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GUNS AT CC

Davis Shamburger
Staff Writer

If you played a word association game and had to blurt out the first five words that came to mind when somebody mentioned Colorado College, 'firearms' probably wouldn't be one of them. Guns are strictly prohibited on campus, so only a handful of students bring their weapons to school each year.

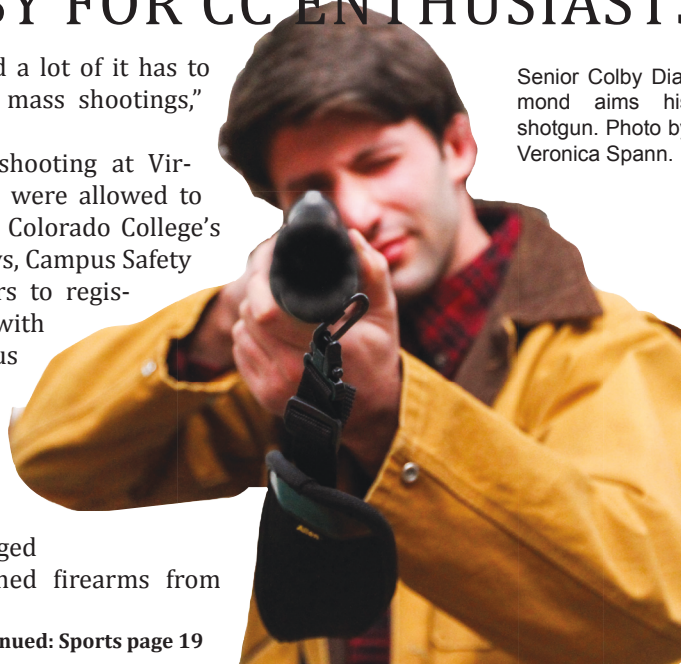
Those who do usually have them for two purposes: hunting or recreational shooting. Junior Andrew Gregovich hails from Juneau, Ala. and has been hunting deer and elk since age nine.

"It's really tough to hunt at this

school, honestly, and a lot of it has to do with the recent mass shootings," Gregovich said.

Before the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech, students were allowed to possess firearms on Colorado College's campus. In those days, Campus Safety required gun owners to register their weapons with the school. Campus Safety also locked them away until an owner requested access. However, after the massacre in Blacksburg, CC changed its policy and banned firearms from

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Senior Colby Diamond aims his shotgun. Photo by Veronica Spann.

Local sheriff aims to arm teachers

GUN LAW

Jack Sweeney
Staff Writer

According to the Gun-Free School Zones Act, possessing a firearm, aside from police and security personnel, on a school campus is unlawful. But El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa wants to include school faculty on campuses as part of that personnel as an opportunity to make schools safer.

This question isn't just a debate in Colorado - it's national.

The recent Sandy Hook school shooting served as the primary trigger to a discussion that is now creating larger discussions about gun control.

According to a message published by Maketa on the county website, those who use Sandy Hook as an example of a faulty gun control system use it "to further their personal agenda and very flawed thought process. Bans such as those that have been discussed and proposed in this state and other states and will not make our schools any safer."

Maketa is a proponent of arming teachers and administrators. And the community loves it.

"Actually, I would say that there is overwhelming support. Probably to the tune of 350 communications over various forms to 1 opposed," said Maketa during an interview.

The only thing that would have to be modified in order for teachers to carry on school grounds is the school district's security program.

Would teachers be qualified to protect your children?

"That would be a discussion between myself and a school district. I would offer suggestions and it would be the same circumstances as if we had hired a law enforcement official...Make sure their motivations are consistent with safe behavior," Maketa said.

"It takes the schools buying in and becoming a part of the program," said Maketa.

School districts 11 and 20 already have armed security personnel on campuses.

So does adding more guns to a school environment change the learning experience?

"I'd say there is no tie [between violence] and being raised around guns because I've been raised around guns all my life... Most people I know were raised around weapons, and I don't see any impact," Maketa said.

On the Colorado College campus, the only personnel who can carry weapons or store them are law enforcement of-

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An afternoon spent gun shopping in Colorado Springs

GUN SHOPPING

Ming Lee
Staff Writer

I made a list of errands on Monday: go to the dentist, get a SIM card for my phone, put air in my tires, buy a gun.

I accomplished everything on the list except for the last item, and it wasn't for lack of trying. I crossed Colorado Avenue, heading west over I-25, and drove a measly minute from campus before I found myself at Paradise Sales, a local gun shop.

Its unassuming stucco exterior and my inability to follow directions took me about a mile out of my way. However, it was lucky that the woman in the navy U.S.A. T-shirt knew exactly where to point me. When I did finally make it into Paradise Sales, it was both exactly what I expected and completely different.

When you walk in, the first thing you will notice is the stale smell of cigarettes clinging to everything. Then the stock. This detail isn't the surprising part, but guns are everywhere.

Rifles lean in rows against the wall, in wooden racks. Handguns rest in glass cases that serve as the counter. Then, you'll notice the line.

On Monday at around 3 p.m., the store is jammed with a dozen other customers. A black woman leans against the counter, pointing at handguns that a man quickly draws from the case. Two men, a little older than college-aged, admire hunting knives in the corner.

A balding man in a business suit leaves with a box of ammo and a handgun, both in an almost-opaque blue plastic bag. A dog weaves in between customers' legs, then retreats into the back.

I sit down in one of two faded green



From top left: Gun enthusiasts practice their shot at the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex. John Graves poses with his target sheet. The welcome sign at the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex. Photos by Veronica Spann. For more photos see pages 10-11.

armchairs and survey the scene while I wait. Leather holsters for handguns litter the shelves, boxes balance precariously on the ends of the counter. On the

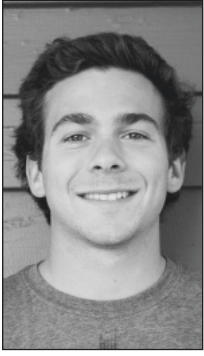
wall was a shirt with the motto, "I CARRY A GUN BECAUSE I CAN'T CARRY A COP."

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FROM THE EDITOR

The gun issue

COMMENTARY
Jesse Paul
 Editor-In-Chief



Welcome to ground zero of the gun debate, just one hour and two minutes from the Century 16 Theater in Aurora, the site of one of the worst shootings in American history.

You are smack-dab in the middle of a city that is well known for its politically conservative citizens and the fact that gun stores

and shooting ranges are as common as Dunkin' Donuts on the East Coast. Similarly, Colorado Springs is the home to Ft. Carson, one of the largest military installations in the country.

At CC, we are 7.4 miles away from Ft. Carson's main gates, where munitions and guns are tested, trained with, and carried at the hip every single day.

This issue of The Catalyst is not meant to be a commentary about guns (with the exception of the ComDeb section), but rather the real story about what guns mean to Colorado College and Colorado Springs.

Believe it or not, this national debate reaches its arms right to the boundaries of our tiny urban campus.

Did you know that if someone is carrying a gun on the sidewalk outside the Worner Campus Center, they are within the reaches of the law? Colorado is an open carry state, meaning that legal gun owners can have a firearm on them at anytime.

The Colorado State Legislature is currently working around the clock, discussing changes to state gun laws. Students at CC who regularly use their legally-owned firearms could be impacted by any such limitations on purchase when they head to the range to practice their shot or out in nature to hunt.

This year, we have had guns permeate our campus surroundings on more than a few occasions.

On Halloween night, a sophomore was allegedly hit in the face with a handgun while walking from Mathias Hall to Worner. The assailants were never apprehended.

A few weeks earlier, someone called local police and claimed possession of a gun on campus. Patrol officers responded, accompanied by Campus Safety, and searched the college, but eventually determined the threat was unfounded.

The campus all clear wasn't sounded before some students thought they were in serious danger.

And, most recently, on Dec. 26, a man shot at police officers near the intersection of Saint Vrain St. and Weber St. after officers chased him from a home adjacent to the CC Inn. That individual is now awaiting trial for attempted murder charges.

Our generation is facing serious questions about the legality of guns and the different laws surrounding ammunition, automatic weapons, and who should own what. *Whichever side of the argument you fall on, I think, at the very least, we can all admit that a conversation is necessary.*

Read these articles and decide for yourself what you believe. There is a world of information available and many people out there with interesting opinions and stories to tell who live outside the sights of the crosshairs.

Colorado split on gun reform

LOCAL POLITICS

Ansel Carpenter
 Staff Writer

In the wake of the elementary school shooting in Newtown, Conn., guns have been pushed to the forefront of American policy.

Congressional committees have held a number of hearings on the issue, with several members of Congress introducing gun control bills. Pres. Barack Obama signed 23 executive orders on stricter gun control after Vice President Joe Biden led talks on the subject. Legislators in a number of states, including Louisiana, Kentucky, and Maryland, have introduced legislation; New York recently became the first state in the nation to pass successful gun control measures.

Lobbyists and policymakers—both for and against gun reform at the national, state and local levels—have been hard at work. Colorado is no exception.

Gun law, arguably the most hot-button, partisan issue of the day, has made its way into the Colorado General Assembly and governor's office.

Legislators on both sides of the aisle have already begun pushing their policy ideas.

Those ideas—almost always aligned with strict party lines—include firearms restrictions for Democrats; for Republicans, they take the form of expanding the latitude of businesses, teachers, and others to possess guns.

The Centennial State, of course, has greater ties to gun violence than many because of the summer 2012 shooting in Aurora and the Columbine shooting in the late '90s.

Last week, a committee in the Colorado Senate—along party lines—rejected a proposed Republican bill that would have required businesses that ban guns on their property to employ security personnel.

The Democrat-led Assembly also voted down a Republican bill that would allow many school employees to carry concealed weapons.

In a trend that has taken hold among conservative state lawmakers in the past few years, a proposal was also introduced that purported to void any federal restrictions on firearms in Colorado by making it a state crime for a federal agent to enforce them.

Democrats, who control both chambers of the legislature and the governorship, hope to reinstate restrictions that

were removed in the early 2000s. Some restrictions, most of which are also being explored at the federal level and in other jurisdictions, include universal background checks for those purchasing firearms, a ban on certain high-capacity magazines, and an increase in funding for mental health education and support.

The Legislature is not the only place in state government where guns have become a focus. On Friday, David Keene, the nominal head of the National Rifle Association, will meet with Gov. John Hickenlooper.

The governor, who has been less enthusiastic about massive gun reform than many of those in his party in the Legislature, strongly endorsed universal background checks in his recent State of the State address.

Gallup polls show that 91 percent of Americans support universal criminal background checks. Other gun control proposals have received varying amounts of public endorsement, the lowest being 54 percent support for limiting magazine size.

To date, the General Assembly has passed no laws endorsing either side of the debate.

Colorado Springs crime, in brief

CAR CHASE LEADS TO ARMED ROBBERY

Last Wednesday afternoon, a suspect engaged an officer in a high-speed car chase before stealing a car and attempting to rob a bank just east of Palmer Park.

At 3:25 p.m., a state trooper and a Colorado State Patrolman attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a stolen black Subaru at the intersection of Carefree Circle N. and Bloomington Street, but the suspect fled, driving through fields until the vehicle became disabled. The suspect then attempted to carjack a vehicle near the Loaf n Jug, but the driver, still in his vehicle, put his car into reverse and drove away.

The suspect then successfully committed an armed carjacking of a white Nissan Xterra before proceeding to the TCF Bank on New Center Point. His attempt at bank robbery proved unsuccessful.

As the suspect fled the bank, several officers were able to block him in with their vehicles. The suspect rammed into two patrol cars, injuring two officers.

The suspect was taken into custody and detectives are investigating to determine if he may be responsible for other crimes in the area.

T-MOBILE ROBBED EAST OF CAMPUS

Police responded to a robbery at a T-Mobile Store on East Platte Avenue late Tuesday morning.

Just after 11:00 a.m., CSPD received a call about a robbery in-progress, and the store employee was able to provide suspect and vehicle descriptions. Soon after officers were dispatched, one officer observed a car matching the description heading east from Academy Blvd. with two people inside.

The two suspects were detained, and once confirmed as the robbers, they were arrested on charges of theft.

MAN STABBED IN HOME

Last Thursday morning, officers were dispatched to a home on Plymouth Drive, where they found a man with a significant knife laceration to his back, as well as several other adults and toddlers.

As officers began their investigation around 10:00 a.m., a female attempted to leave the home and became physically aggressive as officers attempted to detain her, kicking one officer and scratching the other. The man with the stab wound refused to be transported to the hospital, even as he developed a hematoma the size of a tennis ball at the point of the laceration, police said. He was later taken into custody and admitted to the Memorial Central Hospital.

The female suspect was arrested on counts of Domestic Violence Second Degree Assault, Child Abuse, and two counts of Second Degree Assault on a Peace Officer.

MAN TASED IN FOOT CHASE

Officers responded to a reported disturbance that turned into a car, and then foot, race on Tuesday afternoon, directly east of campus.

At about 1:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 900 block of Yuma Street, and the suspect vehicle involved in the disturbance was spotted almost immediately. An officer attempted to stop the vehicle, and discovered that it was reported stolen out of El Paso Symphony Orchestra in the process. The suspect failed to stop, and attempted to ram a police cruiser before heading onto Platte Avenue. The car jumped the raised median, heading into oncoming traffic, and the suspect bailed before officers reached the accident.

VEHICLE DRUG BUST

Early Sunday morning, an officer in an unmarked vehicle observed a nar-

cotics transaction between two vehicles in southeast Colorado Springs.

The officer was parked at the intersection of Hancock Expressway and South Academy Boulevard just after 2:00 a.m. when a male party left his vehicle and got into another vehicle. Another officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and observed the male passenger remove a clear baggie with a white powdery substance from his pocket and tuck it into the seat.

Officers searched the vehicle and recovered the baggie, and determined that it was 10.5 grams of methamphetamine. The suspect was in possession of a digital scale as well.

The female driver of the car was served a summons for her traffic violation and the male was arrested for DUI, Driving Under Restraint, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and for Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance.

GUNSHOTS FIRED CAUSE INJURY

Early Saturday morning, an officer patrolling in northeast Colorado Springs heard several gunshots.

Just before 2:00 a.m., after the gunshots were fired, the officer saw several vehicles leaving the area quickly. The officer was able to stop one of the vehicles, and determined that an inhabitant was one of the victims. There were several bullet holes in the passenger side of the vehicle but the victim had not been hit.

A short time later, officers responded to a suspicious vehicle parked on North Academy Boulevard. They found several bullet holes and signs indicating that the passenger had been injured. Officers located the passenger at his residence and he was transported to Memorial Hospital for a gunshot wound to his leg.

No suspects have been located and Major Crimes Unit is conducting an investigation.

Local sheriff aims to arm teachers

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...ficers, according to Director of Campus Safety Pat Cunningham.

"We've got a great relationship with CSPD...as well as Jason, our Campus Resource Officer, to provide the police services on campus. That's a tremendous relationship and I haven't seen anything suggesting we would radically change that model," Cunningham said.

CC English professor Steven Hayward, a father of three children who attend local schools, is not in favor of the movement to arm teachers.

"I don't think it solves the problem. We need fewer guns in the country, period," Hayward said.

Hayward feels that the arming of teachers is obscuring the problem. "The availability of so many firearms promotes gun violence," he said.

"If we were in Toronto right now and you said to me, 'Let's go buy a gun,' I would not even know where to go," said Hayward, who was raised in Canada.

According to Ezra Klein of the Washington Post, the majority of mass shooting weapons were "obtained legally."

According to United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute Website, 2.9 percent of citizens have handguns.

"There's like less than 100 concealed weapon permits in Toronto besides law enforcement. In America, it's millions," Hayward said.

Maketa does not recognize Second Amendment discussions on gun control as a "political issue" or a "right-and-left

issue," according to the message posted on the Sheriff's website. "This right [to bear arms] among others is non-negotiable."

As suggested in the message on the Sheriff's website, banning "scary-looking" assault weapons will do little to prevent an individual intending harm.

The sheriff also sees little improvement from increasing gun control.

"Personally, I have not seen one proposal that would fall under the category of gun control that would make for a safer environment," he said.

But Hayward remembered a situation on craigslist.com in which a man wanted to trade a firearm for a clarinet. "It's that moment when you know you're in America," Hayward said.

Maketa suggested that gun control, unless aimed solely at criminals, simply hurts law-abiding citizens.

"A person driven to take a life has made a plan and part of that plan is acquiring the tools to carry out that plan whether acquired illegally or legally they're going to do it," he said.

The process of modifying the Gun-Free School Zones Act is slow due its controversy.

"This same trend [of discussion] is occurring nationwide and per Colorado Springs Police Department General Order 1665, I will not be able to make a comment on this topic," said CSPD Officer Jason Newton when asked to comment.

Spokeswoman for Colorado Springs School District 11, Devra Ashby, expressed a similar reaction to the debate.



El Paso County Sheriff, Terry Maketa. Photo courtesy of El Paso County.

"I don't know how many teachers would want to talk about it right now because it's sort of a touchy subject. Not a lot of them want to say anything about it right now because currently under state and federal laws we can't allow anyone except those hired to do security on property with any type of a weapon," Ashby said.

Because CC is a private institution, it will remain independent of national legislature as long as it complies with federal, state, and local guidelines.

"I can't say I wouldn't be grateful [if an armed teacher] protected my child, but I think that's going about it the wrong way," Hayward said.

"Like anything else, what works for one school system or community may not work for another. Although it was on a different topic, Amendment 64 was a good example of Colorado taking a different perspective than some others and, when those situations arise, CC assesses and makes a determination what works best for CC," Cunningham said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

>>> **Mark Hummels**, Class of 1993, passed away last week due to injuries sustained in a shooting outside an office building in Phoenix, Ariz. on Wednesday, Jan. 30, according to CBS News.

Hummels, a lawyer and alumnus of Political Science at CC, is survived by his wife and two daughters. Arthur Hamon, 70, opened fire, killing one person and injuring two others after a mediation session at Hummels' law firm, The New York Times reported in an article.

>>> The **Waldo Canyon Fire** remains under investigation by local law enforcement agencies, which are offering \$100,000 for "information leading to the identification and arrest of the person(s) responsible," police said in a news release.

Investigators determined that the fire was started by "human means," but have yet to discover if the blaze, which burned over 300 homes and killed two people, was set intentionally or by accident.

>>> The **CC Queer Community Coalition (QCC)** has been nominated for a local award honoring educational inclusivity, opportunity, and diversity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, the college said.

The QCC is in the running for the 2013 Education Champion Award at the 12th Annual Colorado Springs LGBT Pride Awards, according to a campus press release.

>>> The **Peace Corps** has recognized CC as a top volunteer-producing college, the college said in a press release on Tuesday.

CC ranks sixth among small schools, rising from its tenth-place position last year, the release said. The ranking marks the third year in a row that CC has fallen in the top ten of this category.

>>> **City Council** plans to again postpone their decision on the Oil and Gas Regulations Ordinance, which encompasses laws surrounding hydraulic fracturing, the city said in a press release.

Instead of deciding on the ordinance next Tuesday, Feb. 12, the council will rule on the legislature on March 12 during their formal meeting. The public is welcome to attend the meetings on both dates at 1 p.m. in Council Chambers on the third floor of City Hall on the 100 block of Nevada Ave. downtown, the release said.

Upcoming CCSGA elections to change campus

CAMPUS POLICY

Megan Masuret
Guest Writer

The Colorado College student body will soon elect new leaders in an important vote that will likely impact the Strategic Planning and endowment discussions currently reverberating around campus.

The CC Student Government Association is holding elections to fill both executive and student trustee positions in the coming weeks.

The timeline for the executive elections is still being finalized, but pending full council approval on the Feb. 7, the election will be held during the second week of block seven.

"We've had an extremely successful year so far as student government," Constitutional Vice President Elliot Mamet said. "We've worked hard to sustain a lasting relationship with City Council, we've spearheaded student involvement in strategic planning, we've worked heavily on issues around mental health, we've created the Roundtable, a new forum for student group leaders.

"We've completely restructured SGA and improved our document retention policy, we've represented students to the administration on issues of endowment transparency, and we've successfully distributed funding to student groups for both operating budgets and special events funding."

The election for Student Trustee is scheduled to take place on Monday, Feb. 25.

The position of Student Trustee is a new addition to the Board of Trustees and Sam Barlow, senior, is the first and incumbent Student Trustee.

Her role is to act as a liaison between the student body and the Board, giving the students a voice that wasn't available before.

Her vote is weighed the same as any of her fellow Board members, and she currently sits on the Investment Standing Committee and the strategic project team for "Liberal Arts in the Digital Age."

Barlow has the difficult task of representing CC's student perspectives and also representing the board's intentions within the student body. Because the Board of Trustees carries the responsibility of the future of CC in terms of development, finances, and policies, it is crucial that the voices of students be taken into consideration.

For those interested in running for this position, there will be an information session in the WES room at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, and a mandatory candidates meeting on Feb. 18, also at 5 p.m. in the WES room, by which time all applications are due.

The election will be conducted through the CCSGA on Feb. 25, although the position itself is not part of the CCSGA. The head of the CCSGA commission, along with the Constitutional Vice President and the Dean of Students, are in charge of counting the votes.

The election, however, is not the sole determiner of the new Student Trustee. Rather, the election serves to identify

the top three finalists, and those three will then be interviewed and selected by the current Board of Trustees Governance Committee after considering each resume and application.

Last year's election was shrouded in some controversy after the vote tallies were leaked to The Catalyst despite an agreement between CCSGA and the board.

The current CCSGA executive office is comprised of President Nathan Lee, Constitutional Vice President Elliot Mamet, Finance Vice President Stanley Sigalov, Student Concerns Vice President Charis Whitnah, and Executive Vice President Pat Knecht.

With a budget of \$268,000 each year, the CCSGA assists student organizations or events and acts as a forum for cooperative action and progress. In other words, the full council meetings, open to all students, address issues including how to provide nutritional services on campus or provide transportation to the Macklemore concert.

"This year has been a particularly exciting year for CCSGA with Strategic Planning. I feel like we've been in the midst of a lot of interesting dialogue surrounding CC's future. During my time as Vice President for Student Concerns, I've worked closely with the CCSGA Transportation Task Force to provide additional transportation options to students," Whitnah said.

Whitnah also stated that the council hopes to create more options for transportation to and from the DIA airport

during breaks, and agrees with Mamet that restructuring the CCSGA has been a large accomplishment this year since it provided for a more democratic system.

Furthermore, she mentioned that the executive council has been exploring the topic of providing all workers with a living wage, and the challenge lies in strengthening and continuing these initiatives into the following year.

"I've loved working with Sam as the new student trustee, and I am looking forward to the upcoming elections. As elections are approaching, I hope to see a large number of students run for positions," Whitnah said, turning her attention to the upcoming elections as she leaves her legacy.

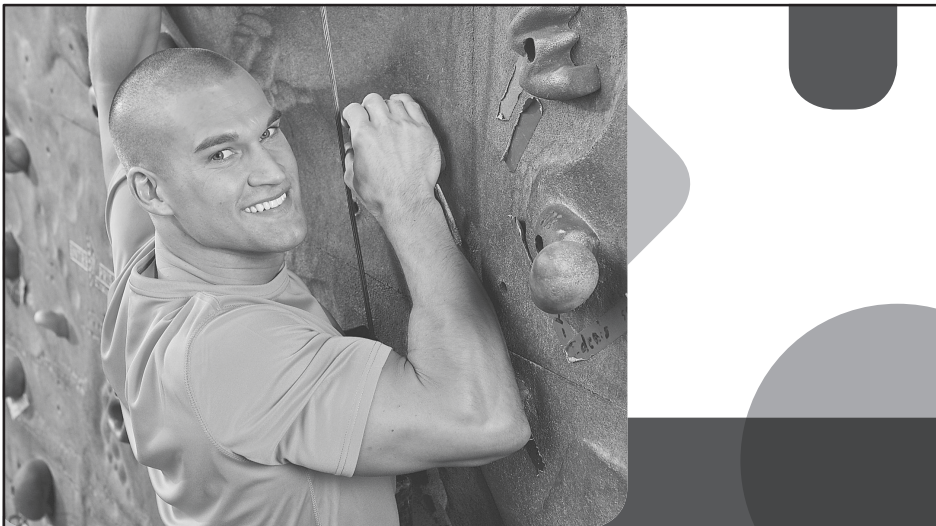
Although the candidates have not yet been announced, all applications will be posted on the CCSGA website.

An election e-mail will also be circulated so that students remain informed of who the candidates are, their ideas, and the progression of the election.

For further information, students are encouraged to attend the candidate debates to better understand the perspective of each candidate.

Looking to the future, Mamet hopes that the upcoming elections will not only include participation from the majority of students, but also instigate dialogue about Colorado College.

Both the executive council of the CCSGA and the Student Trustee are crucial positions to representing student opinions and bringing those opinions to action.



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General News:

- The Student Trustee election will be held on Feb. 25. CCSGA strongly encourages all interested students to apply. Students will elect the top three candidates, who will then be interviewed by the Board of Trustees. Applications are due Feb. 18.
- Executive Council Elections are slated for Block 6, but the Executive Council is pursuing the option to move elections until the second week of Block 7.
- The CCSGA held their weekly Executive Council meeting on Feb. 1.
- The Mental Health Task force is continuing to investigate the possibility of a nutritionist position on campus.
- A Full Council meeting is planned for Feb. 7, where the second vote will be held for CCSGA restructuring. The first of two required votes on the Restructuring Amendment was held and passed unanimously. The amendment divides Full Council representative by year and allows all students to vote for all representatives. The Student Groups Roundtable has gained an officer position in Full Council.
- CCSGA is gearing up for its annual retreat on Feb. 8.
- The Executive Council is currently working on appointing members for the electoral monitoring committees of both the Student Trustee and Full Council elections. Executive Council members expressed the intention to place themselves on the committees in order to force their own neutrality in the coming elections.
- The new CCSGA-sponsored transportation initiative was kicked off with the Macklemore bus. CCSGA encourages students to come forward with their own transportation proposals by contacting Charis Whitnah at charis.whitnah@coloradocollege.edu.
- The Finance Committee approved the following expenditures:

Event	Club	Amount
Student	Deer Tick Concert	\$3,443

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.

President Jill Tiefenthaler talks about not owning a gun, smoking on campus, the strategic planning conference, the red pill, and being called the 'Tiefmeister.'



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QUESTIONS

Some students are upset that the Winter Conference was held during half-block because they feel they were kept from giving input. Why was the event held during that time?

We couldn't have it on a class day and a weekend wouldn't really work for staff and faculty so our only option was really to hold it during one of the block breaks. I had hoped that students would come back maybe that Friday before for half block or that they would be here a little early before Block Five and we did invite all the students in December. I'm bummed that people who wanted to participate couldn't because the whole point was to get as many people involved as possible.

Is it too late for a student who didn't get to attend the conference to become involved?

Absolutely not. We are collecting initiative input until March 15 and there is a blackboard up in Cornerstone, butcher paper and blackboards up around campus, and we are putting a little phone booth up this week where they can leave a voice recording. They can also go to the website at any time; there are little boxes where people can put their goals. I am planning another town hall meeting like the one I had in the fall. I think it will be in the next couple of weeks.

Has the tuition cost changed for the next academic year?

We don't know yet. The board meets Feb. 23. That's when the discussion will happen and we will have a decision after that meeting.

Which one of the strategic plans do you think will most impact this generation of CC students?

Probably the ones that will affect current CC students most are two things that I heard the most last year that we are already working on. Those are improving diversity on-campus and doing a better job with career development support. I hope current students have already seen the improvements that have been made in both of those areas, and I think in the next two years, given that we already have momentum in those areas, they will see continued benefits.

Did anyone used to call you the Tiefmeister in college? Have you ever had a nickname?

No (laughing). Students at both Wake and Colgate called me Tief. Tiefmeister was never one but I can see the German connection.

Can you explain CC's Amendment 64 policy a bit further?

There has been no change in our policy. Amendment 64 was passed, obviously, and a lot of people asked what the impact would be on Colorado College and our answer was that nothing would change. We continued our current policy, which holds students to the code of conduct on and off campus.

Do you think CC will really be able to police student and community member marijuana use off-campus?

Just like our current policy: if you get caught, you get caught. Just like our other policies, some things that might be legal off-campus, for example we have rules about abusive behavior, which includes some offensive speech, [are illegal on-campus]. The drug use policy that we have had forever is the same policy. Nothing has changed.

CU-Boulder just announced that it is going smoke-free (tobacco and marijuana) on-campus. What do you think of that and could it happen at CC?

You are seeing this more and more in higher-ed, especially on campuses that have medical [programs]. We haven't had a serious conversation about it at CC, but if there was a significant majority of people who wanted to talk about that at Colorado College I would be happy to talk about it.

If you were in the Matrix would you take the red or the blue pill?

Definitely the red [laughing]. I would much prefer any reality than some kind of fake existence. And I did know what that meant. It is very much our generation.

For the gun issue I have to ask – Do you exercise your Second Amendment rights?

I do not have a gun. I grew up on a farm, though, and we had hunting rifles and shotguns and I knew how to shoot them and did. But it has not been part of my adult life.

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Interview by Editor-In-Chief
Jesse Paul

#cc top tweets

@ElleryMiller One week till block break #goingstrong #ccprobs #getme-tobreck #cctoptweets @catalystnews -- Yesterday

@WornerDesk "@cccarnivoreclub: Rail jam by the preserve jib jab nom on some cheeezzzburrgerzzz @CCCampusAct" AND PICKLES -- 6 days ago

@WornerDesk Ever wanted to sit in a huge inflated trash bag?? Now is your chance! Come to Worner meow! -- 9 days ago

@CCSGA RT @csindependent: February will be critical for #CoSprings #fracking regulations <http://ow.ly/hp5MO> -- 3 days ago

@DieselhyphenSon Open mic night in sacred grounds in 30 minutes. Come hang out. -- Yesterday

@lilyleeds I think I'm trying to get an internsh?!t this summer -- 5 days ago

@BossmanTeez That moment when you're Tindering during class break and your classmate shows up #liked #cctoptweets -- 9 days ago

@feldmanhelen No class Tuesday, class at 11 Wednesday, no class Thursday, brunch at CJ's 4th week. #bestclassever #CJ'slastblock #yeahsociology -- 3 days ago

@littlapiere Winter Ball ruins lives. -- 5 days ago

CAMPUS SAFETY BLOTTER

THURSDAY 1/24

Campus Safety investigated the theft of a bicycle outside Slocum. The case remains open.

SATURDAY 1/26

A window was broken at the CC Inn at 1:11 a.m. The case remains open and Campus Safety is investigating.

SUNDAY 1/27

An intoxicated student under the age of 21 was apprehended outside Boettcher at about 12:30

a.m. The case was referred to CSPD.

SATURDAY 2/2

Campus Safety investigated a vandalized toilet in Bemis just after 11:00 p.m. The case remains open.

TUESDAY 2/5

Campus Safety responded to a trespasser at the Child Care Center at 8:45 a.m. The trespasser was arrested by CSPD and escorted off campus.

"We have a more stringent [gun] system here in Colorado than the federal system does."

We sent Brooks Fleet, our 10 Questions reporter, out into the community to get a voice on the gun issue.

Traveling to an area near the Citadel Mall, Fleet found Forrest Tierson, an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and an avid gun enthusiastic with strong opinions.

Tierson didn't disappoint.

Here is a collection of his quotes and an interesting take on the gun debate now encircling the country.

"People that buy [guns] are paying a lot of money for them, and most of them would be pretty unhappy if someone tried to take [the guns] away and gave them nothing for them."

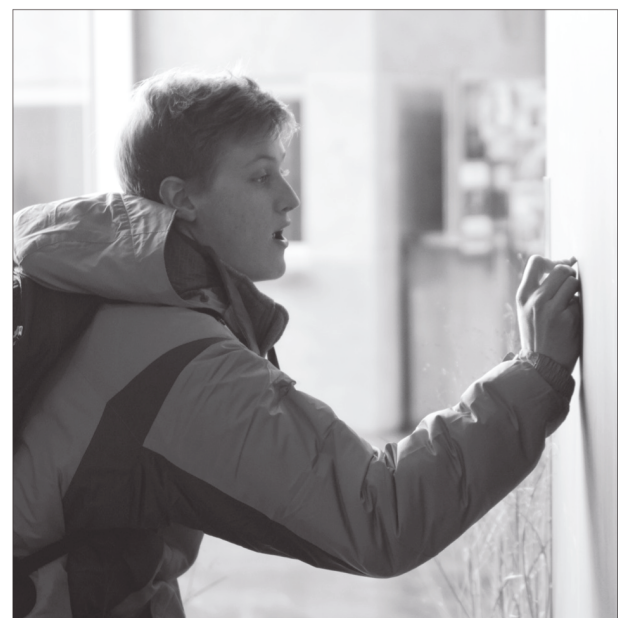
"Automatic weapons are legal in the United States. They require a lot of federal paperwork and you have to apply for special permits that cost \$200. On top of that it's a very small pool so most of those things are in the 10 to 15 thousand-dollar range. Not many of those are misused, and as a matter of fact if you look at legally owned full automatic weapons in this country, and there are probably a million all together, there has never been one misused in a crime."

"I bought my first AR-15 in 1974, and I haven't been driven to go out and shoot anybody down with it yet, so it has to do with the mindset of people and so forth. These guns have been bought by millions of people. A quarter of a million of them were bought last year alone."

"[Pres. Obama is] basically consolidating power and seizing control of the government. He's put his own people in positions of power, and on top of that, he's now trying to make sure there is no way that citizens can actually react to that. When only the police have guns, it's called a police state. That's my take on it. I'm more paranoid than some, perhaps."

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Getting higher: An update on legal marijuana

LOCAL POLITICS

Kiki Lenihan
Staff Writer

After the passing of Amendment 64 in Nov., Colorado faces the new challenges of

integrating the use of recreational marijuana into everyday life.

Here is what you need to know.

THE BASICS OF AMENDMENT 64

If you are 21 or older, you are allowed to use marijuana, possess up to one ounce of marijuana, and grow up to six plants. Colorado has been on the forefront of legalizing marijuana within the United States because medicinal marijuana has been legal in Colorado since 2000.

There is no need for a specific license to purchase marijuana, as was needed to buy medicinal marijuana.

The list of places that you can't smoke or use marijuana far outweigh the places you can, including on school grounds, federal office buildings, courthouse, national parks and forests, in public parks or on the sidewalk, and places where the owner does not permit the use or



possession of marijuana like apartment buildings or other rented properties.

Basically, it is legal within the privacy of your own home, one of the only places you can evade legal trouble.

The exact procedure of purchasing marijuana is still unclear.

In late 2013 and early 2014, recreational marijuana dispensaries (venues to sell marijuana) are expected to open as well as marijuana clubs (venues in which to smoke marijuana in a more social setting and may be able to sell, too.)

However, MMJ (medical marijuana) dispensaries are still only allowed to sell marijuana to state registered medical marijuana users. MMJ dispensaries are allowed to make the switch to recreational marijuana clubs in Oct. 2013, but they are not required to do so.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE MEDICINAL MARIJUANA WORLD?

As many saw before the 2012 election, there were numerous medicinal marijuana companies and dispensaries that were completely against the passing of Amendment 64.

Right now in El Paso County, there are over 15,000 MMJ patients. In November of 2012, the Colorado MMJ registry saw its first decline of active patients in over a year.

According to an interview with Westword magazine in Denver, Head of Cannabis Alliance for Regulation and Education Rico Colibri noted "the fiscal impact reports that projected as much as a 79 percent decline in medical marijuana patients" if the amendment passed.

State fiscal reports have also predicted this decrease with the passing of 64.

Amendment 64 allows for the use of recreational marijuana, possession up to one ounce, and possession of up to six plants. Photo by Morgan Bak.

Many are already attempting to ban the amendment in certain counties and to go back to only having medicinal marijuana dispensaries, before an infrastructure of any kind has been set up.

On Jan. 15, 2013, El Paso County Board of County Commissioners passed the second and final proposal of an ordinance banning "retail-marijuana facilities in unincorporated [meaning all the land that is not in a City or Town] areas if the county."

This vote doesn't affect the personal growing of marijuana or any previous MMJ laws in unincorporated areas, but does affect MMJ centers, which will not be able to transition to recreational marijuana clubs as some had intended to do, and ambitious entrepreneurs will not be able to test the waters of recreational marijuana clubs within El Paso County.

WHAT COULD WE SEE IN THE FUTURE?

Marijuana clubs could be in the near future for Colorado, and the first ones are starting to form.

The White Horse Inn, in Del Norte, was the first cannabis/coffee bar to open, but closed after only one day because of a dispute with the building's landlord. However, owner Paul Lovato hopes to be up and running again some time very soon, according to WeedEntrepreneur.com.

Another cannabis club is now open in Denver. Club 64 is a private marijuana society that opened its doors on Jan. 1.

Anyone age 21 or over can apply for a membership

Along with these clubs, one company based in California hopes to start selling marijuana out of vending machines in Colorado and Washington. These vending machines can already be found in certain states for medicinal marijuana and require a fingerprint of the patient, which is connected to his or her specific prescription.

The company, MedBox, has a vision for the future that includes marijuana vending machines that are available 24/7, but for now they are working with officials in Colorado and Washington to create the framework for the new recreational marijuana industry.

They are also helping operators in these states to get licenses.

Times are changing in Colorado, but it is important to remember that although marijuana is legal for 21 and up, it is still illegal federally, even though President Obama said that the federal government has "bigger fish to fry" than going after recreational marijuana users.

College administrators all around Colorado are contemplating how to adapt to the changes in state law, but Colorado College officials have previously stated, "The college policy does not allow the use of marijuana, whether on-campus or off-campus. If a student violates this code, he or she is subject to disciplinary action through the college's judicial process."

So be smart, kids, and watch as Colorado leads the movement for recreational marijuana use.

Examining CC's gun policy

CAMPUS POLICY

Audrey Wheeler
Staff Writer

Policies at CC that strictly prohibit possession and use of weapons on campus are

rarely questioned but more often misunderstood. There are no exceptions for anyone but police, and the need for such a strict policy is outlined in the policy itself. The Pathfinder warns of "potential for personal injury, theft, unauthorized use of such items, and disruptive impact on the campus community."

In his first year at CC, Director of Campus Safety Pat Cunningham has not yet seen this policy be enforced.

"One caution I'd have for students on any campus is to be aware that some items they might not initially think of as being included under this policy can be both hazardous and illegal," Cunningham said.

The policy "includes but is not limited to firearms, ammunition, pellet guns, air guns, paintball guns, stun guns/tasers, smoke devices, bows/arrows, swords, large knives, explosives, and fireworks."

Cunningham warned of students at other schools who did not realize the potential danger of homemade explosives and never imagined they were committing a serious criminal offense.

"This issue is typically one of education rather than enforcement," Cunningham said.

It is important for students and parents to understand the policy in The Pathfinder, and to ask questions if it is

not clear enough. The question heard most often at Campus Safety regarding weapons is whether there is any place to store a weapon on campus. There is not a place for weapon storage, as transport to and from storage would be inherently problematic.

"The key is always effective communication - making sure students, faculty, and staff know and understand the policy, are comfortable reporting any concerns that arise, and are familiar with the preparedness plan," Cunningham said.

This policy is very inclusive and strict, as is standard for most higher education institutions. Emergency preparedness plans are essential to most college safety plans as well. CC has awareness placards in each building, as well as emergency preparedness guides online. The only way to strengthen gun control policy is to ensure that the message is clearly communicated to everyone on campus.

An important clause to the policy states that any threat indicative of a weapon or explosive will be taken as seriously as the existence of an actual weapon. This extends the severity of the policy, as it is clear that weapon control is not something to be taken lightly on campus.

While gun-caused murders are actually at their lowest rates since 1981, nonfatal gun injuries are on the rise at about 17.8 per 100,000 people in 2011. Gun control is a nationwide issue that is controlled as best as it can be on our campus.

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COMMENT & DEBATE

Four more arguments in favor of gun control

GUN CONTROL

Phoenix McLaughlin
Staff Writer

The Catalyst published an article of mine first block that addressed five common anti-gun control arguments. A few months and a few mass shootings later, the gun control debate is still in full force, and some new arguments have appeared or evolved. Here are four more responses.

1. Gun control can't work; look at...
a. Chicago

The City of Chicago has some of the strictest gun control policies in the country, as well as one of the highest homicide rates. Many in the anti-gun control camp point to this combination as proof of the failure of gun control to protect people.

Unfortunately, they forget that Chicago is connected to the rest of the country. As senior advisor to Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel David Spielfogel said, "Chicago is not an island...we're only as strong as the weakest gun law in surrounding states." Because of the proximity of surrounding suburbs, one needs to drive only about 30 minutes out of the city to find a gun shop looking to sell.

Twenty percent of guns recovered at crimes within one year of their purchase could be traced back to one store in Riverdale, Ill., according to the University of Chicago Crime Lab. A national framework for gun control would avoid these problems. Smuggling weapons across national borders is far more difficult than smuggling them across city limits.

b. UK and Australia

The UK and Australia both have extremely strict gun control laws that resulted from mass shootings in the '90s. Both countries have near absolute bans on guns. Gun ownership advocates point to spikes in the murder rates that occurred in both countries immediately after the gun bans, and use this to demonstrate the ineffectiveness of gun control. Of course the percentage of homicides committed with guns declined, they say, but if the overall rate didn't decrease, then what's the point?

Fortunately, this is just misdirection, as the overall homicide rates in both countries has since declined quite significantly. According to the Guardian, the UK homicide rates had been increasing for decades, and after a few years of further increase in the rate following the gun ban, the murder rate turned down for the first time in years, and is now well below what it was. In Australia, The Institute of Criminology data shows a continually declining murder rate saw a one-year spike a few years after the gun ban, followed by a further decrease below the pre-gun ban rates.

2. Other things kill people too, why aren't we banning those?

Cars, hammers, clubs, knives, drugs - the list goes on and on. Many things kill more people than assault weapons. Things like cars even kill more people than all types of guns. The most obvious counterargument is the design intentions with each item. Knives happen to be good for many things besides killing, although they coincidentally can be used

for that as well.

With the exception of target shooting, which is founded on the idea of refining one's ability to kill more efficiently, the uses for hunting and self-defense are based around harming someone or something as quickly and easily as possible. Statistics aren't readily available, but it would be interesting to compare ratios of hourly usage to deaths for each item. I'm guessing hammers are much more likely to be used on nails than people, and cars are much more likely to be used for transportation than murder.

3. The 1994 Assault Weapons Ban didn't work before, so why would it now?

I support an assault weapons ban, but I do not support the Assault Weapons Ban as it was, or how it has been legislated in the past. The bill banned the manufacture of new assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, but did not forbid the free trade and sale of the weapons and clips already in circulation. The bill focused on cosmetic features of the weapons instead of the aspects of assault weapons that make them more dangerous. These include muzzle flash guards, caliber, accuracy, and muzzle velocity. Gun manufacturers easily found loopholes through the ban.

In other words, the legislation did little to address the problem of assault weapons, and the reiteration of the bill introduced by Dianne Feinstein has most of the same problems. Assault weapons can be effectively restricted, but not in the fashion attempted by Congress.

4. Guns are necessary for self-de-

fense.

I used to be a much stronger supporter of this statement, but the more I've learned, the less I agree with it. There are certainly good arguments in favor, such as the simple problem of waiting for a prompt police response to any crime. Police will not always be able to arrive fast enough to prevent a crime, so there will always be a need for personal self-defense.

Also, regardless of any pragmatic counterargument, the Supreme Court has recently stated that the second amendment provides Americans with a right to self-defense with a firearm. However, it is dubious whether or not guns are actually likely to have a positive effect on defense. There is a huge discrepancy between estimated numbers of uses of guns in self-defense, with the numbers ranging from a little over 80,000 incidents a year to 2.3 million, according to a variety of studies compiled by the Christian Science Monitor. The Bureau of Justice Statistic shows the number of violent crimes committed with guns is a little over 300,000. One would expect to see a definitive gap between number of crimes committed with guns and crimes prevented with guns, if firearms were clearly a benefit to our society. But that is not reflected in the data.

I ended my previous article saying that the discussion over gun control started too late, but that hopefully we would be able to implement reform to prevent more tragedies from occurring. Three months later, twenty kids and six adults were gunned down in an elementary

Xeriscape Colorado College's campus

YEAR OF PLANNING

David Cully
ComDeb Editor

One main walkway on our campus stretches beautifully from Cutler to Shove, surrounded by quaint street lamps and fields of grass. While it's a lovely sight, I think that we should let the grass die and replace it with drought-resistant desert plants, as they would grow more naturally in this region's climate. The practice of sustainable landscaping is called xeriscaping, and it should be part of an intelligent plan for our school's future.

Derived from the words "landscape" and "xeros," the latter of which is a Greek word for "dry," xeriscaping is quickly becoming popular in the Front Range's dry climate. In fact, Denver's water utility, Denver Water, is a pioneer of the technique. They even have a guide on their website for how to convert bluegrass turf, like that on our campus, into a "low water usage landscape."

While Colorado College already uses the artfully named "recycled water" to nourish our campus's flora, xeriscaping would further reduce our water and energy consumption and contribute to

campus sustainability. We express this ideal in our core value statements, our architecture, and our individual lifestyles. We should express it in our landscaping practices as well.

Some fields on campus are used for sports. These include Armstrong quad, parts of Yampa quad, and of Olson field. Sports are an important part of our on-campus culture, and I don't think we should change these areas.

But other parts of campus, like the Mathias quad complex, the field between Palmer and Barnes, and the median strips in Cascade, are ripe for sweeping institutional landscaping reform.

When not sporting about, people generally lie around in these other places and read books, chat, or sunbathe. Don't worry - we will still be able to do that! Like many CC students, I have lain around listlessly in the desert sun many a time, and enjoyed the tranquility all the more. Xeriscaping CC's property does not have to change our campus lifestyle.

While diehard Steinbeck fans may be disappointed, the rest of us should rest assured that a campus covered in plants of the dry prairie would not turn into the "downtown dustbowl" of Colorado Springs.

On the contrary, properly xeriscaped land roots plants deeper to the soil than traditional bluegrass fields, according to Denver Water.

"Prairie-fying" campus would not only be environmentally responsible, but also cheaper for the college. This is not a program to kill jobs on campus. We are go-

ing to need groundskeepers to convert our campus over to drought-resistant flora, and "maintaining the landscape" is one of the seven principles of xeriscaping listed on Denver Water's website.

However, pumping grey water around and clearing underground pipes for winter, paying to lay down transplanted bluegrass on a yearly basis, and painting the grass green in times of severe drought are all expenses that we could afford to avoid.

I think that we plant and care for the grass on campus because we want to be something we aren't. We have grass all over our campus because we want to look like a classic "East Coast" liberal arts school.

But all the green plants in the world couldn't make us an Ivy. The block plan, our relative lack of core requirements, and our quirky, alternative culture make certain of that.

A xeriscaped campus would heighten our community's sense of place at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. I came to this school because it's in the West, and I didn't want to be in the East any more. The stunning relief of Pikes Peak dominates our college campus and the rest of Colorado Springs. In comparison, our grassy, Dartmouth-esque campus seems divorced from its surroundings.

We could change all of that though. Denver Water's website has a 130-page guide to xeriscaping bluegrass turf fields. In the midst of this Year of Planning, xeriscaping is a perfect match for CC's future.



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On self-defense: The importance of gun ownership

GUN OWNERSHIP

Kim Babcock
Guest Writer

No one praises senseless violence. No one encourages the desire to harm

others. No one wants children to be murdered. These are facts that reasonable people can agree on. However, the consensus dissolves once the conversation turns to the role of a particular type of weapon, the gun, in such violent acts.

Recent legislative proposals and recommendations by our president concerning the expansion of gun control must be critically examined.

Of course, anyone with any semblance of empathy is distraught in light of the recent tragic mass shootings at Virginia Tech, Fort Hood, Tucson, Aurora, and Newtown. However, reactionary legislative measures fueled by an emotional response to such horrors must be tempered with rationality. Blame and responsibility need to be properly assigned.

The appropriate context and perspective can help identify the real root of gun violence. Murder, war, genocide, and torture are acts of violence that have existed in every culture. Whether it is by fist, stone, poison, cannon, knife, hammer, sword, nuclear warhead, or bullet, any person bent on destroying others will find the means to do so.

There is an undeniable truth to the saying, "guns don't kill people; people kill people." No one knows what infernal hatred leads a person to slaughter innocent strangers. But the gun, being inani-

mate, did not commit the violence.

Unfortunately, the flurry of recent political activity surrounding gun control will result in hardly more than a symbolic denunciation of mass shootings. Effectively, those who intend to do harm may have to jump through more legal hoops to obtain firearms as background checks become more thorough.

Yet those dangerous individuals with no record of past criminal activity, like James Holmes, will not be identified. More importantly, however, the choices of those law-abiding citizens who wish to protect themselves with a gun will be limited.

Criminals will commit crimes regardless of the law. The existence of black markets that provide unregistered guns is inevitable. Federal attempts to stymie the drug trade are a perfect demonstration of the government's inability to legislate morality. Prohibition failed. The Drug War is failing. And the trend is consistent. Despite having some of the strictest gun control laws in the country, Chicago ended the year with one of the highest homicide rates per capita in 2012 with a total of 506 murders, according to CBS Chicago.

The responsible side of gun ownership merits respect. I plan to obtain a gun in the future, especially if I am going to be living alone. As a woman, I am constantly aware that I am physically weaker than most men. If I were unarmed and physically assaulted by a man, the odds tip overwhelmingly in his favor. Carrying pepper spray in your purse or a rape

whistle on your keys is lauded as an empowering act for women.

Why not carrying a gun? A gun is the great equalizer, eliminating physical strength from the equation. As such, restricting my rights to own one puts me in danger.

If someone else is going to possess a gun, either a police officer or a gang member, I have the right to one as well. Furthermore, assigning an arbitrary limit on the number of bullets a gun can hold is absurd. No bureaucrat can know how many bullets a person will need to defend herself, her family, or her property.

The humbling fact is the way contemporary America is shocked by massacres like Aurora. Our generation has not experienced conscription, global war, or holocausts. Our outrage is understandable but misplaced. Instead of implementing strict gun laws, we need to promote the principles that created such a prosperous and relatively peaceful place, and bring about harsher punishments for such atrocities.

It would be disgraceful for America to become like Norway, where Anders Breivik murdered 77 people, including children, and was subjected to the maximum penalty: a mere 21-year prison sentence.

Banning assault rifles is just one response of many to the recent massacres. But by the same logic, why not preemptively prevent young men (ages 16-25) from owning guns? This demographic committed the most mass shootings and

the majority of homicides nationwide last year. Such a proposition illuminates the infringement of rights that gun control measures create.

Most young men in this age group will never commit a crime by the barrel of a gun. Why punish the whole group for the violent actions of a few? Why restrict the liberties of all Americans and prevent them from owning certain weapons because of the murderous actions of a minority?

More deaths occur from prescription drugs and automobile accidents than gun violence, but no Senator will propose a ban on pills and cars. They have valuable uses, and so do firearms. A gun in the home is akin to a lock on the door. For some, it is just another measure of security. Admittedly, guns are dangerous if handled improperly, but so are kitchen knives, bleach, and matches.

Safety training and appropriate storage is a better solution to reducing accidental deaths than the problem created by not having one in a threatening situation. Restricting legal possession of guns by regular citizens will not cure society's ills.

In fact, I fear concentrating the legal possession of firearms in government agencies will result in increased armed criminal activity, as killers will be emboldened by the knowledge that decent people will not own guns. In reality, murderous intent is the menace to civilization, and the targets of this brutal intent maintain the right to defend themselves with a gun of any capacity.

CC endowment: Wall Street or Tejon Street?

ENDOWMENT

Steven Saint
Guest Writer

An editorial in the Jan. 25 issue of the Catalyst raised, yet again, student concerns about where Colorado College invests its endowment ("Why I support divestment from fossil fuels").

David Cully protested millions of dollars invested in – and therefore showing approval for – an industrial product that is devastating the planet.

I want to commend Cully on his concerns. They are shared by almost all of the fifty-odd CC interns who have worked for my office, the Pikes Peak Justice & Peace Commission.

These students want to believe that CC would stand up for a better future for them and the world. They don't want to hear – year after year – that the college has no ethical concerns about its investments, that return-on-investment is the only goal of good business.

I honestly believe that most of the CC community – students, faculty, staff and alumni – wants the college to invest in a just and sustainable future. The problem is that they just don't know how to do it. Finance officials are boxed in by what they have been told is the wisest option for the multi-million-dollar endowment: namely, Wall Street.

So, I am happy to propose that Wall Street is NOT the only option! As more and more people are discovering – especially since the financial collapse of 2008 – there's also Main Street. In Colorado Springs, let's just call it "Tejon Street."

Imagine part of CC's endowment becoming an economic driver for the local economy. Instead of helping Monsanto destroy the agricultural capacity of the planet, CC could help create a sustainable food shift in El Paso County. Instead

of helping Exxon-Mobil produce gasoline to ship our food from California or Mexico or China, CC could help create permanent local jobs in agriculture, food production and manufacturing.

Coloradans buy \$12 billion worth of food every year, approximately 97 percent of it imported from elsewhere, according to economist Michael Shuman, author of Local Dollars, Local Sense.

Shuman's 2012 food-shift study, commissioned by the non-profit Transition Colorado (and its Slow Money-style investment arm Localization Partners), concluded that if we produced 25 percent of this food in Colorado, we could create 31,000 new jobs across the state.

But such a food shift won't just happen because "buying local" has become trendy. It will take investment to start new farms, train workers and develop new supply infrastructure.

The cost of a 25-percent food shift in a place as populous as El Paso County could require as much as \$200 million in investment capital.

Right down Tejon Street, not more than three miles from campus, there are hopes of creating a Downtown Public Market – a year-round farmer's market and local food hub.

The market would not only address the current downtown food desert, but could become a major attraction for residents and tourists alike.

About \$5 million will be needed to get the basic market up and running, to purchase property, renovate historic buildings and link up to regional farms.

Colorado College would be a hero in everyone's mind if it could move a few million of endowment funds from Wall Street to Tejon Street.

But how? Wall Street has spent the last 80 years funneling American investment

into major corporations. Fund managers just don't know how to move capital into local markets.

Everyone perpetuates the myth that corporate investments are low risk – even though Shuman calculates that the average rate of return on Wall Street from 1915 to 2010 was 3.8 percent.

Cities all over the country are now discovering Slow Money – vehicles for local food investments through local banks, credit unions, community development finance institutions, community loan funds, municipal bonds and the Small

Business Development Network.

The Local Economy Working Group is planning a major Slow Money educational event for early March. Maybe we can hold it at Colorado College! Maybe we can engage the CC community in a new discussion of moving endowment funds from Wall Street to Tejon Street. Sounds like a great future to me.

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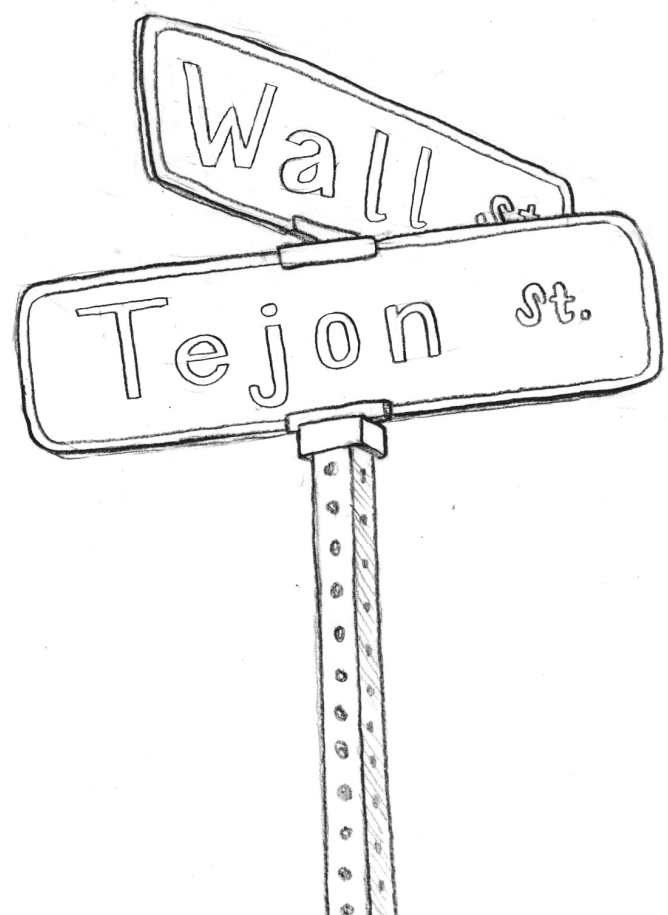


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CC GUN FACTS

GUNS AT CC

Maggie Deadrick
Life Editor

Guns are prohibited on campus. It may seem obvious, but even “toys” like airsoft guns or paintball guns are considered forbidden.

If a student is found with a weapon on campus, they will be reported to the Dean of Students and face disciplinary action. If you think you may possess a prohibited weapon, Campus Safety Officer Jason Newton is available to help find an off-campus storage solution.

Campus Safety used to operate a place where students could store their guns on campus, but it has been closed in the last few years. “Considerations related to firearms storage on a campus involve a number of factors including having the weapons transported to and from the storage facility, separate storage of ammunition off campus, requisite NCIC checks on both the firearms and the person to whom the firearm would be released, secure storage for the firearms vault, and 48-hour advance notice for checkout, among other issues,” said Pat Cunningham, Director of Campus Safety.

A number of schools still offer weapon storage for their students.

Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where Pat Cunningham worked before coming to CC, is one example. Vanderbilt offers separate storage of ammunition, advance notice for check out, and requires a check through NCIC (the FBI National Crime Information Center) when they come in and out.

CC Campus Safety officers are non-sworn, meaning they are unarmed. However, Officer Newton is a sworn officer who carries a gun on him while on duty.

Every college must choose a security model that’s right for them and CC has a full-time campus safety staff that serves the CC community 24/7. The officers provide uniformed patrol and a response to a variety of different types of calls. Cunningham calls CC officers customer-service oriented and excel at problem solving, de-escalating situations, and getting other resources involved when needed.

“We’ve got a great relation with CSPD which provides the law enforcement response to campus. CSPD is a tremendous asset that we take advantage of to provide the layers of response we need,” said Cunningham. “A firearm is a tool that police officers need to have among their resources, but the majority of incidents to which they respond are not dependent upon that tool.”

CSPD officer Jason Newton was unable to comment in today’s issue of The Catalyst because of a Colorado Springs Police Department General Order (#1665), which prohibits officers from demonstrating bias on political matters.

A final word from Campus Safety Director Pat Cunningham: “As someone who was a police officer for nearly 35 years and wore a gun to work every day for that period, I can tell you that the most important tools that I needed on any given day were my experience and a radio.

“If I had those, I could effectively manage a situation and get whatever additional resources I needed – whether res life, facilities, emergency medical, police, or fire – to the scene. It isn’t having or not having the firearms that is the most critical, it’s having a timely response and the skill, experience, and communication tools needed to effectively manage the scene and get those other resources to you that is the most important.”



UP IN ARMS: THE GUN ISSUE



New shooting range offers destination spot for Colo. Springs gun lovers

SHOOTING
ANSEL CARPENTER
Staff Writer

Bumping up against Interstate 25, occupying a small spot on the empty high-plains that belong to Fort Carson military base, the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex is open for business.

A “safety is our number one priority” signs stands at attention, the front office staff members are friendly and helpful, but the proverbial elephant in the room, of course, is the gun debate taking shape throughout the country.

It’s an overcast afternoon in the middle of the week—not the prime time for an influx of people at a recreational business. Even so, the Complex, a joint venture between El Paso County and Fort Carson, echoes with the well-practiced, ceaseless shots of almost 20 people.

On opening day, the Range was filled with upwards of 600 people ready to shoot.

This Complex is a project that has spanned years. First conceived in 2009 as a replacement for the closure of the only public shooting range in the area, it opened its door less than two weeks ago.

The closed range suffered from many issues, including safety concerns and poor management. Fred Sontag, a firearms instructor and member of the private Ben Lomond Gun Club—about 40 miles from the Springs—called the range a “dump.”

Cheyenne Mountain, Sontag said, despite the lack of some amenities that a private club can afford, is a great range. He and others at the range praise the Complex’s safety procedures as well as cleanliness and organizational practices.

Dan Mattes, another local firearm enthusiast shooting at the range, said that he believes the Complex serves as more than a lower-cost option for those wishing to shoot.

“I grew up here,” he said, “and the animosity between Colorado Springs and Fort Carson...was a lot sometimes.” The new Complex, he believes, will help soothe any ill feelings between the two entities.

Those frequenting the Complex added that it not only allows for the public to shoot safely, but is an important resource both for the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office and for Fort Carson.

Major General Joseph Anderson, the commander of Fort Carson, joked in his speech at the Complex’s opening ceremony that he and Fort Carson got behind the range because “soldiers like to shoot,” adding more seriously that the Complex would be a boon to the military base.

John Graves, who came to the range to shoot with his wife on Wednesday, believes that the Complex will also be beneficial to local police.

Graves noted that, before the range, the Sheriff’s Office and other forces were using the range at the El Paso County Community College—less desirable because of its location and proximity to a sizable educational institution.

Officials don’t have to worry about that at Cheyenne Mountain.

Although the range is only in its first phase of construction—many improvements and new structures, including ranges and a cafeteria, have been discussed—it does evoke a lone farmhouse on a vast prairie.

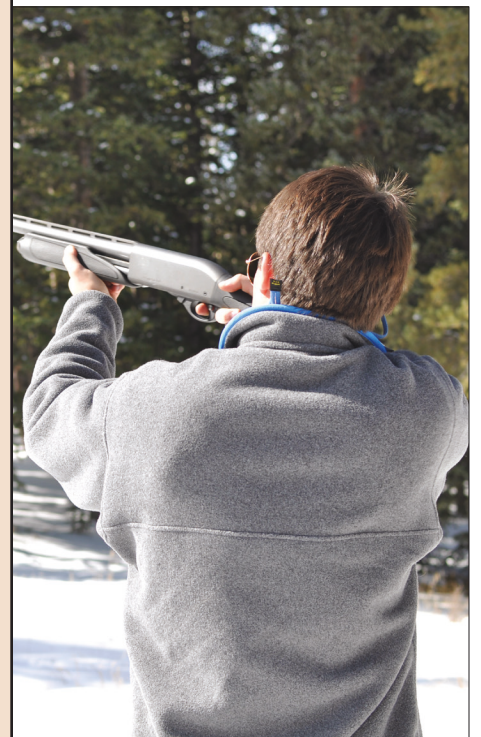
Despite I-25’s proximity, nothing but yellow land extends for miles. The Complex is built entirely on land owned by Fort Carson, but the base itself is not near it.

In addition to providing a safe outlet for the public and a shooting range for police and military, Graves believes the Complex to be all the more impressive because it was built without the use of public money, and because much of proceeds go to Fort Carson’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation organization, aimed at supporting soldiers and their families.

Gun rights and gun violence have turned into some of the most heated, emotional and partisan issues in modern cultural and political discourse. The debate was reinvigorated after the shootings in an Aurora, Colo. movie theater and Sandy Hook, Conn. and the sporadic shootings that have followed.

The push throughout the left is to enact gun control measures, the push among the right to prevent them.

In spite of any political action on the issue, El Paso County now has what its patrons, many of whom were at the Complex for the first time Wednesday, universally describe as a first-class public shooting complex.



Photos show scenes from the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex and CC students practicing their aim. Photos by Veronica Spann and Stanley Sigalov.

Gun shopping: Non-residents can't buy in

Continued from page 1.

The shirt is just over \$15 with tax.

On the opposite wall, just above the row of rifles, is an NRA banner that reads, "SECOND AMMENDMENT TASK FORCE."

I stand up and walk around the store. There is a flyer posted on the side of a computer that breaks down causes of deaths in 2011. The paper cites that there were 323 deaths by semi-automatic rifles, 496 by hammers, 650 by knives, 12,000 by drunk drivers, and 195,000 by medical malpractice.

Then, in red bold letters, it proclaims, "You are 600 times more likely to die by using your OBAMACARE than by a semi-automatic rifle. So feel sick?"

Beside that poster is another about nail guns, and the lack of registration and certification needed to purchase one.

"Washington thinks they are going to take away our guns, but what about this?"

The sign pictures a yellow-and-black nail gun with the ability to launch a nail through a 2-by-4 at 200 yards. The flyer goes on to say that the nail gun is a perfect father's day gift, then in all caps, "THANK YOU DeWALT!!!"

I retreat back to my seat and wait to be called. An older man asks about a type of ammunition that isn't in stock, and a

younger man asks about which credit cards are accepted and their layaway options. Finally, it is my turn.

A blonde woman introduces herself as Cori. I tell her I want a gun for protection, but don't know much about them, and we were off.

She asks me a series of questions: Would this gun be for concealed carry or would it be for the home? Did I have any preference in guns?

With it established that I just want it for my house in case of an intruder or something like that, she leads me to a case of 9 mm semi-automatic handguns. She looks at my hand and tries to find a size that is suitable.

"The best way for you to figure out what you like is to try 'em out," Cori says, as she pulls a few out of the case.

She demonstrates the proper hold, and then hands the first gun over to me. I have handled guns before, but it comes back to me slowly and she makes me practice my hand formation around the grip. The final gun we try is a Beretta, which feels heavy in the hand.

"No, that's good," she says. "Don't worry. You won't get as much of a kickback."

I think she can tell I am not completely sold and she moves on to talk about ammo.

"So, what kind of bullets do you think you'll want to be using?" she asks. "Well, for you, I would recommend a hollow-

point bullet."

She rummages around on the shelf behind her and pulls out a few sample bullets.

"Hollow-point bullets expand on contact so this will do more damage to the bad guys," she says, dropping a squished round into my hand. "They're also nice for guns meant for indoor protection because they have a harder time going through walls."

I inspect the chunk of metal in my hand, then comment that the expanded bullet looks like a blooming flower. She smiles.

"Yeah, they make jewelry out of 'em sometimes," Cori says.

She brings me a few counters down, to the case with all revolvers.

Cori pulls out a few for me to hold and says, "I'll be right back. I'm going to go get my gun and you can feel that one, as well." She retreats into the back and it is only as she walks away that I notice a gun holstered on her belt.

I grin at the bubblegum-pink handgun one case over, and then turn my attention back to the revolvers in front of me. Cori returns and lets me hold her own gun. I tell her I really like it and she tells me that she bought it online.

"You know, you could do that too if you wanted. Buy a gun off of a website like gunbroker.com or something, just don't pay too much for it," she says.

"How does that work? Would I still

need to go through a background check and stuff?" I ask.

"Oh yeah, of course. But the gun would be sent here and we would do the background [check] and facilitate the order," Cori says.

At this point, I figure it's time to talk some shop and I ask for the details of how to buy a gun.

"Well, are you a resident of Colorado?" she asks.

A long pause. "I'm not. Is that a problem?"

Cori nods. "You gotta be a resident of Colorado or one of the states touching it to buy a gun, but I'd recommend you just switch your residency over. Then you bring me your license and we'll see what we can do for you."

"What about background checks? How long do they take?" I ask.

"Well, they used to only take about 20 minutes. Now, they take up to 10 days with all the backup in the system," she says. "Now, what I would do is look up guns at home and see what you like. They can be intimidating, I know, but there are lots of blogs out there that could help you choose a weapon that is appropriate for your needs. My personal favorite is 'gundiva.com'"

She writes down a couple types of manufacturers and models that I should investigate and then I leave the store, the line behind me a mere five people long.

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Above: Paradise saleswoman Cori Queuillon's personal handgun.

Below: Paradise Firearms, located on W. Colorado Ave. stocks a variety of rifles and long guns. Photos by Ming Lee Newcomb.





BrewHaha: Greetings from Germany

BEER

Hanson Smith
Staff Writer

Greetings from Germany, or, as they say here, "Guten Tag." I have been in Deutschland for

over two weeks now, and I have tried as many different beers as I can. Because it isn't very easy to get most German beer in the ol' U.S. of A, I'm not going to review a few specific beers. Instead, I'm going to share what I have learned about German beer so far.

"Beer Fest," to my deep surprise, was not an accurate portrayal of German drinking habits. Not all Germans are blond-haired, blue-eyed, Lederhosen-wearing, drinking machines; however, they probably drink more with meals than we do in the States. To my surprise, I learned children can purchase beer at the tender age of 16. In law and in practice, Germans are much more comfortable than Americans with drinking.

I was also surprised at the lack of beer variety in most bars. Bars tend to have a significant beer list, but not a lot on tap. You are likely to find more (and better) beer on tap at a good Colorado bar.

In my limited experience, Germans also tend to favor lighter styles of beer. A bar might offer quite a few beers, but only one dunkel, German for "dark." You should avoid some of the lighter beers at all costs. My host brother tells me that Astra is the German equivalent of Bud Light.

If you want to choose from a variety of beers, go to the supermarket. There are aisles upon aisles devoted to reasonably-priced beer.

I have tried, and enjoyed, dunkels, bocks, and schwarz beers, although, as an aficionado of U.S. microbrews, it took me a while to get used to German beer. American microbrewers tend to be very bold with their beers. They favor power-

ful flavors and heavy doses of hops. German brews tend to be much more subtle. This is not to say German beers are lacking—just that American craft brews are very different from traditional German brews.

I have also found some very interesting styles here. I have never seen a dark hefeweizen or a schwarz beer in the U.S., but they are fairly popular in Germany. My host father's favorite beer is a dark hefeweizen, Hefe-Weissbier Dunkel, brewed in Munich by Franziskaner Brewery. Franziskaner has a bit of a tradition; they have been brewing since 1363. Their Hefe-Weissbier Dunkel is really damn good. If you ever see this in the States, buy it.

Another beer I enjoyed was the König Ludwig Dunkel; coincidentally, it is brewed in Bavaria like Franziskaner.

My host father, who is Bavarian, told me that all the best beers are brewed in Bavaria. Oktoberfest is held in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, so I just might believe him. Until next month, auf Wiedersehen.



Smith is developing an international beer perspective while studying abroad in Luneburg, Germany. Photos by Kendall Rock.

Juniors give handgun class a shot

FIREARMS

James Olson & Alex Langstaff
Guest Writers

For roughly \$135 and one weekend's worth of time, you can see a side of gun culture that often escapes us at Colorado College.

Last spring, we took a basic handgun course offered by the local gun store, Paradise Firearms. Neither of us had fired a gun before, but we were excited and curious to step into this strange community that we had never had much interaction with but had heard a lot about.

Arriving late to our first classroom session, we were led into a crowded room that doubled as an armory where Doug, a two-tour Vietnam veteran adorned in a jacket with all manner of brightly colored National Rifle Association patches and a great, white beard, was addressing the attendees of the course.

Doug launched into a speech about how firearms can make a person more self-reliant, safer, and generally more empowered. He denounced non-gun owners as overly reliant on ineffectual government protection and told everyone to "rest assured" because there would be "no liberals" taking this class. The room filled with many chuckles of camaraderie as the incognito CC students shot worried looks at each other.

So began our three-day basic handgun course, a step into a different universe.

The narrative of NRA ideology was very much present throughout our experience; however, it's a phenomenon that's hard to talk about objectively and sympathetically, so we won't. Instead, this is the story of our experience learning to handle handguns.

That Friday night and the following Saturday, we spent 17 hours in the gun store learning extensively about handguns and firearms in general. There were many different instructors – all of whom were enthusiastic, unpaid volunteers.

The course had a very strong emphasis on safety, including a presentation on legal protection given by a Colorado College alumnus lawyer.

On Saturday, we selected our respective handguns for the weekend, a 9-mil-

imeter and a .45 caliber. In a more bizarre moment, we practiced dry firing our handguns together as a class in the parking lot and each student received a personal NRA instructor.

We learned stances, drawing technique, and how to aim.

The next morning, we woke at the crack of dawn and drove far out to a dusty shooting range in Southern Colorado.

For six hours, we would "experience" a multitude of exotic guns with thousands of shell casings.

Our personal firing instructors came in with the other instructors from the class. There were a series of guns positioned on tables from left to right, beginning with a low-caliber pistol and working upwards in firepower.

We fired a variety of semi-automatic handguns and revolvers, then shotguns, and finally assault rifles, including the M4 and AK-47.

Doug, an expert musket shot, was manning the black powder musket station and was very thorough in showing how to fire the antique gun.

Over the past few days, we had found our instructors and classmates to be incredibly warm and helpful. With Doug's help, we found that the old gun was quite an experience to shoot.

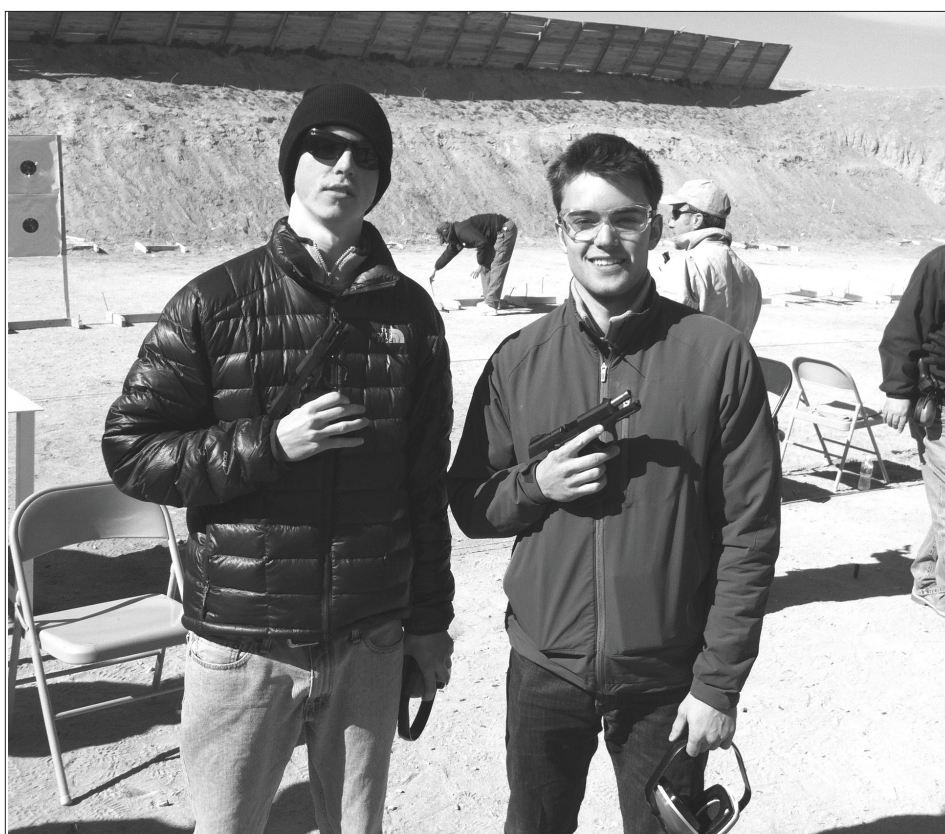
After firing these guns, we moved on to firing and loading our own pistols for the rest of the day. At first, it was challenging to accustom ourselves to subtleties of firing the handgun; breathing and stance had to be mastered, but after practice and instruction we were able to shoot with some accuracy.

The experience of shooting was almost meditative in the concentration and breathing technique it required, but was also exhilarating, especially once it became competitive between the two of us.

We learned about guns, got a glimpse into gun culture and tried something new.

Guns are dangerous things. Our three-day course was thrilling and informed us about many technical aspects of guns, while also allowing us to meet some of their most ardent supporters.

We found that, contrary to what many people believe, shooting a gun isn't as simple as pulling a trigger.



James Olson and Alex Langstaff pose with handguns during their NRA handgun class in Colorado Springs last year. Photo courtesy of James Olson.

Concrete Couch forms communities through creativity

COMMUNITY

Lila Pickus
Staff Writer

On Friday, February 1, Fort Carson army base welcomed some new members

into their community: Sam I Am and the entire cast of Dr. Seuss' renowned story, "Green Eggs and Ham".

In participation with the local non-profit Concrete Couch, Mountainside Elementary School on Fort Carson has hosted an annual marionette construction project for the past five years. Just one of Concrete Couch's many diverse community projects held throughout the year, the giant marionette activity at Mountainside Elementary involves two weeks of construction using recycled materials to create an installation for the school's main foyer.

"The teachers at Mountainside chose "Green Eggs and Ham" because they were seeing low linguistic abilities in their students," said Lisbet Rattenborg, Creative Community Service Coordinator for Concrete Couch. "It is a very accessible book for the younger students and a book that can be used to encourage a lot of conversation."

Utilizing their professional staff, including director and Colorado College Alumnus Steve Wood, along with teachers at the school and volunteer help, Concrete Couch worked after school

hours with students of all ages to design and execute the "Green Eggs and Ham" installation that will remain in the Mountainside foyer until the end of the semester.

Senior art major and Concrete Couch volunteer, John Christie, reflected on his experience working with the non-profit and the marionette project. "I think Concrete Couch does a good job of getting people to work together with a positive goal," Christie said. "I think creativity is essential to getting that sort of momentum of working together, and getting a vibrant and positive interaction with all sorts of people."

Striving to create communities through creativity, Concrete Couch makes their projects possible by using recycled or donated materials. This results in low production costs for both the non-profit itself and for the organization hosting the project.

"We have a mission to show people that you can do things without having very much cost to the planet and material cost," Rattenborg said.

The marionette construction project allows members of the Mountainside Elementary community to directly participate in the development of the school, something that is rare on an army base where the population changes frequently due to military obligations.

"The base has been really supportive of us coming in, which in some ways is kind of surprising since we are a group of alternative artists, but in other ways I think they must recognize the value that it has for people that are there... the kids are certainly in need of anything that can draw them closer to other kids in the community and to their schools," Rattenborg said.

In addition to working annually with Mountainside Elementary and other elementary schools in the area, Concrete Couch addresses a diverse range of communities, including TESSA, the Myron Stratton Home, the Wounded Warriors Battalion, and Cheyenne Village. Furthermore, Concrete Couch conducts the Summer Creative Arts and Mural Program, which allows families in need of summer activities as well as those needing community service hours for food stamps or alternative justice programs to help beautify the downtown area with art.

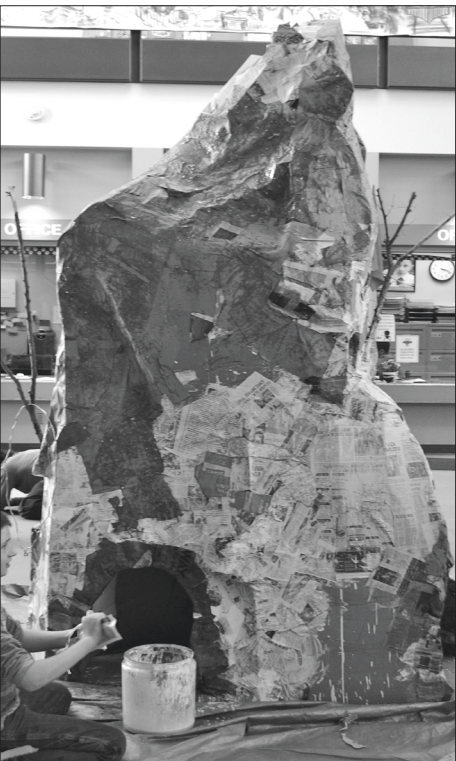
"The city has been really great in recent years," Rattenborg said. "At this point since they have such little funds, it saves the city money if they let us do a project. If we put up a mural than the city is not going to have to pay to send someone out to paint over the graffiti... it will make the city look better as a whole."

While no two projects look the same, involving everything from music making and dancing to erosion control and environmental service programming, Concrete Couch continues to emphasize the same message: the power creativity can have in uniting and strengthening communities.

"Our goal is to get deeper level community involvement," Rattenborg said. "A project looks successful if at the end participants are talking to each other more and at a deeper level than previously."

Additionally, Rattenborg acknowledges the positive impact Concrete Couch's projects have on the lives of their volunteers: "A lot of our volunteers are people that are sort of disconnected with their community... people that are free within that 9-5 range... and sometimes are a little more isolated. One measure of success is if our volunteers are a little bit more excited about being out in the community."

As an art non-profit, funding continues to be the biggest source of struggle for Concrete Couch. However, through participation in the Indie Give and support from the Bee Vrandenburg Foundation, the El Pomar Foundation, and donations from private organizations, Concrete Couch continues to provide creativity to the Colorado Springs community.



Bottom and top right: Steve Wood '84, works with students at Mountainside Elementary in Fort Carson to create the "Green Eggs and Ham" marionette installation. Photos by Lila Pickus. For more information on Concrete Couch visit concretecouch.org

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Growing More Than Food: The Significance of Community Gardens

FOOD

Mel Yemma
Staff Writer

When living in a city, or in our case, amidst vast urban sprawl, it can be hard to imagine the possibility of a local food system.

However, urban agriculture, and community gardens in particular, have had a large presence throughout history with significantly positive impacts on fostering a local means for food production.

In parts of the United States that aren't quite urban but not rural enough for farming, "Victory Gardens" were advertised by the government during World War II as a mechanism for families to alleviate fears of food security.

In fact, during World War II, most of Armstrong Quad was an edible garden, and victory gardens nation-wide were producing a significantly high amount of produce.

Today, Michele Obama is making gardens popular again with her Whitehouse Kitchen garden. The first lady, along with

many other avid gardeners, is bringing the spotlight back to gardens from a grassroots level in an effort to foster a local food movement, as well as for more specific reasons such as getting people outside more, bringing people together, and "greening" cities.

So far, community gardens have been a successful mechanism for accomplishing these goals. Gardens need these grassroots efforts to get started, but as they grow, gardeners, communities, and cities can reap numerous benefits from these garden utopias.

From providing fresher food to gardeners, to inspiring gardening as an outdoor hobby, gardens can be one step towards alleviating issues of food accessibility. In addition, community gardens have been known to foster community growth by bringing people from all different backgrounds together. When all politics are left at the gate, gardens have been known to bring communities together simply around food.

Most interestingly, beyond the plants and food, many cities are finding that the presence of community gardens has helped "green" blighted and vacant lots, which has both helped foster community and reduce crime.

When part of a former abandoned park is turned into a garden with members constantly working the soil and watering their precious tomatoes, many cities have found that this increased "surveillance" has, in turn, reduced crime in the vicinity.

While Colorado Springs is still a little behind when it comes to urban agriculture (we have about a dozen communities gardens while cities like Denver have over one hundred), the initials seed planted from these gardens have sprouted benefits throughout the city. For example, a soup kitchen garden was started a few years ago in Dorchester Park, about a mile away from campus.

According to Larry Stebbins, the founder of Pikes Peak Urban Gardens, the

presence of this garden has greatly contributed to reducing crime in Dorchester Park, which was formerly known as "Homeless Park."

Many of the societal issues we have today can be traced back to problems with our food system, especially when it comes to public health and inequality. While community gardens are not the sole solution to ending issues of hunger or crime, they are a great model for indicating how food is much more than what we see on the menu.

But moving towards a local food system incorporates much more than physically growing and eating food locally; it's also about fostering community, health, and awareness.

It is when these cultural shifts begin to occur that we can reap all of these other benefits of a healthy food system, from reducing crime to cleaning up vacant lots. While we still have a long way to go, community gardens are a great example of a step in the right direction.



Students working in the Victory Garden on Armstrong Quad during World War II to encourage "growing your own." Photos courtesy of Colorado College Special Collections.



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Peterson wins MVP

MCKENNANALYSIS

Henry McKenna
Guest Writer



Adrian Peterson of the Minnesota Vikings is the NFL's scari-

est player. A man who beat all odds by simply stepping on the field and rushing for 84 yards and two touchdowns did something more impressive: he won an MVP as a running back. He hits linebackers harder than they can hit him; he

came nine yards short of the rushing record and appeared to have no idea; he embarrasses strong defenses and weak defenses alike by either juking defenders out of their shoes or forcefully knocking their shoes off like a car hit them. The way he runs is spectacular; the amount of yards he put up is nothing short of amazing.

Coverage abound, you can't mention his record without an asterisk: *he came off an ACL tear. What he has done is ridiculous.

Still, the featured asterisk should be: *he did it in a year where five quarterbacks were 300 yards away from reaching 5,000 total passing yards (Drew Brees reached 5,000 and Matthew Stafford was 3 yards away).

Experts around the U.S. have written that the NFL is a passing league. The super bowl is a prime example: Joe Flacco passed for 287 yards and three touchdowns, while top five running back Ray Rice ran for 59 yards on 20 carries with no touchdowns. The Raven's offense looked good when they were passing, not rushing.

There are two sides to the coin (of being a running back in a passing league).

While the passing oriented league might make it near impossible for a Saints running back to rush for 2,000 yards, the passing NFL made it easier for the Viking's Peterson to rush for his 2,097.

For people who think that it's harder to rush for all those yards in a league when everyone is passing minded, remember that Vikings quarterback Christian Ponder threw for under 3,000 passing yards. It's not like the Vikings are throwing the ball a lot. Adrian Peterson rushed for the 348 attempts, not too far off from Ponder's 483 passing attempts.

Week to week, NFC North (which consists of the Vikings, the Packers, the Bears, and the Lions) defensive coordinators' game plan against strong quarterbacks like Aaron Rodgers, Matthew Stafford, and Jay Cutler. Outside of their division, they have opponents like Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan, Colts Andrew Luck, the Texan's Matt Shuab, even Seahawks' Russell Wilson. The list should give you a sense of the high level of passers that NFC teams face.

Then they play the Vikings - a team that plays hard-nosed ground and pound football. Some teams, like the New York Jets, claim to have a similar tactic, but no one truly follows it. But the Vikings do. As I said, they have the scariest man in football and they give the ball to him as much as possible.

So in this passing league, the Vikings game plan throws other teams' defenses off balance. Most teams use the run to set up the pass. The Vikings often use the run...to run more. Counter plays, cutbacks, reverses, fake reverses, draw plays are all nice and good. And yes, the Vikings use them. But Adrian Peterson seems to run best when he is the only back in the backfield, and the Vikings just let him run.

New facility, heightened security

EL POMAR

Katy Stetson
Sports Editor

The nearly-complete, \$27 million project to redesign

and rebuild the El Pomar sports complex has yielded a vault like Fort Knox. Gone are the days of waltzing into the gym; after 5 p.m., expect to show your student ID if you want to pump iron.

The renovated gym is roughly 30,000 square feet, with only two access points, unless you're a Varsity athlete.

El Pomar has an entrance on Cache La Poudre Street that closes at the end of office hours, an entrance down by the Varsity weight room that will be accessible to athletic department staff and Varsity athletes only by gold card swipe, and a north entrance that will open with the final stage of the complex, which is intended to be the primary access point for all traffic in and out of the gym.

"The reason behind the limited access points is that allows us to control who uses the facility better than we've had in the past," said Senior Associate Director of Athletics, Greg Capell.

When entering the gym, students, faculty, and members of the greater CC community, guests and alumni, will be met by an individual who ensures that the people who are supposed to be there have access, and the people who aren't supposed to be there do not.

"Our intent is to funnel as many user groups through the north entrance as possible for a couple reasons," said Chris Starr, Director of Intramural Sports. "One is the idea that you'll be met and

greeted by a person. There is also going to be limited access on the [Cache la Poudre] side, that'll be primary during business hours. Again, everyone will be greeted by [a] person, so we want to have that face on our facility."

The increase in security reflects a campus-wide approach by the administration in response to the fact that, though many of us forget, we do live in an urban setting and we need to treat it as such.

Capell called attention to the feedback he used to receive from students who did not not feel safe exiting the old gym alone at night.

"What we would like to see is the vast majority of the student use through the north doors into the new fitness center," Capell said

The north entrance was strategically placed so the college can control lighting in efforts to make students feel safer. Located above the turf field and behind Cossitt, the entrance is a natural funnel for the rest of the campus.

The advantages are clear: students will be safer, and the theft problem that has existed in the past will be reduced. But does this say anything about Colorado College's interface with the community?

"[President Tiefenthaler] has made it very clear that this facility is for students first and our community first." Starr said. "Athletics is often a natural way to bridge gaps in the community because it transcends so many barriers, but this project was built with the intention for students first and foremost, and

then the greater CC community."

There will be an access policy to accommodate guests of students and faculty, and CC alumni who would like to use the facilities. Guests won't need Gold Cards, but as a student, expect to use yours.

This change may not be a problem for most, but that small, easy-to-lose piece of plastic is an annoyance for some athletes heading out to practice.

"I'm never going to remember to bring my Gold Card, but it does make sense," four-year Varsity athlete Frances Staadt said.

"It's just an annoyance. Being a senior, we don't need our Gold Cards for anything. I get it, and I'm proud of our new building, but we can't get back in after practice. It's going to be a drag," another four-year Varsity athlete, Kate Krieger, said.

Whether you find it annoying or not, staff will reiterate that this increase in security reflects a campus wide approach that the administration is taking in response to the fact that we're redesigning based on our urban campus.

Starr is pleased with the increased security, despite the particulars.

"We have a brand new beautiful \$27 million project here for the whole campus," she said. "You have to start somewhere. This [complex] was built for students, and for students to have access. It's not a community fitness center."

The projected date for the El Pomar fitness center to be complete and ready for use is sometime during the first week of block seven.

Ice: It's for more than putting in your drink

CC CLIMBING

Kayla Fratt
Staff Writer

Last year, Colorado College added outdoor rock climbing

to the extensive list of trips offered by the Outdoor Recreation Club. This Sunday, Feb. 3, however, the ORC ventured into uncharted grounds: up an ice wall in Cheyenne Canyon. Ice climbing, as the name implies, involves using ice picks to ascend walls of frozen ice while roped in as in rock climbing.

The trip filled up within a half hour of being put up on SUMMIT. All three of the trip's leaders were experienced ice climbers who felt very passionate about their sport and were ready to share ice climbing with CC's famously rock-climber-friendly community.

"Everyone should ice climb, [especially] the ladies! The world - and CC - needs more female ice climbers," freshman trip leader Jamie Sarafan said.

The enthusiasm of both the leaders and the participants was apparent, and everyone emphasized that more ice trips should go out so everyone can try it.

"This was my first time ice climbing. I've been wanting to try it as I enjoy rock climbing, and wanted to see the similarities and differences between the two," explained Sawyer Connell, a junior environmental science major. "It's pretty different than rock [in that] that you're using tools and whatnot [whereas while climbing] rock you as a person are ... more connected to the rock."

Cheyenne Canyon, less than a half hour from campus, has "farmed" ice, meaning that it is watered down with hoses and frozen to keep it in good shape. The frozen waterfall cascades down the wall for

climbers to ascend.

Sophomore geology and chemistry major Zach Keskinen is an Alaska native who guides in the Alaska's Wrangell Mountains and co-led the trip with Sarafan and senior Mike Curran. He and Sarafan agreed that the high point of the trip was the gusto of trip participants, which helped them pick up the new skill. Both also agreed that the ice, admittedly easy, was set at the perfect angle to teach beginners.

"The best part [of ice climbing] is how exhilarating it can be to climb a literal wall of ice...the changing nature of ice makes it a new climb every time you go," Keskinen said.

Sophomore Emma Longcope, an avid rockclimber, has tried mixed climbing (using ice tools on rock), but Sunday was her first time ice climbing.

Longcope said of the leaders, "While I was familiar with things like rope work and heights from rock climbing, ice

climbing is an entirely different skill set. Jamie, Zack and Mike taught us proper use of crampons and ice tools, and helped us learn techniques to conserve energy while climbing. I haven't ice climbed anywhere else, but Cheyenne was a beautiful place to learn, and all the routes were doable for beginners, which was great."

Ice climbing can be an expensive sport, making the ORC's trips especially tantalizing. A guided day of ice climbing can cost \$350, not including gear, for the same location that the CC students climbed on Sunday.

Like many things at CC, it's wonderful that students are given the opportunity to try out various outdoor activities without paying hundreds or thousands of dollars for guided trips and equipment. With climbing and ice climbing just beginning within the ORC, hopefully CC will see an increase in number of trips going out each year for both.



Trip participants belay ice climbers in Cheyenne Canyon. Photo by Jamie Sarafan

Intramural athletes bring intensity

INTRAMURAL

Chris Wood
Guest Writer

Whether it be the fierceness of the playoffs in intramural

basketball, or a team's level of inebriation during broomball, the intensity that students bring to intramural sports is never lacking. The three intramural leagues currently in season are broomball, basketball, and indoor soccer.

While ferocity and excitement are certainly present in all intramural sports, the focus often varies by sport. As captain of a sophomore broomball team, Kyle Kallman said that broomball is about cutting loose and letting your problems slide away.

"Broomball is about inebriation and letting go, not necessarily in a drunken way," Kallman said. "People are so uncomfortable and unstable on the ice that they have to just cut loose from their uptight lives and slide around for a couple of minutes."

Unlike some intramural sports, where the level of sportsmanship is known to sway more in favor of winning, sports like broomball and inner-tube water polo are typically more focused on having fun with one's team.

"Playing rough, sloppy, and fierce is the spirit of broomball," Kallman said. "People fall on their butts, people get knocked around, some taunting is required, but it never leaves the realm of friendship."

Despite the fun that Kallman said is present in broomball games, he goes to great lengths to ensure that there's always passion.

"I always give pump-up speeches to my team and remind them that playing with heart is more important than winning," Kallman said. "In terms of intensity, I try



Two players are bringing some heat to the ice, broomball style. Photo by Morgan Bak

and lead by example. I have never been a phenom of an athlete, but I always try to play hard and be a leader on the ice. I even made an instructional video to teach my team basic strategy."

Kallman represents a spirited approach often seen in sports like intramural broomball and intramural soccer. Junior Aaron Chin, a two-time intramural champion in co-ed basketball, said that the intensity in intramural basketball is more focused around the desire to win.

"I don't think there is a single player on the floor that comes out to lose," Chin said. "That being said, it's incredibly important to focus your intensity on the right things. I've seen situations devolve and student-athletes forget that it's just intramurals."

It seems that the more the game is fo-

cused around the desire to win, the more frequently students cross that line between playful intensity and bad sportsmanship between opponents.

"I know people get excited and sometimes look back and think, 'Gee, should I have said that?'" Chin said. "A lot of things can be misinterpreted, so a good rule of thumb is to just think before you say something."

Chris Starr, Director of Intramurals at Colorado College, sees the intensity as beneficial for the program and as a general overarching trait of Colorado College students in both extracurricular activities and the classroom.

In 2012, Colorado College ranked #12 in the Princeton Review category "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports."

Ties, penalties, and hometown pride

CC HOCKEY

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Guest Writer

After taking a week off from competitive play, the

men's hockey team didn't come back with the bang they had been hoping for, but instead ended their weekend on the road with a pair of ties against the Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves.

The games were filled with plenty of excitement, despite the mundane 2-2 and 3-3 outcomes. The highlights included three game misconducts that led to CC players being ejected on both Friday and Saturday nights, a doubling of penalties per night from nine to eighteen, and a penalty shot goal by senior captain and Anchorage native, William Rapuzzi.

The Tigers suffered a blow when sophomore Aaron Harstad was injured during the initial frame of Friday's game. It was Harstad's second major injury of the season and forced him to sit out for Saturday's game as well.

Junior Jeff Collett was also forced to leave the ice 13 minutes into Friday night's game after committing a major penalty: checking from behind. The same consequence befell senior teammate Scott Winkler the following evening.

In Friday night's game, junior Alex Krushelnyski put up the first CC tally and his 11th goal of the season before the first period ended, allowing the Tigers to tie the game at 1-1 late in the first period.

The second period proved uneventful as both teams went scoreless, but the third period brought back the excite-

ment that became characteristic of the weekend's games.

Andrew Hamburg gave the Tigers the lead halfway through the third period with a power play goal assisted by sophomore Ian Young and junior Alex Krushelnyski. Unfortunately for CC, Alaska's sophomore forward Scott Allen quickly answered with a goal of his own with only four minutes left in the final period.

"The tie on Friday was disappointing," senior forward Andrew Hamburg said. Given that they were going up against the worst team in the league, more was expected from the ninth-ranked Tigers.

Despite the self-described "disappointing" tie on Friday, the Tigers were unable to improve the outcome the second time around, as Saturday's game, though riveting, proved equally heart-breaking.

Alaska took the lead late in the first period with a power play goal, a result of Rapuzzi's penalty for hooking, the third CC penalty of the night. The high penalty count would serve as a major difference between Friday and Saturday night's games. Saturday's game tied for the highest penalty count of any CC game this year with 18 penalties and one game misconduct served.

Scott Winkler was ejected for checking from behind early in the second period; an all too familiar blow to the Tiger's offense.

Senior defenseman Mike Boivin put the first CC goal in the net, demonstrating the Tigers' depth of talent as team. Boivin, who is one of two senior defensemen said, "Our mental outlook on Saturday was completely different. We were there to win and get those two points."

Colorado College's head coach Scott Owens made a judgment call eight minutes into the third period by letting Rapuzzi take a penalty shot instead of taking a two-player advantage. Rapuzzi, returning to his hometown for the first time in almost two months, took this opportunity to tie the game at 2-2.

Similar to Friday night's game, CC pulled ahead with a goal executed by junior forward Archie Skalbeck and assisted by another Alaska native, freshman forward Jared Hanson.

Then, for the second night in a row, the Tigers' hopes were crushed when the Seawolves answered their goal all too quickly, tying the game at 3-3 with 1:13 minutes left in the third period.

Four of the nineteen players, almost one-fifth of the Tigers, are Alaskan natives, so the pressure to perform was higher than normal. The two freshmen, Hunter Fejes and Jared Hanson, weren't ready for the pressure that the hype would bring.

"For me, it was the first time playing in this arena in front of everyone from home; it made me more energized and excited to play," Fejes said of the natural excitement, while upperclassmen Scott Wamsganz and William Rapuzzi seized the opportunity to make their hometown fans proud.

The away series was hard on the Tigers, who have been struggling on the road all year, with a record of 6-6-2 at home compared to 4-8-2 on the road. If CC has any hope of defeating their cross-state rival, the DU Pioneers in this weekend's Golden Pan showdown, they'll need to turn their luck around, because that series includes a game on the road.

Ice of the Tiger

CC HOCKEY

Alex Woolford
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In light of the upcoming rivalry weekend



with Denver University, I would like to take a look at the fight culture of hockey. As you may well know, the last time Denver and CC were on the ice together at the World Arena, punches

were thrown, debris was launched from the stands, and game-misconducts were rendered.

Hockey is an emotional game, and fighting has been part of the sport since its rise in popularity in 19th-century Canada. Physical play is essential in hockey - it is the strongest mental aspect of the game. Whoever wins the physical play often gains the necessary momentum to score goals. Because of the physical nature of the game, fighting has often acted as an "on-ice" referee. Players who throw cheap shots will not only face two minutes in the "sin-bin," but will ultimately be forced to "answer the bell" if you will.

The emergence of enforcers, those who protect the skilled puck-handlers, occurred as early as the implementation of blue lines in 1918. In 1922, fighting, or "fisticuffs" as it was originally called, was formally added to the official NHL rulebook. Rather than ejecting players from the game, as was the practice in amateur and collegiate hockey, players would be given a five-minute major penalty.

When the NHL expanded in the late 1960s, and more roster spots were given, almost every team had one or two enforcers. Every star player had a "body guard." For instance, if a player went after Wayne Gretzky, he could expect to have his clock cleaned by Dave Semenko (or in Gretzky's later years, Marty McSorley).

In the mid '70s, the Broad Street Bullies (the Philadelphia Flyers) popularized fighting even further, and a few years later, fighting in the NHL hit its peak when the average number of fights per game rose above one.

Since the '80s, rules have been imposed in order to regulate fighting in hockey. Rules such as the "third man in," which attempts to keep fights one-on-one, and the "instigator" penalty, which punishes the player who starts the fight, have been introduced. The result? Last year we witnessed .44 fights per hockey game.

Now, in a world where we are learning more and more about the medical repercussions of head injuries, how far will the NHL go?

Recently, we heard Bernard Pollard, a Baltimore Ravens safety, claim: "Thirty years from now, I don't think [the NFL] will be in existence... I think the direction things are going - where [NFL rule makers] want to lighten up, where they're throwing flags and everything else - there's going to come a point where fans are going to get fed up with it."

Are we going to witness the end of contact sports? Will we see fighting banned from hockey?

We may need to prepare to kiss this fight culture goodbye. Who's ready to watch some tennis...?

Senior leadership to drive women's lacrosse

W. LACROSSE

Marika Viragh
Staff Writer

Seven seniors, each of whom will play a vital role in this season's success, anchor the 2013 women's lacrosse team. The senior class is made of a wide variety of players, from goalie to attack, and they each demonstrate a high level of dedication to the team. Coach Susan Stuart complimented the group and noted, "Senior leadership is always vital to success. The best thing about this group is their commitment to the team first mentality and their ability to bring the younger players into that focus."

This year's captains, Ginna Oates and Nancy Makuch, anchor both the team and the senior class.

"Nancy brings intensity every day. As a team leader, everyone wants to play up to the level that she brings. Ginna has an incredible work ethic and is very personable. She treats everyone how you would want to be treated,"

Stuart said.

Senior goalie Abby Fink is also poised to have a tremendous impact this season. "Fink is coming off a great season as a junior and having a lot of experience and knowledge she will build on," Stuart said.

"Everything feels different as a senior and I am really looking forward to playing with my fellow seniors. We have been together since freshman year and they are some of my best friends," Fink said.

The seniors hope to use this sense of camaraderie to propel them forward throughout the season.

In addition to the strong senior class, there are a number of younger key players who are returning to the squad for the 2013 season. Some notable players include sophomore midfielders Dylan Voneiff and Leigh Nicholl, sophomore attacks Maddy Pitkin and Virginia Logue, junior attack/midfielder Elise Burchard, and sophomore defender Kirby Leyshon. The team also

welcomes 10 freshmen, all of whom are tremendous athletes, according to Stuart.

The team was able to use the fall season, which consisted of 16 training days spread across a period of 5 weeks, to integrate the freshman into the program and to work with the strength and conditioning coaches.

For Coach Stuart, the only game that matters at the moment is the team's first of the season on March 1, against Adrian College in Michigan, but the team has a very competitive schedule lined up for them.

The team is registered as an independent team, meaning it is not affiliated with a larger conference, like the SCAC. This allows the team to compete against a number of quality teams in all corners of the country. They will be playing top programs in the Western region and will be traveling to lacrosse hot spots like Maine during spring break to compete against the top tier programs of Colby College and Bow-

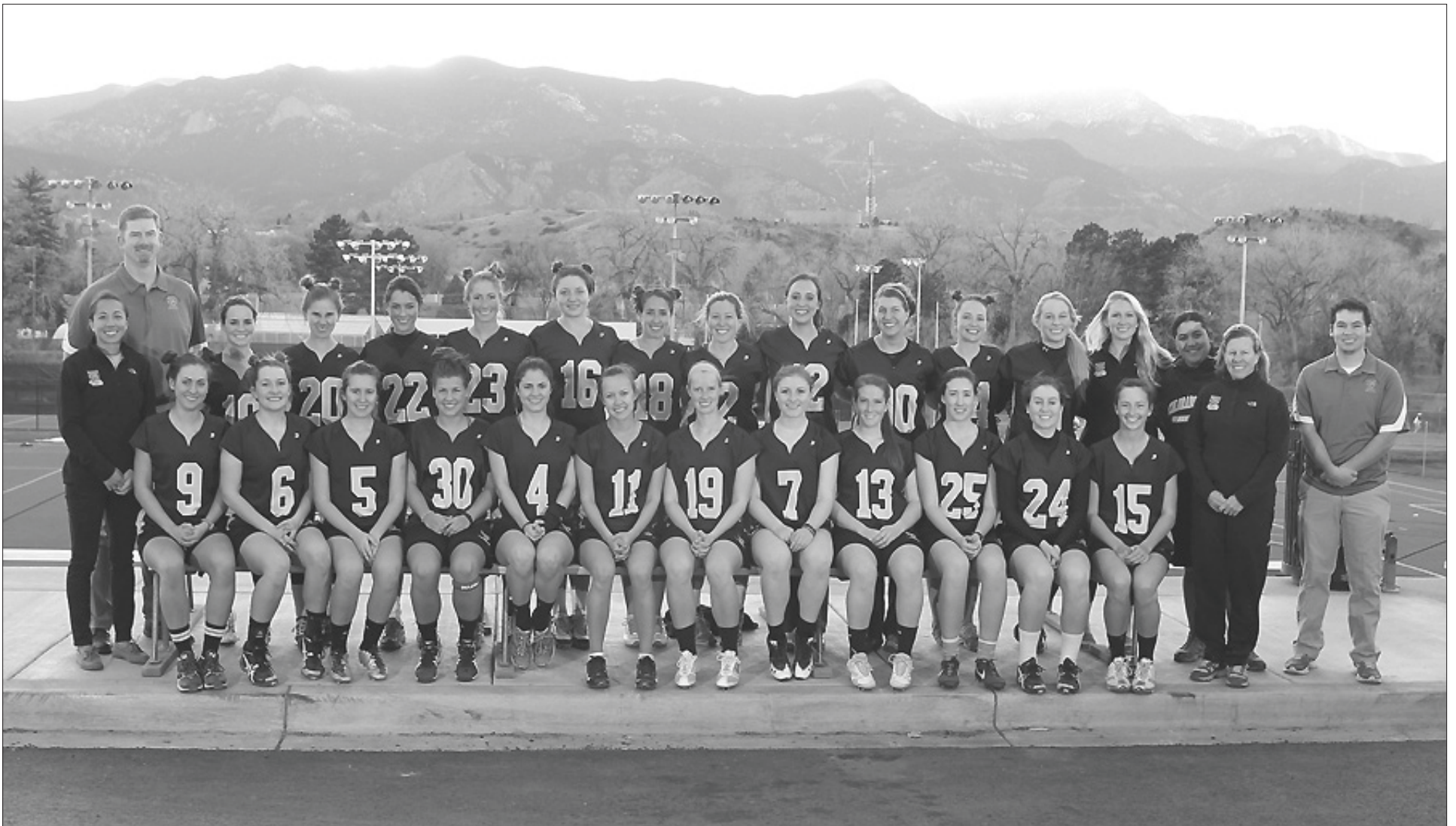
doin College.

In order to return to the NCAA tournament, the team needs "consistency and show up for 60 minutes every game," Stuart said.

"This year, with our senior leadership and strength of schedule, I think we have a great chance of achieving our goals and making it to the NAAs. We have a lot of work to do and games to play before we get there, but I think we can do it," Fink said.

Both the seniors and coaching staff have created a challenging and competitive training environment that aims to simulate the amount of effort and focus that it takes to be consistent and compete for an entire game.

The positive personalities and leadership of the senior class have outstanding implications for the team as they take on the 2013 season. While there is a lot to look forward to this spring, Coach Stuart is taking it one day at a time: "Every day we are building to be better, better than the day before."



Above: The entire team poses for their team photo. Their bright smiles help capture the comradery clearly felt between them. Below: Team captains Nancy Makuch and Ginna Oates. Photos courtesy of the Colorado College Athletics Department

MEET THE CAPTAINS:



Name: Nancy Makuch
Hometown: Bethesda, MD
Position: Defender
Fun Fact: Nancy works with wolves
Season Goal: To be united as a team and finally prove to the lacrosse world that CC deserves a spot in the NCAA's!
Key to team success: Teamwork and focus
Favorite thing about co-captain Ginna: Her infectious spirit



Name: Ginna Oates
Hometown: Charlotte, NC
Position: Midfielder
Fun Fact: She runs like a caveman... sometimes.
Season Goal: To have a winning season and show the NCAA tournament what CC is all about!
Key to Success: Team chemistry
Favorite thing about co-captain Nancy: Her incredible sense of humor, her ability to smile and push through any pain despite her proneness to injury, and her ability to use her backside to box out any opponent on defense!

UPCOMING HOME GAMES:

3/20 - Plymouth State University

3/21 - Goucher College

3/25 - Pacific University

3/26 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

4/13 - Fort Lewis College

4/13 - Adams State College

4/27 - University of Dallas

Basketball and lemonade: The road to conference finals

M. BASKETBALL

Ellie Cole
Staff Writer

Some of the CC community may know that the men's basketball team is coming off of a big, three-game winning streak including huge wins over Trinity and Dallas. What most of the CC community probably doesn't know is that the team is addicted to freshly squeezed lemonade, according to senior Ian Rewoldt.

Maybe other teams should try out this sweet treat too, because the CC Tigers are 8-3 this season and are looking their strongest yet as they dribble toward post season.

"I feel good at this point in the season," assistant coach Jake Heine said. "Our team has undoubtedly made strides, and with how young we are this year it has been great to see many of the underclassman mature throughout the season. I think we have positioned

ourselves very well in order to make a late season run, and we are undoubtedly playing our best basketball when it matters most."

His players agree.

"It's been a long season, full of injuries and illness, but we've just kept on fighting," junior Ryan Milne said. "We started the year off pretty slowly, but we all knew that it was only a matter of time before we hit our stride. And honestly, I don't think we've even hit that yet. We've had good moments and really bad moments, but we've had glimpses of being great. We've still got some ways to go, but we're focused and ready to get there."

The team has their last home games this weekend against Centenary College, when the team's only senior, Rewoldt, will play his final minutes in J. Juan Reid Area.

"We would appreciate nothing more than being able to send him off the best

way we can, and having a strong student section like we had against Trinity would help do that," Milne said. "Ian is not only a captain, but also such an important member to our team, on and off the court. We wouldn't be anywhere close to where we are without him."

Rewoldt said the fact that his long-lived basketball career is almost over hasn't really sunk in yet, but he hopes to finish with a conference championship.

"Our goals were to win the conference and it is still to be seen if we accomplish them," Rewoldt said.

He believes that the team has progressed greatly from the beginning of the year.

"We definitely have better chemistry than we did at the beginning, and the younger guys are becoming more comfortable in their roles and are playing well," Rewoldt said.

As for Heine, he is most proud of the cohesiveness of the team.

"They all have each other's back no matter the situation, and it truly shows both on and off of the court. It really makes a difference and I am proud to be part of a program where our team takes so much pride in each other's accomplishments," Heine said.

Having each other's backs will be crucial as the Tigers head into the final stretch of the regular season. Every game is very important.

"We control our own destiny in the regular season, and if we win out, we will finish in first place in the conference," Heine said. "The other goals will have to wait a few weeks until we can accomplish them, but I am very confident that we will. We are not a team this year that accepts mediocrity or failure."

Rewoldt encourages all CC students to come down and support the team as they play Centenary College Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. in J. Juan Reid Arena.

Gun hobby: A sometimes forgotten part of CC culture

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...school grounds. For this reason, Gregovich keeps his guns off-campus.

Despite his expertise, Gregovich has not hunted in Colorado, mainly because it's such a complicated and expensive endeavor.

"I don't have time to go out in the preseason and scout or get a feeling of where the animals are. On top of that, I don't want to spend, you know, \$600 on an elk tag," Gregovich said.

He's not kidding. The days of Jeremiah Johnson rambling into the woods and shooting a doe for some delicious venison stew are over. Now there's some serious paperwork involved.

In order to kill just one animal, a hunter must register with the federal government, purchase a hunting license,

and then purchase a tag for whatever species they would like to kill. He or she can only hunt in designated areas during the designated hunting season. Failure to comply with these federal regulations can result in legal prosecution.

Gregovich said there are a handful of students on campus who have grown up hunting. "I think there's a larger group of people who are interested in hunting but have never really done it before," he said. "Now that they're out West, in a place where they can really do it, they're out trying to do it, but it's a really hard thing to get into."

Recreational shooting, however, is a different story entirely. It can include everything from rifle target practice to shooting clay pigeons with a shotgun to decimating a tree stump with a hand-

gun. Generally, recreational shooting is just having fun with firearms without killing anything. Dangerous? Absolutely. But you don't need a tag to shoot an inanimate object.

There are, of course, safe alternatives to shooting beer cans in the woods with your buddies. Gregovich recommended two shooting ranges: Cactus Flats near Cañon City or Pikes Peak Gun Club, which is just east of town on S. Franceville Coal Mine Road. Both locations provide safe, controlled environments in which clients can rent guns, participate in target practice, and learn more about firearms.

People can also head to less formal locations up in the foothills that don't require the supervision of an attendant to shoot recreationally. Gun owners like

Gregovich, as well as fellow gun enthusiast and senior Colby Diamond, often drive their firearms and ammunition dozens of miles up mountain roads like Old Stage Road and Rampart Range.

"It's a great way to bond with my roommates, plus it's an awesome sport," Diamond said.

The National Forest Service warns not to shoot within 150 feet of any building, road, campsite, restroom, or any other sign of civilization, so be careful to trek away from the road.

For those who have never discharged a firearm, there's something deeply gratifying in squeezing the trigger. "When you've got a pump-action shotgun in your hand, it's incredibly satisfying to smash some clays," Diamond said.



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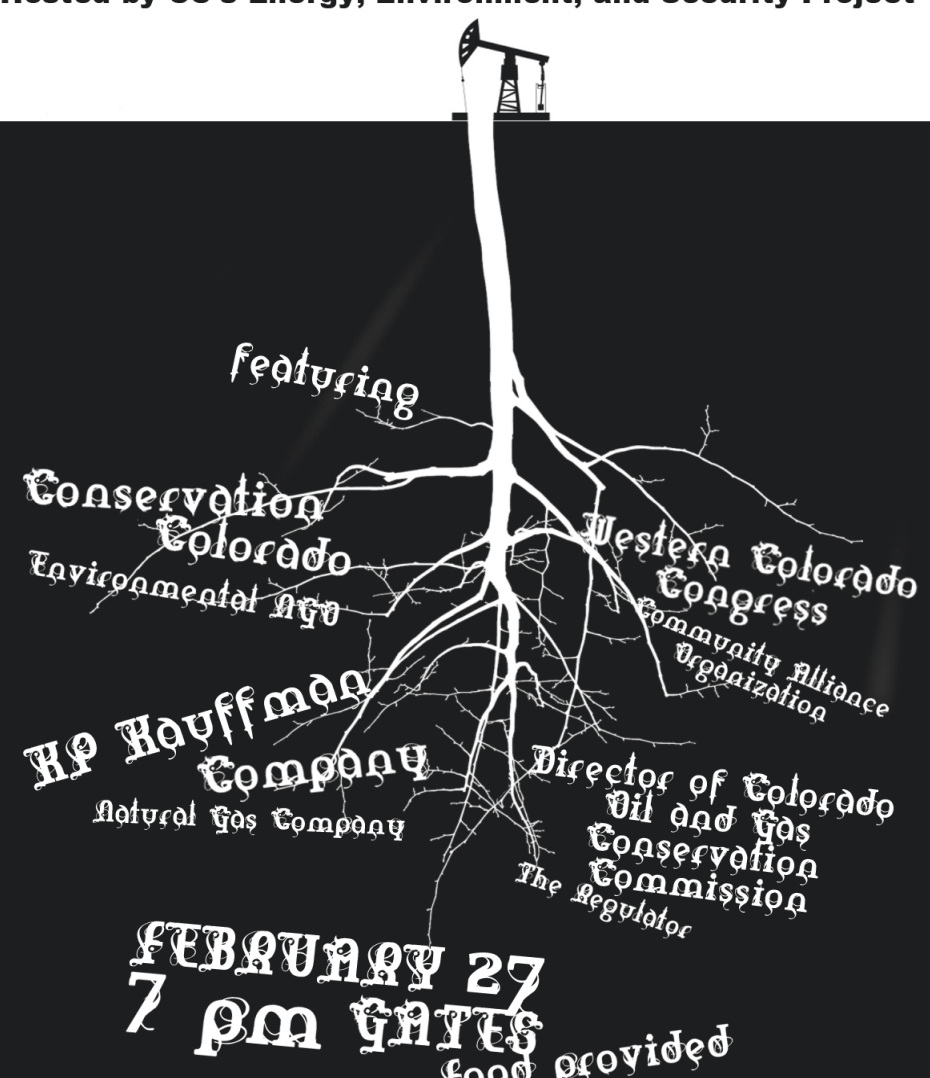
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Despite stingy snow gods, FUCC brings it at Rail Jam

FUCC
Thomas Crandall
Staff Writer

With little snow and the first semester coming to a close, hopes for a December Rail Jam looked bleak, but luckily the snow gods blessed Colorado with a new winter during second semester.

Senior Danny Hovancsek led the Freeriders Union of Colorado College in his third career Rail Jam, facing not only a stingy winter, but also a scheduling mire. Forced to push back the intended first semester date, Hovancsek called upon freshman filmmaker Adam Young to drive a 40-foot Penske moving truck to Winter Park to pick up the rails this past Friday.

"It was super snowy [and] Danny told me 'You just can't care about other people when you're driving this truck, you can't care.' There were like 25 plus cars behind us—

then they pull up next to me and see us dancing in this truck, and they're like 'oh s***,' and they get out of the way," Young said.

After trucking in rails, snow, and hay bails, the physical labor began as Campus Safety, Winter Park crewmembers, truckers, and CC student volunteers worked together to begin unloading and shoveling snow toward the hill by The Preserve. With the help of a tractor, students, and limited shovels, snow began to cover the slope.

By about 6:30 p.m., the hill looked beautiful and pristinely groomed as Spectorsky threw salt to allow everything to freeze before warm-ups began at 7:30 p.m.

Filming the event then became the priority as sophomore Cameron Hess had to coordinate not only CCTV filming, but also that of student filmmakers.

According to freshman filmmaker Adam Gerken, the atmosphere quickly became akin to that of a mountain town, with heat lamps, Carnivore Club burgers, and s'mores. Both Young and Gerken followed skiers within the camera setup that allows for close-up shots, though shooting sometimes became hazardous.

"I was a little scared with my nice DSLR

camera. A couple of times, when I was near the bottom, I kind of got plowed into," Young said.

Two separate takeoff points and three major rail features allowed for bigger and faster laps, leading to shorter drop lines and more hits, according to Hovancsek. Dozens of people cheered and interacted with the athletes.

"It seemed like everyone was more down to help each other out, like, 'Oh dude, that was sick, I want to do something like that.' It wasn't like a spin to win competition like most rail jams tend to be. The amount of times I got random high-fives from people when I was heading back up...it's a very hard atmosphere to mimic," Spectorsky said.

Camaraderie among the athletes grew as they worked during the day to build the features and peaked that night, allowing riders to become more comfortable trying new tricks.

Skiers and riders lapped the setup until the judges announced those who qualified for the competitive round, including ten guys and two girls. One of the biggest jumps of the night belonged to freshman snowboarder Peter Nossiff, who threw a massive rodeo off the kicker and won the competition. Sophomore skier Jack Dimmit took second, and Spectorsky placed third.

"[I] definitely got more beat up than I would like. I had a lot of fun, I definitely tried some tricks that were in the competition spirit that I probably would've warmed up to a little bit more if I was out there on my own," Spectorsky said.

With race skis, racing suits, dresses, tall tee shirts, and safety goggles, CC came out to Rail Jam with the clear intention of having fun. Hovancsek felt pleased about the safety and spontaneity of the event.

"Nobody really got hurt, no streakers were harmed in the process," Hovancsek said. "I will say the streaker won the Rail Jam— he's the ultimate winner really."

Rumor has it that next year, FUCC will aim for a first semester Rail Jam followed by a second semester Big Air Contest. Keep watching these incredible skiers and riders throughout their seasons as they progress toward next year's event.



Only at CC is it possible to import snow and create an atmosphere akin to that of a mountain town. Students enjoyed s'mores, hot chocolate, and hamburgers while watching their peers flip successfully or unsuccessfully down the hill. Regardless of landing skill, every student who participated was cheered on with enthusiasm. The competitors and the audience alike were engaged, and all were filled with great merriment. Photos by Veronica Spann