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La Roche remodeled the first floor of the Wright Library for Graphic and Interior Design. © Stephanie Jones

Students advised to prepare for crippling job market

By Alan Zahorsky
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The state of the economy is clearly a top concern of Americans, as it was a hot-button issue in the past election. It can be a confusing topic, as the direct impact of the crisis is more ambiguous. This is especially true for students still in college, as we are somewhat sheltered from the full effects of the crisis.

So what are the relevant issues that college students should be concerned about?

The best advice for these uncertain times is to simply keep a level head and not succumb to panic. While it is a natural reflex to a situation like this, panicking is what turns a bad situation into a worse situation.

According to Administration and Management professor Harry Strickland, history shows that the market will recover in the long term. "Youth has time on its side," he said. "And this situation will take time."

While students should be cautious when making financial decisions during this crisis, remaining calm is the best course of action.

The immediate effects of the crisis that

students should be aware of involve student loan and credit card interest rates.

As the amount of credit available falls, interest rates of all types of borrowing will increase. The amount of student loans available are also expected to fall. The average college student owes about \$2,700 in credit card debt, so rising interest rates can quickly limit the amount of cash that a student has available.

Accounting professor Mark Dawson recommends shopping around for the best loan rate that students are able to get. He also recommends looking for student loans that do not need to be repaid, such as grants and scholarships. Such preparations can help to minimize financial risks for the student.

Students who are graduating soon and preparing to enter the job market, the financial crisis has some more significant effects. Not only will it be harder to find an entry-level job due to the economic downturn, there

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La Roche College no longer divided by Babcock Blvd.

By Daniel Pasqua
Co-editor

If you are a La Roche student, you've probably noticed a few differences around the school since the west campus combined with east campus.

La Roche College President Sister Candace Introcaso, and Vice President for Institutional Relations Ken Service described west campus with the same words: underutilized asset.

Sister Introcaso said, "Having the east campus and the west campus divided by Babcock has always been problematic."

Service said the college decided to sell the West campus because Babcock Boulevard was too much of a physical and psychological barrier. About two years ago, the college decided to put the west campus on the market and convert the barrier into cash.

La Roche sold 10 acres of west campus to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Service said, and the remaining 27 acres will become a town center.

The town center will include resident areas, offices for professional use and medical use, and small retail stores, Service added.

"We want a place for students to go for leisure," Sister Introcaso said, "but also for work."

According to Service, the monetary gain from selling west campus will help fund the construction on east campus, along with retiring the college's debt.

Because of the college's enrollment expansion and all students being condensed into the east campus, Sister Introcaso said there will be a few inconveniences, but a new campus plan should put an end to them.

"We're going to address parking. We may add additional lots to accommodate people on this side of campus," she said.

Director of Public Safety, David Hilke, said, "There's spots behind the Fitness Center I've

never seen full. There are approximately sixty spots behind the Fitness Center. We also have 28 spots behind the La Roche Motherhouse. That's a lot of spots that aren't utilized."

One problem that has caused concern is people parking in the fire lanes. Hilke said cars parked in the fire lanes make it difficult for snow plows to make the turns to clear the parking lot.

Because of illegal parking, Campus Security hands out an estimated five more tickets each day than when the campuses were separate, Hilke added.

Junior communications major Ryan Lalle said he doesn't have a problem with the new parking situation, "unless it's below zero outside." He said he notices that some classes are overcrowded, and can't always get the equipment they need.

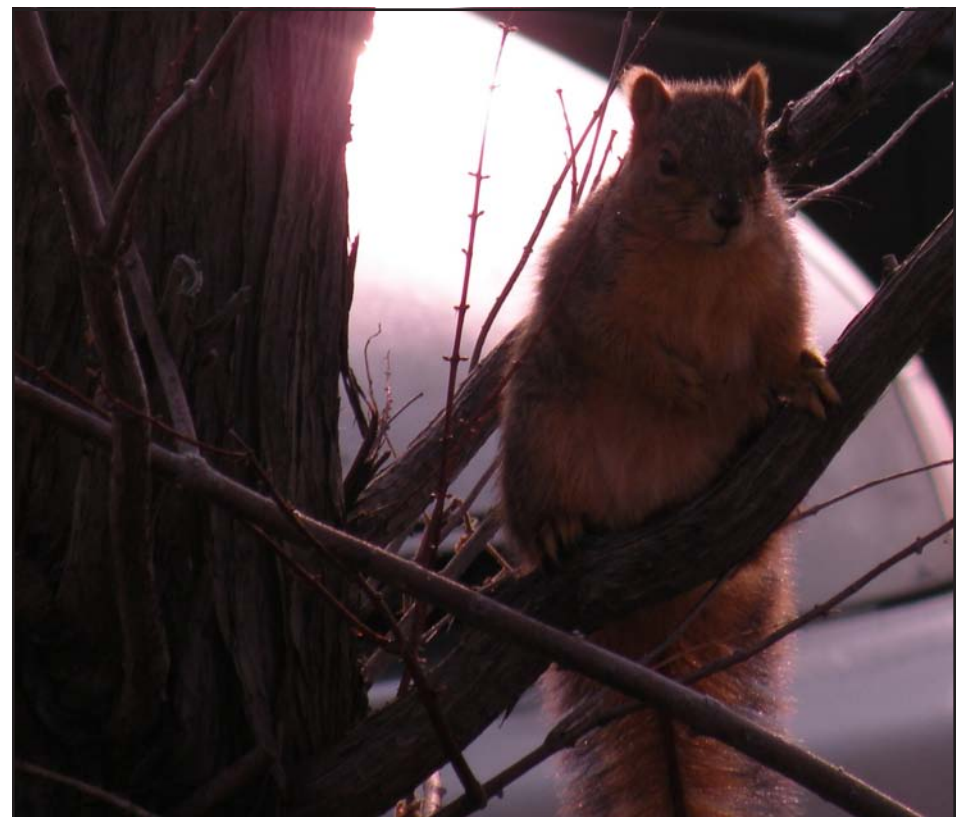
Sister Introcaso said the new campus plan includes a possibility of three new buildings being built to make room for the student expansion, as well as making room for the programs moving from West campus: nursing, dance, graphic design, and interior design.

Amir Richardson, a senior majoring in film, video, and media, said he has not been negatively affected by the campus move.

Richardson said he noticed there is more interaction with design majors, who used to have most of their classes on the west campus. "It allows more students to interact with one another," he said.

As for the new campus plan, "The benefits for the students are better facilities and also better offices for the faculty of those programs," Service said. "With the library renovation, students will have improved instructional technology."

Both Sister Introcaso and Service said by summer there will be no east campus and west campus, only a main campus.



A notorious squirrel on campus watches over the main parking lot. © Susan Snow

NEWS

Power Shift 2009: empowering activists through education

By Daniel Pasqua
Co-editor

A collection of La Roche College students will attend Power Shift 2009 to learn how to become active lobbyists for clean energy.

According to www.powershift09.org, "From February 27 to March 2, 2009 young people from across the country will converge on Washington D.C. to take a message of bold, comprehensive and immediate federal climate action to Capitol Hill."

Associate Professor of English Dr. Joshua Bellin said climate crisis must be addressed by the new generation of students because the older generations have less time to address current energy problems.

"The purpose of Power Shift is to empower a new generation of activists. Power Shift is used to teach young people how to become activists," he added.

Power Shift can teach individuals how to make social and political changes, as well as teach students about lobbying techniques, Bellin said.

"At Power Shift, not only will we deliver our message of change to our elected officials, but we will continue to strengthen the climate and clean energy movement by infusing our nation's young leaders with

new ideas, skills, connections with each other, and opportunities for employment and action," the Power Shift website said. President of GreenLRC Christa Cooke said, "Our goals for Power Shift are to learn as much as possible and bring our knowledge back to this campus and community. I'm excited to learn new things and share my knowledge with others."

Besides learning and sharing knowledge, Cook said she expects the overall experience will be of value to students.

"It's college students from all over the country coming together to support clean energy, and green jobs, among other things," Cooke added.

Cooke said out of the 15 people initially interested in attending Power Shift 2009, only 4 are going because the group did not receive enough funding.

Both Cooke and Bellin said a campus event is planned for Earth Day, and will involve the students who attended Power Shift 2009.

GreenLRC is the student organized environmental group at La Roche College. Meetings are held every other Monday at 9:30 P.M. in the Clubs & Organizations room on the 3rd floor of Bold Hall.



La Roche College becomes a winter wonderland. © Tara Smith

Job market

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will be even more competition for those jobs. Again, it is best to remain calm and do not succumb to panic.

Start searching early for a job and remain persistent in these searches. The willingness to be mobile and move to a new area for a job is also an advantage in today's job market. Dawson also recommends that students be realistic about their income

and set aside some of that income for long-term use. He added, "Living within one's means will see most people through most financial downturns."

While the financial crisis may take some time to resolve, common sense and some preparation should help to see college students through the crisis.



A student participates in the date auction during La Roche's Sexual Awareness Week. © Stephanie Jones

Guest speaker reminds students of risks related to sex

By Rebecca Jeskey
Co-editor

Birth control may not be 100 percent effective in preventing unwanted pregnancies, but your decisions could be.

Pregnancy Care Center counselor, Amy Beck, suggested this idea to La Roche students when she spoke for the Resident Hall Association's sexual awareness week on February 12.

"There's no safe sex anymore," Beck told the small group of students attending. "There's safer sex."

Stressing that birth control is never 100 percent effective, she explained that rates listed for the dependability of condoms are not as accurate as they are a marketing strategy.

"Usually most of them say 96 percent to 98 percent. But that rate is to sell you the condom. That certainly isn't real life," Beck said. "When you're looking at real life, the rate is much lower."

According to the La Roche graduate, the rate is lower because of how condoms are made. She said, "What people don't know is that there are ton of holes in them. They stretch."

However, Beck emphasized that the way a person uses the condom also influences the effectiveness rate. "There is perfect use and there is typical use," she said. "And I'd say we're all typical."

The risk of getting pregnant is not the only consequence that girls have to consider, Beck told students.

She said there is only a 50 percent chance that condoms protect one from STDs, such as HPV and herpes. Using Kennywood Park as an analogy, Beck told students most people would not agree to ride the Skycoaster if it was such a risk. "If you saw a sign up there that said 50 percent of the time, our ropes hold you," she asked, "would you go?"

According to Beck, students have to think about sex in terms of their future.

"Where do you want to be in the next five years?" she said. "If you're thinking of getting married and having kids, having a solid relationship that's lasting, then what are you going to bring to that relationship? Certainly, nobody wants to bring an STD into it."

Beck warned students that certain STDs, such as Chlamydia and other issues such as Pelvic Inflammatory Disorder, hinder a woman's chances of having children.

"I tell everyone you have to think about

your goals and where you're going in your life," Beck told the group. "Because if you want to get to those goals, you have to think now about what's going to get you there."

Beck compared planning the future to scheduling classes. "My high school was very much where you had to pick these classes to graduate with this, to get into college you want, to get the job that you want." It was very much planned that way.

Preparation, according to Beck, is how one reaches his or her goals. "You wouldn't have gotten into college, if you didn't do certain things in high school, to get where you are today," she said. "I often think about relationships that way, where your relationship is going, what your goals are. If your goal is to someday get married and have kids, then there are certain STDs you don't want to get if you want to have kids."

Along with physical complications, the care center counselor stressed that STDs and unplanned pregnancy have emotional tolls. "I always talk so much about the physical part of the consequences, and never really the emotional part," she said. "I see crying every day."

The Pregnancy Care Center provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and options counseling for girls considering abortion. According to Beck, those who choose abortion face more than a tough decision. She said, "When they get married, often they don't even tell the husband right away. It takes years for them to tell them. It's something so private and emotional."

To help girls recover after an abortion, Beck said the center offers one-on-one counseling and a small confidential group that meets after hours.

Beck told students that the consequences of unprotected sex happen to everyone, not only those who are uneducated on the issue.

"I don't see the stupid teenagers. I don't see someone who is completely unrealistic and never had a health class before," she said. "I don't see those people. I see the graduate student at CMU. We're not seeing just stupid people. We're seeing everybody."

Beck runs both the Pregnancy Care Center in Wexford and Oakland. She often visits high schools, youth groups and after-school programs to speak about sexual awareness.

OPINION

The highs of legalization

By Steve Keller

Contributing Writer

When the laws governing a community do not reflect that community's behavior, is it the law-breakers who are wrong or the laws themselves?

According to the 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 40 percent of Americans admit to having smoked marijuana. Smoking marijuana is illegal, however. Therefore, 40 percent of Americans are criminals.

Does this sound a bit odd? Should there really be a law which incriminates 40 percent of a country's citizens?

Marijuana regulation in the United States began with the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937. This law did not make marijuana illegal, but started the regulation and eventual criminalization of the drug. Around this time, many people thought that someone who used marijuana turned into a bloodthirsty, lustful animal. This image is ridiculous when compared to the image of a 1960s hippie, high, mellowed out, and listening to music. It is from this erroneous propaganda depicting a violent marijuana user that the war on marijuana began.

Though early beliefs about the effects of marijuana may have been incorrect, the U.S. government has not removed the criminal penalties for using or possessing the drug. In fact, the government is engaged in a very expensive War on Drugs. The 2003 bill for the War on Drugs was approximately \$19 billion according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Law enforcement is not the only expense in the War on Drugs. Various sources estimate the prison population at 7.2 million. According to the website for the libertarian party, www.lp.org, the approximate cost of keeping criminals convicted of drug use, gambling, prostitution, and other victimless crimes is \$50 billion per year. If the U.S. were to legalize marijuana, Americans would reap great financial benefits and law enforcement could allocate more resources to preventing violent crime.

In addition to saving tax money, legalizing marijuana would possibly reduce the murder rate. During the prohibition of alcohol, the murder rate in America soared. When alcohol was legal again, the murder rate steadily declined. If marijuana were legalized, regulated, and made commercially available, there would arguably be fewer disputes over gang territory and distribution rights and, therefore, fewer murders. Consumers also would not have to worry about marijuana potency or the possibility that their marijuana is laced with other drugs.

As with any war, this one is not without its casualties. The War on Drugs has taken many prisoners. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, there were 684,319 people arrested for possession of marijuana in 2004. In 2006, 44 percent of drug arrests were made for marijuana, according to www.marijuanaconversation.org. 89 percent of those arrests were made for possession. These people were arrested unjustly and are imprisoned unjustly.

It is important to note the difference between drug possession and drug trafficking. According to www.uslegal.com, drug possession is defined as knowingly having physical control of or power and intention to control a controlled substance. Drug trafficking is defined as the manufacture, import, export, distribution, or dispensing of a controlled substance or the intent to manufacture, import, export, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance.

Those who oppose the use of or legalization of marijuana claim that marijuana is a dangerous drug. As is true with any chemical substance, there are certainly side-effects to smoking marijuana: damage to one's memory; lungs; and there is an alarming potential link between marijuana and mental disorders.

Organizations, such as the U.S. government or the countless anti-drug organizations in America that condemn the use of marijuana, often cite its harmful effects on the body. However, many Americans abuse the harmful drugs alcohol and tobacco, and they are not illegal.

Anti-drug organizations often argue that marijuana is a gateway drug, a drug whose use leads to the abuse of other drugs. This is simply not true. La Roche College professor of psychology Dr. Barb Herrington said, "The bottom line is that marijuana is not a gateway drug." A recent study in California suggests that marijuana actually keeps people from moving on to other, harder, drugs.

Some claim that there is a link between marijuana and mental illness. But the studies on this matter are inconclusive. The individuals used in these studies are usually those who have been arrested for crimes in addition to using marijuana, use marijuana to self-medicate, or have developed a chemical dependency to marijuana or other drugs.

Despite its risks, marijuana can also be very useful. It can be utilized for medical purposes. It can be used to treat both glaucoma and cancer. Marijuana may also be an effective treatment for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

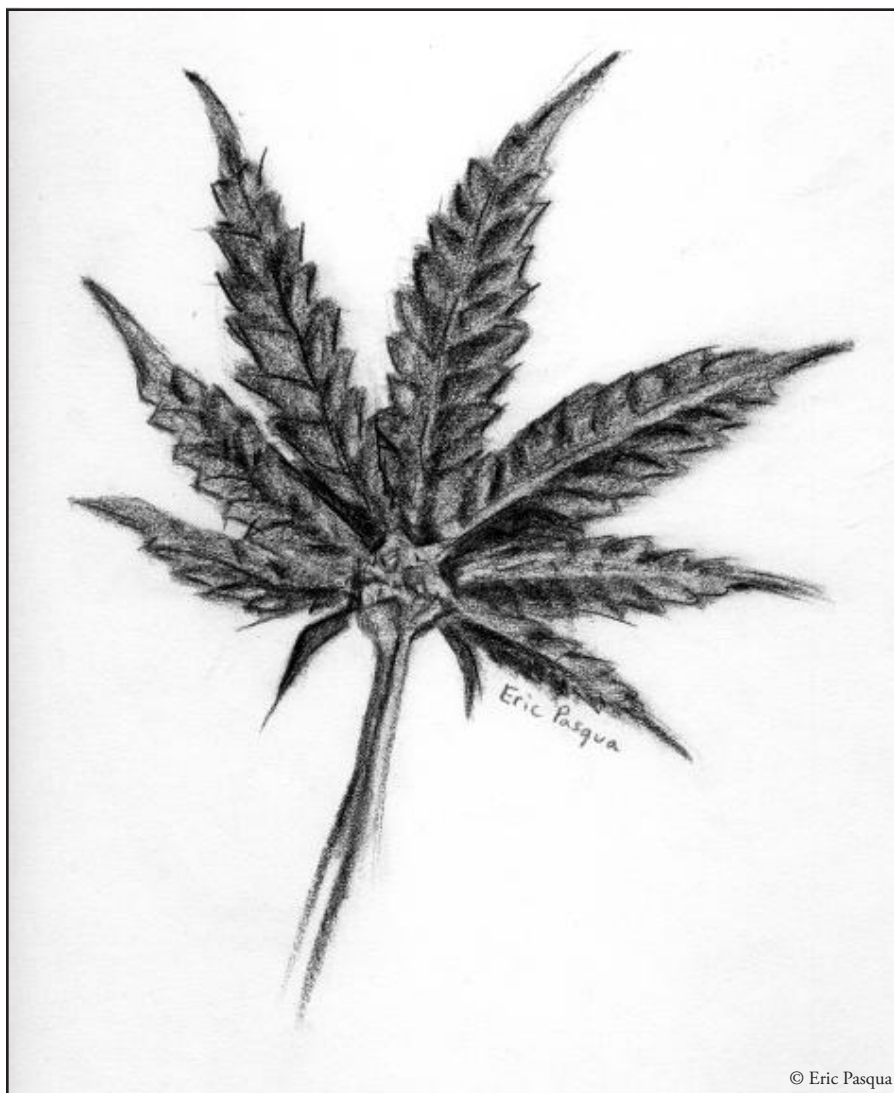
When anti-drug groups claim that marijuana should not be legalized because of its harmful effects on the user's health, they are overlooking America's drinking and smoking habits. Excessive alcohol consumption and cigarette smoking, often done in tandem, are worse than smoking marijuana. The argument that marijuana should be illegal based on the fact that it is harmful to the user is quite flawed.

Drinking alcohol is a common recreational activity, with severe consequences. Just like smoking marijuana, drinking alcohol causes memory loss and possible brain damage when abused over a long period of time. It also damages the reproductive system, sometimes causing infertility. Likewise, alcohol can cause stomach ulcers and heart disease. Alcohol is also a known carcinogen.

According to Dr. Herrington, when compared side-by-side, long-term alcohol use is worse than long-term marijuana use.

The other legal drug used by Americans is tobacco, which is disastrous to one's health. According to the American Heart Association, 20 percent of Americans smoke tobacco products. This is despite the well-known fact that using tobacco causes cancer. According to www.oncologychannel.com, "Tobacco use has a negative effect on almost every organ of the body." Tobacco is a known cause of mouth, throat, lung, stomach, and kidney cancer. It also increases one's risk of acquiring heart disease and doubles the risk of stroke.

Tobacco is also extremely addictive. "Sigmund Freud was addicted to tobacco and cocaine," Dr. Herrington said. "He was able to quit using cocaine, but he never quit using tobacco and died of cancer." Despite its addictive nature and harmful effects, tobacco is legal in all 50 states.



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Regardless of its harmful effects to the body, the government's and anti-drug organizations' argument is greatly flawed in that it overlooks the individual's rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Americans should have complete control over what they do to their bodies as long as their actions only affect the individual. There are no laws to prohibit an American from tying what is essentially a large rubber band around his feet and jumping off a bridge or jumping out of a perfectly safe airplane. We have the freedom to have tattoos. We have the freedom to put ornamental metal bars into our ears, eyebrows, noses and genitals. We have the freedom to use alcohol and tobacco.

To be able to use alcohol and tobacco but not marijuana is absolute hypocrisy. Smoking marijuana is a crime harmful only to the user and should be legalized. Every person is responsible for his or her own well-being, and any just set of laws should reflect that.

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FEATURES

Students react to Obama's first month in office

By Maggie Kelly
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This past election was a groundbreaking one, bringing America's first African American President Barack Obama.

National voter turnout was huge, but it has been on the rise. According to CIRCLE, The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, youth voter turnout rose for the third consecutive election.

CIRCLE reported that an estimated 23 million Americans under the age of 30 cast their votes in the 2008 election, which was an increase of 3.4 million in 2004. This high turnout shows that young people play a more active role in American democracy and that the issues that affect the country are the issues of all people.

It is approximately 30 days into the Obama administration and the big issues like the economy, education and foreign policy are not settling down any time soon. Because college students are about to enter into the workforce and shoulder the problems of society, these problems greatly affect them.

"With any presidency you have, you always inherit what the previous president left," junior Adam Klickovich said.

Barack Obama has an economic crisis, two wars, and a dwindling education system, all issues left behind from the Bush administration. With all of these pressing issues on the table it seems that to some



Obama with supporters at a rally in 2007. © Maggie Kelly

students President Obama cannot tackle them fast enough.

"I voted for John McCain. I would like to start seeing some of the 'change' Obama has promised," freshmen Christina Shields said.

The Obama/Biden ticket ran on messages of "Yes we can" and "Change." In the past, politicians instilled similar hopes in voters and left many disillusioned, so healthy skepticism is natural. As the president himself has said that it is about "disagreeing without being disagreeable."

"'Yes we can' if people are willing to do

so and people are willing to change." Klickovich went on to say. To some, however it is a matter of who should create the change.

"I think Obama could improve by actually showing us this change he promised. So far all I've seen has been old tired and true liberals [in his cabinet] who are being recycled," sophomore Jared Werth stated. The back and forth of American politics between democrats and republicans has always been a part of society. President Obama has tried to come at the issues with a bipartisan stance, looking at the

arguments of both sides to solve any issue. His attempts at "reaching across the aisle" have been innovative. However, it relates to the idea that the issues the country faces are not issues of either party but issues of every American citizen.

"I voted for Obama. President Obama is responding quickly to America's needs and not what the rest of the world would like America to do. Obama needs to make it clear that Republican/Democrat [issues] won't cut it. You can't solve issues by taking sides, you solve issues by working together," sophomore Matt Balouris said.

To solve the economic crisis, Klickovich said, "I think we need a return to Keynesian economics, in which there is more oversight and regulation in the market place. If you

look at our current economic upset it's not going to cure itself over night and I think that people know that."

This testament to the economic crisis could also be perhaps be indicative to the Obama White House so far. The issues are always pressing and the current president and his administration and Congress made up of democrats and republicans alike work to solve these issues.

With about a month under his belt, President Obama has four years ahead of him to prove himself to the American people. With both support and criticism, the young voters will stand behind him.

Peculiar people

Profiles of people on campus

By Courtney Long
Co-editor

It's almost certain you will hear her before you see her. She may be laughing at something she has seen on TV, or she may be yelling at her friend who she saw walking across a parking lot. Either way, she's happy.

Ashley Hairston is a criminal justice major in her third year at La Roche College. Originally from Philadelphia, she has become accustomed to the Pittsburgh way of life. She still cheers for her Eagles and Phillies and refuses to say the word gum band, but she will watch the Steelers play. Ashley misses the infamous Philadelphia cheese steaks, but she loves Primanti sandwiches. A girl torn between two cities? Not quite.

Her friends refer to her as Oprah. It could be because of her appearance: Ashley is tall and dark, but certainly not handsome. She is beautiful in her own way. She finds the time to help friends, whether it be listening or providing solutions to one of their problems. She also makes them laugh

harder than they have laughed before.

Ashley will never be seen in a dress. She prefers jeans and sweats. Makeup is also something that she prefers to stray from. A few more minutes of sleep in the morning are more important to Ashley. When talking about her sleeping habits, Ashley said, "I could sleep all day and still wake up tired. I love to sleep."

A favorite hobby of Ashley's is reading. "I can finish an entire book in one day if no one interrupts me," she said. Her recent favorite is the Twilight series, which she can't seem to put down. "I love the way Edward loves Bella," Ashley said with a smile. "They drive each other crazy, but they really love each other, you know?"

She is a hopeless romantic. Though single right now, Ashley feels that there is someone out there for her. Unlike many other girls her age, she is content with her status. It gives her more time to build puzzles or be with her friends.

The history of Mardi Gras

By Courtney Long
Co-editor

With Mardi Gras being celebrated this month, it is unsure of how many people truly know the history behind this New Orleans's holiday, aside from the girls showing certain parts of their body to receive beads from other, usually male, celebrators.

So as you get your beads and other necessities ready, take a minute to read a brief history on this fun February holiday.

The origins of Mardi Gras can be traced to Medieval Europe, although the style it is celebrated now is traced to New Orleans.

In 1699, a French-Canadian explorer landed about 60 miles south of what is now New Orleans and named it Pointe du Mardi Gras.

He also established Mobile, Alabama in 1702, and one year later, the first Mardi Gras was celebrated here. On Fat Tuesday in 1704, a Mobile secret society, the Boeuf Gras Society, paraded a large bull's head on wheels through the town. It was pushed by 16 men.

New Orleans was established in 1718 by Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne. By the 1730s, Mardi Gras was celebrated openly here, only not in parade form. Elegant society balls were established, forming the model for New Orleans Mardi Gras balls today.

By the late 1830s, street processions of maskers with carriages and horseback were being held. In 1871, the second Mardi Gras "Krewes" was formed, known as the Twelfth Night Revelers.

A year later, the traditional colors, purple, gold and green, were introduced, as well as the King of Carnival Rex, the Mardi Gras song and flag. In 1875, the Governor of Louisiana signed the Mardi Gras Act, making it an official holiday.

Most Mardi Gras traditions today were formed by private society Krewes that have restrictive membership policies. Since the parade organizations are privately funded, it has become known as the "Greatest Free Show on Earth."

FEATURES

Post-Gazette reporter offers advice to journalism students

By Rebecca Jeskey
Co-editor

All journalists report the news, but good journalists are unbiased, accurate and hungry.

Doug Oster, a reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, conveyed this message to La Roche College students last semester.

Sporting a serious face and blue-collared shirt, he stood before a class of journalism I students who scribbled notes as he described his profession. With an Ohio accent loud enough to reach each student's tape recorder, Oster told the class what it means to be a journalist.

"Everybody has a story," he said. "And it's your job to find it."

The Post-Gazette writer presented the key elements of journalistic writing and demonstrated how to be a successful reporter by sharing some of his own experiences.

Oster said, "Being as flexible as you can and being a good storyteller are the most important things you can do to be a great journalist."

But in order to produce a good story, he told students, it is essential for writers to keep an open mind about their interviewees.

"When somebody is letting you into their life, and they're letting you tell their story," he said, "you have to do it in a balanced and unbiased way."

Oster added that a person's story is the main focus of an article, regardless of how the reporter views the individual.

He said, "You're not gonna like their lifestyle, you're not gonna agree with their politics, but you're obliged to tell their story in the best way that you can."

The Post-Gazette reporter of ten years also emphasized the importance of accuracy. He said that errors, such as misspelled names, can ruin even the best written article.

"It doesn't matter how wonderful of a story you tell if their name is spelled wrong," he said. "The story is worthless."

According to Oster, misspelling a person's name damages the reputation of both the reporter and the newspaper. To prevent these mistakes, he told students to record every interview and verify facts before turning articles in to an editor.

"You can't assume anything," he added. "Because you're not only gonna be destroying yourself, you're gonna be destroying your subject."

Along with precision and being open-minded, Oster said that finding a specialty helps a journalist prosper in the business.

"You gotta find your niche, whatever it might be, and take it and run with it," he said.

Oster discovered his niche in 1970 when his fifth-grade science teacher allowed him to participate in an independent study for photography. "I just really fell in love with taking pictures," he said.

His enthusiasm for the craft landed him a number of jobs. Once he dropped out of Kent State University as a freshman, Oster said he worked as a photographer for five Ohio newspapers.

While taking photos for a special investigation unit in Youngstown, Ohio, he captured the image of a crack-cocaine dealer holding a .25 caliber automatic to another man's head. Although the picture never ran in the newspaper, Oster said it became one of the most important additions to his portfolio.

He also stressed the value of motivation and hard work. "You need to be the person that's gonna be better than anybody else," he said. "That's how the journalism business works."

Oster, 49, said he watched Post-Gazette writers come and go throughout his career. The individuals willing to work hard are the ones who succeed, according to the reporter.

"We see people come into the business all the time, and you just know right off the bat who's gonna make it and really go to the top, and who isn't. When you're young and come into the business, you gotta come into it hungry," he said. "The people who did move up were hungry when they came in."

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette initially hired Oster as a picture editor in 1998. Now a reporter, video producer and photographer for the newspaper, he said, "I can connect with readers because I love telling stories."

When he is not utilizing his gift of storytelling, Oster said he writes about gardening, a passion of his, for KDKA and Pittsburgh Magazine.

He is also a columnist for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate and recently hosted, produced and wrote an hour-long documentary called "The Gardens of Pennsylvania."



Students at a sleep-in for the homeless last semester. © Tara Smith

Overseas separation: filling the void

How families deal with loved ones in the military

By Rebecca Jeskey
Co-editor

Having a loved one in the military is as much of a learning experience as is the relationship.

Whether it is a significant other or relative defending the country, all families must learn to cope with comparable feelings of anxiety and loneliness.

"You're always worried," Director of Campus Ministry and Community Service, Father Peter Horton, said. The

U.S. army stationed his cousin, Michael Ceroli, in Baghdad, Iraq.

"Every time I hear there is a death," he said, "I automatically think, 'is it Baghdad? Could it be Michael?'"

Father Horton added that Ceroli's wife, Beth, closely follows the media coverage on Iraq. "She watches every report. She told me that you either watch it all the time or not at all," he said.

In addition to watching news reports, he said that Beth participates in a wives support group. "They talk about their feelings every week," he added. "And that's been a big help to her."

Despite the help, support groups don't always make up for the loneliness when holidays near. "Holidays are the worst," Father Horton said. "He always tries to call Beth, but that's the hardest for her. All the traditions they usually do together, like putting up a Christmas tree, she's doing it all herself."

Ceroli and Beth, according to Father Horton, found other ways to bridge the distance between them. This includes both of them setting an alarm on their watches for the same time each day.

"When the alarm goes off," he said, "that's how they know they're thinking about each other. They actually stop during their day to think about each other."

Like Ceroli's wife, psychology and criminal justice major Lisa Shindehite deals with the hardships of having a loved one overseas. Mike Kopchak, Shindehite's fiancé, is currently stationed in Afghanistan.

Shindehite said, "With school and stuff, it's actually not as bad as I thought it was going to be. I have a lot of homework and tests, and my friends help me get through it."

Although her friends offer support, Shindehite added that the overall atmosphere on weekends changed after Kopchak left.

"It's weird not being able to go out on a Friday night with your friends and their boyfriends. You're the third wheel," she added.

But Shindehite isn't one to feel sorry for herself. "I'm the type of person who doesn't want pity," she said.

Keeping busy and avoiding news broadcasts, she added, are two things that help her deal with her fiancé being so far away. Shindehite said worrying would be anything but productive. "I won't get any

schoolwork or anything like that done. I'd just lay around and do nothing."

As far as media coverage, Shindehite said she purposely ignores it. "I don't watch the news. I don't even want to know. Because then things start going through your head like, 'was he there? was he involved in that?'" she said. "I'm not going to know until someone calls and tells me."

The person calling her, however, is



Mike Kopchak, Shindehite's fiancé. © Lisa Shindehite

usually Kopchak. But she said that even communicating is sometimes frustrating. She said, "When he calls, it's either late at night or early in the morning. Sometimes it cuts off and I'll call him back, but it doesn't mean we'll get connected. There are good days and there are bad days," she said.

The bad days are when Kopchak calls several times and connection fails. "You hear one word and that's it," she added.

Shindehite explained that there are both advantages and disadvantages of being in a long-distance relationship. "It does make it stronger," she said. "But there are times we argue over stupid stuff because we're just irritated that we're separated."

Other than bad phone connection, Shindehite said the pattern of Kopchak coming and going is also difficult to deal with. "He was home for Christmas. It was great to see him," she said. "But at the same time, I knew in 18 days he was leaving again. They're home just enough to get settled in, and then they have to go." Though it is difficult, Shindehite said it is a feeling that is familiar. "You get used to it. You know it's coming, but there is nothing you can do about it. You kind of just suck it up," she said.

To show her support at home, Shindehite said she has an I.D. sticker on the back of her window and a magnet that reads: half of my heart is in Afghanistan. Until the other half returns to the U.S., Shindehite said she will occupy her mind with other things. "I know he's gone, but I can't focus on that everyday," she said.

Like Shindehite, Student Government Association President, Eva Ciccotelli, said her family makes the most out of having her cousin, Jason Venturella, stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska. When he is home, Ciccotelli said, "For us, it's better to enjoy the time together rather than to think about the time we won't have together."

SPORTS

Superbowl XLIII Steelers

Are they the best team?

By Anthony Parks

Contributing Writer

Is the 2008 Pittsburgh Steelers team the best team ever in the National Football League? You might ask yourself if the 2008 Steelers were the best team the NFL has ever seen, and if so, is it because of their difficult schedule?

When Steeler fans saw the 2008 schedule, they wondered if the team would even make the playoffs. How does the NFL determine what teams play whom during the regular season? Teams in the same division play each other twice a season. But now, teams in the same conference but in a different division play each other at least once every three seasons. Teams in opposite conferences play each other every four years.

So now the bulk of the schedule is structured as follows: Teams play two games against each of the other three teams in the same division and one game against each of the four teams from a rotated division in the same conference. They also play one game each against each of the four teams from a rotated division in the opposite conference.

But all of this only adds up to 14 games. So how is the schedule rounded out with the other two games? The final two games will be against conference teams based on the previous year's standings -- first against first, second against second, and so on.

When the 2008 NFL season started the Steelers were not favored to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl. The New England Patriots were. The Patriots were coming off a record-breaking season in which they went 16-0 and reached the Super Bowl, only to lose to the New York Giants.

Before half time of their first game, the AFC race was up in the air as the Patriots lost last season's MVP Tom Brady to a season-ending knee injury.

As many focused on the Patriots and Brady's injury, the Steelers did not. During his second season as head coach Mike Tomlin was able to keep Pittsburgh focused on winning football games and was supported by a veteran team that has many players from the Super Bowl XL victory just three seasons ago. The Steelers faced their own share of injuries during the season, but behind the strength of a great defense and strong leadership from quarterback Ben Roethlisberger the Steelers remained focused and finished the season 12-4.

In Week 13, The Patriots were 7-4 and needed a desperate win to keep pace in the tough AFC East Division and to keep their playoff hopes alive. With no Tom Brady, The Steelers came into Foxboro, Mass. and defeated the Patriots 33-10.

The Dallas Cowboys were a front runner in the NFC to win the Super Bowl this year. The Steelers had something to say about that in Week 14. The Cowboys had enough problems of their own, but they didn't help themselves out when they came into Steelers country. The Cowboys were also fighting for a playoff spot since the New York Giants already had clinched the NFC title.

Tied at 13-13 with 1:51 remaining, Steelers cornerback Deshaea Townsend intercepted Romo's pass to tight end Jason Witten and ran 25 yards untouched for the go-ahead score. The Cowboys turned the ball



Steeler fans create music on garbage bins during the parade. © Sami Stewart

over on downs on their chance to tie, and Pittsburgh ran out the clock to snap the Cowboys three-game winning streak. The Steelers were off to the playoffs. After their first round bye week, they faced the (8-8) Chargers and the (11-5) Ravens. They have played both teams in the regular season and won all three games. They played the Ravens twice because they are in the same division. They played both playoff games at Heinz Field. They beat the Chargers 35-24 and then won against the Ravens 23-14.

The Steelers went to Tampa, FL. to face the Arizona Cardinals which were representing the NFC conference. The Cardinals won their own division, the NFC West. Steelers won a thriller in Super Bowl XLIII by a Ben Roethlisberger and Santonio Holmes connection in the back

of the end zone with 35 seconds left in the game. Santonio Holmes was named Super Bowl XLIII MVP. The Steelers won 27-23. The Steelers brought back to Pittsburgh the Vince Lombardi trophy for the sixth time.

The Steelers played six teams in the regular season that made the playoffs. The combined opponent's record in the regular season was 114-92-2. That was an opponent's winning percentage of 54.8%. With the help from the NFL's Defensive Player of the year, James Harrison, the Steelers finished 15-4 including the post-season. They also won the AFC North Division title. Despite the difficult schedule for the team this year, the Steelers proved to be Super Bowl XLIII champions.

Pitiful Penguins

Penguins in need of change as playoffs draw nearer

By Joseph Ziegler

Sports Editor

The Penguins fell in the NHL standings over the last two months. The fall from playoffs should have not happened as quickly as it did. The Penguins were plagued with injuries and forced to temporarily fill their roster with players from their AHL affiliate, the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Baby Penguins.

A deal with Marion Hossa last season left the Penguins scarred and without several key players. Losing those key players in the Hossa deal didn't help circumstances. The deal cost the Penguins Colby Armstrong and Eric Christensen, two young and promising forwards. The only advantage to the deal was the acquiring of Pascal Dupuis who remains an active and productive forward.

After being burned by the Hossa deal, problems became apparent. With two of the top three scorers in the NHL, Evgeni Malkin, number one and Crosby at number three, there was no excuse for falling out of the playoff scene. The Penguins are currently ranked tenth in the Eastern Conference and remain four points out of a chance at making playoffs. Only the top eight teams in each conference make playoffs.

With less than 25 games remaining and no evidence of a winning streak or improvement, the Penguins were at a crossroads. A change had to be made and it was with the dismissal of Penguins head coach Michel Therrien and the appointment of new interim head coach Dan Bylsma.

Bylsma helped to lead the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Baby Penguins to a 35-16-1 record. The team is currently ranked second in their division. The Penguins are currently ranked tenth in the Eastern Conference with a record of 28-25-6.

Following an initial loss, Bylsma won his first NHL game as a head coach on February 19th. The score was 5-4, with the Pens over the Montreal Canadiens. Sergei Gonchar, who has been on injured reserve for several months due to a shoulder injury, scored the game winning goal.

With Gonchar returning and the core of the team healthy, the appointment of Bylsma may be the spark the Penguins need. Bylsma, unlike Therrien, is regarded as a player's coach. Therrien was notorious for having poor relationships with many of the players, most notably Marc-Andre Fleury, the Penguins star goaltender.

The Penguins needed help. Faced with elimination from the playoff scene, the Pens have shown little signs of actual improvement. At a critical time in the season, with only 25 games remaining, General manager Ray Shero had to make a decision. Hopefully for Penguins' fans the dismissal of Therrien and appointment of Bylsma, as interim head coach, was the right decision.

La Roche Roller Hockey

By Joseph Ziegler

Sports Editor

The La Roche Roller Hockey Team is off to a solid start this year with a 3-2-1 record.

The team was undefeated, 6-0, in the Division 3 tier of the roller hockey league before taking a step up to the more competitive Division 2 tier. As for the new level of competition, Captain Brian Blakley said, "We are going up against some very challenging teams such as Pitt, Duquesne, and Robert Morris University. We have a good team and are holding our own."

This isn't the first time the La Roche Roller Hockey Team proved that they can hold their own. Last season they won the championship with a 7-7-1 record. La Roche College rewarded the team with new jerseys. "The new jerseys helped our credibility among the other teams as we have gone 2 years without new ones," Blakley said. "This helped us have a more serious program. I can't be any happier with the great support LRC has given us this past year."

There is no difference between the basic rules in the divisions. Assistant Captain Jeremy Zaffuto said that the style of hockey is, "It's four on four, no checking, no offsides, no icing, and a 15 minute running clock."

As for the rest of this season and the future of the program, Blakley said, "Everyone on our team this year works very well together and we all complement each other well. Everyone on our team is capable of playing in D2."

While the team doesn't have a coach, it does have leadership. Zaffuto said that sometimes it's difficult to play and worry about line changes, penalty killing, and the coaching aspects of the game.

Blakley commented on the coaching situation, stating that, "We are doing fine on our own for now. Most of the teams don't have a coach. Although, I believe if we found the right person to coach the team it would have a positive outcome."

A surge of players this season has prompted the club's leaders to attempt to develop a second team for next season. Zaffuto said, "The program has been around for 5 years and up until last season, didn't do so well." This success helped the team's popularity. This season, Zaffuto said, "When we first started we had about 16-17 guys turn out."

Blakley agreed stating that, "This year we had a huge surge of freshmen." He continued, "Our program has grown rapidly this past year and will continue to grow." Some of the credit for the increased player turnout Blakley gives to, "The popularity of the Penguins in Pittsburgh has definitely helped the collegiate hockey scene."

With all the added players, Blakley said, "By next season we hope to have two teams." The same team will play in Division 2 and the newly created team will play in Division 3. With the success of the La Roche Roller Hockey Team last season and this season looking up Blakley said, "The team will only grow from here. We hope to compete with the program sizes of Pitt and Robert Morris. Championships will always be a familiar word with LRC Roller Hockey."

ENTERTAINMENT

Dear angie

By Angela Elnyczky

Entertainment Editor

Disclaimer: Advice will not work across the board for everyone even though it can be helpful in gaining perspective on a problem. The following is meant to entertain and inform, but not to be taken as the only solution to the given problem. Talking to a counselor is something that there is no substitute for.

Dear Angie,

I suck at presentations and I have four of them this semester! I rehearse for hours and hours at home and feel fine, but no matter what every time I get in front of the classroom, I start to panic. My hands start shaking, I start stuttering and sometimes get so anxious that I totally lose the sentence I was halfway through! How can I get rid of this problem before I end up failing my class?

- Public Speaking is Worse Than Death

Dear Worse Than Death,

First of all, you cannot have that attitude. You do not "suck" at presentations nor will you fail your class -- whenever you continue to think this way, your behavior will reflect the way that you think. Instead of focusing on the negative, give yourself positive messages. Reward yourself for practicing and do some deep breathing before giving your presentation or when you start to feel the anxiety, said Doctor Barbara Herrington, professor and department chair of psychology at La Roche. "How does imagining the audience naked work?" Herrington said. Wouldn't that make more distraction for you and more of a chance to lose focus? Instead of relying on cliches, she said, you should instead focus on what you want to say and breathe deeply to relax. Herrington said, "Some anxiety is a good thing. It can be productive." But when you forget your sentence midway through it, that is when anxiety can become detrimental; "When you can't focus because you're focusing on anxiety," Herrington said, then it becomes a problem. The best advice would be to think positively and work on relaxing by deep breathing, meditation or whatever would work for you. Also, Doctor Herrington said, you have to practice, practice, practice so that you have a full command of your topic.

Dear Angie,

I haven't had a boyfriend in years. Every time I go out with a guy, it never seems to go past a few dates. It feels like all of my friends have coupled off and then there's me. Could there be something wrong with me? I've tried school, work and going out and meeting people, but nothing seems to be working.

- Lonely at LRC

Dear Lonely,

"There is nothing wrong with you," Doctor Herrington said. First of all, you have to be comfortable with yourself before you can expect someone else to be comfortable with you. "College is a time when you focus on yourself and the future," Herrington said; a significant other, or the pursuit of one, could cloud your focus. Work on building your own self-esteem by focusing on what you can do alone. Many people -- men and women -- appreciate their significant other to be their own person. Herrington said to ask yourself questions like "Am I friendly? Am I open?" and see if you may be unintentionally sending the wrong messages. Once you discover your strengths, interests and passions, you can become involved. "Instead of doing something social," Herrington said, "try volunteering or joining an organization." That way, she said, you can meet people with the same interests as you if not passions. After you do meet someone, Herrington said to "be more direct." Herrington said, "Sometimes you miss cues and notice them two hours later." If volunteering or joining an organization isn't for you, then have friends introduce you, she said. If you trust your friend, then he or she is likely to introduce you to a friend of his or hers that they feel would be good for you. But most importantly, you should relax and not fret about this, Herrington said. "You could be trying too hard," she said; things will happen naturally in a good relationship.



Chinese lion dancers entertain students in CC Square. © Rebecca Jeskey

Broto Roy rocks out CC Square

By Rebecca Jeskey

Co-editor

Indian classical music is not a genre that most college students listen to on a daily basis. And Broto Roy, world famous Indian musician, does not transmit the image of the artists that so many idolize or admire.

Roy is not a shaggy-haired guitar god. He is not a picture-perfect performer singing into a microphone. Instead, think more of a teddy bear with less fur, glasses, and an overbite.



Broto Roy performs for students in December. © Rebecca Jeskey

But the EMI-Indian recording artist has what many popular musicians never learn to pull off: a powerful live energy. Roy's performance in La Roche's CC Square last semester proved that the live sounds of a genre so unfamiliar and exotic to most students are worth hearing.

The show started with Broto Roy and Indro Roy-Chowdhury introducing themselves and the basics of Indian classical music. Roy sat cross-legged behind his tabla, a pair of small hand drums. Roy-Chowdhury held the sitar, a string instrument that looks like a guitar with a stretched neck and a bulging base.

During the performance, Roy asked his small audience to participate by clapping to the beat of the music. He demonstrated the different rhythms and varied the patterns. He then snapped his fingers, hummed, and finally, played along on the drums.

Roy drove each song's rhythm with the tabla. His hands moved with ease, in a form that resembled a person tapping on a desk, not someone playing an instrument that takes years to master. The percussion did nothing but highlight the sitar's notes and strengthen the overall sound of the music.

As a combination of different styles, the music itself is a blend of Indian music, jazz, and sometimes folk. Connecting melody with motion and accented notes are the overall emphasis.

None of the songs included Roy or Roy-Chowdhury singing. The patterns of ascending and descending notes of the sitar took care of any emotion a voice or lyric typically expresses in a song.

Watching the interaction between the two men made the performance worthwhile. At times, Roy looked over at Roy-Chowdhury, tilting his head the way a dog does when gazing intently at someone with food in his hands. He showed his enthusiasm in his widened eyes or erratic movements of his mouth that mimed the beat of his drums. Roy-Chowdhury returned these gestures with a half-smile.

Both musicians stared into each other when they accented notes, appearing as if each knew the other's thoughts. Roy and Roy-Chowdhury took turns to solo back and forth, a process that Roy later described for the audience. "It's like a dialogue between us," he said.

Two men created an incredible energy with only two hand drums and a string instrument. This alone earned one's respect, even if one's personal tastes were obstacles to enjoyment.



Roy behind his tabla, full of spirit. © Rebecca Jeskey

ENTERTAINMENT

“Frost/Nixon” Breathes New Life Into Old Presidential Controversy

By Maggie Kelly
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Around the Oscar season there is a plethora of movies that college students will naturally flock to see. The buzz radiates from films such as “He’s Just Not That Into You” and “Friday the 13th”. However the film definitely worth seeing that many students may overlook is “Frost/Nixon”.

“Frost/Nixon” follows the

stories of David Frost (Michael Sheen) the popular, fresh faced British television interviewer to the stars and Richard Nixon (Frank Langella) former president of the United States who resigned the office after implications linking him with the break in and cover up of the infamous Watergate scandal.

Nixon naturally surrounds himself with a press corps, which included a young Diane Sawyer. That equips him with the ammunition to breeze through interviews with Frost and rebuild his image to a jaded American public. Frost and his team of investigators, one of whom wittily asks that he be referred to as “deep crack”, have their own objectives in mind. Frost’s hunger to gain fame and notoriety in the states combined with his team’s desire to give Richard Nixon the “trial he never had” ultimately brings Nixon to the confession of a lifetime.

“Frost/Nixon” is a historical film that was adapted

from the play “Frost/Nixon”. A notable fact about the film that adds to its successful attempts to both be a

true account of American and history and the stage version, Sheen and Langella were the original “Frost/Nixon” stage actors. Director Ron Howard’s insistence that the two be the stars of the film adaptation proved effective in keeping the integrity of the piece.

This movie is a great account of the story behind the Frost/Nixon interviews for those who lived the Nixon era first hand. It was powerful to see that the interview that stripped down Nixon to an apologetic and remorseful man. It was an endeavor that came into fruition only after Frost was denied by all the major networks and scraped together money from relatively small sponsors like Alpo dog food and donations from friends to do the interviews. The film captures the struggle to make the interviews happen and the



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struggle between two men fighting for their own reputations when only one can be the winner. This perspective on the story helps to breathe new appreciation for those who were there first hand.

For college students looking at Frost/Nixon as just another history lesson, they will be pleasantly surprised at not only how fascinating the story is, but how much they can learn about a moment in time that totally changed the way politics and media interact today.

If it is still difficult to appreciate the plot and what exactly transpired from the interviews, it also helps to know two pieces of history. The film shows how both the Watergate incident and the Frost/Nixon interviews had a massive impact on the issue of trust between the American people and politicians. It was from these two instances that fueled how the media today presses the issues on public figures and demands truth from leaders. It is a virtue of

democracy that if taken away can tarnish the entire system of American government, which is exactly what Richard Nixon did.

The five academy award nominations for “Frost/Nixon” -- best picture, actor, director, adapted screen play and film editing -- are all extremely well deserved. Frost/Nixon is a film of rich content that is both entertaining and enlightening for all viewers. It is suggested that one hurries to catch the movie on film, as it is currently showing in only a few theaters around the city. Seeing the film “Frost/Nixon” can provide a viewer with new perspective and also a greater knowledge of a past issue in modern U.S. history that’s impact is still felt in today’s society. One will find themselves rewarded after stepping out of the status quo for the standard teen movie to see this amazing film, “Frost/Nixon.”

“Repo!” Recalls Conventional Opera

By Angela Elnyczky
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Looking for a movie that’s something different? Do you enjoy dark comedy, horror, or... musicals? If so, “Repo! The Genetic Opera” might be the movie for you.

“Repo!” is described by its official web site as a “‘Rocky-Horror’ meets ‘Bladerunner’ rock opera.” The movie is entirely sung with the exception of interspersed lines of dialogue. Rock is not the only genre of music that the film covers. The songs range from

classic, industrial and punk rock sounds to classical opera and ballads.

The movie takes place in the near future where disease and radiation have become a major problem for the human race. While many people are dying of organ failure and related illnesses, a company -- GeneCo -- emerges as a saving grace. GeneCo loans individuals the organs that they need to survive and thrive, but it’s for a price. If payments aren’t met, GeneCo sends a Repo Man to collect the organs.

Along with the need for healthy organs, most people in the world of “Repo!” are addicted to plastic surgery, wanting to perfect their outside as well as inside. Those who are “addicted to the knife”, as one of the characters are described as, are in turn addicted to Zydrate -- a drug that eases the healing process and one of the hottest commodities of the “Repo!” world.

The world is industrial, Tim Burton-esque and futuristic; most of the costumes from the film follow suit. The flashbacks from the movie are told in a graphic comic book style, offering background and insight into many of the characters as well as one of the main plotlines.

One of the more striking qualities of the movie is the diverse cast. The film stars Alexa Vega (from “Spy Kids”) as Shiloh Wallace, a young girl whose genetic disease causes her to be isolated from the rest of the world. She lives with her father (played by Anthony Head) who works by day as a Repo Man for the Largo family, the leaders of GeneCo.

The Largo family consists of larger-than-life characters; the family is headed by Rotti Largo who is played by Paul Sorvino



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(“Goodfellas”). His three undeserving heirs are a daughter that’s addicted to plastic surgery (Paris Hilton) and two sons (Bill Mosley from “The Devil’s Rejects” and Ogre from the band Skinny Puppy) that murder on whims. One of the more surprising features of the movie is Paul Sorvino’s tenor voice -- he is one of the few characters to sing in a classical opera style. Other actors that add to the already diverse cast include Sarah Brightman (“Phantom of the Opera”) and co-creator Terrance Zdunich. Sarah Brightman’s vocal performance is arguably the best of the entire film; her song “Chromaggia” is what one would expect to hear going to an opera.

The movie starts out fast in introducing the characters and the strange world of “Repo!”, but slows down and paces itself out gradually. The ending may take some by surprise, but either way, the end will wake the audience up from the lull in the middle.

While there is violence throughout the movie, it is more outrageous than frightening or disturbing. Considering that the film was directed by “Saw II” and “Saw III” director Darren Lynn Bousman, the violence is not overly graphic and is often used as a comedic device.

Regardless of your taste in rock music -- whether it be punk, industrial or ballads -- “Repo! The Genetic Opera” has a little bit that can appeal to everyone. Because the movie is so different, it may not be wise to run to the store and buy a copy to own.

Instead, it may be better to rent this movie and allow the songs, experience and social commentary of the film sink in.

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