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Best of the West to showcase West Side food, local talent

By Clarissa Rodriguez
Contributing Writer

Our Lady of the Lake University hosted its Fiesta Medal unveiling ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 27 in preparation for the 2014 Fiesta festivity that will take place on campus next month.

San Antonio's annual Fiesta events have celebrated the rich culture and diversity of the city for 121 years. On April 12, the university will host for a third year, its official Fiesta event: Best of the West.

The Marketing and Communications Department of the university collaborates with the Fiesta Commission to make Best of the West happen every year. Debora Guzman, director of Alumni Relations, is the project manager of the event.



On Thursday, Feb. 27, the University unveiled this year's Best of the West Fiesta medal. The third annual Best of the West event will be held from 4-11 p.m. on April 5. *Photo by Kimberly Yosko*

Guzman said discussions about the event began in August and work-study students and interns are included. "We look at what other

events are doing, look at concepts that have been suggested and see what would work for us," Guzman said. "This year, we did our first ever Fiesta survey that was sent out to alumni, faculty, staff and students."

Since the university is in the heart of San Antonio's West Side, the planning team has chosen to showcase West Side food vendors and upcoming musicians. "This year we will be having a variety of music ranging from blues, tejano, salsa and alternative rock," Guzman said. "Our children's area will feature a trailer this year with carnival games. We are continuing our partnership with the San Antonio Glass Guild and this year Artpace will join them in assisting children to create their own one of

a kind art to take home." Guzman and Priscilla Correa, her student intern, are recruiting volunteers for the seven-hour event.

"Anyone can volunteer for this event, however, because this event raises money for student scholarships, we would like to have as many student volunteers as we can," Guzman said. "They can sign up individually or as an organization."

This year's Best of the West will kick-off Fiesta's extended seventeen-day celebration. Best of the West will be held from 4-11 p.m. on April 5, in the Library Circle, behind the Sueltenfuss Library. Entry is \$5 for the public; Students with a valid OLLU ID, active military and children under 12 enter for free.

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QUEST plan wins national Award for Innovation



Candace Zepeda, writing program director for QUEST, wrote the recognized plan. *Photo by Astrid Villegas*

By Darian Mendez
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The university's Quality Enhancement Plan, QUEST (Quality Education for Student Transformation), won the national 2014 Award for Innovation from the Council on Basic Writing on Feb. 9.

This national recognition distinguishes the efforts of QUEST's Writing Program Director Candace Zepeda, Ph.D. to recon-

struct freshman developmental courses.

By emphasizing a community between professors and students, implementing progressive learning theories in the classroom and constructing a curriculum that focused on students' personal experiences, QUEST offers new students a new way to learn and adjust to academic writing.

"Composition is a foundation because ev-

eryone needs to know how to write," Zepeda said, "How do we write in our own culture?"

Zepeda's goal was to recreate freshman developmental courses, which originally did not count as credit hours, and focus more on helping students succeed rather than drill traditional English 1313 methods like outline, write, edit and submit.

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Saving with Cesar

MAKE YOUR SPRING BREAK INEXPENSIVE

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South Padre Island, a popular getaway for college students, is close to 5 hours away from campus. *Courtesy photo*

By Cesar Rodriguez Accountant

Let us leave Valentine's Day in the past. It is time to focus on a very special week valued by all college students: spring break.

That's right! We are a week away from a well-deserved break from classes, midterms and the winter weather.

Spring break is celebrated in different ways. Many of us will visit the beaches of South Padre or float down the Guadalupe River, while others will spend time at home with family and friends. Regardless of what you are doing this spring break, keep in mind the following advice to save money and have some fun.

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The Beach. South Padre Island (four and a half hours from the university) is a popular destination for spring breakers. If you plan to go to this beach, make use of the page www.whosyourpadre.com/2014/triprequest/. The page allows you to enter your information and receive quotes from hotels in the area. Also make use of free mobile apps such as Kayak, Hotel Tonight, or Hotels.com to search for rooms at lower prices.

Guadalupe River. The Guadalupe River, located in Canyon Lake, TX (45 minutes away), offers the opportunity to enjoy a nice sunny day by floating down the river. This is an inexpensive destination because it is close to San Antonio and the cost to rent a tube is only \$15. The rent of a tube includes a life jacket and a shuttle trip. You can also eliminate these costs by buying or borrowing tubes, coolers, and life jackets. Also, don't for-



get to take food and drinks to avoid visiting restaurants.

Amusement parks. Visit amusement parks such as Six Flags Fiesta Texas (23 minutes away) or Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels (45 minutes away). Both of these parks offer diverse activities you can choose from. Six Flags admission is \$45 if bought online and Schlitterbahn tickets start at \$30 for a one day spring break pass and \$46 for a two day pass. If you think you will be visiting either one of these parks during the summer, you can purchase season passes for \$68 and \$136 respectively.

Hiking or camping. Visit a state park and camp out for a few days. If you visit the page <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/> you will find a list of the different parks in Texas. These parks charge an entrance fee of \$5-10. Visiting a state park allows for activities such as hiking, bicycling, canoeing, and fishing; keep in mind that not all parks offer the same activities. Make sure to pack enough food, water, and personal care items to make your park visit enjoyable.

Finally, make sure to plan ahead of time. Invite friends, calculate transportation costs and use sunscreen. If you follow this advice, you can have an inexpensive, safe, and fun spring break.

Why only for lent?



Why work on changing yourself for a couple of days when betterment should be for life? *Courtesy photo*

By Gianna Rendon Managing Editor

Traditionally, Catholics all over the world give up eating meat on Fridays, soda or chocolate for Lent.

One year a friend of mine gave up chocolate, even though she hates chocolate.

What good does that do if you don't let Lent change your heart? Some of us take religion superficially and just go through the motions out of a "duty" to our family's traditions or even an ill-conceived notion that we will be punished if we don't take part in the rituals. It's the equivalent of buying your significant other flowers or candy just because you feel you have to. These significantly symbolic actions of love and fidelity don't carry any weight if not accompanied by heartfelt meaning.

So this Lent, stop going through the motions. Actually try to

strengthen your relationship with God. At the end of Lent, Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Are you going to be resurrected this Easter? Lent gives us an opportunity to become a better version of ourselves: a person who forgives, friendly to everyone and helpful.

Lent is not an excuse to have a second go at that New Year's Resolution. Lent is more like Spring Cleaning. It's time for you to get rid of all the clutter in your life, whether it be bad relationships or negative attitudes. You don't need that baggage from 10 years ago, get rid of it. Start your Easter renewed and reborn.

For those of you who aren't Catholic, I challenge you to pick one aspect of your life you want to improve. This Lent, do something life-changing. Self-improvement is a lifestyle, not a temporary solution.

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Lent: Are you up for the challenge?

By Cassandra Bravo-Cepeda
Reporter

Lent is a time of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the transformation of an individual. This year, University Ministry is challenging Our Lady of the Lake University students to participate in their forty day challenge, a chance to go beyond giving up meat on Fridays.

Each day represents a different challenge for you to fulfill, not only once, but as much as you can throughout the day. The challenge began on Ash Wednesday and will carry through Wednesday, April 16. All Sundays during Lent are excluded!

"Our hope is that you allow the challenge to reshape your foundation," said Mario Serrano, director of University Ministry.



University Ministry challenges all university students to strive at becoming a better person this Lent. *Courtesy photo*

"That's how changes happen: when the foundation happens."

Serrano said University Ministry wants students to question why they do the things they do in regards to any form of consequence that will follow.

The gospel on Ash Wednesday told us how Jesus was sent out to the desert and, led by the Holy Spirit, discovered who he

was through prayer and solitude. The message is simple: to recognize who each individual is and what they offer to the community.

The idea of the challenge sprouted from a transfer student who questioned how students appreciate the value of Lent.

"Not staring at your smart phones, but looking

at who we are passing and recognizing Christ in that person, it's allowing an interaction to occur," Serrano said.

Each day stands for a different challenge. All challenges can also be viewed on the University Ministry Facebook page. Serrano mentions a big Easter celebration at the end of a time of reflection and an opportunity to recognize who each and every person is through community.

The task is simple: live easy, live freely, and enjoy making a difference in your life, and ultimately someone else's too.

"The conclusion should be about you realizing where you belong in the community and in your life," Serrano said. "It's being one with the only one that created you."

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40 DAYS, 40 CHALLENGES

1. Make a list of 40 people who have touched your life in any way. Each day of Lent, write a person on the list a letter or email of gratitude for how they touched your life, and pray for that person on that day.

2. Spend 30 minutes in prayer (If you need help, contact University Ministry).

3. No phone or social media for the day (other than to check for your challenge).

4. Say hi and smile to everyone you pass by, and then say a prayer for them.

5. Anonymously do random acts of kindness for at least two different people.

6. Spend at least 30 minutes of alone time outside or anywhere that is quiet, then journal about your experience.

7. Provide food for someone who is hungry and unable to provide for themselves.

8. Introduce yourself to someone, learn something about them and keep them in your prayers.

9. Write 50 things you are grateful for. Keep an attitude of gratitude.

10. Learn about a social justice topic and talk about it with someone.

11. For every time you have the urge to complain, say something positive instead.

12. Do not instigate or be a part of any gossiping.

13. Read a passage in the Bible and talk about it with someone.

14. Take care of your body: exercise, eat healthy food, and get at least 8 hours of sleep. Do not stress yourself.

15. No TV or internet (unless it is required for school; then for that use only).

16. Go to the chapel on campus – for Mass or for some quiet time with God.

17. Take time to reflect. Ask for someone's forgiveness if you have hurt someone and/

or try to forgive someone who has hurt you.

18. Listen to Christian music instead of your regular music.

19. Fast – Don't eat anything after 5p.m. If you get hungry be in solidarity with those who hunger and pray.

20. Focus your day on listening to others and to God; spend less time talking.

21. Be completely truthful with yourself, God, and others.

22. Express your love to someone you normally don't.

23. No social media.

24. Prepare for your classes and participate.

25. Ask, "How are you?" to someone only when you have time and desire to listen.

26. Park at the very back of the parking lot and pray for immigrants.

27. Say please and thank you with a smile.

28. Do a favor for someone whether they ask you or not.

29. Don't ignore people.

30. Get to know your neighbors in class or in the dorms.

31. Give up texting and call whomever you need to talk to.

32. Don't use utensils and pray for those who go without.

33. When you wake up, jump out of bed, kiss the floor, and learn humility.

34. Give someone a compliment.

35. Take a picture of something or someone you're grateful for and post it on Facebook.

36. Hold the door for someone.

37. Thank God for all your blessings (ex. waking up, seeing, hearing, etc.)

38. Leave a Post-it note with a positive message on it wherever you go.

39. Don't be selfish, give generously.

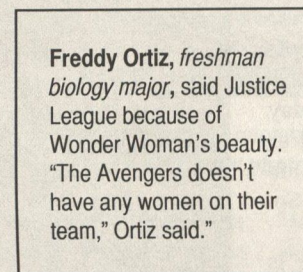
40. Write 40 loving/self-accomplishments you have done during these 40 days.

What do you say?

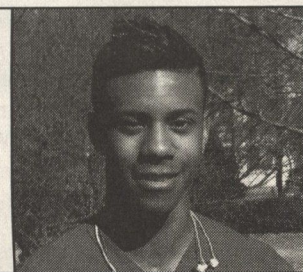
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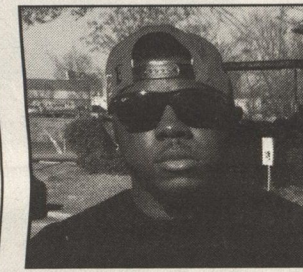
Monette Cardona, *freshman communications major*, said she can't choose between them. "I would choose Batman because of Justice League, but Avengers works so well," Cardona said.



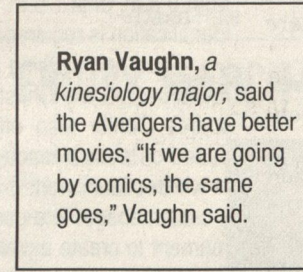
Freddy Ortiz, *freshman biology major*, said Justice League because of Wonder Woman's beauty. "The Avengers doesn't have any women on their team," Ortiz said.



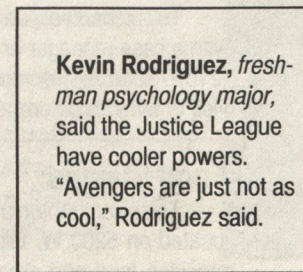
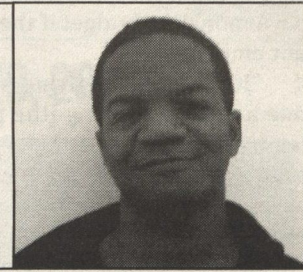
Christopher Robinson, *freshman marketing major*, said he is similar to the Hulk. "The Hulk is my favorite character so Avengers," Robinson said. "They also make better movies."



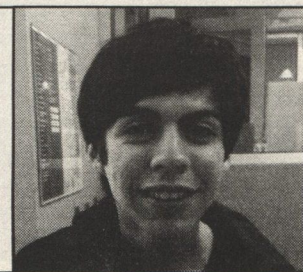
Nelly Flores, *sophomore kinesiology major*, said she is not into comics, but that she would choose the Avengers. "They are more modern," Flores said.



Ryan Vaughn, *a kinesiology major*, said the Avengers have better movies. "If we are going by comics, the same goes," Vaughn said.



Kevin Rodriguez, *freshman psychology major*, said the Justice League have cooler powers. "Avengers are just not as cool," Rodriguez said.



Hungry? Nearby agencies, organizations can help you

By Desirae Martinez
Reporter

The "Freshman 15" may not be the only nutritional issue students encounter during their college years.

During finals week at Our Lady of the Lake University, students who have depleted their meal plan or commuters with no time and/or money to purchase food can stop by Elliot House for hot meals as part of "Fishes and Loaves." Last semester during finals week, about 200 students stopped by the Elliot House each day Monday through Thursday, according to Jacqueline Walter, program coordinator at the Center for Women in Church and Society.

However, food insecurity is more than just a meal plan running out during the week of finals.

The perception of the typical college student—18-22 years old with support from home—is changing.

Many students are supporting families or working full-time while attending college, said Michael Laney, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The question is: If a student is living paycheck to paycheck, where does food rank on a list of priorities that includes rent, utilities, and tuition?

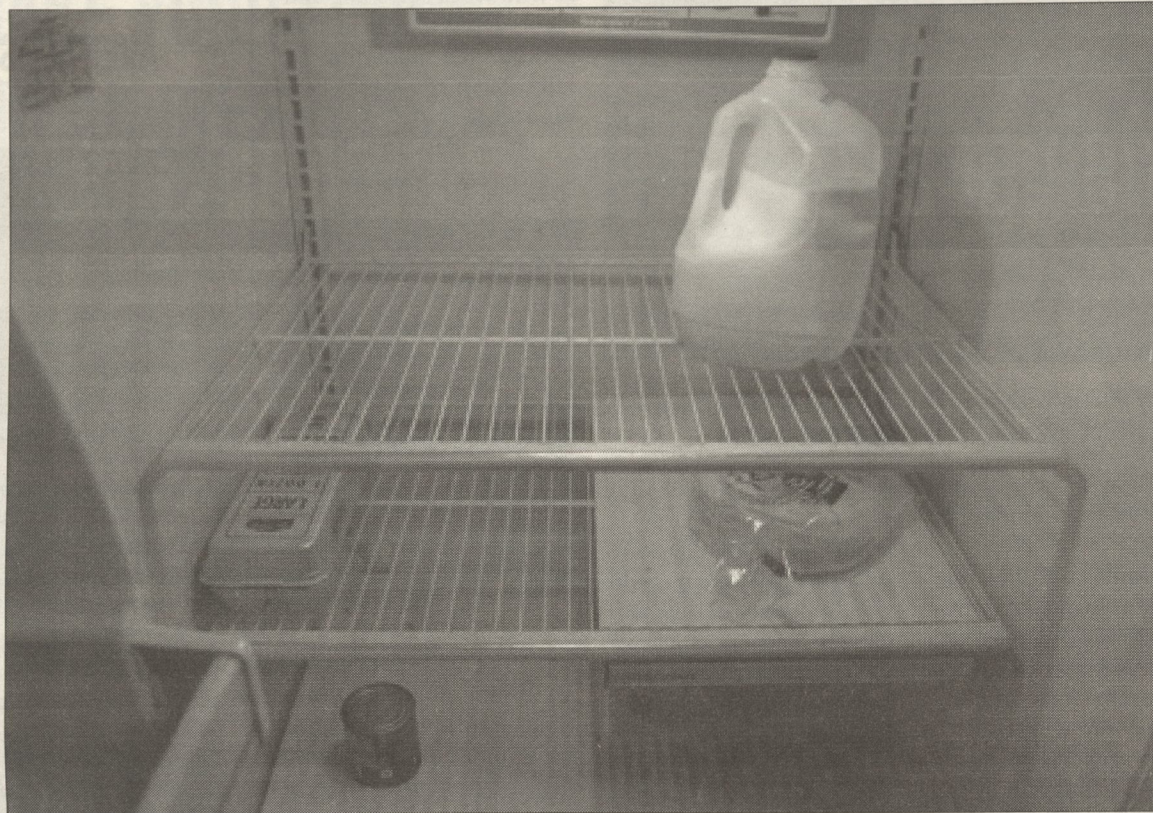
In some cases, the issue may be that students don't know how to budget money or may not have money to budget if they are not employed.

"It's not about giving someone a meal, but fixing [the problem] for the long run," Laney said. "It's a matter of education and making people aware of the options available to them."

Students come to college in hopes of earning a degree and assume that skipping meals is just part of the normal college experience.

However, hunger should not be part of the college experience and there are options for students in need.

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An empty fridge can be common for some students in need. It can also be a cause of hunger. *Photo by Desirae Martinez*

Food Pantries:

Food pantries are non-profit organizations that distribute food to those who do not have enough to keep them from hunger.

The university does not offer a food pantry on campus like Alamo Colleges, but there are food pantries nearby.

The Christian Hope Resource Center, located at 321 N. General McMullen Drive, provides food and/or clothing Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Some form of identification is required.

Food and clothing are temporary resources so the Christian Hope Resource Center also offers programs based on a case management model in which clients work one-on-one with a case manager in a confidential environment to create a plan that will help them become sustainable.

To schedule an appointment with a case manager or counselor call (210)-732-3776. For more information, visit to www.sachr.org.

Food Stamps:

The San Antonio Food Bank, located on 5200 W. Old Highway 90, provides food and groceries to more



The San Antonio Food Bank helps thousands of families annually through 500 partner agencies in 16 counties throughout Southwest Texas. *Courtesy photo*

than 500 partner agencies in 16 counties throughout Southwest Texas. Federal programs are also available for those who require more assistance.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, is a federally funded program that helps low-income families purchase nutritional food.

Low-income people with dependent children are eligible for food stamps with no time limit. Able-bodied adults ages 18-50 who work at least 20 hours a week or meet other work requirements are also eligible to receive food stamp benefits. Able-bodied adults with no children and do not meet work requirements are still

eligible but are limited to three months of assistance.

For more information about SNAP, contact Nancy Sanchez at nsanchez@safodbank.org or call (210)-431-8363.

Emergency Care:

Natural disasters and house fires can devastate a person's life emotionally and financially. Some people may be one crisis away from being homeless or having their power cut off.

The United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, located downtown on 700 South Alamo, offers emergency care services to help sustain individuals and families during a crisis. The assistance is on a short term basis and provides people with the most immediate, urgent needs such as food, shelter, and clothing.

For assistance, call (210)-352-7000 or dial 2-1-1.

Tips at the Grocery Store

A meal plan may be the easiest option based on location, but buying groceries from the store is better financially. The nearest H-E-B is located on 721 Castroville Road for students who live on campus. And when a microwave just won't cut it, Elliot house offers a kitchen for students to use while under supervision.

1. Make a Plan: Before going grocery shopping make a list and set a budget to keep you on track.

2. Pay with Cash: It's easy to go over budget when you're paying with a credit or debit card so paying with cash keeps you from overspending.

3. Buy Store Brands: Store brands are often 15 to 20 percent cheaper than their national brand counterparts.

4. Shop Seasonally: Fresh produce often costs less when it's in season. For produce not in season, opt for canned fruits or vegetables.

5. Buy in Bulk: Dry food items that don't go bad quickly are perfect for buying in bulk and if you have a roommate you can split the cost and share the bulk.

CMASR Conference to showcase student, faculty research

By Carl Hansson
Reporter

The Center for Mexican American Studies and Research (CMASR) at Our Lady of the Lake University will host its 13th annual Conference on March 27-28. At the conference, students and scholars will present research they have conducted.

This year, the conference underwent many changes, such as Teresita Aguilar, its cornerstone and former director for the CMASR, left the university to take the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at New Mexico Highlands University.

Associate Professor and Reference Librarian Steven Wise has been a part of the conference for the last 10 years and is in charge of this year's since Aguilar's posi-

tion is still vacant.

Wise said the CMASR is symbolic of the university's vision statement because of its expertise in the field of Mexican American studies and the university being recognized as a Hispanic-serving institution (HSI).

Different from previous years, Wise said, is that the student symposium is now open to topics that are outside the field of Mexican American studies.

The conference will begin with student presentations in the second floor of Main Building and will be followed by a professional development second day.

The student symposium offers presentations on various topics. The second day will focus on issues in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) present in higher education, and especially dealing with

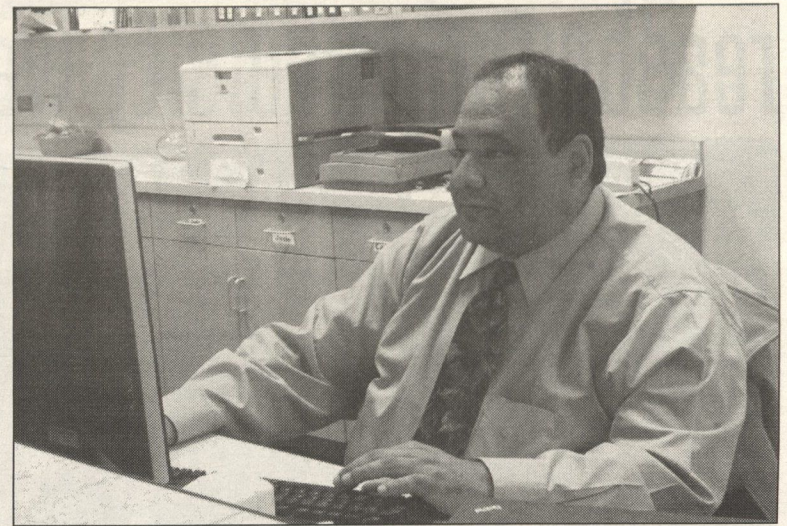
Latino and minority students. *(The official schedule is below.)*

University alumni will be a part of the panels and faculty members will present their research about the education and success of Latino and Latina college students. There will also be presentations from the Texas STEM Alliance.

"Low number of Latins and Latinas in STEM industries are a problem and we want to look at that and see how we can train new scholars in the field," Wise said.

The conference gives students an opportunity to do research and work alongside faculty, something Wise said is rare at smaller, and especially private, universities compared to state schools, where financial and academic resources are more available.

"I think the Center itself gives



Steve Wise, associate professor and reference librarian, is in charge of this year's CMASR Conference. *Courtesy photo*

us that opportunity for students to interact with faculty, to assist them with the research and do their own research," Wise said.

"It (makes) students more confident in doing research, as well as more marketable,"

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Yanez-Lew: DDos attack on vendor reason for university website failure



The DDos attack on iModules spelled trouble for students, faculty and staff alike, but the IT Help Desk responded quickly. *Courtesy photo*

By Neida Escamilla
Contributing Writer

For five days the Our Lady of the Lake University website was inaccessible to users.

Students, faculty and staff were unable to access the homepage as well as other online resources linked to it.

The university's website was not the only one having issues – so were numerous others in the United States.

The outages experienced by the university were a result of issues by the website's outside web vendor iModules, said Lizette Dee Yanez-Lew, di-

rector of Web and Duplication Services at OLLU in an email message.

Yanez-Lew said iModules experienced a distributed denial-of-service (DDos) attack. It affected all their website clients in the U.S including OLLU's.

A DDos attack is designed to overwhelm a site with page requests. The amount is so large, the site essentially shuts down and denies access to users.

The university uses iModules mainly for marketing purposes.

"The attack was specifically focused on rendering iModules websites unavailable to the outside," Yanez-Lew said. "Because OLLU

controls our own DNS and points it to the iModules servers, we needed to make some configuration changes to our DNS."

Since the attack was nationwide, it was up to the iModules network team to fix the issues. Once OLLU Information Technology Services was aware of the website issues, they immediately worked on setting up an alternate link to access the portal and other online resources needed by students.

"Most of the resources that students, faculty and staff use – myOLLU portal, email, Lake Online, WebAdvisor, e-Commerce and the Stromberg time clock sys-

tem – are not on the main website that is hosted by iModules," Yanez-Lew said. "When the main website went down, we provided an alternate path to the links that students, faculty and staff need."

Students were glad with IT Services' fast response and that the attack did not have an impact since they were still able to access what they needed.

"They did what was best for the students," said Lauren Luna, freshman. "I think providing that link was very helpful."

Senior Albert Villalobos also is grateful for the link ITS provided for students to access the portal while the university website was down.

"They did a good job," Villalobos said. "When you logged it gave you the link real quick and then you just press it."

Rumors circulated the iModules website was hacked, but Lew wants to make it clear the website was not hacked and the attack did not pose a threat regarding any personal information.

"A DDos attack can occur to any web hosting firm, company and/or institution," Lew said. "There were no penetration, breach, or corruption of the iModules platform or its databases. No student data is stored on the iModules platform so it was in no danger of being accessed."

iModules was able to fix the issue the same day of the attack.

The university website is currently undergoing a recovery process.

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Spanish researcher explores missions through university

By Angelica Casas
Editor-In-Chief

Miguel Sorroche once taught a class to foreign exchange students from North America. To his surprise, none could tell him about the Spanish influence in the United States.

This has led Sorroche, Ph.D., to research on the presence and influence of Spanish missions in Baja California and Texas. His research in Texas will be conducted in partnership with Our Lady of the Lake University.

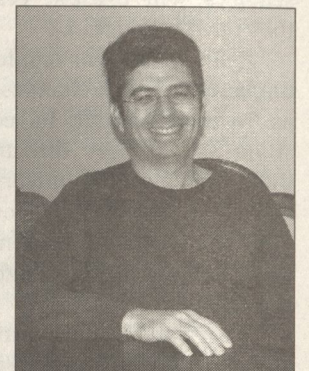
Sorroche, a professor of art history at the University of Granada in Granada, Spain, was on campus last month to draw out plans for his research investigation.

"There are a lot of people here who had been wanting a project similar to this one," Sorroche said in Spanish.

Sorroche's relationship with the university began in March 2012 after he attended a Hispanic Association (HACU) of Colleges and Universities and mentioned his research project to members of the association.

"Your project would be of interest to the people of Our Lady of the Lake," they told me," Sorroche said.

He contacted Sister Maria Flores, head of the History Department on campus, who he had met before and who also happens to be the historian of the archives donated to the university that Sorroche can use for his re-



Miguel Sorroche is conducting research in partnership with Our Lady of the Lake.

Courtesy photo

search.

The University of Granada and OLLU have entered into a five-year academic, cultural and research Cooperation Agreement. Professor Nina Patrizio-Quinones helped facilitate the agreement.

"Both universities will collaborate on research and publications resulting from the studies," Patrizio-Quinones said in Spanish. "He is going to help make this information more accessible to students and to the people of San Antonio in general."

Sorroche will likely return in the summer, but he currently continues his research in Spain. When he returns, he will work with Sister Flores, and professors Patrizio-Quinones and Maribel Larraaga on the project.

"This work will contribute to enhance our historic and cultural knowledge of the area and its Spanish influence," Patrizio-Quinones said.

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SJO seeks to create better environment

By Cassandra Bravo-Cepeda
Reporter

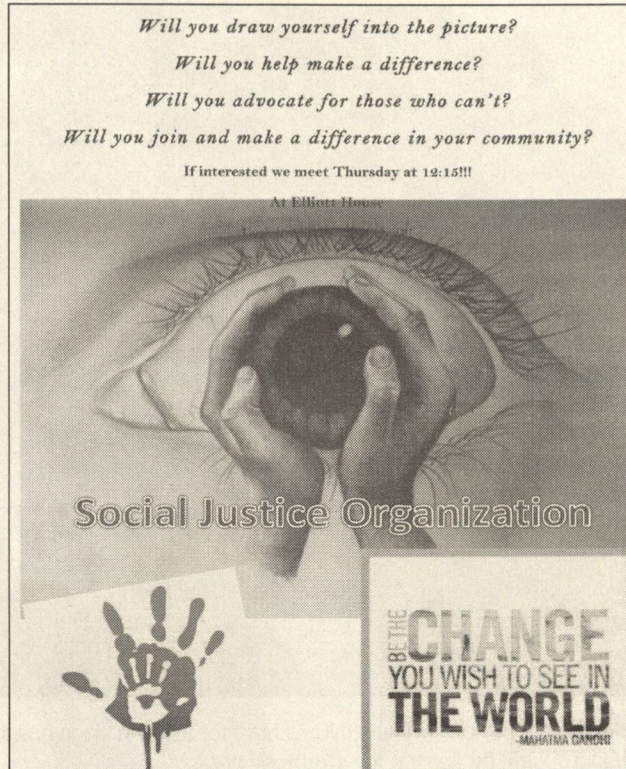
The experiences of women and children who are trafficked influenced Marissa Sellers to form the Social Justice Organization (SJO) at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Sellers, a sophomore, is a communication disorders major and president of SJO. The focus of the organization is to serve the community by advocating for those in need.

"It's about creating a better environment and community and spreading love and worth around the world," Sellers said.

Sellers first learned of human trafficking in a religion class taught by Jane Grovijahn, Ph.D. Other students from Grovijahn's class also were interested in starting a group devoted to Social Justice Issues.

The group of students are in the process of becoming a registered stu-



SJO meets at 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays. *Courtesy photo*

dent organization on campus. They are currently in the review process to become official.

Jackie Walter, events

coordinator for the Center for Women in Church and Society is the academic advisor for the group.

"They may talk about

environment, poverty, teen pregnancy, education, whatever," Walter said. "Each person has a different issue close to their hearts."

The organization plans to clean up Elmen-dorf Lake for vOLLUn-teer IMPACT on March 22.

"I think the organiza-tion will put [social issues] into light for people that don't see it in the news everyday," said Jessica Ta-foya an SJO member.

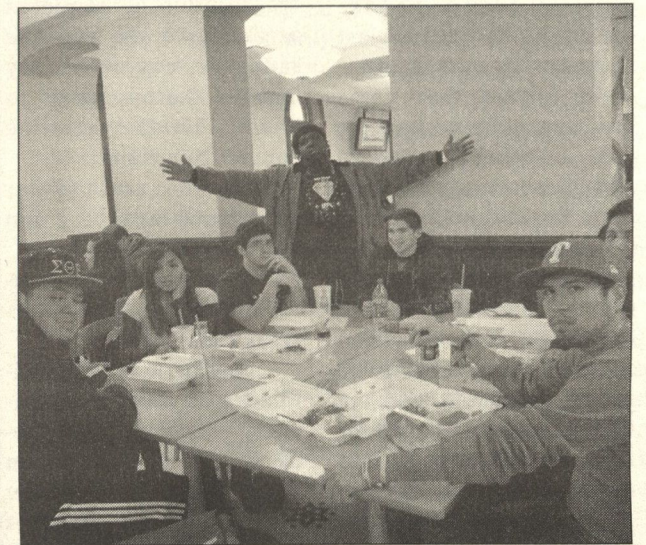
The group also plans to participate in the In-ternational Women's Day March, Cesar Chavez March.

"They really want to make a difference in ad-dressing the social justice issues," Walter said.

The group meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. during Community Time every Thursday in the El-liot House. For more infor-mation, contact Sellers at mmsellers@ollusa.edu.

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First fraternity on campus turns 15



Members of Sigma Theta Epsilon, the first fraternity that was on campus. *Photo by Kimberly Yosko*

By Astrid Villegas
Reporter

On March 6 Sigma Theta Epsilon (STE), the first official fraternity to be at Our Lady of the Lake University, celebrated its 15th anniversary.

The presence of STE on campus has paved a way for more fraternities to come on campus, said Courtney Dailey, STE president.

"I am looking forward to the future fraternities to come," Dailey said.

STE is the only Christian fraternity on campus, and the brothers of the frat are known as "Fellow workers with God." STE focuses on increasing the social, service and religious characteristics of its brothers.

Jesse Gonzales, STE member who left to join the Coast Guard last year, compares the Coast Guard to STE.

"When you pass through all the obstacles whether it be pledging or boot camp, in the end

you are now a part of something much greater," Gonzales said. "The Coast Guard is like one giant family, and we all have to watch out for each other and the people."

Dailey said the fra-ternity is an opportunity for its members to grow in their relationship with God.

"STE to me is really just a bunch of screw-ups whom know that we need our God Jesus Christ to make us better," Dailey said. "Being in STE and being a Christian is not about having everything together, but realizing that we need God to help us get it together."

During the 15 years STE has been on campus, the fraternity has hosted events and activities such as the annual Monster Mash Bash, tailgates called "Burgers with the Sigmas," and a carnival for St. Pj's Children's Home. They also recently offered "Scripture Sketches."

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QUEST's writing program allows students to become better writers through discussing their personal experiences, studying social issues and undergoing a research project. The Discover Project, a collaborative effort with Library staff Steve Wise and Josie Martinez, introduces freshman to research strategies that would benefit them in their academic careers.

The Writing Center, Student Success Center, administrative leaders and advisors also teamed up with professors to create assignments that helped students understand the writing and research process. These partners also

became familiar with course assignments and syllabi to better help students.

"We really became a network for student success," Zepeda said.

Another way the different departments and QUEST networked was through Pedagogy Playtime, faculty development sessions that explored teaching strategies. Contingent faculty played a big role in this process, Zepeda said.

"[Contingent faculty members] are part time," Zepeda said. "But I've never met a truly part time faculty member. Laura Govoni and Thomas MCBryde are two great examples of our contingent faculty who participated and facilitated our Pedagogy Playtime ongoing faculty

development series."

Pedagogy Playtime met twice a month and was hosted by a different QUEST member each meeting. Zepeda used this opportunity to allow contingent faculty members to become familiar and grow with the university.

Govoni said these opportunities for contingent faculty are rare to find. Faculty benefit as much as students from the series, she added.

"Faculty are given the opportunity to try new techniques in the classroom and help each other formulate new lessons," Govoni said via email. "I feel that Dr. Zepeda and the rest of the English department provides strong support for contingent faculty to create meaningful faculty development

opportunities not only through opportunities on campus but also by encouraging submissions to publications and conferences."

This involvement of contingent faculty, as well as all of QUEST'S partners, is part of the community Zepeda had in mind.

"The culture of comunidad (community) promoted by the QUEST Writing Program emphasized to students that we - as a university - shared a similar vision of student success, Zepeda said in her QUEST nomination. "Our model of *comunidad* significantly improved the collective experience of students' experiences; students experienced campus-wide support."

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Former student makes third round of pageant reality show

By Betsaida Lopez
Reporter

Karla Patricia Martinez, a former biology major at Our Lady of the Lake University, left school last semester to pursue other opportunities that came her way, such as being a part of *Nuestra Belleza Latina*, which means "Our Latin Beauty" in English.

Nuestra Belleza Latina is a beauty pageant and reality show produced by the Spanish television network Univision. Twelve young women selected by the judges compete for the title of *Nuestra Belleza Latina*, and have the opportunity of winning cash prizes and becoming a television personality for Univision.

Auditions for this season were held last December here in San Antonio, where Martinez tried out.

Martinez walked into the audition as confident as she could, she said. She sang her way to victory and got the pass to go to Miami, Florida, where the competition continued.

Martinez said that her experience was very fun and unique.

"I loved being on camera for the first time," Martinez said.

Making it to the semifinals was a scary experience, Martinez said, because the young women were expected to show their talent to millions of television viewers, which she did on Sunday, February 23.

"Singing is what I love to do, so why not show the viewers what I love doing?" Martinez said.

Although she did not make it as one of the 12 finalists, Martinez is grateful to *Nuestra Belleza Latina* for bringing her friends and family closer together. She said she also learned a lot from the experience.

"I have learned to take advantage of all the opportunities presented in life," Martinez said. "To give it all you got when you have the chance, always staying strong in your faith, and be an instrument of God."

Nuestra Belleza Latina airs at 8/7 CT every Sunday night on Univision.

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On February 23, former student Karla Martinez took the stage on Univision's *Nuestra Belleza Latina*, singing "Corre" by Jessy y Joy. *Courtesy photo*

Art major uses talent to give back through Scripture Sketches

By Gianna Rendon
Managing Editor

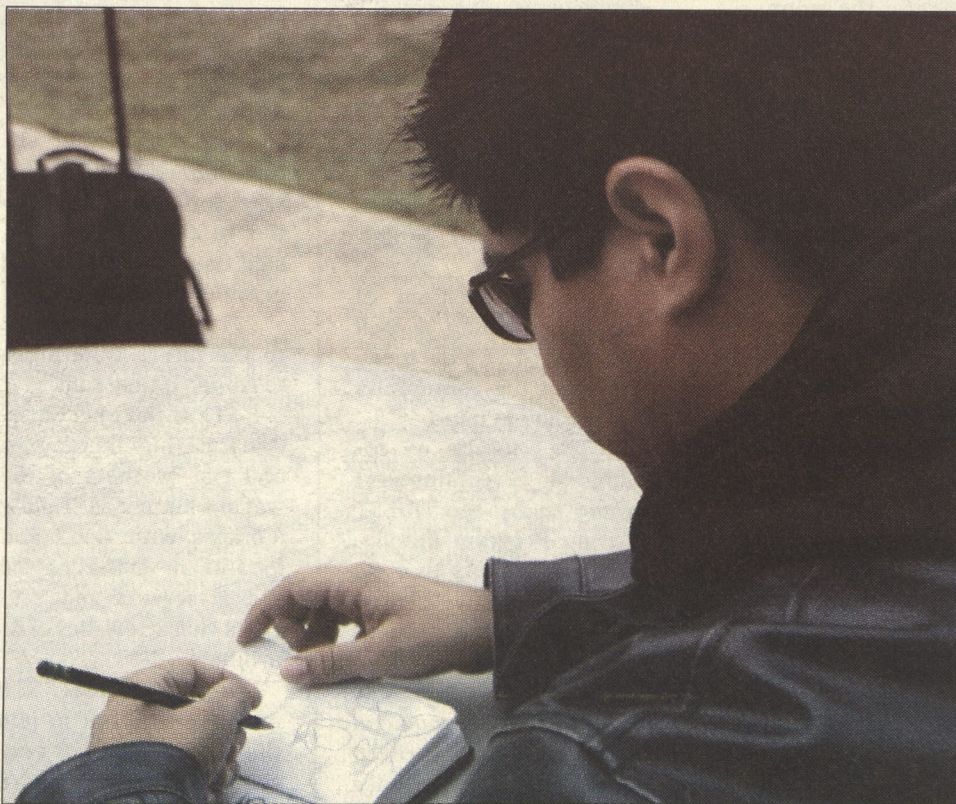
Every time Robert Vasquez meets someone new, he writes their name in a book so he can remember it. He can usually be found walking the hallways saying, "Hello friend," with a huge grin on his face.

Vasquez said he tries to be "contagiously happy" and be positive and helpful to everyone.

The graduating senior New Media Arts Major volunteers on Sundays with the children's ministry at Healing Place Church in Bourne, Texas.

Vasquez started helping in children's ministry in 2009 at Cornerstone.

"I'm very playful," Vasquez said. "When I was young I didn't play with very people much. And growing up I was alone a lot. So I have all this repressed playfulness. So I use that with



Robert Vasquez began drawing Scripture Sketches through Sigma Theta Epsilon, the fraternity he is a part of. Now, he does it as an individual project *Photo by Gianna Rendon*



Already, Robert Vasquez has completed and given students their Scripture Sketches. *Photo by Gianna Rendon*

the kids. Since I was not acknowledged that's something that's important for kids that they're acknowledged. And that's why I'm in children's ministry."

Vasquez is combining his faith and love of art in the form of Scripture Sketches.

Vasquez began drawing free sketches of bible verses through the fraternity he is

a part of, Sigma Theta Epsilon, the Christian Fraternity on campus. He is now doing them as his own project.

Students can email ravasquez@ollusa.edu with their favorite Bible verse and Vasquez will draw his interpretation of it on a 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inch piece of paper.

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Sorority raises money for cancer-stricken girl

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Grace Perez, three-year-old daughter of Our Lady of the Lake's Debora Guzman, suffers from Wilms tumor. *Courtesy photo*

By Cristian Ortiz-Salas
Reporter

Three-year-old Grace Perez was diagnosed with Wilms tumor in 2013.

Wilms tumor, scientifically known as nephroblastoma, is the most common form of kidney cancer in children. According to childrensocologygroup.org, approximately 500 children are diagnosed with Wilms tumor in the United States each year. Three-fourths of those children are under the age of five. Grace is one of them.

Grace is the daughter

of Our Lady of the Lake University's Director of Alumni and Advancement Relations and OLLU alum Debora Guzman.

"Grace was a healthy little one," Guzman said. "She woke up at 1 a.m. on [a] Tuesday morning and said her tummy hurt. She got worse throughout the day and I called her pediatrician."

Perez was taken to the ER later that day because her pediatrician assumed she was presenting symptoms of appendicitis. However, the CT scans determined she instead suffered

from a Wilms tumor.

"The ER doctor came in with three nurses and a chaplain to let me know that they were wrong about appendicitis," Guzman said, "I was torn up inside, but [I] knew that I had to hold it together to get every piece of information that I could to find out what we needed to do to get her better."

Perez's tumor was removed October 3, 2013, two days after her diagnosis. She began a 28-week cycle of chemotherapy and a 7-day cycle of Radiation a week after the tumor was removed.

Delta Xi Nu, a multicultural sorority on campus, hosts a cancer awareness event each year to bring awareness to the students and to raise money for nonprofits. This semester, DXN wanted to dedicate their signature event to a child diagnosed with cancer. However, due to hospital regulations they found themselves hitting many bumps on the road.

DXN sisters and OLLU students Carol Fuentes and Sandra Torres went to the Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, located in downtown San Antonio, to see how

they could go about funding a child.

"In the beginning when we were searching for a child, it was very difficult," Torres said. "The hospital would not let us fund only one child, we had to donate the money to a specific department."

Everything soon fell into place.

When DXN heard of Grace's tumor, it decided to dedicate this semester's signature event, "Unity Run Coming Together for a Cause", to her.

"It's kind of like providence," Torres said.

"We [also] did some community outreach," said Stephanie Paz, DXN sister and OLLU Senior. "We created some donation cans, which were donated by Selrico, to put them in different businesses and restaurants [in the west side community]."

When Guzman heard that DXN will host an event to raise money for her daughter, she said she was very touched.

"Our students are the best and as a community we have always supported each other," Guzman said.

The Candy Land-themed one-mile Unity Run is open to the community and will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on April 12 in the Mall Area. There will also be several booths around the Mall Area such as a face painting booth, a health insurance agency booth, and an informational booth about Wilms tumor and kidney cancer. Fruit and granola bars will be given to participants at the end of their run or walk.

Registration is \$7 and donations are also appreciated. To register for the run or to find out how you can donate, contact DXN at dxn@ollusa.edu

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Vasquez has been drawing scriptures for a while. He got into drawing because his older brother used to draw and he wanted to be like him. He used to just draw video game characters and anime, Japanese comics.

"I hear someone say once, to someone else not about me 'Oh you're a Christian? I couldn't tell' and to me that's a blow," Vasquez said adding that he wants to be open about his faith.

His art can be seen on the cover of the book, "The Mark of Gomorrah" by Brian Stanford and the album cover of Christian rapper EZKL's album "Stories of the Heart."

"The two things in my life that I really [think] are important are art and ministry," Vasquez said. "I always wanted to spread the Gospel but I'm not very good with words, making connections or defending my faith. I am good with drawing so I thought 'I could draw scriptures.'"

Vasquez will pass out the sketches on the first Monday of each month in the cafeteria during community hour. If Bob doesn't finish the sketches on time, then he will give you the sketch on a later date.

Henrique Saldana, received a scripture sketch of Revelations 12:1-4 that talks about a woman giving birth while a dragon is waiting to eat her baby. Revelations is one of Saldana's favorite book of the Bible and said that he finds the section "pretty diddly darn rad."

"One way that people take in the word of God is by hearing and for some people it's seeing," Vasquez said. "So I'm trying to minister to those people."

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Providential Discerners focuses on God's plan for everyone



Providential Discerners gathered Monday, March 3, in the Elliot House for a "Breakfast for Dinner" social. *Photo by Kimberly Yosko*

By Kimberly Yosko
Reporter

Finding God's calling is now easier with the help of a new group on campus. Providential Discern-

ers is a group that encourages students to focus on what God is calling them to be and do in their lives.

Gianna Rendon, junior religious studies major, founded the group last Au-

gust. James Laney, senior biology mathematics major, is the group's co-leader.

"We noticed that there was not a group on campus that spoke about vocations in the Catholic Church,"

Laney said. "[This group] addresses vocations and helps people recognize what God wants them to do with their lives."

Laney said the group's focus is to discover what

God is trying to tell them.

"We talk about ways to discern God's plan for our lives through Scripture, answering questions, and supporting each other," Laney said. "Discernment means identifying and acting on what we perceive is God's will for our lives. [We may] be observant of what God wants [us] to do, but [sometimes] we may not have the wisdom to find out God's will."

Students who attend Providential Discerners meetings said they enjoy the support system they get from others who are there and like that they are all seeking the same thing.

"I like the vocation advice, discernment, and [seeing] how others are trying to understand their callings," said Lazaro Leal, a senior religious studies major. "I was formerly a Math major, but God called me to be a religious studies major when I was struggling in [my math classes]

and I was enjoying my Christian Ethics class."

Alissa Huerta, a senior secondary education math major, agrees with Leal.

"I like the concept of the group," Huerta said. "It helps me to understand Scripture better and see it differently. We all want to help each other grow."

Leal said he enjoys sharing as a group.

"I gather faith in sharing ideas, dialogue, [things] that I can apply to the real world, and a sense of community," Leal said.

Huerta said this has helped her.

"We are not only building relationships with God," Huerta said. "[We are] finding our callings. It's nice to know what God wants us to do with our lives."

To join Providential Discerners, email Laney at jmlaney@ollusa.edu. The group meets at 6 p.m. every Monday in Constantineau Chapel.

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Eldridge: Apply for financial aid as soon as possible

By Mariam Kevlishvili
Reporter

Stereotypically, students lack three things: proper nutrition, sleep and money.

While the first two problems can only be solved through personal choices, students often get help covering their tuition from Federal Student Aid.

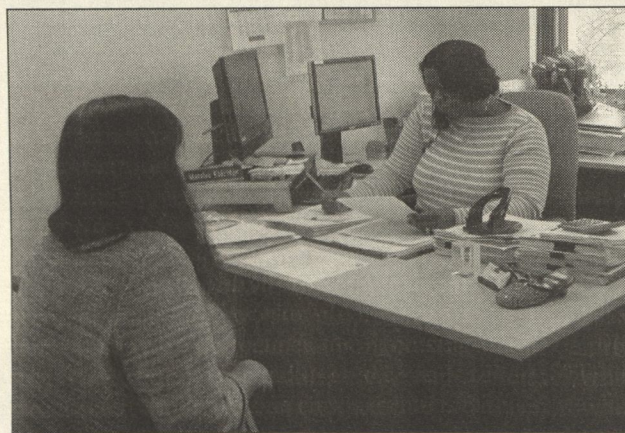
Financial aid includes scholarships as well as grants and loans, said Marsha Eldridge, associate director of financial aid at Our Lady of the Lake University.

"Scholarships [are the] money that is given to a student by the university or from an outside source

that students don't need to pay back," Eldridge said. "It probably means that they need to fit some criteria to keep and obtain that scholarship."

Grants are given to an eligible student after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and students do not need to pay it back. Although a loan is a form of financial aid as well, students do have to pay it back. Students generally don't need to pay their loans back immediately after completing their studies at the university, but need to begin their payments six months after, Eldridge said.

The FAFSA form be-



Marsha Eldridge (above right) is the associate director of Financial Aid. *Photo by Kimberly Yosko*

came available January 1, but Eldridge recommends to fill out the application only after completing your taxes. There is no real deadline to submitting the

FAFSA but she suggests getting it done as soon as possible.

"If a student is selected for verification they need to know that they can

not get an award from our office until all the documents have been submitted," Eldridge said. "So we encourage them to apply as soon as possible. As for scholarships, the applications for endowed or restricted scholarships will be available online on the first week of April."

A FAFSA application is accessible online, but some students prefer to get help when applying. Jessika Arredondo, junior, hasn't applied for financial aid this year yet, but usually does it with her mom.

"I think it would be difficult for me to do it independently," Arredondo said. "I would probably need assistance, since my

mom has an idea of how it works, that's why I go to her."

Daniel Groven, junior, hasn't applied for financial aid this year either, but generally applies independently. Groven said the process is "pretty easy" and straightforward.

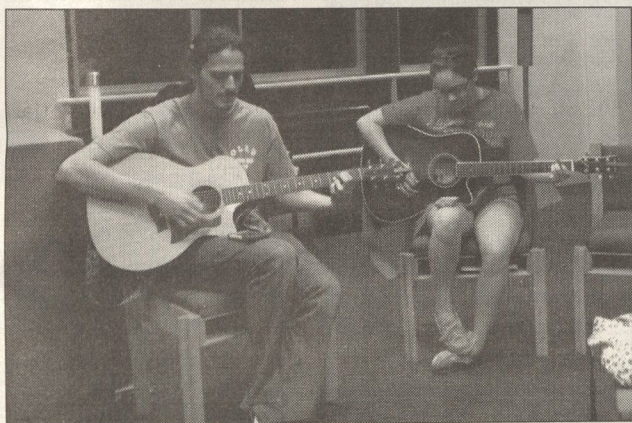
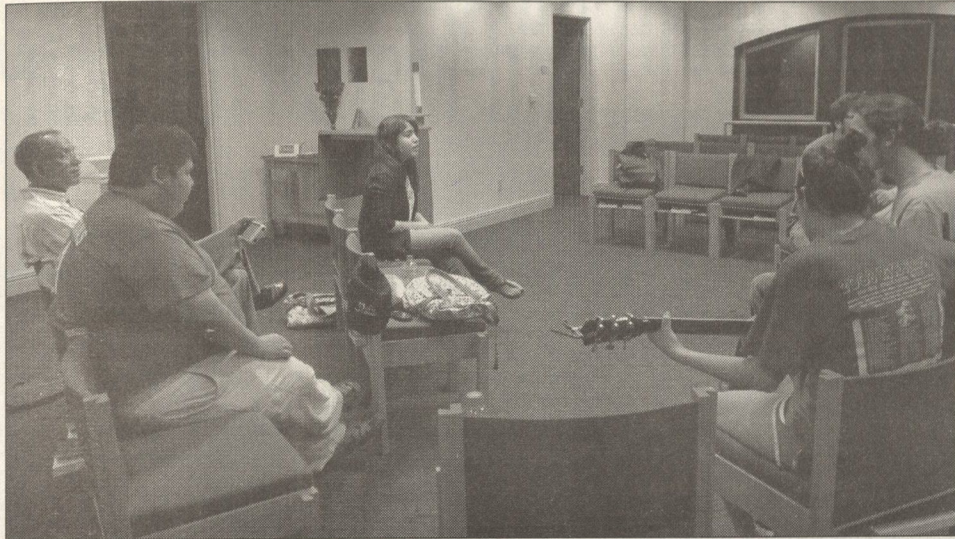
"Typically I don't qualify for financial aid because of income," Groven said, "but if you don't apply you will never know."

Students can access a FAFSA application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/ and

For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at (210)-434-6711 ext. 2299 or email at fnaid@ollusa.edu.

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New Praise and Worship night offers relaxation, reflection



By Kimberly Yosko
Reporter

On any given Tuesday night, one can hear singing and an acoustic guitar or two strumming in Constantineau Chapel.

The music is coming from the new Praise and Worship night on campus.

Rebecca Dornak, a freshman, started the Praise and Worship sessions earlier this semester.

"I wanted to start Praise and Worship night because I've learned over the years that music is a way for everyone to connect in worshiping God," Dornak said. "I wanted everyone to come together as one."

Kevin Castaneda, a

senior and founder of the Ignite Bible Study group, helped Dornak get the sessions off the ground. He said during sessions, students can make songs and hymns requests.

"We focus on Contemporary Christian music and hymns," Castaneda said. "We have been meeting for about four weeks so far and we get about 10-15 people to come per week."

Students who go to the sessions said they enjoy the songs.

"It's a way for me to feel closer to God," said Vanessa Faticati, a sophomore public relations major. "I feel invigorated during the songs. My favorite song that we sing is 'God's Not Dead' by the News-

Kevin Castaneda (left), founder of Ignite Bible Study, said the new Praise and Worship night founded by Rebecca Dornak is a way for students to know that God is in their lives. *Photos by Kimberly Yosko*

boys."

Dornak said that the sessions will benefit the university students in many different ways.

"I think it will benefit the university by giving students another chance to break free from studying and school for just one hour and relax and reflect on life," Dornak said. "It will give them a chance to step back from the chaos of life."

Castaneda hopes more students get involved in the sessions.

"I would love if students came and enjoyed the experience," Castaneda said. "It will make them reflective and know that God is in their lives."

The Praise and Worship sessions are every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in Constantineau Chapel. If you would like to know more, email Dornak at rldornak@ollusa.edu.

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Literary Festival all-inclusive

By Yvonne Rosas
Reporter

In 2013, the Texas Book Festival in Austin featured a total of 250 writers, but less than 10 percent of these were Latino writers. According to the 2010 census, Texas is second only to California for the largest Hispanic and Latino population in the United States.

Why doesn't that fact then reflect itself in TBF's line-up?

This is an issue that native Texas writers must face, but they can find more inclusiveness in other literary festivals amongst their communities, including Our Lady of the Lake's Literary Festival.

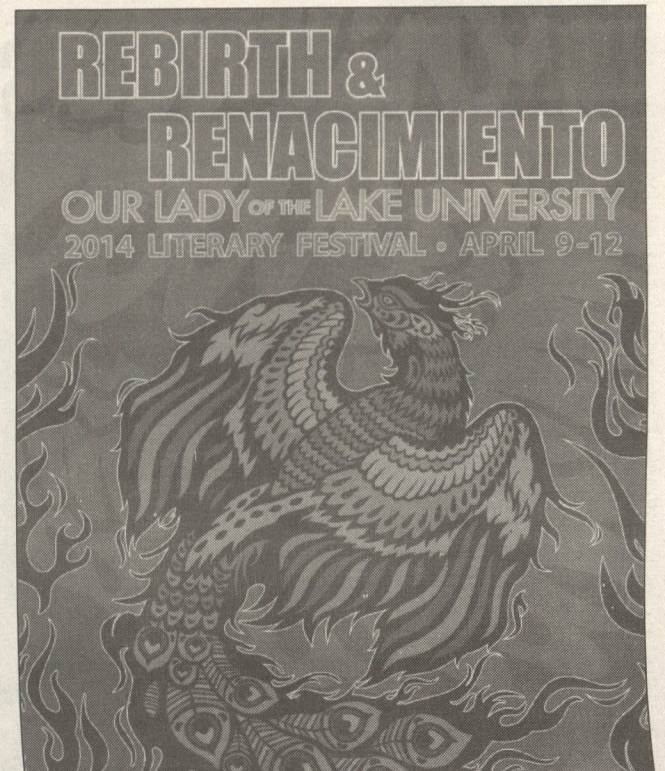
This year's Lit Fest showcases 12 featured writers, including writers from the San Antonio community and across the United States. Author Ito Romo and poet Laurie Ann Guerrero will be among those featured.

Both Romo and Guerrero were invited to participate in the Texas Book Festival but ultimately did not make the list of featured writers.

Gregg Barrios, San Antonio poet and playwright, wrote an op-ed piece addressing the issue of the lack of inclusiveness within the Texas Book Festival.

Barrios writes, "The website for the festival's 2013 edition features teaser text that reads: 'Recognize these faces? They are all appearing at this year's Festival! Pictured are 10 authors—five men and five women. Only three are writers of color, and nary a Latina or Latino in the bunch.'"

Nan Cuba, M.F.A., who has coordinated the Lit Fest here at OLLU in the



The year's literary festival poster features a phoenix, symbolizing the motif of rebirth and renewal. *Courtesy photo*

past, sympathizes with the struggle of inclusivity and timing.

"[The TBF] does play it safe with selecting writing that is commercialized, and honestly it is impossible to satisfy everyone, she said, "However, the goal is to provide the experience for the public. To see people be excited about reading and writing, what's better than that?"

Cuba will read from her first published novel, "Body and Bread" on Thursday, April 10. She will also be a panelist on the panel, "Journalists Gone Fiction: Finding New Paths," on Saturday, April 12.

Octavio Quitanilla, Ph.D., English professor and also the chair coordinator for this year's Lit Fest, maintains that the Lit Fest does its best to be all-inclusive.

"It's about embracing different literary approaches, genres, and

writers who come from different communities," he said. "We're small but we give writers a space and a platform for their voices to be heard, and ultimately this benefits our students and our community."

The theme for this year's Lit Fest is Rebirth & Renacimiento, the title being in both English and Spanish in keeping with ideas of multiculturalism.

Festival events start on Weds. April 9th with the Student Open Mic and readings by featured guests, Reyes Cardenas and Ito Romo. Festivities end on Sat. April 12 with a production of "Thirteen Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview" performed by OLLU's very own 24th Street Theatre.

All of the events are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Lit Fest, visit www.ollusa.edu/LitFest.

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SOUNDS IN SAN ANTONIO*Your guide to good music
during study breaks***Headline for Sounds in SA goes here****By Darian Mendez**
Copy Editor

Spring break is not only meant to be spent lying on the beach or putting aside projects your professor gave you because you would have more time to work on them. Instead, hit up some local venues and lose yourself in music. No money? No problem! The Mardi Gras Masquerade Party is free if your 21 and older.

dgmendez@ollusa.edu**3/8 Mardi Gras Masquerade Party** 10 p.m.

The Bonham Exchange, 411 Bonham

Tickets: No cover for 21+, minors \$25

94.1 KTFM will be broadcasting live and there will be a mask contest at midnight.

3/10 Breathe Carolina

White Rabbit, 2410 N St Mary's

Dance or mosh? Why can't we have both? That's what electric-rock hybrid Breathe Carolina are good at and their new single "Sellouts" proves it. Few bands can make a sound their own out of two intense genres.

3/14 A State of Bass

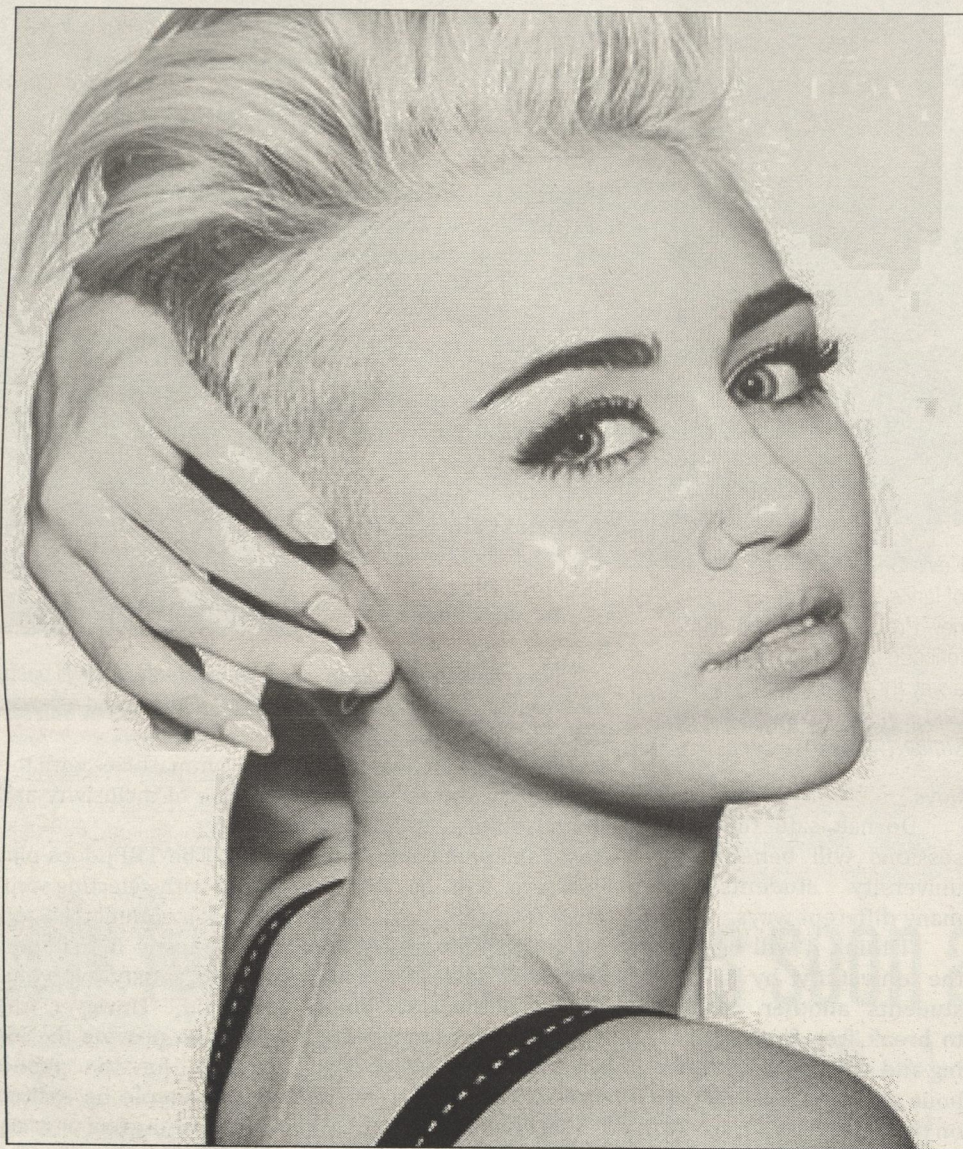
Club Rio, 13307 San Pedro Ave

Tickets: \$10

Featuring Shawn Jackson, DJ-JN3W, Bryan Stanley, DJ N-V and DJ Mister Zee

3/15 Taking Back Sunday, The Used 6 p.m.Backstage Live, 1305 E Houston
Tickets: \$30-\$32

TBS and The Used have been gaining fame since the early 2000s with iconic songs like "Cute Without the 'E'" and "The Bird and the Worm" with lyrics

Miley Cyrus will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. on March 15 at the AT&T Center. *Courtesy photo*

some of us might have used for our Myspace photo captions. If that's not a characteristic of greatness then I don't know what is.

3/15 Miley Cyrus 7:30 p.m.
AT&T Center, 1 AT&T Center Pkwy

Tickets: \$50-\$110

Miley can't stop and she won't stop. When it comes to Miley either you love her or hate her. The Bangerz Tour celebrates her most recent (and controversial) album, so no doubt this is going to be interesting!

3/21 Paul Van Dyk 9 p.m.
Club Rio, 13307 San Pedro Ave

Tickets: \$15-\$45

The World's No. 1 DJ according to DJ Magazine, PvD is more of a trance man than dubstep. Sway the night away to some of PvD's original mixes.

3/22 ReptarMania! 7 p.m.

Backstage Live, 1305 E Houston
Tickets: \$5-\$15

Tommy Pikles Presents ReptarMania! An unforgettable rave with 50 gallons of slime, an electric light show and 30,000

watts of bass. Party like a Ru-grat.

3/25 Deltron 3030 8 p.m.

Korova, 107 E Martin

Tickets: \$20-\$23

Made up of Del The Funky Homosapien, Kid Koala and Dan "The Automator" Nakamura, Deltron 3030 is an alt-rap experiment gone wonderfully right that takes you through time into an apocalyptic society filled with war, disease, and an oppressive government.

**Cosplay characters
to invade campus
mid-March for Con****ANNUAL MIZUUMI-CON TO HAPPEN MARCH 22****By Yvonne Rosas**
Reporter

If you see people dressed up in crazy or elaborate costumes, wearing blue spikey wigs and handling cardboard-made weapons on campus, do not be alarmed. It's only Mizuumi-Con.

Mizuumi-Con is the anime convention held annually on campus, attracting over a 2,500 anime, video game and pop culture fans to indulge themselves in a day long convention.

This year, the convention will be held mid-morning until late into the night on Saturday, March 22, in various parts of the university.

Mizuumi-Con is a family-friendly convention and openly invites anyone interested to participate.

"We advertise that we're a three day con all in one day, because we are," said Ashley Aguillon, president of OLLU's anime club, via email. "We look to give those first-time and seasoned con goers a great experience."

Mizuumi-Con hosts a number of activities and attractions, including panels from guests involved in the anime industry, shows, art dealers, goods vendors, dances, karaoke and cosplay (costume play) contests. Schedules and programs

will be available to convention participants when they register at the door.

This year's voice-over actors invited are Sonny Strait, who voiced Krillin from Dragonball Z, Brittney Karbowski (Soul Eater and Full Metal Alchemist: Brotherhood), and Austin Tindle (Fairy Tale and Is This a Zombie?). Convention goers can meet, greet and get autographs from the voice-over actors.

Lucia Cox, event coordinator and club officer, announced other guests including the Corpus-Christi based cosplay group, Digital Outburst, theater-group After Midnight productions, and the Youtuber Mr. Creepy Pasta.

Aguillon asks convention-goers to consider scheduling their time for events and dealers. Cox suggests people get the most out of the panels and guests.

"Wear the right shoes. Wear proper clothes, and please wear deodorant," she also advises.

For more information about the convention, visit mizuumicon.org or contact Ashley Aguillon at araguillon@lake.ollusa.edu. For information about volunteering opportunities, contact students Margarita Salas, Lisa Robles, or email volunteer@mizuumicon.org.

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CINEMANIACS

Cristian Ortiz-Salas and Desirae Martinez are both juniors who met their freshman year at Brackenridge High School. Both have a passion for movies. They have seen many movies together and enjoy commenting about them. Martinez enjoys the storyline of films, while Ortiz-Salas is drawn to the cinematography aspects of films.

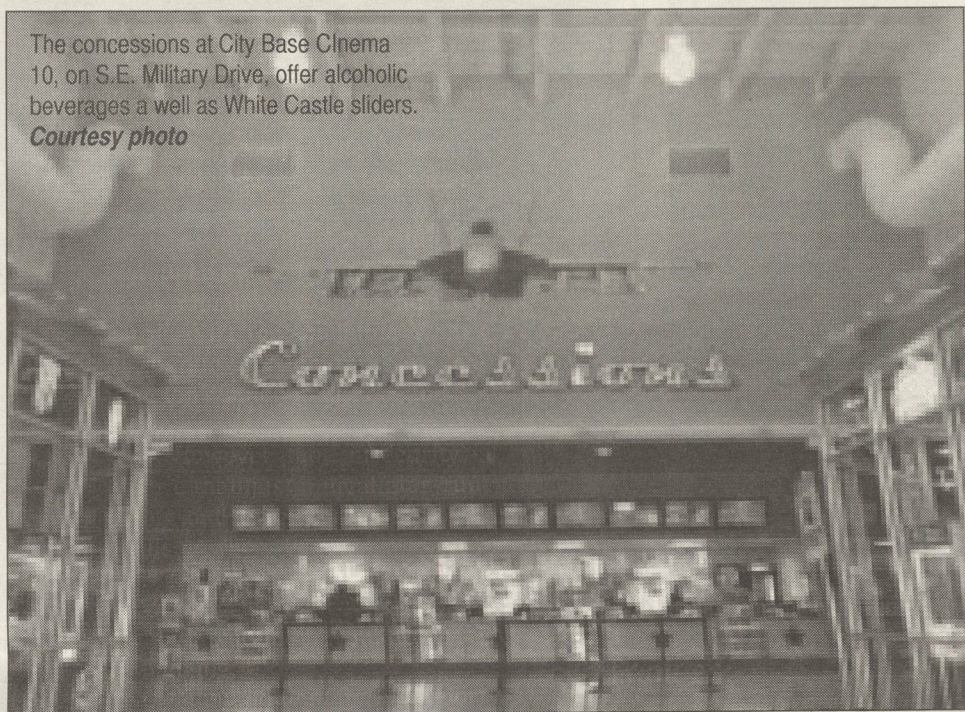


San Antonio movie theaters reviewed: pick and choose

By Cristian Ortiz-Salas
and Desirae Martinez
Reporters

Going to the movies can be a great experience: Comfy seats, delicious popcorn, and a great movie in high definition. But sometimes going to the movies means stiff chairs, burnt popcorn, and scratched screens. The Cinemaniacs visited movie theaters near campus to figure out which one offers the best movie experience. The overall ratings (out of a possible 5) are based on seating, concession, location, customer service, and pricing.

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The concessions at City Base Cinema 10, on S.E. Military Drive, offer alcoholic beverages as well as White Castle sliders. *Courtesy photo*

AMC Rivercenter 11

Location: 849 East Commerce Street, 13 min from OLLU

Pricing for Adults:

Shows starting before 6 p.m. \$4.50

Shows starting after 6 p.m. \$6

Review: Rivercenter allows guests to choose their seating upon purchasing tickets, if you're into assigned seating. There are fewer seats than there are in an average theater, but that's to make room for the spacious red leather recliners! Each recliner comes equipped with a button on the side that flips your feet up and slides your body out. The concession options are pretty standard, but alcoholic beverages are also offered. The only real problem is paying for downtown parking.

Overall Rating:

City Base Cinema 10

Location: 2623 S.E. Military Drive, 18 min from OLLU

Pricing for Adults:

First showing of the day \$4.25

Shows starting before 6 p.m. \$5

Shows starting after 6 p.m. \$8

Review: City Base Cinema is fairly priced and very clean. There are two game rooms when guests immediately walk in and alcoholic beverages as well as White Castle sliders are offered at the concession stand. However, the seats, while well-cushioned, are compacted next to each other and there is very little leg room. Also, the location is quite a distance from campus.

Overall Rating:

Santikos Mayan Palace 14

Location: 1918 S.W. Military Drive, 13 min from OLLU

Pricing for Adults:

Shows starting before 1 p.m. \$4

Shows starting before 5 p.m. \$5

Shows starting at 5 p.m. or later \$8

Review: The Mayan is a great theater if you're okay with putting your car at risk of being stolen. The Mayan's reputation has gone downhill with multiple stories of theft, fights, and shootings in the parking lot. The theater itself is fairly priced and offers expanded concession items such as pizza, chicken fingers, and funnel cakes.

Overall Rating:

Santikos Bijou

Location: 4522 Fredericksburg Rd., 14 min from OLLU

Pricing for Adults:

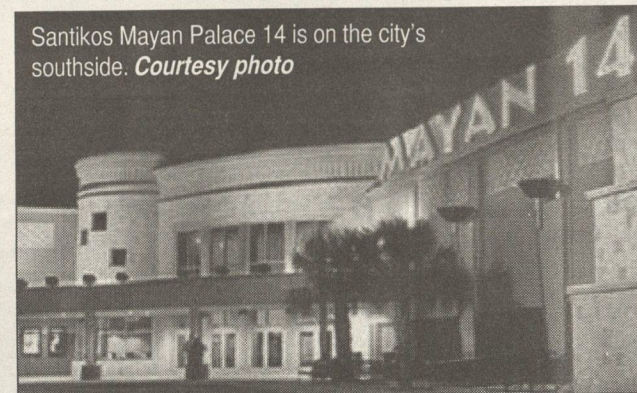
Shows starting before 5 p.m. \$7

Shows starting after 5 p.m. \$9.50

Review: The Bijou doubles as a restaurant that features pizza, burgers, salads, and even sushi. The environment is definitely more mature since children under 12 are not allowed in. The selection of movies is limited to a few, but the movies that are shown are limited release independent films that can't be seen anywhere else in San Antonio. However, the bathrooms seriously need to be cleaned and parking is impossible to find.

Overall Rating:

Santikos Mayan Palace 14 is on the city's southside. *Courtesy photo*



Regal Alamo Quarry Stadium 16

Location: 225 East Basse Road, 17 min from OLLU

Pricing for Adults:

Shows before 6 p.m. \$7.50

Shows after 6 p.m. \$10.25

Review: Considering how expensive the tickets are, the theater is disappointing. The popcorn does not taste fresh and the chairs are so stiff and outdated you're likely to have a bad back by the end of the movie. On the upside, the Quarry offers limited release movies and keeps movies around longer.

Overall Rating:

Regal Cinemas Cielo Vista

Location: 2828 Cinema Ridge, 15 min from OLLU

Pricing for Adults:

Shows starting before 6 p.m. \$7.50

Shows starting after 6 p.m. \$10.25

Review: Cielo Vista is clean, modern, and spacious. There is a game room that also has tables and chairs for guests to relax and wait. The concession is standard but the pricing is a little expensive considering how average the theater is. Also, good luck getting out of the parking lot on Friday night. It may take half an hour before you even reach the highway.

Overall Rating:

Cinemark McCreless Market

Location: 4424 S. New Braunfels Ave, 14 min from OLLU

Pricing for Adults:

First showing of the day \$4.25

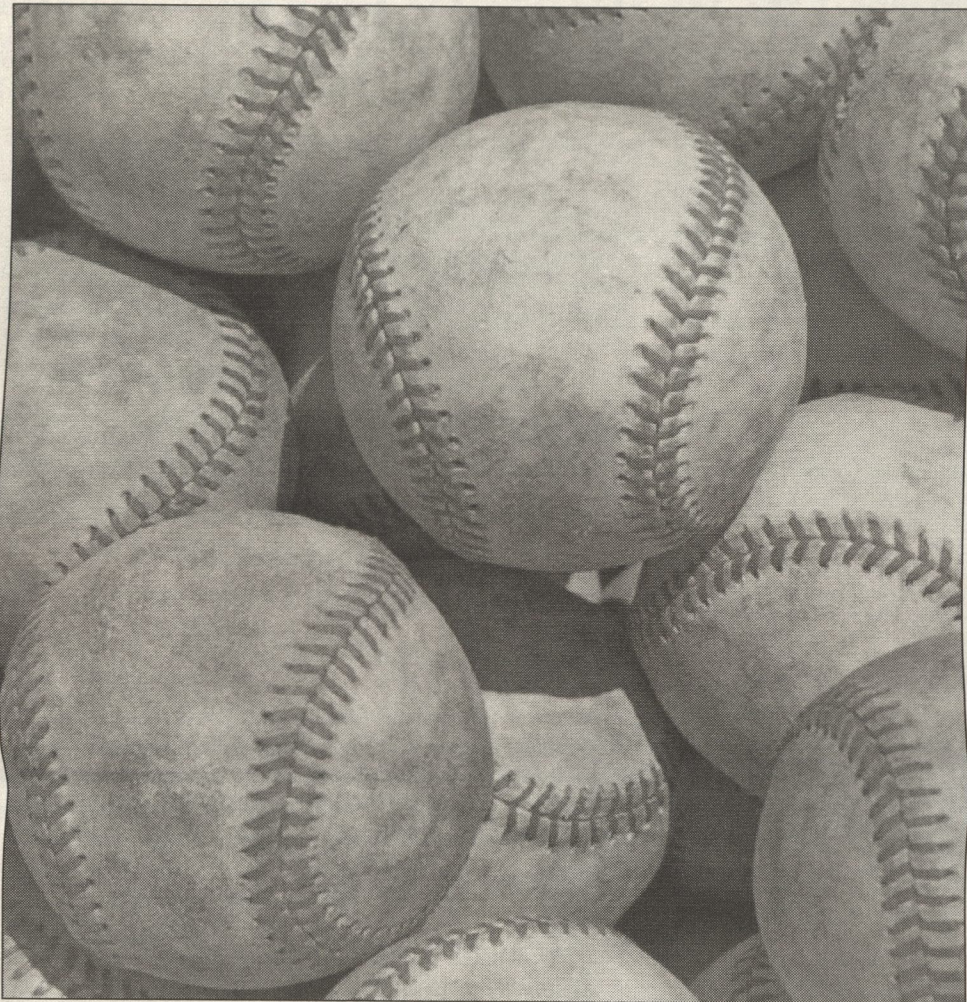
Shows starting before 6 p.m. \$5

Shows starting after 6 p.m. \$7.25

Review: Other than a good deal on the early bird special, McCreless is a pretty basic theater. The prices are reasonable, the concession is typical, and its pint-sized game room can barely even fit a claw machine. The upside is McCreless is a family friendly theater for those with children.

Overall Rating:

University to have baseball team by next academic year



Next year's new baseball team will rent the Missions Baseball Academy facilities to play and practice in. The facility has four major-league sized fields. *Courtesy photo*

By Stephen Nehr
Sports Reporter

For as long as Our Lady of the Lake University's Athletics Department has existed, the university has been the only 4-year institution in town without a baseball team. This will no longer be the case next academic year.

The university will add a men's baseball team in the fall of 2014 and will begin to compete in the spring of 2015. These plans were announced in January.

The addition of a baseball team made "absolute

sense" said Jack Hank, the university's athletic director.

The new team will be able to compete immediately in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) through the Red River Athletic Conference. Hank said he is planning to hire a coach for the team this month and ultimately have the head baseball coach by June 1.

Hank said he is currently planning where the team will play and practice. The team is going to rent the facilities at the Missions Baseball Academy, which was built in 2013.

This facility features four major-league sized fields.

OLLU is looking to enroll at least "35 new students" on the baseball team by next fall, Hank said. The school is looking not only for high school athletes, but also current students.

Students interested in trying out for the baseball team will have two opportunities to tryout from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 and at the same time on March 12. Both tryouts will be held at Missions Baseball Academy.

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Athletes break records



Senior Marcus Thompson (second from left) and Xavier Roberson (fourth from left) recently broke university and conference records. *Courtesy photo*

By Stephen Nehr
Sports Reporter

Senior guards Marcus Thompson and Xavier Roberson were honored before their last home game at Mabee gym against LSU-Shreveport. However, these guards did a lot more than just win games - they broke records.

Thompson broke the NAIA record for most steals in a game with 15 against Paul Quinn College. This feat has not even been accomplished by an NCAA player, which hold the mark at 13. In the same game, Xavier, who is known for his offensive skills and the ability to light up the scoreboard from behind

the arc, set a Saints record for most points in a game with 40. Four games later, Xavier broke Thompson's same record with 43 points in a game against Bacone College. These two guards extended their senior seasons in a play-in game against Bacone College Wednesday, March 5.



The Women's Basketball team captured the Red River Athletic Conference regular season title and a berth to the NAIA Women's National Championship Tournament. This comes after an emotional last second win over Wiley College on Friday, where the Saints needed an overtime and

Junior forward Mercedes Dobson to make the winning basket to get the win. The Saints then beat LSU-Shreveport on Saturday to end the regular season, they won 85-69.

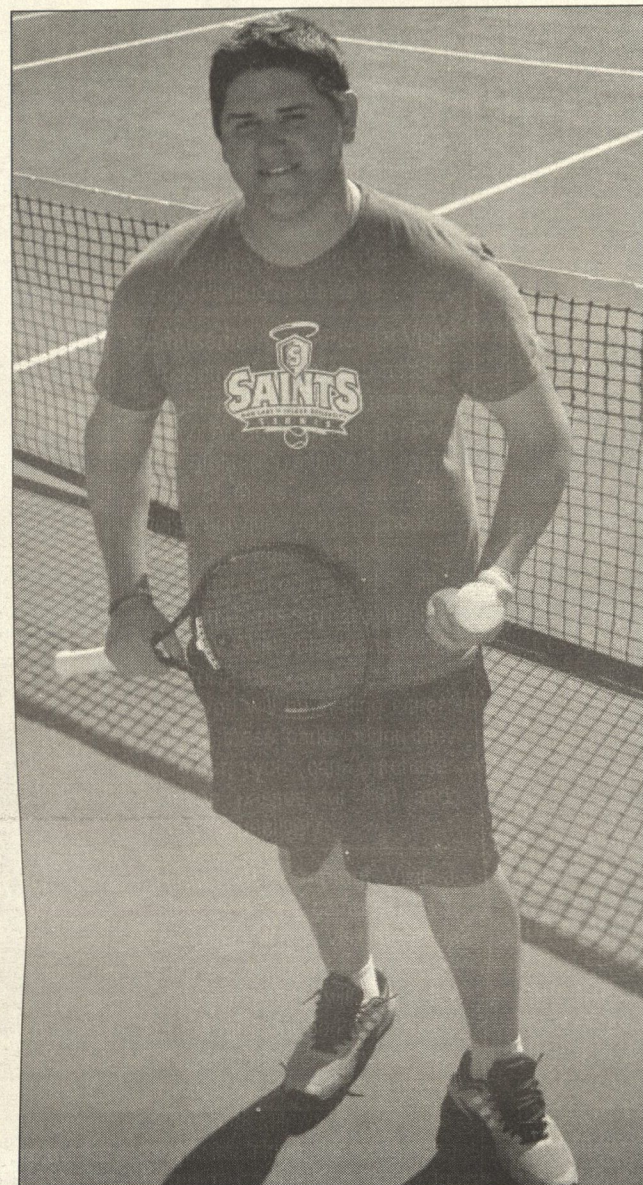
Unfortunately, junior guard and Saints women's basketball all-time leading scorer Nashae Owens will not compete for the rest of

the season after she tore her ACL late in the second half against Wiley.

Sophomore guard Lauren Rubio looks to replace Owens in the lineup. The Saints will play their first Red River Conference Tournament game on Friday, March 7th.

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Sport teaches tennis player discipline, time management



Matt Ellis has been playing tennis all his life. Before coming to the university two years ago, he was a tennis coach in Houston, where he made \$75,000 a year. Although he had stable income, he wanted to continue his education for job security. *Courtesy photo*

By Astrid Villegas
Sports Reporter

Without ever attending college, Matt Ellis was making \$75,000 a year as a tennis coach in Houston. This was when he was 23-years-old.

He had been teaching tennis since the age of 15, and he was not going to put that at risk only because he had not attended college. To secure his job and education, he entered Our Lady of the Lake University in the spring of 2012.

Ellis, now 25, has been ranked number one in tennis at the university

since he arrived. Like in all games, Ellis said that he has won some games and lost others.

"The people I have lost to I shouldn't have lost to," Ellis said. "I played through injuries and bronchitis."

Ellis started playing small pro-league tournaments called satellites while in high school. He once played a four-hour match that resulted in heat stroke.

"It was one of the scariest moments of my life," Ellis said.

But that is not all. On a tournament in Tallahassee, Florida there had been a recent hurricane and the

courts had to be rebuilt. But they were not rebuilt correctly and Ellis twisted his ankle during a match.

"Tennis is harsh on the ankles," Ellis said. "I have probably twisted my left ankle 20 or 30 times, and my right even more."

Ellis has suffered many injuries throughout his tennis career.

"At the age of 3, my dad was giving a serving lesson to a lady that could not get one serve in," Ellis said. "My dad bet even his son (me) could make in a serve before she did, and I proved him right. From that day on I have been playing."

Ellis said he has experienced other levels of tennis that his opponents have not, and this does not only help him with his matches, but he also uses this to help his teammates out.

"[With] small changes in their game, different strategies, making sure they are studying because if they don't get their grades straight they cannot play," Ellis said. "I try to lead by example as much as I can."

Since Ellis has been at the university, he has received numerous awards including "Player of the Week" four times, Dean's

list, and "Top Saint."

Even though Ellis has a lot of experience of his own he said Salvador Castillo, the university's tennis coach, has helped him in his doubles game, especially with strategies.

"Matt is one of the rare athletes that makes the most of his opportunities," Castillo said. "He's developed into a team leader and I count on him to make sure the team goes on the court with a good attitude."

Castillo said Ellis' leadership is also seen off the court.

"He demonstrates to everyone that if you man-

age your time and have a lot of determination you can always find a way to win on and off the court," Castillo said.

Ellis attributes his time management to tennis.

"Tennis at the University has helped me organize my life better," Ellis said. "I work full time, go to school full time, and play tennis full time. It has helped me manage my time and stay active a little bit more."

Ellis' advice to aspiring athletes is his favorite quote from Wayne Gretzky "You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take."

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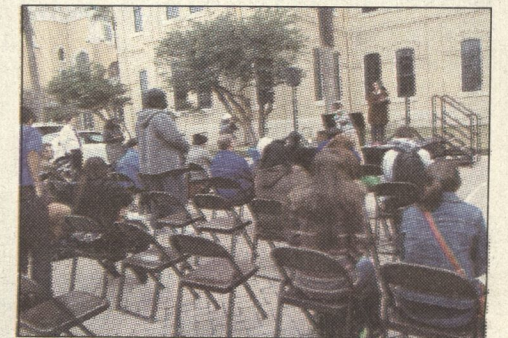
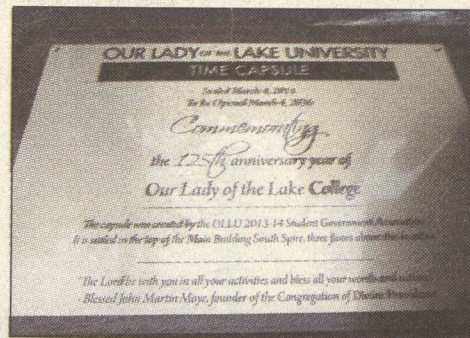
Recent scenes at the Lake: Time capsule, Saints athletics



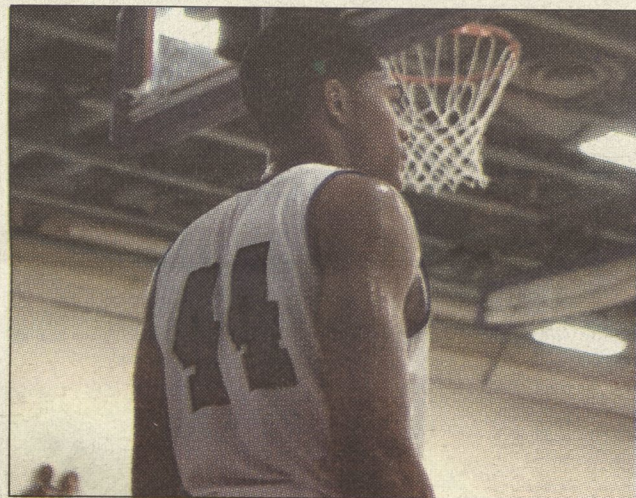
Many were the items deposited into the time capsule Tuesday, March 4. **Photo by Kimberly Yosko**



Cesar Rodriguez (above left), former president of Sigma Theta Epsilon, deposits an STE t-shirt. Adelfo Carvajal (above right) explains the photograph of he and his girlfriend, sophomore Yarezi Campos, before depositing it into the time capsule. **Photos by Kimberly Yosko**



The time capsule will be opened March 4, 2036, on the university's 125th anniversary year. The university community gathered to see the items placed in the time capsule. **Photos by Kimberly Yosko**



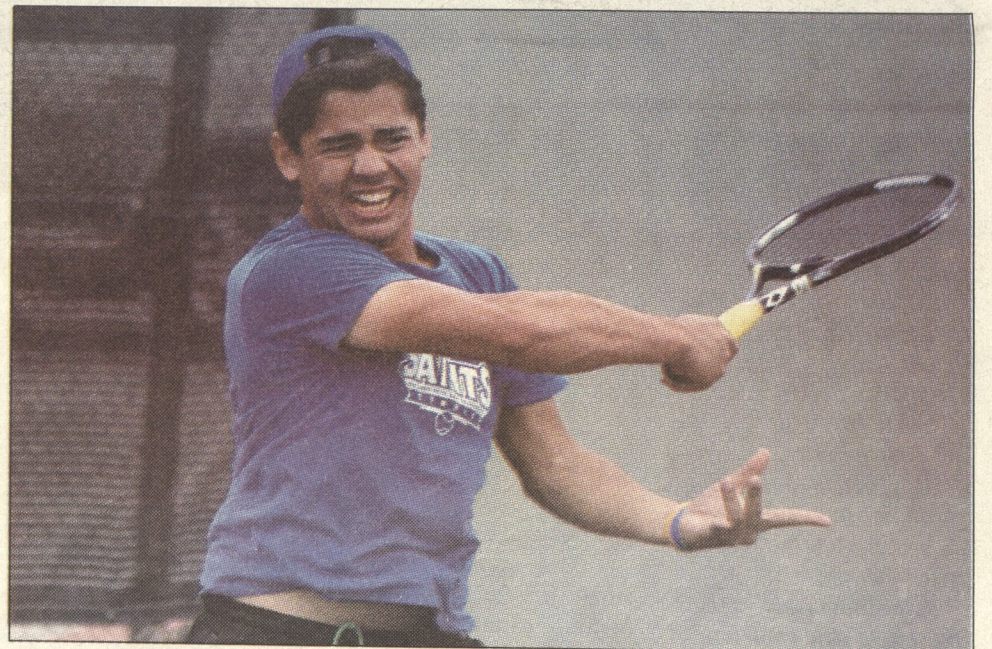
Senior Chelsea Solis (left) makes a free throw. De'Quentin Greer (above), a junior during a game against LSU Shreveport. **Photos by Astrid Villegas**



Zahry Edmond (below) serves during a tournament match against LeTorneau University.

Ornela Bacchini (left) receives her parents, from Argentina, during Senior Night.

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Sophomore AJ Gallardo (above) plays a singles match during a tournament game against LeTorneau University.

Cheerleader Lexi Molina shows support for the Saints during a basketball game.

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