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## Fr. Dan Daly makes final Jesuit vows

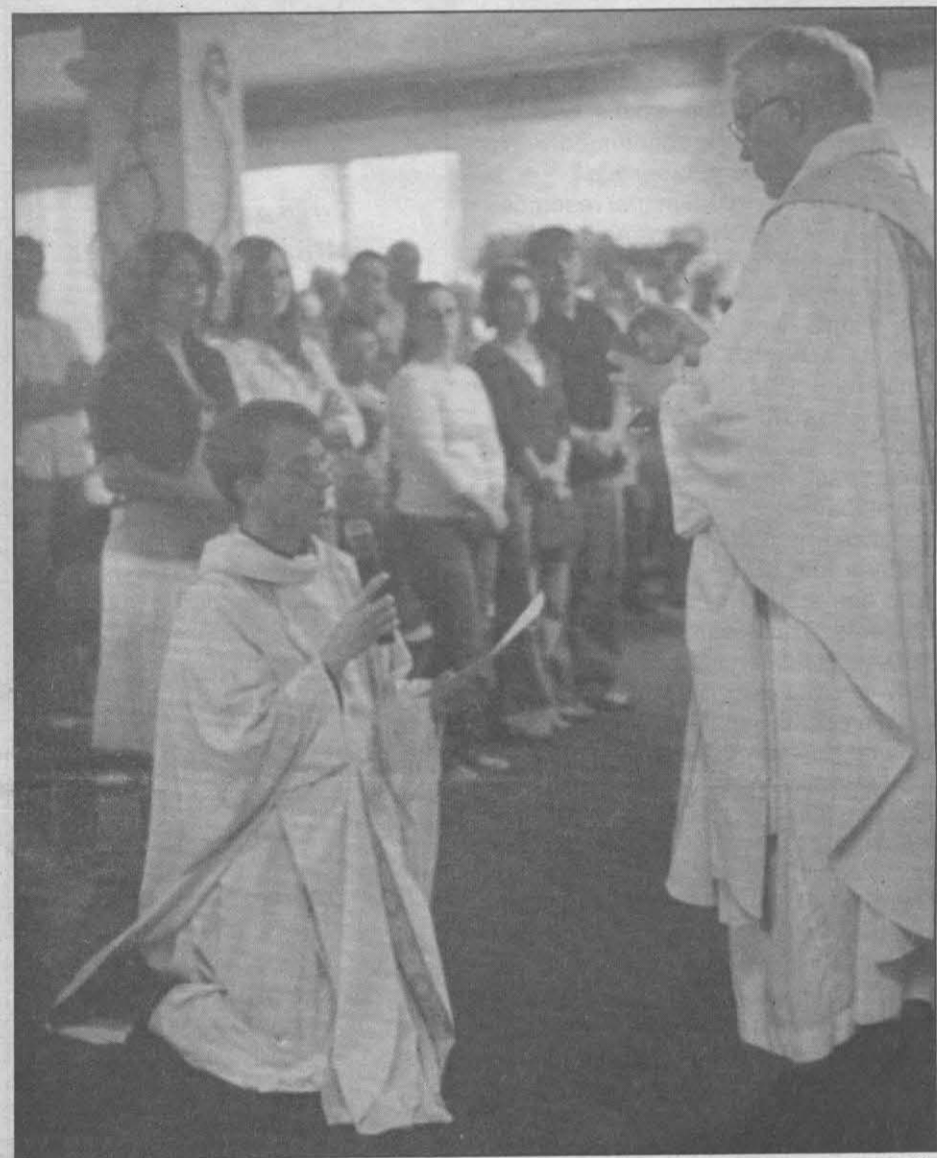


Photo by Dr. Mary Beth Callie

This past Sunday, Fr. Dan Daly made his final vows to become a full member of the Society of Jesus. Fr. Dan celebrated this milestone with his family and friends.

## Dr. Brockway to say goodbye after 41 years at Regis

Alyse Warner  
Staff Reporter

After a teaching career that has spanned four decades at Regis, Dr. Ronald Brockway will be retiring as of the end of this year. Dr. Brockway has been at Regis for his entire teaching career after attending Georgetown University for his undergraduate degree, two years in the army, and

obtaining his doctorate at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Brockway intends to spend his time after retirement traveling, reading, and enjoying time with his grandchildren, as well as continuing to work in history in some fashion, and to "re-invent life."

When asked about events that he will remember on campus, he spoke of a mock political convention for the

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## The decision-making process: Regis University reviews the past in order to move into the future

Maricor Coquia  
Staff Reporter

In this school year alone, Regis has seen numerous changes to its campus. These include the construction of the new chapel, the cupola atop Main Hall, and the demolition of K-Mart. Also in line for renovation is the Science Building, which will begin as soon as the appropriate funds have been reached.

Bob Kaffer, executive assistant to the President, commented on some of these changes: "They were a result of strategic, long range planning," he said. "We also considered the practicality and necessity of these ideas." When considering the expansion of the campus for more artistic, speaker and classroom space, the same sort of planning would also apply.

In particular, this year's renovations were the result of "The Forum on the Future of Regis University." In June 2000, a group of students, alumni, and "friends" of the University brainstormed 151 recommendations to improve the quality and image of the campus and academic program. In a recent update of the forum, Richard H. Truly, chair of the Forum on the Future

summarized, "While there continues to be work ahead, you will see that Regis continues to make significant progress and the work of the Forum, has indeed, made a profound and positive difference for Regis University."

Not all 151 ideas have to be actualized, however. As Kaffer explained, need and practicality drive which items are pushed first facing. As Regis ventures further into the future, the planning and actualization of many of those 151 ideas are an unmistakable reality. Furthermore, expanding campus learning and speaker spaces is not an exception as more and more faculty and students agree of its pressing necessity.

"There are many great ideas. We just need to be patient," said Kaffer.

### Furthering ideas

Nine task forces were involved in the Forum on the Future, all of whom focused on important needs of student, faculty, and administrative life on campus. For instance, the Task Force on Jesuit and Catholic Character recommended construction of a new chapel to better emphasize the Jesuit-Catholic character of our university.

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## Interpreting the Da Vinci Code: An in-depth look at the history behind the popular novel

Lauren Wojtko  
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, Dr. John O'Keefe, professor of Theology at Creighton University, presented his talk, "Interpreting *The Da Vinci Code*" in the Science Amphitheater. After some technical difficulties with the slide show, O'Keefe began his presentation, describing his slides without the power point show.

After a brief synopsis of the book, he proceeded to give his assessment of it. He wanted the listeners to realize that Dan Brown's novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, "is first and foremost a mystery novel."

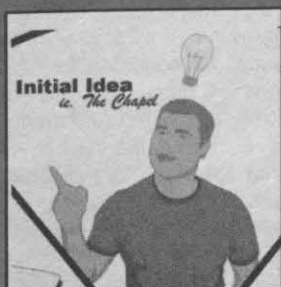
O'Keefe stated that the characters were given academic authority while the facts were, in reality, historically

inaccurate. He said that the book made, "mistakes about basic narratives of Christian history."

Firstly, the book said that Jesus' life was recorded by thousands of followers during his lifetime and that out of 80 gospels, only four were chosen. O'Keefe refuted this explaining that Jesus' life was, in fact, not recorded until long after his crucifixion, and that there are only a couple dozen known gospels.

For his second point, O'Keefe addressed the claim that the divinity of Christ was voted at the Council of Nicea. He argued that the belief in the divinity of Christ goes back to the origins of Christianity. "No one argued he was not divine" the council of Nicea struggled to define how he was divine,

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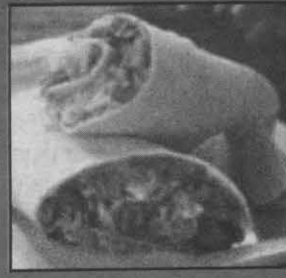
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**Process** from front page

The old location for the chapel, which is now the Fine Arts Building, was too small to adequately accommodate students and visiting churchgoers.

It was something we saw of pressing need," said Thomas Reynolds, vice president for Mission.

However, before any construction can begin, the Board of Trustees and other members of Regis administration put the idea through an intense evaluation. The other 150 ideas underwent the same deliberation organization process. More specifically, these concepts were assessed first by administration, which includes the President, vice-presidents, the Provost, and the deans of the University.

Other task forces, such as one on Regis College, another on the Reuckert-Hartman School for Health Professions, and one on Physical Facilities, recommended an increase in student enrollment, an increase in resources for the Reuckert-Hartman School for Health Professions, and renovations to Main Hall to its original 1887 footprint, respectively.

The question of space was also addressed by the forum, particularly the need to reorganize campus facilities. The Task Force on Physical Facilities recommended addressing the academic and administrative space needs of the School of Professional Studies, as well as the full of the University. Such changes would include more classroom space and other such renovations to and outside the Lowell campus.

In the end, however, many of the ideas were put on hold to make way for the ideas that seemed most pressing and practical for Regis at present.

"Don't get me wrong," said Reynolds. "All of these ideas were great. However, we as a University cannot accommodate all of them at once." Reynolds explained that whittling down the 151 ideas was a matter of practicality and necessity, as Kaffer earlier expressed. "It's about what can we do now. How we can do it, and most of all, what effect will it have on our campus." Likewise, Kaffer added, "Changes don't happen overnight. They take money, time, and effort."

**Making it happen, from concept to actualization**

The process of deliberation is not an easy one. Among a goldmine of great proposals, the Board of Trustees, composed of 33 members and four Life Trustees undergo a strict process of analysis and discussion of presented concepts before any planning of construction can take place. There are a total of nine standing committees, as well as an Executive Committee.

To further explain to deliberation process, Kaffer simplified the process in a few steps.

First of all, he said that administration reviews ideas or recommendations, such as those given by the Forum on the Future. Specifically, administration includes Father Sheeran, president of the University, the Chancellor, Provost, and a number of vice-presidential, vice-provost, and dean positions.

In terms of the chapel, the concept was discussed of how it best fit the present need of the University. Karen Webber, liaison to the Task Force on Physical Facilities and vice-president of University Services explained, "It was clearly understood that we needed a signature space; that we need a stronger symbol to represent the mission of Regis University." She contin-

ued, "We also wanted a space that could be used for large and small events." Thus, the concept was first approved by administration. Likewise, the other 151 ideas underwent a similar question of present need and were whittled down to some of the changes we've begun to see on campus this year.

Kaffer next explained that the ideas are proposed to their respective committees within the Board of Trustees. Here, the ideas are put through further scrutiny. The chapel was brought to the attention of the Committee on Physical Plant and Technology as well as the Committee on University Mission, who further questioned why and how the construction of a new chapel would benefit the university. Reynolds elaborated, "Many ideas need to meet certain criteria. We take into account the cost, the pressing need, and if we as a University can make it happen."

The third step in this process (if the idea is approved by the respective committees) is a final review by all of the members of the Board of Trustees. If a concept is approved this far, it undergoes a final deliberation by the full Board of Trustees.

The idea of the Chapel was approved in 2000. From there, an ad hoc group was formed to begin architectural planning. Webber explained, "We formed an internal task force. After the final approval, a goal budget was set, and we hired architects to begin designing the building according that budget." Michael Redmond, director of Physical Plant and Capital Projects elaborated, "The designer of the Chapel is Soderstrum Architects. The builder is Fransen/ Pittman."

Even after approval, however, there is a constant dialogue between the Board of Trustees and the designers of the building to ensure that the idea was best actualized. Father Dan Daly expressed a number of factors that went into the Chapel's design process: "Seating design was one of the biggest challenges. We wanted an arrangement that would be conducive to the celebration of Mass, an arrangement that gave prominence to both the altar (for the Liturgy of the Eucharist) and the ambo (for the Liturgy of the Word). We wanted a space that would help us pray together as a community and where we could see each other."

He also expressed how the brick of the Chapel were to complement Main Hall, how the space needed to be flexible in hosting large and small events, as well as special features that best exemplified the mission of Regis.

Interestingly, the administration consulted with the archdiocese to verify whether the chapel design met with the archdiocesan Catholic doctrine. Archbishop Chaput asked for changes to be made, including the elimination of a baptismal font and fixed altar in the main sanctuary, according to Webber.

**Money makes it go**

After the deliberation process follows one of the most important steps: fundraising. In order for any real action to take place, the appropriate funds need to be raised, if not already available. Reynolds said, "After an idea is approved, we need to raise the money for it." Thus, after thorough analysis and estimation of cost and labor, a fundraising campaign is enacted for the idea(s) at hand.

The selected ideas from the Forum on the Future sparked a capital campaign, which began by writing letters to alumni, university friends, and other

foundations and organizations that would support the cause at hand. According to Paul Brocker, associate vice-president of University Relations, Regis has already raised around \$54 million for the mentioned campaign. He elaborated that most of the money has already gone to the construction of the chapel and other such renovations done on campus. However, fundraising for the Science Building has still some fundraising to go before it can begin renovation.

Reynolds added, "We try our best not to use your tuition dollars for things like reconstructing a building. That's why we fundraise."

Money nonetheless presents problems for other projects to be actualized. Furthermore, the desire for space needs on campus is no exception.

Honors Program Director Dr. Thomas Bowie expressed, "It's fine to have ambitions. But we need to be careful and prioritize what's best for our University." He continued, "We need to put it into perspective."

Bowie refers to the actual resources available to Regis as well as the many other needs pressing our campus today. In the previous *Highlander* article, Regis was compared to other Jesuit schools such as Seattle University (SU), University of San Francisco (USF), and Boston College (BU), all of whom support a larger undergraduate population and more developed campus facilities. SU, for instance, supports an estimated 3,911 undergrads, in comparison to Regis who has around 1,300 undergraduate students. Thus, our facilities in comparison to those of SU seem considerably less developed. Regis's small size also presents tension as money can only be split so many ways.

Joseph Weber, vice-Provost of Finance and Budget expressed that ideas, such as the one for space, come down to the issue of practicality. Despite how good an idea may sound, he said, "The University will plan what's best for the time at hand. Remember, nothing is permanent, though. Things that seem important now won't necessarily be important 10 years from now."

**Making the most of it**

In light of this complex issue, Regis seems to be making the most of the given time and resources. Especially in terms of space, venues like the Science Amphitheatre and Fieldhouse, despite a lot of collaborative effort, have functioned fairly well for recent events like the Regis Ramblers production of *Crazy for You* and the speech by Lech Walesa.

"We really do the best we can with what we have," said Paul Alexander, director for the Institute of Common Good.

"I would have to agree," commented Brocker. "[Mr. Alexander], the Institute of Common Good, and I are always working together for things like speakers and such. There's no doubt that a new space would be ideal. It just won't happen now."

Like the Forum of the Future, another collaborative group, after renovation of the Science Building has been completed, will most likely be formed and undergo a similar process of planning, deliberation, and fundraising. Brocker stressed patience. "It's about being realistic, taking your time" step by step.

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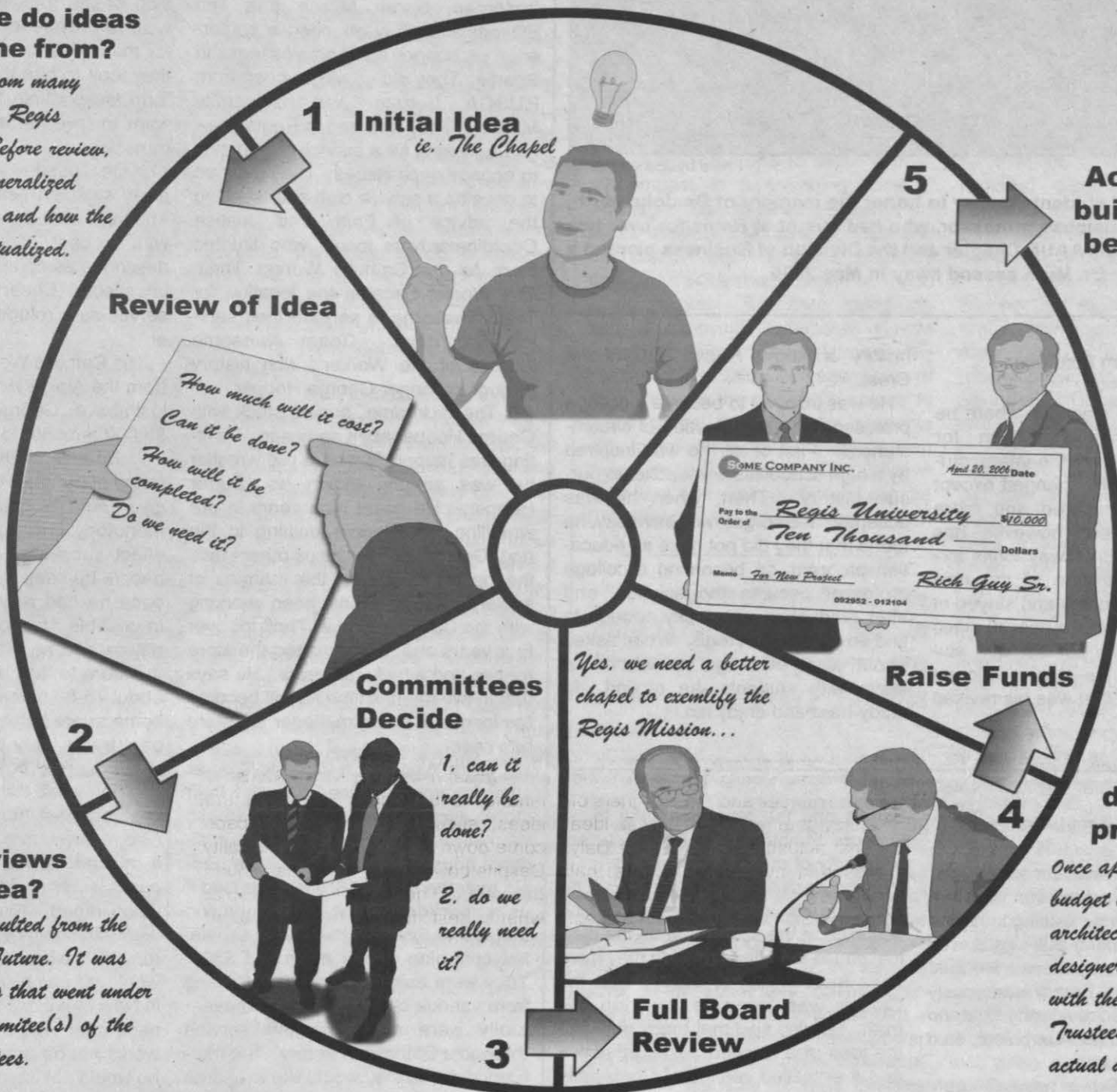


# The decision-making process in action

## Developing ideas, committee decisions, fundraising, and construction

### where do ideas come from?

Ideas result from many members of the Regis community. Before review, they plan a generalized concept of why and how the idea can be actualized.



### who reviews the idea?

The Chapel resulted from the Forum on the Future. It was one of 151 ideas that went under review by a committee(s) of the Board of Trustees.

1. can it really be done?
2. do we really need it?

Yes, we need a better chapel to exemplify the Regis Mission...

Art by Casey Ruhlander

### Process from page two

For now, despite the growing need for space, practicality seems to dictate the progress of any changes made to the Regis campus and academic structure. As Weber explained, "It'll take time. Changes won't happen overnight. But, that doesn't mean it won't happen."

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### The pressing need for space

Recalling the Highlander's previous investigation, the desire for space has continued to grow. Paul Alexander, director for the Institute for the Common Good expressed, "I do think there is a definite want for other spaces here on campus. I mean, we do the best with what we have," he said. "But, it gets harder and harder to make things work." (In particular, the Institute of Common Good utilizes many of the campus facilities for events like speakers and conferences. After years of experience, however, Alexander, like many other faculty have expressed a desire for a more flexible space).

Anticipating such space needs, Janna Goodwin, associate professor of Communication and David Hicks, associate professor of English and director of the Writing Program collaborated together about a year and a half ago to create a video proposal for better learning spaces on campus. Such space would include an open-space classroom or small auditorium (other than the Science Amphitheatre). Music Department Director Mark Davenport and William Sutton, associate professor of Fine Arts also helped plan the project.

Overall, Goodwin expressed that the goal of the project was to spark discussion of constructing alternative teaching

and speaker spaces here on campus. In particular, it was meant to spark dialogue, and hopefully, be the beginnings of something productive and beneficial. Goodwin's pressing question was, "how can we make this happen?"

Other faculty, including Lisa Garza, associate professor of Sociology, Joanne Karpinski, associate professor of English, and Thomas Bowie, director of the Honors Program, also participated in the video proposal, all of whom agreed a designated open space would be ideal.

With a great idea, however, lies the need to consider all of the problems facing Regis. The desire for space, despite its growing popularity and necessity, is in line with other ideas that may seem just as pressing. Furthermore, all ideas must go through a tough journey of question and analysis before any further action can be taken.

Like the Chapel, the question of space will have to go through administration and the Board of Trustees before any construction can begin. Karen Webber, vice-president of University Services commented, "We're thinking in terms of global space, meaning all the space needs on campus which includes parking, classroom, office, and performance space." She continued, "We're looking for opportunities to help benefit our campus on a whole." She, like Bob Kaffer, executive assistant to the President, and Jo Weber, vice-provost of Finance and Budget, also stressed patience.





Photo by Joshua Hardin

Faculty, staff, and students gather to honor the memory of Dr. John Muth, economics and business professor, who had taught at Regis for over two decades. The Regis AAUP Chapter and the Division of Business planted a tree in his honor. Dr. Muth passed away in May 2005.

### Brockway from front page

1976 presidential elections where he gave the nomination speech for Ronald Reagan. Over the years, students have not really changed except in being better prepared and more wired. The campus however, has changed and Dr. Brockway looks forward to the completion of the new chapel. Brockway came and stayed at Regis because of what a special place it is, as well as the contact with students and staff. He also mentioned the "labor of love" that was his revised

history of Regis, *Regis: Beyond the Crest*.

He was inspired to become a college professor by a combination of circumstances. First of all, he was inspired by a high school history teacher to pursue history. Then, when he was accepted at Georgetown University, he found that they did not have an education program, so becoming a college professor became the solution, and after graduating was lucky enough to find an opening at Regis. When asked about what message he wished to leave with students, he replied, "to study hard and enjoy life."

### Da Vinci from front page

not that he was divine," he said.

Still, he acknowledged that the audience was, most likely, waiting to hear a response to the claim that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene. He said that on this claim, "Brown is seriously wrong." He cited evidence that no text, canonical or non-canonical, said that this was the case.

The evidence Brown used, O'Keefe explained, came from a text that was filled with holes from deterioration. So, while the book claimed that Jesus and Mary Magdalene were married, Brown derived that claim from guessing what words may once filled the gaps in the text.

Finally, O'Keefe addressed why the book has become so popular. One possibility is the novel's anti-Catholic themes. *The Da Vinci Code* makes claims that the Vatican tried to suppress the publication of the Dead Sea

Scrolls and the Nag Hammadi texts. O'Keefe attributed this to the current popularity of conspiracy theories.

The book's success may also be linked to its market release, which occurred at the same time as the clerical abuse scandals. People may have been more willing to believe that the Church was trying to cover-up the truth. He also said that many may find the idea of a married Jesus attractive and a simplified version of Christianity appealing.

Still, with the book's popularity, some are concerned that *The Da Vinci Code* is causing people to lose their faith. To this O'Keefe replied, "If someone loses it [their faith] because of *The Da Vinci Code*, then their faith was not very deep. It has more of an effect on those at the edges of faith."

Still, O'Keefe suggested reading the book and seeing. "If it will make you curious about what Christianity is all about."

## Team Awesome interacts with Denver's homeless

Justin Goldman  
Contributing Reporter

Team Awesome was born last semester out of the experience of two freshmen, Sarah Moran and Tim Etzkorn after they attended a conference on hunger and homelessness in Seattle. They did so with support from RUSGA Senate and University Ministry. They returned to Regis energized, looking for a service opportunity to engage such issues. They decided to develop a service club after seeking the advice of Faith and Justice Coordinator Nate Jacobi, who directed them to the Catholic Worker Thrift. The Worker became the location for Team Awesome to perform their service Saturdays. Team Awesome learned of the Worker's rich history through manager George Hooper.

The nickname "super" stuck with George Hooper at an early age. So fitting was "super" that as a pro wrestler he was simply known as "Super Hooper." He spent nine years in pro wrestling. No longer battling in the ring, George Hooper helps others face the battles of life on the margins of society. George has been working with the Catholic Worker Thrift for over four years and has managed the store for two and a half plus years. He says that in two months time he will become the longest running manager the store has seen.

Mark Wessley, a Catholic Worker administrator, explained how the thrift store evolved out of the Catholic Worker House, which provides transitional housing for up to 13 single people over the age of 18. He described it as a "backdoor" start. The intention that led to this was to provide simple, low-cost pine coffins at around \$300. They were able to get start-up funding from various church groups and eventually were marketing the service through a Catholic mortuary. The mortuary decided they would like to charge \$1000 per coffin in order to make a profit. This difference proved to be irreconcilable to the values of the Catholic Worker folks, who were nonetheless left with three months of expenses remaining.

Wessley described how he observed useable furniture being thrown out in suburban areas that lacked dumpsters. The Worker soon aligned their schedule to nab the usable goods before trash pickup. A benefactor provided them with a truck for the hauling. They began to refurbish the furniture, hiring homeless and low income mem-

bers of the neighborhood to perform work in the process.

This led to the development of the storefront located at 1011 Park Avenue West. George explained that the mission of the thrift is three-fold. They wish to provide low cost merchandise for the residents of the neighborhood, they look to hire the homeless to perform tasks within the store, and they want to give furniture to homeless in transition.

On Tuesday mornings they give away selected items from 10-11 a.m. The thrift itself is a remarkable network with a cast of characters Hooper describes as comparable to the popular sitcom "Cheers." Often the store serves as a refuge from harsh weather.

The Catholic Worker rents the space from the Alpine Hotel which is located just above. George says it costs about \$5,000 a month to run the thrift.

Hooper deftly handles the wide range of people who come in, if only to give them a break from their daily monotony. He explained the tragic effect substance abuse has had on people he sees regularly. The experience he had a pro wrestler provided invaluable lessons about human nature and he attributes his ability in the store to this. According to Hooper about 75-80 percent of the people that come in are helped, but about 20 percent try to "play the game." He said some people, "buy what they want and beg for what they need." Following this comment, he described a person who received free furniture only to load it into a Cadillac Escalade. Despite cases such as this, he does not get discouraged. His free spirited nature allows him to thrive in this difficult environment while describing when he would go camping in a VW Bus down in New Mexico. He said how any business that operated in this manner would not be around long, but he said he would not have it any other way. As I was leaving, he handed a noticeably hungry woman the entire box of hot crossed buns which would have been his breakfast. To Hooper, it was just another act of caring for those on society's margins.

The work of Team Awesome and the Leadership Development Program will culminate for the semester as they welcome Jonathon aka "Cowboy" to the Faculty Lounge on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 -p.m. "Cowboy" will speak about his experience of being homeless for the past five years.

## Dr. Kay Johnson retires after 34 years at Regis

Alyse Warner  
Staff Reporter

Kay Johnson, an associate professor in the Education department, will be leaving Regis at the end of this semester, after 34 years here. In 1971, Johnson was teaching at Loretta Heights College when she heard of an open position in the athletic department here at Regis. She was originally hired to direct intramurals and to teach physical education. Since 1973,

however, she was hired as a full-time professor of the education department and had a hand in creating the physical education and coaching minors currently in place.

Over the years, she has watched many changes to the campus and in the students. 1971 was a pivotal year for Regis, as it graduated its first co-educational class. She also feels that, the quality of the freshman class has improved every year. She also commented on the campus becoming

more aesthetically pleasing especially at this time of year. As she put it, "The landscaping efforts have really made an impact on this."

Johnson received her Bachelors degree in Biology and Physical Education from the University of Minnesota, her Masters in Physical Education from the University of Northern Colorado, and her Doctorate in Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Prior to begin-

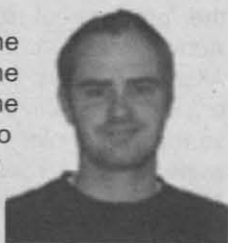
ning her long career at Regis, she taught for two years at Iowa State University, as well as two years teaching high school.

She has great plans for her retirement which includes taking some time to rest and continuing to volunteer with the Hospice of Metro Denver, Project Angel Heart, and Habitat for Humanity. She also plans to devote more time to her hobbies, which include golf, biking, hiking and traveling.



# Final thoughts from the chief

Tonight marks the last time I'll race the rising sun to get the *Highlander* off to the printer, so now is my final chance to stick in some closing remarks about Regis, the newspaper and how it feels to be moving on...



**Chris Dieterich**  
Editor-in-Chief

The role of Editor-in-Chief is a challenging one largely because so much of what the job entails goes unseen, while the final product is distributed by the thousands. I know a man that carves alabaster vases on a lathe. The finished product is generally the size of several fists put together. Nice, but not immediately impressive. Partly to humor him, I think, I once told him I was considering buying one, and asked how much he sold them for. To my surprise, he appraised the small piece in front of me at nearly \$1,000. Seeing my surprise, he explained the amount of time that goes into the creation of each one. Each stone is hand picked, he told me. Only after finding the right stone can he ruminate on what to do with it. Once he decides the shape he wants to cut, he turns the stone, slowly grinding and scooping out a vessel for over one hundred hours. Often the stone breaks. His point was simply that the price he charged was small considering the time he spent making it. Whether they sold or not actually meant very little to him because he was proud of the work he put in it.

Only tonight am I realizing that to a certain degree, this is how I feel about the *Highlander*. Looking through our paper is probably not immediately impressive. More often than not, gaffs command most of the community attention. Things get left out in the final rush to get things put together. Sometimes, I can look at an article I've

written for what seems like an eternity only to realize later that I didn't look for quite long enough.

But I'm tremendously proud of the work that our staff has done this year. The range and depth of what we've done with the *Highlander* this year surpassed even the rosier of my expectations.

At the beginning of the fall semester our faculty adviser, Dr. Mary Beth Callie, challenged me to rewrite our mission statement and really try to stick to it. I feel that as a staff we've been able to, or at least attempt to, "cultivate awareness, understanding, and dialogue about matters of community importance." From our news coverage to our feature sections, the emphasis has been on our community and the way that we interact within it. I believe that the work we've done this year puts the *Highlander* on course to improve tremendously over the coming years.

Today, the *Highlander* will have run 26 weeks, more than any other year in Regis history. We've tried to establish a publication that both students and faculty can consistently rely on, week after week, as a resource. Our publication now has a home online, so curious people all over the world can have a window into weekly Regis happenings.

I'd like to thank everyone that has helped to make our publication better, and there are too many names to list.

As the end of my time at Regis draws to a close, it's hard to know how to feel. Ambivalent, to be sure. There things about Regis that I know I'll soon miss. Other things I know that I won't. Though I'll be glad to be rid of these late night newspaper frenzies, I will miss the experience of working for the *Highlander*. Like my friend, I'm proud of the hours that I've put into this newspaper over the last four years. Alas, I never got to write about Bill Murray. Did you know he went to Regis?

# Jesuit education an asset in discerning modern dilemmas

This academic year has been filled with major events throughout our nation and the world. As we reach this critical juncture, let us renew our



**Justin Goldman**  
Opinion Editor

commitment to make that positive impact on our uncertain world.

The Regis mission statement begins as follows: "Regis University educates men and women of all ages to take leadership roles and to make a positive impact in a changing society." Although many entered this university with a clear idea about their major and direction in life, it is highly probable that some adjustments would be made along the way. The core liberal arts idea of exposing students to a wide variety of disciplines has consistently displayed its value. Regardless of specialization the university strives to teach critical thought. Are students able to develop a point of view and can they defend it? From my perspective the effect that courses throughout the University have on developing stu-

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dent's ability to communicate those views in both written and oral formats has been invaluable.

As we prepare to contribute to our changing society, we were reminded at the beginning of the academic year just how rapidly it can be altered. The effects of last year's hurricane season have been absolutely devastating. The process of rebuilding will require a sustained commitment of manpower and resources. The current Mayoral Debate in the City of New Orleans reminds us of the burden and opportunity of leadership. According to the Associated Press, Mayor Ray Nagin secured 38% with Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu carrying 29% which will force a runoff on May 20. Whoever is successful will lead one of the largest urban reconstruction efforts in our history as New Orleans continues to deal with its post-Katrina reality.

### International Arena

The tragedy experienced along the Gulf Coast triggered a fierce debate about race and class issues. Other developed nations, particularly those with extensive welfare states, criticized American capitalism as it allowed segments of its citizenry to be left behind. The devastation brought significant support from countries that ranged from Kuwait to Spain.

On the September 25 episode of *Meet the Press*, David Brooks of the *New York Times* told Tim Russert that, "This was the most anticipated natural disaster in American history and we failed on every single level." The rapid reaction that is needed in order to manage a crisis situation was woefully lacking.

Katrina and its effects also impact the way many people viewed our ongoing efforts in Iraq. Joseph E.

Stiglitz, a Nobel laureate in economics, is a Professor of Economics at Columbia University and was Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers to President Clinton. He conducted a study with Linda Bilmes, a Budget expert and lecturer at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. The study was released in January and as the *Christian Science Monitor* reported; the total cost of the war could exceed \$2 trillion dollars. Due to operations overseas, the American Gulf States had National Guardsmen deployed and not able to fill their duty of responding to this national disaster. Much of the response to issues of budget and manpower was understandably emotional, but the situation offers critical insights.

The lessons of not only Iraq and Katrina, but Afghanistan as well, are that no significant decisions of government can occur in isolation. The recent public opposition to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has brought the argument back that the U.S. shifted its focus from the Al-Qaeda Network in Afghanistan to Saddam Hussein's Iraq. In *Time Magazine*, Marine Lieutenant General Greg Newbold expressed his frustrations with Secretary Rumsfeld's Pentagon; frustrations that led to his early resignation four months prior to the March 2003 start of Operation Iraq Freedom. He writes, "I now regret that I did not more openly challenge those who were determined to invade a country whose actions were peripheral to the real threat—Al-Qaeda."

This weekend saw the release of another video of Osama Bin Laden, broadcast this Sunday on the Arab Satellite Network, Al-Jazeera. Judy Pasternak of the *Los Angeles Times* writes, "In the new tape, however, he said the Western public shared responsibility for the actions of their governments because they 'are renewing their allegiance to its rulers and master'— an apparent implication that civilians could be targeted." The last video of Osama Bin Laden was released in January. It is a reminder of our failure to capture or kill the Al-Qaeda leader. "Frankly, I'm very dissatisfied that we haven't brought him to justice, and I think it has to be a top priority," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, told CNN.

While intelligence analysts were analyzing the Osama Bin Laden video, significant political action was taking place in Iraq. John Negus of the *Financial Times* writes, "With the selection of Islamist leader Jawad al-Maliki as prime minister-designate, Iraqi politicians face the task of putting together a national unity government in a country where both state and society are frayed by months of sectarian violence." U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Kalilzad told CNN on Sunday, "The problem that Prime Minister Jaafari ran into was that the Kurds and Sunni Arabs rejected him. These two groups have welcomed Mr. Maliki." He will spend the next month preparing a cabinet that must be approved by the Parliament. The move represents a significant hurdle overcome, but the "long hard slog" continues. On Wednesday April 19 Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice addressed the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

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## Der Zugschreiber by Jacqueline Kharouf

The Last Days...



Nature's a finicky mother (especially around finals time).



## Removing the stigma of suicide

### Regis students take on mission

Katie Simons  
Contributing Columnist

The life of a college student is filled with ups and downs. The transition from high school to college and everything that comes along with it often times causes a great deal of stress and anxiety. There are new challenges, break ups, and more pressure. And for some students all of this is too much to take. So many students look for a way out. What many may not realize is that according to the National Mental Health Association suicide is actually the second leading cause of death among college students. Shocking and unknown to some people suicide is often a taboo subject with people and because of a lack of discussion it continues to be a growing concern.

Are mental disorders really a "hidden killer" on our campuses or is this just another instance of media exaggeration? At first glance, being at college appears to be a protective factor for suicide. On one hand, the often cited "Big Ten Student Suicide Study" (a 10-year retrospective study examining completed suicides among undergraduate and graduate students on the main campuses of the 12 school affiliated with the Big Ten University Athletic Association) concluded that the average suicide rate for college students was only half the general population rate of 15 per 100,000 for people matched on age, gender and race. On the other hand, as mentioned earlier, suicide is the second leading cause of death among 20-24 year olds, and the rate of suicide among young males has tripled since 1970. The leading cause of death is accidental injury (eg. falls, drowning),

and many of those deaths may actually be suicides or at least the result of high-risk behavior that could be conceived as part of suicidal continuum of harm to self. The college aged population also thinks about suicide more often than any other age group, with one in 12 college students in the United States making a suicide plan.

A closer look at the research on college suicides and rates of sub-populations uncover more questions about the relative risk of the college population. For example, the suicide rate among female graduate students in their mid- to late- 20s is significantly higher than that of undergraduate students. Studies also indicate that young gay and bisexual college students seem to be more at risk than their heterosexual peers. International students are also of concern. When international students leave their countries they are often at the top of their schools only to often struggle with language and cultural differences in the U.S. Access to the United States' mental health system is often confusing to international students, who sometimes lack appropriate health care insurance for care.

A group of Regis students is looking to change that. This year Regis University earned a grant funded by the Colorado Department of Public Health. Regis was one of eight awardees, but the only institution of higher education. In order to fulfill the expectations of the grant proposal, Regis must do three things. First, Regis must create a suicide prevention coalition with students, staff, faculty and individuals from outside Regis to discuss issues related to suicide prevention at Regis. Second, Regis will conduct a campus-wide needs assess-

ment to assess of thoughts, feelings, and awareness of suicide and mental health. Finally, Regis intends to create a program to decrease the stigma of suicide and mental illness as well as increase knowledge about available resources and what to do if you or a friend needs help. The grant is for \$8,000 and ends in July.

These guidelines have sparked the creation of a Suicide Prevention Coalition with members from the Choices Peer Education program on campus. The group began to take steps to meet the goals of this grant during this year's Health Nut Week in order to promote suicide awareness and prevention. *Active Minds* set up a booth in the student center on April 3-4 to give out information as well as beads that students wore to show their

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support. The first event scheduled was a suicide panel discussion on Monday, April 3 in the Adult Learning Center amphitheater. The panel provided various perspectives from Regis faculty as well as Holly Hedegaard, MD an expert on the epidemiology of suicide and Sharon Wink, chair of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado, who brought a personal perspective after losing her son to suicide. That same week on Thursday, April 6 Alison Malmon, the founder of *Active Minds*, spoke on campus on two occasions in the Coors Life Direction Center, presenting her program titled, "Silence=Suffering: Mental Health Advocacy for College Students." The goal of the program was not only to educate students and staff but to hopefully create a dialogue to further the

mission of removing the stigma of mental disorders and helping students get appropriate help.

The panel discussion and speaker are only the beginning for this group. This small group of students is now in the process of opening their own *Active Minds* chapter on campus. Alison Malmon founded the nation organization *Active Minds* in 2000, one year after her older brother took his life while he was a college student. *Active Minds* believes that all young adults have the right to understand their own minds. This grassroots organization supports the power of peer advocacy, and the strength that young adults have to break down the walls of silence and the stigma that surrounds mental illness. Regis will now look to join over forty other colleges and universities across the United States.

"As students on campus, we must recognize the importance of an organization that creates avenues for understanding and educating about mental health and suicide so that a lifeline exists for students," says Matt Prok, sophomore and co-president. By creating an *Active Minds* chapter this goal is within reach.

There are so many students who struggle on a daily basis. This coalition and the students in *Active Minds* hope they can be a lifeline and change perspectives and possibly lives. Tiffany Kovach, another member of *Active Minds* says, "I have seen first hand the impact that suicide has on friends left behind and because of this I want to make a difference and help people before a life ending decision is made." This is Regis' chance to speak out on an issue that is of concern on college campuses nationwide by erasing the stigma. If students are interested in being a part of *Active Minds* or if anyone in the Regis community would like to participate in our Suicide Prevention Coalition and this project please contact Behavioral Health Promotion at 303-458-4962.

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She said, "Americans must be prepared for violence to continue in Iraq, even after a government is formed. There will be no Iraqi equivalent of V-E Day or V-J Day," Rice said, referring to the days of Victory in Europe and Victory in Japan in 1945. Successful counterinsurgency is the aggregate of many efforts meeting the economic, political, security, and social needs of the civilian population.

#### Outlook

The world we are faced with is a demanding one. It is important to realize with challenge comes opportunity. The university continues to take steps

to ensure students understand our changing global reality. The Study Aboard program continues to grow in the number of options it offers. More and more interdisciplinary and team-taught courses are offered to test student's abilities. Regis has brought in people of great experience and expertise to address the university. Just this spring we had former Polish President Lech Walesa. The pace of this world is great, but their will consistently be places for people of can think "outside the box" and make things happen. Take advantage of the opportunities that the University has to offer. Dayton Memorial Library is a great place to start in order to understand the uncertain world that you will be called upon to serve.

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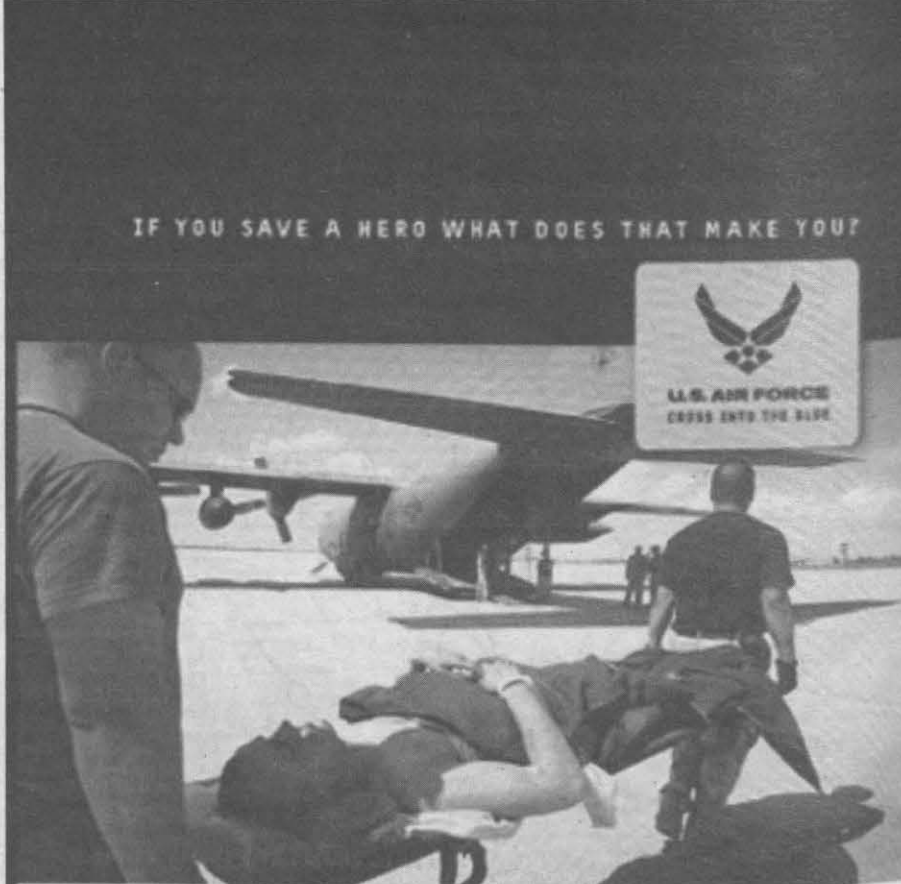
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# Highlander Top of the Hill Awards

## Entertainment:

**Best Performance in Crazy for You:** Sean Pott as Bobby Child  
Singing and dancing in this year's Regis Ramblers production was no small feat and Pott pulled it off with grace and style.

**Best Thursday Thrills:**

**Bingo**  
Working up a sweat with your six or seven bingo cards was memorable, fun, and quite a work-out. Kudos to Student Activities for such a creative and original event.

**Best Speaker on Campus:**

**Winona LaDuke**  
This incredibly active woman called all to action with her many tales of the mistreatment of Native Americans and the environment.



**Nog-off winner Sister Peg Maloney enjoys the provided beverages.**

**Best Event on Campus:** Highlander's Second Annual Nog Off

Anytime Egg Nog and chugging are put in the same sentence it's like the promise of a good time.

**Best Ranger Day Event:** Regis Idol

Many talented Regis students competed for fame and glory. This year's competition brought down the house with the charmingly acidic Fr. Tom Curran administering insults accordingly.

## Sports:

**Best Intramural Sport:** Dodge Ball

Finally, a sporting arena in which social status, overall coolness, and personal hygiene make no difference so long as you can dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge.



**Best Regis Sports Moment of the Year:** Senior Kate Murphy's new record for Regis women's soccer

She became the all time leading scorer in Regis history, with 31 goals this season.



## Campus:

**Best Public Bathroom on Campus:** O'Sullivan Arts Center bathroom

This spectacular getaway for peace, privacy, and the well-earned potty break is just a short, but well-worth it, trek across campus.

**Best Addition to Campus:** the Cupola and Gell phone tower

Granted putting a Starbucks on top Main Hall would have been a better idea, the cupola is unique however, because of its claim to fame. Yes, the cupola is still the highest point in all of North Denver.

**Best Building on Campus:** Carroll Hall

How can anyone contest the superiority of this historic campus landmark? Carroll Hall is still going strong, since its construction in 1923.

**Best Place to Study on Campus:** 3rd Floor Dayton Memorial Library

Hands down, the third floor has it all: computers, quiet ambiance, and a tip-top-tickety-tick-tock clock room.

**Best Place to Fall Asleep on Campus:** Face-up in the middle of the quad

It gets even better when you wake up with a sun burn you hadn't planned on.

**Best New Addition to KRCX:** KRCX Sports Radio Broadcast of Regis Men's and Women's Basketball with Katie Simons and Kevin O'Brien

The hilarious commentary provided by the pair adds to the entertainment and excitement of Regis basketball via radio.

**Best News Outlet on Campus:** *The Highlander*

Did you really expect something else? Not to brag, but we are flippin' sweet!

## Academics:

**Best Professor Beard on Campus:** Dr. Terry Schmidt, professor of politics  
Five words: A beard for all seasons.

**Most Entertaining Professor:** Fr. Jim Guyer, chair history and politics  
Between his tangents on the amazing exploits of samurai warriors to his claims of alcoholic in-class beverages, Fr. Guyer never disappoints.

**Funniest Professor:** Dr. Arne G'Schwind, communication professor  
Entertaining his classes with impressions, his CD for kids, or musical instruments, good ole Arne is the communication professor who keeps students laughing. Congrats on the tenure!

**Best Professor to Wake You Up in the Morning:** Dr. Dan Clayton, history professor

Diet Pepsi induced theatrics and his zest for the past set Clayton apart from his fellow professors.

**Most Passionate Professor:** Dr. David Hicks, English professor  
Friendly, kind, and always willing to take the time for a chat, Hicks is a professor with heart, a great sense of humor, and a passion for the superior discipline: English.

**Professor that Most Resembles Skeletor:** Dr. Tom Duggan, philosophy professor

His overwhelming passion for philosophy only slightly surpasses his likeness to He-Man's arch nemesis.

## Community:

**Best Local Park:** Berkeley Park  
For a short stroll around tranquil waters, Berkeley Park is perfect and scenic with Interstate 70 right in the backyard.

**Best Demolished Building:** K-Mart  
The blue-light special: parking spaces as far as the eye can see, with the savory smells of McDonald's in the air.

**Coollest Place to Hang-Out:** Common Ground  
Excellent coffee, trendy music, and friendly atmosphere, Common Grounds is a great place to hang, word!

**Best Historical Landmark:** the Oriental Theater  
Once dank and sad-looking, the newly revamped Oriental Theater offers anything from poker tournaments to a spectacular tribute to Bob Dylan.



## Food:

**Best Taco Joint Near Campus:** Tacos Jalisco

**Best Dessert from Sodexo:** the rainbow selection of delectable Jell-O delights  
Never before have there been so many colors of the rainbow so outstandingly represented.

**Best Sandwich Around:** Dubbel Dutch  
Offers many European delicacies that please the pallet.

**Best Grill Sandwich:** Tasty Turkey on Asiago  
When they say "tasty turkey" they mean it.

**Best Date Restaurant:** Cafe Brazil  
With an intimate setting, Brazilian vibe, and freshly prepared exotic meals, Cafe Brazil is the perfect place for a new cultural dining experience.

**Best Fast Food Restaurant within Five Blocks of Regis:** Good Times  
With tasty burgers and fries, Good Times is good, as far as fast food goes, and definitely worth the short walk.

**Best Breakfast Around:** Hamlin's Cafe  
Good food and affordable prices, Hamlin's is the place for a nice breakfast with friends and family.



# The Sports Sizzle:

## Top five national and Regis sports moments of the year

So, looking back upon this school year I think it is fitting to take a look back on the year's greatest sports moments. Not only the best ones on a national level, but the best at Regis also. So, here are my picks:



**Katie "Sizzle" Simons**  
Staff Columnist

### 1) Lance Armstrong wins his 7th Tour de France

He won seven, which is an amazing feat on it's own, but to do it consecutively makes it even more phenomenal. He has now won more Tours than any cyclist in history. The grueling nature of the race alone made it seem impossible for Armstrong to defy those odds. However, who are we kidding: this man survived testicular cancer, and winning the Tour again probably seemed easy. Armstrong can now enjoy his life and go out on top as one of the greatest athletes of all time.

### 2) George Mason's Cinderella March Madness run

After every number one seed bowed

out early and left us with a less than exciting Final Four, we still had George Mason to talk about. A mid-major that no one believed even belonged in the tournament pulled out upset after upset. Taking out Michigan State, North Carolina and highly touted Connecticut. But the clock struck midnight and the Patriots turned back into a pumpkins when they lost to Florida. Either way, the Patriots played their hearts out and made their way into ours.

### 3) The Chicago White Sox win the World Series

Over the past few years it seems as though those who can buy the best team can win it all. There isn't a day that goes by in the baseball world that you don't hear about the Yankees and the Red Sox. Well, the White Sox put an end to that trend. Coming out of a particularly weak division, they ran the table. Also being completely overshadowed by the Chicago Cubs, the White Sox became Chicago's team. In an amazing World Series the White Sox swept the Houston Astros in 4 games. Great pitching and some would say great coaching helped the White Sox come out on top. Even if they hadn't paid for the best team in baseball, they played like it.

### 4) Texas wins the Rose Bowl

Most consider this game an upset against the two-time defending National Champion USC. In a game that USC frankly gave away (Bush's lateral and USC's decision not to have Bush in the game on 4<sup>th</sup> down in the closing minutes of the game), sealed the deal for the Longhorns. The speed of Vince Young combined with the Texas defense led them to victory. Young marched his team down the field as time expired and Texas pulled off the upset. Some would blame the refs, others the USC coaches, but Texas showed up to play and USC just couldn't handle the pressure of the dynasty looming over their heads.

### 5) Kobe scores 81

So, I know it's no Wilt Chamberlain's 100, but in this day and age 81 is a big number in the NBA. The players are more talented and the shot clock comes into effect, not to mention that the team Kobe plays for is all his. Most who play the Lakers zero in on Kobe. It was apparent on that night, there was no way to stop him or contain him, 28-46 from the field, 18-20 from the foul in and 17 of 13 from behind the arc. The most points Michael Jordan ever scored was 69, and only 4 players have scored more than 70. Kobe is clearly building for himself a resume that one day might help anoint him the best player ever.

## Top 5 Regis Sports Moments

### 1) Kate Murphy's stellar senior season

Murphy became the school's all-time leading scorer this year. She finished her senior campaign with a staggering 31 goals.

### 2) Women's Basketball Scores 100

And who said women's basketball wasn't exciting? The Regis women managed to put up 100 in a conference game against Metro St.

### 3) Humphrey's stops two penalty kicks

In a shoot out in the Regional semi-final against Central Oklahoma goalkeeper Joanna Humphrey's defied the odds to stop two penalty kicks.

### 4) Gentert on a winning streak

Sophomore pitcher Kaitlyn Gentert became only the second pitcher in Regis history to win at least 20 games on Sunday she tied the record with 23 wins.

### 5) Men's golf heads back to the tourney

The Regis Men's golf team will make their second consecutive team appearance in the Super Regional tournament after they tying for first place in the Northwest Region Head to Head Tournament.

# Spring sports heating up for perfect time of year

**Luke Stoltz**  
Contributing Columnist

There are certain times of year for a sports fan that are better than others. Super Sunday and March Madness are two great times of year but it could be argued that the time of year that we are currently in is the best time of year. There is truly something for everybody

right now no matter what sport you follow.

The NBA and Stanley Cup playoffs both have just gotten under way and both seem to have not only intriguing match-ups but also compelling storylines. In the NBA it seems that it is all about the young players. LeBron James is making his first appearance in the NBA playoffs and in his first game put up a triple double. Both

Carmelo Anthony and Dwayne Wade have made previous forays into the playoffs but this time more of the weight is on their shoulders. Another story to watch is whether or not the Dallas Mavericks can get past their in-state rivals, the San Antonio Spurs, to deliver Mark Cuban his first chance at an NBA title. In the Eastern Conference it is yet to be seen whether or not anybody can stop the juggernaut Detroit Pistons. For any team to beat them in a seven game series, they will have to play four incredible games. It goes without saying that this should be a spectacular year for the NBA playoffs.

After a season without any hockey the Stanley Cup playoffs have made a triumphant return. With hard hitting and fast paced games, the playoffs are as exciting as ever. It also does not hurt that it seems the playoffs are as open as ever. Plus the home team Avalanche currently have a two games to none series advantage over the rival Dallas Stars.

While the NBA and NHL seasons are coming to an end, Major League Baseball is just beginning. In every division it is going to be a battle all season to see who will make the playoffs and that is not even to mention the wild card races. Perhaps even more interesting than the season is whether or not the always controversial Barry Bonds will pass Babe Ruth and possibly even Hank Aaron before his knee implodes. The fans reaction to Bonds is also something to watch as there have already been incidents involving his security. Once again another home town team is making noise as the Colorado Rockies are off to one of their better starts in recent history. With a team of young players, with worlds of talent it is not that unreasonable to

think that they can compete in the weak National League West. Although it still may be hasty to be buying playoff tickets for the Rockies, they should be playing meaningful games in August and September which is something that has not happened in quite some time.

Perhaps the most exciting sporting event that is about to happen is the NFL Draft this weekend. Months of speculation will finally come to an end this weekend when the Houston Texans step to the podium and announce whether or not they will take the human dynamo Reggie Bush. Although it is not a sure thing it appears that Bush will be the first selection unless the Texans decide to go defense and select defensive end Mario Williams. One of the real questions is which quarterback will go first and who will take which one. At this point it seems that it is completely up in the air although it seems as though the consensus among scouts is that University of Southern California's Matt Leinart is the safest bet. Although Leinart might be the safest pick, it is hard to pass up on the potential of Vince Young, but at the same time nobody wants to pick somebody who also has the potential to be a complete bust. This does not even take into account the unique talents of both Jay Cutler and Kellen Clemens. This draft will be particularly exciting because it seems like it is full of talent that will be able to make an immediate impact in the NFL. Watch for the Broncos to take a wide receiver in the first round as they need somebody to replace the aging Rod Smith and the disgruntled Ashley Lelie. Chad Jackson seems like the most likely selection for Denver but the NFL Draft is anything but predictable.

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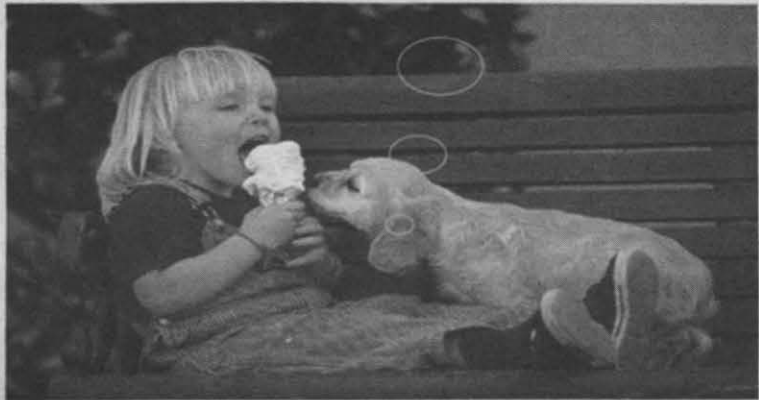
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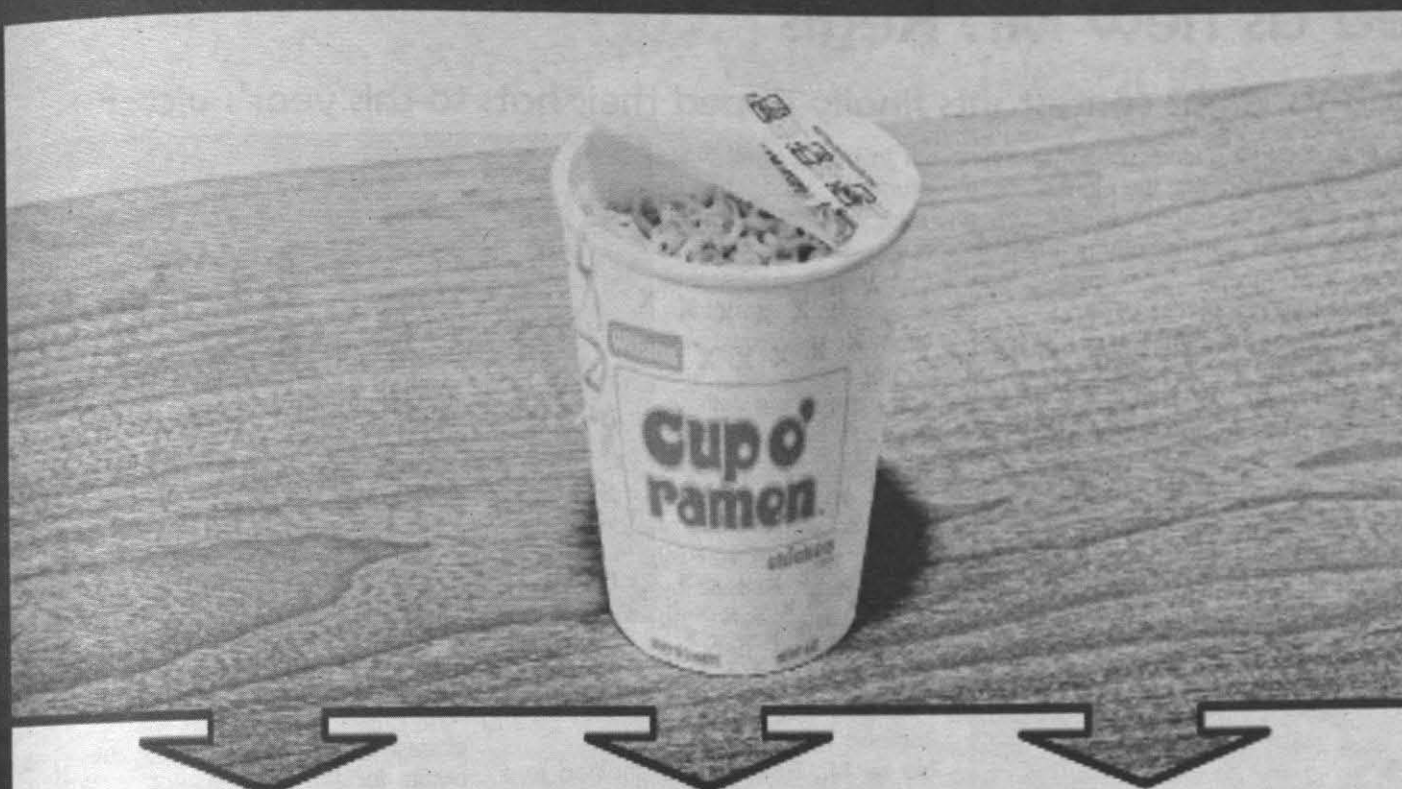
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# Wallace honored as new Mr. Regis

After series of grueling contests, eight contestants finally tipped their hats to this year's victor

Jacqueline Kharouf  
Spotlight Editor

Working the spotlight and strutting their stuff across the cafeteria, this year's Mr. Regis contestants were certainly hot, if not a little self-conscious. The eight contestants, senior Michael Uhrig, sophomore Holden Drew Bower, junior Matt Wallace, freshman John, junior Steven Linenberger, sophomore Tommy Sodoro, senior Joe Keppler, and freshman Marcus Trucco competed for the title and the belt in the swimsuit, talent, formal, and question competitions.

Dressed to the nines, or perhaps not dressed to the nines, the eight contestants started the show with a group dance, which featured plenty unnecessary shaking and dance moves your mom couldn't handle.

Much of the dancing and shaking continued in the talent portion of the competition, in which Uhrig sang to the slightly modified version of Beyonce's hit, "Regis, Can You Handle This?" Bower wowed, if not disgusted, with his exercise routine, set to "Call on Me," complete with back-up dancers and tight out-fits. Up next was Wallace, who sang and played his gui-

tar in honor of all those students who, as he said, cheated from his tests and made his friendship to further their academic standings. Whether the crowd was sympathetic or just sorry, they were definitely supportive as Wallace struggled through. There was also the random slap with a piece of metal, performed by Trucco and assisted by Uhrig (who swung the metal). The dancing routine to watch out for had to be Sodoro's, who seemed nearly as flexi-

ble as Mr. Bean as he shuffled in a fold-up chair and jumped repeatedly. John switched it up, then, with some slam poetry. The lyrics were slammin' and actually pretty neat. The dancing returned, however, with Keppler's rendition of "Thriller," also with back up dancers and tight out-fits. Finally, perhaps the most original dance routine of them all, was Linenberger's encore performance of "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy." All in all, the talent portion was quite scintillating.

The contestants then moved on to the bathing suit competition. Between the speedos, the speedos, the trunks, and the cucumber, this competition was definitely in the water too long, as contestants showed their stuff not once, but twice, for a fuller effect.

Finally, the formal competition and question portion of the contest con-



Photo by Jacqueline Kharouf

Sophomore Holden Drew Bower poses before his question in the formal contest.



Photo by Jacqueline Kharouf

Junior Matt Wallace, standing at the microphone, answers his question during the formal competition of Mr. Regis. Wallace was asked to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in 30 seconds. He replied: "I'm moving to the moon." Wallace went on to earn the title and the belt soon after this portion of the competition.

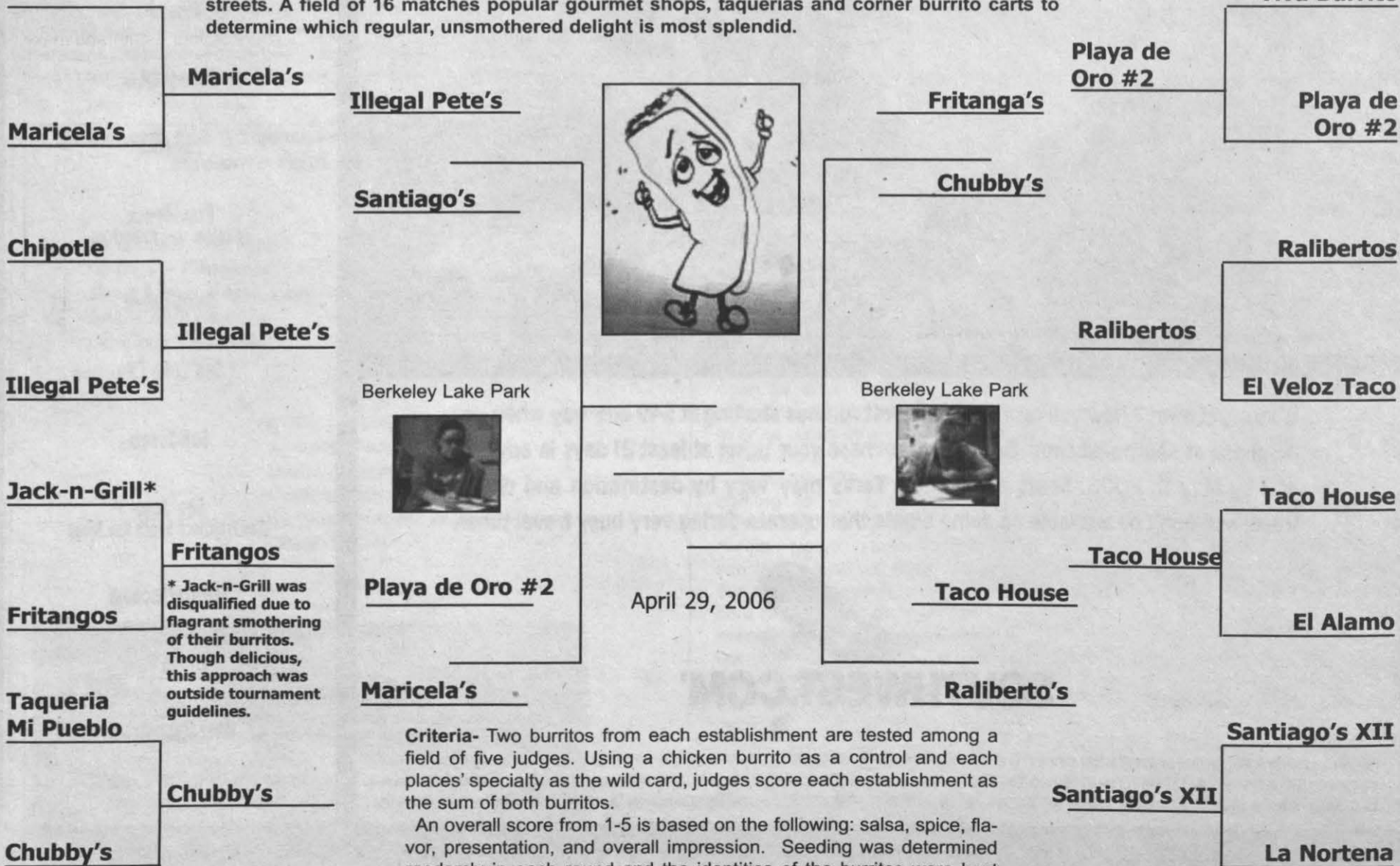
cluded the exhaustive pageant. The outfits for this portion were relatively tasteful and ridiculous. (Trucco's silk pajamas were, well, silky to say the least). The questions were amazing and deep. Uhrig's reply to the question: "Who let the dogs out, and be honest" however, had to be the most memorable: "I'm gonna say...world peace."

In the end, however, it seemed the least likely to win, took home the belt after all. This year's Mr. Regis was junior Matt Wallace, who, despite the confusion and the reverse order of announcing winners (which went third, first, then second), took the belt and his new title with a gracious bow. Michael Uhrig came in a close second, followed by Joe Keppler for third.

## Highlander Burrito Bowl 2006 - Elite Eight

Qdoba

Burritos in northwest Denver are easy to come by. But who reigns supreme? The Highlander Burrito Bowl attempts to discover once and for all which classic burrito shop rules the streets. A field of 16 matches popular gourmet shops, taquerias and corner burrito carts to determine which regular, unsmothered delight is most splendid.



**Criteria-** Two burritos from each establishment are tested among a field of five judges. Using a chicken burrito as a control and each places' specialty as the wild card, judges score each establishment as the sum of both burritos.

An overall score from 1-5 is based on the following: salsa, spice, flavor, presentation, and overall impression. Seeding was determined randomly in each round and the identities of the burritos were kept unknown until scoring was complete. Let the judgment commence.



# What's Bugging Tammy?

**Tamara Hackfort**  
Staff Columnist



It is with tremendous sadness that I write this, my last, weekly column. I was thinking about how much I was going to miss this last night when I was stuck in traffic. My fond memories were quickly overshadowed by sheer annoyance at the driver in front of me. Not only was he an accelerate-then-slam-on-the-brakes kind of driver, but he also had the rear of his white F-150 covered with bumper stickers. In case I already didn't know it, he was a Ford fan and also found humor in the cartoon peeing on the Chevy sign. I didn't need to wait until I passed him to know that he was

a cut-off-tee-shirt-wearing thirty something with an obvious receding hairline. I have always had mixed feelings about bumper stickers. I mean, some I will laugh at and then forget about and others are just plain dumb. It's like a birthday card my sister once received "Birthdays are like bumper stickers, you enjoy others but don't want one of your own."

As I already eluded to, the combination of the vehicle and the bumper sticker tells me everything I need to know about a driver. The all too common mini van with a family of Jesus fish on the back no doubtedly belongs to a (dare I say, soccer mom?) Boy Scout Troop leader who spends all day running errands at Wal-Mart and making macaroni and cheese with hot dogs for supper like every Tuesday. I guess I am ultimately a McLuhanist (that is, a subscriber to Marshall McLuhan, the media theorists of the mid twentieth century) believing that the medium is the message. The Dodge Ram says so much more about the driver than the "Honk if you Honky Tonk" sticker. Similarly, the Volkswagen bus or Geo Prism says so much more about the driver than the "Save a Whale" environment friendly stickers. Finally, your Mitsubishi Lancer says so much more about you than the faded "Howard Dean" sticker you refuse to remove. Ultimately, I made it home virtually unscathed, but I warn you bumper-littering fools out there, I am not the only one laughing at you on your drive home tonight. It is at this point I feel the need to end with something profound. Nah.

P.S. Hello to all my favorite students at Swansea Elementary School. To everyone in Ms. Williams' and Ms. Diaz' classes, I will miss you!

## ANNOUNCING!

The winner of the "What's Bugging (Insert Your Name Here) Contest" is Jamie Kocol! Jamie is a freshman this year at Regis and is a member of the Regis Dance Team. Thank you to everyone who submitted articles, they were all very funny and we had a hard time choosing. Here is an excerpt from Jamie's winning piece:

"The start of another year here at the wonderful Regis University [...] Your eyes glaze over as you are suddenly in a complete state of shock when the voice of your new professor begins to sound identical to the teacher in the famous episodes of Charlie Brown, 'Wa-Wa, Wa-Wah' Your jaw drops, your head is starting to pound, and you really do believe you're sprouting white hairs on your head. Oh, oh, but wait...son of a BISCUIT! [...]"

Congratulations again Jamie, I look forward to reading your column in the fall!

# Welcome to Accounting Town

Fare thee well Accounting Town we barely knew you. I am sorry to say that this will be my last installment of my phenomenally popular article in *The Highlander*.



I know what you are all saying: "Who will teach me about the exciting, yet mind boggling world of debits and credits?" My only answer is that I do not know but I hope that you will not give up on this art/science/sport. Looking back on the year we have covered a number of topics including the basic accounting equation, various accounting jobs, and what the Accounting world refers to as busy season. What is still left to cover cannot be covered in a single article but I will do my best to impart some sort of wisdom on to you, the die hard fan of accounting.

When people ask me why I chose to do accounting, there are a number of reasons that pop into my head. The fame, the money, and the groupies are all things that attract people to the accounting profession, but they also often destroy many great young accountants. You see, folks, many men and women come into school and work with all of these wild ideas that they think are going to revolutionize the accounting world; a new accounting cycle, or the oft talked about triple sided accounting entry. But like many up and coming rock & roll bands, young accountants are eaten up by the celebrity they so desperately desired. They think they are above everyone else and that they can handle it, but more often than not, they are consumed by the accounting machine.

I am not in accounting for the celebrity, the money, or the hordes of crazed fans who follow your every move. I am in it simply for the love of accounting. You might be thinking to yourself, "Wow, this guy is really full of

crap, claiming that he is an accounting purist." You must believe me though. To me, there is no greater feeling in the world than finishing an accounting problem and knowing that I am correct. Some critics may say that to account is to be lame. My response to them is that they clearly never successfully executed the creation of a multi-lined journal entry recording the depreciation of a dump truck. I feel sorry for these people because, rather than being happy for those who have found their calling in the Accounting industry, they will instead sit back and make fun of them, calling them nerds and other cruel and undeserved nicknames. Call me an idealist, but I hope that one day accountants and non-accountants alike can settle their petty differences so that we can live in a world free of the stereotypes which claim that accountants are pencil pushing nerds who do nothing but sit at a computer all day calculating various numbers and playing internet battleship. I hope instead that accountants can be thought of the do-gooders that they truly are and not have people be jealous of their ravishing good looks and illustriousness.

Although it is sad that this will be my last accounting article, I know that I can say I have taught many people the true glory of accounting and all of the things that can be done with it. Some of you may be weeping by this point as you read my adieu, but, to you I say, fear not, just because I am leaving does not mean that accounting will forever leave your life. Maybe you are one of the lucky few who are called to do great things in the magical world of accounting. For those of you who are happy to see this column come to an end, I say only to remember that accountants are always watching you and keeping tabs on your every financial move and will continue to do this until your dying day and even then, they will monitor your estate and make sure that proper taxes are paid on it.

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## Campus Events

Tuesday, April 25	Spring Bake Sale / Student Center	8:30A
	Day of Action / various locations	9:30A
	Paper Clips / Dining Hall	11:30A
	Perfect 10 exhibit / O Sullivan	4:30P
	Romero House presentations / MH333	7:00P
	Spring Fever / Berkeley Church	7:30P
Wednesday, April 26	Tour of new chapel / ALC Mtn View	8:00A
	Ghana representative speaker / Loyola 10	12:30P
	Fr. Tom Curran celebration / MH333	3:00P
	Perfect 10 exhibit / O Sullivan	4:30P
Thursday, April 27	Swansea-Elyria presentation / Science 312	9:00A
	Perfect 10 artist reception / O Sullivan	4:30P
	AMANI meeting / Aspen Room	5:00P
Friday, April 28	Dr. John Muth memory book / Carroll 230	
	Seniors/Faculty Reception / Univ. Club	6:00P
May 1 - 5	Final Exams Week	
Friday, May 5	Academic & Athletic Awards / Dining Hall	3:00P
Saturday, May 6	Baccalaureate / Field House	4:00P
Sunday, May 7	Regis College/RHSHP Commencement	10:00A

## Ranger Athletics

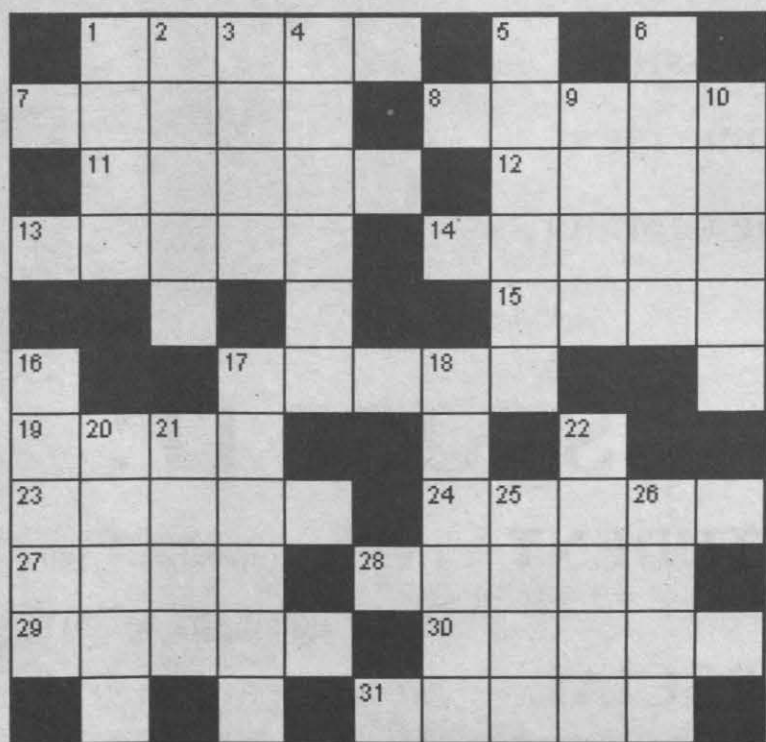
### BASEBALL

April 28	at CSU-Pueblo	7:00p
April 29	at CSU-Pueblo (DH)	1:00p
April 30	at CSU-Pueblo	noon
May 5	Fort Hays State	3:00p
May 6	Fort Hays State (DH)	noon
May 7	Fort Hays State	noon
May 11	RMAC Tournament	

### SOFTBALL

April 29	at Colo. State Univ.-Pueblo (DH)	11:00a
April 30	at Colo. State Univ.-Pueblo (DH)	11:00a
May 5-6	RMAC Tournament	

## Last Call



**Across**

- 1. Song
- 7. Restaurant
- 8. Lid
- 11. Fourth month
- 12. Reside
- 13. Fleshy
- 14. Stay with as a guest
- 15. Baby powder
- 17. Use again

- 19. Citrus fruit
- 23. Toss
- 24. Leggings
- 27. Vocal music
- 28. Line of people
- 29. Country bumpkin
- 30. One who races
- 31. Female name

## Around Town

### ARTS & CULTURE

Now-April 29	The Patsy Decline Show / Clocktower Cabaret	
	Our Town / Tramway Theatre	
	Othello / Tramway Theatre	
Now-May 5	Alexander, Who s Not Going To Move / Arvada	
Now-May 14	Pippin / Arvada Center	
Now-May 16	Denver Art Museum Film Series / Starz Film Ctr	
Now-May 21	The Second City: Red Scare / Gardner Galleria	
Now-May 28	See Into Liquid / Museum of Contemporary Art	
Now-June 3	After Ashley / Ricketson Theatre	
Now-July 23	Body Worlds 2 / Museum of Nature & Science	
May 3-7	Les Miserables / Temple Buell Theatre	

### CONCERTS

April 26	Josh Blue / Comedy Works	
April 27-30	Nick Griffin / Comedy Works	
April 28	Jim Gaffigan / Paramount Theatre	7:30P
	Massive Attack / Fillmore Auditorium	8:00P
May 2	R. Kelly / Paramount Theatre	8:00P

### PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

April 26	Dallas Stars at Avalanche (Game 3)	7:30P
April 27	LA Clippers at Nuggets (Game 3)	8:30P
April 28	Orlando Predators at Crush	3:30p
	Dallas Stars at Avalanche (Game 4)	8:00P
April 29	Arizona Sting at Mammoth	noon
	Houston Dynamo at Rapids	7:00P
	LA Clippers at Nuggets (Game 4)	8:30P

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## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Class Time	Class Meets	Exam Time	Exam Date
8:00 am	MWF	8:00 am	Mon, May 1
9:00 am	MW or MWF	8:00 am	Wed, May 3
10:30 am	MWF	10:10 am	Mon, May 1
11:30 am	MWF	10:10 am	Wed, May 3
12:30 pm	MWF	1:15 pm	Mon, May 1
1:30 pm	MWF	1:15 pm	Wed, May 5
2:30 pm	MW or MWF	3:30 pm	Mon, May 5
4:00 pm	MW	3:30 pm	Wed, May 3
6:00 pm	M	6:00 pm	Mon, May 1
6:00 pm	W	6:00 pm	Wed, May 3
8:00 am	TR	8:00 am	Tue, May 2
9:25 am	TR	8:00 am	Thur, May 4
10:50 am	TR	10:10 am	Tue, May 2
12:15 pm	TR	10:10 am	Thur, May 4
1:45 pm	TR	1:15 pm	Tue, May 2
3:15 pm	TR	1:15 pm	Thur, May 4
4:30 pm	TR	3:30 pm	Tue, May 2
6:00 pm	T	6:00 pm	Tue, May 2
6:00 pm	R	6:00 pm	Thur, May 4

NOTE: Piano students final exam is scheduled for Mon, May 1 at 3:30 pm

Solution for this week's crossword puzzle can be found at [www.regishighlander.com](http://www.regishighlander.com)

**Down**

- 1. Clock face
- 2. Something that is put in
- 3. Period
- 4. Threefold
- 5. Courteous
- 6. Satan
- 9. Passport endorsement
- 10. Vomit
- 16. Kitten
- 17. Marked with rings
- 18. Safe
- 20. Dimness
- 21. Chain piece
- 22. Impertinent
- 25. Listen to
- 26. Rind