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*Sophomore Class Committee fundraiser this past Wednesday shook the roof in Bemis Hall, with new and old student bands raising money for Colorado Food Rescue.*

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### New sustainability designation proposed for a multitude of courses

**ANNA KELLY**  
Staff Writer

With a myriad of environmental science and policy-related classes rooted in sustainability, Colorado College students have succeeded in pushing for a means to show future employers their interest and dedication to more than just the environment itself.

The Office of Sustainability has announced plans to roll out a sustainability designation for related courses

by the end of the semester and has begun to discuss the possibility of a thematic minor. With this, students will be able to demonstrate their qualifications in the sustainability sector on transcripts.

"Skills and knowledge in sustainability are becoming more and more valuable," said Ian Johnson, CC's Sustainability Manager. "Students realized that it would be a good thing to have on their transcripts."

The designation was discussed in the Strategic Knowledge Development process for the 2013-2014 year and supports the Building on the Block plan.

The sustainability website describes the goal of sustainability education as an attempt to "fully and creatively utilize the strengths of the Block Plan in order to empower students to investigate the relation-

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### A week after Worner rally, Udall and nation's Democrats swept in midterms

**SAM TEZAK**  
Life Editor

Again, Colorado has proved itself to be a purple state. After months of knocking on doors, pumping unprecedented amounts of funds into parties, and the eyes of the nation watching as zealous politicians wrestled with their words at packed debates, Midterm elections came to a climax Tuesday night. The Republican Party, in a series of debilitating blows to their Democrat counterparts, took

over the House and the Senate.

From the El Paso County Republican Election Party, whiskey wafted through the room as Republican candidates and their families along with other GOP members bellowed and rooted their candidates. The conservative milieu, not without a giant projection screen showing Fox News, included various local candidates who stood up to thank God and deliver their victory speeches.

The races between former Senator Mark Udall and Senator Cory Gardner, in addition to Governor John Hickenlooper and his opponent Bob Beauprez's, electrified the nation in the preceding weeks. The senatorial and gubernatorial races pushed forward with a hair's percentage separating the candidates, but as the New York Times predicted in Tuesday mornings' issue, Gardner toppled

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# Low turnout at Campus Climate Community Culture Forums shows continued disconnect within campus community

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After successful turnouts at both the Campus Climate Culture Community Forums for the President's Council and CCSGA, Senior Associate Dean of Students John Lauer, Special Assistant to the Board of Trustees Caitlin Apigian, and CCSGA President Alejandro Salazar were shocked when only twelve students attended the student forum on Wednesday night in the Spencer Boardroom.

"The students don't feel like the school is reaching out, and the school doesn't feel like the students are reaching out," said Salazar. "But there are only 12 people here. What I am hearing from students is not what I am seeing here."

With the large turnout at the Town Hall conversation in October concerning campus culture, attendees of this forum expressed their disappointment concerning the forum's small turnout.

"People like to complain about a lot of stuff and don't do anything to change it," said sophomore Anubrat Prasai. "What

is the point in engaging in those types of conversations in contrast to one like this [the forum]?"

Other students argued that the lack of effective communication between the administration and the students has hindered the development of an efficient relationship between the administration and the students.

"I think the issue is the way CC handles mass communication," said senior Melissa Barnes. "I know it's difficult, but if an email was sent out and says that President Tiefenthaler cannot comment on the specifics of diversity or something like that, at least that says to me that no one can talk about the issue rather than the fact that I just don't know who to go to."

According to Lauer, the student forum in particular also sought to hear thoughts, ideas, and solutions from students about the issues concerning diversity and inclusion on campus.

As one student at the forum, junior Anne Malecek, said, before students can

contribute to anything, these umbrella terms need to be defined in a manner specific to the campus culture at Colorado College.

"We use these general terms like climate and diversity, but they don't come from a place of meaning," said Malecek. "The administration has a language that we don't use and vice versa. Because of that, CC students feel disempowered. I feel disempowered."

Malecek, who conducted research on the Korean-American experience at CC last block, continued on to say that in order to create a climate that is as diverse and inclusive as the CC administration has tried to foster through the admissions process, students need to lay out and possibly reconstruct the norms on campus.

"If we can identify what we value and get everyone on campus to actively recognize what we value, we can open up the discourse to everyone," said Malecek.

Many of the students at the forum even recognized the unintentional exclusivity

of the forum itself, since the vast majority of attendees were international or minority students.

Both the minority and international students recognized the need for the majority voice to be included in the conversation.

"We need to figure out a way, a series of events in which both minority and majority students show interests," said Barnes. "I want to have an event where all these groups are in one room where it's not about race and won't cause the tension that sometimes deters majority students to not attend events like this forum."

Malecek, Barnes, and Freshmen Full Council Representative Hamiyet Dilek also recognized the importance for such an initiative to no longer stem solely from minority groups.

"We want to include majority groups to think 'We want to include groups like BSU or SOMOS because we want to learn about what you guys do at your club,' not because we need to," said Barnes. "A lot of that [the latter] attitude is surface level."

## Longer break, shorter summer: The addition of Fall Break

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After two consecutive years of third block break and Thanksgiving break falling only a week apart, the Colorado College administration decided last year to create a formal fall break in accordance with most other colleges and universities.

Starting with the 2015-2016 school year, students and staff will get a full week off of classes for Thanksgiving rather than five days.

To balance out this loss of class time, fall semester classes will begin one week earlier.

Classes begin for the Fall 2015 semester on August 24, compared to 2014's Sept. 1st start. Thanksgiving break in 2015 is Nov. 21-29, compared to 2014's Nov. 27-30.

Dean Sandra Wong explains that this

change was made in spring 2014 after the calendar was re-examined by the President's Cabinet and the Faculty Executive Committee. During her "Year of Listening," President Tiefenthaler heard suggestions from faculty, students, and parents that the college include a fall break in its calendar similar to the spring break.

Dean Wong explained that in addition to the suggestions, the administration has heard concerns and complaints about "awkward years," such as this year and last year, where Block 4 occurs for 3 days and then resumes after Thanksgiving break.

"The very brief period before Thanksgiving makes it difficult to begin a course in a meaningful way, especially when some people hope to travel by Wednesday afternoon," Wong said. "Some parents also complained about the oddity of students taking a Block

Break away at the end of Block 3, returning to campus for a few days, and then traveling again."

There are mixed feelings about this switch. Students whose families live closer to Colorado College may benefit more than those whose families live farther away.

Aabhusan Khadka, a freshman from Nepal, sees this change as a negative one because he will spend less time with his family in the summer and will not be able to fly home for the one week over Thanksgiving.

"I'm in favor of more breaks, but not ones that cut into the summer," said Khadka.

Despite her support of the project, Dean Wong acknowledges the disadvantages of this switch.

"Some people have particular projects and activities they would prefer or need to do in the summer months,

so they do not wish to begin the semester a week earlier," said Wong. "Some would also prefer time away in the summer than time away in the fall."

This switch also has its advantages. "One advantage is that starting earlier enables us to fit a fall break into the schedule without ending the semester too close to winter break," Wong said. "There are only so many days in a year, and so many days in the fall. If we do not start earlier, we would need to end the semester late, and there is no way to do the latter without getting very close to winter break."

The decision is not final for all five years, though. Wong says that there is a faculty forum planned to discuss the calendar soon. Although it will be difficult to alter the 2015-2016 calendar, the administration is open to hearing more feedback and opinions about the subsequent years.

## ELECTIONS: Republican Party takes over the Senate

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Udall early in the night.

After 36 years of not one incumbent senator losing his seat in Colorado, Udall became the first, having come under heavy fire for siding with the Democratic Party and President Obama on issues such as Obamacare and the Keystone Pipeline.

Adding to the calamity, Udall opted to focus namely on what many began to call Gardner's "War on Women," which dealt largely with Gardner's positions on over-the-counter birth control and Gardner's notorious past supporting a fetal personhood bill.

With a shockingly quick victory in Colo-

rado, the Republicans swept the rest of the United States, flipping seven seats in total from the Democrats.

As a result, former Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell is now the Senate Majority Leader, and as of Oct. 20th this year, also holds the title of having a 44.9 percent unfavorable rating and a 17.5 percent favorable rating from his native Kentucky.

Most of the surprising wins for the Republicans occurred within the seven seats that the GOP candidates flipped.

That being said, the gubernatorial race between incumbent Governor John Hickenlooper and Bob Beauprez proved to be a nail biter until early morning Wednesday when the Denver Post called Hickenlooper as the victor. Hickenlooper, having

fended off Beauprez with less than a percentage vote, will return to his office.

In El Paso County elections, Republican Doug Lamborn was reelected for a fifth term to the U.S. 5th Congressional District, and stated during his victory speech: "Harry Ried is a water carrier for the White House."

Republican Kit Roupe swooped Tony Exum's position in House District 17, a traditionally Democrat leaning district, and helped seal the state House for the Republicans.

Spandex-donning, bicycle riding Democrat Mick Merrifield defeated incumbent Republican Bernie Herpin for Colorado Senate District 11. Herpin swiftly left the El Paso County Republican Election Party Tuesday night and was unable to com-

ment.

In addition, Reverend Gordon Klingenschmitt won with a whopping 70 percent in a wildly conservative district.

Not only will Reverend Klingenschmitt be part of the Colorado House of Representatives, but he comes with his own ministry show in which he has infamously blasted homosexuals for wanting your soul and stating they ought to face government discrimination.

When asked to comment about how his views on homosexuality might affect his politics, Klingenschmitt assures that his "Christian ministry is different from his campaign."

Meanwhile, Manitou Springs has voted to continue selling recreational marijuana to those 21 years and older.

## Vice President of Finance enacts new requirement to receive special funding, SOCC sees opportunity

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Last year, former Finance Vice President and current CCSGA President, Alejandro Salazar, created a way in which he could use financial incentives to catalyze collaboration between different student groups at Colorado College. Salazar contended that if the CCSGA finance committee withheld a certain percentage of funding from groups who did not collaborate, it would offer them encouragement to do so.

Incumbent Finance Vice President Erik Laitos decided to tweak this policy by making it “virtually impossible” for student groups to receive special event funding without collaborating with another student group on campus.

“If a student group comes to the CCSGA Finance Committee and tries to get special events funding and it’s just one student group,” said Laitos, “then we’re going to turn them away until they come back with at least one more co-sponsor.”

Laitos continued on to explain that the reasoning behind the policy is that

by forcing student groups to collaborate in order to receive special event funding, the CCSGA is encouraging groups to act inclusively, “learn from each other,” and bridge the gaps that used to exist between many student groups prior to Salazar’s implementation of financially-driven collaboration incentives.

A student group on campus, the Sounds of Colorado College, more commonly known as the SOCC, has been very active in initiating collaboration with other groups.

“We love to collaborate with other student groups,” said SOCC Promotions Manager Anna Squires. “It gives us more access to funding from CCSGA.”

First Block, SOCC helped organize the Food Medley, which was a collaborative concert and activism event with CC’s and Colorado Springs’ food justice groups on Yampa Field. SOCC collaborated with ten food activism groups like the Carnivore Club, Bon Appetit, and the Community Kitchen, and put them on display to expose students to food justice groups on campus and in the larger community of

Colorado Springs.

This block, SOCC has been working with Raidel Moreno of the Black Student Union to create a space on campus in which students can listen and dance to music in an attempt to expand the social scene at CC.

“Not everyone wants to elbow their way through sweaty house parties every weekend, and we want to help accommodate that need on campus,” said Squires, referring to the party scene at CC, which is often described as ‘one-dimensional.’

Squires also believes that this space will help reduce the some of the tension that has arisen as a result of party shutdowns off-campus.

“If we have a great place to go dance on campus that keeps students off the streets and not bother the larger Colorado Springs community, then why not pursue that?” said Squires.

The SOCC will release more information regarding such a space. For clubs interested in special funding or collaborating with other student groups, contact the CCSGA Finance Committee at ccsga-

## NEWS BRIEFS

► ► **Tennis Grand Slam and Olympic champion Venus Williams visited the Broadmoor on Tuesday morning to speak at the 10th anniversary of Peak Vista’s Breakfast of Champions.**

Williams spoke of how her family supported her tennis career and her experience with the permanent autoimmune disease, Sjogren’s syndrome, after being diagnosed in 2011.

The major fundraiser has continually featured many Olympic greats since 2005 to support the cause. This year, the fundraiser also recognized community service members like B.J. Scott for her years of service to the Peak Vista Community Health Centers Foundation.

► ► **Dinosaur head on an outdoor sculpture in Durango mysteriously appeared last Friday, then disappeared on Monday.**

According to the Durango Herald, the artfully crafted dinosaur head was placed on top of an outdoor sculpture owned by the city called “Arc of History” on Friday Oct. 31, before being removed on Monday Nov. 3. Durango artist Scott Dye said that the dinosaur head matched the proportions of the original sculpture, and thus the creator must have had some sort of experience.

The sculpture has been the target of much public ridicule since its placement in Durango last year. Currently, police are investigating the case.

► ► **18-year-old Colorado State University student hijacks a campus ambulance Sunday.**

The morning of the crime, emergency crews with Poudre Valley Hospital were treating a patient when they returned to the parking spot and found their ambulance missing. Officials used the GPS system installed in the ambulance to locate the vehicle in Loveland.

The CSU student, Stefan Sortland, was found standing next to the rig wearing an EMT vest, whereupon officers shot him with a stun gun. During investigations, police determined that the student had crashed the vehicle into at least one road sign. Sortland was charged with aggravated vehicle theft, obstructing EMS, reckless driving, hit-and-run, criminal mischief, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

► ► **Crowdfunding campaign in Manitou Springs raises \$13,177 for information signs for eight mineral springs locations in the town.**

Over 70 groups contributed to the effort, which, according to Terry Sharp-ton, vice president of the Mineral Springs Foundation, will help to finish the project by next spring. The signs will include historical, geographical, and cultural information about the springs next to which they are located. Additionally, the signs will have a QR code which people can scan with their phones for additional details online.

In total, the project costs \$44,000. The \$13,177 recently raised came from a project listed on Kickstarter, which set its goal as \$12,000. With the completion of this goal, the project is en route to finish without budgetary issues.

### FINANCE UPDATES

- The 2017 Class Committee was awarded \$800 for Let’s Get Classy!
- The Brazil Club was awarded \$290.40 for a Churrascaria for the Brazil Club!

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## Colorado Springs crime, in brief

### FUGITIVE ARRESTED

On Sunday night, police arrested a wanted fugitive at a house located south of downtown.

The police spent the two days prior to the arrest collecting and developing information on the fugitive’s whereabouts through a collaborative effort involving many units from CSPD. The fugitive, Estevan Martinez, 20, was arrested at 11:10 p.m. at the 2000 block of Whitman Road.

### MAN ARRESTED FOR VICE ACTIVITY

On Sunday morning, police officers responded to the Hyatt Place in Northeast Colorado Springs regarding a man with a gun.

At 12:27 a.m., Colorado Springs officers arrived at 500 West Garden of the Gods Road to find an unknown male passed out in a vehicle with an AR-15 style rifle lying next to him. Officers approached the vehicle and determined that the vehicle was an airsoft-type toy gun.

The suspect, later identified as Andrew Woods, was woken up and removed from the car without incident. Woods had

several IDs of unknown persons, as well as credit cards. Police determined that Woods did not own the car.

Upon searching the vehicle, police found electronic items associated to a burglary from Oct. 1 at La Plata 1755 Telstar Drive. Woods was initially taken into custody for Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance. Officers then discovered four additional felony arrest warrants for Woods.

### BANK ROBBER RINGLEADER ARRESTED

On Monday afternoon, Brock Butson, the ringleader in a series of eight bank robberies during 2013, was sentenced to a total of 192 years in prison.

Butson, 52, along with his two sons, was first arrested on Sept. 5, 2013 for eight holdups and one attempted robbery between May and August of 2013. He was sentenced to 24 years per holdup, in addition to concurrent sentences applied for conspiracy or attempt included in each of the cases.

Butson’s sons, Braden and Nicolas, were previously sentenced for their involvement in these cases.

This arrest marked the culmination of a lengthy investigation by the CSPD Robbery Unit in conjunction with prosecutors from the 4th Judicial District Attorney’s Office of Robbery Detectives.

### MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

On Saturday night, police officers stopped a vehicle in Northeast Colorado Springs belonging to a wanted fugitive during a directed activity deployment focusing on violent offenders.

During the traffic stop, officers saw a firearm in plain view that was later discovered to be owned by the front passenger, 19 year old Alexander Brown. The driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant, and his vehicle was impounded.

Police conducted a search of the vehicle and an inspection of the firearm. The investigations revealed that the firearm was a “sawed off” rifle, which had its serial number erased.

Brown was arrested on charges of Possessing a dangerous or illegal weapon, Possession of a defaced firearm, and Possession of weapons by previous offenders.

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# Annual Sophomore Dinner series enters its fifth year

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College is meant to help students figure out what they want to do in the world, but the way the school years are structured places much emphasis on freshman, juniors, and seniors, over sophomores. In order to address this problem, Colorado College has adapted a dinner series to help steer sophomores towards both a career and major track.

With already three sessions past this year, the Annual Sophomore Dinner Series has worked to help sophomores get out of “the sophomore slump” and continue to pursue their academic interests.

“In the second year, students should really be planning,” Traci Freeman, the Director of the Colket Center, said. “A lot of attention is paid to students in their first year of college, but not their second year.”

At these dinners, Colorado College professors from various departments tell students what has led them to their current career path.

Jenn Sides, the Academic Support Spe-

cialist for the Colket Center, said that during the last dinner, much of the talk centered on graduate school.

“The discussion is centered around the sophomores,” Sides said. “A lot of it is driven by the students, this time including the topic of graduate school.”

Freeman explained that just because freshmen receive more guidance, it doesn’t mean that sophomore year gets any less busy.

“There are all sorts of things students in their sophomore year should be thinking about,” Freeman said. “These things include seeking out internships, going abroad, research opportunities, finding a job, and choosing a major.”

“There are certain things sophomores should be thinking about in their sophomore year,” Freeman said, “and if you don’t do that then you miss a lot.”

What makes these dinners unique is that students are able to interact with professors in a casual setting rather than formally, as with most other student-faculty conversations.

“It’s outside of the classroom, and out-

side the advisor relationship,” Freeman said.

“We don’t have a script, really,” Sides added. “It’s just another opportunity to engage with faculty.”

“It’s a really nice opportunity,” Freeman agreed. “How often do you get to sit down with faculty who aren’t teaching your class? How often do you get to talk with someone who’s not grading you? It’s really a different dynamic.”

These dinners are limited to the first 20 students that sign up and are held once a block, with the exception of Block Eight. There are new students that come every time, and the dinners usually fill up.

This is the fifth year the dinners have taken place and, Freeman joked, they remain successful because of the amenities provided.

“The big secret is the food is pretty good,” Freeman said.

Freeman continued to say that the students come for more than just the food. The professors are chosen carefully in order to appeal to all students.

“We try and choose people with a range of disciplines, a range of ranks,” Freeman said. “We don’t want to ask the same people every year.”

“The dinners are part of a larger set of programs targeting sophomores specifically,” Freeman said.

Freeman explained that the dinners are part of a larger set of programs targeting sophomores, including the Sophomore

Jump Program. The Sophomore Jump Program has also organized the Rock the Block workshops that are intended to help students develop skills for working efficiently on the block plan.

“It’s the smoothing path for sophomores so they don’t drop off,” Jenn said.

The risk for sophomores, Freeman said, is in not thinking about the future.

“The job of the faculty is to talk with the group about the potential paths,” Freeman said. “To get somewhere you generally have to know where you’re going. That’s what we hope these talks will emphasize.”



The Sophomore Dinner series is intended to help motivate sophomores in “the sophomore slump.” Photographs by Richard Forbes.



## Men’s Hockey locker room undergoes \$135,000 renovation project

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With the a new season under way for the Colorado College Men’s Hockey team, the Athletic Department looked for ways to drive the team to success in more ways than just hiring new coach Mike Haviland.

After \$135,000 worth of construction, the Colorado College Men’s Hockey team has moved into a newly renovated locker room at the Broadmoor World Arena.

The improvements to the new locker room, which were finished last week, include the installation of new antimicrobial carpeting and ceiling tiles, along with an upgraded air circulation system and a new flat panel TV with touchscreen telestrator capabilities.

All these renovations were sorely needed, according to Director of Athletics Ken Ralph.

“It really brought us up to par with what the rest of Division 1 was doing,” said Ralph.

Neither the locker room nor the player’s lounge had been renovated since the World Arena first opened in 1998.

Ralph explained that the hiring of a new coach presented an opportunity to improve the physical space the team frequently occupies throughout the on and off seasons.

“We had some alumni donations that came in and we decided to use them to upgrade,” said Ralph. “I think both the players and the coaches are really pleased.”

The new technology installed now allows coaches to breakdown game film for individual players more effectively, and to explain strategy and adjustments that need to be made mid-game via the new television. The telestrator capabilities will allow for the team to draw directly onto the TV screen to demonstrate plays and simulate game-like situations.

In addition, the press box at the World Arena can send game footage to the locker room to be reviewed, analyzed, and used in between periods of games. This will allow for the team to assess their play instantaneously for maximum improvement during games.

Most of the money for the renovations went into the Audio Visual equipment and the software to run it. Although the majority of the improvements to the locker room are behind the scenes, players will now also get to enjoy a spread of food provided in the player’s lounge.

Ralph is hopeful that more renovations will eventually take place, noting that the coaches are still using the same furniture from 18 years ago.

“We’d like to redo the locker stalls at some point and we’d like to completely change out the tiles in the showers and bath areas,” said Ralph.

These new additions will also create more efficient practices at the rink and save time for players.

“The renovations will leave the players with more time to focus on other things here at school, whether it’s studies or social life,” said Ralph.

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## QUESTIONS

...with **Jack Burger**  
STAFF WRITER

## *Horst Richardson, Head Coach of Men's Soccer, celebrates his fiftieth year at Colorado College*

### **What has it been like to coach at Colorado College for 50 years?**

50 years. When I started here, the Vietnam War was going on, racial issues in the South were in full swing, and that's ancient history now, a long, long time ago. I was hired as a German instructor for just one year that turned into fifty. I just happened to walk by the soccer field one day in September of my first year in '65 and saw these guys kicking the ball around. The guy who was coaching the team had nothing to do with Colorado College. He was a businessman in town and he told me "if you want to coach the team, it's yours."

### **How has the program developed since you have been here?**

In those days, to get a team together we would put posters around campus and say "hey, we're going to have tryouts next week if anyone wants to show up," and we would have fourteen kids show up and seven of them would be international students. That was the early days. Now we have hundreds of emails coming in, and we want to answer them all, and find that particular student athlete that would fit our environment, someone who likes the Block Plan and can play. It's hard.

### **What has kept you at CC for so long? What do you enjoy about working for this school?**

Colorado College has given me an opportunity to engage in the three things that I like most. That was teaching, and I retired several years ago from doing that. I did a lot of plays with the German department, so stage activity. And then, of course, coaching the team over all of these years. I am going out to practice in an hour. I mean, there is snow on the peak. It is beautiful, Indian summer day. It's a gorgeous environment and I have enjoyed working with all the wonderful student athletes we have here. They kept me engaged, motivated, and sharp.

### **How has your experience helped you coach teams with a variety of strengths and weaknesses?**

I have seen a lot. I have learned from all of those experiences over time and I am still learning because there are things that happen every year that you haven't ever addressed or anticipated. I didn't have any professional experience prior to coming here; I grew up in my native Germany, playing the game as everybody did there, and I brought that passion to Colorado College. I think I have been able to pass on my enthusiasm for the sport, my interest in it, and my personal development over time, to the kids and players. I hope I have helped at least a little bit in their education on the field. Seeing them be successful, by growing, nurturing, maturing, I think that has been my biggest reward.

### **What is the most memorable moment of your coaching career?**

Well there have been many, and I could entertain that question in infinitum. I have all sorts of stories and memories. I think probably the 1992 team that went to the Final Four was a great run. We had a fabulous record. We didn't get a home bid from the NCAA because we are isolated here in the Rockies, and they didn't want to fly three teams here. We had to travel first to California, to St. Louis, and then to New Jersey, and we were wiped out by the time we went to the Final Four, but it was a great run. On that team, there is a great story. We had an All-American, Noah Epstein, who now is an Orthopedic Surgeon. He got injured earlier in the season and while he was trying to rehab, he tried out for a play and got a part as Romeo, in "Romeo and Juliet." He really got into it. When he came back on the team he was very successful and scored a lot of goals. We came to find out that our Regional Final in California conflicted with the opening play. So what to do? We made a deal with the drama department, in Colorado College, liberal arts fashion, that if we won the first game on Friday, we would fly him out Saturday morning, he would play the game, and then we would have him back on campus for a late night showing. He came, he played, he scored, we won the game, and he was back for his part on campus. That is a wonderful story.

### **What has been your toughest moment as a coach?**

To use a current example, in our SCAC conference right now, we are perennially faced with Trinity in San Antonio, Texas. They are currently ranked #3 and we have played them twice. We lost twice 1-0, in tough games, errors on our part. We probably have another shot against them at the Conference playoff. I think for me, personally, this season, playing them, has been very tough.

### **What are your goals as the season comes to a close?**

We have a good record, 14-3-2. We locked up second place in the conference. We would like to have a good two games in the conference playoffs and do well enough that we might be in contention for a NCAA bid next week.

### **What do you enjoy doing outside of coaching?**

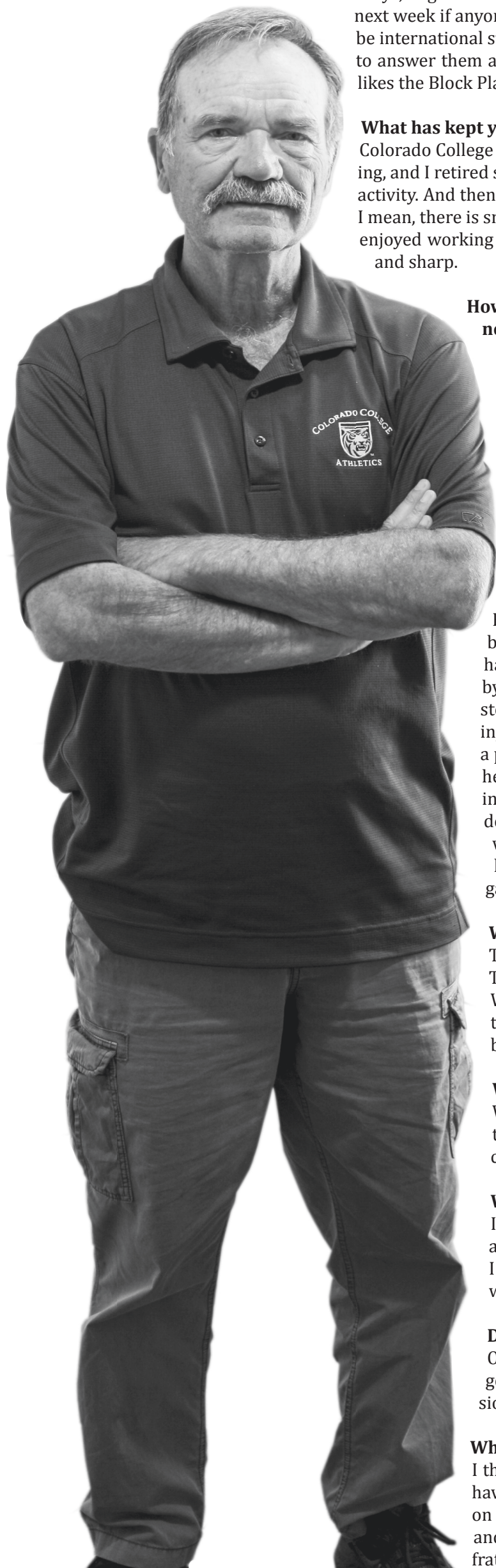
I love to travel. I have been all over the world. The team has done a lot of international trips, and we are even planning another one to Scandinavia in May and June. Those things I enjoy. I enjoy music and the fine arts and go to a lot of performances locally. I enjoy spending time with my family obviously and my two granddaughters. Photography too.

### **Do you have any plans for after you retire?**

One of these days I will have to, I suppose. We haven't made any decisions, but 50 years is a good run. My wife, Helen, and I have talked about it, and eventually we will come to a decision about it.

### **What legacy do you wish to leave at CC?**

I think my biggest reward would be to have a group of alums, former players, out there who have enjoyed playing at Colorado College during my tenure, who learned a few things from me on the playing field that they could carry over to their personal lives as they grow up, get jobs, and marry. I want to stay in touch with them, keep the extended family going, and enjoy that fraternity.





## SUSTAINABILITY: Course designations aid STARS ranking

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ships between social, economic, and environmental challenges, particularly as they apply to our communities.”

“We worked in the Strategic Knowledge Development process to determine what sustainable education should be,” said Wolf. “We wanted to expand sustainability beyond just environmental science.”

The courses that have earned a sustainability designation will fall into two categories: sustainability focused courses (W1) or sustainability related courses (W2).

Classes with these designations

will not be required for graduation, but students will be able to apply a filter to their academic transcripts that will show the sustainability related classes they have taken.

The designation has been determined using a set of credentials established by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

This organization also designs the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) framework, which was utilized in creating the State of Sustainability Report that came out earlier this year and has been integral in guiding actions by the Office of Sustainability.

The designation would be helpful in achieving some of the goals set in the

State of Sustainability report.

“This is an exciting development for us,” said Wolf. “We’ve been circulating the department meetings to spread the news, so we’ll be getting feedback soon.”

In addition to the designation, the Office of Sustainability, in conjunction with the President’s Office, is pursuing a thematic sustainability minor.

“We want to make a interdepartmental minor where you would take sustainability related classes in three different departments,” said Kyra Wolf, an intern at the Office of Sustainability.

On a broader level, the Office of Sustainability is interested in expanding sustainable practices and studies into other offices and departments at CC.

If the minor were created, it would

also be a substantial step towards achieving curriculum goals within the STARS report.

President Jill Tiefertalder is also excited about the designation and the possibility of a minor.

“In our meetings, she’s emphasized that [the designation] has to happen this semester,” said Johnson.

Although not finalized, the Office of Sustainability has prepared a list of classes that would qualify for the designation.

The list includes classes in the Studio Art, Biology, Economics, Environmental Science, Feminist and Gender Studies, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Southwest Studies, Religion, and Anthropology departments.

## La’au’s Taco Shop re-opens with new staff, menu, and feel

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Life Editor

After a year’s worth of waiting, Colorado College first-years and sophomores can wield their GoldCards at a reopened restaurant right next door to campus. Juniors and seniors can wipe the sweat off their brow after a year itching to sink their teeth into huli-chicken tacos and sip on a house margarita: La’au’s Taco Shop has reopened.

A little over three weeks ago, CC students’ favorite Hawaiian taco shop

opened its doors for a soft opening. The restaurant, which has been under construction along with the rest of what is now the Spencer Center, now features an extended deck in addition to entreés with chips and guacamole for a suggested donation of eight dollars towards the Rocky Mountain Field Institute.

The restaurant, located behind Cornerstone Arts Center and below the Spencer Center, welcomed an onslaught of eager customers beginning at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 20th. Though the restaurant is in a soft opening phase since the 20th,

the restaurant will official open on Friday Nov. 6 now that their point-of-sales is now programmed and can process credit cards.

The soft opening has proved to be a successful enterprise for La’au’s as they have welcomed a substantial amount of customers and have earned \$7,000. La’au’s chose the Rocky Mountain Field Institute as they have partnered with them for several years now and both La’au’s and the non-profit share common values such as promoting outdoor and healthy lifestyles. For each dollar spent, La’au’s donated

25% towards RMFI and in the process gave away dozens of meals to customers unable to pay for a meal.

In addition to the extended porch, La’au’s will also offer a vegan dish on their menu: the tofu lettuce wrap. Along with the crunchy treat that will surely please those granola Colorado College students, La’au’s has also included a fresh pineapple salsa to complement the mango salsa. Once again, students can flock to the horchata machine and sit down for a leisurely afternoon with friends.

Over their time off, La’au’s staff sat down together, hired some new staff including a Colorado College student and went back to the draw-

ing board. One of the big words that kept surfacing during their discussions was community—including the Colorado College community, the outdoors community, or the culinary community.

From there they developed the idea of community tables, custom built by Chuck DeHaas. These trendy tables will ultimately serve as community spaces in which people will be forced to sit in packs.

“Customers now can interact with people they may not usually interact with” said Kelly Fischer, a La’au’s employee.

Inside, a new mural embellishes the wall, and, next spring, customers can expect to see the outdoor patio develop into a fully functional lounge with a fire pit and large patio tables.

For those students and faculty that remember 9th Block, the former student run bar in La’au’s, the future will hopefully bring a full bar at night which would surround a built out counter where tiki dreams and kona coffee could be served.

Ultimately, the team at La’au’s hopes to open a La’au’s 2.0 in the distant future.

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## Veganism and speciesism can coexist

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Guest Writer

We consider ourselves to be good people, with values of honesty, nonviolence when possible, and ethical treatment of all living things. Unfortunately, these values are in stark contrast to our true application of ethics, especially in the food industry.

Our denial of this contrast fuels a derogatory discourse between meat-eaters and vegetarians or vegans. The debate over meat-eating becomes a debate over speciesism, in which meat-eaters argue that vegans believe animals are equal or superior to humans. The defense of speciesism overshadows the true debate, in which factory farm supporters must deny their values, abandoning honesty, nonviolence, and ethical treatment for cheap flesh.

As humans, our speciesist tendencies exist to keep us alive. It is not evolutionarily advantageous for us to favor the survival of another species over our own. For this reason, cannibalism disgusts us. Surprisingly, evidence through

archeology has taught us that cannibalism was not only necessary hundreds of thousands of years ago, but widespread, suggesting human flesh consumption went beyond survival. At some point in history, cannibalism became disadvantageous for survival, hence our modern speciesist view.

The shift to speciesism proves that when something becomes necessary for survival, it becomes a cultural value. This theory explains the evidence of widespread cannibalism rather than cannibalism as a last resort, and the same theory can be applied to meat-eating. Meat-eating became desirable for survival when humans moved into temperate zones where plants weren't available year round. It then became a part of our culture, still valued in the twenty-first century.

Now, however, the movement toward a plant-based diet makes sense as a survival instinct because our processed food industry is killing our habitat and making obesity and heart disease widespread. This movement, like cannibalism, will encounter cultural opposition

until it becomes unquestionably vital, and our culture will transform again.

For now, it makes sense that meat-eaters advocate for speciesism, denying the fact that vegans and vegetarians are speciesists themselves, and that the shift to a plant-based diet will benefit, not harm, our species. Vegans oppose the violent exploitation of animals, not because they feel animals are equal to humans but rather because they recognize animals for what they are: sentient beings capable of feeling pain.

Meat-eaters justify their position that the destruction of another species in exchange for human sustenance is fair by arguing that humans have the mental capacity animals lack to improve our society and world. When faced with justifying the unethical crimes of factory farms, however, a true conflict arises, because the immoral treatment of animals does nothing to promote the survival of the human species.

There is insurmountable evidence that our plummeting health is actually costing us far more than the shift to a plant-based diet with less efficient, well-

treated meat would. If vegans and vegetarians were truly non-speciesist, their battle would extend past ethical treatment of animals, liberating them from the food industry completely and making no distinction between them and humans.

In order to reach a conclusion on the treatment of animals within our food industry, we must assess the situation without bias, making the distinction between animals and humans where it exists and acknowledging that different animals can feel different levels of distress and contentment.

The debate over animal ethics, specifically between meat-eaters and vegetarians/vegans, has been unnecessarily complicated by the assertion that those who do not support the abusive meat industry value other animals as much as humans.

The true conflict rests in the treatment of animals as products rather than conscious beings. If meat-eaters were forced to face the ethical crimes of our food industry, they would undoubtedly shift to a vegan/vegetarian perspective. Speciesism is used only as a defensive buffer, a straw man fallacy meat-eaters can rely on to avoid making dietary changes.

## Pope Francis and the future of the Catholic Church

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Pope Francis made headlines several times in the past few weeks, most notably when he publicly endorsed the treatment of homosexual people with "mercy" and respect, in contrast to the harsh discrimination the LGBTQ community has historically faced from the Church. He quickly followed with statements regarding evolution and the environment. The Pope has received both significant backlash and enthusiastic support for his positions, raising the question of what the future holds for the Church as we know it.

Although a recent statement by a conference of bishops at the Synod on the Family has reaffirmed that "unions between people of the same sex cannot be considered on the same footing as matrimony between man and woman," they also declared "homosexuals have gifts and qualities to offer to the Christian community." While it's certainly not a statement of complete acceptance, it's definitely a step towards a more tolerant church. In addition, the Synod made clear that their primary concern for any marriage is stability and "deep affection and care for children," rather than the sexes of the parents.

Another statement that has garnered a lot of press lately has been Pope Francis's insistence that evolution and the Big Bang don't contradict the idea of Creation. While the notion that "evolution presupposes the creation of beings who evolve" has been part of the Church doctrine since 1950, it has not been as audibly stated as by Pope Francis. In his most recent address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, he went as far as to warn against imagining God as a "magician, with a magic wand able to do everything." These radical statements seem to encourage a far less literal interpretation of the Bible than most Creationists would like, construing God as the kick-starting force behind the Big Bang rather than the creator of the world in its current and final form.

Along a similar vein, Pope Francis most recently spoke at the All Saints Day Mass this past Sunday against the "industry of destruction" practiced by mankind. The nature of the statement was both environmental and related to social justice; he condemned our treatment of the world, claiming that "we destroy creation, we devastate lives, we devastate cultures, we devastate values, we ravage hope." He also spoke to our "culture of waste". He's not exactly putting forth radical ideas, rather summarizing what many of us have already observed, but to have these words coming from the mouth of a man with over a billion followers offers hope that change may come. However, the Pope's statements have sparked a major controversy within the Church, dividing followers along stark ethical lines. While the bishops participating in the Synod on the Family seem to be gradually accepting Francis's stance on gay rights, his comments about science and evolution have triggered contentious debate over whether the Pope is really "Catholic."

The biggest point of controversy seems to be that Pope Francis is "putting man's word above God's Word" by trusting the word of scientists rather than the literal account of creation in the Bible. Again, the Pope's position on evolution is nothing new, but when combined with his more liberal policies towards gays, prisoners, and non-Catholics, he appears to some, to be more Protestant than Catholic. One New York Times author even went so far as to warn that Pope Francis's behavior could "eventually lead to real schism" in the Catholic Church, especially given that the Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is still alive and making "occasional but thoroughly traditional statements." While the writer's prediction seems radical, Benedict's retirement itself has already changed the face of the Church in an unprecedented way. It is not too far out of the realm of reality to imagine that he could become a rallying point for Catholics desiring a return to more conservative doctrine.

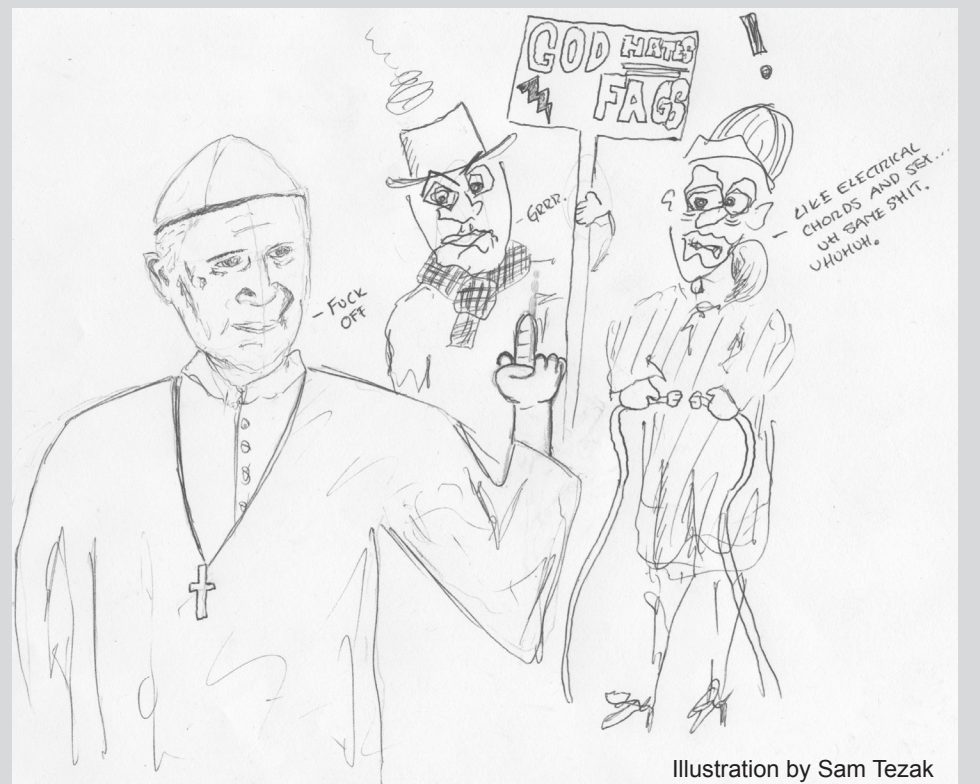
On the other side, Pope Francis has

received an outpour of support from the media. Those of all religious backgrounds praise him for his outspoken liberalism, at least relative to the Church's traditional conservatism. He represents a force of positive and pro-

gressive change, however gradually it may come.

85 percent to 53 percent over the same span of years. In contrast, Protestant Church attendance has remained relatively stable and has actually increased since 1974.

The truth is that the Catholic Church



needs reform if it wants to retain its followers. Although some may argue that Pope Francis is corrupting the Catholic Church with his "mercy" and his liberalism, what he is actually doing is saving it. He is making the Catholic faith more attractive to the youth and the liberal-minded, those who might otherwise abandon the Church because of its outmoded ethics. According to a 2011 survey by Pew Research, "roughly half of former Catholics who are now unaffiliated give an explanation related to religious and moral beliefs" with the largest categories of discontent being the Vatican's teachings on abortion and homosexuality, birth control, and the treatment of women. While Pope Francis may risk losing a certain share of his following, in the long run he is securing the future of the Church by making Catholicism relevant in the modern world.

So the question is, is the Pope destroying the Catholic Church, or saving it?

The world has changed a lot in the last 2,000 years, but arguably not more rapidly than it has in the past few decades. The Catholic Church is often criticized for remaining as far behind the times as possible, but Pope Francis is finally bringing the Vatican to the realization that we live in the modern era. Because of their outdated positions on many modern issues, it is unsurprising that the Church has seen attendance plummet in recent years. In the United States, the number of Catholics who claim a "strong religious identity" dropped from almost 50 percent in 1974 to just over 25 percent in 2012. Among those strong believers, those who reported attending Mass at least once a week dropped from



# How drugs can save Afghanistan

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Afghanistan is America's longest war. Yet the United States has not fought a 13-year war, it's fought a one-year war 14 times. There has been no grand strategy, no vision on how to end the war in America's favor.

Now this lack of strategy is inviting disaster. Most other NATO countries have already withdrawn.

U.S. forces will drop to 9,800 troops by the end of this year, and by 2016 all U.S. forces will be out of Afghanistan, except for a small force to guard the embassy in Kabul. However, leaving Afghanistan in the state it's in now risks a repeat of Iraq. John Sopko, the special inspector general for Afghanistan reconstruction, said that Afghanistan "remains under assault by insurgents and is short of domestic revenue, plagued by corruption, afflicted by criminal elements involved in opium and smuggling, and struggling to execute basic functions of government."

Yet the War in Afghanistan is not unwinnable. The US has a winning strategy open to it that it has failed to pursue so far: the legalization of the opium trade.

Opium is currently a major share of Afghanistan's tiny economy. The UN estimates that the value of Afghan opiates is \$3 billion, equivalent to 15 percent of Af-

ghanistan's GDP. Thanks to U.S.-led prohibition efforts, all of this money goes to criminals and extremists.

In the same way that the Mafia benefitted, the Taliban has benefitted greatly from opium prohibition. UNODC says that 98 percent of opium production occurs in areas controlled by the Taliban, and they makes upwards of \$200 million annually from opium.

Legalizing the opium trade would take it out of the hands of insurgents. Caravans would no longer have to pay the Taliban for protection money; farmers could produce in secure, government-controlled areas rather than areas controlled by extremists.

Attempts to stop the drug trade have utterly failed. The U.S. has spent \$7.6 billion attempting to eradicate Afghan opium, and yet in 2013, opium production increased 36 percent from the year before, making it a record year for opium production. This year's harvest, in particular that in the Helmand province, is expected to match or even exceed 2013's record-breaker.

In fact, eradication efforts have been extremely counterproductive. When U.S. or Afghan security forces destroy poppy crops, it destroys people's livelihoods. The loss of a single harvest can be devastating to farmers who rely solely on opium for their income. Thus, it is no surprise that many farmers side with

the Taliban when Americans burn down their poppy fields.

This creates a crippling dilemma for NATO forces. If they don't destroy the poppy fields, the Taliban gets more money. If they destroy them, more people are driven into the hands of insurgents.

Thus, legalization is the only way to get opium out of the hands of the Taliban without alienating the populace. As the old saying goes, if you can't beat them, join them.

Not only would legalization take money away from the Taliban, it would provide the Afghan government with much-needed revenue. A legitimate opium trade could be taxed and in turn fund Afghanistan's infrastructure, institutions, and security forces. The Afghan government is in desperate need of money: the Washington Post reported that it needs an emergency \$537 million bailout. Money is a key factor that will determine whether the Afghan National Army (ANA) will be able to hold off the Taliban after NATO forces withdraw. "The [security forces] can probably hold more or less what they now have as long as somebody keeps paying the bills," Stephen Biddle, a senior defense analyst for the Council on Foreign Relations, told the Washington Times. "Then the question becomes how long can the bills keep getting paid."

This is not a call to legalize heroin. Opi-

um is used to make legitimate medicine like morphine. In fact, the world is currently going through a shortage of morphine, according to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. This has led to prices skyrocketing, and many patients have been suffering excruciating pain without relief. According to the International Council on Security and Development, Afghanistan could supply enough morphine to end the shortage at a price 55 percent lower than current market average. Afghanistan has the potential to become the Saudi Arabia of morphine. This would create a win-win scenario.

However, if the U.S. continues down the path its on, the consequences could be disastrous. If Afghanistan slips back into civil war and Taliban rule, it will find itself in the same place that it was before 2001.

A Taliban victory would ensure that Afghanistan would once more be a haven for extremists.

Furthermore, the Taliban has one of the worst human rights records of any organization in history, and allowing them to return to power would be a humanitarian disaster.

This catastrophe can still be avoided, but the U.S. must realize that its two longest wars, the War on Drugs and the War in Afghanistan, cannot be fought simultaneously.

## Why America should end its trade embargo on Cuba

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On Oct. 19, 1960, President Dwight Eisenhower implemented an embargo on the majority of exports from the United States to Cuba. This embargo was expanded upon on Feb. 7, 1962, when President John F. Kennedy banned almost all imports from the country. Since that time, the Soviet Union has collapsed, Fidel Castro's time as dictator of the island has ended, and the generation of Cuban revolutionaries of the 1950s has aged and begun to initiate a transition to a new generation of leaders, furthermore the United Nations has condemned the continued U.S. embargo no less than 23 times, most recently, with Israel and the United States themselves the only dissenters.

The trade embargo on Cuba is a Cold War era policy that has persisted into the 21st century. Over the course of the Cold War, U.S.-led sanctions were exceptionally effective in damaging Cuba's economy, thereby decreasing the country's relevance. Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, Cuba has undergone significant political change, most dramatically over the last decade. Fidel Castro shifted his stance in relation to the West, recognizing the potential consequences he and his country

could face without support from by the Soviet empire. On the world stage, he presented himself as a moderate, ceased to support socialist rebels as he had persistently in the past, and instituted a number of political and economic reforms aimed to help Cuba survive in a capitalist world. Election reforms and other steps towards democratization of the country were taken, Castro worked to improve relations with the Church, and Cuba embraced environmentalism, becoming the world's only nation to successfully achieve sustainable development. While Castro remained critical of the U.S. in many regards, he also opened a door for an improvement of the relations between the two countries, a door which the United States chose to close.

Following the retirement of Fidel Castro from political life in 2008 after 32 years as President, Raúl Castro was elected. Raúl continued to address allegations of human rights violations, releasing many of the political prisoners still held in Cuban prisons and announcing plans to push for two-term presidential limits and age caps for political offices.

Despite these steps taken by the leaders of this former Soviet satellite, the United States has, with the condemnation of the rest of the world, continued to enforce an embargo on Cuba. This

stems from a Cold War era us-vs-them mentality that persists in Washington. This fear of socialism as a concept has led to the continuation of an outdated strategy which is harming the people of a country that has not only worked actively to improve the living conditions of its own citizens but has also consistently provided assistance to other countries facing humanitarian crises.

The door that the United States closed two decades ago has opened again. In the past, Castro has indicated that he is open to talks in regards to sanctions, in large part due to the fact that being embargoed by the largest economy in the world has led to many unsolvable problems in the Cuban economy. Recently, the New York Times published an article proposing that the United States offer to exchange three Cuban prisoners for an American imprisoned in Cuba. This trade could improve relations between the two countries, potentially leading towards the ending of sanctions.

One potential problem with this solution, however, is that the Obama administration has already negotiated a highly criticized prisoner trade this year, without the approval of Congress. To avoid that controversy, Obama should work closely with Congress to ensure that all viewpoints on the matter are discussed. Hopefully, our leaders can agree to put

aside old rivalries and focus on building a coexisting relationship with each other.

If the embargo were to end, the resulting positive impact on the Cuban economy would be substantial. Having access to the entire American economy would give Cuba much more room to grow and improve the its citizens' quality of life. In addition, if the Cuban economy is further exposed to the capitalism that dominates the American economy, then perhaps there could be a natural move away from socialism as the economy adjusts to its increased globalization.

This betterment of relations with Cuba could be positive for the United States as well. If we remove the sanctions on Cuba, our relationships with every other country in the world, excluding perhaps Israel, would be that much improved for adhering to international law. On a broader scale, the United States recognizing the country of Cuba as a potential economic partner could affect how Americans view socialism. Presenting a greater picture of respect for differing beliefs is something that I feel our government does much too rarely. In the end, these sanctions are no longer accomplishing anything besides locking the Cuban people in a low quality of life. There should be no reason for the U.S. government to let the door shut again.

## HAVE AN OPINION TO SHARE?

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# Tigers hockey heads to Ohio for an NCHC showdown

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After a restful bye week the Men's Hockey team (2-4-0) will travel to sunny Oxford, Ohio this weekend to face the 11th ranked Miami University Redhawks (5-3-0). This matchup will be the second NCHC conference series of the year, and another opportunity for the Tigers to earn their first conference win.

The Tigers had last week to relax after a grueling East Coast road trip the weekend before. The boys faced third-ranked Boston College and the University of New Hampshire, two very talented teams on their home ice.

Unfortunately, both games ended with a final score of 6-2 in favor of the opponents. Those losses should foster a sense

of urgency for the Tigers as they look to claw their way back to a winning record.

The Redhawks have a deep roster that returns many of the players from last year's squad. Notable offensive juggernauts include Riley Barber, a product of the United States National Team Development Program and sixth round draft pick of the Washington Capitals, who put up 39 points in 40 games last season.

Also returning to the Redhawks lineup this year is Blake Coleman, third round pick of the New Jersey Devils. Coleman was limited to just 27 games last year but was still able to score 28 points and has continued his torrential pace this year, earning 11 points through the first eight games of the year.

The Tigers will need to keep an eye on these two talented individuals and find

a way to shut down the rest of Miami's offensive threats to walk away with a W this weekend.

On the other side of the puck, watch for junior goaltender Jay Williams who has established himself as a strong candidate for Miami's starting goalie. Williams has earned a record of 5-1-0 while allowing a stingy 2.02 Goals Against Average and posting a .906 Save Percentage.

Colorado College will need to pepper Williams with a barrage of shots and create traffic in front of the Miami net in order to score on rebounds or tip-ins.

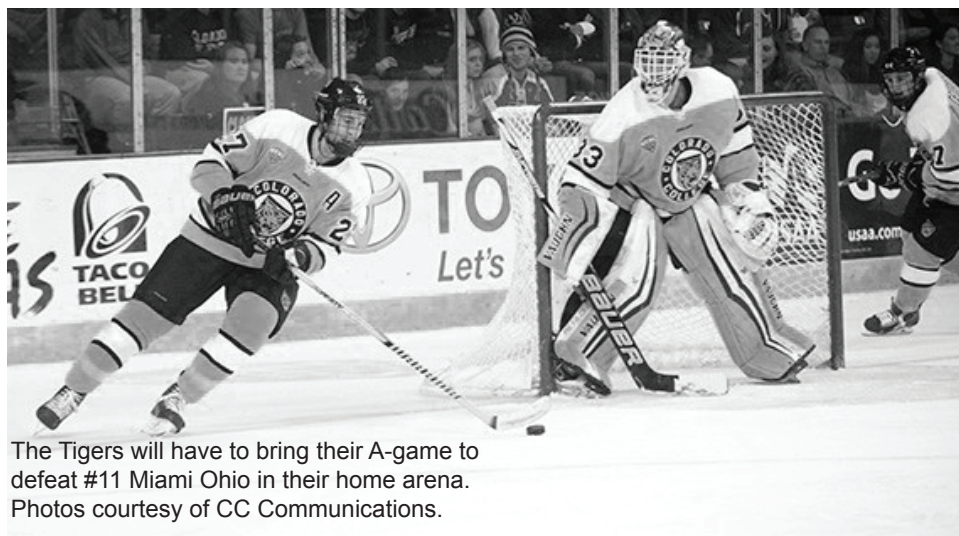
The Tigers will need continued offensive production from junior Cody Bradley, who has scored four goals and tacked on an assist through six games so far. Senior Captain Peter Stoykewych will continue to anchor the Tigers' blue

line with his physical presence and imposing offensive play.

Sophomore Tyler Marble has claimed the starting goalie spot for now, but will need to improve his dismal 4.58 GAA to give the Tigers a chance at winning.

This weekend represents another tough test for the CC crew. A few keys for success include blocking as many shots as possible, limiting penalties, and wreaking havoc in front of the Miami net to create scoring opportunities.

While it might be impractical to watch a varsity team who is playing 1200 miles away from campus, the Men's Club Hockey team would be happy to satisfy your cravings for on-campus, on-ice debauchery. The team will be hosting Colorado Mesa University at 9:15 p.m. Friday night at Honnen Ice Arena.



The Tigers will have to bring their A-game to defeat #11 Miami Ohio in their home arena. Photos courtesy of CC Communications.



## Do or die time for men's soccer

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Staff Writer

As the days become shorter and colder, the action is just starting to heat up for the Colorado College Men's Soccer team. The Tigers enter the SCAC tournament with a record of 14-3-2 and are coming off an entertaining 2-1 win against Centenary College.

The Tigers took a lead late in the first half with a first collegiate goal from Connor Rademacher. Stu Beezley added a second goal early in the second half, and the Tigers held on to win their final regular season game. After a rough patch in the middle of their season, the Tigers have rattled off three straight wins on the road to the SCAC tournament.

The losses to Trinity and the consecutive away ties had made the possibility of a NCAA tournament slim. The Tigers

have dropped to 6th in their region, but their recent revival has also revived their tournament hopes. The Tigers have remained focused through their ups and downs this year.

They remain committed to excellence in practice, knowing that good training sessions will translate to good performances on the pitch. "It has been high tempo," said freshman Sam Block, describing one of this week's training sessions in a recent interview. "Everyone is really focused on getting better and you can see our confidence growing day by day."

The Tigers are now set to play the winner of the Schreiner-Southwestern game on Saturday, both teams the Tigers have played and beaten. The final is on Sunday so wish your Tigers luck before they set off to make their dreams reality.



If the Tigers can make a run in the SCAC tournament, they will likely be NCAA tournament bound. Photo by Sam Zarky.

### UPCOMING CC SPORTING EVENTS

**Women's Soccer** (Overall: 12-5-3, Conference: 7-3-1)

Saturday

- Mountain West Tournament

**Men's Soccer** (Overall: 14-3-2, Conference: 10-2-2)

Saturday

- 1:30 p.m. vs. Schreiner for SCAC tournament in Seguin, TX

Sunday

- SCAC tournament continues

**Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving**

Saturday

- Noon vs. Colorado School of Mines

**#15 Volleyball** (Overall: 27-7, Conference 11-3)

Friday

- VS. Austin College for SCAC tournament in Sherman, TX

Saturday

- SCAC tournament continues

**Men's Hockey** (Overall: 2-4, Conference 0-2)

Friday

- 7:35 p.m. ET at Miami University; Radio: KRDO 105.5 FM/1240 AM

Saturday

- 7:05 p.m. ET at Miami University; Radio: KRDO 105.5 FM/1240 AM

Wish Our Tiger Athletes Luck as they travel across the country this weekend!



# TIGERS CROSS COUNTRY SWEEPS THE SCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Hall leads Tigers to first men's SCAC championship title since 2011

DAVID ANDREWS

Staff Writer

The Trinity Tigers have loomed large in the collective mind of Colorado College Cross Country, ever since being edged out of both the men's and women's titles in 2013 by the San Antonio-based school. Exactly 366 days after these narrow defeats, the Colorado College Tigers exacted their revenge on Trinity in "grand fashion," according to 34-year veteran Head Coach Ted Castaneda.

With their performance on Saturday, Nov. 1 in Boerne, Texas at the SCAC Championships, the Tigers did more than exact revenge—they ran directly into the record books.

Senior Nick Hall won his 3rd consecutive SCAC conference title and was named SCAC Runner of the Year. Sophomore Leah Wessler captured the individual title on the women's side and led the women's team to their first-ever team championship.

The men racked up six all-conference runners and the women finished with seven all-conference runners. Seven all-conference nods is the most in both the men's and women's team history.

The Tigers faced significant adversity on both the men's and women's side leading up to race day. The men were without top runner Graham Frank, an all-conference and all-region runner in 2013. Frank was held out of the race due to a severe case of shin splints. The

women were without a full-strength Allie Crimmins due to illness.

Crimmins ran in the race but was limited and finished 12th with a time of 24:59, a time that Castaneda acknowledged as well below her capacity. Luckily for the Tigers, both the men's and women's rosters are deep with talent, and other runners filled the voids left by Crimmins and Frank.

Course conditions were also a significant factor for the Tigers. A storm hammered the course with three inches of rain on the Thursday preceding the Saturday race and left a soggy and muddy course in its wake. While other teams looked at the rain in disgust, the Tigers met the soft conditions with delight. A hilly and muddy course added up to a distinct advantage for the team.

Castaneda explained, "With a muddy and hilly course it turns into a strength test, a mental test. All the strength from your legs just goes straight into the ground, and you may not have the best times, but our high-altitude training and high mileage really paid off."

Nick Hall led the fit and battle-hardened men's team to a conference title victory that avenged the team's loss at the hands of Trinity University in the 2013 SCAC Championships. In 2013 the Tigers were snubbed by a single point in the team competition. This year the Tigers of Colorado College left little room for doubt with an assertive 8 point vic-

tory over the Trinity Tigers.

The main threat to a repeat individual title for Hall was going to be Trinity's Taylor Piske. Castaneda said, "I told Nick, 'You're defending champion, you have that psychological advantage over [Taylor Piske].'" He continued, "We knew going in that Taylor was going to try and come out fast and break [Nick] early. We told him, 'Just stay with him, just stay within striking distance.'"

Hall has a reputation as a strong finisher, and the coaching staff knew that if Hall stayed within ten seconds of Piske he would have a shot at the individual title.

Hall, however, didn't have quite the same conservative game plan in mind. "About three miles, three and three quarters in, Nick [Hall] caught the guy," said Castaneda. "When he caught him he just went flying by. We were expecting that with about half a mile to go, but he just went flying by him."

"The way he went out I thought it was going to be a longer battle," said Hall. "But, when I caught him, I made a small move to test him and see how much he had left, but he never made a move back so I kept pushing the pace." This proved to be the crucial part of the race for Hall. He went on to capture his second individual conference title with a time of 26:37.

Hall's supporting cast proved extremely strong as well in the absence of Gra-

ham Frank.

Junior Tucker Hampson turned in a particularly impressive performance in 8th place overall with a time of 28:18. Castaneda said, "We needed him to be consistent, and he was." Hampson made a drastic improvement from his 26th overall finish in 2013.

Sophomores Ryan Bing and Conor Terhune, as well as junior Jacob Rothman, also came in clutch for the Tigers and achieved their highest ever conference finishes.

Conor Terhune, a vastly improved runner and current team captain, turned in a "gutsy" performance according to Castaneda. "He had maybe a little too much to eat for breakfast, and I didn't know it while he was out there, but he felt like maybe 'upchucking' so to speak on the course, but he battled through it."

Jacob Rothman was not at full strength in the week leading up to race but was able to rely on a strong base of training to push through. Castaneda said, "He's trained all summer, September, and October, and that really allowed him to 'leapfrog' as we say and he was a solid fifth runner for us."

Coach Castaneda also had high praise for first-time Cross Country athlete Sam English who finished 12th overall and received all-conference honors. Freshman Ethan Holland was also a bright spot for the Tigers, clocking a time of 29:11 and finishing 16th overall.



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# Wessler leads women's cross country to claim first SCAC title in school history

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The mens and womens cross country team both had a successful weekend, with the women's team posting an overall score of 26 was the lowest team point score by a women's squad in Colorado College history.

Sophomore Leah Wessler won the individual title and was the catalyst behind the Tiger's roaring success. Going into race day, Wessler had the fastest 6K time in the conference. Castaneda explained, "All she had to do was go out and get it," and get it she did. Wessler finished a little under a minute faster than the next closest competitor, Trinity's Nicola Hall.

Despite Wessler's superior times, Castaneda was still leery heading into the race. "Trinity has a knack for doing things. For slowing it down, you know, trying stuff. We told our runners, 'You let them go slow, that's fine, but you go around them, keep that pace honest. That way, we make it into a game of who's the fittest, not a game of who can play the games and get a kick at the finish line.'"

Wessler went out and forced the pace and separated herself from the compe-



dition two miles into the 3.73 course. "I thought a few of the Trinity girls would go out with me, so I went out really hard, but they didn't follow me, which was really surprising."

Wessler ran a blistering average mile time of 6:17 a feat made all the more impressive due to the fact that Wessler was running on a surface she described as "cheesecake."

The Tiger's second finisher Rebecca Lavietes hung with Wessler for as long as she could and then dropped off to finish 36 seconds behind Wessler.

The women's team title truly was won when the Tiger pack stampeded across the finish line in the mid-24 minute to low-25 minute range. Six Colorado College runners came in with the main pack of the race and gutted out a narrow victory over Trinity.

"We told them before the race, 'It's likely going to come down to our pack versus their pack. Get right there in there with them and don't let them intimidate you, don't let them play games with you.'"

Castaneda's tone took on a gritty, rough quality when he explained the scene near the finish line. "Man, it was a battle. For the guys we had it after about

four miles, but the girls, they came all the way down to the end."

Castaneda said, "We needed people to step up and fill [Allie Crimmin's] role. Stefani Messick, she really made it happen." Messick, a sophomore Colorado native, finished 6th for the Tigers with a time of 24:25. Messick was followed close behind by sophomore Katie Sandfort, who finished with a time of 24:35.

Wessler said, "Stefani and Katie and Patti all stepped up and took the places of people who were not having their best races. They just really fought tooth and nail."

Junior Beryl Coulter rounded out the women's all-conference squad with a time of 25:03. Coulter went from 23rd at the 2013 Championships to 13th on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Sophomore Liz Waterman and freshman Patty Atkinson both had personal best times, a feat made all the more impressive seeing as the course was in less than ideal physical condition.

"They were prepared, and they put it on the line and didn't break. And those that couldn't do it, like Allie [Crimmins] and Graham [Frank], had someone step up and take their place," Wessler said. "That's what a team does."



Photo by Sam Zarky.



## Next up for Cross Country

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Next on the schedule for the Cross Country team is a trip to Willamette, Oregon for the West Region Championships. In order to move on from the regional competition to the national level, the Tigers will have to place 4th or better out of what Castaneda describes as a "very tough field."

The region will send two automatic qualifiers and most likely two at-large bids. The Tigers have a better shot at qualifying as a team on the women's side, but Hall said as far as the men's team goes, "We won't give

up on qualifying as a team, but it will definitely be tough with fast teams like Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Willamette."

Regardless of what happens at the Regional competition on Nov. 14, the 2014 men's and women's cross-country teams have both cemented a prominent spot in the Colorado College record book.

Of course, for now, the team isn't focused on their place in history as much as enjoying the sweet taste of victory. "It's a great high," Castaneda said with a smile.



## Senior day done right for women's soccer as the Tigers ground the Falcons

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Last Friday, women's soccer had their senior night. DURING WHICH THEY played their final home game of the season against the Air Force Academy.

The game ended in a decisive CC victory, 2-0, a fitting final home game for the team's seven seniors: Jennifer Stoot, Jessie Ayers, Kaeli Vandersluis, Jaelyn Silsby, Mary Bowman, Rachel Herron, and Jordan Savold.

After passes from junior midfielder Sarah Schweiss and senior forward Rachel Herron, senior midfielder Jessie Ayers scored the first goal of the game in the 30th minute and the tenth game-winning goal of her career.

In the 59th minute during the second half of the game, Schweiss scored with a penalty kick, raising the score to 2-0 where it remained for the rest of the game.

CC dominated in offensive attempts with a 26-6 advantage in shots. Fresh-

man goalkeeper Rowan Frederiksen didn't have to defend against a shot on goal until there were less than six minutes left in the game. But in the 88th minute, Frederiksen dived for a save to preserve her sixth shutout of the season.

Although the Tigers will soon be saying goodbye to seven valued and talented players, senior Ayers is confident about the team's future.

"One of the best things about the team is our mentality," said Ayers. "It's one thing to improve your skills as an individual, and that has certainly been a part of my four years at CC, but without the drive to work for your teammates, we wouldn't be successful."

"Knowing that everyone on the team has each other's back is crucial to building a winning program. Since we have that foundation, I think the soccer program has a bright future. I'm excited to see where this team goes," Ayers continued.

With this win, CC extended their unbeaten home streak to 23 (20-0-3). After their victorious senior night, the Tigers traveled to California on Tuesday to begin the first round of the Mountain West

Championship held at San Diego State University.

The Tigers earned a record of 11-5-3 overall this season and were placed as fourth seed in the tournament.

"I have been most impressed by our ability to bounce back after tough moments in games," said Herron. "Coming off two seasons of winning our regular league and winning conference tournament this past year, I think a lot of people were concerned we wouldn't know how to handle adversity this year, especially with a completely new back line."

Herron continued, "Senior day was great not just because we beat a good opponent 2-0, but because we finally showed up for 90 minutes. We didn't have any mental slips and everyone worked very hard together offensively and defensively. The Air Force game was the best I've seen our team move the ball and combine passes all season. I'm looking forward to us keeping that good momentum going into our conference tournament."

After such a successful season, things definitely looked promising for the Tigers as they headed into their game

against Utah State.

Fifth seed Utah State started off the game with a header goal at 23:16 into the first half. They held the 1-0 lead for the rest of the period, but CC came back in the second half to tie it up and then take the lead.

The Tigers scored three goals in less than 14 minutes. Ayers scored the first CC goal at 63:21 off an assist from Schweiss. 5:25 later, Schweiss put CC in the lead with a goal of her own, with an assist from senior midfielder Jordan Savold. This was Schweiss' fifth game winning goal of the season.

Less than ten minutes later, Ayers solidified CC's lead with another goal, this time assisted by Herron. The goal raised Ayers to fifth place in CC's career points list with 72 points. The game ended with a CC win, 3-1.

Along with these team victories, the Tigers also celebrated some individual achievements this week. Four players earned All-Mountain West honors.

Ayers and Schweiss were named to the first team, and Herron and senior midfielder Kaeli Vandersluis were named to the second.



## Volleyball enters the SCAC tournament with high expectations

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The Colorado College women's volleyball team has high expectations going into this weekend's Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship tournament in Sherman, Texas.

With tough losses to avenge and a healthier lineup than they have had all year, the Tigers are ready to pounce on a conference title.

"We expect great competition but we expect to win the tournament," said senior captain Kristen Liberty.

The third-seeded Tigers take on tournament host and sixth-seeded Austin College on Friday in their first game of the tournament.

Also standing in their way are potential matches against second-seeded Southwestern University and top seeded Trinity University.

The Tigers, (27-7 overall, 11-3 SCAC), closed out their conference season two weeks ago with back-to-back losses against the two top seeds.

"Conference matches are always very dramatic because of the rivalries between teams," said Liberty.

"and we definitely have some payback to take care of this weekend."

"Trinity has very strong offensive players and Southwestern is less powerful but more clever with their offense," Liberty continued. In the conference tournament, "we definitely need to focus on our defense."

Head coach Rick Swan said the team learned some valuable lessons from its late-season losses.

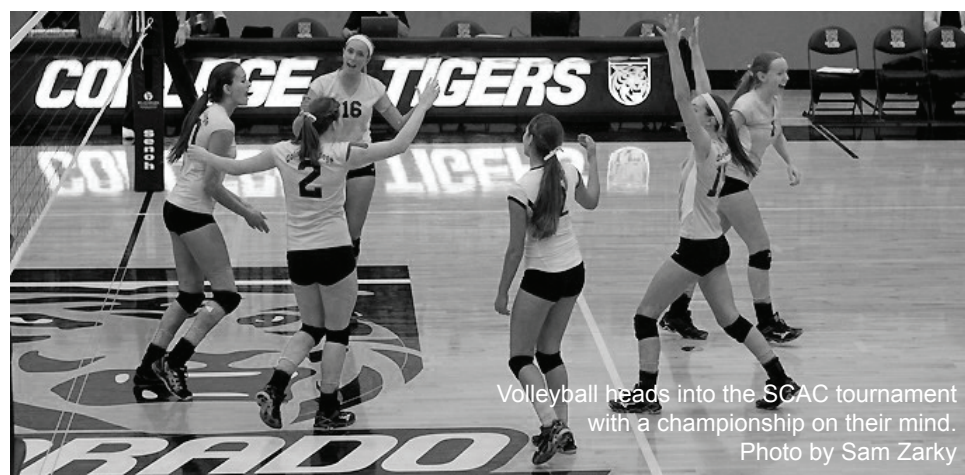
"Now we know what we have to do and we know what it will take to win the conference championship," Swan said.

The Tigers will also have a full, healthy roster for the first time this season and have been experimenting with different lineups in practice all week.

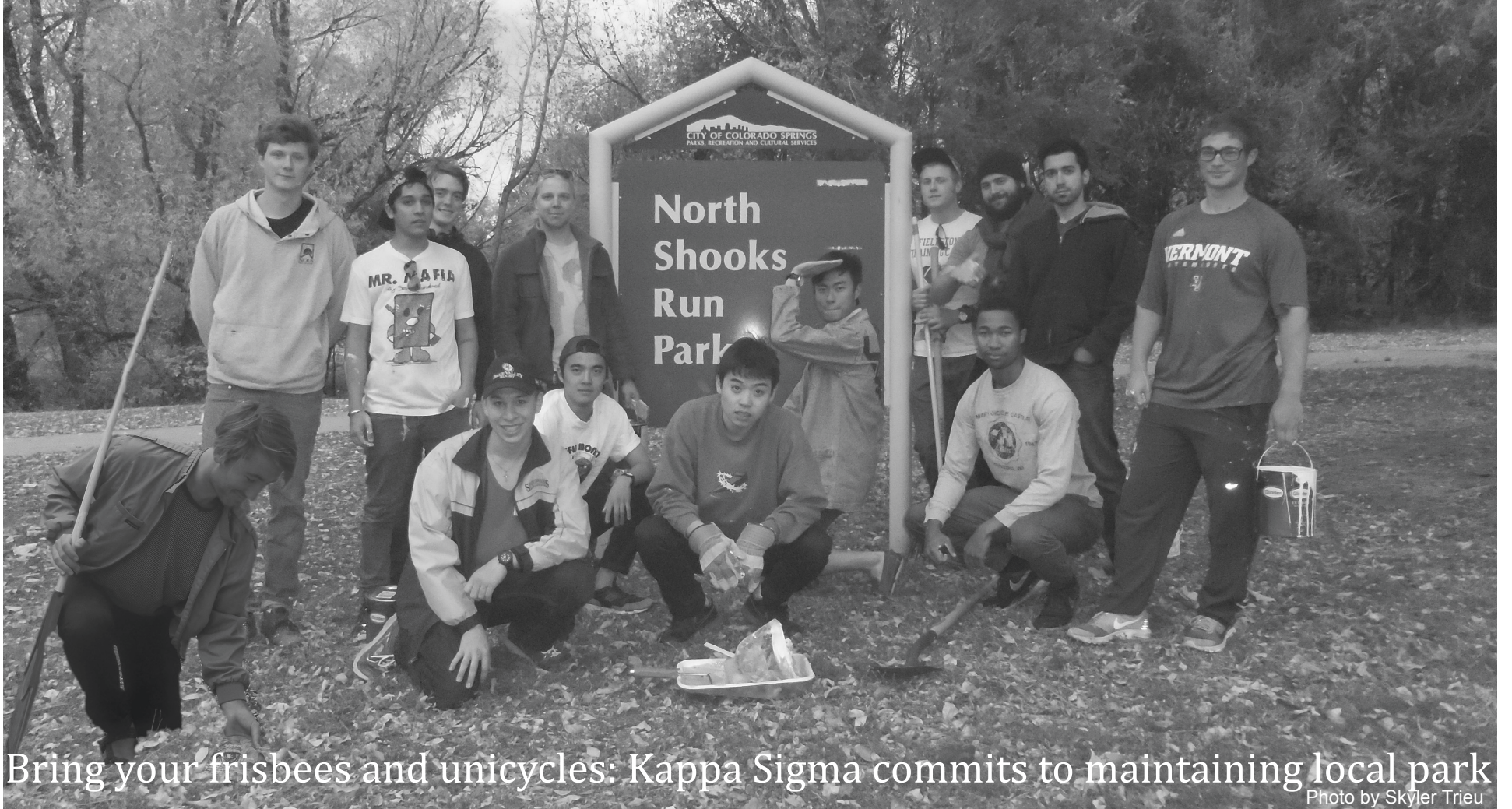
This should leave them ready for whatever challenges are spiked their way this weekend.

"We see this as the first step in a long play-off block," said Liberty.

"We definitely respect our opponents, but we believe we have not shown the conference our best volleyball yet," Liberty added. "We're excited to get out there and dominate."







Bring your frisbees and unicycles: Kappa Sigma commits to maintaining local park  
Photo by Skyler Trieu

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Like many students here at Colorado College, the idea of a fraternity once repulsed me. This past Monday, that opinion changed.

As I was walking to Wooglin's Deli to meet Skyler Trieu and Kian Alden, the philanthropy chairs of Kappa Sigma, someone came unicycling down the sidewalk and locked his wheel up in front of Wooglin's. It turns out that the unicyclist was Skyler. This was an unexpected and welcome beginning to the destruction of my stereotype of fraternities.

Skyler, Kian, and I sat down at the

circular table near the deli's entrance and discussed their planned project at Shooks Run Park, scheduled for this upcoming Sunday. Through the adopt-a-park program, Kappa Sigma has committed to the maintenance of the park's beauty for years to come. Shooks Run, Skyler explained, is perfectly suited for Kappa Sigma because it is within walking distance of the house, and the community loves it.

The inspiration for this project is Todd Martz. If you have never heard of him - and I had not before enjoying coffee with Skyler and Kian - to explain things simply, Todd is a legend. Not only was Todd

the first man with Down Syndrome to be pledged into a fraternity in the US, but his involvement with Kappa Sigma will leave an everlasting mark. Todd Martz passed away last August, but he will always be remembered as a brother of Kappa Sigma.

Kian and Skyler have many plans for the future of service for Kappa Sigma. There are ideas to volunteer with the prisoner reintegration, outdoor education, or literacy programs with children of Colorado Springs.

At the end of our conversation, I thanked the two of them, walked out, and realized that nothing I had heard

connected to any preconceived notions of fraternities. It's a shame that the tang of the fraternity stereotype still can't get off my tongue, but even though I may end up at a party at Kappa Sigma this weekend, I know now that is not all Kappa Sigma is. Sitting down with Skyler and Kian showed that simplifying Kappa Sigma to the stereotype of fraternities is ignorant. Fraternities that promote "frat bros" or misogynistic behavior, while existing elsewhere, do not exist at CC. With role-models like Todd Martz, it is impossible to disregard all the good that fraternities, like Kappa Sigma, are doing in the community.

## State of the Rockies project breaks into the world of art

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In a world where scientific versus socially minded people are often divided, the State of the Rockies Project is attempting to bridge that gap with art. The Project, which is a student-faculty collaborative research project devoted to conserving the natural resources of the West, recently held a photography exhibit in the 802 gallery on campus. The exhibit was inspired in part by the long-standing involvement with the Project by photographer and Colorado College Geology Professor, Steve Weaver. Over the past decade, the Project has adopted a more artistic approach to involve students in conservation, such as the development of several creative posters and three student-produced films. The Project's move towards artistic expression, rather than purely scientific discourse, is related in part to a rich history of art playing a role in the conservation of the West, dating back to Ansel Adams and Terry Tempest Williams.

According to Brendan P. Boepple, Assistant Director of the Project and former student researcher, art has the ability to unite opposing views and demographics towards the common goal of conservation, because an appreciation for the natural beauty of the West is universal. He describes how the art exhibit hopefully "inspires people to look at values they share in the lands and waters of the American West, often across deep

social and political divides... Without this public engagement, issues in the West can fall on deaf ears." The exhibit, which was open from Oct. 1 through the end of Block 2, was curated with the help of Eric Ravin, from CC's art department, and contributed to entirely by artists from the CC community.

Eric Perramond, Director of the State of the Rockies Project and Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Southwest Studies at CC, also believes that the power of art can draw people towards conservation in ways that science cannot. He describes the intention behind their artistic endeavors beautifully: "Expanding our work in the Rockies to include art/music/multi-media is necessary because if we want to effect change on conservation issues (or climate, or water, etc...) we have to speak to the heart, to the eyes, not just the brain. Art does this. Music does this. Science doesn't always do so." The State of the Rockies is constantly trying to expand their reach to the rest of the Colorado College community, offering several opportunities for students to get involved, whether they want to work for them as a researcher or simply participate in their annual photo contest. Either way, look out for the information that the Project has displayed around campus, and recognize the unique and deep connection to the natural resources of the West that is an inherent part of being a student and resident at CC.

## The Interdisciplinary House, something for everyone

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With second week coming to a close, the latter half of the block looming upon us, and many midterms and papers to prepare for, we try to find more efficient ways to stay focused.

Maybe we work at the library, holed up in the Lincoln Room or soliciting the tables outside of Chas Coffee to chat with Steve over a vanilla chai or a red eye. We may also opt to work in the quiet Fishbowl where the only sounds that occur are the shuffling of papers and the scratch of pens.

Now it comes to my attention that a new place has been available on campus that not many students know about. It is located on 1115 N. Cascade Avenue, and it is called the Interdisciplinary House (ID House for short).

When I found out about it, I had to go take a look at it for myself. When I walked inside, I came across the only person in the house, senior Meryl Ellington. I sat down with her for a brief interview to learn more about this elusive studying space and why it needs to be more in the limelight.

Ellington, along with other students, finds this space to be different from other study haunts on campus. "It is a very quiet community, obviously because no one knows about it yet," she said. "It is a more comfortable setting, hence the house theme, and it is a place where students can really focus, whether it is with

a group or by yourself."

So who opened up the ID house to students? Apparently, it was originally used for Feminist and Gender Studies classes as well as Race and Ethnic Studies. "A lot of students who occasionally came here for class really appreciated the feel of the house and the teachers wanted to take advantage of it. So Heidi [Heidi Lewis, Feminist and Gender Studies Professor] and Linda decided to open the space to students hoping it would give them a better place to study," Ellington said.

I took a tour around the house and I was very impressed with everything I saw. When I immediately walked in, I noticed the large table where a big or small group could work on a project. I went in further and noticed there was a printer. Sadly, Ellington told me that it is very slow and wouldn't be of much use.

Other than that downer, everything in the house was great. The upstairs had a great study room that looked very nice, and overall, the aura of the house was very inviting. I would have loved to live there if it had been available as a living space. I am really surprised that I did not notice this house any sooner.

As much as I love talking to people in the library and other places, there are definitely times when I feel I have to buckle down and work in privacy. I highly recommend that every student should at least go and visit the ID house and see if it fits their studying needs. It is definitely a great addition to have on our campus!



# Being transgender at CC: A student speaks out about their experience

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What are EQUAL's (or any other groups you're involved in) aims as far as helping transgender students be successful at Colorado College?

For the Queer Community Coalition (QCC), I know that November is Transgender Awareness month, and they are planning something. To be honest, I don't know what. My schedule keeps me from participating in QCC. Just like any other student here, the block plan and my other obligations keep me really busy.

I've also heard some rumors about more insurance coverage for transgender specific health care, at least for faculty because they are covered directly by CC's insurance. However, I don't know any specifics, or if Boettcher Health Center and the administration plans to extend some of those options to students. I would really like it if I had actual information or resources about this. I want to know what my options are.

I can't speak for EQUAL's intentions, as I'm not part of the leadership for that group. Honestly, I don't know if they have any goals towards helping transgender students in particular. I haven't noticed any directed, specific support—it is more of a generalized group that aims to help and bring

together queer students in general. I've personally felt very supported there. It's a great place.

What are the challenges of being transgendered or gender queer at CC?

Do you think gender issues are a big problem at CC?

There are definitely challenges to being transgender at CC. There are challenges to being transgender everywhere. I'm not widely out for exactly that reason.

It's easy if you are cisgender to just not... notice, or care about, transphobia. Let me ask you this: have you ever heard the word tr\*nny? He-she? Have you ever used those words? Because I've sure heard them. I've heard them everywhere. Every time you make a joke about

tional facility, I could be assaulted on the street. It happens to many of us. Islan Nettles was killed across from a police station when she was beaten to death. Sasha Fleischman's skirt was set on fire while she slept on a bus. Cemina Acoff was stabbed and misgendered by the media after her body was discovered. There is an epidemic of anti-trans violence raging in the world.

This is what I think about at night. Other kids here might think about their grades or their girlfriend. I think, "Will my parents kick me out if I come out? Will I be called a slur tomorrow? Will I be murdered someday by a bigot who doesn't think I'm a human being?" The odds are not in my favor.

At CC, just like everywhere else, there

campus because I don't know the reactions I will get. I hear transphobia and sexism directed towards other people on campus, and I'm afraid to confront it or experience it more myself.

As Laverne Cox said at the 2014 Creating Change conference, "when a trans woman is called a man that is an act of violence." Cisgender people don't understand that when you get called the wrong pronouns, it hurts. It hurts because they don't see you as the person you really are, it hurts because it disregards your gender, it hurts like an insult. A barb. Getting misgendered is one surefire way to hurt me, and unfortunately that's what happens most of the time.

In many ways, I am myself here. I can express my interests and share them with others. I can take the classes I've always wanted to take. I can watch movies with friends and talk about the world. But what I can't do here, at least right now, is come out. And there's something really sad about that.

- Think about your words. Think about pronouns, both yours and someone else's. First, ask what pronouns someone uses. If you get them wrong, apologize and do better next time.

- Examine what you think about transgender people, and how the reality diverges drastically from the stereotypes. Know the facts. Ask a trans person, or go online. Educate yourself.

- What is masculine? What is feminine? And why are those categories important?

- Have you ever questioned your gender, really thought about it? Maybe you should.

-Transgender people are twice as likely to live under the poverty line. Transgender people of color are four times as likely.

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20%  
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- LGBTQ youth, including transgender teens, make up an estimated 20-40% of overall homeless youth, far more than the estimated percentage of LGBTQ identified people in the general population.

- Transgender inmates are 13 times more likely to be sexually assaulted (Jeness et al., 2007).

13x

53%

- In 2012, 53.8 percent of anti-LGBTQ hate crime homicides reported were transgender women.

-According to the Transgender Day of Remembrance group, there have been 85 murders of transgender people in the USA in just the last five years. And these are just the reported cases.

85

'chicks with dicks', think about how your words impact trans people. I hear those insults over and over and over again. I've heard them at CC.

'You're not real. You're just confused. Why the fuck is that faggot wearing a dress?' If we hear these words, these transphobic misogynistic statements all the time, we think that everyone thinks that. That it's all right to think that. And words aren't the worst of it.

These statistics are just some of many showing the massive discrimination and hatred for trans people.

Although right now I'm obviously not at risk for being assaulted in a correc-

is transphobia. Just because we're a liberal arts college doesn't excuse us from our mistakes, nor should it. So think about it.

In terms of problems I experience here specifically, one issue is that people just don't know. They don't know about my gender identity personally, they don't know about the discrimination that transgender people experience, and they never even think to ask. Since I don't have the money, I can't get the hormones I want or dress the way I would like. My CC ID shows a face that feels wrong, a body that feels wrong. I'm afraid to be out about my gender or sexuality on

## Inaugural Southwest Week set to kick off next week with photography contest and hip-hop duo Shining Soul

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Colorado College's inaugural Southwest Week is expected to take place from Nov. 10 to Nov. 14. The weeklong series of events will include film screenings, music events, an open house, and a photography lecture.

The photography lecture by Steve Weaver, the Technical Director of Geology here at CC, will kick off the first-ever Southwest Week. The lecture will be followed by an awards ceremony for the winners of a photography contest, which includes categories of Southwest Landscape, People, and Culture.

On Tuesday, there will be an open

house for the Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies held at the Dern House. The open house will display the winning photographs from the previous day.

The Film Festival series will also premiere on Tuesday with the film "Barking Water." The film appeared at the Sundance Film Festival and is directed by Sterlin Harjo, who will give a keynote lecture before the screening.

On Wednesday, the Film Festival will continue with "Lone Star," an Academy Award-nominated film concerning tensions in a Texas border town surrounding the investigation of a murder. The film will be followed by a panel discussion with faculty members Santiago Guerra (Southwest Studies), Clay Haskell (Film and New Media Studies),

and Michael Cucher (English).

Also on Wednesday, the film "La Misma Luna" will be shown in the Cornerstone Screening Room. On Thursday, the screenwriter of the film, Ligiah Villalobos, will give a craft seminar entitled "Considering the Changing Face of America: Lessons in Writing for Film and Television." The documentary "Precious Knowledge" will also be shown on Thursday.

"The film festival is a big piece of Southwest Week," said Christina Leza, an Assistant Professor in the Anthropology Department who has been planning Southwest Week for almost a year. "It's a great way to bring in community members because everyone loves movies."

Southwest Week will also host music

events, involving a Beat Making Workshop with Shining Soul, a hip-hop duo from Arizona that focus on hip-hop as a means for empowering people to address social inequalities. The duo will perform on Friday.

"Southwest Week is a way for us to establish outreach into the community and to make people on the CC campus more aware of the program," Leza said. "We want to educate people about the Southwest."

Leza says if the events are well attended and enjoyed, she'll do her best to organize it again next year.

The weeklong event is sponsored by the Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies and is co-sponsored by Film and New Media Studies.



## Where is Video Dance Party? Halloween twist includes DJ Mansour's genius

### CONNOR SAMPLE

Staff Writer

As an eager prospective student, Video Dance Party (VDP) was an event that I had heard about while reading various blogs online and while talking to my host and other students during my open house visit. It sounded like the college parties I had seen on television and in my dreams, filled with lots of people, crazy dancing, strobe lights, and live DJs. Of course, I proceeded to tell all of my friends back home about it, explaining enthusiastically that "we have a big crazy party in a tent with flair, what does your college have?"

After talking to many upperclassmen about VDP, flair is the one thing that consistently came up. To be completely honest, I had never heard of flair before coming to Colorado College. The only flares I knew were the ones you set on fire if you were ever in danger on the side of the road. However, it was explained to me that flair was to be among the many

other college necessities I packed and if I did not have any, I was to hurry and find an opportunity to go to the Arc. So, freshman year, I came to college with my flair and excitement, only to realize that there would be no VDP during my first-year orientation at all.

Naturally, time went on and it was announced that VDP would be making a comeback on Halloween. Due to my disappointment before, I was scared to get too excited but knew that at least nothing could go wrong with delicious tots at Midnight Breakfast afterwards. Trying to remove all of my initial skeptical feelings, I wondered how this Halloween VDP would compare to the VDP of the last few years, since I did not get the ultimate experience. I was shocked to see that many of my upperclassmen friends either did not attend the Halloween dance, or simply did not know about it, especially if they lived off campus.

Regardless of the class divide in terms of attendance, I had a great time and

thoroughly enjoyed the music thanks to student DJ Mansour Al-Amin who has been DJing for the past five years and got involved with VDP through a friend in Campus Activities. The music played was a nice beginning to the night and seamlessly blended a wide set of genres.

"I just really play what I'm feeling at the moment," Al-Amin said when asked about his DJing style. "It's relative to every situation."

"I remember freshman year VDP and it was a little different from what it is now. But even then I think I had the same perspective, just have a good time," said Al-Amin. "That's how I come to every opportunity to share a listening experience with a group of other people that I don't know but am occupying that space and that moment with."

Overall, it seems as though the context of this event has changed, which could possibly lead to a change of its meaning. Before, this dance party served as a bridge from New Student Orientation to

freshman year. There was a space created for new students to get to know each other in a different perspective in comparison to the panel discussion, Priddy trip meetings and other requirements for the evening.

"Although this event definitely was a fun introduction to college, it seemed predatory due to the fact that some seniors would attend the events with the goal of hooking up with a freshman," said one friend.

Although I heard mostly positive and funny stories, it definitely seems like there are a lot of things to be considered about this event and only further intrigues me to find out why the event was cancelled and changed when it was. However, as someone with no prior knowledge of the illustrious VDP before, I still had a great freshman year full of alternative spaces to get to know my classmates and still enjoyed dancing in my Thomas the Train Engine Halloween costume at this event.

## Run the Jewels 2: "comes twice as hard"

### NICK DYE

Music Editor

With the year's end quickly approaching, critics have noticed a lack of strong releases this year as well as weak sales. So far, Taylor Swift's 1989, reviewed last week, is the only album within arm's reach of selling one million copies. With the last two months of 2014 upon us, artists and labels are pushing stronger and popular releases in time for the holidays.

Of the stronger releases in this year-end push is Run The Jewels' eponymous "Run The Jewels 2." RTJ is a long-standing collaboration between Atlanta rapper Killer Mike and New York producer/rapper El-P. The alliance began as El-P served as the producers on Mike's "R.A.P. Music" back in 2012. The duo released their first album/mixtape, the original "Run The Jewels," last year.

"RTJ2" comes back twice as hard as the first installation. The album is one of the most aggressive and violent rap albums in years. El-P's industrial production serves as the medium for El and Mike's vulgar and angry delivery. The beats sound like a more traditional version of the work of production duo TNGHT or as intense as noise-pop band, Sleigh Bells.

The lyrical content is vicious and sometimes political. The duo has made a hard stance against the police brutality made in Ferguson, Mo. and on "Crown," Mike laments his time selling cocaine to a pregnant woman. The central lyrical theme overall is "anti-f\*ckboy," which is their term for idiots. The album's lyrics are so creative and vulgar that it would be safer to keep them out of this article.

Run The Jewels is also backed by an interesting group of collaborators. Zack De La Rocha of Rage Against The Machine contributes a rare verse and vocal sample on "Close Your Eyes (And Count to F\*\*K)." Beyoncé collaborator Boots appears on the anti-police brutality protest song, "Early," and Blink-182 drummer helps out on "All Due Respect."

"RTJ2" is arguably the best rap album in a very weak year for the genre. The project is an amazing success for two longtime underground artists embattled

with little recognition. The best part, the album can be yours for free off their website or you can buy it on iTunes. Run The Jewels will be performing at the Gothic Theater in Englewood on Tuesday, Nov. 18, if you don't have a paper due or exam the next day.

On the side of popular releases out this week is Calvin Harris' "Motion." Forbes recently named Harris the highest-paid DJ in the world for the second year in a row, making 66 million dollars, more than twice of what David Guetta, the second-highest paid DJ made. The DJ likely made his money touring off 2012's "18 Months," which carried massive singles such as "Feel So Close," "Sweet Nothing" with Florence Welch, and "I Need Your Love" featuring Ellie Goulding.

"Motion" builds on this success; Harris' music is bouncy and, you could say, orchestral. The songs are very intense, as mainstream EDM usually is. There is a somewhat addictive feeling to the songs, kind of like binging on Halloween candy, it gets you hyped up, but this can't be good for you.

However, that's where "Motion" fails. None of it comes off intelligent; it's sheer mainstream pop. The song uses a typical EDM formula of verse-drop-verse-drop, the songs are pretty interchangeable by structure and sound, and there is no break from the sheer, sugarcoated intensity.

Harris, like RTJ, does pick interesting collaborations, especially for a major EDM release. HAIM appears on "Pray to God" and Big Sean contributes weak raps on the terrible "Open Wide." Singer John Newman growls through the second single, "Blame," and Gwen Stefani appear on "Together." The one thing that Harris has on his competition is that he sings on his own songs, including the hit single, "Summer," and "Faith."

Overall, "Motion" is weak on creativity, but bursting out the seams with energy. The songs will likely find their way to your pre-games, house parties, and top 40 radio. You will likely not listen to "Motion" as a whole, but enjoy the singles to come.

Also out this week: Kanye collaborator Arca's "Xen."



## Licking like a crisp packet: Alt-J offers pure seduction

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"I want to turn you inside out and lick you like a crisp packet": seductive, or just plain weird? Either way, and despite the randomness and ambiguity of many of their lyrics, Alt-J only seems to be gaining in popularity. That's why it was no surprise when they sold out the Fillmore Auditorium in Denver on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Ticket prices had climbed to well above \$50, but the show was still packed. Alt-J's performance was far from disappointing; it was enchanting.

Alt-J is a modern indie-alternative band that has only recently emerged from the United Kingdom and rocketed to popularity. Alt-J was formed as a quartet and is now a trio, with Joe Newman and Gus Unger-Hamilton as the lead vocalists. Their band name stems from the key combination on a Mac keyboard needed to make the delta symbol ( $\Delta$ ).

"An Awesome Wave," their first album, was an instant indie-pop culture hit. Their second album, "This Is All Yours," upheld the delicate balance between experimentation and the maintenance of original sound. Alt-J has earned popularity because their sound is so unique, fusing genres while both calming and

exciting listeners. "This Is All Yours" was released in late September, and the tour will continue to Europe and Australia.

Lovelife, a synth-pop band, played the opening set of the Denver show. Although their energy flowed well and they could definitely gain more popularity in the future, the audience was impatient for Alt-J. The band finally appeared, dressed completely in black and silhouetted by red lights with the opening notes of their single, "Hunger of the Pine."

The set list appears to have remained fairly consistent throughout this tour, but that could be because it is composed to have a perfect mix of songs from both albums. The band maintained a modest yet mysterious persona, but their music was wonderfully executed, complete with an incredible light show that was unique to each song. One particularly stunning part of the performance was the song "Taro," which featured pillars of lit psychedelic geometric shapes and sunset-colored lights.

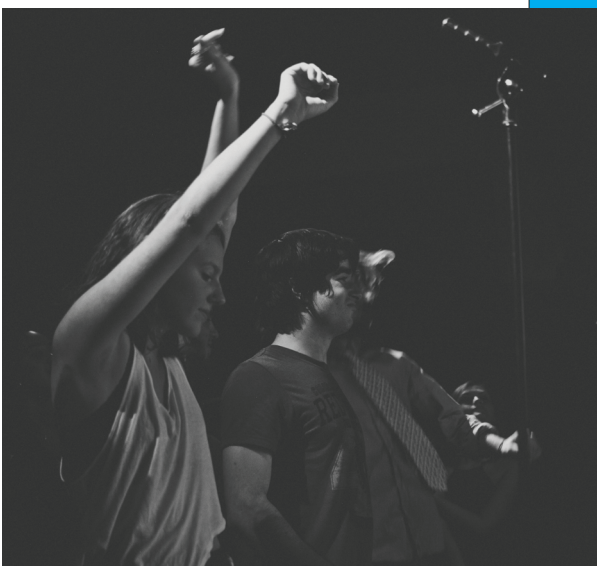
Although the set could have been a bit longer, the show was overall transcendent. Be sure to add Alt-J to your list if you haven't already, as each album is a work of art in its own right.



Photo by Liz Forester



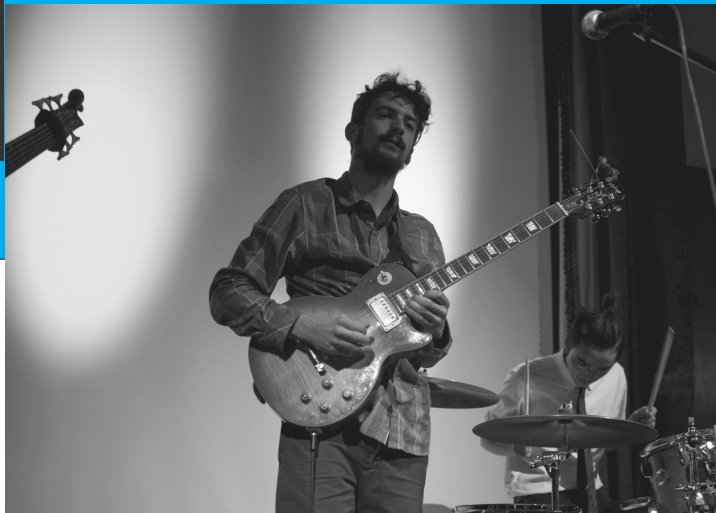
## Classy Wednesday relocated to Bemis Hall this past week, featuring three student bands



Most Bodacious, Promiscuous Stepsister, and Drunk Uncle ring in Classy Wednesday to crowd of students and Dean of Students Rochelle Mason dancing their heads off. Special guest appearance with Shane Lory, Executive Director/Co-Founder/Volunteer at Colorado Springs Food Rescue. The night was a huge success as students enjoyed new and old acts and sweet serenades.



Photos by Kendall Rock



## The Food Diaries: Hometown dishes dished up by fellow students

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Food Guru

With a student body that comes from around the country and the globe, food is often one of the biggest reminders of home. Bon Appétit serves a variety of foods, but there are some food items that you just can't find. I asked a few students about the dishes and foods they missed the most from their hometown.

**Patrick Journey**  
**Where are you from?**  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

**What's your favorite hometown dish that you miss the most?**

It's called a hot dish, which is basically a big casserole with a whole bunch of deliciousness. Usually cheese based, it can have tater tots, pasta, or potatoes in it, but it varies.

**Where can you get it?**

There's one at every family gathering. There's always a hot dish when you go to someone's house for dinner too. You can't buy it, it's always homemade.

**How do you make it?**

You can basically put whatever you want in a casserole dish and cook it.

**What's your favorite hot dish?**

Goulash. It's mac and cheese with

ground beef and veggies. It's SO GOOD.

**Have you tried to replicate it at CC?**  
Nope. I have never cooked it myself.

**Erin Luby**  
**Where are you from?**

I'm from Rumson, NJ, a small town on the Jersey Shore.

**What's your favorite hometown dish that you miss the most?**

There's this food called pork roll that only exists in New Jersey, and in my opinion, it is the greatest breakfast meat to ever exist. Nothing cures a hangover better than a pork roll, egg, and cheese on an everything bagel.

**Where can you get it?**

You can pretty much find it at any deli, bagel place, or breakfast restaurant on the Jersey Shore.

**How do you make it?**

To be honest, I'm not entirely sure what it's made of. I'm guessing pork though, given the name and all.

**Do you remember the first time you tried it?**

Yes, and breakfast has never been the same ever since.

**Have you tried to replicate it at CC?**

I have not. There are some things that Jersey just does better than anywhere

else, and pork roll is one of them. I don't think I could replicate it in Colorado even if I tried.

**Lykke Blonde**  
**Where are you from?**

I'm from Sønderborg, Denmark.

**What's your favorite hometown dish that you miss the most?**

The dish I miss the most is "Risengrød" - Rice Porridge. It's made by boiling full-cream milk and rice into a thick porridge. It's served with butter and cinnamon on top. If you are adventurous, which my family is not, you can add fruit juice or beer on top too.

**Where do you get it? Have you tried to replicate it at CC?**

I cannot get Risengrød here, but I brought some of the rice to the US and tried to replicate it. The first time went very well - cooking the dish is all about patience. It takes about an hour to make and you have to stir pretty much the whole time so the rice doesn't burn. The second time, I had to go to a potluck and had little time. That didn't go too well, but at the potluck people loved it even though it was much saltier than intended.

This dish is a Christmas dish but in

my family we love it so much we eat it year around. Since the dish is a Christmas dish, there is a song that goes with it that we always sing when we eat it. Risengrød is essential for Christmas because it is the favorite dish of the elves. If you don't put out porridge for them, they become mean and you will suffer from bad luck. I guess I better make some porridge one of these days.

**Emily Komie**  
**Where are you from?**  
Chicago, Illinois.

**What's your favorite hometown dish that you miss the most?**

Probably Chicago-style hot dogs.

**Where can you get it?**

Great hot dog places are generally everywhere in the Chicagoland area, with the most famous "dive" places in the city.

**How do you make it?**

What's on it: yellow mustard, white onions, relish, dill pickle, tomato, sport peppers and celery salt - no ketchup.

**Do you remember the first time you tried it?**

I was very young.

Have you tried to replicate it at CC?

Not yet - hot dogs are not really available.