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You Are an Academic Elite

September 23, 2019

By : *Rose Ferrie, Staff Writer*

As a student in higher education, you have been gifted the status of academic elite: you are one of 30% of you g United States adults (18-24) that attend a 4-year-university. If you apply the important knowledge you gain from your studies, whether your major is Peace and Justice, Biology, Mathematics, Art, or any other program Regis offers, you have the pleasure and privilege to learn things at a collegiate level.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, Romero House, opened their doors to invite conversation and sharing. Through this open dialogue, students chatted with small groups of peers about abortion. They discussed Roe v. Wade, the new abortion legislation in Alabama, and where this leaves our nation which led to talking about women's health, sexual education, and ways to resolve differing opinions. This event is one way Regis prepares students to be part of an educated and engaged public, working at our Jesuit mission: men and women for and with others.

Romero House holds hospitality nights every Wednesday that are open to all.

Source- National Center for Education Statistics https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator_cpb.asp

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By: *AC Coverrubias, Staff Writer*



Elk Rut Photo Essay

September 25, 2019





Photo Source // Amy Reglin, Photo Editor

If you're looking for a fun way to get off campus and experience wildlife, head to Rocky Mountain National Park for the Elk rut. Each year from mid-September to mid-October the bull elk gather female elk for the mating season. This isn't as easy as it sounds. Often times the bulls will fight each other, locking antlers to acquire more cows for themselves. It's always exciting to see the bulls lock antlers and hear them bugle. Next weekend is Elk Fest in Estes Park and the Park fees are waived on Saturday Sept. 28 for National Public Lands Day.

Regis Sustainability Club Caravanned to Participate in the Denver Climate Strike Along with Millions of Global Demonstrators

September 27, 2019





Photo Source // Triston Singleton

By: *Lizzie Brown, Highlander Reporter*

On Friday, Sept. 20, Denverites of all ages, races, and identities skipped school or work to assemble at Union Station and participate in the global climate strike. This was a student-led strike, the #FridaysForFuture movement coordinated and registered more than 5,000 events worldwide and over 4 million people participated according to their website (<https://fridaysforfuture.org/news>).

The movement formed after Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old Swedish climate activist, and online sensation, went viral in August 2018 when she used Twitter and Instagram to advocate for political action in the face of our climate crisis while she skipped school for three weeks and set up a one-man picket fence outside of the Swedish parliament building, and spoke at the U.N Climate Action Summit (can be found on NBC, CBS or on Youtube).

A sizable herd of Regis students and faculty partook in the march as well. Regis' Sustainability Club handed out fliers the days preceding the strike and mobilized a group of about 12 Regis students and faculty to ride the bus idowntown; other Regis folks biked and met up before the march began, some met at the Colorado Capitol.

Ryan Harris, a senior at Regis, discussed his perspective around the climate crisis and his views on the empowerment of individuals within a group using their voices for change.

"As an individual, you can make a change," he said. "As a group, we have a microphone and as an individual, we kind of have a whisper, right? So it's kind of using your individual mindset to be a part of a bigger community."

Nikki Best, a sophomore at Regis, talked about what the climate crisis means to her and how it felt to have the Regis community at the event.

"I'm fighting for government policies to help fight climate change, to make the U.S. reduce carbon emissions," Best said. "It makes me feel really good; it makes me feel like Regis is wanting to do something about our climate and like I'm not alone."

Above the demonstration, looking towards the sky, you could see construction workers and folks in parking garages taking photos and hollering hoots of support-- luncheon munchers stared out windows to the street and some passers-by simply raised a fist in solidarity-- point being, no one could ignore the plurality of beating drums and zealous chants ringing throughout Denver as the demonstration marched to the Colorado Capital. As the crowd settled, highschoolers performed songs, Dr. Maria Michael, an indigenous elder, led a prayer. An 8-year-old advocated for policy that limits the production single-use plastic, and the crowd roared for every single one and those to follow. It was an energetic, peaceful and passionate demonstration of the youth drive to sustain, or save, the planet.

Pennywise is BACK

September 27, 2019

By: Ali Paglia, Staff Writer

IT Chapter 2 The Movie.

Spoiler Alert... Pennywise is BACK and I'm not clowning around about that!

The movie based on Steven Kings novel IT2 hit the theaters a couple of weeks ago, to mixed reviews at best.

So, here's my take on the film...

It's possible that because I'm not a great fan of the horror genre and/or possibly because I had not seen the first film... I had no preconceived ideas about story, plot or characters. Whatever the reason... I'll get to that later...I really did enjoy the film. So, was it the story, the plot or the characters that grabbed me? Well yes, all the above. It's a great story with a well-structured plot that takes you on a roller coaster ride having well defined characters, executed by great actors. But that's not what I loved about this film.

What I really loved, was the message, which made going to see this film worth the price of admission! So, here comes a brief story outline of the film. A group of thirty something adults, known to us in the film as the losers club, return to their childhood hometown once again to battle that shape shifting monster, Pennywise who raged war against them 27 years before. We learn more about Pennywise...his origin along with his strengths and weaknesses. Likewise, we learn and observe as the members of the losers club, one by one face and conquer their deepest fears giving them the strength to team up and face the monster. The message is as obvious as the red nose on Pennywise's face.

The film's director, Andy Muschietti put it this way to Vanity Fair..." We live in a world where there's a culture of fear, where some leaders have a strong pull on people, which is exactly what Pennywise does. You can take it as an analogy. If you are separated, you are more vulnerable, you are weaker and easier to conquer. Your easier to be made submissive and scared. That's exactly what Pennywise does, and that's what's going on. That's what's happening in the world right now." That just may be the horror in this horror film... the world that we live in today! At least that's how this critic sees it.

Our Campus Rally RUSGA's Way of Showing Strength Against Hate

September 30, 2019



Photo Source // Catie Cheshire,

By: Catie Cheshire, Editor-in-Chief

On the night of Wednesday, Sept. 25, the Regis community received an RU Alert notifying them that a flier with the image of a swastika was found in a professor's office. This notification was disturbingly similar to one issued last November when fliers proclaiming "White Lives Matter" written above a swastika were placed under the doors of Jewish and black faculty in the Loretto Heights School of Nursing. Because of that history, when the Regis University Student Government Association (RUSGA) received the notification they knew they wanted to act quickly.

"We needed to send a strong message to our student body today that RUSGA isn't just sitting on our hands doing nothing," said RUSGA President Annelise Pehr. Pehr explained that RUSGA carefully considered what their action

should be in light of cultural factors that this generation of Regis students face such as passivity due to feeling like it's impossible to prevent hateful actions like these. That's why they settled on a rally—not only to show students and faculty that they have a community to lean on, but to show people who might perpetuate hate that the community is stronger than them.

RUSGA also coordinated emailing professors to ask them to talk about the incident in class and address it with students so that students would have formal channels to discuss the incident if they needed them. They even coordinated poster-making in the Student Center to help students put their emotions into words and strengthen the message of the rally. Though the poster-making wasn't well attended Pehr emphasized that giving students options and organizing a unifying event quickly was RUSGA's main goal.

“We live in a world where everyone likes to plan and there's something really powerful about momentum and responding immediately,” Pehr said. “Rather than it being a perfect event let's show students that we're here for them right away.” That momentum clearly functioned as, just 24-hours later, Regis community members gathered in front of the Student Center to rally together.

Pehr opened up the rally by reading a statement from Yael Green, a Jewish Regis student who is studying abroad but wanted to respond when she saw the RU Alert. Green, who spoke at the March Against Hate RUSGA organized last year in response to the previous incident, expressed her sadness at having to make another statement, urging Regis' administration to take stronger preventative actions. However, Green also expressed hope that coming together as a community could change the pattern of hate.

“While I am angry, frustrated, scared, and sad, I can't lose the hope that our campus can condemn these actions,” she stated. “The Jewish people have faced countless forms of prejudice and have experienced extreme events such as the Crusades, the pogroms, the Holocaust, and more. Every time, we keep showing up and ensuring that we have a place in our world. Jews are taught to love our neighbors, to live closely with the same God our monotheistic communities share, and to repair our world bit by bit.”

Pehr then emphasized that those repairs don't fall only on the Jewish community. They fall on everyone at Regis because every person is affected when hateful or racist incidents like this one occur.

RUSGA Vice President Nicholas Aranda took over to continue that theme and contextualize the situation further. Aranda described last year's events and made it clear that these incidents are born of white supremacist ideology which is part of what makes them so unacceptable. According to Aranda, rather than let white supremacy go unanswered, Regis gathered today to reclaim our campus, hence the name of the event, “Our Campus”.

At the March Against Hate that Aranda harkened back to, students met on the steps of the library. That's the traditional space where Regis students have always met to protest and to rally. For example, in fall 2016 Regis held a Black Lives Matter rally on those stairs. For this rally, RUSGA wanted to do something different.

RUSGA Vice President of Diversity Regi Worles, who took the podium next, explained that they wanted to meet at the Student Center because they knew students would be the people pushing for change and asking the tough questions in light of this incident. Worles said that goes back to the Jesuit values that guide Regis students like *cura personalis* and *magis*. According to Worles, the idea what we ought show up for each other, care for each other and continually pursue justice through difficult times are sewn into our campus and RUSGA wants to lead that charge.

This event was the start of actions in that pursuit for a more just world. RUSGA Vice President of Involvement Tricia Charfauros took the mic to continue that action by leading students in a chant of, "This is our community. This is our campus. This is Regis," before welcoming the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Bob Engel, to share some words.

Engel and some fellow Trustees learned about the rally today and came after their board meeting ended. Engel came because he wanted to thank student leadership for calling out causes that need to be called out. He emphasized that the Board knows that the heart of a college campus is the faculty and students and the Board stands with faculty and students against incidents like these.

"This type of act is nothing short of disgusting," Engel said. "It's nothing short of unacceptable...The trustees are asking the hard question of, 'How can this happen?' You can't stop everything from happening but I can assure you that the administration of this university, the trustees of this university, will employ the resources we need to to make sure we can prevent this from happening." Engel's statement echoed sentiments of student leaders and added reassurance that the Board is informed and knows they have a role to play in creating change.

To culminate the event, students partook in a silent march around the quad, walking in solidarity with each other around the center of campus to take back the space that a hateful person tried to make unsafe.

"This move was made in cowardice," Aranda said in his remarks. "It's a tactic done to silence, to divide communities and claim space. Our presence here and now holds more space than they did yesterday...We take up more space in unity and in pride."

That statement summarizes RUSGA's hope that this rally would serve as a useful reminder that even in the face of hatred Regis can stand strong together.

ASA Moon Festival Treats Students to Food, Culture

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Photo Source//Katie Lambie

By: Rose Ferrie, Staff Writer

Thursday, Sept. 26 the Asian Student Alliance put on an event full of food, festivities, and fun times for all in attendance. They had lots of delicious food and games from many countries like Thailand, China, Korea, Japan, and more.

By completing a small checklist, or “passport” through these countries, students could win a prize. After solving riddles from China, playing a Vietnamese hat tossing game, and eating delicious foods from many places, students were allowed to try a number of snacks including the prized mooncakes.

Events like this one are a great way to learn about and enjoy culture, hang out with peers and friends, and maybe get out of your comfort zone and try something new!