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Heavy snowfall blankets campus, students celebrate



A snowstorm on Wednesday night blanketed Colorado College with roughly 7 inches of snow. Several dozen students took to the hill below The Preserve on the west side of campus around midnight to sled, ski, snowboard and build forts. Roads in the city were clogged with accidents and traffic as local authorities tried to clean up the aftermath. More photos, page 7. Photo by Esther Chan.

Junior's big shot lands on SportsCenter

M. BASKETBALL

Katie Stetson
Sports Editor

In just a few seconds, a grainy orange sphere made CC junior Ryan Milne famous.

Many young sport enthusiasts dream of being featured on SportsCenter's daily "Top 10." For Milne, this dream materialized on Monday night when he turned on ESPN only to see footage of his game-winning buzzer beater.

He had no idea.

The ESPN clip highlights a close game between Colorado College and rival Southwestern University. With only nine seconds left, the Tigers were up 61-60. The Southwestern University Pirates took the lead with a layup with five seconds left of play, and as the Tigers regained possession, Ian Rewoldt inbounded the ball to teammate Ryan Milne, who, with three seconds on the clock, ran as far as he could before get-

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Properties near campus operate on tenuous contract

BUSINESS

Jack Sweeney
Staff Writer

The stores at N. Tejon St. and E. Cache La Poudre St.

have a long history with the Colorado College community and greater Colorado Springs area.

But that relationship is more than just a casual one.

CC actually owns the properties that some of this city's most iconic establishments reside in. As the college's relatively small 90-acre campus looks to grow, it poses some serious questions for the long-standing relationships between the school and those businesses.

And while college officials say they may plan to one day reclaim the properties on Tejon St. for development, they maintain, however, that they currently have no interest in those valuable real estate locations.

"The building I bought near CC has a long history as a barber-shop—dating back to the 20s," Frank Paul, owner of the Salon Frank Paul next to Wooglin's, said.

Even the housing of Wooglin's restaurant has a history with the school. The building used to house the Meadow Gold dairy business.

Damon Broccardo, manager of Wooglin's restaurant, says he has had a very good relationship with CC.

"We just renewed our lease, which lasts five years," said Broccardo.

Last fall CC announced that it wouldn't be renewing the lease of the nearby Leechpit, a decade-old shop on the corner of Nevada Ave. and Dale St.

That doesn't concern Wooglin's.

"There is a demolition clause in the lease, but there are certain provisions that have to be taken so they can't just swipe the rug underneath our feet," said Broccardo.

According to Robert Moore, VP

of Finance at CC, "No one has had an increase in leasing costs with the intention of encouraging them to move out."

But Moore doesn't think the loss of those buildings would impact the community's historical ties to the businesses.

"I do not think [there] is any historical impact if the shops in the Wooglin's strip were to be demolished," he said. "There are no plans in place at this time to redevelop the property at the southeast corner of Tejon and Cache."

John O'Neill, owner of The Colorado Running Company in the Wooglin's strip, feels the ending

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The Colorado Running Company store on Tejon near campus. Photo by Sam Zarky.



A home is rebuilt after the fire. Photo by Brendan Young.

Waldo's slow rebirth

WALDO CANYON

Jesse Paul
Editor-In-Chief

Pikes Peak looked like a smoldering volcano for the majority of the 2012 summer and the scars from that debilitating disaster are still there.

In the Mountain Shadows neighborhood where over 300 households burned to the ground and local residents lost their memories, homes are starting to be rebuilt while others still show signs of the raging inferno that consumed thousands of acres in June and July.

The Waldo Canyon Fire, the most destructive fire in Colorado history and the most expensive fire containment in the history of the United States, ravaged Colorado Springs, costing approximately \$352.6 million dollars.

But those costs are still rising as officials in the Pikes Peak region work to prevent such a disaster from ever occurring again and to counteract any consequential emergencies, including flooding or other burns.

Now Waldo Canyon and the local community are

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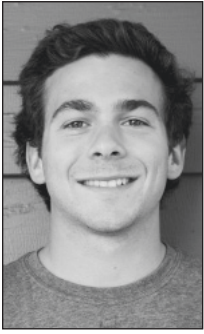
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FROM THE EDITOR

Is CC growing?

COMMENTARY
Jesse Paul
Editor-In-Chief

After ending The Leechpit's lease, what's next?



For nearly two years, Colorado College has been talking about its long-term plans to improve the college, most recently with the Strategic Plan. In interviews with administrators and through press releases, it would appear that this tiny

liberal arts school is also aiming to grow.

It makes sense, but what is that going to mean for the surrounding community?

With each new year, a growing number of young people are striving for a college admission letter, and at CC that is no different. Incoming student applications for this academic year reached a record high, meaning a large number of those applicants were rejected.

Could only having roughly 500 spots per incoming class be a problem in the future? Should and could we expand and maintain the educational experience already offered?

In order to expand this campus, CC would either have to start cutting into our quads or utilize already-owned college property in the surrounding areas, including spaces where The Leechpit and businesses on Tejon St. are now located.

Maybe one day Armstrong Hall will be twenty stories high.

Last August, CC completed a land transfer agreement with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in which the administration waived rights to a reverter clause encompassing land near UCCS and across Nevada Ave. from the University Village shopping complex in exchange for a parcel of land.

That land, 480 acres in Jefferson, Colo. near Fairplay, is slated by gift-stipulation for academic use only. So far, Robert Moore, Vice President of Finance and Administration, says CC has no plans for the property. If utilized, it could represent a new addition to CC's three other campuses in-state.

The newly formed Transportation Planning Committee has been discussing some major changes to the roads and intersections around campus to accommodate pedestrian foot traffic.

When Colorado College decided not to renew The Leechpit's lease a few months ago, it marked a new growth of the campus.

If that building on the corner of Dale St. and Nevada Ave. becomes a location for student activities, it would mark a major campus expansion southward, opening up that side of CC to new events and infrastructure.

With growth does come questions, nevertheless.

Community members have been asking what the impact of The Leechpit's closing or relocation means for CC, and consequently what the impact of local business is on the community.

In Cornerstone, a giant blackboard poses the question, "How can we share the block plan with others?" There are many ways, but, personally speaking, there is a kind of magic in keeping this unique learning structure to ourselves.

Growing poses problems and risks, some of them may be necessary. I think we can all agree, however, that we don't want to compromise any part of CC.

Increased traffic fatalities prompt CSPD action

LOCAL CRIME

Tim Bruns
Guest Writer

In a press release on Feb. 5, the Colorado Springs Police Department re-

vealed that it will be expanding measures to combat "preventable accidents" in the Colorado Springs area.

CSPD has begun using a new program entitled Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS). Through DDACTS, police have identified intersections around the city that have experienced higher rates of automobile accidents and injuries. The press release disclosed that Colorado Springs drivers should expect to see teams of Motor Officers working in these areas to "aggressively address traffic violators."

The CSPD reported that no additional costs are associated with the implementation of DDACTS. Rather, the program is a way to allocate existing resources more efficiently.

The press release also urged drivers to comply with traffic laws. The two most cited infractions are Red Light Violations and Vehicles Turning Left (defined by Colorado State Law as "the failure to properly yield the right-of-way when making a left turn.") These two infractions have also caused the most crashes.

The increased measures may be a response to recent statistics, which indicate that 2012 was Colorado Springs's deadliest year for traffic accidents since the year 2000. The CSPD reported that in 2012, 31 people lost their lives in traffic-related accidents. Of the 31 fatalities, 13 involved pedestrians.

"We're asking everybody just to pay attention and be more alert and cautious to their driving," CSPD Lieutenant Brian Ritz said in the release.

The 2012 rate of traffic fatalities in

Colorado Springs is up 32.5 percent over the last five years. It is also well above the average rate of 25 deaths per year for the past 16 years.

The police are concerned that 2013 will prove to be as deadly as the 2012, with five people already killed in traffic accidents as of Feb. 18.

As many of 2012's accidents involved pedestrians, the CSPD released the following advice:

"Pedestrians are reminded that walking on the roadway can be inherently dangerous. The safest place to cross a roadway is in designated crosswalks, usually associated with a traffic light. Cross only with the traffic or pedestrian light. Still, take the time to look both ways before stepping out onto the road-

way. Cross only when safe; don't cross if you have to run in order to avoid a vehicle. If you must walk on the roadway, walk facing traffic. If at night, wear light colored or reflective clothing and stay alert."

Recent findings from the Colorado Department of Transportation suggest that the increased fatalities in Colorado Springs may be indicative of a larger statewide trend.

In the first quarter of 2012, traffic fatalities in Colorado reached a five-year high with 127 traffic deaths by Aug. 30, 2012.



The 2012 rate of traffic fatalities in Colorado Springs is up 32.5 percent over the last five years. CSPD has implemented a new program to determine the most dangerous intersections. Photos by Sam Zarky.

Colorado Springs crime, in brief

CAMERAS LEAD TO NARCOTICS ARREST

On Wednesday afternoon, officers arrested a man in possession of 96 grams of marijuana.

Officers of the Downtown Area Response Team were monitoring downtown surveillance cameras when they observed an individual near the Acacia Park playground with a bag full of marijuana. They contacted the suspect at the intersection of Bijou St. and N. Cascade Ave.

He was found with 96 grams of marijuana and was booked into the El Paso Country Jail for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, a Class V felony.

IDENTITY THIEVES CAUGHT

Officers detained three adults attempting fraud on Wednesday afternoon at American National Bank on W. Garden of the Gods Rd.

Upon arrival, officers detained one female and two males, one of whom was attempting to cash a fraudulent check at the bank.

Officers searched the suspects' vehicle and found personal identification information that did not belong to the suspects.

The two males were arrested for identity theft.

WOMAN CAUGHT WITH METH

Early Saturday morning, a woman in possession of drugs and a stolen car was arrested on E. Dale St.

An officer on routine patrol ob-

served a green Honda Accord with a continuously flashing headlight. He conducted a traffic stop and learned that the vehicle was stolen. The driver of the vehicle was in possession of methamphetamines and a pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine.

The driver was arrested for possession and for having a suspended driver's license.

MAN KILLED IN BURGLARY

Officers were dispatched to the Park Ridge Apartments off Academy Blvd. just after 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning where they discovered a deceased adult male. The suspected cause of death was apparent trauma.

Investigators determined that a burglary took place in the man's apartment, after employees noticed broken glass and interrupted the burglar.

A suspect has been identified and taken into custody.

SHOT FIRED AT BURGLAR

Officers responded to a burglary in progress at a home in the 400 block of E. Platte Ave. in which the homeowner had fired a single shot through the door at the suspect early Saturday morning.

Upon arrival, just before 1:30 a.m., officers located the suspect, uninjured, on the front porch of the residence. The suspect, who had recently moved into a home one block away

from the victim's, was extremely intoxicated and attempted to force entry into the victim's house, police said. The 80-year-old victim became alarmed and fired a single shot from a shotgun through the front door of her home, over the suspect's head.

No one was injured during the incident, and there are no charges at this time, pending further investigation.

DOMESTIC FIGHT CAUSES KNIFE WOUND

Early Monday morning, police responded to a report of domestic abuse in northeast Colorado Springs in which the victim's son protected her against her husband with a knife.

Just before 3:30 a.m., police received a call from a victim stating that she was in a physical fight with her husband, and that her 18-year-old son had used a knife to protect her.

When offices arrived, they interviewed all involved parties and determined that the son heard his parents arguing, and went in to see what was happening. He observed the victim's husband standing over her, swinging his arms at her while she was holding an infant. The 18-year-old picked up a knife to confront the suspect, during which time the suspect sustained a minor injury to his left hand.

The suspect was arrested and charged with Domestic Violence Harassment and Child Abuse. The 18-year-old was not charged because he was attempting to protect his mother.

Colorado College dean nominated for award

COMMENDMENT

Megan Masuret
Guest Writer

The League of Women Voters recently nominated Rochelle Mason, CC Dean of Students, for a "Making Democracy Work" award for her extensive and perpetual devotion to bettering the community.

The League of Women Voters was established in 1920 during the convention for women's suffrage. Founded by Carrie Chapman Catt, the grassroots organization was formed just six months prior to the acceptance of the 19th Amendment, which allowed women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters began as a political experiment to support women's new responsibility as voters and continues to maintain this attitude, encouraging citizens to take an active role in advocacy. The organization remains non-partisan and open to both males and females.

Although Mason was nominated by the Pikes Peak Region of the League of Women Voters, the association exists on a national level. There are branches of the organization in various cities, but all promote a common goal. "Basically, this is a group that strives to make Colorado Springs a better place to live," said Mason.

The Making Democracy Work Award, for the seventh consecutive year, recognizes individuals that perpetuate principles of democracy through hands-on involvement in the community. This year, nine women were individually nominated for their promotion of access, advocacy, community engagement, civic engagement, and social justice.

Despite the fact that the award is presented by the League of Women Voters, it is not necessary to be a member of the organization in order to be nominated. Mason was nominated by a long-standing professional and Colorado College

friend, Rosemary Harris Lytle. Lytle currently serves as the President of the Colorado and Wyoming Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and was a previous recipient of the award.

Given her continual devotion to bettering the community, the nomination does not come as a surprise. Specifically, Mason is being recognized for her persistent work related to opportunities and resources for youth. She previously assisted with planning the African-American Youth Leadership Conference, which has been held at CC for over 20 years, but now has a more influential role as a Board Member. Her active role in orchestrating this conference precipitated her selection as one of Colorado Springs' Emerging Black Leaders in 1994. In addition, she is involved with the Annual MLK Community Celebration Committee, which CC has also hosted for several years, the City-Wide Juneteenth Committee, for which she received recognition by the local chapter of the NAACP, and the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission.

Regarding her nomination, Mason said, "I have been humbled and pleased to receive recognitions for my community service. After being nominated for this award, it definitely spurred my interest in the mission of the League of Women Voters - I am now a new member."

As a graduate of CC and the previous Director of Minority Student Life, Mason understands and values the importance of both education and diversity. Fusing these two principles in her work, she said, "My goal is to benefit both Colorado College and the Colorado Springs community through these partnerships [committees]. Education is one of my passions, and I want to encourage and support young people as best I can."

Other awards that Mason has received



CC Dean of Students Rochelle Mason has been recognized by the League of Women Voters. Photo by Esther Chan.

on behalf of CC include a Mentor Award, Service Award, and the Nelson-Cisneros Award. Outside of the CC bubble, Mason has earned an Urban League Service Award, the NAACP Community Award in Higher Education, and the Citizen of the Year Award from the Iota Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Mason also serves as Honorary Chairperson of the Jolly Jills' Gala Evening, a member of the American Counseling Association, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan YMCA for six years.

Last Wednesday, Feb. 13, the nine nominees for the award were acknowledged at an awards reception. "I could not believe the caliber of the nominees and it was wonderful to be in such good company," Mason said. The final recipient of the award was Jane Ard-Smith, whom Mason describes as a "very deserving winner as the founder of the Green Cities Coalition." The coalition is concerned with improving various environmental and sustainability issue within Colorado Springs.

"It was a real honor to be present at the ceremony, and I was honored as well that our President, Jill Tiefenthaler, was there to lend support and join the celebration," said Mason.

Gazette will outsource printing to Denver

LOCAL MEDIA

Ansel Carpenter
Staff Writer

The Gazette, Colorado Springs' newspaper, has the second highest circulation of any newspaper in the state, behind The Denver Post. Starting in April, readers of the paper—which has, until now, been produced entirely in Colorado Springs—will be receiving their copy of the Gazette from Denver.

While the paper's reporting, human resources, and some other staff positions will remain in The Springs, its whole production and printing operation will be transferred to Denver on April 15.

In November, the paper was sold to a Denver-based corporation. The change in printing location and production is projected to eliminate approximately 50 positions.

Publishers and other executives have cited several reasons, chiefly cost reduction. The printing presses in Denver—which already print editions of national

newspapers that circulate in Colorado Springs—are far newer and more efficient than The Gazette's current ones.

Since the sale of the paper more than two months ago, The Gazette has enhanced its news and opinion sections, created new sections for the paper, and hired more reporters.

In addition to these changes, Joe Hight, who took over in December as Executive Editor, has announced plans to improve the paper. These include a redesign of The Gazette's website and an expansion of design ideas in the print edition. Readers will also be given opportunity to suggest other changes.

The transfer of services comes as newspapers all across the nation struggle.

For the first time in its history, the quarterly circulation revenue of The New York Times outpaced its advertising revenue.

In this climate, the print media has been looking for any and all ways to re-

main economically viable and culturally relevant.

Dan Steever, The Gazette's publisher, said in a statement, "A newspaper is not about a building...It's about the content and services that it provides to readers and advertisers."

The transfer of services is one step towards the newspaper's goal of drastically increasing reporting and editorial positions. Executives have set a target of a 20 percent increase by the end of this year. This comes at a time when even the most successful American newspapers have had multiple rounds of newsroom and editorial layoffs.

More logistical and organizational changes may be on the horizon for the paper, which is generally thought of as one of the more important papers based outside a state capital. Executives are also exploring the possibility of moving the other operations of the paper to a more affordable location in Colorado Springs.

NEWS BRIEFS

>>> A highway expansion project of Interstate 25 near Monument will begin on March 1 and stretch into June of 2014 in an attempt to alleviate traffic congestion north of Colorado Springs, the Colorado Department of Transportation said.

CDOT will begin with the \$66.4 million project between the 11 mile stretch spanning from Woodmen Rd. to state highway 105 in Monument where "work will take place on both sides of the interstate simultaneously, starting with placement of concrete barriers to create safe work zones," according to a news release.

The expansion will add an extra lane to both southbound and northbound traffic routes.

>>> A pileup east of campus stranded 70-100 cars on Austin Bluffs Parkway on Wednesday night as motorists found themselves trapped in icy conditions, police said.

Officers arrived at the area around 11:15 p.m. and worked to free the vehicles. Road conditions throughout the city deteriorated rapidly as a strong storm blew across the Pikes Peak region, leaving thick, heavy snow and large drifts.

Police were urging motorists to stay off the road on Wednesday night.

>>> The Transportation Master Plan will continue to be discussed in a working group next Tuesday evening as college officials and community members work to amend traffic problems in the surrounding areas.

The meeting, which will be held in Armstrong Hall from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., will be a workshop including small groups that will examine the potential solutions to congestion, dangerous pedestrian crossings, and traffic blind-spots that have caused accidents and injury around CC.

>>> Regional flood control has become a hot topic in Colorado Springs following this summer's Waldo Canyon Fire and a problem that El Paso County is working to fix.

The Board of El Paso County Commissioners unanimously approved a Joint Resolution on Regional Flood and Stormwater Management, according to the county.

"El Paso County and the City of Colorado Springs are the initial "parties" to the Joint Resolution but other entities including cities and towns and water districts will also be encouraged to sign on as community partners in the Resolution and participate in the Steering Committee efforts to 'examine all potential stormwater program funding options including the identification of efficiencies in current programs and reallocation of existing resources,'" the county said in a press release.

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Strategic Planning town hall offers community forum

CAMPUS POLICY

Eliza Carter
Guest Writer

In an endeavor to engage the student body with existing and potential planning initiatives, the Strategic Planning Committee met for a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday.

The meeting, held in east Rastall, served as one of the last forums for input to President Jill Tiefenthaler's Year of Planning before the Committee submits a list of initiatives on March 15. It involved both open discussion and a synopsis of the goals and projects the Committee has been occupied with.

"A lot of students couldn't participate in the Winter Conference, which was the Friday before Block 5 started, and I heard some students were disappointed that they couldn't participate. We had about 450 staff and faculty... I was hoping to give students another one-on-one opportunity," Tiefenthaler said.

The event began with presentations from the Committee's four sub-committees: the Engaged Teaching and Learning Committee, the Distinctive Place of Learning Committee, the Extending Our Reach Committee, and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee.

After the presentations, the panel fielded questions and the ensuing discussion covered a broad range of topics, including interdisciplinary studies, sustainability, diversity, civic engagement, and technology on CC's campus.

During the presentations, faculty and student members of the committee alike expressed an interest in maintaining the interdisciplinary advantages of a liberal arts education. Student attendees who asked questions echoed these concerns.

For example, people posed questions

about the available multi-curricular majors and classes, which were generally met by the admission that experimentation in that field is naturally trial-and-error, but that the key to its survival is student avidity.

Environment and sustainability-related questions received a similar response; members of the panel encouraged students to get involved and President Tiefenthaler referred to a student group presenting a sustainability project to the Board in May.

Some also voiced concerns about financial responsibility, both in investment in other companies and the volume being spent at CC.

President Tiefenthaler explained that some funding ideas have to be eliminated, but that alumni fundraising can be a powerful way to finance a specific entity, and that CC's investment decisions are ultimately up to the Board.

Inquiries about the Colorado Springs community and civic engagement produced enthusiasm and multidimensional ideas for exploration. Committee members cited ideas like more service-oriented field trips, student presence in city government, and fostering a relationship between the student body and nearby military bases.

Input about campus diversity involved concerns that rising tuition rates are causing socioeconomic diversity to drop, and that the elimination of Drag Ball indicates a certain level of ignorance and reluctance to diversify.

Panel respondents again responded that alumni fundraising projects, such as that of the Walton family, include financially disadvantaged students, and highlighted the importance of discussion in gender-related issues like Drag Ball.

"I wanted to give students a chance to hear, face to face, how things were progressing and also to give them an opportunity to give input," Tiefenthaler said. "I thought it was good, I wish we had more students, but it was a great crowd and we had lots of great conversation and some really fun ideas. I certainly really enjoyed it."

The Year of Planning has consisted of a multidirectional, student-oriented effort to improve CC in several areas, in accordance with the Board of Trustees' July 2012 decision that the President carry out such a project.

Heavily geared towards student opinion, media for postulating ideas have included texts, calling, using "Initiate Something" centers placed around cam-

pus, QR codes, e-mails, and Facebook.

Committee members strongly reinforced this notion of student involvement.

"At the end of the day, for me, the most critical constituent group here is the students," said Roger Smith, a member of the Distinctive Place of Learning Committee, after the meeting.



President Tiefenthaler held a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday to engage students, many of whom could not attend the Winter Conference that was held before Block 5 started, in one of the last stages of input in the Year of Planning before a list of initiatives is submitted. Photos by Esther Chan.

Properties near campus operate on tenuous contract

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"We know it's going to end eventually, but we haven't heard from CC in a while," O'Neill said.

CC owns all of the buildings on the Wooglin's strip on Tejon St., and they plan to eventually build on the site.

The history of the strip, especially with its proximity to CC, according to shop owners, is too valuable to knock down in the future.

"I think it's too nice—with the Wooglin's there I think it's more atmosphere than anything. I'm on a three-year lease

right now," Paul said. "I like the building, the whole concept of the building, the camaraderie of the building. When you go in there there's not a stranger; it's the same people for breakfast every morning."

Paul has been eating breakfast at Wooglin's, six days a week, for the past eleven years.

"You feel a part of that. CC needs that community right there, you don't want to venture that far downtown," Paul said. "...[The strip] has a part in Colorado Springs history. I'd hate to see it knocked down."

"Chas" says...

My coffee cart is open in the evenings from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.



Tutt Library Tips



General News:

- CCSGA is considering a proposal to bring all three District 3 political candidates for a debate.
- CCSGA is exploring the possibility of a collaborative project with the Colorado Springs City Council.
- CCSGA held its annual retreat on Feb. 9 and 10. Among the recommendations were:
 - Using Full Council check-ins to have individual members report on what they have accomplished
 - Changing the task-force model to a project-based, individualized one
 - Moving from two full council meetings a block to three
 - Working on a handbook to pass institutional knowledge for student government representatives from year to year, in emulation of the OMIS model.
 - Moving the CCSGA annual retreat to second block
- CCSGA is working on creating an OMIS Hot-Topic Coffee event to discuss difficult issues on campus.
- CCSGA is still working on fact-finding and exploring previous policies regarding the Living Wage Proposal, both in prior years and currently.
- A Full Council Meeting will be held on Feb. 19 in McHugh Commons at 7 p.m.
- CCSGA is considering a resolution concerning the Divestment initiative on campus.
- The weekly Executive Council meeting was held on Feb. 18.
- The CCSGA internal restructuring amendment was sent to President Tiefenthaler for approval.

- The Finance Committee approved the following expenditures:

Event	Club	Amount
Passover Dinner	Hillel Club	\$5,484
Louie Psihoyos	Peacejam	\$5,911

Editor's Note: CCSGA Happenings provides our readers with access to information they need to become involved in campus issues. Events and news here are provided by CCSGA and compiled/edited by our staff.

Jessy Randall, Curator of Special Collections and a published poet, on third grade, Harriet the Spy, getting inspired, and the digitalization of library materials.

10 QUESTIONS



Photo by Veronica Spann
Story compiled by Erica Plumlee

How long have you been at CC and what's your job?

I am the Curator of Special Collections and I was hired in the spring of 2001. When you're a curator you do a lot of stuff. I manage the collections of old, rare, and valuable materials, and on a day-to-day basis I help faculty and students research and sometimes hold workshops in Special Collections. I also look after the college's own history in archives and I have some general library responsibilities.

What's your favorite thing about the library?

I've liked every library job I've ever had. I worked in my elementary school library in third grade, I worked in my college library, my graduate school library . . . I love the feeling of being in a library, whether it's a really new, modern one or the old Carnegie building. My favorite thing about the CC library specifically is my colleagues and the way we get along. Coming to work is a pleasure.

You're also a published poet, with a recently published collection. When did you start writing poetry?

Also in third grade. Third grade was a big year; I got my first library job and started writing poems. My school had a poet-in-residence and she was a very encouraging kind of poet. She loved everything everyone was doing, but she'd nudge you, 'You know your poem doesn't have to rhyme,' that sort of thing. Something happened there. The second thing was I read "Harriet the Spy." I didn't spy on people but I kept notebook with me all the time, like she did. And that habit stayed with me. I was definitely not the best poet in my high school or college, but I didn't stop and a lot of those really amazing, talented poets just stopped. I don't know. I wish they hadn't because I'd like to read their books.

Do you keep a strict writing regimen or do you just write when you get inspired?

Well, I'm married and I have two small children so I tend to write in the evening after the kids have gone to bed. Sometimes days go by when I write nothing. Before I had kids I wrote a couple of novels. I could put in hours. Now that's not possible. Poems are good for parents.

What's your process?

I tend to write in pen in a green composition notebook. I let things sit for a long time, one month or three months and then I go back. Right after I write something, it's genius. Then the next day I might hate it. So I write, and then turn page, and go back to it months later. It's often months or years between first draft and publishing something. Literally years. People will read a sad poem and be like, "Is something wrong with your marriage?" Not at all, that poem is from 1987. I think it would be really tough on block plan to write poetry, because you don't have time to let it sit and rest.

How do you come up with idea for your poems?

Most of my poems are about pretty normal, everyday things. Talking a walk, I'll often get a line or idea. If I ride my bike, I often get a line and go off that. And certain books, too. I went to Columbia and studied under Kenneth Koch. He influenced many students; I was one of them. His theory was that the way to teach great poetry was to read great poets and then write like them. I totally agree with theory, it's much easier and more beneficial to imitate a poet rather than analyze or describe them. You don't fully understand what makes a poet until you try and write like them.

Who are your favorite poets?

Frank O'Hara, Margaret Atwood, Nikki Giovanni, Russell Edson, Kenneth Koch of course, E.E. Cummings, and Sylvia Plath.

What's 'netcessary' literature?

Digital poetry that can't exist on the page. It's meant to be looked at on screen, whether it moves, is interactive, or if there's an element of chance bringing stuff in from web. Digital poetry, to me, is ambiguous because there is a lot on the web that could also be on the page. It's not enough of a definition. Netcessary poetry is not the same as what you'd read in a book.

How has your job as librarian shifted with the advancement of technology?

When I went to library school the web was young, email was novel. The Internet was so different then. My first job out of library school I used AOL (laughs). The emphasis on digital is much bigger now. In some ways I embrace that. Here we are in little Colorado Springs, far away from the coasts and big scholars. The digitization of materials means we make things available.

If you could design a CC block, what would it be?

Well, Steve Lawson and I co-teach a half block course every two years called "History and Future of the Book." It's about the different material forms of written word. It supports the book minor, which is kind of new. But if you handed me a block on a platter and I didn't have to worry about my library duties, I would try to do a Kenneth Koch 'imitation of other poets' project. It's a hybrid, a nice combo of reading the greats and writing your own.

#cc top tweets

@brooksbooks45 "@djarisafari: @catalystnews, oh man, using #ccoptweets yourself is like liking your own status #church" wats wrong w/ liking ur own status -- 6 days ago

@sadchnores Does anyone else while driving around just look at the mountains sometimes in awe? I do. I feel so lucky to live in the place I do #colorado -- 12 days ago

@Sammy_Blair CC Tigers came out to kill tonight #fu!\$youDU #hockey #safetyschool -- 12 days ago

@emamet And with that the @ColoradoCollege ski slope appears to be

open. Drove of students exiting Loomis with skis, snowboards. #ccoptweets -- Yesterday

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@danieljchacon: Police say snow is falling so rapidly that the snowplows are unable to keep up even though they are on full call out. -- Yesterday

CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

THURSDAY 2/7

A bike was reported stolen outside Slocum shortly after noon. The suspect was arrested by CSPD and the bike was recovered.

THURSDAY 2/7

An unsecured bike was taken from Slocum just after 2:30 p.m. Campus Safety investigated, and the case remains open.

FRIDAY 2/8

A student under the age of 21 was busted for possession of

marijuana at Baca. The case was closed and referred.

SATURDAY 2/9

Campus Safety responded to a report of an intoxicated student under the age of 21 at Boettcher. The case was closed and referred.

SUNDAY 2/10

A person unaffiliated with CC was arrested by CSPD for disorderly conduct near Shove Chapel at 3:15 p.m.

The Swap Space comes to campus

CAMPUS INITIATIVE

Audrey Wheeler
Staff Writer

In the near future, costly essentials from textbooks to costumes will be freely passed between students in a community-based space.

After noticing the sheer volume of stuff that students go through during their college years, senior Carmen Rodi decided to create a more sustainable solution for CC. By the end of this semester, the Swap Space will open for students to give and take used items in order to reduce campus waste.

"The fundamental part of it is that it's student-run and student-led, it shows how we're able to take action," Rodi said.

The idea of the Swap Space came up last spring, when Rodi and recently graduated Zoe Isabella '12 were brainstorming sustainability initiatives. They based their model on Oberlin College's Free Store, which was started by students six years ago and has been running successfully since its inception.

"It's important that we talk about the reasons behind the space, like the sense of being able to share things communally," Rodi said.

With the help of Sustainability Manager Emily Wright and the Sustainability Office, Rodi and Isabella secured a location for the store next to the Bike Co-Op near Tutt Library. Last year's graduates donated enough to get the

space started, including such gems as a Justin Bieber cardboard cutout and several couches. Rodi hopes to open the Swap Space by eighth block.

"Now it's just about the logistics and figuring things out," Rodi said.

Who will work at the store, how high-demand items like textbooks will be treated, and how it will be organized are as of yet undecided. The idea is that the space would become a community area, with options for murals or workshops created by students. The need for this sort of space is clear.

"In college, you do go through a lot of stuff, moving from different places, and clothing you wear as a freshman is not what you would want to wear at a job interview as a senior," Rodi said.

This effort will hopefully minimize waste on campus, especially at the end of the year when many students throw away perfectly usable items that they don't have room to store.

One concern is that this could take away business from the Arc, which donates proceeds to individuals with developmental disabilities. However, Rodi explained that excess items may be donated to the Arc or the Community Kitchen, and that even with the CCSGA's donation program at the end of the year, there are a lot of items that get thrown away.

"It's good to have multiple outlets. The Arc has a great purpose and I don't want

to take away from that," Rodi said.

Once it is up and running, The Swap Space will operate year-round and hopefully be entirely student-run.

"Promoting both this closed-circuit system and student-run initiative—

where items are reused instead of disposed of—will reduce waste, save students money and create a communal space for the CC community," Rodi wrote in the mission statement for the Swap Space.



The Swap Space, which will be open by the end of the semester, will offer students a space to leave and take used items. Photos by Veronica Spann.

Waldo Canyon Fire still continues to pose problems

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attempting to recover from the devastating forest fire that forced the evacuation of 32,000 people, claimed 2 lives, and instigated a migration of firefighters from throughout the country.

"For a relatively small fire it has enormous consequences for a large population...," said Al Hahn, Ranger for the Pikes Peak Region. "I don't know how to put that into words or perspective, but it's pretty important."

The Forest Service has been working tirelessly since before the fire stopped burning to rehabilitate the impacted region.

"In 2012 we probably did about 20 different things [after the fire] and now we are doing a complete look at what needs to

be done next and what the priorities are," said Barb Timock, Public Affairs Officer for the Pike and San Isabel National Forests. "You have to set priorities because you don't have enough time or money to tackle everything at once. So it's a large effort and it has a lot of stake holders."

The fire, which investigators have concluded was set by human means, is currently under investigation by local authorities.

"Members of the Task Force have conducted a thorough investigation and believe they know what caused the fire but will not share that information publicly in order to protect the integrity of the investigation," said Barbara Miller, Senior Communications Specialist with the Colorado Springs Police Department.

"The cause of the fire has not been released except to say, it was human caused," Miller said. "We do not know if it was intentional or accidental. At this time, there are no suspects."

Waldo Canyon was a very popular spot for CC kids to hike, run, and enjoy the beautiful Colorado wilderness until the massive fire began on June 23, 2012.

In order to prevent such a disaster from ever happening again, local officials are taking many precautions.

"[It's] a complicated question that requires serious thought and consideration. The truth is, there is no way of preventing someone from starting a fire," Miller said. "Officers are vigilant in their duties in looking for suspicious individuals and activities but need the help of our citizens. We always encourage citizens to report suspicious persons to their local law enforcement agency. The City has also continued with its mitigation efforts, which have proven helpful and effective."

Police are hopeful that they will locate those responsible for the fire.

"The Task Force continues to ask for leads from our community and they follow up on each and every lead, documenting their findings," Miller said. "They are hopeful that the person responsible for setting this fire will come forward or someone who may have knowledge about the person will share their information."

The burn area remains closed to citizens as the Forest Service works to restore the once blooming forest. Officials say they hope to reopen the vast expanse as soon as possible.

That reopening will have to happen in sections, however.

"We are looking at opening up Rampart Reservoir and the campgrounds around there around memorial day," Forest Ranger Hahn said. "The reason for that is because they were less effected by the fire... I think we can manage people and provide

for the recovery of the landscape [there] at the same time."

One major issue that has arisen with the area is its potential for causing flooding in low-lying areas below.

Even this week's recent snowfall poses a risk for neighborhoods near the burn site.

"Moisture is fantastic and we haven't had any but [what] we get is terrific," Timock said. "It's a double edged sword. If [the recent snow] was a lot heavier and it melted quickly it could cause sediment to erode. We just don't know what we can expect. We are working with communities to stabilize the soil and to avoid those catastrophic flooding events."

Mending those potentially life-threatening issues will take time, however.

When the fire began in June, and before the last embers had smoldered out, the Forest Service began implementing their burn area emergency restoration. Not surprisingly their immediate response was to suppress the burn, but after that officials initiated burn area emergency response.

With that response now winding down, the Service is working on long-term recovery.

"We are asking for the public to be patient and [to know that] the Forest Service is here for the long hall...," Timock said. "We are doing what we can and Mother Nature also has to take its course."

For Hahn, who became Ranger just days after the fire was contained, recovery has been a tough task. Nevertheless, the seasoned veteran who has been working for the Forest Service since 1979 says he has seen this type of disaster before.

When he enters the burn area, he says it conjures one main emotion: "It's more sad than a lot of things," he said. "Overall its sad to think that we lost all that."

Staff Writer Kiki Lenihan contributed to the reporting of this article.

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On Wednesday night, nearly seven inches of snow fell on the Colorado College campus, blanketing the walkways and green quads.

A few dozen students grabbed their snowboards, skis, and sleds, and headed to the hill below The Preserve and enjoyed the sky's offerings. Others built an igloo on Stewart Field and held snowball fights on Washburn under the lights.

Our talented Staff Photographer was there to capture the action, and did a magnificent job of encompassing the scene.

Watching from the apartments above, you could see talented skiers practicing their tricks down the stone stairs, grinding sparks in the dark.

In the morning, nearly half of the fresh snow on Stewart Field was trampled down and the hill was even bare in some spots where the snow was completely worn away.

In such a violent storm that trapped motorists throughout the Pike's Peak region, CC offered a place of solitude. The loud screams of happy students were easy to hear with the absence of the usual rushing-by of cars on the interstate.

The snowfall marked a significant increase in the average February precipitation here, which usually amounts to a little under an inch.

By late in the afternoon on Thursday, much of the snow had melted, but for those frolicking on the hill the night before, it was a night at CC that won't easily be forgotten.

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Ski trip success

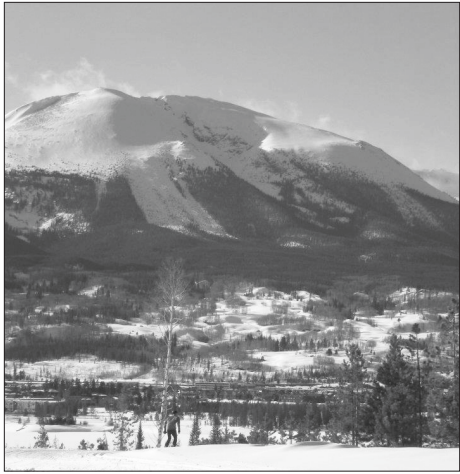


Photo courtesy of Frisco Nordic Center

OUTDOOR LIFE

Emma Longcope
Guest WriterAt 7
a.m. on
the third
Sunday of
Block Five,

a group of fifteen brave international and minority Colorado College students headed to the Frisco Nordic Center to try out a classic Colorado activity—cross-country skiing.

After renting gear, they learned how to fall and get back up before setting off down the snow-covered trails. Their leaders, freshmen Kayla Fratt, Alex Beutel, and Patricia Weicht, and sophomore Kangmin Kim divided participants into groups of five and instructed them on the basics of Nordic skiing. The weather was ideal with temperatures hovering around 20°F and light snow falling.

"The students really picked up the technique quickly and had a blast learning how to go up and down hills," Fratt said.

Despite the fact that many of these students had never skied before, they were soon cruising smoothly around the loops at the Nordic Center.

Salsabeel Khan, a freshman from Bangladesh, signed up for the trip for the same reason that many participants did—to try out a new sport and get out into the Colorado winter.

"For someone who is not familiar with snow in the first place, it was really nice to be able to glide through it and have such a nice way of hiking through places and seeing the beautiful views," Khan said.

"My favorite part was probably the clicking noise from each time the boots attached to the ski's bindings," said freshman participant Berlian Khatulistiwa.

After enjoying a lunch in the warm indoors, some of the group traded in their skis and gave snowshoeing a try, while the rest continued skiing the trails.

"The fun part was skiing down a small hill and not falling. The worst part was hitting a tree," said Anjali Ravunniarath, a freshman from India and another first-time skier.

"It was very challenging to keep going after falling many, many times, especially after lunch and being warm for awhile," Kahn said. "I would Nordic ski again, for sure."

The ORC and OMIS teamed up to give international and minority students the chance to try out a new sport. For many of them, it was their first time on skis.

"I heard that downhill skiing is easier, so I think I would like to try that out," Ravunniarath said.

The ORC has teamed up with BSU and OMIS in the past to get students who may never have set foot on a trail before out into the backcountry that lies just to the west of our CC campus. And they will keep doing so.

Junior's big shot lands on SportsCenter

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ting a shot off from behind half court. And the sixty-foot attempt went in.

"The whole situation happened so fast I wasn't really thinking," Milne said. "I just remember when the ball left my hands I was like, 'wow that felt really good,' and soon enough it dropped."

It was an unbelievable moment, and Colorado College took the win 64-62.

The energy of the game had been high. It was senior night for Southwestern University, so the Pirates had been playing with a lot of emotion and made a comeback late in the game. But this season the Tigers have proved that they're to be taken seriously, and they possess the talent to execute.

"We recognized that we had the edge in talent so we just wanted to win the hustle battle and play with urgency," Assistant Coach Jake Heine said. "When Ryan shot [the ball], I was just hoping. I knew that if

anyone on the team could pull off something ridiculous like that, it would be Milne."

Milne has been a stand-out player since he got to CC and has been recognized five times as SCAC player of the week, in addition to ending last season leading the SCAC in scoring, assists, and minutes played.

Milne ended his sophomore season ranked among national leaders in three categories (assists per game, free throw percentage, points per game) and was named SCAC Newcomer of the Year at the end of his freshman season.

"We had just given up a layup and a big lead so Milne's shot bailed us out," Rewoldt said. "When the shot went in none of us could really believe it and we didn't know what to do for a second. That's how unbelievable the shot was."

ESPN must have thought so as well.

"Making the Top 10 was one of the best

feelings I've ever had," Milne said. "As a kid growing up, you always envision yourself hitting a game-winning shot and being on SportsCenter, so to turn on ESPN and see myself in the top plays - even being ahead of some NBA players and other professional athletes - was one of the greatest and happiest moments in my life. It was an honor."

As exciting as it is to have a video, especially one that has now gone viral online, featured on national television, Milne and the basketball team remain focused as they head to the SCAC championship.

"It was great to get on ESPN and it's something we'll remember for a long time," Heine said. "Now it's time to focus on executing our game plan and playing our best at the conference tournament."

The Tigers will compete in the SCAC championship tomorrow night in Sherman, Tex.

Cabin fever: Hitting up the huts

HUT TRIP

Kayla Fratt
Staff Writer

Spots on the annual Hut Trips sent out by Colorado College's Outdoor Recreation Club (ORC) are coveted and competitive with good reason. CC's active student body is especially involved in alpine skiing, and the chance to spend a block break skiing powder well away from the crowded slopes of Breck is a dream come true for many. Although some students apply to the lottery system every year, many only manage to get onto one trip during their four-year CC career.

This year, the ORC sent out four different skiing-related trips for fifth block break. These were comprised of a Touring Trip outside of Eagle, COolo.; an AIRE Avalanche 1 Course in the San Juan Mountains; a telemark skiing trip also outside of Eagle, COolo.; and an Alpine Touring and Splitboarding Trip to Monarch Pass.

Each trip focused on a slightly different aspect of backcountry skiing. Vastly different from taking a gondola and chairlift to the top of a pre-rated run, hut trips involve "skinning in," or hiking on skis and picking lines through the trees.

"A hut trip is special because for a few days, you get the chance to live where you ski," freshman biology major Taylor Schwabe pointed out. "In the mornings, we would wake up with the sun, look out at the valleys, and decide where we wanted to hike to ski for the day."

Schwabe's group, which skied near Lost Wonder Hut on Monarch Pass,

woke up early on their final morning, in alpine style, and skinned to the top of a valley to watch the sun rise. Although Schwabe has been skiing for 14 years, this was her first hut trip and her first time "skinning," which involves using carpet-like covers on the underside of alpine skis that allow the skier to trek uphill by increasing friction with the snow. Most participants agreed that although skinning was the hardest part of the trip, it was also most rewarding.

Freshman Alex Beutel has been downhill skiing twice in his life, but on Tuesday before block break, he picked up a telemark ski set from a friend, listened carefully to a quick explanation of technique, and headed off on the Nordic Touring trip led by alum Neal Smeltzer and sophomore Austin Miller.

A competitive Nordic skier in high school, Beutel admitted that he fell a lot and even hit a tree during this first hut trip experience.

"It was a lot of fun, but a little frustrating and painful towards the end of the day," Beutel said. "You know it's bad when you are more sore from the downhill than from breaking trail and skiing up 2,200 feet."

All of the trips included components on avalanche safety, a matter of no small importance when picking unskied lines in fresh snow. Freshman Sam Elkind found that hut trips by nature foster camaraderie and closeness within the group that is not found in a day of skiing at Vail, partially because of the responsibility each person holds for the safety of the others.

"In the backcountry, everyone has to be responsible and be vigilant about avalanche conditions and the snowpack," Elkind explained. "But when you have to camp with those same people for five days in a row, you get closer to them. You're all either constantly stoked, exhausted, starving, or freezing. Usually everyone is stoked and that's awesome, but you also have to deal with the times that you aren't."

The contrast between hut trips and resort skiing is like backpacking in the Sangre de Cristos versus a walk along Monument Creek. The removal from an electronic world of cell phones and Facebook, frequently mentioned as a huge factor in backcountry trips, is a great way to decompress from a hard block.

"Hut trips are an amazing escape into some of the most beautiful places of Colorado, and offer access to some of the best skiing in the state," freshman Gabby Palko said.

It's possible that a huge draw of hut trips spans beyond the obvious beauty and solitude of skiing virgin powder on an empty pass. Skinning, especially for newcomers to the technique, can be extremely difficult. It is undeniably hard work to carry gear and trek uphill on fat, heavy skis.

However, similar to the satisfaction of reaching the top of a difficult climb or hike, the pride of reaching the top of a ridge by your own power is a feeling that is impossible to achieve using a chairlift, and somehow makes that ride down all the more glorious.



Over Fifth Block Break, about forty CC students set out on skis to see Colorado's snowy backcountry with avalanche gear in tow. The ORC coordinated four separate hut trips, which included a Touring Trip outside of Eagle, Colo., an AIRE Avalanche 1 Certification Course in the San Juan Mountains, a telemark skiing trip also outside of Eagle, Colo., and an Alpine Touring and Splitboarding Trip to Monarch Pass. For many students, this was their first time backcountry skiing. Photo Credit: Neal Smeltzer

Where are they now: Women's soccer

Spotlight on: Molly Uyenishi '09

W. SOCCER

Marika Viragh
Guest Writer

For most Division 1 athletes, careers end with the last game of their senior season. Many former players plan on staying involved with the game, but few plan to pursue a career at the professional level. After a phenomenal career at Colorado College, Molly Uyenishi '09 found herself living in Sweden and extending her soccer career with QBIK, a professional club team.

As a Tiger, Molly was twice recognized as one of the nation's top 100 players, received multiple honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, and served as the team's captain for both her junior and senior seasons. During her sophomore year in 2006, she helped lead the team to the NCAA tournament where they fell to University of Colorado Boulder.

Uyenishi was an integral member of the team and the many personal and program achievements that occurred during her four years helped to put Colorado College women's soccer on the radar at the national level. After her final season, she knew that she was not ready to finish playing.

During the spring of her senior year, Uyenishi continued training, twice a

day, in both individual fitness sessions and team training. This training allowed her to play with her hometown Illinois club team, Eclipse Select, during the summer after graduation. During that summer, she spent time exploring her options at the next level.

"I wanted to continue my career at the professional level. I got in touch with an agent and sent him my soccer resume, and he was able to put me in contact with a few clubs overseas. After some time, I received a contract from QBIK in Karlstad, Sweden," Uyenishi said.

Uyenishi arrived in Sweden in March 2010 and played with the club for six months.

"Playing overseas was such a great experience. It ended up being more than just soccer," Uyenishi said. "I was able to see the world while playing the game that I love and meeting people from all over who shared the same passion as I did."

Playing overseas proved to be extremely valuable to Uyenishi and she was able to see the game of soccer in a completely different way.

"The game there was different in the way that they were very focused on technique and skill, and it was obvious that from a young age, the Swedish players had mastered the techniques of first touch, striking the ball, and other

technical skills," she said.

While there were a number of differences between playing in the U.S. and Sweden, the biggest similarity, according to Uyenishi, is the "chemistry you develop with teammates as you get used to playing together – and even when you don't speak the language, the game still flows. The competitive atmosphere was also very similar to that of the college level; everyone had a thirst to win every battle and every game whether it was in training or in a real game."

During her six months in Sweden, Uyenishi experienced a new world of soccer but also knew she was ready to pursue a career in medicine.

Upon return to the United States, Uyenishi moved to Miami, Fla. to begin Physician Assistant school.

With 10 months until graduation, she is planning to pursue a career in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine.

"As a former athlete, I feel as though I can relate to people coming in and out with sports-related injuries," Uyenishi said.

With a career in medicine on the horizon, she still manages to be very involved with the game whether it be pick up soccer games or cheering on the Tigers and her sister, Katie Uyenishi '14, every weekend in the fall.



Above left: Molly Uyenishi heads the ball during a home game on Stuart Field. Photo by Casey B. Gibson
Above right: Uyenishi maintains possession of the ball. Photo by Charlie Lengal

Winter Starts start off on the right FOOT

FOOT TRIP

Kate Leaf
Active Life Editor

Not even freezing temperatures and falling snow could keep the Winter Start Class of 2017 from getting out into the backcountry of Colorado and Utah during their first block break.

Over fifth block break, three separate Winter Start Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips, better known as WS-FOOT trips set out into the wilderness, although the trip participants were not limited to Winter Start students.

"We give priority to Winter Starts, but then fill the rest of the spots with first years who didn't get to go on FOOT, or want a FOOT round two," Neal Smeltzer, CC's Outdoor Education Specialist, said.

One of the trips backpacked within Rocky Mountain National Park, where they spent each night winter camping in sub-freezing temperatures. The other two trips headed west to experience the snow-covered arches and chilly canyons of Utah.

"We were supposed to go to Canyonlands National Park for the whole trip, but due to snow we left early and went to Arches National Park for a day," junior

FOOT trip leader Colter Fatt said.

Fatt and his co-leader, sophomore Virginia Hill, led their trip to Canyonlands's famous Island in the Sky, a large mesa resting on sheer sandstone cliffs over 1,000 feet above the surrounding canyons.

"There was this place we got to that wasn't on a path so I'm not sure how we found it. But once we got up there, it was like another world," freshman Winter Start Cher Alderfer said. "Especially after just starting college it was so nice to be alone with my thoughts and appreciate the opportunities this school has already given me."

Because the Winter Start students already underwent New Student Orientation as a group and are currently enrolled in the second half of their First Year Experience class, they are tight-knit.

"Because the Winter Starts all knew each other already, they were all super funny and sassy," Fatt said. "I felt like an outsider trying to join a new friend group on the first day or so, but by the end of the trip I was having a blast."

Finding competent and understanding leaders is crucial to any successful wilderness-based trip and the WSFOOT trips are no exception. Additionally, it's

helpful if the leaders started out at CC as Winter Start students so that they can share their insights on this unique experience. However, the Outdoor Education Department welcomes all leaders.

"We are always looking for people to lead these in the future, especially Winter Start leaders," Smeltzer said.

When asked about her reasons for choosing to lead, Hill explained that it's a great way to meet people and get students into the outdoors.

"I think it's a great way to introduce Winter Starts to the beautiful national parks and other outdoor opportunities close by. Plus it's really fun," Hill said.

Fatt coordinated the WSFOOT trips, making the co-leader pairs, assigning Winter Start students and other freshmen to various trips and mapping out a plan for each.

"I was in charge of arranging the leader pairings and choosing the destinations. The challenge with leader pairings was getting someone who could drive and someone who was a level II leader," Fatt said.

Despite the biting cold, the trips were successful in introducing CC's newest crop of students to our western backyard.

Ice of the Tiger

CC HOCKEY

Alex Woolford
Staff Writer



With last weekend's game-free schedule

before facing #1 St. Cloud State this weekend, we all have high hopes that Coach Scott Owens used the extra time to stress team defense. In order to avoid Coach Owens' first losing season

of his tenure with Colorado College, the coaching staff must create a game plan to stop opposing offenses from essentially scoring at will.

Last Saturday night, in a packed house at the World Arena, we watched what couldn't have been a more exciting game from a fan's perspective. From a hockey perspective, however, it was slightly embarrassing. With just over six minutes remaining, Alex Krushelnyski scored, expanding the Tigers lead to 5-2, which should have ended the game. Six minutes to score three goals. A miracle? No. Improbable? Yes, to say the least.

Off the following face-off, while the announcer was attempting to announce Krushelnyski's goal, Denver scored off a broken play. Stunning the crowd and igniting the Denver offense, the Colorado College Tigers showed exactly what not to do with a lead. They continued to give up two more goals in a span of two minutes and eleven seconds.

Do you ever wonder why less-skilled teams like the New Jersey Devils make it to the Stanley Cup Finals? The Devils never blow leads; when they are ahead, they know they will win the game. The Devils play the trap, they don't give up odd-man rushes, they don't pinch, and they block shots. The Tigers need to take a page out of their book.

That being said, Colorado College once again showed fight and heart. Hunter Fejes showed the fans some theatrics and made memories as he scored three on the night, including the winning goal. The majority of the offense against Denver came from the blue line as Colorado College defensemen scored four of the six goals in the game. Everyone loves scoring goals, but this weekend the Tigers' defensemen must focus more on defending than on scoring.

The Tigers not only sit in second-to-last place in goals allowed per game at 3.5, but they also rank 56 out of 59 teams in Division 1 hockey. Only Michigan, three-win Alabama-Huntsville, and winless Sacred Heart have allowed more goals on the season.

Everyone on the team will need to chip in and help. The offensive-minded defensemen will need to think defense-first, and the forwards may need to think about playing a trap. All I know is that the Tigers will not be able to get into a shootout with St. Cloud State. They're strong offensively, and too solid defensively for that to happen. Colorado College will need to shut them down, and they will because they can.

Heating up the pool: Freshmen assist in breaking school records

W. SWIMMING

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Guest Writer

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Swimming Championships were record breaking for the Tigers, who collectively crushed 16 school records.

While both the men's and the women's teams placed second overall in the tournament, their performance across the board seemed to signal only good things for the future of this very young program.

Freshman Olivia Dilorati swam quite literally at her own pace, setting three individual records and two more as a member of relays. Surprised by the astounding results, Dilorati explained she wasn't quite sure what to expect while transitioning from a three-sport athlete in high school to a single-sport swimmer

in college.

"I wasn't sure how [swimming at CC] was going to be, but seeing all the hard work come together was awesome. It was really unexpected to do as well as I did," Dilorati said.

A lot of what fueled the young swimmer was anxiety: "I was so nervous because I wanted to do well for everyone else," Dilorati said.

And "do well" she did, breaking a record in her very first event of the meet, the 400 medley relay.

Dilorati, who swims backstroke for the medley, was the first swimmer in the pool, and this only exacerbated the pressure.

"For the relay, you feel more pressure because it's a more team-oriented race, you really want to swim your best to pump everyone else up," she explained.

Dilorati also made the B-Cut for the NCAA tournament; however, she explained that it is unlikely her time will actually get her an invitation to the tournament because she is only a few tenths of a second faster than the qualifying time.

Freshman Megan Gillespie also contributed to the record-breaking meet, setting new school records in the 200 fly, the 400 individual medley, and joining Dilorati on the record-setting 400 medley relay with Jackie Nonweiler '16 and Brenna Day '14. Nonweiler set a record of her own in the 100 breaststroke.

However, the storyline of the SCAC Championships does not belong solely to Dilorati and her female teammates; the CC men set several records of their own.

Sophomore Austin Howlett set program records in both of his diving events, and Robbie Adler, Chris Garrity, Flynn Mc-

Guire, and Colin Chupik set records in both the 200 and 400 medley relay. Not to mention the individual awards won by both Chupik and Garrity in the 200 fly and 100 back, respectively, and the 400 individual medley record set by Junior Kaleb Roush during prelims.

The team as a whole swam excellently, but it is important to note that the freshman class were stand out performers; winning 7 of the 12 individual medals, and contributing to every one of the winning relays.

Dilorati seemed quite optimistic about what this could mean for the program as a whole: "I was so impressed with the way everyone swam, especially the freshman class. We have a lot of depth in our class -- our program is definitely getting stronger and hopefully that can attract other fast swimmers."

Where's Waldo: BreakOut helps prevent forest fires

BREAKOUT TRIP

Davis Shamburger
Guest Writer

College students usually gear up and hit the mountains for some form of wintry enjoyment. Rarely do they devote themselves to three days of service. However, going on a BreakOut trip allows students to see corners of Colorado and meet people that they probably wouldn't visit otherwise.

Instead of partying it up in Breckenridge or getting cozy in Telluride, sophomore Skyler Trieu and junior Linda Jinenez organized a BreakOut trip to Crestone, Colo. Six CC students participated.

BreakOut is a student-led, student-organized association that coordinates service-oriented weekend, block break and spring break trips.

Upon arrival in Crestone, the eight CC students met up with firefighter, spiritual leader, and local legend Peter May, who would help lead the trip. Most students who have studied at the Baca Campus at least know of May and his unconventional wisdom. He loves to manufacture oil extracts for their healing properties, and consistently leads students in meditative ceremonies that he deems "the journey."

The group's first day of service took place near the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, located in the foothills of the

W h e n fifth block break rolls around, Colorado

Sangre de Cristo Mountains, just east of Crestone. There in the woods, Peter led them in mitigating potential forest fire damage. Peter selected certain trees, marked them, and cut them. Others he left standing after trimming their lower-most branches.

The students then collected the fallen timber, which they dragged to a wood chipper. The labor, though demanding, proved to be largely beneficial to Crestone's forest ecosystem.

"This way, when a fire inevitably comes through, it won't spread as easily and won't be nearly as bad," Trieu said of their hard work.

The BreakOut crew took a well-deserved break on Friday and traveled to the Joyful Journey Hot Springs just north of town to soak their aching muscles. The springs, though contained by concrete pools, use completely natural mineral water full of healing properties, brought in directly from the surrounding landscape.

That evening, May led the group in a spiritually re-charging meditative "journey" to prepare the trip participants for another day of service.

After the blissful day of soaking, the CC students got back to work. Another service trip earlier in the year had labored towards similar mitigation efforts but left behind several piles of un-chipped wood. Since these piles were really just large



Students participated in spiritual meditations during their break. Photo by Skyler Trieu

plates of food waiting to be consumed by a hungry fire, the BreakOut team put themselves to work by putting the piles through the chipper.

Throughout the process, May instructed them in how to put out forest fires, insisting that "the proper way to extinguish one is to first greet it with respect."

At the end of their third day in Crestone, Peter showed the students how to extract

pine oil from the plants and thus create hydrosol, or an herbal distillate, the main ingredient in his healing remedies.

"It was a really wonderful experience, Trieu said. "I loved forest service in such a beautiful place. I had no idea so many spiritual people lived down there, either. And it feels good to potentially prevent a dangerous wildfire like the one in Waldo Canyon."



Eight CC students spent four days over fifth block break in Crestone, Colo., mitigating potential damage from future forest fires as part of a BreakOut trip. Photos by Skyler Trieu



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Junior turns feathers into art and small business

ENTREPRENEUR

Maggie Deadrick
Life Editor

Instead of watching television as a kid, Chloe Banning would make things. The same can be said of a lot of youngsters, but thanks to her early crafting days, the Colorado College junior is now running a small jewelry business on campus and online.

Banning's jewelry—most notably her feather earrings—have recently become popular among CC girls, after over two years of sales. When the artist began making the pieces she would later sell, she said she never thought her product would grow to be so trendy.

The daughter of an artist, Banning grew up stringing together beads and playing with her mom's craft supplies. During her freshman year, a metal-working Arts & Crafts adjunct and a trip to California sparked the start of the later profitable business.

"One of my older cousins who lives in California started making feather earrings," Banning said. "They were really awesome, and she taught me when I was out there visiting her once. From there, I branched off on my own, making my own types and finding my own style, even collecting my own feathers."

Much to Banning's surprise, her artist mom provided even more encouragement when she gifted her daughter a box of feathers to begin working with. "I told my mom that I was going to start making feather earrings and she went into the basement and brought up this huge box of feathers from when she was in college and had used them for making art," Banning said.

Turns out her mother's feathers weren't quite ideal for earring making—too stiff and small. Since the beginning, Banning has been purchasing the earring feathers at fly shops, or collecting them from the wild, if possible.

"My mom's boyfriend is a hunter, and he just gave me a wild turkey, a pheasant, and a quail," she said. "I have the whole birds hanging on the wall in my room. I'm hoping to pull those feathers apart and make something more decorative than I have been. I've been thinking of making a headdress, or some type of feather clothing. Maybe next year I'll do it for the fashion show."

Banning admits she never set out to start a jewelry business, but when her hobby landed her with more pairs of feather earrings than she ever needed

for herself, she decided to put them up for sale. What began as a few sales to friends and patrons at the 2010 Annual Colorado College Arts and Crafts Fair became a sold-out page on Etsy, an online craft fair of sorts for buying and selling handmade goods, vintage items, and craft supplies.

"Before the Arts and Crafts Fair this winter, I had an Etsy page up," Banning said. "The 2012 Fair was really successful, I sold all my inventory and had to take it all off my site. I also sell to friends and do custom orders. Right now, if someone wanted a pair of earrings it would be custom."

This young businesswoman is always open to custom orders, but she is also a busy student. While she has considered advertising for custom orders on Etsy, she fears she won't be able to fulfill custom orders in a timely manner, due to her busy schedule. The price for feather earrings can vary anywhere from \$20 to \$70. The price depends on the intricacy of design, amount of feathers, and most of all the time she will commit to the order.

"Some I can make in an hour or less, but some of them I've spent a total of 10 hours," she said. "If it's the first pair of a particular style, it takes a long time because I'm trying to figure out where they look best and where they hang and how to line them all up. Once I do the first pair, I can copy it to make the second pair. They can take a long time, people don't realize."

Banning works as the jewelry studio monitor in the Arts & Crafts department, finding plenty of time to work on her earring projects while on duty. With metal pieces and tools she's acquired over years of jewelry making, Banning's only supply expenses comes from her feather purchases. She has created a large and diverse bead and craft box over the years.

Banning considers herself an artist, but not quite a businesswoman headed for entrepreneurship. "My stuff is more of a side project that I like to do in my free time," she said. "I'll make art forever, and I'll probably keep making jewelry on the side. Whenever I see some new and cool jewelry design, I don't really consider buying it. I always think, 'I could just make that.'"



Clockwise from top: The artist, Chloe Banning, has kept a few of her handmade earrings to wear herself; Banning models a pair of feather earrings which she estimates took four hours to make; Banning plans to use the body of this pheasant for earring feathers, but for now it remains wall decoration. If you're interested in placing an order for feather earrings or other handmade jewelry, contact Chloe at chloe.banning@coloradocollege.edu. Photos by Maggie Deadrick.

From Rico's to The Perk: 12 great coffee spots around town

AROUND TOWN

Sam Smith
Guest Writer

Colorado Springs offers some undeniably outstanding cafés—believe it or not, we live on and around a campus completely surrounded by some of the coziest, friendliest, yummiest, and above all, most beautiful coffee shops. After a bit of exploring, I've compiled a list of my top 12 favorite spots in the area:

Montague's Coffee House

A 6 Minute Drive | 37 Minute Walk
This brick-walled, naturally lit gem provides tasty food and drink and an absolutely adorable atmosphere. It's by far the most snug and homiest café around. The Pumpkin Tomato Soup and Iced Chai with Almond Milk are among my favorites; the dessert selection is nothing short of astounding – cakes, crumbles, croissants, brownies, and muffins galore! **1019 S. Tejon**

Raven's Nest

A 6 Minute Drive | 34 Minute Walk
Surrounded by one of the most beautiful subsections of the Old North End, Raven's Nest provides a homey environment to get your homework done or to have a great conversation. They have a fantastic menu, with specialty coffees and pastries that are as tasty as they are gorgeous. Enjoy the comfy furniture and the relaxing environment, sip a delicious Apple Pie White Mocha, and enjoy the gluten-free menu that includes great paninis, cookies, and freshly made chili. **Corner of Boulder and Institute.**



Dogtooth

A 4 Minute Drive | 20 Minute Walk
A classic, nearby café that feels like a cross between Colorado Coffee and Starbucks. They have beautiful art on the walls, and a great selection of juices, pastries, and coffees. There is always plenty of room inside, plus an outside space with a set of swings and a nice open park. Unfortunately, they tend to run out of a lot of stuff later in the day. **505 East Columbia**



Jives

A 7 Minute Drive | 45 Minute Walk
This place is big, tall, and full of furniture. It has a great atmosphere for doing homework day and night. Huge windows provide great natural lighting, and late night hours mean you can pop into this Old Colorado City classic before or after dinner in the neighborhood. Try the 4 Berry Smoothie or Pumpkin Spice tea! **16 Colbrunn Ct.**

Pike's Perk Downtown

A 5 Minute Drive | 24 Minute Walk
Many will tell you to go here because they serve the best coffee in town. I say go here because the seating is extraordinary, including two outdoor sitting spaces--one downstairs and one on the upstairs wooden deck. Couches, tables, chairs, coffee, and great views of Pikes Peak. Enjoy it! **14 S. Tejon Street**

A few more favorites:

Gold Hill Java
A 4 Minute Drive | 17 Minute Walk
526 S Tejon




Spice of Life
A 14 Minute Drive
727 Manitou Ave

Good Karma
A 15 Minute Drive
110 Canon Ave., Manitou

Agia Sophia
An 8 Minute Drive | 55 Minute Walk
2902 Colorado Ave.

Kawa Cofee
A 10 Minute Drive | 55 Minute Walk
2427 N. Union Blvd.

Rico's
A 4 Minute Drive | 17 Minute Walk
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Top: The Dogtooth Cafe, located on Columbia and Corona, is a student favorite thanks to its convenient location. With soups, sandwiches, smoothies, gelato and of course coffee, Dogtooth is worth a visit at anytime of the day. Above: In addition to great coffee, the name Pikes Perk is fitting because of its spectacular mountain views. Photos by Veronica Spann.

Mobile munchie machine: Late night snacking made easy

ENTREPRENEUR

Ming Lee Newcomb
Staff Writer

It all started on the first day of second block, in a class on

entrepreneurship. The class, taught by Jim Parco and Steve Kaczmarek, required that students create a business model, which would be revised and tweaked over the course of the block. Seniors Zach Atchinson, Halsey Landon, Hanna Berglund, along with juniors Alex Byers and Leslie Muzzy, came up with the idea for the Mobile Munchie Machine.

You may have spotted the Mobile Munchie Machine on campus at the GlobeMed Red Dance in Cornerstone, at Ice Age, Battle of the Bands, or even the Wastement (1127 Wasatch) on a weekend. The five students, with the help of seniors Stanley Sigalov and Kai Ory, created this up-and-coming campus food option in response to the lack of convenient late-night snacks.

"I hate going and paying two-and-a-half bucks for the soggy breakfast sandwiches at 7-Eleven, and I can't eat taquitos anymore because I overdid it the first three years of college," said Atchinson on the inspiration for their new business. "I don't cook well. This really seemed like the solution to all those problems."

However, the biggest challenge was turning this idea into a reality. Though the class gave them the tools to create their business model, the students did the legwork to make it happen.

Berglund explained the logistics of getting started: "We went through the whole legal process. We registered with the state, talked with Dean Edmonds, President Tiefenthaler, and Bon Appetit. From there, we put together our business model for how to find funding and started selling at campus events."

Though the group had doubts about the reception of their idea from the administration and Bon Appetit, they have found everyone to be supportive of their endeavor.

"We were worried that the administration might be hesitant, but they've been nothing but accommodating to all of our needs," Atchinson said.

"And we don't plan to compete with Bon Appetit, but rather partner with them. We're still in the process of building a lasting relationship," Landon added.

The Mobile Munchie Machine, now a registered Limited Liability Company (LLC), is officially a food service on campus with hopes to expand. The group plans to enter their business in the on-campus competition "The Big Idea" this spring. If they win, they could receive as much as \$50,000 to continue the development of the Mobile Munchie Machine.

"We want build a name for ourselves and gain legitimacy on campus. That way, we can buy some sort of mobile food stations, like a food cart or truck, so we can start generating real profit," Atchinson said.

If the students can get the Mobile Munchie Machine on wheels, they have high hopes for the future.

"One of our first goals was to try and do something for breakfast," Landon said. "In the morning, lines for Colorado Coffee are long. We could make eggs, and the ingredients for our sandwiches already have a lot of overlap with breakfast sandwiches."

"Plus, we could park ourselves in a more central spot so people don't have to walk all the way to Worner to get coffee," added Berglund, who hopes to expand the menu with gyros.

Even without the cart, the Mobile Munchie Machine is still doing well.

"We definitely break even or make a small profit each night," Landon said. "The small profit is because we don't have the resources yet to store a lot of food. We go to the grocery the day of and buy what we can and cook what we can."

But plans are being made to make the Mobile Munchie Machine more CC-friendly. Though they already take cash and credit cards, they are working to get a Gold Card machine that will accept Tiger Bucks and sell five or ten sandwich punchcards in Worner.

With Byers and Muzzy to take over after the other project members' graduation, the seniors have high hopes in the continuation and expansion of their project.

"Hopefully, they'll be able to find a team that will pick up the reins and keep build-

ing this business once we all graduate," Atchinson said.

"Our long-term business plan is to expand onto other colleges, specifically in Colorado. UCCS could be our first expansion, but eventually other small schools nationwide," Landon said.

If you see the Mobile Munchie Machine at a late-night event, Berglund recommends you satisfy your late-night cravings with the Tiger Pit, a mozzarella, tomato, and basil pesto sandwich, or the Palmer Patty Slammer, which is an angus patty with Swiss cheese and caramelized onion. However, if you can't wait to get your fix, you can also check out their menu and see where they'll be next at: www.facebook.com/TheMobileMunchieMachine.



Seniors Zach Atchinson and Halsey Landon, two of the Mobile Munchie Machine creators, left, set up shop at the Carriage House for Battle of the Bands in early February. Students attending the event, like Davis Shamburger, pictured right, purchased sandwiches to munch on during the shows. Photo courtesy of Steve Kaczmarek.

Slicing up your life: An ode to revamping your pizza

FOOD

Mel Yemma
Staff Writer

While it has its Italian roots, it's no secret that most Americans love pizza. Whether grabbing a free slice of Boriello Brothers pizza at a CC event or digging into a gourmet slice with toppings like figs or prosciutto, pizza has become an American classic.

But how has this cheesy and carb-loaded goodness evolved throughout American culture? Gennaro Lombardi, an Italian immigrant, established the first pizza shop in New York's Little Italy in 1905, and the rest is history. Lombardi would sell slices of freshly baked bread topped with fresh melted mozzarella and tomatoes. As his local business evolved, so did the popularity of this greasy and delicious treat. Especially when servicemen stationed in Italy returned from World War II, this Italian staple became a full-fledged part of American culture.

Today you can take your pick from 65,300 pizza restaurants in the U.S. Interestingly enough, only 57 percent of these pizzerias are individually or locally owned, while the rest are made up of familiar sounding chain names including Domino's and Pizza Hut.

Pizza styles have evolved regionally throughout the country, as well. Whether you want a classic slice of New York-style cheese pizza, some Chicago deep dish, or some sweet-tasting Hawaiian pizza with pineapple, these wide varieties have become staples on



Cob oven pizza, a favorite at the CC Farm this summer, was always made using a homemade dough recipe (see right) and toppings grown on site. Photo courtesy of Mel Yemma.

most pizzeria menus. California-style pizza has become known for up-scale and unusual toppings like barbecue chicken and bacon, and some pizzerias have Americanized pizza even further by combining fast food toppings to the classic slice. And don't forget about all of those other creations inspired by the traditional slice: frozen pizza, home-

made pizza, pizza rolls, pizza pockets, pizza bagels—the list goes on and on.

While the Americanization of pizza is interesting enough, the best thing about it is that you can truly add any topping and it will always be delicious. Whether you want to show your individualism and creativity through a slice, or use up what's left in your fridge, pizza is a great go-to meal.

Pizza is one of the easiest things to bake when cooking seasonally, as well. When we would cook up our popular cob-oven pizza down at the CC Farm this summer, not only would it be devoured before the pan hit the table, but the toppings throughout the season served as a great time-keeper of which vegetables were ready. In the beginning we could only add our copious amounts of oregano, by mid-summer we could spice things up with homemade basil and cilantro pestos, but by summer's end, we feasted on slices topped with heirloom tomatoes, peppers, greens, and zucchini.

Pizza is delicious and it can really bring people together. When sitting at a restaurant surrounding a perfectly fresh pie, or gathering around the cob oven down at the farm, pizza can be catered to anyone's taste buds. And yes, gluten free, dairy free, and vegan variations are possible.

Check out the CC Farm pizza dough recipe (adapted from Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal Vegetable Miracle*) and some seasonal topping ideas, so you can slice up your life!

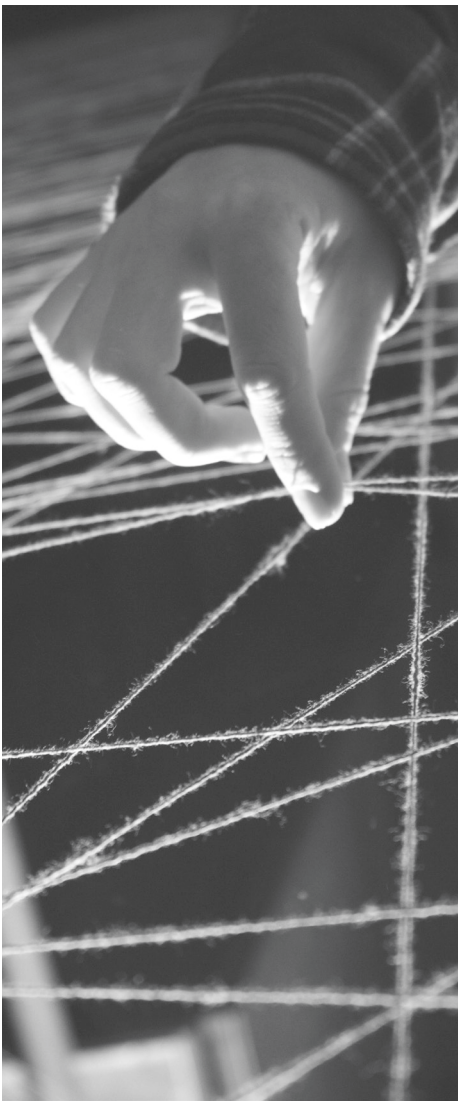
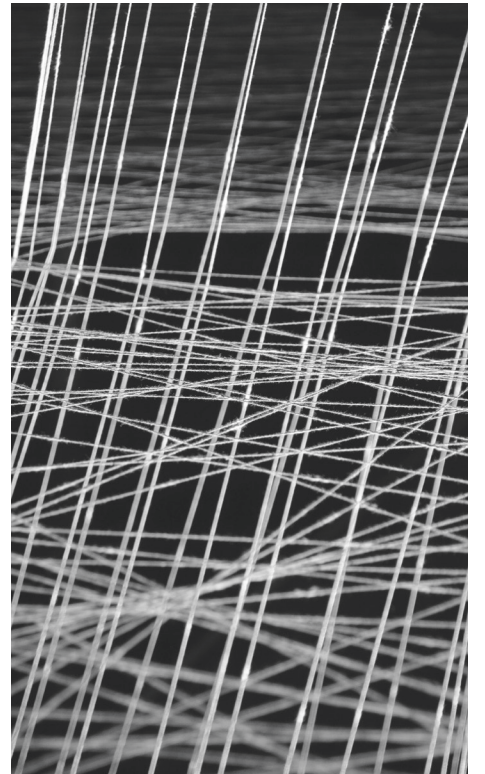
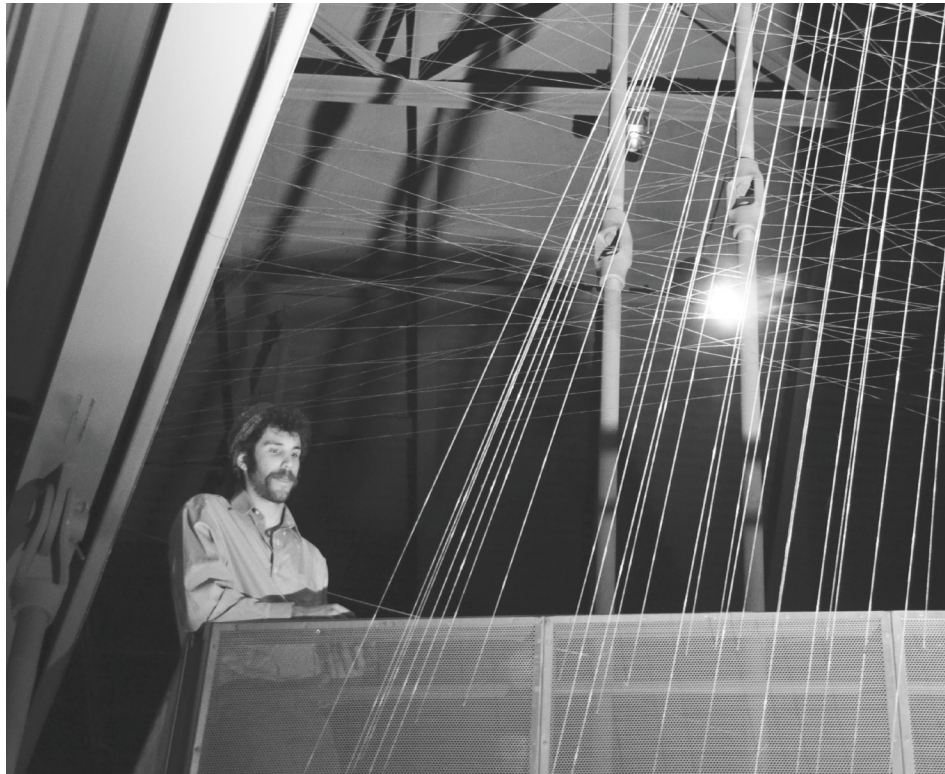
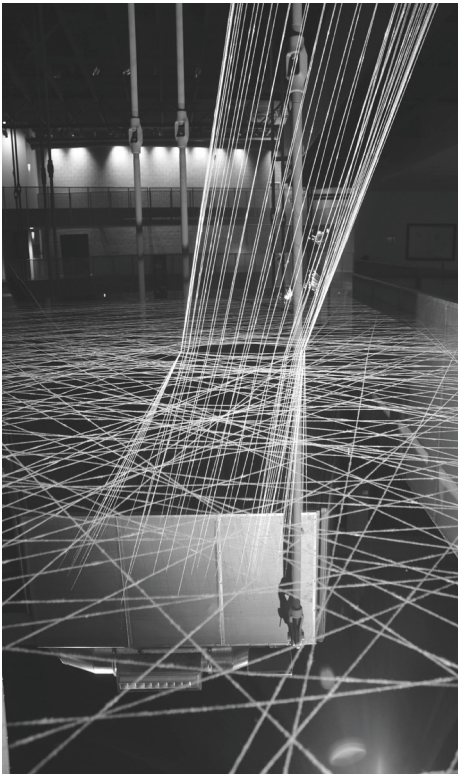
CCFarm Cob Oven Pizza Dough

3 Tsp Yeast
1 Tbs Honey
1 ½ Cups Warm Water
3 Tbs Olive Oil
1 Tsp Salt
2 ½ Cups White Flour
2 Cups Whole Wheat Flour

Dissolve the yeast into the warm water and add olive oil, salt, and honey. Mix in flours and knead into the liquid mixture. Let rise for 30 minutes.

Seasonal Topping Ideas

Summer: pesto, fresh tomato sauce, onion or scallions, sweet or spicy peppers, heirloom tomatoes, basil, oregano, spinach, arugula, zucchini, and/or yellow summer squash, mozzarella, parmesan, or goat cheese
Fall: BBQ sauce, mozzarella, mushrooms, spinach, red onion
Winter: pesto, caramelized onion, butternut squash, goat cheese
Spring: olive oil or pesto, swiss chard, arugula, leeks, mozzarella or goat cheese



Scattered light: Benisch comments on final piece

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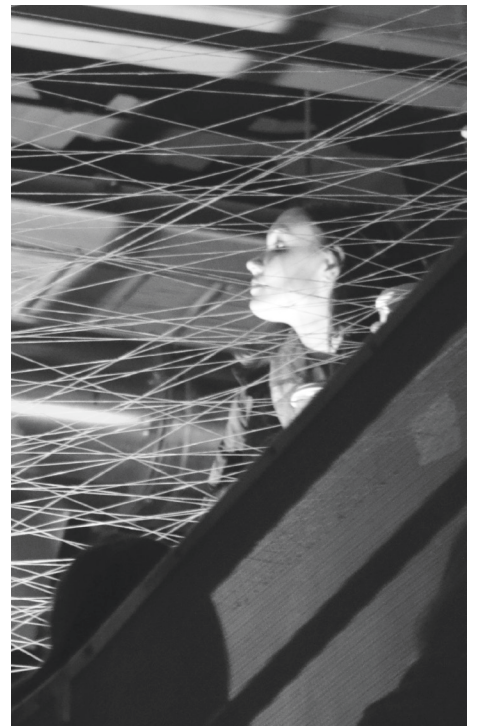
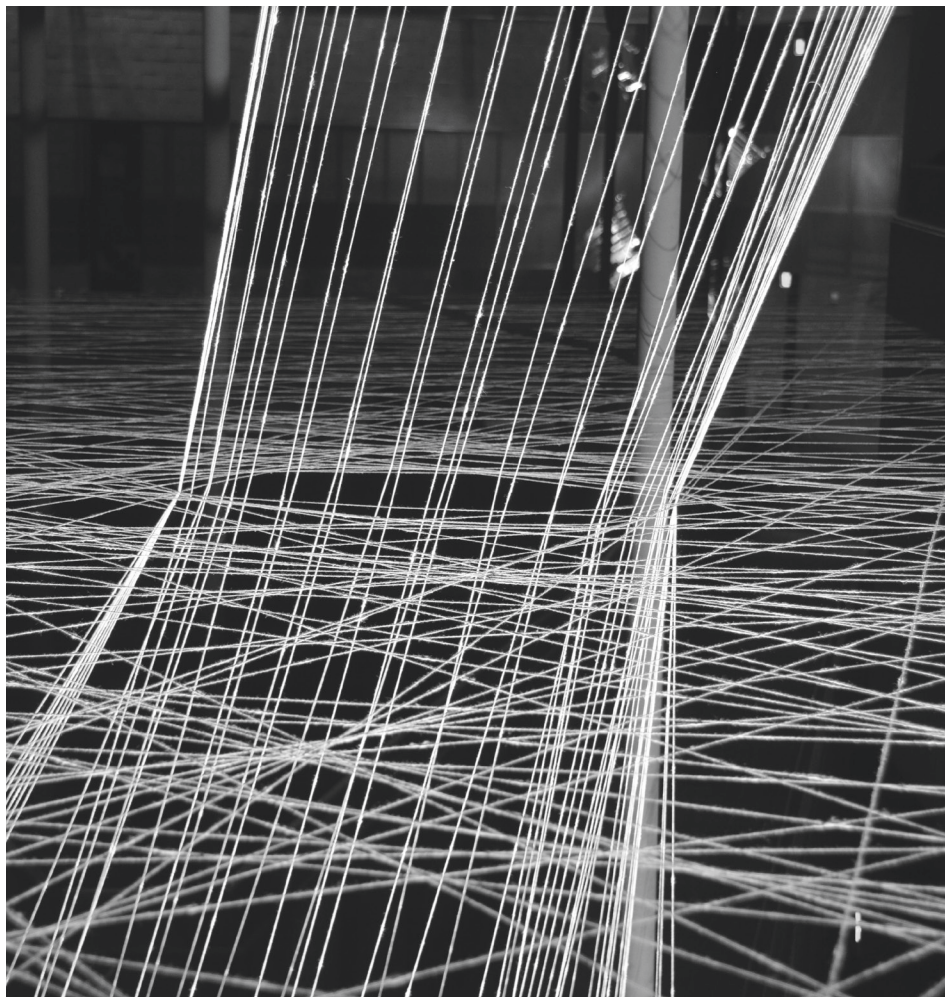
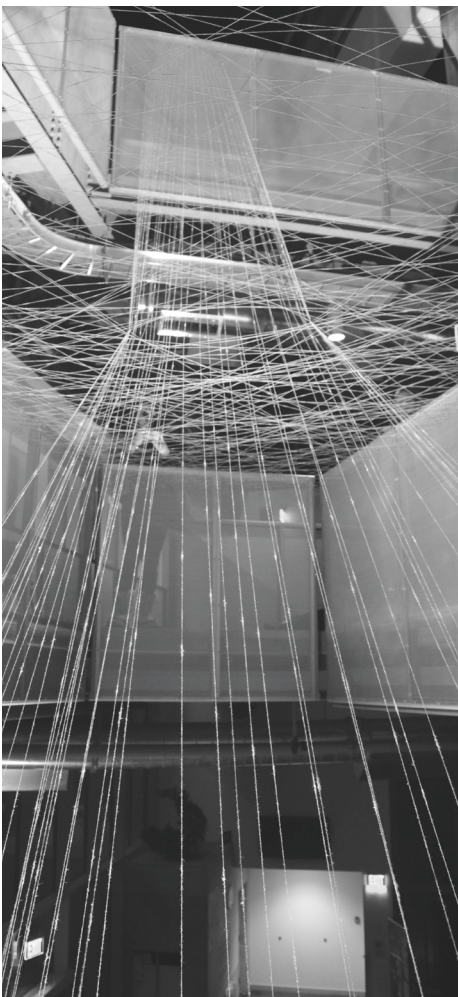
Garret Benisch
Guest Writer

In 3D art, the most important consideration is whether the piece is successful from every point of view. This is a difficult aspect to address in an area as large as Cornerstone Arts Center's main space, the place I chose to show my final project for Patrizia Herminjard's fifth block class "New Media and Installation". The project, entitled "Scattered Light," was comprised of a sort of netting of blue string and a "beam" of golden string shooting through it and scattering on the catwalks below. Standing by "Scattered Light," you can see Robert Mahaffie's huge shopping cart mobile at the southwest entrance. To the northeast, Dustin Ordway created an entire club in a classroom called "The Scene." All of the works created for the final in this class were huge, as if we were all waiting for a chance to transform the building. We are inspired so much by our peers, and too often we do not push ourselves simply because the people around us are not pushing either. But when a class of students like the ones in this past block

is truly interested in the relationship to the subject matter, great things can happen. I can only hope this type of artistic freedom will spread.

This piece was a useful study in time and process. In order to keep all of these strings in order, I had to be sure to set up a system of building that would simply work. So I set up guidelines for each shape and a sort of "scaffolding" of string to help me get the golden form down to the lower level. After everything was ready to go, I was able to focus on the shape of the piece instead of how I was putting it together. As the hole began to close in on the golden central beam, a clear narrative began to form. Refracting light on water, it said it all on its own.

It is so important to consider the context of a piece. Without the catwalks and beautiful amount of open space in Cornerstone, this piece literally would not be able to exist. Site-specific art is something that can only be experienced at the time of display. What it creates cannot be reproduced. This piece and this class have given me so much appreciation for context.



Artist Garrett Benisch, pictured above center, used strategic underlighting to feature his work. The final project was displayed in the Cornerstone Mainspace Mon. February 11. Though a short display, the class's impact remained. Photos courtesy of Patrizia Herminjard.

COMMENT & DEBATE

The financial consequences of divestment

DIVESTMENT

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ComDeb Editor

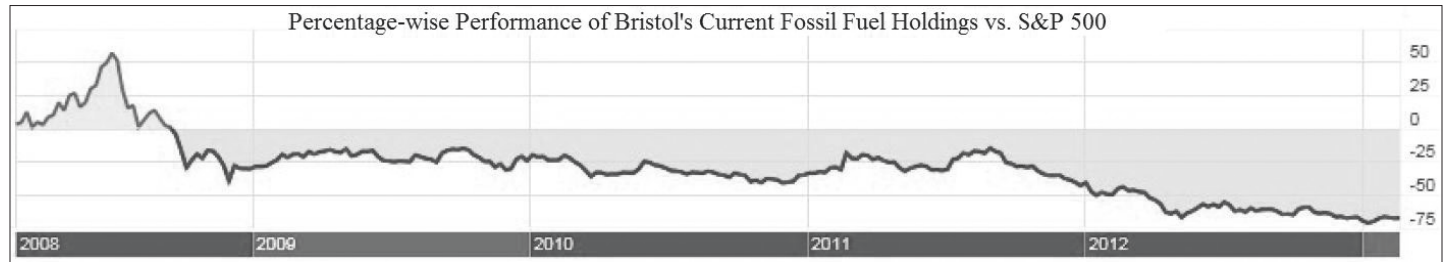
The environmental fervor behind the divestment movement is well deserved. However, if pulling our money out of fossil fuel investments will hurt our returns, it isn't worth doing. While proponents of divestment largely ignore this criticism, it is the main line of attack for those opposed to the movement. This critique is uninformed. We need to analyze the numbers behind divestment from fossil fuels.

The Board invests our endowment in a number of different investment funds, but for the purpose of this article, I'll focus on J.W. Bristol, the manager from which we have the most substantive information. Within their list of holdings, there are seven companies which profit exclusively from the extraction and consumption of fossil fuels.

These are the seven objectionable corporations from which we on the Student Divestment Committee want to divest our endowment money. They are not the only seven companies that we are invested in which hold interests in fossil fuels. There are two more. However, both of these other companies profit significantly from alternative energy, and have continually invested in strong sustainable energy programs. I don't want to divest from those types of companies.

This distinction is an important thing to note about fossil fuel divestment. We are specifically targeting the companies which make no substantive attempts to profit from anything other than the extraction and refinement of fossil fuels. Obviously, our entire economy profits from this endeavor, but these companies are most directly to blame for our climate crisis.

The chart above shows the performance of these seven stocks against the S&P 500 over the last five years. As you can see, their returns have lagged behind the index. Fossil fuel stocks used to be a great investment - but not since 2008.



From this selective divestment logic, we are left with the aforementioned seven companies. To avoid disclosing private intellectual property, these companies will remain nameless. However, it's pretty easy to get their names from behind the desk in Tutt library.

Investors use a number of statistical benchmarks to gauge the riskiness of a given investment. One of these is called beta. Beta is a measurement of how volatile a stock is relative to a given index, such as the S&P 500. The S&P 500 is a collection of 500 stocks that Standard and Poors have decided are indicative of overall market performance. This is a tried-and-true industry standard for measuring the performance of the stock market.

These seven stocks have an average beta off of the S&P 500 of around 1.4. This means that they should increase or decrease, on average, 1.4 times as much as the market does. Basically, our investment in these seven companies is somewhat mathematically riskier than just buying every stock on the market. From this measured risk, we hope for greater returns.

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The fallout from pre-2008 speculation on oil reserves has held these stocks back. At the same time, political

pressure and public sentiment have been growing against their industry, and government incentives towards clean energy alternatives have stood in opposition to their business model.

Obama's post-election rhetoric, Democratic election victories, and large scale popular protests like last week's Keystone XL protest all promise to keep these pressures on fossil fuel stocks. The forces driving these stocks to underperform will continue unabated through the next several years.

An obvious counter argument to this point is that while there are short term ups and downs in every market sector, we have to hold on to these stocks for the long term in order to reap the returns. This ideology works brilliantly if, like Harvard, we had 30 billion dollars to invest. With that much money, you can weather a five year storm. We don't have that much money.

Colorado College's endowment doesn't have a billion dollar financial cushion. Our budget is tight, and in just a few years, risks without returns can strangle us. In the five years since 2008, the football team has been cut, temporary professors have been let go, and financial aid has been harder to come by.

Even if we could wait out our fossil fuel stocks' underperformance, the long term outlook for these companies is bleak. Their business model is fossilizing to keep up with their product. In the long run, these companies won't make any profits at all. The Earth will

eventually run out of fossil fuels, and that's the only product they sell.

Some say that the growth of market demand for fossil fuels in developing nations will bolster corporate oil profits in the meantime. However, a single, state owned corporation dominates much of the Chinese oil industry. It is unlikely that other fossil fuel companies would be able to break this government sponsored stranglehold.

Even if they could, they would just be accelerating our approach to peak oil production and hastening their own inevitable demise. Energy companies like these seven which are not working aggressively to produce long term, sustainable energy profits are ultimately doomed to financial collapse.

I don't have access to the rest of our investment information, so I haven't been able to analyze the relative profitability of our other fossil fuel holdings. Within Bristol, at least, it is clear that we are sacrificing returns by holding these stocks. This sacrifice, in turn, hurts our school's ability to support a competitive liberal arts education on a yearly basis.

Divestment from fossil fuels is not just an emotionally driven protest. Joining this national movement isn't going to hurt our endowment returns, or keep them as they are - it will improve them. Divesting from fossil fuels within J.W. Bristol's holdings is a sound financial decision based simply on profitability and risk versus long term return on investment.

State of the Union underscores political divisions

POLITICS

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Last night, President Obama delivered the first State of the Union of his

second term. He took the opportunity to send a clear message to the American people and to the obstructionist Republicans clogging the corridors of Congress. He made it clear that moving forward, he will push to accomplish goals and tackle problems as he sees fit, rather than wasting countless hours fruitlessly genuflecting at the altar of bipartisanship only to have Republicans spit in his face.

But before the president even said a word, we all knew that having Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio) behind him was certain to result in hilarity. And it did, of course, with Boehner glaring ferociously at Obama's back for long stretches of the address.

When he wasn't glaring, Boehner was licking his lips repeatedly. Then there were his theatrically disdainful claps, the icing on the childishly churlish cake. Boehner, you're the Speaker of the House, not a cheerleader who wasn't picked to be team captain.

Once Obama began speaking, of course, Republicans' blood began to run

cold. Who was this confident, task-oriented man in front of them?

No longer was Obama married to the idea of bipartisanship. It was clear he'd come into office wanting to try that approach, and look where it had gotten him. Any attempts Obama made to compromise with Republicans were immediately scorned by the hardline right wingers, who then leaned on more sensible, moderate Republicans to avoid any appearance of cooperation with the president.

So when Obama walked out and began laying out his plans for the American people, he made it clear that in many instances, Congressional bottlenecks were the reason that he was unable to help Americans or fulfill his goals as he had planned. He didn't phrase it like that, exactly, instead choosing to couch his true meaning in phrases such as "send me that bill" or "give the bill a vote," but for those reading between the lines, the meaning was clear.

Another remarkable thing about the president's address was his focus on the role science needs to play in America's future. Of course, every politician likes to throw around the word science and say that they support it. Who doesn't support science? Nobody would ever own up to that, except maybe Pat Robertson.

But Obama didn't just say "and we need to make sure our students are learning science" and move on to the next talking point. He pointed out that science is as important as ever to America's future, and that cutting it would be another big mistake.

Obama was also clear about another issue: deficit reduction is important, but it shouldn't be pursued at all costs. But in typical Obama fashion, what he said was really a much milder version of what he really wanted to communicate to America, which was that Republicans are jumping at the chance to gut any social programs they can get their hands on in the name of deficit reduction.

They did it under Reagan and they're chomping at the bit to do it again.

As the address wound down, Obama finally got to work unleashing his big task and put gun control on the table. It was really masterfully executed - a wonderful instance of political theater which may very well go down in history as the turning point in American's struggle with the issue of gun control.

The president laid the groundwork for his request carefully, taking care to weave the personal stories of people whose lives were destroyed by gun violence into a tapestry of woe, meant to leave the listener with the conclusion

that gun control measures are not merely necessary, but absolutely essential, if we are to live in a truly moral society.

It was almost as if Obama had a secret dog whistle that inspired applause, and Republicans couldn't hear it. Every time he would make a point, set a goal or ask for congressional cooperation, the Democrats would enthusiastically applaud while the Republicans stared vacantly at everything and everyone except the president.

Some resorted to texting, some wouldn't stop chattering to their neighbors, and some, like Boehner, couldn't hide their unmitigated contempt for Barack Obama. To say the reception of this State of the Union was divided is quite the understatement.

But then Marco Rubio got up and gave a nice speech that really had nothing to do with the State of the Union address Obama had just given, apart from being broadcast with the heading "Republican Response to State of the Union."

The funny thing about Rubio's speech was that people have talked more about the fact that he paused his speech to take a hasty swig of water than the content of his speech in its own right. When the fact that you lurched off camera to grab some water is the main takeaway from your speech, you have failed.

Reinvesting in the life of the mind

STRATEGIC PLAN

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The goals of the strategic plan are wrong. Of the 13 goals, the majority are dedicated to recruiting new students and faculty. In order to pursue recruitment, we are prioritizing structural changes to our campus. Old buildings are being torn down and replaced by newer, more aesthetically pleasing spaces. The two major projects in which we have invested are the renovation of Mathias, and the creation of the new athletic facility. The next projects involve the renovation of Slocum and the library. However, none of these projects are the best allocation of funding. These are all investments in short-term improvements that distract us from the larger question our school must examine: how do we fix the Block Plan?

The reason the college is not seriously examining this question is we have lost the tenuous balance between the academic and business components of running a competitive college. The business side of our college is not inherently evil or damaging to our education, but it seems that in the effort to recruit we have pursued making our campus more aesthetically pleasing. Building new buildings creates a false sense of progress based on the mistaken assumption that new is better and that structural change translates into academic excellence. In so doing, we have forgotten that our primary purpose is to educate students in the best way possible. We are no longer innovating education and have stopped cultivating the life of the mind.

From the business side, these structural investments make sense because we can readily generate the revenue for new facilities. When a new building is built, a wing or even the whole building will be named after a family for their generosity. This act of giving, while charitable, is damaging because it rewards those donors who are willing to perpetuate the incorrect assumption that new buildings represent progress. Furthermore, there is an al-

lure to the public reward of generosity that makes business side improvements inherently easier to undertake and complete. From start to finish, the school and donors are both predisposed to the ease of structural, primarily aesthetic change.

When we consider improving the education side of things, the challenges are much more abstract and do not have the same short-term tangibility.

ble reward.

The Block Plan is the unique resource for our school. Yet, our classes are generally traditional and rigid. We do more reading per day but essentially you can always expect a lecture or a discussion depending on the department. Eventually, you will be evaluated through a test or a paper.

If you read the Colorado College description of the Block Plan, it stresses that classes are only three-and-a-half

weeks and that block break is a great reward after your hard work. Our school is advertising the wrong part of the Block Plan. What makes the Block Plan great should not be block break. The system should excel because during those three-and-a-half weeks

you generally should have

no other major responsibilities. This

focused allocation of time

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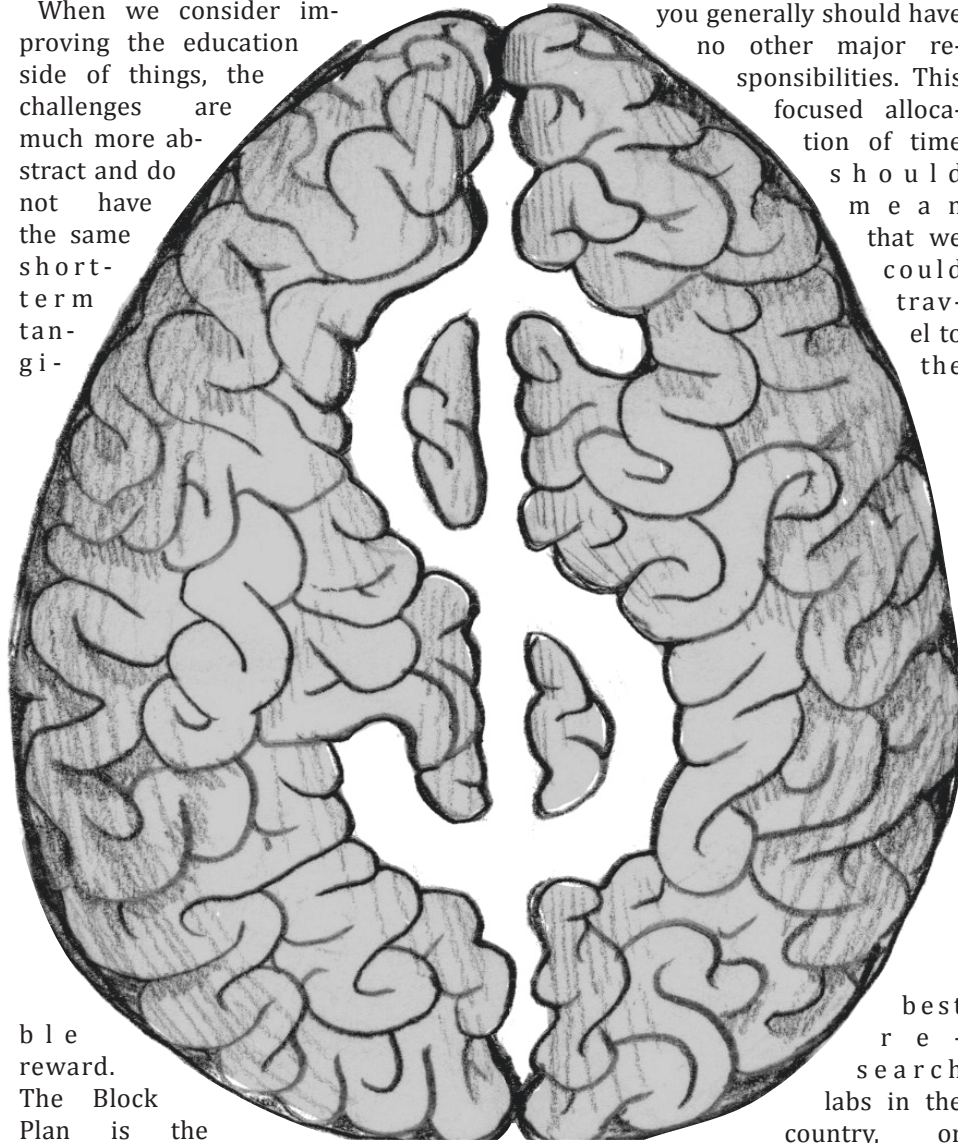
internships and experiential learning with our classroom. We must invest in making the Block Plan into a flexible system that adapts the course to the subject matter. I am wholly confident that if our teachers had the means, classes would really be unique, intellectual adventures.

Part of the problem, however, is that we, the students, are not demanding

more from our education. Recently, classes that travel have become more expensive for students. Instead of rejecting this change as unacceptable, we are just not taking these classes anymore. In turn, traveling classes are offered less with no outcry. Instead we just enroll in other classes and continue towards graduation. The first step of improving our education is to take ownership of our classes. We should be celebrating majors like Geology and the classes that do push the Block Plan. To change our system there needs to be pressure from the bottom up. As students we are uniquely positioned to understand what should be improved in the Block Plan but it is essential that we begin to publicly express our frustrations.

The question, of course, then becomes, "How do we fund new ambitious classes?", and this is where the business side of our college needs to be redirected back towards innovating education. The first part is that we must refuse to take advantage of the easy and selfish system of aesthetic structural change. When we are talking to potential donors, first and foremost we must stress that Colorado College is a space that is innovating how we educate like nowhere else in the world. Furthermore, when it comes to recruitment, it is likely that we will lose some potential students by not being an institution with the best and newest buildings. We have to hope that there are enough young, ambitious students who are up to the challenge of sincerely engaging in the rigorous process of true higher education. I cannot guarantee that this type of investment will pan out in the next year or two. There will be a difficult period where The Fiske College Guide lambasts our school for having out-of-date facilities or bad food. I am confident that in the long run, while there is inevitably risk, this strategy will create a better education for future generations of students. There should be only one goal in our strategic plan: innovate the Block Plan.

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Why you should participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement

CAMPUS LIFE

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First-years and seniors: What's good at CC and what could be better? Do you want to weigh in on topics such as experiential learning, study abroad, involvement in campus life, civic engagement, diversity, experiential learning, campus technology, and how much you get out of your courses?

Colorado College is participating in the National Survey of Student Engagement this spring along with hundreds of other colleges. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE, sometimes called "Nessie"), focuses on the effectiveness of teaching and learning at the collegiate level. We're participating because we believe that the information we receive from the survey findings already shows that CC is doing a great job – but of course, there's always room for improve-

ment. The survey helps us focus our attention on what to work on over the next four years.

We can only do this if first-years and seniors (the students the NSSE folks have chosen to target) respond in large numbers. We need more than 50 percent of each class to complete the survey, or else the survey will not really represent feedback from the whole community.

Why should you participate?

- Your input can help us figure out what is working about our current teaching practices, what is not working, and how we can change it.

- Your perspective will help us offer more purposeful opportunities for an enriched liberal arts experience more generally.

- You will have a life-long association with CC as an alumnus, and anything CC does that betters its reputation over time will reflect positively on you.

- What you say can make CC a better place for everyone! Years ago we

learned that first-year students wanted a more intentional first-year program to help them adjust to the block plan; in response we created the FYE Program. Your input might be what leads the college to make some large-scale change that will improve your time here along with everyone else's.

As a side benefit, you will be entered into a raffle to win one of 31 \$25 iTunes gift cards, or have a chance to win either a free parking spot on campus for a year (for first-years) or more than \$200 toward a Homecoming visit (for seniors).

The college cares enough about this that you might be reminded about it from a number of sources: professors, FYE mentors, Residential Life staff, and student leaders, among others. We are giving this much attention to inviting you because your perspective really matters and because, let's face it: we know you are incredibly busy. But we also know that you care deeply about Colorado College now and about

CC as it will look in five, ten, or even twenty years.

If you are a first-year or senior student, you received your first invitation to participate via email on Feb. 19. The email included a unique link to the survey (so we know whose name to throw in the raffle hat). You'll receive a few more reminders through April 2; the survey will remain open through the semester so you can access it anytime as long as you save one of the invitation or reminder emails with the link.

The survey is confidential in that even though we will know who participated, we won't know who said what. Your answers cannot be tied back to your name. We are looking for completely candid feedback. What you say could change CC forever.

We're ready to listen. Are you ready to weigh in?