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March 25, 2008

Chris Robinson  
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Dear Chris:

This letter is to inform you of the results of your student conduct hearing held on March 10, 2008. I have read the report of the student conduct committee, and on behalf of the college, I am issuing the following response. Due to the implicitly threatening nature of the content of your satirical publication "The Monthly Bag," you are being found responsible for violating the student code of conduct policy on violence under the college value of Respect. This policy is described on page 28 of *The Pathfinder*.

Chris, I recognize that your intent in posting your publication was not to threaten but to parody. However, in the climate in which we find ourselves today, violence—or implied violence—of any kind cannot be tolerated on a college campus. I believe the issue here is not whether or not you intended to threaten anyone. The fact is that your publication was *received* as a threat by members of the Colorado College community. The content of "The Monthly Bag," in particular the juxtaposition of weaponry and sexuality, combined with the fact that it was distributed anonymously, led it to be received as a threat. As a liberal arts college, we pride ourselves on the free exchange of ideas in pursuit of education, and we support freedom of speech. However, as a private institution, we cannot support forms of speech that disrupt our community to the point of causing members of it to feel threatened or afraid.

I applaud the fact that you and [REDACTED] identified yourselves immediately to the community when asked to come forward. Thank you for being honest and up-front about your involvement. You took responsibility for your actions and admitted that posting anonymously was wrong and that you would not do it again. I would like to see you and [REDACTED] sponsor a more appropriate forum for a dialogue about the issues and questions which you raised with the posting of "The Monthly Bag." The goal of the forum would be to address the issues in an open and respectful way among all affected constituencies. I think that the opportunity to dialogue in this manner would be educational for everyone. Please make sure that this forum happens before the end of Block 8.

Chris, I have every hope for your success here at CC; I hope you can move beyond this incident. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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