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Just how hear?

September 29, 2017

By: Natalia Zreliak, *Digital Editor*

“Hey Siri, are you always listening?”

Voice technology has made our lives easier, no longer do you need to type your silly questions instead you can just ask Siri, Alexa, Cortana, or Google out loud. Virtual assistants are extremely popular right now but just how much are they hearing and what happens to the audio files they gather?

The Amazon Echo keeps an audio recording of all voice commands that have been given to Alexa, the digital assistant. Amazon also reports that there is a small second of audio before the wake-up call is issued to the Amazon Echo. You can, however, check and delete your Amazon Echo recordings but you might be shocked just how much was heard.

Google just recently launched a new My Account section that gives users the ability to delete recordings or tell the assistant to stop recording users voices altogether. This seems to be a step in the right direction but time will tell. For now, it is important for users to be aware of their digital assistants and any apps that may have access to your microphone.



An observance overview of Banned Book Week

September 29, 2017

By: Andrianna Veatch, Staff Reporter

Saturday, September 30th, wraps up the national observance of Banned Books Week, both here at Dayton Memorial Library and nationwide. According to the American Library Association, “Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers — in shared support of the freedom to seek and express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.”

While only a low percentage of books reach banned status, roughly ten percent, Banned Books Week continues to highlight high standards for literary freedom and foster awareness on how harmful censorship can be. For example, withholding information about such deep, but all too real topics as mental illness or suicide just because some readers find them offensive stunts the community’s ability to converse knowledgeably about them and take steps to address them.

“How else would someone be exposed to that? Learning about different experiences other than your own,” says Dawn Combe a librarian here at Regis.

Combe and her fellow librarians Courtney Drysdale and Kim O’Neill have provided valuable information and attention to the purpose behind this week, explaining that people’s own opinions can never become fully developed without some understanding of serious topics and the various viewpoints about them.

“Lack of a worldview leaves you living in a bubble,” adds O’Neill.

Banned Book Week celebrates those who fight for the right of free writing and reading, and maintains the momentum of growing diversity in the literary field by bringing it fully to light and defending it.

Book banning has always been a widespread practice: hundreds of years ago disapproved-of books, and authors, were burnt but today there is an extremely long and far more civilized process involved with getting a book banned. Through the efforts of librarians, teachers, and open-minded civilians, the Office for Intellectual Freedom devised a system of court assessment to meet the challenge, and handle the outcome in the way that is honorable and respectful to all parties involved.

The Librarians of Dayton Memorial Library offer one last piece of advice to students: “Keep reading banned books, and read diversely,” says Drysdale, “Become learned, because knowledge is power.”



Organization helps animals affected by Hurricane Havey

September 28, 2017

By: Allie Tracy, Staff Reporter

We are all well aware of the catastrophic impact of natural disaster on humans and property, but we often forget about the pets and animals that endure these traumatizing events. Pets are dislocated and families need help caring

for their animals or are unable to. Luckily organizations across the US, like Denver's MaxFund, are doing anything they can to help Texas after Hurricane Harvey

MaxFund is a non-profit animal shelter based in downtown Denver that is committed to saving these helpless animals. In the past month, they have sent five vans packed with crates to make the 16 hour trip to Texas. MaxFund has paired up with local rescue groups in Texas to help pull as many animals they can that have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and bring them back to Colorado.

Star Cabrera the volunteer coordinator at MaxFund notes that they need the help from their community to aid these animals back to health and get them ready for adoption. They are taking donations of blankets, leashes, and beds but more specifically wet Pedigree Chicken and Rice dog food. This food is more appealing and comforting to the dogs while they are going through this traumatic transition to an unknown shelter.

As soon as the animals are transferred to MaxFund, they are spayed, neutered and or given any medical attention they may need to be ready for adoption. The animals pulled from Texas are currently getting treated and will be available to visit and or adopt within the next couple of weeks! Next time you're in downtown, stop by MaxFund and show some support to your local shelter and furry friends. For more information, visit <https://maxfund.org/Adopt-a-Dog>.



Surviving Auschwitz's Angel of Death

September 28, 2017

By: Allison Upchurch, Staff Reporter

You know things might get a little heavy when your ticket to an event reads “Make Your Visit Count.”

Last Monday, the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities and the Chabad of Northwest Metro Denver held a presentation with Rabbi Nissen Mangel, a Holocaust survivor who recounted his time at the infamous concentration camp of Auschwitz.

At only 10 years old, Mangel and his family were sent to Auschwitz where Mangel had two significant encounters with Dr. Josef Mengele, nicknamed the “Angel of Death” because of how the doctor was known for inhumane experiments and for sending millions of Jews to the gas chambers.

“I was privileged in that he spared me” Mangel said and recounted how his father first tried to hide him as the group of Jews were being sorted, but Dr. Mengele noticed the little boy and took him for an 11-year-old instead of 10 and sent young Mangel to work, making rope from old strips of cloth.

The second encounter came when Mangel had been sent to the camp’s clinic and been diagnosed with scarlet fever. Dr. Mengele wanted to take the boy to perform an experiment on him, but Mangel threw himself up in protest and said, “Experiment on monkeys but not on me!”

Throughout the presentation, Mangel spoke very firmly of his faith and reiterated, “I am convinced without God, I would not be here to speak with you today.” Comparing his experience in Auschwitz like the biblical stories of Daniel being thrown into the lion’s den or

Abraham being thrown into a furnace, he has experienced and lived through Dr. Mengele’s furnace while a million other children like him did not.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mangel was joined by two members of the community, Maureen and Stuart Phillips, as he wrote down the first inscriptions of a new Torah to be dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

This memorial Torah, initiated by the Phillips, will be completely handwritten in Hebrew calligraphy and upon its completion in September 2018 will be the first Holocaust memorial in northwest metro Denver.



Saudi Arabia to allow women to drive

September 27, 2017

As the only country with a ban on women driving, Saudi Arabia has announced that in June of 2018 women will be allowed to drive cars. According to deputy crown prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, however, the country is “not convinced about women driving”.

Some assume that the ban is related to Islam, but the prince insisted, “Women driving is not a religious issue as much as it is an issue that relates to the community itself that either accepts it or refuses it.”

Previously, the prince has spoken out about empowering Saudi women, such as in an interview when he stated that he believes women have rights within the Islamic religion that they have yet to obtain. He has mentioned also that allowing women to work would increase productivity within Saudi Arabia.

However, women in Saudi Arabia have yet to see any real improvements. Recently Ivanka Trump praised Saudi Arabia for its progress in gender equality. In response, Saudi Arabian activist Manal al-Sharif asks, “What type of progress in women’s rights? I wish she was more specific so I wouldn’t feel insulted. If you don’t want to support us, just stay quiet. Don’t praise. You’re making it worse for us.”

While support from world leaders is always nice, sentiment can be better measured by actions and both Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud's and Ivanka Trump's have yet to really act on their words.

Alanna Shingler

Staff Reporter



Research finds that Aaron Hernandez had severe C.T.E after death

September 27, 2017

(Photo: Rich Schultz/Getty Images)

When the results of Aaron Hernandez's brain scan came back and doctors were shocked, at the age of 27 Hernandez showed signs of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, C.T.E, that are usually found in people well into their 60's. In an announcement of the findings on Thursday, a lawyer for the Hernandez family said it was "the most severe case they had ever seen in someone of Aaron's age."

Aaron Hernandez, the former Patriot's receiver, was 27 when he committed suicide last April. At the time, Hernandez was serving a lifetime sentence for a murder that he committed in Boston.

According to Boston University, C.T.E. has been found in more than 100 former NFL players, many of whom committed suicide. Researching C.T.E is rather difficult because it can only be determined if someone has it

after death. Seeing as this is the case, Boston University, the lead research institution in this field, has had a tough time gathering brain scans from a large enough amount of people.

Researchers say that cannot exactly pinpoint what caused Hernandez's violent outbreak, but C.T.E. likely could have contributed to it, studies have shown that the brain disorder can cause aggression, dementia, as well as mood swings.

Recently, the NFL has faced scrutiny from the public after the suicides of players who were diagnosed with C.T.E. post-mortem, including Junior Seau, Dave Duerson, Andre Waters, and Ray Easterling to name a few. Football legends such as Ken Stabler and Frank Gifford were also found to have C.T.E. after they passed from natural causes.

Since the findings, the Hernandez family has sued the NFL and the New England Patriots organization for upwards of 20 million. The lawsuit claims that yearly physicals should have recognized signs of cognitive impairment.

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Luke Cahill

Staff Reporter

"The S Word" makes its Denver premiere at Regis

September 26, 2017

Regis University hosted the Denver premiere of "The S Word," a documentary addressing the stigma of suicide through interviews with suicide attempt survivors, on its Northwestern Denver Campus on Sept. 25. The screening was followed by a Q&A with a panel moderated by Sally Spencer-Thomas, a psychologist, and suicide prevention expert. The panel consisted of the film's director Lisa Klein, Nahed Barakat, Psy.D., Lena Heilmann Ph.D., and Stacey Freedenthal Ph.D. Barakat is a licensed Clinical Psychologist at Regis, Heilmann is a former professor and Suicide Prevention Advocate, and Freedenthal is psychotherapist in Denver and a graduate professor at the University of Denver.

“It’s not the word suicide that is the problem, it is the deafening silence around it,” Spencer-Thomas opened the event, quoting April Foreman, a Suicide Prevention Coordinator for veterans in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"The S Word" seeks to tell the stories of suicide attempt survivors inspired by the work of Dese'rae Stage, the founder of LiveThroughThis.org, a website where Stage interviews attempt survivors in hopes to show that suicide affects everyone of all races, genders, and backgrounds. Stage, a survivor of a suicide attempt herself, wanted to explore the “other side of suicide” in part to help find answers to some questions she had from her past.

“I started this film from a place of loss and was surprised to find such a thriving community,” remarks Klein on her experience filming "The S Word."

The audience is invited into the lives and homes of suicide attempt survivors and their family members, we're witness to weddings, speeches, and the scattering of ashes. The interviewees share their darkest moments with the audience and it's nearly impossible not to grow attached to them. These are the type of people you'd pass on the street without a second glance. They're funny, they're raw, they're real, they're human, and by the end of the film, it's hard to imagine a world without them in it.

While many of the survivors are in a much better place than they were at the time of their attempt, that doesn't mean that suicidal thoughts don't still plague them at times. It's an ongoing journey with bumps along the way. When one of the interviewees, Kelechi Ubozoh, was asked if suicide was still an option for her she said she didn't want it to be but at times those thoughts do return to her.

The ultimate takeaway is that suicide doesn't discriminate. "The S Word" intermittently reminds its audience through its statistics: every 112 people are lost to suicide every day, 40% of trans people commit suicide every year, 20 veterans commit suicide a day, and suicide is one of the highest leading causes of death for Americans aged 15-24.

Colorado consistently ranks in the top ten states with the highest suicide rates, so what as a community can be done about this? Now more than ever it's important to get involved be it through joining groups like the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado or just being willing to listen and be there for someone battling with suicidal thoughts. Don't let this call to action be ignored, as Spencer-Thomas asked those in attendance, “Where's your voice in this effort? Where's your stand in this battle?”

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or the Crisis Text Line by texting HOME to 741741. For additional resources, you can visit TheSWordMovie.com or SuicidePreventionColorado.org.

Natalia Zreliak

Digital Editor



Humans of Regis: Annalisa Piccinini

September 26, 2017

(Photo courtesy of Annalisa Piccinini)

What brought you to Regis University?

When it was time for me to apply to colleges, my brother's friends, who went to Regis, told me to apply. The next thing I knew I was on my way to a Discover Regis Weekend and I knew that Regis was the place for me. Everyone that I spoke with only said great things about the school, professors, and students. I loved the campus, and I met great people. I never imagined that I would leave my home in California and move to Colorado, but it has been such an incredible four years, and coming to Regis was one of the best decisions I have made. Everyone here makes you want to succeed and be the best version of yourself possible, and I think that that is what sets Regis apart from other universities.

Tell us about your position in Student Activities. How long have you been working there? What positions have you had? Etc.

I have been working in the Office of Student Activities since my freshman year. I started as an Office Assistant, I was the Assistant Director of Weekend Programming, and now I am the Walker's Pub Communications Coordinator and a Bartender. Student Activities is such a fun office to work in as there are so many things that go on and the entire staff is full of great people. There is always something going on in the office, so there is never a dull moment.

A couple of summers ago you traveled to Africa, tell us about this experience and how did you get the opportunity to go there?

Last summer, I had the opportunity to travel to Hout Bay, South Africa, with the organization One Heart Source. A family friend had gone on a volunteer trip through OHS the summer before, and when she told me about it, I applied and ended up getting accepted. It was the most amazing experience I could have ever had! I was there for a month and throughout that month, myself, along with about 40 other volunteers, worked at a school teaching students from 3rd-8th-grade math and literacy. The students all lived in the township, Imizamo Yethu, they speak both English and Xhosa, (which I got to learn a little), and their school was about a 20-minute walk from their homes. I had the privilege of teaching Iviwe, Siyanda, and Khanisile, three amazing 4th graders every day. They taught me so much about myself, and they validated for me that I did want to become a teacher. On the days where there wasn't any school, we were taken on trips to learn more about South African culture and history. I was able to go to Robben Island (where Nelson Mandela was in prison for 18 years), District 6 (a residential area where all of its residents were forcibly removed during the Apartheid in the 70s), and climb both Lion's Head Mountain and the famous Table Mountain. I was so lucky to have had gone on this trip. I would recommend this organization to anyone. I met incredible people, made wonderful memories, learned a lot, and taught the most remarkable students.

What is your major? Why did you decide that was what you wanted to study?

I am studying Elementary Education. I chose to study education because I have always loved working with elementary aged students. As a teacher, you are responsible for the futures of so many children, and it is really up to you to share their thoughts and minds so they can turn into smart, empathetic, and genuine adults. My mom is an elementary school teacher, and her stories inspire me to be the best educator I can be. It is entertaining talking with her about how my lesson plans are going or if a topic is worth teaching because she has had so many years of experience. I think the world can be changed through education and teachers have the power to influence the world's future leaders. I cannot wait for the day that I have my classroom.

What is your plan after graduation?

I have been thinking a lot about going to graduate school and getting my masters in education/administration. With a master's degree, I would be eligible to become a school principal, which is another thing I have thought about, after some years of being a teacher. If I do not go to graduate school right away, I plan on getting my first job in a school and teach!

What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?

My favorite Jesuit Value is Women and Men with and for Others. Service is something that I have always appreciated. My parents have always taught my siblings and me the importance of giving back. I have been so fortunate in my life, and the best way to use my talents and what I have been given is to share them with others. Service is something that brings out the best in people, and it is also something that is good for the soul. It can be so many different things, and there are options for everyone. I think the Fr. Woody Program at Regis is the best example of this Jesuit Value. They provide so many choices and opportunities to give back, and they do work all around Denver, and I have been lucky to have worked with them during my time at Regis.

Samantha Jewell

Social Media Editor

Regis hosts banned books exhibit in library

September 25, 2017

Starting Sunday, the twenty-fourth of September, the Dayton Memorial Library—and other libraries across the nation—will host Banned Book Week. This week is meant to raise students' awareness and bring attention to the threat of censorship on literature and free reading.

When one enters the library, the first bookcase on the left is filled with titles that have faced challenges, and banning, over the years. Some of the titles may surprise you, as they did me. “Julie of the Wolves,” “Bridge to Terabithia,” and other familiar friends from childish days peer out from the shelves, each bearing a little grey card with the explanation behind their public disfavor.

Most books, thankfully, are only challenged, since to ban a book means that it is removed entirely or put on restricted distribution. Only ten percent of those challenges actually result in a book being removed. The greatest force threatening free readership are parents looking to protect their children, fearing that exposure to such material will produce experimentation or foster similar behaviors as those in the book. While this action itself is a protected right under free speech, the forcing of these opinions on others is the driving force behind censorship.

“Parents have the right to monitor their own child, but not others,” said Courtney Drysdale, a librarian at Dayton Memorial Library. The most common objections parents have to these books are claims of profanity, explicit sexual content, and opposing religious viewpoints or perceived satanic/pagan rituals.

Public libraries, funded by tax dollars and thus particularly susceptible to the will of the people, are the most frequently challenged of all literary repositories, followed closely by schools. America is one of the few nations of the world supportive of free speech, and it is only through the valiant efforts of librarians, teachers, and students on the front lines of the literary defense that these stories—some of them steadfast favorites—stay with us.

Andrianna Veatch

Staff Reporter

Checks & Balances: how to play your part in a democracy

September 25, 2017

Here in America, we are given the right to elect our governmental leaders through voting on election day, but our responsibility and our privilege don't end there. We also get to communicate with the people who are elected throughout their entire tenure in office.

In times like the present, when Congress is attempting daily to make sweeping changes to laws in our country, it is even more important to know how your representatives are voting. Whether you think they're doing a great job, or a terrible job, speaking up and sharing your voice with them is valuable.

It can be hard to know where to start. How can you tell what your representatives are voting for? How do you keep track of what your governor is doing? What are some easy, but effective, ways of contacting your officials?

Don't worry. The answers are here for you. Here are some tips, websites, and tricks to use to best advocate for yourself and others in America today:

1. If you're not even sure who your representatives are, visit <https://whoismyrepresentative.com/> and search by zip code to get a full list of both your senators and representatives along with links to their personal websites.
2. To see what legislation your representatives are talking about, and to see their voting record visit <https://projects.propublica.org/represent/>.
3. According to former white house staffer, Emily Ellsworth, the best way to contact your elected officials is by calling them. The number to contact the operator in Washington is 202-224-3121. From there, you can get in contact with any representative you desire. However, if you know which representative you want to call, visit <https://callyourrep.co/> to find the direct lines for both their local and Washington offices.
4. Finally, if you're just too busy to make a call, but you still have time to text, text the word 'resist' to 504-09. This is a service that allows you to compose faxes on your phone and sends them to your representatives' offices for you. Message and data rates do apply.

Hopefully, you'll use at least one of these tips at some point in your life. Much like the rest of us, governmental officials need to be critiqued, evaluated, and praised in order to do the best job they possibly can.

Catie Cheshire

Staff Reporter



Ask Amy: microaggressions, political correctness, and healthy relationships

September 25, 2017

I have heard people talking about microaggressions a lot, what does that mean and why is it important?

Microaggressions are phrases or acts in which one may alienate another person. Microaggressions are often subtle and may even be meant as a compliment, but in fact, are insulting and perpetuate negative stereotypes. For example, “You’re really smart... for a girl.” Or “You’re really attractive... for an Asian guy.” The problem with microaggressions and negative stereotypes is the image they project of groups of people who may not and often do not fit these stereotypes. Microaggressions often ignore individual identities and personalities and make assumptions about who a person is, which is not only disrespectful but harmful as well. Because we live in a systemically racist, sexist, heteronormative society, those who do not fit into this White, Anglo Saxon, Patriarchal mold are often marginalized, whether through outright physical aggression, lack of resources, or lack of support from their environment.

How do I use the right term for people without being offensive?

Political correctness is often a topic that becomes uncomfortable to discuss because it has become so confusing. Because people are much more well-traveled and diverse within geographic regions today than they were a hundred years ago, identities have become complicated and people may belong to more than one culture. That being said, many people often associate skin color with a certain culture. For example, African American is often thought to be the politically correct term for a black American, but this term of “political correctness” is false. African American implies that the individual has ties to African culture, which many black Americans do not. There are also white people, Asian people, and other skin colors who consider Africa to be home. Therefore, it is more important to acknowledge the individual’s culture; not their skin tone. Black American or White American (or Black Latino or White Latino) are terms that are exceptions to this rule because Black American culture differs from White American culture.

Who can I go to if I feel unsafe in my relationship?

There are resources on campus one may go to for advice, including Jalissa Williams from the Violence Prevention Center. You can talk to her and she is not obligated to report anything unless you wish to do so. It is possible to go to your favorite teacher, but teachers on campus are obligated to report any information they receive that imply a student may be in danger. Campus counselors are also a great resource that can help and are not obligated to report your information, as there is patient confidentiality.

Am I just being emotional, or am I in a mentally and emotionally abusive relationship?

I need more context to truly answer this question, but a basic definition of an abusive relationship is one in which the terms of the relationship are not mutual. If one person in the relationship is controlling of the other’s actions, then it is an abusive relationship. If your significant other tells you who you are allowed to see, where you are allowed to go, and what you are allowed to wear, these are red flags. I would also encourage you to reflect on whether you are being abusive to your partner. If you disrespect each other’s boundaries or assume boundaries for the other person without asking for their input, these are red flags as well.

Have any questions for Amy? Submit them anonymously at regishighlander.sarahah.com.



Puerto Rico faces long road to recovery after Hurricane Maria

September 22, 2017

(Photo: Erika P. Rodriguez/The New York Times)

San Juan, Puerto Rico is in shambles after being hit by Hurricane Maria. The aftermath of the disaster includes power outages, undrinkable water, and debris in the roads.

Unlike Texas and Florida, Puerto Rico is impoverished which makes aiding the disaster all the more expensive. Local construction worker Edwin Serrano remarks, ““The irony is we’re in crisis here, and go figure, a phenomenon like this one comes to destroy us.”

The island has been named a disaster zone, meaning that federal emergency money will be used in the process of its recovery. Around 3,200 workers were on site of the disaster to provide aid.

Because most radio stations, antennas, and cell phone towers are down, the extent of the damage is unclear: federal agencies cannot communicate with local governments. As of now, the death toll is 15 in Dominica, two in Guadalupe, and two in Puerto Rico, but those numbers will likely climb.

With a devastated economy, there is still hope for Puerto Rico to receive aid from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) because it is a U.S. territory. David Merrick stated, “At least 75 percent of the recovery money is going to come from FEMA. It becomes ‘how do I build back in a way that’s better.’ This is the time, unfortunately, to make those changes and not just blind duct-tape everything back together the way it was.”

Alanna Shingler

Staff Reporter



NFL strikes out on Super Bowl Halftime show performer

September 22, 2017

(Photo: Jim Dyson/Getty Images)

Jay-Z has turned down an invitation to perform at the halftime show during Super Bowl LII in Minnesota, according to thesource.com.

Although it may seem shocking that someone would turn down a show such as the Super Bowl Halftime show, Jay-Z is not the first to do so.

Last year Adele declined the NFL's offer to perform. "First of all, I'm not doing the Super Bowl," Adele told crowd during a Los Angeles performance in August 2015. "I mean, come on, that show is not about music. And I don't really -- I can't dance or anything like that. They were very kind, they did ask me, but I said no."

The NFL has taken a strong stance on artists who publicly decline their invitation to perform, such as Jay-Z.

"No decisions have been made on the performer(s), and we are not going to speculate on particular artists," league spokesman Brian McCarthy told Pro Football Talk. "Along with Pepsi, we know that we will put on a spectacular show. When it is time to announce her name, we will do it. Or his name. Or their names."

For the Super Bowl is as big of an event as it is, let's hope that the NFL can find someone that can put on a better show than we've seen in the past few years.

Luke Cahill

Staff Reporter



Theater Review: Disney's Frozen the Broadway Musical

September 22, 2017

(Photo: Allison Upchurch)

Taking the magic and wonderment of the highest grossing animated movie of all time and putting on the Broadway stage is no simple task. But that's what Disney has set out to do with their 2013 hit animated movie, Frozen. And lucky for the folks in Denver, the show is having its preview run at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts before officially premiering on Broadway in New York City.

Frozen is the story of two princesses of the fictional Norwegian kingdom of Arendelle. The eldest sister Elsa is crowned queen but runs away when her magical powers -- the ability to conjure up ice and snow -- are revealed to the kingdom and causes an eternal winter. From there, it's up to the younger sister Anna, mountain man Kristoff, his sidekick reindeer Sven, and the jolly snowman Olaf to find Elsa and restore the weather and the kingdom.

The visual elements of the show, from the costumes to the staging and set designs, all take inspiration from the original movie to garner a sense of familiarity. At the same time, the production makes it clear that this is

a new version of the story because of the elements of on-stage projections and puppetry that evoke a sense of realism as if the story is real and playing out in real time right before your eyes.

Songs from the original movie like “Let it Go,” “In Summer,” and “Love is an Open Door” are all featured in this production, plus 12 brand new songs written by the original songwriting team of Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. These new songs include the childlike joy of “A Little Bit of You,” the sassy duet of “What Do You Know About Love,” and the haunting power ballad of “Monster.”

One aspect of this show that differentiates from the movie version is the trolls. In this stage version, these characters are called the Hidden Folk, a nomadic tribe of people with magical healing properties. The tribe’s leader, Pabbie, acts as a guide to this story, which is different from a narrator because his commentary offers insight into what the characters are feeling and how their dynamics are shaping the larger story. Each of the main characters at one time or another have concerns about the physical or mental well-being of the people they love. Only through constant care and love do these characters become better versions of themselves.

Frozen is playing at the Buell Theater at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts until October 1.

Allison Upchurch

Staff Reporter



The Queen’s Thief: The King of Attolia Book Review

September 22, 2017

(Photo: Greenwillow Books)

Do you love surprise endings? Convolved plots? Progressive character development and mature love? Fantasy? Then *The Queen’s Thief* Series are the books for you. As of May 2017, the series consists of five books tracing the progressing fortunes of three countries: Eddis, Attolia, and Sounis, and the adventures of one character: Gen.

First published in 1996, *The Thief* was a 1997 Newberry Medal Honor book, and since then the series has accumulated a vast, devoted fan-base. While *The Thief* is a light-hearted rollick and fabulous starting point, a

genuine jewel of the series is the artfully crafted third book, *The King of Attolia*. It is told almost entirely from the viewpoint of Costis, a young guard who ends up serving the new King (who he despises) through a markedly embarrassing event. But the King isn't quite who and what he seems to be, and as a growing danger threatens the throne, intricate politics, narrow scheming, and the secrets of both King and court will be unveiled.

Turner cleverly delivers more of her trademark magic by building the plot off subtle details and throw away lines from the first two books that will have you seeing these earlier stories in a whole new light. Foreshadowing is liberal, so mystery devotees will admire the plethora of subtle clues that, to the sharp eye, will disclose the truth. There is also a healthy dose of psychology fascinatingly interwoven through the story and fleshing out the characters; in fact, a couple of the most important revelations hinge on this psychology, at least for the King. Turner adheres to the "Show, Don't Tell" rule like it was a commandment, and never stoops to explain what readers can understand quickly on their own, respecting their intelligence and fostering an almost interactive engagement with the tale she tells. This also allows her characters to become real, genuine individuals who are just as fantastic and flawed as the people we know in everyday life, and while character development occurs, readers are never left feeling they don't know who the character has become.

So next time you need a break, a dose of fiction, or some summer reading material, try *The Queen's Thief* series and see if you don't fall in love with Gen, Eddis, Attolia and the magic of a genuine work of literary art. The result may surprise you.

Jeremiah Coffee

Staff Reporter



Is the retail apocalypse really near?

September 21, 2017

(Photo: Pioneer Press: John Doman)

It's true that the landscape for retail is certainly changing at a rapid pace, walk into any mall in America and it is almost guaranteed that you will find closed up storefronts of once loved stores, but is the “retail apocalypse” we've been warned about doesn't seem to be doing that much damage.

In 2017, according to IHL Group's Debunking the Retail Apocalypse report, retailers have planned to or already opened 1,326 more locations that have been closed. Tackle on restaurants and it jumps up to 4,080 new openings in 2017 and another 5,050 planned for the next year. The reality is that between chain stores and restaurants while 10,123 locations will close, 14,239 will open.

“Without question, retail is undergoing some fundamental changes. The days of ‘build it and they will come’ are over,” said IHL Greg Buzek in a press release, “However retailers that are focusing on the customer experience, investing in better training of associates and integrating IT systems across channels will continue to succeed.”

The way in which Americans shop today is completely different from how they shopped even just five years ago and while online shopping has certainly flipped retail on its head it will not be its cause of death. Instead, retailers must make their shopping experience better for the consumer, people are not going to leave their house unless they have a darn good reason to.

Natalia Zreliak

Digital Editor



Is community involvement debatable?

September 21, 2017

(Photo: MSU Today)

“Men and Women in the Service of Others” that is the title and ultimate summation of Regis University’s mission statement. Regis has long emphasized the value of being ever-present in our community through acts of charity and service to those around us. Throughout your career as a Regis student, you will have these values repeated to you often in the hope that you will carry this ideology with you for the remainder of your time on earth. This year, the Regis University Debate team is showing their commitment to serving others at Beach Court Elementary School, right here in our own community.

Beach Court is less than a mile from Regis University directly down Regis Boulevard, on the other side of Federal. Beach Court has been around since 1925 and children from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade. The students who attend Beach Court are no doubt our neighbors and very well may even be living in houses surrounding Regis's campus. These children have been struggling to maintain learning at grade level and recently, this has become a more serious concern. The school lacks the resources to help these students on the individual level, which they so desperately require. The debate team, through building relationships with community members tackling this issue, became excited at the prospect of getting involved with Beach Court. The main work the team will be doing is helping these students learn to read at their grade required reading level.

Over the course of the coming weeks and months, a series of articles will be published in the Highlander to help illustrate more clearly the challenges Beach Court and its students face; as well as how the Regis Debate team is helping those at Beach Court overcome these challenges.

Thomas Jones

Staff Reporter

Below is the coach of the debate team, Jon Denzler's, contact information. If you would like to volunteer at Beach Court don't hesitate to contact him and let him know! They need all the volunteers they can get and you will be making an incredible difference in these students lives.

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Regis celebrates Mexican Independence Day

September 21, 2017

(Photo: Getty Images)

SOMOS hosted Mexican Independence Day celebration held on Sept. 15 at 7 pm. People could eat tacos while watching the Colorado Mestizo Dancers perform traditional Mexican dances. As a finale, there was a screening of the movie *Nosotros Los Nobles*, a film where three spoiled siblings are forced to get jobs.

Despite what many may think, Cinco De Mayo is not the Mexican Independence Day, it is instead the day the Mexican army defeated the French and Austrian invaders, not Spain. The Mexican Independence day is September 16, which is when Miguel Hidalgo, one of the nation's leaders, supposedly made the cry of independence in Dolores.

Phyllis Tonna and Anisa Castro, sophomores and the co-presidents of SOMOS, stated that they held this event on campus to kick off the start of Mexican Heritage month and celebrate the Mexican Independence Day. SOMOS is a club that strives to be a safe place for Latino and Hispanic students. They welcome all with open arms and want to provide a community where they can be themselves. For more information on how to get involved email somos.regis@gmail.com

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Staff Reporter



OPINION: No shame in the name blame game

September 21, 2017

(Photo: Walt Disney Pictures)

“Goody Two-Shoes!”

“Pollyanna!”

“Uncle Tom!”

Over the years, the names of these literary characters have come to be associated with negative connotations, and many people, even today, view them as insults when, but nothing about these names could be further from the truth; instead, they best analyzed through the lenses of Jesuit values

In the original story from 1765, Goody Two-Shoes was a poor little girl who established a school for her illiterate neighborhood children. She threw herself into the fostering of individual minds and souls, much as we ourselves are called to raise up our fellow students and friends and support them toward becoming the best and learned people they can be. She promoted the dignity of poor children and their right to a better education just as we, in turn, are meant to stand by those who are also struggling. Thus, Goody is an embodiment of one of our own Jesuit values—*Cura Personalis*, or Care of the Whole Person. The name of ‘Goody Two-Shoes’ rather than

meaning excessively well behaved, should carry the connotation of someone with a great interest and care for their fellow human beings, and the willingness to help them.

The name of Pollyanna, the peppy protagonist from Eleanor Porter's 1913 novel, has come to derogatorily refer to someone who is excessively and illogically optimistic. In the story, Pollyanna was the secular definition of Magis—always discerning the greater good in the situations she found herself and striving to do her best, be it inspiring the inhabitants of her little New England town to overcoming the loss of her legs. In today's world, facing the terrors of an inflamed Mother Nature, an uncertain political atmosphere, and the personal crises of private lives, it is too easy to lose sight of the better good and God. It is here that people known as Pollyannas stand as examples, recognized for living the Jesuit value of Magis and pointing the rest toward the better that lies beyond today.

Uncle Tom, a name negatively implying excessive servility, was a vessel of Ignatian Spirituality, finding God's constant presence in all situations: the deaths of his masters, his falling fortunes, and even his own demise. Of all names that time has changed, his bears the greatest honor because it only means that he lives in our own Jesuit values the most fully. He was a man for others, caring deeply for and loyally serving all of his masters, striving to direct their minds and hearts to God and allowing the Word to unite his own despite the limits placed on his social class.

This world has taken the names of these upstanding and righteous characters and cast them into the shade of shame, but it cannot change the fact that those names can also represent the values and good work of these literary characters. Rather than being negative, these names should carry the connotations of willingness, love, sacrifice, and excellence—all the principles of the Jesuit values.

Jeremiah Coffee

Staff Reporter



More on Trump's heated U.N. speech

September 20, 2017

(Photo: Shannon Stapleton/Reuters)

“Rocket Man is on a suicide mission for himself and for his regime,” President Trump declared in reference to Kim Jong-un in his speech to the United Nations.

He went on to say, “The scourge of our planet today is a group of rogue regimes that reject every principle on which the United Nations is based. If the righteous men do not confront the wicked few, then evil will triumph.” He was sure to include that some parts of the world “are going to hell.”

North Korea, however, was not the only government singled out by Trump. Without saying its name, he scolded China by expressing disapproval of countries who “would arm, supply, and financially support a country that imperils the world with nuclear conflict.”

Next on his list of condemnations was the Iran deal, which he insisted was an “embarrassment” to the United States and one of the “worst and one-sided” agreements in U.S. history.

President Trump was well-received by Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, who applauded Trump's statements on the Iran deal.

Other members of the United Nations, such as France's President Emmanuel Macron, were not so pleased with Trump's message of violence. After Trump spoke, Macron said, "France rejects escalation and will not close any door to dialogue . . . I fully respect the decision of the United States, but the door will always be open."

Alanna Shingler

Staff Reporter



Men's Regis Rugby opens fall season

September 20, 2017

(Photo: Regis University Rugby)

The Men's Regis Rugby team opened up their fall season with a home exhibition match against the University of Colorado Boulder.

The team came out in full effect as junior inside centre Ian Brown scored the first try of the outing assisted by junior outside centre Timothy Nolen. The crowd erupted in cheers as their Rangers started off with a

bang, connecting on all cylinders. Senior prop Cameron Amador scored two tries for the Rangers and ignited his squad for another try later on in the match by Charlie Saban.

The Rangers finished off their match against CU Boulder with a 24-5 victory and it looked like no time had been lost from their successful 2016-2017 season.

They have their first official match in early October against the University of New Mexico-Highlands at home and are preparing to start their 2017-2018 season stronger than ever.

Don't forget to come out and support the Men's and Women's rugby team this year and show the Regis club teams some love!

Danny Rolander

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Shaun King Calls NFL Fans To Boycott The League

September 20, 2017

(Photo: Getty Images)

On Sep. 8, activist and journalist Shaun King published an article on Medium with a call to action for people across America. “Let’s boycott the NFL together,” reads the headline.

King details that he personally planned to boycott the NFL this season as early as March, but, due to what he sees as an injustice to quarterback Colin Kaepernick, he decided that as many people as possible should join him.

King describes the issue of Kaepernick’s unemployment as more than just an issue about football. In his mind, it is just one of the many ways white supremacy has crept closer to the surface in the time since Donald Trump was elected president.

King says that Kaepernick is unemployed because he challenged the white-dominated order of professional football, not because he is a subpar passer. This statement was evidenced when, after the first week of play, three NFL starting quarterbacks (Scott Tolzien, Tom Savage, and Josh McCown) combined for a 50.7 passer rating. Further, in the second week of play, eleven starting quarterbacks, and one backup, combined for a 51.9 passer rating in the first half of each of their respective matchups.

For perspective, in Peyton Manning's lackluster final season he still posted a 67.9 average passer rating, and Brock Osweiler, amidst his struggles to find a place on a roster, still has a career 77.9 passer rating.

In Kaepernick's career, he has an 88.9 passer rating. His lowest season (2015) still registers at 78.5 qbr. So why isn't he on a roster? For King, the answer is clear: his race combined with his willingness to stand up for himself and other badly treated communities is keeping him out of a league that could desperately use a passer of his caliber.

Along with publishing the article, King took to Twitter and Facebook to express his distaste for the league. He has even created a twitter account (@TheNFLBoycott) specifically to promote boycott actions. King recommends that people not watch a single minute of gameplay, even highlights until this issue is addressed. The boycott aims to take a shot at ratings.

Though ratings have been middling to low thus far, it is hard to tell whether that is in direct connection to King's boycott or due to the fact that the NFL just hasn't had as many exciting games.

Only time will tell.

Catie Cheshire

Staff Reporter



Trump threatens North Korea at U.N. meeting

September 19, 2017

(Photo: Seth Wenig, AP)

Today President Trump, in a rousing speech to the United Nations, has threatened to “destroy” North Korea if it continues with its nuclear weapons program.

North Korea’s pursuit of nuclear weapons “threatens the entire world with unthinkable loss of human life,” Trump said in front of the U.N. General Assembly, “We will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea.” Trump says that the U.S. is willing to take military action if need be but “hopefully this will not be necessary.”

This is not the first time that Trump has been unafraid to call out North Korea, just last month Trump said the U.S. would unleash “fire and fury like the world has never seen.” Such comments though have yet to goad a response from North Korea, Sept. 3 saw Pyongyang’s sixth and by far most powerful nuclear test.

Due to the U.N.’s lottery system that determines seating North Korea was front and center for Trump’s speech, now it seems that only time will tell if his words had an impact.

Natalia Zreliak

Digital Editor



Humans of Regis: Dr. Heidi Barker

September 19, 2017

(Photo: Frances Meng-Frecker)

What brought you to Regis University?

I went to a small liberal arts school as an undergraduate and I remember the relationships that I had with other students and professors and I wanted to be a part of something like that. One thing that I value is that this is a small department and that we can be creative and nimble to make adjustments to the program that meet the needs of schools and our students, so that is cool.

Tell us about your current position.

So, right now I am filling in in the Dean's Office as an Associate Dean, and that involves a lot of problem-solving with students and faculty development. I am also a professor in the Education Department, and that is the fun part, teaching and helping students become the best teachers.

What classes are you teaching now?

I am teaching a class called Assessment for the Diverse Learner, and it is a class that focuses on how to implement teaching strategies that use assessment data to support students; whether those struggles come from being an English learner or from a special education need or social-emotional need. This is a course that is designed to provide students with the foundation for understanding the assessment process, both from a special education process and including language acquisition. Students will learn adaptations to those methods for addressing the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse students with exceptionalities. Students will focus on the educational assessment methods and procedures used in decision making and program planning for students with high incidence disabilities who are from culturally or linguistically diverse. And I also teach the student teaching seminar; we have twenty student teachers that are out in the field doing their capstone internship for a full semester Teaching in a local public/private school classroom and finishing up their teacher licensure. We meet over the semester to support each other but also to give support while they are looking for a job but also to finish their portfolio to show that they are performing within all the teaching standards and all that

What has your fondest memory been at Regis?

I don't know that I have one great memory. I think the greatest thing about my job is that I work with students and I get to watch them grow into professionals, and that is a cool thing to get to see. The best is that I get to keep in touch with them after they have graduated and see how their career is going. We always say, "Would you want this person to teach your own kids?" And several years ago one of our graduates was one of my kids teachers, and it was very cool and I, actually got to say, "Yeah for real that I would want our graduates to teach my children." She had two of my daughters in her third-grade class and you get to see it really at work. I just work with really great people here at Regis and I am fortunate.

What is your favorite Jesuit Value? Why?

I should say that I have two, the first one is Cura Personalis. Everything I have been talking about is about relationships. If you have a relationship with students and you understand where they are coming from you can teach the content. You have got to trust that they are going to trust the content and that they are going to take risks and they are going to learn the stuff that they need to know. My second one is Contemplatives in Action; I think teachers do that every single day. We don't just think about social problems we take actions to address them.

Samantha Jewell

Social Media Editor



On This Day in History: September 19

September 19, 2017

(Photo: Getty Images)

1356: The English capture the French King, John II, in the Battle of Poitiers

1862: Union defeats the Confederates in the Battle of Iuka

1881: The 20th US President James Garfield dies

1893: The Electoral Act in New Zealand (NZ) is passed, giving all women in NZ the right to vote.

1940: Witold Pilecki voluntarily is captured by Nazis in order to infiltrate Auschwitz to smuggle information

1955: Ernie Banks, a Chicago Cubs slugger, hits 5th grand slam of the season

1957: First American underground nuclear test

1991: German tourists on the Austrian-Italian border in the Otzal Alps discover Otzi the Iceman, a 5,300-year-old mummy

1995: The Unabomber's manifesto is published by The Washington Post

2009: Lee Daniels' "Precious" wins the People's Choice Award

Margaret Gentry

Staff Reporter



Tunisia: Muslim women can marry anyone, even non-Muslims

September 18, 2017

(Photo: Morocco World News)

A 44-year ban has been lifted in Tunisia, now allowing Muslim women to marry non-Muslims.

Since December 2014, President Beji Caid Essebsi has headed a gender-equality campaign, aiming to lift the ban, arguing that the ban contradicted Tunisia's constitution. He explained, "The state is obliged to achieve full equality between women and men and to ensure legal opportunity for all responsibilities."

The ban, put in place in 1973, made it so that non-Muslim men who wanted to marry Muslim women had to convert to Islam, but did not enforce any such rule among Muslim men who wanted to marry non-Muslim women.

Lifting the ban is not the first victory of the Tunisia's gender equality movement. In July, the country passed stricter laws on domestic and sexual violence and sexual harassment in public spaces.

President Beji Caid Essebsi's next big goal is to alter Tunisia's inheritance laws under which men receive double their female siblings' inheritance, though the proposal has already received tough criticisms by Tunisian clerics. For today, however, congratulations are in order for Tunisia's big step toward gender equality.

Alanna Shingler

Staff Reporter



Identifying fake news in the media

September 18, 2017

(Photo: Getty Images)

At a time like this, who is telling the truth?

“If you get suckered into fake news, people will point at you and laugh,” states Jim Clarke, the Regional Director of the Central Region for the Associated Press. On Wednesday, Sept. 13 in Loyola Hall, Regis students

attended a presentation about responsibly consuming news, and more specifically, how to identify fake news stories we are becoming all the more used to encountering.

The accomplished journalist Jim Clarke delivered the presentation. Jim went to school at George Washington University in Washington D.C. and went on to Columbia University to obtain his master's degree in Journalism. He has worked as a journalist for the Associated Press for almost 25 years. He started out as a reporter working in different states including Alaska, South Carolina, Utah as well as others. He moved on to be a news editor working in several places throughout the United States as well, including Denver, where he currently works and resides.

Mr. Clarke first addressed what fake news is by sharing, “It [fake news] usually has a thin layer of fact covering it but below it has a bunch of ideology it’s leaning towards.” The inception of fake news can be traced back to the FCC’s repeal of the “Fairness Doctrine” in 1987. This was a doctrine that forced broadcasters to give equal airtime to both liberal and conservative viewpoints. The repeal led to the beginning of partisan news which led to the Epistemic closure, or confirmation bias. This is essentially the idea that if you see something you don’t like or agree with then you refuse to believe it. This makes great breeding grounds for fake news which, as stated earlier, relies on putting forth stories that reflect the ideology of a certain group.

In a telephone interview on Sept. 17 when asked exactly when fake news became so prevalent Mr. Clarke said that it was a result of a Russian intelligence gathering in 2015-2016; they would exaggerate news on both the left and the right to cause greater political division and confuse people in the middle. Mr. Clarke also commented during the presentation, “The Russians have learned how to play us like a fiddle.”

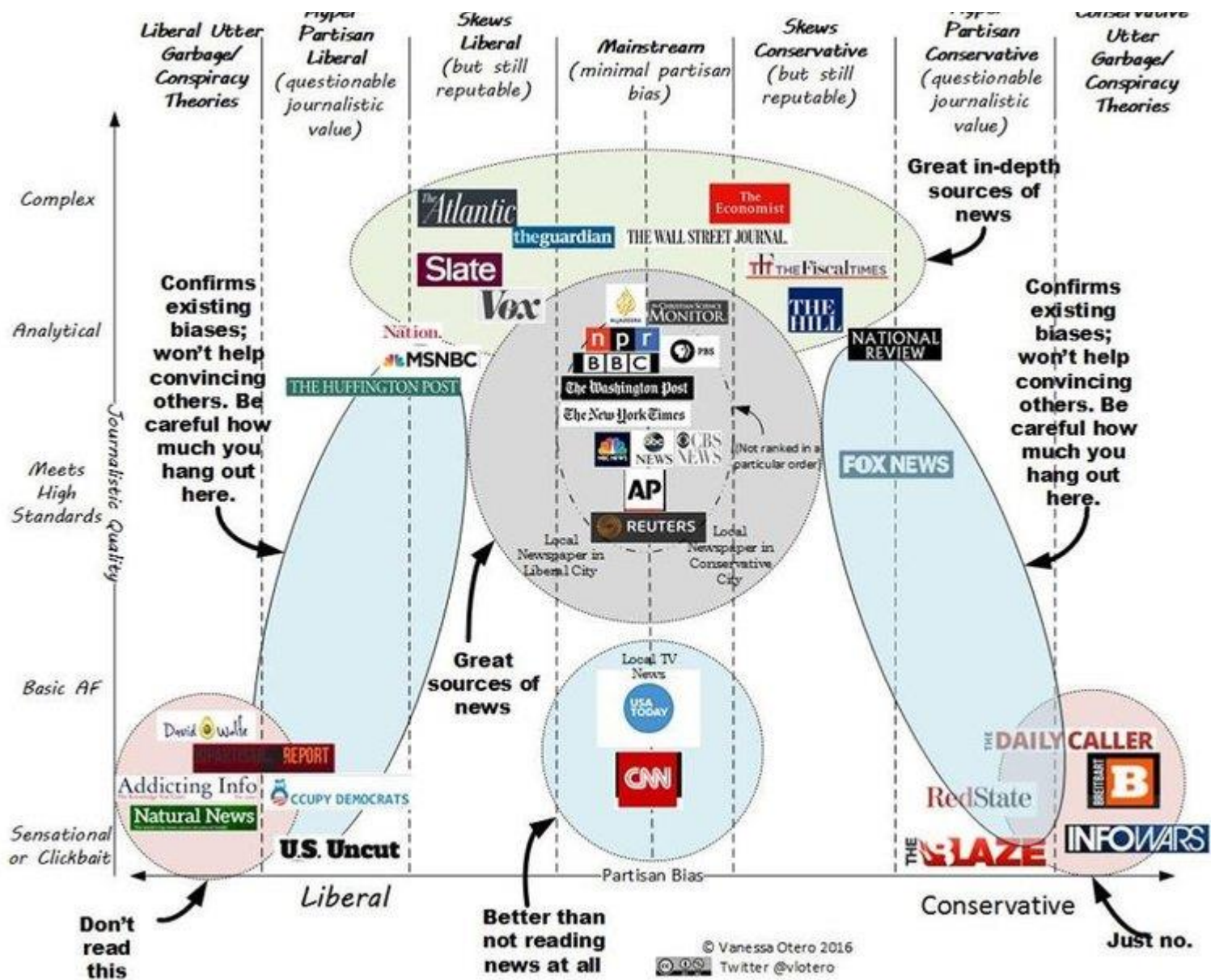
This is one of the main factors contributing to the increasing prevalence of fake news, but the best way to avoid fake news is to know what real news looks like. Mr. Clarke gave several criteria that signal a legitimate news source.

Real news...

- *Chases down stories no matter the political implications or who’s feelings it hurts.*
- *Presents multiple viewpoints or opinions if a story is controversial.*
- *Acknowledges multiple viewpoints while still not legitimizing or making viewpoints equal to their counterparts if they aren’t backed up by fact.*
- *Won’t see most problems as black and white. They will acknowledge that one issue has multiple possible contributing factors.*

“If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is,” Jim emphasized. To avoid falling prey to fake news, one must be a smart news consumer. Consumers need to also understand where each side is coming from. Overall, students seemed engaged with the presentation and asked questions at the end. A freshman attendee named Bethany Kwitek stated, “I found it [the presentation] very informative, I agree with the things he said about fake news. I think news should never be biased but it’s our responsibility to study our news sources and be informed on both sides so you can form your own opinion.”

*Below is a chart gave out during the presentation depicting news sources as either more conservative or more liberal in bias as well as more fact-based verses more opinion based. Those in the upper middle are the most reliable news sources.





Teams to Look for in Super Bowl LII

September 18, 2017

(Photo: Getty Images)

New England Patriots

There is a reason that the Patriots are first on my list. Seeing as though they are the defending champs, they are fired up to get back into the swing of things. With the addition of wide receiver Brandon Cooks, Brady should have no excuses when it comes to his passing game. On top of that, the Patriots offense will have Gronkowski back in the lineup after an injury sidelined him last season. Don't sleep on this team! They are loaded on both sides of the ball, and can definitely repeat what they did last year.

Seattle Seahawks

Injuries didn't allow fans to see the true potential of this Seattle team last year. With Russell Wilson back healthy, this team has the potential to win 12 or more games. The defense had some issues last year in terms of consistency, but they have the talent to be great. Watch out for this Seattle team to take down the defending champs in the big game this year.

Green Bay Packers

Aaron Rodgers, without a doubt, one of the best quarterbacks of his generation. With the addition of Martellus Bennett, the Packers offense will be locked-and-loaded to take down any competitor. The only thing that separates this team from Seattle is their defense. We'll have to wait and see if using four of their draft picks on the defense was a good move. If the defense can do their job, this team has the potential to go deep into the playoffs.

Pittsburgh Steelers

If this Steelers can prevent injuries, they've got the best shot to take down the defending champs in the AFC. This defense has some serious talent, especially on the line. Drafting T.J Watt should give this Pittsburgh team a good boost on the pass rush. He may be the answer to slowing down an elite quarterback, like Brady. If the trio of Roethlisberger, Le'Veon Bell, and Antonio Brown can stay healthy going into the playoffs, I like this team's chances against anybody.

Atlanta Falcons

Putting last year's Super Bowl in the past, Atlanta has the potential to make it to Minnesota in February. It wasn't a fluke that they made it to where they did last year. This team has some serious talent on both sides of the ball. With almost every player returning from last season, they should no problem with getting off to a good start.

Luke Cahill

Staff Reporter



North Korea fires missile over Japan

September 15, 2017

(Photo: Kcna/European Pressphoto Agency-EFE)

For the second time in three weeks, North Korea has fired a ballistic missile over Japan and into the sea off Hokkaido.

The missile was launched around 6:30 in the morning local time and flew for 17 minutes before landing in the Pacific Ocean. Emergency alerts were immediately triggered in Japan and citizens were warned not to touch anything that looked like debris.

Chief cabinet secretary Yoshihide Suga, and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe condemned the launch, though there was no attempt to shoot down the missile.

On Thursday, North Korea had sent an alarming message to Japan: “The four islands of the [Japanese] archipelago should be sunken into the sea by [our] nuclear bomb . . . Japan is no longer needed to exist near us.”

The exact strength of the bomb remains undefined, but nuclear tests indicate that it was between 160 and 250 kilotons, making it ten times the size of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. United States Air Force General John Hyten notes that North Korea's most recent nuclear test "equates to a hydrogen bomb", so the U.S. must now assume that they can build one. Though he could not confirm that a hydrogen bomb was tested, "sheer destruction and damage you can use and create with a weapon of that size" make the test significant.

Alanna Shingler

Staff Reporter



On The Beach with Wonder Woman

September 15, 2017

(Photo: Allison Upchurch)

Humankind is said to be a story "altogether," and that story was shown in a movie night event hosted by Regis' Residence Life and Student Activities. With popcorn and candy at the ready, Regis students gathered on the Beach on Saturday night to watch one of this summer's biggest movies, Wonder Woman.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Wonder Woman was the top-grossing film of the summer at the domestic box office, reaching over \$400 million.

Based off the DC superhero comics, this movie follows Diana (a.k.a Wonder Woman, played by Gal Gadot), an Amazon warrior who has grown up training in combat on an island inside a hidden force field called Themyscira. When intelligence spy Steve Trevor (played by Chris Pine), breaks through the force field, Diana learns that World War One is taking place and believes that Ares, the Greek god of war, is behind it. With that, Diana joins up with Steve and a ragtag team of sharpshooters and smugglers, and together they fight their way through enemy forces to stop mass destruction to the world.

“Content-wise, I appreciate how it has a strong female lead,” Regis student Gabi says. “This portrayal of a superhero matches up to what we have been reading about in my RCC 200 [entitled “Superheroes”] class.”

“Compared to other DC movies, it was done well storyline wise,” Regis student Ben states.

So, what does it mean for the students of the Regis community to gather like this? Not only is it interesting to watch a movie while underneath the night sky, but it can also go along with answering one of the fundamental questions one can be asked when studying here - “how ought we to live together?” With a movie such as Wonder Woman, it’s an example of acknowledging all human dignity and worth despite the differences that come between people. By coming together to share in this message, the Regis community can take the examples set in this movie and practice them in their everyday lives.

Allison Upchurch

Staff Reporter



Reformed Neo-Nazi speaks at Regis

September 14, 2017

(Photo: Emily Schneider)

“We had no idea how pressing these issues would be when this conversation started,” remarked Dan Justin, the director of the Institute on the Common Good (ICG) at Regis University.

Justin was introducing reformed Neo-Nazi Christian Picciolini to a group of Regis students on Tuesday, Sep. 12 in the chapel. Picciolini described his life story and how he came to be who he is now.

Living in Chicago during 1987 at the age of just 14, Picciolini was recruited by the first white-supremacist skinhead group in America. From there, he rose through the ranks to become the leader of the group at 16 after all the adults in the group were sent to prison for the murder of a woman.

Picciolini explained that growing up he had always been an outsider. He was alone and despondent. He explained that now he recognizes those hateful ideologies as wrong, but at the time, it was not the ideas that drew him in. It was the sense of belonging that he had never experienced before. The skinheads paid attention to him, and trusted him, making him a part of their community.

He coined a term for these feelings of loneliness of inadequacies: potholes. Potholes are anything that takes us off our path or changes our direction. Picciolini says we are all continuously searching to fill the potholes in ourselves or our lives, and that potholes are often reasons people turn towards extremism, in any form.

As he got older, Picciolini fell in love, married, and had two kids. For this reason, he started to take a step back from the Neo-Nazi group by opening a record store. There he sold mainly white power music but also included genres of hip hop, punk rock, and heavy metal.

Selling these genres brought in a more diverse group of people than Picciolini had ever experienced. He describes the people selling this music attracted as those whom he had treated the worst. Picciolini reflects, "I was shown compassion when I least deserved it, and from the people, I least deserved it from."

The diverse customers acted compassionately toward him - engaging in meaningful conversation. Slowly they became some of his best friends.

Picciolini had found a sense of community with the people he had taught others to hate. He had found community with African Americans, immigrants, people of all religions that treated him with humanity. After years of practicing and preaching hate towards people that were not similar to him, his customers showed him a more positive community that celebrated diversities and engaged in their differences.

Through this realization, Picciolini started on the path towards restoration and change. In 2009, he founded Life After Hate, an organization that seeks to offer community to people who are disengaging from their extremist lifestyle. He explained that the first part of his job was to find their "potholes" and understand why they chose to become part of an extremist group.

"My job is to fill potholes," he shared. He offers a variety of services, like job support, tattoo removal, and medical assistance. Through connecting lost individuals with these resources, he attempts to fill the holes that led them down a path of hate in the first place.

Picciolini explains that if he tries to throw people into situations with those that they were told to hate right off the bat, it will be an unsuccessful interaction. Instead, he works to help individuals become more stable then slowly allows them to engage with those that are different from themselves. Often, extremists have not even interacted with the people they are so hateful towards.

“We need to find common ground and start with our similarities and then work into our differences,” Picciolini explains. This is the method he uses to introduce people to each other and to bridge the gap built between them. Through his organization, he is uniting people and transforming life after hate, into love.

Picciolini closed with a challenge to students and faculty in attendance: “Find someone you don’t think deserves compassion and respect, and give it to them because often, they are the ones that need it the most.”

Catie Cheshire & Marley Weaver-Gabel

Staff Reporter & Editor-In-Chief



DACA not so done for

September 14, 2017

(Photo: Jose Luis Magana/AP)

On Wednesday night, Democratic leaders claimed that they have reached an agreement with President Trump to extend protections for undocumented immigrants who were once protected under DACA.

Senator Chuck Schumer and Representative Nancy Pelosi announced that they had a “very productive” dinner meeting at the White House that focused DACA. They share, “We agreed to enshrine the protections of DACA into law quickly and to work out a package of border security, excluding the wall, that’s acceptable to both

sides.” On the topic of the wall, Matt House tweeted, “The President made clear he would continue pushing the wall, just not as part of this agreement.”

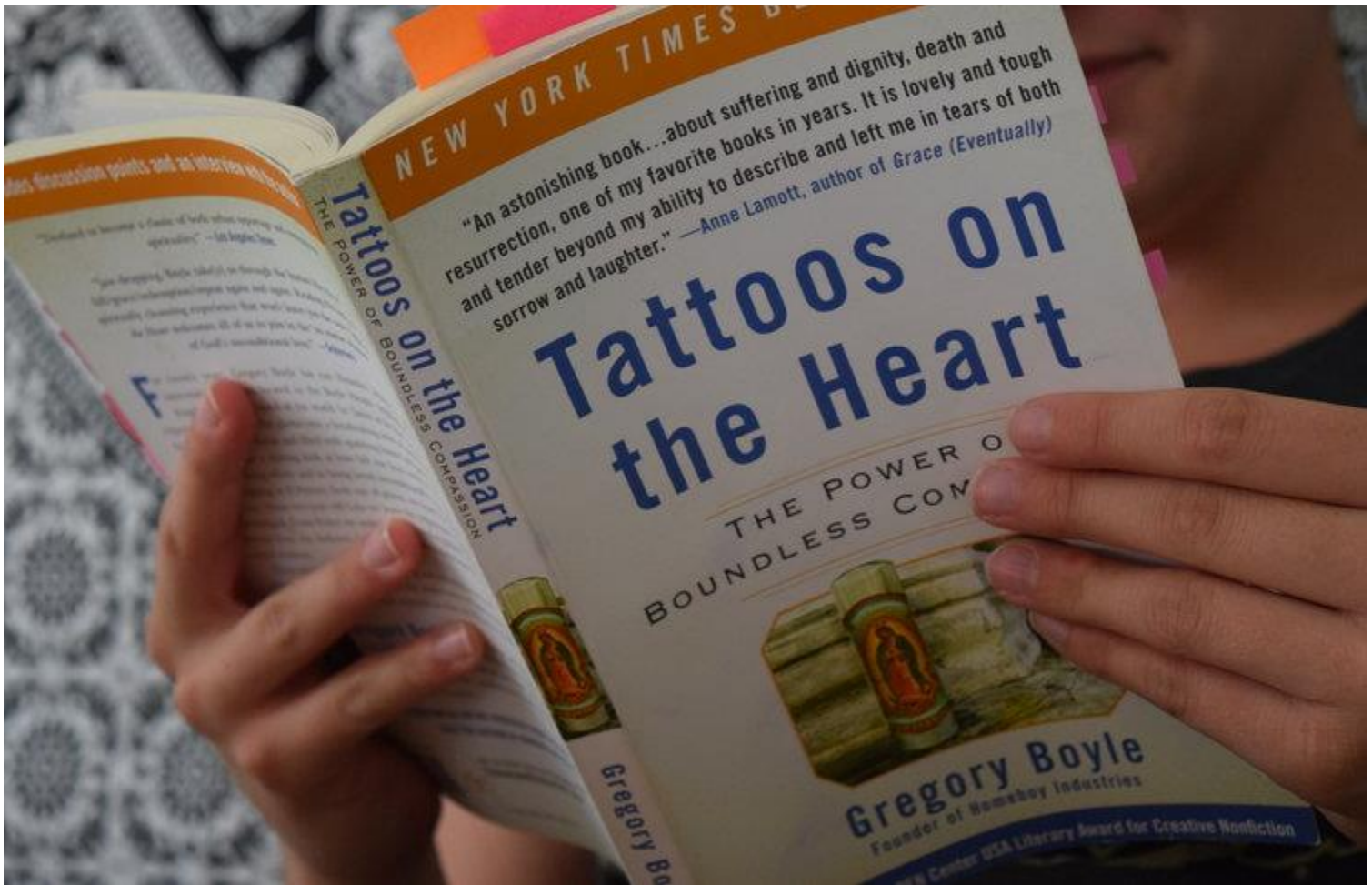
Though the meeting indicates hope for Dreamers who were once promised protection under DACA, Republican votes are still needed for any change - and Republican reactions to Wednesday night’s meeting varied.

In response to the news, Iowan representative, Steve King expressed via Twitter, “Trump base is blown up, destroyed, irreparable, and disillusioned beyond repair. No promise is credible.”

On the other hand, Arizonian senator, Jeff Flake tweeted, “Kudos to @POTUS for pursuing agreement that will protect #Dreamers from deportation.”

Alanna Shingler

Staff Reporter



Book Review: Tattoos that teach

September 14, 2017

(Photo: Kate Scott)

Sometimes it feels like the whole world is falling in around your ears: your personal life is strained, the nation burns with fierce disagreement, and Mother Nature is throwing a fit. It is easy in an atmosphere like this to develop a sense of pessimism and frustration and to let the negativity of it all warp us. This is a perfectly human response.

Gregory Boyle, the author of the life-changing book *Tattoos on the Heart*, presents the heartbreaking stories of boys, men, and the real-life struggle of forgiveness and salvation that we all face, some more subtle than others; Boyle reminds us that we all need support at some time or other, a lesson certainly demanding heed in current times.

As a hurricane proceeds to eat off the coast of Texas and immigration issues explode close to home, this gentle teaching of support and care urges us to remember that others in the world require our love and support more than ever, and very often, our forgiveness.

The hardest thing to find within the self is forgiveness. The thirst for revenge, for ‘justice’—whether truly justified or not—is a natural hardwiring in the human being, and yet it is this forgiveness and understanding that Tattoos on the Heart presents to its readers. In these days and times, it is difficult to forgive those people who voted differently from us last election, or the people who hold opposing opinions from us, or who refuse to act for the bettering of the nation. What Boyle shows over and over again is that no matter what these people say or do or think, they are still people with souls that crave love, acceptance, and assistance. Without these things, they will be destroyed.

Sometimes, it is the little transgressions that are the hardest to let go of, and so Boyle lends us an example, these tattoos that teach.

Jeremiah Coffee

Staff Reporter



Apple event: Everything you need to know

September 13, 2017

(Photo: Jose Sanchez/AP)

Apple held its annual press event at the Steve Jobs Theater, which was built outside the company’s new Apple Park headquarters in Silicon Valley, yesterday at 10 a.m. PST. While the Apple press events are usually shrouded in mystery, a leak of the final version of iOS 11 to a handful of devices pulled back the curtain on what would be revealed.

It was speculated that Apple would announce five new products: the iPhone 8, the iPhone X, the Apple Watch Series 3, New AirPods, and the fifth generation Apple TV. As for software updates along with iOS 11,

there would be updates available for the watches, TVs, and MacBooks. Here's a brief rundown of what was announced:

WatchOS4

The newest version of the Apple Watch will include new fitness challenges with a focus on health, a new feature will notify if you if your heart rate spikes while inactive and can even detect an arrhythmia. WatchOS4 will be out Sept. 19.

Apple TV 4K

The new Apple TV will support both 4K and High Dynamic Range (HDR) bringing an even crisper image into homes. iTunes users can rejoice at the fact that they will receive automatic upgrades of HD titles to 4K HDR as soon as they become available. Apple also announced that they would be working with Netflix and Amazon Prime Video to bring even more 4K HDR content to users.

iPhone 8

The iPhone 8 will remain somewhat similar in design except for it will be entirely made of glass and available in silver, gray, and rose gold. The biggest change, however, will be its wireless charging capabilities, the iPhone 8 and 8 Plus will be compatible with the Qi wireless charging standard which is already included in quite a few pieces of IKEA furniture. Pricing starts at \$699 for a 64GB for the iPhone 8 and \$799 for an 8 Plus.

iPhone X (Pronounced as iPhone 10)

With a 5.8 inch OLED "super retina display," the iPhone X has no home button only a tap of the screen is required to enable the display. TouchID will be replaced with "Face ID," the front camera has seven sensors that should be able to detect its user's face and unlock upon seeing it. Unfortunately, during the onstage demo the Face ID failed its first attempt, only time will tell if Face ID truly is safer than the TouchID. Most exciting for users was the fact that the iPhone X boasts an extra two hours of battery life than the iPhone 7. The iPhone X will start at \$999 for the 64GB with pre-orders beginning on Oct. 27.

Natalia Zreliak

Digital Editor



Stephens snags US Open victory

September 13, 2017

(Photo: Volkan Furuncu_Anadolu Agency_Getty Images)

You may not know who Sloane Stephens is, but you should. On Saturday Sep. 9, Stephens became the first unseeded player to win the US Open since 2009. She triumphed over fellow American and long-time friend, Madison Keys after both advanced from the first all-American semifinals round of the tournament since 2002 when the legendary Williams sisters duked it out for the title.

Stephens beat Venus Williams in the semifinals to advance to her first open finals appearance. At 24 years old, Stephens won her first major title after coming off a foot injury that prevented her from running. In the short four months from May to now, Stephens has risen from being ranked 957th, and unknown, to number 17 in the world.

Stephans' other accolades include being the first American not named Williams to win a Grand Slam singles title since 2002, and making only six unforced errors the entire match (compared to Keys who made 30).

Expect to see Stephens and Keys in other Grand Slam title matches throughout the next several years along with CoCo Vandeweghe, who was Keys' semifinals opponent.

Catie Cheshire

Staff Reporter



Red Sox face "Apple-gate"

September 13, 2017

(Photo: Adam Glanzman/Getty Images)

On September 5th news broke of yet another Massachusetts sports team attempting to go around the rules in their favor. The Boston Red Sox were accused of using an Apple Watch to relay stolen signs during games against the New York Yankees. The club has admitted to the claims being true.

While it is widely accepted for runners on second base to steal the signs used by the catcher, once the element of technology was introduced it became a crime in the eyes of the baseball world.

The Red Sox, who are leading the American League East, were caught on tape by the Yankees communicating in the dugout with a member of the training staff, who had just been looking at his Apple Watch.

Investigators believe that there were members of the video replay team reviewing footage of the catcher in order to decode the signs used to call pitches. After the code was broken it was relayed to the trainer in the

dugout, who then passed the information to the players. This made it easier for the runner on second to tip off the batter as to what pitch was going to be thrown next.

The Red Sox responded in turn by accusing the Yankees of using one of their TV cameras to steal signs; the Yankees have denied these claims. The commissioner's office has yet to respond to whether or not there will be any punishments.

The historic rivalry between these two teams continues, while being complicated by the use of technology.

Hayley Lokken

Staff Reporter



Study finds link between white resentment and Trump supporters

September 12, 2017

(Photo: Scott Olson/Getty Images)

It looks like there is now evidence to back the notion that some already assume to be true - recent research appears to have detected a cognitive difference between avid Trump supporters and open opposers.

In a study conducted at the University of Minnesota and Colgate University, 700 white participants were primed with an image of either a white or black man then asked to rate their likelihood of supporting a federal mortgage aid program. If shown a photo, of a black man, participants were less likely to oppose the program, expressed more anger toward the policy, and shamed the beneficiaries of the program. The implication of this reaction is that people carry a heavy bias based on the stereotype that black Americans abuse federal aid and welfare programs.

Trump supporters specifically showed bias in this experiment. "Importantly, these effects were exclusive to attitudes toward Trump; effects of the racial cue did not differ according to feelings about Hillary Clinton. Thus, Trump supporters and opponents respond in fundamentally different ways to racial cues in the environment," The authors of the study wrote.

It is important to note that according to the most recent Census Bureau data, even though the black and latinx populations in the U.S. experience substantially higher rates of poverty, the white working class is the biggest beneficiary of federal welfare programs. The concept that minorities are taking away from "hard working" Americans is simply untrue.

Alanna Shingler

Staff Reporter



Get To Know The Staff: Natalia Zreliak

September 12, 2017

(Photo: Frances Meng-Frecker)

Why did you want to join the Highlander?

In high school, I decided to join the newspaper on a whim and fell in love. As soon as I found out that I was going to Regis I looked into working on *The Highlander* and after taking a news writing class from Ian Dawe I knew that's exactly where I wanted to be.

Please describe your position on the Highlander.

I'm the digital editor of *The Highlander* so I'm in charge of posting stories to the website and the app. I also was in charge of the switch to digital which is probably what I'm most proud of. I spent many nights up late nitpicking fonts and colors for the website and app design but in the end, it all came together perfectly.

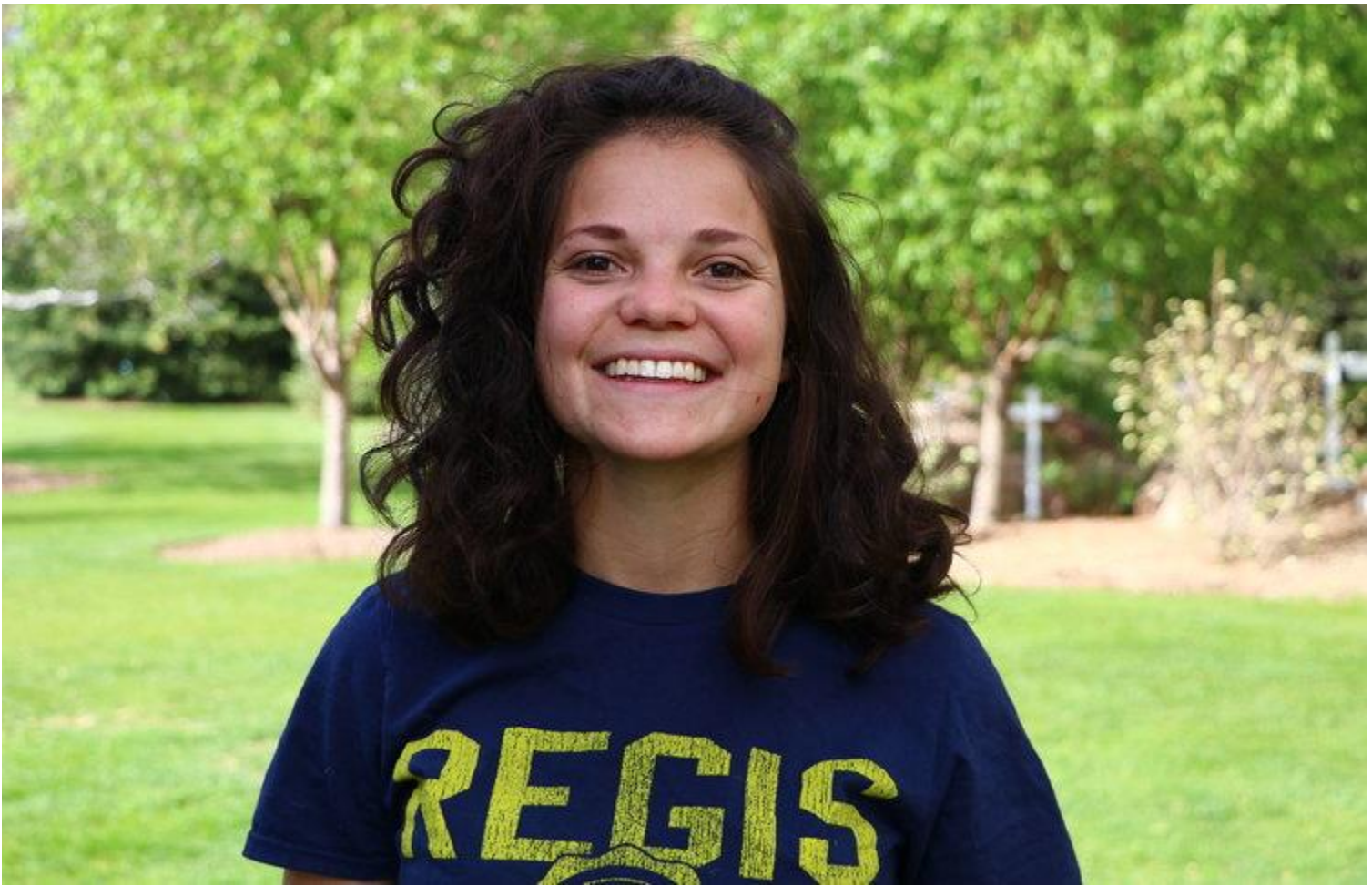
Now tell us something that makes you unique.

Oh wow, I don't know, I guess I'm mildly allergic to vinegar so every time I eat anything with vinegar in it like ketchup I start to sweat under my eyes. My entire family does so I thought it was totally normal until one time I brought it up at dinner my freshman year and all my friends looked at me like I had grown a second head. Or maybe my love for Billy Joel, which in and of itself isn't unique but I think the fact that almost every song of his makes me cry might be. Just last week I started crying in the cafeteria because "She's Always A Woman" came on and my friend Ali, like any good pal would, recorded me. My all time favorite songs of his are "Scenes From An Italian Restaurant" and "We Didn't Start The Fire." You pick which one to put!

(They were both too good and if you know Natalia, then you know these are definitely her.)

Samantha Jewell

Social Media Editor



Get To Know The Staff: Marley Weaver-Gabel

September 12, 2017

(Photo: Frances Meng-Frecker)

Why did you want to join the Highlander?

Initially, I joined the Highlander because I had been involved with the newspaper in high school. Joining the Highlander was just a natural transition into college. I joined, initially wanting to help in whatever way I could. I started out doing reporting and layout. Hayley Lokken and I did the bulk of the layout during my first year with the Highlander. By the end of that first year, I had moved into doing some editing and then was asked to take over when the previous Editor in Chief Gina Nordin graduated. So why did I join...mostly because of my passion for student journalism that was fostered in high school. Why did I stay? Because I witnessed the potential for what the Highlander could become and knew I wanted to be part of creating a sustainable, student focused publication.

Will you describe your position?

Currently, I am the Editor in Chief of the Highlander. In this position, I get to oversee a lot of the little pieces that make our whole organization successfully function. During our weekly meetings, we assign stories, and I take note of those, making sure reporters know what type of story they are writing, and when it is due. I also work closely with the photo editor, Frances Meng-Frecker, to ensure all of our stories have an accompanying photo. On the back end, once the story is finished, I have the last set of eyes on that story before I send it to the digital media editor Natalia Zreliak to post on to the website and the app. Being part of a team like the Highlander is incredibly rewarding, and it brings me joy to see writers develop and progress. One of my absolute favorite things about the job is getting to edit and give feedback to stories when reporters bring them to me for extra assistance. Helping my peers become better writers makes me indescribably fulfilled, and I am so thankful for this position to allow me to unleash that passion.

What's something that makes you unique?

Something the general populace might not know: I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Haiti over spring break as part of an Opus Prize Foundation site visit team. In October, the Opus Prize Nominees will be on campus to visit Regis. On October 11, the recipient of the 2017 Opus Prize will be announced at a formal presentation, and the student body is encouraged to attend!! For more information visit: <http://www.regis.edu/About-Regis-University/Regis-University-Leadership/Office-of-the-President/Opus-Award.aspx>

Samantha Jewell

Social Media Editor



Cruise passengers board an Escape from Hurricane Irma

September 11, 2017

(Photo: Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

While countless Floridians have been affected by Hurricane Irma, Norwegian Cruise Line ships, the Norwegian Sky and The Escape, were able to help over 4,000 passengers avoid the devastation of the storm.

Due to the storm, the two ships sailed back to their homeport in Miami earlier than was scheduled, however since there were no hotels or flights out of Florida available, The Escape allowed passengers to sail back out onto the sea and wait out the storm for free. Passengers were also given prorated refunds for the legs of their trips that were skipped due to the storm.

USA Today interviewed a Norwegian spokeswoman, Vanessa Picariello, who informed them that the plan is to get the ship back to Miami by Tuesday but nothing is set in stone yet. Passengers don't seem to be complaining too much considering The Escape is fully equipped with a spa, theater shows, water slides, and of course access to all the alcohol and food on board imaginable.

“We’re making every effort to have at least one port of call. If not, it will be a cruise to nowhere and everyone will have a good time,” Picariello told USA Today.

Natalia Zreliak

Digital Editor



Students and Faculty Ponder "Where Do We Go From Here?"

September 8, 2017

(Photos: Emily Schneider)

On September 5, students and faculty of Regis gathered on the steps of the Dayton Memorial Library for a recitation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech "Where Do We Go From Here?" As concerns for civil rights sweep the nation as well as our campus, Regis continues to invite discussions about where we go from here.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to this question when the 1960's were coming to a close and his words are preserved through time. During the first weeks of school, this question has rung loud as the motto of the class of 2021. A multitude of powerful ideas were expressed in response to this question at the steps of the library.

"All of society needs to make serious choices about how we live together," according to Allison Peters, which is why this speech is important again now. Martin Luther King Jr. was addressing some of the same issues in 1967 and we continue to have an obligation to change the social landscape. Peters reflected her hope for the future and was encouraged by the turnout of staff and students at the public reading.

Kevin Burke, Vice President of the Mission, recounted his experience on the day of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination. Burke was 15 years old, in his first year of high school. As he sat with the first four African American students to attend a Jesuit high school, it struck him that loss of Dr. King was a loss to our family: the family of humans. King wrote, "What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive, and that love without power is sentimental and anemic." Burke encouraged everyone to exercise our personal power. "We can no longer sit back," he said as he urged us to, "Own our moment."

Student Body President John Casillas closed the discussion with acknowledgments to the importance of these events at Regis. Regis can expect to see more conversations regarding the social/political climate, as it is an ongoing discussion.

Dr. Jason Taylor reflected on the value of this reading and reflected his hope that we can affirm dignity in others, thus enhancing their personal power. He further emphasized that the reluctance people have to espouse violence toward dignity has created immense tension. "The speech reveals something that was as true then as it is today, that racial progress in the United States is calibrated to white comfort and that we will make no genuine progress until people move away from that," Taylor commented.

In his closing, Father Fitzgibbons shared that now and again, we all need to be reborn. Society needs constant renewal and this is as poignant now as it ever has been. May we continue to see unity and compassion this year at Regis as we navigate uncertain political waters.

Trevor Pyle

Staff Reporter





Facebook seeking space in Shanghai despite ban

September 8, 2017

(Photo: Aly Song/Reuters)

A forbidden love story - the citizens of China and the social media monster may still have a chance to be together despite the government's decade-long ban on the website.

For years, Mark Zuckerberg has been pushing to lift the ban in China and according to two anonymous Facebook associates, the company has been looking for office space in Shanghai. Though the Chinese government has been resistant to Facebook's tireless attempts, a quick google search reveals endless results for "How to access Facebook in China", leading most to believe that citizens are already accessing the site under the radar.

If the company gets office space in Shanghai, it will be used by employees developing a hardware called Building 8. An office in Shanghai would allow more support for Facebook employees when they are in China and would likely increase communication between the company and other Chinese establishments. If it all works out, Facebook will not be alone - Google is already on the list of banned companies with office space in China.

Just a few months ago, Facebook released a Chinese-language version of the Moments app called Colorful Balloons. Uncharacteristically, even as the app gained popularity in China, the government has not taken it down. Teng Bingsheng, a professor at Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, interprets this to mean that Facebook has done something right. “It has symbolic meaning because it must be a result of good communication with the government,” he believes.

While office space in China will not ensure a lift on the country’s Facebook ban, it seems that it may end up being a small victory for the company. For the hopeful, it may even indicate an eventual happy ending for the Chinese citizens and the social network.

Alanna Shingler

Staff Reporter



Women are back on the charts, but will they stay?

September 8, 2017

(Photo: Olivia Bee)

With the release of Taylor Swift’s, “Look What You Made Me Do,” a woman has made it to the top of the Billboard Hot 100 for the first time this year. For 12 weeks this summer, the top five featured only men. That’s three whole months with no female artists anywhere close to number one, the longest drought of this nature since

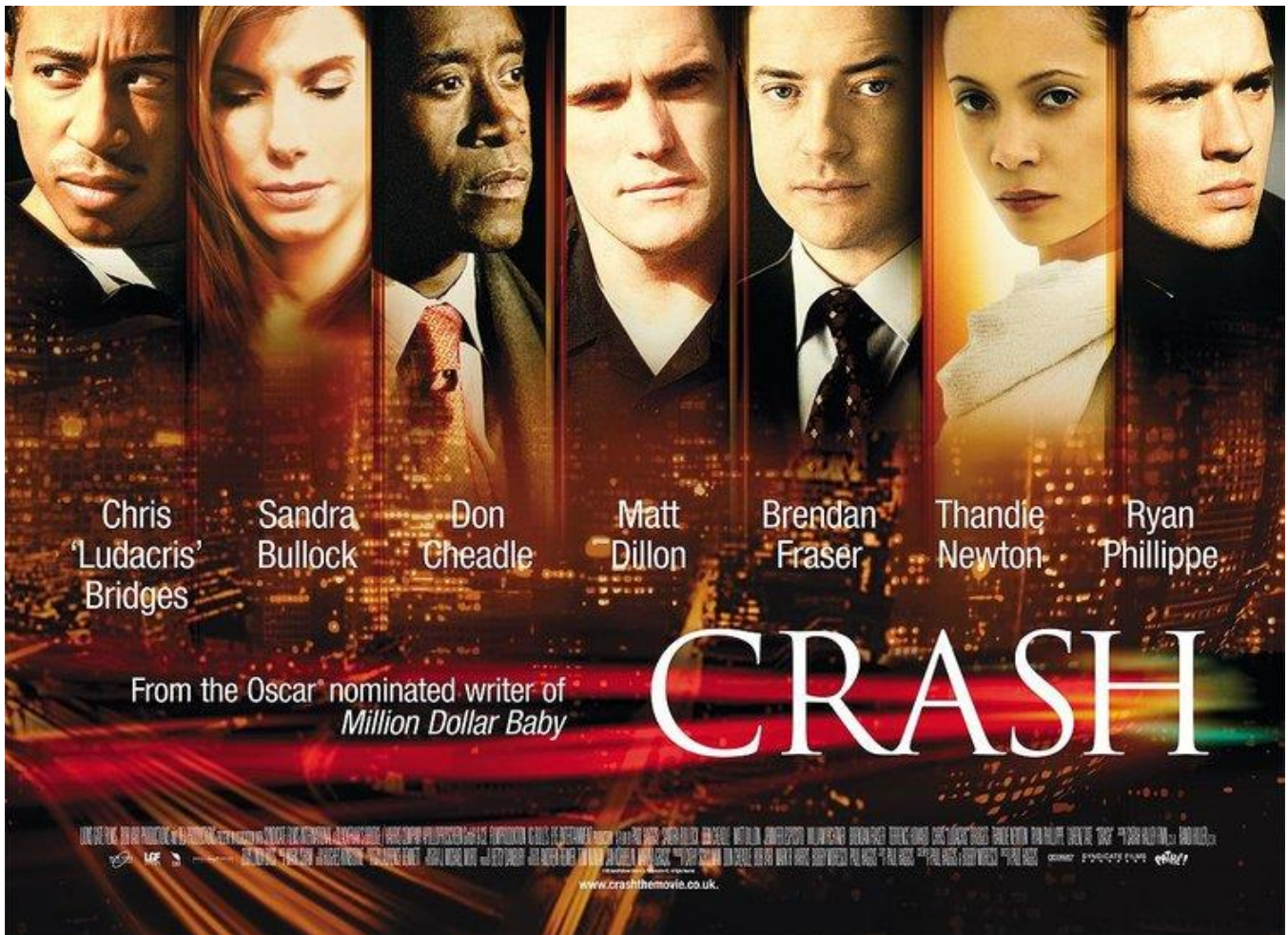
1972. In April, female artists didn't even make it into the top 10. The last time this happened was in 1984, the year Apple released their first 'personal computer.'

A similar drought has also been seen in Billboard's other main list of the top 200 albums. In June, Halsey broke the over six-month female lull in the Top 200 albums, with the release of *Hopeless Fountain Kingdom*. In the past several weeks, both Lorde and Kesha have topped the album charts with *Melodrama* and *Rainbow* respectively. Neither of them made it anywhere close to the top of the top 100 singles chart.

So what does this mean for women in the music industry? Or for women in the world in general right now? It is a coincidence that this drought began in the months following the U.S. 2016 election? We know women are creating phenomenal music. So where is it? Why aren't we hearing it even half the amount of times we hear "Despacito"? Women are back for now, but are they here to stay?

Ali Meehan

Staff Reporter



Crash – More than just a film screening

September 8, 2017

(Photo: Lionsgate)

On September 5, Junior Noah Jones hosted a screening of the film “Crash” on campus at Regis University. If asked to summarize the past year in one word, I would use anger. It slowly trickled into the political sphere until it became a flood. A flood so powerful it is drowning out all chances of a productive political discussion. Jones spoke on the multitude of interracial interactions currently taking place in our country. He described the film as a “narrative to de-politicize a politicized conversation.”

Around fifteen to twenty Regis University students attended the film screening. During the first twenty minutes of the event, a conversation arose from the students. “Yeah, I’m only coming here so I can get credit for my class,” uttered multiple students. These initial comments were the closest thing to a discussion about the film. It was clear most of the students attended out of a mandate. For the first two minutes of the film, quiet chatter continued until the film’s persuasion to watch it was all too powerful and students quickly surrendered their attention to the screen.

When the movie concluded the crowd was silent, the conversation seemed unable to slide its way back into the recital hall. The thought provoking nature of the film had left many of the students in attendance stunned. The film takes seemingly unrelated lives and slowly intertwines them. This ends in devastation with only a few characters left to rebuild to the state of redemption.

The pivotal, climactic crash takes place in the intersecting story lines of Officer Hanson, portrayed by Ryan Phillippe, and Peter, portrayed by Larenz Tate. This scene sparks the largest bout of personal introspection because we all try to be like Officer Hanson; fair, unbiased, unprejudiced and just. Yet when returned to our native state of fear, like Officer Hanson was, we see just how prevalent or non-prevalent our biases really are.

“Crash” is an incredible film with an even more astounding, introspective message. This film has the power to send a different, albeit equally important, message to everyone that views it. If you’re looking for a good watch, check out “Crash.”

Thomas Jones

Staff



Trump administration calls it quits on DACA

September 6, 2017

(Photo: AP Susan Walsh)

“I do not favor punishing children, most of whom are now adults, for the actions of their parents. But . . .,” wrote President Trump in a statement released on Tuesday announcing the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Commonly referred to as DACA, the program was enacted by President Obama to legally protect nearly 800,000 DREAMers who entered the United States without documentation as children.

Jeff Sessions, attorney general and a strong opposer of DACA adopts the notion that protections for undocumented people inherently takes away rights and opportunities of U.S. born citizens. In his opinion, DACA “denied jobs to hundreds of thousands of Americans by allowing illegal aliens to take those jobs.” He adds, “We cannot admit everyone who would like to come here. It’s just not that simple.”

In response to the big news, President Obama issued a statement on Facebook which read, “Let’s be clear: the action taken today isn’t required legally. It’s a political decision and a moral question. We shouldn’t threaten the future of this group of young people who are here through no fault of their own, who pose no threat, who are not taking away from the rest of us.” Former Vice President Joe Biden added in a tweet, “Brought by parents, these children had no choice in coming here. Now they’ll be sent to countries they’ve never known. Cruel. Not America.”

Congress has until March 5 to make the final call about signing DACA into a law or providing substitute protections.

Alanna Shingler

News Reporter



Class of 2021: Where do we go from here?

September 6, 2017

(Photo: Emily Schneider)

As tradition at Regis, the first Friday of the school year marks the celebratory convocation of the new freshman class into our ranks. On Friday, September 1, the chapel was filled with new faces and warm hearts of the class of 2021. With a class close to 550 students, all the seats in the chapel were occupied by packages of potential. Along with Regis' newest students, the esteemed faculty sat in the entrance seating and Father President Fitzgibbons took the podium first.

Asking us to join in a blessing of the new class, Father President Fitzgibbons reminded us of the unity of our community as we "together seek truth courageously and compassionately." Building relationships at Regis makes us more human as we embark together on the quest for truth and meaning.

Vice President of Student Affairs Barbara Wilcots took the stand after Father President and introduced the motto of the class of 2021: Where do we go from here? Academic Dean Tom Bowie laid the foundation to the answer of this question.

“[At Regis] You’ll see your preconceptions challenged, truths questioned, and character formed,” Dean Bowie declared. Regis is not only an academic challenge but also rather, a challenge to become better people, driven by a common purpose. Attending Regis is a choice, and Dean Bowie shared, “you’ve made our house, your home.” What does this mean exactly? You chose us as your alma mater, which reveals your personal values. As a new member of this community, you are entrusted with our values as well. These values, as described by Dean Bowie, are the truth, integrity, exchange of ideas, and service to others. Through these four values, we learn together what it means to live a good life as we strive to answer the timeless question of St. Ignatius: how ought we to live?

During convocation, students also heard from the co-presidents of the Honor Society at Regis, Josh Madrid and Shae McGuinness. McGuinness shared, “Take these years, and find what you are called to do.” These words ring true as Regis is a place to discover our personal calling.

After the speakers, students signed their names into the register of Regis, as many classes had done before. During the signing of the register, the piano played in the background and three Regis students expressed various hopes. Senior Maggie Lacey, Senior Jorge Palacios, and Junior Elise Loreen shared some of their own aspirations for their time at Regis, which many of the freshmen could connect with.

Once registers were signed, the Director of Admissions, Sarah Engel, called us to live fulfilling lives and participate in our education. In the closing of convocation, the Director of University Ministry, Kristi Consalves-McCabe lead a prayer to inspire us to seek Magis in our lives as we become men and women in service for and with others.

There is no denying that Regis is uniquely empowering and positively exceptional, and the welcoming at convocation is the proof. Students that join this community, become more than college students at Regis, they become members of a passionate society dedicated to truth, respect, and character. From entrance to exit, the journey of academics at Regis extends deeper than a degree. This journey we embark on as students shapes the rest of our lives as we learn and live with each other, seeking our calling of what we can become. To the class of 2021, welcome!

Marley Weaver-Gabel

Editor-In-Chief



Elon Musk predicts artificial intelligence will start WWII

September 5, 2017

(Photo: Bret Hartman /TED)

While many Americans spent this past weekend enjoying the extra day off SpaceX's CEO, Elon Musk, spent a good chunk of it tweeting his predictions for World War III. Musk believes that the threat we should be concerned about is Artificial Intelligence as opposed to North Korea.

“Competition for AI superiority at national level most likely cause of WW3 imo,” he tweeted. In another tweet, Musk warned that “Govts don't need to follow normal laws. They will obtain AI developed by companies at gunpoint, if necessary.”

These doomsday remarks are nothing new for Musk who has been warning the public of the dangers of AI for a while now and even calling for regulations to be put in place in order to ensure the public's safety. Others, such as Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, disagree with Musk's end-of-times outlook even going so far as to say Musk's comments are “pretty irresponsible.”

Musk's recent tweets, however, were spurred on by a statement from Russian President Vladimir Putin in which he claimed that “Whoever becomes the leader in this sphere [Artificial Intelligence] will become the ruler of the world.”

Regardless of opinion on the matter, the rapidly developing AI race is something that everyone should keep their eyes on.

Natalia Zreliak

Digital Editor



Humans of Regis: Scott Vinceri

September 5, 2017

(Photo: Emily Schneider)

What brought you to Regis?

I was given an offer to play baseball, and I liked the atmosphere of the school and that it was not a big school. I also really liked the location of Regis and that it was close to the city.

What are you most excited for about Regis?

I am excited about baseball season and to travel with the team. I am also excited to get my degree!

What is your favorite Jesuit Value?

Cura Personalis, as a physical therapy student I think there is an enormous importance to be placed on caring for the whole person.

Why did you choose your major?

I am a pre-physical therapy student, and I choose this path because growing up playing baseball I spent a lot of time at the physical therapist's office. I was always getting hurt, so that meant creating relationships with the therapists. Over the summer I also had the opportunity to intern in a Physical Therapists office as well, and that was a great opportunity!

Samantha Jewell

Social Media Editor



Humans of Regis: Courtney Zahn

September 5, 2017

(Photo: Emily Schneider)

What are you excited for about Regis?

I am most excited about being a part of a small private liberal arts school. I especially like that it is a Catholic (Jesuit) University.

What brought you to Regis?

Honestly... I got an email from them with information about the school...And other than that I don't know. I like the location of the school and again that it is a private school.

What is your favorite Jesuit value/have you seen them in action during your time at Regis?

I do not have a favorite Jesuit Value, but I like the value that is placed on education.

Samantha Jewell

Social Media Editor