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## Faculty Assembly against program cuts

Steven Santana

Reporter

The controversy around the 12 majors isn't over yet.

Our Lady of the Lake's Faculty Assembly passed a resolution from the floor Nov. 28 stating that university President Tessa Martinez Pollack violated assembly bylaws when she initiated the elimination of 12 majors.

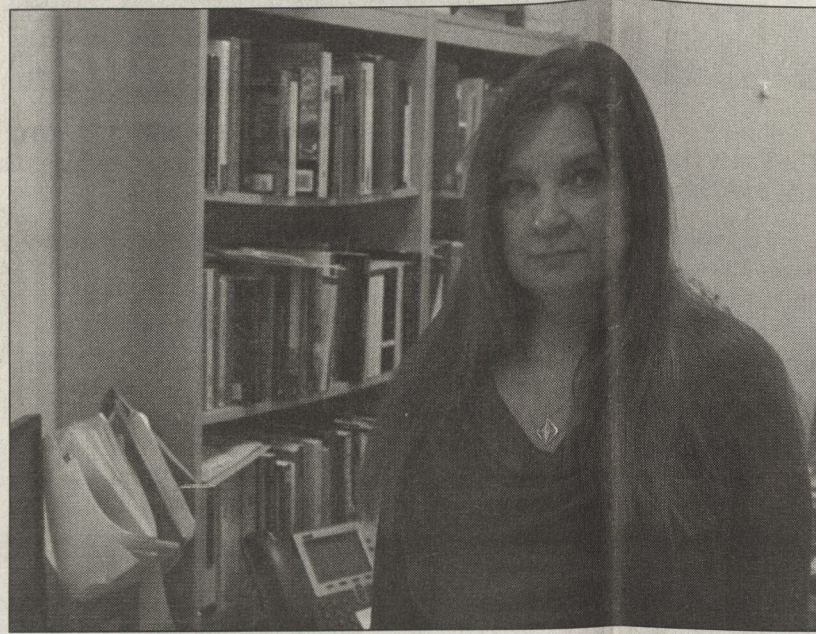
The process to remove a major should be open to the program faculty and then presented to the school, and that process was disregarded during revitalization, said Leah Larson, Faculty Assembly president.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Helen Streubert this semester issued a written response to the resolution, which has not been made public.

Neither Streubert nor Pollack was available for comment at press time.

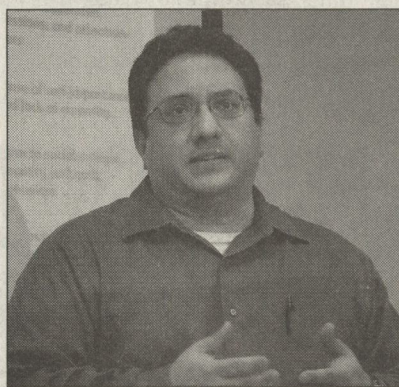
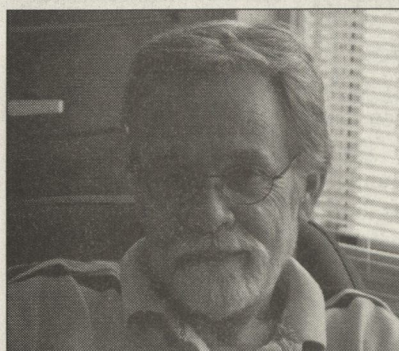
Some majors chose not to revitalize their curricula, but may not have realized that failure to participate would lead to elimination, Larson said.

The bylaw in reference falls



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Faculty Assembly President Leah Larson (above), President-elect Steve Blanchard (above right) and John Gomez, former president (right).



under Article Nine of the Faculty Assembly Bylaws, and states that any proposed changes to existing degrees must be presented to the Faculty Assembly for approval.

"You would expect that most

decisions that were made about majors and programs would involve some kind of deliberation that involve faculty, but that didn't happen," said Steve Blanchard, Faculty Assembly president-elect.

The 12 majors are "sunsetting," meaning they will continue to exist until the students in the program graduate, Blanchard said, but no new students will be admitted.

"I do believe it's the case that

we could have done all of this much better," Blanchard said.

Dan Yoxall, vice president for institutional advancement, said it now up to the Faculty Assembly how to deal with Streubert's response. He declined to discuss specifics of her response.

"The faculty has to meet on it first," Yoxall said, "so it's in all the faculty's hands."

Larson also declined to discuss specifics of Streubert's response.

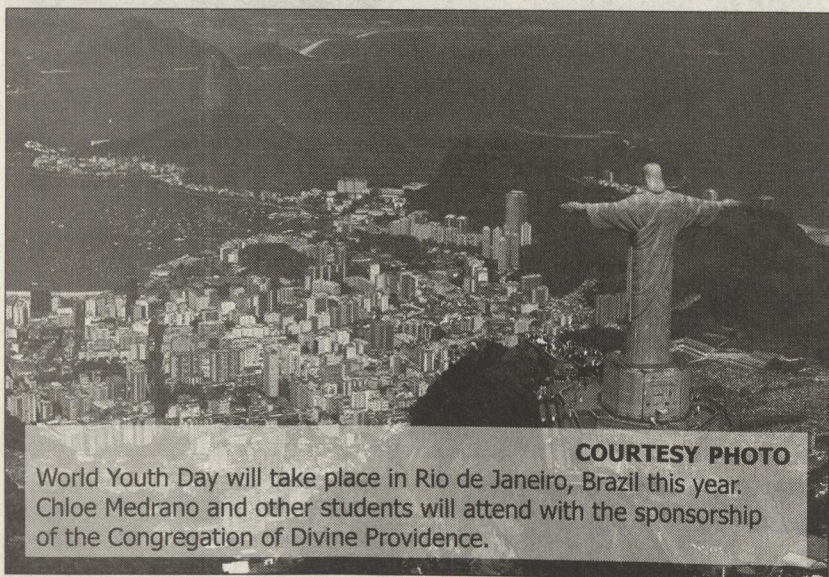
"However, know that the matter is not resolved," Larson said. "Faculty are currently discussing the response among themselves online and face-to-face."

The Faculty Assembly will meet again on Wednesday, Jan. 30, to discuss the response, and decide to accept or override Streubert's decision.

The Faculty Assembly may try to override the response by a two-thirds majority vote, and then the process of submitting a resolution will begin again.

"The next step would be to appeal to the university president," Larson added.

## Students and CDPs fundraise for WYD



COURTESY PHOTO

World Youth Day will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this year. Chloe Medrano and other students will attend with the sponsorship of the Congregation of Divine Providence.

Selina Diaz

Reporter

Beneath the famous open-armed Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a sea of 1 million pilgrims will flood the streets of to celebrate and pray for world peace this July.

World Youth Day brings together people from around the world for a celebration of their religious faith. This year, the Sisters of the Congregation of Divine Providence plan to take a 40-person group on the pilgrimage to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, but have to fundraise first to help with the costs.

Though the event brings together people from all over the world, they all come for the same thing, Our Lady of the Lake junior Chloe Medrano said.

"We're all going for one reason, and that [reason] is God," Medrano said.

Medrano has been on a spiritual journey, from attending University Ministry's Awakening retreat, joining the Providence Leadership Program, becoming a CDP Young Adult Associate and now a University Ministry student minister, and going through Confirmation this summer.

Her next step is World Youth Day, but the trip costs \$2,899 per person and students have to pay out of pocket what they can't fundraise.

Last semester, the Sisters of

Divine Providence put on two fundraisers, a trivia night and a rummage sale, to help students off-set some of their financial expenses. The money allocated from the fundraisers is then split evenly among those who actively participated with the planning and running the event.

"I received \$300 dollars from helping out at the rummage sale," said Medrano. "[The money] definitely helped, especially because I am one of those people that really wants to go on the trip but don't have that kind of money."

This semester, the sisters are planning a bigger fundraiser called Down on the Bayou. The event will include Cajun food, music, dancing and a silent auction. It will take place from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 in the OLLU Convent Auditorium. All of the allocations will go toward OLLU students attending World Youth Day this summer.

The fundraising helps make the trip feasible for some students, but without the sponsorship of the Congregation OLLU wouldn't have a group attending.

"All of this really wouldn't be possible without the Sisters of Divine Providence, because they do any little thing they can to help the students. Specifically, Sister Gloria Ann, who is praying for more students to go on the trip," student Sarah Contreras said.

Included in the cost of the trip

are a bus tour of Rio de Janeiro, a visit to the famous Christ the Redeemer statue, a hike to the mountains, daily mass, catechesis, lots of prayer, a pilgrimage and vigil, and a culminating mass held by Pope Benedict XVI. OLLU students, faculty and staff attending the trip will stay, eat and sleep, in a four-star hotel, in Rio, prearranged by Magnificat Travel out of Lafayette, La.

In all, it will be a weeklong celebration starting July 23 and ending July 28.

Contreras said she noticed the event pamphlet promised she could make lasting relationships with individuals from other countries.

"We will then get to know pilgrims from other countries. But the best part of all is having Mass with the Pope, I'm really excited about that," Contreras said.

"I love going to mass and this will be the largest mass I will ever go to, there will be thousands and thousands of people."

But meeting people from different countries might make communicating difficult.

"It will be tough, I'm not sure if I'm going to be able to communicate," Contreras said. "I also wonder if they will do a lot of back-and-forth during mass. [I think] Sister Gloria Ann is keeping details away from us so that when we get there we're surprised."

Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler, CDP, said the language barrier is part of the experience.

"[Students] will be on fire with faith and learn from experience, how to share in a world becoming more and more isolated," Fiedler said. "The World Youth Day pilgrims will go beyond the inability to speak each other's language. They will communicate, learn, pray, and celebrate the Eucharist together daily."

The trip is limited to 40. If you are interested in going on the WYD trip or would like to make a donation, please contact Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler at [griedler@cdptexas.org](mailto:griedler@cdptexas.org) or call 434-1866, ext. 1155.

## Math Society an official club

Jennifer Marroquin

Reporter

Everyone stood up and applauded when the Math Society's student representative walked into her first Student Government Association meeting this fall semester.

The Math Society of Our Lady of the Lake was established in the early 1990's but was shut down in 2007-2008 by Campus Activities due to low membership involvement.

Everything changed the next academic year of 2009-2010 when a new generation of students found out there wasn't a Math Society. The few students, including current president, Alissa Huerta, and vice president, Olivia Mason, did everything they could to resurrect it.

"We wanted to put it back together and let people know that Math is not as difficult as it seems to be," said Huerta.

Since then, club members have tried to get students on campus excited about math. They hold fundraisers, put on events and offer tutoring services.

"We did everything we could to try to get the word out," Huerta said.

Huerta hopes the Math Society shows students that math is not as hard as it looks. The Math Society hopes to rid the school of its fear

of math and help students become successful in the subject.

The current students in the math society tutor math, but also education, philosophy, kinesiology, english and criminal justice.

"We all have different strengths, and we can help out with those as well, not just math," Mason said.

Mason said many students who take advantage of the tutoring sessions return multiple times because they found the sessions helpful. She enjoys the support students show by returning for more tutoring sessions.

The Math Society not only wants to help OLLU in conquering math, but other schools as well. They plan to reach out to high school students and set a great foundation to become excited about math.

"We want to bring in guest speakers to different schools, guests who majored in math and now have successful lives," said Maria Linan, faculty advisor.

After gaining much success among the school and finally becoming recognized as an official organization, Huerta said the Math Society is stronger than ever and it will only continue to grow.

"We accomplished everything we wanted to do," Huerta said. "We just now have to keep it up and keep it from falling again."

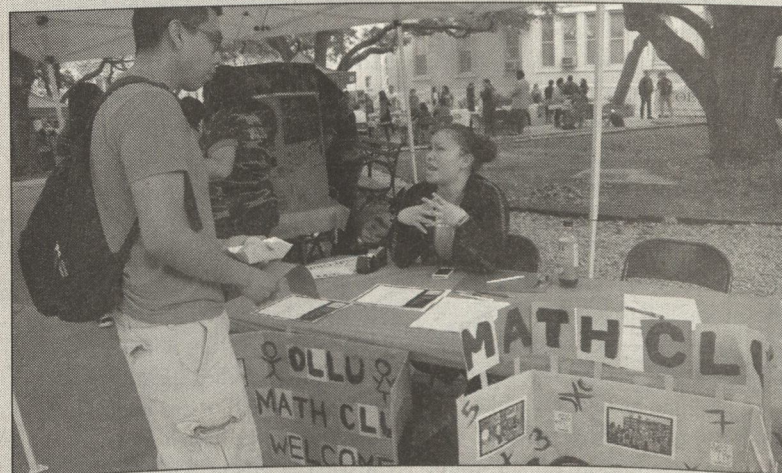


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Math Society President Alissa Huerta promotes the organization at Club Rush on Jan. 23.



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## Armed teachers not safe for schools

### OP-ED

**Jennifer Marroquin**  
Reporter

On Dec. 14, the nation was struck by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary when a gunman shot his way into the school and killed 26 students and faculty members.

This event has now sparked a national debate asking if it is necessary for teachers to be allowed to carry guns and take courses to be trained on firearms.

Although the incident was horrific because so many young children were killed, asking teachers to train and prepare to use firearms is going to the extreme.

Teachers have been taking years of classes and study countless hours to do one thing, and that is teaching. This proposal suggests teachers would receive classes to prepare them to use a firearm against a dangerous gunman, but this may not be the solution the nation needs.

Instead of handing out guns at

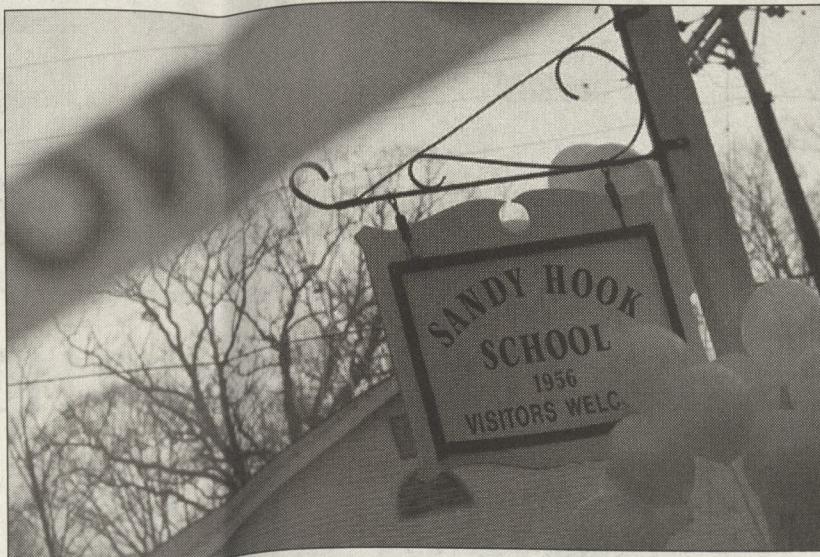
the next faculty meeting, schools around the nation should be tightening their security systems and hiring more armed police officers to patrol school grounds.

It is true that Sandy Hook's doors were locked when the shooter arrived, but he was able to shoot through them. Schools across the country should consider installing metal detectors around every entry way and installing a panic button under each teacher's desk.

Metal detectors at schools tend to carry a negative connotation, but it would be the only positive way to make sure no one could enter school grounds with a gun without an alarm sounding.

Not only would this stop a gunman outside the school, such as the case with Sandy Hook, but it would also prevent students from bringing guns on campus.

In the past decade, students caused 90 percent of all school shootings, according to ABC News reports. Sandy Hook, while tragic, was rare in the fact that it was not a student who caused the shooting.



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The Sandy Hook tragedy is only one of many cases of a gunman assault that could have been prevented with metal detectors at the school.

This also brings up the fact that Sandy Hook did not have any armed officers on campus. None. If the nation required schools to hire one armed officer for every hall, not only would schools be safer, but more jobs would be created.

Instead of expecting our teachers

to reenact scenes from Die Hard, we should consider hiring people who have had years of training to deal with these situations. This solution would not rely on one or two classes to educate teachers on everything they need to know about shooting someone.

## SOUNDING OFF

### What makes you more uncomfortable to watch in movies: sex or violence?

**Brian Hinojosa**, sophomore and psychology major, said that sex would probably make him more uncomfortable because violence is too typical in television shows and it's seen every day, as opposed to sex.



**Jessuly Suarez**, freshman and CISS major, said that watching sex is awkward when around others. "People watch movies just for violence because it makes movies suspenseful," she said.



**Lauren Heare**, sophomore and psychology major, thinks it depends on who you are with. "If you're with your parents watching sex, it's kind of awkward," Heare said.

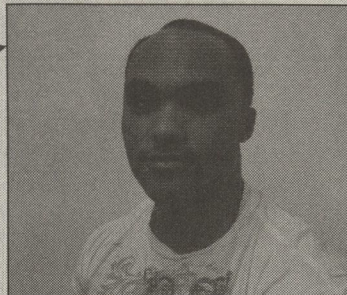


**Michelle Berry**, sophomore and psychology major, said that she is most uncomfortable watching sex. "It's something that should be hidden," she said. "I'm okay with watching violent movies. They excite me."

**Matthew Mauldon**, sophomore and CISS major, said that neither makes him uncomfortable. "I grew up watching scary movies and all kinds of movies with violence," he said. "Sex doesn't really bother me. It's a natural thing."



**Maurice Ward**, freshman and kinesiology major, thinks that sex would make him more uncomfortable because he wouldn't know how everybody else feels watching it. "You don't want to respond in a way that would make everybody else uncomfortable," he added.



**Stephanie Rivera**, freshman and communications disorders major, said sex is not something her family talks about, and it's always awkward when the subject comes up. "I prefer watching a military movie than a movie with sex."



**Sarah Williams**, sophomore and social work major, said that it depends on the situation. "I went to see *Titanic* with my mom and the nudity scene was really weird to watch," she said. "Violence scenes depend on the degree of violence."

## IT'S COMPLICATED

The 'It's Complicated' column explores life, love, and relationships through topics like contraception, domestic violence, homosexuality and dating rules. Some of these topics may seem controversial, but discussing them may help our readers understand touchy subjects, see a new perspective and inspire spirited discussions amongst the student body.

**Jordan Whitfield**  
Copy Editor

If you're still holding onto your V-card this V-Day, you may not be looking forward to next month's lovers' holiday.

The deluge of advertisements for Valentine's Day chocolates, flowers, and romantic dinners give the impression that it's a day for couples, but for anyone who doesn't celebrate with sex, the day can still be a celebration.

The day of love doesn't have to be about romance. It can be a day to remind us to love ourselves and to love others.

Abstinence has benefits like no sexually transmitted diseases or unplanned parenthood, no late-night booty calls or one-night stands,

better emotional coping skills that only come with maturity, and the hope that one's first sexual encounter is special and right.

You can love yourself by protecting your body.

A few historical figures chose life-long abstinence because they didn't want the distractions of sex and relationships to distract them from their work. This is how they had time to invent things like the radio and calculus.

The celibate club has a few famous mascots: Nikola Tesla, Queen Elizabeth I, Sir Isaac Newton and Joan of Arc, to name a few.

Some celebrities today claim to have waited or are waiting for marriage, like Tim Tebow and Jessica Simpson. Tina Fey waited until she was 24, while Mariah Carey

and Nick Cannon waited until their wedding night to consummate their relationship.

While we're reconsidering how we see abstinence, Valentine's Day might be worth another look.

In taking one day each year to celebrate love, we shouldn't limit our expressions of love to romantic love. Instead of wallowing in self-pity for your perceived loneliness, show your love for humanity this Valentine's Day.

Since 1998, women have worked with the international V-Day movement to end violence against women and children. Each year on Valentine's Day, women's groups perform The Vagina Monologues to raise funds for local organizations and shelters that help victims of domestic violence.

A 2004 V-Day march in Ciudad Juarez brought international attention to the systematic rape and murder of women in this town just across the border from El Paso. Yet, the killings continue as the city lost our attention, and already this year 60 women and girls have been killed.

With grassroots organizations redefining Valentine's Day, it's not hard to find a way to express your love by doing something for another person.

Do some volunteering this Valentine's Day, and you may find that being good to others helps you love yourself.

So, if you're looking for somebody to love this Valentine's Day, love yourself.



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## ROTC program overlooked

**Darian Mendez**  
Reporter

Free tuition, room and board and a \$300 check for being on the Dean's list.

These are some benefits of Our Lady of the Lake's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program, with a total enrollment of one.

Alexander Barraza, junior English major, has been in the program since August of 2011 and has so far received a scholarship for free tuition and gets a military stipend monthly.

However, because Barraza is the only OLLU student enrolled in the program, he needs to go to St. Mary's University to participate, Barraza said.

Barraza didn't know that the program was offered at OLLU until he heard about it from St. Mary's.

"Not a lot of people know the benefits," Barraza said. "That's why I want to start off the program here."

Information on ROTC can be found on the undergraduate bulletin and on the OLLU website under "Admissions" and "Military/Veterans/ROTC" said Dan Yoxall, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

The attempt to bring ROTC in the OLLU campus originally started with Corina Cardenas, now a second lieutenant, who graduated last semester. Barraza said he wants to continue Cardenas' goal of bringing such a helpful program to OLLU.

Toward the end of last

semester, Barraza gave all the resident assistants fliers promoting the program.

Lieutenant Commander David Guarriello, a Military Science professor at St. Mary's, wants to get the ROTC program started at OLLU because they've had only one OLLU graduate per year.

"We figure there are more good people out there at Our Lady of the Lake," Guarriello said. "[ROTC] is there whether or not they know."

ROTC has been in the U.S. since 1916 and St. Mary's ROTC program was established in 1932-making it the second oldest Catholic University to have the program.

Guarriello said [St. Mary's] is very proud of its program.

In San Antonio the only Universities to offer ROTC are St. Mary's and University of Texas at San Antonio. Students from University of the Incarnate Word, Texas A&M-San Antonio, Trinity University, OLLU, Palo Alto College and San Antonio College can participate in St. Mary's ROTC through cross-enrollment.

To Barraza, the one-on-one attention he received at St. Mary's was what helped him succeed in getting contracted and a scholarship.

"If I had gone anywhere else with 100 cadets, I wouldn't have stayed," Barraza said. "[The staff's] doors are always open. Other schools don't do that."

According to Guarriello, there are a lot of misperceptions about

ROTC that stop students from participating.

"You can take [ROTC] for four semesters before you have to commit to anything," Guarriello added.

A misconception Barraza saw was the idea that all students participating in ROTC join the army after graduation.

"They never push people to contract and I think that's what they're afraid of," Barraza said.

Being under contract means that the individual will go into the Army after graduation, Barraza said.

But to get contracted, students need to show they want to be contracted and work hard to be considered for the scholarship, Barraza said.

Part of working hard to be contracted and getting the ROTC scholarship means fulfilling the physical requirements.

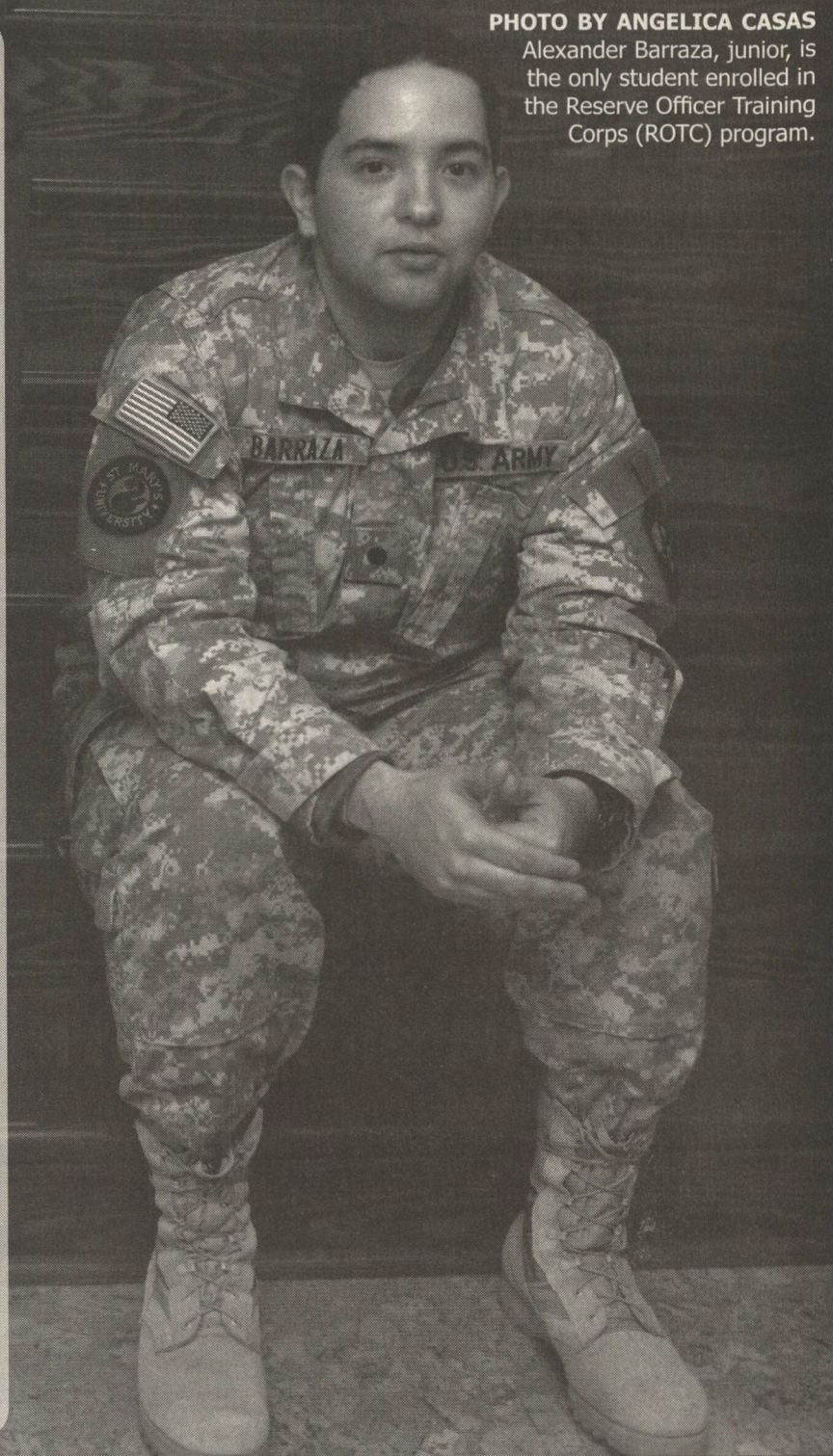
That means applicants must do 42 pushups in two minutes, 53 sit-ups and run two miles in 16.5 minutes, Barraza said.

Besides the financial benefits, the skills learned through the ROTC program could help graduates in getting jobs outside the military, like management and leadership, Barraza said.

In making plans for missions, students develop writing and verbal skills, Guarriello said.

"If you want to learn, get in shape and build confidence [ROTC] is where to be," Barraza said.

PHOTO BY ANGELICA CASAS  
Alexander Barraza, junior, is the only student enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.



## Low budget limits employment

PHOTO BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI  
Two weeks of a budget freeze left student employment slots empty.



**Jordan Whitfield**  
Copy Editor

Finding low funds in the work-study and student employment budgets didn't only catch students off-guard.

Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management Mark Osborn was in a meeting when he received a text that said, "Big problem in work-study and student employment."

The "big problem" was that the Financial Aid Office found lower-than-expected funds when it did its midyear budget evaluation.

For the next two weeks, the Student Employment Office implemented a budget freeze that prevented all newly hired student employees and some returning employees from working until new budget allocations could be calculated and distributed to their offices.

So, for the two weeks after student employees were told not to clock in, most are cleared to return to work. Many still don't have an explanation for why they couldn't work even though their office still had funds.

"We didn't know who was overspent, so we had to freeze everyone," Osborn said.

That was the first day of the semester, and for the next two weeks, Osborn and his staff worked to figure out exactly how much money was left in the Federal Work-Study and

Student Employment budgets.

When Osborn released the updated student employee budget, the Student Employment Office approved most students to return to work. Yet, Osborn couldn't give an official reason for the low funds.

"We never had this problem before," Osborn said. "We always had plenty of money, and it seemed seamless to students, because when they used all their work-study funds, [the Financial Aid office] rolled them over to student employment."

With each university division, such as Student Life or Mission and Ministry, allotted a certain budget for the year, some offices may have spent too much in the summer and fall and not left enough for the spring, Osborn said. However, he said he was uncertain that was the case.

In the meantime, rumors spread that some offices had let their students work excessive hours or hired too many employees, decreasing the overall student employee budget for the university.

Some work-study students received an email notification that they were out of funds and couldn't work this semester.

Student employees who hadn't turned in their work agreement forms were told to wait for one week, then another, for an update on their work status.

Other student employees who were returning to their positions from last semester but had already turned in the work agreements before

the start of the semester were able to continue working.

Some offices, like the University Post Office, are almost entirely staffed by students, so a total budget freeze would have prevented them from opening.

For offices, this caused a scheduling headache, and for students, it was two weeks of stress about bills going unpaid.

When some students received an email one day saying they couldn't return to work the next, supervisors had to fill in the scheduling gaps with no notice.

In the School of Business and Leadership administrative office, one student was told he couldn't work, leaving the office without someone to cover his usual afternoon shift.

"They sent him an email and CC-ed me on it late one evening," said Valerie Hernandez, administrative secretary, "but we never got a phone call during the day."

As students return to work with the budget issues seemingly resolved, students and supervisors still have no answers about what happened.

"We were never told if we could pay him what we should've paid him," Hernandez said. "Now he's just trying to catch up because of how that set him back."

Another factor that made the budget re-evaluation take longer was making sure the university was in compliance with federal regulations for work-study funds.

Some of the students affected were those who didn't meet the 2.50 GPA requirement and don't qualify to work.

The budget allocation process typically takes some time, Osborn said, since it involves more than simply dividing money evenly between divisions.

The combined amount for student employment and work-study is about \$1.1 million, said Allen Klaus, vice president for Finance and Facilities. However, the total of the amounts allocated to each division is higher.

"Historically the institution has allocated out a total amount greater than that," Klaus said, "with the reason being that not everyone spent all their funds."

Generally, each division would leave 10 to 15 percent of its budget unused, so they were allocated more money than what was in the account to make sure that students could spend all their money.

Yet, the amount of funds used between June and December "was disproportionately higher than usual, so the remainder has to be proportionally lower," Klaus said.

This means that the budgets offices have been waiting for will be

less than expected--17 percent less--which is exactly how much money is left in the budget.

One lasting effect may be greater limits on the amount of hours any student employee can work. Offices will have to work with smaller budgets this semester, but when the next fiscal year begins June 1 the new budget will be allocated in the usual way, which Klaus said has worked for the past 15 years.

Working with the new, smaller budgets for the remainder of the semester may prove difficult for some offices.

"We may have to cut down hours," said Ann-Margaret Cervantes, Student Business Office assistant director, "but we'd rather do that than cut a student. We're kind of at a standstill."

Students, too, are trying to figure out what to do if they can't work their normal hours.

"If I can't work as many hours, I'll have to get a second job," Post Office employee Ozzie Villarreal-Soto said.

Though unsure at the time of the interview as to how it happened, Osborn is confident that it was a one-time event.

"It should not happen again," he

## Homeless Night Out

The Student Government Association is accepting clothing donations for SAMMinistries. If students put their name and ID number on the donations they will receive service hours. Donation boxes can be seen around campus. On Feb. 8 students have three opportunities to volunteer. From 3-7 p.m. students can serve dinner at Haven for Hope from 7-9 p.m. students can help with a bingo at Haven for Hope and 7-9 p.m. and attending children at Strong Foundation Ministries. Some transportation will be provided. For more information, email sga@ollusa.edu or stop by the Student Life Development office on the second floor of Walter Center.



PHOTO BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI  
Ashley Guevara, vice president of the Student Government Association, informs some students about Homeless Night Out.



## Speaker talks about disease stereotypes

**Mariam Kevlishvili**  
Editor

Humans are now aware that the earth is not flat. Thunder is not Zeus. Heaven is not in the sky. There are no witches in Salem. Disease is not God's punishment.

But they continue to use a derogatory biblical term "leper" to address people affected by Hansen's disease.

José Ramirez Jr., a licensed clinical social worker calls it the "L-word." He talked about the stigma associated with the disease on January 11 at Our Lady of the Lake during the 33rd annual CJ Collins Symposium, co-sponsored by the Worden School.

Ramirez experienced the stigma on his own skin.

He just turned 20 when diagnosed with Hansen's disease.

Hansen's disease is a chronic disease caused by bacteria, mainly affecting skin, limbs and peripheral nerves. Hansen's disease is curable. It is not easily transmitted, and 95 percent of humans are immune to it.

"Contrary to people's beliefs, your nose is not going to fall out," Ramirez said.

His family did not know initially what they were dealing with. They had tried all kinds of doctors and curanderos before his sister tricked him into visiting Mercy Hospital in Laredo. He had lost all the trust in medicine. When doctors discovered the disease they were dealing with, they isolated him.

It doesn't only happen in the movies.

Born and raised in Laredo, Ramirez was sent to a leprosarium, a place to quarantine people with Hansen's disease, in Louisiana. Patients were completely separated from the outside world. They were



**PHOTOS BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI**  
Jose Ramirez Jr. (left and speaking above) talks about his experience with Hansen's disease, caused by bacteria and affecting skin, limbs and peripheral nerves, at the CJ Collins Symposium on Jan. 11.

longer existed. That's why I am proud of my name."

However, life in a leprosarium changed things. Martha Lozano Martinez, niece of Ramirez's surrogate mother in the facility said she did not know Ramirez had a family in Laredo until her aunt passed away.

"I have always heard of him because they were very close, but I got to know him better after she passed away," Martinez said. "When my aunt spoke of him, she never used the word "surrogate" or "adopted," she called him her son. They always spoke about him with so much respect and love."

even segregated from personal relationships.

His girlfriend's mother, now his mother-in-law, initially did not approve of their relationship.

He was even offered to change

his name to avoid stigma, which his parents did not agree to do.

"Changing the name separated the person from the community," Ramirez said. "They were completely removed, like they no

Ramirez did not let the years in facility break him. He published a book called "Squint: My Journey with Leprosy." He is still fighting stigma.

There is a pyramid of stigma, Ramirez said. The sides of it are rejection and labeling, with the foundation of fear.

"It is the fear of the unknown," Ramirez said.

He said this fear causes people with diseases to be silent about the discrimination they face. Fear is the reason why people choose to suffer quietly, and hide the disease instead of looking for the cure.

Ramirez said that religion played a great role in making Hansen's disease a stigma. Even the word leprosy is associated with punishment.

"When my mom found out about the disease, she went to church to ask God, "Why are you punishing me?" Ramirez said.

However, stigma does not only come with the disease, Ramirez said. Even in the university environment, there are cases of rejection and labeling.

"One thing that happens in terms of school is perception of failure, grades, difference between A+ and C-. So most people keep their grades secret," Ramirez said.

However, Ramirez stays hopeful. He said that the younger generation is less susceptible to stigma because of well-developed technology and mass media promoting diversity like never before.

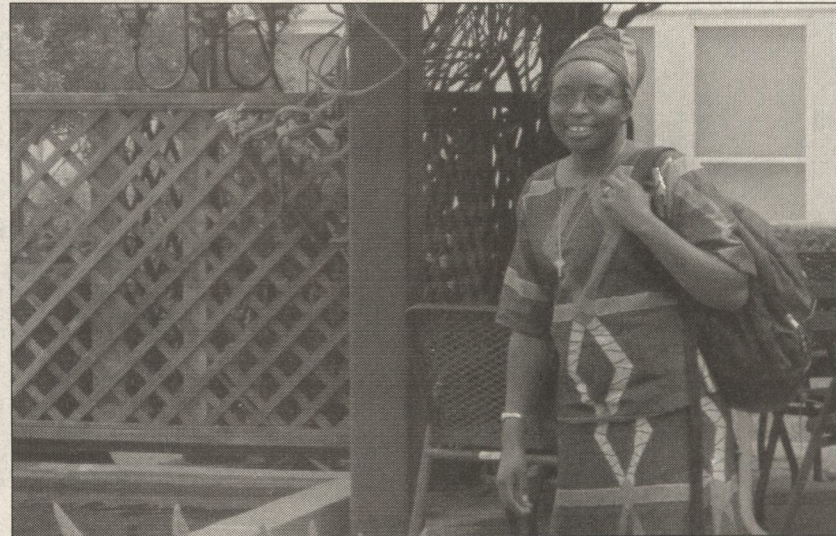
At the end of the conference, Ramirez told the audience he would charge them a fee for the presentation.

"Here's the fee. For the next week, communicate with at least 10 people and tell them the truth about the L-word, Hansen's disease and the stigma."

## Student to educate impoverished kids



**COURTESY PHOTO**  
Maimbolwa Lutangu (second from right) participates in a Zambia celebration.



**COURTESY PHOTO**

Maimbolwa Lutangu (above), pre-counseling psychology major and religious studies minor, is part of the 2 percent of Zambians that attend college. She has lived in San Antonio since 2011.

**Margaret Tovar**  
Contributing Writer

Out of a population of 10 million, only 2 percent of Zambians attend college.

Our Lady of the Lake University pre-counseling psychology major Maimbolwa Lutangu is determined to defy those educational statistics.

Traveling more than 8,000 miles via plane to San Antonio from her native Zambia was just one of many hurdles she overcame along the way.

Lutangu, 33, said community, praying, and studying have made her the person she is today, and her mother also instilled devotion and desire in her at an early age. As a child, Lutangu tried to skip school several times and faced a harsh reality.

"In 5th grade, I remember my mother whipping me all the way to school," Lutangu said. "She said you have to stay in school, and that whipping was enough. I knew I had

to stay in school if I wanted a better life."

Lutangu's mother lived a harder life then she had growing up. Her mother only made it to the 3rd grade, and as a single mother, she raised eight children. Her main goal was to make sure that all of her kids were educated to have a better life.

The culture in Zambia also played a huge role in shaping Lutangu's ambitions. Zambians emphasize culture to its full potential and live by a philosophy of community.

"I am because we are, and because we are, therefore I am," Lutangu said. "As an individual, you cannot have an identity or survive, meaning we don't stress individuality, but we stress community. We support each other in all walks of life."

Through the communal support and education she gained through her adolescent years, she pursued her highest potential of school in

Zambia.

"I wanted to dedicate myself to making other kids' lives better," she said. "I wanted to tell them my story, because if they hear that my story is just like theirs, they will try to make their lives better."

Lutangu made a vow to God to be a nun. The vow opened many doors for her, and she said if she is not committed to anyone or anything other than God, she can do more for her people.

She currently holds the equivalent to a U.S. associate teaching degree in Zambia, where she has been instructing 8th and 9th grade students since 2006.

Lutangu went to San Antonio in the summer of 2011 to pursue her degree in pre-counseling psychology with a minor in religious studies.

She resides in the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate convent on the East Side with sisters she met in Zambia and others who are San Antonio natives.

"They heightened my sense of compassion towards those who are marginalized in my society," Lutangu said.

Through her classes at the Lake, Lutangu said she has become more informed and better equipped to work with her students. She wants to help them find their own solutions to daily challenges that may appear insurmountable.

"She is a very intelligent young lady, she is very vibrant, very reflective, and serious about social justice," said Mary Margaret O'Grady, a Sister of the Holy Spirit and Mary Immaculate. "She has a sense of purpose."

Lutangu said that sense of purpose is projecting a message to the less fortunate in her community for a chance of a better life, just as she is receiving through college.

"I see my duty as that of being the voice that proves the adage, 'where there is determination, there is success,'" Lutangu said, smiling. "I remember, when I was in 9th grade, I had this written on all my notebooks to remind myself that some mountains of problems and hopeless situations are surmountable."

Sister Genevieve Cunningham, the health coordinator at Little

Flower Catholic School in San Antonio, said Lutangu has a great empathy for the struggles of other people.

"Responding to difficult situations in her society and being a force for good is in her future," Cunningham said.

Lutangu hopes to graduate in spring 2014 and return to her home in Zambia.

"My plans when I return are to continue teaching," she said, "but I have a dream of seeing the guidance and counseling we have in our school system, and creating room for counseling that deals with social and life issues and actually helping students with different problems."

Lutangu also hopes to produce a ripple effect. If she touches one life by her commitment to work, she said, it can show children that poverty can be overcome and that they can have better lives.

"I had a better life because my mom helped me understand the value of education for my future," Lutangu said. "You have to be positive about life and everything you experience, but each time it should move you to be something more or something better."



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## Local Beats



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Matchbox Twenty will perform Jan. 30 at the Majestic Theater.

Darian Mendez  
Reporter

### 1/26 Artslam! 7 Year Anniversary

Location: White Rabbit, 2410 N. Saint Mary's St.  
Tickets: \$10-\$12

Start the new year with some good ol' local art and music. Good luck trying to find a band like Pop Pistol anywhere else in the U.S. that will be playing while you attend a silent auction.

### 1/30 Matchbox Twenty 7:30 p.m.

Location: Majestic Theater, 224 E. Houston St.

Tickets: \$50-\$90

It's kind of impossible to hate on Matchbox Twenty. Their songs are everywhere, and if you haven't heard them you are either living in a dark cave or lying. Go love them!

### 2/6 Koffin Kats 7 p.m.

Location: Korova, 107 E. Martin St.

Tickets: \$7-\$10

As if it isn't hard enough to describe the oddness in a band named Koffin Kats. Imagine Rockabilly in slow motion.

### 2/11 Silverstein

Location: White Rabbit, 2410

N. Saint Mary's St.  
Tickets: \$16

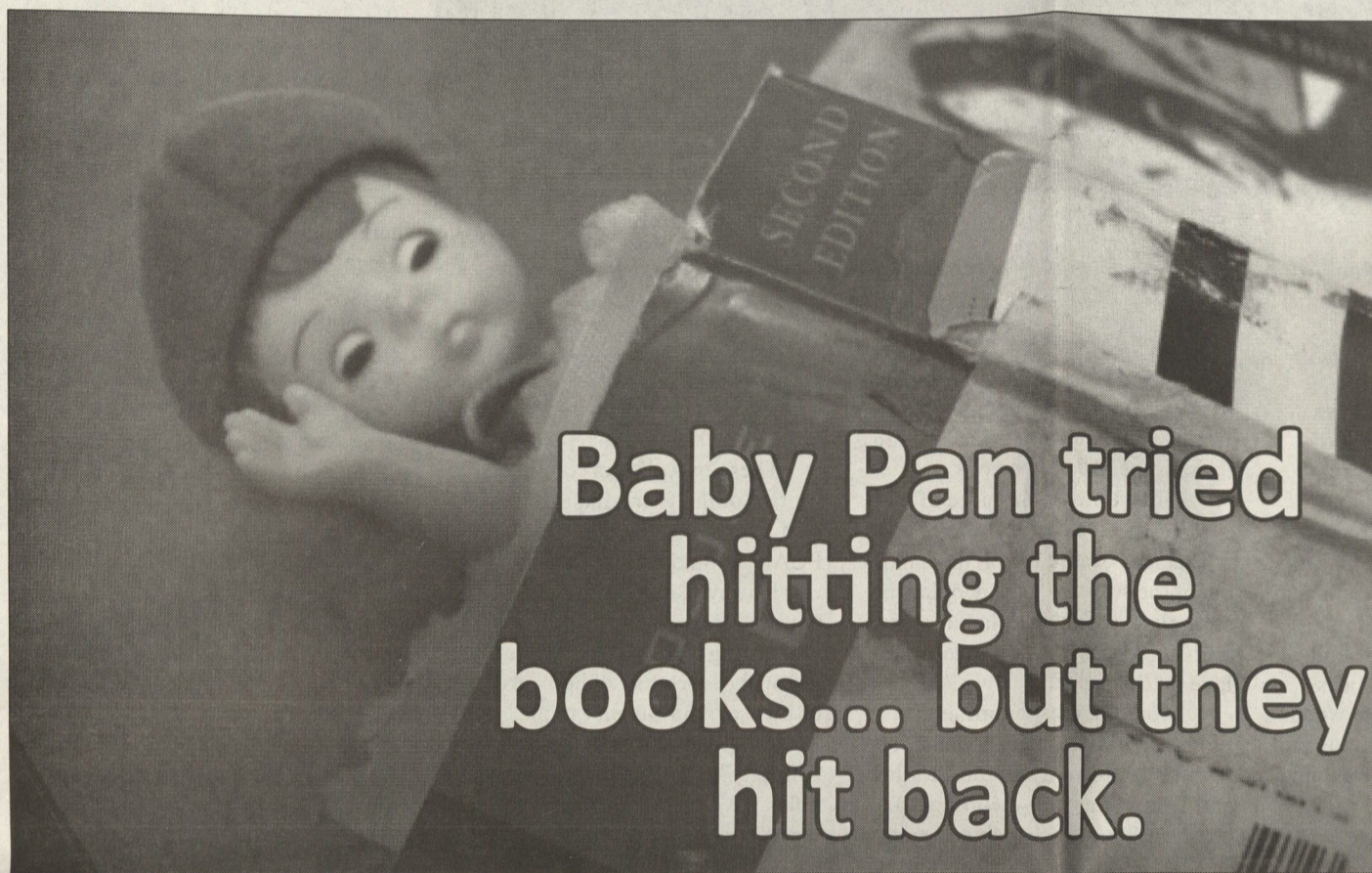
One of the middle school classics, Silverstein still satisfies us angry and angst-y adults.

### 2/7- 2/24 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo

Location: AT&T Center, 723 AT&T Center Parkway

Tickets: vary

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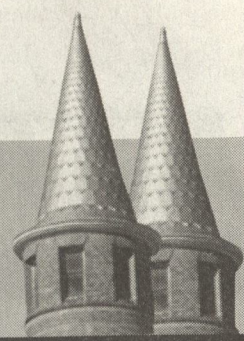
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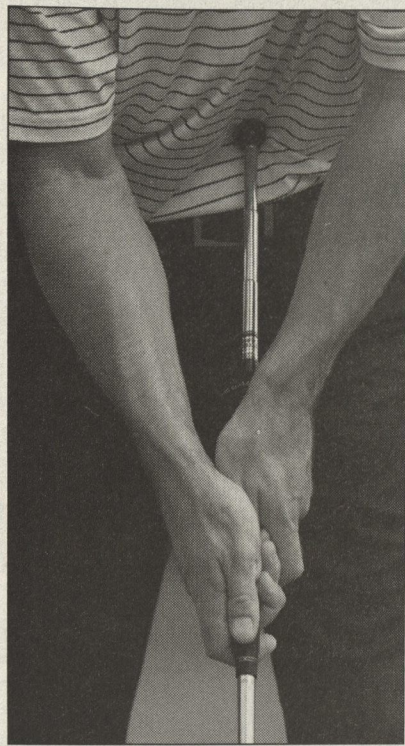
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# Golf team debates fairness of putter



COURTESY PHOTOS

The belly putter (above left) became more prominent after golfer Paul Azinger used a version of one at the 2000 Sony Open. OLLU's golf team (above right) has different opinions regarding the putter.

## Aaron Flores

Sports Reporter

Belly putters have been a fad in golf for over a decade, but pros and amateurs alike still question whether the putters are good for the integrity of the game.

This controversy is also playing out at the Lake, where coaches and players on the school's nationally ranked golf team must decide how they stand on the putters.

Unlike a traditional putter, which allows players to putt using a pendulum stroke keeping their hands free flowing, a belly putter is anchored in a player's midsection, making it easier to stroke the ball because it is in a fixed position.

"I was against belly putting

at first because I grew up using a traditional putter, but when I switched to a belly putter, it gave me so much more confidence on the greens," said Nick Chacon, a member of the OLLU men's golf team. "If the USGA wants to make the game more traditional, then why don't they ban the new golf balls that have the technology to spin less off the tee box and spin more around the greens or ban graphite shafts that make clubs lighter to use which equals more speed to your swing and ultimately more distance? The game is far from traditional so the rules change really doesn't make sense to me."

The belly putter became more prominent on the tour when Paul Azinger used a version of a belly

putter at the 2000 Sony Open in Hawaii and cruised to a seven-stroke victory. It swept through the golf world because it was unlike anything that anyone had seen before.

This simple-to-use piece of equipment gave people more of an advantage because it took the hands out of the stroke. It gave people who struggled keeping their hands steady with a traditional putter a reason to love putting again.

Two of the most prominent figures involved in the conversation on belly putters are Keegan Bradley and Webb Simpson. According to the PGA Tour website, since being on tour, Webb Simpson moved in the Strokes Gained-Putting statistic to 54th in 2012 from 57th in 2011. The biggest jump fans notice when

talking about players that use belly putters is Keegan Bradley's. In the same statistic, he moved to 27th in 2012 from 97th in 2011.

These two players combined for two of the year's major championships, the U.S. Open and a PGA Championship.

However, a proposed USGA rule that will take effect in 2016 states that during a stroke, the player must not anchor the club, either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point."

A belly putter would be anchored "directly" when a player intentionally holds the club that makes contact with any part of the body. The only exception would be if the player held the club against a hand or forearm.

An "anchor point" would exist if the player intentionally holds a

forearm in contact with any part of his/her body to establish a stable point while they swing the club. If one of these instances would occur during tournament play, a two-stroke penalty in stroke play would be assessed and it would be a loss of a hole in match play.

"I find it hard to believe that they (the United States Golf Association) could make a move this drastic in such a little frame of time," said Eric Moore, head golf coach at OLLU. "I don't think it is fair to those who have been putting with the long putter for more than a decade to suffer from such a useless rules change. I am totally against the change in rules."

Golf professionals argue this rule would radically change the face of the game because it will now require a player to use the club in a traditional fashion. It is not an equipment rule, meaning that the actual belly putter itself wouldn't be illegal. It is just telling that the way you use the club will change.

"I think it is a bad ruling first of all," said Jim Barker, a Class A PGA Professional at San Antonio's Quarry Golf Club. "In my time in working as an instructor and seeing different people with different skill sets, I have yet to find that anchored putting could be superior to traditional putting."

"The one aspect of this conversation that still puzzles me to this day is that, if anchored putting was so great and it helped you out so much, why doesn't everybody do it?" said Barker, an award-winning golf instructor with more than 30 years of teaching experience. "As a player you still have to read the putt correctly and hit it on the line that you read. It is all about making the correct stroke to make the ball go in the hole."

# Zumba and ministry a passion



## Angelica Casas

Designer

Mara McDonald does not take the phrase "I can't do that" seriously.

She hears it often, but to her, it is no excuse not to try Zumba.

"Zumba is for everybody," she said. "It's really just about having fun."

McDonald was hired as University Minister last October, filling Mario Serrano's position, which opened after he became Director of University Ministry. Almost right after being hired, she began teaching Zumba classes on two of the four days the workout is offered in the International Folk

Culture Center.

Zumba is an intense dance workout that can burn 500-1,000 calories in an hour, McDonald said. The workouts, which target different areas of the body, are choreographed to different music genres like cumbia, reggaeton, hip-hop, merengue and even flamenco. McDonald choreographs most of the routines.

Constantly throughout the hour, McDonald makes her way to her students and continues the routines next to them. She also stops dancing momentarily throughout the workout to challenge her students to continue without her guidance.

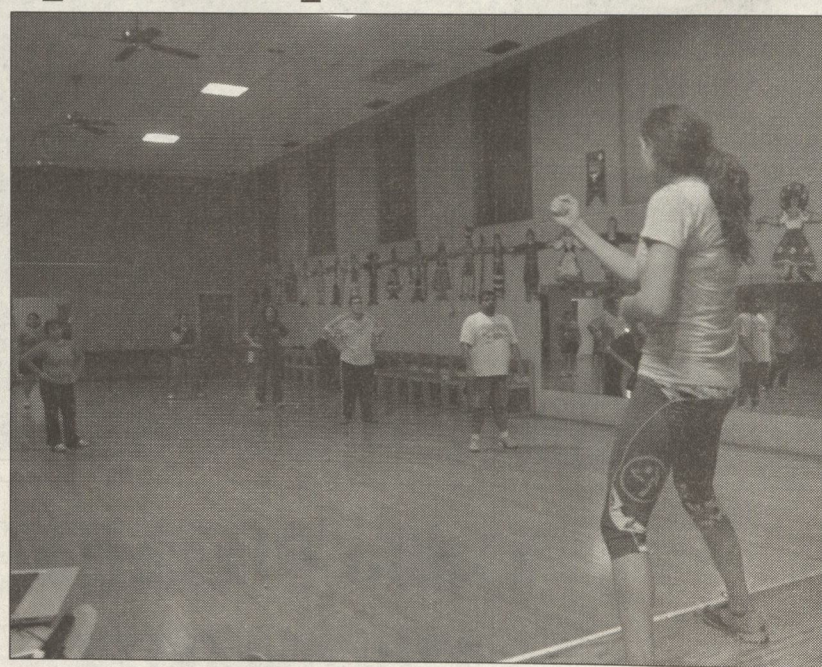
Ending each routine with a motivating "good job," she goes

straight into the next routine with no intermission.

"When people first see my class, they're intimidated," she said. "Don't judge (Zumba) off of one instructor."

McDonald, from Indiana, has been teaching Zumba for six years. She recently taught Zumba at the University of the Incarnate Word, where she also worked for University Ministry.

At UIW, Zumba attracted students to take part in campus ministry and students involved in campus ministry, were convinced to attend Zumba classes, she said. She wants the same effect to occur at Our Lady of the Lake, where she wants to get to know more people.



## ANGELICA CASAS

Mara McDonald (above and second from left on right photo) became University Minister and October and soon after began to instruct Zumba.

For McDonald, the classes have become a form of praise and worship because it's about embracing who God made her and others to be.

"God gave us our lives and our bodies and all of our blessings to take care of," McDonald said. "It goes with empowerment, dignity and respect."

Zumba also helps her and others forget their problems.

When her mother was diagnosed with cancer, the distance between them made her feel alone at times. She would cry in her car on the way to Zumba class and remembers thinking, "God, I can't bring this in with me." But once she began dancing with her students, it was as if she were offering everything to God, she said.

"People come with problems and it's like 'okay, shake it out... literally,'" she said.

After a class once, a student approached her and told her that it was the first time she had smiled in a month.

"I am thankful for that and I take it seriously," she said. "They give so much to me that they don't know."

Zumba classes are offered from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and those McDonald instructs are from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the International Folk Culture Center. Zumba Sentao is offered from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays also in the IFCC. The first Zumba class is free; the IFCC offers 10 classes for \$20 or 20 classes for \$30.



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