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SANTOS ART EXHIBIT OPENS AT O'SULLIVAN



Collegium Musicum heralds the arrival of Santos: Sacred Art of Colorado
Photo by Brett Stakelin

Artists offer look into religious art of Colorado

Jessica Knapp
Staff Reporter

Santos: Sacred Art of Colorado opened this past week in the O'Sullivan Art Gallery. The show features Denver Metro Area Santos artists, makers of hand crafted effigies of St John Francis Regis or other Catholic saints. The opening of the show followed a mass and a procession from the St. John Francis Regis Chapel in celebration of All Saints Day.

Santos were traditionally started in New Mexico when missionary priests felt they needed visual aids to help teach the Native Americans Catholicism. They were traditionally made of all natural materials and some would even take a lifetime for the artists to finish. Today, Santos can be found in many homes of hispanic New Mexicans as well as all over the southwestern United States.

After the procession from the Chapel, the show started with a short concert from the Collegium Musicum, directed by Mark Davenport, director of the music department. The Collegium Musicum features music that ranges from the years 1200 to 1750 and focuses on the few instruments that were used during these time periods. The group began with some music for the entrance of the procession, and then proceeded to entertain the onlookers with chords and rhythms.

Once the Collegium Musicum was complete, the crowd

was invited to view the many Santos creations on exhibit in the O'Sullivan. During the opening, many Santos artists were there to answer questions about their art. One of these artists, Roxanne Shaw Galindo, explained how her piece of 11 individual Santos took no less than 15 days to complete. Galindo explained the process of sanding down the boards and applying Gesso to give each piece their creamy colored background. Galindo explained that her two dimensional Santo, called a Retablos, took dedication and patience to create.

11 Denver Metro Area artists—including Carlos Santistevan, Teresa Duran, Meggan De Anza, Jerry Vigil, Catherine Robles-Shaw, Ronald Miera, Jay Seale, Lena Blea, Jose Raul Esquibel, Carlos Santistevan II, and Roxanne Shaw Galindo—have work currently on exhibit in the O'Sullivan Art Gallery. While some artists work with Retablos, like Galindo, others work three dimensionally, or with Bultos, and produce large wooden sculptures in likeness of Catholic saints.

Santos: Sacred Art of Colorado will be up in the O'Sullivan Art Gallery through December 8. There will be one more artist's lecture on November 9 at 7:00 p.m., featuring Jose Raul Esquibel, an artist in this exhibit. Also visit the Santos Room on the third floor of the Dayton Memorial Library. Regis' own collection of Santos art is one of the largest in the country and features many different shows a year.

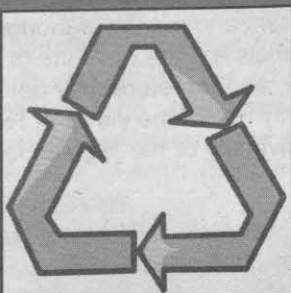
Chiapas farmer puts face on Fair Trade

Ashton Do
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, October 26, a large group Regis students gathered in a room too small to accommodate everyone. Some sat on chairs, others on the floor, but together they formed a large circle. Gathered together, these students were about to learn of Fair Trade. Pascual Matias, a farmer directly affected by Fair Trade, spoke to the crowd of students.

Before Fair Trade, small coffee farmers from the Mexican state of Chiapas, like Matias, sold their produce through middlemen, who would in turn sell that produce on the market for almost triple the price. Farmers were not compensated, even at times when the market price doubled. The system was

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Annual Fr. Woody Wrap Party to be held for those in need during the holidays

Jacqueline Kharouf
Editor-in-Chief

This November 11 will mark the 15th Annual Fr. Woody Wrap Party at Regis. Held every year in honor of the Denver archdiocesan priest who cared for the poor and homeless of Denver, this event, organized by Dr. Victoria McCabe, director of the Freshmen Commitment Program, calls students, faculty, staff, and alumni to join in Fr. Woody's efforts to serve the poor of the community. According to McCabe, by wrapping literally tons of presents, this annual event hopes to serve the less fortunate with presents for Christmas.

McCabe said she expects about 3,500 guests to come to the party, "that's what the Fr. Woody Party is like; here comes everybody, everybody's welcome," she explained.

Although the party has been held in the student dining hall in past years, this year's party will be held in the Ranger Dome, due to scheduling conflicts. However, McCabe said, anyone is invited to come and stay and help as long as they can. "It's a team effort, for sure," she said.

McCabe also noted that several alumni continue to return, year after year, to help with the wrap party and the Christmas Party for the Homeless, which is held every year at the Adam's Mark Hotel. McCabe said she has alumni come from as far away as California and Kansas City, and as close as Denver.

Lovia Shipp, winner of the Civis Princeps award at the Spring 2006 Regis graduation, has helped with every wrap party since its start at Regis. Shipp noted that she keeps returning because there is something about giving and serving those in need: "It's the spirit that holds the giver and the receiver," she said. For Shipp the wrap party "becomes an obsession."

Enter a drawing to attend chapel dedication

Laurie Shaffer
Writer for the Office of Public Affairs

Denver Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will officially dedicate and consecrate the new St. John Francis Regis Chapel on Friday, January 19, 2007. Because interest in attending this historic event is so high, a lottery is being held for tickets for Regis students who would like to attend. Faculty and staff may enter a separate lottery.

Each person is allowed only one entry, which must be on an official form. Forms are available from University Ministry in Room 200 in the Student Center or University Relations in Room 207 of Main Hall. E-mail entries will not be accepted.

Completed forms – which ask for name, e-mail address and school – must be received by University

"You know, this year will be my 26th party," she said, "and each time is like the first time. The giving is a contagious thing."

According to McCabe, the party gets bigger and bigger every year, "Ideally, we wouldn't have to have the Christmas party for the poor, but that's Heaven," she said, "And in the real world, the poor will always be with us."

McCabe also noted that this party is held, not only in honor of Fr. Woody's efforts, but in the hopes to pursue the Regis mission, "Like the Regis mission says our job is to serve the poor. So we're literally serving dinner on that day, and hospitality, and spirit, and then gifts of new clothing," she said. She continued, "Fr. Woody always said [the poor] live in hand-me-downs, they get left-overs and on this one day we want them to be waited on, served a nice dinner in a beautiful place and then given these brand new gifts that someone has purchased and wrapped for them. It is beautiful."

McCabe ended by mentioning her gratefulness to the Regis community, "I'm really grateful for all the support Regis has shown over the past 15 years. The Jesuits, faculty, staff, [are always supportive] and most especially students, because students just put in their whole hearts and time and energy," she said, "That's a real celebration."

The Fr. Woody Wrap Party will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. in the Ranger Dome. Anyone is invited to come help wrap presents, enjoy some music, and eat chili. Anyone interested in helping with the Christmas Party for the Homeless, which will be held on December 10 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, should contact Valerie at 303.715.3154. Volunteers from Regis, McCabe noted, should mention that they would like to be an elf.

Ministry by the end of the work day on Wednesday, December 6. Forms can be mailed via campus or regular mail in care of Mail Code J-4, or dropped off in person.

The first winner in each category will be drawn beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, December 8, in the President's Office. University Ministry will complete the drawing of 100 names in each category. Winners will be notified by e-mail that they have been selected.

Winners will then pick up their tickets on January 16 and 17 from the Office of University Relations. Unclaimed tickets as of 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, will be entered into an additional lottery.

For more information about the drawing or the dedication, contact Gina Leyba in University Relations at 303-458-3542.

Today is Voting Day!
Don't forget to head to a voting station to cast your ballot.
Can't get a ride to vote? 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. Be sure to bring an ID with a Colorado address!

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exploitative of their work, and with starvation and disparity on the fringes of their existence, they had no other choice but to comply.

Fair Trade was developed to ensure fair prices and a better quality of life to farmers like those from Chiapas. Certified producers must adhere to strict environmental, economic, and social standards in order to qualify. Together, these practices benefit small-scale growers organized into cooperatives. "Fair Trade is a concept," said USFT speaker Joe Curnow, "underscored by the idea of relationships."

Matias, a farmer from Chiapas, was present to speak about how Fair Trade changed his community. He spoke in Spanish while a representative from Transfair USA, an independent certifier for more than 600 companies, translated.

Matias spoke of how Fair Trade affected Rio Negro, his small community in Chiapas. For one, the system freed them from a middleman by allowing them to export directly to buyers. Fair Trade also ensured a stable, unmovable price that could sustain and improve their community. To prevent corrupt practices, the economic transparency component required financial transactions to be open and transparent for all to understand. Certification also led to governmental support in the form of grants. The Chiapans were able to improve their infrastructure by investing in new technologies. Most importantly, Fair Trade allowed them to enact changes that would open doors of opportunity for the future.

The presentation, "A Fair Trade Story," was sponsored by University Ministry and the RUSGA Social Justice Committee. "We want Regis students to be aware of Fair Trade practices and to make informed purchasing decisions," Emily Augsburg, director of the Social Justice Committee, said. RUSGA recently passed an amendment to the student constitution that requires student clubs and organizations to purchase from Fair Trade certified sources.

"The things we purchase are a reflection of our values," social justice intern Ashly Blincow added, "they reflect on how we want others to be treated."

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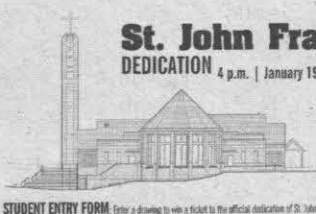
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Students can pick up tickets like this one from the Office of University Relations in Main Hall, room 322.

Military Commissions Act of 2006 abolishes 791 year-old legal right

elle thomas
Opinions Editor

What comes to mind when you hear the words "Guantanamo Bay?" How about "Abu Ghraib?" For many people, the names of these two prisons conjure up images of torture or wrongful imprisonment. Although both are run by the U.S. military, neither prison is on domestic soil – Guantanamo (or Gitmo) is in Cuba and Abu Ghraib is in Iraq. Virtually all prisoners deemed "enemy combatants" in the so-called war on terror are held in prisons outside of the U.S. – mainly at Gitmo and Abu Ghraib. This has been the source of much debate and several lawsuits in the past five years.

The Bush Administration has claimed, since late 2001, that enemy combatants are not the same as prisoners of war (POWs) and so are not entitled to certain basic human rights under the Geneva Convention (the internationally agreed-upon rules for treating POWs). And, because these prisons are not on U.S. soil, Bush's Executive Office also claims that U.S. courts have no jurisdiction over them (meaning that the rules of American law do not apply). So, these people are protected by neither our laws nor international laws. They are in a legal limbo, and are forced to remain in prison, hidden from court-appointed representation. They do not have the right to be charged or released within a few days of capture, nor to a speedy trial. Another rule of justice that the Administration claims these prisoners cannot use is that of habeas corpus.

The legal right to habeas corpus dates to the Magna Carta of 1215. The Magna Carta was written because of disagreements and power struggles between the Catholic pope and the English king. Essentially, the Magna Carta outlined the basic human rights that the king (at that time the ultimate law of the land) was bound to respect. In those days, if the king or his representatives accused someone of a crime, that person would be captured and simply disappear. Habeas corpus (Latin for "you must show the body")

forced the king to bring the accused into a courtroom, so that it could be proven that the person had not been killed, beaten, or otherwise mistreated. When Thomas Jefferson and the other founding fathers of the U.S. drafted our laws in the late 1700s, they included habeas corpus as a basic protection against false imprisonment and torture.

Since the beginning of our invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq several years ago, the U.S. has captured and

habeas corpus has been part of the Western legal system for 791 years to prevent just such abuse against a person. It can also be used to bring attention to inhumane conditions. For example, a writ of habeas corpus filed in 1918 by the lawyer for a dozen women (arrested for picketing outside the White House for the right to vote) allowed the public to see how these women had been mistreated and malnourished while in jail. Not only were the women released, but the jail was

status or invoke rights guaranteed by the Geneva Convention. That means that the military captures them, detains them, and tries them. No other legal entity is allowed access to these prisoners. This goes against the "checks and balances" system of the American government – we intentionally have three branches of government so that no one part of government can be more powerful than the others. The MCA seems to grant the military an extreme amount of autonomy. Imagine if Congress suddenly abolished the Supreme Court, claiming that since they wrote the laws they should be the one to enforce the laws, too. Wouldn't we citizens be upset and try to put Congress back in its proper place?

The MCA revokes the right of habeas corpus for hundreds of detainees. This was a retroactive ruling, meaning that 197 cases pending with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia must be dropped, one of which dates back to 2004. According to Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), who voted against the MCA, "Authorizing indefinite detention of anybody the Government designates – without any proceeding and without any recourse – is what our worst critics claim the United States would do, not what American values, traditions and our rule of law would have us do. This is not just a bad bill, this is a dangerous bill" (statement issued 9/28/06).

The right to habeas corpus still applies to U.S. citizens. But in passing the Military Commissions Act of 2006, our government has already charged our foreign enemies as "unlawful" and denied them protection under the international treatment of prisoners of war. Our military has also been given permission to be judge, jury, and executioner – the exact circumstances that brought about the Magna Carta and habeas corpus almost 800 years ago. Is it that farfetched to wonder if a police state and the reclassification of native-born Americans who protest against the war in Iraq is far behind?

...the Military Commissions Act states that only a military tribunal ... has jurisdiction over [certain] prisoners and their cases, and also that such prisoners cannot claim POW status or invoke rights guaranteed by the Geneva Convention.

detained thousands of people suspected of being involved with terrorism. The vast majority of these people have been held but not charged with a crime. Some have been held for more than four years and still have not been charged. Often they are classified as a "person of interest," meaning that the person is being held because someone in the U.S. government think that he (or she) might have information about future terrorist plots, or might know the whereabouts of someone else wanted by the U.S. How does the military get this information out of these people? It may be that some are simply asked, again and again, about what they know. However, the photos and reports of torture in Abu Ghraib and Gitmo give a different, chilling answer to this question.

Most of us do not agree with torturing people to get information, both because it's morally wrong and also because studies show that many people will simply say what they think the interrogators want to hear just to stop the torture – meaning that there is no "up side" at all to torture. The right of

shut down until the conditions were improved.

In September 2006 Congress passed the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (MCA), and early in October President Bush signed it into law. The act involves the US government's detention and treatment of "alien unlawful combatants," defined as non-U.S. citizens engaged in hostilities against the United States or its allies. Consider that language. Our military enemies don't simply hold a different opinion, they are "unlawful?" Doesn't that imply that we already think they are guilty of wrongdoing, simply because they aren't "with us?" What does that say about us if we refuse to consider as legitimate any position other than our own? Aren't people of faith instructed to see all humans as the children of God and to see them as fundamentally good?

Among other things, the Military Commissions Act states that only a military tribunal (and not a traditional court of law) has jurisdiction over these prisoners and their cases, and also that such prisoners cannot claim POW

A brief note about Catholic Bishops and advice on elections

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Most folks interested in the relation of religious faith to their vote – and I hope that includes many *Highlander* readers – have probably noticed quite a few "voter guides" and letters of advice from religious groups and authorities. I'm particularly interested in the advice from Colorado's Bishops which urges Catholics to vote *in favor of Amendment 43* (defining marriage to be between a man and a woman), *against Referendum 1* (granting legal recognition as "domestic partnerships" to the unions of gays and lesbians), and *in favor of the referendum raising the minimum wage*.

As it happens, I personally agree with the Bishops' on two of those three recommendations. But that is not my concern in writing. Rather I'd like to help Catholics (and others who might be interested) understand the weight or significance of such recommendations from bishops.

An important distinction may help. When their Bishops teach on matters of faith and morals, that is understood by Catholics as an *authoritative Church teaching* which should weigh

very significantly in their thought and on their consciences. When, however, their Bishops make political judgments about what law or which policy will best help to realize those authoritative teachings, such recommendations are properly understood by Catholics as *prudential judgments* made by important leaders in their church community. Said differently, when the Bishops enter the political arena, Catholics certainly should give their recommendations serious attention, but Catholics are free to either agree or disagree – not with the moral principle or teaching involved, but with the particular recommendation about how best to translate that teaching into public policy.

A Catholic, for instance, would not be much of a Christian if they didn't agree with the fundamental principle that we are obligated to help the poor. Yet they might believe, as one writer opined in a recent *Highlander*, that minimum wage increases are not the best way to help the working poor. (On this one, by the way, I think the Bishops are right and that writer seriously mistaken.) So, too, Catholics clearly have an obligation to affirm and maintain the sanctity of marriage, but may not think that constitutional amendments defining

marriage or blocking domestic partnership rights for homosexuals is the best way to do that.

Bishops, as important church and civic leaders, certainly have a right, and probably an obligation, to make such prudential recommendations – and Catholics probably have an obligation to take those recommendations seriously. But when Bishops make such *political* recommendations they are no longer speaking with the *religious* authority granted their office. And so Catholics may, in good faith, come to quite different judgments about voting than those recommended by their bishops.

If you want to check out a lengthier discussion of this distinction, go to www.leavendenver.org and pull up the editorial "On Church Authority and the Coming Elections" written in the October/November 2004 issue of *Leaven* ("An Independent Catholic Voice in the Rocky Mountain Region").

For a good national Catholic "Voter Guide" check out www.thecatholicalliance.org.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7 IS ELECTION DAY!

If you are registered to vote in Denver County, hop on the **Van to Vote!**

Free round-trips between campus and the vote center at West 44th Ave & Navajo Street for any student, staff or faculty. Show up in the lobby of the Student Center at any of the following times:

8:00am \ 10:30am \ 12:30 pm
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Be sure to have your ID/proof of address.

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Letter to the Editor

We, as some of the neighbors referred to in the article, "Being a Good Neighbor" on page 3 in the *Highlander* dated October 31, 2006, have read that article and sense a bit of revolt toward the administration of the university for their stand on "off campus events involving Regis students." We, of the neighborhood, felt that we should tell the story from our point of view in the hope that you would understand the administration of the university has been requested by many of us in the surrounding neighborhoods to be involved. Those requests have been going on for years and our latest meeting was held in the Science Amphitheater on your campus on October 12.

We do not want to deprive any of our youth the time of their lives. We understand that this is a very important time in each of your lives and that friends you make, things you do and your independent living are those things that will be wonderful memories as you get older and move onward in life. The decisions you make now, however, may well influence negatively on the future you may be dreaming of. We ask only that you consider seeing these issues from our point of view and that you understand we ask those of you who are part of the problems to modify your behavior out of courtesy to the neighborhood and in the interest of all of us living together.

The issues in our neighborhood begin with some students who have rented homes in our neighborhoods to use those homes as party houses at every opportunity. As a result of the parties, the surrounding neighborhoods are subjected to crowds of students loudly partying and speeding cars up and down our streets with people of all manner inside and people hanging out of those vehicles yelling or laughing loudly through the night and into the early morning hours. As the aftermath of very many of these parties, beer containers in the manner of bottles, cans and the red cups are tossed randomly in our neighborhood: in streets, on sidewalks and in yards. In a number of instances, entire empty beer case boxes have been tossed. These are left by the students for the neighborhood to clean up.

Students renting in our neighborhood create additional problems by violating various neighborhood ordinances. For instance, weeds are not to be higher than 6", indoor furniture such as couches and the like are not allowed on porches or in yards. In short, there are a list of ordinances that are being violated. In addition, there are regulations that govern our trash dumpsters and large items placed at those dumpsters for pick up. Properties are to be maintained to a standard that many student renters are not achieving.

There is also a problem created by parking. There are many elderly, handicapped elderly and simply handicapped people in these neighborhoods that are affected deeply by the parking problems. One neighbor tells me that she can go to Church daily, but that she comes back to no parking space. She is elderly and has recently had knee surgery. Her husband is in a wheelchair. You can imagine the difficulty facing her. Another tells me she must have caretakers come to her home for yard work, housework and to tend to the needs she can no longer

do. These caregivers find no parking. In the event an ambulance is needed, a gurney may have to be rolled a block to get back to ambulance or lifted over cars parked so closely together that no room is left between. On the other hand, even when a healthy and youthful person arrives home from work and finds no parking within three or four blocks of their home, it is difficult to contend with.

There are many days, as a number of you are aware, that the parking is bumper to bumper in these neighborhoods, by students and administration of the university, so that those of us who live here have no parking. This has become a monumental problem for the residents of the neighborhoods. At the same time we cannot park in front of our homes, the new Regis University parking lot has 8 vehicles in it and 200 empty spaces.

I would respond to the students who feel they should "be allowed to live their lives free of university involvement" be reminded that you are living in a neighborhood that will be involved and a neighborhood that has been working for years to get the university to be jointly involved. We would ask all of you to understand the magnitude of these problems and how they affect our neighborhoods. In addition, please, consider that in all the meetings (which have been going on for years) between the neighbors and the university which include the District 1 of our Denver Police Department, the neighborhood is continually requested by the university administration as well as the Denver Police Department to call the police and sign the complaints in the cases of the parties. We are currently working in the neighborhood now on a plan to "partner" neighbors so that additional neighbors are called in cases of parties to be sure complaints are signed. It is clear in your Student Code of Conduct the ramifications if the complaint is signed.

It is worth mentioning, too, that we now have neighbors who are working diligently in reporting those addresses that are in violation of city ordinances, trash issues in the alleys and graffiti in the neighborhood. Response by our government to violations of ordinances begin with citation and, if violations are not rectified, can go as far as foreclosure on the property. Any time an address must be reported for any violation that is rented by a student, that information will be provided the university for their influence in rectifying the problem.

We believe that students and administration, when imagining themselves in our position and considering the aggravation they would feel if tables were turned, would agree to be compassionate to our requests that you live among us as though you are of us rather than against us. If you live in our neighborhoods, be our neighbor. If you do not live in our neighborhood, Regis University has provided the new parking lot for your convenience and security and we in the neighborhood ask you kindly to use it. Allow us to "live our lives free of university involvement." Can we not all live showing a responsibility to our fellow neighbors and ask that you take on a position of tolerance for our needs as well as your own?

I am hopeful that none of you will let us down with regard to an immediate resolution to these problems. We

Human rights and politics of avoidance

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Contributing Writer

Governmental officials jockeying for power and advantage, playing fields bargaining liberty and control, debate over morality and justice. An impenetrable world clouded by misinformation, confusing lingo, and in-navigable loopholes. A world which has some measure of influence and involvement throughout the world; over lives and homes, individuals, families, and entire races. This world of words and debate has its hands all over the conflict in Darfur, Sudan. It is not merely the politics between the Sudanese Government and the guerilla rebels, or its political and financial support of the Jangaweed militia. It is not merely the Arab dominance in the Sudanese political arena with President Omar al Bashir actively promoting the mindset of genocide against Sudan's native Black Africans.

This genocide is seeped with political intentions, sure enough, but so are the moves and motives of stopping it. Why is the USA dragging its feet, when the US government was the first to recognize the conflict as genocide? Why is the Bush administration not doing everything it can to place pressure on the Sudanese government? Even England's Prime Minister Tony Blair is threatening Sudan with isolation if Bashir does not work on a renewed peace agreement. So where is the USA? We throw around words like 'genocide' but where is the action to back it up? The Associated Press puts it bluntly, "What makes a mockery of international denunciations of the conflict is the lack of political will and leadership to take the next steps: deploying the 23,000-soldier peace-keeping force that the U.N. Security Council has mandated for Darfur, curtailing the brutal militias and pressuring Sudan's government to reach a political accord with the rebels." To sum it, up our hands are tied with politics. In the 1990's AlBashir hosted Osama bin Laden for five years, so he has information on al Qaeda. "It's been a very good deal for the government of Sudan to give little tidbits of information about suspects around the world in order to blunt United States outrage over what's happening in Darfur" (CBS News).

We as a nation are caught in a ten-

sion of lives. On one side there is our own security as a nation, and the question of whether or not the information we are receiving about al Qaeda is truly invaluable. On the other side are the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians and refugees living in nightmarish situations. The extremity of the situation was described to a CBS reporter by the one doctor employed to treat an entire refugee camp of 25,000 people, "This is bad. They go to the villages, and they burn one village after the other, then when the people come out they catch the women and gang bang, they rape them, not one guy, no ten, fifteen then they carve up the men and throw them in the drinking water to make sure that this place will never ever be used again. And you're telling me the people in America don't know this or don't want to know this. Maybe its too much to know but that's what's happening right now and its happening all over again," Dr. Brahma says. "I'm sorry to say I'm going to sit here with you in two years time and I'm gonna tell you the same sad story. People will say, 'Ich habe nicht gewusst,' which is German for 'I didn't know'" (CBS News).

And why don't we know? Because the politics involved are too touchy to allow mass education on the conflict. The American people must not know the full details of why we are not acting upon our sentiment. It would not do to have knowledge that we might be held accountable for after thousands more people are murdered. It is far better for our consciences to claim ignorance.

And so I present the question, would you rather sit back and claim ignorance for the sake of collecting information that is years old, or take action to persuade our government to get its hands dirty and push to save lives in Darfur? These are real people, real lives, real children. Can we truly ignore the problem?

To give a better picture of this issue CBS News has a segment of a 60 Minutes special done on the life of one of Darfur's refugees. Check it out by going to the website, <http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/60minutes/main3415.shtml> and clicking on the *Searching for Jacob* story.

Avoid ignorance and make a difference.

have adamantly pleaded with nay saying neighbors and with your university administration that if we could only have an opportunity to speak directly to the students and staff at the university, we could tap into their compassion, help them to understand the magnitude of the affect these problems are having on our neighborhoods and we could all work toward a solution that works rather than that which we are doing now.

If any renter would like information on ordinances, telephone numbers or e-mail addresses for the various government departments whose purpose it is to help maintain our neighborhoods, we will be very happy to supply that information. If there are any students interested, please contact Diane Cooper for information on how to contact me. In any event, let us all come to an understanding of compassion and compliance and be good neighbors.

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RANGERS CAN RECYCLE WHERE?

Maricor Coquia
Associate Editor

Regis University currently lacks a formal recycling program. Michael Redmond, associate vice-president of Physical Plant, believes that having one on campus isn't impossible, however. He stressed that with a strong student initiative, Regis has the potential to run a successful recycling program. "The main thing is sustainability," he explained. "We want a lasting program."

REGIS RECYCLING: TODAY

Although the university may lack a formal program, Regis does recycle, as contracted through various companies.

For waste collection, the university contracts with Republic Services, a company that operates in 21 states across the country. Republic Services specializes in solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, and disposal services, according to the company's website. Pat Schlanger, associate director of Operations, explained that for an estimated \$32,600 a year, Republic collects waste from Regis. That contract includes a subcontract with Recycle America, which collects cardboard, as from the Dayton Memorial Library.

Janet Lee, technical services librarian, explained that cardboard waste that is "out of shape (torn, without lids) or too large are placed in the recycling bins." Other cardboard materials, like smaller boxes and packaging used for interlibrary loans and book orders are reused, according to Lee.

Sodexo, which provides dining and catering services for Regis, also recycles cardboard through this contract. Most of the cardboard produced for recycling comes from the kitchen, in addition to steel food cans, explained

Lewis Hughen, catering director. Sodexo offices further the university's efforts by also recycling aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and white paper, which Hughen added, "is "volunteer driven, with all items (except cardboard) being hauled away to local recycling centers." Hughen expressed that most of the time, employees will even drop off collected recyclables themselves.

WHITE PAPER, BE GONE

Currently, Regis also recycles white office paper through a contract with Second Cycle, a recycling firm located in Aurora. The contract allows all major department and faculty buildings on campus to recycle white paper (no junk mail or newspaper) and cardboard, with the Adult Learning Center holding the most bins (a total of six) in one building. According to Mike Noland of Second Cycle, there are approximately 37 large brown bins located across campus. For example, Loyola has two large brown bins located in the Copy room. "At full capacity, the bins can hold up to 300+ pounds of paper waste," expressed Noland. In total, he estimates that the university recycles at least 2,220 pounds of paper a week. Second Cycle collects the paper

every Friday.

Currently, the contract with Second Cycle costs the university \$55 a month. Noland explained that the contract could be expanded to collect other recyclable materials, including junk mail, newspaper, plastics, and aluminum and tin cans for the same price. "Second Cycle will provide all the necessary receptacles," expressed Noland. "Yes, still for \$55," Noland confirmed.

One large bin would hold white paper; a second could hold junk mail, plastic, newspaper and aluminum; a third could hold glass (which needs to be kept separate). From Regis' perspective, however, the issue would be finding space inside and outside each building for the additional large bins and possible small dumpsters. Although it may seem easy enough for the university to upgrade to more recycling bins, Redmond stressed otherwise. He said, "It's not as simple as placing bins wherever we feel we need them. We need to think of how to integrate the system into the university landscape."

Currently, faculty staff can order a blue wastebasket through Corporate Express, which provides office supplies for Regis. Every night, the custodial staff dumps full blue wastebaskets into either the brown bins located in each building, or in their main collection area (so the brown bins don't fill up

too quickly). About 70 percent of all the faculty offices have a bin, said Redmond. "We have been recycling white paper in the office environments for ten years," he added.

Some faculty and students have expressed concern that white paper collected in the blue baskets is being disposed with regular waste, however. Schlanger and Mark Forbes, assistant director of Performance Contracts, are currently working with the custodial staff (BG Services) to ensure that each staff member follows the above procedure and understands the importance of recycling the white paper. According to Schlanger, right now, BG does this work on a voluntary basis: if the Regis program were to expand, it might require changing the contract with BG to include those added responsibilities.

EL JEBEL & RECYCLE AMERICA

Regis also contracts with El Jebel Shriners, a community outreach program that dates back to 1858. An El Jebel recycling dumpster is located in Parking Lot 2, behind the Dayton Memorial Library. Recycle America, a waste-management program started in 2003, is responsible for managing the bins, while El Jebel donates the receptacles for community recycling efforts. These bins are single-stream, meaning, waste doesn't have to be pre-sorted before dumping.

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Catherine Kleier, assistant professor of Biology, contacted El Jebel to help further recycling efforts on campus. She explained, "At this point we are only trying to determine if El Jebel would be willing to place more dumpsters on campus. Any actual dumpsters or bins would [have to] be approved both by Physical Plant and the administration at large." Nonetheless, she hopes that recycling bins will be provided by all major trash sites once a formal recycling program is established.

Providing more El Jebel recycle bins may raise a problem, according to Mary Beth Callie, assistant professor of Communication. Right now, the El Jebel bin takes up a corner parking space. If more dumpsters were to be placed around the campus, Physical Plant and administration would have to consider where to place the additional bins, which may likely take up other parking slots.

OTHER RECYCLING EFFORTS

Recycling is not limited to Regis College. The Reuckert-Hartman School for Health Professions (RHSHP), also contracts with Waste Management of Denver for school-wide shredding needs, especially for record management. According to Kim Frisch, director for Marketing and Admissions, three large bins are available in Carroll Hall. These bins accept paper waste from Physical Therapy, Nursing, Health Services Administration and Management, along with Marketing and Admissions. In total, Frisch says that the bins collect an average of 1,000 to 2,000 pounds annually, with shredding costing 10 cents a pound. Iron Mountain Records Management, handles the billing, clarified Frisch.

Furthermore, Physical Plant utilizes wood chips for mulch to maintain the Regis landscape. "It's a contract we've had with Denver with 10+ years," explained Redmond. The university also practices pre-cycling, as demonstrated through the construction of the St. John-Francis Regis Chapel. "The tiles in the bathroom were made of recycled auto glass," said Redmond. The roofing and flooring was also made of durable material, he added.

REGIS RECYCLING TOMORROW

Exploring possible ways to finally establish a recycling program on campus

Many faculty, staff, and students have expressed concern of the University's lack of recycling on campus, especially in comparison to the rest of the Denver community. In particular, the City of Denver runs a successful recycling system called Denver Recycles. The program currently offers residential recycling collection to single-family homes, town homes, and apartment buildings with seven or fewer units. According to the program's website, however, they do not offer service to apartment buildings over seven units, or to commercial businesses, including larger establishments like Regis University. El Jebel provides a service for many schools and businesses that are not served by the City's residential program.

HELP RECYCLE: NOW

what	where
CANS	Loyola Hall, Room 30 ALC-1st Floor Vending Area ALC-Room 305E (benefits Ronald McDonald Charities) 3rd Floor Science Building (benefits Chem Club) 2nd Floor Science Building (benefits Biology Department)
WHITE PAPER	ALC-1st Floor Vending Area Large Brown Bins in Department and Administrative Offices
CARDBOARD	Behind Townhouses Behind Library
MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, PHONE BOOKS, OFFICE PAPER, JUNK MAIL, GLASS, ALUMINUM CANS, CARDBOARD, STEEL CANS, EMPTY AEROSOL CANS, PAPERBOARD, PLASTIC, PAPER BAGS	El Jebel Recycling bin located behind library off of Parking Lot 2 *note: cannot recycle plastic bags, garbage, or tubs in this bin*

RECYCLING LINGO

allows you to put all your recyclable materials - cans, plastics, mixed paper and cardboard - into one container (and not have to sort them).

"single stream" recycling

"pre-cycling"

waste prevention, involving the three "R"s-Reduce the amount of stuff you buy, especially disposable items; Reuse items and buy reusable products; Rethink daily consumption habits; Precycling reduces costs of waste collection, transport, and disposal and saves natural resources.

EFFORTS TO MAKE IT WORK

Kleier strongly supports recycling efforts on campus. She commented, "I was most surprised by the fact that every other campus in the front range has a formal recycling program, including Metro State University, University of Colorado - Boulder and Denver campuses, Colorado State University, Colorado College, and University of Denver." She continued, "People often point out that the lack of recycling seems in discordance with our Jesuit values of social responsibility," referring to the question "How ought we to live?"

Adelle Montebalco, environmental science major at Regis, shares Kleier's sentiment. She said, "Why won't Regis make it a priority to consider their ecological footprint? How many landfills have we filled with our waste that could have been recycled, how much of our waste is being shipped overseas and affecting other communities?"

To help raise awareness of environmental issues on campus, Montebalco formed Students for Peaceful Environmental Action and Knowledge (SPEAK) in 2004. She, along with other students, have been working toward establishing a formal recycling program on campus in addition to raising student awareness and commitment of the recycling effort.

Students on the popular site, facebook.com, have also formed the group "REAL RANGERS RECYCLE," questioning: "Were you surprised that Regis does not have a recycling program? Would you like to change that?"

Changing the current university system however, needs more than

concern, expressed Schlanger and Redmond. "We understand," they expressed. "But we can't establish a recycling system out of nowhere. Planning a successful program needs more than [that]...an effort to 'flesh out all the details.'" In particular, Redmond believes that there needs to be a committed effort by students to make the program long lasting, meaning, he hopes the coming generations of students will continue the recycling initiative, even after students leave. He said, "The goal would be to have students teach other, to train the new

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members to take over when they're gone." Redmond added, "It's like a club, where the president prepares a member to take over."

In the past, efforts have been made to establish a formal recycling program on campus. According to Redmond, however, those plans quickly came to a halt.

Last year, the Waste Reduction Committee (WRC) was formed under the volunteered direction of Christian Van Minnen, who was a landscape employee for Physical Plant, but no longer works for the University. "There was a lot of synergy, a lot of great ideas," said Redmond. "But, nothing has really evolved since then." Minnen

worked heavily with SPEAK, trying to figure out what type of program would be most feasible on the Regis campus.

In particular, during a meeting held on October 25, 2005, the WRC discussed possible starting points for a recycling program on campus. According to Redmond, Van Minnen stressed the idea of "waste reduction" versus "recycling." The notes from the meeting emphasized that the University aim to "reuse and reduce" rather than just "recycle." This means that the prospective recycling program should be more than just collecting items around campus, but proactively conscious in using items that can be reused, thus reducing overall trash build-up.

Van Minnen also emphasized that a recycling program, be it established on campus, "remain in the hands of students." At the October 2005 meeting, the WRC thus recommended a number of work-study jobs be offered by the University to provide stability for the possible recycling program. Redmond suggested that each department could have a work-study position that focuses on recycling, thus, distributing responsibility evenly across campus. He explained that this method should keep the university internally involved while also providing a reliable infrastructure to the program. Redmond explained: "The goal is to make the program last. We want to make sure it continues, that it has the support it needs to not just last for a little while, but for years to come."

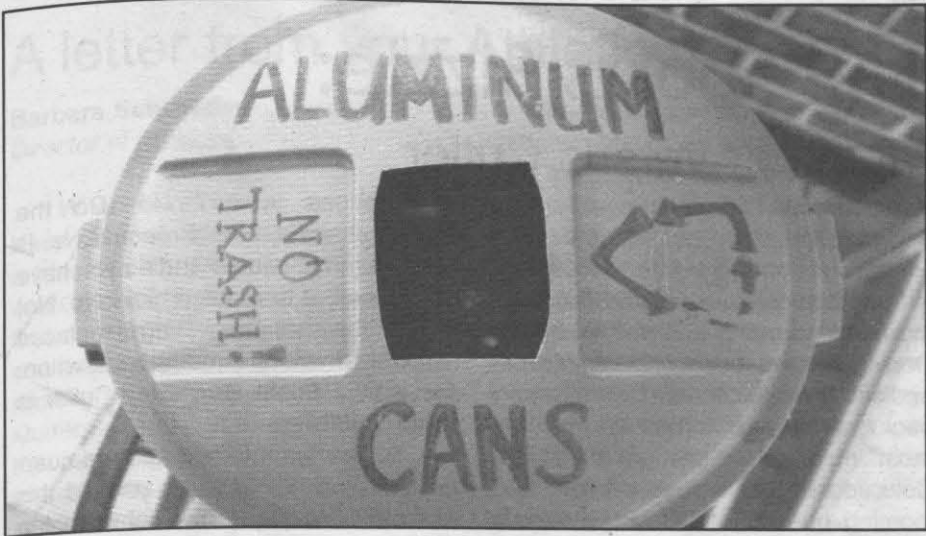
Unfortunately, after Van Minnen left the university, the efforts for establishing a program also came to a stop. "This is what we don't want to happen with the program," said Redmond. "Just because a faculty position leaves, the program hits a stump. If students were running the show, the program can keep going."

Schlanger also recommended a staff Recycling Coordinator position be created to provide necessary oversight. He added to Redmond's comments: "In order to establish a successful program, we need the cooperation of the university and the students." The responsibility of the coordinator would be to help monitor, evaluate, and document the progress of the program, especially in its initial stages. However, if the coordinator position were to be a professional staff responsibility, possibly under Physical Plant, an additional step would have to be taken by administration to approve the position.

Schlanger and Redmond stressed the importance of figuring out all the details before any progressive action

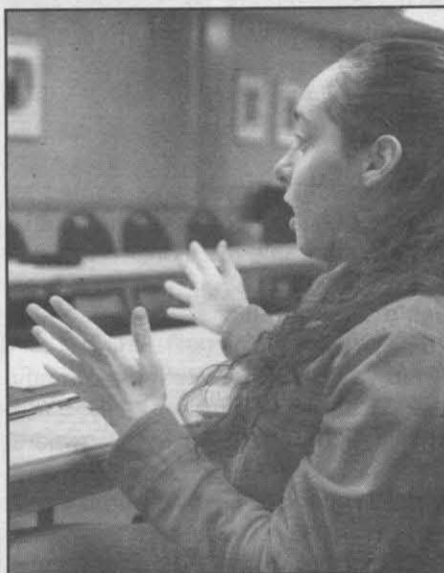
Regis University recycles at least 2,220 pounds of paper a week.

can take place. One of their largest concerns was cost-effectiveness. Redmond underlined that establishing a recycling program will cost money and that estimating such costs is a necessary step of planning a recycling program.



Left: Aluminum can recycling bin. Students may recycle their soda cans Loyola, the Science Building, and the ALC.

Bottom left: Pictured is the El Jebel single-stream recycling dumpster located behind the Dayton Memorial Library in Parking Lot 2.



REAL RANGERS RECYCLE

Adelle Montebalco, pictured right, is the founder and president of SPEAK. She is also actively involved with the Waste Reduction Committee. She, along with Tone Haug, and other students, are working toward establishing a recycling program on campus.

For instance, after bins are collected, a thorough sort-through of all the material collected needs to take place to prevent any additional charges against the University. "Most collection companies require that the items be sorted out before pick-up. If not, the university will get charged with additional costs," Redmond explained. About a year ago, Schlanger contacted Recycle America, then known as Tri-R Recycling, to estimate the costs. Single-stream recycle collection, from several sites on campus, would cost over three times as much as waste collection through Republic Services. However, he clarified, "[The numbers] would certainly have changed from last year."

Kim Cameron of Recycle America (RA), however, believes that Regis can at least cut down costs from current recycling programs. Cameron explained that RA can provide the university with a single-stream dumpster, where like the El Jebel bin, all recyclable items except plastic bags, plastic tubs, and everyday garbage can be streamed for recycling. She said that if Regis decides to contract with RA, costs for recycling cardboard and white paper "would go away."

SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS AT OTHER SCHOOLS

Loyola Marymount University (LMU) currently supports a student-run recycling program, which has been extremely successful, according to Redmond. "The program began with just a few students and has now expanded to the neighborhood," he explained. In 1994-1995 alone (the program's fourth year in existence), LMU collected over 300 tons of recyclable waste, including paper, glass, cardboard, and aluminum and tin cans. Today, LMU continues to strengthen its program by organizing community recycling efforts, according to LMU's Office of Environmental Control & Waste/Recycling. The program also remains heavily supported by students. "I think they have over 100 students helping with the program," said Redmond. LMU has an undergraduate population of 5,341 students.

Although LMU may have a larger student population, some schools closer to Regis in size have shown that establishing a program is not impossible.

Hamilton College (HC), for instance, a liberal arts college in New York State, with a student population of 1,775 students, runs a successful recycling program managed by student work-studies. According to the school's recycling website, a Recycling Taskforce was formed in 2004 under the direction of Physical Plant. The taskforce "manage(s) all recycling stations on campus, the distribution of blue bins in the dorm rooms, and work to advertise our improvements in recycling in addition to our deficits." Just last year, the HC recycling program recycled nearly 274 tons of paper waste.

Redmond hopes similar scenarios can begin at Regis. "Even though other schools with established (recycling) programs have larger student populations, that doesn't mean Regis (1,300 undergraduates) can't have one. We're willing to back a program if there are students willing to stick to it."

WHAT NOW?

Redmond and Schlanger don't want the community to feel discouraged about starting a recycling program on campus. "We are not against recycling," both said. "But if a program is started, we want to make sure it continues. We want to ensure that we as a university can continue what we begin." And that means, ensuring that a viable, well thought-out blueprint is agreed upon before any action can take place. Redmond added, "Yes, there is concern, we understand. But, we can't do it ourselves. We need students to take the wheel, to work with Physical Plant and figure out exactly how we're going to do this."

Kleier added, "I would like to see a recycling program that makes it as easy as possible for people to recycle."

In the end, both Redmond and Schlanger agreed on a need for cooperation. As Redmond stated, "The main thing is sustainability... We want a lasting program."

FOCUS student efforts

Vince Garzone
Staff Reporter

Many students have felt the need for a recycle program to take shape on campus.

One of the groups making an effort to achieve a recycling program is Students for Peaceful Environmental Action and Knowledge (SPEAK), which is an official student organization under RUSGA. The goal of SPEAK, according to the founder and president Adelle Montebalco, is "...to develop a more sustainable college campus, as well as increase environmental knowledge and discussion between Regis faculty and students." Montebalco, who is majoring in Environmental Science, with a minor in Social Justice, has made various attempts to begin a recycling program on campus. She expresses that her attempts have been unsuccessful thus far. But she remains hopeful.

Montebalco emphasizes: "The Regis mission includes making an impact on the changing society, frequently asking ourselves how "ought we to live?" and choosing a life and profession that is socially responsible." She believes that not providing a recycling program contradicts the University's core values, and stresses that Regis needs to consider our ecological footprint. "Wouldn't it be incredible if Regis was known as a university that fosters environmental stewardship?" she asked with enthusiasm.

The Waste Reduction Committee (WRC) is also leading the recycling effort. Montebalco is also a part of the WRC's efforts with student Tone Haug, who is also RUSGA co-director of student programming.

Haug explained that the group started last fall, collaborating with Christian Van Minnen of Physical Plant, to inform the student body about the importance of waste reduction. They sent out a survey to students and faculty last year asking if students would recycle, and it was determined that the majority would, but would need a guide of how to do so.

Haug expressed his frustrations of trying to get the Regis community to recycle: "It's hard informing [everyone] on what's recyclable and what's not. It's also difficult in finding people that will take care of what's recycled." If Regis were to expand its recycling program, the challenge would be finding a way to cover the cost of the bins that would be placed in offices and hallways and also determining where those bins would be located.

The WRC has another solution to help get a recycling program going; by getting students involved and showing the administration that the student body will participate. In the spring semester, the WRC plans to launch a pilot program where they will get volunteer students to have a recycling bin that they and their surrounding students can use for recycling.

The WRC hopes that this test program can demonstrate that the student body will participate in recycling and utilize the program properly.

SPEAK and WRC also plan raise awareness of the issue on November 15, National Recycling Day. In particular, a booth will be provided to inform students about recycling and the pilot program.

The WRC has meetings every other Thursday at 4 p.m. in the faculty lounge that are open to everyone. They have even created a Facebook group called, "Real Rangers Recycle."

In the end, both SPEAK and the WRC hope for their efforts to be successful. Catherine Kleier, assistant professor of Environmental Studies, has also been working with both groups on the recycling front. She hopes that by working together, a final and complete proposal shall be presented to the administration in February of 2007.

RANGER UPDATE

Katie Simons
Sports Editor

The volleyball team is finishing up their season as the men and women's basketball teams tune up with exhibition play to get ready for their season.

Women's Volleyball

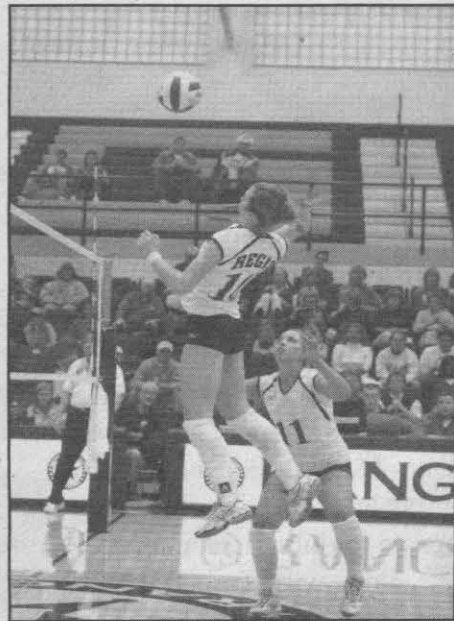


Photo by Graham Hunt

Sophomore Liz Franz goes up to make the kill.

The hopes of the Regis women's volleyball team were on the line this past weekend as they traveled to Silver City, New Mexico to take on Mesa State in the first round of the RMAC playoffs. The first game of the match did not start off in the Rangers' favor as they hit .060 and while they had one more kill than Mesa State,

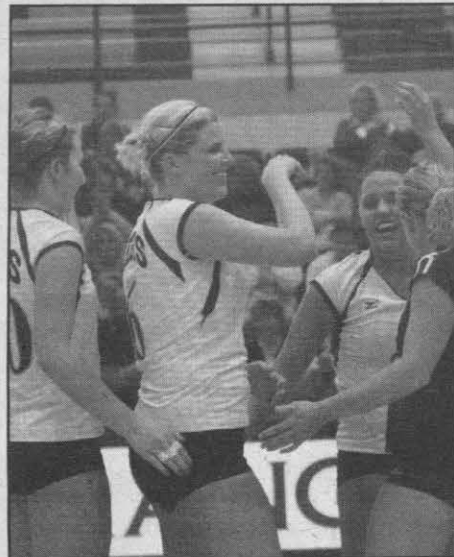


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they had eight more errors.

The second game was a battle for the Rangers at 29-26, it looked as though Mesa State would go up 2-0. However they battled back to win the next five points. Sophomore Liz Franz made a huge impact in the second game with eight kills and a .636 hitting percentage.

But Mesa State bounced back strong in the third game and once again the Rangers hitting efficiency .098 played a role in the game three loss. In the crucial fourth game it looked once again as though Mesa would come out victorious. But it was two kills by sophomores Franz and Hannah Tautolo that helped the Rangers go on a 6-1 scoring run and force a decisive game five.

In game five Mesa State jumped out to an early 8-2 lead. Once again hitting errors proved to be the difference as Rangers committed seven hitting errors and had only a .042 hitting percentage.

Despite the loss, Franz played well for the Rangers. She finished the

match with a career high 20 kills, .280 hitting percentage, seven digs, one solo block and three block assists. Freshmen Chelsea Pavlik finished the match with a double-double 12 kills and 28 digs. Freshmen Meghan Meehan also had 12 kills while Tautolo finished with 10 kills and 25 digs. Freshmen Felicia Ciarelli totaled 53 assists for the game while sophomores Kristin Thompson finished with 25 digs and Nia Ingram added fifteen.

Despite losing the match in five games, 30-17, 29-31, 30-24, 29-31, 15-11, the Rangers finished the season with an overall record 16-13. The Rangers also earned postseason honors this week. Pavlik was named Freshmen of the Year as well as All-RMAC first team along with senior Rachel Ross. Ciarelli was named to the All-RMAC second team and Franz was an honorable mention.

Men's Basketball

This year the men's team has many new faces as the return only three players from last years team: seniors Chris Brever, Nick Winder and Brandon Butler. The Rangers took their new team on the road this week as they took on Colorado State University in an exhibition game on Halloween.

The Rangers held CSU to only 29 points the first half but were only able to put 18 on the board for themselves while shooting below 40 percent. A much better second half performance of 35 points unfortunately was not enough to get the Rangers back into the game as they ended up coming out on the losing end 69-53.

Seniors Brandon Butler and Nick Winder played well. Butler was one rebound short of a double double as he finished the game with 16 points, nine rebounds while shooting 60 percent from the field as well as dishing out five assists. Winder was also one rebound short of a double-double as he finished with 11 points and nine rebounds. Newcomer junior Jeremy Gibson in his Ranger debut was one point short of double digits as he finished with 9 points. In action this week the men travel to Colorado University for an exhibition game at 7:00 pm.

Women's Basketball

The women's team expectations were once again high as they went into the season ranked 23rd in the preseason poll. On Friday, they traveled to Greeley to take on the University of Northern Colorado.

Tough defense was the difference for the Rangers as they held UNC to 13 points in the first half and only 40 for the game. The Rangers also forced UNC into 21 turnovers on 15 steals. Nine Rangers players put points on the board for the Rangers to help in the offensive efforts.

As usual, senior Diana Lopez led the way for the Rangers as she finished with 18 points on 7-13 shooting. She also grabbed four rebounds and made four steals while managing to keep herself out of foul trouble. Sister Denise Lopez also made an impact on defense as she pulled 11 rebounds along with 9 points and 4 assists. Sophomores Jenny Viera and Paulina Tuell added six points a piece for the Rangers in the 57-40 win.

The Sports Sizzle:

Plummer versus Cutler

Katie Simons
Sports Editor

Spending my Tuesday and Thursday mornings interning at The FAN 950 in Denver, I have been sucked into the endless debate about NFL quarterbacks. First and foremost, and the most important in this great state of Colorado is the always present and looming question of Plummer versus Cutler. I have listened to Mark Moser and Sandy Clough debate this week in and week out. Neither seems to take a particular side, at least in my opinion, on the situation and callers continue to voice their opinions. However, it is as simple as this: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Now I have only been here in Denver for a little over three years, but I, myself, have struggled with the issue of a pseudo-quarterback controversy. Now I'm calling it "pseudo" for the simple fact that the Broncos have only lost two games this season, one being to the Indianapolis Colts. Not to mention that in that game it was Plummer himself that made an impact and played quite well. It wasn't the same story of the defense carrying the team. Frankly the Colts marched down the field and picked apart the Broncos like they were some junior varsity team.

But here is the point I want to make: the Broncos are winning and playing well. They are maybe not at the level of the Colts, right now the best team in the NFL. But there is no reason to pull a quarterback who has played in big games. Up to this point, he has not made huge mistakes that have cost them big time. When should you pull a quarterback? Case and point, what happened with my Minnesota Vikings last season with Daunte Culpepper. People scoffed at the idea of replacing this young talent with a 40-year-old Brad Johnson. First off, Culpepper was throwing interceptions like it was his job and making poor decisions left and right and the Vikings were getting nowhere. Then he hurt his knee and it was an easy decision to pull him and replace him.

Plummer isn't throwing a plethora of

interceptions is he? No. Do the Broncos have a terrible record? No. Is Jake Plummer injured and do you have no choice but to replace him? No. Not to mention that the Vikings replaced him with a veteran quarterback whom has won a Super Bowl. Jay Cutler is not at that level.

You want to talk about a quarterback who needs to be yanked this season? How about Brad Johnson, the Vikings are a lowly 4-4 and lost 9-6 to a San Francisco team that was giving up 37 points a game to its opponents. He is a quarterback who isn't producing on a team is doing nothing. When you have nowhere to go but up and nothing is working, that's when you change it up. No need to do, cause it ain't broke here.

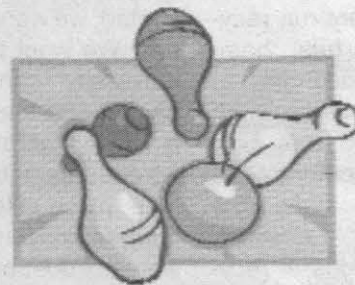
Plummer is playing just fine and honestly in sports a lot of times you just need to play well enough to win. The season is past the half way point now to throw in an untested rookie quarterback would be a waste and sending a message to the Broncos players and fans that we are giving up.

Two straight weeks now Plummer has put up good numbers. Particular against the Steelers Sunday he looked as confident as ever throwing touchdown passes to Jevon Walker. Plummer is playing better, the running game is producing, Jevon Walker is a huge threat in the air and the defense is still doing its job. The Broncos are a team on the rise. You don't break up a good thing like this, not with the potential for a playoff run.

Seriously though you want to get the best out of Jake Plummer or any other athlete for that matter, it is simple: confidence. As a coach, if you don't have confidence in your players you aren't going to get the best out of them. Coach Shannahan put his confidence in Plummer against the Colts and Steelers and he performed. There is no quarterback controversy. Let's look at this season a 6-2 record and a shot at a Super Bowl run this year. Worry about Cutler when it is clear that Plummer's time has come and gone. Two good games in a row now, leave the poor guy alone. Cutler fans you'll get your turn.

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Barbara Schroeder
Director of Athletics

When I was asked last week by Katie Simons, Sports Editor, to submit a piece to the "Highlander" one time each month, I decided to make this first one an informative one. While I could address many of the issues surrounding the varsity sports teams and student athletes at Regis University at the moment, I would rather call this one "Athletics 101" and maybe enlighten some of you faithful readers with interesting facts and tidbits about varsity Athletics at Regis. So, bear with me if you already know these facts and tune in once a month for my future ramblings.

Athletics 101:

There are 12 varsity, NCAA Division II teams at Regis. These teams are: Women's Volleyball, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Golf, Men's and Women's Basketball, Softball, Baseball and Women's Lacrosse.

Athletic scholarships are offered in all 12 of these sports.

11 of our 12 teams compete in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) with 13 other member schools in the states of Colorado, Nebraska and New Mexico. Metro State College of Denver is the largest of these 14 members with over 21,000 students. Regis is the smallest school with our enrollment of approximately 1400.

There are approximately 185 varsity student athletes at RU each year.

The average semester GPA for all student athletes combined has been a 3.22 for the past 12 academic years. The average number of hours passed each semester has been 15.1.

Student Athletes practice a maximum of 20 hours per week during their traditional season of competition and have mandatory training sessions during their non-traditional season as well.

RU Student Athletes must meet specific NCAA and Regis academic requirements to maintain their eligibility each semester.

RU Student Athletes agree to abide by the Athletic Department's and NCAA's codes of conduct and expectations when they enter school each academic year.

7 of the 12 varsity head coaches are full-time, the remaining 5 are half-time or less.

The average number of years of service for all 12 head coaches at Regis is 10.

Dr. Tom Duggan, Associate Professor of Philosophy serves as the Faculty Athletic Representative for the University.

During both the 2004-05 and 2005-06 years, 4 varsity teams qualified for their respective NCAA tournaments - Women's Soccer, Women's Basketball, Softball and Men's Golf.

And last, but by no means least, all Regis University students, faculty and staff are admitted free of charge to all regular season home games! Men's basketball home opener is Nov. 15 vs. Johnson and Wales at 7:00 PM and Women's basketball opens at home on Dec. 1 vs. Emporia St. at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Rugby finishes fall season and looks toward the spring



Photo by Graham Hunt

Sarah Wernimont
Sports Writer

The Regis University Men's Club Rugby ended their fall season competition with a loss to the University of Denver (DU) Friday, October 20. The Pioneers defeated Regis 18-31, preventing the Rangers from making the league playoffs. The Rangers are members of the Eastern Rockies Rugby Football Union.

The men's fall season record ended at 3-2. This season the Rangers won matches over Colorado School of Mines, Colorado College and Air Force Academy II. The only other loss, besides DU, was against the University of Northern Colorado (UNC).

At each game, one Regis player is named "Man of the Match." The Rangers were represented by freshmen Tyler Siegel and Jack Evans, who garnered the award against UNC and Air Force, respectively. Junior Derek Siegel was tagged "Man of the Match" against Mines and senior Mat Healy in the win against Colorado College.

Regis' team, comprised of 28 men, will play more informally and enter into non-league tournament games during the spring. "We will get more experience and have fun playing," commented sophomore Steve Anderson on the spring season. The Rangers are coached by Dan Hattrupp and assisted by Stu Hansen.



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Coats on a budget

How to find a winter jacket to fit your style

Jessica Knapp
Spotlight Writer

Cold weather has started to take hold of our campus and it is important that every Regis student keeps warm during these frosty winter months. With this in mind, I set out to find a perfect winter jacket to keep me cozy and fit into my meager college budget. It is no secret that retailers make big profits on outerwear and it is sometimes hard to find a quality coat that will last an entire winter for under \$100. Do not fear college students, for I am here to tell you that jackets are out there that are affordable and durable for the season.

When making an important purchase such as a winter coat, it is important that you shop around to find the best deals. Most retailers will have the same styles of jackets with different fabrications. For example, if you are looking for a cropped jacket, you can find an affordable one at American Eagle, Charlotte Russe, the Gap, Hollister, and Old Navy for under \$75. Each store offers a different twist to the classic jacket ranging from metallic colors, to corduroy, and leather fabrications. Keep in mind that this jacket is meant to be a bit shorter in the waist and it will not cover past the top of your pants. If you are looking for something with a bit more coverage but with the same sleek style, each of the above mentioned stores carry a similar cropped jacket in a full length.

Another classic choice for college students is a pea coat. Pea coats seem to always suggest sophistication and always look great with a matching hat and scarf set. Burlington Coat Factory offers the widest selection of pea coats at the most affordable price. While walking into this store is a bit overwhelming, it is hard to overlook the price tag of \$45 for the perfect double breasted pea coat. Banana Republic also offers classic coats, but these tend to coast upwards of \$150. If you are looking for a trendy pea coat, department stores also offer a wide selection of form fitting pea coats. Macy's carries a lot of different brands that vary greatly in prices. Still, there are deals to be had at Macy's on pea coats from DKNY, Calvin Klein, Nine West, and Espirit all priced less than \$150. After looking at a wide range of pea coats, my vote still goes towards the affordable Burlington Coat Factory for my classy jacket.

A new trend that is reminiscent of the 80's is the Puffer jacket. For every shop you walk into, it might be hard to turn away from the giant overstuffed down jackets that insure you will be warm wearing them. The puffer can be done terribly wrong (as in Gap's Longest Puffer that looks more like a double sleeping bag), or it can be done correctly and trimmed with bit of faux fur as in Old Navy's Hooded Fleece Lined Jacket for \$68. If you are in the market for a Puffer jacket, make sure you try it on before you buy it. If you

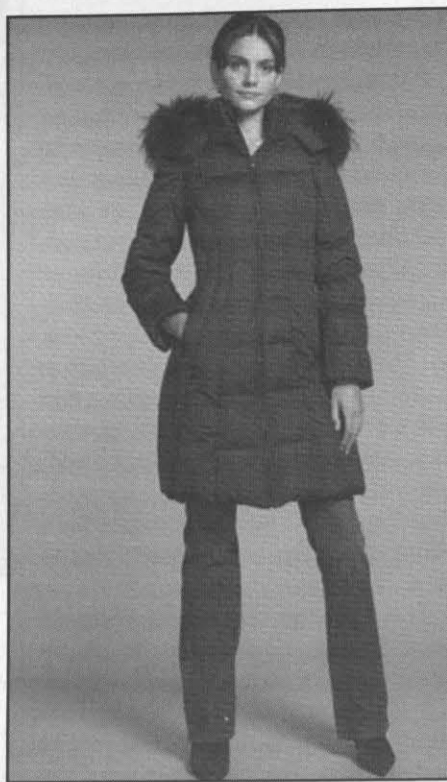


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The stylish puffer jacket will keep you warm during those long winter months (although, you might look a little unusual).

buy a Puffer jacket, however, you might be subject to the unavoidable after-effect: it is going to make you look like a marshmallow. These coats are not meant to look tight, in fact they lean more towards androgyny than any jacket out there. However, if you want to buy something that will keep you mighty warm during the winter months

in Denver, a Puffer might be just what you need.

Finally, for those more daring to layer and go without sleeves, a vest is the last winter selection that I would recommend for a Denver resident. The big advantage to wearing a vest as oppose to a jacket is the fact that it gives you a chance to layer and express a bit more style with your outerwear. Every store out there carries a vest and most of them are under \$75. Hollister, American Eagle, Charlotte Russe, Burlington Coat Factory, Urban Outfitters, you name it and they probably have some sort of winter vest to buy. Another great advantage to buying a vest is that you can wear it well into the spring, as it is sleeveless. Puffers, Cropped, and Pea Coats are ok to wear in the spring, they just seem to get a bit hot around mid day. With that in mind, my pick for a vest this season goes to American Eagle and their Sherpa Vest for \$69.50. Since it is Sherpa lined, it keeps the central core of the body extremely warm and is basic in color so that you can match it with a lot of other colors or patterns.

While setting out to buy a winter coat can seem like a daunting task, shopping around for the right style, color, and price can make the winter shopping trip a bit easier. I urge you all to go forth and find a fabulous winter jacket to wear with pride this season. And please remember: keep warm!

Don't cut off her head!

Marie Antoinette is pretty, after all

Jacqueline Kharouf
Editor-in-Chief

Sofia Coppola's newest film is anything but historical. Alright, alright, there's Versailles and the costumes and the shoes (oh my—the shoes!) and a dash of French for "authenticity," but *Marie Antoinette* isn't really about the times, it's not about Louis XVI or that raging mob of impoverished peasants (poor things).

It's a story about emptiness.

Because behind all the fluff, the frills, the deserts, the champagne, the clothes, the fans (yes, fans), and those beautiful shoes, there is a deep quietness to this film. You can see it reflected in the crystal clear glass of the carriages, hidden behind the trees of a still French countryside, folded neatly between the covers of an unused bed.

This film is really beautiful and Coppola's filming enhances that beauty. The soft swish of fine silks and the lovely sculpted curls of a perfect hairdo glow on screen, as if the viewer is also a part of this beautiful and oblivious world.

And yet, behind this great filming and attention to detail, there is that feeling as if something is missing and incomplete. Marie lives in a superficial, luscious world overflowing and bubbling in a wide brimmed glass. Like the sloshing delicately stemmed glasses Marie sips nearly constantly, this world is soon to spill, but no one has a clue.

Marie's world is beautiful and easy and you are almost swept away by that ease, that peace which seems to be so filling and satisfying.

But here is when Coppola slides her twist of irony into the cup: this world is

false and empty.

Coppola represents this void so beautifully with her quiet style and ability to capture candid moments of Marie. Kirsten Dunst is superb in her role. Although terribly superficial, Dunst plays Marie as a childlike woman who simply longs to please. Marie wants to please her mother, Louis XIV, the court ladies, and her husband, who is unwilling to fit the key in the lock (so to speak).

Coppola captures Dunst's far-away eyes as she gazes around her frilly room, meanders the garden of her separate house, and sits patiently (champagne in one hand) to watch the sunrise after her birthday. There is a stillness there, in those moments, when the viewer can see Marie's life is terribly empty and small. She doesn't really realize that she shouldn't be spending so much money because she doesn't know any better. It is a sad tragedy and, as much as I did not want to, I felt sorry for her.

This film may seem a little boring, the quiet times are really quiet and the superficial frilliness is yawn-inspiring, but with Coppola's juxtaposed piano music and Indie rock selection (oh, the version of "Fools Rush In" is horrible, by the way), as well as her subtle writing style and almost painful one-liners, *Marie Antoinette* is worth the effort. It seems a poignant example of how not to live; a critique, perhaps, of how even the people with the most stuff may not have such meaningful lives, without even realizing it themselves.

And don't be disappointed by the ending—you know what happens any-ways.

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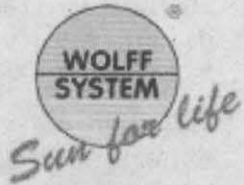
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Senate Meeting to be held in the Field House Newland Conference Center at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7
Election Day Van to Vote: The Regis Van 2 Vote Coalition 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: 8:00am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00pm. Be sure to bring an ID with a Colorado address!

Personal Counseling, Prepare for the Holidays: Drop by the Regis University Personal Counseling Services Table for free coffee, orange juice and donuts and to get information on budgeting for the holidays, managing holiday stress and dealing with grief over the holidays. To be held in the Student

Center from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 8 thru Thursday, November 9

Order your class ring: Don't miss your chance to order a class ring! Come see samples and pricing options from Jostens. To be held in the Bookstore from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8
Presentation of the FY06 Financials: Come learn about the 04/30/06 audited financial statements. Mel Mackintosh, University Controller, and Patrick Flannery, Manager of the Accounting Department, will present this agenda item. To be held in the ALC Mountain View Room from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 9
"A Place to Dwell" Retreat: This retreat will offer participants a way to understand spiritual life through the wisdom

source of the Gospel of John and to draw inspiration to live a life of ever deepening meaning. The retreat will be held in the Madonna Della Strada Chapel (the smaller chapel inside the St. John Francis Regis Chapel) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Kathy Schaefer by Nov. 6 mschaefer@regis.edu or 303-458-4956.

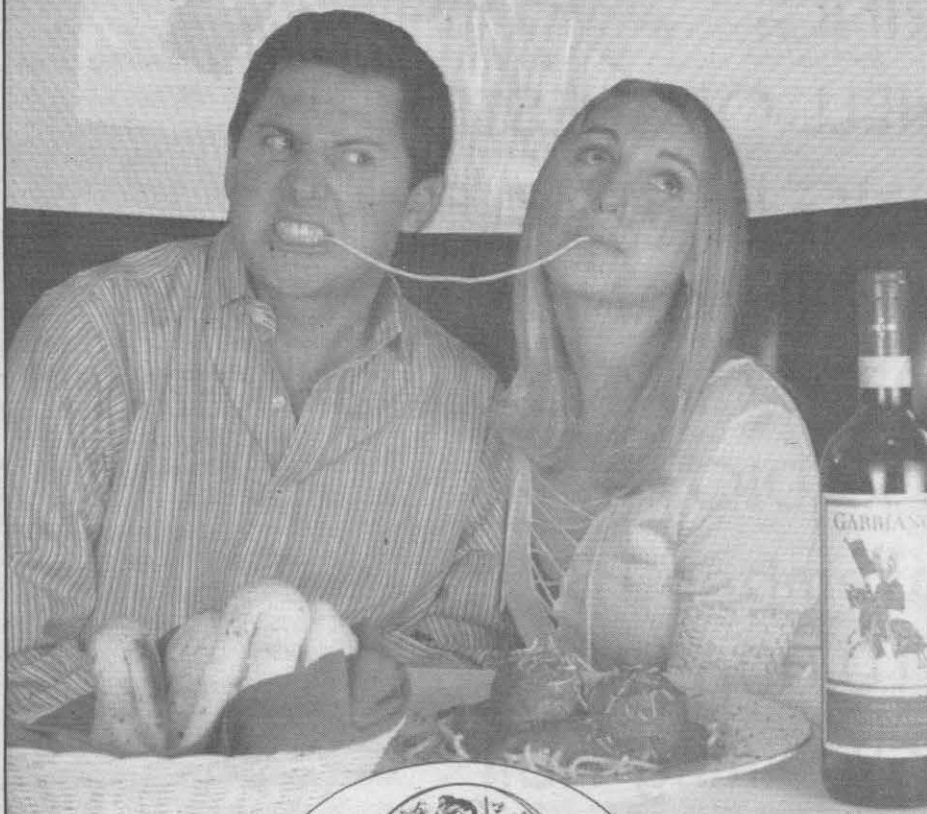
Diversity Dialogue: Can we agree to Disagree? Come discuss the election results. Many will be happy with some of the results and others will not. In light of this, the dialogue will focus on "Can we agree to disagree?" To be held in the Regis Room of Carroll Hall at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 11
15th Annual Father Woody Wrap Party: Kick off the holiday season at the 15th Annual Father Woody "Wrap" Party! Come help and wrap presents and enjoy food,

music, fellowship, and spirit! To be held in the Ranger Dome from 10:00 a.m. until all the presents are wrapped!

Thursday, November 16
Dinner and Dialogue: Come join the Dinner and Dialogue group to listen to Lonnie McCabe, who has worked for 28 years as a professional volunteer in the nonprofit sector. Starting off as a performer for nonprofit theatres, she became aware of her gifts, talents and leadership abilities before her employment at the Denver Foundation. We encourage you to participate in this once in a life time event. We will explore our inner passions and find the meaning in our lives. RSVP: Sally Spencer - Thomas at sspencer@regis.edu by Nov 10. To be held in the Regis Room of Carroll Hall at 6:00 p.m.

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