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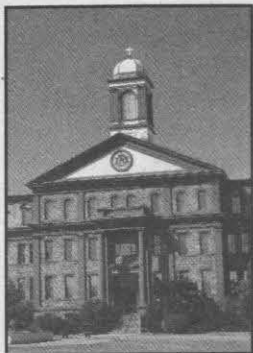
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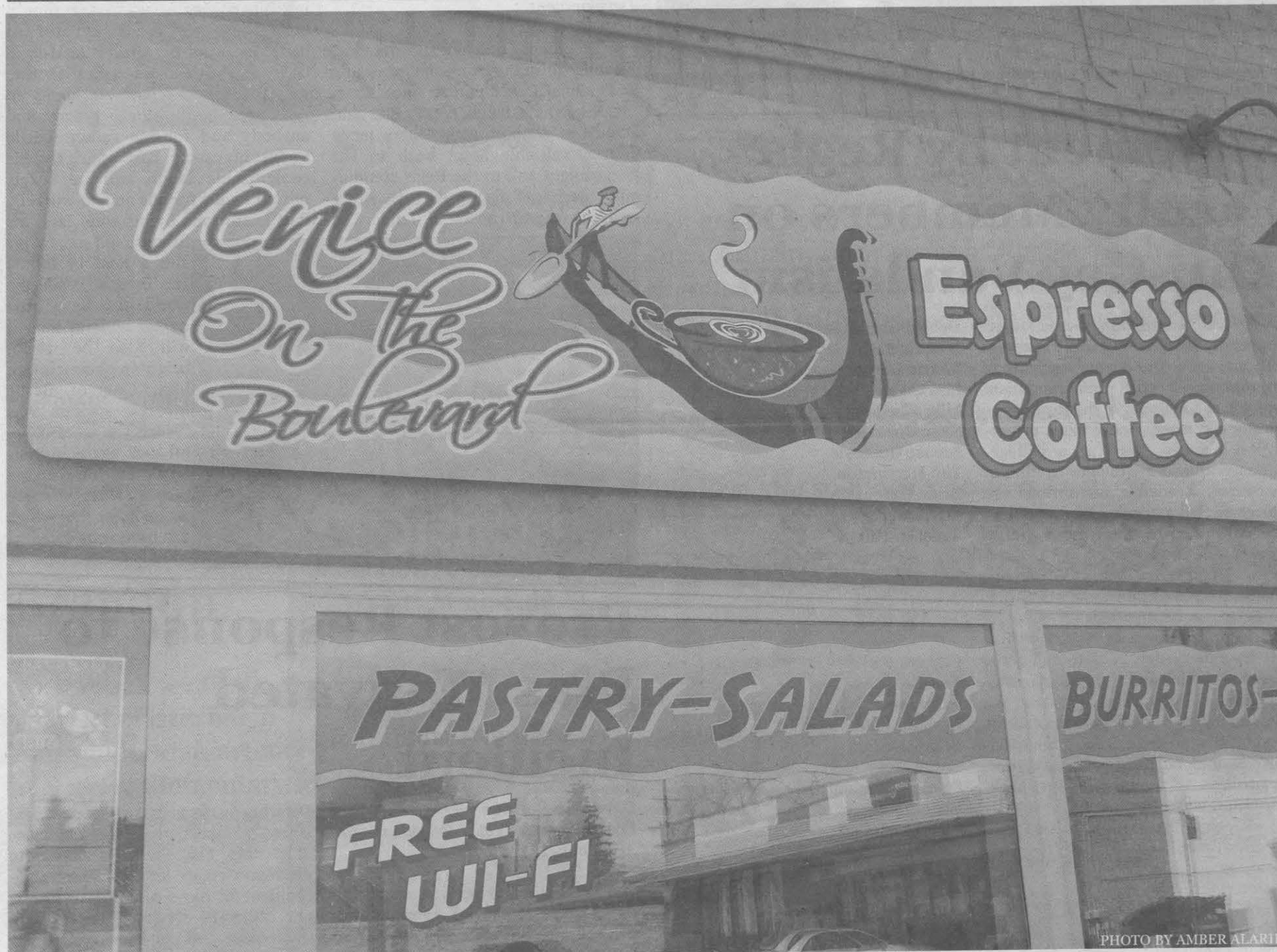


PHOTO BY AMBER ALARID

Local coffeeshop Venice on the Boulevard located just across the street from Regis University.

How Regis neighbor Venice on the Boulevard is dealing with the tough economic times

Amber Alarid
Staff Reporter

These days it is no secret that the recession has hit most people very hard. However, it is not only individuals that have felt the financial pinch. Eloisa Mooney, owner of Venice on the Boulevard, states that "our biggest challenge has been how to beat the recession in the end game."

Though this is a harsh reality, Mooney has not thrown in the towel yet. In fact Venice, named to reflect "the state of mine in Venice, Italy" as

she says, is doing plenty to draw in costumers. The freshly painted walls and rearranged furniture are only the beginning of the changes being made.

Next year students can look forward to more choices on the meal plan with Venice being one of the new off campus vendors negotiating with the university. Mooney hopes to be part of a meeting in August with Regis "regarding all the details around the OCD, Off Campus Dollars."

Regis has partnered with Venice in another endeavour as well in hopes that both students and the shop will profit.

"Venice on the Boulevard delivers food to Regis via the students who are connected to Regis Leadership Program. We, in turn give up the delivery fee (to the Leadership Dept.) collected from the various Regis Departments who ordered food from us. This should be some incentive to use Venice on the Boulevard for meetings/conferences," says Mooney.

However, Venice is not only trying to reach out to Regis, but the larger community as well. Open Mic Nights are an opportunity for stu-

dents to integrate themselves with neighborhood residents in a casual atmosphere. The pulic is welcomed into the shop for a night of music, with all of the usual menu items available.

"Open mic night was already here when we bought Coffee on the Lowell, we decided to move it from Wednesday during the day to a time more suitable to the students and the community," says Mooney.

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Venice from front page

Venice has made many similar attempts to accomodate the needs of Regis students, including staying open on snow days so students have some

place close to walk to get food when food services are not available as long as usual due to bad weather.

Although sometimes customers are not aware of the seemingly obvious services that Venice does offer. Both

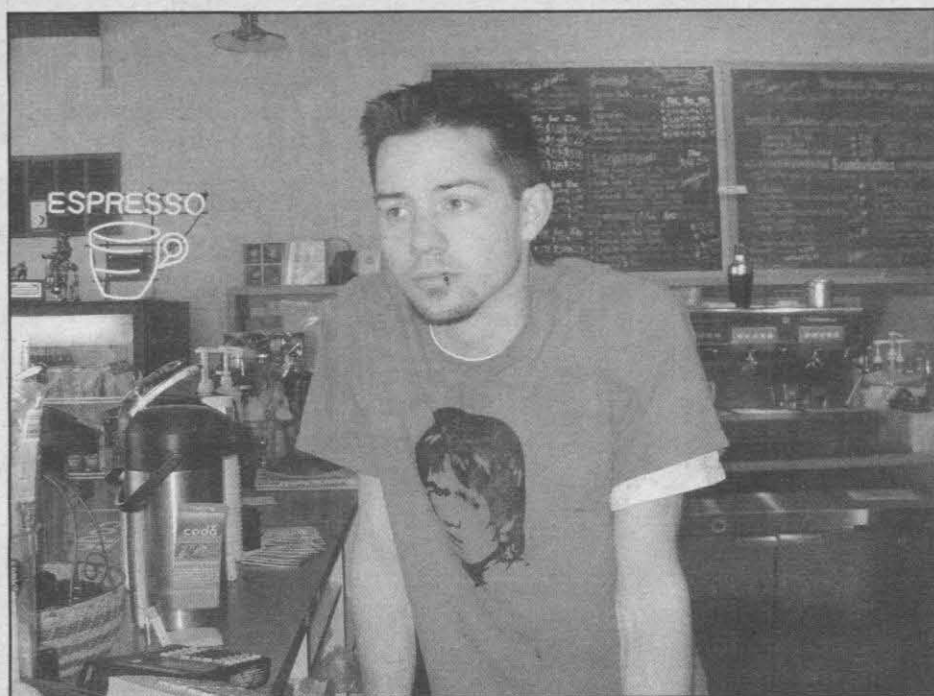


PHOTO BY ZAKARY ADAMI
Owner Eloisa Mooney's son Fred Mooney taking an order from a customer at Venice on the Boulevard.

Statement by Regis Faculty Members on Anti-Gay Vandalism

As members of the Regis University faculty, we want to express our outrage at the recent incidents of homophobic graffiti and vandalism directed at a member of the Regis community last week. Anonymous intimidation has no place at a college. Personal attacks are the lowest form of discourse. Academic institutions are places of civil and collegial discussion; the cowardice of anonymous graffiti poisons the atmosphere.

We know that at a Catholic institution, community members may disagree, and sometimes strongly, on issues of sexuality. But the dignity of all human beings is a foundational belief of Catholicism, as seen in explicit, official Catholic teachings about the dignity of homosexual persons and the respect they deserve. Basic human dignity should be obvious to everyone, regardless of their religious background. The recognition of the dignity of all people is essential to civil academic discussion and debate.

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Mooney and her son Fred Mooney have commented on the confusion about credit and debit cards.

"Venice on the Boulevard makes it as easy as possible for our customers to pay us. We have accepted all credit card for over 15 months," Mooney explains. The confusion possibly stems from a short period of time during the summer that the credit card machine was down. The shop does also have an ATM machine inside so customers have one more option of method of payment.

So when looking to get into "the state of mind [of] Venice, Italy" one doesn't need to hop onto a plane. Simply walk across the street and enjoy the "calm and relaxed vibe" Regis freshman Molly Mojden feels is responsible for the diversity of the customers. "It was really cool how it brought different people, of all ages, together," says Mojden of her first impression.

Take a trip to Venice to unwind during these stressful, final days of the spring semester.

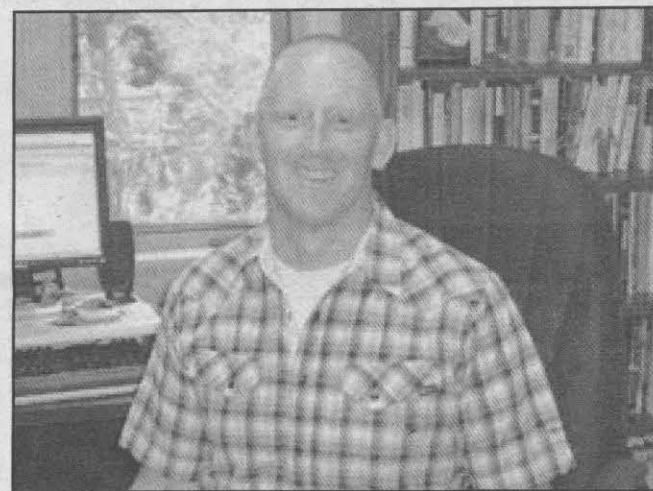
Tragedy again strikes the community with the loss of James "Bart" Dean

Chaney Givens

Director of Counseling and Personal Development

James "Bart" Dean worked as a counselor in the Office of Counseling & Personal Development since 2003. His incredible laugh, generosity and ability to connect with others made him a valuable asset both to the department and to the Regis community. Bart was diagnosed with stomach/esophageal cancer in January of

2007 and throughout his 40+ rounds of chemotherapy, continued counseling his clients up until the month before he passed away. Bart lost his battle to cancer on April 11th. He will be remembered for his exquisite taste for expensive tequilas, the ability to just "hang out" with everybody and anybody and for his valiant battle against his cancer. Bart's spirit and his recognizable laugh will be sorely missed by his friends and co-workers. Bart is survived by his wife, Lisa, his



five year old son, Oliver and a host of family and friends. While the world may be a little darker without him, it will also be a lot brighter because of him. One of Bart's favorite sayings was "When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." ~Kahlil Gibran

Provost Response to Bias Motivated Incident

Dr. Allan Service

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Earlier this week an art display in Dayton Memorial Library was defaced with the writing of derogatory terms directed at the artwork and the artist. Such behavior based on homophobia, transphobia or any other form of bias is not only a violation of Colorado Hate Crime statutes (18-9-121) but is also a Bias Motivated Incident prohibited by university standards of conduct in the Student Handbook (pg. 37). These acts of misconduct remind us of the important role of the university library and the freedoms it represents. Acts of disrespect and discrimination which inhibit this function, no matter how subtle are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Within the Jesuit tradition, respect for self and others is critical. A learning community that embraces a diversity of ideas benefits all of its members. The library often is at the center of providing diverse perspectives and artistic and intellectual ideas.

Defacing property in the library diminishes the importance of this as a place of learning. Furthermore, these acts of disrespect create an unpleasant environment for those who use the library and utilize its services. Incidents of intolerance and disrespect within the library are thoroughly investigated and individuals who behave disrespectfully will be held responsible for their actions according to University policies and procedures.

Regis University and Dayton Memorial Library policies and practice are based on our Jesuit mission of maintaining a campus climate in which the civil rights and dignity of every individual are recognized and respected. We will continue to make Dayton Memorial Library a safe and welcoming place of discovery and learning for all persons of our community.

Anyone with information about this or any other incidents of bias motivated behavior is asked to contact the Office of Campus Safety (303-458-4122) or the Office of Diversity (303-964-5304). Your report will remain anonymous.

Ads for Grads

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2009 from the staff of the Regis Highlander!



Taylor,



has filled our life with happiness.

May you always remember home

and the love of your family.

May God watch over you no matter

where you go.

And may you succeed in all that you strive for.

Congratulations Taylor....

Your day has come.

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Carissa, Bryan and Chelsea Goodson

Today a dream is coming true.

It is a day to reflect on the many things

that you have accomplished and the many more things that you will achieve.

You are an extraordinary young man who

Byron

seems like yesterday we were dropping you off at Regis and here you are graduating. You are such a great young man and you continue to make us so very proud. You have faced life and the curves it has thrown you with courage and humor. Byron continue to believe in yourself, we know you will do great things.

Congratulations and may God Bless you always.

Love Mom and Dad

Lauren Blakney -

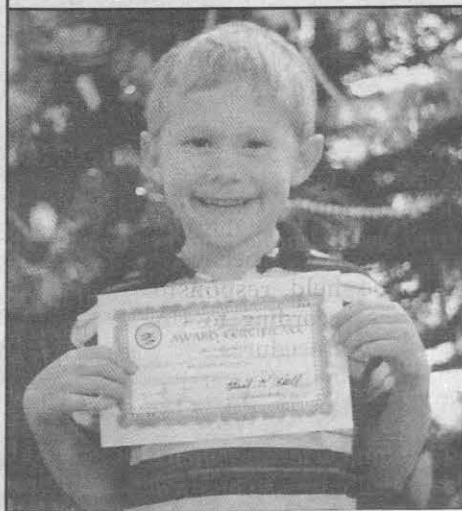
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments during your years at Regis. You have done an outstanding job in your studies, especially graduating with honors! You will make a wonderful nurse.

Congratulations!

We love you so much - Mom & Dad <3 <3 <3

Brandon,

When we think of your scholastic beginnings in kindergarten at Secrest Elementary it

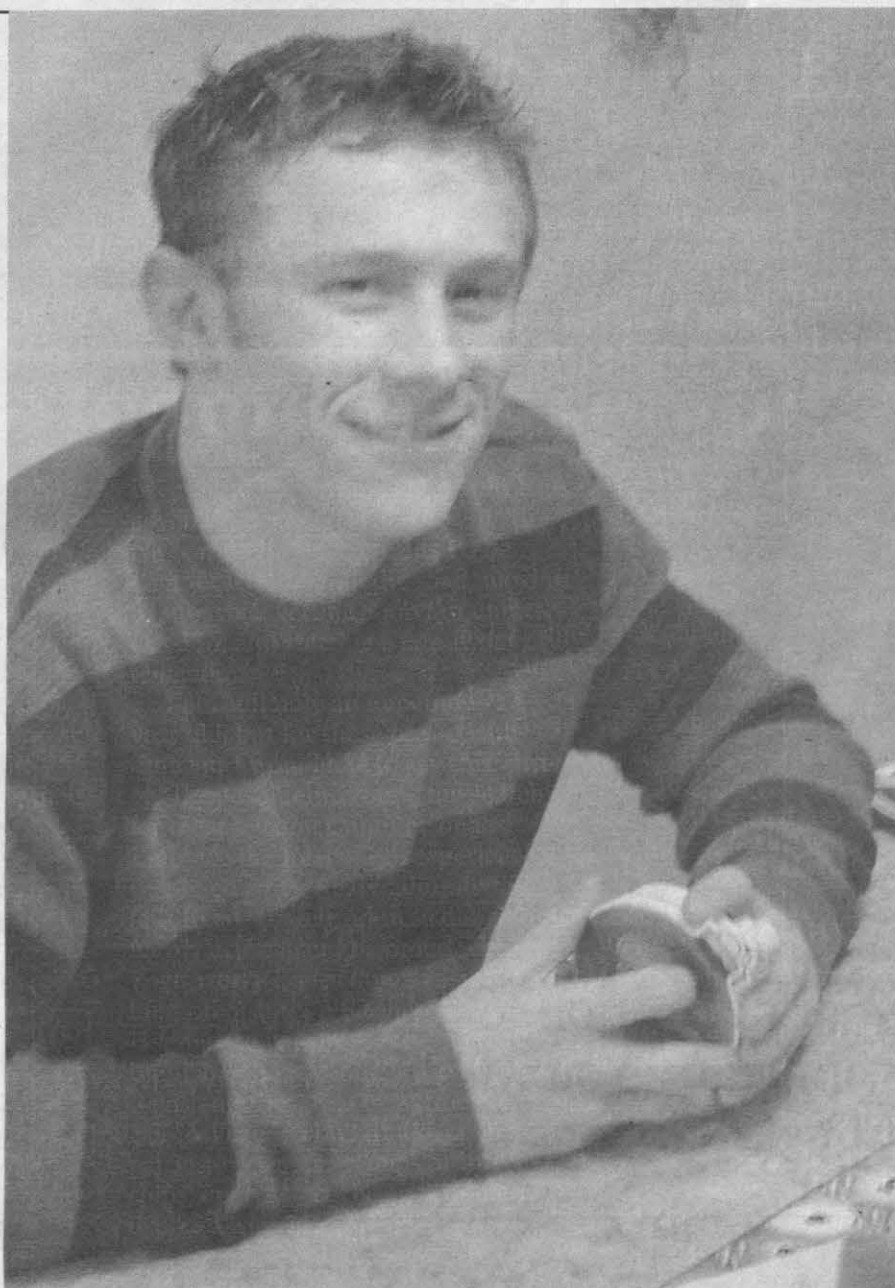


amazes us how far you've come. From volunteering at the fire station when you were 9 years old, gaining a real interest in biology at North Arvada Middle

School, to chemistry at Arvada High School, it has been an enjoyable trip for you. Your academic journey has been a full one from fire fighting academy, EMT School and now graduating from Regis University with a major in biology and minor in chemistry. And to know you did all this while working full time as an EMT, part time at various other jobs; and now as a clinical research coordinator. Words cannot begin to express our pride in your accomplishments.

We love you very much,

Mom & Dad



"From Kindergarten to



College – We are so Proud!

Congratulations
Lauren Fellows!

Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan
and Austin"

The Highlander Staff would like to wish a farewell to graduating Editor-in-Chief Maricor Coquia. Thank you for



your dedication to the paper and to your staff. You will be missed. Congratulations and good luck!

Congratulations Marcus!!!

Wishing you
a lifetime
filled with
Love,
Laughter,
Happiness,
Health, and much Success



Live your Dreams!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Chuck, Kristen,
and Tyler

Jono

Congratulations on earning your degree. We are so proud of your



achievement. May good luck and good fortune follow you. With much love from Mom, Dad, and Greg.

Bias through the eyes of a gay student

Robert House

Regis '11, President of EROS a Gay Straight Alliance

As I write this, my heart breaks. My heart breaks for the closeted gay man who is so afraid of what his parents would do if he were out on campus that he would not even sit down for an interview for this article. I cannot fall asleep at night knowing about the young women questioning her sexual orientation who feels as though she has no one to talk to. My heart sinks every time I see the male student who was afraid about being interviewed anonymously, even more so when I recorded that interview. I write this article to give you a small glimpse into the wide range of experiences that gay and lesbian students have as undergrads at Regis University.

And as I write, this article has taken on more importance than when the idea was first floated to me at the beginning of the semester. In the past few weeks we have seen how hatred and homophobia can manifest itself on our campus. And in that same event, we learned the extent to which that same act of hatred and homophobia can result in a weak and uninterested response from the some of the leaders on this campus, in particular the administration.

In addition to my own thoughts, I will be sharing the views of a number of current students and recent graduates. But let me start with my own story since I know it best. I hope that it will show you why I am so active in the Queer equality movement and why I am writing this story.

My Story

I came to Regis fully aware of my homosexuality. I knew that I was physically and emotionally attracted to males. I repressed it, which led to an unhealthy amount of self hatred. I put on a heterosexual front, and made it through two horrible years at Regis. Part way through my fourth semester I finally accepted my own sexual orientation but was still afraid of what the Regis community would say about me.

I left for Italy in early September of my junior year. I studied with Gonzaga University, the Jesuit school based out of my hometown in Spokane, WA. I was surrounded by students who were open and actively seeking relationships with different kinds of people. I felt safe in that environment and finally came out. And when I did that everything seemed to fall into place. True friends that I had made from Gonzaga and Regis accepted me and embraced me.

I began summer not sure if I would return to Regis. I didn't feel like there were any strong queer students on campus that could be a role model to me. I felt like I would be the only gay in the village and I didn't want to have to deal with the homophobia that I had felt my first two year. I wasn't sure I wanted to deal with the hatred that Alana McCoy had dealt with during her years as a student. Or the pressure Scott Shields, student body president and 2004 graduate, had felt from the administration to be less vocal about his sexual orientation or even resign.

Over the summer I had multiple conversations with Kelly, a friend from Regis, and Andrew, a friend from Gonzaga, while trying to decide where to finish my college career. Kelly wanted me to return so that I could lead a retreat with her, while Andrew

reminded me of what my Catholic faith calls me to do; to share the lessons that I learned about the nature of God with the world. And so I returned to Regis to share what I had learned while abroad, not only academically but also about the inherent beauty of all people, even if that meant feeling less emotionally and physically safe.

A Repeating Story

Alana McCoy sat in the fire side lounge of the library surrounded by her artwork while answering my questions. Just a few hours later she would be surrounded by friends and strangers who would be admiring her art at a small event to recognize the opening of the show.

McCoy, a graduate of Regis College in 2006, currently works for the Service Learning Office and is taking graduate courses. As a Denver native, Regis had two main draws for this self-identified queer woman when looking at undergraduate schools; proximity to home and her sister. Quinn, Alana's older sister, was in her final year as a Regis student when Alana came to campus, and served as a crucial support. Quinn provided protection to her younger sister and was able to connect the first year Lana to other queer students.

While Quinn's protection helped McCoy her first year on campus and her first year out of the closet, eventually it all fell apart. In her second year, McCoy's car was vandalized for the first time. D-I-K-E had been scratched into the hood of her car. The humor of the misspelling allowed her the freedom to not have the car hood repaired.

Her luck never got better. In the fall of her third year, with the misspelled pejorative still in place, McCoy's windshield was hit multiple times with a hammer. Atop the smash glass, a hate filled note was left by the attacker. Other openly gay and lesbian students were not experiencing the same harassment, and McCoy hoped that these were isolated incidents.

As Alana tells me her story, I cannot help but look around at the artwork surrounding me. I am amazed that despite all the harassment she has felt, she still returns. She stays to help the community learn from a different perspective.

Her final year as an undergraduate, Alana served as a Resident Assistant in West. For National Coming Out Day she posted a bulletin board of coming out stories. Nobody was forced to read the small print font, but a few students found it offensive and demanded that the board be taken down. When that did not happen, the board was torn down.

While those who performed that action where brought to justice, the injustice that Alana experienced is immeasurable. The pain and heartache are, to such a great extent that I cannot even imagine.

And yet, through all the pain and sadness, Alana still went to school. She finished her undergraduate studies and began working in the library. After a short stint there, she moved to the Service Learning office in a job that allows her to do her work promoting the inherent human dignity of all.

As we left our interview the day of her art opening, neither of us could have imagined what would happen only a few short weeks later. Alana's artwork was defaced with a pejorative, anti-queer slur. It took the full academic week for Dr. Allan Service,

provost and vice president for academic affairs, to release his statement regarding the vandalism, and we have yet to hear from Fr. Sheeran, S.J., president of the university.

Whenever I walk past Alana, my heart always sinks just a little bit. Knowing the pain and hatred that has pervaded her life makes me hurt. But when I see her smile as we pass I gain a sense of elation for the joy that she brings to campus and her ever present voice.

A Very Different Experience

Not everyone has had such a difficult time on campus. Steven Linenberger, a 2007 graduate from Regis, never experienced something so difficult. Steven, who now works in Event Services, also came to Regis fully out of the closet. I remember first meeting him sophomore year and being in awe of such a confident gay man.

Steven told most of the guys he lived with his first semester a few months into classes. He was fully accepted by the community and never experienced any acts of discrimination from the heterosexuals around him. He honestly didn't care how those around him felt about his sexual orientation, he was just being himself.

Linenberger continued to be a proud gay man, never flinching even when there was some discrimination against him from within the Regis queer community. Even with that in his past, he still views Regis as a difficult place to come out because of the perceived Catholicness of the student body. He believes that while there is a large support structure on campus, all too often we don't make that support structure known.

The Queer President

Anti-gay bias was also not felt by another recent Regis graduate. Member of the class of 2004, Scott Shields was elected the student body president and recalls that he never felt unsafe on campus.

Scott came out on campus after one semester, after building a core group of close friends. He was highly active on campus and found himself often in the spotlight. While he sometimes wished he had gone to a bigger school, Scott felt as though he had been embraced by his classmates.

Shields was, however, embraced by the administration to a lesser extent. He felt as though he was being pressured, by the powers that be, to resign. He never did and his perseverance paid off by being the first college graduate in his family.

Despite his anger towards the administration in the handling of the hate crimes committed against Alana, he has also left a lasting legacy to this campus. And not just the one that will be recorded in this issue of the Highlander.

A Gay Senior Male

When thinking about coming to Regis, a gay senior male Googled 'Regis University Gay.' Up popped an article *The Advocate*, the nations largest LGBT news magazine, had written about Scott. After reading the article, this student who wished to remain anonymous, felt confident in coming to Regis.

After arriving the student chose to stay in the closet and actively put up a heterosexual front for his first two years. He feared that his family would

find out, and certainly didn't want them finding out from someone else.

In his third year he finally was done with putting up a front of who he was never going to be. He told a few female friends but never told his family. "I don't want to be the representative for all gay people," he told me.

Even though he feels that Regis can be an accepting community, he finds that when he is on campus students can be respectful of others, while off campus he does not see this. At a recent off campus party he recalled hearing the word 'faggot' being used multiple times.

This student also feels an odd reversal of communities. He noted that it seems like homophobic things only happen off campus, like hate crimes, but then crimes occur on campus it is generally unexpected.

As an end to our conversation this student wanted me to note that queer and questioning students often feel as though they are alone on this campus, despite all of the resources and people that are available to help. And every time I see this student, I am glad for his Google search.

A B.A. in the Closet

After returning from London for his fifth semester, Steve Troxell came out to his parents. It had only been away from Regis that he was able to find the time to think and pray long and hard about who he truly was that Steve, a 2008 graduate of Regis, came to terms with his homosexuality.

When Steve returned to campus, he made the conscious choice to not tell people about his sexual orientation, something he questions to this day. While hate crimes were happening on campus, he thought it best to not be open about who he was because he did not want to be a victim.

Looking back, Steve wishes he had come out to his friends on campus. He wishes he could have been open and honest with those that formed who he was for his time at Regis. It was not until he was away from Regis that he chose to tell close friends. It felt both emotionally and physically safer away from Regis and the all too often homophobic acts which occur on campus.

Steve, like myself and the student in the previous section all actively hid our sexual orientation for our first two years. The pain our self-denial caused was not aided by the anti-gay actions of a few students or the timid responses of the administration. And in my experience, was only aided by a few students who recognized the inherent human dignity of all students on campus.

This Year's Story

I have one final story to share with you. Two really, but in my head I cannot separate the two of them. The stories of Elizadra Martinez and Thomas Socotch bleed together into one success story for this year. While each came into the year from very different places, they share the beauty of this year so well together.

Thomas, a fourth year gay male from Portland, OR, wears a pride wristband every day. After coming out to a dear friend in October he has shared himself with the Regis community so very willingly.

Socotch did go through a process of trying to pray his gay away,

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but this baptized Byzantine Catholic eventually realized that there was no way he would ever change. After he accepted who he was, he finally heard the strong gay voice on campus, something he felt was missing his first two years. He feels no fear for his safety while living on campus but certainly understands that Regis' past does not help others feel that way.

Elizandra, a lesbian first year student from Olathe, feels much the same way. She came to Regis as an out female and was also embraced by the community for her unique and enigmatic personality. A strong Catholic, she found no contradictions in her sexual orientation and her faith.

Both of these students were out this past year at Regis. Each of them matured in their knowledge of self and relationship with God. Both of them

thrived in a community that, for some, was incredibly painful. Each of them is an inspiration to me whenever I see them. Their strength and their presence have certainly made the Regis community a better place over the last year.

The Great Escape

So, what does this mean for the Regis community? I honestly cannot tell you. The purpose of this article was to compile the wide range of stories from gay and lesbian students and recent graduates, so that the rest of the community could know what it felt like to be a non-heterosexual on campus. Each story is very different, just like those of the heterosexual population on campus.

It is difficult for me to look at Alana and not think about the pain that she has gone through. I cannot help but feel bad for her, especially when I think about the lack of hatred Linenberger

felt on campus. When I walk past the gay male senior I wonder if he will experience the same desire that Troxell had when he graduated of wishing he had been out on campus. And when I look at Elizandra and Thomas I am glad that in their year they have yet to experience the hatred that others in our community have directly felt.

When one member of our community is told that they are worth less than others, we all feel that. When one is told that they don't belong here, we are all told that we do not belong here. When one is told that they do not deserve dignity, none of us have it.

To be quite honest, when I walk across the stage in just under two weeks I will wash my hands of this school. I will wash my hands of an institution that I feel never wanted me to be there. I will wash my hands of an administration that took my concerns less seriously. I will wash my hands of the professors who did not stand up to

anti-gay slurs. And I will wash my hands from ever feeling obligated to write this school even one donation. I look forward to the day that my only associations with this University are the friends I have made, the lessons I have learned, the line on my resume and the paper on my wall.

Writers Note: In writing this article, I use the term 'queer' multiple times. When academically discussing LGBT issues it is referred to as 'Queer Studies.' Alana McCoy self identifies as a queer woman and I identify as a gay man. That is simply a personal preference thing. In terms of this article seeming critical, it is meant to be. The fact that 21 days after the discovery of the graffiti in the Dayton Memorial Library Fr. Sheeran has still yet to release a statement condemning the act is only one example of how the administration has turned a blind eye to the Regis queer community.

Hate: a lesson on love

Quinn Waller

*Administrative Coordinator,
University Ministry*

Who would have thought that a smashed windshield, slashed tires, and over a year's worth of court cases could have taught me anything about love?

I would have never imagined that derogatory words scribbled in permanent marker across the threshold of a dwelling space, bigoted names carved into the paint of a car and "Go to Hell Dyke" written on an artist statement could illustrate a manifestation of God's love, and I am all but shocked that the words, "biased related hate crimes" could somehow affirm our human calling of being lovers of people, but yes, it is true, through these incidents I have come to know and understand a little bit more about what it means to live love.

My sister Alana came out to me as she was preparing to start her freshman year and I my senior here at Regis. In only 6 short years of being open about her sexuality, she has had to endure a lot of negative actions, actions that are so evidently lacking love, actions that on the surface have nothing to offer us about living love,

but if you peel back the layers, there is a lot to be revealed.

Sometimes we are to be taught things that take a little time, that challenge us, that push us beyond what we think ourselves capable. In the time Alana has lived as an openly gay woman, she has had 4 slashed tires, the word Dyke carved into the hood of her car, written on her door and across the

ened hearts to transform those pieces of ourselves and others which are righteous and cynical into loving and hopeful, a charge to be true lovers of people. We are all called to be Christ's hands, feet and heart to all those whom we encounter, and perhaps, most especially to those whom we might not want to be those things to.

Yes, there are moments when anger

community.

I have thought about leaving the Church, the place where its members sometimes struggle to accept. We have considered running from these places that have caused pain, but each time we are tempted to turn our backs on living love, we reaffirm our human calling and work to draw in those whom we encounter with love, we

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display of her art work, threatening letters, investigations, interviews, court cases, panic attacks, restraining orders, walks to her car accompanied by security, anxiety and fear.

How are we supposed to actively love those who diminish who we are, who make us angry or scared? How do we show love for people who shame us or judge us?

This type of love is especially tough to sort through, but what I have come to is a humble acceptance of my role in humanity's challenge to change hard-

overruns my attempts at love, there are times when I see or hear about biased related incidents and crimes that diminish human dignity, and a fury grows within me, but, more often than not, Alana and my conversations point to ways in which love will be the driving force.

On many occasions, both of us have thought about leaving the University, the place that has been my home for nearly 10 years--the place where all of these hurtful things have taken place and done by those who share in this

strive to allow our work and our lives to reflect what Christ has called us to do; be His manifested love.

So, as a community, might we too come together to demonstrate how we ought to live and to let our love overflow into all of the dark crevasses and corners on campus, to bring light, so that incidents such as these are no longer acceptable and all those we encounter are aware that these actions have no place here.

A senior's reflection on lessons from Regis

Tim Etzkorn

Class of '09

For myself, college has been a mere vehicle for contiguous, defining existential crises. The intensity of life that has spun out of these four years has continuously forced me to stop and ask "What the hell is going?" So many times I became so busy life threw me into a disassociated frenzy and I would cry to God for meaning, and realize it is up to me to find it.

Now, what does any of that melodrama have to do to with Regis? Well, I've realized that everyone has different definitive realms in life. For me, this experiment we call "college" and my experience at Regis has been absolutely formational regarding who I am. Yet, no-one has the same experience at college, at Regis, and as a result, the only way I can reflect on Regis is through my own lens.

For some, Regis is a place to come during the day to attend classes,

a location with an open access library, and an institution to receive a much revered piece of paper expediting the process of finding a job in a hurting economy, and that is fine.

But this has not been my experience. I came 850 miles from Saint Louis, Missouri to come to Denver for college. The mountains called my name and I appreciated the small size and Jesuit ethos of Regis, so I made Denver my new home. I pulled in with no pre-established social circles or defining realms, and as a result, Regis became mine.

And much has changed since then.

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I came a naïve boy from a conservative-Catholic background, and though I will leave still naïve, I can now grow

a mustache and legally procure libations. I'll have a piece of paper that claims I satisfied four years of rigorous academic standards. But more importantly, college has exposed me to the realities of the unprotected life: Drugs and sex and alcohol, the Man and Law Enforcement, questions of integrity and the difficulty of honesty.

My years have taught me this: College is experience. College is time. To limit college to the academic sphere is to acknowledge a mere ounce of its value.

My classes have been incredible and unforgettable; they've allowed me

to discover my passion. They've guided me to realize my life path.

But in the ultimate scheme, what's

been more important is that college as a whole - Regis - has allowed me discover myself. Without this I'd be another lemming on the road, moving to suburbia, getting a job I'm uninterested in, and starting a family out of obligation.

I am still only an impetuous 22 year old, but for those of you with time left I would like to say this: live out the Jesuit ethos here, the search for meaning and Cura Personalis. Embrace the full college experience. Be pissed when Regis' administration fails to adequately address discriminatory actions and be proud when Regis works issues of justice into their mission or hires a teacher who isn't just here to teach but is here because they care about you. Fully embrace Regis and this great experiment we call "college." Don't limit it to just parties or classes or clubs or internships, do it all. In the end, we must live life. This is all we have.

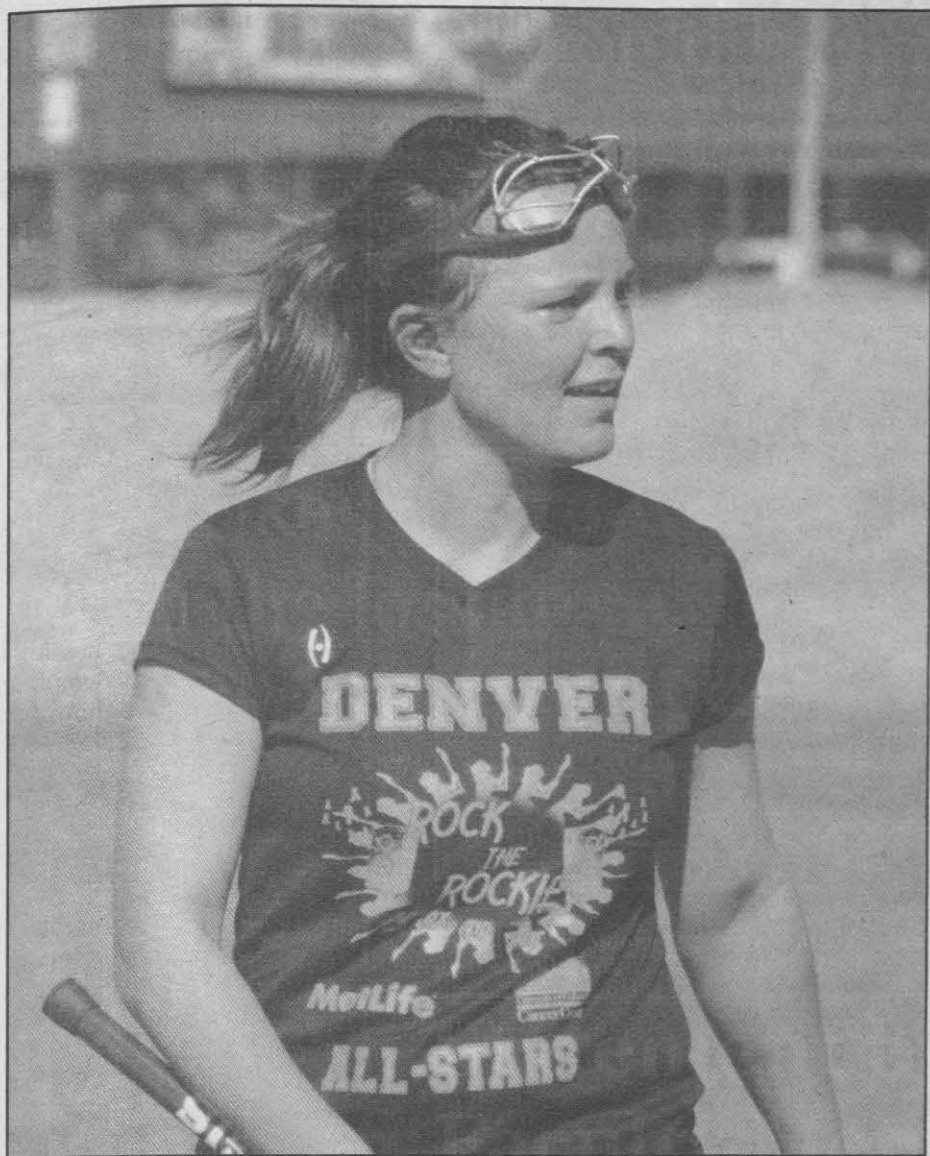


PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH KELLNER

Head coach Sarah Kellner joins in on a game of lacrosse at the 2009 Rock the Rockies event hosted by the women's lacrosse team.



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The Regis women's lacrosse team huddles together at a home game against Shippensburg. The Rangers were victorious, winning 6-4, with six different players scoring the six goals of the game.



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The Regis women's lacrosse team caught in a huddle before playing the Denver All-Stars at Rock the Rockies in March.

The Highlander would like to congratulate all of our NCAA sports teams on a great season. Especially the women's lacrosse team for all of their hard work that has not yet been spotlighted in the Highlander this year.



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Players get pumped for a game against Fontebonne with this pre game ritual as each of the players passes through the line.

Good luck in the final games
Rangers:

Baseball

4/24 @ 3 p.m. vs. Colorado Mines*

4/25 @ 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. vs.

Colorado

Mines*

4/26 @ 12 p.m. vs. Colorado Mines*

5/1 @ 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Nebraska
Kearney

5/2 @ 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Nebraska
Kearney

Softball

4/25 @ 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. at

Colorado

Mines

2/26 @ 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at

Colorado

Mines

Men's Golf

5/4-5/6 @ NCAA Division II Super
Regionals

Don't forget to check out Regisrangers.com to keep up with the newest schedules for all the Ranger teams and to learn the scores of the final games of the season.

COMMUNITY/CAMPUS EVENTS

Tuesday, April 21
"All Glory, Praise and Honor"
Concert

The Regis University and Concert Choirs will present their spring concert on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 pm in the St. John Francis Regis Chapel. The concert will be free and open to the public, and a reception for the performers will immediately follow the concert. For more information, please call 303-964-5352.

Wednesday, April 22
Share your Dining Experience

Have ideas about what you'd like to see in the Dining Hall or Ranger Grille? Please join Sodexo for their monthly student Food Service Committee meeting this Wednesday, April 22nd at 12:45 PM in the Dining Hall. Lunch will be provided. This is a great chance to share your feedback about what you like and dislike so that we may continually improve what we do.

Meet the Industry Night

AXA Advisors will be on campus April 22th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the Student Center, Faculty Lounge. AXA Advisors-the broker-dealer and investment advisors for AXA Equitable, a member of the global AXA Group, a worldwide leader in financial protection and wealth management. Please RSVP to Career Services at 303-458-3508 or careers@regis.edu

Sexual Assault Awareness

Wear jeans on Wednesday as a visible sign of protest against the myths that surround sexual assault. From 11am-1pm in the quad outside the Student

Center, the Office of Counseling & Personal Development will have information about sexual assault prevention and awareness. Greg Styles will be sharing his self-defense expertise to teach you some basic techniques that you can then practice on his training dummies, the "Bobs." The first 60 people who register their support for this cause (on-line at our table) will receive a free t-shirt.

Student Research Poster Presentations

Students will present research projects in poster format from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Posters will be displayed on the second floor of the Felix Pomponio Family Science Center. The Regis community is invited to view the poster presentations and discuss the research projects with the presenters.

Collegioun Musican

Greetings! The Music Program at Regis invites all students, faculty, staff, and community members to join us for an exciting performance directed by Ann Marie Morgan at Regis. The event takes place at the Regis Music Program Performance Space--at Berkeley Community Church (50th & Meade/one block west of campus) at 7:30pm. The performance is free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 23
"Volacious" Playing

Ashley Jackson will be having her music recital. She's in a band called "Volacious" and they will be playing at 8pm on the Quad. Check them out!

Friday, April 24
Tom Duggan's "Thank you, Regis" Picnic

Tom Duggan, Associate Professor of Philosophy, is finally retiring after 34 years of stimulating service at Regis and would like to invite you to a "thank you, Regis" picnic on Friday, April 24th from 2:00-5:30 PM at Rocky Mountain Lake park, 46th and Irving. If you have time, come on by and say hello. NO GIFTS PLEASE!

Staff Appreciation Day

Please join JCRU in thanking all the staff that works here on Regis campus, especially Sodexo and ISS staff. During the week of April 20-24th, we will be placing signs on campus for students and teachers to write thank you. Then join us on Friday April 24th in thanking all the staff working that day. There will be an appreciation dessert on the quad at 12:30pm and 2:30pm to recognize these hard workers and all that they do for Regis. For more questions, contact Abigail Smedly @ smedl158@regis.edu.

Men's Baseball

The Men's baseball team will be playing Colorado School of Mines this Friday at 3 p.m. Be sure to come out and support Ranger baseball.

Student Piano Recital

Join the Music Program at Regis to listen to Regis students perform. The Music Program invites all students, faculty, staff, and community members to join us for an exciting performance directed by Ann Marie Morgan at Regis. The event takes place at the Regis Music Program

Performance Space--at Berkeley Community Church (50th & Meade/one block west of campus) at 7:30pm. The performance is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 28
Finals Breakfast

The Finals Breakfast will be occurring at 9pm in the Cafeteria. Come take a study break and relax slightly by enjoying the most important meal of the day!

Saturday, May 2
Student Awards Ceremony

The Student Awards Ceremony will be happening at 7pm in the University Dining Hall. It's going to be great. So if you are staying around be sure to attend

Sunday, May 3
Commencement

Regis College and Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions Undergraduate Commencement will occur Sunday May 3, 2009 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The event will be held in the Boettcher Commons and will only be held in the Regis Field House if there is rain on Sunday.

Monday, May 11
Registration for Summer Internships

If you are planning to register for credit for a summer internship, the forms are in our office (LDC-room 124). The deadline to register is May 11, 2009. If you are in need of any assistance, please email cdetra@regis.edu with your availability and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Library
HOURS

Dayton Memorial Library will have extended hours during Finals week starting this Sunday April 26th through Friday, May 1st.

Sunday: 12:30pm-3am
Monday-Thursday: 6am-3am
Friday: 6am-7pm

COUNTDOWN

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