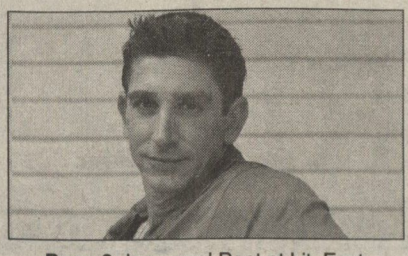
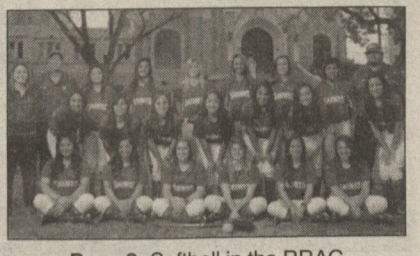


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Slater's history at OLLU continues

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Sister Jane Ann Slater began her term as interim president for Our Lady of the Lake University on March 12. The university will host a blessing and commissioning ritual for Slater at 12:30 p.m. on March 26 in Sacred Heart Chapel.



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When Sister Jane Ann Slater walked into the Our Lady of the Lake Convent dining room on February 22, the Sisters of Divine Providence greeted her with applause and verses of "Hail to the Chief," the official presidential anthem of the United States.

Their joy, as well as the anthem, was well justified - the sisters of the congregation and the Our Lady of the Lake University community had just received news of Slater's new position as interim president for the university.

"They were just happy," Slater said. "Now every time I walk through, they clap!"

Slater began her term as interim president on March 12, after being elected by the Board of Trustees. Her term began a month after the announcement of former president Tessa Pollack's departure in February and two weeks after Pollack's last day as president.

Slater, 76, has been a sister of the Congregation of Divine Providence since 1957 and has served two terms as the congregation's superior general. She is the second member of the congregation to serve as president of the university.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Slater moved to Texarkana, Ark., at a young age, where she lived until going

to college. Her father died in a car accident when she was a year and a half old, leaving her mother to raise her on her own.

Although she was an only child, she did not feel like one because she was always around her mother's young relatives.

She went to school at her home parish of St. Edward's, a small Catholic school with only 140 children at the time. There, she first became acquainted with the Sisters of the Congregation of Divine Providence, who taught her all 12 years of school.

Slater still remembers waiting for the sisters who taught at St. Edward's to get back from San Antonio at the end of August and then helping them get the school ready for the new academic year.

"We'd stay after classes every day to help dust erasers and just do things for the sisters," she said, adding that the sisters were mysterious because then they wore habits and did not go out frequently. "They were just so much a part of our lives."

In the first grade, Slater decided that she wanted to become a sister because of her teacher, Sister Adrienne Marie Schmidtzinsky, who is still alive and lives in McCullough Hall in the convent.

"She was so beautiful and such a good teacher. I just wanted to be like her," she said.

After high school, Slater entered Our Lady of the Lake (when it was still a college) with the full support of her mother and with aspirations of becoming a medical technologist because she had done well in chemistry in high school.

She was a boarder at the college and attended when the all-girl school had roll call. Freshmen could be out on weekends only until 10 p.m., and they could write a letter to relatives once a month with the exception of lent and advent.

"It was like going to the army," Slater said, laughing and remembering the college's motto: "Ladies of the Lake are gracious, grace-filled and graceful."

Her chemistry professor as a freshman was Sister Isabel Ball, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who has been a mentor for Slater. Ball introduced Slater to the convent and sisters of the congregation at the end of her freshman year.

Slater entered the convent that summer and she became a Sister of Divine Providence in 1957.

As soon as she finished her novitiate, the term preceding her vows as a sister, she was sent to Shreveport, La., where she taught seventh grade for two years. After that, she was sent to St. Louis High School in Castroville, where she taught math and science for two years before returning to San Antonio to teach at Providence High School, also for two years.

After teaching at Providence, she pursued graduate school. She received her doctorate in inorganic chemistry and taught chemistry for 11 years at Our Lady of the Lake, when it was a coeducational college.

"I've always felt at home," Slater said. "This has been a home, this whole campus, the university (college at that time) and Our Lady of the Lake Convent and the Sisters of Divine Providence."

In 1981, Slater was elected to be a member of the congregation's general council and was elected superior general of the congregation in 1987, serving her first term through 1993 and her second from 2005 to 2011.

Slater plans for future of OLLU

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Sister Jane Ann Slater began her term as interim president for Our Lady of the Lake University on March 12. Her history with the university dates back six decades,

when she entered Our Lady of the Lake College as a freshman.

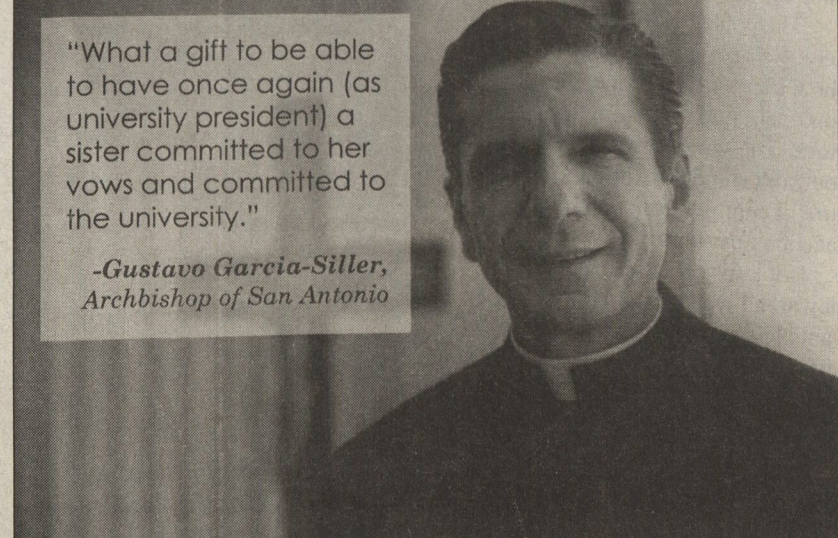
As her interim presidency begins, she remembers important moments in the university's history and plans for the future of the place she calls "home."

On being the second CDP to serve as university president
"I think it's appropriate," said Slater, who is the second sister of the Congregation of Divine Providence to serve as university president after Sister Elizabeth Anne Sueltenfuss, who served as president from 1978 to 1997.
"I think in the long haul there may not be sisters who will be able to serve, but at this point, I think it's right and I'm ready for it. We'll see what providence has for the future; I have no idea."

On the 2008 fire in Main Building
Slater was in Houston the night of the fire in Main Building and found out what was happening through a phone call.
"I was horrified," Slater said. "Archbishop Gomez called me to let me know that he was here and he was very much with the community."
Slater had to wait until the next day to find out what had happened. When she saw footage of the fire on television and the coverage in newspapers, she was proud, she said, adding that friends from all over the country were amazed at the students and how articulate they were about the charism of providence.
"I was just so happy to be a part of what I experienced as a community of people and to me, that's the essence of the university: to be a communion of love, a community of learning and of participation."

On her relationship with former president Tessa Pollack
"I worked with Tessa over two years," Slater said. "We met every month and had good conversations about leadership and various things. I would say we had a good working relationship."
Slater explained that the president serves as the delegation of the board. The board hires the president, but the president does not have control over the board.
"So you can have ideas but you can't micromanage," Slater said. "You can't get in (as president) and say 'you need to do things this way, you can't change this, you have to do this.' So we would talk about things, and we had good open, honest conversations."

On the reinstatement of the 12 eliminated majors
Slater said there are currently no plans to reinstate the 12 majors that were eliminated last semester under a decision made by former president Tessa Pollack. Before she makes any decisions regarding the majors, she will examine what the majors are and think about their influence, she said.
"I need to look at the whole picture of the curriculum," Slater said. "I just can't make a statement one way or the other, but I'm going to be listening."
Leah Larson, Faculty Assembly president, said the assembly will propose to Slater the resolution they passed in November to reinstate the majors.



"What a gift to be able to have once again (as university president) a sister committed to her vows and committed to the university."
-Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Archbishop of San Antonio

COURTESY PHOTO

Sister Jane Ann Slater worked at Assumption Seminary by invitation of Gustavo Garcia-Siller (above), Archbishop of San Antonio. Garcia-Siller believes Slater's interim presidency will benefit the university and assure its Catholic identity.

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Things we can learn from a pope

OP-ED

Gianna Rendon
Reporter

When Pope Francis descended from his Popemobile and greeted a disabled man outside the Vatican before his inaugural Mass, he shocked the world.

While a cardinal, he washed the feet of stigmatized people, including drug addicts and people with AIDS.

It may seem strange, but Pope Francis is actually living like Jesus.

A Pope is supposed to be like Jesus on Earth, but unfortunately we haven't seen many Jesus-like popes in the Catholic Church's history, as is evident by the Crusades and the papal bling adorning the Vatican.

It's sad that we are surprised when the representative of Jesus on Earth starts acting like Jesus. The years of papal failure have created cynicism with Catholics and non-

Catholics alike, but maybe our new Argentinian pope can change that.

Pope Francis is the true face of the Catholic Church — the church that feeds the hungry, clothes the naked and comforts the suffering.

It feels good to know that among the Ke\$has and Britney Spears in the world are some role models who model themselves after the BIG GUY.

It is our turn to imitate Jesus, whether or not you are Christian. It never hurts to do something unselfish for just the sake of goodness.

Doing good to get into heaven or to be seen as a good person won't get you very far. Being a better person just for the heck of it is what counts.

The Easter season reminds us that we are called to live as Jesus lived. Acts of kindness can be as simple as a smile to a stranger or buying lunch for someone who ran out of money on his or her meal plan.

Whether you are feeding people at a homeless shelter or praying for an end to violence, do so with



COURTESY PHOTO
Pope Francis greets a disabled man outside the Vatican before his inaugural mass. Pope Francis is living like Jesus.

conviction. Do so with love.

When Mother Teresa was tending to a person with leprosy, someone said, "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." She responded,

"Neither would I."

Be like Mother Theresa. Be like Pope Francis. Do something priceless.

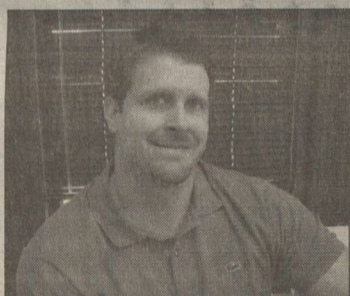
SOUNDING OFF

How the university community celebrates Easter

Esther Gonzalez, freshman and psychology major, said her family has no Easter traditions they celebrate and that she will spend the day at home with her parents. "We never did anything special," Gonzalez said.



Nick Crow, psychology graduate student, said he does not celebrate Easter. "I might eat eggs and ham," Crow said. "Might."



Andrea Sandoval, sophomore, said her family gets together to celebrate. "Me and my whole family, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents all go camping out at Frio River," Sandoval said. "Then we have a huge Easter egg hunt."



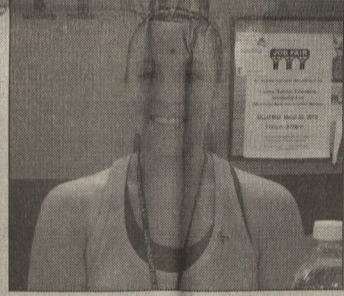
Kimberly Silva, senior, said she has no plans to celebrate Easter. "Not this year," Silva said.



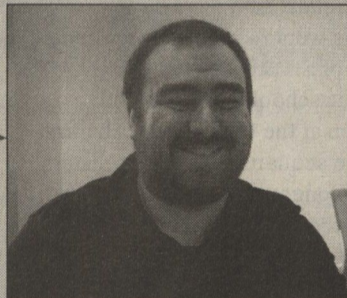
Nina Patrizio-Quiñones, Spanish professor, said Easter is a big celebration in her Italian family. "We eat, enjoy each other's company, go to Mass and enjoy the rest of the day together," Patrizio-Quiñones said.



Patricia Larrazolo, freshman, said her family has a traditional Easter Sunday. "My family gets together, has an Easter egg hunt and barbecue, and we hang out after we go to church," Larrazolo said.



David Hale, English graduate student, said he will go to church with his family and then to a fancy lunch.

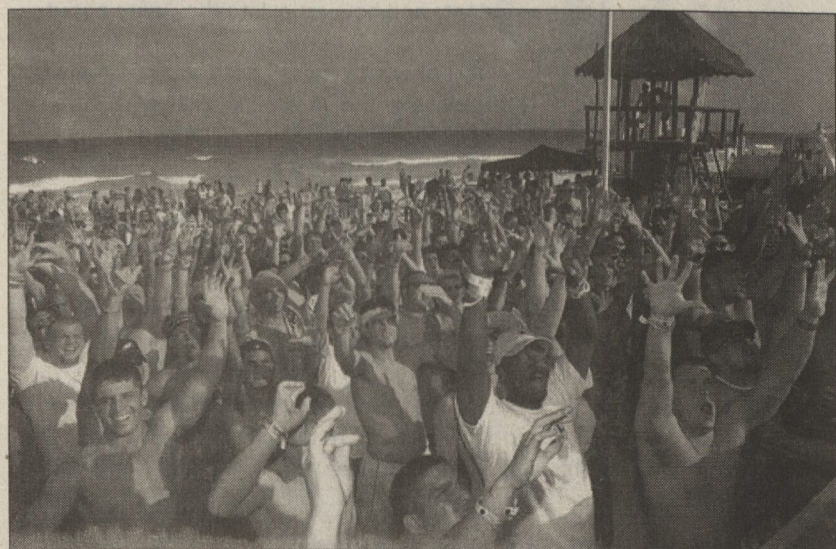


Holly Rosales, freshman and social work major, said she will celebrate Easter with her family here in town. "We usually have lunch after church and the younger kids do the Easter egg hunt."



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.



COURTESY PHOTO
Hookups among college students are most common during spring break.

Darian Mendez and Jennifer Marroquin
Reporters

As college students, we have the stereotype of being wild, out of control and just plain party animals during Spring Break.

But after all the long studying sessions and homework all-nighters,

we have the right to let loose and do whatever we want, for one week, even if that means hooking up with an attractive stranger.

People have mixed feelings about hookups, or one-night stands.

Some people think nothing of it, and others think it's trashy. With hookups having such a mixed reputation, it's the matter of how loose is too loose that can make or break a person's confidence.

Hookups are a personal choice, and if we're really the mature college students we say we are, we should be grown up enough not to judge people on their choices.

Hooking up with someone has the power to relieve stress, give a person confidence and for at least one night, give a person the pure passion, attraction and lust that can make singles feel less lonely.

On the other hand, hookups make the participants feel like they think nothing of something so personal. To some people, sex shouldn't be treated as casual.

If you're one of those people, instead of hating on hookups why not go your own way and do something fun like going to the beach, Six Flags or hanging out with friends? If you so strongly disagree with someone's hookups that you have to say something, it doesn't have to be

criticism.

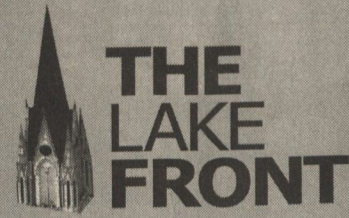
Maybe you're completely pro-hookup and flaunt it. There's nothing wrong with that either, however, being so open about it also opens the door for unwanted criticism.

The golden word is compromise here. If you're pro-hookup and brag about it around someone who isn't, you're not making the smartest move. The same can be said if you can't stand hookups and write hurtful comments on party people's Facebook pictures.

Hookups can also end badly if they aren't well thought out. No one wants one night of fun to turn into a life of regrets or what-ifs with an unexpected pregnancy or incurable STD.

Although hookups are not the type of thing people plan, it's better to be on the safe side. Now that we've all learned our lessons from our hardcore Spring Break partying and waking up after passing out on the bathroom floor in a house we've never been in before, let's try not to be stupid about it.

Bring condoms.



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After Slater's second term, Sister Anne Petrus was elected superior general and Slater began to work as director of academics and as a member of the formation team at Assumption Seminary, a position into which she was invited by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller. "She has been a tremendous part of the seminary doing tremendous work," Garcia-Siller said. "She's very well prepared, (she has) many leadership skills."

During her work at the seminary, Slater was not directly involved with the university, but Petrus would ask her for advice.

Petrus first met Slater in 1960 when she entered the convent and Slater was already teaching. However, they grew closer when both were teaching at the university.

"We've had a lot of laughs over the years as well as done a lot of work together," Petrus said.

One of those laughs, Petrus remembers, happened when she, Slater and another sister were driving through a rural area of Canada and they accidentally locked all three sets of their car keys inside their car. Luckily, a passerby stopped to help them.

"She's a person who is very much alive," Petrus said. "She's really dedicated to what she's doing; she loves everything she does."

After the announcement of Pollack's departure was made in early February, Slater was contacted about the interim presidency and attended interviews for the position.

Leah Larson, Faculty Assembly member who was on the election committee, said she found Slater to be warm, knowledgeable, energetic



PHOTO BY ANGELICA CASAS
Sister Jane Ann Slater (middle) met with the Student Government Association for the first time on March 19.

and dedicated to the university.

On February 21, Slater received a phone call from Michael Edelmann, former Board of Trustees chair for the university, who called her "Madame President," and in this way informed Slater of her election.

Garcia-Siller was the second person Slater contacted after receiving news of her position. The first was Father Jeff Pale, rector of Assumption Seminary.

"I thought it was a great loss (for the seminary) but I thought it was the best for the university," Garcia-Siller said, adding that her new position is a form of recognition for who she is. "What a gift to be able to have once a gain a sister (as university president) committed to her vows and committed to the university."

Garcia-Siller said Slater's job at the seminary has recently exposed her to a multicultural and bilingual atmosphere, also a characteristic of the university, with the help of Vietnamese and Filipino seminarians, among others.

"What is most important to me is the Catholic identity of the university," Garcia-Siller said.

"It's not just any other university. It's already Catholic but she will assure the Catholic identity at the

university."

Larson said Slater will help the university live its mission.

To Petrus, Slater's presidency is important because she understands everyone's needs and works for the good of everyone, not just one group of people.

"She's going to do a good job of listening to everybody, which I think will make her be able to bring people together," Petrus said. "She'll have everyone understand each other better."

Garcia-Siller agrees that Slater will be a good president.

"I just feel very happy and very grateful to God, to the sisters and to the university for considering her for university president," Garcia-Siller said. "As soon as she finishes her work at the university, we want her back at the seminary."

Whether her 18-month term as interim president will be shortened or lengthened, or whether she will return to the seminary after her term ends is up to providence, Slater said.

"I'm really dependent and trusting in providence, and I know providence is going to be with me throughout this whole thing," Slater said. "We'll see what providence has for the future; I have no idea."

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On the Hispanic community

Slater said that the university has a special calling from God to serve the Hispanic community.

"I don't think we're here by accident," she said. "When this university was founded here, there was nothing out here and the Hispanic community – Mexican American and other Hispanics – have grown around us. I think it's providential."

Not only does the university have a responsibility to the neighborhood and to those around it, Slater said, but also to make a difference to the education of Hispanics all over the country.

"I think we have an opportunity to do that," Slater said, adding that the university needs to reach out to the Hispanic community in new ways.

"(To) make a difference; that would be great! Wouldn't that be wonderful?"

On becoming the university's full-time president

According to university bylaws, interim presidents serve up to an 18-month term while the university conducts a search for a permanent full-time president.

"I think it would be the board that will decide whether it's shorter than that or whether it's extended a bit," Slater said. "I have no idea."

Slater said that during her 18-months as interim president she plans to be fully involved with the university and a familiar face on campus.

Slater has not given much thought to becoming the university's full-time president but said she is open to the possibility.

"I just know that right now, I need to get to know the university again, and that means everybody here," Slater said. "I need to get to know the university in its totality, whole integrity, before I can say much about how long am I lasting."

On the future of the university

"I think we'll just work with what's happening and then see how to play things out after I've talked to leadership here at the school, students, faculty, staff, (and the) board," Slater said.

Among Slater's priorities as interim president are enrollment, retention, the quality of academic programs, and hiring and retaining good faculty and administrators.

"As long as I'm the president, I plan to be a walking president, and I'll have an open door," she said.

"I'll be listening to a lot of people. So to tell you how things might be the same or change, it's way too early for that."

For the full Lake Front TV interview with Sister Jane Ann Slater, interim president for the university, visit lakefrontsa.com.

Lit Fest loses significant funding

Steven Santana
Reporter

Financial uncertainty is looming amidst a new beginning for Our Lady of the Lake University.

The departure of former president Tessa Martinez Pollack in late February brought about changes for many aspects of OLLU, including funding for the university, as some donors have decided to stop donations to the university.

One victim of the recent withdrawal of donor support was the Literary Festival, an annual weeklong celebration of literature that includes readings by acclaimed authors.

"A major source of our funding has been lost," said Hayan Charara, associate professor of English.

Charara wouldn't disclose details about the reason for the withdrawal, but said the difficulty in procuring funding for Literary Festival was present before Pollack's

departure. OLLU's Literary Festival brings in an average of 700 prospective freshmen on High School Outreach Day.

"A lot of those students leave here with a positive image of the Lake," Charara said.

It's unclear whether other donors have discontinued their donations, but donor loss is not an uncommon incident.

A change in leadership will always bring about financial change in terms of OLLU's benefactors, the donors who give to the school and fund programs, said Dan Yoxall, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

Yoxall said that if a donor decides to no longer fund OLLU, they have every right to stop.

"Donors have rights," Yoxall said, "and we always seek to respect all rights, including those of the students."

Yoxall reassured students

that they should not worry about losing scholarship money, even if a donor decides to stop funding a scholarship.

Only the university, not the donors, has the right to rescind a scholarship based on a student's academic performance, and the university will seek funding from other sources, Yoxall said.

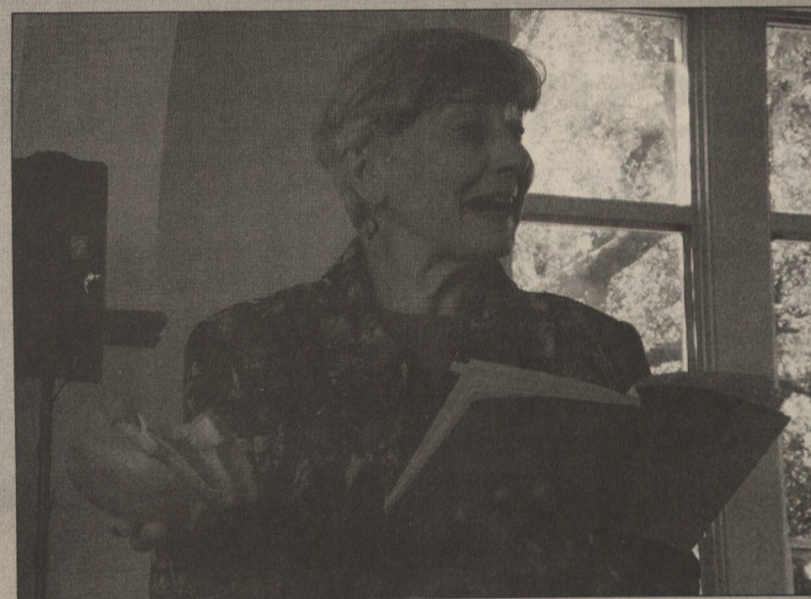
But even though some donors may leave, OLLU may soon attract new sources of financial support.

Lou Fox, special assistant to the president at University of the Incarnate Word, said a new president, who engages with donors and the public might bring in more donations.

"You have to look for somebody that will reach out to the community," Fox said.

OLLU's new interim president, Sister Jane Ann Slater, may be able to bring just that to the university.

Yoxall said Slater, is a known entity around campus,



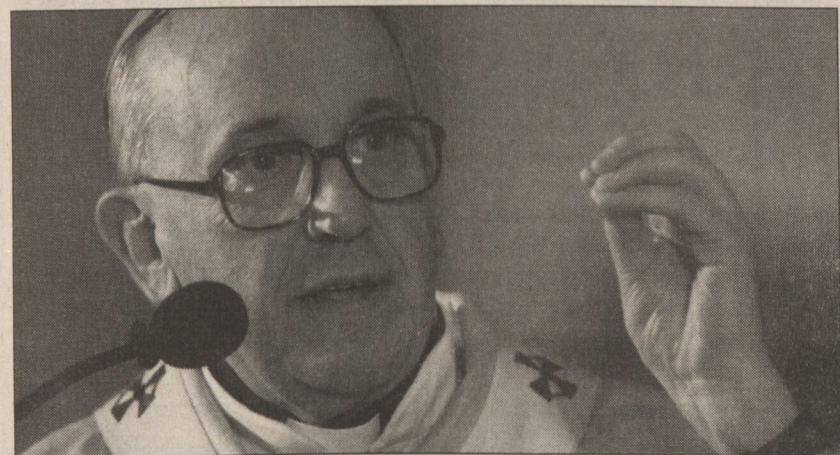
MARIAM KEVLISHVILI

Mary Francine Danis, English professor and director of the Writing Center, read at the Favorite Poem Project at the Literary Festival two years ago.

and the announcement excited many throughout the university community.

"She brings those elements that you would want in a university president," Yoxall said.

OLLU reacts to new Argentinian pope



COURTESY PHOTO

A handful of university students will attend World Youth Day this summer and be in the presence of Pope Francis, the 266th pope.

Selina Diaz
Reporter

On March 13, Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina, became the Catholic Church's 266th pope. Bergoglio, who chose the papal name Pope Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, is the first Latin American to hold the position of pontiff.

This change in the Catholic

Church has taken place just months before World Youth Day in Brazil, which a handful of Our Lady of the Lake University students will be attending.

Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler is in charge of planning the trip and has only positive things to say about Pope Francis.

Like Fiedler, students have reactions of their own.

"We will all be very happy to see the new Pope in Brazil. We know God has chosen the new Pope Francis to lead the Church. We are praying for him."

-Sister Gloria Ann, CDP

"It's good that we have a new Latin American Pope."

-Eric M. Quijada, freshman art and political science major

"It's great for our young generation to see the election of a new Pope."

-Jonathan Alvear, freshman psychology and international business major

"It's good that we have a new Pope, but in a way I think that the old Pope was just as good. I just hope this one does great things for the Church as well."

-Yadira Montalvo, sophomore business major

"I think he will be a great Pope because he seems humble and earthy."

-Angelica Romero, sophomore criminal justice major

"It's seems like a political act. He might be a good man, but the press and church emphasize the humble side of him to diminish all the negative aspects of the Catholic Church."

-Ruben Cepeda, junior Spanish major

"I am welcoming of the new Pope and just as thrilled to be attending World Youth Day as before, maybe even more so now. I feel gracious enough to actually be attending to begin with. I think its providence, and I look forward to the day OLLU travels to Rio to see him before us."

-Chloe Medrano, junior communication disorders major

"When I heard the news about the new Pope I turned on the TV and got into tears because the blessings he gave were very humble."

-Silvia Alvarez, senior mathematics major

"Yo creo que al catolicismo le sorprendió la elección de un Papa Latinoamericano, ya que eso nunca había sucedido antes, pero me parece interesante por la nueva cara y nuevas ideas que este Papa pueda ofrecer al catolicismo."

Translation: I think that the Catholic Church was surprised by the election of a Latin American pope, since that had never happened before. But to me it seems interesting because of the new face and new ideas this pope will offer to the Catholic Church and catholicism.

-Bruno Horuath, senior new media arts major

STE fraternity names new sweetheart

Gianna Rendon
Copy Editor

The newest member of the Christian fraternity on campus wears earrings and nail polish.

Sigma Theta Epsilon recently elected Kimberlee Briseno as its sweetheart, making her a sister in the fraternity.

"We are honored to have her as a sister," said STE Expansion Director Diego Hernandez, who is now her mentor known as a "big."

Even though it's only been a couple of weeks since Briseno became an official part of the fraternity, Hernandez said it feels like she's been their sister forever.

Hernandez knew her as a freshman and said she has always been "nice, sweet, and intelligent." He was one of the Sigmas who approached her to be the fraternity's sweetheart.

Briseno thought it was a joke at first.

Although she didn't know anything about the sweetheart position at first, Briseno said she was excited about doing something new.

She never thought about joining a sorority and said she didn't know much about sororities or fraternities.

She had four Sigmas for a philosophy of sport class this semester. She said she noticed them wearing their letters, t-shirts with STE in Greek letters, and asked them about their fraternity.

One of the Sigmas wrote "Huge news for me for Sigma Theta Epsilon" on her planner on Feb. 6. Later that night, she was notified that the Sigmas voted her in as their sweetheart.

On March 3, Briseno officially became part of STE.

The fraternity hasn't had a sweetheart for five years, STE President Cesar Rodriguez said, but felt the need for a sweetheart to provide the female perspective.

"Her position is to help us grow



as men," Rodriguez said. Diego Hernandez, STE Expansion Director, said Briseno can be the person the brothers go to for girl advice.

Being a part of the fraternity has benefits for Briseno too.

Briseno said she has gotten a little out of touch with her faith since moving from a Catholic school to a public high school, but her new brothers have helped her get closer to God.

She said they invite her to go to church with them every Sunday.

"We are a Christian fraternity and we want to help her grow (in her faith), and at the same time, we want to grow," Rodriguez said.

The sweetheart title lasts for one calendar year, but Briseno will be the fraternity's sister for life.

Next year the fraternity could have a new sweetheart, Rodriguez said, but the brothers would have to vote on that.

Although the title lasts only for a year, Briseno will not be forgotten by her brothers.

"She's going to be a sister now and she will be a sister forever," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said one former sweetheart had some STE brothers

"She's going to be a sister now and she will be a sister forever."

Diego Hernandez,
STE Expansion Director

stand in her wedding recently.

Though some people may wonder about the role the sweetheart plays in the organization, the position has certain rules.

Members of the fraternity are not allowed to have an intimate relationship either currently or in the past with the sweetheart.

"She's our sister. You're not supposed to have feelings for your sister," Rodriguez said.

Even though Briseno is a part of STE, she is limited in what she can do. She doesn't have a vote in the fraternity and is not required to go to meetings or events, even if she is expected to, Rodriguez said.

Briseno is a junior kinesiology major and is also on the Saints softball team.

Briseno said the softball team is like a family to her, and now STE is like her new family.

Hernandez said about seven brothers go to Briseno's softball

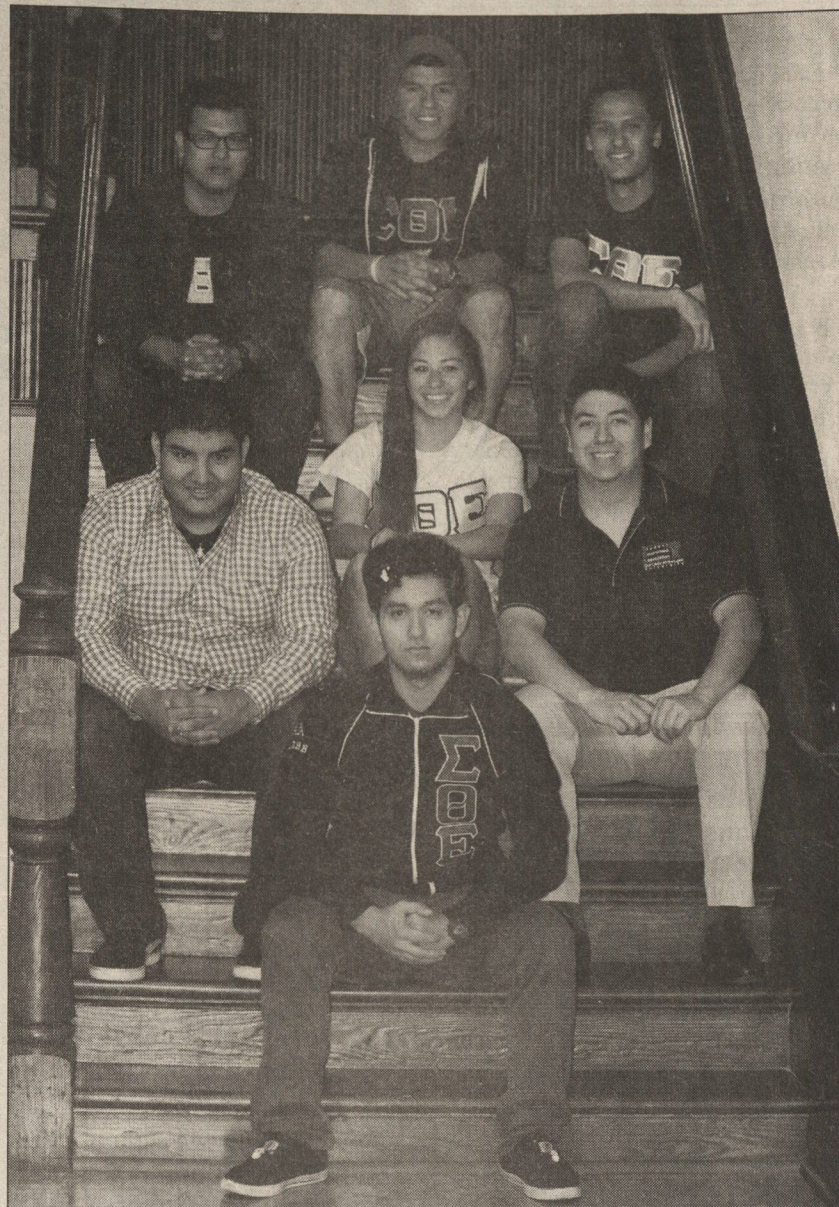


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Sigma Theta Epsilon brothers and Kimberlee Briseno, the fraternity's sweetheart. Her sweetheart title lasts one calendar year.

games, depending on their schedule, and "make noise" to cheer her on.

It's a way for STE to reach her since she is busy with softball, Hernandez said.

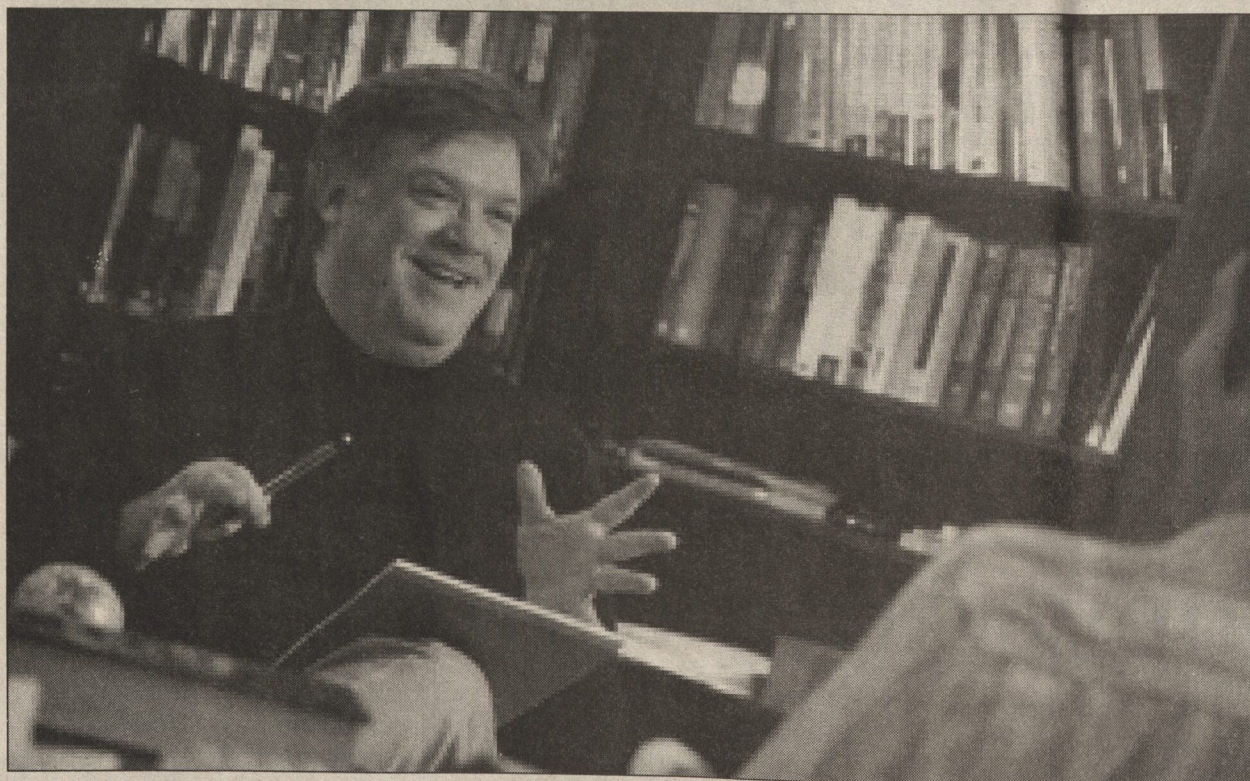
Briseno said her new brothers were accepting and friendly even before she was their sister, and now they're like family.

After her initiation ceremony,

Briseno said her new brothers all reached out to her and told her to contact them if she ever needs anything.

"They're probably the nicest people I've met on campus," Briseno said. "They're perfect people."

Business professor resigns midsemester



COURTESY PHOTO

Blaise Bender, tenured professor for the School of Business and Leadership, resigned in February after about 20 years of service to the university. Three full-time professors and one adjunct professor have taken over his classes.

»The university is looking to fill the position of Blaise Bender, former accounting professor

Angelica Casas
Designer

After about 20 years of service to Our Lady of the Lake University, Business Professor Blaise Bender resigned in February due to personal reasons.

He could not be reached for comment.

Bender, who was tenured, taught undergraduate and graduate courses for the School of Business and Leadership. Three full-time professors of the school and one adjunct have taken over his courses through the end of the semester.

Robert Bisking, dean of the

School of Business and Leadership and interim dean of the School of Professional Studies, said Bender's resignation was for personal reasons and his right to privacy should be respected.

"He's been nothing but great when he's in the classroom," Bisking said. "He's well-liked by his students."

Terrie Guerra, senior accounting major, was enrolled in Bender's accounting information systems course two years ago.

"He was a great professor," Guerra said. "He told you what you needed to know and went straight to the point."

"(Bender) was a great professor. He told you what you needed to know and went straight to the point"

-Terrie Guerra,
senior accounting major

Bisking said that the School of Business and Leadership will conduct a search for Bender's direct replacement. The job availability has been posted on the university's website.

It is unusual for a professor to resign in the middle of a semester, and to leave in the middle of a contract presents challenges, Bisking said, but he is understanding of the situation.

"Life happens," Bisking said. "We figure out how to move forward."

CWCS receives Franciscan intern

Henrique Saldana
Contributing Writer

The Center for Women is not just for women anymore.

Andres Gallegos, a Franciscan friar for Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, is the first man to join the Center for Women in Church and Society since its establishment in 1982. His internship there is part of his theological field education on the way to getting his Master's of Divinity and becoming a priest.

The fact that the center has an all-female staff is part of why Gallegos chose the center for his internship.

"The first time I arrived at the Center for Women in Church and Society was not that shocking to me," Gallegos said, "because women have always been very committed to the church, and actually that is one of the reasons why I chose to do ministry here."

Despite being the first man to join the staff, Gallegos has found it to be a "great experience." He said the name "Center for Women" might have deterred men from applying previously.

"I think no one had ever applied here before because its

name, Center for Women, probably suggests that it is just women who are supposed to work here," Gallegos said.

Gallegos is working to prove that assumption wrong, and Director for the Center for Women Kimberly Barnett Gibson is glad to have him.

"I'm very happy to have Andres in the center," Gibson said. "[It's] wonderful to be more inclusive to everyone in the community."

The inclusivity in the center is something Gallegos sees the rest of society lacking.

"I think that part of the problem that our society has had in relation to treating women differently has been lack of interest on the side of men to understand women," Gallegos said.

And this understanding is especially important since men and work have to work together.

"I think men and women form human nature together," Gallegos said, "and this nature would only thrive when those two pillars are at the center of it holding it together, holding each other's hands, caring for one another."

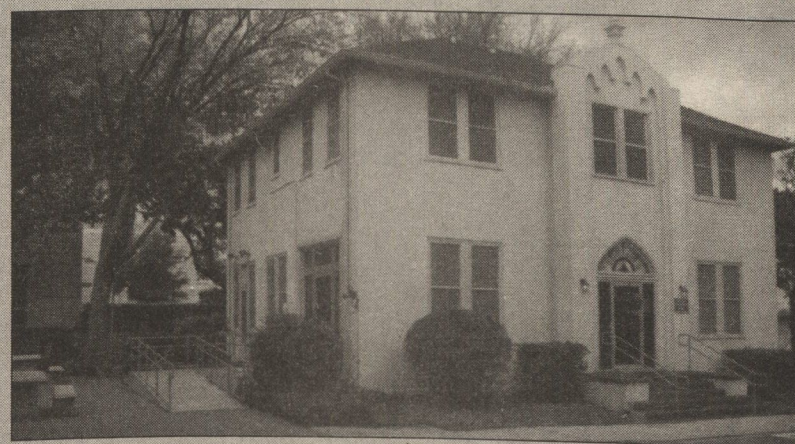


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The Center for Women in Church and Society in the Elliott House has received a new intern, Andres Gallegos, a Franciscan friar.



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Local Beats

Darian Mendez
Reporter

3/29 Billy Currington 10:30 p.m.
Location: Cowboys Dance Hall, 3030 NE Loop 410
Tickets: \$20-\$40
As country as a Georgia native can get, what makes Billy Currington is his knack for being chill. Amidst the twangs, acoustics and slow country pace is a low and melodic voice sharing his carefree attitude to those who need it most.

3/29 The Casualties, El Ten Eleven, Goatwhore 7 p.m.
Location: Korova, 107 E. Martin St.
Tickets: \$14-\$17
Mohawks, leather and different colored hair spikes fill the stage, all the while shouting Ol's, anti-war slogans and unearthly chords up to the heavens. The Casualties have been there and done that and definitely prove that if punk is dead, it is a stubborn zombie.

3/30 The Winter Jam 7 p.m.
Location: AT&T Center, 723 AT&T Center Parkway
Tickets: \$10
It says Winter Jam but it's really anything but that in Texas. Expect to have a chill Saturday night with some of the hottest Christian artists—like the always energetic raps of TobyMac and the easy-going melodies and acoustics of Jamie Grace. In the forecast, it is also expected that you'll get down with the beat and uplifted with the lyrics.

4/03 Tyler, The Creator 10 p.m.
Location: White Rabbit, 2410 N. St. Marys St.
Tickets: \$25-\$30
Vicious lyrics aren't new to rap, but The Creator goes beyond that with his own concocted sounds, beats and crazy imagery. Imagine every bad word your momma warned you about coming out one after the other over a piano melody. Is it obscene, or is it art?



COURTESY PHOTO
Two decades later, The Casualties still get crowds pumped up. They will perform at 7 p.m. on March 29 at the Korova.

4/04 Metalachi 8 p.m.
Location: Backstage Live, 1305 E. Houston
Tickets: \$10
What first appears to be a band of Mariachi misfits, light up sombreros and all, is really a truly one-of-a-kind cover band that performs all of your favorite head-banging hits. Expect limón twist-like Master of Puppets with a crazy violin and sassy

trumpet, a spicy version of Raining Blood and Breaking the Law in a lovely drunken serenade.

4/12 Euphoria Music Festival 5 p.m.
Location: White Water Rocks, 11860 FM306
Tickets: \$59-\$103
With available camping rates, clean bathrooms and vendors that'll sell all sorts

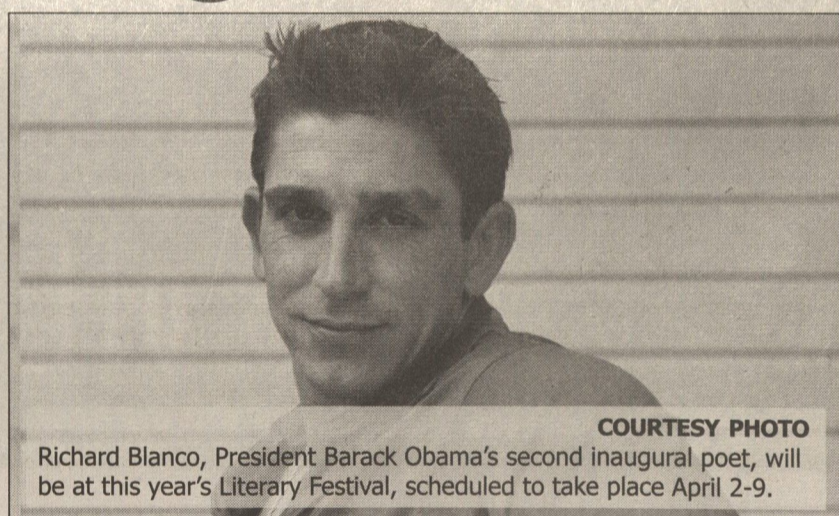
of lights, you're all set for a weekend of synths, bass, crazy breakdowns and silent disco.

4/13 Pop Pistol 8 p.m.
Location: Carmens De La Calle, 720 E. Mistletoe
Tickets: \$10
San Antonio's own Pop Pistol means to evoke tribal mysticism with their drowning melodies. Uncanny, spooky and haunting but by no means depressing—shamanistic Pop Pistol seems to heal, or at least ease your mind of the problems of this temporary state by pointing out every single sound.

4/13 Pierce the Veil, All Time Low & Mayday Parade 5:30 p.m.
Location: Backstage Live, 1305 E. Houston
Tickets: \$23-\$25
Yes they're all cute boys in bands, but their beauty goes beyond that and their unnaturally high voices and low growls. Pierce the Veil is pure California energy, making you feel great and leaving you wanting to dropkick everyone.



Cuba: Literary Festival not an English class



COURTESY PHOTO
Richard Blanco, President Barack Obama's second inaugural poet, will be at this year's Literary Festival, scheduled to take place April 2-9.

Jennifer Marroquin
Reporter

Antonya Nelson has spent her life creating stories that bring women empowerment and has been recognized as one of the country's best authors.

Richard Blanco discusses home, identity and sexuality through his poems and was Obama's Second Inaugural Poet.

David Liss consistently has his novels recognized by The New York Times and his comic books are now attracting a following.

These three people can only be found in one place: the 2013 Literary Festival taking place April 2-9.

English Professor Nan Cuba, along with the rest of the English department, have spent months planning the event and booking these award-winning writers to promote not only reading but writing in the OLLU community.

"I hope students will be inspired by these writers as well as entertained," Cuba said.

Cuba said she wants not only to draw a large crowd from the general public but also from OLLU students. Cuba said many students write in secret but are ashamed to come out with their work. She hopes to attract these students and more to the annual Literary Festival.

"Remember when you were young and you were in class daydreaming and drawing pictures?" Cuba asked. "You'd run home excited to show your parents your drawing and hang it on the fridge. That is how writing should feel, and [students]

can learn that from these writers who do it well."

Cuba said she hopes students will not only become proud of their writing but also read more recreationally. Cuba said reading can be more entertaining than watching a movie or taking a vacation because it takes students place they have never been before.

"[Reading] introduces you to many different people, some that are in similar situations with yours," Cuba said. "They also have the opportunity to introduce you to new people you never knew before."

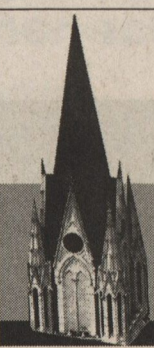
English Department assistant and Sigma Tau Delta vice president Alexa Soto said it is also important to read to understand the different people in books.

"Reading gives people empathy," Soto said "If you don't have empathy its hard to reach out to people and understand them, which is a crucial part of life."

While in the past, the Lit Fest. has attracted crowds of about 1,000 people, most attendees have been from the general public. Cuba said the problem with getting OLLU students involved is they believe the event will be "boring."

She promises students that "they will be entertained," and said she hopes these literary visitors open students' eyes to the world of writing.

"Students believe that these events will be like another English class," Cuba said. "But what they don't realize is that these authors are real life people with interesting stories to share about their success."



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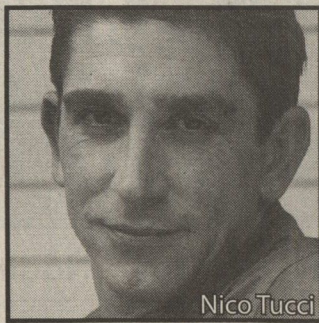
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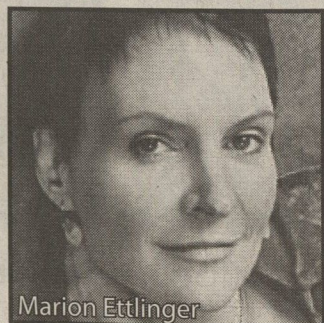
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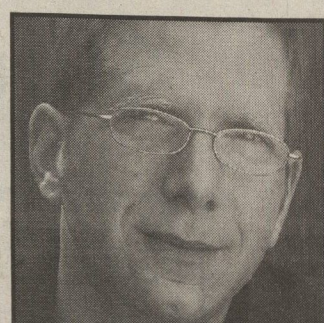


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Schedule

All events are free and open to the public. Some events may change; for any updates visit www.ollusa.edu/LitFest.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Favorite Poem Project

Noon, Providence Hall, Blue Room

Everyone is invited to share his or her favorite poem at this event sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta.

English Graduate Program Alumni Presentation, "Return to the Fairytale"

3 p.m., Providence Hall, Blue Room

English Graduate Program alumni will look at the recent influx of fairytales in mass media. This event will be audience interactive and will include discussions about the evolving form of fairytales.

Visiting Writer, Richard Blanco Reading

7 p.m., Thiry Auditorium

OLLU's spring 2013 Visiting Writer and President Obama's inaugural poet, Richard Blanco, will read from his new poetry collection, "Looking for the Gulf Motel."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Faculty Reading

Noon, Library Community Room

OLLU faculty members Yvette Benavides, Mary Francine Danis, Sandford Nowlin, Antoinette Winstead, Michael Lueker and Nan Cuba will read personal selections during the event.

Antonya Nelson Reading

7 p.m., Providence Hall, West Social Room

Festival headliner Antonya Nelson is the author of six short story collections, including, "The Expendables," which won the Flannery O'Connor Award and four novels, including, "Talking in Bed," which received the Heartland Award.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Dr. Walter Herbert Lecture

7 p.m., Library Community Room

Noted scholar, T. Walter Herbert, professor emeritus of English at Southwestern University, will deliver a lecture on Herman Melville's global consciousness.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

The Joyce and Richard Harris Sapience Foundation High School Outreach Day with comic book creator David Liss and author Jenny Browne

The program designed for high school students, but open to the public, will begin with a presentation by comic book creators David Liss and John Minton. Following a campus tour and lunch, an Open Mic will take place. Jenny Browne will close out the afternoon with the presentation, "Dear Stranger: Write Back Soon."

Comic Book Creators David Liss and John Minton

9:30 a.m., UWAC Gym

Jenny Browne

1 p.m., UWAC Gym

Hayan Charara and Fady Joudah

Reading

6:30 p.m., Twig Book Shop Co-sponsored with Gemini Ink Fady Joudah is a poet and translator whose first collection, "The Earth in the Attic," was a Yale Series of Younger Poets selection. His translations have won a Banipal Prize from the UK and a PEN USA prize. Hayan Charara is the author of two poetry books and a children's book. He is the recipient of a National Endowment of the Arts Fellowship, the Lucille Joy Prize for Poetry, and the New Voices Award Honor. He is the English Program Chair at Our Lady of the Lake University.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Drama Production, "All the World's a Stage"

7 p.m., 24th Street Theater

The OLLU drama department will present a series of monologues directed by students.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

"The Thing Itself" publication party

3 p.m., Providence Hall, Blue Room

The latest edition of OLLU's Literary Journal, "The Thing Itself," will be unveiled. This year marks the 42nd anniversary of the journal.

Open Mic

7 p.m., Providence Hall, Blue Room

Everyone is invited to share his or her original work or someone else's work. Open to all genres. Sponsored by the English program graduate students.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

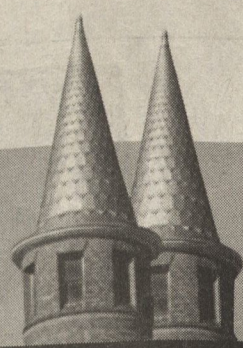
Sandra Cisneros and Joe Jiménez

7 p.m., Thiry Auditorium

Sandra Cisneros, OLLU's Writer in Residence, and Joe Jiménez, winner of the 2012 Alfredo Cisneros Del Moral Foundation Award, will present selections from their recent publications.

For a complete list of events, visit www.ollusa.edu/LitFest or call 210-434-6711, ext. 2735

The 2013 Literary Festival is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and from the Smothers Bruni Foundation. The High School Outreach Day and the Visiting Writer Program are funded with a grant from the Richard and Joyce Harris Sapience Foundation.



Saints Softball gaining recognition

Jordan Whitfield

Copy Editor

As the players exit the field, they tap their hands against a sign that says, "Saints Softball."

To the team, the sign does more than label the dugout. It sums up their mindset on the field.

"It says, 'this is our house,'" junior left-fielder Ashley Perez said, meaning the team won't let anything happen on their home field that they don't want.

And the team is well on its way to making that fact known with a 9-0 record in Red River Athletic Conference games and an 18-6 record overall.

In the four seasons since the program's inception, senior right-fielder Kailyn Miller has seen the team change and improve.

"Every year we've gotten better," she said. "This year we're much better than our first year."

Miller is the team's first four-year senior, or the only team member who has played for the softball program since it began in the 2009-10 school year.

But that's not her only first this year.

Miller was the first member of the team this season to receive the conference's Player of the Week honor following the team's first conference game, a triple-header



The Saints softball team practices during the tailgate party before their game on March 21. PHOTO BY GIANNA RENDON

against Southwestern Assemblies of God on Feb. 9-10. Maegan Ramirez, sophomore pitcher, shared the Pitcher of the Week honor for her performance in the same game.

Since that first conference game, the team has received one or both honors every week, for a total of eight more times. Six players have received the distinctions so far, with two players receiving the same honor

twice and one player receiving both in the same week.

That player, freshman pitcher Nadine Idrogo, pitched for four winning games the week of March 11-17, striking out 15 hitters and allowing 16 hits in 21 innings overall.

For her recognition as Player and Pitcher of the Week, Idrogo credits her team's support in helping her adapt to the college level.

"College ball is at a totally different level," Idrogo said. "At first I struggled, but when we got to conference, the team gave me confidence."

The motivation she received from her teammates helped her perform better, Idrogo said, even though "usually freshmen have to wait their turn."

Miller said that even though

she's in the outfield, she still shouts encouragement to Idrogo.

Coach James Kling credits the team's success this year in part to the group's bond.

"This is a close-knit group," Kling said. "They have to get used to each other because they've got to be able to trust each other."

Other factors, Kling said, could be how he's changed his ideas about the game, and the fact that after three years at OLLU he's now working with a team of girls he's recruited who are used to his coaching style.

To hold onto their recent successes, Kling said the team has to stay "mentally strong" despite already being on a physically competitive level with any team.

Miller also noticed the tight bond amongst the teammates and was optimistic about the team's future.

"This is the closest we've been," Miller said.

It could be the magic of the new sign, or it could be, as Kling and Miller said, the result of four years of refining recruiting, coaching, and team bonding that has the team off to such a strong start.

Either way, Miller is sure they're going to finish strong as well.

"This year I'm pretty sure we're going to go undefeated," she said.

Saints women receive personal honors

Jordan Whitfield

Copy Editor

In honor of Women's History Month, the Lake Front is featuring members of the Saints women's athletics program who have received an award or recognition this semester.

Cross country runner **Erica Ramos** joined the "Saints Under-20 Club" for running a 5K in under 20 minutes, the first female runner at OLLU to do so.

Saints' softball players **Ashley Perez**, **Brittany Stone** and **Nadine Idrogo** were each named Red River Athletic Conference Player of the Week, with Idrogo also receiving Player and Pitcher of the Week.

Saints' women's basketball players **Nashae Owens** and **Nikkia Davis** have been selected for the Honorable Mention Team of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2012-2013 Division I Women's Basketball All-America Teams.

Another player, guard **Chelsea Solis**, was named among 124 NAIA Division I women's basketball student-athletes as a 2012-2013 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Head coach for the team, **Christopher Minner**, also received an honor recently as Russell Athletic and Women's Basketball Coaches Association NAIA Regional Coach of the Year for Region 3, making him one of six finalists for the 2013 National Coach of the Year Award.



Erica Ramos, cross country



Nashae Owens, basketball



Nikkia Davis, basketball



Chelsea Solis, basketball



Ashley Perez, softball



Brittany Stone, softball



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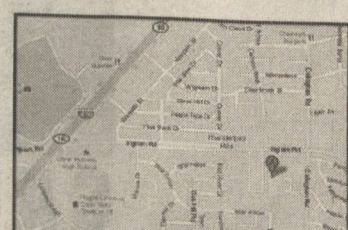
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