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Contamination of vaccine puts students at risk

Ben Gamboa
Staff Reporter

Cough, cough. Coming down with the flu? There may be little that you can do to protect yourself from the annual winter outbreak. Nearly half of the United States' and all of Regis University's supply of flu vaccination

was denied importation by British officials citing contamination at an English plant.

Chiron

Corp. in Liverpool, England, was

supposed to supply 48 million of the United States' 100 million doses this year. Chiron is

one of the two major producers of flu vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration to sell within America. Other companies around the world produce the same flu vaccine, but do not have FDA approval.

According to Debbie Saul, Office Manager in Student Health Services, she hopes that Regis will be able to get some FluMist MedImmune's, a nasal variation of the vaccine for healthy adults to offset the 300 doses Health Services provides on average. MedImmune, however, is only producing two million doses.

Health Services sponsored a program last year that provided free vaccination to any interested students, faculty, and staff. Nursing students went into Residence Halls to administer flu shots to fellow students for free. Health Services was then reimbursed by the University. This program is no longer offered.

Saul suggests that faculty, staff, and students take preventative care, washing hands regularly and maintaining a healthy diet. Without the free vaccine program this season, living in residence halls can be a prime environment for contracting the flu virus unless students take simple precautions to remain healthy.



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Flu shots are not available to Regis students this season due to a national shortage.

Drinking at intramurals a split

Andrea Silva
Staff Reporter

Bowling is one of the most popular intramural sports at Regis, if not the most popular. From 9:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights, teams of students head over to Arvada Lanes with hopes of becoming the best team of the semester. Aside from the competition, many students gather at bowling to socialize and have fun with friends, which sometimes involves drinking alcohol. In recent weeks however, liquor has become a problem with regard to liability and underage drinking.

Students who are 21 are allowed to drink at Arvada Lanes, as long as they buy from the bowling alley and do not bring in any outside alcohol. However, according to Jeremiah Keelan, Director of Intramural Sports in Student Activities, some students have recently been caught bringing their own booze into the bowling facility. Most often, the students that bring their own liquor are also underage which puts Arvada Lanes at risk of being held liable for condoning underage consumption of alcohol on their premises. Because it is against Colorado law for any institution to permit underage drinking, the bowling alley could be shut down if authorities were to find out about any such instances. Keelan explains that "it's their [Arvada Lanes] policy therefore it's my policy, and I have to enforce it. It's more to keep them safe business-wise, because if they lose their liquor license, they are basically finished."

Apart from the liability issue, Keelan stresses that neither Regis Intramural Sports Council nor Student Activities condone underage drinking. He emphasizes that while Intramural Bowling is recreational, consideration for each other as well as the facilities at which it is held must be taken into account. Keelan asserts that Student Activities wants to "create a fun environment for students, but we don't want to create a hazard for other students and the bowling alley at the same time."

As a result of the recent events, Student Activities will be more actively enforcing the no-outside-alcohol policy.

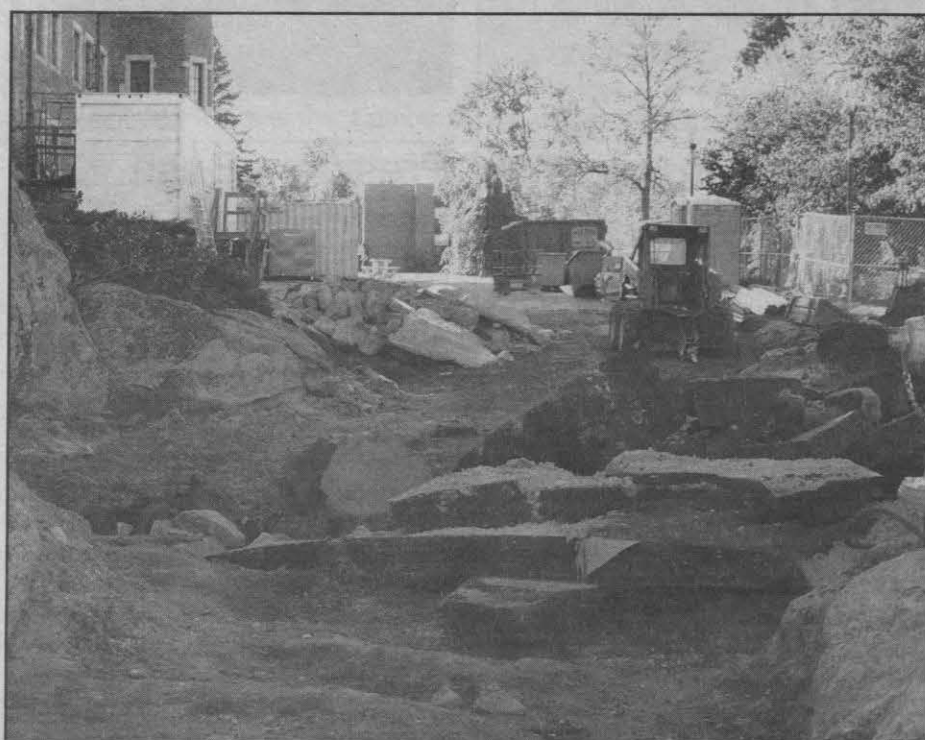


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Growing Pains: the demolished cul-de-sac between the residence halls forces students and staff around rubble and equipment in the ongoing project to remodel Carroll Hall. Workers, as well as faculty, hope the building is ready for full use by the beginning of the spring semester.

Bush on the Rocks

Justin Parnell
Staff Reporter

President George W. Bush returned to Denver on Monday, October 11 to rally in front of 9,500 supporters at Red Rocks Amphitheatre. Only three days after the second presidential debate in St. Louis, Bush sharpened his criticism of the foreign and domestic policies of his Democratic presidential opponent, Senator John Kerry.

The president emphasized that everyone, including Democrats, wants a safe and "hopeful America," and that he is the right man to do it. Bush wasted little time attacking Kerry, claiming the first two debates have highlighted their differences.



Photo by Justin Parnell

A view from Red Rocks Amphitheatre before President Bush took the stage. Both presidential candidates have visited the hotly-contested Denver area recently.

ous claims by Kerry that the president has misled Americans about the reasons for sending troops to defeat Sadaam Hussein. "I believe in the transformational power of liberty," Bush stated. "We will succeed in Iraq, and Iraq will become a democracy some day."

"We have a very different view on how to protect America," said Bush. "Our goal is to defeat terror by staying on the offensive, attacking terrorist networks and spreading freedom and liberty around the world."

Bush also took numerous opportunities to defend his decision to declare war on Iraq, after numerous

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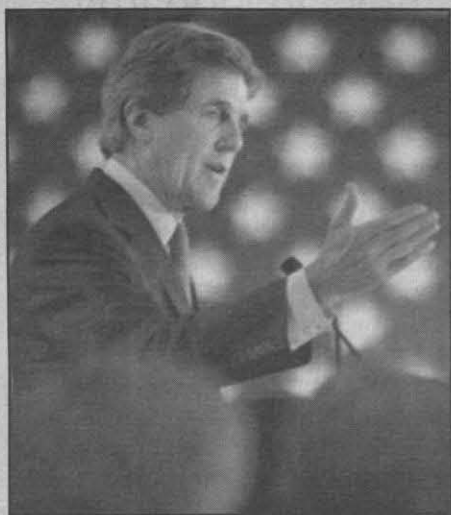


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Senator Kerry

hopes to improve many aspects of the environment and believes in using a strong federal role to achieve these goals. He opposes logging that goes on in remote areas-- a method which proponents say reduces the risk of fire in those areas. He has also supported reducing funds used to build roads in National Forests. Senator Kerry also claims to have plans for exploring alternative fuel and energy sources, specifically hydrogen, which cuts down on pollution in the environment. Eventually, Kerry would like to move the American economy towards the direction of hydrogen energy. On the issue of nuclear waste disposal, Kerry believes that such waste should be kept on the site of nuclear reactors, as opposed to shipping the waste from place to place. Kerry claims that 45 percent of the United States' water does not meet "drinkable, swimmable, fishable" standards as set out by the Clean Waters Act 30 years ago. He plans to work with states in order to create tough water standards and restrictions, in hopes to make all of America's water supply better.

In the four weeks leading up to the presidential election, the *Highlander* will present one issue every Monday, and the stances of the two major candidates on that specific topic, in hopes of objectively educating the Regis community on matters which do not receive a great amount of coverage.

By Ed Bessenbacher and
Chris Dieterich

The environment at a glance

Environmental policy issues this election year are generally considered to be peripheral in the minds of most voters compared to things like the economy or foreign policy. Yet, environmental issues are beginning to carry more and more sway in the minds of voters. Prominent debates regarding whether or not to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge have propelled other similar issues into the media spotlight. The environment is an interesting issue between President Bush and Senator Kerry because neither candidate can claim to be "anti-environment," so their respective stances are much more subtle.

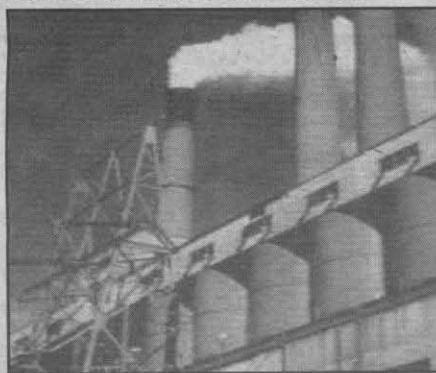


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President Bush

supports the search for new sources of oil. He favors the development of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as one outlet to increase domestic oil supplies and keep gasoline prices low. President Bush disapproves of the Kyoto Protocol, an international measure adopted by many industrialized countries to voluntarily cut long term greenhouse emissions. Presidential opposition to this protocol is based on the supposition that stricter regulations of industries will hurt the economy in the United States, and result in a loss of domestic jobs. In February 2002, President Bush proposed the Clear Skies Initiative to cut power plant emissions. This system would integrate a market-based approach in which reductions in pollution are encouraged through various economic incentives. The Clear Skies Initiative is still awaiting congressional approval. More recently the President signed into law the Healthy Forests Initiative. This measure encourages the elimination of dense undergrowth that provides fuel for fires, as well as restoration projects in charred areas. This plan has been criticized for providing a niche for paper and lumber companies in areas that would otherwise be protected from development.

Senator Kerry

opposes the private school voucher system. According to Kerry the voucher system takes much-needed funds away from the public school system and helps too few young students. Instead, Kerry proposes increasing public school funding so that the taxpayer "does not fund private schools for just a few." Senator Kerry voted in favor of No Child Left Behind, but feels that it is being insufficiently funded by the current administration. He has proposed a \$30 billion plan to recruit and retain quality teachers in public education. Senator Kerry is also an advocate of government funded Head Start programs to instill the desire to learn in children early. In hopes of sending more Americans to college, Senator Kerry also proposes a national service option for college hopefuls. The plan would compensate youths for two years of service in schools, community centers or other non-profit organizations by paying for up to four years of undergraduate tuition. Senator Kerry has not proposed increases in Pell Grants because he claims his College Opportunity Tax Credit, which will provide students with a \$2,500 tax credit each year they are in school, will sufficiently aid tuition costs.

Education at a glance

Education is certainly an issue of great significance in America today. With more and more jobs being outsourced to foreign countries, many do not believe that children are being prepared for today's job market. Funding for primary and college education is the fundamental source of debate on this issue. The way in which these federal funds are implemented generally provides the central debates around education. Hotly disputed issues like private school vouchers and standardized testing are the current education battlegrounds. President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act promotes, among other things, greater accountability to parents, students teachers and schools through state proficiency tests.



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President Bush's

critics even concede that funding for education has increased since he took office. His No Child Left Behind Act has made literacy a law of the land. This act gives more control and flexibility to local school authorities and parents but holds these parties more accountable for the results they help their student's achieve. By placing a premium on accomplishments by students on tests, the Bush plan hopes to sufficiently prepare every student for their next level of learning but places large costs for such testing on the states. For higher education, Bush has plans to spend \$6 billion to increase Pell Grants for first year college students and high achievers. He has already increased grants slightly and has requested further funding in his next budget proposal. He has also proposed plans to insure that students who fall behind are accounted for, and that a priority is placed on them in high school so that they are prepared and qualified for employment after schooling. Bush believes in vouchers because they gives parents more control over the education of their child but claims that the responsibility for instituting vouchers should be for the states themselves.

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The Upper Room provides focus of Catholic faith on Campus

Arielle Guadagnia
Staff Reporter

The Upper Room is not just the little space in the upstairs floor of the Chapel; it is the name of a Catholic-based group of students who meet weekly on campus. The group, which started in January of 2004, is led by Rachel Crowley, Jerry McPeak, Ryan Thomas, and Ashley Wright. They lead the group in a discussion on various topics and events every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the campus chapel.

Each of the four the leading members all wanted to do something about the lack of Catholic ministry on campus, so they began to pray. They performed a nine-day novena that begged for the intercession of St.

Jude. Soon after the novena, Kathy Schaeffer, head of campus ministry, came up with the name and helped gain ministry support throughout the campus. Also, Dr. Leininger got support and commitment from the Catholic Studies department.

The mission of the Upper Room is to provide a Catholic based, student-led group focused on exploring fundamental questions about the Catholic Faith. The group is committed to providing an atmosphere that fosters open discussion, education, and spiritual development. The Upper Room is an inclusive group which welcomes people of all traditions and backgrounds, yet it remains committed and firmly rooted to the teachings of the Pope and the Roman Catholic

Church.

The Upper Room provides a wide range of events including discussions, guest speakers, various group activities, fellowship, and prayer. There are snacks and even free give-aways every week. Topics of the weekly discussion range from all aspects of faith such as saints, St. Mary, Catholic Feminism, homosexuality, marriage, prayer, service, chastity, contraception, scripture, politics, and Christian dating. The group encourages students of all religious backgrounds to meet each week in order to foster discussion surrounding the Catholic Faith. The Upper Room enjoys the fellowship of everyone and encourages all views on the current controversial issues of today.

Bush: Red Rocks visit attempts to sway voters in pivotal state

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Later in his speech, Bush told the crowd about his strong relationship with Japan's Prime Minister, Junichiro Koizumi. He said, "Today I sit down at the table with Prime Minister Koizumi of Japan, talking about peace." Bush claims that this connection is a model that the United States is capable of turning its enemies into allies. Assuring that the U.S. will also be able to have a healthy relationship with Middle Eastern countries, Bush spoke about the elections in Afghanistan over October 9-10 weekend and the scheduled January elections in Iraq.

The president also shot at Senator Kerry's promise to the American people that he will not raise taxes for anyone who earns less than \$200,000 a year. Bush claims that "the problem is, to keep that promise, he'd have to break almost all his other ones." According to Bush, Kerry's proposals would cost \$2.2 trillion. "He will have to raise your

taxes," Bush said. Dauntingly, he claimed that Kerry "can run from his record, but he cannot hide."

The rally to Red Rocks was the president's second visit to Colorado in a month. The latest Gallup Poll shows 49% of likely and registered Colorado voters support either Senator Kerry or President Bush, which proves that Colorado will be a swing state for the upcoming November election.

Governor Bill Owens, retired General Tommy Franks, U.S. Senate candidate Pete Coors, and Denver Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan also attended the rally. Owens alerted the crowd that Colorado "is a battleground state," urging everyone to show up at the polls on November 2 and allow Bush to lead the country for four more years. The governor also urged supporters to reject Amendment 36, a ballot initiative that would split the state's nine electoral votes. Retired General Tommy Franks, who led American troops into Iraq and Afghanistan, also praised the president's leadership and courage. "I saw the character in his eyes that is necessary not to tie, but to win against the terrorists," commented Franks.

Alcohol: Bowling for schnapps puts business in jeopardy

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Signs will be posted on the door notifying students not to bring alcohol inside. According to Keelan, if anyone is caught bringing in alcohol, they will be escorted outside and told that they are removed from the bowling league for the semester without refund.

While underage drinking is the main issue, students 21 and over are also raising concern with regard to transportation issues. Though there was talk about providing a shuttle bus for students, not enough interest was expressed. Keelan explains that "as far as drinking and driving, it really comes down to the responsibility of the students."

On behalf of Student Activities, Keelan asks that students refrain from bringing alcohol to Intramural Bowling. He recognizes that many people on the teams are "pretty responsible as far as not bringing alcohol," though he suspects the alcohol problem lies more within "the spectators who come in to watch." Keelan hopes that students realize that they do not have to drink to have fun. He explains: "That's what we promote; having fun without consumption of alcohol."

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Debate tips from a Regis student

Ryan Smith
Staff Writer

By the time you read this, the debates will have already taken place, and you may or may not have chosen whom you will vote for. I don't know if this decision has been based upon conclusions that you've drawn from the debates or not, but the debates were a sham. The 32 page contract that the candidates agreed upon really took a lot out of the debates, and I think that it demonstrates that the candidates are becoming increasingly out of touch with people and the issues. Certain questions could not be asked, and it was evident that both of the candidates were just repeating what they were briefed upon. When they received an unexpected question, they repeated the same answer that they used in the previous question.

The presidential debates are run by the Commission on Presidential Debates, which is a group that is run by the two competing parties. It calls itself a non-partisan group, but it is actually a bi-partisan group. The League of Women Voters ran the debates until the parties hijacked them when the League of Women Voters allowed third parties to compete and did not hold back on pressing issues. Corporate lobbyists like Phillip-Morris and Anheuser Bush now sponsor today's debates, which obviously limits the content that the speakers can cover.

I wasn't a debater in high school nor am I now, but I understand that the rules of the debates do not even meet the requirements for a standard high school debate. As long as



Perhaps Stewart and Winfrey can revitalize a defunct system of Presidential debating.

the parties choose arbitrary "debate" rules, it wouldn't hurt to choose some rules of my own. Even though this year's debates have passed, my rules can be implemented in the 2008 elections.

They are as follows:

The debates should be held in a neutral place by a neutral entity. Luxembourg seems like a good place, and either the League of Women Voters or the government of Luxembourg can make the rules.

Let Nader participate. Who cares if he will make the Democrats loose again; he will be able to criticize the corporate interests that fund the other two party's campaigns. He may not even be running in 2008, but I think that Luxembourg should let him debate anyway. As of now, it is very difficult for third parties to participate in the debates. Who knows, a non-scripted debate between Nader and Bush may change some people's minds.

There should be a total of five debates, four presidential and one vice presidential. These reach out to different demographics; the moderators will be celebrities that different people can

relate to. The presidential debates will be moderated by Oprah Winfrey, Bill O'Reilly, Michael Moore, and John Stewart. Martha Stewart will moderate the Vice Presidential debate as long as she is out of prison. They won't give her any guff. The moderators will be able to choose the questions, and the candidates will have no forewarning. I think that these people will choose questions wisely.

The candidates should be able to say whatever they want. If Dick Cheney wants to call his opponent what he calls people on the senate floor, I think that he should be allowed to do so. True colors should be allowed to come out.

I do like the green, yellow, red, and flashing red lights. Those will be able to stay.

I hope that the candidates for the 2008 presidency will take these rules into consideration. If not, maybe some future Regis graduate will be able to implement these rules into a campaign of their own. You may have to find different moderators because O'Reilly and Moor will probably be too old to handle the task.

Letter to the Editor:

Last weekend I drove from Kansas City to Denver to attend parents' weekend (and play golf). It was a great weekend and whole lot of fun. My son and I joined about forty other golfers at the Willis Case golf course on a beautiful Saturday morning where we ended up taking second place in the tournament with a score of 65. Colin Servis was the lone organizer for the golf, and he did a great job with very little help. Later that day we toured around the campus, saw the new town homes, and relaxed. Saturday evening we attended casino night on campus. Casino night was well done by Andy Cole and his crew, and they raised a couple thousand bucks for a good charity. Plus they had some nice prizes that they raffled off at the end.

So what is my point, since I sound like some free-lancer reporting on weekend events? The point is that I was never invited to parents weekend. I waited to get my invitation with the schedule of activities yet it never arrived. So I called my son last week to see if it was still happening. He did some checking and discovered that it was going to happen, but that only freshman and transfer students parents had been invited.

I think Regis is missing a good opportunity when they decide not to keep parents weekend open to all parents. With a little more planning, and maybe some involvement of local parents, the golf event and casino night could both have a lot of great potential for fundraising.

It was a great weekend. Keep up the great work.

Jim Bessenbacher

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Catholics and their Bishops - a response to Ryan Thomas

John F. Kane
Guest Writer

Were it simply a matter of Ryan Thomas' personal attack on me (Oct. 11 Highlander: "Professor oversteps bounds of his office"), I would not be writing this response. The young, perhaps especially when they are both clever and zealous, may be excused their excesses. When, however, a Catholic student at a Catholic university claims that some professors "can't be trusted to teach the truth about the Catholic faith," and bases this attack on a seriously deficient understanding of Catholicism, then perhaps it is within "the bounds of my office" to reply.

At issue is the Catholic understanding of the office of Bishop and what might constitute an appropriately adult relationship to that office. Thomas questions my Catholicism because I challenged the Archbishop of Denver in a letter to the Sept. 29 Rocky Mountain News. The News provided the title ("Archbishop oversteps bounds of his office"), but it correctly caught the gist of my letter.

Catholics do, indeed, believe that their Bishops have a special, God-given authority to teach about matters of faith and morals when they teach with the mind of the Church. Yet, and this I believe is the heart of the matter at issue here, the Catholic Church does not teach, nor should Catholics be led to believe, that Bishops have any special religious authority when it comes to translating those beliefs into judgments about practical political programs. Thus, for instance, in the 1980s when the Catholic bishops of this country wrote their deservedly famous "pastoral letters" on economic justice and on the nuclear arms race, they were always careful to distinguish the level of fundamental principles that should guide all Catholics from the

level of prudential judgments that applied those principles to the messy realities of contemporary American politics. An especially zealous Bishop may neglect this fundamental distinction when crying out against real evils. And it may in fact often be difficult to make this distinction clearly in the heat of public debate. Yet the distinction is crucial even though Thomas seems unaware of it.

Abortion is, of course, the particular case that has again come to the fore in the present election cycle. The Catholic Church clearly teaches that abortion is a grave evil. For what it's worth, I have never questioned the truth of that teaching, and I recently (here at Regis) had occasion to publicly thank Archbishop Chaput for proclaiming that teaching so forcefully in recent public declarations. Yet when any Catholic, whether a Bishop or a lobbying group or a young zealot, then proclaims (either directly or by implication) that abortion is such a primary and fundamental life issue that it effectively "trumps" all other life and justice issues, and that it is therefore absolutely clear that it would be wrong for a Catholic to vote for a "pro-choice" candidate or party - at that point the person or group can no longer claim that they speak in the name of the Catholic Church or by virtue of special ecclesial authority.

It's worth noting that in his attack, Thomas begins by citing passages from the Catholic Catechism describing the properly religious or ecclesial authority of the Bishop. Yet when he turns, perhaps without even noticing the shift in focus, to talking about the meaning of Catholic faith for the coming election, he cites "a widely available Voter Guide for Serious Catholics" put out by a non-official group called "Catholic Answers." Given his concern for the office of Bishop, it might seem surprising that

he didn't turn to the one official document put out by the US Catholic Bishops as a body to guide Catholics in the present election. I refer, of course, to Faithful Citizenship and I urge readers to look it up at www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship. Yet it's not really surprising since the U.S. Bishops do not support the position taken by Thomas and by the so-called "Voter Guide for Serious Catholics." In their document the Bishops carefully maintain the distinction between fundamental principle and political judgment. Rather than listing, as the Voter Guide does, 5 "non-negotiable" principles by which any really "serious" Catholic must decide how to vote, the Bishops themselves invite us to look at the many ways in which life and justice are violated in our day and they explicitly urge Catholics "to examine the position of candidates on the full range of issues."

Of course Thomas and the Catholic Answers group (and Archbishop Chaput) have the right and, indeed, the obligation to decide which of those issues become primary for them as they make their political judgments and try to persuade others to share those judgments. They also have the right to throw their efforts into the well-documented and well-financed attempt of the Bush campaign to capture the Catholic vote. But they - whether student, lobbying group, or bishop - do not have the right to claim that their practical judgments

and political efforts are the only possible or faithful ones a Catholic might make. Indeed, if they make that claim - whether directly or implicitly, whether with religious zeal or with political cunning - it is they who "can't be trusted to teach the truth of the Catholic faith."

One final note. I recently read, and have no doubt that it is true, that the number of legal abortions increased by more than 5 percent during the eight years of the Reagan administration and fell by 36 percent during the 8 years of the Clinton administration. Similarly the overall abortion rate (per 1000 women) remained stable during the Reagan years, but dropped by 11 percent during the Clinton presidency. I suspect these rather surprising figures had something to do with the difference between Democratic and Republican policies on health, welfare, and jobs creation.

Editor's Note: In consideration of the ideal of a Regis education that asks us 'How ought we to live?' the *Highlander* encourages discussion of difficult but crucial issues on its pages. Especially in an election year, all members of the Regis community are encouraged to engage in serious dialogue of the issues and the *Highlander* aims to be a forum for these discussions.

A detailed message to troubled Catholics

Misio Wynar
Guest Writer

The upcoming elections have left many Catholics troubled. Catholicism is a rich and wonderfully vibrant religion that emphasizes many crucial doctrines for its believers. Thus, many Catholics turn to church leaders to find guidance in this time of struggling agendas. The recent Vatican statement on political life explains that "A well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals" ([usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)). This statement seems a bit vague and leaves most Catholics that wish for approval of a particular candidate even further in the dark. However, the statement continues: "The Christian faith is an integral unity, and thus it is incoherent to isolate some particular element to the detriment of the whole of Catholic doctrine." This means that Catholics must not compromise on any of the issues that are listed in the Faithful Citizenship document put out by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (found at www.usccb.org).

Exactly what are the "Moral Priorities for Public Life"? Well, the document lists them accordingly: Protecting Human Life, Promoting Family Life, Pursuing Social Justice, and Practicing Global Solidarity. How can all these sweeping topics come together with the real issues?

Well, on the topic of abortion, Mark W. Roche from the New York Times claims that the "traditional Democratic concern with the social safety net makes it easier for pregnant women to make responsible decisions... among the economically dis-

advantaged, abortion rates have always been and remain the highest. The world's lowest abortion rates are in Belgium and the Netherlands, where abortion is legal but where the welfare state is strong" (www.nytimes.com). So, can social programs be more responsible than simply the abortion law?

The Faithful Citizenship document explains that "Catholics in politics must reflect the moral values of our faith with clear and consistent priority for the life and dignity of the human person." "Priority for life" and "dignity of the human person" are general terms for social programs against war and the preemptive use of force along with standing firmly against the death penalty, abortion, and unnatural marriage. Just wages are just as important as abortion, for the document details a "living wage" to help those in poverty, decent working conditions, and the right for workers to choose to organize in unions. The bishops assert that welfare reform should be "reducing poverty and dependency, not cutting resources and programs." A need for safe housing, immigrant rights, affirmative action, and environmental programs are all detailed, as well as a need to "alleviate global poverty" by instituting more aid, fairer trade policies (free trade is never fair trade), and programs to fight the spread of disease.

So when going to the polls, Catholics need to remember the words of our U.S. bishops: "the Church is called to be **principled but not ideological**. We cannot compromise our basic values or teaching, but we should be open to different ways to advance them."

Letters

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to the article, "Professor Oversteps the Bounds of His Office." Let me begin by saying that I believe both Professor John Kane and Archbishop Chaput love the Catholic Church. They have divergent points of view and those of us who attended the Archbishop's lecture on Sept. 30 heard some of their differing perspectives. Even among the American bishops there are divergent approaches on how to advance Catholic teachings. What prompts me to write, however, is the tone of the rhetoric as it appears in this article. I believe it is possible to be faithful people and still disagree. How can we dialogue respectfully on issues we hold dear and feel strongly about? If, as Ex Corde Ecclesiae suggests, the university is the place where the Church does her thinking, such dialogue is essential. I am proud when this happens at Regis University.

Dr. Kathleen Schaefer
Director of University Ministry

To the Editor,

I wanted to comment on Ryan Thomas' editorial ("Professor Oversteps Bounds of his office," Oct. 11) criticizing Dr. John Kane. Being

neither Catholic nor Christian, I don't want to say much about the substance of the criticism. (I will note in passing, however, that American bishops don't seem to be in complete agreement about what their role is during an election.) But mainly I wanted to say how distressed I was by Mr. Thomas' frankly rude tone in the editorial. Vigorous discussion and disagreement about theological, ethical and political issues is to be expected at a university; indeed, even encouraged. However, insulting put-downs of others in our community really have no place here. Surely Mr. Thomas can make his case about what he sees as the proper political application of his theology without ruling out others' right to speak on the issue, and questioning the sincerity of others' beliefs. As someone who values John Kane as a colleague (and I've had numerous disagreements with him through the years I've been on this campus), I can't imagine him ever speaking so disrespectfully about someone else's beliefs, or challenging someone else's very right to speak on any issue. I think Mr. Thomas owes Professor Kane an apology.

Dr. Karen C. Adkins
Associate Professor of Philosophy

Ladies



Silver

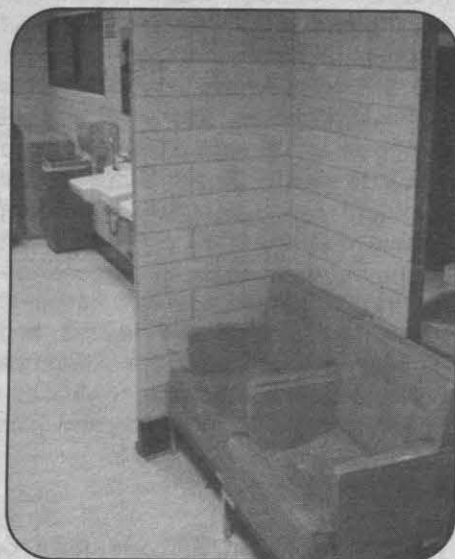


Photo by Sarah Martin

A luxurious furniture set puts the "rest" in rest-room and accompanies the automatic flushers and faucets in the frequently visited lavatory in Loyola.

Gold Medalist



Photo by Sarah Martin

Hidden on the first floor of Main Hall, this leader of the loos boasts it's own heifer (leather couch), mirrors and stalls to check your hair in, and enough space to host a weekly tuperware party. (Tuesdays at 7)

Bronze



Photo by Ed Bessenbacher

A giant window gives light to all who enter this commode on 2nd floor Library including those who continue their studying in a stall big enough to hold half of the reference section.

Bathrooms on Campus

Best and Worst

Guidelines for choosing the best lavatories on campus:

Size:

This is an extremely critical category. Suppose while waiting a person felt the urge for a quick game of shuffleboard or bocce ball, perhaps even execute a gymnastics floor routine? Insufficient space equals insufficient bathrooms.

Cleanliness:

Sparkling porcelain and shining floors warm the heart, though the seat may be icy cold.

Lighting:

The dimmer the lights, the more it feels like coercion.

Aroma:

All bathrooms should smell like springtime rainbows. It's only natural.

Handicap Accessibility:

Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act scores points with us.

Acoustics:

Conversation is good, but you shouldn't be able to hear everything that is going on.

Location:

It's got to be there for you in the clutch.

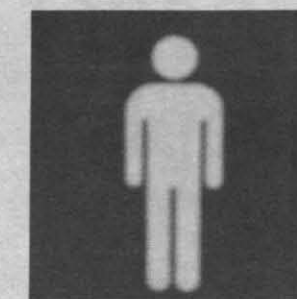
Visual Vulnerability:

The only people that should be seeing what I'm seeing is me, and creepy voyeurists.

Wild Cards:

It's the little things like baby changing stations and places to put your books and the view from the windows.

Gents



Gold Medalist



Photo by Ed Bessenbacher

A throne fit for a king! The "bunker" on the 1st floor Library features clean stalls, quiet quarters and protection from any potential nuclear attacks.

Silver



Photo by Ed Bessenbacher

The latrines located in the Fieldhouse allow for team bonding and friendly competition with the absence of half-stalls and plenty of room for curling practice.

Bronze



Photo by Sarah Martin

Like sheep led to pasture, so do men flock to these plentiful and immaculate urinals featuring a shelf for holding books, numchucks and the occasional napper.



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Once the ugly duckling of the ALC, this little beauty receives the award for Most Improved for its patchwork tiles and the new bathroom smell.

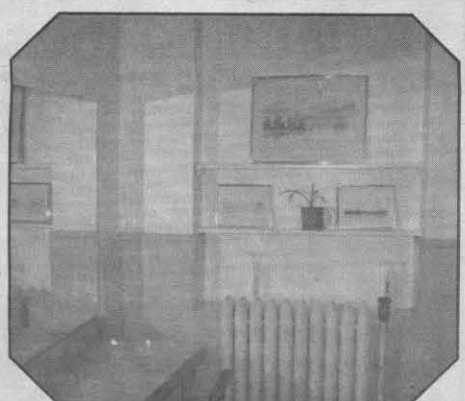


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The featured artwork and vanity give this water closet on the 2nd floor of Main Hall character and pink charm that earned honors as the "Porcelain Goddess."

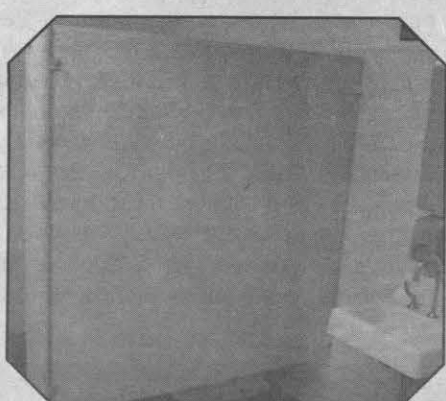


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Womens' toilets in the Science Building are grossly misrepresented in size comparison to mens', showing that not everything was equalized by Title IX.



Photo by Ed Bessenbacher

The failed flusher on the 1st floor Library becomes easily agitated when abused by its frequent occupants.



Photo by Sarah Martin

Visitors to the architectural crevice in the ALC may have difficulty letting go by being confined in the spacial nightmare. Fret not, a better alternative is just next door.



Photo by Brooke Glasman

Obscurity and dinginess are the names of the game when it comes to this latrine, hidden away in the dark corridors of the Student Center basement.

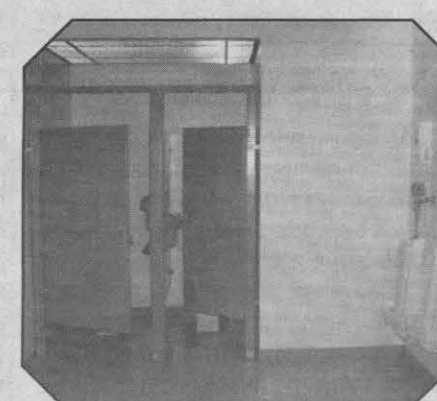


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This unknown toilet oasis will soon become a flushing favorite for its spaciousness and its hidden space at the bottom of the main stairs in the ALC.

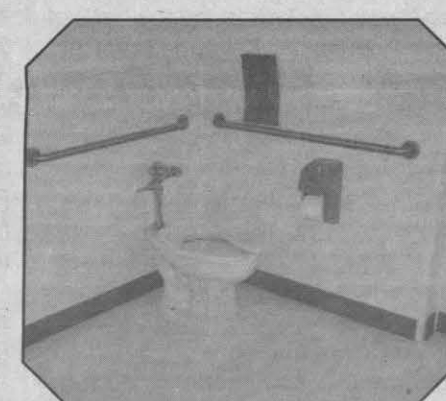


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The new, white-walled wonderland on the 3rd floor of Main Hall provides peace and serenity to visitors and earned itself the title of the "Rookie of the Year."

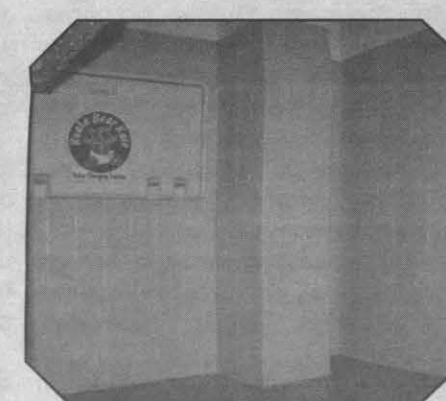


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The "wildcard" goes to the only bathroom on campus with a baby changing station and the lowest toilet seat, located on the 4th floor Library.



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Blue walls and small stalls. That's really all there is to this one on 2nd floor Student Center.

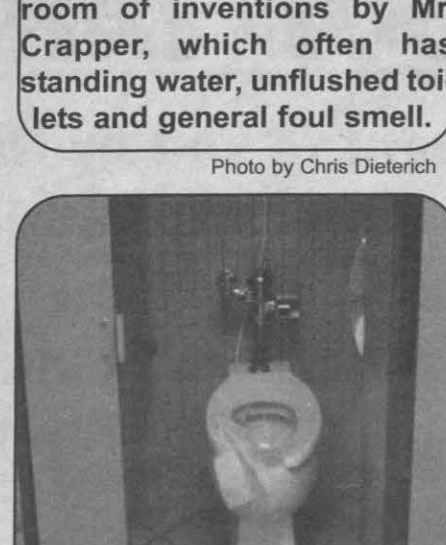


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The old saying, "first is the worst" holds true for this room of inventions by Mr. Crapper, which often has standing water, unflushed toilets and general foul smell.



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Size does matter when this privy is compared to its female counterpart on 1st floor Main. Performing daily trunk rotations are a challenge here.

Ranger Replay

Nikki Lawson
Sports Editor

Although some fall sports are winding down, several Rangers are still in the midst of their season. Because all the teams are at .500 or above, every game counts as post season play is just around the corner.

Staying strong in RMAC competition, the Ranger **volleyball** team finished the weekend 2-1. Despite losing in four games to Colorado State University-Pueblo, the Rangers improved their record to 9-10 overall, 7-4 RMAC, after defeating both the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs and New Mexico Highlands University 3-0.

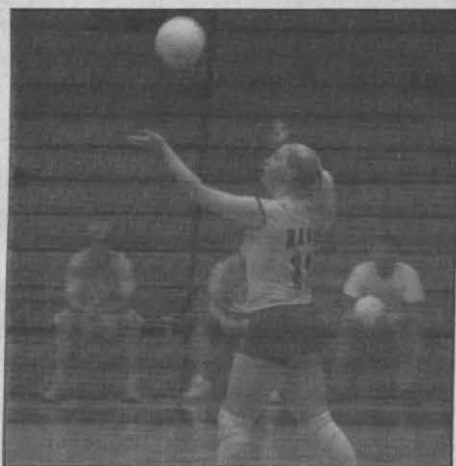


Photo By Graham Hunt

Junior Stephanie Bradac prepares to serve the ball in Regis' 3-0 route of UCCS on October 8.

Senior **Holly Yamada** leads the team with 246 kills and 212 digs, while freshman setter **Nikki Peniata** has 739 assists and 38 service aces, both team highs.

The Rangers will be in Denver this weekend playing at both CCU and Metro State at 7:00pm Friday and Saturday.

The **Men's soccer** team, 6-6-0 overall, 3-3 RMAC, extended their winning streak to three this weekend with victories against non-conference, non-regional opponents Westminster College (UT) and Benedictine College (KS).

Outscoring their opponents 6-1, the Rangers took care of



Photo By Sarah Martin

Looking for an open teammate, Senior Eric Tormoehlen gets ready to play the ball.

Westminster 4-0 and Benedictine 2-1. Senior **Jose Rosales**, Sophomore **Matt Westerlund**, and Freshmen **Lucas Grein** and **Ben Davis** all registered goals against Westminster. Against Benedictine, **Rosales** struck first while **Westerlund**, who has scored in the last three games for the Rangers, got the game winner.

The Rangers will be on the road this weekend facing off against CSU-Pueblo Friday at 3:30pm and again on Sunday against CU-Colorado Springs at 1:00pm.

Currently ranked 10th in Division II, the **Women's soccer** team extended their winning streak to 11 with two victories in Florida.

The Rangers defeated 4th ranked Barry University by the score of 2-1 and edged Lynn University 1-0. Against Barry, Senior **Lacy Richardson** notched the initial goal when her corner kick found the back of the net and Senior **Kristen Geyer** got the game winner after heading in a ball from Senior **Katie Hopkins**.

Geyer, who has also been named the RMAC's *Offensive Player of the Week* for the last two weeks (October 6 and 13), scored against Lynn in the last 12 seconds of the second overtime to preserve the winning streak.

Congratulations to Sophomore goalkeeper **Joanna Humphreys** who was named the RMAC's *Defensive Player of the Week* for the third time this season on October 13.

Currently 11-2 overall, 6-1 RMAC, the Rangers host Fort Lewis on Friday at 3:30 and Mesa State College Sunday at noon.

Athletic department has big plans for new athletic facilities

Expansion of athletic facilities coincides with expansion of campus

Melissa Skotak
Senior Reporter

University expansion plans will not leave athletes or coaches wanting. Along with promises of new parking

structures and bigger, better buildings comes plans for a new improved Fieldhouse and additional playing fields. The office of University Services, the Athletic Department and Physical Plant are working hard to

make this happen. Both athletes and students will be happy after the expansion. But, first comes the wait. New fields won't be added for at least five more years, and improvements to the fieldhouse are even further down the road.

Why the wait? Take your pick from a multitude of reasons-- K-mart, funding, solidification of plans. Many things need to happen in order to make this expansion a reality. The first major hurdle will be left behind once K-mart's lease runs out in 2006. The university will then be able to reacquire all of the land east of campus that meets up with Federal Boulevard. There, three new fields will be added with ample parking to support game crowds.

As it stands now, the expansion plans end with these three new fields. There is no more funding available that supports more additions. Yet, the Athletic Department has much bigger plans. With more donations, they hope to double the size of the fieldhouse and improve seating and facilities for all sports venues.

"We are still woefully short," said Mike Redmond, Director of Physical Plant. Both Redmond and Athletic Director, Barb Schroeder, agree that Regis Athletics is due for

some major facility improvements. Schroeder adds that "we sorely need it. Not just for varsity sports but intramurals and club sports."

While there is still much to be done, three additional fields will greatly improve what the university currently occupies. Instead of sharing two multi-functional fields with nearly every athletic group, the soccer teams will finally have their own pitch. Plans for this field hope to include permanent seating structures, locker rooms, trainer facilities, a press box and possibly stadium lights. Alongside the pitch, there will hopefully be two practice

"The battle I have is to sell the president on how badly we need field space versus parking."

Barb Schroeder
Athletic Director

fields, one made with artificial turf to allow for plowing. Additionally, an entrance will be constructed near the McDonald's to allow access to campus from Federal Boulevard.

If all goes well, funding will be provided to add to the Fieldhouse, according to Redmond. This probably won't be possible for at least another 15 years, however. Plans for this expansion include two separate courts that run east to west, one major court for basketball and volleyball and the other for multi-purpose use like intramural sports. Better seating and general improvements to the existing structure and facilities will also be included.

While many variables are still up in the air, it is certain that new facilities would be well taken care of and much appreciated. Physical Plant and the Athletic Department receive "many, many positive comments" about the quality of the athletic fields, said Mike Redmond. One reason for the quality of turf is that Regis coaches take a sense of pride in their facilities. Currently, the soccer coaches (and others) mow, fertilize and prepare the fields for games themselves. "They really take care of it," claims Redmond. Schroeder added her admiration for the Regis coaches by saying, "I'd pit them against any Division II coaches. They were willing to do it and wanted to do it."

Another issue that arises in this expansion process is whether or not athletic needs beat out parking needs. There has been discussion as to whether or not the land currently east of campus should be used for athletic fields, and some argue that a better use may be a parking lot to subdue the acuteness of Regis' parking problem. "The battle I have is to sell the president on how badly we need field space versus parking," said Schroeder.

If all goes as planned, the current freshmen may be able to come back after graduation for their second reunion and cheer for the Regis soccer teams on their newly built soccer pitch. In ten more years, it is possible that they will be able to come back to see the expanded fieldhouse standing proudly in the center of campus. Until then, Regis athletics will continue in the Ranger spirit and beat opponents unapologetically.

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Geyer eclipses Regis goal and point record

Flynn Murphy
Contributing Writer

Ronaldo doesn't have it, Mia Hamm doesn't have it, David Beckham doesn't even have it. Only Kristen Geyer has the distinction of being called Regis University's women's soccer team all time leader in goals scored and points scored with 51 and 128, respectively. The senior out of Fort Collins scored the winning goals in victories over Barry and Lynn Universities in Florida bringing their record to 11-2 overall and 6-1 in the RMAC. Her performance earned her the RMAC Offensive Player of the Week honor for the week of Oct. 3 through 10. These additions gave Kristen 10 goals for the season along with five assists.

Geyer started early in soccer; her dad was her coach and immediately sparked her interest at the age of five. She did not know much about the team at Regis before a friend of hers talked to her about the program. She sent a letter to the coach, J.B. Belzer, telling him a little bit about herself. After getting to know the coach and the rest of the team, there was little doubt

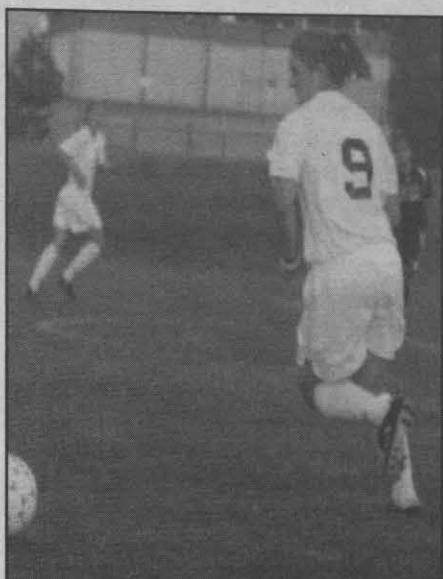


Photo By Graham Hunt

Senior Forward Kristen Geyer debates her next move with the ball.

that Regis was the place for her.

Geyer, as her friends call her, is very quick to deflect her successes on to her teammates. She says that she "might have been the person to put the ball in the back of the net, but the rest of my teammates help set

each situation up for me." Over and over again the same thing came from Kristen; she has appreciated everything that her team has done to help her with her good play on the pitch. It is that kind of humble attitude that has made her a team favorite.

There is something that excites Kristen more than any award she could win-- a National Championship. And the way things are going thus far, the 10th ranked Rangers have a good shot. Regarding their title chances Geyer said, "It's been a dream of mine for our team to win a National Championship because I know our team is good enough to do it." If the team keeps their play up, the championship could be theirs.

Through all the things that Geyer has succeeded in, she has made sure to keep a level head. Kristen says, "I never thought I would come this far as a player, JB has taught me a lot since my freshman year." The new record holder in goals and points scored would give it all away to get her team a championship title.

The spotlight is on: Dan Hoffman



Senior Cross Country runner Dan Hoffman finished in first place at the Colorado College Invitational with a time of 27:38.00.

Major: History

Birthday: November 29, 1981

Career Highlight?

RMAC regionals my sophomore year, I recorded my personal best time for a 10K. I also have won the Army 10 mile two years in a row.

Favorite Movie?

"We Were Soldiers"

Nintendo or Sega?

Nintendo, I always played it as a kid.

Pre-race routine?

I try to eat pasta the night before and if the race is away, I eat pancakes with syrup early in the morning.

How do you prefer your potatoes?

Mashed

Plans after graduation?

I will be commissioned as an Army officer two days before graduation.

What has been your favorite class at Regis?

The WWII Junior Seminar.

The top 10 reasons to.. Play intramural sports

10. *Meet new people*, because Regis is not small enough already.

9. *Exercise*, the Coors Life Direction Center, home of our fitness center, is called Coors for a reason.

8. *No practice required*, how often do you encounter that?

7. *Impress the opposite sex*, we all were all-stars in high school-at least we say so.

6. *See tuition dollars at work*, why else would you use the Ranger Dome?

5. *Get involved*, you have to start building that resume sometime.

4. *Procrastination*, homework is reserved for the hours of midnight to 6:00am for a reason.

3. *They are open to everyone*, that is if you have payed thousands of dollars to go to school here.

2. *The T-Shirts*, who wouldn't want that coveted shirt expressing victory?

And the number one reason for playing intramural sports is...

1. *They are a fun Regis activity*, even if you are sober!

Intramural playoffs: the other fall classic

Jared Shulte
Martin Roche
Contributive Writers

Hey everybody, it's almost fall break and you know what that means... well, yes a good time for all, but it is also time for playoffs in intramural sports. Teams have been dueling for a position in the late October classic for the whole season. This years top teams for the coveted golden football trophy and the classic T-shirts are Team Donkey and The Crows, each with an untainted record or ego thus far. The race for the

Men's basketball a cornerstone in the rich history of Ranger athletics

As varsity sports have come and gone, one program has remained constant.

Mike Daly
Staff Reporter

Regis University has been around since 1877. Throughout the history of Regis, there have been many sports teams. For the first few decades, Regis had only club sports. The first varsity sports debuted in the 1940's. Football was a very popular sport at Regis during the 1930s and 1940s, but it was brought to a halt because of the Second World War.

There are some sports that do not exist at Regis anymore that once were part of the athletic program like Men's and Women's Tennis, Swimming and Men's Lacrosse (which

they are trying to bring back in the spring). Today, we still have Women's Volleyball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Women's Lacrosse, Men's Baseball, Women's Softball and Men's and Women's Soccer. The oldest sport of these sports is Men's Basketball, which started in the 1940s.

The Men's Basketball team began its first season at Regis University in 1946 and was coached by Larry Varnell. The success of the program was evident in the first five years under coach Varnell as the team amassed a win-loss record of 105-41.

The most successful coach in Regis Men's Basketball is current head coach Lonnie Porter, who started coaching at Regis in 1977. His current win-loss record is 441-308. In the year 2000, coach Porter won his 390th game, passing up former Colorado School of Mines Coach Jim Darden to become winningest collegiate Men's Basketball coach. Coach Porter has also led his team to the NCAA Division II Championship twice.

Throughout the history the Basketball program, the 1948-1949

season was the most successful with 37 wins and the longest consecutive winning streak of 19. During the 1968-1969 season, Regis scored an all-time high 135 points in one game. The season in which they scored the fewest was in 1978; they scored 19 points. The Regis athlete who scored the most points was Don Fortney who put up 640 points in the 1967-1968 season. The athlete who scored the most points in a single game was Cozel Walker scored 51 points in the 1964-1965 season.

In the 1990's (seasons 1990-1991 to 1999-2000), the Regis Basketball team came in as the second best winning team in the state of Colorado with a record of 184-97 just behind Metro State who owned a record of 192-101.

Although many teams who were around at the beginning of Regis athletics do not exist today, the rich history of our varsity programs is supplemented by Men's Basketball, who today is accompanied by eleven other stellar varsity programs.

dodgeball crown is heating up as there are only three teams with only one loss and four other teams nipping at their heels. This week starts off all the action as the road to the championships begin.

In flag football, Team Donkey and The Crows are leading the pack with perfect 5-0 records as they have destroyed teams the whole season and are seeking worthy opponents. Jared Schulte of Team Donkey states "Hey, it makes it easier to impress chicks when you are flawless". At 4-1 in the rankings, the Da Bears want to avenge their lost to The Crows. The Shuttlecocks, which consist of teachers I think, wait... no... they're actually students... what?... oh, they've graduated once already?... but an intramural team consisting of PT students, none-the-less, rank fourth with

a record of 3-2 with losses to Team Donkey and The Crows. (They are not on steroids they're just that old) I would like to thank the elder sportsman for their participation. Also tied for fourth place are the 3-2 defending Champions the "Higher Level". Guys maybe you should change your name, or perhaps your lifestyle if you want another chance at the title. Rounding off the bottom of the barrel for the remaining playoff spots are: team DoopNTroop, R Phillips Committee and the Purple Cobras. As for the champions this year, it will be a tough battle to the title. An optimistic Chance Siegle of the Crows had this to say "I'm pumped for the playoffs, and of course we're gonna take the championship." Well Chance, in my uneducated opinion I think that you are going to have to rip the championship away from the horns

the joyous Donkeys. Yes, I will choose a Donkey over a Crow any day of the week; unless the crow has a gun then it might be an even match.

Well folks I urge you as a contributing writer for the Highlander to make your way out to the intramural field on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this upcoming week to either urge a team on or belittle their foes. Do whatever floats your boat but make it out, the post game championship party is crazy. If you are not involved with the intramural league now look to the winter for basketball and wiffel ball. Like little kids would say "come out and play" and if the answer is in the negative then like a little kid "you suck".

Fall break chance for short road trips

Loren Paige Kennedy
Staff Reporter

Mid-semester is coming-- got any plans? A road trip with your friends could be the perfect weekend getaway, and Colorado has a lot to offer in terms of road trip destinations. Although the ski season is not quite here yet, many of the mountain towns are great to visit. So gear up for fall-break October 25 and 26.

Breckenridge and Frisco are only a little over an hour west of Denver. While these towns may not involve much of a road trip, they are great places to get away for awhile. A couple of nights at the Breck Inn allows for a chance to enjoy the beautiful sights, nightlife, and shopping. For those who are interested in outdoor activities, mountain biking, golfing, hiking, chairlift rides and tennis are offered in the area. Traveling a bit further west and changing scenery, Vail offers many of the same activities. Affordable accommodations in Vail like the Evergreen Lodge in Vail Village, can help make this trip possible for college students.

Maybe you could head to Aspen, which is just a little over three hours from Denver. In Aspen, you can get into the Halloween spirit by visiting Ashcroft, a ghost town about 10 miles outside of Aspen. This supposedly haunted town has original buildings from the 1880's. Horseback riding is offered just outside of Aspen by



Photo courtesy of the National Park Service.

Cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde built approximately 700 years ago. Colorado's numerous National Parks are in reach this Fall break.



Photo courtesy of Dolores Steele

The deserted hotel of the historic Ashcroft ghost town is an appropriate destination this Halloween.

Capital Peak Outfitters; this is another great way to experience the beauty of Colorado first hand.

If a longer road trip is desired, try heading to the southwest corner of the state to Durango, which is about 6 1/2 hours from Denver. Again, outdoor activities like hiking, fishing, rock climbing are offered at Golf Wall. For good food and beer visit Steamworks Brewing Company or Carver Brewing Co., and at the end of the day you can relax at Trimble Hot Springs. It has an olympic-size pool, therapy pools, and a spa. Also, massage and body treatments are available and there is an outdoor Jacuzzi. It is located about 6 miles north of Durango. Since it is home to Fort Lewis College, Durango offers nightlife entertainment with local bars and pubs. Accommodations in the Durango vicinity include the Strater Hotel or the Apple Orchard Inn.

If traveling to this area, it would be wise to stop at the Mesa Verde National Park just west of Durango. This national park is home to the Anasazi cliff-dwelling ruins. Tours are available and the views are spectacular.

Mid-semester break is coming up and you should make your plans now! A road trip is a great opportunity to get out of town for a few days and see what Colorado has to offer. Mark your calendars; Regis has no classes on Monday, October 25 or Tuesday, October 26.

Haunted houses sell scares

Josi Berry
Staff Reporter

Halloween is quickly approaching which means that everybody should be ready for some good scares. Denver offers many opportunities at any of the haunted houses around the city. There are nine professionally run haunted houses, mostly located on the outskirts of Denver proper.

These haunted houses range from extremely frightening to family friendly. "Booville" and "The Haunted Mansion" offer diversion geared more toward families with children. The "Haunted Mansion" is produced by the self-proclaimed "most experienced haunted house builders in Colorado," the Reinke Brothers, and is more about light-hearted fun than fear. For those who want a more thrilling experience, the "Primitive Fear" haunted house was rated #1 for scares by News 4 and The Rocky Mountain News.

All nine haunted houses differ in themes, from psycho killer clowns to evil scarecrows. There's something for everybody at any of these spooky spectacles.

Most of the haunted houses are not for the faint of heart. "Realm of

Terror," the haunted house that I visited, is on the same grounds as "Primitive Fear" and is ridiculously scary. The facility is supposedly an abandoned military installment equipped with all sorts of mysteriously stained machines and devices. Every room is creepily decorated in a similar manner, but the thrills come from the almost incessant surprise attacks by the ghostly inhabitants and "squatters." After the first room, I was nearly in tears and I saw one girl vomit. Sobeware! Once you go in, it is very hard to get out!

The price for the haunted houses vary from \$12 to \$16 dollars, but discounts are available. Both The Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News offer \$1 off coupons. Tombstone pizza offers \$2 off with purchase of one of their frozen pies. Also, a discount is offered for those who bring canned goods for donation to the "9 Cares Colorado Shares" food drive (all locations are participating).

For more information, visit <http://www.scared.com/>, the official website of Denver's haunted houses. This site offers descriptions of all the haunted houses, driving directions, special offers, and merchandise.



Photo by Andy Cole

Senior Craig Cone rips the bass guitar at Thursday Thrills Open Mic Night. After a long week of studying and spilling Mercury, nothing beats a good jam. About 15 student acts performed in the Ranger Grill.

Musical Missions provides cultural exchange through ethnic music

Kristina Fejes
Entertainment Editor

After watching Cameron Powers and Kristina Sophia of Musical Missions give their intellectually exciting and moving presentation, their belief that "music can access the threads that connect us all" is now apparent. It all began after the September 11th terrorist attacks when their shows were cancelled because of the Arabic music they played. Nobody wanted to take part in anything that would remind them of the tragedies, but people didn't realize that the music of Powers and Sophia has nothing to do with terrorism.

Racial persecution is something that deeply concerns many Americans. But for Powers and Sophia, the injustice was made more real after their friends were harassed because of their ethnic backgrounds. For example, one of their friends was held at an Immigration and Naturalization Service detention center in Denver simply because he couldn't remember every address he had lived at over the past ten years. He wasn't released until he paid a \$5,000 fine. Now, after seeing the undeserved discrimination against their friends and their music, Powers and Sophia are here "to show us what these



Photo courtesy of www.musicalmissions.com

Powers and Sophia singing in Cairo in March, 2003.

people are really like, because we don't know."

After being introduced by John Galm, adjunct faculty in fine arts/music and an old friend to Powers, the two musicians took the audience through an unforgettable "Musical Mission" in the Middle East. Because of the effect of the slandering

of this culture, Powers and Sophia decided that they would "go to the Arab world... and let them see a different side of America," says Sophia. They traveled throughout the Middle East and were welcomed everywhere they went. After the people heard their music, Powers and Sophia were no longer tourists to their audiences; they were like family. Even their audience in the O'Sullivan gallery room was so enthralled by their presentation and performance that several people couldn't contain the urge to either stomp their feet, snap their fingers, sing along, or get up and move with the music.

Powers and Sophia sang their way through three levels of soldiers in Jordan to get to Iraq. And nine days after the marines had entered Baghdad and the bombing had stopped, the "next thing we knew we're across the border," says Sophia. Powers and Sophia reached their destination to show the Iraqi people that not all Americans are intolerant or ignorant of their culture. Musical Missions "helps to build a musical bridge" between two completely different cultures. As ambassadors for their hundreds of friends in America and the Middle East, Cameron Powers and Kristina Sophia showed two different worlds a way to connect and learn how to live peacefully.

Creative costume solutions save cash

Carly LeTourneau
Staff Reporter

With Halloween less than two weeks away, many of us are scrambling to find the perfect costume. Trying to come up with an original idea and fitting it into a college budget can be challenging. I've got a few tips to achieving a unique look for the ultimate night of fright.

Every Halloween, the goal is to conjure up a creative outfit that no one else will have. Brainstorming is the best place to start. Try to think of items you may already have sitting in your closet. Maybe you have some clothes or jewelry that you never wear because it's too outdated, or too outrageous, or just too ugly. On Halloween, old stuff is the perfect base to build a costume around. Anyone with a trucker hat, wife-beater and sweat pants can easily transform themselves into the lovable newlyweds - Mr. and Mrs. Britney Spears. For a more conservative look, take that old prom dress and go as a bridesmaid! Or for the science major, wear your white lab coat to become your favorite member of CSI.

No luck with your own clothes? Try a friend's. Use an athletic uniform to become your favorite player. You can take any of these ideas and put your own spin on it; what's more fun than a baseball player? How about a zombie baseball player! Every girl loves to see a guy in a dress and it is every guy's secret fantasy to put one on. Halloween provides the perfect excuse to dress up in attire that you would normally be reluctant to be seen in - cross-dressing is no exception!



Art by Jacqueline Kharouf

There are five elements to attaining the best costume:

1. "Trademark" - The instant identification factor, i.e. Vampire = fangs.
2. Wardrobe - Standard vs. Personal Flair, i.e. rabbit suit vs. a leotard and fishnets with bunny ears.
3. Makeup - This defines age, gender, species or the state of decomposition. Make sure to practice ahead of time to avoid any mishaps or "wardrobe malfunctions."
4. Accessories - The right accessory can make or break the costume. What

is Sherlock Holmes without his pipe?

5. Behavior - The proper gestures and sound effects are important to identifying your character; like a witch cackling or a tourist taking pictures.

To have a great costume does not mean you have to break the bank. Be resourceful! Visit the local thrift store for cheap finds. Arc and Goodwill are full of clothing and accessories from all different eras. Even if you never wear them again, at least you know your money is going to a charitable cause.

Markers, crayons, tape, scissors and construction paper are helpful tools in the execution of a terrific costume. Modifications to existing body parts or the invention of new ones can be done with simple arts and crafts or household items such as socks and pillows. The possibilities are endless! Do not be afraid to stop into a costume store for additional ideas or browse Halloween websites for further do-it-yourself instructions. And last but certainly not least, have a fun, safe and affordable Halloween!

International Film Fest comes to Denver

Mike Daly
Staff Reporter

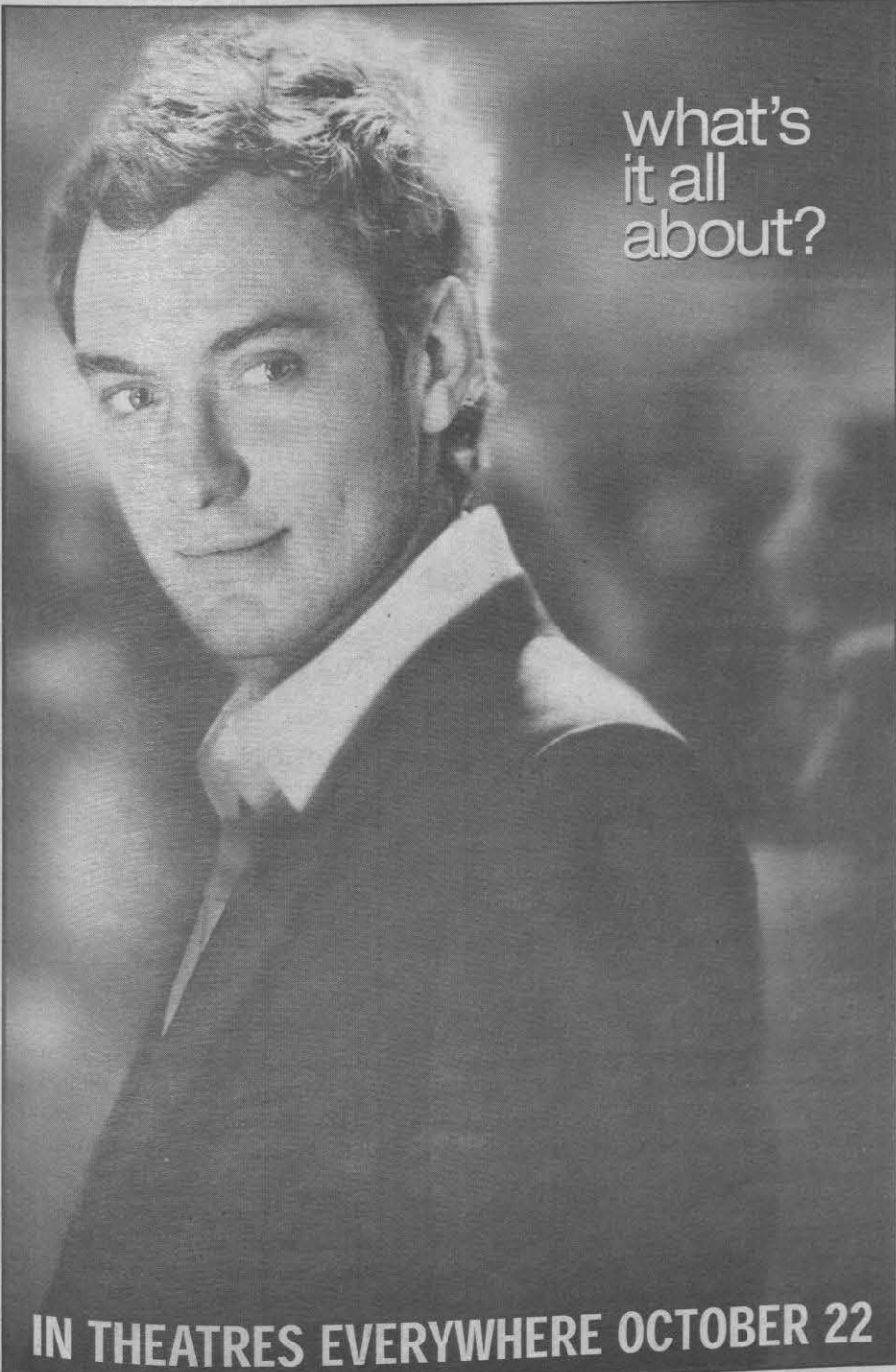
Throughout October 14th-24th, the 27th Annual Denver International Film Festival will be in Denver, Colorado. The Festival features new international feature films that includes fiction films, documentaries, animation, experimental works, children's programs and short subjects. Most of the films will be shown at the Starz Film Center at the Tivoli, but the Buell Theater at the Performing Arts Complex and the King Center at the Tivoli will also feature these movies.

The festival is a cinematic celebration for Denver every year, and many city residents show up for the film experiences. The festival plans to screen about 200 films throughout the ten day event. The films that are shown are from all over the world representing about 40 countries and about 100 international filmmakers, actors, directors and other film addicts.

Opening night features a special presentation of the film "Ray," which is about the late Ray Charles, and is followed by the premier of "Team America World Police," the new film by the creators of "South Park." There are also a few nights where celebrities will be there to talk about their careers. Some of the celebrities who are attending include Kevin Bacon, Laura Linney, Bob Rafelson and Morgan Freeman.

The festival will present the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award, which is given to a film artist for extraordinary contributions to world cinema. Also, the John Cassavetes Award is presented to an American actor/director for unique vision and maverick sensibility in independent filmmaking. The Krzysztof Kieslowski Award is for Best Feature Film, and the Stan Brakhage Vision Award is for the best short fiction or documentary film. There will also be many other awards throughout the ten-day period.

Tickets for the festival are now available for purchase by phone, online or at the theaters. The tickets are \$10.00 for General Public Admission. More information about the film festival is available online at denverfilm.org.



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IN THEATRES EVERYWHERE OCTOBER 22

Answers to last week's word whomp

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The Regis Univeristy Events Calendar

Giving Your Life Purpose...
October 18 - November 7

Monday, October 18

Denver Botanic Gardens Free Day	All Day	Denver Botanic Gardens
Romero House Hospitality Night	6:00 PM	Romero House

Tuesday, October 19

Upper Room	7:00 PM	Regis Chapel
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Wednesday, October 20

Agape	5:00 PM	Life Direction Center
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Thursday, October 21

Thrills: Java Jams with Sean Smith	9:00 PM	Ranger Grille
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Friday, October 22

Women's Soccer vs. Fort Lewis College	3:30 PM	Soccer Fields
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Saturday, October 23

Women's Volleyball at Metro State	7:00 PM	Metro State University Golden
Cross Country RMAC Championships	TBD	

Sunday, October 24

Women's Soccer vs. Mesa State	12:00 PM	Soccer Fields
Rugby vs. Western State	3:00 PM	Soccer Fields

Monday, October 25

NO SCHOOL: Mid-Semester Break	All Day	Regis University
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Tuesday, October 26

NO SCHOOL: Mid-Semester Break	All Day	Regis University
Women's Volleyball vs. Colo. School of Mines	7:00 PM	Fieldhouse

Wednesday, October 27

Women's Soccer vs. Metro State	3:30 PM	Soccer Field
Agape	5:00 PM	Coors Life Directions Cntr.
Speaker: Carolyn Cornelison, Courage to Care	8:00 PM	Ranger Grille

Thursday, October 28

Speaker: Courage to Care Discussion	12:00 PM	Faculty Lounge
Thrills: Haunted House	9:00 PM	Off Campus

Friday, October 29

Trick of Treat	TBD	Campus
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Saturday, October 30

Women's Volleyball vs. Chadron State	7:00 PM	Fieldhouse
CLC Retreat	All Day	Sedalia

Sunday, October 31

HALLOWEEN!! (be safe)	All Day	Everywhere
Men's Soccer vs. Fort Lewis	12:00 PM	Soccer Fields

Monday, November 1

Denver Botanic Gardens Free Day	All Day	Denver Botanic Gardens
All Saints Day Mass	11:30 AM	Regis Chapel
Romero House Hospitality Night	6:00 PM	Romero House

Tuesday, November 2

Election Day - GO VOTE!!!	All Day	You should know
Denver Zoo Free Day	All Day	Denver Zoo
Upper Room	7:00 PM	Regis Chapel

Wednesday, November 3

Agape	5:00 PM	Coors Life Direction Cntr.
SOA Dinner	7:00 PM	



This is what it looks like when Rugby players try to catch an out of bounds ball. Weird, I know...check it out on the 24th.



Close your eyes, pick a spot and go. You can, you don't have school for two whole days...happy fall break on the 25th and 26th.



Admit it, you know he scared you. Get scared again at the Haunted House for Thrills on the 28th.



This was not at all confiscated from the Botanic Gardens. But, they do have other plants there. Denver Botanic Gardens free day is November 1.

For Sale

Classified space is now available in the *Highlander*, Regis University's student paper. The *Highlander* is an excellent forum to reach students and faculty interested in items YOU want to sell. Hurry, space is limited.
CALL 303.964.5391 for more information

Weekly word whomp

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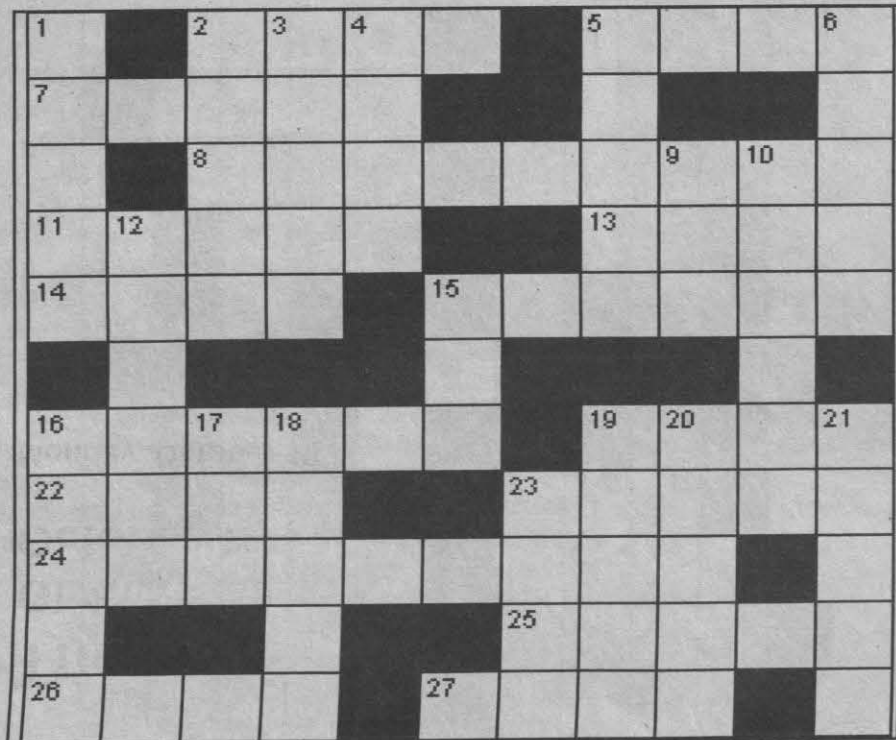
2. Sunk fence (2-2)
5. Person having great power
7. Banish
8. Hearth

Down

11. Perennial herb
13. Trampled
14. On firetruck reels
15. Sweet baked food made of dough
16. Sell directly to the consumer

Down

19. Cloud
22. Puts to good effect
23. Low fast ball
24. Flight of stairs
25. Part of a Biblical chapter
26. Waterbird
27. Carry



Down

1. Judiciary
2. Good recorded music players (2-3)
3. Possessing life
4. In this place
5. Young horses
6. Wheezy
9. Skill
10. Mortal remains
12. Not disposed to cheat
15. Comrade
16. Tricks
17. Beverage
18. Oriental
19. Tightwad
20. Slow and apathetic
21. Forest
23. Volcanic product

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