Sophomore diver Austin Howlett secured a trip to the 2013 NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving Championships by winning the 3-meter competition at the Region II Diving Championships last Saturday. Howlett, who owns the program's 11-dive records on both boards, is the first Tiger to advance to nationals since Beth Olsen in 1989.

Senior diver Nicole Fazio finished fifth in last Friday's 3-meter competition at NCAA regionals.

TENNIS

Women's tennis lost to Colorado State University - Pueblo (3-6). Men's tennis lost to Colorado State University - Pueblo (1-8).

TRACK AND FIELD

Both Men and Women's Track and Field earn USTFCCA (United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association) Team All-Academic honors; Women rank fifth highest GPA among teams earning USTFCCA All-Academic status. Graham Frank, Erin Morrow, Jamie Peng and Nikki Steinsiek, all earned individual All-Academic recognition.



Above left: Austin Howlett effortlessly executes a dive. He will be advancing to nationals in Conroe, Texas.
Above right: Nicole Fazio, mid-dive, ends her CC career with grace. Photos by Stanley Sigalov

Divisions among skiers; finding your own style

SKIING

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Guest Writer

In the past, being a "skier" didn't require a definition or

category; it was a point of pride and a loaded identity. But with increasing divisions among the ski community, the skier's background is becoming more decisive to his or her identity.

Ski media is quickly influencing how someone identifies as a skier, and it seems that merely saying you are a skier is now inadequate. Webisode segments such as "Salomon Freeski TV" and professional skier Eric Pollard's "Nimbus" have come to define backcountry and freeskiing while others like Line's "Traveling Circus" have come to define East Coast creative park skiing.

Other professional athletes release edits in massive parks like those of Keystone, Breckenridge, or Mammoth, constantly redefining what it means to be a stylish park skier. Big races like "Birds of Prey" spread across television, as do the World Cup and the Winter Olympics. Skiers now can customize what kind of skiing they want to achieve through movies, television, and, increasingly, YouTube.

But what does the prolific explosion of new ski media and free webisodes mean? Does being able to identify the type of skiing I enjoy diversify the sport or divide it further?

I began my ski "career" skiing at small mountains in Connecticut and taking lessons over weekends at Okemo, VT. I decided to race at 12 years old and suddenly stepped into a new world - the world of competitive skiing.

My weekends became filled with team training and each night my mom tuned my skis for the following day's training. Race weekends required early morning starts to other mountains and long drives home to finish my homework before Monday's classes. Though I am thankful for the fundamentals I learned while racing, it was too competitive for my taste.

I continued racing in high school, and while I had fun hitting gates, I always wanted to leave my heavy race skis to play in the park. I never told people I was a racer because I didn't want to be seen as only a racer. Skiing had suddenly become too compartmentalized; I generalized people based on what they skied and how they looked. I didn't see skiers; I saw park rats, racers, freeskiers, newbies, and gapers.

Upon coming out to Colorado, I wanted to welcome each ski day as an opportunity to reinvent my own skiing. One day I could lap the park and be a park rat, while the next day I could shred back bowls as a powder hound. During the week, I watched webisodes like "Traveling Circus" and always imagined myself using those styles in my own skiing.

Whether buttering 360s on a groomer, tapping a tree in a back bowl, or weaving through moguls, I realized a park background doesn't mean a skier is confined to skiing park. You don't need to be having backcountry face shots to think of Eric Pollard as you carve groomers.

Take time to search YouTube videos, company channels like Line, Stept, or Level1, or even athlete pages like Tom Wallisch or Gus Kenworthy, Lindsey Vonn, or Ted Ligety to find what inspires you to ski. Create your own style and cherish everyone on the mountain as fellow enthusiasts looking to have fun in the snow.

ORC and Mosaic team up at Monarch Mt.

SKIING

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Many Colorado College students not only know how to ski but also admit that the appeal of Rocky Mountain skiing was actually a large component in the decision to attend school here. However, one student population seems to be somewhat exempt from this rule: international students.

The Outdoor Recreation Committee makes it a point to offer several international student-only trips throughout the year, ranging from introductory backpacking trips at the Sand Dunes to introductory skiing.

In the past month, international students have had the opportunity to learn both Nordic and Alpine skiing through trips by partnerships between the ORC

and groups such as the Office of Minority and International Students (OMIS) and Mosaic.

Mosaic is a group on campus for international students that provides a place to learn about new cultures, talk about international politics, and just hang out with students from all over the world. Mosaic also helps facilitate trips for international students to help integrate them into the outdoorsy CC community.

Last Sunday, a group of international students hit the slopes at Monarch Mountain, many for their first time. They spent the day progressing from frustrating, fall-ridden runs on the bunny hill to turning smoothly down from the chairlift.

Megan Masuret, a CC sophomore, helped teach the students to ski throughout the day.

"The trip was especially rewarding for

me because I am not involved in Mosaic, and I got to know an entirely new population of Colorado College students that I had never met before, and learn more about other cultures," Masuret said.

Chloe Marek, an exchange student from France, skied for a year in the Alps and admitted that she did not need much instruction during the day at Monarch. She said that her high point was "skiing very fast downhill on blue runs, and it was also very fun to ski in the forest, on the side of the run."

The weather was cold and windy, according to the participants, but the reviews of the trip were positive. Many expressed a desire to expand the outdoor experience of Mosaic, suggesting whitewater rafting or climbing as future Mosaic-sponsored ORC trips.

Freshman Chris Bull, a Texas native, learned how to snowboard on this trip,

after attempting skiing once before. He said that the best part of the trip was not killing himself while learning a new sport. He said, more importantly, he also learned that CC "is right to want more diversity. My experience with the international students on this trip really opened me up to how differently people can see the world."

Mosaic covered the price of lift tickets and transportation, making the trip possible for students who otherwise could not afford a day of downhill skiing, which is by no means cheap. Fellow CC students also helped out by lending gear to the participants.

The generosity of Mosaic and CC students allowed international students to experience an integral part of Colorado culture. Members of Mosaic hope that more outdoor trips will be offered in the future.

Future team line-up promises success despite conference loss

M. BASKETBALL

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Guest Writer

Despite suffering a disappointing loss to Trinity during overtime in the conference championship, the men's basketball team is still on the rise.

The team's overall win percentage has increased more than a percentage point since last season, and in conference it has increased by more than two. This past season's 16-11 record represents the most victories for the team since the 1992-1993 season, when the Tigers achieved a 17-8 record.

Junior Captain Dan Webb attributes much of the team's success on the court to the team chemistry.

"This is the closet team I have ever been a part of, and while that doesn't always translate to success on the court, this year it definitely has," Webb said.

Junior Captain Ryan Milne added that the depth of the team has played a large role in their court success. He specifically noted the advantages of Chris Lesnansky having more experience as a sophomore; and the strength of the freshmen class.

Justin Berrardino is a big part of that strong freshmen class. He has proved himself a standout player in all but one game this season and started in eighteen of the games, including the championship game against Trinity.

The new athletic facility, along with the addition of a full-time strength and conditioning coach, can only mean good things for the Tigers as they head into the off-season. Milne explained that they couldn't really lift weights or shoot around the same way they will be able to now due to the fact that the gym was under construction last year.

While the cards seem to be stacked in the Tigers' favor, there are a few hurdles they will have to jump through in order to attain the level of success they are aiming for next season.

The most notable obstacle will be the loss of their sole senior, Ian Rewoldt.

"Ian [leaving] is a big loss," Webb stated. "He is one of best rebounders in the country, so that is something that we will have to figure out how to provide."

But Rewoldt offers more than just rebounds. He is also a team leader when it comes to scoring, and is second only to Milne in minutes played, as he started in all 27 of the games this year.

The addition of Schreiner University

and Texas Lutheran University to the Tigers' schedule could also prove challenging, as they're known for being more competitive teams.

While the overtime loss in the conference championship game was a disappointment, Milne was proud that the Tigers had made it that far to compete.

"Playing in the conference championship, being that close, and getting into overtime, [was a memorable moment]" Milne said.

Webb considered the Trinity home game earlier in the season to be a highlight.

"Hockey didn't have a game that night and we tend to compete with them for fans and support, so that was our biggest turnout of the year," Webb said. "Being able to feed off the energy of the crowd, and that feeling of support coming from the student body is the best. We won by a good amount that night."

Webb and Milne are two of five players

who will make up the basketball team's first substantial senior class in two years. Jeremiah Walters was the sole senior on the team last year, and Rewoldt is the sole senior on the team this year.

Jake Tramutolo, Chris Mayo-Smith, and Corey Dyer will play alongside Webb and Mile to compose the strong senior class of next season. The senior lineup paired with the already deep bench and the incoming freshmen class is a recipe for success.

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Stories of Spirit: Faith and humor bring students together

SPIRITUALITY

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Guest Writer

During fifth block, a group of students came together to celebrate the spiritual diversity of Colorado College. The evening was called Stories of Spirit and was one of several Faith Week events.

“God and I have become like two giant fat people living in a tiny boat. We keep bumping into each other and laughing.” -blessing shared by senior Anneliese Rice at Stories of Spirit.

Faith Week is an annual event sponsored by the Chaplains’ Office featuring lectures, discussions and events exploring and celebrating religion and spirituality at CC.

This year, the theme of Faith Week was faith and humor.

Students from many religious and spiritual identities, including Muslim, Baha’i, Catholic, Hindu, Evangelical Christian, Buddhist, Seeker and Humanist, shared stories, songs and reflections on the role of humor in their spiritual practice.

Students who attended the celebration laughed together at stories of sacred elephants sneezing on worshipers, friends screaming “Allah” in airports, ceilings crumbling and falling mid-meditation, and a few good poop jokes.

A highlight for many was junior Dan Lewis’ gospel choir performance in the soprano style of his mother.

The reflections and humor offered glimpses into the individual spiritual journeys of our peers. The evening was an important part of an ongoing conversation on the life of the spirit for CC students.

The event demonstrated that being on a spiritual path and part of a spiritual community is a powerful experience for many students in our community.

Colby Diamond, a senior and the first speaker of the evening, spoke about the openness of the Jewish community Hillel on campus. He spoke of the importance of sharing a meal with people from his tradition as a child, and now on Fridays for Shabbat with Hillel.

The strength of a spiritual community is not grounded purely in common belief, but rather in shared time and love.

“A community is not bound together by teachings and dogma, but by love and laughter,” said sophomore Nichelle Giraldes, who spoke of her involvement in the CC Catholic community.

Giraldes and other speakers demonstrated that coming together to support each other, to worship together or just to share a meal and laugh is a valuable part of spiritual life for CC students.

Candace Datz, a senior, shared her story of traveling the world as a Christian missionary before starting college.

Datz said that she came to realize that people can be both the greatest and the worst thing in the world and in her religious tradition.

Although community can present trials, the foundation of caring people is an important draw to spiritual practice.

Sophomore Jaden Hawkinson spoke of how he has found a spiritual home in many spaces and communities. “It’s important to cultivate a heart that can feel at home in many traditions, wherever you are,” Hawkinson said.

Spiritual practice offers a way to connect with people on a deeper level and to form meaningful relationships and a sense of home in new places.

Many presenters touched on the ways in which their religion or spirituality has contributed to their own personal growth.

“Spirituality gives you infinite ways of adapting to what life throws at you,” said Krithika Vachali, a sophomore who was raised Hindu.

Hawkinson spoke similarly of the power of spiritual practice. “When everything is just going so wrong, the gift of spiritual practice is being able to find the joy in that,” he said.

Senior Elyse Bassman explained how finding the first noble truth in Buddhism, that suffering is inherent in life, helped her to accept her anxiety.

“I became accepting of my anxiety, gentle towards it.... I let it be,” said Bassman. “The four noble truths let me relate to my anxiety with care.”

Spirituality often gives people resources to deal with the most difficult challenges of life.

Bassman explained that her Buddhist practice makes her feel at peace; it can be as simple as pausing in the middle of the day to take a few conscious breaths.

Regardless of the nature of their practices, many students draw on their spiritual traditions to face challenges and to grow into balanced and healthy individuals.

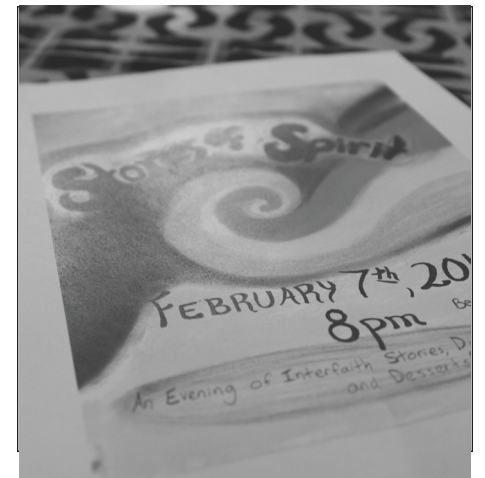
For other students, their spiritual and religious traditions provide a sense of something greater and immensely meaningful. Salsabeel Khan, a freshman Muslim, compared this feeling to looking out at a wondrous view.

“I like having something bigger to be grateful to, like when you’re staring at a beautiful view and you’re so small and you’re just speechless,” Khan said.

Senior Zuri Randell and past student Katrina San Luis sang Revelation Song. Through lines that read, “You are my everything” and “I am filled with wonder at the mention of your name,” the performers expressed a sense of wonder and awe at the divine.

For many students, this sense of something greater translates into compassion for fellow human beings and other living things.

Zoé Santos, a junior who grew up in Bali; shared a Hindu chant that trans-



Top left: Junior Dan Lewis treated audience members to a gospel performance, imitating the soprano voice of his mother. Top right: Cover art for the event program by senior Lindsey Pointer. Center: Attendants gathered in Bemis Great Hall in February and shared laughs around a common theme: faith. Photos courtesy of Holly Moynahan.

lates to, “May all beings be happy.” Saraiya Ruano, a senior Baha’I, included a similar call to compassionate action, to loving one’s neighbor.

“What do I love about my faith? It calls me to action and makes me responsible to other humans,” Ruano said.

“Be concerned with the needs of the age you live in; man is organic with the environment, the inner world shapes the outer world and is shaped by it.”

Many of those who spoke touched on this connection to something greater, and the way this connection sparks a drive for love and kindness.

Spirituality is an important part of life for many CC students, and the Stories of Spirit event was only a small part of an ongoing conversation on campus.

Khan feels that it is sometimes difficult to combine the world of her conservative Muslim parents with that of her secular humanist friends and the science she studies at CC, but that she knows it is possible through open discussion of spirituality between CC students, staff and faculty.

“We live in a time where people are often afraid to talk about faith and spirituality, but I want to talk about it,” said Ruano, at the end of her story. “I hope to hear your reflections past tonight; I hope this conversation is ongoing.”

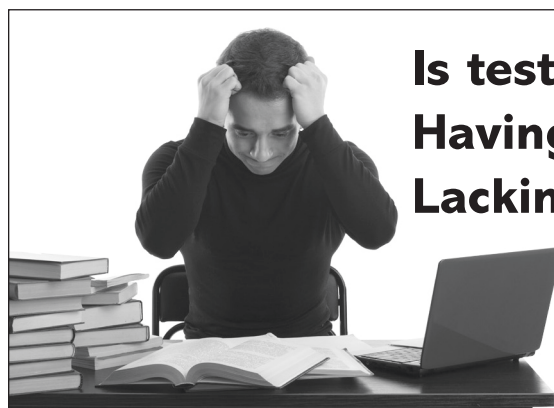
With religion and spirituality adding beauty and power as well as challenges to the lives of many CC students, it is something that ought to be discussed openly and often on our campus.

It is only through sharing more fully with each other that the community will grow in our ability to love the diversity of our world.

At the end of the evening, sophomore Russell Clark shared a blessing from his Catholic tradition fitting for the end of the event: “The stories have now ended, let us go forth in peace to love and save the world. Amen.”

The Chaplains’ Office offers many programs for students from all spiritual and religious traditions to continue the conversation and explore their own spiritual journeys.

If you would like more information about Spiritual and Interfaith programs at CC, please contact the chaplains at Kate.Holbrook@coloradocollege.edu and bcoriell@coloradocollege.edu or check out our facebook page for updates at www.facebook.com/SpiritualLifeAtColoradoCollege.



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Review: Richard Dawkins leads panel on religion in public schools

ANALYSIS

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Guest Writer

Armstrong Hall -
Wednesday,
February 27,
2013 at 7pm
"Exploring a

religious agenda in our public schools: Are Good News Clubs really good news for our children?"

Religion is not always a common topic of conversation among CC students, and any discussion that does take place is, like our student body, not especially diverse.

A packed auditorium welcomed the panel, not expanding the conversation past the already present liberal position, which presented a loud call for secularism in American schools.

The event was advertised under Richard Dawkins' name, a well-known author, evolutionary biologist, and ethologist, and also featuring Katherine Stewart, Eric Cernyar and Sean Faircloth, and it was arranged through the Colorado College Chaplain's office and local organizations.

The event attracted a mixed crowd, split evenly between both CC and UCCS students and visitors. The busy lobby was lined with tables display with sign up sheets and paper materials promoting various groups.

Among them were those who helped organize the event, the American Humanist Association, the Colorado Springs Freethinkers, and the Richard Dawkins Foundation. Alongside those were the Colorado Springs Atheists Association and the Parents for Secular Schools.

It was hard not to notice the Richard Dawkins Foundation's large, glossy displays and two tables of his books on sale.

Numerous employees and organizers from the foundation were orchestrating the event, wearing their prominent logo tags and promoting the foundation.

Each speaker addressed the problems with evangelical "Good News Clubs." GNGs use public school property, teachers, and funding in some cases, these Christian study clubs teach fundamentalist Christianity with controversial, heavy-handed methods.

The panelists spoke firmly against the presence of these clubs in schools. Through this specific example, they addressed the question of the presence of religion, especially Christianity, in American schools.

The panel began with Katherine Stewart, a mother who became involved when her middle-school-aged children were asked to participate. She explained "The heart of the trouble is that they are being lied to, which leads to misconception."

She viewed these clubs as abusing school's authority in the minds of children to endorse extreme teachings of Christianity.

Some youngsters came to believe that they were sinners needing redemption, which caused hostility between home life and school life.

A conversation between Eric Cernyar and Richard Dawkins followed, the segment that Mr. Dawkins participated in despite the use of his name as the advertisement headline.

As survivor of his childhood Good News Club, Mr. Cernyar reinforced the dire consequences these clubs can have on children. He highlighted the unethical teaching methods through a shocking role-play of a classroom activity.

A child wears a sign around his or her



Top center: Panelists turned to engage the presentation screen during Sean Faircloth's portion of the event. Above left: Sean Faircloth, author and executive director of Secular Coalition for America, addressed the audience to promote his new book. Above right: Richard Dawkins, during his brief appearance in the event that featured his name in the advertisements, engaged in conversation with Eric Cernyar about the consequences of Christian clubs in primary schools. Photos by Esther Chan.

neck with "Sinner" printed on it and a call-and-response follows between teacher and student that clearly employs shame and guilt to promote fundamental teachings.

Sean Faircloth supported the first two speakers with a slightly more lighthearted tone, using metaphors and images as he moved through his discussion.

Clearly promoting his recent book, he called on the audience to buy it and take the evening's argument to heart.

His conclusion was followed by a long question-and answer-session, in which Mr. Dawkins did not participate.

Each speaker emphasized that, as Mr. Faircloth said, "values of secularism... must gain traction and influence" in the face of such Christian values exemplified in these evangelizing clubs.

For many in the audience, this talk was an affirmation, for others it was food for thought. The questions probed what the

real problem might be and where we should move forward.

Adding a very serious tone to the end of the session, Mr. Cernyar revealed that the feelings of shame, guilt, and utter worthlessness he felt were the result of the presence of these clubs in his childhood that caused him to try to take his life.

Following the somber conclusion, audience members lined up outside and waited up to 45 minutes to take photos with Richard Dawkins, buy his book and have him sign it.

His name's celebrity status clearly attracted a large portion of those who attended. The evening did not leave a particularly intellectually challenging effect.

The speakers were not varied in their positions, and the audience already largely agreed with their arguments.

The ideas behind Mr. Dawkins seemed a bit eclipsed by the promotion of his

books, title, and influence.

At risk of disrespecting the message of the participants, CC is a liberal bubble, and students may have felt that the speakers were preaching to the choir.

Separation of Church and State has long been a debated issue in this country.

A history of Supreme Court cases and the various readings of the constitution have shown periods of favoring establishment and others of favoring free exercise; evidence that religion in schools will continue to be relevant in the future.

For the Colorado Springs community, this raises a much more significant debate, but for the CC students it was an issue that, although important, will likely remain separate from our daily lives until our own children are facing such challenges.

For now, public school's relationships to GNCs remain a question of the future.

Taco Bell renaissance: Birth of the Doritos Locos Tacos

RELIGION

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Staff Writer

March 7, 2013 will go down in history as the most pivotal moment in the contemporary epoch of Taco Bell history: The TBell Renaissance. Anyone who drove around the Wahsatch and Platte Avenue Taco Bell location before Thursday saw firsthand the insane demand for the new Cool Ranch Doritos Locos Taco.

Why are these beautifully simple works of culinary art the new iPhones of the fast food world? Why are people willing to brave the drafty snow and freezing desert nights for an early taste of the latest Taco Bell menu addition? Last year on March 8, Taco Bell revolutionized the gastronomic industry by releasing the Nacho Cheese Doritos Locos Taco.

It is inconceivable that Taco Bell needed an extra year to release the Cool Ranch flavor, but we need to give them the benefit of the doubt. The company who had the sheer brilliance to put a Dorito and a taco together certainly does not have to answer to us.

This isn't the first time Taco Bell has collaborated with a popular brand to create a game-changing new taste. In 2004, Mountain Dew gave TB the ex-

clusive right to carry their Baja Blast tropical-lime flavored variety, but sadly, the creation of this irreplaceable beverage was overshadowed in the media by E. coli outbreaks allegedly caused by Taco Bell food. Unfortunately, this is the era most people associate with the restaurant. In the early 2000s, food quality was admittedly lower, and it appeared that Taco Bell would continue to exist in limbo as a mediocre fast food establishment.

But, by the grace of God, Taco Bell was reborn sometime in the last few years with a revamped menu and a genius social media presence. Recently, they teamed up with celebrity Chef Lorena Garcia, owner of restaurants in the Miami and Atlanta airports and failed contestant on the show "Top Chef Masters".

Tragically, most people continue to see Taco Bell as it was so many years ago. Many Colorado College students refuse to indulge in a bargain taco because they claim they don't trust the meat or aren't sure if it's healthy.

"I choose not to eat at Taco Bell because I genuinely value knowing where my food comes from and whether or not it is quality," said sophomore Claire Myerscough, self-described flexitarian. Some students never vocalize their support for Taco Bell because they're frightened to speak up against the CC-Bubble

Groupthink and stand up for something they believe in.

Others criticize the Bell because it is not authentic Tex-Mex food. While this may be absolutely true, it is not something that needs to be criticized in such capacity.

With their groundbreaking menu packed full with a variety of unique foods, from the Cheesy Gordita Crunch to the always-classic Crunchwrap Supreme, Taco Bell has effectively created an entirely new cuisine.

Thankfully, in the midst of all these haters, there are a number of people at CC who recognize the strides Taco Bell has made in recent years to improve their food quality. These enlightened beings represent the Michelangelo's and Galileo's of the Taco Bell Renaissance, while the people who continue to hate act as the Catholic Church, refusing to accept the true facts. "I love it," said sophomore Hannah Floom, "It is my guilty pleasure."

Junior Jack Williamson is eager to taste the Mona Lisa of Taco Bell food. "I'd just like to let the world know that I feel a joy I've never felt at the thought of a Cool Ranch Dorito being wrapped around my taco," he said. "While the Nacho Cheese Dorito taco is good, it can't compare to the tangy rush of Cool Ranch."

Since the announcement of the Cool Ranch Doritos Locos Taco, critics have



Photo by Claire Myerscough.

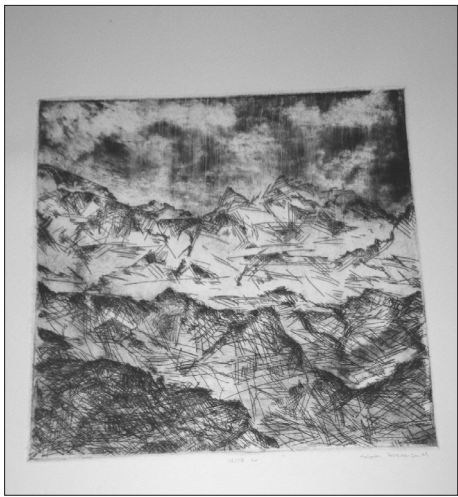
speculated if this will be the entrée to finally rival the Crunchwrap Supreme, Taco Bell's most classic and beloved, Mexican-inspired, grilled super taco/quesadilla hybrid.

According to sophomore Kenyon McFarlane, "Crunchwrap Supremes are the universe's gift to college students."

If the Cool Ranch Doritos Locos Taco lives up to the hype, which it very well might, the Crunchwrap Supreme will become the older sibling everyone forgets about as they direct their attention to the new addition to the family.

Exclusive preview: Thesis art shows open block seven

The art thesis shows of Malcom Perkins-Smith, Cindy Taylor, Daniel Alvarado and Lila Pickus will be on display in their respective campus venues for the first week of seventh block.



Art and photo by Malcolm Perkins-Smith

Malcolm Perkins-Smith's thesis will be exhibited in Cossitt Hall the first week of block 7. His show will consist of a number of drawings and a series of etchings. Inspired by the ephemeral nature of time, Perkins-Smith explores the idea that "time, like a cloud, is constantly changing; now will only exist right now." Though we have memories of past moments in time, they are abstracted to some degree. Perkins-Smith explores the concepts of ambiguity and electiveness through his study of clouds and their amorphous forms. From what I've seen of Perkins-Smith's work, he has the makings for a dramatic and compelling show.

-Grace Gahagan



Art and photo by Malcolm Perkins-Smith

Free Snacks and Thesis Work, by Cindy Taylor, will be up in Packard Hall. Taylor has been working on a number of zinc etchings, most of which involve her kitchen.

She loves cooking in her beat-up, old kitchen and aims to translate its character and wafting smells through her work. Meticulous fine lines create de-

tailed renderings of her stove and sink as well as garlic and kale. She dabbles in layering different plates to create intriguing compositions that combine architectural scenes with organic forms of food. Transporting you to a beloved kitchen, Taylor's sentimental show is one that will arouse the taste buds.

-Grace Gahagan

Daniel Alvarado's show critiques socially constructed rationalism by giving a foreign context to familiar objects. Using reclaimed industrial construction materials, many of which he found on the site of El Pomar, Alvarado pursues his mission to "discombobulate" his viewers by displacing consumerism objects in such a way that forces people to "look harder" at them. Alvarado wants to move past rationalism, stating, "Nothing [rational] is interesting or human, in my opinion... Just because something doesn't have a practical use, it's not dead." Come muse over Alvarado's architectural sculptures, displayed in the Packard courtyard first week of 7th block, and ask yourself, "Am I living too rationally?"

-Grace Gahagan



Art and photo by Daniel Alvarado

Lila Pickus has collected, explored, and experimented in her intricate senior show. She began with an attraction to organic processes acting upon inorganic items - for example, a decomposing building or rusted sheet of metal. Collecting scraps of these deteriorating items and making molds and rubbings has allowed her to experiment with different patterns and textures. Pickus said her pieces are "totally about the process" and the exploration of what happens to digested items taken out of context, revealing unconventional beauty. Don't miss her opening in the Johnson building, otherwise known as the old KRCC office.

-Grace Gahagan



Art and photo by Lila Pickus

BrewHaha Germany: Traditional München brew houses

BEER

Hanson Smith
Staff Writer

Grüss Gott from Bayern, dear readers, and I have had the pleasure of spending the last five days in München.

Unfortunately, I have also been sick for the last few days and haven't been able to try as many beers as I might like to, but I had the opportunity to check out some of Munich's brew houses before becoming ill.

The Hofbräuhaus and the Augustiner Keller are two of the most popular brew houses in Munich. Each has a large main location and many subsidiary locations that also serve their beer.

The history of Munich brewing and of these two brewhouses all start with the Reinheitsgebot. The Reinheitsgebot translates to the "purity law" and was passed in 1516 to standardize the brewing in Bavaria.

Before the law was passed, brewers experimented with different adjuncts and variations in beer ingredients. This led to some beers that didn't keep well and even beers that were dangerous to drink.

The Reinheitsgebot standardized acceptable ingredients by mandating that beer could only be brewed from water, barley, and hops.

The Reinheitsgebot ensured consistency and is one of the reasons why Bavarian brewing is so revered.

When King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden invaded Bavaria during the Thirty Years' War, he wanted to burn Munich to the ground.

However, Ole' King Gustavus found the beer in Munich so good that he was persuaded to leave peacefully by 600,000 barrels of it.

At the center of the Bavarian brewing tradition is the Hofbräuhaus. Duke Wilhelm V of Bavaria started the Hofbräuhaus in 1589. Hof actually means "court" and for a long part of its history, the Hofbräuhaus was only for members of the aristocracy.

This all changed in 1828 when King Ludwig I opened the brewhouse to all people. Because of its royal pedigree, the Hofbräuhaus became a very popular brew spot, even today.

On the other hand, the Augustiner Keller's history isn't too interesting. The Augustiner Keller was founded in 1812 and literally means "Augustiner cellar." The main brewhouse has a massive beer garden and distributes its beer throughout Munich.

As Bavaria's biggest and best advertised brewhouse, the Hofbräuhaus is a bit of a tourist trap. There are more foreigners than Germans and the beer is overpriced. I was, however, pleasantly surprised at the quality and service.

I had a Mass, "liter mug," of the dunkel; the beer was actually pretty good.

We decided not to eat at the Hofbräuhaus since the food was especially pricy. Instead, we went across the street to a branch of the Augustiner Keller. Though this place was right across the street, it was cheaper and there weren't nearly as many tourists.

The food was delicious and their hefeweizen was one of the best I've ever had the pleasure to indulge in. I recommend looking for Augustiner if you get a chance.

The unfortunate reality of beer nowadays is that a few big companies have bought a lot of different beer brands all over the world. Even in a beer-loving



Sophomore Beau Idler enjoys a brew at the Augustiner Keller Brew House in Munich, Germany. Augustiner Keller is one of the most famous brew houses in Germany, alongside the well-known and touristy Hofbräuhaus. Photo by Hanson Smith.

country like Germany, this consolidation of the market hits hard. Bars seem to have the same brands everywhere I go.

In Munich, the popular, ubiquitous beers turned out to be really good, but they were really not that unique. Multiple Germans have told me that there are some really great brewpubs in Munich – you just have to know where to find them.

I, unfortunately, didn't have the inside info on where these under-the-radar pubs were.

All this just reminds me that we are really lucky to live in Colorado. Every town has its own microbrewery and there is a huge variety of local brews to pick from.

So, dear reader, next time you crack open a bottle of local brew, count your blessings.

Progressive Insurance Company's art collection in Colorado Springs

FINE ARTS

Grace Gahagan
Guest Writer

It is not unusual for large companies to have their own art collections, but it is rare

for those collections to have a team of art educators on staff. Progressive Corporation, producer of the famous commercials featuring Flo the car insurance saleswoman, has been collecting contemporary art since 1974.

Peter Louis, the former CEO, asked his wife at the time, Toby Devan Louis, to start collecting edgy, thought-provoking contemporary art to decorate the walls of the workplace. Over 30 years later, Progressive's collection has grown to more than 7,800 pieces.

Progressive circulates its artwork throughout the many office branches all over the U.S. Louis' mission to advance the workplace and hold its workers to standards of cultural awareness through art continues to apply today. The Progressive Art Department continually holds seminars, exhibits, and lectures utilizing the collection as its muse; the curators are constantly being asked to travel and present new and different presentations. The collection stimulates conversation, promotes diversity, inspires creativity, and challenges viewers' beliefs.

When Colorado Springs branch manager Charlie Baughman started at Progressive a little over four and a half years ago, he had little understanding of contemporary art – or art in general. Now, he gives docent tours for on-site exhib-

its and proudly promotes the Biennial Employee Art Show, which his branch is hosting this year. Baughman feels that art inspires and stimulates the workplace.

"If you haven't ridden a bike in a long time, when you first get on it, you struggle getting your balance," Baughman said. "As you ride more regularly, you become more adept and skilled at using those muscles; over time, it just becomes natural. Same with the art collection. By seeing and reviewing the art regularly, it causes your senses to be on high alert; you're stimulating muscles in your brain that would otherwise be dormant if we just had four walls throughout our campus. This seems to aid in all sorts of discussions, but especially with any sort of brainstorming, which we do frequently."

Selections from the Progressive collection are currently on view at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, adjacent to Packard Hall. The exhibit, A Family Affair, includes photography, videos, objects, and sculptural works.

"The exhibit focuses on the shifting definitions of 'family,' drawing our attention to the critical moments, decisions, and people—the affairs—that mark and define our families," said exhibit curators Kristin Rogers and H. Scott Westover in the exhibition statement.

The curators aim to stimulate reactions and discussion on what people perceive as family, both the good and the bad. Not every piece is the typical image of family—some require more imagination. "Some works allude to childhood memo-



ries, the nostalgic snapshots that chronicle our past. Others address the trauma of dysfunctional relationships, illness, or regret," said Rogers and Westover.

The company supports their employees' engagement with the show by sponsoring free admission for all employees and a tour for their top performers on paid time. In addition, the Fine Arts Center grants Colorado College students free admission.

A project that originally began with intentions to decorate the office space, the Progressive Insurance Corporation art collection has grown to almost 8,000 pieces over the last 35 years. The exhibit, entitled A Family Affair, is on display at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, adjacent to Packard Hall, through May. Photos by Grace Gahagan.