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NEW CAMPUS PUB "WALKER'S" SET TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

BY AUDREY KEENAN

The new booths are just the beginning of the changes being made in the Ranger Grille. Friday, February 5 will mark the opening of Walker's, the new pub on campus. The Ranger Grille will feature a shuffleboard table, new artwork and different lighting during the pub hours.

Michael DelliVeneri, director of communications for RUSGA, and Marcus Trucco, Regis alumnus and 2008-2009 RUSGA president, created the idea of the pub two years ago after being inspired by other universities who have pubs.

DelliVeneri has received positive feedback from students about the opening of the pub. "Everybody's really excited," he said.

With the help of Dave Law, director of Student Activities, DelliVeneri and Trucco have been getting the approval of faculty and administrative members of Regis University over the past year, including Father Michael Sheeran, president of Regis University, and Diane Cooper, dean of students.

The pub will be named Walker's after John Brisben Walker, who donated 40 acres of land to start Regis University in 1887. Regis University housed a pub several years ago, but this pub was removed when the liquor laws changed, moving the drinking age from 18 to 21.

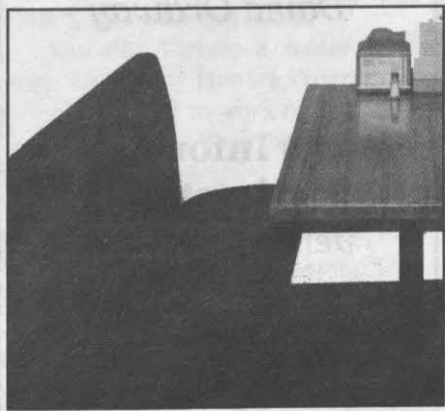


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New seating for Walker's Pub.

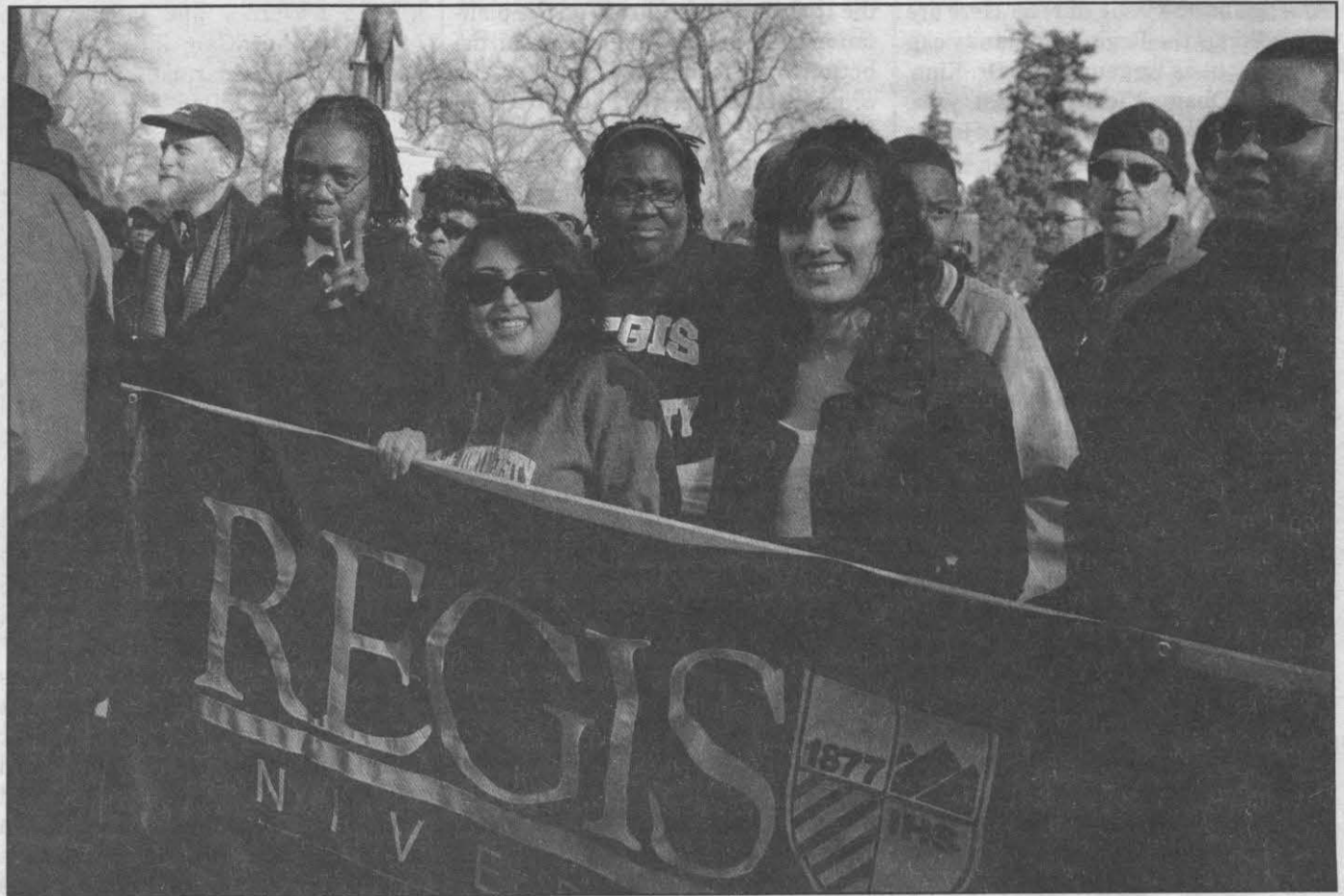


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Members of the Regis community participating in the Martin Luther King Day Marade (march and parade) on January 18. Page 2.

CHANGES TO HOUSING SIGN-UP FOR UPPERCLASSMEN

BY COREY HOLTON

The Office of Residence Life, Housing and Event Services at Regis University have implemented changes to the housing sign-up process that affect upperclassmen living on campus next fall. These changes include the addition of new Living Learning Communities, a Super Bowl-themed event to replace online room selection and no guarantee that juniors and seniors will receive singles.

Upperclassmen familiar with the housing sign-up process last year will be surprised to find that instead of choosing a room and roommate online during the housing application this year, they will be required to attend one of two events in person.

Students accepted into one of the Living Learning Communities will attend an event on Wednesday, February 3 from 5-6 p.m. in the Student Center. The Living Learning Communities in West Hall are designed to foster a sense of community through common interest.

The communities available in West Hall next fall include: Leadership, Arts/Popular Culture, Healthcare Professionals and International/Language. Students interested in one of these communities should fill out an application during the online housing sign-up process.

Students not applying for one of the Living Learning Communities will attend Big Game Friday on Friday, February 5 from 3-7 p.m. in the Student Center. Housing sign-up began on January 22 and the deadline is Friday, February 5.

The new housing sign-up process is designed to create a sense of community for students living on campus next semester, and give students who wish to live in a double room the ability to find a roommate if they have not already done so.

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Seniors make final preparations for graduation

BY KATIE KING

As the saying goes, "All's well that ends well," and for our Regis seniors, the reality of the end of their stay at Regis is less than 100 days away. Spring Commencement 2010 is upon us and as another chapter in the lives of these seniors comes to a close, they find themselves taking time to reflect on the last four years and to contemplate the future as they set out into the world with their Regis degrees.

For Rachel Broome, a Colorado Springs native and psychology major, her post-Regis plans include graduate school for speech pathology. But before that, she's looking forward to one last Ranger Week, one of Regis' biggest on-campus events that includes various student-involved activities taking place every day in the week before finals. Additionally, she's looking to end her intramural volleyball career on a high note by taking the Championship.

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BY DENNIS GALLAGHER

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy and writings continues to teach us much today. In his "Letter from the Birmingham Jail," King taught us that we are all inextricably tied together in America on the issue of race. Here are some things the Regis Community can think about as we remember Dr. King. Despite Obama's election last year, race still ranks high on the list of issues confronting America.

Let me share a few recollections of my growing up in North Denver that put this issue in perspective for us today. King's belief in *Satyagraha*, Sanskrit for "he seizes truth," working non-violently for justice, certainly was alien to my tribe and the culture in which I grew up in North Denver. Fists solved problems, not talk and speech.

Thankfully, the good Sisters of Loretto at Holy Family High School, where Arrupe Jesuit High now is, pushed us into debate and forensics and taught us that talk and words can help solve differences. Our great speech coach, Sister Marie Catherine, could have been Denzel Washington's role in the movie *The Great Debaters*. Debate became our right of passage and I talked my way out of lots of fights in my younger days.

This year as I headed to City Park for the annual MLK celebration and parade (half-parade and half-march), I thought of my own ancestors who came to America fleeing famine and British tyranny. And they never let us forget. Is forgetting part of forgiveness?

My great-great-grandparents from Galway in Ireland remembered with disdain seeing the welcome signs put up in shop windows to greet the pad-dies: "Help Wanted, No Irish Need Apply." They moved to southern Illinois, and farmed near Decatur. Dr. Steve Leonard, Regis graduate and professor of history at Metro State, found out that in Denver in the 1860's, the Irish ranked only 10% of the population but added up to 50% of the arrest records. Tell me about profiling. We at Regis should think of our own family's stories of coming to America and facing prejudice and how we must move beyond it.

To remember MLK Day this year, I hope you will read Noel Ignatiev's book: *How the Irish Became White*. Our library has a copy. Ignatiev reminds us that when the Irish went south to work on cotton plantations, the plantation owners instructed the

slaves that if there was anything dangerous to be done, "just let the 'paddies' do it." One plantation owner wrote in his journal when his slave prayed that the master not treat him as if he were Irish.

Many Americans did not think of the Irish as white. Clearly on the plantations, the Irish workers were at the bottom of the heap on the pecking order. Unfortunately, the Irish soon realized that if they showed prejudice toward African Americans, they jumped up on the first rung of the American ladder. This incident puts race issues into perspective for us and it nudges us to recall how we were all tied together on the issue of race. Are you with me? Are we in this together?

I recollect my grandfather Gallagher from Sligo in Ireland. He lived a few blocks from Regis and repeatedly lectured me about when he applied to be an engineer on Denver's Moffat Railroad. He took the test for engineer and got 100%. The test givers at the Railroad said, "That Irishman must have cheated. We'll make him take the test again and this time we will watch him."

So my granddad told of his taking a different test again and receiving a grade of 100% again. He said someone joked, "Maybe we need this Irishman on our railroad after all." He would then admonish me something like, "Dennis, you have to work twice as hard to beat the Anglo-Saxons," his word for "whites." "You have to work twice as hard and study twice as hard as them to get ahead in America. They will never accept you because they don't like the Irish and they don't want Catholics around."

"Let's resolve to remember King's meaningful insight: 'We're all in this together.' Let us resolve to give back."

In my grandfather Gallagher's later years when I visited him on Quitman Street, he was always throwing rocks at the sparrows which share our North Denver neighborhood. I would always ask, already knowing the answer, "Grandpa, why are you trying to kill those sparrows?" "Those are British sparrows," he replied and for proof he added, "Look Dennis, those bloody sparrows are eating up all the food. Nothing left for any of the other poor birds. They are just like the English stealing all the food from us during the famine." Now you know

from whence I spring. My grandfather may have caught Irish Alzheimer's: when you forget everyone except your enemies.

Italians also suffered lots of prejudice under the Klan rule in Colorado and Denver. In 1925 Colorado elected a Klan Governor and later a Klan Mayor. The Klan infiltrated the Denver Police Department and initiated what they called "Good Friday Raids."

On Friday afternoons, in the midst of prohibition, the police would bust into Italian households in North Denver to see if they were making wine in their basements. The Klan members swore an oath against foreign rulers, i.e. the Pope. The Klan disliked like Jews, Blacks, Italians, Mexicans, Catholic Irish and Germans, and Native Americans because they were not "white." In the 20's were we all of us in this together against the Klan?

Growing up in North Denver and attending a parochial school, I soon learned to run fast. I remember public school kids chasing us to school. "Get those damned mackerel-snappers!" they would shout. Mackerel-snappers meant Friday fish-eaters. Catholics used to abstain from meat on Fridays. And Klan restaurants in Denver had signs in the windows: "Fish served every day but Friday." Once under a threat of cross burning, the Jesuits armed students with baseball bats around the Regis campus walls to keep the Klan from burning a cross.

I tell these stories because King would ask us not to be resentful and bitter. Many families of those at Regis experienced ethnic slights and hurtful prejudice, but minimal compared to African Americans and others. Regis helped lift ethnic Catholics out of their own psychological ghetto. What I am trying to say is, please remember your own family's race stories and face them honestly when thinking about others in America.

Finally, let's resolve to remember King's meaningful insight: "We're all in this together." And let us be thankful for the blessings bestowed upon us by loving parents and great teachers. Let us resolve to give back.

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New housing sign-up process

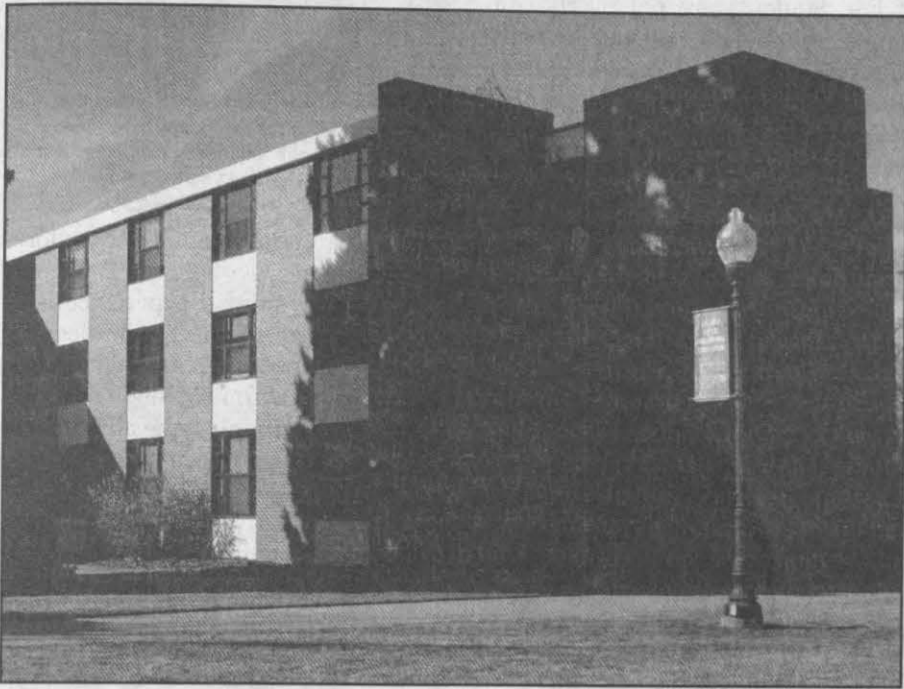
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On Big Game Friday, students will be given a numbered ticket and lined up according to the building they are applying for. Staff will begin handing out the tickets at 3 p.m.

In order to make housing available to more people, Residence Life is giving priority to students living in double

In order to make the event fun and interactive, Residence Life will be offering free food, games and a raffle for a \$300 credit towards next year's housing. Residence Life is expecting 200 or more students to attend.

Students completing the online portion of the housing sign-up will notice that the non-refundable deposit for housing next year has increased to



Exterior of West Hall.

PHOTO BY: Corey Holton

rooms. Unlike past years, juniors and seniors are no longer guaranteed single rooms in West Hall. "If we have a demand for more doubles we will try to fill those, and then we will keep a ratio of singles for those who want singles," said Njal Lundberg, interim associate director of Residence Life, Housing and Event Services.

Singles will be assigned on a first come first served basis during the Big Game Friday event, so it is best for students interested in a single room to arrive early. "The thing that's hard to predict is when people start lining up," said Lundberg.

\$300, up from \$250 last year. This deposit will be credited to the overall cost of housing.

One of the reasons for the increased cost of the deposit is to discourage students from applying for housing and withdrawing at a later date. There will be staff available at these events to assist students with the sign-up process and to answer any questions.

Students can find answers to frequently asked questions and apply for housing online at www.regis.edu/housingsignup.

Graduation

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Her lasting words that she would like to leave with the Regis community, "My time here at Regis has been the best time of my life so far. Enjoy every moment because it flies by."

Heather Thomas is also a psychology major who has called Regis her home for the past four years after setting out from her hometown of Shaker Heights, Ohio. A member of the University's Women's Soccer Team, Thomas has been keeping herself busy over the last four years while pursuing her undergraduate degree, balancing soccer commitments, and studying abroad. She plans to work with autistic children after Regis and eventually attend graduate school for speech pathology.

Some of her favorite Regis memories took place thousands of miles away when she took the opportunity to spend a semester studying abroad in New Zealand. In New Zealand she said she, "Saw some of the most beautiful things on this earth, met some really awesome people and made some friends for life!"

As for her travel opportunities, from her involvement in soccer she recalls the many adventurous bus rides that always included lots of laughter and great times bonding with the girls on the team. In 2008, one of her favorite soccer experiences was a team trip to Europe.

As for her lasting words, Thomas says, "It goes by faster than you know. Take every opportunity you can to have fun, get involved, laugh a lot, and appreciate your friends—they become like family. And study abroad!"

To all the seniors who are graduating this spring, the Regis community is proud of all that you have accomplished in your time here. Congratulations and good luck in your future endeavors!

New Student Giving Program

BY COREY HOLTON

The Student Giving Program, formerly known as the Senior Class Gift, has been expanded to include a range of giving opportunities for the entire Regis University student body.

In years past, the senior class at Regis University would vote on a project to support financially as a symbolic gesture of thanks to the University for the opportunities it has provided. This year, the Student Giving Committee, advised by Kris Kirby, assistant director of annual support programs, realized that both under and upperclassmen are supporting Regis in a variety of ways, not only through donations to the Senior Class Gift.

Due to the varied philanthropic interests of students on campus, a new Student Giving Program has been created this year to allow students from any class to contribute to a number of different funds on campus and be recognized for their efforts.

The Student Giving Committee will be distributing piggy banks in the image of Iggy the Piggy to students. "The piggy banks are made from recycled materials and are available to students as a symbol of the change we can make through small efforts," said Kirby.

The first event, 100 Days to Graduation was held on January 28th in the Student Center. Students can find more information about how to donate and upcoming events related to the Student Giving Program on InSite, the student giving website www.regis.edu/studentgift or by calling 303-964-3608.

Seniors in Honors Program prepare theses

BY AUDREY KEENAN

According to Dan Van der Vieren, a mathematics major at Regis University, "There comes a time in an individual's life when he or she must crack down and work." For Van der Vieren, that time has come.

Van der Vieren, a senior in the Regis University Honors Program, has two months left to work on his honors thesis, and he is beginning to feel the pressures of time.

"I feel that I could be a little further along. Definitely it's one of those things where I go in thinking, 'Oh, I have plenty of time.' Fact of the matter is, life happens. A lot of things are distractions. You have to be intentional about writing a thesis."

Van der Vieren has been working on his thesis since the second semester of his junior year after taking a cryptography class, which inspired the idea behind his thesis. He combined his interest in the class with another personal interest: the Rubik's cube.

"It's puzzle-like and I like to do puzzles. I contemplated how I could use the Rubik's cube as a means of creating some sort of cipher system."

Van der Vieren has spent the last year doing research and writing drafts for his paper, and has spent the past semester finishing his final draft, editing and preparing his presentation and defense.

"I'm almost on the home stretch,"

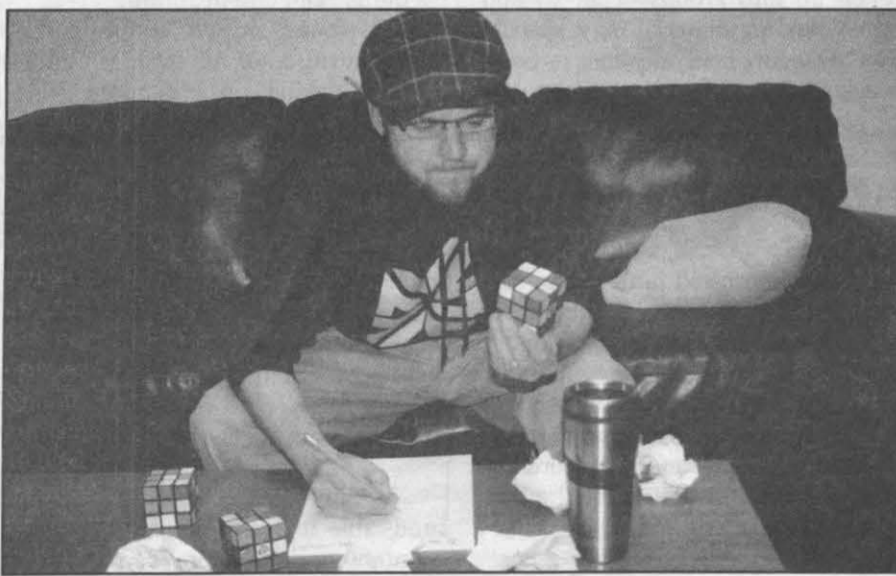


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Dan Van der Vieren attempts to discover the magic behind the Cube. Success is at his fingertips.

he says.

Van der Vieren has enjoyed working on his thesis because he says it marks the prestige of the Honors Program, and because it has given him experience writing in the mathematics area of undergraduate coursework.

The senior members of the Honors Program, including Van der Vieren, will be presenting their theses beginning the last weekend of March and continuing into the first week of April. There will be two presentations each afternoon, followed by a defense of the presentation and a reception afterwards.

Van der Vieren's reception will

include a cake resembling a Rubik's cube that he intends to have made by his defense date, April 8 at 4 p.m. in the Science Amphitheater.

For students in the Honors Program who will also be writing their theses in the future, Van der Vieren advises them to stay in the program.

"For all those honors students who are freshmen and sophomores, they should hang in there and know that the thesis is a rewarding experience, not just a resume booster, but one which will challenge them and give them a greater appreciation of their rigorous Regis education."

New pub

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Walker's will feature alcohol policies similar to those of Thursday Thrills, only accepting cash for drinks.

"Upperclassmen go downtown to hang out, and underclassmen can't go with them," he said. So he wants Walker's to be a place where students, faculty and staff can all enjoy themselves together.

After working on this project for two years, DelliVeneri said, "It's great to see to coming together."

DelliVeneri hopes that the pub will become a Regis tradition.

Walker's will be open Thursdays through Saturdays, with its official opening February 5 at 5 p.m. The pub will also be open February 7 for Superbowl Sunday.

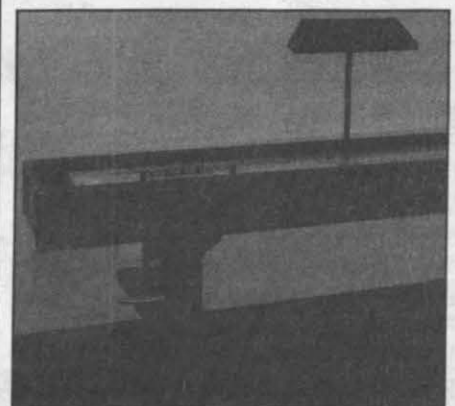


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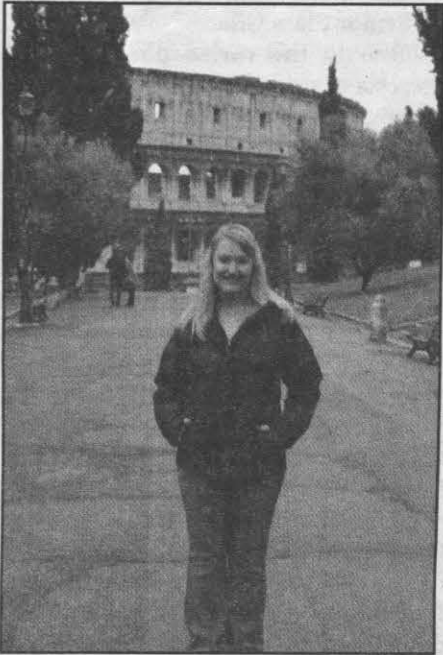
New shuffleboard table in the Ranger Grille.

Study abroad experience: Angela Shugarts at the University of Limerick in Ireland

BY ANGELA SHUGARTS

When I knew Regis offered a study abroad program I was really excited to take advantage of it. Now nearing my junior year I've found the time and money to travel to Limerick Ireland and study at the University of Limerick.

I have a rich heritage in Ireland and family in Galway, just north of Limerick. The course selection at Limerick was also very appealing to a peace and justice studies minor. Being an only child this decision was particularly hard on my parents however I



Angela Shugarts in front of the Colosseum

was super excited to see what awaited me in Ireland- so excited in fact, I began packing the day after Christmas.

What an experience it has been for me! I've lived off campus the past three years while attending Regis, never been out of the country, and now I'm living in a six bedroom suite with interesting Irish students.

I arrived in Dublin for orientation with the Arcadia program, not knowing the six other students I would be living with in the hostel. Once I got familiar with the other students, I figured meeting new people was the least

of my worries. Now I had to endure the three hour bus ride to the country side of Limerick and familiarize myself with a whole new city. Goodbye Starbucks, goodbye Colorado Rockies, goodbye cozy bed. The culture and academic life in Limerick is so different from Regis and I wanted to give the Regis community a taste of how things work over in Limerick.

Irish Academic Life

Irish culture is very relaxed and the people are warm and friendly. Arriving on campus I found out that the semester starts off slowly as Irish students make their way back to their dorms after six weeks of not seeing their friends. Most Irish students take their social life as seriously as most Regis students take their academic and professional life. Here, it's about going to pubs, meeting new people and having "good craic" as they say, which means "good fun."

The students go to many social gatherings during the week and on the weekends go home to their families and rest--completely opposite of my lifestyle. They operate on a pre-determined career schedule all four years of college. When they come to college, they must choose what "course" (major) they want to study and they study one specific subject all four years. There is no interdisciplinary curriculum here.

Fortunately, international students like myself get special advantages and get to mix up our "modules" (courses). The majority of the modules are lecture-based and one major exam usually comprises a student's entire grade. Rarely are there assignments, papers, or projects assigned to students. The class sizes are much larger than Regis' class sizes. Typically there are between 50 and 200 students to a module and separate meeting times called "tutorials" where students are broken up into groups of 25-30 and discuss reading material on a specific day. Classes are held only once or twice a week, so there is plenty of time to get

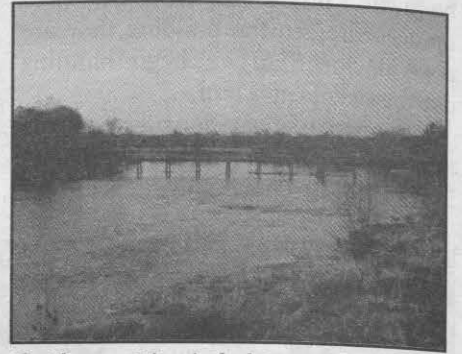
involved on campus, go to the pubs, or study of course.

Irish Social Life

One of the best things about Ireland is its wonderful laid back view of life. Students are not overly concerned about their careers. Actually, most of them travel around Europe after college and then find a job. The Irish are shy and rarely disclose information to people they interact with however, they love to tell stories, meet people and just have good craic at the pubs and clubs.

The relaxed nature of the Irish students is something I could get used to very quickly. Here, life is meant to be enjoyed and I find myself more at peace. Sometimes in the States I find myself so busy all the time, I rarely have time for myself.

I'm fortunate enough to live in Thomond Village, a residence right near the Shannon River, the longest river in Ireland. In the mornings, a



The Shannon River is the longest river in Ireland and it right outside my residence, just a walk over the bridge and you will find otters, swans, and other great wildlife.

accent now and then) and being more introspective.

The study abroad experience is a wonderful way to meet new people, expand perspectives, and challenge oneself to break out of their comfort zone. I have certainly done all of these things and I've only been in Ireland for two weeks!

Before I arrived in Ireland, my friend Anna Supinski and I traveled through Italy in a week and what a



Angela and other study abroad students atop the Guinness Storehouse Factory in Dublin.

white fluffy fog blankets the green landscape as students walk to class. The sound of the river, the birds chirping and the dew falling from the lush berry bushes is a refreshing kind of peace and serenity that can't be compared to what is found in the States. It's quite, calm and beautiful.

I've found myself adopting the relaxed attitude of the Irish, (in addition to picking up a random Irish

busy week it was! Travel experts claim you can't see Rome in a day but we almost did. Actually we saw the major sites in Rome in two days. There was a lot of walking involved. I can't wait to see what's ahead of me. Caving in Spain, climbing the Swiss Alps, peering up at the ancient castles in Ireland? I look forward to it all.

Regis housing changes are very disconcerting

BY JIMMY SENGENBERGER

As many students are now aware, the Regis housing system is being drastically altered for 2010-2011. My frustration over the new housing system is considerable, as I take several issues with the policy change:

1. One month ago many of us paid a considerable amount of money to Regis for this semester. Less than one month later, Regis mandated an (increased) fee of \$300, whereas last year registration was, quite sensibly, a little later in the spring. I am genuinely troubled by the fact that I have to pull \$300 out of my own pocket now, of all times, for a housing deposit. As they say, "money doesn't grow on trees," especially during a recession.

2. In a well-intentioned attempt to promote community, unfair advantages seem to be given to LLCs over those who would prefer not to participate in one of these special interest areas. LLC students get first choice on rooms, thereby limiting the chances of

singles for interested juniors and seniors. LLCs are a great idea for freshmen who are just getting acclimated. They're a good way to meet people with common interests and to form bonds for your first year. But I have sincere doubts about how many upperclassmen will truly benefit from the program.

3. Efficiency is critical with organizing something like this. I would hope that ResLife would learn from the inefficiency of the British queue, the UK's way of rationing limited resources, instead of shifting away from an already effective system. I do not believe that a genuine desire to make the process "fun" means that students should have to devote a Friday afternoon--when, for instance, some work--to a housing signup that could be done far more smoothly and with greater efficiency online. Plus, it would certainly be more sustainable than all these tickets and things.

4. Why must upperclassmen face severe restrictions to secure single

rooms that we used to be able to get with greater ease? The rationing of singles to juniors and seniors will discourage them from considering and looking forward to on-campus living arrangements.

Perhaps Regis is struggling for funds due to fewer students and the economy and therefore wants to discourage off-campus living to maximize on-campus rooming dollars. As a capitalist, I can certainly understand that economic sense. But, like taxpayers to the government, I would appreciate due consideration given how much we spend each year here.

I truly appreciate the good work ResLife and others do to make on-campus living a great experience. But my clear frustration is because I, like most here, am spending tens of thousands of dollars a year on Regis, a considerable portion of which is for room and board. With all due respect, I am disappointed in such a shift, and I hope to read a letter to the editor explaining this decision next issue.

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Supreme Court 1, President 0

U.S. Supreme Court upholds free speech, Obama dissents

BY JIMMY SENGENBERGER

For the first time in State of the Union history, the president incongruously scolded the nation's highest court for a ruling with which he disagreed. I contend that such actions were out of line, but appropriate or not, was President Obama right and the Court's decision wrong?

Facts of the Case

Citizens United, a nonprofit political advocacy corporation, produced an opposition movie to then-candidate Hillary Clinton, which they intended to play in theatres, on-demand, and on DVD. The 2002 McCain-Feingold law forbade corporations and labor unions from advertising for or against a candidate for national election. Ergo, neither showing nor advertising the film was permissible under the egregious statute.

The Court has consistently upheld Congress' power to regulate political contributions in order to prevent corruption, but Citizens United was expressing opposition to a candidate, not donating to a campaign. The question before the Supremes was if this part of the law was constitutional. They rightfully concluded it wasn't.

Reasoning of the Court

The case *Citizen United v. Federal Election Commission* has nothing to do with lobbyists or campaign donations. As Cato Institute's John Samples and Ilya Shapiro observe, "[N]one of this money will go directly to candidates for office. It will go instead to broadcasting or otherwise communicating speech about candidates and issues."

The money addressed by this ruling is being spent on advertisements and other political speech. The Court properly upheld the First Amendment right to free/political speech. As Justice Kennedy wrote, "The First Amendment protects political speech; and disclosure permits citizens and shareholders to react to the speech of corporate entities in a proper way. This transparency enables the electorate to make informed decisions and give proper weight to different speakers and messages."

Addressing the law's legal ramifications, the 5-justice majority asserted, "If the First Amendment has any force, it prohibits Congress from fining or jailing citizens, or associations of citizens [i.e. corporations], for simply engaging in political speech."

The decision itself was not about

anyone's rights and which entities have them and which don't. It focused on the *power of government* vis-à-vis the First Amendment and Congress' power to restrict speech in this fashion. For the most part, Congress doesn't have the power to censor political speech and determine what's too dangerous, too bothersome, etc. If it did, commentators' tongues would be tied with every critical comment.

In their concurrence, Justices Roberts and Alito wrote that the law "asks us to embrace a theory of the First Amendment that would allow censorship not only of television and radio broadcasts, but of pamphlets, posters, the Internet and virtually any other medium that corporations and unions might find useful in expressing their views on matters of public concern...The First Amendment protects more than just the individual on a soapbox and the lonely pamphleteer."

Such a line cannot be drawn. If anything, as former FEC Counsel Allison Hayward notes, focused laws against companies with no-bid government contracts or earmark recipients could probably pass judicial scrutiny, but to paint a broad brush on all corporations is fallacious.

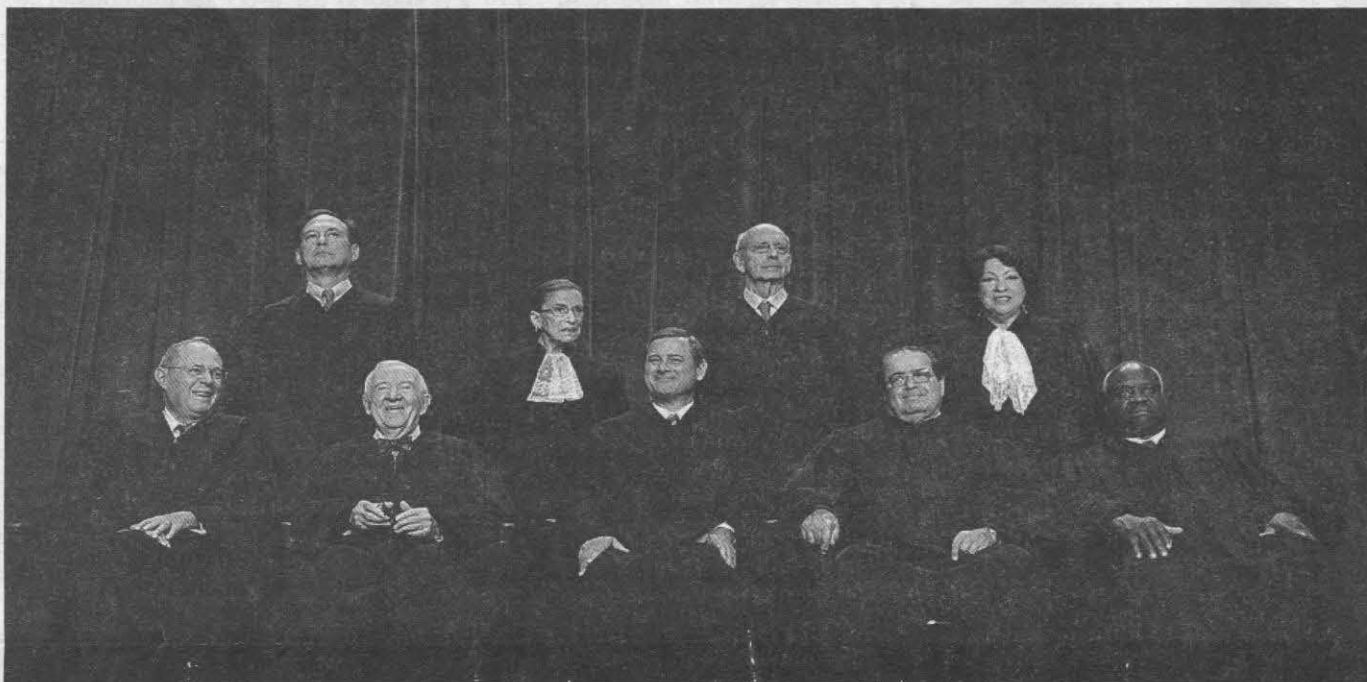
As Samples notes, "Congressional efforts to bring about equality of speech are incompatible with freedom of speech because government would have to control everyone's speech to ensure equal time." That's just not feasible.

Concerns that this will "open the floodgates to corporate cash" are overblown. While there will likely be a nominal increase in election expenditures, any business concerned with making a profit will be hesitant to get directly involved in politics and place their name on an ad at risk of losing market share. Ironically, 40 major

is consistent with prior rulings on the side of corporate constitutional rights—like freedom of press, religion and petition and the right to due process—so why not free speech, especially in an open society like ours? Corporations are granted speech rights with entertainment, education, art and in other situations—so what legal basis is there for restrictions on political speech?

The role of the Courts is not to base decisions on better policy or politics, or what constitutes "fair" speech, or a ruling's perceived political implications and whether or not it perpetuates a "corporatocracy." The role of the court is to determine whether a given statute is constitutional and to establish a set standard — *and that is what they did.*

What about foreign corporations? Justice Kennedy unequivocally stated that the changes will *not* benefit for-



The US Supreme Court recently dealt a blow to campaign finance reform in the case *Citizens United v. FEC*.

Front row: Associate Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, John Paul Stevens, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Antonin G. Scalia, and Clarence Thomas. Back row: Associate Justices Samuel A. Alito, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, and Sonia Sotomayor. Image used under fair use doctrine.

Opposition Arguments

A key argument against this decision is that we must have a sort-of "equality of speech" on the airwaves. After all, don't those big, bad corporations have so much more money to spend than Joe Smith?

In reality, corporations are incredibly diverse. They can be as small as one or two people, be for-profit or not-for-profit and have any number of purposes (i.e. profit vs. political advocacy). They're not just "big oil," insurance companies and the like. Who's going to be the judge of which corporations are corrupting the system and what constitutes "fairness?" What about billionaires like socialist George Soros? They're no less likely to finance political ads than corporations.

companies sent a letter to Congress telling them to stop the phone calls for campaign cash. If anyone will now really kick in more money into elections, it's the unions, which are inherently political in nature. Why the fear about big business but not the liberal, more politically-active big labor?

A liberal friend remarked, "Corporations don't vote, and I don't think the founders intended for them to be 'people.' Why don't we make rulings that give the people more dominion over the political process, instead of the corporations?"

First, corporations may not vote, but they do have a significant stake in public policy; they pay significant taxes and are central to the national economy. Second, the Court ruled them legal entities constituted by an "association of individuals," not persons. This

eign-owned corporations. In reality, the Court ruled that a corporation's speech rights can't be denied *solely because it is a corporation*. That left another section of the law intact, forbidding "foreign nationals" from contributing in elections because they are foreign nationals. The law qualifies such "corporations" as foreign nationals. Plus, to be sure, a law could clarify definitions to add an extra guarantee.

In his address, Obama asserted that "the Supreme Court reversed a century of law that I believe will open the floodgates for special interests, including foreign corporations, to spend without limits in our elections."

Exactly, Mr. President. *You believe.*

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Book review: *Anansi Boys*

BY MICHAEL DEGREGORI

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the written works of Neil Gaiman, he is an author whose stories have a tendency to involve seemingly ordinary protagonists whose lives suddenly become entangled in a plot of bizarre supernatural events. Books written by him such as *Stardust*, *American Gods*, and *Neverwhere*, are all based around this setup. In this, the novel *Anansi Boys* is no exception. However, despite its familiar story structure, this book's brilliantly unique and darkly humorous style of storytelling makes it a very enjoyable read.

The plot of *Anansi Boys* centers around a very unlikely protagonist named Fat Charlie Nancy, a man perpetually embarrassed by both himself and the actions of all those around him, particularly the mischievous antics of his fun-loving father. Although initially Fat Charlie does not come off as even slightly heroic or even likeable, when reading this novel it was hard for me to not sympathize with him because of how extremely human his character is. Fat Charlie lives a normal but uneventful life in London, where he is engaged to be married. However, the story doesn't really get going until Fat Charlie's wedding plans are disrupted by the news of his father's sudden death back in Florida. Following the funeral, the situation turns from potentially tragic to bizarre when Fat Charlie is informed that his father was in fact the trickster god Anansi, the mischievous spider from African folklore. And

to top things off, Fat Charlie learns that he is not an only son.

The interactions between Fat Charlie and his newfound brother (named only Spider) is one of the elements of Gaiman's story that makes this book so uniquely humorous. Spider is the polar opposite to Fat Charlie in almost every single way. While Fat spends most of his life either feeling sorry for himself or worrying about what others think of him, Spider is confident, charming, but also rather inconsiderate and uncaring. The fact that Spider seems to have inherited some of his father's godlike abilities quickly turn his presence in Fat Charlie's life from simply strange to disastrous.

The plot of *Anansi Boys* uses a unique mix of the seemingly normal and amazingly supernatural to create a dynamic setting where apparently trivial events in one world can lead to massive consequences in another hidden just below the surface. Anything can happen, and much of it does, placing characters in situations ranging from hilarious to horrifying. I found many of the characters to be both likeable and unlikable at the same time, and the changes almost all of them undergo throughout the novel make them all the more interesting.

While this book is in some sense a sequel to *American Gods*, it is of a completely different style and it is in no way necessary to read it to understand and fully enjoy *Anansi Boys*. I would highly recommend this novel to anyone who is interested in a light-hearted family comedy with dark and supernatural twists.

Catching up at the movies

BY LUKE CURTIS

Hey everyone, welcome back to the spring semester. I hope everyone had an enjoyable winter break with friends and family. I tried my best to make it to the movies when I could, but I found myself daydreaming about *Seaside Heights* much too often. So, I decided that I would just go over a few films I was able to catch over break that you may have missed.

Avatar: One of the most exciting films I've seen in years. *Avatar* follows a paraplegic marine as he and other scientists are able to fuse their consciousness into an Avatar of the Omaticaya clan. What first is an experiment becomes a full-fledged fight as the scientists fight alongside the Omaticaya against the American armed forces that are eager to kill the Omaticaya to mine the planet (Pandora) for precious minerals. The movie is well done, emotional, full of action, earnest and a thrill ride throughout. Even if you may not be too keen on sci-fi/fantasy, this movie is able to cross boundaries for many people.

Up in the Air: This movie is made for adults. I don't mean that it's chock full of nudity or violence, but its themes are those that would relate best to someone older than myself. I still enjoyed the film—I even recommend it for college students—but I just want you to be prepared for a movie that may not be as fast paced or light as one might expect. The film centers on Ryan Bingham (George Clooney) whose life is spent traveling around the country and living out of a suitcase. The story

continues looking at Bingham as his job starts to change, he finds a relationship and as he is forced to show a new employee the tricks of the trade. It's a good film that's quite sad at times and quite funny at others.

It's Complicated: My sister dragged me into this film, which features Meryl Streep and Alec Baldwin as they reexamine their love after being divorced for many years. Like the title says, the movie is complicated. Jane (Streep) is torn between Jake (Baldwin) and a new man Adam (Steve Martin) and—to say the least—hilarity ensues. It's a fun film and while it touches on issues like divorce and affair it still is light-hearted and enjoyable.

Sherlock Holmes: I was most surprised with how much I enjoyed this film. The previews rubbed me the wrong way as I had remembered Sherlock Holmes to be much different than Robert Downey Jr.'s. Portrayal. Yet as the film started, Holmes was a very enjoyable character. He may not have been as exaggerated or intense or funny in the books, but something about the character was immensely satisfying. I felt as if Downey Jr. had made the conscious decision to make Holmes his own, and he did so tremendously. Jude Law is also fantastic as Watson, the trusted sidekick of Sherlock. I would recommend this movie if you enjoy a good laugh and also some good action and a decent story.

I hope that covers some ground for you, and look out for some new reviews in the future.

The paranormal TV craze: stranger than fiction

BY MICHAEL DEGREGORI

Spurred by the popularity and success of the paranormal-themed reality shows *Ghost Hunters* on the SyFy Channel and *Paranormal State* on A&E, reality shows about ghosts, psychics, aliens and all other subjects associated with the "paranormal" have sprung up in various television channels. These shows typically involve either paranormal investigators or people claiming to possess paranormal abilities (in some cases both) who have camera crews follow them around as they either investigate claims of the supernatural or demonstrate their supposed supernatural skills. The latest channel to jump upon this supernatural bandwagon is Animal Planet, which now features *The Haunted*, a television show about animals people claim to be haunted or possessed by demons and ghosts, and *Pet Psychic Encounters*, where a self-proclaimed Pet Psychic reads the minds and thoughts of people's pets (who lack both the mental and vocal capacity to confirm or deny what she says).

There will always be things that are unknown and unexplained as long as people exist to not know them. However, to use the unknown to attempt to support claims of the supernatural is to make a false assumption that a more rational explanation will never be found. Television shows such as *Ghost Hunters* take things such as strange shadows and doors closing and quickly come to the conclusion that the best explanation is that ghosts are moving the objects, supposedly

because they have nothing better to do with their afterlives. Many of these paranormal shows also choose to turn the scientific method on its head, seeking out evidence in attempt to support the existence of the paranormal, rather than the proper method of arriving at a conclusion at the end of an investigation based on the evidence gathered. For these television shows to portray their findings as scientific or factual is to do a disservice to their viewers by presenting cherry-picked results as conclusive facts in order to justify the

While people professing to be psychics can often appear to perform acts that I cannot immediately explain—such as bending spoons and guessing correctly how someone's relative died—I always keep in mind that a magician performing on a street corner can often do things equally unexplained and often much more impressive (and get paid considerably less). In fact, it is well known that many of the methods' supposed psychics used to trick people into believing that they have paranormal abilities, such as cold reading. When a channel like Animal Planet features a "pet psychic" in an attempt to boost ratings, it forfeits the right to call itself educational television.

A healthy sense of skepticism is important for society. For television channels to habitually feature unsubstantiated claims of paranormal activity in a quest for higher ratings is an insult to our intellects and a betrayal of our trust.

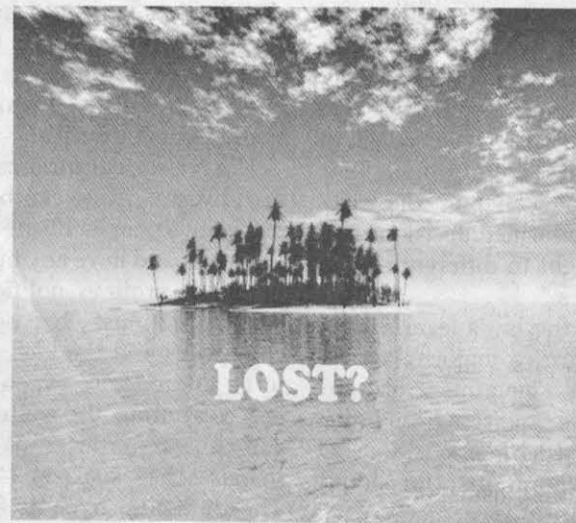
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Ranger Men Shoot 54 Percent but Can't Overcome Balanced Scoring in 84-73 Loss to Colorado Mines

BY JEREMY PHILLIPS

Regis shot 54 percent from the field but allowed Colorado Mines to shoot 56 percent in an 84-73 Oredigger victory.

Regis (7-12, 2-9 RMAC) trailed for most of the first half but was able to tie the score five times and went into halftime trailing 40-36.

Regis tied the score again for the seventh and final time after a layup by junior guard Curtis Mitchell at the 12:37 mark. Colorado Mines stymied the Rangers over the next two and a half minutes outscoring Regis 7-0 and continued building their lead after that. Just when the Rangers would go on a small run and cut the lead to a manageable point, the Orediggers always had an answer.

The taller Mines team outrebounded the Rangers 34-20 in the

game. Each team did a good job of taking care of the ball with Mines turning it over 10 times and Regis just nine.

Senior guard Matt Rosinski led the Rangers with 24 points raising his season average to an even 23 points per game. Coming into the weekend, Rosinski was the second leading scorer in the RMAC and the 11th in the nation. He led the Rangers with four assists.

Mitchell had another solid game tallying 15 points on 6-of-10 shooting, while junior Jordan Martinez-Doublin came off the bench to contribute 15 as well. Sophomore Chris Johansen led Regis with seven rebounds and chipped in with nine points.

Sean Armstrong and Dale Minschwaner led the Orediggers with 23 and 21 points respectively one night after upsetting #20 ranked Metro State 67-65.

Rangers Torrid Second Half Overcomes Nine-Point Halftime Deficit in 80-71 Victory over Colorado Christian

BY JEREMY PHILLIPS

The Regis Ranger men's basketball team snapped a seven-game losing streak by turning over Colorado Christian 27 times in an 80-71 RMAC victory. Senior guard Matt Rosinski scored 28 of his game-high 33 points in the second half as Regis took a nine-point deficit and outscored Colorado Christian 49-31 in the second half.

Regis (7-11, 2-8 RMAC) led briefly in the first half, 3-2, but saw the Colorado Christian (7-10, 5-5 RMAC) lead grow to as many as nine points on several occasions. CCU hit 7-of-9 from behind the three-point line and shot 59 percent in the first half.

The Rangers started their comeback midway through the second half when they went on a 14-5 run over nearly three minutes taking a 52-50 lead with 12:59 remaining. CCU scored the next seven points to take a two-point lead. The two teams traded

baskets for the next four minutes before two free throws by senior Bill Brandenburg put Regis up for good at the 6:03 mark. Regis cemented the win by hitting 10-of-13 down the stretch and after the 27th turnover by CCU a layup by junior Jordan Martinez-Doublin with two seconds remaining put the final score at 80-71.

Regis scored 32 points off of CCU turnovers and hit a season-high 26 free throws out of 33 attempts. The Rangers committed just eight turnovers on the night tying a season low.

Rosinski's 33 points paced the Rangers and he was joined in double figures by junior Curtis Mitchell's 11 points. Three players, Martinez-Doublin, junior Stevie Ledesma and Brandenburg each chipped in with nine points.

Justin Neuhaus led CCU with 18 points, while Abram Ziemer came off the bench to put in 11.

Rangers Can't Outrun Mountain Lions in 82-79 Overtime Loss

BY JEREMY PHILLIPS

A step-back three-point basket by Ben Feilmeier with seven seconds remaining in overtime gave UC-Colorado Springs an 82-79 win over Regis in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action Friday night.

Regis (6-11, 1-8 RMAC) led most of the first half but only by as many as five points. UC-Colorado Springs led by four points with 1:29 remaining in the first stanza but Regis scored the next six points including the last three by junior guard Jordan Martinez-Doublin who just beat the buzzer to propel Regis to a 32-30 halftime lead.

Sophomore forward Chris Johansen hit a jumper to put Regis up seven, 44-37, with 15:04 remaining in regulation. UC-Colorado Springs (6-10, 4-4 RMAC) responded with an 11-2 run to take a two-point lead, 48-46 with just over 10 minutes remaining.

In overtime Regis took a one-point lead after Rosinski sank two free throws to go ahead one point with 1:06 remaining. UCCS tied the game 20 seconds later after Chris Hernandez sank one of two free throws.

Regis had the ball and with 40 seconds remaining Rosinski took a jumper from the baseline that was blocked by Tommy Klausner and rebounded by Feilmeier. UC-Colorado Springs then milked the clock and with seven seconds remaining Feilmeier hit a three pointer that sent the capacity crowd of 1,337 into a frenzy.

The game was tied 17 times and the lead changed hands 16 times. Each team shot over 50 percent from the field with UCCS outrebounding the Rangers 38-28.

Regis committed just eight turnovers and forced UCCS into 15 on the night.

Feilmeier led the Mountain Lions with 12 points, leading five double-figure scorers. Fernandez, Cole Smith, Alex Snyder, and Scott Sublousky each had 11 points for the balanced UCCS attack.

Regis Men Can't Keep up With Metro State in 94-75 Loss

BY JEREMY PHILLIPS

Head Coach Lonnie Porter's 900th career game did not go like he wanted against a team that has had the Rangers number recently. #22 ranked Metro State came into the Regis Fieldhouse and left with a 94-75 victory in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action.

Regis (6-10, 1-7 RMAC) came out strong and trailed by only two points, 23-21, with eight minutes remaining. Metro State (14-2, 7-1 RMAC) then ramped up their defense and went on a 16-2 run over the next four and a

half minutes to blow open a 39-23 lead. Regis, falling for the sixth straight time, trailed at half 46-31.

The Rangers were able to cut the lead under 10 a few times but was only able to get as close as eight points, 71-63 at the 8:06 mark of the second half.

The full-court zone defense that Metro State deploys forced the Rangers into 22 turnovers in which they scored 22 points off those turnovers.

Metro State scored 52 points in the paint to just 18 for the Rangers and the rebounding battle was nearly

even with Regis trailing just 34-31.

Senior guard Matt Rosinski, the second leading scorer in the RMAC, led the Rangers with 20 points and a team-leading six rebounds. Sophomore Chris Johansen notched a career-high with 17 points on 8-for-11 shooting. Junior Curtis Mitchell came off the bench to chip in with 13 points.

Reggie Evans had a game-high 24 points, while Donte Nicholas had 18. The leading shooter in the RMAC, Jonathan Morse, went a perfect 7-for-7 from the field for 14 points.

Regis Women's Basketball Announces Date Change in Regular Season Finale against UC-Colorado Springs

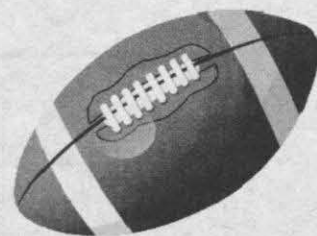
BY JEREMY PHILLIPS

The Regis University women's basketball team has announced a change in date in the regular season finale against UC-Colorado Springs. The game was originally scheduled to be played Saturday, Feb. 27th but will now be played on Thursday, Feb. 25th at 7:00 p.m.

The game will be played at the Regis Fieldhouse at 50th and Regis Blvd. The two teams met just last week, Jan. 22nd, where the Rangers cruised to a 92-72 victory in Colorado Springs.

The Rangers are currently 9-8 overall and 2-7 in the RMAC. They host the top two teams in the RMAC East Division in Colorado Christian on Saturday night and Colorado Christian on Saturday night. Each game is set for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

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COMMUNITY/CAMPUS EVENTS

Tuesday, February 2

Movie Showing

"To understand the best of us, we must first be willing to take a look at the worst of us." -Thomas Hardy. Come see the documentary *The Anatomy of Hate*, this Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Ranger Grill.

Surviving the Crash

Career Services will hold a "Surviving the Crash" workshop to prepare you for the fair. The workshops will begin at 5 p.m. in Main Hall 333. Come to one workshop and the Career Fair and be eligible to be in a drawing for a GPS system.

From the Depression to Pearl Harbor on the Home Front

Hosted and moderated by Rick Crandall, with academic insights from Regis Professors Dan Clayton and Tom Bowie, this dialogue provides fascinating insights into how ordinary men and women dealt with the experiences of war and how it shaped their lives. Science Center room 212 at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3

LLC Housing Sign-up

Upperclassmen accepted into a Living Learning Community will attend an event in the Student Center from 5-6 p.m. to choose roommates and rooms.

Art Gallery Exhibit

Holding Out and Hanging On: Surviving Hurricane Katrina, Photographs by Thomas Neff. Exhibit is in the O'Sullivan Art Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open Mic Open Minds

An evening of views and talents of members of the Regis community expressed through vocal performance, spoken word, and dance. Anyone wishing to perform a piece should sign up in the Office of Student Activities. Sponsored by the Black Student Alliance. 7-9 p.m. in the Ranger Grille.

Thursday, February 4

Tertulia (Spanish Table)

This semester our Tertulia (Spanish table) will take place every Thursday from 12-2 p.m. in the Ranger Grille.

Come have lunch and meet other people interested in practicing Spanish. All levels welcome!

Catholicism in the Modern World

"The University and the Church: Reflections on a 40 Year Journey" - John Kane - Professor of Religious Studies. 7-9 p.m. in the Chapel.

Friday, February 5

Big Game Friday

Event for upperclassmen interested in living on campus next year. 3-7 p.m. in the Student Center. Free food and games!

Campus Pub Opening

Walker's Pub Kick Off. Be looking for posters regarding the Grand Opening of the new Walker's Pub, which will be next at 5 p.m. in the Ranger Grille. Live music, food, ribbon cutting, etc.

Saturday, February 6

Women's Softball

RU softball vs. Emporia State. 2-4 p.m. at the softball field.

Sunday, February 7

Women's Softball

RU softball vs. University of Omaha. 1-3 p.m. at the softball field.

Tuesday, February 9

"Lost" 2010 Career Fair

Career Services is happy to announce the annual Career & Internship Information Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Dining Room located in the Student Center.

Mi Gente Dance Lessons

Have you always wanted to learn Salsa, Mambo, Rumba or Merengue? Well here is your chance. Join Mi Gente, club sponsor, as a professional instructor teaches all the moves. Will run from 6-9 p.m. in the Mountain View Room (ALC 112).

College Republicans Meeting

Regis College Republicans will hold their first meeting of the semester and cover what is being planned for the next three months. West Hall Conference Room at 6 p.m.

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