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Welcome From The President



Diane E. Melby, President of Our Lady of the Lake

Wings up Saints,

It is time to fly. Some of you are coming back after a summer away and some of you are just beginning your journey with us. In either case, welcome! We are glad to have the OLLU family united again.

The OLLU community is here to help you along your path to graduation, into your career and beyond. Do not hesitate to seek help if you need it, ask questions if you are unsure of something, and get involved where you can make a difference. OLLU is here to help you find your purpose and put it into action. Take advantage of all that is offered you.

During this academic year, OLLU will introduce a new branding campaign. You will see new images, tag lines and advertisements for the university. It will express our sense of community, our spirit and our academic excellence. Expect to see a sneak peek in the early fall and a full rollout as the semester progresses.

Many of you participated in dialogues and focus groups over the last year and a half that helped shape the campaign. Thank you for your input and please be ready to provide your continued input as we move forward.

OLLU's weekday-use chapel, Constantineau Chapel, has a new home beginning this academic year. Constantineau Chapel is now located on the lower level of the Sacred Heart Chapel building across from Chapel Auditorium. Weekday Masses will be offered in the space on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:25 p.m. Sunday Masses will remain in Sacred Heart Chapel at 7 p.m. OLLU's new residence hall, now officially known as Lakeview Residence Hall, is expected to open by the end of September. Weather delays at the beginning of construction put the opening behind schedule, but we are looking forward to a big moving party and grand opening celebration when the facility is complete.

The 2017-2018 academic year promises exciting opportunities for our community as we continue to grow and strengthen our university. We look forward to working with you to help you achieve your educational goals.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Melby, Ed.D.
President

SGA President In Hope Of Unity

By Erica Guevara

Our Lady of the Lake Student Government Association, President Alexa Aguirre, is attempting to bring unity to The Lake. Aguirre aspires for students to become passionate about living on campus. "I want to help every student go outside their comfort zone and learn about themselves and life itself," said Aguirre. She envisions OLLU as a place where students express their voice to the SGA and faculty, and in turn, see the changes they want at OLLU.

"I would really like to see a true unity between the athletes and the rest of the students," said Aguirre. The set objective is to get students to explore other areas and out of their comfort zone. One of her proudest moments as president has been seeing SGA and OLLU community responding graciously with donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. "This is one of the many times that has been truly inspiring for me," said Aguirre. "Seeing the community come together as a whole, to bring positivity to a subject so dark is what I strive to see."

Aguirre pointed out that her initial reason for joining SGA was because of the impact previous president, Christopher Robinson Jr. The former president inspired her to make a push, giving Aguirre the urge to make a difference at OLLU. Once joining, she fell in love with the atmosphere SGA provided her. Most importantly, she

was able to find a family away from home. During her year as SGA president, Aguirre hopes that her current team can feel as family orientated as she did. There are many aspects going on behind the scenes of SGA that many students may not be aware of. Many times, the association gets thrown with many issues affecting the OLLU community. SGA always strives for excellence and strives to take those tasks and turn them into something that is beneficial for all parties involved.

Originally from El Paso, Texas, Aguirre is now a senior. Majoring in social work, she plans to start her own nonprofit organization. She foresees helping minority teens who have been part of the juvenile detention system. Aguirre not only wants to guide them to apply to colleges, universities, scholarships and internships, but also wishes to teach the teens English, Spanish and American Sign Language. In doing so, Alexa's end goal is to have an impact on their lives and help the teens go above and beyond their own expectation to bigger and greater things.

Being able to use her OLLU degree is truly a blessing. Aguirre believes that nothing would be possible without the love of God behind her to guide her every step of the way.

Dreamers Face Uncertain Future As DACA Ends

By Maria Bonita Martinez

On Sept. 5, President Donald Trump made the decision that may bring an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. DACA, was deferred immigration action program for certain undocumented young people who came to the U.S. as children established by the Obama administration in 2012. There are a lot of students attending OLLU under this program.

The university and its founders, the Sisters of Divine Providence (CDPs), expressed sadness and concern, following comments about DACA made by the president. Having founded Our Lady of the Lake on the principles of educating the poor, the CDPs and OLLU administrators were quick to issue a statement expressing their disapproval. "As members of the OLLU community, we stand on the shoulders of the Sisters of Divine Providence who founded our institution – Sisters who were immigrants themselves. They have given us a heritage of social justice and social action."

Dr. Diane Melby, Our Lady of The Lake University president, reminded the OLLU community of the university's founding purpose. "As recipients of the teachings of the Sisters and in response to the call of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops," wrote Melby in the email, "I ask you, the members of the OLLU community, to join in supporting our sisters and brothers who have relied on DACA. As members of the OLLU community, we stand on the shoulders of the Sisters of Divine Providence who founded our institution – Sisters who were immigrants themselves. They have given us a heritage of social justice and social action," she wrote.

Further support for the statement came from OLLU faculty. The university's faculty senate voted in favor of supporting the statement at its Sept. 27 meeting.

Our Lady of the Lake University is a historically Hispanic-serving institution and third highest percentage of Hispanic students in San Antonio. According to the news site VOX, the program may be officially terminated in Congress, with Homeland Security gradually deporting an estimated 800,000 students that registered under DACA. There is no definite schedule for deportations to happen, but it could begin as soon as late 2017.

Quiana Natividad is an incoming freshman at OLLU, (her name has been changed for the sake of privacy) said she had no idea



Protest over DACA - Photo by nowreadthisnews.com

of what DACA was until a day after President Trump had confirmed the possible end to it. "Just imagine how many people are unaware of this program," said Natividad. Her main concern was how this decision would affect other full-time students. "What happens after?" said Natividad.

U.S Attorney General Jeff Session's official announcement on the program's demise stated DACA "denied jobs to hundreds of thousands of Americans by allowing those same jobs to go to illegal aliens." The Center for American Progress disputed this claim and estimated that ending DACA would result in a loss of more than \$460 billion from the U.S. gross domestic product during the next 10 years. Most DACA recipients work during their time as students and pay taxes. With the end of DACA, these young people will lose their deferred status and employment authorization.

"The investments we have made in their education will be lost to our community, and their lives will be in disarray," added Melby in her email. "The OLLU graduates who are DACA recipients are working as accountants, educators, psychologists, social workers and in many other fields. They are productive, contributing members of our communities."

As of Sept. 14, Democratic leaders and President Trump declared they had reached a deal to quickly extend protections for young authorized immigrants that essentially could save DACA. According to the San Antonio Express News, the deal does not include the president's proposed border wall with Mexico.

Spirit Day Kicks Off With "Fear Less" Theme

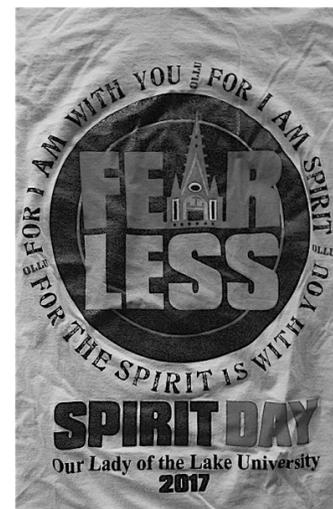
By Lake Front Staff

This year's Spirit Day held Friday, Sept. 22, began with a Mass at 11 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel; the Mass was then followed by a festival in the mall area.

Every year, the OLLU community celebrates its Christian heritage during Spirit Day. University organizations set up different booths and tables, each sponsoring food, games and activities that are free for everyone. These varied activities all share one goal—to honor and celebrate the Holy Spirit. During the Mass, the university community asked the Holy Spirit to bless this academic year and bless each student attending the university. OLLU Senior and SGA President Alexa Aguirre explain it further. "Spirit day not only to showcase the spirit of the school and to commemorate it, but to share the Holy Spirit with each other."

This year's theme "Fear Less," ties in with that thought says Aguirre. "It represents the act of being fearless in the face of adversity," said Aguirre, "It represents being fearless in the Spirit, and with Holy Spirit you can fear less in everything."

The festival featured food, games and various activities, all free of charge. SGA hosted a best table competition Student Veterans Association won top honors at the event.



OLLU Coach Stacy Stephens Inducted Into UT Hall Of Honor



Coach Stacy Stephens

By Brianna Henson

OOLLU's new Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, Stacy Stephens, is scheduled to be inducted into the 18th Women's Hall of Honor class at the University of Texas at Austin. Stephens, who played basketball during the 2000-2004 season, was a two-time All-American who led the Longhorns to the 2003 NCAA Final Four, according to UT's website. For Stephens, the long journey to sports success was not always an easy one.

Growing up in the small town of Winnsboro, Texas, there was little to do other than play sports. However, Stephens had a strong support system. Stephens's parents played in college and her brother was a collegiate athlete as well. They all worked with her and pushed her, helping Stephens achieve the goals she set for herself. Stephens's brother especially helped her become the player she was by taking her to the gym to lift weights and workout. This is how she became stronger and more dominant in the game.

"My family always worked hard, and we always would do something 100 percent and never give up," said Stephens. She kept this statement in mind when her dad gave her an ultimatum. When Stephens was in seventh grade she received her first college questionnaire, and she was very excited that she was being noticed at a young age. Stephens father reminded her that if she worked hard and kept her grades up, she could get a college scholarship. However, if she did not receive a scholarship, she would have to get a job or join the military. Either way, she would have to move out. This ultimatum motivated Stephens to do her best to get a college scholarship for basketball.

As Stephens was working on getting a college scholarship, the achievements and awards soon began to come. In junior high, Stephens never lost a basketball game. In high school, she lost only 20 games total and was a three-time 3A State Champ, state MVP and All-State. Stephens AAU team became National Champions, and she was named MVP for the season. During her college career, she signed with the University



Courtesy Photos of Stacy Stephens #41 during her tenure as a student athlete at University of Texas

of Texas and helped lead the team to a 101-34 overall record and a 2003 NCAA Final Four appearance. As a Longhorn, Stephens played and started in 134 games.

Stephens is only one of five players in University of Texas history to achieve more than 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. Stephens was awarded First-Team All-Big 12 selection in 2003 and 2004 and Second-Team All-Big 12 pick in 2002. After Stephens' college career, she was drafted by the Houston Comets in 2004 as the 37th pick, but then traded to the Detroit Shock. Basketball took Stephens all over the world, playing in Turkey, Sweden and Portugal.



After Stephens playing days were over, she began to coach and help younger children attain their dreams of playing college basketball. She began basketball camps and lessons in 2004 after she graduated college and assisted with a younger team in Portugal. After Stephens experience in the WNBA, she began her official coaching career at Fort Worth Christian High School. She then went on to become an assistant coach at Cisco College and also at Texas College. Later she became a special assistant at the University of Texas and spent the last three years as a coach associate at Sam Houston State University before becoming the new assistant coach at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Stephens' winning attitude was what essentially attracted her to OLLU. "I want to win," said Stephens. [And] Coach Minner has a great program. It is a winning culture," she said.

Stephens is one of 15 distinguished and decorated former University of Texas student-athletes that will be inducted into the University of Texas Hall of Honor. When asked what it took to receive this honor, she gave a very simple answer. "Great teammates and a lot of hard work."

Saints women's basketball kicks off the season at home Nov. 4 against Texas A&M International University.

One Month Celebrates 21 Flags

By Alexa Saavedra

The term Hispanic or Latino, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. It is not just Mexico; populations from countries such as Ecuador, Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay are also considered His-panic or Latino. These are only four of the 21 countries honored during Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 during Hispanic Heritage Month. Culturally, these 21 coun-tries are similar in culture and tradition but unique and special in their own way. Although they listen to different music, consume different cuisine or have a different appearance, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the contributions and strong presence this heritage has in the United States.

The dates for Hispanic Heritage month are significant as they encompass the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries such as Hon-duras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Costa Rica; Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days Sept.16 and Sept. 18.

You may question the importance of celebrating this culture. Surprisingly, results from a study by the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, found that Latino adolescents who are brought up with cultural awareness are likely to develop "healthier behaviors." This behavior avoids problems such as aggression, lost hope and substance abuse. This historic reflection creates a connection to the past and motivation for the future.

"We instill a motivation to make a difference in self, in society, and the action to contribute to our country," said former San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro during a keynote address in 2012. "We've called it the new face of the American dream."

Hispanic culture affected the U.S. in many ways. Cultural influences in food, entertainment, religion and language leave an indelible mark on the American fabric.

On the OLLU campus, groups such as the Mexican-American Student Alliance and the Association of Latino Professionals for America advance La-tino culture in the community of professional business and our Lady of the Lake University.

OLLU will honor Hispanic Heritage by offering a host of educational activities for the west side community and for students on campus. The largest population of Hispanics found in the city of San Antonio surrounds our campus, thus,



Cuatro Generaciones

Four generation of Mexican women, two (left) who emigrated from their country to live the "American Dream." Youngest in the picture is a current Our Lady of the Lake student.

putting OLLU near a great majority of Latinos in San Antonio.

San Antonio will celebrate Hispanic Heritage with events including genealogy workshops, cooking classes and art exhibits. During this celebration, expect a miniature version of Fiesta, as the city focuses on honoring the strong sacrifices, culture, and contributions the Hispanic and Latinos have of-fered to America. For more information on events or how to be involved in Hispanic Heritage month visit the San Antonio Current website.

Amanda Brown Joins Mass Comm Dept.

By Chloe M. Brown



Professor Amanda Brown

The university's media department has a new addition. Clinical Professor of Mass Communication Production Amanda Brown, joined the department after working as an executive producer and anchor in Victoria, Texas. Although this is a shift in careers, Brown is not a novice when it comes to teaching. She worked as an adjunct professor teaching speech and communications courses at Victoria College.

In the true nature of OLLU's tradition of providence, Brown believes that she was brought here by fate. While she was offered other anchoring jobs in other states, the opportunity to come back to San Antonio was a thrilling challenge and an offer Brown could not refuse. "I was hoping there was a position that combined my love for news and my love for teaching, and I struck gold," she said.

Transitioning from anchoring has been a refreshing change for Brown. She found new joy in working with talented students and helping each of them achieve their personal goals.

The media always played an important part in Brown's life. She remembers her parents using tele-

vision and radio to learn English, and that became an inspiration to her. She grew up with her father being a fountain of information, which made her want to share information as well.

One of her biggest challenges now is slowing down, as she is accustomed to the fast deadline-driven world of television news. However, more time in her daily schedule allows her to engage with students more and to inspire a greater appreciation for the work she performs. She is excited to watch students, who have little to no experience with cameras or editing, become advanced in such a short amount of time.

"I can teach them what they need to know, so they not only land a job but keep a job, because they actually know what they are doing," said Brown.

Working in the industry has provided her with valuable insight she says she could pass on to her students. Brown said she loves working with her students. Whether it is with cameras, creative writing or video editing, she loves teaching it. "I have one word, to sum up, my experience – amazing."

Tex-Mex Thrills Close to Home

By Monsieur Br. Montie Chavez

When it comes to classic Tex-Mex, Lisa's Mexican Restaurant, located at the intersection of Bandera Boulevard and Woodlawn Avenue, is the spot.

Nestled in a Westside San Antonio strip mall, the cuisine that is a mixed fusion of traditional Mexican and contemporary Latino. One of the main features of the restaurant is the vast collection of art. It features bright, vibrant and contrasting colors from Brother Cletus Behlann, a local San Antonio artist whose colorful works of art hang in both public places and private homes throughout San Antonio and the U.S.

While Latin tunes played in the background, I explored the lunch menu. I found it featured a wide selection, ranging from daily lunch and beverage specials to a standard mix of Tex-Mex plates. Vegan and gluten-free menus were available upon request. Restaurant style chips and salsa were provided as an appetizer. The flavor of the salsa was both savory and sweet, with just a hint of spice that was subtle and bearable for all heat tolerances.

I decided to try Lisa's Special; two cheese enchiladas served with a side of beef fajitas, refried beans and Spanish rice. I also tried the carne guisada plate. For those who are not native San Antonians, carne guisada is beef slowly cooked until tender, then stewed in a thick, rich, spicy sauce. I found the enchiladas were not overcooked and the tortilla shells were just right, not too soft and not too hard. However, I was not impressed with the beans.

The highlight of the enchilada plate was the beef fajitas. The beef was cooked to juicy perfection, tender and well-seasoned, not too spicy. The meat was also complimented by beautifully sautéed onions. Not too soggy and not too crunchy; just right.

The carne guisada meat was cooked tenderly and the gravy was not too gummy or too floury which can make it too thick and heavy.

For many locals, Lisa's creates a sense of nostalgia. Jordan Rojas, a Texas native who recently moved back from Kansas said he comes for the memories this type of food invokes. "The carne guisada is where it is at! The homemade flour tortillas taste just like my grandmother used to make them."

The dessert consisted of traditional Mexican sopapillas, which are essentially fried dough that swells up into a pillow shape, which can be

topped with honey or other toppings. The sopapillas were a bit disappointing as the appearance was fluffy and great looking, but they turned out to be overcooked, which made them too crispy.

Still, the Tex-Mex culinary experience at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant is a positive one with great food and service. Best of all, it's less than a 10-minute drive from Our Lady of the Lake. Also, the pricing is great for any college student since the lunch menu offers everything for less than \$10. So, if you want authentic, reasonably-priced Tex-Mex, Lisa's is a great option close to campus.



Sopapillas



Enchilada plate



Carne Guisada plate

Club Rush Offers Opportunities for Involvement

By Gabriel Torres

Our Lady of the Lake hosted another successful Club Rush on Sept. 6. This year's theme "Greatest Hits" filled the mall area with music and high energy. The unpredictable Texas weather cooperated, providing a sunny day for the outdoor event. It was the perfect place to be if for students in search of a club or organization to join. Recognized Student Organizations set their tables and filled the mall area giving out free treats for those who were interested in their organization. Fraternities, sororities and special-interest clubs were busy recruiting new members and encouraging previous members to rejoin. Students were sure to find a club for every interest or passion.

Betsy Manriquez, a junior bilingual education and special education major, loves to attend Club Rush to check out all the cool booths and free food. "Club Rush gives me an opportunity to sign up for organizations and network with staff and peers with similar interests," she said.

Networking is important to any student, no matter the major. Networking can give students an advantage on finding a career after graduation or an internship while in school. Manriquez loves seeing the warm, welcoming faces at every booth. When asked what club she liked seeing during the event, she said it was the Bilingual Education Student Organization. She enjoyed the display they put up this year and judging by the crowd around them, she wasn't the only one.

However, just because Club Rush is over doesn't mean the fun has ended. Some of the school organizations are hosting smaller events throughout the week. A Greek showcase was also held Sept. 6.

For more information on upcoming events and which organizations are hosting them, check the electronic announcements and bulletin boards throughout campus.

Club Rush is held once per semester, so if you didn't have a chance to attend this one, then there's always next semester. If you did attend and didn't see or find a club that you like, no worry, you can create a club of your own. Joining a club is not mandatory, but it is helpful for anyone who is looking to make new friends. Clubs are a great way to get to know people that have a common interest and make the college experience fun and memorable.

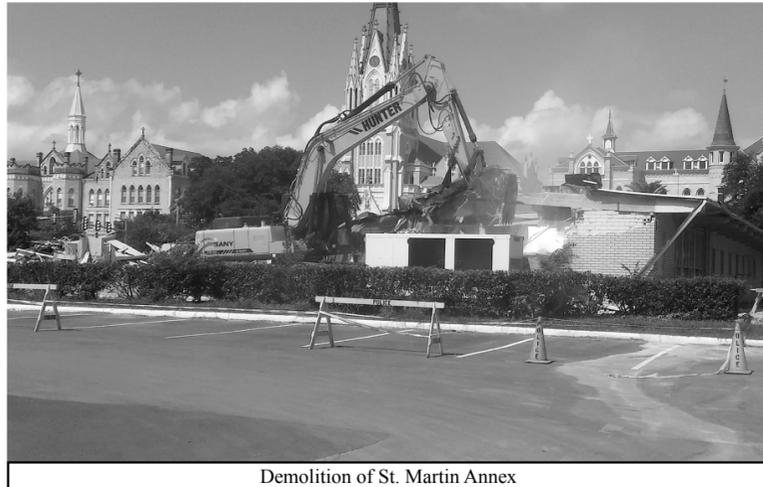
Club Rush drew a large crowd to OLLU's mall area and featured opportunities for student involvement and service.



Construction and Demolition Mark OLLU's Physical Transformation



OLLU Facilities Manager, Darrell Glasscock



Demolition of St. Martin Annex

By Maria Elena Cruz

St. Martin Hall Annex was demolished recently to make room for a parking space, for now. OLLU Facilities Manager Darrell Glasscock said those are the interim plans; the big plan is to build a state-of-the-art science building. Students and faculty are painfully aware of Metz Hall's air conditioning system inadequacies for the scorching Texas heat. The building however, will not be torn down. "We would look at doing a comprehensive renovation in there, modernizing it with new systems, new spaces etc.," said Glasscock. "No demolition there of course but just a comprehensive renovation and bring it up to date."

The biggest reason for making it a parking lot first and not just build it is the lack of money right now. "We've still got to get some funding and that sort of thing," said Glascock. "We want to turn it into parking as soon as possible as soon as we can, but in the long term plan, in the campus masterplan, it's called for the location of the science building, of a new science building."

Glasscock said the building's demolition has been a long time coming. It was poorly built and it did nothing for the beautiful OLLU architecture. "The way it was designed did not even fit in with the rest of the architecture of the university, and we had some approvals from the city to move on so the timing was right to move forward with the demolition."

As for another student concern, the delayed opening of the new dorms, Glasscock partly blames the Texas weather and the volatility of the construction industry for not having the dorm ready yet. Hurricane Harvey, said Glasscock, also gave the grand opening and extra push back. "We are working to finish it as soon as possible and to have it hopefully by the end of this month. Hurricane Harvey did cause some impact, as you can imagine Houston being such a big shipping port. It has affected a couple of our major sub-contractors, they are based in Houston."

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New Streaming Service Hits The Net



Moviepass Logo

By Paul Marquez

If you are like most college students, you rarely have extra money for a movie theater ticket. But a new service may change that. MoviePass, a subscription based movie watching service announced in mid-August that it was reducing the fee for its subscription from \$55 a month to just \$9.95 per month. MoviePass allows you to watch a movie at a theater every day of the month if you choose, for less than a Netflix subscription. You can even watch a new release the same weekend it opens. Currently, the company has more than 150,000 subscribers with membership increasing daily.

According to Motion Picture Association of America 2016 statistics, most college students go to the theater about 2-3 times per semester. Could MoviePass be worth it for students on a budget that counts every penny? It might be. With MoviePass you can go once every day to the cinema. MoviePass does not include 3D/IMAX movies, but it does let you watch a movie the minute it is released.

"It sounds like a good idea, but does it actually work?" said OLLU student Cyndee Herrera. She is not the only one questioning such a deal. There are many who wonder if this business model is ideal or even worth considering. The average U.S. movie ticket is \$8.65. About one visit per month, and the pass pays for itself. Still, many students do not want the extra expense, choosing Netflix over MoviePass. "I prefer Netflix," said OLLU junior Angela Clark. "I just wouldn't want to pay for another subscription."

This subscription service works best for subscribers who visit the movie theater a few times a month. The \$9.95 subscription is cheaper than the current monthly price for Netflix. While it takes months to see a new release on Netflix or Hulu, with MoviePass you can see films on release weekend.

For some OLLU students, the deal is a good one. "Movies have become so expensive," said Ashley Galvin. "Hollywood keeps making movies, not all of them great. Most college students cannot afford a movie ticket every weekend."

How does Movie Pass work? First, you subscribe to the service.

After 5 - 7 business days you will receive a MoviePass card (Master Card debit card). Currently the company is behind on debit card releases, but they assure customers they are doing everything to get a card to every subscriber as quickly as possible. The card allows you to buy a movie ticket once every day. It's loaded with the amount required to purchase the movie currently showing. You must also download the company's app on an Android or iOS phone device. The application will allow you to see what movie theaters are currently participating in MoviePass. The app will only allow you to check in for a movie within 100 yards of the theater. That means you cannot buy tickets in advance unless in the vicinity. Once you have selected your choice of theater, you check-in with the app right before actually purchasing the ticket. The card will then be filled with the funds required to buy the movie ticket. The MoviePass card can be used at any movie kiosk. In the San Antonio area there are at least 25 movie theaters that will accept MoviePass. These theaters include Alamo Draft house locations, Regal Huebner Oaks, Bijou and Alamo Quarry.

While MoviePass helps keep movie-going costs down, it does nothing to help with the steep prices charged at concession stands for drinks and snacks. But if you can pass on popcorn, MoviePass could be a great deal for cinema fans.

For more information visit Moviepass.com

Athlete Of The Month



Raven Swain

Raven Swain, Saints volleyball player received Attacker of the Week honors from the Red River Athletic Conference two weeks in a row for her performances throughout September. Her contributions led the Saints to two conference wins for a record of 5-4 as of Sept. 18. Raven is a senior outside hitter from Pflugerville, Texas, and she is majoring in kinesiology.

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Gas Prices Increase In The Wake Of Hurricane Harvey



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By Tichina Coleman

Hurricane Harvey hit areas of South Texas, Aug. 25, leaving those areas looking like a war zone. The Houston area was hit hardest, suffering from massive flooding and damage to houses, streets and buildings. Houston is the heart of the U.S. oil industry; therefore, the price of gas has been ascending in the last few weeks. Houston alone accounts for more than a quarter of the nation's gasoline production. The aftermath of Harvey shut down some of the biggest oil and gas refineries in the country.

About 20 percent of the country's daily gasoline refining capacity are offline because of the storm.

Gas stations across Texas were hectic in the wake of the hurricane. The lines were incredibly long with three to four cars waiting in line for one gas pump. Gas prices are high right now because OPEC cut production Nov.30, 2016.

Hope Whittingham, an OLLU commuter, said she's run into some problems getting gas in her tank. "At most gas stations, there is a limit on how much gas I can get, making it really hard for me to travel back and forth to school," said Whittingham. "When it's packed at the gas station I'll have to wait maybe 20 to 30 minutes." With the gas prices increasing, drivers are scrambling to fill their gas tanks to capacity, and that is the reason economists say gas is running out.

The national average for gas per gallon is \$2.66. The wholesale price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in San Antonio jumped 49.85 cents during the past two weeks. Prices jumped 41.25 cents a gallon in Austin and 42.97 cents in Houston. When oil prices rise, you can expect to see it at the gas pumps six weeks later. Statewide, the average price at a gas pump is \$2.54.

Jazmine Sanders, an employee at Valero said the store has been running out of gas at an alarming rate. "We frequently run out of gas," said Sanders. "Normally we run out of gas around 6:30 p.m. right after people are getting of work. This causes a problem for consumers, since restocking on gas is not as easy as one may think. It takes a while for us to get restocked due to many other stations without gas," said Sanders.

Recently, there has been yet another hurricane that has hit the Caribbean Islands and Florida. Hurricane Irma devastated Florida and surrounding area, but we have yet to see how that hurricane could impact Texas.

Change Is Coming

By Destiny Camacho

Statues and monuments across the United States are disappearing overnight. The Confederacy that was memorialized in stone and metal, is now considered a source of violence and hate.

It all started in 2015, when a mass shooting in a predominantly black church occurred killing nine people. The shooter posed with the Confederate flag, which sparked rage and the eventual removal of the flag on the South Carolina capitol building. This led to state officials questioning their own Confederate symbols and whether they should be removed. Since 2015, more than 20 cities across the United States, including Austin and San Antonio, have now removed Confederate monuments, plaques and statues.

It's not a one-sided argument. Many individuals are against the removal of these symbols, and others are unsure how they feel. According to an NPR poll, which was conducted among 1,125 U.S. citizens 18 years or older, 62 percent want the monuments to remain, while 27 percent want them to be removed. Arguments about whether this is a form of censorship have been circling around social media. Recently, President Trump tweeted his opinion on the issue.

"Sad to see the history and culture of our great country being ripped apart with the removal of our beautiful statues and monuments," Trump said. "You can't change history, but you can learn from it."

Trump suggested that the removal of Confederate statues could lead to the removal of monuments of U.S.'s founding fathers.

"Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson – who's next, Washington, Jefferson? So foolish!" Trump tweeted. "Also, the beauty that is being taken out of our cities, towns and parks will be greatly missed and never able to be comparably replaced!"

The recent removal of the Confederate statue in Travis Park brought this issue a little closer to home. A few OLLU students had their own



Courtesy Photo

opinions on its removal.

"I think the move was a good idea, because although it's part of our history, it's no longer relevant in today's society," Madaline Marquez said. "We are a country of diversity, and our success exists only because of the true diversity that is among us. We have come far from the days of slavery and hatred, and we must continue to inspire future generations."

Some are just trying to understand why it has become such a big issue around the country.

"Honestly, I've never noticed it. So, to make a big deal about something that probably looks better in a museum is kind of funny," said Senior Chloe Brown.

Each side has their reasons for wanting to win the battle, and as more reminders of the past are removed and taken elsewhere it is becoming clearer that change is coming.

OLLU Goes On Pilgrimage To France

By Maria Elena Cruz

This summer break proved to be an exciting spiritual journey for members of the OLLU community. Faculty, Congregation of Divine Providence (CDP) Associates, students and Sisters. The group made a pilgrimage to the Alsatian region in France, following in the footsteps of CDP founding father John Martin Moye.

The pilgrimage included traveling the French countryside by bus, visiting the hometown of Father Moye and the places and churches where he ministered. The trip also consisted of prayer and reflection, making it a deeply rich and personal experience for all of those who participated.

Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler, CDP, who had a great deal to do with planning and organizing the pilgrimage, said it was a great delight to form part of a wonderful group of the OLLU community who made the trip seeking to learn more about OLLU's founding members.

"It has been a joy for me to journey, with Dr. Melby, her husband Dave, OLLU faculty and staff, students, CDP Sisters

and Associates to our original CDP homeland in France," said Fiedler. "When we walk in the footsteps of our founder, Father Moye, who sent the first women into the poor hamlets in France to provide an education for the children who were not receiving an education in these poor village hamlets, we understand much more profoundly the call to respond to the same call today," said Fiedler.

Attending the pilgrimage was OLLU President Dr. Diane Melby and her husband. The president said she learned a great deal about the university and its founding members. "The most profound impact is the realization the power of one person to change the course of lives centuries later," said Melby. "I doubt that John Martin Moye realized as a young priest that his day-to-day work in the poor villages of France would continue well past his own life and be carried to places around the globe, to people as diverse as those that live in San Antonio and Vietnam, Mexico and Africa. This realization has made me to approach my work with more faith that the good that comes from it will be revealed over time."

For Melby, the pilgrimage proved enriching and provided her a deeper understanding of the legacy of the university. "I believe that understanding the history and mission of the Congregation of Divine Providence is fundamental to my ability to fulfill my role as president. I am the carrier of the CDP charism and living the impact of the charism has made even more committed to perpetuating it," said Melby.

Fiedler said that is how the original founding Sisters' mission and faith is still relevant today. "When we experience the life and stories of the Sisters who continue to have a worldwide impact through their complete and utter trust in the Providence of God," said Fiedler, "We understand much more profoundly that our Provident God has always, and will always, lovingly provide and care for us."



CDP Sisters (L to R), Sister Kate Fitzgerald, Sister Cristina Chavez and Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler formed part of a pilgrimage through out Alsace, France.



Students and Associates attended the Pilgrimage in Lourdes where the original Lady of Lourdes Grotto sits. There is an exact replica of the grotto on campus.

Upon returning to the university, those who attended expressed how the pilgrimage has created "aha" moments for them throughout campus. "The small grotto located on campus is a replica of the larger grotto located in Lourdes," exclaimed OLLU student and CDP Associate Marisol Aguilar, "That is so cool, it holds so much more meaning for me now. The grotto in Lourdes is where Bernadette Soubirous witnessed the Blessed Mother several times. Now it is one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world, and we have a replica of it right here on campus."

The pilgrimage taught those in attendance a lot about themselves as well. OLLU Freshman and Psychology Major Alexis Medrano says she learned more than she expected to during the trip. Medrano formed part of a crew tasked with shooting some video for the CDPs.

"I am my biggest critic," said Medrano. "This was the first time I was using a camera, and I had no idea what I was doing. I was very doubtful of myself and kept thinking I was going to mess up. I realized that it's okay to be scared of new experiences."

Medrano learned a lot of new things about others who accompanied her on the trip as well. "I learned that others are very understanding. Throughout this trip, I was surrounded by so much positivity. We're all humans and have a respect for each other. So many people wanted me to succeed, and it was heartwarming."

Medrano said she learned a great deal about the global aspect of the university. "I learned that our school is only a small speck of dust in a long line of history," she said. "Our school was founded by women whose goal was to educate the public, and they did that. The CDPs have so much love for the university and care about the students."

Fiedler reaffirmed this thought. She believes the original mission of the founding members is still in full force today, carried out by their descendants today, the Sisters of the CDP. "The charism of God's loving, caring, Providence is a thread woven throughout all of our history," said Fiedler. "We are utterly confident that the God of Providence who began this great work will see it to completion."

"The pilgrimage was inspiring not only because of learning more about the CDPs but also because I got to know our students in a special way," added Melby. "I was inspired and gratified by how our students fully engaged in each experience, sharing openly with each other and all those that we met along the way. I was very proud of how they represented OLLU and the United States while travelling abroad."

For Medrano, she already felt the changes God has worked in her life. "I found this inner peace within myself," said Medrano. "I feel that this is the greatest gift from this. I looked within myself and found a greater purpose."



Sisters walking the streets of Lourdes.



Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France.



Dr. Diane Melby receives a welcome gift from Mayor of La-Walck. The city was one of many visited during a Pilgrimage that encompassed southern France.



CDP Sisters, kneeling at the altar.



Film crew members Richard Streibel, Chan' Cellore Makanjuola, and Alexis Medrano consult on camera angles.