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National Spotlight on Coach

Lonnie Porter Honored for 20 Years of Wins, Service *Pages 8-9*

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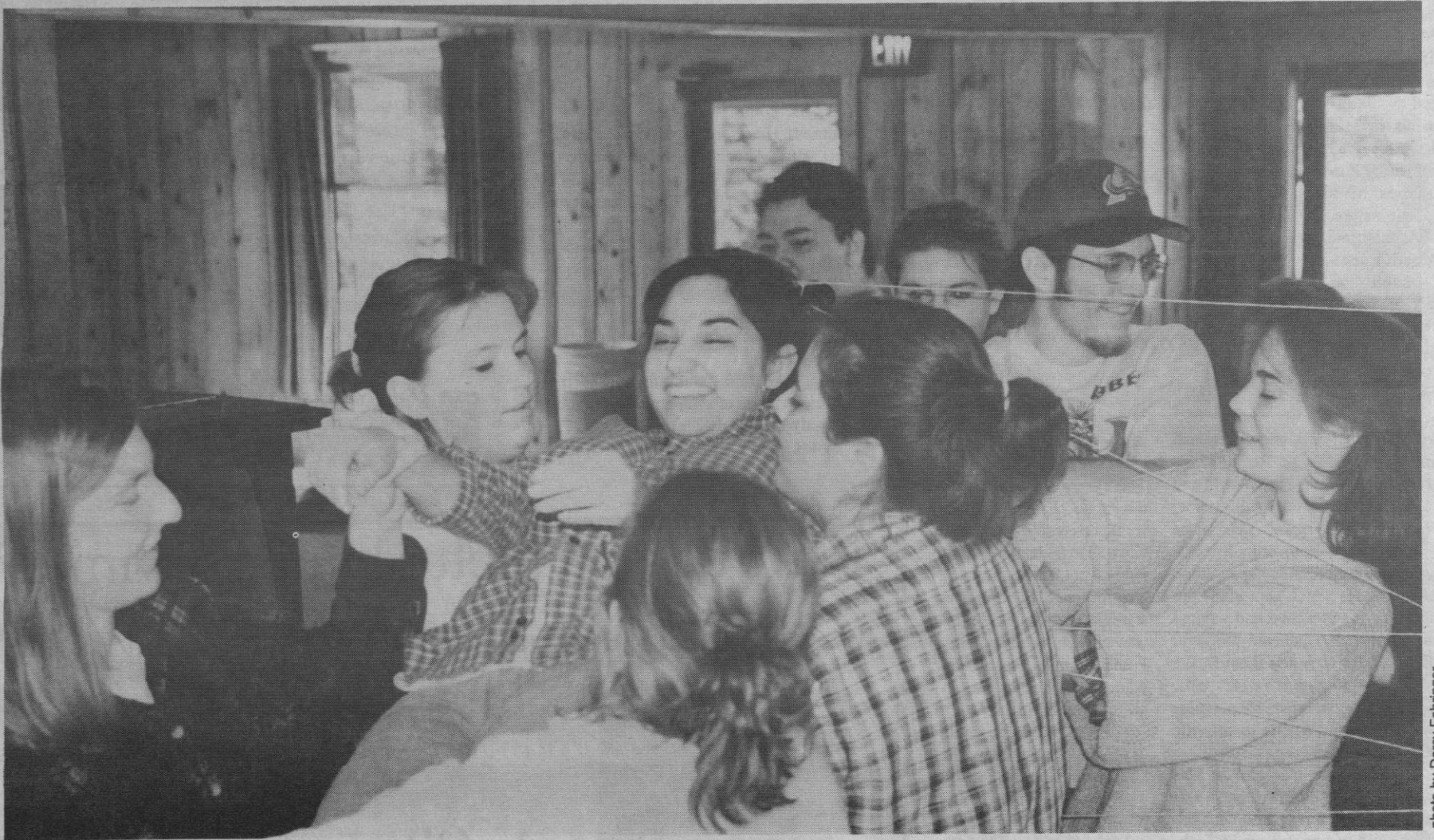


photo by Darcy Fehninger

Trust-building activities are common exercises at retreats. Here, sophomore Leadership students lift Joy Arellano through "the Web."

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FEATURES

Regis's Namesake "Celebrates" 400th

Courtesy Public Affairs

On Friday, January 31, Regis University celebrated the 400th birthday of its patron and namesake, St. Jean-Francois Regis, born that date in 1597. His birthplace was in the district of Fontcouverte, at the foot of the Pyrenees in the south of France.

According to *The Jesuit Tradition at Regis University* by Fr. John J. Callahan, S.J., Jean-Francois (John Francis) attended the Jesuit school at Beziers. At age 19 he entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) at Toulouse, and eventually embarked on a teaching career. Yet, he slowly earned the reputation as a behind-the-scenes miracle worker. Empty grain bins suddenly were full; a student near death was cured. Jean-Francois was said to have received intimations and messages of a prophetic nature.

At this time in America, Jesuits such as Jacques Marquette were mapping the wilderness of "New France," and the English colonies were just starting along the coast. Throughout his life, St. Regis' ambition was to go to this New World and the French settlements. But, his home, Le Puy in South France, was a place of religious wars, death, brutality, starvation, prostitution, and plague. These were the things which kept him from emigrating. He preached and worked with the poor. He gathered food and clothing and distributed them to the needy. He fought for their rights at the expense of his own safety. He put pressure on local merchants to provide jobs.

St. Regis was also known as a great preacher, an adult catechist, and a confessor. At a time of religious hatreds, he did not preach against others, but for and of Christ. Crowded churches were testimony to his simple, direct and highly effective sermons.

St. Regis' most famous and controversial work was with the prostitutes, according to Fr. Callahan. He took them from their "places of employment" and established safe homes for them, as well as jobs. There was outrage from other circles, and Jean-Francois was beaten in the streets several times, a safehouse was burned to the ground, and people withdrew contributions to the school where he taught. His work was considered scandalous, unworthy of a priest.

Undaunted, St. Regis expanded his outreach to the poor mountain com-

munities, many of which had not seen a spiritual leader in a hundred years. The mountain peasants came from miles around to hear "their saint." One Christmas, he and a Jesuit brother set out for one of the villages and were lost in a blizzard which lasted three days. When they finally arrived, Jean-Francois spent the next three days in a crowded and drafty church, preaching, saying Mass, hearing confessions. He collapsed, possibly of pneumonia, and died on New Year's Eve, 1640. He lived only 43 years.

The peasants so loved him that they would not let him go; he was their own. Three times the Jesuits came to

claim the body, but failed. During the ensuing years, the village, Lalouvesc, became one of the great pilgrimage places of France (and remains so today, even though Regis' body was desecrated and scattered during the French Revolution). Jean-Francois Regis was declared a saint in 1738.

Regis University adopted St. Regis as its patron in 1921, foregoing the previous names

of Sacred Heart College (1884-1921) and Las Vegas College (1877-1884).

There are many reasons for the name change, ranging from persecution by the Klu Klux Klan to the fact that so many schools used the name Sacred Heart. Fr. Callahan states, "The name 'Regis' was chosen because Jean-Francois was a Jesuit saint who worked in the mountains. Simple as that."

Fr. Callahan feels deeply the need to honor the University's namesake. "He was a man of simplicity and power, a person who saw the needs of his time and place, and who worked to meet those needs wherever he found them. He showed his love in words and in deeds. He took risks. He brought God's love to everyone as he worked for the least in society. He was a good man, and attractive man. The purpose of Regis University, under any name, has always been and will continue to be forming men and women who will be leaders in service to others. We could not have a better patron!"

"At a time of religious hatreds, he did not preach against others, but for and of Christ. Crowded churches were testimony to his simple, direct and highly effective sermons."

Thinking About Running for President? Upcoming Elections Require Planning

By Jack Patterson
Highlander Staff

The 1997-1998 Executive Cabinet election process began this week when packets were made available on Wednesday, February 5 in the Office of Student Activities. These include the rules and regulations, a petition, and a job description about electoral positions, and kicked off the annual student election process, which culminates with election day on Wednesday, February 19.

The electoral process is very easy for those who have participated before, but can be a very disorienting for those without prior Executive Cabinet experience. The first step is to pick up the packet in Student Activities. After reading through the rules, the candidate needs to collect 100 signatures in order to be placed on the ballot. This does not necessarily mean that these 100 students are promising their vote, but demonstrates the candidate's commitment to the campaign.

The petitions are due by February 14 at 3:00 p.m. in Student Activities. Names go on the ballot in the order the completed petitions are returned. Therefore, it is important to act quickly in getting the needed signatures in order to be on the official ballot of the 1997-1998 Executive Cabinet Elections.

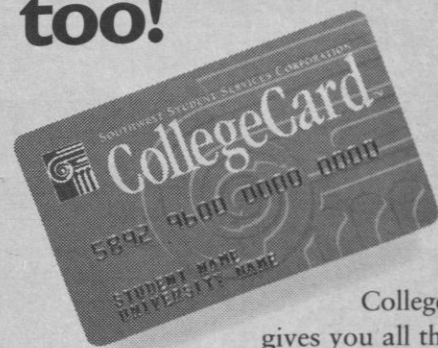
All candidates are required to attend a meeting with the Election Committee on February 11, which will review the rules for the campaigning that begins the next day, Wednesday February 12.

The candidates participate in various forms of campaigning, but the highlight is the debate on February 17, at 4:30 p.m. These debates often in-

clude dramatic exchanges of ideas and personal attacks, as well as the presentation of the candidates' platforms and goals.

Questions about leadership positions or the election should be directed to the Office of Student Activities and Scott Campbell.

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THANK YOU FOR
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Forensics Ranked #1 in Nation

By Elizabeth Walsh
Assistant Editor

Accomplishments of forensics students are bringing national attention to Regis as the university's debate team was ranked number one in the nation by the National Parliamentary Debate Association.

Two teams from Regis have been invited to the first ever Super Bowl of Debate, to be held March 1 and 2

much since December, and Regis is still on top since the team has had only one competition during the spring se-

mester.

Two teams from Regis have been invited to the first ever Super Bowl of Debate, to be held March 1 and 2. Only the top eight teams from around the country were asked to participate, and Regis is the only school with more than one team taking part. The two pairs competing are Marcus Paroske and Daniel Nelson, and Kathleen Pautler and Jeff Kean.

The Regis Tournament will be held on campus February 21. "We expect a nationally competitive draw due to the success [of Regis] this year, and because we are hosting nationals," says Paroske. Regis is co-host for the Nation Debate Tournament, which will be held at Colorado College in March. At that competition, the Irish National Debate team will appear as an exhibition.

Bonnie Stapleton, director of Forensics, says that walk-ons to the team are welcome, and scholarships are available for all forensics students. Anyone interested can contact her by calling 458-4145, coming to her office (Loyola 1-A), or coming to a team practice session every Thursday 1 to 8 p.m.

NPDA Standings
(As of December 17, 1996)

1. Regis University (84 points)
2. Colorado State University (50)
3. Willamette (49)
4. University of Colorado at Boulder (48)
5. Claremont (48)

EXECUTIVE CABINET ELECTIONS!

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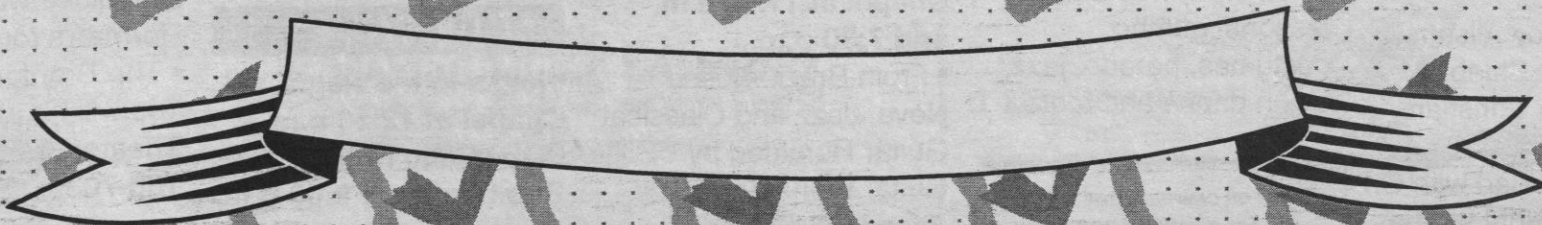
Run for President, Vice President or Chief Justice.

Pick up your packet beginning Feb. 5.

Get 100 signatures and you are on your way!

Campaigning begins Feb. 12, packets are due by Feb. 14.

The election will take place on Feb. 19.



JUSTICE Sponsors Varied Events

By Rachel Palmer, Grady Scheer, & Stephen Sweeney
Special to the Highlander

JUSTICE, a new club which began last semester, is ready to take on this new semester with enthusiasm. JUSTICE is the student alliance of the Jesuit universities and colleges of the United States of America dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Jesuit traditions established by St. Ignatius of Loyola. These traditions foster mobility through leadership, communication, cooperation, education and service in the Ignatian tradition. *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.*

Three students form the Regis JUSTICE chapter, and their advisor, Director of Student Activities Scott Campbell, went to the national convention in San Francisco in late October. The JUSTICE members from 17 schools presented discussed ideas such as the meaning of the Jesuit tradition, how to define power, and brainstormed ideas for strengthening JUSTICE chapters. The Regis group came away

with great ideas for this new semester.

Anyone at Regis is welcome to join or simply attend the JUSTICE meetings, which are at 6 p.m. on Thursdays on the second floor of the Student Center. One event that JUSTICE is sponsoring is a viewing of the movie *Dead Man Walking*. At this showing, tickets to see Sister Helen Prejean, whose book inspired the movie, will be sold. Tickets may also be purchased after the Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Mass at the Regis Chapel.

Future JUSTICE events:

February 6 Letter-writing campaign regarding closure of the School of the Americas

February 17 Viewing of *Dead Man Walking*

February 27 Speaker: Sr. Helen Prejean presents "From Conviction to Community"

March 13 Women's History Week Speaker

March 18 Speaker: Rev. Raymond Brown: "Is There Anti-Jewish Polemic in the New Testament"

April 24 Viewing of *Romero*

Students discussed the meaning of the Jesuit tradition and how to define power.

from the OFFICE - OF THE - PRESIDENT • Max Semmer •

Dear fellow Rangers,

Hello and welcome to another week of school. First of all I would like to say a few "presidential hello's" to Debbie Selle, Scott and Yvonne Campbell, and all my wonderful teachers!! This week is special because I want to dedicate it to all the seniors that will be graduating this May.

It is hard to believe that the four years at Regis are almost over. Where did the time go? For many of us this came too quickly, but for others the time could not have come soon enough. As for my self, I can say that the time spent at Regis has been the most exciting time of my life and that I will take with me every moment as a student. The one advice that I can give to non-students is: stick with it, your dreams will be answered as long as you let them. I will never forget the time spent here and I hope you don't either.

Speaking about graduation, the time has come for us seniors to think about where you would like to work and in what field you would like to get into. Well if this is making you nervous, don't let it. Career Services

has the answer that you are looking for. They have set up times that different companies in the Denver area are coming to the campus to set up interviews and information sessions. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Career Services at x3508.

As some of you may have known, I did not write an article last week due to the fact that my disk had a virus and I was not able to get another one in time. Because of my absence last week I want to make up for it this week.

On January 22, the annual MLK Day festivities took place. This year was once again a HUGE success. The Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, Rachel Palmer, did a great job in the planning and putting the entire show together. BINGO and Second City were great, and this week's band, "Life Goes On," should be, too. There is absolutely no reason why your Thursday Nights should not be filled with excitement.

Other upcoming events that will be on the campus will include the #1 FAN Club and Acoustic Night that is open to all Regis students. And the biggest event that will take place will be the elections to vote on next year's officers. So keep your ears open to all the events that will be happening around the campus. Have a great week and keep up the good work.

Record-Setting Blood Drive

By Charles N. Baumgardner
Highlander Staff

Last Wednesday Regis University held its most successful Blood Drive in school history.

The Blood Drive is an annual event sponsored by the Nursing Department. Heading up the Blood Drive this year was Becky Hjermfelt. Hjermfelt is the Director of Nursing Affairs for the Executive Cabinet.

The Drive was from noon until four in the afternoon in the Faculty Lounge. The available time slots quickly filled and people were even turned away. Some of those who had signed up were not allowed to give blood because they had recently gotten a tattoo or body piercing.

Hjermfelt said that the day was a success. "I was really excited by the turnout. This is a really important event and its great that so many people showed an interest in helping out."

A couple of groups used the Blood Drive as a community service opportunity. The Programming Activities Council and the Softball team had many members show up to the event.

Many of the students, who were a bit "drained" after the event, were glad that they had participated.

The Highlander's Weekly Calendar

FEBRUARY 6-12

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

- Mass in the Regis Chapel at 12:10 p.m.
- A.I.D.S. presentation meeting for all interested in being on a committee at 10:00 a.m. in Diane Cooper's office - Student Center.
- Second-year R.A.'s meet with Diane Cooper in the Faculty Lounge at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday Thrills: "Life in General" will be free at 10:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.
- The Denver Post Performances Presents "KODO One Earth Tour" on the 6, 7, and 8th at the Paramount Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$30/\$26/\$19, 830-TIXS.
- The Greyboy Allstars will be at the Bluebird Theater with Christian McBride tonight.
- Opie Gone Bad with On Second Thought will be at Market 41

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

- Mass in the Regis Chapel at 12:10 p.m.
- *Women's Basketball at Metro State at 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Metro State at 7:30 p.m.
- Applications for Pub Manager, Intramural Sports Intern, and Activities Assistant are due today in the Student Center.
- Celebrate Bob Marley's Birthday at Jimmy's Grille, call 322-5334 for info.
- The Greyboy Allstars with Fat Mama will be at the Fox Theatre.
- Come early to the Second Annual Mardi Gras Fest at the Boulder Theater for free dance lessons, gumbo, costumes, parade, jazz, cajun dance and more.

ALL ON-CAMPUS EVENTS IN BOLD.
TO ADD TO THE WEEKLY CALENDAR, CALL MELINDA AT x5391

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

- International Hosts, ELS, and anyone else who enjoys Jimi Hendrix and The Doors will be going to a Laser Light Show at the Gates Planetarium. Meet on the 3rd floor of West Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Colorado Mines at 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Colorado Mines at 8:00 p.m.
- The Psychodelic Zombiez will be at Herman's tonight.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

- Mass in the Regis Chapel at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- From Brazil: Bossa Nova, Jazz and Classical Guitar Heralded by Guitar World and Badi Assad will play an all ages show at the Fox

- Theatre at 7:00 p.m.
- Celebrate Bob Marley's Birthday with Shinehead, live and Direct from Jamaica, all ages at the Bluebird Theater.
- Swing to Big Bands: Jazz West, 7:30 p.m., \$4 at the Mercury Cafe.

MONDAY, FEB. 10

- Mass in the Regis Chapel at 12:10 p.m.
- Ranger Day information meeting on the second floor of the Student Center at 6:00 p.m. for anyone interested in participating or helping out.

FAT TUESDAY, FEB. 11

- Mass in the Regis Chapel at 12:10 p.m.
- Open Mic Night in the Pub begins at 9:00 p.m. The best performance will win \$150!

- KTCL's Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Party featuring Big Easy Ale, cajun food, live New Orleans music, beads and costumes will be at Wynkoop Brewing Company, 18th and Wynkoop.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

- Ash Wednesday mass in the Regis Chapel at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 and 5:15 p.m. Ecumenical Service at 9:00 p.m.
- Woman's Basketball at Colorado Christian at 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Colorado Christian at 8:00 p.m.
- Sister Seven and Breedlove will be at Herman's tonight.
- The Branford Marsalis Trio will be at the Boulder Theater at 8:00 p.m., 786-7030.

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page 7.**

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CHOICES Deals

Courtesy CHOICES

CHOICES is sponsoring the semiannual casino trip to Colorado Central Station in Black Hawk, on Sunday, February 16, 1997. Now, some of you may be saying to yourselves

"How can a substance abuse program be promoting a gambling trip? That sounds contradictory." Actually, the combination is done on purpose to

emphasize a point: CHOICES is not anti-alcohol, just as they are not anti-gambling. There are ways to experience both responsibility and have a good time. CHOICES is sponsoring the event to promote responsible fun.

The bus will be leaving from the Life Direction Center building at 11:45 a.m. Included in the \$10 package is round trip transportation, a complimentary meal, two free drinks, five dollars worth of tokens, and much, much more.

As an added bonus when you cash in twenty dollars you will receive twenty-five dollars back! All proceeds will go to the Choices Program to increase our ability

"CHOICES is not anti-alcohol, just as they are not anti-gambling. There are ways to experience both responsibility and have a good time."

to do educational programs and provide fun social alternatives to binge drinking. If you are 21 years old or older and interested in signing up please contact Sally Spencer Thomas at 458-4323. Call Soon, spaces are limited!

Change of Pace for CHOICES Group

Courtesy CHOICES

• Did you know that CHOICES trains its members to be peer educators, and that those who complete the training get a nationally recognized certificate from the Bacchus & Gamma Peer Education Network?

• Did you know that CHOICES is sponsoring a casino trip to Black Hawk on Sunday February 16, 1997 for students, faculty & staff over 21 (call x4323 for details)?

• Did you know that CHOICES is co-programming with residence life,

the fitness center, health services, and personal counseling on health issues such as eating disorders, date/aquaintance rape, and peer theatre?

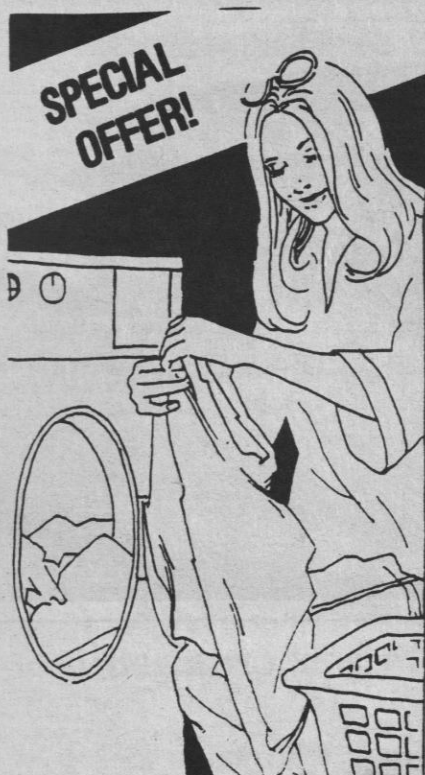
• Did you know that CHOICES is attending a Spring Conference on April 11 and 12 to network with other schools on current health issues?

• Did you know that CHOICES promotes responsible healthy lifestyles for all?

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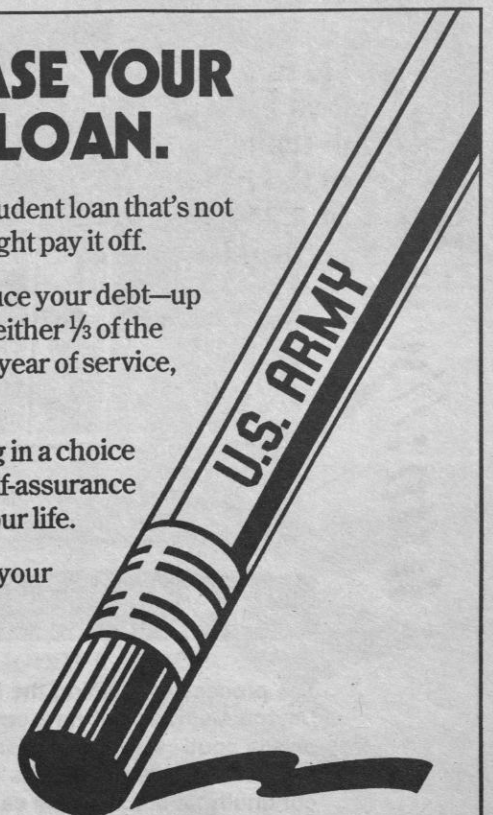
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Library on Schedule

Access, Weather Slow Progress

By Nandini Stocker
Highlander Staff

The Dayton Memorial Library renovation and expansion project is on schedule as of this week, with the anticipated completion date still at March 15, 1997. According to Dean of Libraries Andrew Scrimgeour, the March date remains contingent upon the construction process being free of major problems.

Should any difficulties arise, Scrimgeour believes it would happen in the final stages of the project. "At this point, March 15th is a floating date. It all depends on the city approving the building since they have to approve one floor at a time."

The approval process is only one possible obstacle that could slow down the project. Other complications might come from construction or manufacturing areas. One possibility would be a delay in the receipt of necessary materials. Even so, while no real problems have arisen, library authorities have had to adjust the project plans to accommodate a few minor changes.

One such adjustment involved handicapped access. Initially, there were plans to add a lift to the side of the new front entrance that would carry passengers directly into the front lobby. However, according to City of Denver regulations, such a lift would be inadequate. Current ordinances mandate a full functioning elevator in a newly

constructed or renovated building. To accommodate this requirement the library will now have an expanded handicapped-accessible entrance at the back of the building with overall improvements to the building's elevator. Other small delays were due to sub-zero windchills that prevented outside construction.

The latest noticeable feature to evolve is the staining of the brick, a painstaking process which has been started on the south side of the building (facing Regis Boulevard). In addition to the visible exterior progress, the inside of the library is undergoing vast transformations. Thus far, the central heating and cooling system is in place, the walls are painted, some lights are in place, the carpet is laid, and the interior structures such as desks and corals are taking shape.

With the new fourth floor being the furthest from completion, the library renovation and expansion project is developing as planned. To keep up with further developments on the project, students and community members are encouraged to visit the Regis University web home page located at <http://www.regis.edu>, where the most current information about the building project, along with photos, is available.



The location for the door of Dayton Memorial Library was chosen to provide symmetry on campus. Standing on the steps of Main Hall, the door of the library is almost directly across the Boettcher Commons. It is obvious that the library renovation is almost complete, when comparing the library currently to the architect's drawing of the completed building.

photos by Darcy Fehring

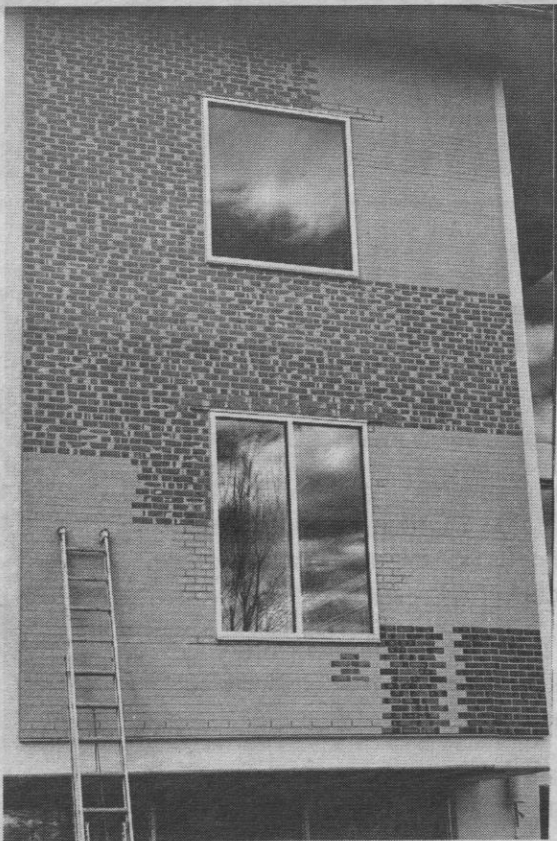
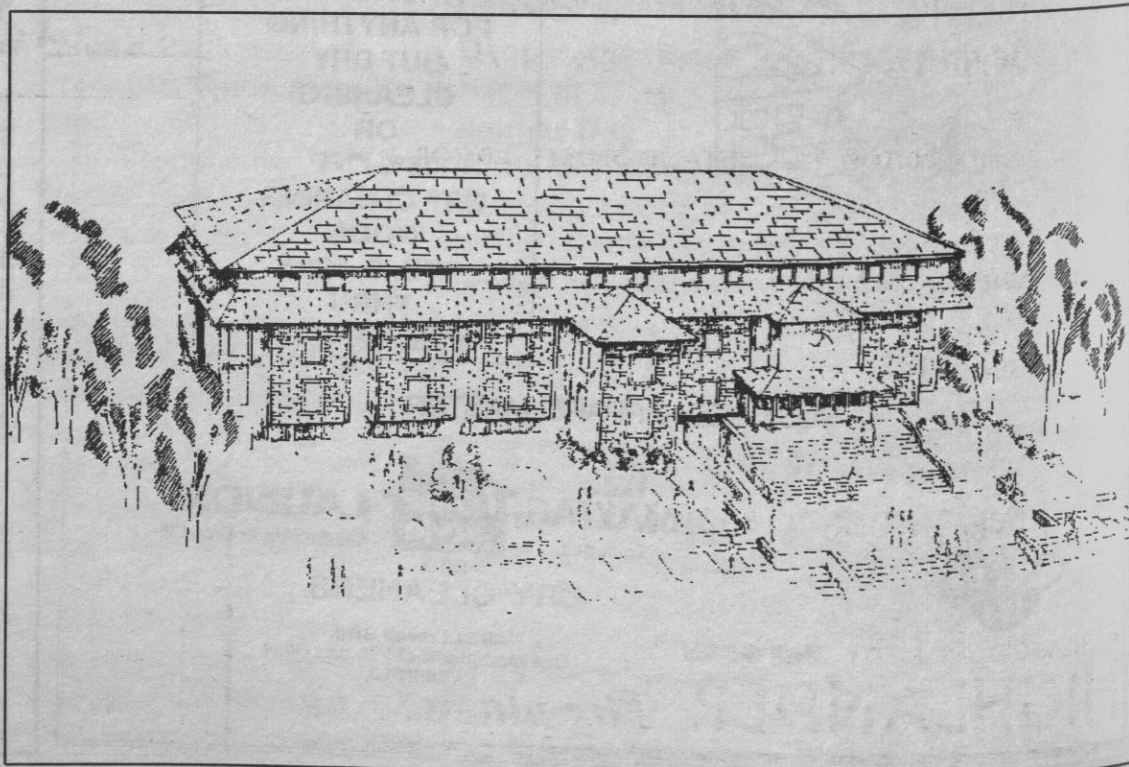


photo by Nandini Stocker

The process of staining the brick exterior of Dayton Memorial Library, currently taking place on the south side, will require that six workers labor for two weeks. This is being done to add continuity of color on the campus, where all of the other buildings are red brick.

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Upcoming Performance Calls For Ramblers Retreat

By Danielle Ranwez
Highlander Staff

Creative juices were overflowing in the state of Wyoming last weekend, February 1 and 2, when the cast of "Music Man," who entertained audiences with their production of "Li'l Abner" last year, took their first retreat to Dr. Dennis Steele's ranch. This was a great experience because of the camaraderie that it built. The retreat served two purposes: one, to help students learn the music, choreography and individual character development, and two, to force stressed-out, tired and overworked students to relax and have fun.

Under the musical direction of Dr. Dennis and Sandy Steele, acting direction of Jim VanderHooven, and choreography direction of Shannan Steele, the group became much more comfortable with the upcoming production of the show. So much hard work called for relaxation and fun, which was ever-present during the retreat.

This "forced relaxation" (as I like to call it) was great for all of the cast members who never have enough time to get everything done. The Bit-

O-Wyo Ranch is set in the foothills of Wyoming and is a great retreat from the hectic everyday life that exists on the Regis campus. Throughout the weekend, there was a constant energy of singing, dancing and even a few acting games. However, this excitement this was counteracted by many people

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taking advantage of the warm rooms and cozy couches to take quick cat naps.

This year's cast is built mostly of

the Regis Ramblers singing group, but incorporates many people who do not participate in the Rambler's performances. This is great because of the "new blood" it brings to the group, and the great ideas and talents they bring.

The performances of "Music Man" are scheduled for April 11-13, but the group will also put on various random performances throughout the semester: February 22, the Ramblers will be singing for the President's Dinner, which will include all of the members of the Regis Board of Trustees. March 15, the Ramblers will be marching downtown in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. In late April, the Ramblers will return with the second annual USO Show for the World War II Junior Seminar classes.

The group has come a long way from last year's "Li'l Abner," but there is still a constant sense of fun and energy that "Li'l Abner" helped to build. The group still laughs hysterically they hear those infamous words, "Bet ya'll know, Sadie Hawkins Day is comin' up." I "bet ya'll" will enjoy the sheer joy and energy that every actor, singer and dancer will project when the lights go up.

Yearly Retreats a Significant Aspect of Leadership Program

By Darcy Fehringer
Editor-in-Chief

The Sophomore Leadership class spent February 1 and 2 at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park for a leadership class retreat. A part of the leadership program, these short retreats have become an integral part of the President's Leadership Program, which create bonds and friendships among the classes.

The Regis Leadership Program, recently renamed the President's Leadership Program, is a four-year program at Regis. Students are accepted into the program as first-semester freshman on the basis of their leadership experience and g.p.a.'s, and they continue through the comprehensive program for four years.

Each year, the classes focus on a different aspect of leadership, and every year each class takes a retreat as part of the one credit class. The retreats get progressively "better" each year, covering more in-depth and personal issues each year.

The retreats generally include team building and trust building exercises, such as "the web" and other group activities. The class also devotes time to sharing personal experiences

and the typical "getting-to-know-each-other" activities. The classes generally have free time to enjoy the retreat facilities. For example, last weekend the sophomore class was able to go hiking, roller-skating, and dancing.

Junior leadership student Molly Moore feels the retreats are "definitely a bonding time, a time to get away and recenter ourselves about why we're doing what we're doing," she said. "It's not so much leadership development, but it's the getting-to-know-you aspect that is important. It's an excellent opportunity to get away, refocus, and recenter."

The senior class went on their retreat during the fall semester. The freshman class is planning their retreat for February 7-9, and the junior class will go the weekend after that.

Sophomore leadership member Sara Maxwell holds Kaitlyn Birge while she reads her bedtime story at the YMCA of the Rockies, where the class went for their retreat. "These retreats are essential because we get to know each other in a different atmosphere, where we can let our boundaries down," sophomore Samantha Araiza said.

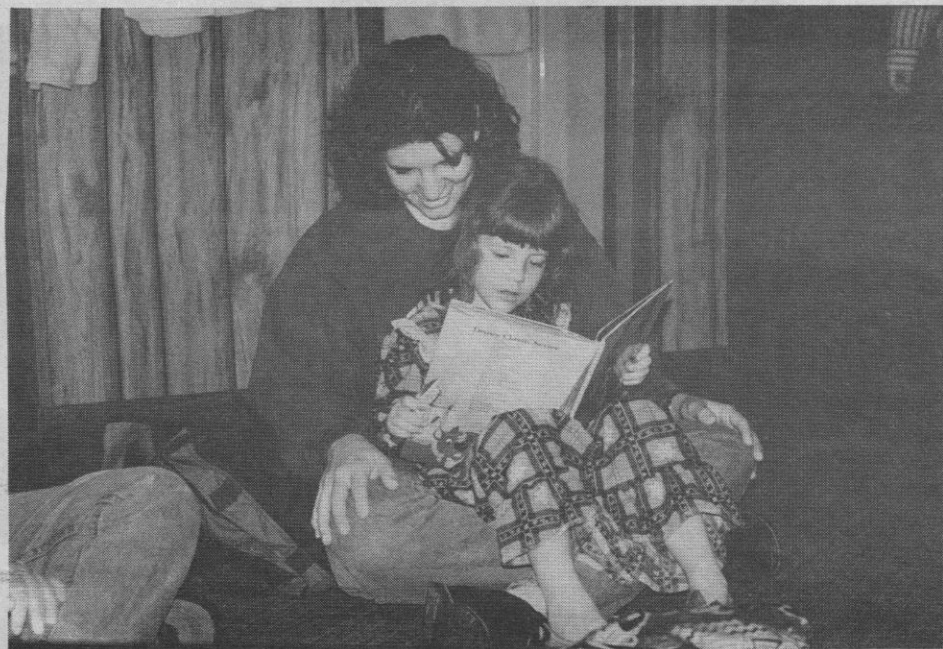


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• TWENTY YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG •

A Tribute to Men's Basketball Coach Lonnie Porter

By Michael Creager
Sports Editor

Since 1977, Regis University has undergone many changes which have helped shape it into the prestigious school that it is today. Students, professors, athletes, and coaches have come and gone. Regis has grown from a college to a university with eight satellite campuses and an enrollment of over 8,000 students. Regis has experienced political changes, undergone educational revolutions, and various facelifts. Through all this change, there has been one figure of consistency at Regis during the last twenty years; since 1977, men's basketball Head Coach Lonnie Porter has been a permanent fixture on the sidelines at Ranger basketball games.

During Porter's tenure, Regis has seen some of their most successful basketball seasons in history. Porter has a commitment to excellence which has enabled his players to learn more about basketball from him. He currently holds the longest tenure of any college basketball coach in Colorado, which is why Regis Sports Information

Director Doug Montgomery named him, "The Dean of Colorado Basketball Coaches." However, during his time as coach, he has done much more than coach basketball.

In 1977, a young assistant basketball coach left the University of Nebraska program on a mission. He went to a small Jesuit school in North Denver where the basketball program had recorded only three winning seasons in the ten years previous to his arrival. This young assistant Coach was Lonnie Porter, who was given the job of returning that school's basketball team—Regis—to the glory days of the 1948-49 season, when the Rangers compiled a 36-3 record and set the small-school record for wins, 36 in a

row, which still stands today.

When Porter first arrived at Regis, he had to make the adjustment from the glamour of big time Division I basketball to NAIA/NCAA Division II. During the early years, he also

in 1965, he went on to earn his master's degree in administration/secondary education the following year. As well as being an All-American, he also earned other awards, including All RMAC, All NAIA District VII and All-America Mention in each of his four years. In 1993, Coach Porter was honored by his alma mater by having his jersey retired. In 1996, Adams State College began a scholarship program in his name.

Additionally, in his 20-year tenure at Regis, Porter has become the winningest coach in school history, compiling a 332-204 record for an unprecedented .619 winning percentage.

He has coached the Rangers to six 20-win campaigns and has won Coach of the Year three times. In his nineteen previous seasons, Porter has posted 16 winning seasons and has led his team to an unprecedented level of success in the 1990s. During this decade he has compiled a record of 123-51, which is the best of Colorado basketball programs.

Included in that record is a 50-10 mark the last two years, which includes the regular season conference championships each of those years. What has made coach Porter a success and kept him on top for this long is his work ethic and rapport with his players. He works long hours and has always instilled discipline; everyone on the team knows who's boss. His trademark man-to-man defense has sent many teams' coaches to the looney bin over the years, and has been an important factor in the success he has enjoyed. Some people may marvel in this kind of success, or let it go to their heads, but Porter has remained humble and appreciative of all of those who have helped him on his journey. Ac-

cording to Porter, "God has been very good to me." His faith has enabled him to enjoy a lot of success.

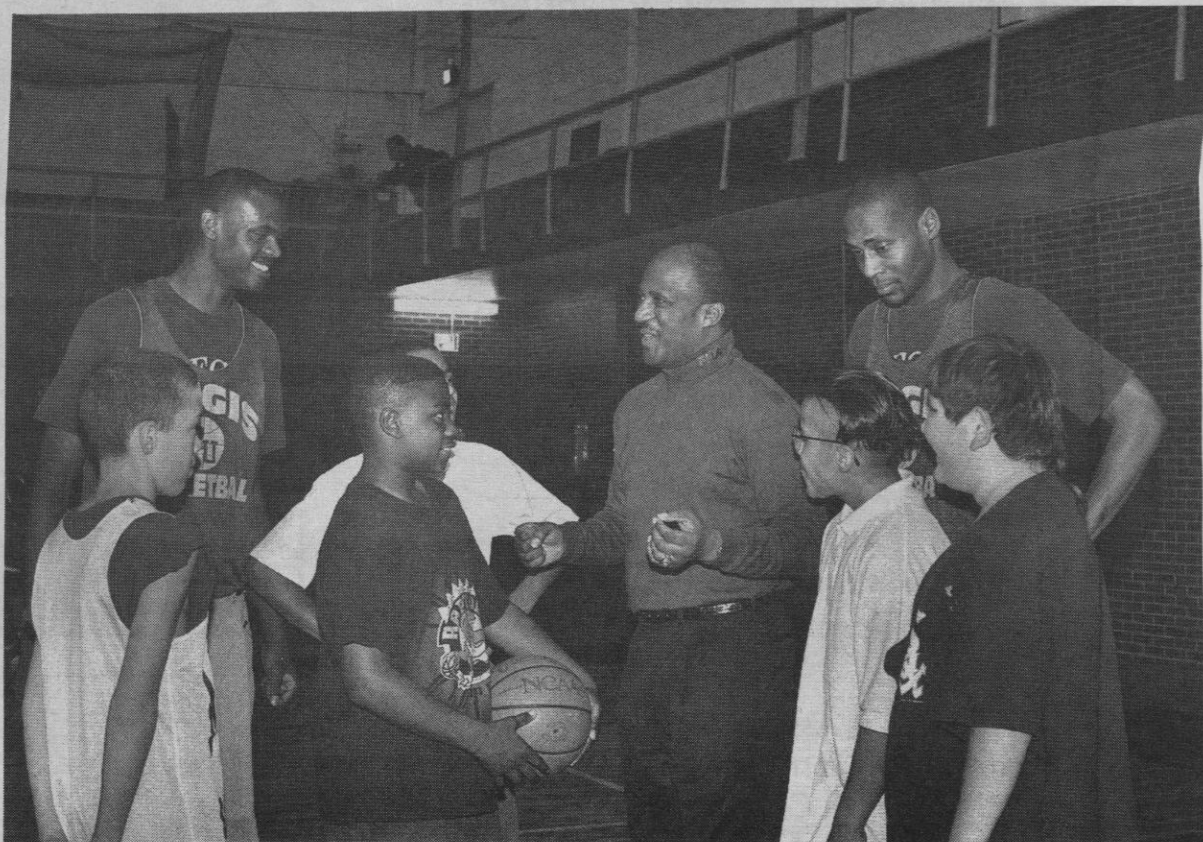
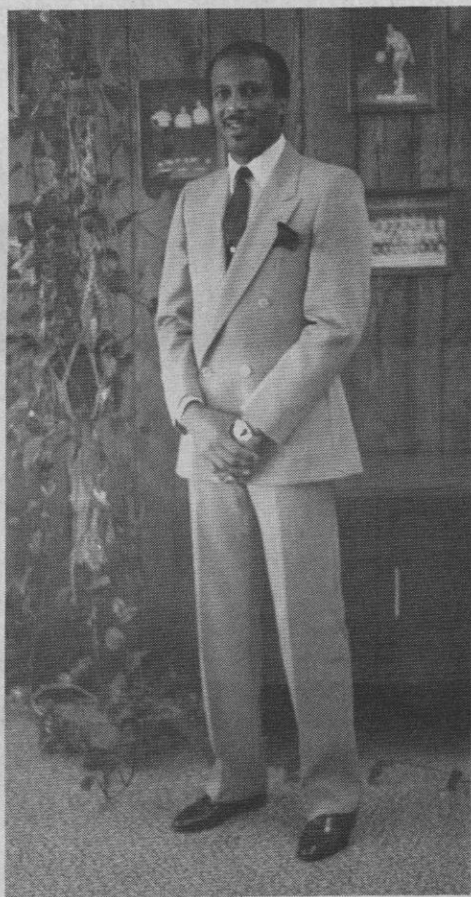
Beyond all the wins and awards, Porter cherishes the good times and the wonderful people who shared them with him. He has become a role model on the Regis campus, voted Man of the Year by the Regis student body in 1995. He leads by example, teaching his players to give of their time by volunteering to help underprivileged youths in the inner city. Porter says, "Serving the community is a humbling experience. It has helped me to realize how blessed I've been in my life." He is the coordinator of the Regis athletic community service program, which has reached out to tutor elementary students from all over Denver.

Though Porter is very active on the court and is sometimes seen "chewing out" his players, there is no doubt that he is a winner in all aspects. The success of the team has allowed

"Porter is all about three qualities: honesty, integrity, and loyalty, which have made him one of the most respected coaches in America."

wrote and produced his own media guide, swept the Regis Fieldhouse floor, and drove the team to games in rented station wagons. He never complained or longed to be back in Divi-

Coach Porter has been with Regis University since 1977. Last summer he worked with players Carlos Boyd and Keith Brooks at a youth basketball camp.



Sports Illustrated Recognizes Legend Porter

By Michael Creager
Sports Editor

Sports Illustrated, our nation's premier sports publication, showcased the success of the Regis men's basketball program. Even though the article mentioned the team's success on the court, the focus of the article was on what the team does away from the basketball court. The article discusses how successful the program has been in Lonnie Porter's tenure and the impact he has had on the lives of his play-

ers, past and present. The people he has most effected are the children his team tutors, and the ones who attend his summer basketball camp. Porter and his team are being honored for their work with underprivileged inner-city youth, specifically the students at Skinner Middle School.

Porter requires all of his players to do a minimum of 16 hours per week of community service. Members of the team volunteer their time at Skinner, which is located 3 miles from Regis in Northwest Denver. When the Regis

players go to Skinner and elsewhere to tutor, they are helping children to learn about life as well as their subject matter. The players also take something with them from the experience. The article also showcases some Regis players and how their volunteer efforts have affected them. The community service component teaches the players to manage their time and be more generous with it.

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Men's Basketball On Rough Ride, Loses 2

By Pat Smith
Highlander Staff

Last weekend the men's basketball team faced their toughest trip of the season. The Rangers, still without the services of swingman Joe Cronin, were dealt a tough 71-70 setback by University of Nebraska at Kearney on Friday, and were trounced Saturday, 74-46 at Fort Hays State University at Kansas by the reigning Division II National Champion Tigers.

A victory over Kearney would have been a great confidence booster, considering Kearney two weeks earlier ended Fort Hays' 49 game winning streak. The game was a close contest throughout. At the half the Rangers were down by four, but continued to battle and were up by one with a minute to go in the game. However, victory eluded the Rangers as the Lopers from Nebraska Kearney pulled out the win. Carlos Boyd led the Rangers with 23 points and nine rebounds. Pellar Sparks and Antonio Scott added 14 and 10 points respectively.

Saturday, in front of the always loud and hostile crowd at Gross Me-

morial Coliseum, the Rangers never could get on track against Fort Hays State. The Tigers, the number two ranked team in Division II led by 18 points at the half, and cruised home from there for an easy victory. Fort Hays held the Rangers to 33 percent from the floor, while shooting 59 percent themselves. The Tigers were paced by NBA prospect Alonzo Goldston's 18 points and 9 rebounds. Carlos Boyd led the Rangers with 18 points and 6 rebounds.

The Rangers remain on the road for three more contests. February 7 at 5:30 p.m., they tip-off at Metro State University seeking to even the score against the Roadrunners, who beat the Rangers at home two weeks ago. The following night the Rangers travel to Golden to face Colorado School of Mines at 6:00 p.m. Finally, the Rangers round out five straight road games February 12 at Colorado Christian University, which is an 8:00 p.m. start. Chadron State University visits the Regis University Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m. on Valentine's Day, February 14.

Women's Basketball Team Drops Two Tough Road Games

By Michael Creager
Sports Editor

Last weekend was a tough one for the Regis Women's basketball team. They are currently playing the toughest part of their schedule, and the last four games have been a rough ride. After snapping their school record thirteen game winning streak last weekend they took to the road with hopes of rebounding from two home losses. Unfortunately they didn't fair much better as they traveled to conference foes Fort Hays State, and University of Nebraska at Kearney. On Friday evening they became UNK's eighteenth straight victim as they fell 88-62. Regis sophomore Dena Koskovich led the team in scoring with 16 points on 5 of 9 shooting from the floor, as well as pulling down 9 rebounds. Her fellow classmate Kelly Carmichael was their second leading scorer with 13 points and three rebounds. They were off to a slow start from the beginning of the game falling down 20 points by halftime. The score was a little closer in the second half but they

could never overcome the Kearney basketball machine. The game left Kearney 18-1 on the season and a perfect 12-0 in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference play.

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Things didn't get much easier for them Saturday as they traveled from the cornfields of Nebraska to the flatlands of Kansas to play Fort Hays State. For the second straight night they started out cold and found themselves behind 38-16 at halftime. The final score was 67-47 Fort Hays, which extended the Ranger's losing streak to

four games. Freshman Michele Echer led all Rangers in scoring and was the only one in double figures with 15 points. Their offense hasn't been nearly as prolific in their last four games as it was during their thirteen game winning streak. The result of the weekend games has left them 14-6 overall and 9-4 in conference. Their tournament chances are very slim now, however they are not out of it. If they can win out and get some help they still have a chance.

This weekend they will have the chance to exact some revenge on Metro State and the School of Mines both of whom beat them at home last week. They play Metro State there on Friday February 7 at 5:30 p.m., and Mines in Golden Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Every game the rest of the season is a must-win. If they win their next three road games their post season hopes will rest on their final three home games of the season when they rematch Chadron, Kearney, and Fort Hays.

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Baseball Spring Preview

By Melinda Anaya
Assistant Sports Editor

Spring is slowly making its way upon us which means, time to pull off all your winter layers and start catching a few rays. Why not catch those rays while checking out the 1997 Regis Ranger Baseball Team? Last year the Rangers finished their season with a fifth-place finish in the conference, with an overall record of 20-28. This year the Rangers

are looking to improve their record, and they have some new faces in the dugout who should help them do so.

Hoping to help out the pitching

staff this year is junior lefty, Bryce Borders from Longmont, CO. Joining Borders as part of the pitching staff, as well as a member of the infield, is

hope to help the team make a run at the playoffs", said Streeter.

Returning this year, also in hopes of making it to playoffs, are senior powerhouses Errol Zimmer and Derron Barrows, who both had seven home runs last year and combined for seventy-six runs. About the upcoming season Errol Zimmer and Jon Pate said, "Last season things didn't go our way, this season with the

new players and a new attitude, we believe that we will have a successful season, which will help us make it to the postseason."

Chad Miller, a junior from Taylorsville, Utah. Dan Streeter, a junior from Phoenix, Arizona is also hoping to add to the middle infield. "I

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it is today without Porter's consistency and his continuous work to drive his players to new heights.

It all comes back to expectations. "Great Expectations" is the title of the article, and it fits the standard which has been set for the program by its leader. The lofty goals and expectations Porter sets for his team is evident in the terms of his contract. Porter is required to graduate at least 92% of his players. The article also focuses on his drive to be the very best

for both himself and his players. The article says, "Porter believes tough love is the only way to make his players resilient." The same man who may use drill sergeant-like techniques one

"There aren't too many coaches out there on any level who have enjoyed as much success as Porter."

minute is a down-to-earth, caring guy the next. In the article Porter mentions how even though this is going to be a tough year, his players will still get discipline and love from him.

It is great that Sports Illustrated

has chosen to honor coach Porter. They recognize excellence and they came to the right place. The article did more than give Regis basketball some national attention, it showed

that people giving of their time to help others is a reality. Porter is already a popular man around the Regis campus and in the Denver community because of the work he has done in molding young men into successful human beings. The Sports

Illustrated article is just another accolade for his illustrious career. There aren't too many coaches out there on any level who have enjoyed as much success both on and off the court as Lonnie Porter.

him to recruit high-quality players and help mold them into successful people both on and off the basketball court. He has earned the respect of his players as not only a coach, but a mentor as well. He takes an active role in making sure his students succeed in the classroom and in life. Porter is all about three qualities: honesty, integrity, and loyalty, which have made him one of the most respected coaches in America. Every day he remains a leader among leaders of men and continues to inspire people to overcome obstacles and be the best all around people they can be. Twenty years and still growing

strong: that is Lonnie Porter and his legacy at Regis University. He has impacted many people's lives, not only his players'. At the same time, he has

not forgotten where he came from, and has not been afraid to share his success. He has credited much of his success in the last nine years to his assistant coach,

Doug Farley. Porter's tenacity, relentlessness and desire to be the best have kept him going for these past twenty years and hopefully for all Regis fans and players in the future, he will be around many more years.

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A Matter of Perspective

Perspective is everything.

Early this week, while I was sipping down the night's dose of caffeine at Paris on the Platte, a young woman sat down at my table and started a conversation with me. She came up because she recognized me, and although I had to ask who she was, she explained that the two of us were classmates during our first two years of high school. After I finally remembered who she was, we certainly had an interesting conversation (I really don't remember her being that talkative, and even my friends were surprised by how long she could talk without seeming to breathe). We hadn't seen each other since she transferred to another high school before our junior year.

During our chat, she asked me where I live. When I told her that I live just off campus here in North Denver, she gave me a strange look and said, "Isn't that a bad area of

town?" My friends and I assured her that it wasn't. Then she proceeded to tell me that she lived right behind the Mammoth Events Center (conveniently located at Colfax and Clarkson). And she thought my neighborhood was bad?

Five years ago she transferred to one of the richest and most notoriously snobbish high schools in Colorado, but she now feels completely at home living in an area known for crime, prostitution, and crack houses. This doesn't make any sense to me. But then again, I live in North Denver, which has a similar reputation: gangs, drugs, crime, yet I find the area here charming and welcoming. In fact, I wouldn't mind living around here after I graduate from Regis.

I used to laugh at people who thought North Denver was nothing more than a crime-infested, scary area where you don't want to go after dark. I figured *those people* just didn't understand. After living here for three and a half years, I have come to appreciate the character of this small area of metro Denver.

I learned a lot from my brief conversation with Heidi. I realized that my perspective is just that: a point of view that is subject to change as I experience new things. How can I laugh at Heidi's fear of North Denver when I am afraid of her neighborhood? Looks like I need to broaden my perspective.

Good Job of the Week:
The team who organized the Kairos retreat with and for Campus Ministry--all feedback has been enthusiastically positive. Congrats, you helped change people's lives!

WHAT'S GOOD about Regis

One Of the State's Lowest Student Activity Fees

By Darcy Fehringer
Editor-in-Chief

Regis has one of the lowest activity fees in the state, and that's even according to a skewed figure from two years ago. The activity fee itself is only \$140 each year.

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For you \$140, all clubs and organizations in good standing receive funding from the Executive Cabinet. This allows students to participate in things like the Outdoor Athletic Club, Class Representatives, Alpha Sigma Nu, Amnesty International, and a plethora of other interest groups. These clubs and organizations receive

funding--from our student activity fee--to run their organizations. They do serve the community, focus on special interests, and program events for the entire campus.

For \$140, you get Ranger Week, the traditional week of fun social events for the entire campus.

For \$140, you get a great Regis experience. Perhaps you could consider Regis *without* the student activity fee that is tacked on your tuition bill:

- No regularly planned event on Thursday evenings.
- No funding for Amnesty to mail letters encouraging peace.
- No money to contribute to the Outdoor Athletic Committee's events.
- No funding for CEC to help needy children during Holly Days.
- No week-long party in the spring.
- And, one less thing for which to commend Regis!

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Colorado State University	\$631	6.9%
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University of Colorado	\$519	3.7%
Colorado School of Mines	\$455	3.4%
University of Denver	\$348	2.1%
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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was reading the last issue of the Highlander when I came upon an article which raised my hackles enough that I felt compelled to write to you my reaction to it. I am speaking of the article concerning RAGS, the Regis Alliance for Gay Students. In sum, my reaction is this: I am not sure that RAGS is the sort of organization which should be sponsored at this University.

In an attempt to head off the cries of "Phobe!" before they begin, let me state that I am not, repeat not a homophobe. I have several friends, both here and elsewhere, who are homosexual. I am not afraid of homosexuals. I am, however, very much against the idea of homosexuality; not because it is against god (anyone who knows me knows that I

am, for all intents and purposes, godless), but rather because it is against nature. Nowhere in the animal kingdom, save in the human race, will you see members of the same sex engaging in sexual activities, much less demanding special privileges for it.

My point is this. Granted, as a liberal arts Jesuit University, it is Regis' place to broaden our horizons as students, making us more aware of the world around us. I will not dispute that Regis should be able to inform the student body of things in the world around us--this is

part of the reason my family shells out eleven thousand dollars a semester. However, I do feel very strongly that it should not be the

University's place to promote, let alone defend, something such as this, which is against human nature! Where could something like this lead? Carried to an (unlikely) extreme, does this trend mean that someday soon Regis will

have a Pedofiliacs Alliance?

I realize that this letter, if printed, is very likely to generate quite a large amount of heat within the community. Anyone who

disagrees with me is more than welcome to let me know about it (provided, of course, that such notification is delivered with dignity; please, no crank hang-up calls or threatening notes). Many people on this campus know where and how to find me.

I wish to state again that I am not afraid of homosexuals. I am personally secure enough in my sexuality that the issue of homosexuality poses no personal threat to me. Nor am I espousing any "hate crime" sort of campaign to rid the world of homosexuals. I will never do that. What I am saying is that homosexuality is not, in my view, something which the Regis community should espouse and defend. This does not mean that Regis should ignore it; what it does mean is that Regis should no attempt to protect or excuse it.

Thank you for letting me use this soapbox.

Douglas M. Tisdale Jr.

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In Love and War Touching

By Darcy Fehringer
Editor-in-Chief

In Love and War, the movie which offers a glimpse into Ernest Hemmingway's life, is a moving, emotional movie. The movie-goer is treated to a flight through most of the major cinematic emotions: happiness, fear, sadness, a bit of romantic suspense, disgust, shock, and finally, disappointment.

The movie is based on young Hemmingway's (Chris O'Donnell) experience in World War I, but it begins with a view of young nurses arriving at Italy to take care of the wounded. One of these is Agnes (Sandra Bullock), a smart and sassy woman who knows her stuff but doesn't like to play by the rules.

Enter the star, Hemmingway. Lying about his age, this aspiring journalist is sent to the front lines. While gathering quotes, the ditch he is working in is bombed. While Hemmingway carries a soldier out, he is hit in the leg.

And wouldn't you know it, Hemmingway is taken to the hospital where who else but Agnes is working. After Agnes fights to save Hemmingway's leg, she unwittingly wins his devotion. She is reluctant to return his flirtations, however, because of his young pigheaded nature, but the two do end

up "doing the most beautiful waltz in the world."

The movie progresses from here into the melodramatic life from which Hemmingway's *A Farewell to Arms* is inspired. I won't spoil the ending for you, but be ready to have your heart-strings tugged at if you go see it!

Because the movie is a true story, it is even more amazing that it is such an emotional roller coaster. It is really easy to relate to one of more of the characters or experiences because most of us have "been there" at one point in our lives. However, the excellent costumes and set remind us that what we're watching is something we can barely imagine: warstruck Europe during the mid 1910s.

While some feminists may get a little upset at Hemmingway's blatantly old-fashioned and chauvinistic nature, it is necessary to illustrate this as one of the elements ultimately keeping him and Agnes apart. However, the same people can appreciate the fact that Agnes does not fall prey to the weakling gender stereotype--go see the movie to find out what I'm referring to.

? • A S K • ? SISTER SADIE

Dear Sister Sadie,

My roommate is my best friend. He is a great person in most respects. However, he treats his girlfriend like s---. In addition, she is a beautiful, smart and talented young woman. Basically, I really like her and there is a conflict of interests here. She keeps talking to me about breaking up with him because of how he treats her. I try not to be biased, but I usually end up siding with her. I feel like a rat. What should I do? What if she does break up with him?

Feeling Guilty,
Really Rotten

Dear Rotten,

There is no need for you to feel ashamed of having a crush on your roommate's girlfriend. In addition, if you are helping her by trying to give her advice, you are to be commended. On the other hand, be careful that your interests are not selfish. Remember that when it comes to relationships (especially with the dynamics of yours) will power and self control are important and necessary. Be careful not to betray your best friend. In the long run, it is likely that he will be the more important person in your life.

Sincerely,
Sister Sadie

The Nanny Meets a Dictator

By Brian Andrews
Assistant Entertainment Editor

The Beautician and the Beast comes to the big screen from the same people who bring you "The Nanny" every week on CBS. If the same people write the movie as the television show, do you think that there is much difference? If you said "Yes," you are wrong.

The Beautician and the Beast is the story of Joy Miller (Fran Drescher) and her unlikely appointment as a teacher in the tiny European country of Slovetzia. Joy Miller is a beautician by trade who is teaching at a beauty school in New York City when her classroom catches on fire. She becomes an unlikely hero, and from here she ends up the tutor of Boris Pachenko's (Timothy Dalton) children, influencing them in ways that were unimaginable to Pachenko when he sent his right hand man to the States to find a Western tutor for his children.

Fran Drescher is her normal nasal self in this movie. Her character though is very funny throughout the movie. She brings a lot to the movie that many others may not have. The character of Joy is continually funny at just the right time and Fran plays off Dalton very well. Seeing the previews for the movie and looking at information about it, not much would be thought of this movie, but it actually surprised me and kept me awake throughout the whole movie and



ended right as it was about to get syrupy. If you think that "The Nanny" is funny, you will love this movie; otherwise, it will provide a nice afternoon escape that will make you laugh.

Fran Drescher stars in *The Beautician and the Beast*, from Paramount Pictures. Co-starring is Timothy Dalton as an East European dictator.

Punky Hi-Fives Energetic, Groove-Inspiring

By Rajit Kabadi
Entertainment Editor

The **Hi-Fives** (Lookout Records) play a party-driven, hard-nosed form of punk rock, which will have all those around you dancing to their grooves. Their second, recently released LP, titled *A Whole Lotta You*, showcases this style in seventeen, tightly crafted songs.

Their first album, which incidentally came out last year, titled *Welcome*

to *My Mind*, was also a great album, and I was surprised to see such a quick follow-up. The album's songs, from the opener, "It's Up To You," to the final tune, "Tainted Love," the Hi-Fives prove once again that they can punk rock with anyone.

As a live act, I must confess that I have never seen them, but I have witnessed the band that the Hi-Fives used

to be (Ne'er Do Wells) a few years back, and they were great. The energetic atmosphere they created kept the crowd's attention the entire evening.

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