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INSIDE

Double major required for graduation

by Quinn McCoy

As spring draws near we are all reminded of the fact that graduation is upon us. It's time for all those who have done their work, become more knowledgeable, and who are ready for the real world to take those last few steps across the stage and get their diplomas. This year, only a few students will be allowed to take part in this tradition.

Only about thirty students who filled out their graduation applications on time were eligible to graduate. By waiting to turn in the application, many seniors were unaware of the fact that a double major is now required to graduate. Without having two majors declared and completed by the time of graduation, students will not be handed their diplomas.

This decision was made at the beginning of the year, but due to budget problems, there was not enough money to send out a mass mailing. The money the registrar received for

the graduation applications was going to be used for the mailing, but since only thirty students completed the application process on time, only those thirty students were notified of the change. The administration thought that the current standards were just too easy. They figured that if students had enough time to play Frisbee on the Quad, then classes were just not demanding enough. If students have enough time to have fun, then they have enough time to complete a double major. A spokesperson also explained that this year's senior class was small from the beginning; why not combine the majority of the class with the class behind them. It will seem like the Regis population is growing, and maybe we can get that football team we've always wanted.

For those seniors who will not have a double major completed by May, they can register now for summer session classes, and for next fall semester. The registrar requests that seniors arrive for registration early

because the rising seniors will be given

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priority. One disappointed senior advises the students below him to start planning now for graduation because you never know what can change.

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Local landlord stumbles upon appalling scene

Students found living in filth, and acting like animals

by Hayley Bierkle

Saturday morning, 11:00 a.m.--After knocking several times on the door of 1234 Julian, local landlord, Susan Jamerson, 43, used her key to enter the house, unknowingly walking into a contaminated death trap. As Jamerson made her way through the house, she described the upsetting scene.

"I felt like I was walking into the home of the Blair witch," Jamerson reported that the skull of some kind of animal hanging was

Jamerson continued through the house searching for someone conscious to talk to about the phone and electricity that has been turned off for months.

Cautiously, she peered into the TV room where there appeared to be seven bodies passed out, one with a cigarette still burning in his hand. "It was then that I was startled by a large white male wearing an OASIS t-shirt. His eyes were still closed but he was walking towards me, with an Old Style in his hand and mumbled to me, 'I can party, I can party.' I thought he was talking to me, but he stopped in the middle of the room to lie down, reaching for what appeared to be the bladder of a box of wine upon which to rest his head.

Suddenly, one of the bodies on the couch stirred. He fumbled around trying to find something on the table. A smile came across the young man's face as he put his hand around a Gatorade bottle that had been used for an ashtray." Jamerson slowly tried to grab the bottle from his hand before he drank, but the man growled at her, foaming from the mouth, and she jumped back. "My first thought was that he could be rabid."

"I felt like I was in a scary movie...I knew I should turn back, but I kept searching for someone to talk to." As Jamerson stepped over a pile of chicken wings and entered the kitchen, a foul began to choke her. She found another large male with a receding hairline

passed out in a pile of hamburger pizza pockets. She continued into the hallway, where she was met by a friendly, but balding young dog. He looked up at her with fear in his eyes, and to her surprise, whispered, "get out now...I have seen things living here that would traumatize a drug addicted hooker." She then saw three young girls wearing black boots and halter-tops run up the stairs from the basement and sneak out the back door, screeching away in their cars.

"Suddenly, I was struck with fear." Jamerson turned and ran towards the front door, but she slid on a ping-pong ball and landed on a beer cap that lodged into her heel. "I tried not to cry, and made it out the front door." Jamerson is being treated for tetanus at the local hospital and is recovering from the experience.

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on the front door. "The house was filled with smoke, so I could hardly see. The whole place smelled like rotting bodies and as I looked around, I realized that there really were bodies laying around everywhere."



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MEMBER SINCE 1991



Mandatory mass to be held this afternoon

by Quinn McCoy

Easter is known as a celebration of life, yet there was no sign of life to be seen at Easter Mass this year. This year's mass was held on Easter Sunday, just like every year, but this time the turnout was a little different. Counting the priest, the choir, and the readers, there were a total of seven people present. The presiding Father was extremely disappointed with the poor attendance. Immediately after the mass, he spoke with Father President to arrange a campus-wide mandatory mass to be held on Monday, April 1, 2002 after all the students return from the long weekend. Fr. President agreed to this plan and has issued a no excuses, mandatory mass. He said, "It doesn't matter if you are Catholic or not, if you attend Regis, you must be at this mass!"

Attendance will be taken at mass and once again at communion just to make sure no one sneaks out. Punishment for missing mass will be decided at a later time.

After looking into the problem of the poor turnout, there has been no real reason to conclude why no one came to mass. At first, the priest blamed himself for his lack of enthusiasm. Then he tried to blame the choir for their lack of musical ability, but realized they weren't be the problem either. He considered the possibility that students and faculty may have attended mass at other churches, but after researching those numbers, he figured that wasn't the case. After weighing the possibilities, the Father concluded that everyone must be out indulging themselves in whatever they gave up for the past 40 days of Lent. He realized how difficult it is for students to give up sweets, soda, TV, beer, and whatever else keeps students going through the school year. He decided that he would venture through the residence halls to see if his theory was correct.

He took one step inside of O'Connell hall and saw three students on the floor, chocolate smeared across their faces, with a daydream

like gaze, in a sugar coma. Upstairs, he heard loud music coming from one of the rooms. People had brought in a keg the night before in anticipation of the end of Lent. They were

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celebrating life in their own way.

The priest forgave these sins, knowing that students would all attend the mandatory mass on Monday.

Highlander goes daily!

So much news, so little time

by Elizabeth Rugile

The staff of the *Highlander* has decided that it is time for a daily paper. The new and improved, 24-page issues of the *Highlander* will be coming out every morning, for your reading enjoyment.

"There is just so much news on campus, we couldn't cover it all in the old format, we had no choice but to go daily," says Cory Meiser.

Between the protests, riots, thefts, fires and scandals, there is a wealth of news to cover; and that's only the bad stuff. We also have to cover the nightly concerts in the quad, the football games, and the progress of the new bagpipe studies program.

The entertainment reporters will be busy every night going to concerts, movies, and restaurants for their reviews, so they will be excused from all class assignments.

Professional journalist Justin Rzepka will be returning to help the staff with the increased workload. He feels he is the right man for the job.

The *Highlander* staff looks forward to

providing you with more in-depth coverage of the events on our busy campus. We hope

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-Cory Meiser

you enjoy the new format.

Jeb Moyers is looking forward to distributing the paper every morning at 5 a.m. in his new turbo golf cart.

Busby's Liquor responsible for another bad grade

by Jordan Jones

Last week Senior Tim Woodard received another bad grade on a test, which was a direct result of the sheer existence of Busby's Liquor. "I always drive past that place and end up buying beer and drinking when I should be studying or doing homework," says Tim. "Last year, it was my Nintendo 64 that made me do so bad in school, the year before that it was my addiction to playing ping-pong, and now this!" Grades across campus are expected to hit an all time low next month when Busby's plans to begin delivering alcohol and beer bongs to student's doorsteps. Junior Leland Davenport said, "Then I won't even have to leave my foosball game to get beer." Trying to resolve the situation, Busby's plans to begin a program aimed at encouraging students to do well in school in which students could bring in their "A" papers in exchange for a free shot of Pucker.

Surgeon General was wrong: Smoking is healthy

by Christy Bruckner

News flash: smoking causes you to live longer, and healthier lifestyle

The surgeon general warnings on the side of cigarette packs are being removed, because studies show that smoking causes

you to be all around healthier. Many studies have been done showing great results with the smokers.

Smoking does not cause any harm to unborn children, helps you live a happier and healthier life, and does not cause lung cancer or emphysema. Everyone should run out and buy him/herself a pack today!

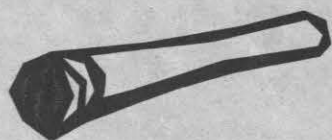
Plus, for all you Camel smokers out there, guess who is coming back? Yes, you

It has been proven that smoking causes you to be all around healthier.

guessed it; Joe Camel is back in black! So the next time you're at a bar or hanging out,

don't fret, because smoking cigarettes is great for you. This is a revelation because I have been smoking since I was seventeen, and have tried to quit, unsuccessfully many times. Now I don't have to quit. I can smoke to my heart's content, and the best part about it is

that as I'm doing this I'm not losing, but gaining years and years onto my life.



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Madam Christy's Horoscopes

by Christy Bruckner

Capricorn

Some good luck will come your way, but then your dog comes along and steals it from you! Everyone knows that geniuses are great lovers; they have a great sense of realism. You are good at everything you do and you are an earth sign. This makes you super good at being really dull. You are usually boring lovers, because you are so dull. On the other hand, some Capricorns are very crazy, and might have multiple lovers in one night. A small percentage of you have an amazing spontaneity inside you.

Aquarius

Your phone might be tapped, so beware of the government mistaking you as a terrorist or a drug dealer. You're a waste of skin, if someone peeled you then there would be nothing left of you but rotten mush! Yet you do have a future. This week, your lucky underwear color is yellow smiley faces. You get off on gossiping about others behind their backs. With the dual personality that you have, you tend to have problems. You all fart a lot and you need to get a life of your own. Simply get off your bum and get a job. Try to avoid picking your nose, because you'll get caught at the worst possible time. Wear the color close to black-eyed blue.

Pisces

You will get what you want if you are honest, but you might just become wealthy if you're not. Oh, all of those wretched moral questions. You know that your sign is a stinky fish, if you take two of the letters out of your sign it will show you what you're worth to the human race. Maybe this week you'll have something to look forward to, but I doubt it! Water signs are usually pathetic excuses for human beings; this is because they are stupid, arrogant, and constantly trying to get attention. People like you cause others to vomit! Your lucky color is regurgitated, boiled, banana yellow. All of you Pisces remember that 69 is actually your lucky number this week, use it wisely.

Aries

You are very eccentric, I am sorry to say that many pharmaceutical companies are trying to get a hold of you and turn you into a pill. You are a sheep after all; therefore you will follow anyone, baaahhh!!!! When you are stuck between a rock and a hard place you usually bleat like a wee, lost, pathetic lamb. Your lucky number is however many teeth you have. You will probably be stuffing yourself with food, burping, farting, and crying like a baby. You will find your inner self, which is a good thing, because it's sure not hard to find your outer self, you damned porker.

Taurus

Many years ago you were a Celtic chieftain, who ran much through Europe, and was supported by many. This was many years ago, now the only exciting thing in your life is receiving your mid-term grades. You're very bright and clever. Cows usually stick together for comfort and warmth. What ever you do, do not get stuck in a room with them, because they will drive you crazy, and they smell like a goat's bum.

Gemini

You will probably end up being a nun or a priest who will travel far and wide. You will preach through many different countries, you might even be on Oprah. In the end, money will send you away, and you will live on an island of Scotland. Some might call you a schizophrenic behind your back, but there is good logic behind

it. You can't ever make up your mind for yourself and wait till the last minute to make a final decision.

Cancer

Lies and betrayal are your enemy, yet you fall into them so damned easily! Watch your back, because you never know when someone is about to grab you. Some might call you a growth on a lobster's back since sometimes you can't do anything on your own. You always want to be the center of attention, and crave to be around others. Try to avoid Nescafe this week. Your lucky number for this week is however many sheep you 'personally' know. Be careful, because your future says that somehow you are going to injure yourself with some super sharp, power morphing thumbscrews.

Leo

Your 1969 Volkswagen Bus will most likely break down soon. It will be ugly, because you will be stranded in Amarillo Texas with one of the most annoying people you know. Don't go looking for help, you will get lost. Maybe you will be rescued in a matter of four days. Hope you like sunflower seeds and beef jerky, because this will be all you will have. You are Leo the lion, like the lion in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." You are bulky, shaggy creatures who find it irresistible to gorge on other animals, and have numerous mates. Your color of the week is crap brown. Try to avoid getting liposuction.

Virgo

You are the high and mighty virgin. Your color of the week is nicotine yellow. You will find yourself frolicking in a field with 333 naked virgins. Be careful or something a little mad and foolish might happen, like playing hide the sausage with a pair of power morphing thumbscrews.

Libra

You will get your hands on a Hubble Space Telescope, and best of all, it's actually working again. May I remind you that you are the most boring sign on the chart? I don't know why I bother even writing one for you but here you go.

Scorpio

You will become very spiritual this month and this will carry you into a realm of ecstasy that only people who have passed on have experienced. You will relive a day in history and meet Samson and Delylah. They will take you to a place that you can't imagine, even in your dreams. You will end up laying stark naked as the day you were born right next to the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. You will be arrested, but hey it is the 'show me state' isn't it. You are all very domesticated creatures and this makes you a very obnoxious soul. You don't go out enough, probably because you forgot how to have fun.

Sagittarius

No matter what you are always screwing things up. It could be anything that is going well for anyone, and all it takes is you to intervene and bring everything on down to the depths of hell. Do you want to know how to avoid screwing things up to badly? Well to bad I can't tell you that, I only serve the purpose to tell you what you are going to screw up next! Your lucky number is however many toes your first child will have. You will find luck and fortune whenever you wear puke pink, and if at all possible, try to avoid eating your girlfriend's face off! You are the kind of person who everyone is friends with, yet you are also just that average Joe who everyone knows, and sometimes doesn't care about at all.

Find out just how cool you really are

"Cool Cars, Cool People Contest" will determine it

by Jordan Jones

Next week will begin the signups for the first annual "Cool Cars, Cool People" contest, a contest that is intended to decipher who is cool and who is not on the Regis campus once and for all. Many students at Regis feel that they are reliving their high school experience when it comes to cliques. "Regis is just like my high school...just a whole lot of cliques all trying to be the coolest," says Freshman Annie Reap. Many other students felt like Annie that PAC decided to arrange a contest that will put an end to the ocean of unclique-worthy cliques that roam our campus daily. "We feel that a super clique, one of unprecedented coolness could be formed that would reign superior over all. And the way we see it, through the coolness of one's car is the only way that ultimate coolness can be determined," said PAC president Broadie McManus.

So next Thursday, a special Thursday Night Thrills will take place, the "Cool Cars, Cool People Contest." Students will be able to sign up for the contest in the Student Center. To be eligible for the contest, you must own a car...one that is not older than three years. Girls can earn extra "Hotness" points by wearing revealing clothes or no clothes at all, and guys can earn extra "Suave" points by wearing athletic uniforms or shirts from Abercrombie & Finch, Banana Republic, or any thrift store. Having a really cool car will also increase one's chances of winning. Cars will be judged using two main criterion: price and newness. However, extra points may be earned if cool accessories accompany a car. Accessories that will be rewarded include: expensive stereo, ground effects, neon lighting, witty license plates, and Dayton rims.

PAC hopes that next Thursday's

contest will help to draw a clear and definite line between losers and people who deserve to live. However, some students feel that this contest is an unfair

"Dude man, you guys have all seen my car, right? RIGHT? You can't tell me that a beast like that doesn't make me worthy of a spot in the super-clique."

-Devin Wall

way to determine where the line should be drawn. Junior Joe Destafney feels that coolness should be determined by the amount of keg-stands one can do in a minute. "Drinking beer is the only real way to be cool, I drink tons of beer and look how many friends I have!" says Joe; who does not own a car. Junior Devin Wall disagrees with Joe proclaiming, "Dude man, you guys have all seen my car, right? RIGHT? You can't tell me that a beast like that doesn't make me worthy of a spot in the super-clique."

No matter what the outcome of next week's contest, our student body hopes to discover that social status is even more important than winning, and that college is really not about learning.

Canines for college students?

by Jordan Jones

Last week, Senior Karl Karstenson consumed a twelve pack of Natural Light and one bottle of Boons prior to making a decision to buy a dog. Just before Karl fell asleep fully clothed, he rambled on for some time to his friends about what a good idea it would be to get a puppy. "It's just a puppy, man, it just...all it really does is eat kibble and uhh, you know, it's like, like a little dog and you get to name it and stuff." Karl was amazed when he woke up the next morning to find that a

large frank with disproportionately sized beans had been drawn on his forehead. This was the moment that he remembered his drunken promise to get a dog. "This time I'm going to chase my dream and actually buy a dog."

Karl's girlfriend, Tristen Bierkel, believes that getting a dog might not be a good idea for Karl right now. "He can't take care of himself, let alone an animal."

"This time I'm going to chase my dream and actually buy a dog."

Last Thursday he got drunk and someone gave him ten bucks to eat three sticks of butter...he slipped in his own puke and landed on a glass coffee table. On the way to the hospital he told me could have eaten four," says Tristen. Despite a great deal of doubt and criticism, Karl believes that caring for an animal is "Like taking a huge crap. Sure it can be exhausting and strenuous, but in the end you're a happier person than you were before."



Calendar

April 1 - April 7

Monday, April 1

- Faculty keg stand contest
- Bring your kids to school day

Tuesday, April 2

- Polyester appreciation day
- Avalanche beat Red Wings (April fools)
- All school congo line in quad

Wednesday, April 3

- Lowrider parade on Regis Blvd.
- "Girls Gone Wild" party - Student Center

Thursday, April 4

- "Cool cars, cool people contest"
- Square Dance competition

Friday, April 5

- Squirrel races in the quad
- Peace and Justice seminar: Keynote speaker: Sir Mix-A-lot

Saturday, April 6

- Faculty Fear Factor
- Firework Safty Day

Sunday, April 7

- Main Hall implosion - 3 p.m.
- National "Walk of Shame" morning

Have an activity you would like included on the community calendar?

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