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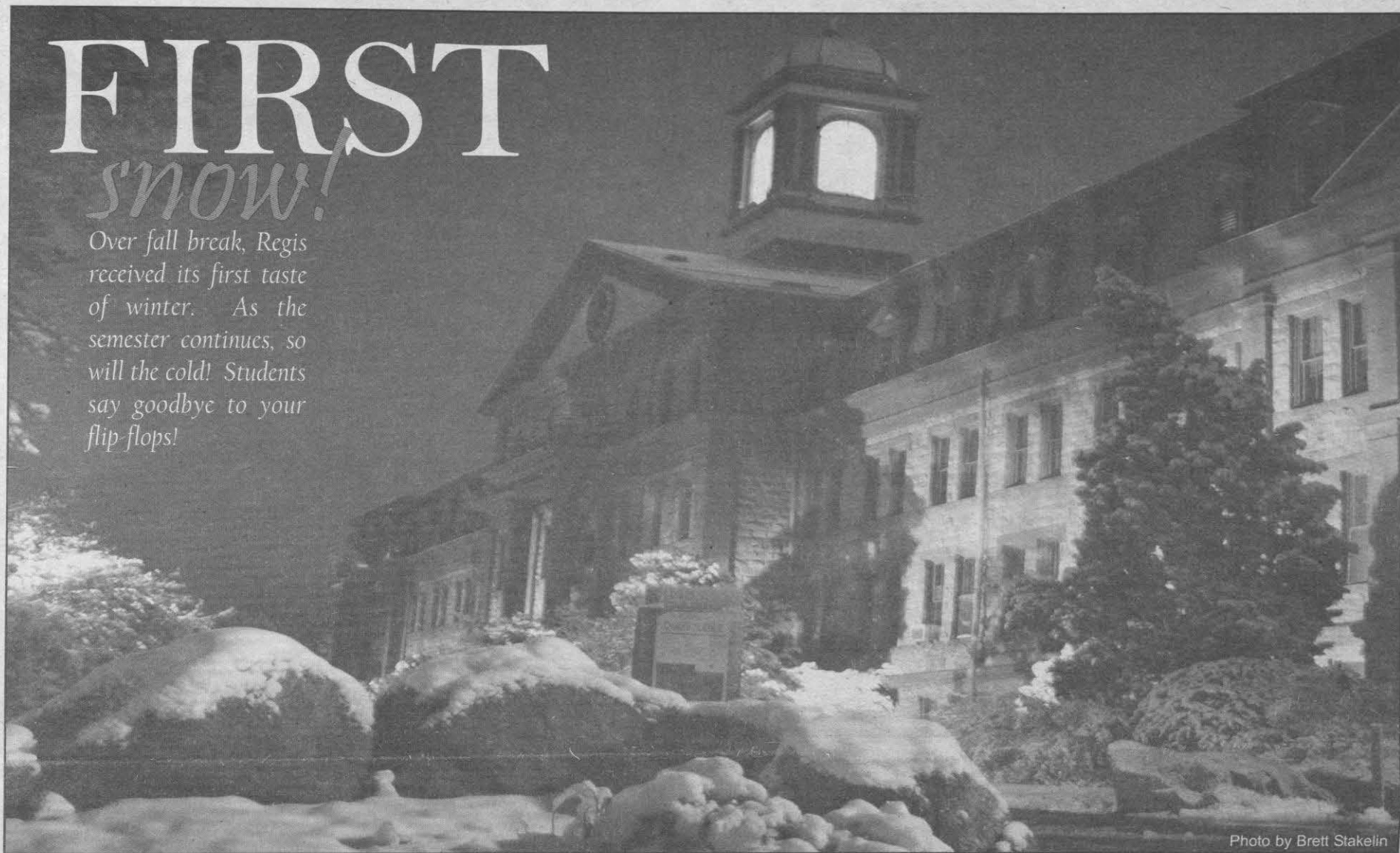


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## Regis for Fair Trade

Senate amends Constitution, Student organizations must now purchase FTO approved apparel

Sarah Wernimont  
Staff Reporter

The Regis University Student Senate passed an amendment stating all undergraduate student organizations under the Regis University Student Government must purchase apparel from either sweatshop free or Fair Trade Organization (FTO) approved companies. The amendment was proposed by the Social Justice Committee, which brought the issue to the senate's attention.

Although, this amendment does not apply to the bookstore or any clubs who receive funding from the Regis University Athletic Department, actions are being taken to address the resources from which the athletic department and the bookstore receive

apparel.

The project was headed by Regis undergraduates Matt Wallace, Graham Hunt, Ashly Blincow, Kristen Colley and Emily Augsburg, members of the Social Justice Committee (SJC) at Regis.

While noticing other Jesuit universities making movements to promote Fair Trade on their campuses, this small group of students took on a large leadership role to address the issue at Regis. "We all agreed this would be a really good focus for us," commented Augsburg, director of Social Justice.

Before writing the amendment, the members of the SJC conducted research, becoming well educated about Fair Trade and sweatshops. Next, the students developed a written amendment and then presented it to

Zac Garthe, the student body vice president. Garthe then put the amendment on the Student Senate's agenda. Senate members reviewed the proposal and addressed needed questions before approval.

The passing of the amendment has certainly created social awareness around Regis' campus. "We were impressed Emily took on such a huge project to make the campus sweatshop free," Garthe commented on the committee's dedication.

"We all agreed this would be a really good focus for us."

-Emily Augsburg,  
director of Social Justice.

## 13th Nobel Peace laureate advocates hope amidst conflict

Jenn Ledford  
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, October 19, Nobel Peace laureate David Trimble, spoke on "Transforming Religious Conflict into Lasting Peace" in the St. John Francis Regis Chapel. His talk was part of the Catholic Speaker Series, sponsored by the Institute of the Common Good.

In 1998, Trimble and John Hume won the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts toward finding a peaceful solution to the conflict in Northern Ireland. President Fr. Michael J. Sheeran, S.J. welcomed Trimble as the thirteenth Nobel laureate to visit campus.

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Fr. Sheeran,  
among  
others, voice  
their  
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Sheeran and Paul Alexander, director of the Institute on the Common Good, awarded Trimble with an honorary doctorate in Public Service.

Trimble discussed the history behind the conflict in Northern Ireland and the long journey toward peace. Northern Ireland, torn by religion and national identity, has been struggling to find a peaceful solution between conflicting political parties, especially between the 1920s and early 1960s, with little political progress.

The 1920 Government of Ireland Act, passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom, gave home rule to Ireland and partitioned Northern Ireland. However, this created a division in the society between the Nationalists, predominately Catholics who wanted to be unified with Ireland, and the Unionists, predominately Protestants, who wanted to remain with the United Kingdom.

Trimble emphasized how society "slid into a civil disorder" partly due to how authorities handled demonstrations.

In particular, a 1972 demonstration turned into a riot when authorities opened fire on the crowd, resulting in the deaths of 13 people.

Trimble's political activity began in 1972-73. In 1975, his election into the Constitutional Convention allowed him to begin the first talks between the conflicting parties. Trimble stated that the 1975 talks came very close to success but unfortunately, failed due to a lack of support on both sides in the pursuit of peace, serious political differences, and a lack of preparation to create working solutions.

Between the 1970s and 90s, Trimble said there was no "serious dialogue or real progress." However, some ground rules for the talks were in place and stated that on any matter there had to be a "sufficient consensus." Furthermore, both parties must be committed to peaceful democratic means and must abide by the terms of any agreement and not try to alter them unless by democratic means.

In 1998, the British and Irish governments signed the Belfast Agreement, which endorsed rule by the majority vote, and a commitment to peaceful, democratic means among other establishments to help communication between all parties.

Trimble stated that this agreement "has provided the basis for resolution." As a result, "the situation has remained remarkably stable."

"Every situation is different," Trimble said as he explained that only the people involved in a conflict will be able to find peace in the end. However, he emphasized that regardless of the situation, conflict can be resolved. "It can be done," he repeated in conclusion as the crowd rose to a standing ovation.

When asked what message he has for Regis students, Trimble explained the importance of understanding the complexity in any situation, the importance of looking at each problem "under its own circumstances and its own merits," and understanding what has caused it.

Sophomore Pearl Shields said Trimble's speech emphasized that "it's important to look back" in order to apply lessons from history to conflicts in today's society.

"The thing I take away from it is the incredible message of hope," said senior Matt Morris. "Differences don't have to forever divide us."

## Annual conference prompts discussion of the common good

### Regis delegation shares experiences with universities across the country

**TJ Bowen  
elle thomas**  
*Contributing Reporters*

From October 5 through October 8, 2006, the Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA) held its annual conference at Manhattan College, New York City. PJSA is an organization interested in "creating a just and peaceful world through research, education and action," and includes students and professors, as well as those working in nonprofit and advocacy groups. Regis sent a delegation of three to the 2006 conference — Dr. Byron Plumley, director of both Justice Education and the Peace and Justice Studies (PJS) program, and the student co-leaders of the Peace & Justice Club, elle thomas of the traditional college and TJ Bowen of the Masters in Nonprofit Management program.

The conference included several plenary speakers and many concurrent sessions, all organized around the theme "Who speaks for the common good?" This question resonates with Regis, given that the mission statement of the university asks us to think deeply about the way we live. Of the many panels within the conference, three stood out for their investigation of the common good. These three included a panel on incarceration, another on just war, and a panel of student activists sharing their campus experiences.

Chaired by Jeffery Paris of the University of San Francisco and including philosopher Barry Gan and Catholic Studies professor Andrew Skotnicki, the first panel discussed incarceration through the lens of the common good. Although there was common ground, none of the speakers believed that the current American prison system benefits society, there were also some fundamental differences between the speakers.

Gan spoke of the myths and assumptions about violence that pervade our culture. One myth is that punishment deters others from behaving in undesirable ways. Gan quoted statistics showing that "three strikes" laws and capital punishment have simply increased the number of prisoners, but have had no meaningful impact on the number of crimes committed. His opinion is that people are more likely to commit crimes when there is less chance of getting caught, and that arresting fewer people but having a high conviction rate would better serve the common good.

Skotnicki, on the other hand, felt that order is beneficial to society, and punishment creates order, therefore punishment serves the common good. He stated that punishment must satisfy three conditions: it must be painful, contrary to the person's will, and inflicted for a fault. Punishment is useful because it removes the individual from society in order for that person to regain their sense of connection to God. However, he would like to see the criminal justice system utilize the practice of restorative justice (in which the person who committed the crime must make amends directly to the person harmed), rather than have punish-

ment be between the criminal and the government.

Deep and integrative, the second panel included presentations by Dr. Edward J. Grippe and Adma d'Heurle. Grippe focused on the conceptions of justice from the times of Homer and Socrates while d'Heurle focused on "The Tyranny of Political Rhetoric." The discussion touched on many different fields, ranging from psychology to linguistics and from history to religion. Of particular interest was d'Heurle's discussion of the methods used by the Nazi regime that reduced language to a binary tone of good or bad, aggression versus defense, and rational action versus irrational enemy behavior. Grippe's work offered a systematic approach to the dilemma of tyrannical language: dialogue, and nonviolence, where one "can one see others as potential friends rather than potential enemies."

The third panel, which was led by students, included Aaron Voldman of Brandeis University in Massachusetts, Dominic Mach of Manhattan College in New York, and elle thomas of Regis University. Voldman is the national coordinator for the Student Peace Alliance's campaign for a department of Peace and Nonviolence. He spoke about SPA efforts to harness student energy and become known throughout the country. While in New York, Voldman met with a nationally-known record producer who is interested in partnering with SPA.

Mach, who is one of the leaders in Manhattan's student activist group Just Peace, spoke about the challenges of maintaining a social justice group on a campus that includes a small population in which 40 percent of the students are commuters.

Thomas discussed Camp Casey on the Quad, a memorial to the soldiers killed in the Iraq war, which she and other students created on the Regis campus last March. She explained how to frame issues of justice and peace in more spiritual than political terms and how to create allies among both the student body and the university administration.

Several of the students in attendance shared their own campus experiences. A student from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania admitted that her campus is both liberal and fairly homogenous, which had created an atmosphere of complacency and "caused burnout." Another student from St. Thomas University in Minnesota said that her campus is so conservative that the PJS students there are in a constant battle against an administration reluctant to allow pro-peace demonstrations for fear of being seen as unpatriotic. This panel was the most directed at the needs and concerns of students in PJS programs, and was also the most candid.

The 2006 Peace and Justice Studies Association conference was an informative and interesting opportunity to learn from and dialogue with a few hundred academics and activists in the field. The next conference will be held in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, in September 2007.

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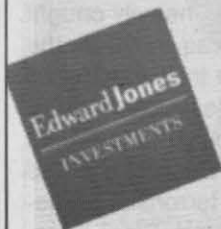
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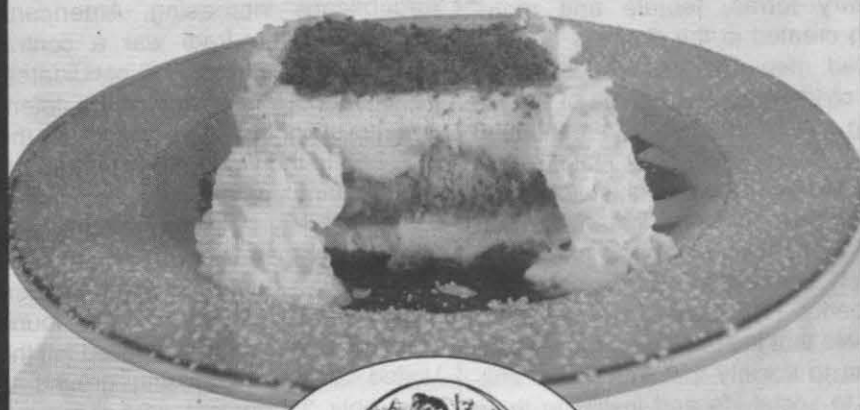
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## The intersection of peace and economics Muhammad Yunus and the Grameen Bank of Bangladesh

elle thomas  
Opinions Editor

Alfred Nobel, a Scandinavian man of considerable wealth, died in 1895. His will established the awarding of annual awards, in six categories, to recognize outstanding service to humanity in a specific field. The Nobel Peace Prize – like the Nobel Prizes in Chemistry, Economics, Literature, Medicine, and Physics – honors a person, team, or organization who has made a significant achievement in the field of peace. Past recipients of the Peace Prize include Mother Teresa, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

A few weeks ago, the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Muhammad Yunus and the Grameen Bank "for their efforts to create economic and social development from below." Yunus, an economist of his native Bangladesh, established Grameen in 1983. Yunus and his bank pioneered the field of "micro-lending," which, unlike traditional bank loans, are given without demanding collateral as protection of repayment. Micro-loans are also given in amounts smaller than are generally available through traditional bank loans. Yunus' first loan, which allowed 42 women in one village to repay all the money they collectively owed, and also to purchase raw materials to create more sellable wares, totaled \$27 dollars. That loan was repaid within a year, and those 42 women and their families were able to break the cycle of poverty that had trapped them for generations. This concept has been duplicated in many other parts of the world, and micro-loans have become a very important

tool in the struggle against poverty in developing nations.

Yunus founded Grameen and micro-lending when he realized that many poor women in rural Bangladesh – women who made lovely woven crafts and who worked diligently from dawn to dusk – were in poverty solely because they needed to continuously

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borrow money for raw materials from village lenders, and then were forced to turn over virtually all of their earnings as repayment. If a woman wanted to create more crafts, she had to borrow more money – no matter how hard she worked, she had no method for getting ahead.

Yunus specifically set up Grameen to give loans to women. Bangladesh is a patriarchal culture in which women have significantly more hurdles to achieve wealth and power than do men in that society. The Nobel Committee made specific note of this gender focus in the award announcement. They stated that, "Micro-credit has proved to be an important liberating force in societies where women in particular have to struggle against repressive social and economic conditions. Economic growth and political democracy can not achieve their full potential unless the female half of humanity participates on an equal footing with the male."

Obviously, Yunus' idea was both innovative and tremendously useful, that the concept of micro-lending was

honored by the Nobel Committee is not surprising. What is remarkable is that the Committee awarded Muhammad Yunus and the Grameen Bank not the prize for economics, but for peace. Quite often, "peace" has been considered merely the opposite of war, and the field of "peace studies" as an idealistic and generally impractical mode of thinking. Many past Nobel Peace Laureates have been either humanitarians like Mother Teresa or were involved in brokering pacts to end politically-motivated violence (as was David Trimble of Ireland). This month,

the Nobel Committee showed that peace is not only a practical goal, but also one that involves a great deal more than an alternative to militarism. According to their website, the rationale for awarding Yunus the peace prize was that, "The Norwegian Nobel Committee thinks there is a relationship between poverty and conflict. Thus, we think that the better the economic and social conditions will be, the smaller the chance of conflict and war."

As a Peace and Justice Studies (PJS) major, I study the connections between systems of oppression. PJS is an interdisciplinary field, one that views and evaluates the world through a lens of social and economic justice. I believe that wealth, power, and violence are deeply connected. When I heard that the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize had been awarded to the pioneer of micro-lending, and that an economist was seen as an instrument of peace, I found renewed hope that our world can achieve peace and justice for all. As Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "True peace is not the absence of violence, but the presence of justice."

## Without change, there will never be success in Iraq

Matthew Zavala  
Opinions Editor

For three and a half years now, the United States has been heavily caught up in the situation in Iraq. In 2002, the purpose for going into Iraq was to find weapons of mass destruction. After that turned out to be a dead end, President George W. Bush suggested that there was a tie to terrorism, namely al-Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden. Again, another dead end for the Bush Administration. Now, President Bush is on his heels defending his position that "victory" and "success" will be measured when Iraq is secure and has a fully functioning government that does not rely on the United States.

We are only in the third week of October and it is already one of the deadliest months for Iraqis, but also for American soldiers. Already, almost 80 soldiers have been killed in combat as of October 22 according to Reuters. Some Administration officials claim that this is an effort by insurgents to create political tension here in America with only two weeks before the election. Whatever the reason is for the drastic increase in violence, President Bush and his advisors need to figure out a way to succeed.

### ...it is clear that the U.S. strategy in Iraq is failing

On Saturday October 22, President Bush held a video conference with his generals here in the States and with top generals in Iraq to review the strategy in Iraq. Part of the problem that is hindering progress for the Iraqi government are the sectarian divisions. According to Reuters, "The Bush administration was drafting a timetable that includes milestones for the Iraqi government in addressing sectarian divisions and taking responsibility for security." To President Bush, when the Iraqi people are able to do this for themselves, then the United States' mission has succeeded.

With elections only two weeks away and the gap between Democrats and Republicans increasing, Americans are making the Iraqi war a central issue in their choice for candidates. President Bush has been on the defensive insisting that it is critical to the U.S. and to the world not to let Iraq fall into the hands of terrorists. Because of the uncertainty both domestically and abroad, Democrats are hoping to capitalize on President Bush's poor leadership. A recent Newsweek poll found that, "65 percent of those polled felt the United States was losing ground in Iraq, only 31 percent said the issue was the most important factor behind their vote this year for members of Congress."

For whatever reason Americans decide to vote in two weeks -- whether it is the economy or healthcare -- it is clear that the U.S. strategy in Iraq is failing. American failure comes at the greatest price because it is paid in the form of American lives. One can only hope that President Bush makes good on his promise when he said, "We will continue to be flexible, and make every necessary change to prevail in this struggle." If he doesn't, Americans will be singing a tune from the 1960s band, *The Animals*, who sang, "We gotta get out of this place if it's the last thing we ever do."

## Insincere dialogue, no progress

Drew Jones  
Contributing Writer

Last Tuesday, I took the opportunity to attend the "Morality at the Ballot Box" luncheon conversation. The experience was an interesting one that allowed me to personally discover more about the Catholic Church's position of many key issues facing Colorado voters this November. I did not expect "only Catholic answers to the issues of life" and came eager to hear a whole range of ideas to influence and shape my thinking on these important issues. I was dismayed however at the lack of sincere dialogue and mutual respect shown, especially in light of Father Sheeran's recent article, "Notes on the Exchange of Ideas in the University Setting." More specifically, his article urged us as Regis students and faculty to show respect for all positions. I feel that the Catholic stance on the issue of marriage was not given this respect.

Catholic thinking tends to be filled with a great amount of nuance. In order to gain a full comprehension of the Catholic world-view, one must consider not just the outward face of a belief, but also the many thoughts that are brought together to arrive at these teachings. For example, the Catechism of the Catholic Church

(CCC) says "Access to employment and professions must be open to all without unjust discrimination: men and women, healthy and disabled, natives and immigrants." Why does the Church teach this? According to its tenets, each human person has been created in the image and likeness of God. God in turn has called each and every person to further the welfare of creation by laboring to support one's

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self and the greater community. Therefore, in order to fulfill this call every person must work and must be allowed to work. So a simple statement about the right of people to work speaks to the very nature of God and the human person.

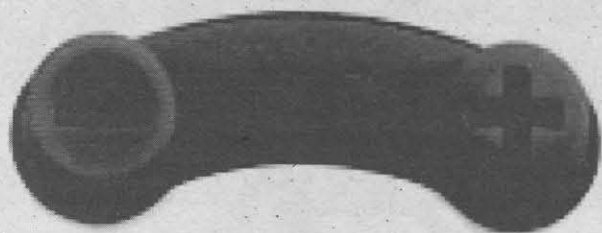
At the luncheon, people were not willing to, as detailed in Fr. Sheeran's letter, "address the other person's [Catholic Church's] conclusion, line of reasoning, personal history, and fears" because they would not pause to con-

sider the profound depth Catholic marriage teaching encompasses. Humanity is endowed with two complementary forms, female and male. Being created in the likeness of God, married men and women can bring forth children as a reflection of the life giving ability of God. In continued fidelity the couple can again reflect their God like nature by sustaining and guiding their children. Therefore, marriage forms the most basic unit of the Church and allows for its continued prosperity. The Catholic Church also believes that the family is a foundational unit to society that introduces children to social life and instills in them important moral values.

The very vocal critics of the Catholic perspective failed to consider these concepts, and in doing so, failed to truly respect Catholic thought. In addition, by the end of the lunch, no common ground was found and no alternatives were seriously considered because the floor had become a place for simply airing people's objections to the Church's stance. Such conduct is inconsistent with a respectful exchange of ideas, especially in the academic context of a university community, but more especially in this Jesuit university setting. Respectful dialogue must be a fundamental part of answering that ever-present question of "How Ought We To Live?"



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# Letters to the Editor

I am writing this letter in response to the recently printed "Letter to the Editor" from the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 installment of the *Highlander*.

An argument was made that we as Regis Hearing Officers have violated the constitutional rights of the student body by ignoring the idea of "double jeopardy," wherein a person cannot be held for the same crime twice if convicted or acquitted of that same crime previously. First, let me say that Mr. Rupel has indeed made some good points in his letter and it's always inspiring to hear students voice their concerns in a legitimate format. But speaking from the standpoint of a hearing officer, I find the accusations offensive.

Is it really necessary to use "double jeopardy," a clause that has become so confusing and misinterpreted since its beginnings that it's almost impossible to use in the real world unless it becomes the title and plot point of an insipid movie starring Ashly Judd? The idea of double jeopardy generally applies only to criminal proceedings, in other words, violations of criminal law where you receive fines, jail time and/or imprisonment. The consequences of a hearing on this campus exist in a different realm than the consequences of a criminal hearing. How often do employers ask if you have ever been in prison? Compare that to how often employers ask about being put on probation for drinking in a residence hall or off campus.

For Regis University, it is expected that you, as a student, "...[have] maturity, intelligence, and the concern for others." When you act in a manner contrary to those expectations and our policies the University will react accordingly, especially when those actions have impact on the community outside the university. After all, does every single off campus party get confronted by police? Does every single party get issued MIPs for underage students? Of course not, and the reason for that is not every party has a negative impact on the community. It's very true that we do not have jurisdiction over the rest of Colorado, or the world, but as long as students attend Regis, we have the ability to hold each student accountable for his or her actions on and off campus.

When students decide to violate the expectations, policies, and guidelines set forth by the university, we will hold them accountable. The intent is not to strip students of their unalienable rights or demean them, the intent is to educate students with the hope of changing behavior for the better. As for when we "pick and choose what parts of the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and other federal and state laws [Regis] wishes to follow," last I checked, this was a private Jesuit educational institution, not Guantanamo Bay.

Sincerely,  
Joel Schneider  
Resident Life Coordinator

The Highlander is interested in hearing from you! If you have a letter to the editor or an opinion article, please submit it by 5 p.m. on Friday for consideration in the following Tuesday issue.  
Email <hldrsubs@regis.edu>.

In your October 10<sup>th</sup> edition, a letter was submitted by Noel Rupel, a junior at Regis, regarding the new policy concerning student behavior off campus. As a home-owner in the vicinity of Regis University, I found the letter galling.

On the face of it, Mr. Rupel's argument about double jeopardy doesn't hold much water. If a municipality prosecutes a student for breaking laws in the community, that is one thing. If a learning institution such as Regis holds the same student accountable for his or her conduct while a registered student, and representative of that institution, it is well within its rights to "punish" that student as it sees fit. The punishable offense is the lapse in conduct, not a broken municipal law. There is no double prosecution.

But what most bothered me about the letter is Mr. Rupel's underlying attempt to mitigate Regis students' responsibility when they do the wrong thing. While there are mature and responsible Regis students renting private homes and apartments in the area, there are many who care only about one thing: the pursuit of their own selfish pleasures at anyone's expense. Year after year, the Regis students in rental homes on my street have been a source of unending problems for my family and neighbors. Drugs, drunkenness, litter, noise, obscenity, lewdness, the list is nearly as endless. It is precisely because some Regis students feel entitled to treat the neighborhood as their private dumping ground that Regis has stepped up to the plate and instituted this policy.

Mr. Rupel's rant about how unfair the mean old grown-ups at Regis are sounds like a wordy tantrum. He says that if students break the law, they shouldn't have to be punished twice. Here's the trick: don't break the law and behave according to the school's code of conduct. Then you won't be punished at all.

P. Clarke  
Neighborhood Home Owner

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# Reflections

about Colorado's same-sex marriage and domestic partnership ballot measures

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**The Colorado ballot this November includes two proposed changes to state law concerning the contentious issues of same-sex relationships and domestic partnerships:**

- **BALLOT AMENDMENT 43, ("Same-Sex Marriage"),** would amend the state constitution to define marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman, thus prohibiting same-sex marriage;
- **BALLOT REFERENDUM "I", ("Domestic Partnerships"),** would revise state law to provide same-sex couples the opportunity to obtain certain benefits, protections, and responsibilities through registering their domestic partnerships with county clerks/recorders. Such legal benefits would include financial support for a domestic partner; the right to jointly hold property; the right to apply as the guardian of a partner; governance of legal separation, child custody issues, etc.; rights and responsibilities in cases involving medical care and hospital visitations for partners.

## Questions for Consideration:

1. How do we distinguish between the fundamental elements of a marriage and a domestic partnership? Do committed same-sex relationships have the same human completeness as traditional marriages?
2. Does voting for Referendum "I" ("Domestic Partnerships") complement or undermine support for traditional understandings of marriage? What criteria should be used to come to this decision?
3. Do long-standing traditions and laws regarding marriage and same-sex relationships deserve the benefit of the doubt until they are proven to be erroneous? What kind of evidence should we require before deciding that such traditions and laws need to be changed?
4. Does the guaranteed access of committed same-sex couples to such benefits as hospital visitations, decisions on medical care, and inheritance rights undermine the special legal status of marriage?

## BALLOT AMENDMENT 43: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Catholic teachings have always viewed marriage as a sacramental union between one man and one woman, arguing as well that this natural human institution serves as the foundation of society, provides for the protection and care of parents and children, and promotes the responsibility of parents for the proper upbringing of those children.

At the same time, the Church teaches that gays and lesbians are created in God's image and likeness, are equally loved by God, and are called to live in His mercy and love. Many of us, in fact, have experience of friends, colleagues, and family members who live in committed same-sex relationships, and we value them as good and holy persons who are loved by God.

Amendment 43, which would place a prohibition on same-sex marriage into the state constitution, has been endorsed by the Catholic Conference of Colorado, which helped to sponsor its presence on the state ballot this November. Speaking on the issue, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver and the other bishops

in the state "strongly urge Catholics to support Amendment 43," which the bishops believe is needed to define and protect marriage, and to reduce the possibility that current state law will be overturned by legislators or the courts.

Opponents note that such definitions and protections are already present in existing state law, and that no empirical evidence exists to indicate that the institution of marriage is under any threat from same-sex relationships of gay and lesbian persons.

## BALLOT REFERENDUM "I": DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Proponents of the Domestic Partnership referendum note that this change of state law is not an attempt to legalize same-sex marriage. Further, they argue that many of the legal protections and benefits under state law that can be used by married persons are not available to same-sex partners without legal recognition for their relationship, and that such recognition will benefit society by holding these partners responsible for their commitments.

Opponents of Referendum "I" believe that it would authorize a form of legal relationship very similar to marriage that would diminish the privileged place of marriage in our culture.

The same Catholic teachings that remind us that homosexual persons are equally loved by God also require us to accept them with respect, compassion and

sensitivity, and to avoid any unjust discrimination against them. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2358)

Supporters of Referendum "I" believe that the recognition of domestic partnerships under law would help to reduce unjust discrimination in legal access to various rights for gay and lesbian partners, particularly in regard to such rights as medical care decisions, hospital visitation, and inheritance.

On October 21, the three bishops of Colorado took a position on this Domestic Partnership Referendum "I," joining in a previous conclusion by Archbishop Chaput that Referendum "I" begins the process of moving toward making committed gay relationships the legal equivalent of marriage. They recommended voting against Referendum "I," and urged instead that other appropriate ways be pursued to secure the rights and dignity of all Coloradans, including those who are gay.

As in past reflection papers, it is not my role to advise the Regis community on how to exercise their voting obligation on particular ballot questions or candidates. Obviously, Catholic and other faith and moral traditions can contribute to a careful consideration of these issues. In addition, we all need to examine how each of these two proposals would advance the common good of the Colorado community, particularly the good of children. Finally, I would ask that we all prayerfully reflect on how either of these proposals would promote or diminish respect for the human dignity of all God's creatures, made every one in His likeness.

Respectful dialogue is an important tenet of the Regis University mission. This is the fourth of several papers I will be sharing with the community over the next two months. It is my hope that during this election season, we can model our mission as we discuss a wide range of viewpoints on important election issues.

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*This letter from Fr. Sheeran has been slightly modified to fit this page. The Highlander would like to thank Fr. Sheeran for his contribution to facilitate healthy dialogue among the Regis Community.*



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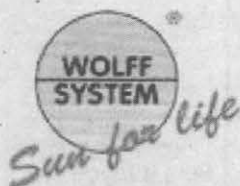
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## Ranger update

**Katie Simons**  
Sports Editor

Since our last issue a lot has gone on in the world of Ranger sports:

### Volleyball

In the past two weeks the Rangers have played four games, taking on Colorado Christian, Metro State, Nebraska-Kearney and Chadron State. The first set of games on the road the most recent at home in the Fieldhouse.

In their game last Friday against Colorado Christian the Rangers were able to win with a 3-0 sweep, 30-23, 30-15, 30-25, lead by freshmen Chelsea Pavlik. Pavlik finished the match with 20 kills and 15 digs as well as a .262 hitting percentage. Sophomore Kristin Thompson was the only Ranger to finish with double digits in digs as she finished with 16. Sophomore Nia Ingram and freshmen Felicia Ciarelli split time at the setter position finishing with 34 and 11 assists respectively. The Rangers dominated Colorado Christian in every category, 58 kills to Colorado Christian's 33 and a hitting percentage of .350 to only .132.

The next night the Rangers traveled down the road to take on rival Metro State in an intense 5 game match. The Rangers after two games found themselves down 0-2, 36-34 and 34-32, but rallied back to win the next two games, 30-38 and 30-34. Unfortunately they came up short in the 5<sup>th</sup> game 15-8. Service errors made the difference in the game as the Rangers committed 17. Senior Rachel Ross, sophomore Liz Franz and freshmen Megan Meehan all finished the game with 17 kills for the Rangers.

This past weekend the Rangers faced off against their foes to the east from Nebraska. In a hard fought match Friday night the Rangers jumped out to an early 2-0 but Kearney rallied to win the next 3 games and take the match 3-2. In the first two games the Rangers had team hitting percentages of .333 and .280 respectively. The Rangers did hold a 16-10 advantage in kills in the third game but 14 hitting errors and a .039 hitting percentage contributed to the loss. Unfortunately the same problem in game four brought the Rangers to a heart-breaking loss in game five, as they had nine service errors. Freshmen Felicia Ciarelli finished with a match high 66 assists and was one dig short of a double double as she finished with nine.

The Rangers came back fired up and ready to play Saturday easily taking care of Chadron State in three games 30-12, 30-20, 30-15 and finishing with a season high hitting percentage of .403. Three players finished with double digit kills for the Rangers. Freshmen Chelsea Pavlik finished with 17 kills and 13 digs to record her 19<sup>th</sup> double of the season. Sophomore Liz Franz finished with 15 kills and a .789 hitting percentage. While Senior Rachel Ross was also solid with 14 kills and a .565 hitting percentage. On the defensive, side sophomore Nia Ingram led the Rangers with 17 digs. Sophomore Kristin Thompson added 11 and junior Sarah Ovitz 10. This win brings the Rangers overall record to 14-12 and 11-6 in the RMAC.

The team will finish up their regular season schedule this week as they take on CU-Springs tonight at 7:00 pm at the Regis Fieldhouse.

While their final regular season game will be played on Friday at 7:00 pm at Colorado School of Mines also at the Regis Fieldhouse.

### Men's Soccer

The Rangers have been on the road every game this October, except for one. These last two weeks, they have faced CSU-Pueblo and CU-Colorado Springs, while this past weekend they remained closer to home as the traveled to Colorado Christian and played their final home game on Sunday

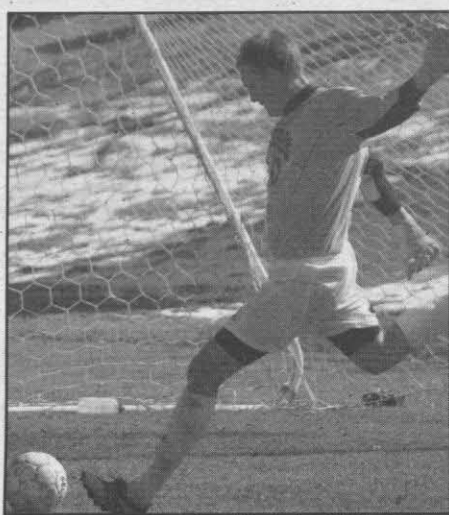


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**Trevor Steege takes the kick for the Rangers.**

against Colorado School of Mines.

Last Friday the Rangers were shutout in a 3-0 loss to CSU-Pueblo. CSU-Pueblo had a significant advantage in shots of 20-9 against the Rangers. Both teams had four shots on goal but the Rangers weren't able to put one in the back of the net.

That same weekend on Sunday the Rangers battled but came up short in a 1-0 overtime loss to CU-Springs. The Rangers were in the game all day as both sides had 14 shots and 6 corner kicks in the game. A slight difference in shots on goal by two and six less fouls may have been the difference.

The Rangers got themselves back in the win column this past Friday as they defeated Colorado Christian 1-0 to sweep the season series. Senior Parker Heikes scored the game winning goal for the Rangers, his first of the season and first of his career, at the 46:29 mark. The Rangers controlled the ball on offense as they out-shot Christian 16-3 and allowed on one shot in the second half. Freshmen goalkeeper Alex Hanson appeared in goal and recorded the shutout win.

On Sunday the Rangers played their final game of the season and honored seniors Parker Heikes and Jerad Murphy. Unfortunately the Rangers were not able to come up with the win on Senior day coming up just short in a 1-0 loss. The Rangers finished the season with an overall record of 4-12-2 and an RMAC record of 2-9-1.

### Women's Soccer

Coming off a big win against highly ranked Montana State-Billings the Rangers jumped right back into RMAC matches. In the past two weeks the Rangers played games against CSU-Pueblo, Mesa State, and rival Metro State.

Over the fall break the Rangers finished with a win and a tie. In their first home game the Rangers defeated CSU-Pueblo 3-1. The Rangers got on the board in early in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute as Senior CarrieAnna Cordova assisted sophomore Carter Cornett on her 11<sup>th</sup> goal of the season. However the Rangers weren't finished as they increased their lead to 2-0 early in the

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second half. Sophomore Cassie Cornett tallied her fifth goal of the season when sophomore Nina Banducci found her on the corner kick. CSU-Pueblo got one on the board shortly after the Rangers second but freshmen Kelly Labor sealed the victory for the Rangers. Labor scored her tenth goal of the season as she dribbled past two CSU-Pueblo defenders. Senior goalkeeper Joanna Humphreys won her eighth game of the season on her way to making three saves.

On Sunday the Rangers played their final regular season home game and honored four seniors, Meghan Thompson and Katie Jardine, who were not able to play due to injury, Joanna Humphreys and CarrieAnna Cordova. The Rangers played to a 1-1 tie, both goals came in the second half and were only five minutes apart. The lone Ranger goal came on a free kick at 76:34 as sophomore Nina Banducci found Carter Cornett for her team-leading 12<sup>th</sup> goal of the season. It was only five minutes later that Lauren Sell scored the equalizer for Mesa State. Senior Joanna Humphreys earned the tie even though an injury took her out of the game at the 83:30 mark in a mid-air collision. Sophomore Holly Redmond stepped in during the overtime period making three saves including one crucial save as she pushed the ball just over the top of the net.

Last Friday the Rangers battled with Metro State as they lost 1-0 in overtime. It was not until the 98 minute that Justine Montoya knocked in the game winner. The Rangers managed to hang around despite Metro's advantage in shots 17 to 4. Senior goalkeeper Joanna Humphreys played a phenomenal game making eight saves against a prolific Metro offense.

In their final regular season game the Rangers traveled to Pueblo and came home with a 0-0 tie. The Rangers dominated CSU-Pueblo with a huge advantage in the shots 29 to 4. The tie gives the Rangers the 2nd seed in the RMAC tournament. They will have first round bye and take on the winner of the Mesa State vs. Adams State. Their first conference tournament game will be on Friday at Metro State with the time to be determined.

### Women's Golf

In the final tournament of their fall season the Rangers participated in the Regis Invite at Fox Hollow Golf Club on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. After the opening round the Rangers found themselves in fourth place posting a team score of 361. A final round score of 339 propelled the Rangers to a third place finish in the tournament. Freshmen Cecilia Silfverskiold finished four strokes behind Colorado Christian's Tedi Thorne to finish second. Silfverskiold final day score of 75 pushed her to top of the scoreboard after an opening round 85. Sophomore Victoria Ybarra barely missed the top ten as she tied for 11<sup>th</sup>, shooting a final score of 173 and missing the top ten by three strokes.

### Cross Country

This past weekend both the men and women's teams competed in the RMAC Championships in Pueblo, Colorado. Adams State took home the title once again in both the men's and the women's event. The Ranger men took 10<sup>th</sup> place while the women took 11<sup>th</sup>. The top finisher for the women was Western State College's Esther

Komen and for the men from Adams State Jesus Solis. Junior Anna Hacker was the top finisher on the women's side for the Rangers as she finished 25<sup>th</sup> with a time of 24:26.85. On the men's side senior Jesse Hunter took 31<sup>st</sup> with a time of 27:06.56.

## Marty Mcfly wins dodgeball championship

**Bobby Morgan**  
Sports Writer

As the Dodgeball playoffs entered the semifinals all eyes were on the four teams that still remained. The favorites were most likely the new, hot, and powerful Raging Rainbows. Captain Thomas Romero has built a team that in its inaugural season has made some serious waves. Relying on fan support, intimidation and power, the team looked for Intramural glory.

The second favorite team in the playoffs was easily Aim Low. We saw a slight sophomore slump as the team was handed its first regular season loss in team history; but the playoffs were another thing. After being handed essentially a bye in their match against the Blue Balls, Aim Low in their final two games looked more like the 2005 champions; and ready to prove just that.

However, one team stood in their path to destiny, unfortunately for Aim Low, the Marty McFly Death Squad proved too much, giving Aim Low its first playoff loss ever. With Marty McFly's Championship round ticket punched, all eyes were on El Chupracabra's semi-final match against those pesky Raging Rainbows. However, everyone watched the Rainbows punch their ticket to battle Marty McFly in the Championship.

In a battle among gods, the fight was on. The Raging Rainbows took an early one game lead. Marty McFly Deathsquad battle back in game two as Katie Simons made a huge game winning catch to tie it up at 1-1. The Deathsquad hoped that being down a man could help them hang in long enough. With the triumphant arrival of Neal Valorz at full-strength, there was no turning back.

**Marty McFly Deathsquad  
...flexed their muscles and...  
secured their Dodgeball  
immortality.**

After the first two games, it was a back and forth battle as Captain Scott Gerlach, Byron Schwab, Evan Dubay, Joe Stachecki, and Ally Press kept the Marty McFly in it to the end. In game six the Raging Rainbows powered back from down four men to bring the series to an even 3-3. This was their last move as the Marty McFly Death Squad battered down the hatches and brought a whole new level of Dodgeball madness to the table.

The Marty McFly easily took game seven giving them a 4-3 game lead in a best on nine series. Five minutes remained and the final game could either put it over the top for the Deathsquad or tie it up. Power dodgers Neal Valorz, Brandon Ullman, Ray Shirai and Tyler Goswick came up with some big plays. In the end it was Marty McFly Deathsquad that flexed their muscles and sent the Raging Rainbows away into oblivion and secured their Dodgeball immortality.



## World Series 2006: Cardinals or Tigers?

**Bobby Morgan**  
Sports Writer

It took the Detroit Tigers only four games to seal the American League pennant, a series in which the Tigers gave up a combined total of nine runs. The National League pennant eventually fell into the hands of the St. Louis Cardinals. They struggled against New York and were extremely inconsistent. The Tigers last played October 14, 2006 and are very well rested, but herein lies some concern.

The St. Louis Cardinals are coming of a long series and had only one day's rest before Game 1. With starting pitcher Justin Verlander getting a ten day break, fans questioned his readiness and possibility of feeling the negative effects of a slim ten day rest. Ten days is a long time to not see an opposing pitcher and can have serious implications for a manager's line-up.

In Saturday's Game 1, it was not good for Detroit. Detroit's offense got only two runs in the game, one in the 1<sup>st</sup> and another in the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Tigers went a pathetic 4-for-32, with seven of the players not snagging one of them. Only Carlos Guillen and Craig Monroe, each with a pair of hits, even seemed to give a sign of trouble to the Cardinals. Another huge concern was the starting pitching for the Tigers. Justin Verlander only lasted five innings and was tagged for all seven of the runs. St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Anthony Reyes pitched a solid eight innings giving up only two runs.

Looking ahead to the rest of the series, the Tigers are no longer the guaranteed favorites, but I still believe they will take the series. The first reason I believe that the Tigers will prevail is their pitching. The Tigers slid into the playoffs with the best ERA in baseball and are still the hottest team around. The Tigers had won their previous seven playoff games against New York and Oakland. The second reason is the home field advantage, although technically it is neutral after the Tigers' Game 1 antics, I still believe in the Comerica Park. The Cardinals are 1-4 at that stadium this season and Detroit will most likely take one in St. Louis as they are 3-1 on the road this post-season. A final reason for the Tigers is the offense that let them down in Game 1.

The Tigers offense, which scored 22 runs and had a team OPS of .856 in four games against a powerful Oakland pitching staff, will without a doubt get back on the horse against the very vulnerable Cardinals' Staff. Another final possible danger for the Cardinals is the potential of one very good veteran catcher; Ivan Rodriguez. Rodriguez had a very poor ALCS hitting only for a .125 average, the lowest for any Tiger. However, he is a career .360 hitter against the Cardinals and hit .273 in his last World Series in 2003 Champion, the Florida Marlins. If Rodriguez can catch even a little fire, the powerful Tigers offense will become almost unstoppable.

If you are St. Louis fan, don't worry, the season is not in the back and the 2004 sweep by the Boston Red Sox can't happen in Detroit. Besides, the fact that 79% of the United States thinks the Tigers will win, there are still many reasons why the Cardinals could win. The first is their starting rotation. If the Cardinals get two victories from Chris Carpenter, and if Jeff Weaver and Jeff Suppan come up with one or two between them, then the Tigers are doomed. Especially if Albert Pujols and Scott Rolen get a little hot. Second is half of the Cardinals' starting eight; Pujols (.500, 6-for-12 vs. the Tigers), Rolen (.455, 5-for-11), catcher Yadier Molina (.444 4-for-9) and shortstop David Eckstein (.385, 5-for-13); ranked among the top 10 in batting vs. Detroit in Interleague games this season and all hitting was during the June three-game series at Comerica Park. A final tally against the Tigers is that their offense's backbone is Placido Polanco, who is .156 (14-for-90) against his former team. If Placido goes, so usually go the Tigers and that is always good news for an opposing team.

With Game 1 and Game 2 in the bag and the series heading into St. Louis, I still have to cast my vote against the St. Louis Cardinals. Detroit is ready for its first World Series victory since 1984. Besides, three of the past four World Series have been won by the American League and three of the past four have been won by the wild card teams. Detroit, I see you winning in six or maybe seven. Cardinals: Well sorry, but fate is not on your side.

## Esera Tuaolo to speak tonight

**Katie Simons**  
Sports Editor

Tonight, former NFL player Esera Tuaolo will speak about his personal struggle of being a gay man in the NFL. He will share his story of how he recovered from depression, alcohol abuse, suicidal events, and his road to self discovery, especially when he admitted his secret after retiring.

Tuaolo was born on July 11, 1968 on the island of Oahu in Hawaii and was the youngest of eight children. As a child, he loved to dance and sing and entertained his family. He even sang in his church choir. Tuaolo spent his first two years of high school in Hawaii and then moved to Chino, California to live with his relatives and finish high school.

He received a full scholarship to Oregon State University. He earned First Team All-PAC 10 Honors in addition to being awarded the Morris Trophy as the top defensive lineman, selected by the conference's best offensive lineman. He also earned all-conference and honorable mention All-American honors.

Although he had a knee injury, Tuaolo was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1990 in the second round as the thirty-fifth overall pick. Strangely enough, Tuaolo's singing talent came in handy for a bizarre rookie ritual that forced him to sing for his supper. His performance of "Mary Had A Little Lamb" prepared him for being the first player ever to perform the national anthem on a nationally televised game.

During his NFL career, Tuaolo had the opportunity to play in the Super Bowl in 1999 with the Atlanta Falcons. He played in the league for ten years with the Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Jacksonville Jaguars, Atlanta Falcons, and Carolina Panthers.

Tuaolo has appeared in commercials, music videos and has also recorded his own EP in 1995 titled "One Man's Island." His book, *Esera Tuaolo: Alone in the Trenches*, tells his truly amazing story.

Esera Tuaolo will speak on "Creating a World of Tolerance and Civility" tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Ranger Grille.

## the sports SIZZLE:

### What if we still had the New York Cosmos?

**Katie Simon**  
Sports Editor

I'm sure many of you are asking who are, or who were (if you will) the New York Cosmos. Well, you might be surprised to know that before the MLS, there was the NASL, the North American Soccer League. This league hey day was in 1970's and 80's. Though it was short lived, its impact was crucial to soccer in the United States.

Over fall break I watched the movie, "Once in a Lifetime: The Story of the New York Cosmos", and yes it was a movie about the New York Cosmos; but, more importantly, it gave insight into the world of soccer here in the United States. It really begs the question of why soccer is where it is today and why it couldn't seem to break through here in the United States.

I myself claim to know more about sports than the average person. However, I have found out some things I never knew. Strangely enough, soccer really did not exist until the NASL and the New York Cosmos came around. Also, it took 40 years before the United States sent a team to the World Cup after their stunning upset of England in 1950.

So what is so special about the New York Cosmos? They put US soccer on the map. The NASL was a small league that in the eyes of the players, coaches and front office management was little more than semi-professional. It was the realization of Bob Ross, that soccer is not only a sport but also an entertainment gold mine. The question was how to make money off a sport with so little interest?

Ross solved that problem by recruiting arguably the best soccer player in the world Pele. They signed him to a multi-million dollar contract and international superstars followed Pele to gain more fame and make more money. It was the New York Cosmos

that paved the way and introduced the United States to soccer while managing to draw 70,000 plus fans on occasion. However, a lack of interest on television and an expanded league format ultimately brought down the NASL. But why can't we recapture the lightning back in the bottle? Why can't soccer regain its fame?

This is the question that numerous sports writers debate, but don't seem to care about much. Why can't soccer seem to draw crowds when it is the most widely played sport played by youth in the United States? The movie itself develops ideas as it tells the story. The first and most evident difference between the MLS and NASL is the lack of superstar talent. Not to say that there aren't any good players in the MLS but the best ones are still playing in Europe. Even the best US players play overseas. The New York Cosmos brought in the best players in the world and probably some of the best in history such as Pele, Carlos Alberto, Giorgio Chingalia and Franz Beckenbauer. Those players are the equivalent to today's David Beckham, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Zidane. If we could bring those types of superstars it might put US soccer on a higher level.

Here's my take on the issue. If you travel to Europe or elsewhere and you pick up a newspaper, open up their sports section, what do you see? You see soccer and that is all you see. Soccer is their main focus. Here in the United States, football, baseball and basketball, arguably the big three, not to mention college basketball, football, and hockey, overwhelm you. Then there are sports such as tennis and golf that generate a great deal of press during their major tournaments. We are already bombarded by so many sports there just doesn't seem to be room for another. Unfortunately for most, soccer is a bandwagon phenomenon and as soon as success disappears so do the fans.

To the casual observer soccer doesn't seem to have the luster of the other professional sports. A lack of big name stars and a plethora of sports already available for their viewing pleasure make it difficult. The MLS has managed to keep a solid fan base but it hasn't managed to draw in the casual sports fan the way the NFL, MLB and the NBA fan have. Soccer will remain in the US but it will never be at the same level as those other sports because it just can't compete.

## Get to know your Ranger Athletes...

**Name:** CarrieAnna Cordova  
**Team:** Women's Soccer  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Year:** Senior  
**What is the most important thing you learned while playing soccer here at Regis:**  
Team chemistry out weighs individual talent any day.  
**What song or music do you listen to before a game:**  
Trans Siberian Orchestra, Spice Girls, and some choice songs from a Latino mix courtesy of Mary Luttrupp.  
**What athletes did you look up to when growing up:**  
Mia Hamm, Pele, Spud Webb  
**How long have you been playing soccer for:** 8 years  
**What other sports have you played besides soccer:** Softball and Basketball  
**Favorite pre-game food:** Tuna Sandwich  
**Superstitions:** Have to put my shin



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guards and socks on my left foot first and then my right.

**Most embarrassing moment during a game:**

Letting the occasional bad word slip out in front of my parents and the rest of the fans.



# Regis reel reviews



Hugh Jackman  
plays Rupert  
Angier in *The  
Prestige*.

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## "Employee" might be movie of the month

Jacqueline Kharouf  
Editor-in-Chief

In his first full length feature, a cross between an anti-buddy movie and a romantic comedy, Dane Cook is a riot. At first glance, the film seems cutesie and toned down (sadly enough, it is, with only a PG-13 rating and a surprisingly clean mouthed Cook), but it is funny and actually very sweet.

Cook plays the down-and-out "box boy" Zach Bradley, who works at a bulk-discount store called Super Club where the Employee of the Month for 17 straight months, Vince Downey, played by Dax Shepard, is hard at work to garner his eighteenth award.

After checking out the new cashier Amy, played by Jessica Simpson, who apparently has a thing for Employees of the Month, Bradley obviously has to win the coveted honor.

Although the film is a little cut-and-dry, it does have its charms. Cook is cool and calm compared to Shepard, who plays a real jerk with a poor sense of humor and a pompous ferocity for his job. There is also the "every retail employee's secret dream playhouse" hidden atop the large metal shelving structures of the discount warehouse. It is here where Bradley and his boys drink beer and play cards during their breaks. The tactics to earn gold stars, which are added up in order to award

Employee of the Month, were also very entertaining: Bradley and Downey run with mops to catch a wet clean up; they chase each other again to help the lost child in aisle three, who has armed himself with the tennis ball machine; Bradley sells Downey's car on a rack in the warehouse (the pay ticket labels the item as the "Piece o' Shit Toyota").

There's also some great satire of retail work. After one distressed customer calls for the manager, the manager tells Downey to comply because the customer "has threatened to write a complaint." There is also a competition for the fastest cashier in the "Southwestern District," a competition, according to this one-time cashier, that would never really happen, because as much fun as it is to be a cashier (it isn't), no one really cares who is fastest.

And yet, despite these funny instances, the film seems a little formulaic. One can only imagine who wins the girl at the end...or who wins employee of the month, for that matter. But the film is still entertaining and definitely worth a good laugh or two. Well, at least one for Dane, who put in a good effort for his first movie.

## Prestigious acting and magic

*The Prestige* transports audiences to a world of mystery and scientific imagination

Derek Miller  
Spotlight Editor

Three. That's right, three magician movies released within a matter of months of each other: *Scoop*, *The Illusionist*, and *The Prestige*. I haven't seen *Scoop*, but I am told it isn't Woody Allen's best work. *The Illusionist*, an adaptation of Steven Millhauser's short story of the same title proved above average and delivered great performances from Paul Giamatti and (unexpectedly) Jessica Biel. And then there is *The Prestige*, based on the 1995 novel by Christopher Priest.

There is a love triangle. How could there not be when a movie stars Christian Bale (playing Alfred Borden), Hugh Jackman (Rupert Angier), and Scarlett Johansson (Olivia Wenscombe)? Where *The Prestige* sets itself apart is that the love triangle is hardly the foundation of the plot. Rather, it serves as a means of characterization for Borden and Angier and prepares the viewer for an eventual plot twist. When seeing the movie, pay close attention to the exchanges between Borden and his wife Sarah (Rebecca Hall); it helps to make things clear at the end.

Going into the movie, I expected good acting on the part of *The Prestige*'s phenomenal collection of seasoned actors, but I was still blown away. Bale and Jackman maintained tension between their characters that was never lost on the audience. More than just rival magicians (and onetime colleagues), Borden and Angier become lifelong enemies as Angier

play the women in Angier's and Borden's lives who become the victims of the men's hatred for each other. I should not neglect to mention Michael Caine's portrayal of Cutter, the designer of magic tricks who allies himself with Angier after the death of Julia. Typical of Caine, his performance is effortless and believable, transcending his past roles, a feat that many actors have difficult achieving.

Perhaps the most impressive element of *The Prestige* is its believability. Even when the explanation of Borden's most impressive trick, "The Transported Man" lies within the realm of speculation regarding the infamous Nikola Tesla, audiences don't bat an eye. Nikola Tesla, regarded both genius and madman by the scientific community, finds a worthy representative in David Bowie. Tesla's work is largely clouded in conspiracy, so his inclusion in *The Prestige* adds both historical and mythical elements worthy of the film. One exception to the believability of the film: yes, Tesla did in fact reside for a time in Colorado Springs, but I can't for the life of me remember constant clouds of ethereal fog last time I drove through. Turn of the century London was wonderfully created on film; Colorado Springs was a sign on a box of a railway station.

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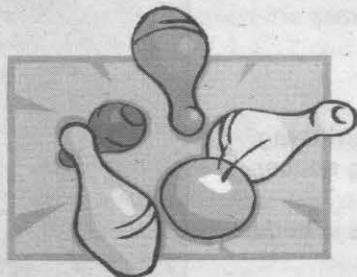
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strives to escape the shadow of Borden's superiority while sustaining resentment toward Borden for a trick gone wrong that resulted in the death of his wife, Julia. Meanwhile, Borden realizes that he is not the showman Angier is and has to stay one step ahead of his trick-stealing nemesis by creating illusions of increasing mystery. The beauty of *The Prestige* is that Bale and Jackman are able to create complete foils to one another and yet the audience is never sure who to root for. Johansson and Hall successfully

Finally, I wish to complement screenwriters Jonathan and Christopher Nolan for defying traditional movie format; they were not afraid to get their hands dirty. Disturbing on an intellectual and moral level and unafraid to challenge ideas of justice, *The Prestige* comes as a breath of fresh air. I hate to say that I love to tell you, but *The Prestige* has no happy ending. Angiers and Borden find themselves at the center of suicides and murders, and neither magician is vindicated. Instead, I walked out of the theater reflecting on a point made very clear by the Nolans: a very real and tragic fate awaits the loved ones of those who live with hate; lives are destroyed and innocence lost, the consequences of obsession.

## College Night

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# the Grey's addiction has spread

Maricor Coquia  
Associate Editor

Despite lamenting about my "transportation deficiency" two weeks ago, I must say that I have a new reason to complain about college life. I am officially addicted to *Grey's Anatomy*.

For those who know me, this is a big deal. I don't watch a lot of T.V. Even when I'm home in Hawaii, comfortably slouching on the living room couch, I don't watch much of it. Perhaps a show of Style Network's *What Not To Wear* and Food Network's *Good Eats* may catch my attention for an hour, but then I get bored, calling my little cousins to go to Chuck E. Cheese. I've always felt a sense of dignity knowing that I hadn't given in to the culture of drama television.

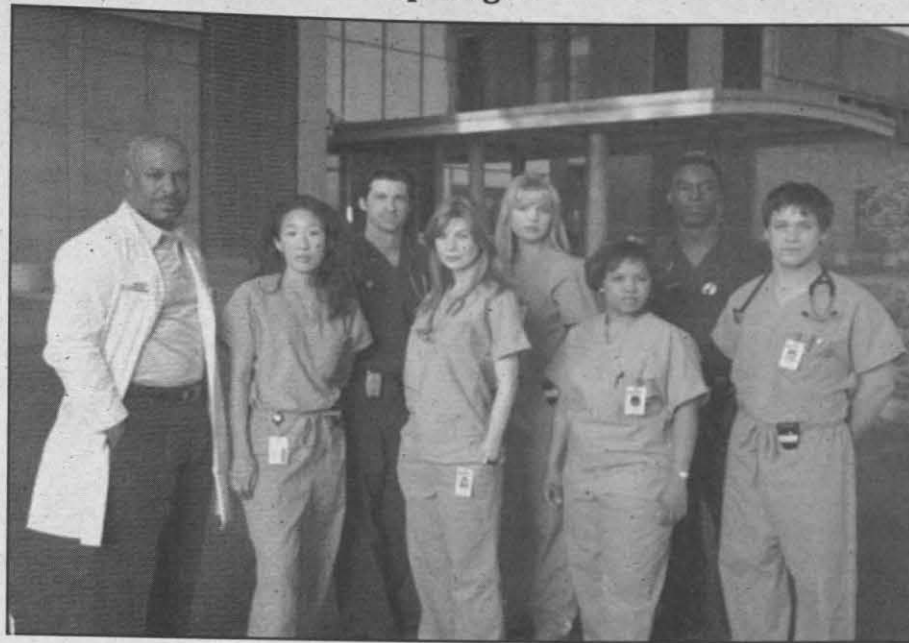


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Since my first semester at Regis, I've never seen so many people flock to the community television to watch a drama series. When some of my friends would ask me, "Do you think Meredith and Derek are going to end up together?" I would scratch my head and laugh, saying, "Um, I don't watch T.V. Sorry." It felt great to have control. Especially as I observed my friends gawk and gasp and "hold it in" until the commercials, I always let out a little smirk, satisfied that crazed Grey's Anatomy fans wouldn't bother me for an hour of my homework time.

The trouble began a few days before

Fall Break. A number of friends begged me to watch the second season. One of them boasted, "I have it all (the whole season) on DVD!" Sensing a challenge to fight the "Grey's Anatomy addiction," I stupidly said "Okay!" And the rest is history...I've been sucked into the *Grey's Anatomy* obsession.

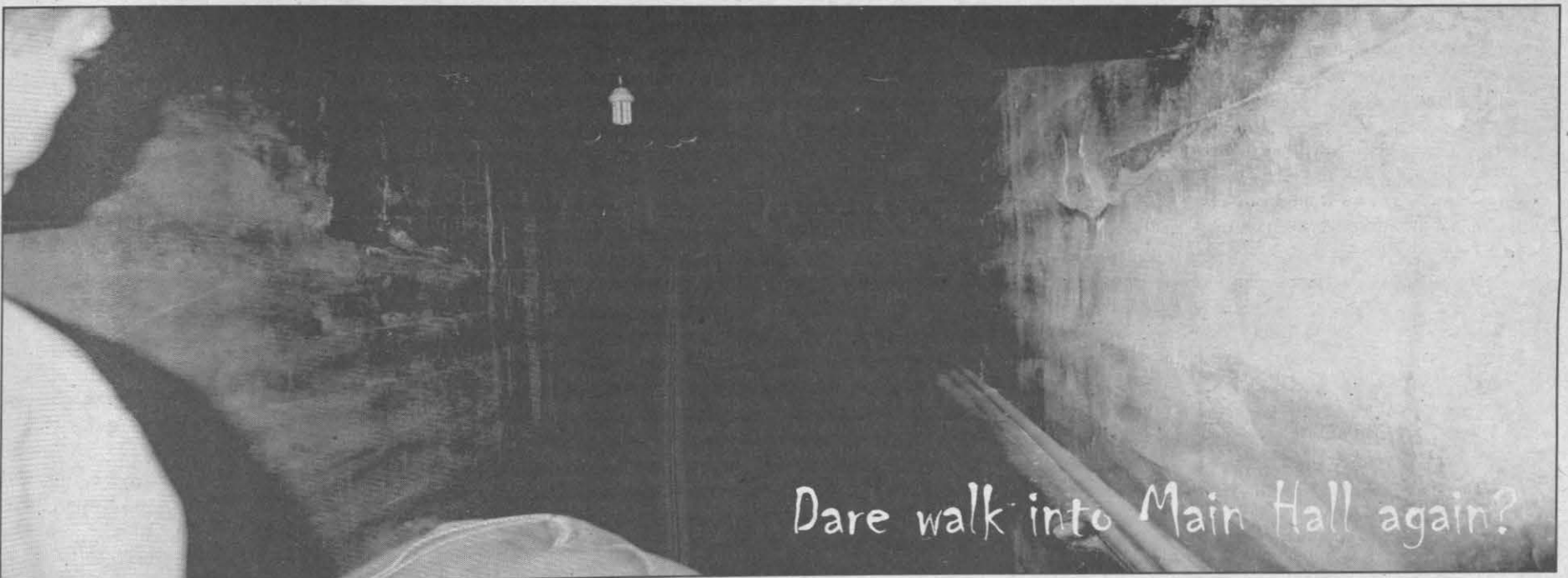
I haven't watched the first season yet, but I've gotten a good enough grip on the series to understand what's going on. I started the first DVD of six on the Friday before break. I comfortably sat in my bed, pretzels in hand, and excitedly got ready to be disappointed. However, only five episodes

into the series, and I heard myself gasping, laughing, oohing, and ahing. I was seriously about to hit myself, and in the humiliating pain of enjoying the show, I almost cried. I was becoming a crazed college student over a drama series.

I knew I was in trouble when my roommate started laughing at me every time I let out a big "Oh My God!" And when I found myself rushing to put the next DVD in, I nearly shot myself. I wanted more.

27 episodes went by really quickly—I couldn't help it. Almost all of the episodes were extremely good. I will admit, some of the episodes were kind of boring. But maybe because there wasn't too much going on between McDreamy and Meredith. Or perhaps because I was so disappointed in Alex's arrogance. (I thought he and Izzie would have made a cute couple.) My point is, the show kept me engaged enough to keep going. From a person who has hardly watched T.V., I was especially impressed with the show's actors. They all play a great role in the labyrinth of Seattle Grace hospital, exemplifying the complex lives of surgeons trying to be humans in a job that is humanly impossible. Yeah, that was a lot of pillow talk, but to sum it all up—I love it, I love it, I love it!

Despite my hate for those of you who lured me into this series, I am also very grateful. I'll see you all on Thursday. I'll bring pretzels.



Photos by Ashton Do

Ashton Do  
Spotlight Writer

Regis University's Main Hall was built in 1887. It's a structure with a lot of history, and, undoubtedly, a lot of secrets. There's talk of tunnels, ghosts, gravestones. Late at night, custodians complain of eerily long groans emanating from the building. It even got to a point where some custodians refused to work alone during midnight hours.

I wanted to see for myself what these claims were all about, so I enlisted the help of Pat Schlanger, associate director of Operations for Physical Plant. Together we explored the darker pieces of Main Hall unseen by most people, until now.

We first explored the underground tunnels running underneath Main Hall. As I descended down the stairway

leading in, Pat briefed me on what we would see. "Main Hall used to be powered by coal," he said, "and so these tunnels were used to transport coal to the boilers."

Once we were in, it took a minute for my eyes to adjust to the intense darkness. Multitudes of steam pipes ran back and forth along the ceiling. The air was thick and stuffy. "When pipes expand and contract, they make noises," Pat noted. It turns out that steam pipes were likely the cause of groans late at night because they branched throughout Main Hall.

We stopped at a storage room for Regis University's Center for the Study of War Experience. After service in World War II, some memorabilia found its resting place here in these dark, lonely tunnels. Old, dusty combat boots sat on a box while many military jackets were stacked on other boxes

throughout the room.

As we delved further into the tunnel, the ground got more uneven and ceilings got lower. Save for the flash of my camera, I could see nothing in the darkness but Pat's faint figure. Periodically we found light switches that barely illuminated our surroundings.

The combination of rust, crumbling brick walls, and pipes everywhere reminded me of scenes from *Saw*, *Silent Hill*, and *Nightmare on Elm Street*.

At the end of our underground tour, Pat showed me the old coal powered boilers. They were not active but "College of the Sacred Heart" still embossed onto their doors, stood as a reminder of Regis University's humble beginnings. In the room, we stood on a bouncy floor constructed from what seemed to be scrap wood. "Watch

your step," Pat warned, "it will be a long drop if you fall."

I wanted to see some gravestones.

We climbed up onto the third floor of Main Hall and entered the annex; an additional wing added to the master structure years ago. Unlike the tunnels, windows faintly lit the annex. We walked across the dust-covered floors, slowly observing what used to be a livable space. Finally, we found the gravestones.

Sitting in the corner of a storage room, the gravestones almost seemed to glow in light of their surroundings. Pat explained to me that there used to be a small cemetery for the Jesuits just northeast of Main Hall. The bodies were since relocated to a more appropriate grave site, but for some reason, their tombstones were left behind.

At last, Pat reflects, "that was kind of strange, wasn't it?"



# Calendar of Campus Events

## Tuesday, October 24 to Friday, December 8

"Santos: Sacred Art of Colorado" on display in the DML: Santos are a special type of religious-inspired folk art found in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. From October 24 through December 8, the santos collection, on display in the Dayton Memorial Library, will be featuring new artwork from 12 santos artists. In addition, other events surrounding this artwork will be held over the remainder of this semester. Check out these events and don't miss the featured artwork.

Exhibition dates:

October 24 - December 8

Mass and procession:

Wednesday, November 1, 4:30 at the chapel

Opening reception:

Wednesday, November 1, 5:30 - 8 pm

Santos market:

Saturday, December 9

Santos Exhibition Lectures

Thursday, October 26, 7 pm

Thomas Steele, S.J.

Thursday, November 9, 7 pm

Jose Raul Esquivel

## Tuesday, October 24

German Stammtisch: Come participate in the German Table or Stammtisch, an informal gathering of people interested in practicing their language skills in German. This is an opportunity to get to know other people who share your interests. Students, professors, staff, and speakers at all levels of proficiency are welcome to join. All you need is the desire to speak or listen to speakers of German. To be held in the Ranger Grille at 12:15 p.m.

Community Service and Volunteer Fair: Representatives of a variety of organizations will be present to share information about post-graduate volunteer opportunities and about oppor-

tunities to volunteer in the Denver community.

Organizations represented will include: Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Colorado Vincentian Volunteers, Urban Servant Corps, Circle K, and many other local nonprofit organizations. To be held in the Student Center Cafeteria from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Esera Tuaolo presents "Creating a World of Tolerance and Civility": After nine years in the NFL, Esera Tuaolo came out as gay, a secret which caused him to have severe anxiety and depression. While Tuaolo's story is unique in its setting—a pro sports locker room—his feelings of depression, loneliness and thoughts of suicide are universal and will resonate with many people. Esera Tuaolo played defensive tackle for five teams in his nine years, spending the longest time with the Minnesota Vikings. Ironically, his one trip to the Super Bowl, with Atlanta in 1998, came at the expense of the Vikings in the NFC Championship Game. He was drafted in the second round by the Green Bay Packers in 1991 after a standout career at Oregon State. Esera Tuaolo will talk about his experiences as a gay man and as a Pro Football Player. To be held in the Ranger Grille at 7:00 p.m.

The Archdiocese of Denver free 2006-2007 Lecture Series: Come hear Robert Royal, president of the Faith and Reason Institute in Washington, D.C., deliver the Fourth Annual Robert Casey Lecture on Catholic faith and public service. The topic of his lecture is "The believer's crucial role in secular society." Royal is a scholar, educator, and author of "The God that did not fail," "The Catholic martyrs of the 20th century: a comprehensive global history," and numer-

ous other books and articles.

To be held at 7:00 p.m. at Bonfils Hall, located just inside the eastern entrance to the John Paul II Center campus (1300 S. Steele St.), where East Louisiana Avenue meets South Monroe Street.

## Wednesday, October 25

Learn About Light Rail, Bus Passes and Parking Issues: Come listen to a presentation on Light Rail, ECO Bus Passes and Parking Issues on Campus and in the Neighborhood. Tom Reynolds, Vice President for Mission, and Karen Webber, Vice President for Administration will present this agenda item. To be held at 8:30 a.m. in the ALC Mountain View Room.

Project Mercy Ethiopia 2006 Student Presentation/Reflection: Come to this brown bag event to join in conversation and reflection about the Rueckert-Hartman School for Health Professions Project Mercy Ethiopia 2006 Student Intercultural Immersion. Coffee and tea will be served. To be held in the ALC Mountain View Room from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SPEAK Meeting: to be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Chemistry Library.

## Thursday, October 26

A Fair Trade Story, with organic farmer, Pascual Matias of Chiapas, Mexico: Come listen to a Presentation and discussion by Joe Curnow, National Coordinator of United Students for Fair Trade and Pascual Matias, who lives in the small community of Rio Negro, population 280, next to el Triunfo Biosphere Reserve in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. To be held in the Regis Room of Carroll Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"Holiness in the Marketplace: The Promise and possibilities of Business and Economic Life": Come listen to Albino Barrera, O.P. Professor of Economics and Humanities (Theology), Providence College, Rhode Island, discuss "Holiness in the Marketplace: The Promise and possibilities of Business and Economic Life." This dialogue is a part of the Fall 2006 Speaker Series: "Catholicism in the Modern World." To be held in the St. John Francis Regis Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, October 31

Employee Activity Committee Halloween Celebration: Join the Employee Activity Committee for our annual Halloween Party! There will be free lunch for anyone in a costume! To be held in the Faculty Lounge at 12:00 p.m.

## Thursday, November 2

Regis SOA Fundraising Dinner: Support the 32 member of our Regis Delegation who will be attending the Ignatian Teach-In for Justice and SOA protest. Meet at Berkeley Church at 50<sup>th</sup> and Meade for dinner, a speaker, and a silent auction. The appetizers and silent auction will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and a speaker to follow at 6:00 p.m. It is \$25 a plate and space is limited. Please contact Erin Saunders for tickets or more information at edsaunde@regis.edu or 303.458.4192.

## Tuesday, November 7

Election Day: The Peace & Justice Club is sponsoring a Van to Vote to bring Regis students, staff and faculty to and from the vote center at West 44th Ave & Navajo. Meet in the lobby of the Student Center at the following times: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Bring an ID with a Colorado address!

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## Irregular Sudoku 12 x 12

Watch out! This puzzle uses 12 numbers instead of the usual 9. Good luck!

Solution

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