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Queues, cold and controversy engulf housing sign-up

BY JIMMY SENGENBERGER

In a process that was immediately greeted with frustration and angst, students lined up in the cold and on the floor to receive housing tickets to sign up for 2010-2011 housing on "Big Game Friday," February 5.

The registration, managed by Regis's Office of Residence Life, Housing and Event Services (ResLife), began two weeks prior, when students were asked to register for housing online and provide a housing deposit of \$300, up \$50 from the 2009-2010 school year.

On February 3, accepted applicants for the new Living Learning Communities (LLCs) filed into the meeting room in the Student Center to navigate their way through the new housing sign-up process. LLCs are designed to group students with common interests.

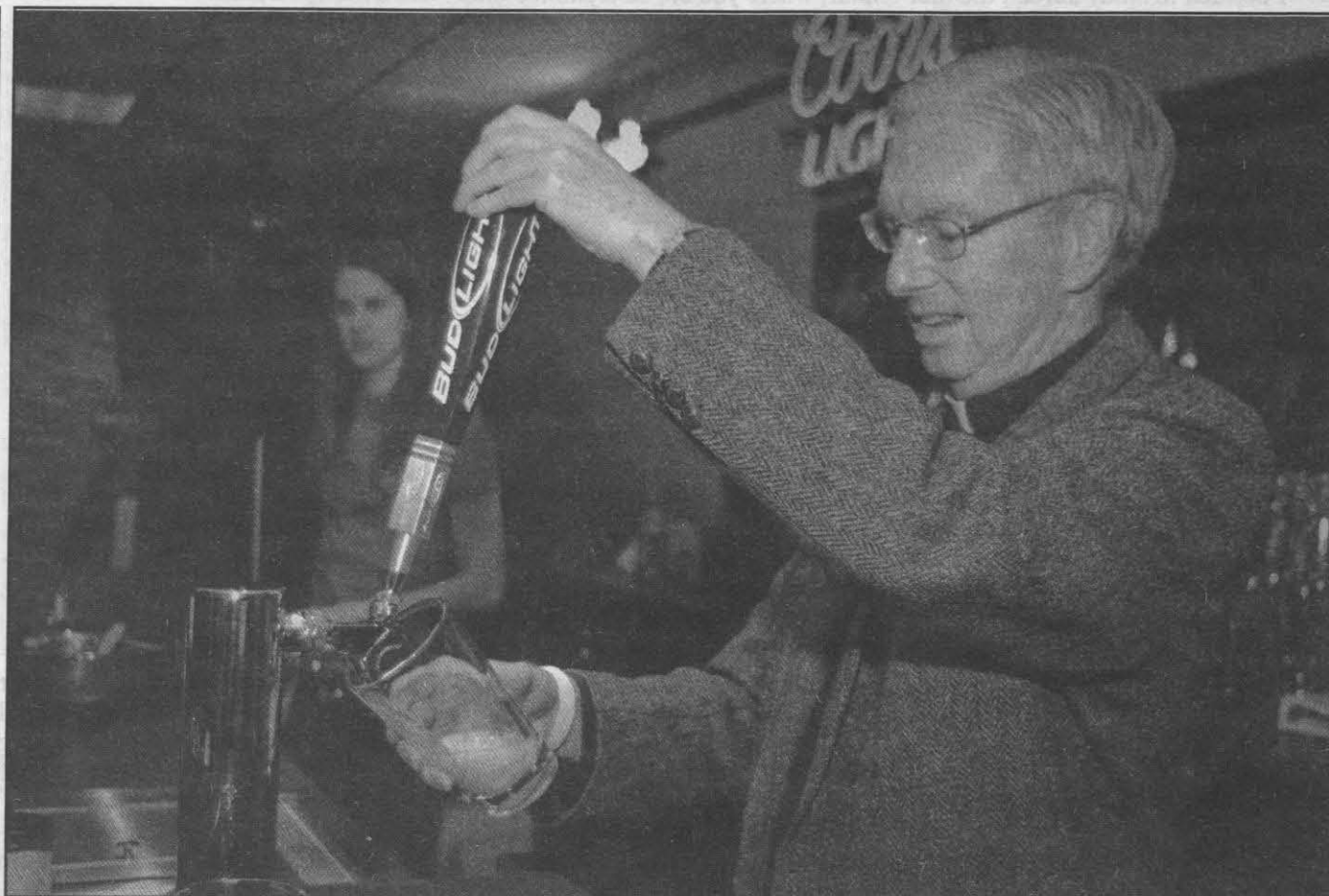
For sophomores, juniors and seniors, five LLCs are available. These include Leadership, Arts/Popular Culture, Healthcare Professionals, International/Language and Ignatian Village.

Students who participated in the LLC sign-up, particularly freshmen who will be sophomores next year, had a favorable opinion of the experience.

"I thought that the actual event went pretty smoothly," said freshman Yolie Bodie, who will be in the Arts/Popular Culture LLC next year. "It was well-organized and it was nice to be able to pick my room off the board...I felt like being in an LLC gave me the opportunity to have a better selection of where I wanted my room to be."

The first-pick opportunity for LLCs spawned some criticism from attendees of Big Game Friday that LLCs received preferential treatment in room selection. LLC sign-up was two days before general registration, and several students reported that LLC students interested in obtaining singles received them easily and without hesitation.

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Father Michael J. Sheeran at the opening of Walker's Pub on February 5.

PHOTO BY Brett Stakelin

Accepting the pledge of how you ought to live

BY EMILY SLOAN

"How ought we to live" is a phrase most students on Regis's campus already know. Students have heard professors and other students utter those words in classes and organizations. "How ought we to live" is a major aspect of the Regis mission statement.

Many times, though, this message seems to get lost in the daily shuffle and bustle of the papers and readings of the students. Life, and stress, take over, and the mission statement can get lost.

The Social Justice and Sustainability branch of RUSGA, Regis University Student Government Association, is trying to emphasize and encourage the students to keep the

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Opening of Walker's Pub is a smashing success

BY CIARA GALLAGHER

All the anticipation surrounding the opening of Walker's Pub appeared to be well-deserved, as the opening night of the pub was a smashing success. Conveniently located on campus, inside the Ranger Grille, the event drew in over 100 people, including students and faculty.

The massive renovations to the Ranger Grille include inviting red booths, a new wood bar and contrasting black and white pictures used as wall hangings. The opening night consisted largely of a great buffet incorporating every college student's favorite finger foods.

Most importantly, Walker's Pub is reasonably priced. With draft beers costing \$1.25 it's a steal! "I love that the drinks are so inexpensive," said senior Michelle Eller, "I'll definitely think twice before going downtown

and spending a ton of money from now on."

Not 21 yet? Not a problem at Walker's. All ages are always welcome. "It's nice that even though I'm not legal yet, I can still come to the Pub with my friends and have a good time," noted sophomore Lizzie Sepe. One of the most noted attractions the Pub offers is both shuffleboard and a foosball table.

To top off the night, there was a live performance by the Stolen Instruments, which includes Regis's own Brett Stakelin, Cody Critchell, Holly Yamada, Gabe Gallegos and Ruben Martinez who put on a great show incorporating cover and original songs that fit in perfectly with the laid back and exciting atmosphere of the night.

RUSGA hopes that if Walker's Pub continues to be well-received by students, it will become a Regis tradition.

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Chocolate and vodka: the Russian experience

BY EMILY SLOAN

Have you ever just sat around or thought about where you want to travel to in the world? I had those thoughts and they were usually brief followed by one day. But that one day finally arrived, and now my desire to travel is more intense than before.

I decided to study abroad the first semester of my junior year. That was the easy part of the study abroad application. The next part was deciding where to go. I had no idea and was just skimming through books Mary Cook, the study abroad adviser, had given me. Suddenly, I saw Russia and decided on a whim to go there. I am not quite sure what I was thinking when I decided, but once I decided I never had second thoughts.

As you can imagine, my mother was not as excited and happy as I was, and neither was my extended family. They asked what was wrong with Poland, where my ancestors are from, and my grandfather said right before I left, "you know they killed the polish people."

Before I knew it or was even prepared it was time for me to leave for London. I want to say that you will never feel prepared enough when you leave.

Somehow, I made my flight (my family has a bad habit of getting to airports late, like 30 minutes before take-off late, but we somehow always make our flights), and fell asleep because I did not want to be awake while flying over the ocean. But regardless of my stress or nerves, I was on my way to Europe, a place I have dreamed of seeing.

I landed in London and spent two days there sightseeing. London is beautiful and just so full of history. I loved London but was excited to see Russia soon. I went to Russia with little expectations and was surprised.

When I landed in St. Petersburg, Russia, I was surprised at how small the airport was for a major city. At the time I did not know that St. Petersburg has more than one airport.

Eventually, we all settled into our new lives in St. Petersburg. We explored the neighborhood we were in, found reliable grocery stores, became pros at the Metro, joined gyms, and spent time getting familiar with the well-known and historical sites of St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg is different than any other city I have visited. The city is defined mainly by the Neva River and sub sequential waterways that cut through the city. Peter the Great was determined to make St. Petersburg the capitol of Russia and a highly influential city in Western Europe. To achieve that goal, city engineers worked against natural marsh land and flood waters. Eventually the main city was completed and St. Petersburg began to develop into a well-known city and grow as a Russian metropolitan area. As a result, St. Petersburg has a lot of history that is based on the naval and waterways. In addition, the city layout was affected by rivers.

Since the city has a long history, there are still many mansions and grandeur government buildings. The city has a contrast though and this contrast is seen when one travels from the inner part of the city out to the suburbs. Suburbs in St. Petersburg are not the large amounts of similar houses on roads. Instead, the suburbs are many high rise buildings, which often reflect the Communist rule and style of

construction. Many Russians live in apartments and instead own dachas, or small houses in the country for weekend retreats.

Russians are also pretty dependent on the public transportation system, like most Europeans. But you have to be careful on the trains because many people get pick-pocketed during rush hour, where you are so cramped onto the train that you do not need hold onto anything because the people around you support you. That was probably the hardest part about coming back to the United States and Denver. Our country is car dependent so I had to readjust to driving most places instead of walking or taking the Metro.

Another difference between countries is that small business still dominates the Russian landscape. There are a few large corporations or stores similar to Wal-Mart, but most people would shop at their local grocery markets that tended to be slightly larger than a Starbucks. Sometimes what you wanted was there and if it wasn't you simply had to go without. In addition, fresh fruit can be difficult to find. Produce is left on shelves for days until it is sold. Some fruit and vegetables are not even available in small grocery stores, and if you are lucky to find a fruit that is out of season it is usually expensive. The thing that shocked me the most though was that Russians do not like peanut butter. I was shocked when I found out that peanut butter was ten dollars for a small jar.

The Russians also have a unique food palette. Bread and potatoes are the main food groups in Russia. This tradition is probably based on the fact that those food groups have the most calories and are least expensive. This is important to Russians because they do not have a lot of money for food and participate in a lot of physical activity like walking most places. In addition, most food and drinks are lukewarm; nothing is hot or cold. But the Russians balance out their bland food by consuming a great deal of chocolate, deserts and vodka. I must say that I miss this aspect of Russia the most. Russia and Europe have better chocolate and it is cheaper. I still have a stash of chocolate that I am saving for when I really crave Russian chocolate.

The most important thing to understand about Russia though is the people and what shapes their mindsets. The Russian people are unique and are defined by three things; the weather, their location, and their politics.

I found that most stereotypes of Russians tended to be true. They do not smile on the streets. Cashiers are not patient or friendly like Americans are. Russians also are not as well off as a country. They lack a lot of basic technology and infrastructure. Only about 30% of the population has access to the Internet and there are no facilities or demand for a recycling program. The environmental consciousness is also greatly lacking, like it does in most developing nations whose main concern is exploitation of the land for profits.

I believe that the location and the subsequent weather have a great deal of influence over the people and created many of these attitudes. The weather is some of the most depressing weather I have experienced and I grew up in Chicago, which does not have the best weather in the winter either. However, fog and smog often hide the sun and the days start to get extremely

short. By 4 p.m. in the afternoon it was dark and the sun does not even come up till 10 or 11 a.m. usually. This darkness is in addition to the cold, which is at its worst in January and February. This affects the Russians and their mindset. Many Russians have a drinking problem, which defines the country in terms of failing health and lack of desire to work hard.

The location of Russia also creates a national identity crisis within the country. Russia has always tried to be European and be accepted by other European countries, but the country is mainly in the Asian territory, which has created confusion as to whether Russia is a European or Asian country. The influx of Chinese and other immigrants in addition to the declining population of Russians has created more concern and identity crisis.

Lastly, Russian politics has a huge effect on the nation and its people. The people do not have much experience with democracy or a republic. Czars ruled the country for centuries and then by a national party, which became the dictating party. The people are new to the democratic experience and need more time to transition and practice democratic and capitalist components. This lack of political control for the people has created what would seem like an acceptance of the ruling party even if the ruling party does not help or benefit the general public.

All the comments and observations I have stated above may seem harsh but those are the general impressions I received from the country and her people. There are definitely some exceptions.

I have immense respect for the Russians and loved my time there. I would go back to Russia in a heartbeat. Plus, I believe that the Russians are working on their problems and will one day have significant political power in the global theater again. The way I see it is if the Russians can work on their problems and go through the process of development, just like the United States did during the Industrial Revolution, then Russia will be set on a path to return to global prominence once again. The Russians are after all are the largest country and still emphasize the importance of the military.

When I studied abroad, I wanted something different and I had the chance to experience that in Russia. In addition to learning about different lifestyles I was lucky enough to also experience the lifestyles and mindsets of the Turkish and the Finnish.

I will never be able to fully explain my experience in Russia but I attempted to in this article and I hope you have a better understanding of Russia as well. Before I went to Russia, it was an abstract country that I knew a great deal about from history but had no real understanding. They were this terrifying enemy that fell into disgrace, but Russia is so much more than what the history books describe. It has an amazing history and has given a lot to the cultural landscape.

Certainly Russian leaders have committed atrocious acts, but so have many other countries including the United States. Russia and her people are more than an enemy, and I am thankful that I was able to learn that through my time in Russia.

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Housing sign-up a controversial success

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ResLife contends that there was no preferential treatment for LLCs. They report that it was a necessity designed to ensure that the LLCs could actually accomplish their purpose.

"The LLC sign-up was kind-of a 'pre-housing sign-up,'" said Colin Stewart, Residence Life coordinator. "This way, there weren't hundreds of kids trying to pick a room all at once. As for the LLCs sign-up being before the regular sign-up, it wasn't that LLCs were being given preference; it was just the fact that we had blocked off certain sections for each LLC in advance so that when room preferences were being picked, you're surrounded by people who are in the same community with you."

The new system, which was altered significantly from previous years, generated a great deal of controversy and angst amongst the rest of the participating student body as they waited to register their housing selections on Big Game Friday.

"It's ridiculous to have to sit here and wait for 3 or 4 hours just to get the room you want," said sophomore Rosey Kofron. In order for her group to obtain a good position in the wait for Residence Village, Kofron was there by 1:30p.m. "I don't remember having this much stress last year. It was simpler and easier then."

The most obvious change was the process itself. Whereas last year housing sign-up and selection were both conducted online, this year the selection process was done in-person, requiring that students devote a few hours to register, resulting in a great deal of frustration for the vast majority of students. Students in both Residence Village and West Hall groups first waited for a numbered ticket.

"I find the whole process not productive and very chaotic," said Will Corrigan, another student. "The people who are running it are the only ones that know what to do and I have no idea what to do. I'm just standing here waiting."

By 1:30p.m., a large number of Residence Village residents-to-be had already been seated in a line in the Student Lounge. Shortly after 2 p.m., the West Hall line had amassed enough people that students had to wait outside in what was 46-degree weather.

After about 20 minutes of the growing outdoor line, ResLife recognized the predicament and pushed up its timetable for ticket distribution, which was originally scheduled for 3 p.m. Once they received their tickets, attendees could do whatever they want until 4 p.m., when actual housing registration would take place. Many students consumed the free food provided by ResLife in anticipation of the registration.



Students waiting for the raffle at Big Game Friday before housing assignments.

PHOTO BY Corey Holton

"I think with the opening of the pub it's a great opportunity for us to say, as a community, come, hang out, meet new friends," said Njal Lundberg, interim associate director of ResLife. "Some will say, oh, I don't want to be doing that on a Friday night, but it's one Friday night, it's a couple hours, we're offering free food and a chance for those who maybe wouldn't have housing or an option for housing can find housing."

Despite the relatively speedy process of no more than 2-3 hours, many students stayed cool to the free wings and Xbox giveaways.

"The games and raffles could make it worthwhile for some, but not for me and not for my roommate," said sophomore Dylan Docker. "My roommate and I aren't interested in an Xbox. We came here for a room because that's what housing sign-up is supposed to be about."

With the opening of Walker's Pub that evening, the experience provided the Regis community with a chance to experience what RUSGA hopes will become a campus tradition.

priority was given for doubles, then singles."

This was a considerable change from previous years, where upperclassmen were guaranteed singles in West or given first consideration for Residence Village housing.

"I think that it should be seniority," argued junior Melissa Jolly. "I think they should go off GPA, how old you are—and that's how they've always done it, and now they're changing it

so—well, I think they're getting more money; I think that's the whole purpose is to fill up the house to get more money. I don't think that it's easier, I think it's kind-of complicated and chaotic. I don't agree with it at all."

Speculation of university financial issues were echoed by a host of students. However, according to Victor Davolt, director of admissions, there are no expectations for significant declines in enrollment next year relative to recent trends.

"We're not expecting a significant drop in students in Regis College or Traditional Nursing for the 2010-11 school year due to the economy," said Davolt. "The strength of Regis' programs, faculty, facilities and location, along with a strong financial aid commitment, should allow students to continue to access Regis at the levels we've experienced in the past."

Whether or not serious financial concerns actually came into play, ResLife maintains that the central premise was to build community.

"The primary purpose is to provide more community options because oftentimes students who wanted to live in the RV's couldn't find roommates or couldn't find a group of 6, but still wanted to be part of that community and weren't given a chance last year," said Lundberg.

Many students did not draw such a conclusion from their experience.

"Think about how interactive we are with their 'activities' they put out on Tuesdays or Thursdays," said junior Yvonne Cuaycong. "How many people show up? How many people actually know their neighbors? No one, and it's because we live in our own houses, because we know each other, and everyone has their own group by now."

But community, ResLife contends, also includes beneficial face-to-face contact with registrants and the ability to finish forming housing groups with greater ease.

"We're all about community and interacting with people, but if we do only online and there's no face-to-face contact, the students as customers won't get that opportunity to have their questions answered," noted

Stewart. "And it's kind-of exciting that you get to meet your neighbors, you get to know who you're living with, whereas if you're online, you have no idea who you're living with, who you're going to be around....Those people that are in a group of 2 and a group of 4 in the RV's, if they weren't here they would never have that opportunity, whereas with this they will have that opportunity. It's all about building community."

Most students were pleased with the outcome of their housing selection, though some did remain frustrated by the end of the day.

"I didn't meet anyone new today except one person," said sophomore Breanna Beston. "So where was the community? I don't understand why they got rid of seniority, where if you were an upperclassman you had more pull in getting in the townhouses. Your grades went into it, the amount of credits you had, the fact that you lived on campus before rather than, 'Oh, you found 6 people, way to go, you're in the townhouses.' I wanted a single and now I really can't go that way if I want to get a townhouse."

Last year, e-mails plagued ResLife during the entirety of the 4-week housing sign-up period. Increasing efficiency of managing concerns became one of their stated objectives.

"I think it's easier because if kids do have problems today, all staff is here and they can answer them right away rather than online where they get tons of e-mails about kids not being able to do what they want," said Ariel Wooldridge, a student and office assistant in ResLife. "Here we have the entire staff here today, ready to answer any questions right away. I think that overall they're just trying to lessen the chaos online and people having problems not being able to deal with it for a while."

The student registrants, however, did not see it in a similar way. Many, like sophomore Docker, argued that it was a less-productive and more inefficient method of conducting business.

"They'd rather not deal with all the e-mails, but instead they're just waiting for a big crowd of people instead of an inbox of e-mails, which seem to be much more easily sorted," said Docker.

Opponents do not deny that ResLife is the group conducting the operation, not the students, who do not have the behind-the-scenes knowledge that Lundberg and Stewart do.

The most positive consensus among participants centered on how smoothly the afternoon progressed. Even the system's harshest critics praised the efficiency of the process in the end.

"I'm actually kind of surprised. I thought it was going to be a lot more crazy when I showed up, and I actually saw that they had a line going," noted Jolly. "It was a little more organized than I had originally anticipated."

Queues, cold and controversy may have engulfed this year's housing sign-up, but it is certainly one for the history books.

"I think it went really well. I think every kid I asked, 'Did you get what you wanted?'" said yes with a huge smile on their face so that was great to see," commented Stewart. "Overall, I'd say it was a success."

Staff Reporter Katie King contributed to this report.

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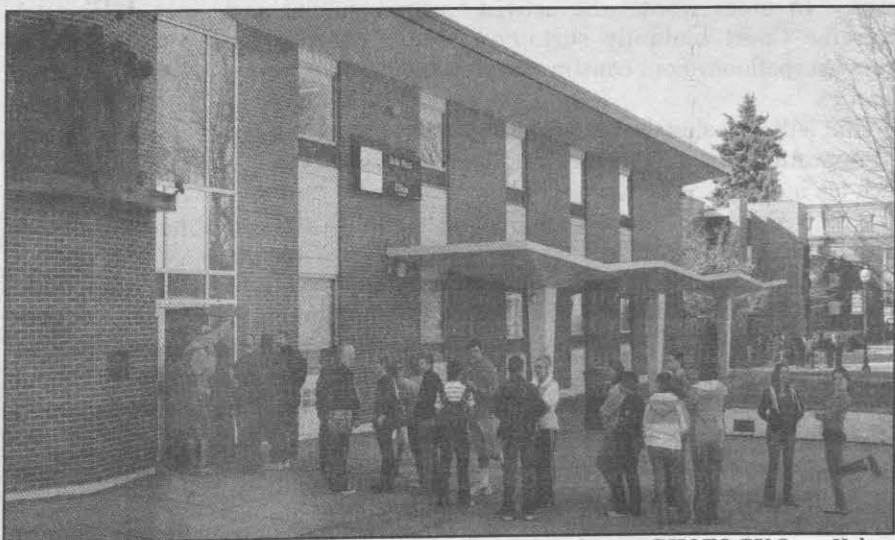


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Students waiting in line at Big Game Friday housing sign-up.

"I hate standing out here in the cold," remarked Paul Herrera, a 5th-year senior and a West Hall registrant. "I was planning on getting some homework done, doing some reading, but unfortunately due to the [KRCX] music, that's kind of destroyed that idea."

One of the most talked-about changes in the process was the shift in student groupings.

"In a change from last year, Residence Village priority was given by the number of people per room—groups of six, then five, then four and so on," explained Stewart. "For West,

Do away with “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

BY MICHAEL DEGREGORI

There are some policies, which take a controversial issue head-on, and succeed in either resolving it or at least make progress toward doing so. Some other policies are poorly planned, and either fail to resolve the issue or make the situations surrounding it worse. Lastly, there are policies that try to sweep the controversy under a rug in an attempt to avoid political fallout.

The military’s practice of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” pertaining to gays in the military is one such policy. Introduced as a compromise with Congress in 1993 by President Bill Clinton, the policy stated that the military could not investigate or harass people suspected of being homosexual.

In addition, gays serving in the military were prohibited from serving openly or expressing their sexual orientation in any way. In other words, a gay or lesbian individual is allowed to fight for their country in the military, but they must pretend to be something they are not while serving.

The justification for this policy is the claim that the known presence of homosexuals in the military would have detrimental effects on troop morale and unit cohesion. To me, this line of reasoning is out of touch with reality.

Members of the armed forces have to regularly interact with people with radically different cultures, worldviews and lifestyles when deployed in foreign countries. In some cases, they are required to work in potentially deadly situations and fight alongside others whose countries have strained relations with the United States.

To suggest that the known presence of a gay soldier is something that the members of the United States military could not handle is a ridiculous assertion with insulting implications. In fact, this exact line of reasoning could just as easily be used to ban any sort of profession of faith or cultural heritage by soldiers, as religious and cultural differences could be harmful to unit cohesion.

Barring soldiers from serving their country openly as a means to sidestep controversy does little more than justify an environment of bigotry and intolerance. By allowing our government to openly discriminate against homosexuals, who desire to serve, sends a negative message to both our country and the rest of the world.

People who desire to put their lives on the line should not be told that they must pretend to be something they are not because other people are not comfortable with whom homosexuals are.

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The Ides of February: Doom a month early

BY BEN CLOSSON

Not everyone relates to the couples’ holiday this week. Some have never been kissed. Some have always had a boy- or girlfriend, but find themselves without one this year. Some have not dated since high school. Some have only had flings, and never a fling that goes through mid-February. Some just broke up because their boyfriend was shipped thousands of miles away to fight for their homeland. Some of us have never even been on a date. If you fall under any of these categories, or for any other reason did not have someone to snuggle with on Sunday, do not despair. For Valentine’s Day is a holiday with absolutely no historical significance, nor any deeply cultural roots.

St. Valentine has not had a feast day since 1969. The Second Vatican Council removed the date from the Catholic Calendar because so little is actually known about St. Valentine. One myth states that St. Valentine was martyred for marrying young couples in the Church (or marrying young couples when marriage was outlawed). Another myth states that St. Valentine wrote the first Valentine to the daughter of his jailor, with whom he was in love, shortly before death. It was

signed, “From your Valentine.”

Neither of these myths surrounding the life of the so-called “Saint Valentine” has any historical evidence.

What is more likely is that the Pope in the year 496 tried to combat the Roman fertility festival Lupercalia, celebrated on the ides of February, by instituting a feast day regarding these myths the day before the pagan celebration. Literary scholars theorize that just as Charles Dickens invented the modern concept of Christmas, Geoffrey Chaucer invented the concepts of Valentine’s Day that are associated with romantic love in his poem “Parlement of Foules.” Even though a feast day was instituted, the “Day of Love” hardly existed before Chaucer’s poems used the date of the ancient Roman festival to write about his ideological chivalrous love.

With 1 billion Valentine’s Day cards sent out each year, only Christmas tops it as the highest-grossing holiday card sale, at 2.5 billion Christmas cards sold annually. Christmas has a good narrative history legitimizing these sales: it is the day on which millions of Americans celebrate the birth of the Savior of all mankind. Valentine’s Day is only a holiday simply because it is a holiday.

Because of the preponderance of

couples in mass media advertising for candy and greeting cards, if one does not have a lover on this day, one feels out of the loop. Even if there were, in reality, more people without a Valentine on Sunday than with, we would never know because of the images blazed into our minds from television commercials and grocery store displays. It has become so commonplace to expect a romantic night out on a Valentine’s Day weekend that the holiday is not so much a date for lovers anymore—they can go out any weekend of the year—but it’s more of a day on which those without a significant other pine to send roses and chocolates to one who requites their affection.

The British Medical Journal noted 20 years ago that the amount of suicide attempts is highest in mid-February. This is surely because the image has been made so clear that only losers lack a significant other, that many lose all hope in this cutesy time of year. February 14 provides much less raw emotion for those already in love. It is therefore no longer valid to call it “Valentine’s Day: Day for Lovers.” Let us re-name the holiday “Singles Awareness Day.” This would hold just as much historical basis for existence, and would reflect much better the general human experience of the date.

Get ready, Regis: The Colorado tax man cometh

BY JIMMY SENGENBERGER

*If you drive a car, I’ll tax the street
If you try to sit, I’ll tax your seat
If you get too cold, I’ll tax the heat
If you try to walk, I’ll tax your feet*

So goes the song “Tax Man,” originally written by the Beatles and covered by Stevie Ray Vaughan. Right here in Colorado, this hyperbolic song seems to be materializing into reality.

This month, all Colorado residents are beginning to feel the heat with a wave of legislature-endorsed tax increases that, when law, will violate the people’s Colorado constitutional rights to be represented on such matters in the ballot box.

These unconstitutional tax increases will inevitably be levied on everything from candy and soda to online purchases and doggie bags—and they’re sure to hit everyone’s pockets just as we begin to see signs of recovery from a deep recession.

Before the economic considerations come into play, it is critical that the constitutional dynamics are understood. Under the TABOR amendment to the state constitution, approved by Colorado voters in 1992, four major things were required:

1. Any tax increase that results in a net increase in revenues to the government at a faster rate than inflation plus population growth must be subject to a vote of the people.
2. Government revenue growth must also be restrained to the combined rates of inflation and population increase. Anything above this amount must be returned to the people.
3. The 1991 Arveschoug-Bird law limited increases in spending from the state’s General Fund to 6% more than the previous year. This statute was “constitutionalized” when TABOR was passed. It states that “other limits on district revenue, spending and debt [like Arveschoug-Bird] may be weakened only by future voter approval.”
4. If any constitutional questions arise relative to the intent of the people and meaning of TABOR, “its preferred

interpretation shall reasonably restrain most the growth of government.” Meaning the Colorado government must air on the side of the people, not the government, whenever TABOR is concerned.

Unfortunately, in a clear display of judicial activism, the Colorado Supreme Court ignored the state constitution in 2008 and 2009 when it ruled twice in favor of the growth of government and government taxation power in two critical rulings. These decisions were Mesa County Board of County Commissioners v. State of Colorado and Barber v. Ritter.

In these rulings, the Court upheld redefining the term “fee” to apply to a range of taxes, upheld the unconstitutional repeal of Arveschoug-Bird (remember, the Constitution requires voter approval on weakening spending limits), enabled the legislature to raise taxes without a vote of the people and upheld a property tax increase that is now extending to this new wave of taxes. In other words, the activist Supreme Court blatantly sustained gross usurpations of our constitutional liberties.

But let’s set aside the constitutional implications for a moment. Even if such tax increases were constitutional, right now Colorado is struggling, like most other states, to recover from what many have dubbed the “Great Recession.” What wisdom is there in instituting tax hikes now?

Consider the following four of the nine tax increases that just passed the Colorado Senate, as reported in the *Denver Business Journal*:

1. Elimination of the sales-tax exemption on soda and candy.
2. Requirement that all out-of-state online retailers “send notices of sales tax owed to Colorado customers and inform the Colorado Department of Revenue which residence owe it tax money.”
3. Limitations on the “net operating loss businesses can carry over on their taxes for the next three years.”
4. Elimination of “sales-tax exemptions on non-essential food con-

tainers like plastic bags [including doggie bags] and napkins.”

If each of these tax hikes become law, as expected, we will see tax hikes on candy, soda, online purchases, plastic bags, napkins, pesticides, alternative-fuel vehicles and much more, hitting average Colorado residents right in their pocket book.

Many of these tax increases, such as #3 in the list above, do apply directly to employers, not to individuals. But with unemployment at record highs and businesses, both small and large, already struggling to stay afloat, the end result of these hikes will surely be to hold back the Colorado recovery.

Finally, let’s look at the California model. For years, that state had similar limits of its own on the growth of state spending and revenue, known as the GANN amendment. When it was abandoned in the late 1980’s due to similar budget problems, spending rose far faster than individual income, driving taxes up to the highest in the nation and businesses out of the state. Now California faces a \$24.3 billion deficit, and many are talking about bankruptcy for the state. Colorado can’t afford to follow that path.

The fact remains, however, that Colorado has its own \$1.4 billion shortfall that must be addressed. Senate Republicans have provided an alternative centered on spending cuts, not uneconomical tax hikes. They report that their spending reductions would “save \$17.8 million this year and \$306.5 million in the next year, eliminating the need for Democrat proposals to increase taxes by those same amounts.”

The tax man cometh, and we residents of Colorado must rise up against the legislative elite and stand up against these unconstitutional tax increases. But it seems that to them, we should welcome the taxes with nothing short of gratitude, for as Vaughan and the Beatles sang:

*Be thankful I don’t take it all
‘Cause I’m the taxman
Yeah, I’m the taxman*

Book review: *Freakonomics*

BY MICHAEL DEGREGORI

Have you ever wondered why many seemingly successful drug dealers still live with their parents, or whether sumo wrestling is staged?

In the book *Freakonomics*, University of Chicago economist Steven D. Levitt and *New York Times* journalist Stephen J. Dubner use statistical analysis and unique perspectives to explore these questions and many more in this new and unexpected look at how things work.

This book cleverly captures the reader's interest and keeps the reader hooked through new approaches to things often viewed as common sense. One such example that seems like common sense is the common perception that campaign finances largely determine elections.

The authors turn these ideas on their heads by closely examining them from new and unexpected angles.

Freakonomics looks at the statistical side of human behavior, covering topics ranging from how adding a small financial incentive to donate blood tends to decrease donations, to

how the original Superman comic strip played a major role in the fall from power of the Ku Klux Klan.

While reading this book I thoroughly enjoyed the amusing insights and fascinating, sometimes controversial conclusions that Levitt and Dubner pull from observation, experimentation and collection of data. The diversity of the subjects covered by *Freakonomics* keeps the reader interested throughout the entire book. The book is more about a new way of viewing things than it is about a single issue or field.

However, one problem I had with *Freakonomics* is that I found the writers had a tendency to oversimplify complex issues and situations in order to make their analysis of them more reader-friendly and interesting.

I would still highly recommend this book for anyone looking for a fun, and rather easy read, about human and social behavior, and how it relates to the economy and our society as a whole.

The Wolfman: Movie Review

BY LUKE CURTIS

The Wolfman is a remake of the 1941 classic of the same name. It follows Lawrence Talbot (Benicio Del Toro) as he returns home after a long absence to mourn the violent death of his brother. Talbot decides to devote himself to finding out what happened to his brother, and we come to find out that he pays an ultimate price for his devotion. The movie progresses as Lawrence not only tries in vain to manage his new personality, but also comes to some disturbing conclusions about what is behind the death of his brother and other townspeople.

Set in late-Victorian England, the atmosphere is fittingly morose and terrifying throughout the film. The rolling fog and darkness of the woods really adds to the suspense that *The Wolfman* relays to the audience. The wolf man himself, a werewolf, is a really great monster.

We've seen zombies and vampires dozens of times, but they always lack something completely menacing for me. Zombies are just mindless creatures and vampires are generally cold

and calculating.

The great thing about a werewolf is that it represents an unbridled blood lust. There is no reasoning with a werewolf. There is no asking for forgiveness. Just run. It's also fitting to see how the werewolf translates as that beast that is contained within the person. It represents the anger and lust that so many of us have locked within ourselves.

Overall, I enjoyed this film quite a bit. The story was entertaining, albeit slow, and the werewolves were great to see in action. There were some nice plot twists as well that made the film more enjoyable. It would have been nice to see them stick to either CGI or a real werewolf costume for the entirety of the film, but that can be overlooked. But I must warn you, this movie is not for the faint of heart. Werewolf rampage and human beings do not mix well, as you will see. Just remember that if there's a full moon, do yourself a favor in stay inside. You never know what is lurking in the night.

3.5 out of 5 stars.

Tribal african art exhibit visits Regis Dayton Memorial Library

BY LUKE CURTIS

In the recent weeks, a wonderful art exhibit has made its way to Regis. Located on the fourth floor of the Dayton Memorial Library, African Art was displayed for all those to see.

There were around fifteen or so pieces of art, all ranging from forty to eighty years old. Among the art work were masks used in spiritual dances as well as

celebrations among tribes. Fertility statues, which African tribes respect and ask for blessings of fertility so they could have children, were among the artwork.

However, the most interesting aspect of the art exhibit was the taller wooden statues placed upon the graves of those who have passed away. These statues represented a channel to the deceased, and many individuals would place food and drink at the

base of this statue for their ancestors. People also believed that these statues were a means to communicate with the spiritual world.

This was a wonderful exhibit, and hopefully everyone had the chance to view the exhibit.

Thank you to the collectors who donated their artwork for the exhibit over the last few weeks.

O'Sullivan Art Gallery: visual documentation of Katrina

BY AUDREY KEENAN

"As a photographer, you really want to go to places. You don't want to think about the glory, you think about recording the tragedy."

This is exactly what Thomas Neff did while photographing the images in his book, *Holding Out and Hanging On: Surviving Hurricane Katrina*. His documentation of the effects Hurricane Katrina had on its survivors came about by accident. While on sabbatical leave in New Orleans, the storm struck and Neff was placed on a search and rescue team.

This experience led Neff to his decision to document the "hold outs" of the storm—those people unwilling to evacuate because they did not want to leave their property or pets, or because they were stubborn.

Neff's talk at the O'Sullivan Art Gallery on February 4 highlighted several of the images from his book. His presentation featured personal stories and experience about each of the subjects in his photographs.

"A good photographer is with people

instead of against them," he said while sharing stories about bringing personal commodities such as water, tobacco and meat when his subjects asked for them.

Neff repeated himself when he said, "A good photographer is with people instead of against them," while explaining why he gives each subject he photographs a copy of the print. He said he felt that giving the survivors of the hurricane a print was important because it put the story back into their hands so they could correct him if he presented anything inaccurately.

After being a professional photographer for 35 years, Neff knows the importance of communicating with his subjects to present the story accurately. "If you're not direct with people, that's a mistake," he said.

Neff's art exhibit of the hold outs of the hurricane, along with the story behind each photograph, will be on display in the O'Sullivan Art Gallery until February 19.

"These experiences with people are really why I photograph," Neff said.

Taurus- Go see a movie and have a good laugh. You are on a funny streak and embrace it. Everything seems funny, which is making your life so great right now. So go spread that laughter to those single friends of yours!

Gemini- Someone close to you will need a great deal of support in the coming days. So be there for them even at 3 a.m. Trust me on this; they will pay you back with interest later on. So as much as you are dozing while listening to their problems take a red bull or something and be a good friend.

Cancer- You know how you have felt sluggish for the past few weeks? And you feel like you can't concentrate on school, even though it has been almost a month since you got back? Well, it is not going to get better so work on that issue. But in the meantime to procrastinate more plan your spring break trip or a summer trip. Even though it seems far off, planning a trip is better than homework, right?

Leo- You feel like Greece, who seems to be on the verge of bankruptcy. Don't accept your fate! Fight to save your money like stop eating out for at least this weekend! And try to work more that is what you are made of, hard work. And don't get distressed; The EU is coming to Greece's rescue and some will come to your rescue too.

Virgo- You may have bailed on a friend, but they still love you. But don't bail too often because then it is not certain that they will love you at all. Instead make up for it by cooking dinner or something. They will definitely appreciate the free meal and most likely your company too.

Libra- Take a chance! You live your life pretty safely but sometimes you really need to take a risk. This is the week to take that risk! Ask someone out, buy something you've been coveting but have not bought. You only get one life to live and sometimes life requires risk.

Scorpio- It may not be Earth day but you feel totally in tune with nature this week. Embrace nature and skip around campus or hug the trees. Don't do this too often though because then people will think you are crazy or a hippie. So instead, volunteer or just be conscience of trash on the ground or how much water you use.

Sagittarius- Feeling tired? Yeah you are and it is just going to get worse as midterms approach. Try not to just succumb to curling up into a ball and sleeping in your amazing bed. And stay away from Cancer for a little while because they will not push you to get the work done that you need to do.

Capricorn- It is totally ok to be narcissistic this week. You deserve to be a little bitter and upset. Things just are not the best for you right now but bitterness is a part of the healing process. So embrace the bitterness, dislike on couples, and reject cute things. You'll get a better outlook soon but not right now.

Aquarius- You are so ready for spring but that dang groundhog said another six weeks. It is a good thing you live in Colorado. This state doesn't seem to follow the weather trends. So don't gripe so much about the weather because it could be worse, you could live in D.C. and be worried you are going to run out of the essentials like ramen and pb&j.

Stressing about the future?

BY MISS KNOW IT ALL

Pisces- Stock up on the chocolate stat! These few weeks are going to be brutal in terms of schoolwork and commitments. But remember to have a blast because it's your birthday! So munch on that chocolate as your stress reliever, but also make time for the gym to balance out the bags of Valentine's Day candy. And don't they say some-

thing like exercising helps stress?

Aries- You are pretty timid these few weeks, which is unusual for you. You'll get that fiery passion and stubbornness back though mid week. Stand up for yourself! Don't take any crap from anyone, not that you usually do. But especially this week be extra assertive.

Girls Lax readies for new season. The Highlander has a preview.

BY KATIE KING

Spring is a time of renewal—a time for new beginnings and endless possibilities. The coming of spring also marks the beginning of a rigorous season for our Women's Lacrosse team.

The program is relatively new with its inception into Division II competition starting in 2000. From a struggling start, the team recorded its most wins since its inception when they went 6-6 last season under fourth-year head coach, Sarah Kellner. The team looks to continue to improve their overall season record with the continued presence of Kellner, fourth-year assistant coach, Beth Calder and first-year assistant coach, Jordan Elway. The team has been preparing for this season since their arrival on campus in the fall. They've been working on conditioning, stick work focusing on the fundamentals of the game, and with the approach of their competitive season, they have begun to look at the team concept, work on their offensive strategy, defensive strategy and transition game.

In addition to the rigor of their pre-season training, many athletes in

the Regis community may have noticed a new addition to the weight room in the field house: The Wall of Power. An idea brought back by Kellner and Calder, both of whom attended and played lacrosse on the east coast's Cornell University, the Wall of Power showcases the top competitors on the team.

This is the first year they have incorporated this into training. Freshman Margaret Nahrup currently holds the top position, with Freshman Jessika Carlstrom and Junior Christina (CJ) Johnson tied for second. Calder explains how one earns their name on the Wall, "We did a number of conditioning and strength tests. Each girl is rank-ordered based where they finished each event. At the end of testing, the girls with the lowest number of points are awarded the Wall of Power positions." Carlstrom had this to say about earning a spot on the Wall as a Freshman, "It's nice to see my hard work paid off and it's motivation to keep working through the season because it's a reminder of all the work I've put in to this point."

With all the hard work the team has been putting in over the past

Quick Lax Facts

Head Coach: Sarah Kellner (3 seasons, 11-23)

Assistant Coaches: Beth Calder (3 seasons)

Jordan Elway (first season)

Captains: Brittany Farniok (Senior)

Kelsi Goings (Junior)

Next game: @ CU Boulder, Wed. Feb 17, 6pm

Next HOME game: vs. DU, Fri. Feb 19, 3:30pm

2009 Season Record: 6-6

months, it would be quite the achievement if there weren't any setbacks. Unfortunately, the team has had to overcome numerous injuries. Calder explains, "We had a number of injuries this fall but the girls have worked hard to return from those injuries and we are keeping our fingers crossed that we stay healthy this spring."

With one game under their belt—a mind-blowing 19-3 victory over Northern Colorado University—it's hard to believe they had any players recovering from injury.

In looking towards the rest of the season, Calder had this to say about which game would pose the most challenging for the team, "We look at each game as a challenge of course, but we have a few home games the Regis stu-

dent body can help us with their support and those games are Friday, March 19 versus Colorado College, and Friday, April 16 against Rollins College," (Winter Park, FL). Johnson has this to say to those who are on the border about whether or not to come out to a lacrosse game, "It's awesome and it's a sport that's not as popular out here so come watch a real sport and support us."

The team heads to CU Boulder this Wednesday, February 17, followed by their first home game of the season Friday versus Denver University at 3:30. The game is sure to be intense and exciting so get out there and help support our Women's Lacrosse team towards their second victory of the season!

Rangers Softball continue split trend with 1-1 finish against CSU-Pueblo

BY BRIANNA WORKMAN

DENVER - The Rangers' four run rally in the bottom of the seventh of game two wasn't enough to overcome the Thunderwolves leading to a continuance of their split series trend with a game one victory and game two loss to CSU-Pueblo at home.

Regis snagged game one, 5-4, before succumbing to the Thunderwolves in game two 6-5.

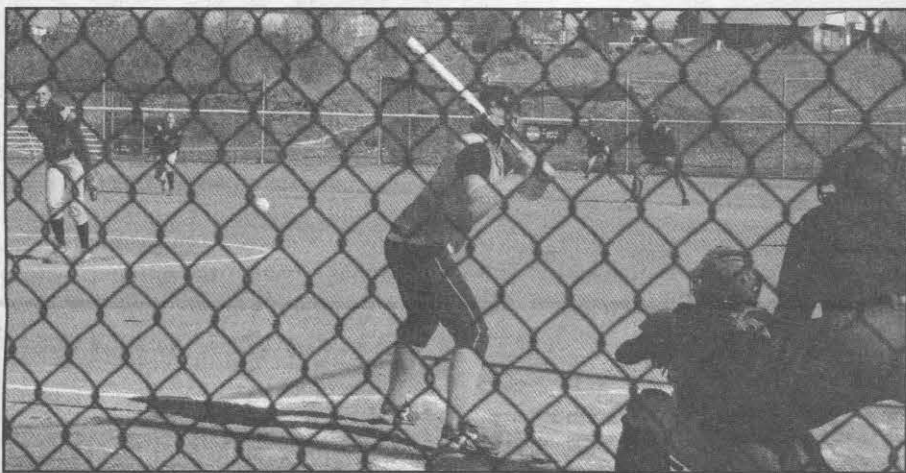
The first inning of game one went scoreless before Regis took a one run lead in the bottom of the second when senior Mo McDaniel grounded into a double play bringing in sophomore Nikki Haberkorn. Pueblo answered back with four runs in the top of the fourth before Regis posted two more runs in the bottom of the inning to come within one of the Thunderwolves. Junior Alisa Heronema singled through the right side to bring in junior Emily Anderson for the first run before junior Amber Aragon-Autobee reached on a fielder's

choice to bring in McDaniel for the second run.

Two runs for the Rangers in the bottom of the sixth put them up by one, 5-4, going into the seventh. After holding the Thunderwolves scoreless in the inning, Regis grabbed the victory. Haberkorn recorded the win.

Game two went scoreless until Pueblo went ahead by one in the top of the second. They tacked three more onto the board in the top of the fifth before the Rangers posted up one in the bottom of the inning. Haberkorn walked to lead off the inning and was brought in on a single through the left side by junior Bianca Holley.

The Thunderwolves added one run in the top of the sixth and one in the top of the seventh before Regis scored four in the bottom of the inning. Sophomore Natalie Adami led off the inning with a single through the right side and was brought in on a triple by Haberkorn. Haberkorn scored when McDaniel singled to left field and Heronema brought in the last two runs



Ranger Nikki Haberkorn, 19, readies for a pitch during Saturday's game against CSU-Pueblo.

PHOTO BY Elizabeth Sloan

of the inning. Sophomore Erica Lieber pinch ran for Holley who walked and Sara Baumberger pinch ran for McDaniel. Both were brought in by Heronema.

On the day, Heronema went 5-for-8 with one run scored and three RBI's. McDaniel went 3-for-6 crossing the plate once and bringing in two RBI's.

Haberkorn tallied two hits on the day in five at bats while bringing in one run and scoring three runs while freshman Bre Backlund went 3-for-8 with two RBI's.

Up next, the Rangers will face Concordia-St. Paul on Feb. 19th at home. First pitch is set for 11:00 a.m.

Rangers basketball closes within one point of Mines to lose it 78-77

BY JEREMY PHILLIPS

GOLDEN - The Regis Ranger men's basketball team's hopes for a postseason berth took another hit as they fell to Colorado Mines 78-77 in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action.

Regis (7-15, 2-12 RMAC) never trailed in the first half and took its biggest lead, 33-20, with 5:42 remaining in the first half. A Grant Agee field goal pulled Colorado Mines (13-9, 10-4 RMAC) to a 18-18 tie at the 10:42 mark. Regis responded by going on a 15-2 run over the next five minutes to take the 33-20 lead. The Rangers led 40-31 at the halftime break.

Regis started out the second half strong leading by as many as 16 points, two times. A layup by sophomore Chris Johansen put the Rangers ahead 57-45 with 12:55 remaining.

The Colorado Mines' defense clamped down and didn't let the Rangers score for the next three minutes and over that same span scored 11 points to pull to within one, 57-56 with 9:46 remaining.

Regis was able to hold on to the lead until the 4:56 mark when Dale Minschwaner put in two of his team-high 26 points for Colorado Mines. The Orediggers took their biggest lead, four points, after a Minschwaner dunk at the 2:21 mark. Senior Bill Brandenburg cut the lead in half 19 seconds later and following a missed jumper by Minschwaner, junior Jordan Martinez-Doublin tied the game after hitting two free throws with 1:13 remaining.

Six seconds later Minschwaner once again came up with a big basket to put Mines up two. Martinez-Doublin was able to tie the score again on two free throws with just 46 sec-

onds remaining. Brett Green then connected on a three-point basket with just 33 seconds remaining, his second of the night.

Martinez-Doublin, who scored all of his six points in the last 1:13 of the game, was able to break away and put down a dunk to cut the lead to one point with 14 ticks left on the clock. Green was then fouled by Rosinski and he proceeded to miss both charity shots. Senior Alex Potts took a shot with five seconds that could have put the Rangers up one with five seconds remaining but was no good and rebounded by Green.

Green, just 6-of-11 from the free throw line, saw himself back at the free throw line with three seconds to go and in a sort of deja vu moment he missed both. Regis did not get a chance to put up a good shot after Potts snared the rebound.

Rosinski led Regis with 29 points

and was followed in double figures by Brandenburg's career-high 16 points and Johansen's 13 points.

Brandenburg tied for game-high honors with eight rebounds helping the Rangers rebound the Orediggers 29-28.

Junior Stevie Ledesma had a game-high six assists, also contributing six points. Regis shot 50 percent from the field but was unable to slow down the Oredigger offense as they hit on 58 percent.

Mines scored 46 points in the paint to 38 for Regis. Minschwaner led Mines with 26 points and eight rebounds. Drew Hoffman had 18 points, while Green chipped in with 14.

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students to keep the mission statement through a new pledge being presented in the freshmen seminar classes.

The pledge was created to encourage the freshmen class and following classes to remember the mission of the University, as well as make better, split second decisions in their lives.

The ultimate goal of the pledge is to foster Regis students' understanding of social justice and sustain-

ability while students are on campus for four years and have easily accessible resources students can tap into if there are questions and concerns. When students finally graduate, the pledge that they make at graduation will hopefully have more meaning and students will be prepared to accept the challenge of the senior pledge.

Regis students are encouraged to be proactive instead of reactive to issues or comments regarding social justice and sustainability. This pledge is mainly derived from the mission statement. The mem-

bers of the social justice committee are also emphasizing that this pledge is optional and would not be as effective if it was a requirement. The pledge is also not a life-changing promise; it is simple changes like speaking up against insensitive comments or making an effort to recycle.

To further promote the pledge, the Social Justice and Sustainability Committee will be in the Student Center Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during lunch time and during Thursday Thrills so students can formally sign the pledge.



PHOTO BY Emily Sloan

During her Study Abroad experience in Russia, junior Emily Sloan visited one of the only two Starbucks in all of Russia, both of which are located in Moscow.



PHOTO BY Elizabeth Sloan

Freshmen Bridget McLeay and Bre Rubalcava decide which employers to visit at the 2010 Career Fair on Tuesday, February 9.

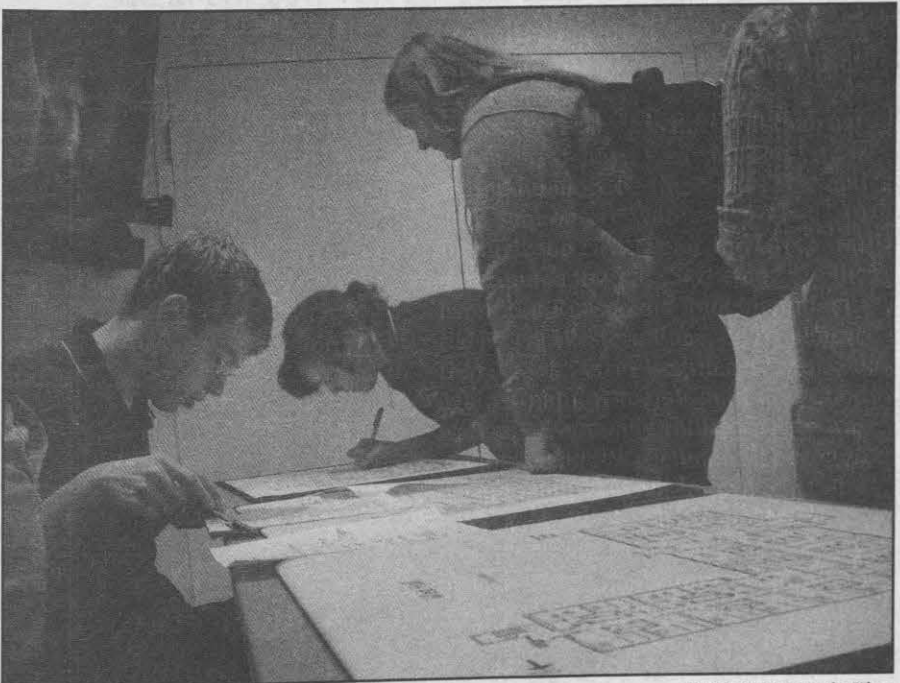


PHOTO BY Katie King

Members of the Residence Life staff assist students during the housing sign-up.

Regis College seniors Gina Graziano and Meggie Lawson discuss career options with a representative from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

PHOTO BY Elizabeth Sloan

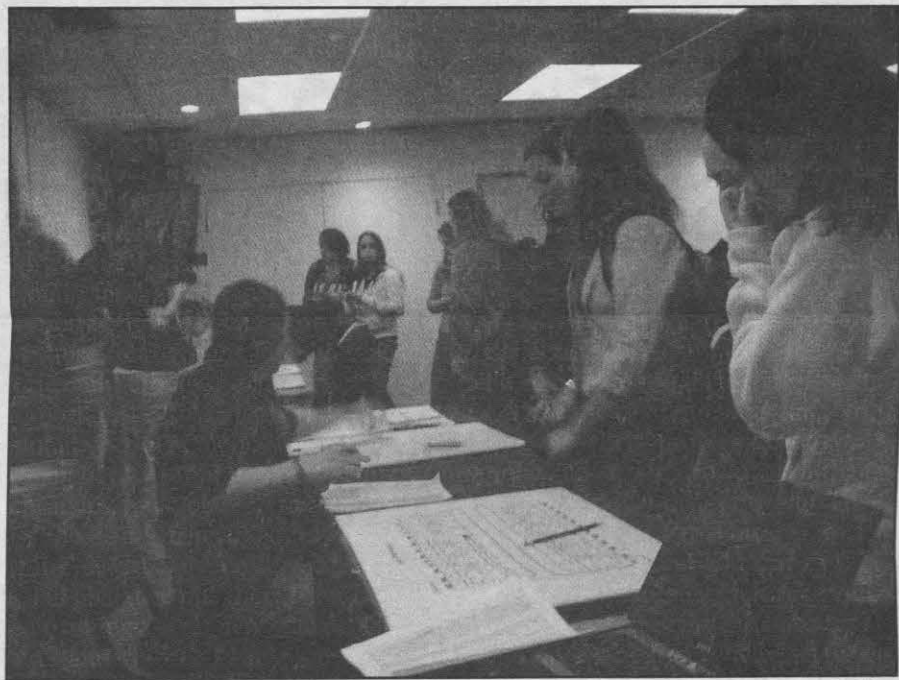


PHOTO BY Katie King

Students wait to complete their housing sign-up with the assistance of Residence Life staff last Friday during a new housing sign-up process that Residence Life implemented this semester.

"Overall, I'd say it was a success."
- Colin Stewart, residence life coordinator



PHOTO BY AIFS member

During her Study Abroad experience in Russia, junior Emily Sloan visited one of Russia's most famous landmark, St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow. From the left to right: Amy Hudson, Wendy Smith, Jackie Yandell, Sahrula Kubie, Emily Sloan, and Jane Henry. All pictured were all AIFS members.

"Have you ever just sat around or thought about where you want to travel to in the world?"

- Emily Sloan

COMMUNITY/CAMPUS EVENTS

Tuesday, February 16

Lost Viewing

There are a group of fans who gather in the Residential Village Common Area to watch the final season of *Lost*. Everyone is welcome to join!

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday Masses

Mass will be held at 8 a.m., 5 p.m., and 9 p.m. Ecumenical prayer service with distribution of ashes at 11:30am. All liturgies in the St. John Francis Regis Chapel

Monday-Thursday, February 15-18

Social Justice & Sustainability Pledge Sign-Up

The Social Justice and Sustainability Committee will be in the Student Center this week offering students a chance to sign the new pledge. They will be giving away stickers! Their table will be outside the student center during lunchtime and Thursday Thrills. Make sure to stop by and see them!

Friday, February 19

Shuffleboard Tournament

One weekend. One brand new custom table. Eight teams competing for gift cards, Intramural Champion Shirts, and most importantly, the pride that comes with knowing you're the best. Games will be played in the Student Center Grille between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00pm. Find yourself a partner and sign up today at Regis.edu/intramurals.

Saturday, February 20

Shuffleboard Tournament

One weekend. One brand new custom table. Eight teams competing for gift cards, Intramural Champion Shirts, and most importantly, the pride that comes with knowing you're the best. Games will be played in the Student Center Grille between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00pm. Find yourself a partner and sign up today at Regis.edu/intramurals.

RU Baseball Game

The Regis baseball team is playing Hastings College at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at home.

RU Softball Game

The Regis baseball team is playing

University of Mary at the Softball field at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

RU Men's LaCrosse Game

The Men's LaCrosse team is playing CSU-Pueblo at 1 p.m. at West Field

RU Men's and Women's

Basketball

Both teams are playing Chadron State in the Field House. The Men's team plays at 5 p.m. and the Women play 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23

Summer Session 2010 Financial Aid Information Session

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Faculty Lounge, Student Center 110

College Republicans Meeting

Regis College Republicans will hold a meeting in the West Hall Conference Room at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17 & 24

Social Communication Coaching Group

Many people struggle with social relationships because they haven't ever really had the opportunity to

learn and practice effective communication skills. The Office of Counseling and Personal Development is sponsoring this 2-part series beginning Feb.17, 2010. This small group will meet for 2 hours for two weeks. **FREE PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED!!!** To schedule a brief introductory meeting before the first group please call or e-mail: Kelly Wade, M.A. 303-964-3684 kwade@regis.edu Casey Casler, Psy.D. 303-458-4378 ccasler@regis.edu

Monday, March 15

Diversity Day Submissions Deadline

Members of the Regis University Community are invited to submit papers and ideas for presentation at the 2010 Regis University Diversity Day. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to present during concurrent sessions on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 7th on any diversity-related topic. Submissions should be no more than 1000 words in length and may be submitted electronically to smitchel@regis.edu.

The Ski Van is back this semester!
Sign-up in the Student Activities office.

Gay-Straight Alliance Preview

Here's a preview of what the Gay-Straight Alliance will be up to this semester:

Shirts will be made for all active GSA members. Anyone else who is interested must bring \$7.50 to Brian Nakayama, and let him know what shirt size they desire.

Every Friday, 2:30-3:30: Room 31 of Loyola Hall, there is a GSA open meeting. This means open to all students whether straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, purple, blue, brown, black, white, yellow, intersex, or unlabeled.

February 16, 5-8pm: There will be a pizza party in O'Connell hall, which is the prize for having donated the most items to the GSA Christmas/Holiday Drive.

February 18, 5-6:30pm: Work Place Diversity Panel.

February 19, 2:30-3:30: Catholic Discussion.

February 23, 4-5:30pm: ALC Mountain View Room. Speak Your Mind 2: A Conversation on Same-sex Topics.

February 23, 7-9pm: Pitch-a-Script in the Field house. This is open to all Regis students. 1-5 characters, 1-3 minute sketch. Come present your script about anything taboo! Not technically a GSA event, but same-sex topics are likely to come up.

March 26, 3:30: Tunnel of Reality planning meeting.

April 7: Diversity Day. All affinity groups to participate. Day of food and music on the quad.

April 8: Culture Day. All affinity groups to participate. Day of food and music on the quad.

If you are interested in participating in anything and everything GSA, contact: Brian Nakayama. Phone: 719-686-4619. Email: briannkym@gmail.com.