

# THE CATALYST

Vol. 47, No. 8

The Independent Student Newspaper of Colorado College

November 4, 2016

## Dakota Access Pipeline Protest: Ethan Cutler on the Ground



PHOTO AND STORY BY ETHAN CUTLER

ABOVE: DAPL protectors in North Dakota raise their fists in solidarity during a face-off with police on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Ethan Cutler, CC sophomore, has taken the entirety of Block Three to travel to Standing Rock, N.D. and report from the front lines of the Dakota Access Pipeline protests. Cutler is documenting the protests both online at [catalystnewspaper.com](http://catalystnewspaper.com) and in print format.

Over the course of three days, Cutler has witnessed police brutality, solidarity among protectors, and a hectic motion at the makeshift encampment located north of Cannon Ball, N.D.

Below, Cutler details the events of Wednesday, Nov. 2nd and a dispute that he witnessed between protectors and police over a makeshift bridge built in an attempt to regain native lands.

At 5:30 a.m. on Nov. 2 2016, a small group of men chopped, tied,

and lay logs for a rickety wooden bridge on the Canon Ball River. Those men are Red Warriors, fighting for their right to clean water. Through the night they were building a bridge by which they could reach DAPL construction. The night would have been dark if it were not for the enormous stadium lights DAPL had constructed all along their construction site. This little bridge was built on Army Corps land. The bridge leads from the side of the river on which the main camp lies to the side of the river where DAPL is currently continuing construction.

At around 9 a.m., hundreds of other water protectors flocked to the bridge, which is only half a mile from the main camp. They were quickly met with a large police force in full riot gear. A lengthy pro-

test ensued.

We seem to have accomplished something today. Hundreds of cameras captured the obviously excessive force shown by the police. Facebook and Twitter have been exploding with sympathy and principled anger. But mainstream media continues to pay little attention. Those outlets that did, covered the day poorly. The Obama administration has delayed commitment to the cause and Hillary's only comment was comically evasive. Morale is high this evening, but frustration is growing and the nights are getting colder.

I talked with Sage Robertson this afternoon. He was in the water on the frontline. At this confrontation, he said, "I was closer than I was the last time." I asked if anything felt different about today and Robert-

son said that in one way, "it's always the same thing. Us standing in front of them, with their guns and pepper spray." But the protectors and the cops were in closer proximity today, and that let Robertson see something new: "they know it's wrong," he said. "We saw that on some of their faces today. That was new."

Another protector told me today, "When a man is afraid, he brings a gun. A man with no fear has no need for a gun." Robertson echoed this sentiment: "It was a real rush, but I wouldn't say people were afraid. Everyone that goes to an action is willing to die. We don't know if they have live rounds or what. One of them looked like he had a grenade launcher. I was thinking, wow, you need a grenade launcher for these people?"

What are you afraid of? But we were all together, so we weren't afraid."

We talked about the cops—what they might be thinking, what they're consciences are telling them, how it must feel to be ordered to harm innocent people. "It makes me wonder," Robertson said. "When they go to work, do they tell their families what they're going to do?"

The future is on everyone's minds. But Robertson is taking it slow: "It's hard to say about the future. We live one day at a time. How we're living at camp—that's how we lived back then. Day by day, not knowing what lies ahead the next day. So that's why I'm thankful for every day I wake up."

I ask if there's anything else. He says, "I just want to say I love my family back in Lake Lena, and I'll be here. Here in Standing Rock."

## Newt Gingrich Engages Students from Across the Aisle

By ETHAN GREENBERG

Colorado College and the Colorado Springs community turned out in impressive numbers to hear former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich speak. The talk was the sixth event of the Sondermann Presidential Symposium and featured the largest and most boisterous crowd of any of the previous speakers.

The audience featured an interesting combination of CC students as well as a sizeable contingent of Colorado Springs residents. The contrast between the two groups could be seen in their applause. Following a conservative-leaning comment, the Colorado Springs residents would offer their support, and following a liberal-leaning comment, the student section clapped.

Despite this divide, Gingrich provided ample humor to lighten the mood. He joked about "low energy Jeb" and that Jeb Bush attempted to go jogging in New Hampshire to show he was high energy. He also poked fun at Bernie Sanders for offering free

college and legalized marijuana at college campuses. "Newt was very good at appealing to the crowd," said junior Jared Russell.

Gingrich brings extensive political experience to the table. He served in the House of Representatives from 1979 to 1999, including as Speaker of the House from 1995 to 1999. He may be best known for his involvement with the Republican Party's Contract with America, which formulated 10 policies that the Republican Party would rally around if it won midterm elections in 1994. The 1994 election was extremely successful for Republicans and Gingrich received much of the credit. Gingrich is also known for the 1995-96 government shutdown over budget disagreements between Congressional Republicans and President Clinton.

He ran for president in 2012, but eventually endorsed Mitt Romney. Before politics, Gingrich spent time in academia, receiving a doctorate in European History from Tulane University and teaching at West Georgia College. Like a true history

*Continued on pg. 4*

## The Catalyst 2016 Election Endorsements

CATALYST EDITORIAL BOARD

2016 marks a polarized political moment in the United States' political history. The Catalyst Editorial Board has endorsed candidates for the national, state, and local levels in an attempt to engage the Colorado College student body in meaningful political discourse and action.

**The Catalyst Editorial Board endorses Hillary Clinton for president.**

Donald Trump (R) represents a failure of American democracy to provide viable presidential options to the American people. If elected, Trump would usher in one of the darkest periods of open bigotry and violence in American history. While Hillary Clinton (D) is by no means the perfect candidate, she will be able to build on the successes of Obama's administration and navigate what has become a historically divided Congress. As Harry Reid, Democratic Senate leader says, "Every foreign policy success of Obama's presidency has had Hillary Clinton's fingerprints all over it." In Clinton's time as

Secretary of State she was able to plant the seeds for normalizing relations with Cuba and preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. When comparing Clinton and Trump's ability to lead a country in the world of foreign policy, the choice for president is obvious. While Trump relies on fear-mongering and vague promises of success, Clinton has proven herself a capable diplomat on a world stage. As countless American and international leaders have said, Trump having power over America's nuclear launch codes is a terrifying and deeply troubling idea.

Considering foreign policy leadership, Clinton is the obvious choice. In addition, when focusing on domestic issues, Clinton is the clear choice for president. Her work with women's reproductive health and women's rights policies belie a tenacious and dedicated politician. In particular, Clinton has been a key part of the Violence Against Women Act, Equal Rights Amendment, and the defense of Roe v. Wade. Perhaps Clinton's most memorable moment as a politician came in 1995 when she declared at the UN World Conference on Women that "women's rights are human rights." Clinton's

dedication to equality stands in stark contrast to the misogyny and overt violence that is spewed by Trump. There are currently 18 countries that have elected female leaders and the U.S.' time to elect a female president is now. 2016 represents a polarized political moment in U.S. politics and Colorado is an important swing state in this year's election. The Catalyst urges the students of Colorado College to vote in favor of sensible policy, level-headed decision making, and a continuation of the work done by Barack Obama. A Trump victory would spell disaster for America and Clinton is the single logical choice in the presidential election.

**The Catalyst Endorses Michael Bennet for U.S. Senate**

Michael Bennet (D) is a spokesperson for equity in Colorado. He has a reliable, economically savvy track record of defending legal and reliable access to abortions, tax incentives for renewable energy growth, and tax cuts for small businesses. He states his top priorities to be the environment and education, and has a strong history of

*Continued on pg. 4*

### News

#### House District 18 Election

Candidates Cameron Forth (R) and Pete Lee (D) discuss their platforms and qualifications. *Page 2*

#### GSP Follow-up

The CC administration responds to the concerns about the Global Scholars Program reported on by The Catalyst. *Page 6*

### Opinion

#### An Unfair Admissions Process?

Max Kronstadt investigates the financially discriminatory Early Decision round of college admissions. *Page 14*



### Sports

#### Cross Country Sweeps Championships

Wessler and Callen lead the women's and men's teams to victory. *Page 7*



### Life

#### CC Celebrates Halloween

A look at some of the best 2016 student costumes. *Page 13*

#### Preview of Purple State Purple Haze

The "satirical, honest, and provocative" student written and directed performance about the current political scene. *Page 11*

### 10 Questions

Ariel Filion, VP of Finance talks about what she has learned in her time at CC and how CCSGA handles almost \$1 million in student funds each year. *Page 5*

Find us online at:  
[catalystnewspaper.com](http://catalystnewspaper.com)  
Facebook: /CatalystNews  
Twitter: /catalystnews



## Cameron Forth (R) Runs for Colorado's 18th State House District

By NORBERT MCGETTIGAN

Cameron Forth will be on the Nov. 8 ballot as the Republican candidate for Colorado's 18th state house district.

He will be running against Democrat Pete Lee, the incumbent going for his third term, and Libertarian Norman Johnson.

It was not until recently that Forth decided to run. In August, Sonya Rose, the original nominee for the Republican party, dropped out of the race for personal reasons, stating that it would be too difficult to split the time between being a politician and a mother. After a scramble, the party chose Forth from three potential candidates.

Forth grew up in Colorado Springs, and currently lives and works within District 18. His wife, Kate, is a Colorado College grad, and together they have four children. This localization may help him connect to the residents of the district.

Being nominated so recently puts Forth at somewhat of a disadvantage, giving him less time to campaign and get his name out. However, he has still managed to knock on nearly 3,000 doors and have conversations with many Colorado Springs residents. Additionally, he sees his short campaign as having the element of surprise.

"Somehow I feel it's a little of an advantage," said Forth. "He [Pete Lee] wasn't really expecting much out of his opponent at such a late game. I don't think he expected that somebody would come in two-and-a-half months before an election and be able to pull together a campaign like we have."

If elected, Forth will look at the constitutionality of proposed bills and ask the

question, is it benefitting the people? He wants to ensure that laws passed by the government are for the good of the people, not for the sake of government insiders and elites.

His website, [cameronforth.com](http://cameronforth.com), states "Cameron will fight for our freedom to govern ourselves and community as we see fit and will resist the big-government

intrusion that leads only to divisions, poverty, and hopelessness."

Other highlights of his platform include cutting taxes, initiating red tape for businesses, and bringing awareness to and fighting GMOs. He is against big government and large scale government regulation. He believes that "a 'managed' economy is in direct opposition to the prosperity of 'We the People,' in fact, it's stacked against us for the benefit of the insiders."

Although he recognizes that government jobs have increased in number under Democratic legislation, he believes that given the overall trend of our economy, these jobs are unsustainable for the future. Instead, by cutting regulations on private businesses, he thinks that quality private-sector jobs will increase, resulting in a more stable local economy.

Perhaps his biggest strength is that he comes from a background outside of politics. He currently works as a professional land surveyor, and would offer a fresh perspective from long-term corrupt politicians, both Republican and Democrat.

"It's getting an independent thinker, someone that's not going to act like a normal politician," said Forth. "Someone with a different background that's bringing different ideas, and somebody that's willing to listen to the people."



PHOTO BY PHILLIP ENGH. Cameron Forth, Republican candidate for House District 18.

## Pete Lee (D) Looks to Retain House Seat in District 18

By HANNAH GLOSSER

Representative Pete Lee is running for his fourth term as the Democrat representing House District 18 in Colorado. District 18 includes Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs in El Paso County.

Representative Lee has lived in Colorado Springs for over forty years with his family. While in Colorado Springs, he practiced law for twenty-five years as a criminal justice lawyer. Lee became involved in politics when he was volunteering for a candidate and ultimately became the candidate's campaign manager. While being campaign manager, Lee was asked to run for an upcoming vacant senate seat. Lee decided to run for the Senate in 2008 and lost. Lee said, "I had a fabulous experience and that's what got me immersed."

Representative Lee's platform is grounded in issues concerning education, creating jobs, and restorative justice. In Lee's last term, he introduced and helped pass a bill banning juvenile isolation in the department of youth corrections. He cited this bill as his greatest accomplishment thus far. Lee said on juvenile solitary confinement, "One it is inhumane, and two it is counterproductive. Evidence and studies show that when you put angry, out of control kids in isolation they become more angry and out of control. So, it is a technique that does not accomplish the purposes, which is rehabilitation, and in fact, aggravates the conditions these kids have."

The bill initially faced resistance in the House, while the bill was co-sponsored in the Senate by two other republicans and was passed easily.

Through working as a criminal defense attorney, Representative Lee was able to become very familiar with how the criminal justice system operates. Lee said, "98 percent of people who go to prison get out of prison, but the other half of people that get out of prison, go back to prison within three years. We spend in Colorado \$38,000 a year to keep one person in prison for one year. We spend \$7,000 a year to send one kid to high school for a year. So, we are spending huge amounts of money and not getting results. So, that's why I started looking for alternatives to this process and when I discovered restorative justice. To me, it was almost an elixir to address the wrongdoings."



PHOTO BY PHILLIP ENGH. Dem. incumbent Pete Lee is hoping for a 4th term in House District 18.

Restorative justice's goal is to create harm reduction by establishing accountability and responsibility. Lee argues that the criminal justice system encourages offenders to deny responsibility for their actions and that defense attorneys tell their clients to not confess. Lee said, "Often, they work out a plea bargain for something they have not done. Most people who have gotten a speeding ticket, they go to traffic court and work out a deal with the prosecutor and plead it down to a lesser offence. So they end up pleading to a defective headlight or an obstructed rear window, or something that they have not done. It's a lie. I think what people look for in a justice system is integrity and honesty."

Restorative justice has a recidivism rate within the 7-10 percent range, proving that people do not reoffend following participation in a restorative justice program. The program utilizes victim-offender dialogue, where the victim and offender meet with supporters and facilitators to discuss why the crime was committed and to explain the impact of the offence. For many offenders, listening to how the victim has been impacted is transformative.

Representative Lee said on incarceration, "We [Colorado] are 4-5 times the world average and the US is seven times the world average. Senator Webb from Virginia said when he was looking at these statistics, 'Either we, in the United States, are the most evil people in the world, or

there is something fundamentally wrong with our criminal justice system. I, prefer to believe the latter.' The victim offender dialogue is not implemented frequently in El Paso County and is more so implemented in other places. We have a very resistant DA in El Paso County and this is a very low and order community."

In addition to the incarceration issue in Colorado, Representative Lee believes that one of the larger issues his District faces is a lack of sufficient revenue to support the required infrastructure of a community this size. El Paso County is reliant on sales and income taxes to build infrastructure, since property tax is low. However, sales and income tax are contingent on the economy, while property tax is not. Lee said, "The most sustainable communities are based on property tax because that is pretty consistent. The time where we need revenue is the time that it does not come in."

The Colorado Springs Gazette reported in March 2015, "When stacked against other sizable Front Range cities, though, the Colorado Springs rate is by far the lowest at 4.279 mills. Aurora's mill rate is 10.29; Boulder's, 11.981; Greeley's, 11.274; Fort Collins', 9.797; Pueblo's, 15.633; and Denver's, a whopping 33.119."

Representative Lee said, "Denver is 30 and Pueblo is 15 and we are 4. You wonder why we have holes in the roads, you wonder why restaurants get inspected every two years, you wonder why we have

500 police while other communities with 450,000 people have more than half that many."

Another problem Representative Lee believes the District is facing is TABOR, which is a law that declare that the legislature cannot raise taxes. Representative Lee said, "We're the only state in the United States where the legislators, my colleagues and I, do not have the right to raise taxes. Any tax increase has to be voted on by the people and people don't vote to increase taxes. Also, we're the only community in the state that has a triple TABOR."

At the forefront of many Colorado College students minds is the homelessness issue in Colorado Springs. Lee said, "Homelessness at the outset is not completely a housing problem, it's also a complex problem dealing to a great extent with mental health issues. I think there is a lack of affordable housing and there's a lack of beds for people that are without places to stay. We're building more beds so there will be opportunities, but we have to have back up programs for people, so that they can work their way out of that homeless situation."

The Catalyst Editorial Board last spring came out against the Pedestrian Access Act that applied to Downtown Colorado Springs and Old Colorado City, citing that it was effectivly criminalizing homelessness.

Representative Lee said, "I'm sympathetic to the store owners, who have people sleeping in their doorways and folks are harassing customers. But, can you tell a person they can't sit on a flower bed? Hell no! That's why we have communities. So that people can live in the communities, and sit in the communities and go into the parks. So, I really struggle with sitlie ordinances. I think that people need to have the capability to sit. I mean, you can't declare the status of being homeless as illegal."

Colorado College students' votes are imperative in the upcoming election. Representative Lee said, "I think they're very important, critically important. CC students, like all students, are really the future. I need to embrace, or try to activate and excite, the students to get them interested in the political process. The whole function of a democracy is based upon people participating in that democracy, otherwise it's a plutocracy."



# Proposition 106, 107, 108 Have Potential to Reshape Colorado Politics

By TUCKER SMITH  
& MAXIMILIAN DUNHAM

One of the many issues on the ballot in the state of Colorado is Proposition 107 and 108 which pertain to the choosing of a presidential candidate. For decades, Colorado has chosen its Republican and Democratic candidates through a caucus system. Proposition 107 is giving Coloradans the option to switch to a state-run primary. Primary voting is done with ballots much like the voting system for the general election. A caucus, on the other hand, is more fluid. Representatives of the campaigns are at the caucus to educate voters about the candidates' platforms. Caucus voting then occurs after the information sessions. Voters raise their hands and the votes are tallied or they split into groups based on their vote.

Proposition 108, which also affects 107, would open the primary to unaffiliated voters. This is important for independents as they make up about one-third of Colorado's voting population. While switching to a primary will cost the state government more money, there are several reasons why this proposition landed on the ballot. In March, the Democratic caucuses were so overcrowded that many citizens were unable to vote due to the lack of infrastructure. The Republican party canceled their caucus. With a primary system, voting would be more efficient and less exclusive.

Both of these propositions are statutory, meaning they would be state law and will not be part of the state constitution.

John Wren, a member of the organization Save the Caucus, was interviewed by Westword magazine. He explained his opposition to the proposition, citing that introducing primaries would make caucuses obsolete.

"I think the caucus is the best way, especially for people new to Colorado and the

Colorado political process, to make a real difference in determining who their representatives are. And also who the party leaders are," said Wren.

Wren acknowledged that recent caucuses have not been up to par but he believes in their importance when functioning correctly.

"The caucus, when it's healthy, puts the rank-and-file in charge of the party leaders. And the party leaders right now, today, don't want that so much. I think that's the root of the problem," said Wren.

On the other hand, Governor John Hickenlooper supports the propositions on the basis that more voters will be able to participate.

"We are marginalizing those who don't want to go through the caucus system. I think a true primary will get more people involved in a higher degree in our primary processes," said Hickenlooper.

Tom Cronin, a political science professor at CC, is in favor of both 107 and 108 to varying degrees.

"I'm in favor of primaries versus caucuses. I think that's a step forward for Colorado. I love caucuses, but they disenfranchise too many people who can't show up for two or three hours at the local high school," said Cronin. "Primaries allow more people to participate. It's more democratic."

Cronin believes that it is not fair to have a system that excludes people who are not able to dedicate the time it takes to participate in a caucus as well as people overseas in the military. Cronin does have one reservation about Proposition 107. The current proposition is winner-takes-all, meaning the candidate that wins the majority of primaries in Colorado would win all of the state delegates. Cronin believes that this number should be proportional.

"Four years ago, senator [Rick Santorum] won the caucuses in Colorado. Mitt Romney won some too, but because Santorum won the plurality of caucuses he would

have gotten all of the delegates for Colorado," said Cronin.

Cronin also believes that Proposition 108 should pass due to the large independent voter population in the state of Colorado.

"I'm in favor of including independents. They are disenfranchised from being involved in politics at that stage unless we let them in," said Cronin.

Cronin acknowledges that letting unaffiliated voters have a say may weaken the parties but he believes these independent voters may help bring ultra-left and ultra-right ideologies come closer to the center.

Among students at CC who feel strongly about Propositions 107 and 108 is first-year Eric Ohlund, a likely political science major.

"[Regarding Proposition 107] I voted yes. I think that the caucus system is advantageous to people who have more extreme views because they're willing to give more time to express them," said Ohlund. "I think everyone should be allowed to vote and I think the primary system encourages that."

As much as Ohlund likes the idea of Proposition 108 the fine print kept him from voting yes.

"It had an addendum to it that meant that two percent of each of the voting districts had to vote for an amendment or an initiative to get it passed and I just thought that it would be really hard to get a consensus that large," said Ohlund. "It would just slow the process of democracy down."

Benedict Wright, CC first-year and Colorado native, is all in for both of these propositions. Wright believes that with a primary system and allowing independents to vote will lead to better representation.

"I think it would be good if everyone could be involved in the primary voting

process. I would've liked to participate in the primaries this year but I could not because I'm not affiliated with a party," said Wright. "I think it would be a better reflection of how the state feels as a whole."

Another initiated state statute to vote on this election is the Colorado "End of Life Options Act," also known as Proposition 106. The proposition is modeled on Oregon Measure 16, the 1994 measure that authorized assisted death. Oregon was the first state to legalize assisted death, followed by California, Montana, Vermont, and Washington.

Currently in Colorado, aiding another person in ending their life is a crime and is felony manslaughter. This election season, Colorado has the choice to either keep the system in place or permit assisted death.

The proposition is designed to allow patients who are terminally ill and have less than six months to live (determined by two physicians) to voluntarily die through self-administered drugs. Being eligible for this procedure requires the patient must be 18 years of age, pronounced mentally sound by two physicians, and able to communicate an educated decision. Receiving the drugs requires one written request (witnessed by two others) and two oral requests. Additionally, the proposition would criminalize anyone who coerced a patient into requesting the drug.

A "yes" vote on Proposition 106 supports making assisted death legal among patients with a terminal illness who receive a prognosis of death within six months. Supporters of this proposition include the ACLU of Colorado, The Colorado Community Health Network, and ProgressNow Colorado. Supporters in the government include Gov. John Hickenlooper, Sen. Lucia Guzman, and Rep. Lois Court.

*For the full text of this article, including insights into Proposition 106, please visit [catalystnewspaper.com](http://catalystnewspaper.com).*

## Sophomores Arrested at Standing Rock Protest

By ZACH ZUCKERMAN

Sophomores Conner Corbridge and Theo Buchanan decided to go to Standing Rock with six other friends over second Block Break when sophomore Noah Hudnut explained the circumstances of the site, at which he has stayed for a block-long independent study. This is a pivotal time to support the protesters. On Oct. 22, both Theo and Conner were arrested, along with 125 other individuals.

*The following interview is condensed and edited for the Catalyst:*

**THEO BUCHANAN:** Originally I saw 21 police vehicles. I think they called for backup when they saw our numbers.

**CONNER CORBRIDGE:** Yeah the cars start coming around and they're kind of unloading pretty far off. And they are maybe like 30 feet out and they start walling up and start making a tight line. And behind them there's two armored trucks that eventually pull up. They're called bear cats; they have turrets on them. There are vehicles in the back and this line of policeman. And we're slowly, going up towards them. They come

to us in waves [marching] forward a little bit and stop and hold their ground.

**TB:** Most of us have patches that say protect the sacred, or mni wichoni, which means water is life in Lakota. A lot of people are holding signs and banners and [repeating] to the cops, we come in peace, we come in prayer, we have women and children, we love you, we're doing this for your water, for your children, it was explicitly being made clear every second, the peaceful intent of the protest.

**CC:** Yeah there was definitely, a lot of people who said make sure you don't call it a protest. We're protectors: we're praying.

**TB:** Water protectors.

**CC:** I think, [in the first confrontation], the police who advanced first. They got really close and out of the speakers of this car, before they ask us to disperse, they just announce that we're all under arrest.

Then they told us if you try to leave, you'll be charged with fleeing. They're yelling that and everyone else is like, yeah we're peaceful go back. And eventually they stop, we walk back, there's like a 10-foot buffer and pretty quickly it was like a snap, they

definitely got an order to start arresting people.

**TB:** One of the cops has a big canister, you know like a fire extinguisher of pepper spray, and he's threatening people with it. He goes over and very clearly instigates a protestor. He pushed a protestor and the protestor was pushed backward but then regained his ground, took a couple steps forward which is what the cop at least perceived as an act of aggression and then quickly pepper sprayed him all over his body and face. At this point I think that was a very clear scare tactic to show, this is not just for worse case scenarios, we are going to be using this pepper spray. And then random people were just being grabbed and arrested. Me and Conner were still holding our water is life banner, and so, Conner is identified as one of those weak points. Pretty quickly they're grabbing the banner out of his hand.

**CC:** This brief conflict with the pepper spray, I later heard in jail, was the source of the engaging in a riot charge. [A cop] tries to grab the sign. I kind of let him have it and I'm trying to swat his hands away, but only for a few seconds before

he grabs my forearm. And then the other cop grabs my entire arm and sticks his hand on my chest. They make sure that I'm down face first. And then they zip tie me.

**TB:** I see Conner get absolutely wrecked by these cops. If you know Conner, you can just imagine how long and gangly the whole thing looks and just the hair flying and the cops just smashing and it is your best friend just getting completely messed and it puts fear in a man. People are starting to get pretty fearful and ranks are being broken, that ultimately were arrested, tried to run and some of them did get away. That same fear that caused those people to run, caused most of us to coalesce into this sort of like amoeba where everybody is really just holding on super tight and the group, [and] at this point it's clear they're [arresting us] one by one. It's quickly becoming clear we're not going to be able to [get out]. So now the cops are in front of us and they are behind us and quickly those two groups are becoming a circle and we're sort of a mob in the middle.

*To listen to the full interview, tune in to the Catalyst Radio this Sunday.*

## THE CATALYST

The Catalyst is a weekly newspaper produced and managed exclusively by students of The Colorado College. Published for the benefit of the college community and the surrounding local area, the Catalyst aims to bring general interest and academic-oriented news, ideas, and opinions into greater collective view. The newspaper is published under the auspices of Cutler Publications, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit independent of The Colorado College.

Letters and inquiries: [catalyst@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:catalyst@coloradocollege.edu)  
Advertising: [ads.catalyst@gmail.com](mailto:ads.catalyst@gmail.com)  
Subscriptions: [Caleb.Cofsky@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:Caleb.Cofsky@coloradocollege.edu)

**The Catalyst**  
1028 Weber St.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80946

Phone: 203.856.5791  
Fax: 719.389.6962

Comptroller • Karen West  
Legal Consultation provided by  
The Student Press Law Center

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Editor-in-Chief** • David Andrews  
**Managing & Copy Editor** • Sally Zimmermann  
**Presentation Director** • Jin Mei McMahon  
**COO** • Christian Lockefefer  
**Chief Photo Editor** • Phillip Engh  
**Marketing Director** • Caleb Cofsky  
**Advertising Manager** • Sasha Carney

### EDITORIAL STAFF

**News Editor** • Hannah Glosser  
**Sports Editor** • Evan Hamlin  
**Active Life Editor** • Sarah Laico  
**Life Editor** • Sophia Pray  
**Opinion Editor** • Sam Silverman  
**Online Editor** • Jin Mei McMahon  
**Social Media** • David Andrews

### PRESENTATION & DESIGN

Jin Mei McMahon • Bianca Thomas • Katie Timzen • Emily Klockenbrink



## The Catalyst 2016 Election Endorsements

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT PAGE

fighting for these issues in the U.S. Senate. Before his election into the Senate in 2010, Bennett was the superintendent of Denver Public Schools, and upheld the values of increasing the lives of students and families throughout his time in Washington.

In comparison, Bennet's opponent, Darryl Glenn (R), prides himself for being strict on abortion, supporting policies opposing same-sex marriage, and defunding the EPA and Department of Energy. Frankly, he is incapable of conceiving bipartisan solutions for problems, and cannot lead present-day America with these one-sided beliefs.

Bennett is a flexible and experienced leader, well-versed in the issues across Colorado and the U.S. The Catalyst endorses Michael Bennet for the United States Senate, as we will all directly benefit from his involvement in the crafting of our country's legislation for the next six years.

### Electra Johnson for County Commissioner District 3

Electra Johnson (D) is a young, energetic, and idealistic candidate that has the potential to bring about positive social and environmental change in Colorado Springs. Her goals are lofty, but absolutely attainable with the agenda she is pursuing. Her focus on environmental issues is paramount to ensuring sustainable development in the 21st century.

Stan Vanderwerf (R) is undoubtedly a respectable and qualified candidate, but the Catalyst Editorial Board does not feel that his small-government approach is sufficient to solve pressing social issues such as a declining infrastructure and the housing crisis in Colorado Springs.

We feel that government should have a role in securing affordable and stable housing for all citizens, and privatization would only exacerbate existing issues in the area.

Electra Johnson's agenda is more in line with our views in this category. We are keen on Johnson's focus on water as a key natural resource in Colorado Springs, and her willingness to fight for this precious public commodity.

Overall, we feel that Johnson's liberal agen-

da is better situated to enact real social and environmental change in the years to come, and this is why she has earned our endorsement.

### Pete Lee for Representative in House District 18

Pete Lee (D) has proven to be a competent legislator that he has illustrated through his past three terms in the House. Representative Lee has done considerable work on restorative justice.

Lee's sponsorship of bills that provide social workers to juveniles who are facing prosecution is align with The Catalyst Editorial Board. Representative Lee prioritizes community equality, End of Life options for the terminally ill, and open primaries. Representative Lee has demonstrated his belief that government has the power to bring about positive change at a national level.

Lee's view on government are directly opposed with his opponent Cameron Forth (R). While Forth is advocating for less government involvement in civil life, Lee believes in the power of government to bring about positive change at a national level. Along with the criminal justice reform program he has introduced legislation to protect and care for military veterans.

When the El Paso County Republicans were nominating their candidate to challenge Pete Lee they originally tapped Sonya Rose. However, Rose decided to drop from contention for the spot late in the August nomination process. Rose needed to focus on her responsibilities as a mother.

In the chaotic nomination protocol that ensued, Forth stumbled into the position. While Forth has been held up as a viable candidate by El Paso County Republicans, he does not have nearly the experience of Lee.

Forth's entire political background consists of a run as an independent in Idaho 10 years ago. Forth is essentially a sacrificial lamb from the El Paso County Republicans in a bid to gain some traction in the only Democratic region of El Paso County for 2018. Lee will step down from office in 2018 and these next few years will be essential for Lee to continue his mission of helping veterans recover from combat, fight against unjust imprisonment practices, and creating jobs.



The Catalyst Editorial Board endorses the following candidates on the Colorado ballot: (clockwise from top) Democrat Hillary Clinton for President of the United States, Democrat Electra Johnson for County Commissioner District 3, Democrat Pete Lee for Representative in House District 18, and Democrat Michael Bennet for U.S. Senate.

CLINTON / ALI SHAKER, VOA; JOHNSON / PHILIP ENGH; LEE / PHILIP ENGH; BENNET / U.S. SENATE



## Newt Gingrich Engages Students from Across the Aisle

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT PAGE

teacher, Gingrich pegged historical predecessors for both Clinton and Trump. He compared Clinton to Richard Nixon and Trump to Andrew Jackson.

Gingrich began his political analysis by dissecting the worldwide mood trending against corruption and political insiders. "I thought his portrayal of current events and world events, the lead up to the election on both sides of the nominating process, was very poignant," said senior Drew Turley.

He led the crowd on a tour from Indonesia to Iceland to Italy, exploring the recent global trends in political sentiments. While he did not mention Donald Trump during this analysis, the parallels between elections in other countries and the current election in the U.S. was unmistakable.

Before discussing the current general election, Gingrich focused on the primaries. He attributed Trump's rise to a combination of factors. First, he cited Trump's ability to capitalize on working class frustration with Republican party leaders and Washington politics in general.

Gingrich also credited Trump's expertise with television as instrumental to his success. Gingrich spoke about the divide between intellectuals and the working and middle class.

To symbolize this divide, Gingrich noted that none of the political experts who doubted Trump at the beginning of the primary season had watched the Apprentice, despite its ranking as the most popular TV show at one point.

The divide was also apparent in the re-

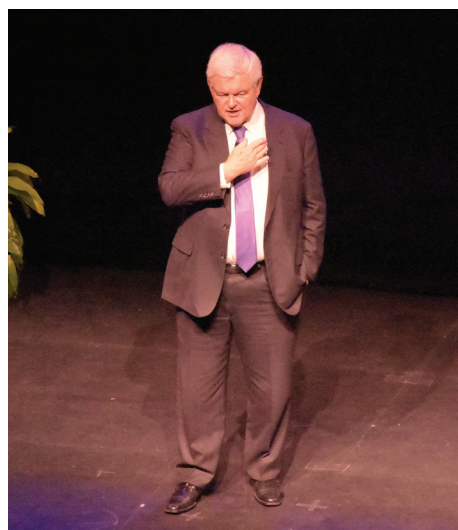


PHOTO BY MARTA SOLA-PFEFFER. Newt Gingrich speaks at Colorado College.

actions to some of Trump's controversial comments, including ridiculing John McCain and Megyn Kelly. "If you were a college-educated, highly sophisticated person, this all [the comments] made you very nervous," said Gingrich. "But if you were a normal, blue-collar working, high school graduate or less, this was cool."

Gingrich walked a tight line regarding Trump's more controversial aspects. While he undoubtedly supports Trump, he made clear he did not agree with all of Trump's remarks. He called the Access Hollywood tape, in which Trump discusses groping women, "disgusting," and did not shy away from calling many of Trump's statements "stupid." Gingrich even coined a term for such comments—he distinguished inappropriate comments as "Little Trump"

in comparison to his positive potential as "Big Trump." "What I did appreciate most was that he didn't own everything that Trump has said over the course of the election," said Russell. "I appreciated that because too often the right has embraced everything that Trump has been saying and I think that it is something that has not been beneficial to them in this election cycle."

Though Gingrich spent more time on the Republican primary than the Democratic primary, he still offered his opinions on the Clinton-Bernie race. Gingrich asserted that Clinton has been running for president since the 1970s and has worked very hard towards that goal. The only possible opponent was someone "irrational" like Bernie Sanders "who had nothing to lose" and who could offer an inspirational campaign.

Gingrich said he views Clinton's email scandal as a lesson in Americans' "relentless hostility towards secrecy." Gingrich expressed incredulity at Clinton's mistakes despite the fact that she served on the Watergate committee as a young lawyer.

The questioning period sparked some rowdiness in the crowd. Gingrich's answer on climate change may have drawn the most criticism from the student section. Gingrich said that Republicans are "very skeptical and not inclined to... set up systems to transfer wealth to the third world in the name of scientific theory." He also said that climate change is not the largest threat to America; instead, terrorist organizations represent the largest danger.

The other question that garnered heavy reaction was a question about the Access Hollywood video. First-year Zachary Glosser asked Gingrich to respond without talking about Bill Clinton, to which Gingrich responded that we would have a sexual predator in the East Wing of the White House should Clinton win the election.

Some were not satisfied with the responses Gingrich gave. "Particularly on things like the issue of character, he just ignored the questions," said Colorado Springs resident Dave Anderson. "I felt he chose to answer the party line." Because of the ubiquity of cellphones, "he can never be off the record. And so he has to maintain his brand."

"I would have loved him to talk more about his ideas about marginalized people in the U.S.," said junior Sabre Morris. "I think he focused more on the demographic we have in Colorado Springs, which is more elderly, white."

Gingrich for his part embraced the questioning period. In a post-speech interview, he said, "I think it's a good dialogue, hopefully all of us can be positive about it, we don't have to agree with each other. You know, you can disagree without being disagreeable... They were legitimate and serious questions and people were really engaged."

Towards the end of the talk, Gingrich offered his prediction of a Trump win. But whatever the result of the election, Gingrich said, "the cheerful news for the people who like history is that we will make more of it."



10 questions *with* ARIEL FILION

Almost every day Ariel Filion can be found in the Upstairs Worner CCSGA office meeting with her fellow executives and student groups. As Vice President of Finance for CCSGA, Filion is driven by a desire to support student groups and cultivate community at Colorado College. The sophomore Education major hails from Chicago and is, of course, revelling in the Cub's historic victory on Wednesday night in Game 7 of the World Series. Filion joined CCSGA as a first-year and was elected Vice President of Finance. In the position, Filion leads the finance committee and manages the \$884,000 CCSGA budget.

INTERVIEW BY DAVID ANDREWS  
/ PHOTO BY EMILY MCBRIDE

**DAVID ANDREWS: You're from Chicago? How long have you been a Cubs fan?**

**ARIEL FILION:** My family has been Cubs fans for as long as I can remember. When I was in middle school I tried to rebel and become a Sox fan and that just wasn't acceptable in my house, so I had to go back and become a Cubs fan again. Even though I would always tell my family that we were terrible and haven't won in like 104 years, but you know, the possibilities are endless. Look at where we are now.

**DA: What was your college search process like? How did you end up at CC?**

**AF:** I'm from a low-income area so not a lot of people go to college, so we actually have a scholarship program and it's called Schuler's Scholarship Program. They help low-income students and first-generation college students and minority students have access to higher education and kind of know what that is. We're assigned a counselor and they help you through that process. I remember my college counselor saying 'You should look at liberal arts colleges because they give really good financial aid.' And I thought, 'Liberal arts? I don't want to be an arts major.' I thought liberal arts meant like art school. My counselor told me 'No.' But my parents didn't go to college so I didn't know what they were talking about and they started with the basics. They sent me on a bunch of college visits and I really liked CC and really like the Block Plan and they were really generous in their financial aid. So all of it made sense for me and my family.

**DA: What influenced you to join CCSGA?**

**AF:** I did student government in high school, so that was the main motivator. I really like student government because I feel like you get to meet with a lot of important people and kind of learn the mechanics of the school that you're in, and that's what I wanted to do, learn more about CC. As I was in CCSGA it became more about how I can help the student body and how can this organization fuel community among the student body. It became more about other people once I got into it.

**DA: Through your work with CCSGA, what are one or two things that you have learned about the school or how the "important people" work?**

**AF:** I don't know if that was the best word I used. I think last year I learned a lot about the different groups and organizations on campus and how many student groups there are, and how dedicated students are to these specific groups. Sometimes these groups and this group of people makes CC for them and their motivations within those organizations mean a lot to them. We have so many student groups and I didn't even know some of them existed. I probably still wouldn't know they existed if it wasn't for CCSGA and getting to talk to students. That was the biggest eye-opening experience because you realize just how many different



people you have on campus. This year, I'm VP of finance so I'm learning a lot about money and kind of how things are funded and the inner workings of the student activity fee.

**DA: Could you talk a little about the student activity fee? What is it? I heard that it was recently increased?**

**AF:** The student activity fee hasn't been increased in about three years and the last time it was increased it was increased by five dollars. So you can imagine a lot of things were outdated in terms of inflation and just things that money can be allocated towards. They started to need more money.

I work really closely with the Business Office. My finance committee has been working a lot with proposing an increase to CCSGA and we got the increase passed last week and they'll be meeting with the budget committee to try and present that increase, but whether they take that, that's on them. My committee made this proposal and this proposal was not 'oh, let's raise it because we should raise it.' It was very intentionally done and the ways in which we met with different groups on campus to see the ways in which this money could be allocated. That was my number one concern when my finance committee was like, 'yeah, we definitely should raise it, but where would that money go?' So we met with Arts & Crafts and we met with Club Sports.

We've also met with Llamapalooza and other places that really want a budget increase. I've been meeting with students and seeing where they want their funds and student activity fee allocated and a lot of people say Llama. So we looked into where Llama is spending their money.

My finance committee doesn't want CCSGA Finance to just be a funding body. We don't want to just be giving out money, we want there to be a lot of voice behind it and a lot of reason. Talking with students and meeting with student groups is what we've been doing in regards to raising the student activity fee and why we chose to raise it. It was definitely out of necessity.

**DA: Do you feel like you've had doubts before in the past about this \$848,000 number and if these things individually make up an important enough part of CC to merit \$1 million, when there are people talking about financial aid at CC, and diversifying the student body, and just the other things that money could be going towards at CC?**

**AF:** Definitely this number is huge and it's only going to get bigger. I definitely have opinions on what the student activity should and shouldn't be. As a student mostly on financial aid I can definitely say that almost all of these things besides CCSGA and Llama and the Butler Center Formal, which I didn't go to but I definitely should have, I don't do a lot of these things. I do play IM's though. But the point is it's easy for me to say that I don't want my student activity fee to go to Club Sports because I don't play a club sport. My committee and I have been meeting countless with the captains of Club Sports and that office and just seeing how much athletics matters to students, that matters to me. If it matters to students, it matters to me and it matters to my committee.

I could say easily that I don't want my fee to go to some of these things because I don't participate in them and the fact of the matter is that some CC students do and like I said with the student groups and organizations, that makes CC for them.

With something like the student activity fee, you're not going to be putting your money towards everything that you like and that's just something that a student activity fee does. This number is huge and some of the things may not make sense to me or make sense to you, but it makes sense to somebody and we could go find them. I don't want to take anything away from that.

**DA: What is the larger purpose that you and the Executive Council sees outside of the most obvious, surface-level purpose of giving money?**

**AF:** Definitely that's how CCSGA is known on campus, if we're known at all.

You come to us to get money.

It's weird for me because last year I was on CCSGA but I was just a freshman representative so I didn't interact with a lot of students and now being put in this financial position I meet so many students that the rest of Exec and Full Council doesn't have access to, and that's because they want money. I get to hear what students are interested in when they come and ask for funds.

When we were in goal-setting at the beginning of the year my concern was that I didn't want CCSGA Finance and Finance Committee to just be money. I didn't want to just kind of be a giant ATM. I want there to be discussion in regards to: why is this event happening? Or this event is super cool, how can we help? Or trying to go to these events or get Full Council to attend these events. Every Full Council meeting I'll announce the events we funded and say 'If you're interested, here are the dates.'

Trying to get a Full Council presence at the events that we are funding is really important just for students to see that CCSGA cares about the events that we're funding. The ideal is that students feel comfortable coming into that back room and asking for money and they don't feel that I'm in some weird power hierarchy. And I don't want that. I'm just a student too. So it started there for me: let's create a comfortable space and introduce ourselves and see why we're here. And that's a goal for CCSGA as a whole, to make a comfortable space and see how CCSGA can help voice student concerns to administrative powers.

We have meetings with Dean Edmonds and Rochelle Mason and Bethany Grubbs constantly, and when we meet with these people we want the voices from the students to lead these meetings and the conversations we are having. It's hard when students don't feel comfortable coming to CCSGA with their concerns or when they don't know that CCSGA even exists.

We're trying to be there for students this year. Annika [Kastetter] is killing it. We're doing these blockly themes where last block the theme was "Safe Spaces and Healing Spaces" and we had different groups come in and talk to us about their concerns. There's a project coming out of that where they're making a documentary. The co-chair of EQUAL and co-chair of AMAN are making this documentary to put a face to safe spaces.

This blockly theme is gender dynamics and power politics. So we're having a dinner that's open to the whole student body and it's like a dialogue lunch. We're having a professor present on the topic and we're just trying to get students to engage with these hard topics to see if they want to do something with us.

**DA: What sort of academic study invigorates you? What kind of classes do you like?**

**AF:** I'm an Education major and people sort of find that interesting when they find out that I am VP of Finance because, I don't know, some guy last year was like 'Should you really be handling the money if you're not an Econ major?' And I was like, 'Yes, I think I'm fine.' I love Education classes and that's why I'm an Education major so I like little kids, dealing with students, that's kind of my area. I also really love Sociology classes and Sociology classes, but like REMS classes. The best class I've taken at CC was Immigration on the US-Mexico Border. We went to Texas and it was fantastic. The professor was Eric Popkin. I think the best part about it was being in such a hands-on learning environment. We all worked in a family detention facility and we prepared people for their CFI, which is their Credible Fear Interview, before they can continue on with the asylum process. We worked at a detention center for families and children and we got to speak some Spanish and I like Spanish. We just kind of heard people's

*Continued on pg. 6*



## College Responds to Faults With GSP

By SHIYING CHENG

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, the Associate Dean of Academic Programs & Strategic Initiatives, Dean Emily Chan, the Director of International Programs, Inger M. Bull, and the International Student Specialist, Lisa Kosiewicz Doran, co-hosted a lunch meeting about Global Scholar Program (GSP), a mandatory summer program for international students to “adjust to U.S. classroom culture in a higher education context” and “gain a valuable introduction to the intense academic pace of the college’s Block Plan” and strengthen their fluency with academic English.” 10 out of 25 Chinese students who were required in the past summer showed up. (For more information on the GSP, please refer to an earlier Catalyst’s reporting on Oct. 7.)

According to an email that Dean Emily Chan sent out to all the GSP participants on Oct 24, the College is attempting to implement nine changes from both the Admission Office and the Academic division:

### Admissions Office:

- “Early and clear communication about program goals, admissions process, financial aid availability
- We will notify all international students of GSP at the point of application submission. All international students, regardless of whether they intend to apply for financial aid, will have the opportunity to review information about GSP.
- We will add GSP link to navigation bar on the International Applicants admission page and on the International Students page.
- Email notifications will be up and running early to give students sufficient chance to review the program, get more information, and complete forms.
- Offers including GSP to be published concurrently with admission notification, but “early” students who are required to attend the GSP will have the option of switching out of a binding round.
- Integrate new fee and financial aid language for 2017 to let students know that need-based financial aid is available. If a student is invited to attend the GSP and is eligible for need-based aid, their GSP aid award will be stated with the admissions letter.
- It will be communicated clearly that selection criteria are based on holistic assessment (not a point system), based on language of schooling and native language, curriculum, SAT/TOEFL, interview, and writing samples. There may be students with very strong testing who will still benefit. Therefore, admissions will use a holistic evaluation that takes into account their educational preparation and achievements.”

Administrative changes from the academic division:

- Offer courses that can count for gen-

eral education credits and put forth these courses for approval prior to summer.

- Enhance co-curricular programming throughout the academic year to provide strong support, a sense of community, and further leadership development.
- Update GSP website to reflect, in non-technical language, these administrative updates.

According to Dean Chan, the above changes related to CC’s website will be available within ten days. Many GSP participants stated that they are glad that the college is implement changes for the future, but also expressed their concern that the school only focuses on the future rather than on themselves.

“Everything discussed in the meeting is about the future. The college does not offer any formal apologies or any compensations for us,” First-year Yuchen(Jack) Gu said. “The only mentions of the past of GSP seem to serve the future.”

First-year Sixuan (Irene) Chen said, “Dean Emily Chan attempted to explain everything but she is mainly in charge of the academic divisions rather than the Admission Office.” Chen felt that Dean Chan does not offer an authoritative response to many questions, so she was “confused why there were no representatives from the Admission Office to come out and explain the application process.”

First-year Trillian Fan said, “We asked many questions such as the selection standards of GSP, but the school only offered the official and vague explanations and did not really answer the questions.”

Chen added that Dean Chan emphasized selection criteria as “a holistic assessment,” including writing samples, recommendation letters, standardized letters, etc., but still failed to justify why (25 international students from China) were required to participate.

Dean Chan responded, “It is really a holistic process of viewing applications... There was no point system in the admission process. There is nothing that the Admission Office has hidden there.” Dean Chan added, even from her perspective as someone outside the admission process, “there was no secret system of including certain students or not.” She stated that the Admission Office looks at the students’ applications and makes a general determination based on past experiences and faculty feedbacks about student performances, and then required students, who would benefit from the GSP, to participate and ensure their success at CC.

Fan said, “During the lunch meeting, Dean Chan stressed the separation between the academic division and the Admission Office. She could only offer her guesses about the thoughts within the Admission Office.” Gu added, “It seems that Dean Chan does not seem to know some

details of GSP very well.”

He added, “There seems to be many problems within the communication between the admission and the academic division.” At the same time, Fan felt that “the school is not sincere enough to solve the problems for the 2016 GSP participants. It does not seem like they care much about our request to know the exact selection standards.”

Fan said, “The school should have a relatively transparent selection standard of the GSP program on the website. Then when international students apply to CC, we can estimate whether we will be required to attend the program. If the school can show clearly the selection criteria, costs and dates of GSP when we apply to CC, many controversies surrounding GSP this year will be avoided.”

“Even now, I still do not understand the reason why I was required to participating the GSP,” said Jack Gu. “I feel, without GSP, I still have to get used to life at CC.” Gu thinks that international students graduated with IB, AP or A-level Diploma do not necessarily need GSP as a transition.

Gu also felt that the intensity of the Block Plan does not justify why international students are required to participate: “Domestic students also face similar challenges of getting used to the Block Plan.”

Another concern among the GSP participants is the non-transparency of the activity fees (\$1,200) of the GSP program. First-year Bingqing (Zoey) Zhou said, “I really do not think that all the actives we did in a month cost that much money, especially since many of activities are optional.” First-year Jiaxin (Zoe) Zhou also shared similar concerns.

“Activity fees were used for all the food, transportation, mentor’s salary, etc. GSP uses the same budget guidance’s as the program fees of Studying Aboard programs,” Dean Chan replied. “All GSP programs will only be used for the GSP programs. They have separate accounts in the bank. We cannot use it for other things.” Dean Chan added, “There won’t be any leftover. The Office of International Programs will ensure that all GSP budget will be used up [by the end of the school year].”

Responding to GSP participants’ request of sharing the budget, Dean Chan said, “We don’t share departmental budget to students at CC.” Dean Chan said that there were “lots of checks and balances” within the system and multiple people oversee the budgets within the school, such as staff from the Business Offices, ensuring we are following the college’s guidelines.

Dean Chan emphasized that the original email from the Admission Office, which states that students will earn 1.5 units from the GSP, is a typo. Dean Chan explained that 1.5 units is an error since the Admissions Office used last year’s template to send out emails. “As soon as we found the

typo, Lisa [the International Student Specialist] informed students, and students are also only charged for 1.0 unit of tuition fees. The course was also only approved by the faculty for 1.0 units. They are all facts... There is no retroactive arguing about the credit.” Dean Chan said, “We regretted that there was a 1.5 units typo. We corrected it as quickly as possible.”

However, Zizhen (Trillian) Fang, Yuchen (Jack) Gu, and Sixuan (Irene) Chen all stated that there was no such clarification during the program at all. They only realized that 1.5 units was a typo after the program ended.

Gu said, “If professors deducted marks from students’ final essays if there was a typo, how can you argue it back?” He believes that the College should take responsibility for its action, even if it is just a typo.

Fan said she was really angry that the concerns of 2016 GSP participants were not addressed at all during the lunch meeting.

Fan is currently in charge of compiling a petition among 2016 GSP participants and will request a further meeting with the Admission Office, and the Office of the International Programs, and the Dean’s Office.

In the petition, 2016 GSP participants demand:

1. An official explanation about the 2016 GSP selection standard;
2. A partial refund of tuition and the activity fee;
3. A formal apology published in the Catalyst.

Meanwhile, Zijing (Micheal) Wu, the Co-Chair of the Chinese Students Association will further the conversation regarding GSP. Wu said, “One of the main goals of CSA is to support and advocate for international students from China.”

When asked whether the College would offer an official apology regarding the overall GSP experience rather than the typo, Dean Chan said that her door is always open for conversation. “I would love to meet anybody who would love to continue the conversation and has ideas about building the GSP Community and broadly speaking about international students’ engagements,” said Dean Chan.

“Admissions is to get students here. Admissions does not work with students who are at CC... Now that students are here, we made a lot of changes in admissions. I’m sure that in the next ten years, we will keep improving.” Dean Chan believes that for the students, the more important question is not about public apology, but how to make a “wonderful four years.” Chan added, from the Dean’s Office perspective, “the most practical, important follow-up of GSP is how to get everybody the support they need, so they can get internships and good jobs.”

## 10 Questions with Ariel Filion

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

stories and that’s what I loved the most about the whole thing. Sociology classes and Education classes you really get in there and you get a story. I love stories and I love hearing people’s stories. I’m in the process of hopefully writing a Venture Grant with someone from my class.

**DA: What is something you believed strongly in five years ago that you have changed your views on?**

**AF:** I’ve learned a lot about identity, and I think that my ideas about identity have shifted in the last five years. I feel like when you’re in high school you’re molded, and I can talk about the high school system for the rest of my life, because I just do not like the system of high school in general. In high school you are kind of programmed to look at yourself in one way.

You are looked at immediately from the entrance of high school and you kind of know where you are going to end up after high school. It’s funny because my friends and I wrote down on pieces of paper our freshman year where we thought we would be after senior year, and almost all of it was accurate. Some of my friends were like ‘I’m going to be at community college.’ When we were writing it down freshman I remember saying, ‘No. We can do this together.’ And them saying, ‘No Ariel, there’s no way.’ A lot of my friends go to community college now back home. It’s pretty common to go to community college back where I’m from or don’t go to college at all. I remember reading what people wrote down and reading them again senior year and how accurate they were. I guess my views about how people view themselves has shifted. A lot of things play into how people view themselves, if that makes

sense. A lot of my friends knew from the beginning that they wouldn’t go to college out of state because they had to take care of family members or something. It’s just a responsibility they have. Or they wouldn’t be able to get a job at so and so because of past things that they’ve done. There are so many things that go into making your identity that I didn’t know about and am constantly learning about. Your parent’s education levels, your race, your gender, your gender identity, your sexuality. All of these things go on top of who you are. It’s a constant learning experience for me. I’ve learned a lot at CC about privilege and the privilege I have because I’m white. My mom’s Mexican, but I’m white. I mean, you can see me, I’m white. Learning about all of these things that come with different aspects of your identity that I did not know about and learning about privilege and white privilege has been interesting.

**TC: When was the last time you laughed until you cried?**

**AF:** The only thing I can remember is I was driving first Block Break in the Grand Canyon with my two closest friends and we were talking about Snoop Dogg and my friend was like, ‘Oh, you mean Snoop Lion?’ And I was like, ‘No, Snoop Dogg.’ And she was like, ‘No, he changed his name to Snoop Lion.’ And we had zero signal because we were in the middle of the Grand Canyon.

She kept saying, ‘No, it’s Snoop Lion, like he changed it.’ And me and my friend were just dying saying, ‘No, that’s not real, you are stupid. Snoop Lion is not his name.’ And she was like, ‘No, he moved on up, now he’s a lion.’

So we were dying laughing in the middle of the Grand Canyon because of this Snoop Lion sh-t.



## Men's Cross Country Takes Title with Callan at the Helm

By DANIEL KRUEGER

The future may be brighter than ever before for the men of the Colorado College cross country team, who won the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship (SCAC) this past Saturday. The men were led by an individual championship from SCAC newcomer and runner of the year Peter Callan, who is a first-year from San Francisco, Calif. Despite Trinity University's best efforts, the CC men were able to withstand the pressure and post a 25-point total, just seven points better than Trinity.

"What a great moment for our team," said Head Coach Ted Castaneda. "We fought tooth and nail with Trinity the whole way through and we knew it would be a dogfight. We didn't really know until the last half-mile that we were going to win the meet. These guys worked so hard this entire season and it paid off today."

Callan covered the eight-kilometer course in 25 minutes, 59.28 seconds, which was nearly 25 seconds better than the second-place finisher, Austin Brown of Trinity. Following closely behind Callan, the Tigers placed their top five runners in fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth. The top five men in order were Peter Callan, Tony Calderon, Conor Terhune, Max Blackburn, and Jack Williams. Other than Terhune, who is a senior this year, all of the top five finishers were first-years.

Taking place at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, T.X., this year's SCAC Championship featured what looked to be a two team race between Trinity and CC. Trinity bested the CC Tigers with a resounding 15-50 victory in



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCAC The men's cross country team poses with their championship trophy

2015. With revenge on their mind, CC was able to use their superb first-year class to propel them to victory. The prediction that it would

be a two team race was very much so realized in the results. Both CC and Trinity placed their top six runners before third-place Texas

Lutheran University placed their first runner. Texas Lutheran finished with 109 points compared to Trinity's 32 and CC's 25.

## Wessler Makes History at SCAC Final with Three-Peat

By EVAN HAMLIN

Senior Leah Wessler had a standout season and winning the individual title for the third straight year was the cherry on top. Wessler led the Colorado College women's cross country team to a third straight Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship on Saturday at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, T.X. CC finished with seven runners in the top eight, edging out second-place Trinity University by 27 points.

Wessler made history by becoming only the third runner in league history to achieve this feat, and the first to do so in over a decade. Wessler ran the 6k course, which is a little over three-and-a-half miles, in 21 minutes, 54.16 seconds, 40

seconds before senior and second-place finisher Katie Sandfort.

Senior Stefani Messick came in fourth place with a time of 23:07.69, sophomore Allysa Warling took fifth with a time of 23:09.79, and senior Allie Crimmins nabbed sixth place, coming in at 23:33.03. Sophomore Leah Veldhuisen took seventh with a time of 23:33.75, and first-year Annabel Driussi rounded out the top eight finishers with a time of 23:44.85. Driussi was also named Newcomer of the Year by the SCAC.

Eight Tigers were named to the 2016 All-Conference team, comprising more than half of the 14-person roster.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHARLIE LENGAL AND SCAC Left: Senior Leah Wessler won her third straight individual title last weekend Right: The women's cross country team celebrates their third straight championship victory.

### 2016 SCAC XC Championships Results

#### Women's Team Results

1. Colorado College – 18
2. Trinity University – 45
3. Texas Lutheran – 111
4. University of Dallas – 111
5. Austin College – 117
6. Southwestern University – 164
7. Schreiner University – 201

#### Men's Team Results

1. Colorado College – 25
2. Trinity University – 32
3. Texas Lutheran – 109
4. Southwestern University – 112
5. University of Dallas – 138
6. Austin College – 154
7. Schreiner University – 184



# Women's Soccer Gets the Best of Air Force in Season Finale

By EVAN HAMLIN



PHOTO BY CHARLIE LENGAL. The women's soccer team finished their season with a 0-2 shutout over Air Force

The Colorado College women's soccer team scored twice last Friday to take down the Air Force Academy Eagles and win their final game of the season.

Sophomore midfielder Lauren Milliet struck early in the game, finding the back of the net for the only goal the Tigers would need in the 14th minute. Milliet received a pass from senior midfielder Chanisse Hendrix and dinged a header off of an Air Force defender and past goalkeeper Jennifer Hiddink.

Junior midfielder Anne-Sophie Lapointe gave CC more breathing room in the 57th minute when she cleaned up the rebound of a shot by sophomore defender Tanner Haughn. Lapointe scored from just two yards away after she gobbled up a rebound by the right post. CC goalkeeper Molly Hiniker posted her team-leading fourth shutout of the season. The first-year

netminder stopped four Air Force shots en route to securing the win.

The Eagles nearly cut CC's lead in half in the 83rd minute, when a shot squirted past Hiniker and nearly rolled into the goal, until first-year defender Alissa Muir cleared the ball from the goal before it could inflict danger on the Tigers' lead. Muir was named to the Mountain West Conference's All-Newcomer team this past week. She led the team in minutes played, with 1,692. Muir was also one of three players to start all 19 of the Tigers' games, playing for the entirety of 17 of them.

CC's win against Air Force brought their record to 8-11-0 overall, and 4-7-0 in the conference. The Tigers' seniors were honored after the game as they stepped off the pitch for the last time in their careers at CC.

## Men's Soccer Finishes Regular Season with 7 Straight Wins

Trinity looms large as playoffs approach

By SAMANTHA GILBERT

For the third weekend in a row, the Colorado College men's soccer team sprinted, sweated, and scored in Texas this weekend. With a 1-0 win against the University of Dallas, the team ended their regular season with seven straight wins. Though this game was low-scoring, Head Coach Scott Palguta was more than okay with the 1-0 shutout. "That's what we're going to get this time of year, especially being on the road," said Palguta. "I don't think our expectations are to be winning games 5-0." With the combination of mediocre field conditions, the heat in Texas, and the level of intensity at the end of the season, the team will gladly take 1-0 wins.

Palguta mentioned that while the team never played poorly against Dallas, the level of play in the first half was slightly subpar. However, during the second half of the game, the guys came together, took responsibility for their mistakes, flipped the switch, and cranked up the intensity. "Knowing what is at stake, we want to keep that kind of momentum rolling into the conference tournament," Palguta said.

The game winning goal came from senior Caden MacKenzie, who was dealing with a hamstring injury in the three games preceding this match against Dallas. MacKenzie, who also had to miss most of last season due to an injury, tried to look at this situation in a positive light. "I wasn't too bummed because these are the important games coming up," MacKenzie said, "And the team pulled through [when I was hurt]. Now I'm back, feeling rested and ready to go."

MacKenzie's presence was missed on the field, and it's crucial that he ended the regular season with a game-winning goal. "That is our expectation of Caden—he's a senior, one of our most experienced players, and we put a burden on him to carry that load offensively for the team,"

Palguta said. While not everyone can handle the pressure of having a target on their back, MacKenzie's three prior years of success on the field guarantee that he be targeted by other teams. "When our opponents scout us, Caden is one of those guys that is circled on their scouting board and that's tough," Palguta said.

MacKenzie doesn't mind having the target on his back, though. "I think the way I play, I ask for it," MacKenzie said. "But we play the same teams twice every year, so I know the guys on the other team and the coaches, and they know us [seniors] by now." According to MacKenzie, the more time CC players spend on the field with the team, the more the opponents understand how they play. Every team does it because it's crucial to target certain players and styles of play.

The Tigers are a force to be reckoned with because they don't just have one or two players to target. While MacKenzie is essential on the field, the last 11 goals scored by the Tigers came from 10 different players. This is huge. "We've relied on the depth of the team to get us through this final third of the season," Palguta said. "We've really spread it around and every single week there's a new guy popping up to help us win games." Palguta and the rest of the coaching staff are proud to know they can get a goal from anyone at almost any time, and that togetherness has really shown through these past few weeks.

With the regular season over, the team will enter their conference tournament seeded as the number two team. Because of this, they're given a first-round bye, and if they win both of their games after that, they'll go to the NCAA tournament, which, according to MacKenzie, is the goal. "In my three years here, that has never happened," MacKenzie said. "So [the other seniors and I] are doing everything we can to make that happen."

## Volleyball Downs Johnson and Wales; Looks to Playoffs

Tigers have strong outing in season finale

By EVAN HAMLIN

Last Friday, the women's volleyball team took down Johnson and Wales University to win the final game of the regular season. The team's three seniors, right side hitter Keli Sherwood, setter Rebecca Watson, and outside hitter Abbe Holtze, were all honored by the school before their final regular season game as Tigers. CC took down Johnson and Wales in three consecutive sets, 25-17, 25-13, 25-15.

Friday's game proved to be the seniors' moment not only before the game, but during it as well. Holtze led the team with seven kills and 12 digs, and Watson posted a team-high 26 assists and had two aces. Sherwood contributed five kills on a .500 hitting percentage, all while staying out of the error column of the box score.

CC controlled play throughout the entire match, at many points dominating the Wildcats throughout the three sets they played.

"The Johnson and Wales Match was a great game. It gave us the opportunity to work on a few things that will help us in the playoffs," said Head Coach Rick Swan. "We played a very solid, consistent game and minimized our unforced errors."

Friday's win brought the Tigers' record to an impressive 25-4 on the season, and they finished 16-1 at home. They'll play their first playoff game today in Louisiana to kick off their Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship bid.

"We are excited about the playoffs and feel we are in a strong position to make a deep run starting this weekend with the conference championships," Swan said. Last year, CC finished third in the SCAC championship playoffs. Southwestern University captured the title last year, and should be a tough task for the Tigers should the two teams meet during the tournament. Trinity University, whom the Tigers lost two games to this season, is

the number one seed for the tournament, while Southwestern and CC are the second and third seeds, respectively.

In order for CC to make a deep run in these playoffs they obviously have to work together as a team, but they'll still look to certain players in big moments. The SCAC recently honored four Tigers for their impressive play this season. Holtze was named SCAC Player of the Year, and first-year middle hitter Marguerite Spaethling was named Freshman of the Year, the fifth consecutive CC first-year to receive the honor. Both players also received first-team honors. Junior middle hitter Glenna Yancey and first-year setter Lizzy Counts were also recognized with second-team honors.

"It was a great honor to see four of our players honored by the conference, especially Abbe Holtze receiving the conference player of the year and Margo receiving Freshman of the Year," Swan said. "I expect all of them to be big contributors throughout the playoffs."

Holtze leads the team with 364 kills, and is second in the SCAC with 3.60 kills per set. She also occupies a spot in the top five players on the team for numerous other statistics, including digs, blocks, and service aces. She was honored as the SCAC Player of the Year two years ago, and has also been recognized as Player of the Week three times this season. Holtze was also Freshman of the Year in 2013.

Although individual rewards are satisfying and reflect hard work put in by talented players, at the end of the day volleyball is still a team sport. This year's team looks to make a deep push into the SCAC playoffs this weekend. The Tigers will face Texas Lutheran University in the first round. CC got the best of the Bulldogs twice during the regular season, beating them 3-1 and 3-0. The Tigers hope to add one more win this afternoon.

### Upcoming Fall Sporting Events

#### Men's Soccer

Saturday, Nov. 5 vs. Texas Lutheran University/Dallas Winner, 1 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 6 vs. Championship, 1 p.m.

#### Volleyball

Friday, Nov. 4 (today) vs. Texas Lutheran University, 1 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 5 vs. TBA

#### Men's Hockey

Friday, Nov. 4 (today) at Nebraska Omaha, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 5 at Nebraska Omaha, 7 p.m.

#### Women's and Men's Swimming and Diving

Saturday, Nov. 5 vs. Colorado School of Mines, 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 8 vs. Hour of Power Relay, 5 p.m.



## Emmett de Maynadier Brings Whitewater Stoke and Vision to CC

By JESSE METZGER

Emmett de Maynadier is a Colorado College sophomore, an avid whitewater enthusiast, and the Outdoor Recreation Committee's (ORC) newly-appointed Whitewater Raft Coordinator. Already the Whitewater Kayak Coordinator, de Maynadier now addresses all things river-recreation-related at CC, including planning whitewater trips and events, overseeing the ORC's whitewater gear inventory, and organizing other ways for students to get involved.

**How does it feel to be at the helm of CC's whitewater program? Is it unusual for a student to coordinate both the kayak and raft programs?**

It's great! Last year these two positions were combined, so this isn't the first time someone has held both positions. There's a lot of overlap as far as ORC events, gear management, and some of our trips.

**For students who are new to whitewater paddle-sports, what are the big distinctions between becoming involved in either rafting or kayaking?**

Whitewater kayaking is more difficult to become proficient at than riding on a raft because you are responsible for piloting your own boat, as opposed to being guided down rapids by a more experienced person. If you're interested in rafting, you can sign up for any of the trips we run. If you're interested in whitewater kayaking, as you should be, it's best to start by attending the weekly kayak roll sessions and then progress from there.

**What's your vision for the raft and kayak programs?**

I'd like to leave CC with a sustainable program that allows students to enter



PHOTO COURTESY OF EMMETT DE MAYNADIER *Emmett de Maynadier, ORC Whitewater Coordinator, poses with the "brown claw" on the Kennebec River in The Forks, Maine*

school with no whitewater experience and be leading trips by the time they're upperclassmen, so that they can pass on the knowledge they've gained. We're almost there, but there's still more to be done.

**What will you do to accomplish that?**

There needs to be a better bridge between trips for beginners and leader training trips. I'd like to create more opportunities for students to progress their skills beyond

the novice level. And in general, I hope to see participation continue to grow, as it has greatly in the past year and half. In order to make that possible, I want more trips to go out, which is difficult to accomplish because the prime whitewater season here is so short. However, even when the rivers aren't at their best flows, we still have roll sessions at the pool, as well as new clinics for other whitewater-related skills that will hopefully begin to happen this winter. I

have also been in touch with other schools that would like to hold a race event, so that boaters from each school can compete and get to know each other. We're trying for a kayak race at Waterton Canyon this spring.

**Where do you get the motivation for doing all this?**

When I came to CC, I had very little whitewater experience but a lot of kayaking stoke. It takes the right combination of mental and physical ability to run a rapid well, and I love continuing to improve my skills in order to run more difficult rapids well, as well as run easier rapids perfectly. I went on a lot of personal kayak trips during my first year and worked out of my kayak throughout the following summer, and that has gotten me to a level where I can be leading trips at CC. The opportunities I had to progress my paddling have been an important part of my experience at CC, and I hope to provide them to other students.

**What would you say to a student interested in getting involved with the whitewater program?**

CC boaters are friendly and are always looking to add new faces to our community! Come to roll sessions in the pool every Monday night at 8 p.m., join the Facebook group CCRAYAK, and in general don't be afraid to reach out to current members of the whitewater community. We have a beginner kayak series every spring, and get in touch with me and I help you get out on personal trips, which right now are the best bridge between being beginner and more advanced trips. There's always substantial Sundays, which are open-to-all kayak movie screenings held in the common area of third floor Mathias East every Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

## Stacy Allison's "Beyond the Limits": A Book by the First Female American to Summit Everest

By NIKKI MILLS

Take a deep breath. At 6,035 feet in Colorado Springs, we like to think we're at altitude. Now imagine taking a deep breath on top of the highest peak in the world: Mount Everest. At 29,029 feet, Everest dwarfs the rest of the world and slowly strangles any brave soul who attempts to conquer it.

Climbing Everest has become extremely common in the past few decades. Since the first successful attempt in 1953 to the early 1990s, there were less than 50 successful expeditions a year. But following 1993, there has been a steady increase to a record breaking 600+ successful climbs in 2007. This begs the question: has there really been an increase in the number of competent mountaineers globally, or has climbing Everest lost its difficulty?

Opinions on the challenges of mountaineering aside, let's travel back to 1988 when there were only 25 successful summit attempts and the price of climbing Everest was nowhere near the \$65,000 it is now. On one of those successful teams was American mountaineer Stacy Allison, who, on her second attempt, became the first American woman to summit Everest—without the gadgets, resources, and guides of today.

The first time Allison attempted Everest was the year before, guided by Scott Fisher of Mountain Madness. Allison, Fisher, and two other climbers had been stuck at Camp 3 and 4 for seven days because of a storm. Their bodies had atrophied so dramatically at altitude that they had to descend. After her initial failure in 1987, returning to her

home in Oregon was complicated. For 6 years she was married to a man who relentlessly abused her physically and verbally. She had grown to depend on him and her dependence diminished her own strength. She only felt strong when she was with him—until she concocted a plan to climb Everest. Everest gave her the strength she was lacking.

When I picked up Allison's book "Beyond the Limits" from Poor Richard's a few weeks ago, I figured I was reading another adventure story about the miraculous capacity of the human. Non-fiction adventure stories like Jon Krakauer's "Into Thin Air" or John Roskelley's "Nanda Devi" get me high. It's incredibly inspiring to read what humans are willing to do for adventure and it gives me the shot of high altitude I need being so low in Colorado Springs. But Allison's book turned out to be far more captivating than any other

Himalayan adventure I'd ever read. The image of Allison on the cover standing on the summit in her red parka holding an American flag is so powerful. Her smile is big and triumphant. I never could have imagined what I was about to read in her 300 page book.

Not only does this book speak to the physical capacity of a human to climb Everest not once, but twice, it also speaks to the fact that such a determined woman—the first American woman to summit the highest peak in the world—can fall victim to domestic abuse. All I could think after putting this book down was thank goodness she found the mountains. In "Beyond the Limits," Allison writes, "I climb because I'm here. I don't battle the mountains. I don't conquer anything [...] it's the sheer pleasure of being on the planet, of seeing the mountains around me and, for

a brief moment, being part of them." She climbs because she's alive. George Leigh Mallory, British mountaineer who died on an Everest attempt in 1924, said that he climbed Everest "because it is there." Similarly, Allison also climbs because she is here.

Allison survived 6 years with someone who never appreciated her, someone who tried to cut her down and cut her off from any possible opportunity. To the average American, climbing Everest is a task in and of itself, but to Allison, it was a means to an end. She was finding out who she was without being under the thumb of another. The same way she rid her pack of extraneous "gramage" before climbing, she rid her mind of anything that didn't affect the climb, anything out of her control. She took it out of her head and put it away.

Allison's focus and determination, especially when working towards healing from such a heinous experience, is something all Colorado College students can learn from. With so much pain in the world, we are used to ruminating over efforts to solve every problem, yet it's important to take time to remove that extra "gramage" now and then. Take those negative thoughts out of your head and put them away before the climb. Reading stories of the human capacity to cope with the most extreme environments and to push themselves to their limits is truly amazing; Allison's story is no exception. If you get a chance, read her book "Beyond the Limits;" it's so much more than climbing mountains.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STACY ALLISON *Stacy Allison poses at the top of Mt. Everest*





PHOTOS COURTESY OF OWEN RINGWALL AND DAVE CAMARA Left: Lines at Black Mountain Express Lift Right: Overlook of Arapahoe Basin on the morning of opening day

## Opening Day at Arapahoe Basin

Skiers and snowboarders brave long lines and crowded slopes for the love of snow

By ANNA GRIGSBY

Arapahoe Basin kicked off the 2016-2017 season with slopes filled to the maximum with skiers, snowboarders, onesies, and groovy music. The ski resort opened on Oct. 21 and was officially the first ski resort to open in Colorado. Some may ask, why bother going to opening day? The snow is low quality, there are long lines, and limited runs are open. True, opening day is not necessarily an opportunity for great skiing, but rather a chance for the local ski community to come together and celebrate the beginning of what is, hopefully, going to be a fantastic, powder-filled season. Opening day fosters a friendly, welcoming environment, often encouraged by the presence of booze. Those who are new to the ski community or wish to be more in-

involved often experience opening day and fall more in love with the sport despite the lower quality snow and long lines.

On opening day Arapahoe Basin had one run open from the Black Mountain Express lift. There were no beginner runs open—only the intermediate High Noon trail was available to skiers and snowboarders. Everyone was lined up for the lift before the sun rose to catch the first chair of the year. If you have ever had first chair of the day, imagine how it feels to have first chair of the season: knowing you are the first person to be on the mountain during the official opening day is a memory worth hanging on to.

To add to the festivities, attendees of opening day dressed up for the occasion. The ski-

ers' and snowboarders' outfits ranged from those decked out in flair to the latest official season gear. Last year, Arapahoe Basin stayed open until mid-June, so opening day was a great opportunity to get back on the mountain for the first time in 131 days and meet some new people while doing it. Commemorative outfits simply mirrored this excitement to be back at A-Basin.

Arapahoe Basin will continue to use snow-machines to get a deeper base—as of right now it is 18 inches—in order to open new runs. The opening day was filled not only with stoked skiers and snowboarders but also beginners. With these beginners and the previously mentioned booze dimension, everyone had to be careful on the crowded

slope. Nevertheless, the congestion on the mountain could not deter even the newest of skiers from skiing.

With the Freeriders Union of Colorado College promoting Epic Pass purchases, playing ski movies, and building up ski and snowboard stoke, CC students surely will also be hitting the slopes soon. Though the traditional third Block Break, “Breck Break,” is oddly merged with Thanksgiving Break, the desire to get outdoors and experience fresh powder cannot be underestimated. After all, no matter the number of runs open or the sheer number of skiers and snowboarders present, there is always fun to be had at Arapahoe Basin and surrounding resorts in Summit County.

**Heal Sports Injuries Faster with Low Intensity Light Therapy!**



**This is NOT JUST COLD LASER**

This Evidence-based technology proven to heal tissues at a cellular level. Helps heal muscle strains, tendon strains and tendinitis, ligament sprains, disc injuries and more!

**PEAK LiLT**

1015 N. Weber St. Learn more about LiLT on our website at [www.peakperformance.org](http://www.peakperformance.org) or call us at 635-6800

**PRANAVA YOGA CENTER™**  
*Be Inspired!*

---

**FIRST WEEK IS FREE!**

- Over 35 classes per week for all levels, including evening and weekend classes
- Conveniently located at the corner of Weber and Dale, just two blocks from CC campus
- 10% discount on classes for students and teachers with valid school ID
- Workshops with great local, national, and international yoga instructors
- Yoga Teacher Training

For More Information:  
[WWW.PRANAVAYOGACENTER.COM](http://www.PRANAVAYOGACENTER.COM)  
802 N Weber St • Colorado Springs, CO 80903 • Call 719-444-8463



November 4, 2016

## "Purple State Purple Haze"

A New and Innovative Medium of Political Theater

By JONATHAN TIGNOR

Within American political commentary, satire has become a formidable way of pleurably dispersing information—the tradition is evident from a variety of sources, such as Saturday Night Live, The Daily Show, or even The Onion. Moreover, this election season has been especially ripe with nonsensical and laughable situations, filling mainstream media with a wide array of humor to draw on. However, "Purple State Purple Haze" seeks something beyond affirmation and simple humor; through music, interviews and theatrics, the concert experience hopes to seize the audience with raw and jarring perspectives.

"Purple State Purple Haze," a project long in the making (since January of this year), draws inspiration from the work of musical theater composer Michael Friedman in addition to a multi-disciplinary approach. Through the collaboration of the Music, Theatre, and Political Science Departments, the concert attempts to create a powerful commentary on the US' current political climate.

Originally suggested as an excursion for music students to interact with Friedman through a semester-long adjunct, the project eventually evolved into a student-led initiative to bridge departmental divides and answer the question: how do we have events that are compelling and engaging to students?

"We hope to be satirical, honest, and provocative. Instead of repeating the scandals and clichés of mainstream media, we seek to delve into real people's relationships with the political climate," said Andy Post, a recent CC graduate involved with the production.

In preparation, Post and other students travelled across the country following the primaries and gathering interviews. The show will present a diverse range of views, from Trump supporters in Colorado Springs to urban farmers in New Orleans. "I'm actually really excited and trying not to think too much about catering to the CC kid or the Colorado Springs Liberal/Conservative . . . it is sort of liberating in a way because we get to use the people's words."

Unlike your typical script or screenplay, "Purple State Purple Haze" is unoriginal in the most magnificent way. Using exclusively the words of others, the script consists of direct quotes and actual experiences of real people across the country. In order to capture the essence of the US' messy election cycle experience, Post and his fellow collaborators arranged the performance and main characters around these interviews in the way they found most compelling. "Sort of like arranging in music, we're not writing something original, we're covering these people's stories trying to put a cool spin on it" Post said. In doing so, they move away from the grit of the election and shine a light on Americans' personal lives.

"The whole premise was that it was going to be about the election, but we heard so much more about their lives and their stories than 'What do you think about Hillary or Trump?' . . . We hope our performance encourages people to ask: 'how did we get here?' on issues like immigration and race relations," described Post.

Whether your interests lie in politics, music or theater, "Purple State Purple Haze"

offers an eclectic approach to presenting intriguing narratives. "It's an opportunity to see a lot of people's talents rolled up into one cohesive and new art form." Beyond that, the concert offers the opportunity to experience

a new and innovative medium of theatrical presentation.

"Purple State Purple Haze" debuts live today at 7 p.m. in Mohrman Theatre. Don't miss it!



Cast and crew members of Purple State Purple Haze PHOTOS BY TYLER SYM

## "Rocky Horror Picture Show:" A Classic Revisited

By ZASCHA FOX

Richard O'Brien's "Rocky Horror Picture Show" was originally released in 1975, and it has only been gaining popularity, notoriety, and momentum since then. The film, which is a cross between musical, comedy, and horror, has become one of cinema's biggest cult classics, drawing devoted audiences as well as newcomers to the screen and stage every year. The movie is often shown alongside a shadow cast, or a non-speaking cast that acts out the actions being depicted on-screen. Audience members are encouraged to come in costume and participate fully in the show, which includes yelling certain phrases and throwing objects at predetermined points in the plot.



CARTOON BY CAROLINE LI

As part of CC's "Halloweekend" festivities, Rocky Horror was screened in the Kathryn Mohrman Theater last Friday night. The Fort Collins based "Late Night Double Feature Rocky Horror Shadowcast" provided the live component, complete with costumes and elaborate performances. Included with admission were prop bags containing the appropriate items for audience participation. Each newcomer was marked with a red "V" for virgin. One CC sophomore marked with a V, Carly Cribbs, had "always wanted to see it, but wanted to see it live for the first time. You can see it online anytime, but I really wanted to see it live."

Before Friday night, Cribbs had heard the song "Dammit, Janet," but knew nothing else about the rest of the show. "I knew that people yelled things and threw things, but I had no idea what the plot of the movie was," stated Cribbs. "It was weird, but so fun. In my head, I was picturing a movie with more of a plot. I knew it was weird, but it was weirder than I thought it was going to be, and I liked that!"

On the opposite side of the spectrum, sophomore Story Schwantes was first introduced to the movie at the age of seven. "My scandalous babysitter played it for me because he loved it," recounted Schwantes. "I can't really remember what I thought of it, but I apparently liked it enough to keep watching it." Schwantes states that she can't count how many times she's seen it, but that it's been "probably about once a year since then."

Growing up, Schwantes was the only one of her friends who really got into Rocky Horror. "I knew hardly anyone who had seen it

when I was in high school," said Schwantes.

"The older people knew it, but I lived in suburban Minnesota, so nobody my age had ever really seen it." The draw for her was always that "it's utterly bizarre and really amusing. Also, solid music, of course."

Every "Rocky Horror" fan, whether devotee or newcomer, has their own favorite scene and song. Cribbs said that she loved "when we all stood up and did the 'Time Warp,'" while Schwantes' "favorite song is, for sure, 'Dammit, Janet.'" She also added that her favorite part of the movie is anything with Rocky, "cause he cracks [her] up, and is also so disturbing." Sophomore Elena Perez added that her "favorite part is when Frank sleeps with both Janet and Brad. It's just such a great scene."

CC's showing of "Rocky Horror" was a huge hit among the student body. "I'll definitely see it again," said Cribbs. "In Tulsa [Oklahoma], they have one on New Years Eve and I'll probably go to that one. It seems like a fun Halloween tradition, and I'll probably come again next year, too." Schwantes said, "It was fun to watch the people who hadn't seen it before having a really good time. I thought it was a good idea for the school to put it on. Yeah, "Rocky Horror's" really big, but it's not as big with our generation."

Both students also agreed that having the shadow cast added tremendously to the overall experience. "It's kind of a mix between theater and watching a movie, and you can't help but enjoy it, even though it's just the strangest thing," said Cribbs. "I can definitely see how it's kind of a release. People go and they can just kind of yell whatever they want. They can be goofy and silly

and weird for whatever reason." Schwantes also thought that part of the longevity of the show can be attributed to its "fairly timeless cast and, also, stellar music. It's just so freaky that people don't get over it." "I could tell that a lot of people really valued the tradition of it," added Cribbs.

This year Fox has released a new, modern version of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," starring Victoria Justice as Janet Weiss and Laverne Cox as Frank n' Furter. The production received a dismal review in the New York Times, and hasn't done much better anywhere else. Most respondents have attributed this to the fact that the original film is incredibly hard (and according to some, impossible) to follow.

"I don't think people are going to go for the new one," said Schwantes. "It's too much of a classic already to have a new one become big anyway." Cribbs said that she doesn't "even see how they could think about remaking it. Part of its charm is that it's so old and kind of bad quality. Maybe people will watch it this year, but it won't become timeless like the original." Critics across the board have agreed that the Fox version probably won't be shown with a shadow cast like the 1975 version. "It's cool that Laverne Cox is doing it, though," Cribbs said. "Maybe it'll get other people to watch the original."

The overwhelming reception and success of the event shows that, although the film came out 41 years ago, people are still willing to stand by the classic.

"Rocky Horror" was the perfect start to Halloweekend and students left Armstrong already anticipating next year's show.



# Ines Siepmann: A Woman of Bright Ambition

By MEG DEMARSH



PHOTO BY LAUREN STIERMAN

Sophomore Ines Siepmann is knee-deep in passion. Siepmann, a woman of bright ambition and energy, is an active member of the Colorado College community. As a leader of Bio Sciences Outreach, the Nordic Ski Team, and GlobeMed, Siepmann takes care in investing her limited time pointedly. Although there is expected difficulty in juggling such vast responsibilities, Siepmann presents herself with characteristic humility and grace. During a spirited conversation with the Minnesota native, Siepmann talks of her passions with a refreshing authenticity.

As a co-chair for Bio Sciences Outreach and recently titled "CC Science Kid" by the students of Audubon Elementary, Siepmann works closely with third, fourth, and fifth graders in the Colorado Springs area. The club encourages increased excitement and commitment to the sciences. "All of District 11 is underfunded for their science programs," Siepmann stated. "We act as an after school program at Audubon Elementary and bring a lab to them once or twice a block." Examples of

past labs include a lesson on plate tectonics using s'mores and a squid dissection.

As this is Siepmann's second year with the club, she was able to see both an increase in interest and the return of familiar faces to the program. "The kids are so excited about it. You can tell its something that they otherwise wouldn't be able to do, and they're so curious to learn," Siepmann stated. "Seeing that excitement, and how easily they want to share that excitement and positivity with you and each other, is so fun." As an intended Biochemistry/Chemistry major, the club holds personal significance and resonance to Siepmann.

In addition, the club has seen considerable growth on CC's campus. "We could look at working with the other elementary schools and the middle and high schools too," Siepmann said when she asked to speak to her future aspirations for the group. "It is all of District 11 that is underfunded, not just this school. It would be really incredible to open this up to more students and make it a larger opportunity." In the meantime, Siepmann hopes to expand Bio Science's presence at Audubon Elementary to include more students and grade levels.

Siepmann is also a Nordic skier, and a leader of the club here on campus. She speaks fondly of her seven years of participation and competition in the sport while in Minnesota. As she attended a small charter school for both middle and high school, with a graduating class of thirty students, Nordic was the only winter sport available. Her organic shift from cross-country to Nordic adds to her natural love and appreciation for the sport.

"It sort of happened by accident, and I just ended up loving the sport." Siepmann stated when asked of her involvement with Nordic. "The reason I keep skiing is because Nordic provides something that, for me, is a very reflective experience. You're going out there on snow, so you're really utilizing the outdoors." Similar to her love of running, the reflective nature and social aspect of the sport is something that attracts and prolongs her interest. Although Siepmann also Alpine skies, her love for Nordic holds true. "You're not in a completely man made situation. You can go through much smaller trails, and they don't have to clear cut a mountain for it to be accessible," she explained.

In addition, the Nordic ski team is a relatively new presence on CC's campus. With only one alumna who started the group in 2011, the group is gaining momentum with each passing year. This past year marked the team's first competition season as part of a conference. In addition, through working with CC to facilitate a crowd-funding project, the club's funds

and accessibility have increased.

Siepmann speaks highly of the Nordic team's positive community and environment. "It's a really diverse and interesting group of people, that are just so fun to spend time with," she stated. "It has fostered, and continues to foster, my love for the sport." In addition, Siepmann stressed the club's flexibility with each member's range of abilities, intentions, and interests. From a team of five to now 15 to 20, Siepmann accredits the Nordic community as a large factor to the club's popularity.

Siepmann is also heavily involved in the German community here on campus, as her parents are first generation German immigrants. As a result, the German culture is integral to her upbringing and subsequent life here at CC. Both a current resident of the German House and intended German minor, Siepmann actively searches for ways to increase her language proficiency and understanding of the cultural characteristics of the region.

As she says of Germany, "It's a place I have a very fond relationship with. I just absolutely love being there, love the community aspect and a lot of the cultural aspects as well. I don't know where I'll end up after graduation, but I wouldn't rule out Germany."

In conjunction with her passion for the sciences, Siepmann is an executive board member for GlobeMed, which is a national organization with chapters across various colleges and universities. CC partners with the Western Organization for People Living with HIV/AIDS (WOPLAH) to increase awareness and understanding of global health issues.

Although GlobeMed serves a variety of purposes, Siepmann serves as the board member of WOPLAH relations. Siepmann also highlights the club's work with Meadows Park Community Center. "For this chapter, it was very important that we also foster a local connection and work with our home community, acknowledging that there are things that can be worked on everywhere," she stated.

CC breeds a culture of nonstop activity, yet Siepmann allocates time for an authentic reflection. She fosters these passions with bright and refreshing commitment. "I'm very passionate about going into something in the health industry," she stated of her future. As I've become more and more involved with GlobeMed, I've become increasingly interested in health care equity advocacy.

I believe health care is a human right. I think there are some ridiculous problems in our, and the world's, health care systems. I fully believe health care is a human right and right now that's not how it is."

## Hop-Ed: Triple S Brewing

By BRANDON MARCUS, CHRISTOPHER BIRTCH & JULIAN DAHL

A weekly review of local beers for Colorado College students by Colorado College students.

### This Week's Brewery: *Triple S Brewing*

Triple S Brewing was founded by Steve Stowell, a retired Army Special Forces Officer, with a very specific goal in mind in October of 2015. The namesake of the brewery stands for sip, savor, and stay. The brewery is designed as a meeting house where one can drink coffee, homemade sodas, or most importantly a variety of beers. Also available is a food menu designed to be paired with the beers and local Colorado spirits offered by their certified "beeristas." The brewery features its staple beers and a rotation of delicious seasonal beers that are focused on using local Colorado ingredients and water, and also a system that assures purity with beer being served straight from the brewing equipment to your glass. This brewery is thriving in its first year and has very unique goals besides serving delicious beers. Check out the events they sponsor and the brewery itself for delicious food and a pleasant atmosphere.

#### Topher's Pick: Colorado Strong Ale

A selection from the rotating taps, this ale fits its name. It is 7.2 percent alcohol by volume, a 74 on the IBU scale, and a 27 on the SRM. It has a gorgeous dark amber color with nice transparency. The beer gives off a fruity yet malty aroma making you desire that first sip. It has a thicker medium body but is still very drinkable with a medium mouth feel. Initially the flavors are smooth and malty but there is a hoppy, bitter aftertaste. The bitterness directly correlates to the use of wet Cascade hops grown very locally in Monument. Another dark and heavy beer, this is worth a try for fans of IPAs and other stronger ales.

#### Julian's Pick: Jones Park Porter

While this beer is not quite as strong as the other two it is still a dark beer and a good portrayal of this style. This porter comes in at 5.3 percent alcohol by volume, a 27 on the IBU, and a 39 on the SRM (very dark). It is about as dark as they come with an opaque black color. The smoky aroma is strong yet there is also a hint of a nutty scent. It has a light body feel for a porter and is a smooth drink. The flavors progress quite nicely beginning with a sweet, roasted, nutty, spicy flavor and finishing with a strong smoky and malty taste. As a very characteristic Porter this beer is one of Triple S Brewing's staples and lives up to their reputation of producing delicious beer with local ingredients.

#### Brandon's Pick: Brain Penetrator Belgian Dubbel

This seasonal tap packs quite the punch. It comes in at a 7.8 percent alcohol by volume, quite high for this style. It is a 28 on the IBU scale and a 28 on the SRM. Since we have not used SRM before, a quick explanation is due. SRM stands for Standard Reference Method and is a scale used to determine color. A low SRM such as a 2 would be a light beer, an example being a pale lager or pilsner, while a high SRM such as a 40 would be a very dark beer, an example being a stout. This Belgian has a hazy dark brown color than it traditionally would and smells characteristically like a Belgian should with yeasty and



PHOTO BY PHILLIP ENGH

banana esque aromas. Initially the Belgian flavors come out mildly and heavy, yet the beer has medium body and a nice mouth feel. While the flavor profile is not super complex; it is plain yet satisfying and very drinkable for the high ABV. It has a little bit of bite but is a delicious beer all around.

#### Other Triple S Brewing Beers to Try:

The Chutes Wheat, Pipeline Pale Ale, Buckhorn Amber, Cap'n Jacks IPA, Sexy Summer Saison, and a Citra Kolsch. Notice many beers are named after popular local mountain bike trails.

#### Where to Buy/Drink:

While available at some restaurants around the Springs, the best option would be to visit the downtown brewery site, since they are not currently bottling or canning. Located at 318 E Colorado Ave, this meeting house has it all. A great place to do work, eat, or drink, the "beeristas" are very informational and can answer all your questions about the different beer styles and what menu options they would pair best with. Triple S is an up and coming brewery we definitely recommend checking out in the near future. They have affordable pints, flights, and you can get your growler filled. On Wednesdays, they test out new beers.





From top left to bottom right: Suzy Lewis as Sophie from "Howl's Moving Castle," Brandon Marcus, Emilio Izquierdo, Zach Holman, Phillip Eng, and Andrew Scherffius as old men, Nate Goodman as the CC Prowler, Jenny Chandler, Annika Hanson, Natalie Wade, and Annelise Rohane as Scream Queens & Erin Luby as Spongebob, Ryan Garcia and Vivian Nguyen as Peter Pan and his shadow, Jenna Hanson, Vivi Engen, Sophia Franklin, and Leah Di Filippo as roller girls, Sadie Cole, Natalie Shaishido, Hannah Glosser, Mary Taussig, Terrel Blei, Madeline Pilliari, Hannah Lyons as scary, David Figel as Max from Where the Wild Things Are, and Ben Israel as Mr. Clean.

## HALLOWEEN 2016



### SPECIAL TWIT PERFORMANCE & HYPNOTIST BRIAN IMBUS

TWIT introduced its newest two members in an hour long show preceeding an act by world renowned hypnotist Brian Imbus PHOTOS BY DANIEL SARCHÉ



## The Discriminatory (Dis)advantages of the Early Decision Process

By MAX KRONSTADT

Ask Colorado College students about their application process and many of them will tell you they applied Early Decision—about one-third of the class of 2020, to be more precise.

CC is not unique in this. At 37 of the nation's most elite schools, over 40 percent of the class of 2019 was admitted ED, a Washington Post search found this March. The search also found that of the U.S. News and World Report's top 60 colleges and universities, 48 admitted at least a third of their applicants via ED in 2015.

Though in theory the ED process is a win-win—students can express their commitment to a certain school and colleges can admit more students who will actually attend—in practice, it functions as yet another leg up for the wealthy, by locking students of lower socioeconomic status out of a process that gives applicants much higher chances of admission into the nation's top colleges, including CC.

ED functions as a way for colleges to artificially lower their acceptance rates, which moves them up in national rankings and makes them seem more desirable. The more students a college accepts that are obligated to attend, the fewer it has to admit overall to fill its first-year class. Let's say, for instance, a school received 5,000 applicants vying for 500 spots. Normally, about half of all accepted students decide to enroll at this school, so it has to admit 1,000 students to secure enrollment of 500. However, if it can admit 100 ED, it only has 400 spots to fill during Regular Decision, and so it will only admit 800. This

means that it can accept 900 total, versus 1,000 previously, thereby artificially lowering the overall acceptance rate.

Because it is in a college's best interest to admit a lot of students ED, the acceptance rates are significantly higher for ED applicants than for everyone else. For the CC class

*ED functions as a way for colleges to artificially lower their acceptance rates, which moves them up in national rankings and makes them seem more desirable.*

of 2020, the acceptance rate was 31.4 percent for ED applicants, versus 17.4 percent for Early Action (which is non-binding), and 6.2 percent for Regular Decision. These figures are pretty consistent with the rest of the nation's top schools.

Many admissions officers will argue that athletes—usually ED applicants—who are already committed to the school and are guaranteed acceptance, inflate these numbers. However, a study by researchers at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government revealed that, after factoring out athletes and legacies, applying ED increases a student's chances of getting into a school as much as an extra 100 points on the SAT would (using an SAT total score of 1600).

Suffice to say, applying ED affords a large advantage to those who do so. The issue is that only some students can.

Students for whom price is a major factor in their college decision-making process are wary of binding commitments, and reasonably so. Ceding the right to compare financial offers from various schools is simply unwise and impractical for many families.

CC's Vice President for Enrollment Mark Hatch argues that the accurate predictions of financial aid at CC take the questions out of the process and open ED up to everyone. "We are really very forthright with families: we do the Net Price Calculator," he said. "Call us if you have any questions." The Net Price Calculator is a tool students can use to get very accurate predictions of what their financial aid package would look like at CC.

This is undoubtedly a step in the right direction, but students are often still unsure of financial aid packages and possible merit

*Suffice to say, applying ED affords a large advantage to those who do so. The issue is that only some students can.*

scholarships at other schools.

College counselors advise students not to apply ED to a school if they have not visited. While this is good advice, it's not practical for many students because they don't have the

money to travel the country touring schools and often have jobs that won't give them time off to visit colleges.

The ED process also benefits wealthier students because of an information gap. Students who can afford either to go to an elite private high school or hire a college counselor are more aware of the ED process and the associated advantages; students without these resources often haven't even heard of ED or are unaware of how advantageous it really is.

The ED process is inherently unfair and there is no way to reform it. It should be eliminated all together. While it is only one of many factors that make elite higher education in the U.S. a system that perpetuates cycles of poverty, it is one of the easiest to get rid of.

No one college is to blame for the widespread use of ED and no one college can end it alone. However, experts agree that if a few elite schools were to take a stand and stop using ED, it could precipitate a nationwide change.

CC prides itself on being a leader in inclusive education and is increasingly one of the nation's most elite liberal arts schools. The CC administration can sit idly and claim the school isn't in a strong enough position to take action or continue to deny that the ED process is unfair, but doing so is a fundamental abdication of responsibility. We, as students, should demand that our administration be stronger leaders in the fight for a more just system of higher education.

## Being a Nerd is Subculture No More

By JOHN FEIGELSON

Popular culture is meant to embody the preferences and tastes of ordinary people. Modern popular culture can be boiled down to the key components of sports, movies, television, and social media. Movies, especially, are one of the fundamental elements of pop culture. Many of

the top-grossing movie franchises concern stories and characters that could be considered nerdy. There are superheroes, secret agents, dinosaurs, spaceships, robots, and elves scattered throughout the most popular films. Nerddiness, as a rule, is often relegated to musty comic book shops and the back corner of the bookstore; it is a trait which many people try to hide rather than flaunt. There is a pervasive notion that nerddiness is subculture.

Nerddiness should not be shoved under the rug and it should not be considered a subculture; it is an integral part of modern popular culture.

Nerddiness, as a term, has a certain stigma attached to it. From a young age, many children are taught that being too into science fiction or fantasy is a fast track to becoming a pariah among their peers.

This idea of the nerdy outcast is present in many books, movies, and television shows. In Lev Grossman's novel (and now television series) "The Magicians," the central character deeply loves a series of fantasy novels. The protagonist's love of these stories separates him from his peers, and marks him as different. In movies—from John Hughes' "The Breakfast Club" to Disney Channel's "Minutemen"—the characters who aren't "mainstream" or aren't athletic are marked as outsiders. It is absurd that nerddiness is portrayed as a hallmark of an outcast because nerddiness is ingrained within the upbringing and the lives of hundreds of millions of people. There is no singular group, no matter how large, that purchased all 450 million copies of Harry Potter. In fact, the story of the young, English wizard represents the larger trend that nerddiness is not an underground vein of weirdos who don't fit in with the larger population. Nerds are among us, and it is safe to assume that almost everyone on the Colorado College campus has an opinion on who their favorite superhero is or what Hogwarts house they would be in.

We are surrounded by nerds, perhaps most visible in those who work to define pop culture more than any other citizens: celebrities. President Obama, a man who has won two presidential elections, is an unabashed fan of Star Trek. He has had to win the hearts of millions of Americans, while proudly raising Spock's Vulcan salute in pictures. Distinguished actors are heeding the call of nerddiness as well. Performers such as Benedict Cumberbatch, Brie Larson, Jeremy Irons, Amy Adams, Oscar Isaac, and Lupita Nyong'o are filling the roles of characters in nerdy movies (i.e. "Star Wars," "Doctor Strange," "Batman v. Superman"). The presence of such austere talent demonstrates that nerddiness is not an impediment to Hollywood success. Rather, it contributes to some of the strongest talent on film.

*Nerddiness should not be shoved under the rug and it should not be considered a subculture; it is an integral part of modern popular culture.*

Nerddiness is not everything in pop culture. For every science fiction movie, there is a small-scale independent movie or a movie about an unbelievable athletic triumph. However, nerddiness is not a subculture. Nerddiness is a dominant force in modern pop culture, without question. Our movies are set in galaxies far, far away, our heroes

carry mythical hammers and wear amazing suits of armor. Our books tell stories of aliens and gods, monsters and magic, yet these very same stories are considered "nerdy," despite the element of aversion to nerddiness—as if it is something to be ashamed of. Nerddiness is an important and essential component of pop culture because those nerdy stories speak to us in ways that sports and romantic comedies can't. The narratives that have become so dominant in pop culture tell tales of fantastic worlds and the unbelievable possibilities of the future. Nerddiness is not subculture—it is inspiring, important, and here to stay.

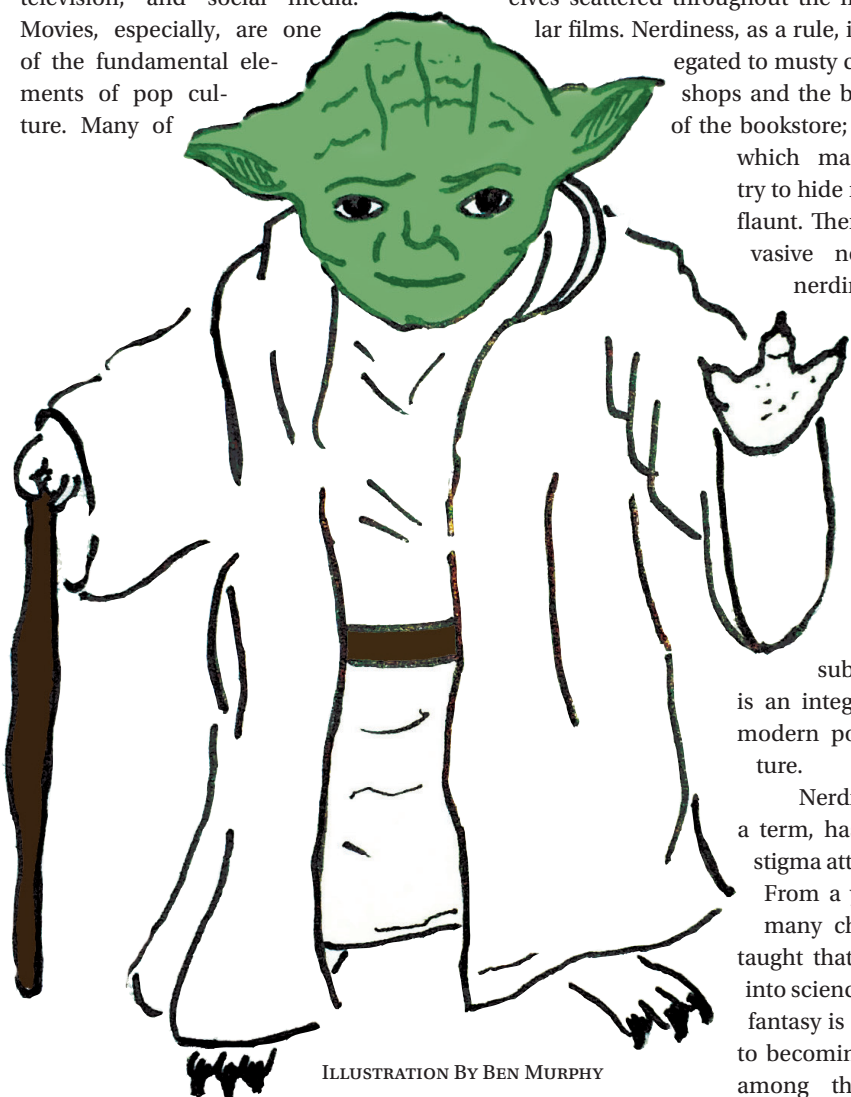


ILLUSTRATION BY BEN MURPHY



## Living on “CC Time”

By CAROLINE WILLIAMS

Last Thursday I attended a talk in Gaylord Hall given by Robert Mankoff, the head cartoon editor of *The New Yorker*. He is the author of many well-known cartoons and is the subject of an HBO documentary on New Yorker cartoonists. Mankoff was expected to begin his talk at 7 p.m. I rolled in around 6:55, and all the seats were completely filled by the general public. Slowly, I watched the Colorado College students trickle in to fill the edges of the room. A man walked up to introduce Mankoff and said something along the lines of “we’re going to wait a good 10 minutes to allow all our CC students to roll in on their CC time.” The announcer’s words irritated me.

Being a generally punctual person, I notice that CC has a tendency to begin events a smidge late. Typically, if I have a club meeting at 5 p.m., I have learned not to leave my room until 4:55 at the earliest, knowing it will not begin until around 5:10. Apparently, this phenomenon is referred to as “CC Time” or “Tiger Time.” While I do not want to make the generalization that all CC students show up late to events, I can safely say I have recognized it as a common phenomenon among CC students.

“Yeah, I’m typically late to everything,” claimed sophomore Bryson Camp.

“I think my friends just expect me to be at least 10-15 minutes late to anything we plan,” said junior Rebecca Williams. “I am late because I know others will be too,” Williams added, affirming my belief. The question becomes, however, what does this say about CC students? Are we just rude and inconsiderate people?

Initially, I viewed this as a rude phenomenon. Not only does constant lateness prove to be an irresponsible action, but it is also disrespectful. Since two students confidently acknowledge their lateness, I cannot help but wonder how they can do so without feeling bad about those whose time they take advantage of in the process. If I am late to a meeting with my professor, I am essentially saying I do not value his/her time. Whether I have a reason for being late or not,

the person who is waiting can easily interpret lateness as a message of inconsideration.

Talking to a Loomis RA made me come to a different realization. Obviously, teachers are not content when students arrive late to class, yet it is different than arriving 5 minutes late to an hour-long event. This is a four-hour-long class, so it does not seem as consequential to miss a couple minutes. Additionally, when students are late for clubs, it is typically because they got stuck finishing homework, coming from a different club, or talking to peers they ran into along the way. The point is, I do not think CC students’ lateness is intentionally rude or disrespectful. I think a student’s lateness highlights the chaotic and busy nature created by the Block Plan. Students are not blatantly rude; students are busy and relatively laid back.

“I think it has to do with the over-commitment of students and how they want to do so many different things,” explained sophomore Koki Atcheson. CC students live busy lives. They want to participate in all the intramural sports, clubs, and activities; this level of commitment often causes lateness.

I believe “CC Time” or “Tiger Time” exists. During my short time here, I have noticed a phenomenon of students being late. However, after further thinking about why this may occur, I am okay with the fact that students are late. I am glad I attend school in which students are leading busy lives. It makes them more interesting and makes my life more interesting. Additionally, it proves the laid-back nature of students. While it may seem that business and being laid-back are contradictory, the two characteristics actually go hand in hand. Students want to be involved in so many activities, yet they do not seem

to stress about the amount of activities they participate in. Activities present themselves regularly on campus, many of which interest various different people. In order to actually experience CC and all it has to offer, I think it may actually be necessary to arrive late every now and then.

*In order to actually experience CC and all it has to offer, I think it may actually be necessary to arrive late every now and then.*

*‘We’re going to wait a good 10 minutes to allow all our CC students to roll in on their CC time.’*

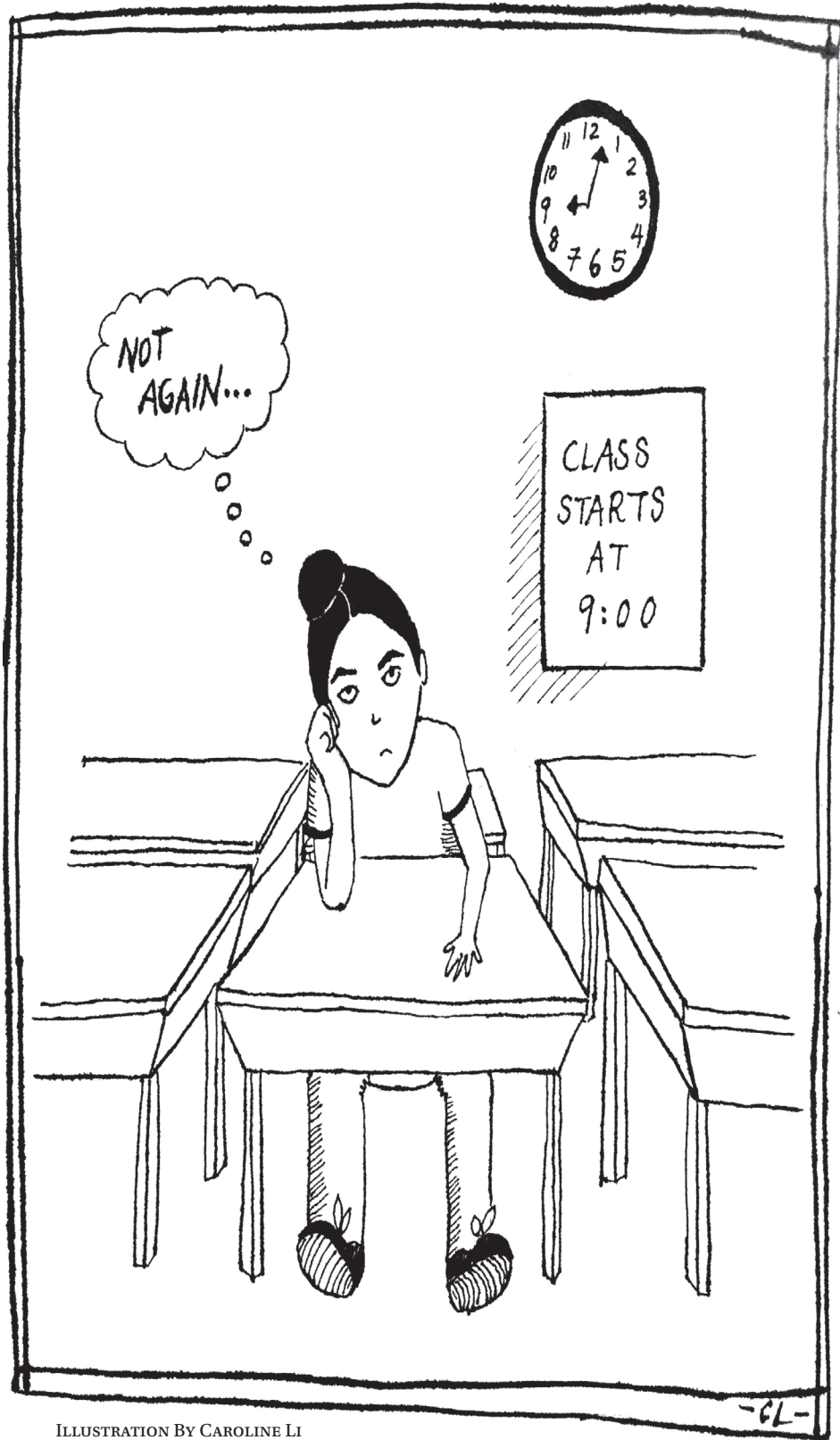


ILLUSTRATION BY CAROLINE LI

## The Parallels Between Hunting and Vegetarianism

By NATALIE GUBBAY

Drive west, and the quaint houses of suburban Colorado give way to gas stations, RVs, and mountain passes. Signs hanging over hotels and inns read: “Hunters Welcome.” Then there is Colorado College, seemingly at odds with its surroundings, which frequents the Princeton Review’s list of schools for “Birkenstock-wearing, tree-hugging, clove-smoking vegetarians.” When I visited for accepted students day, I sat at a table with, I kid you not, eight other vegetarians. To put this in perspective: I probably met about eight other vegetarians over four years in my high school of 1,600 people.

Food ethics are highly personal, and no one person can speak for all vegetarians. But much of it winnows down to some variant of the same core belief: that animals are wild and independent beings that deserve respect, and accordingly, deserve humane treatment throughout both life and death. Clearly, today’s age of industrial meat production violates that tenant—hence, the decision not to eat meat.

A hunted animal, however, is respected by the process of observing its wildness, by the hours of effort it takes to kill it, by the appreciation for that animal of the people eating it. It lives its entire life in the wild, and, if killed properly, dies quickly. Its experience is far more natural than that of a cow fed grain, and, as importantly, it is not consumed with

the casualty of a chicken nugget eaten on the go.

The hunters of rural Colorado and vegetarian students at CC have more in common than one might imagine. Even Ted Nugent—and surely, if there were a hunter least likely to philosophize and respect the subject of death, it would be him—says as much: “You

*The hunters of rural Colorado and vegetarian students at CC have more in common than one might imagine.*

don’t just handle a dead deer with respect; you handle it with reverence.”

I would argue it is not that we are uncomfortable with the result of hunting, but rather with the idea of it. We are uncomfortable with the idea of hunting because we cannot forget that to enjoy hunting means, on some level, to enjoy killing—which feels more wrong than the killing itself. “It’s not as though the rest of us don’t countenance the killing of tens of millions of animals every year. Yet for some reason we feel more comfortable with the mechanical killing practiced out of view

and without emotion by industrial agriculture,” said Michael Pollan, a leading thinker on the ethics of eating. So we separate ourselves from the killing, we hide from it; we construct ourselves a reality where meat comes from the grocery store frozen section or the kitchen of a restaurant.

It’s worth noting that only in America does there exist an industrial meat production system so distant, so opaque, that we need labels to clarify that our burgers are “100 percent real beef”—as if it should even be a question. In most other countries, meat is assumed to actually be meat; death is accepted, at least more so, as inherent in the act of eating it. When death is accepted it can be respected; when we do not hide from the reality of slaughter we can ensure it is done properly. So often I hear the question: “How?” How could anyone allow feedlots to replace pasture, for chickens to be packed into a concrete building, for pigs so be caged so tightly they can’t turn around? The answer is simple: we permitted it. The mechanized, profit-driven nature of factory farming exists because we allowed industry to take the dilemma of how to kill out of our hands and into the hands of the market.

In my junior year of high school, I lived on a farm; I fed a lamb one day and ate it the next. My friends at home asked me how I stomached it, and I asked them how they

stomached their dinners—I, at least, saw that lamb grazing in an open field.

This summer, I worked at a farm where school groups would request that we not explain the purpose of our animals, that we pretend we sell rabbits as pets and that even our male cows are used for dairy. We refused. It is one thing to be sensitive to the process of slaughter, but another to pretend that the chicken on our dinner plates magically appears out of thin air. Is it any surprise that the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance found that 72 percent of consumers know nothing or very little about farming or ranching?

In 2001, the U.S. invaded Afghanistan; in 2003, the U.S. invaded Iraq. Over 6,000 Americans have died. It is a privilege that I did not know this until the end of elementary school. It is a privilege that most Americans cannot point to Iraq on a map. The ability to run from the idea of death is a privilege.

By running from death, we cease to control it. We let overcrowded chickens never see the light of day and call it cage free. We let our country go to war without understanding its circumstances.

We do not have to agree with a given process of death, but not to engage with it is inexcusable. And if there is one thing to be said in the case for hunting, it is this: hunters do not run from death.



# CC Lens

## Fall Festival



The Outdoor Education Department hosted student bands and various fall-themed recreational activities on Autrey Field on Friday, Oct. 28th. Student band, Promiscuous Stepsister, played on the Outdoor Education Office back porch. Highlights included one student bobbing for a pumpkin, Carnivore Club serving veggie burgers, and as sophomore Evan Hamlin said, "the chill vibe."

## CSFR-Moon Hooch



PHOTO BY NOAH WEEKS Students enjoy halloween weekend.

Moon Hooch, an experimental funk group from Brooklyn, N.Y. performed at the Colorado Springs Food Rescue event on Worner Quad on Saturday, Oct. 29th. The event was a fundraising pledge drive for CSFR. The group is currently in sixth in the annual IndyGive competition with a total of \$1,190 raised thus far, according to the IndyGive website.

## Attention CC Students!

Gold Card gets you free admission to Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center galleries and discounted member pricing for special FAC exhibits.

Attend any FAC theatre production for free, subject to availability, within an hour of show time. Present your Gold Card at the front desk. "Student Rush" tickets available for purchase anytime on the day of the show for \$15. Contact (719) 634-5583 with questions.

### Upcoming Events at the FAC

through  
Nov. 19

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"  
A one-hour show of 30 plays in 60 minutes