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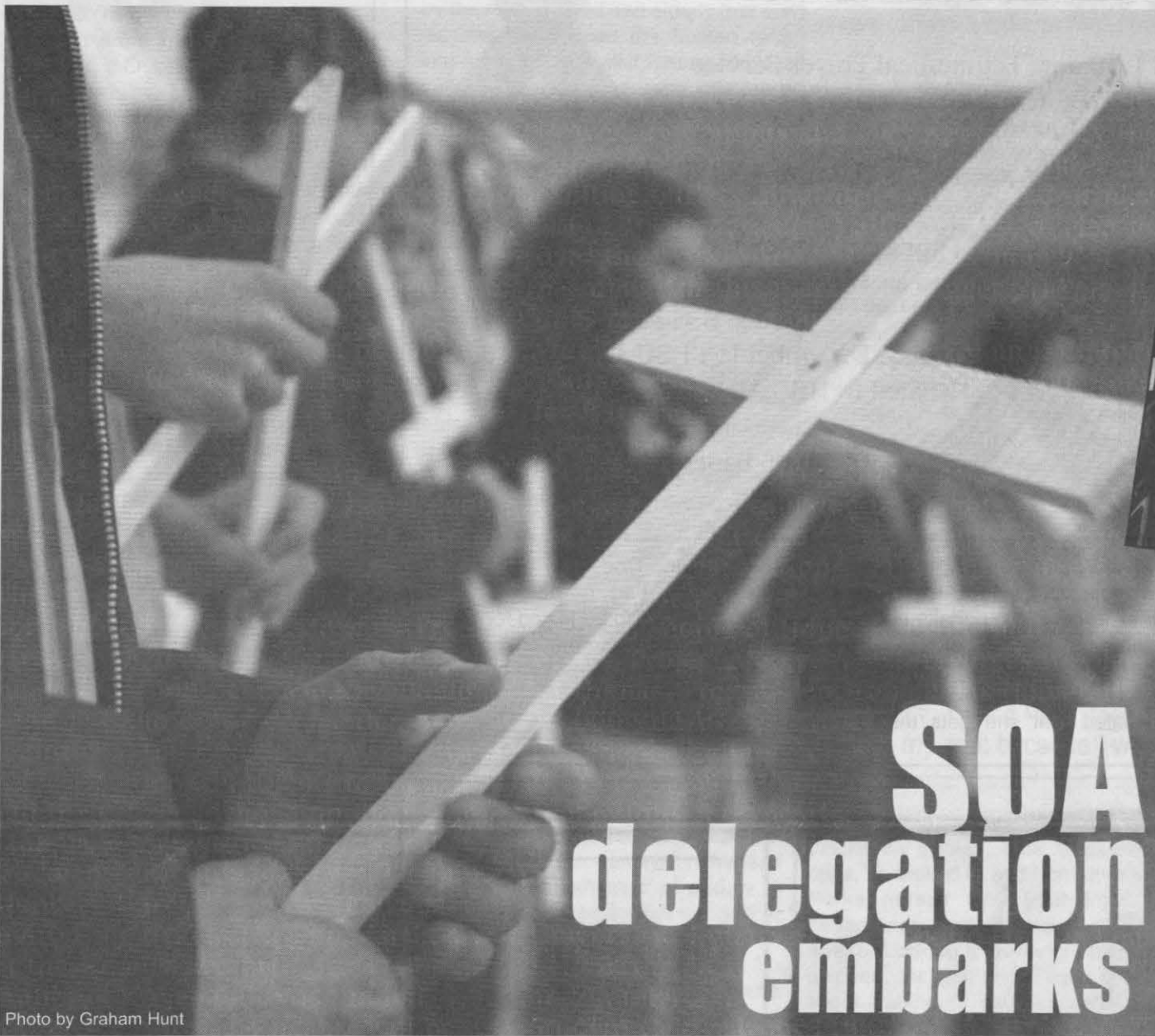
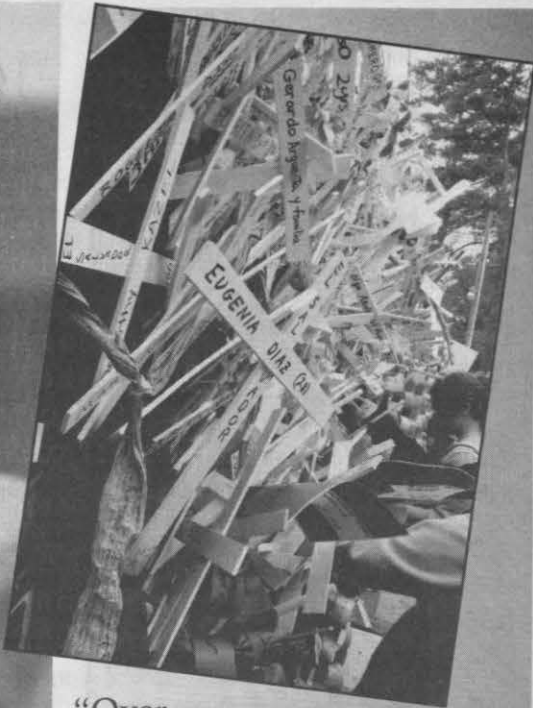


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SOA delegation embarks



"Over its 59 years, the SOA has trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers in counterinsurgency techniques, sniper training, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence and interrogation tactics. These graduates have consistently used their skills to wage a war against their own people..."

HIV/AIDS Awareness this week

elle thomas
Contributing Reporter

In between a full schedule of classes, homework, and leadership on the annual SOA protest and vigil, two busy Regis students have found time to coordinate a week of events dedicated to HIV and AIDS awareness. Emily Augsburger, RUSGA's director of Social Justice, and Ashly Blincow, Justice Intern for University Ministry, have been hard at work planning this week's events that culminate on World AIDS Day, Friday, December 1.

According to the World AIDS Campaign's website (www.worldaids-campaign.info), 39.5 million people are currently infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV. First discovered in 1983, HIV (and its final

stage of AIDS, or Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has killed an estimate 25 million people in the past 23 years, according to the World Health Organization. HIV may be aquired through contact with the blood or semen of infected persons. Currently, there is no cure. However, there are several methods to avoiding infection, as well as treatment with anit-viral medications. Avoidance techinques include careful blood donation screening and avoiding secual contact with HIV infected partners. Because this is such a serious health problem, both the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization urge each person to be tested for HIV.

Although there are methods of 'safer sex,' condoms and other barriers are

not foolproof. The most resonsible decision is to know your HIV status and to tell your partners before engaging in sexual activity. However, Blincow and Augsburger know that some people refuse to be tested for HIV and other sexually-transmitted diseases. Some are afraid of testing positive, and others are hesitant to admit that they are sexually active. In an attempt to reduce the stigma, they – and several other Regis students – are planning a testing trip to a local clinic. They want everyone to know that testing can be painless (through a simple saliva swab) and free, and that results are confidential. Clinics have knowledgeable staff that can counsel those who are positive and dispel myths

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Photos by Graham Hunt

31 members of the Regis delegation protested the School of Americas, a military training institute in Fort Benning, Georgia.



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about STDs. A number of misconceptions have arisen surrounding HIV/AIDS. Three of the most common are that AIDS can spread through casual contact, it can be cured by engaging in sex with a virgin, and that HIV can infect only homosexual men and drug users; none of these are true.

To increase awareness in the Regis community about HIV/AIDS, there are events planned for each day of the week, including an HIV-positive speaker at Romero House, two masses dedicated to those with AIDS, a moment of silence in the quad, and a lunchtime concert sponsored by KRCX.

Did you know?

o More than 1 billion people around the world live on less than \$1 a day.

o A child dies every three seconds from AIDS and extreme poverty.

o Africa has been hit harder by the HIV/AIDS virus than any other region of the world. Sub-Saharan Africa is home to over 70% of the total world HIV-positive population.

HIV/AIDS Awareness Week Events

Monday, November 27: 6:00 p.m. HIV positive speaker at Romero House Hospitality Night

Tuesday, November 28: Information Day

Wednesday, November 29: 26 students will dress in black to represent the world population living with HIV/AIDS

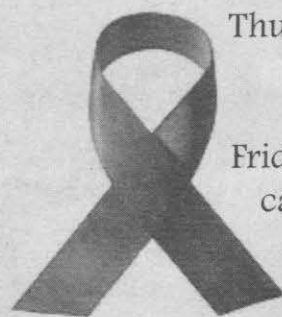
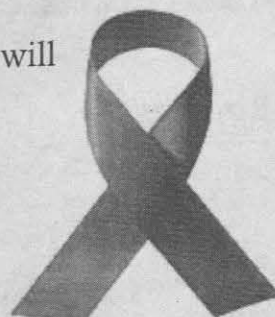
11:30 a.m. Ecumenical Prayer Service for AIDS (Chapel)

8:00 p.m. screening of the film Rent (cafeteria)

Thursday, November 30: 10 minutes of silence (noon in the quad)

Friday, December 1: 11:30 a.m. Mass dedicated to HIV/AIDS

12:00 p.m. benefit concert (The Grille)



Augsburger, Blinco, and others involved with the HIV/AIDS awareness week invite you to partake in the many events, and to follow the advice of actress Scarlett Johansson. In a recent *Allure* magazine, Johansson revealed that she gets tested twice

each year. "One has to be socially aware. It's part of being a decent human being, to be tested for STDs."

Additional information about HIV, including testing sites, can be found at www.coloradohealth.org.

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**Profile**

Photo courtesy of RUSGA

Name: Risschie
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Favorite part of RUSGA: The Dance Parties

Secret dorky thing you do every-day: Pretend I'm in the mob or a Disney character... flare nostrils...I go through phases.

Dinner with two famous people. Who are they? MLK Jr. and Hindu God Ganesha. I guess Ganesha is not really a person but I would like to have a dinner with him just because I

have so many questions (i.e. if you are the Hindu god that removes obstacles then how come Sri Lanka always loses in the 100 meter hurdles?).

If you could be any animal you would be: A butterfly in the sky so I can fly twice as high.

Favorite one hit wonder song: Steal My Sunshine by Len

What your looking forward to in RUSGA: Late in the first semester, I am looking forward to ending it with many accomplishments by the Directors. They have worked hard to provide so much for this school. They need a break.

RUSGA Update: Check out the events for the HIV/AIDS awareness campaign, under the direction of the Social Justice Committee.

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Yes, I can spell "Thanksgiving"

Jen Janes
Opinions Writer

As I was standing among my family during Thanksgiving, attempts to find something to be thankful for became too exhausting; I thought back to last Thanksgiving – particularly an incident involving a former friend of mine. He excitedly showed me his book collection, picked out his favorite, and said, "You know, Jen, this is a good book. You should check it out...if you read."

"Excuse me?" I said.

"College students don't read," he replied, "I saw it in *Van Wilder*."

I thought about building a case that intelligent people don't learn life lessons from *Van Wilder*, but it was too late. My turkey had turned to lament, and my green bean casserole, scorn.

The dark recesses of the Internet, not surprisingly, are no safe retreat. While attempting to drown my sorrows in blinking pop-up ads sporting cute little animated turkeys, I came across the following passage:

i was D8in this boi called Tom nd i luvd him soo much we broke up once nd this is in y6 all of dis story kk nyway we got bk 2geva and he was goin 2 the same highskl as me so i w a s happy happy happy but then wat does he do he gets into carshalton aswell but hes already been to the enduction day so i say y u movin 2 carshalton bois i fought u were going wid me 2 ma skl but no life is neva fair he goes off and we were gettin on well still goin out nd i still luvd him he luvd me but out of the blue he says i dont wanna go out wid u nymore i ask him y he wont tell me i still luv him sooooo much so tom whit wiil ya plz go out wid me i luv ya 4 eva nd eva (realbreakups.com, letter #1736)

Yes, this is a real passage. I missed most of the televised Macy's Thanksgiving Parade this year, because after reading the above script, tears irritatingly blocked my vision. What was supposed to have remained, in my memory, an ignorant, uncalled-for insult to my literate life was trans-

formed, by one passage, into a cornucopia of despair.

Maybe college students *don't* read. Apparently we would all prefer to gaze at the animated turkey pop-ups. If only such inspirational as *Notes from Underground* and *The Scarlet Letter* could make us as happy as blowing Britney Spears away with a mouse click.

I have been under the impression for many years that doomsday predictions by the middle-aged and elderly that our generation will lead the human race into a dark and derelict future (a.k.a. to hell in a hand basket) were little more than paranoid rantings born of formaldehyde over-dosage. But rather than dismiss these claims as the Pepperidge Farm stuffing of senility, maybe we should acknowledge their point. I rather doubt that our generation could lead us into any more darkness and death than did theirs – as every generation brings a measure of gloom to the world, but we should examine the contribution we will someday make. What sort of disaster will we infuse into the already sketchy gene pool?

We live in the shadow of countless previous generations, generations that brought us war, witch hunts, and poverty, all of which live on with us today. Our legacy will be one of illiteracy. Somewhere between the mashed potato castles of childhood and the happy turkey pop-ups of adolescence and beyond, we have forgotten how to read.

Membership in this legacy is embarrassing for those with no desire to participate, but we are all basted into it no matter how much we try to stick to the bottom of the pan. Yet we should not be ashamed of our generation. Instead we should be ashamed of people in general, and of their foolish trends that linger through human history like indigestion after that third piece of pie. So let us look forward, to Christmas, and a nice, month-long break – plenty of time to curl up with a good book.

Props to Rosa Parks, social justice, and public transit

elle thomas
Opinions Editor

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks sparked one of the pivotal moments in the struggle for civil rights when she refused to give up her seat to a white man. Contrary to what you may have learned from grade school history books, Miss Rosa wasn't a tired seamstress who simply didn't have the strength to move. She was a woman itching for the chance to overturn Alabama's "whites only" policies. In her 1992 autobiography *My Story*, she set the record straight, "People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. I was not tired physically, or no more tired than I usually was at the end of a working day. I was not old, although some people have an image of me as being old then. I was forty-two. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

Here's another thing you may not realize – the Montgomery Bus Boycott, for which Park's arrest was the catalyst, and which catapulted Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. onto the national stage, lasted almost a full year – from December 5, 1955 to December 1,

an open casket funeral in Chicago – and to invite the press – opened the eyes of the entire nation to the horrific racism of the Jim Crow South. Many people were outraged a second time when his murder went unpunished. Two white men stood trial, but the all-white jury took 67 minutes (including time out for a soda break) to acquit them. Both men admitted to the murder in January 1956, but could not be tried again under the double jeopardy law. Some historians point to the consciousness-raising of the Emmett Till affair as setting the stage for the Montgomery Bus Boycott in late 1955.

None of today's public transit lines have a "colored section" sign, of course, but I often wonder if they truly integrated. It seems to me that yesterday's color line has been replaced by a class line. Although I can name a dozen white students and staff on campus who use public transit, they seem to fall into two categories – middle-class folks who are environmentally conscious, and working-class students who don't have a reliable car. For some reason, using the bus in this city has been stigmatized – something that I find hard to understand after liv-

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1956. During the boycott, thousands of blacks car-pooled, took black-owned cabs, or walked to and from their jobs. Parks herself was fired from her department store job soon after her arrest. Looking to the bright side, she quipped, "At least I don't have to worry about getting to work." Instead, she took in sewing jobs and spent countless hours organizing the boycott.

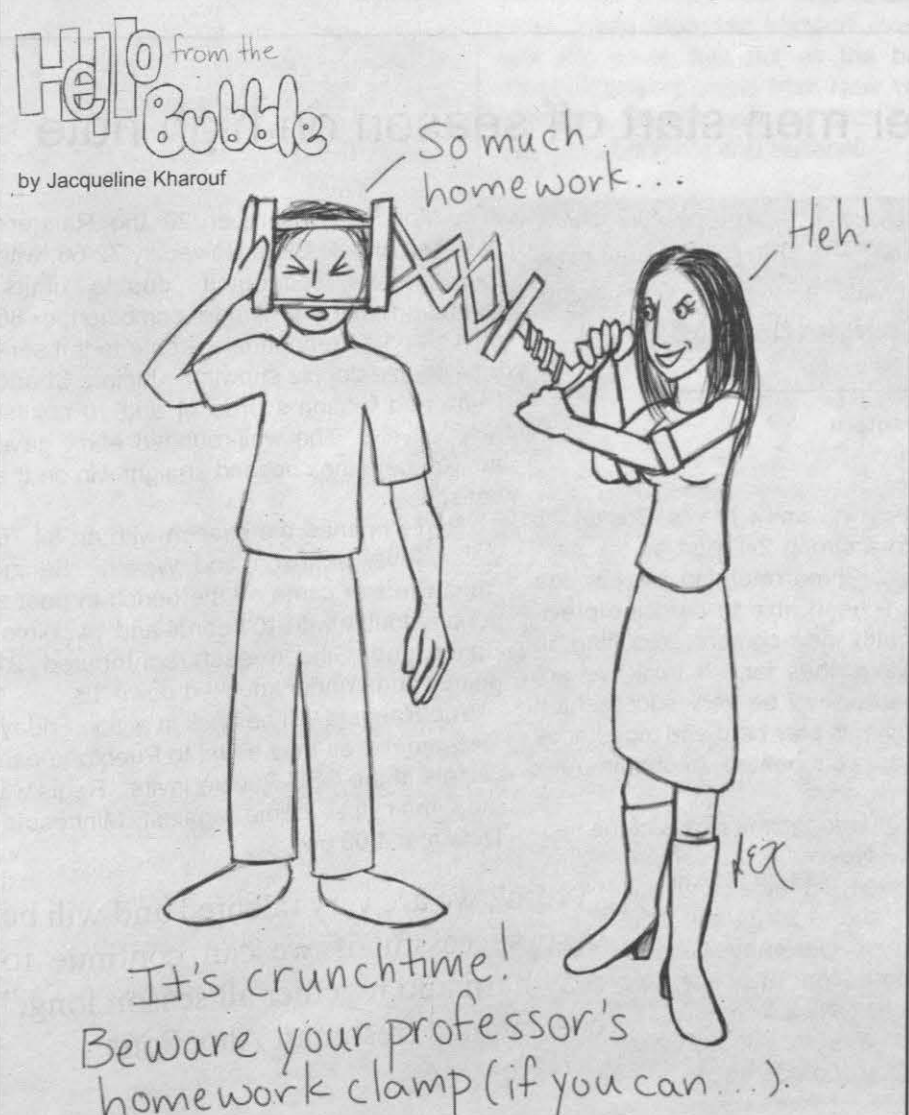
Several public transit lines (including Denver's RTD) have recently run posters of Parks, with the caption, "It all started on a bus." That's not quite true. Parks' arrest and the twelve-month bus boycott was at least the third major anti-segregationist event of the era. In May of 1954, the famous Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education* explicitly outlawed racial segregation in public education. Their unanimous ruling stated that "separate but equal" public facilities (as mandated by the 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* case) was inherently flawed and in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution (which mandated the equal protection of all citizens). The racist landscape was changing, but not quickly enough – prompting the Supreme Court to issue a call for integration "with all deliberate speed."

After the *Brown* decision came the Emmett Till case, which put a child's face on Southern bigotry. Till was a 14-year old black boy from Chicago who had been in Mississippi during the summer of 1955 visiting relatives. Although his mother had warned him to be deferential to whites while in the South, Till was a prankster at heart, and it cost him his life. While in a general store with his cousins, he whistled at the proprietor, a white woman. Till's mutilated body was found in the river several days later. He had been shot and beaten, one eye had been gouged out, and a weight had been tied to his neck. His mother's decision to have

ing ten years in Boston, Massachusetts. There, my Lexus-owning attorney neighbor rode a bus and a subway to court dressed in his three-piece suit. No Bostonian called the bus the "loser cruise" – they called it the obvious choice.

With all the recent controversy about parking and being good neighbors, you'd think Regis would be happy to take advantage of the two bus lines that stop at West 50th Ave and Federal (not to mention the four others that are within walking distance of campus, and all of the buses and light rail to which they connect). Instead, subsidized bus passes are still not available to students (despite being approved by RUSGA last spring), and according to the Staff Advisory Council minutes from November 1, 2006, next year Regis is doing away with the free transit pass benefit to staff despite the fact that 30% of Regis employees use it. That strikes me as the exact opposite of what a Jesuit school is all about. Shouldn't we be on the front lines of any social justice fight? Shouldn't we be calling for more use of public transit, rather than a one-third increase in the number of campus parking spots?

Do you think that Rosa Parks fought for integration on Montgomery buses fifty-one years ago just so that black people could ride them? I'm thinking that Miss Rosa fought for something much greater – recognition that we are all much more alike than we are different. She showed us all an answer to the question, "How Ought We to Live?" I urge my Regis community to do the same. Ask our administration how Regis is being a good neighbor if the school abandons the public transit program and forces more people to drive to campus. And, on Friday, December 1, to honor the first lady of civil rights history, start taking the bus.



Tough road for the Ranger women only gets tougher

Katie Simons
Sports Editor

The Regis Women's Basketball expectations are high and the competition level is even higher this season. In their first six games the Rangers will have taken on the number 3, 4 and 5 ranked teams in the country. National ranking and top players in the conference, Diana and Denise Lopez; the women look to continue their success.

Their first road trip of the season took the Rangers to California as they looked to take on Sonoma State and fifth-ranked Chico State. In a slow start to their first game against Sonoma State, the Rangers were able to battle back from being down 24-16 after the first half and come up with the road win in overtime 75-71. Senior Diana Lopez was held in check the first half with only two points but in the second half blew the game wide open as she finished with a game high 31 points.

The Rangers defense kept them in the game as Sonoma State only made six field goals in the first half on 6-20 shooting at 30 percent. It was free throws in the first half that gave Sonoma a slight lead as they converted on 12-16 while the Rangers shot only seven made just three.

The Rangers came out in the second half and quickly cut the lead to one, but Sonoma battled back to lead by as many as fourteen points. It was at the 6-minute mark that the Rangers began to whittle away that fourteen-point lead and with junior Breanne Burley's lay up she sparked a 10-0 Ranger run that lasted over two and a half minutes, lead by eight points from Diana Lopez.

Sonoma State was able to hold off the Rangers until the last second as Diana Lopez was fouled with one second remaining in regulation. With the Rangers down by two, she hit both to send the game into overtime. At the 3:02 mark sophomore Paulina Tuell hit a shot to put the Rangers up 65-63 and a little more than a minute later, junior Stevi Seitz hit a three pointer to push the game in the Rangers favor.

Thirty one points marked the 7th

time in Diana Lopez's career she hit the 30 point mark, to go along nicely with her seven rebound and five steals. Sister Denise Lopez finished with 17 points and eight rebounds, while Tuell came off the bench to chip in 10 points.

Coming off the high of a big overtime win, the Rangers shifted gears as they looked to take on one of their toughest opponents of the season, 5th ranked Chico State. However this time a second half come back was not in the cards for the Rangers as they fell behind early in the first half by 16 points. The Rangers, who led the nation in three point shooting last year, struggled to get going from behind the arc as they converted on only 2 of their 16 attempts, both which came in the first half.

Chico State was able to hit from three as they finished with 11 three pointers and shot well at 49.1 percent from the floor for the game. The Rangers took a beating on the boards as Chico State outrebounded the Rangers 40-22 and were able to scare 17 second chance points compared to only four for the Rangers. Thanks to the impressive play of Diana Lopez, she received RMAC East Division Player of the Week for the seventh time in her decorated career.

Diana Lopez once again led the Rangers as she finished with 16 points even though she herself was only 2-7 from behind the arc. Sister Denise also put up double digits for the second night in a row, as she posted 12 points, thanks to a perfect night from the line as she made all eight of her free throws. Tuell once again had an impressive performance off the bench

as she scored 11 points in 22 minutes of action.

This past weekend the Rangers looked to improve on their 1-1 record as they competed over the holiday weekend over at Colorado Christian University. Their first opponent came in looking to avenge a loss from the 2004-05 season when the Rangers easily handled the University of South Dakota 83-50. It was the Jackrabbits that were able to avenge their early loss to the Rangers thanks to free throws, as they made 10 more free throws to squeak out the win 67-66.

South Dakota attempted 25 free throws and converted on 20, shooting 80 percent for the game. The Rangers, who were equally impressive at just over 83 percent only attempted 12 free throws. For the third game in a row Diana Lopez led the way for the Rangers with 19 points but got off to a slow start once again with only five points in the first half. Along with those 19 points, she grabbed six rebounds and made five steals on the night.

Tuell once again proved to be a force coming off the bench as she added 17 points and Burley had 12 points. It was a night for Denise Lopez as she was held to single digits in scoring but came up on the defensive end as she led the team with eight rebounds and nine points.

The game went back and forth as the lead changed hand seven times and was tied up eleven times. The Rangers started the game on a 9-2 run and at one point in the first half held an eight-point lead. But it was South Dakota's Jenna Hoffman who led a 9-0 run to end the first half as a five-point

lead evaporated in a six-point deficit.

South Dakota led by as many as nine points in the second half but the Rangers were able to take that lead away to go up by one at the 11:55 mark. The teams battled throughout the second half with the Rangers at one point having a four point advantage. However, South Dakota's Ashley Bjorkman would hit a jumper to tie the game and a little over a minute later, hit a pair of free throws that gave South Dakota the game.

After a tough loss, the Rangers looked to bounce back against first time opponent Mary (N.D.). After clearly struggling from behind the arc, only making 8 three pointers in their first three games, the Rangers were able to reclaim their dominance from downtown knocking down 20 three-pointers on their way to a 94-61 win.

The Rangers not only shot well from three-point land but from the rest of the floor as well as they finished the game shooting 46.5 percent from the field. Four Ranger starters made three or more three pointers in the game. Seitz came up big as she knocked down five from downtown as she finished the game with 15 points and added six rebounds as well.

Diana Lopez led the way for the Rangers once again as she put up 17 points, five rebounds and five steals in only 28 minutes of play. Sister Denise Lopez and junior Breanne Burley each added 14 points, while Denise grabbed eight rebounds and had four steals and Burley dished out five assists.

This win improves the Ranger record to 2-2. However the road does not get any easier as the Rangers continue to take on tough competition in the days ahead. The Rangers will take on number 3 ranked Emporia State out of Kansas on Friday, December 1st at 7:00 pm, the women's home opener. Then, on Saturday, December 2nd, the Rangers will travel to play at Metro as they take on number 4 ranked St. Cloud State from Minnesota.

You can listen to both games on KRCX sports radio, http://academic.regis.edu/krcx/listen_live.htm.

SUPPORT YOUR RANGERS!

Rangers vs. Emporia State (ranked #3)
December 1, 7:00 p.m., home game

Rangers vs. St. Cloud State (ranked #4)
December 2, Metro

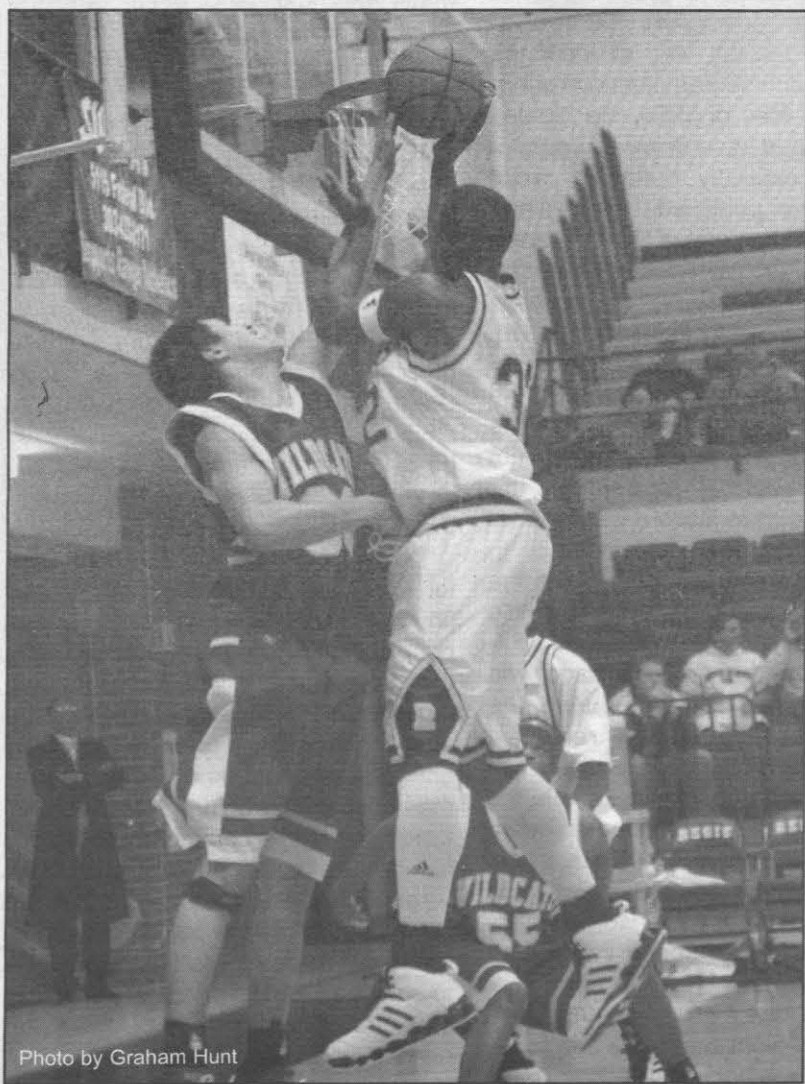


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Ranger men start off season on high note

With only three returning players, the Rangers have been able to combine previous talent with new-comers, resulting in a strong start for the Rangers.

Sarah Wernimont
Sports Writer

The Regis University Men's Basketball team is off to a strong 2-1 start on the season. With only three returning players, the Rangers have been able to combine previous talent with new-comers, resulting in strong showings thus far. "I think we are very talented and will be very successful if we can continue to play hard and together all season long," commented freshman Alex Potts.

The men suffered their first loss of the season Saturday, November 25 against Seattle University. Seattle came out on top 54-51 after a 24-24 half-time score. Junior Geremey Gibson scored a game-high 16 points, followed by senior Nick Winder's 11. Gibson and Winder also led the Rangers with six boards each.

Monday, November 20 the Rangers defeated Angelo State University 72-66, with four players scoring in double digits. Brandon Butler and Winder combined for 36 points and 24 rebounds en-route to the seniors' double-double showing. Juniors Chadd Dunn and Gibson scored 11 and 10 points, respectively. The well-rounded effort gave the Rangers their second straight win on the season.

Regis opened the season with an 84-76 victory over Johnson and Wales. Senior Chris Breaver came off the bench to post a double-double with 10 boards and 14 points. Butler and Gibson each contributed 21 points, and Winder knocked down 10.

The Rangers will be back in action Friday, December 1 as they travel to Pueblo to participate in the CSU-Pueblo Invite. Regis will play their first game against Minnesota-Duluth at 4:00 pm.

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Move Over New York!

Katie Simons
Sports Editor

Here is my disclaimer to all of you: yes I am from Minnesota but frankly that shouldn't matter because who really likes the Yankees anyway? So many people are complaining about this anti-New York bias against Derek Jeter and because of that; he didn't win the MVP award and some guy name Justin Morneau did. But here is a newsflash: the Yankees are old news. (Now, wouldn't it be fun for me to make statistical comparisons and bore you all to death.) We'll the point really is something completely different in my estimation in not only this MVP award but this baseball season proved it.

The NBA used to be dominated by the likes of the Chicago Bulls, Detroit Pistons and Boston Celtics but the torch has been passed to the Western Conference and teams like the LA Lakers, Dallas Mavericks, Phoenix Suns and San Antonio Spurs. The AFC has become the dominant conference in the NFL and well it seems that the mid-majors have spoken in college basketball. For too long the talk has continued to be about the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox but one didn't even make the playoffs and the other didn't make it past the Division Series. Times are changing and baseball is paving the way for the likes of the Minnesota Twins, Detroit Tigers, Oakland Athletics, and St. Louis Cardinals. The Yankees payroll of close to 200 million dollars couldn't beat the likes of a lowly 89 million-dollar payroll, while the Twins and Athletics faced off with the 19th and 21st best payroll in baseball. The Mets have the fifth highest payroll in baseball but they got out played by the eventual World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals whose payroll is at just over 88 million a year. Most of these teams aren't even in the top half of league in payroll.

These large market teams with gigantic payrolls have tons of superstars; well they aren't the best. The Minnesota Twins and Detroit Tigers are two prime examples and they have showed us that small ball and young players put up the numbers and produce wins. The Detroit Tigers made their way to the World Series and young and talented pitching: three rookies: Justin Verlander, Jeremy Bonderman and setup man Joel

Justin Morneau

On November 21, Morneau won the American League MVP award, and became only the fourth player in Twins history to win the honor. Morneau won a close vote over second place finisher Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees.

Zumaya and a bunch of players no one has ever heard of. The Twins did much of the same thing with only one marquee player, Johan Santana, but in the end it was the unlikely heroes Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau that picked up the slack when everything seemed lost.

Then you have the unlikeliest of winners who weren't playing the best baseball but seemed to put it all together when it counted in the St. Louis Cardinals. Their best player and serious home run threat Albert Pujols struggled to come up big while the little man David Eckstein came through with clutch hitting. Of course who can forget the Oakland Athletics who were carried on their back by a much older but no less powerful Frank Thomas who was resurrected from the dead. Both were teams that no one expected to win,

But here is a newsflash: the Yankees are old news.

most thought Oakland would go down to Minnesota. But the big surprise was the Cardinals who took out a high paid star-driven, yet somewhat ailing New York Mets team.

Here's the point: the Yankees haven't been winning World Series and it seems as though the minute you put down big bucks for players, it's like a curse. It happened to the Red Sox and it happened to the White Sox also. There are plenty of talented players out there that don't need ridiculous contracts to play well, though I'm sure they will see pay increases. These small market teams that make smart trades, draft well and use their farm teams clearly have been able to compete. Justin Morneau showed everyone this week that not all the best baseball players come from New York or Boston. So let's pass the torch for a new era of players and baseball.

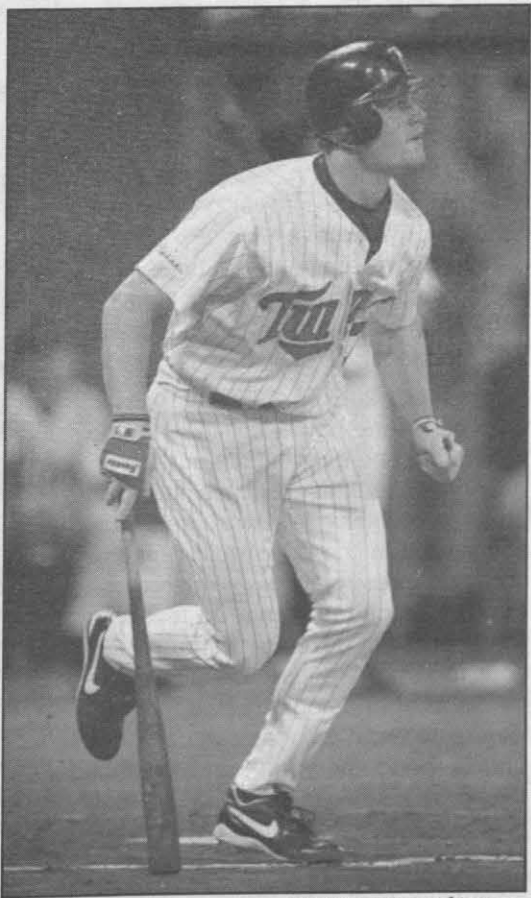


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Busting dreams in the BCS

Bobby Morgan
Sports Writer

At the season's start, there were three teams with high hopes for a national title: Ohio State, Notre Dame, and Texas. Then there were another four teams that could easily be in the BCS hunt: Auburn, USC, and West Virginia. As of last week only two of these teams, Texas and Auburn, had no chance for a Championship bid. West Virginia was cruising and Michigan, a new kid on the block, was looking like the number one team to play Ohio State in the National Championship game.

But what about the Fighting Irish and those pesky Trojans? The Irish were standing 10-1 with the only loss coming at the hands of 11-1 Michigan who was number two in the BCS, AP and the ESPNU polls. The Irish were number six in the AP, USA Today, and ESPNU polls, but number five in the BCS standings. USC was number two in the USA Today poll, but number three in the ESPNU, AP and the BCS standings.

So what's wrong with this picture: USC number three, Florida number four and Notre Dame number five each lost just one game? The Irish fans were, to say the least, livid with the BCS standings, calling them unfair and not accurate. How in the world could the Irish be ranked behind the USC Trojans who's loss at the hand of unranked Oregon State was 33-31?

Fortunately for the BCS computers and crazy math guys the fans making the biggest noise trashing the standings would get to see their team do what everyone said would happen: the Irish would beat USC and make the question, of who Michigan and Notre Dame would play, Ohio State, for the national title.

On Saturday November 25, 2006 the showdown of titans started. USC felt good going into the game and had won the last four meetings against the Irish. In the game it was well no Heisman performance by Brady Quinn, too

much speed and too much defense for the Fighting Irish. In the opening quarter Dwayne Jarrett had a 9 and then 5 yard touchdown receptions from John David Booty with the Irish putting three on the board with a 27 yard field goal. In the second quarter each team put 7 on the board and the Irish entered half time trailing 21-10. The third quarter copied the second with each team putting seven on the scoreboard as the Irish trailed 28-17 after the third frame. That was the last time the Irish would be within a two possession deficit and they would eventually fall to the Trojans 44-24.

With the Irish losing and USC's "style points," the BCS standings will have some shaking up to do and one huge question: will Michigan or USC play Ohio State in the national title game? Michigan has only one loss against the current number one Ohio State, while USC's only loss was a "fluke" against the still, and forever, unranked Oregon State, but since then has outscored opponents 143-44.

Another couple of notable losses were from the state of Texas and from West Virginia. Texas with its horrible loss to Big 12 opponent Kansas State would face in state rival Texas A&M. The Aggies defense would show up and would cause the Longhorns third loss and final blow to their season.

A much more important and crucial loss for many teams with hopes for an improved bowl game came from the pages of the Big East. South Florida (7-4) would walk into the house of 9-and-1 conference rival West Virginia and walk out a Big East upsetting team.

So now we only have one team left of our original six that the USA Today gave a shot at the national title. Will it be USC or new kid on the block Michigan who takes on Ohio State in the national title? We will have to wait, but let us mourn the loss of the Fighting Irish, Longhorns and Mountaineers as there is no way these teams will have any college football immortality this year.

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Brand New does it again

"The Devil and God are Ragin Inside Me" is a success

Jessica Knapp
Spotlight Writer

Some bands have a hard time following up albums that were declared masterpieces, but the quartet of Brand New is not one of those bands. Three years in the making, Brand New's album "The Devil and God are Ragin Inside Me" hit stores this past holiday week to loyal fans fixating for another taste of their music. At first listen, this album is nothing like the previous two we have heard from the boys. Upon further review, the songs are a new sound, but still good enough to impress the loyal fans who have waited three years, five months, and four days for Brand New to drop their new album.

After seeing these guys on tour only a month ago, I could only wait in pure excitement for the album release. As someone who has been a fan since "Deja Entendu," I was not disappointed in the \$10 I shelled out to iTunes for "The Devil and God are Ragin Inside Me". Much like their sophomore album, the lyrics reek of pain and heartache that lead singer Jesse Lacey seems to capture very well. In the song Millstone, Lacey sings "I used to know the name of every person I kissed/ Now I made this bed and I can't fall asleep in it". Not only does Lacey let the fans into the world of a rock star, he also proves that he is still able to write about it. The lyrics of this album alone far eclipse that of "Deja Entendu" and Lacey again proves why he is the successful song writer he has become.

Again, the sound of this album is unlike anything I have ever heard from Brand New. At first, it seems drab and some critics have even called it "so so". However, the point of the music is not to be taken lightly. The boys of Brand New made an album they really want you to listen to. Take the CD out of the computer and forget about listening to it on your Ipod. "The Devil and God are Ragin Inside Me" is meant to be listened with sincere intent. The sound alone of two songs that are almost entirely instrumental don't need words to give a true music fan goose bumps. The lyrics combined with the ever ranging sounds create an

album that cannot be pinned into just one genre.

For this reason, it's hard to put your head around the new style Brand New has created with their new album. Definitely take your time with this one. As a third album, I think it was meant to be much more complex than any of the last two. Once you understand the sound, the lyrics take it the next level. Together, they create a searing vision of music that is rare and almost unheard of.

It seemed like an impossible task, but the boys of Brand New made us all wait for good reason. They have proven that even after a "masterpiece," true bands can find a way to evolve their sound and produce something just as good, if not better than their previous album. Three years may have seemed like a long time to wait, but hearing what was accomplished in those three years proves that even the best artists are allotted time to follow up with even better music.

Brand New, pictured left, has come out with their album, *The Devil and God are Ragin Inside Me*. Album cover pictured below.



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The Real World

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Spotlight Writer

Real World fans in Denver were shocked earlier this year to learn that MTV was coming to the Mile High city for its eighteenth season. Though it was filmed throughout the summer, the show finally made its premiere on Wednesday, November 22.

"This is the true story, of seven strangers, picked to live in a house, work together and have their lives taped, to find out what happens, when people stop being polite, and start getting real," cast members read during the show introduction.

In the past, *The Real World* has tackled real life issues such as homosexuality, racism, and alcoholism. As of late, the show has turned into a shallow dog-show of perfect looking people living in manufactured drama factories. The pertinent social issues once raised by the show have been missing in recent seasons, instead replaced by a shameless game of who's-hooking-up-with-who in the hot tub.

The current season is likely to fall into this trap of "reality" smut, although the first episode shows promise to fans hoping for something more thought provoking.

There is already apparent tension between two Christian roommates, one of them gay, who are in disagreement over homosexuality. Three other room mates are encircled in a disastrous love triangle with each other. Of course, two of the female room mates have made out in the hot tub. Only in its first episode, the boiling pot is already rife with drama.

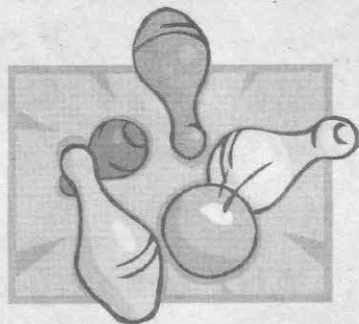
MTV's seven strangers this season are Colie, Jennifer, and Brooke, the women, and Tyrie, Alex, Stephen, and Davis, the men. Together they lived in a renovated lower downtown building on Market Street and were filmed over the summer.

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Watercourse Foods for an alternative

Erica Easter
Spotlight Writer

Being partial to plants as opposed to meats can cause some anguish while dining out because let's face it, not everyone knows the difference between tempeh and tofu (both soy-bean dishes), nor do they cater to herbivorous folk. On the other hand, perhaps you do enjoy meat and dairy alternatives in addition to a fondness for the "the real thing," so a vegetarian dining experience is appetizing, no pun intended. Whatever your palette prefers, there are many eateries that accommodate the growing population of those in pursuit of meatless cuisine. For instance, Watercourse Foods, located on 206 E 13th Avenue in Denver, offers haute cuisine for the vegetarian and even vegan out there.

Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner, and an array of drinks, Watercourse Foods specializes in the art of tofu preparation and presentation. Watercourse Foods is a perfect venue to test your limits and be adventurous regarding your food preferences. Despite popular disbelief and contrary to apprehensive taste buds, tofu tastes quite good and is good for you. For breakfast, they offer a selection of various skillet-like "scramblers," but the catch is you can choose between cage-free eggs or scrambled tofu. Also on the breakfast

menu, banana bread French toast, Conejos, and good ol' biscuits and gravy. Besides the plethora of mouth-watering breakfast selections, Watercourse Foods also offers an extensive lunch and dinner carte du jour. Choose between eggplant parmesan, tempeh burgers, or a reuben for your main entrée, accompanied with a fig salad or cup of green chili. One of their most popular dishes, Tempeh Scaloppini, comes from their "specials menu." This dish consists of marinated tempeh dredged and fried in its own mushroom gravy, and it is served with steamed greens and mashed potatoes. This dish is exquisite and delectable to the taste for both the vegetarian and meat-eating connoisseur.

Watercourse Foods also has a wine menu and widespread tea menu to accommodate various preferences. Not identifying with any specific ethnic cookery, Watercourse Foods offers a copious assortment of food selections ranging from Italian and Mexican to Cajun and Thai. Aside from the fantastic eatery and reasonable prices, the warm and inviting atmosphere definitely makes you want to return for another experience. For something new and different, Watercourse Foods offers healthy and unusual entrées to accommodate the vegetarian/vegan individual or the whimsical epicurean.

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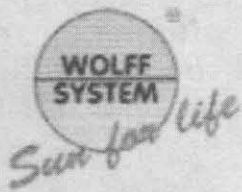
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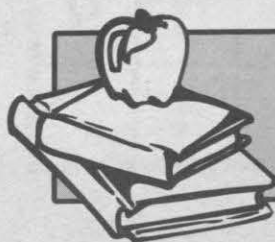
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Calendar of Campus Events

Monday, November 27
Romero House presents Mike Mellot: Come hear Mellot speak about living with HIV. There will also be a free dinner. To be held at the Romero House from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 30
Mineral Rich, Dirt Poor Brown Bag Discussion, to be held in the Faculty Lounge from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Newmont mining is the newest player in the conquest of European materialism and the lust for gold that has spread death and destruction throughout the world; from the Portuguese on the shores of West Africa, to the conquistadors in the Americas, the colonial miners up to today's corporate gold rush. This Brown Bag discussion will showcase research from a paper written by Dustin Craun who studied the largest gold mining corporation in the world, Newmont mining and their new projects in Ghana in the communities of Akyem and Kenyase II. He looked at the social and environmental impacts that these mines are having in these communities and will pro-

vide incite into the corporate discourse of "sustainable development" and "poverty alleviation" that Newmont mining is using in Ghana.

Hot Chocolate and vigil of remembrance: Come have some Hot Chocolate and participate in the vigil of remembrance. Sponsored by University Ministry and Gay Straight Alliance. To be held on the Quad at 12:10 p.m.

Thursday Thrills: Open Mic Night. Red iPods will also be given out in honor of HIV/AIDS awareness week.

Friday, December 1
Mass in the Saint John Francis Regis Chapel dedicated to AIDS at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 2
Denver Art Museum Free Day: Free general admission tickets are available to Colorado residents on the first Saturday of every month, thanks to the citizens who support the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District. Pick up free tickets at the DAM ticket office on Martin Plaza starting at 8:30 a.m. Availability is limited. Sorry, no tickets will be

issued in advance. Limit one free ticket per person. Proof of Colorado residency (driver's license, in-state school ID, etc.) is required. The DAM will open at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, December 4 thru Tuesday, December 5
Holiday Peace Market: Shop on the Regis University Campus and patronize a number of exciting outlets for affordable gifts from peoples all over the world! Your patronage of this market does much more than provide wonderful gifts for yourself and those you love; it also assists the work of peace and justice for many people struggling to make their own living in very difficult circumstances. Organizations that will be present include: People of Hope Crafts, Project Mercy, Earthlinks, Prov-vi-dence, 10,000 VILLAGES, Providence Gallery, UNICEF, Denver Hmong Community, Brazil Arts, WOMEN'S BEAN PROJECT, Silks of Laos, and others. Sponsored by the Office of University Ministry. To be held in the Faculty Lounge and Cafeteria of the Student Center from 11:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5
Peace and Justice Studies student presentation on "Immigration and Regis": Peace & Justice Studies major Jessie Dryden will give a presentation on her work exploring how immigration issues have affected the staff of Regis. Co-sponsored by the Peace & Justice Club and Mi Gente. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to elle thomas at tiggergrrl@gmail.com or 720.434.3161. To be held in Main Hall Room 333 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8
Lights, Lessons and Carols: Lights' Lessons and Carols is an ecumenical annual offering for the season of song and reflections. It resumes its place in the Regis University calendar after a two year hiatus as the chapel was being built. In appearing a week earlier than in the past, college students will be more able to participate and attend. To be held in the Saint John Francis Regis Chapel from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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