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## OLLU joins fight against child trafficking

Center for Women in Church and Society organizes walk to highlight cause

**Darian Mendez** 

Reporter

Child trafficking, the illegal practice of abducting children for forced labor and sexual exploitation, isn't just something out of a Liam Neeson movie. This type of slavery claims the lives of children as young as 11 years old and leaves them with a life expectancy of only 7 years due to diseases and abuse.

"The reality of it is that San Antonio is a major hub for human trafficking," said Jacqueline Walter, Program Coordinator for the Center for Women in Church and Society. "It's horrifying and it's happening here in the United States.'

"Twenty-five percent of all human trafficking victims are from Texas," Walter said, "It's the fastest growing crime, besides drugs."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the I-10 corridor, which runs through New Mexico, San Antonio and Houston, is one of the main human trafficking routes in the United States.

To raise awareness of the child trafficking industry, the Center for Women in Church and Society invites all of OLLU to participate in the Stop Child Trafficking Now walk, scheduled for September 22, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Benefits of the walk will go towards efforts to help victims heal, both physically and emotionally, as well as building shelters for human trafficking victims.

In the state of Texas, victims have access to healthcare, food stamps, protective orders and police assistance. However, many victims are unaware of this, so they do not always identify themselves.

Human traffickers are sometimes charged for domestic violence or prostitution, so traffickers and victims are not always treated accordingly. Traffickers receive a lesser punishment than deserved, and victims face emotional trauma and sometimes return to their traffickers.

"We're talking about pro-life and pro-choice and these women have nothing," Walter said, adding there are not enough shelters in San Antonio for these victims.

To those who choose to avoid the heavy and emotional topic of child trafficking, Walter believes that just talking about it can help. "I just think of the victims," Walter said. "I just think about what these kids are going through every day and what we can do to let them know we are here trying to free them."

For more information or to register for the walk, go to sctnow. org or call 212-333-SCTN.

#### CAS selects new dean Michael Laney has a three-year contract, but hopes to stay at OLLU until retirement



Michael Laney, PhD., arrived in early July with fresh ideas and energy as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. His goal is to recruit, retain and reclaim students and faculty by offering the best programs and experiences. He shares the former dean's affection for hats, but we have yet to spot him feeding stray cats.

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## Students benefit from UWAC renov



PHOTO BY GIANNA RENDON Among the new additions to the UWAC are glass windows and a glass door separating the Great Hall, soon to become the new workout room.

**Gianna Rendon** 

Reporter

As visitors walk through the front double doors, the University Wellness and Activities Center (UWAC) smells new. Banners hanging from the beams greet visitors. A few walls are painted dark blue with the Saints logo, in a

tribute to school spirit. Beginning in May, Physical Plant began renovations of the UWAC. Although physical work began in the summer, Adrienne Rodriguez, director of Campus Recreation and associate athletic director, and Darrell Glasscock. director of Physical Plant, said they've been planning the renovations for years.

Rodriguez said the idea was to create a space that would bring energy to the building and students.

'It's amazing how far some paint can go," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said the renovations will make the UWAC much more user friendly.

When athletes did intense training, athletic teams were crowded and other students were "crowded out" and unable to use the

facilities, she said. Glasscock said one priority of the 2009 University Master Plan was to make the UWAC usable. The funding for the renovations came from the Physical Plant Capital Fund. Glasscock said it is set up each year for funding "capital Glasscock have been planning the renovations for years they said, "this is the right time" to begin.

The UWAC was a multifunctional facility and now is an allathletic facility, which according to Rodriguez allowed the opportunity to renovate. She said they have more control now to make the UWAC more comfortable for students.

However, Rodriguez said she's the voice of non-athletic students and wants to make sure everyone has an opportunity to use the facilities.

There will be a new exercise room enclosed by a glass wall in the UWAC Great Hall.

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# Food service company offers variety

#### Selrico Services, Inc. replaces Chartwells

**Angelica Casas** 

Designer

Behind Sister Annie B's new television screens that display the daily menus, the remodeled countertops and recently painted walls of the food service kitchens on campus, is a new company - Selrico Services, Inc.

Selrico began operating this fall, replacing Chartwells Higher Education Dining Services, which had operated on campus for five

years. Mark Center, Director of Residence Life, explained that Chartwells' contract had expired and both Chartwells and Selrico submitted bids to the school last spring semester seeking selection for the new contract.

"After reviewing a number of factors, including dining area redesign, prices, food quality, variety, and value to the university community," Center said in an email, "the committee recommended that Selrico be selected following this competitive bid process."

Selrico, a San Antonio based company, provides meals for all Alamo Community Colleges, Henry Ford Academy, UT Health Science Center and over 4,000 area senior citizens. The company also holds operations in places like Afghanistan, Iraq and Germany and sets up cooking camps for soldiers

Experienced in the food service area and eager to satisfy students,

Frederick Danzoy, vice president and director of operations for Selrico, and Dewey Johnson (see "Campus Dining counts with New General Manager" on page 3), the general manager of campus dining, are both excited and ready to prove themselves as part of OLLII

"It's always a challenge to do something new," Danzoy said.

One of the company's goals is to stress healthy eating. Although they offer both healthy and some less nutritious food, Danzoy said that the choices are there and it's up to students to decide what they want to

By deciding what they want to eat, students decide what they want to spend their money on.

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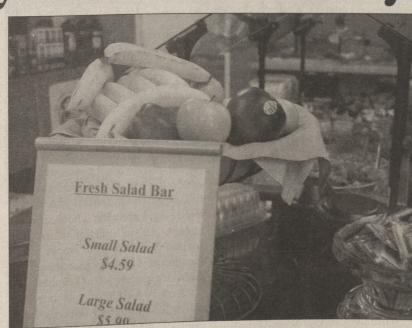


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The Green Energy Salad Bar is in the center of Sister Annie B's Cafeteria.

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**OP-ED** 

# Getting off the couch and taking chances

**Jordan Whitfield** 

Copy Editor

By the end of finals week, the couch beckons so longingly that it's tempting to spend the summer glued to it watching reruns on TV.

Although this activity (or lack of activity) may suffice for a relaxing summer, at some point in school and life it's time to start looking forward. While that thought sometimes frightens college-age pseudo-adults, I gave in to the nagging feeling that I can't stall my future by sitting on the couch and decided to take a chance on a grad school visit and a summer internship.

We hear the statistics all the time: first-generation students need more resources, and we need help finding those resources. It's easy to think that students at bigger universities with more affluent backgrounds had it better so they get all the opportunities. But if

we were to fight for our goals, our education, we could achieve so much more. First-generation, minority students offer a new perspective and a pool of talent that is missing from the workforce. Want a driven employee? Hire someone who knows what it's like to work two jobs, go to school full-time, and take care of family. However, this special class of students with so much to offer has to find a way to get to that point. Listen to the Nike commercial in your head and "Just do it." We have to make our dreams happen ourselves, and here are a few ways I found to do it.

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) National Internship Program is one of many internship programs to check out, but I'll focus on this one since I've worked with it.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

## Mayor Castro makes San Antonio proud at DNC

Ignacio Treviño

Contributing Writer

No amount of attacks from the right or invisible berating could derail what was a fantastic night of speeches at the opening day of the Democratic National Convention.

The day was especially significant for San Antonio because Mayor Julian Castro was the keynote speaker. This marked the first time in history that a Latino delivered the keynote speech at the DNC. He had the second-to-last official speech, followed by First Lady Michelle Obama.

Castro spoke of his childhood growing up in San Antonio, a town not many outsiders know much about except for our landmarks. People from outside the state or even the city don't know that he was raised in the notoriously rough West Side, or that he and his twin brother Joaquin were

brought up by a single mother. They both then went on to graduate from Stanford University and Harvard Law School. Most people don't know that, but the people of San Antonio do. Not only is his story compelling, but he is the antithesis of what many popular Latino comedians have portrayed us as. He is from the barrio but he is well-educated, and I am proud to call him my mayor.

When I saw him on that stage in front of 45,000 people I felt like that was all of us up there. That's exactly what San Antonio is: a tight-knit community of more than a million. When you are from here and you meet someone else from here there is an instant connection. It's not too much of a stretch to say that people from the Dominion have had much of the same experience as those in the east, west, and south sides.

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'I bowled. A lot." Sean is

-Sean Boyer, freshman

also on OLLU's bowling

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#### SOUNDING OFF

#### What did you do this summer?



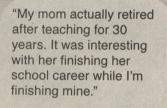
Worked a bunch." He and Lozano also spent a lot of time bowling for the OLLU bowling team.

-Brandon McCann,



I did...absolutely nothing And then I got ready for school." She also said she was not nervous at all about starting college.

-Sara Sanchez, freshman



-Roseanne Robertson, senior



"I worked a ton." -Kevin Lozano. sophomore





"I went to Warped Tour in El Paso.' -Autumn Salgado,



'I went out to Six Flags a couple of times." She also spent time with relatives downtown and at the missions. "Other than that I stayed home and watched a lot of foreign shows."

-Mary Dean, junior

The new 'It's Complicated' column explores life, love, and relationships

perspective and inspire spirited discussions amongst the student body.

them may help our readers understand touchy subjects, see a new

through topics like contraception, domestic violence, homosexuality and dating rules. Some of these topics may seem controversial, but discussing



"I had been looking for

family and babysat his

nephew. "I took like, a

have been unsuccessful!" He also spent time with

thousand pictures of him."

a job all summer and

Reporters

Our Lady of the Lake has an abstinence-only policy in regards to contraceptives for students, but it's not made known to students. Instead, students follow their personal beliefs related to safe sex. While this policy helps the school better align with its mission and Catholic teachings, it prevents sexually active students from having access to necessary protection.

The lack of available information about this policy makes one wonder why it exists. Perhaps the school worries that the C-Store would set up a special display of condoms, lubricants and sex toys. It's more than reasonable for the administration to want to avoid that embarrassment, but that outcome doesn't seem likely considering the atmosphere of the campus. The introduction of contraceptives to campus wouldn't turn us into sex fiends; it would protect students from potentially life-altering diseases and unplanned pregnancies. It makes no sense to think that allowing contraceptives to be available on campus would encourage or suggest

implicit approval of premarital sex. If a student weren't already having sex, why would being able to find condoms on campus make him think, "Yes! Now I can have sex!" Maybe the problem is that students would have more sex, doubling or tripling the stains on their character. But when it comes to health, it's not the amount of sex that the school should worry about, it's the amount of unprotected sex.

We're a fairly conservative campus compared to other schools, and we try to be responsible, but we would appreciate the school respecting our ability to decide for ourselves when it comes to our bodies and allowing the nurse to look out for all aspects of our wellbeing. Surely the school cannot claim to put students first when we don't have access to proper healthcare. The nurse practitioner does an excellent job of keeping students in good health as much as it is within her ability and resources, but we cannot go to her for one essential health and wellbeing safety measure: contraceptives. It's true that abstinence is the only 100 percent effective birth control, but that fact doesn't have much weight amongst adults who choose to be sexually

One could argue that a responsible adult would plan ahead and purchase contraceptives to be prepared for the "heat of the moment." However, this is a bigger issue. The school will not offer contraceptives because that is not in line with the Catholic Church doctrine. However, that doesn't make it right to ignore student health and the school cannot say that it values the individual student when it puts its own needs first. Let's remember who

pays the tuition here. When we earn our high marks in moral integrity at the expense of student health, OLLU can't claim to be a person-centered community. At the Lake, everyone matters. We've heard it said different ways, but that's the image the university promotes. Certainly it's a more brochure-appropriate image than one of sex-crazed students swapping sexual favors in the Mall Area, but that's rather extreme considering that the student body has shown itself

to be one of generally responsible, respectful and considerate students. Now it's time for the university to respect the students and our ability to decide for ourselves.

Abstinence-only only works

in a world where students aren't already having sex. That isn't the Lake. Making contraceptives available on campus in some way could impact the atmosphere. Condoms for sale would stand out to parents of prospective students, but that's not what we're asking. We don't demand the school change things now, but we should talk more about this subject. Let's have abstinence and contraceptives as topics for discussion in classrooms, in the cafeteria and at Student Voice Assembly meetings. Contraceptives are a hot topic nowadays, due in part to the conflict between health insurance coverage and religious beliefs, but what it comes down to is deciding what we care about most.

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The administration has to decide

what's more important: having

a spotless reputation on paper or

putting the safety and future of

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#### Campus Dining counts with new General Manager

**Angelica Casas** 

Designer

San Antonio's 1985 record snowfall did not stop Dewey Johnson from feeding over 400 students with the help of only two staff members. Students could not leave campus and the other 10 staff members could not arrive to work due to the inclement weather, but the task was nonetheless accomplished.

"I [compare it to] when Jesus took two fish and five loaves of bread and fed 5,000," Johnson said. "By the grace of God, we were able to do it."

But times were different then. He was working at Trinity University, where he started as a utility worker washing dishes and moved up to supervisor. If he had to face a challenge like that today, it would be here on campus where he serves as the new General Manager for Campus Dining. It would also have to snow again.

Johnson, known to most as "DJ," started serving as General Manager this fall with the replacement of Chartwells Dining Services for Selrico Services, Inc. His history with the company goes back a couple of years when he served as chef/cook at Northeast Lakeview College and location

manager at Palo Alto College before being promoted to his current position.

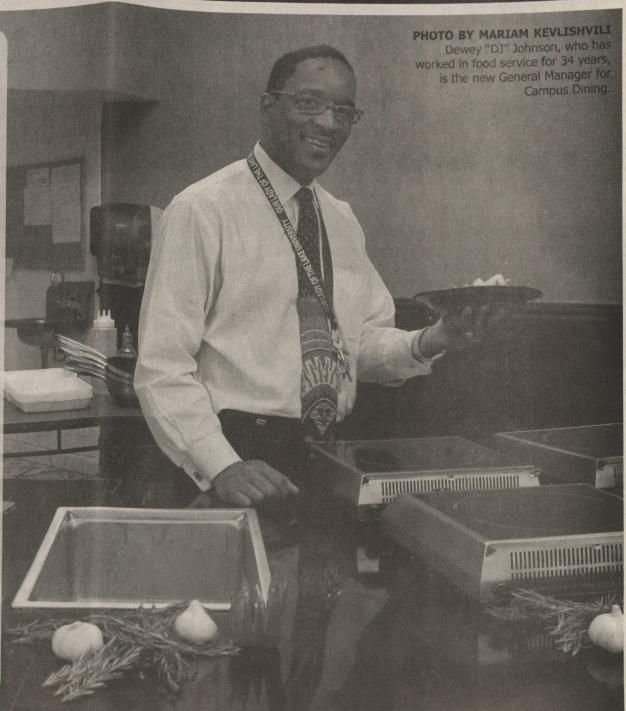
"I had the feeling that I would get [here] because I had the drive to reach to the top," Johnson said. "And I just worked with it. I worked with it to try to get [here]."

The San Antonio native always knew he wanted to go into food service. He graduated from St. Peter Claver Catholic High School in 1975 and, with the help of a neighbor, was hired at Trinity right after graduation. He began attending San Antonio College the next year to take restaurant and hospitality courses; promotions to supervisor, manager and later location director of Trinity's food services followed.

"I got hired, I got the job, and the rest is history. I excelled," he

Apart from Our Lady of the Lake, Johnson manages the food service at four other locations, but dedicates himself to our campus and promoting healthy eating.

"I get joy in seeing the students be fed and getting the nutrition that they need to give them that brain power [that lets them] get through the great task of college," Johnson said. "That gives me great pleasure.'



## Student health policy adds fees, services



PHOTO BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI

relatively cheaper health insurance

plan," Kneupper said. "At Saint

Mary's University, the annual

plan costs \$884, and at Trinity

feelings about the insurance.

University, it is \$1099."

in San Antonio, OLLU has a

"Compared to other universities

However, students have mixed

Francisca Castano, senior and

early childhood education major,

said that it's a good idea to have

the student body insured, but she

"However, I like to be fully

covered with everything and it's

easier for all of us," Castano said.

not mandatory, because if we never

According to Paul Fisher.

Assurance Services, mandating a

purchase of health insurance was

due to the Affordable Care Act, but

there were other reasons behind the

According to Kneupper there

was also an informal student survey

done, and 60 percent of respondents

said that they would like to have

"We needed to make sure

Kneupper said that students are

invited to swing by Health Services located in UWAC 112 with any

questions or call Student Assurance

directly at 800-328-2739 or access

information and claim forms at

their website: www.sas-mn.com

that all students had some sort of

health insurance.

insurance," Fisher said.

use it we are wasting money,"

servicing agent from Student

Nunez-Castorena said.

"I think it should be by choice,

prefers being insured privately

through her husband's work.

OLLU's mandatory health insurance pays for optometry and dental services on campus.

**Mariam Kevlishvili** 

Editor

Students who wonder where all the money we pay for school goes now have one answer: \$307 of it pays for mandatory health insurance.

Starting this semester, every student enrolled in 7 or more hours at OLLU must purchase an accident and sickness insurance plan by Student Assurance Services Inc. Permanent cards should be coming

Although some of the students are already insured privately or through school, they are not always aware of the proper ways to use their insurance or don't know everything it covers.

Students who are insured independently or through parents had until August 31 to waive the insurance. The same option will be available next semester.

James Hernandez, a junior and psychology major, is insured through his parents, so he opted out of the insurance through school.

"Honestly, I don't know what my insurance covers but I would be concerned if I didn't have it at all," Hernandez said.

Silvia Nunez-Castorena, junior and biology major, said that she had never had health insurance before, so she had to purchase it.

"I just know that it's mandatory and that it covers if something accidental happens," she said.

According to Julie Kneupper, office manager of Health Services, the office's main goal for now

is educating students about the new health insurance. The office is going to host some education classes, including workshops and brown bag sessions, so that students get a chance to ask questions.

Kneupper said that it is important that students are very careful about the way they use their insurance.

"This is not a credit card, you always want to try to have a planned visit," Kneupper said. "If you have an emergency, that's a different situation."

She said that although it is not 100 percent coverage, this insurance would protect students from a catastrophic debt.

"On average, a night at a hospital is usually around 3 to 5 thousand dollars. This plan defers a portion of those costs," she said. The student is responsible for the remaining balance.

Kneupper also suggested starting in Health Services, because the Nurse Practitioner has a claim form she can fill out to help the student alleviate some of the cost of the deductible. The deductible is the cost the student has to pay before the insurance will pay for the claim. She also suggested choosing in-network doctors because the deductible price is lower--\$150.

"The best advice is to check your coverage before you incur the cost," Kneupper said.

The plan includes other benefits, such as free first-comefirst-served dental care on campus four times a year and free annual wellness visits.

### The company charges at market

SELRICO

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price or lower than their competition, Danzoy said. For example, Selrico surveyed the prices and ingredients of sandwiches at Subway, Earl of Sandwich and Quiznos to price their subs at 80 percent of their average costs. Selrico also offers eight meats, five cheeses and a variety of vegetables that can be combined to fill their sandwiches.

"If you go to Luby's and get this, it's \$8.99," said Danzoy, pointing at his Salisbury steak and mashed potatoes, "If you get this here, it's \$6.99."

Unlike a sandwich shop or a Luby's, Selrico offers a variety of options in the cafeteria's five alternating postings - Comfort Café, the Green Energy salad bar, La Parilla Grill, La Trattoria Italian Food and Sub Station Sandwiches. Students can also enjoy Starbucks (now located in the cafeteria), pizza (which is served daily), and Selrico's takeover of Flores Cyber Café Outtakes Store.

"I think it's delicious, actually," said Sarah Contreras, a sophomore transfer from New Mexico State University who was enjoying pasta. "From what I hear, it's a lot healthier compared to the last food vendor that was here."

Although Contreras did not

experience Chartwells firsthand, others did.

Alyssa Torrez, a returning sophomore, said that she occasionally ate Chartwells' food the first weeks of her freshman year to try it out but lost interest shortly after.

"[After], I started to only eat breakfast but eventually I stopped," Torrez said. "It was not the price, it was the quality of food." She added that she's liked Selrico's services so far but that she would stop eating their food if they don't begin to offer more options.

"It's too the same," Torrez said, "It gets boring."

To her observation, Danzoy explains that the company is currently on a six-week menu rotation and things will change after the company gets more situated on

Aside from serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and everything in between, Selrico is looking to offer services for banquets and special requests, even volunteering to cook for student fundraisers. The company will also be introducing veggie cups and yogurt parfaits, among other things, to their products.

"Look for a lot of new things," Danzoy said. "Right now we're just meeting expectations, we're just serving. But when we settle, we're going to start doing the real stuff."

For more information on food service and employment opportunities, visit selricoservices.



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Among Selrico's new services on campus is their addition of pan dulce, Mexican sweet bread, and a salad bar located at the center of Sister Annie B's cafeteria.

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## Student organization seeks changes in student handbook



PHOTO BY ANGELICA CASAS

Amanda Benton, president of the Alliance, is working with the club to incude revised wording in the student handbook that would better protect students from discrimination.

**Gianna Rendon** 

Reporter

The Student Handbook is getting a makeover. Last semester, the Alliance circulated a petition to insert clauses in the handbook that could potentially protect students from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression

Amanda Benton, president of the Alliance, an organization that promotes diversity and inclusiveness/or solidarity between gay and straight students, started the petition that will lead to the changes in the handbook.

The Alliance began a petition online on change.org and one for people on campus to sign in person to ask for revisions to language in the handbook that doesn't include all students. Benton said the Alliance gathered around 600 signatures in total from students, faculty and staff. Online, there were signatures from people not affiliated with the school, with signatures as far off as Germany.

The process began when Benton read clauses from the Student Handbook and asked the Alliance members if something was missing. They found that sexual orientation and gender identity/

expression aren't mentioned. "This is supposed to be an affirming and safe place. We just want to make sure everything is on paper," Benton.

The next step they took was to create the petition. They also asked faculty and staff to write letters of support that would be included in the petition.

Benton said that a written policy could protect students; if someone was to discriminate against a student for their sexual orientation or gender identity, without the policy nothing could stop the discrimination.

Some sentences in the handbook that would change are: "OLLU is a person-centered learning community. It offers opportunities for students to grow in all the dimensions of their being. Those who can benefit from its programs and services are welcomed regardless of age, gender, background, ethnicity or belief."

The words sexual orientation and gender identity/expression would be added if the wording gets approved.

Benton said that during the summer she was in constant conversation with Jack Hank, vice president of Student Life, who told her the new wording should be passed by Christmas.

"We have asked Mr. Hank to include sexual orientation and gender identity and expression on every policy that affects students-so that would be for housing, access to services, harrassment, etc.," Benton said

If the wording is in the handbook, "there would be consequences to discrimination just like discriminating against someone for their race," Benton

No cases of discrimination have occurred to Benton's knowledge, but she said there was a situation that could have become problematic. She said there once was a transgender student (male

to female) who wanted to join the dance team. The students, families, and coach had no problem with her, but Benton said if they had tried to kick her off the team the student would have had no real protections.

According to a representative from University Police, its mission is to protect everyone and isn't limited to a certain group of people

Benton said that she does not doubt that University Police doesn't discriminate, "but without a policy in place, how would they deal with an officer in the future that does?"

Jack Hank could not be reached for comment before the deadline, but asked Mary Scotka, assistant vice president of Student Life, to speak for him.

She said the Student Life Council will meet and will work on the non-discriminatino statement. The council is made up of three faculty members, three staff members and three students.

Scotka said that Benton could have gone through the Office of Student Life first before starting the petition.

She said the Alliance representative, Benton, took the petition to the Student Voice Assembly and brought up the issue. A resolution submitted on April 17, 2012 to the Student Government Association, was approved and forwarded to Student Life.

"Vice President Hank has been responsive to this matter and will be working with the Student Life Council and will draft a policy and will move forward to a positive resolution," Scotka said.



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OLLU students attended Club Rush, which is held in the beginning of every semester to promote a variety of clubs and organizations at the university.

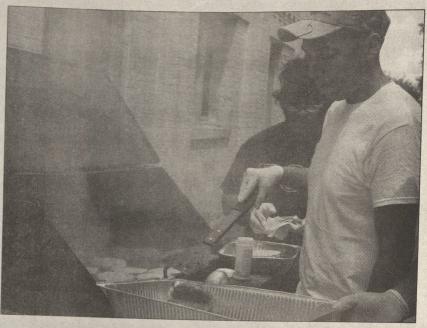


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Sigma Theta Epsilon celebrates the beginning of the semester by offering free burgers to all students. Pedro Cantero helped prepare them.

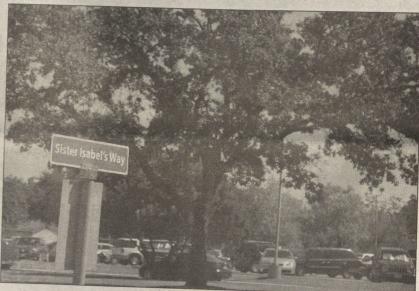


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The road from the entrance next to UWAC was recently named Sr. Isabell's Way in honor of Sr. Isabell Ball.

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## Local Beats

**Darian Mendez** Reporter

9/14 Otep, Butcher Babies & One-eyed Doll 7 p.m. Location: Backstage Live, 1305 East Houston. Tickets \$19-\$25- Who said metal is just for men? These girls will rip your faces (and maybe your ears) off!

9/15 Neon Indian, Auto **Body & Tiger Waves** 8:30 p.m. Location: Emo's Location: 2015 East Riverside Drive, Austin TX Tickets: \$12-\$20- Explore the sweet sounds of Alan Palomo's mind that is terminally chill. Heavy synthesizer meets psychedelic.

9/15 Passion Pit 8 p.m. Location: The Backyard at Bee Cave in Austin, 13801 Bee Cave Parkway. Tickets: \$60-\$90 -Is it really possible to not sway to



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Catch the soothing synths of Passion Pit this Saturday in Austin.

soothing synths and catchy melodies of Passion Pit? Let loose to shake off those start-of-school stresses.

9/15 Rick Springfield 7 p.m. Location: Cowboys Dance Hall, 3030 NE Loop 410. Tickets: \$15-\$35- After 40 years, Rick Springfield is still rocking, looking for Jessie's Girl and trying to find out what Victoria's Secret is.

9/13 Curtis Salgado 8:30 Location: Sam's Burger Joint,

330 E Grayson St. Tickets: \$10-\$13- Salgado's deep, soul vocals plus the funky/jazz mix of trumpets and wailing saxes makes for one chill Thursday night. Salgado, the winner of the 2010 Blues Music Award for Soul Blues Artist Of The Year. definitely delivers with his smooth but strong style and heartwarming lyrics.

9/20 Eternal Summers & Bleeding Rainbow 9 p.m. Location: Mohawk, 912 Red River in Austin.

Tickets: \$8-\$10- Upbeat pop sounding, with the lovely voice of Nicole Yun- Eternal Summers, like a modern Blondie.

9/28 Merauder, Murder Death Kill, War Hound, **Darasuum & Hammerfist** Location: White Rabbit, 2410 St. Mary's. Tickets: \$10- Yes, the bands are as metal as their names. Heavy guitars, screaming at authority, you, me and everyone else-the head banging sounds of Merauder make you feel like a rebellious teenager again that forgot about curfew.

9/28 Pretty Lights, Star Slinger, Tokimonsta & Supervision 6:30 p.m. Location: The Backyard at Bee Cave in Austin, 13801 Bee Cave Parkway. Tickets: \$30- Pretty Lights just might be dubstep's cool cousin with their mix of vocals and mellow melodies in between the wub wub wubs.

#### ALPFA members attend conference



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

Cesar Rodriguez, president of ALPFA's OLLU chapter, Jasmine Arroyo, Yadira Montalvo, Terrie Guerra, Jackeline Nevarez and Elda Barajas, all attended the conference.



PHOTO BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI Cesar Rodriguez hands out CLOROX freebies.

No matter how eventless, summer is an exciting time for students. However, summer gets far more exciting when you get to visit Las Vegas, spend a week in the Imperial Palace and step foot on a plane for the first time in your life. That's how it was for Cesar Rodriguez, the president of ALPFA

ALPFA, the national Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting, is currently partnering with Clorox, a major company for cleaning products, to positively impact OLLU students.

"Clorox is actively pursuing how to break into the Hispanic market because it's going to be majority of consumers," said Kathryn Winney, an accounting professor who is in charge of the project.

The OLLU campus and student body impressed Clorox Company, Winney said. They like the personal attention that students are given by professors and the administration, she said.

Winney said that it has been a great experience on both sides. They sponsored an OLLU team to go to a national ALPFA convention in Las

Rodriguez said he appreciated this opportunity.

"We got to talk to different professionals and take their advice," he said.

Rodriguez said that students in ALPFA are motivated to become a prominent part of OLLU student life. He said the organization will help anyone develop leadership skills and succeed in their future career.

ALPFA's partnership with Clorox has benefits for everyone on campus in internships, scholarships, full time jobs and resume-building exercises. Clorox will also provide free products to residence halls later this semester.

According to Winney, a large corporation being interested in our campus is a great financial opportunity.

"That's how new buildings get built," she said.

OLLU students helping with and participating in a national marketing survey done by one of the largest corporations throughout the country is a major advantage.

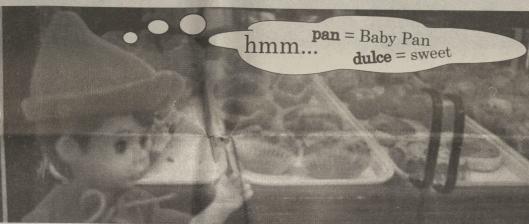
"That puts you above your peers," Winney said. "That's not happening in UTSA, in UT, in Harvard, that's happening here... We can compete with anybody. We put out a product that meets or beats anybody else's."

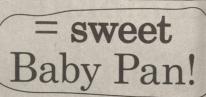
Right now, anyone can join ALPFA; students do not have to be finance or accounting majors.

"You don't even have to be a Latino, just be interested in promoting Latino professionals." Winney said.















## New police trucks 'stand out'



PHOTO BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI University Police purchased new trucks to replace the old trucks that were seven years old and constantly breaking down, according to Chief David Juarez.

The new trucks are Toyotas, which Juarez said have a good track record in the result of the result in the year 1895 is painted on The new trucks are Toyotas, which Juarez said have a good track record with durability, and are black to help them stand out. The year 1895 is painted on the side in tribute to the year the Congregation of Divine Providence forms. The new trucks are Toyotas, Which the side in tribute to the year the Congregation of Divine Providence founded OLLU, he said.

## UWAC

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Rodriguez said she "hopes to purchase more state of the art equipment" that will last longer and give students a variety.

"It will be the premier place to be," Rodriguez said.

There is now a TV up on the wall on top of the vending machines in the Great Hall where Rodriguez said students can gather and watch a game together. She also said some of the new equipment will have TV

Rodriguez said that the new equipment should be in by January, but it will take a while to order and

install the equipment.

The old weight room will become the Strength and Conditioning Room and will be more sports specific, but that doesn't mean non-athletes will be excluded, Adrienne said.

The work out areas will have a controlled entrance using IDs so Campus Recreation can track how many people are using them and justify the need for equipment.

Fans of ping pong and pool will not be disappointed. One pool table and one ping pong table will be kept in the UWAC Great Hall. New love seats and tables will also be added.

So far, Physical Plant updated the offices of the basketball and volleyball coaches and plans to redo the golf, tennis and soccer offices by

the end of the year. They also plan to resurface the tennis courts by the end of May. The cardio room will be used as a racquetball room, which was its intended use, and the room that was formally the SGA office is now the VIP room, which will be used for parties for donors.

It might come as a surprise to some, but the wooden beams are not new. They are part of the original architecture, but the new banners hanging from the beams draw attention to them. Rodriguez said that some people think they are new and have asked about them. This is one of the many changes that have occurred in the UWAC with more to

"It's exciting to be over here," Rodriguez said. "It's a fun time".









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The UWAC now has freshly painted walls and new banners hanging from the beams in the main hallway. The equipment in Cardio Theater will be moved to the Great Hall, where new televisions will be added.

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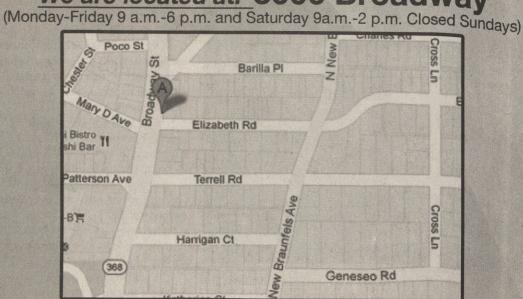
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## Moye renovation to be complete next month



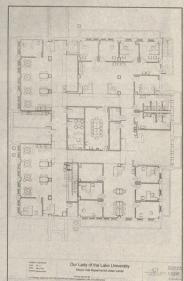


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Moye Hall's lower level will soon be home to the Student Success Center and programs overseen by the Center.

Selina Díaz

Reporter

After two years of strategic planning and hard work, construction crews are adding the final touches to the Moye renovation project. Improvements such as new furniture and new technology are already underway. By the end of fall break, October 11 and 12, students will no longer have to walk across campus to take advantage of the many student success services that OLLU has to

offer. With the Student Success Center moving in downstairs, Moye promises to become "a one stop-shop for academic support services "said Lourdes Sánchez-Contreras, EdD, director of OLLU's Student Success Center. Like a big "umbrella," Sanchez-Contreras said, the Student Success Center oversees the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, Disability Services, the Retention Office, First Year Academic Counselors, InSpire Program, McNair Scholars and Project Student Excellence.

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# New dean wants to revitalize programs and campus facilities



PHOTO BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI

Laney asks students to be excited about going to the Lake. At his former institution, students often would hang out in the mall area, but at the Lake the mall area is often devoid of students.

#### Jordan Whitfield

Copy Editor

Michael Laney, PhD, uses an Our Lady of the Lake University watchword to describe how he came to be the university's new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences: Providence.

"Providence worked it all out, because when you have that many people for one job, it's gotta be God," said Laney, who took his new position in early July.

Laney came to OLLU because he was looking for a place where he could make a positive change, and the Lake was looking for someone to make some big decisions. Program cuts, low enrollment and rising tuition have loomed over the school for some time, magnifying especially last year.

Laney said he can't do it all on his own, but he can be the catalyst for the changes that help with the interconnected problems in programs, enrollment and tuition.

"The Lake has been looking for someone to come on a white horse and save them," Laney said. "Historically that doesn't really happen. I want to release our creativity, our imagination and our collective will as a community.

"I have some ideas that I want to put forth on the table and some

strategies. We've had a number of challenges here, [but] we need to find a way to not let obstacles become obstacles, but let them become stepping stones," he said.

Laney had spent time in San Antonio before and liked the city. He'd looked at the Lake when his son was searching for an engineering program and liked the architecture. And he knew when he prepared to leave his last university that he wanted to be at another faith-based institution.

It all seemed to come together. A friend got a call about the job, but he couldn't take the offer and recommended Laney instead. Thanks to his networking efforts, the friend had Laney's resume on hand and sent it forward.

Laney comes to the Lake from Lee University in Tennessee, where he was the chairman of the Department of Communication Arts. While this is his first experience as dean, he spent years in the classroom before becoming chair and held executive positions in the military.

He makes sure that you won't catch him without his hat on, but that's only one of his signatures. He also has a three-part vision to bring the university to the national level: recruit, retain, and reclaim. Revitalizing programs and facilities is at the top of his list, but that won't

take his focus from connecting with students.

He shares a special connection with OLLU students. He was a first-generation college student like a large part of the student body, and like many, he felt a vibe here that told him the Lake was where he should be.

But his story is not so typical as well: he was raised and confirmed as a Roman Catholic, but he's now an ordained Presbyterian minister and has planted churches in Germany, South Korea and Kenya. Yet, while he's traveled many places, he said OLLU and San Antonio are where he'd like to stay.

Laney brings some stability to a position that for the past two years had an interim dean. Laney is on a three-year, performance-based contract, so if he can make the right changes, he might stay until he retires.

Another sign of his plans to stay here: while Laney spent the summer in Pacelli Hall, he and his wife moved out after they bought a house in San Antonio.

Since he arrived July 2, Laney said he's been getting to know the school, but he's already made changes.

"I want to bring love and care back to some of these facilities," Laney said. "I've been in the Fine Arts building every week since I've been here. We've been putting in labs and new spaces to transform it."

Those changes are part of his larger plan to update facilities.

"This is our mother; the sisters gave us this lady," he said. "You have got to love your mother, and momma has been neglected."

Laney also has been working on program development and revitalization but declined to share specifics.

"I have a lot of different ideas for the college," Laney said, "but I don't want to get into them now. I don't want to tip my hand. I think the proof will be in the pudding."

Even so, Laney did mention a few goals. He wants more doctoral programs; more hybrid online and in-person programs; an expanded undergrad science, technology, engineering, and math [STEM] area; increased number of majors and he would like to see the college double in size during his tenure.

Laney said he is a supporter of finding one's strengths and learning to use them. His last university was a StrengthsQuest campus, in which every person on campus took an assessment to determine his or her strengths and gain insight into how one can develop them to achieve success. One of Laney's top StrenthsQuest rankings—Strategic—may be just what he and the school needs right now.

Programs that were marked for potential removal due to low enrollment had until Friday, Sept. 14, to submit plans for revitalization, so Laney declined to answer questions about program cuts.

"I'm student-centered," Laney said. "I've been making contact with students, letting them know they have a dean, they have an advocate. My job is to make sure that every student here graduates. If you have obstacles that are keeping you from graduating, it's my job to try to remove those obstacles."

But Laney can't save the school from flagging enrollment and program cuts on his own. Students have to get involved, he said.

"I walk through our buildings and it's so quiet," he said. "I thought this was like a senior citizen retirement community. I'm used to going out on the mall and the music's bumping and the kids are hanging out, [but here] I went out yesterday and there was nothing. Where's the energy?"

Students play a major role in getting other students interested in the Lake, he said.

"Be passionate about what you're doing, because if you're not passionate about being an English major then you're not going to recruit other English majors," Laney said. "But if you're excited about your discipline and talking it up, you're the best recruiter we have. Students want to think it's the professor's job to recruit students to the major, but it's you. Students have the greatest influence."

Laney encourages students to share their excitement and go on recruiting trips, which the admissions office encourages as well.

"If you're low-level, low-energy, that's conveyed too," he said. "Love the Lake. Show your pride. Be excited about being a member of this school, and don't think, 'I go to Our Lady of the Lake; it was that or the Army."

While students work on recruiting prospective students, he's working on making the Lake the best choice for those newcomers.

"It's not enough to say we have 30 majors," he said, "when you're competing in an environment where students can have choices. They're going to go where the choices are. While we can't have 100 programs, we're going to make sure we have very attractive programs, programs that are going to result in jobs and that will prepare students for the 21st Century work environment."

Yet he faces a growing dilemma, as the historically liberal arts university works to produce students for the increasingly science and technology driven workplace.

"There's a push for STEM programs," Laney said, "but we're first and foremost a liberal arts university. [However,] we also have to recognize that people who graduate from liberal arts programs also have to eat, also have to pay rent, and living on the couch with your momma when you graduate should not be a plan for success. We have to do a better job of making sure that our programs help students market themselves in the 21st Century."

The job may seem daunting, but he's not new to struggle. He was the first in his family to go to college, but his three younger siblings, his parents and his three children later followed him in earning degrees. His wife is a librarian and has a Master's degree. He earned a Bachelor's, a Master's and a Doctoral degree, and made his family proud.

"When I got my doctorate, my granny was 95," Laney said. "She didn't have much money, but she sent me a \$100 bill in the mail...and said, 'We've never had anybody in our family line get a PhD.' She was over the moon, She was on a fixed income and I knew didn't have the money to give. It meant so much to her to have a grandson with a PhD."

#### SUMMER

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I applied to the program because I wanted something solid to put on my resume, and I wanted to test myself personally and professionally. I got an internship in Public Affairs with an agency of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture that allowed me to spend the summer in Washington, D.C.--my first time there—and gain some real-world work and life experiences. I got up at 6 A.M. every day--not a post-grad experience I'm looking forward to--took the Metro train to work and worked in a cubicle for eight hours on video scripts, blog posts and updating factsheets, among other things. The days were long and felt like eternity at the time, but now I have a taste of what's out there and I have the whole of the federal government open to me now that I know what it's like to work there. It was worth all the stress of giving up my lazy summer to be able to say confidently that I can do it; I've proven it. Post-grad life isn't quite as scary now that I have a sense of what it's like to have an off-campus office job, share an apartment with strangers and live in a big city.

Knowing now what I do, it's hard to imagine why everyone doesn't intern

somewhere before graduation. It's an experience like no other and challenged me like nothing else. I have a better idea of what I can do, what I can't yet and what I want to do. I learned things that I didn't expect: I learned I don't want to work in a cubicle, I learned the USDA is much cooler than anyone could expect and I learned that the life that seemed so out of reach from my small town is out there waiting for me.

If part of your dream is to break free from your home town, then find a way to do it. It's not easy to face the future, but with the right group of people it's much more fun. As a kid, I dreamed of going to school in New York, but I was too scared. I started to reconsider it for grad school, and some of my friends and I planned a trip there to visit grad schools. We saved up the money all semester from our jobs, financial aid refunds and relatives to cover the costs. None of us had ever done anything like that, although in the movies it seems normal for a group of friends to travel the world together. We wondered: Could we be New Yorkers? Could we make it in the big city? We each found our own answers, but we learned that, despite how it may seem, we aren't limited by our backgrounds.

Together, these things made for a crazy year, but reflecting on these decisions, I know I have a better sense of who I am and who I want to be because of these experiences. I'll admit

it's still tempting to think about moving back in with my mom, working for my dad and spending the next few years reliving my teenage years. Yet, as much as I love my hometown and my momma, my dreams are bigger than that, and I chose to follow them rather than risk missing my chance.

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Jordan Whitfield
lived in Washington
D.C. throughout her
summer internship
with the USDA.

#### CASTRO

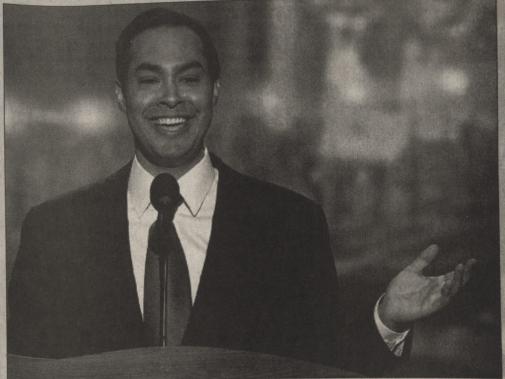
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As distant as our lives appear there is still a small town feel to this city. Everyone shops at H-E-B, everyone goes to the Riverwalk, and everyone has spent a family day at Sea World. The reason why Castro is so popular is because he is accessible.

In anywhere from 12 to 20 years, I guarantee you that same accessibility will help him to become the first Latino president. Throughout his speech, he attributed his success almost entirely to opportunity; we often forget that as Americans we inherently have more opportunities than most of the world. We should not let the opportunities our forefathers earned for us go to waste. I am not a little boy anymore but I used to really admire then-President Bill Clinton. We did not have a lot in common, but I thought he

was a nice man and my relatives liked him. Castro offers something different to Latino children: he is living proof that we can do better than what we're expected to do. I want him to be the same kind of role model that President Barack Obama is to African-American children.

Speaking from a minority's perspective, believing you can achieve something is much easier when you see that someone like you has already done it. The road will not be easy, but I have confidence in this man. He will show our children that they should not be embarrassed of their culture. They are not defined by the stereotypes that others have set for them. They can validate our ancestor's trek to this country. To our Cuban brethren, the name Castro meant oppression, but Americans will one day discover what San Antonians have known for years—the name Castro represents the future.



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San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro was the keynote speaker at this year's Democratic National Convention.



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# Athletes ponder life after graduation



PHOTOS BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI

Abby DuLaney, soccer player and team captain, stretches before practice. After graduation, she will no longer play soccer as often but will push her future children to play, she said.

When she is on the field, the only thing important to her is soccer. Even with all her classes, homework and work, she has to empty her mind and think only of the game or practice, when she trades her school clothes for her soccer uniform.

For at least two hours every day, senior Abby DuLaney is on the soccer field training to improve her skill, but with her college graduation just around the corner, she wonders how soccer will remain a part of her

"I'm still going to try to find time for it. I'm not going to completely drop it," DuLaney said. "But I don't think I'll be able to play competitively again."

DuLaney has been playing soccer for 16 years. She started in her first official team in the first grade. By the time she was in third grade, her coaches had pushed her and all of her teammates to more difficult training than most athletes

"We had three different types of training," DuLaney said. "One involved jump ropes and ladders, another involved juggling tennis balls. We didn't even get to touch a soccer ball until we reached the final part of our training."

With a wildly competitive background in soccer, DuLaney had to show a commitment to the team since she was in grade school. Now that she is finishing her college career, though, she fears it won't be the same.

"I'm always going to be playing soccer, even if it's just on weekends." DuLaney said. "I'll also push my future children to play. There is no way with me as their mom they're

not going to play soccer."

According to Saints soccer coach Shane Hurley, not many soccer players continue a competitive career after college graduation. Previous Our Lady of the Lake graduates who played soccer have gone into MA programs in biology, physical therapy and architecture. Although these former athletes no longer play the sport, Hurley believes that soccer has given these graduates skills they will need for their future.

"These students have been juggling three things at once: school, work and soccer," Hurley said. "They have built great time management skills and discipline that not many other students have."

Another senior soccer player, Luis Octavio Herrera, also looks forward to a future without competitive soccer. Herrera plans to go into an MA program in either physical therapy or sports medication after he graduates in May.

"I'm going to call it quits for soccer after this season," Herrera said. "I still have another six to eight years of school ahead, and having that extra time will help out with my

Herrera has also been playing soccer for 16 years. He got started when he was a child playing for the Mighty Ducks with his dad as his coach.

"It's bittersweet to say good bye to the sport," Herrera said. "It's sad because I am going to miss it, but I'm also happy to move on.'

Both Herrera and DuLaney started playing when they were able to kick a ball and had the encouragements of their fathers.

"My dad was my coach until my senior year in high school," Herrera said. "Even now, he still shows up to my games and supports me."

Although DuLaney didn't train under her dad, he was the one to get her interested in the sport.

"When I was younger my mom tried putting me in ballet, dance, gymnastics, all these girly sports," DuLaney said. "Nothing stuck until my dad started pushing me to play soccer. I immediately loved it."

DuLaney and Herrera have both had successful soccer careers and made captains of their teams. Now that they are looking at a future without competitive soccer, each looks forward to accomplishing his or her own career goals.

"It feels great to see my soccer players graduate," Hurley said. "Any success they achieve outside of soccer can be seen as part of our success as a program."

When she was younger, DuLaney was able to travel across the country to play soccer with her fourth grade team and saw professional soccer as a part of her

"We got to meet famous soccer players, people that were huge in this sport," DuLaney said. "When we were traveling, competing, and meeting these famous players, I was inspired to try to make it as a professional soccer player."

DuLaney's career goals since then have matured. She has been studying four years at Our Lady of the Lake University, and in May will graduate with her BA in Marketing. She plans to attend law school after graduation, and someday open her own law firm.

"I am going to miss [soccer] since it was a big part of my life," DuLaney said. "But I will be hanging up my cleats competitively and only play in my free time."

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