

Dear Dean Edmonds,

On Thursday November 19th I met with Rochelle Mason and Cesar Cervantes,
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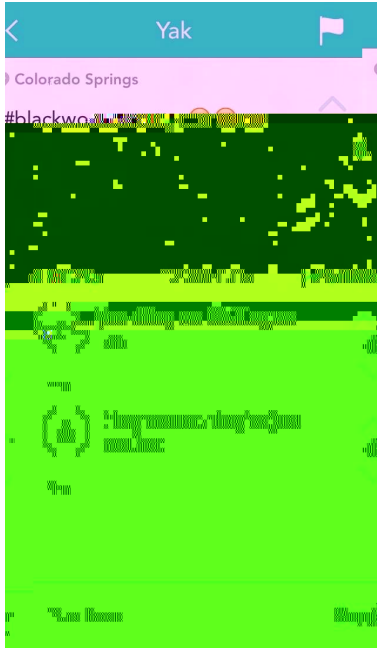
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the student and the CC community³ as opposed to the many disciplinary options that were skipped. I write this appeal not simply to dispute the imposed sanction, I am protesting the way my hearing process violated the purposes and methods of The Pathfinder. The process was handled in a way that gave me very little information on how and why I was being considered immediately and just plainly guilty and worthy of suspension. Not only did I not feel I was given a proper opportunity to explain myself, I was given no opportunity to apologize, ~~learn~~^{learn}, or help mitigate any damage I had done to the community, thereby contradicting the goals of the disciplinary process laid out in the Pathfinder.

The second reason I appeal my decision is on the grounds

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The night of November 9th on Yik Yak started as an exchange of racially charged jabs. Although the screenshots many students took only captured the posts aimed at students of color, the entire situation was started by comments aimed at white CC students. To name a few, "White boys at this school: dirty hippies with small dicks", "Damn these white kids need their rich parents to buy them some soap", "Why are white people always fucking their cousins?", "I think it says a lot about white people that they're dumb enough to watch NASCAR and listen to country music". Apart from white and black students, other jabs targeted European Gypsies, the Irish, the Na'vi from the movie Avatar, Native Americans, Smurfs, Hispanics, Poles, and Muslims, among other groups based on nationality, ethnicity, religion, and even species. When the jabs began to get more offensive and hurtful and less humor-focused, I deleted my comment. Unfortunately, a screenshot taken by an anonymous student immortalized it. Upon questioning from the Deans, I came clean on my brief involvement in the events, hoping it would open a dialogue and more guilty students could come forward.



To digress, I know that there are students at Colorado College who rejoiced at the news of my lengthy suspension. They voiced this on Yik Yak as word of my sentencing spread.

provide an opportunity for growth and development ensure student safety and promote an environment that supports the educational mission of the college and (2) to hold students accountable for their actions.”

I deserve to be held accountable for my actions, this I accept. However, I do not see how the imposed two year suspension is an attempt to educate myself or the school community, which