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About 100 students gathered at the Providence West Social Room on Nov. 6 to ask President Tessa Pollack what her reasoning behind the 12 major eliminations was, and to state their concerns on the issue.

## Korean students unable to partake in Thanksgiving



PHOTO BY SELINA DÍAZ

Korean exchange students Jungwoon Yoon and Eunji Choo will not celebrate Thanksgiving this year, although it is part of their mission to experience American life and traditions.

**Selina Díaz**  
Reporter

In Korean, Thanksgiving is celebrated with a twist of Día de los Muertos and Halloween added to the dinner table.

This year, Korean exchange students Jungwon Yoon and Eunji Choo will not experience American holidays such as Thanksgiving due to a lack of opportunities available for them on campus.

Claire and Grace — Yoon's and Choo's adopted American names, respectively — say they feel bittersweet as the time to celebrate American traditions such as Thanksgiving and Christmas draws close. The sole mission of their voyage here has been to experience American life and traditions.

For many exchange students, as for a lot of out-of-town students, homesickness prevails on holiday breaks.

"I would like to celebrate [American] Thanksgiving," said Yoon, a senior Biology student. Prior to this year, she did not know how Thanksgiving was celebrated in America.

Korean Thanksgiving is celebrated in September and is known as Chuseok, Choo said. Koreans commemorate ancestors by cooking Korean dishes and placing different fruits around the dinner table. As their centerpiece, in contrast to our turkey, they share photographs of their ancestors, and family members bow to them in remembrance and honor.

In their more elaborate Thanksgiving celebration, Korean families traditionally wear hanbok, special clothing, grandparents give money to their grandchildren and the entire family plays poker.

Sometimes, women aren't allowed to participate in the Thanksgiving ceremony and have to stay in the kitchen preparing food because, Choo said, some families "view women [as] inferior to men."

Though they say it would be ideal to celebrate Thanksgiving in America to fully experience the American life, they don't have the

opportunity to do so.

This year, Yoon and Choo plan to spend Thanksgiving with one another and other Korean exchange students. Together, they plan to stay on campus and get ahead in their studies.

Some organizations have programs in place to let non-locals celebrate the holidays with a family. Because many airmen stationed in San Antonio aren't from this area, Lackland Air Force Base has a program that gives them the opportunity to spend Thanksgiving with a local family.

Similar services have been offered at OLLU, but none are in place this year.

Mark Center, director of Residence Life, said that in the past the Resident Assistants sometimes made a Thanksgiving dinner for everyone.

University Ministry sometimes arranges for exchange students to spend Thanksgiving with a local family, giving them the chance to experience classic Thanksgiving traditions like sharing a roasted turkey or an afternoon of football with fellow students and their families.

Yoon and Choo's Thanksgiving celebration will lack the cultural aspect that made OLLU stand out to them among the many schools they could have chosen.

"It's very exotic, and it's filled with culture." But most importantly, there are "very few Asians," Yoon said.

Choo, a Criminal Justice major, hopes to attend law school one day, and attending classes at OLLU gets her that much closer to her goal. She has studied abroad for six months and has taken summer classes at both Harvard University and the University of California-Berkeley, but for her, the Lake is different. People here are "nicer and big on culture."

Jungwon Yoon and Eunji Choo may have adopted American names, but they don't need to be American to celebrate Thanksgiving in some way.

## President Pollack questioned by students about major cuts

### SGA hosts Student Voice Assembly addressing phase-out of 12 majors

**Gianna Rendon**  
Reporter

Students lined up Wednesday, Nov. 6, to grill President Pollack about what recently announced major cuts mean for the future of OLLU.

About 100 students and 50 faculty gathered at the Student Voice Assembly meeting turned earlier in the week into a student forum.

Students voiced their concerns to Pollack about the 12 majors being phased out. The meeting was tense at times, and many in attendance wore black to mourn the cuts.

The meeting, originally slated for an hour, lasted two. Steven Zumaran, president of the Student Government Association, tried to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 so students could go to class.

However, one student stood to ask Pollack a question. Someone shouted, "I'll stay to listen to her." Many in the audience replied, "I'll stay!"

Pollack also agreed.

Students repeatedly asked the president how OLLU could be a Catholic University without a Religious Studies major. They also asked how can it continue to create students with an expertise in Mexican American culture, as stated in the university Vision Statement, if the Mexican American Studies and Spanish majors are cut.

Pollack said someone told her "No margin, No mission," which means if the university is not making money, the school has no mission.

Although the meeting started with Pollock joking, "I hope your candidate won last night," the laughter in the room quickly turned into tension.

After some students made accusatory comments from the floor, the crowd burst into cheers.

Tyler Tully, Religious Studies major and de facto leader of the anti-cuts student movement called the 12,

asked Pollack if she still deserved to be president of the University.

She explained exactly which majors were being phased out and gave a rationale as to why. One rationale was there were not enough students majoring in the programs.

But one student brought up that Human Sciences has more than 40 majors.

Another reason to cut these majors was to focus on more marketable majors, Pollack said.

She asked the gathered students if any did not expect to be employed after graduation. About seven students raised their hands.

One of the students, wearing a black Batman shirt, grabbed the mic located in the front of the room and faced the crowd with a huge grin. "Hi. My name's Andrew."

The student, Andrew Davidsmeyer, said he is a first-semester transfer student from Hawaii and a Fine Arts major.

"I live in a 2 percent world, which means in this world I'm not guaranteed a job, but I'm OK with that," he said.

He said he loves OLLU's community vibe.

In Hawaii "friends and family are like blood," he said. "You are my family. You are my friends. We are all one."

Although Davidsmeyer said he still will graduate in his major, its elimination has made him lose confidence in the community, one of OLLU's Core Values.

Pollack tried to reassure the student, saying "we are not eliminating program majors."

"Then what are we doing here today?" Davidsmeyer asked, followed by laughter at the president's mixup. She meant to say the university is not eliminating disciplines, just program majors.

Student Valarie Villarreal asked the president why students weren't involved with the decision since it affects them.

Pollack said faculty were

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included in the decision. Some chose to include their students, while others did not.

The faculty in the crowd looked confused and flustered but held their silence.

Pollack revealed that it was her decision to cut the majors. She said faculty members were involved in the first phase of the decision but said she made the final decision to save time.

The university "sat on" some decisions for years, Pollack said, adding this cannot happen if OLLU is to "remain relevant."

An alum, Forrest Maher, asked what it would take to reinstate the majors being cut.

Pollack said she does not plan to bring the majors back. However, she advised students to talk to the faculty and suggest how general education should be revised.

Some students expressed worry that faculty will be cut next. Pollack assured them that there will be no more cuts to faculty numbers or majors after these 12 "for a while."

Pollack said that the money saved by cutting the majors will go toward strengthening the majors still in existence.

One Social Work student voiced her concern that she just recently heard about the majors being cut.

Pollack said the information was in E-Currents, and Zumaran said that the issue was discussed at prior events like Academics and Appetizers.

"Commit to information-seeking skills and we'll commit to providing it for you," Pollack told students.

## Student movement opposes majors cut

**Gianna Rendon**  
Reporter

A group of students refused to remain silent after learning about the 12 majors being cut.

Students of many majors—Spanish, Psychology, Religious Studies, English, Business and Accounting—have banded together in a student movement called the 12, or Doces.

Tyler Tully, a Religious Studies

major, started organizing students Wednesday, Oct. 31.

"We want to facilitate an environment where everyone's opinion is valid," Tully said.

Change "can happen from the bottom up," he added.

Steven Zumaran, president of the Student Government Association, said in the past, students haven't been active in university matters.

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## OP-ED

### Athletics programs receive excess funding

**Mariam Kevlishvili**  
Editor

Students might think their understanding of higher education is false after seeing the budget of athletics program.

Usually, the reason to obtain higher education is intellectual growth or a hands-on experience in the field that one wants to dedicate his or her whole life to. It is about being mentored by professionals, who will guide a student to a competitive job market. However it seems that at OLLU higher education is about school spirit, buying athletic uniforms and the feeling of connectedness that one bouncing ball creates.

Maybe that is why we are paying \$2.1 million to the sports' department.

Sports and athletics have not in any way harmed this university. In addition, their success has only contributed to the very coveted "boost of admissions," but it is still outrageous to make sports the priority of the university.

It seems to be illogical for athletics to be the reason potential

students want to attend a Catholic university that is considered to follow liberal arts tradition.

Liberal arts education in itself claims to provide well-rounded knowledge for every student, which in advance will be the foundation for any profession that they might choose. I don't think that giving a small athletics department more than half of the budget the whole College of Arts and Sciences receives contributes to that.

It is great that our athletes receive scholarships because of their athletic achievements and that they are not failing their classes. It is also nice to see all the students united on their games. But aren't they going to a private university to receive a high-quality education that will later on help them find a good job outside sports and athletics? Is that going to be possible if sports are prioritized over education?

I think that if the claim that "sports brings school together" was true, they could start making profit for their department independently from OLLU budget by charging a small fee for entry to games.

## OP-ED

### Athletics programs deserve their funding

**Jennifer Marroquin**  
Reporter

The athletes deserve their budget because they work hard, win games, and are nationally ranked. Our athletics department is still relatively new, not even in its teen years, and has already accomplished so much.

If OLLU didn't have athletics, not only would the school's enrollment be much less, considering we have more than 200 athletes, but we would not be as unified as we are.

It's true that some of the other buildings, such as Metz and Fine Arts, can use an update, but let's not blame the athletes for the condition of those buildings. No budget is cut to satisfy the needs of the athletes.

The hours of the C-store are directly based on the number of students living on campus, and athletes choose to live on campus. When enrollments in residence halls were low, 20 percent of residents were athletes, said Mark Center, director of residence life.

The last time residence enrollment was low, the school lost two popular sites students would go to lunch, Freshens and Sub

Generation. Students were upset to see these places go. Without the athletes occupying the residence halls, the C-store could be next.

Not only has the athletic department benefited our school's reputation and enrollment, but also the students participating in the program. The athletes' successful program has put them in great academic standing and taught them time management skills.

Athletes improve the overall GPA of the school and make OLLU look good to prospective students because they are able to make the grade and play on the field.

The athletics budget has to fund to buy more than 200 uniforms, which can cost about \$50 each, but also hotels, travel and food for away games. The athletes also put on great events that are funded by their budget, such as tailgate parties and free gifts at games, which add spirit to the school.

The athletics budget is justified because, although the athletes are the ones receiving the budget, they help improve the entire school by making our overall appearance a positive one.

## OP-ED

### Energy drinks helpful, others deceiving

**Gianna Rendon**  
Reporter

With midterms fast approaching, many of us are having trouble keeping our eyelids open. Coffee, the drink of the gods, is in order to keep us relatively human. For those haters of coffee, but lovers of caffeine there is hope in a form of an aluminum can. The right energy drink can make your day brighter. The Lake Front has rounded up the many energy drinks on campus and gives you a look at each.

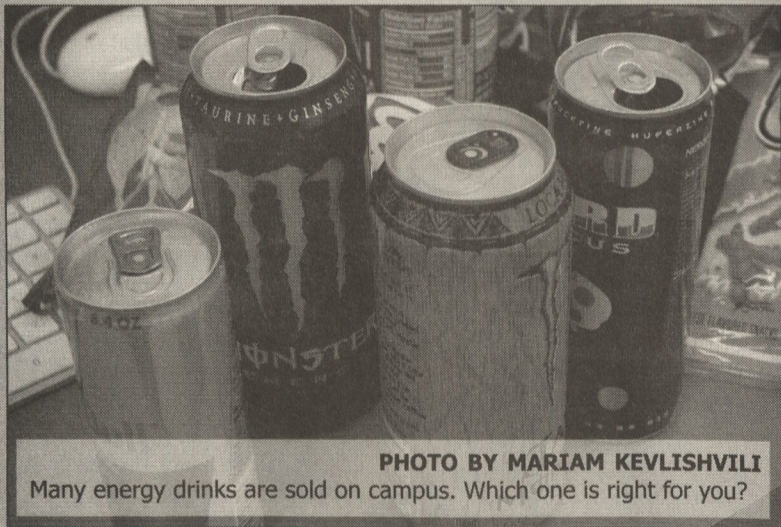


PHOTO BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI  
Many energy drinks are sold on campus. Which one is right for you?

**Red Bull Sugar Free**  
Location: Book Store  
Price: \$2.51

It's only 60 calories for a reason. This is another Gummy Bear tasting drink. Apparently energy drink manufacturers thought, "Hmm... What is fun and full of energy?... Gummy Bears! Let's liquify them!" Poor Gummy Bears roaming the Gummy Bear forest-killed for our studying needs! This sugar free drink tastes sugar free.

**Starbucks Double Shot Energy Drink, Mocha flavor**  
Contains B Vitamins and Ginseng.  
Location: C-Store

Whatever you do, don't shake. I did. It exploded on me, and I smelled like bad coffee all day. It tastes strongly of coffee and leaves an unusual aftertaste which I'm attributing to the ginseng. Ginseng is an energy-giving root that shouldn't be put in anything resembling coffee. After two sips, I had a caffeine buzz. After four sips-a caffeine headache. The aftertaste goes away after continuous sipping. Drink this only in an extreme sleepless emergency or you will do a nice impression of a grasshopper.

**Monster Energy Drink**  
Location: Book Store  
Price: \$2.50

Pffftssssssshhhhhhhhhhh. Opening a can of Monster unleashes an evil Gummy Bear smell. The sugary explosion in your mouth can make you instantly diabetic. One of these bad boys will make your brain instantly alert but leave your body tired. Recently, a teen died after drinking two Monsters in a day. I believe it. If you don't mind drinking liquid candy with a vengeance, then Monster will be your dirty little secret to sanity during midterms.

**Loca Moca Java Monster**  
Location: Book Store  
Price: \$2.50

A waft of coffee will greet your senses after opening a can of Loca Moca Java Monster. It tastes exactly like coffee, but the name of the drink is misleading due to an unfortunate lack of chocolate taste. The goodnews is there is no aftertaste usually associated with coffee. This one has the Lake Front seal of approval, but if you like liquid Gummy Bears, then dive into any energy drink of your choice. If you an original coffee sort of person but need an extra burst of energy, drink a coffee flavored energy drink. Or, you know, actually drink coffee.

**Nerd (original flavor)**  
Location: Book Store  
Price: \$2.49

The neon green can with matching liquid is said to help students concentrate better while studying. Nerd tastes like liquid Gummy Bears but not as sweet. Sad Gummy Bears. There is also no scientific fizz that encourages a MUAHAHAHA laugh afterwards. What is an energy drink without an evil laugh? Our staff preferred Nerd over the other drinks because it's not reminiscent of a soft drink.

## IT'S COMPLICATED

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

**Jordan Whitfield**  
Copy Editor

At Thanksgiving, we're supposed to be thankful for our many blessings, but for children of divorced parents, it's hard to be thankful when you're dragged between homes to split time between families.

Divorce is a tricky issue to understand for people who haven't experienced it and even more complicated for those who have. With this difference of opinion, we have a great opportunity to learn from each other.

Children of two-parent households treat children of divorced parents with stigmas and stereotypes, many times without realizing it. In response, children of divorced parents learn to hold in their feelings

about their parents and not deal with them.

At OLLU, with our close-knit community and openness to diverse perspectives, we can change the way we look at each other and gain an understanding of an ever-increasing group: people with divorced parents.

Despite our community, grown children of divorced parents don't connect enough at OLLU, and others who grew up in two-parent households don't know how to respond when the subject comes up.

Maybe the first inclination a person has when learning a friend's parents are divorced is to feel sorry for them. If the divorce is ongoing, then surely the friend is going through a hard time and he or she may need a hug. Yet, this thinking that having married parents somehow

makes a person lucky doesn't reflect reality. Married parents don't necessarily mean a happy home and divorce doesn't always result in broken families.

Statistics show 50 percent of first marriages will end in divorce, suggesting that the experience a person gains from a first marriage may help resolve difficulties in the second marriage. We can use this statistic to make things different for OLLU students. If we can be more open as a community to talking about a sticky topic like divorce, perhaps we can enter into our own marriages with a little more knowledge about how that kind of relationship works.

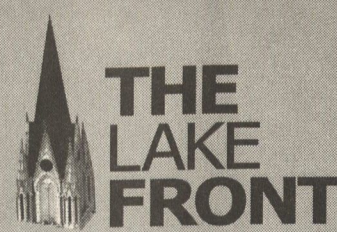
We all have ideas about marriage based on what we've seen, so if we talk about these things together,

maybe we could change the statistics. If your parents aren't divorced, don't assume that students with divorced parents are depressed or deserve pity.

If your parents are divorced, separated, fighting or going through a hard time, don't repress your feelings. You might miss the opportunity to connect with someone who can help you or who needs to hear what you have to say.

Instead of carrying our old hurts — because we all have them, even those lucky individuals in a two-parent household — we should work on them while we're together in this supportive community. If we talk about all the baggage we carry from our parents, we can keep some of it from affecting our own relationships.

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## Ignite sparks students' religious interests

**Ignacio Treviño**  
Reporter

The room is dimly lit. Lecrae's Christian rhymes blare from the speakers. Students have to read each other's lips to keep their conversations going.

The computer projected Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi appears, reminding students this isn't a nightclub. Everyone goes silent. Ignite's weekly Bible study begins.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace," they begin reciting aloud.

For the past four semesters Our Lady of the Lake didn't have a Bible study, and when junior Kevin Castaneda decided to do something about it, other students took notice. Though in its first semester, Ignite, the Bible study group Castaneda started with two friends, regularly attracts 20 to 25 students, staff and faculty for its weekly meetings.

In the summer—while still a student at Northwest Vista College (NVC)—Castaneda attended a religious retreat with the group Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. He was so inspired by the experience that he wanted others to learn about faith.

After attending Mass this semester at Sacred Heart Chapel, Castaneda approached Mario Serrano, interim Director of University Ministry to ask about religious study groups on campus. When Castaneda discovered there



Ignite bible study, formed by junior Kevin Castaneda (see "Student does not ignore God's plan" on page 6), meets every Thursday. The study is the first of its kind in the last four semesters. were none he had the idea to start his own.

"I thought there should be something to help people understand their faith," Castaneda said. "[University Ministry was] looking for people to do that [and] we felt like this is something we should be doing."

With the help of his roommate, NVC sophomore Eddie Knight, Castaneda began planning a proposal

for Serrano. Knight's founding of the religious group Wall Jumpers at NVC gave them confidence that they could run a similar group at OLLU, where most Bible studies end after one semester.

"We intended to propose [the idea] but instead we were invited to start the study," Knight said. "It's not that often that you pray for something for a couple weeks and then it gets fully realized all at once."

PHOTO BY ANGELICA CASAS

The two began preparing for the group's first meeting but realized they'd have trouble relating to the largely female population on campus. The pair said their prayers were answered when Serrano included junior Olivia Mason as a third recipient in an email for Ignite.

"Originally, I wanted to start a women's Bible study," Mason said. "Mario introduced me to Kevin and Eddie. They said they wanted to start

a Bible study but needed a female leader to help balance things, so we joined forces."

Despite facing several obstacles, the group was determined to hold their meetings. Once all the preparation was done one problem remained—the group still did not have a name. It was decided by a coin toss: heads was Ignite, tails was Arise.

Ignite held its first meeting on Spirit Day, Sept. 20. Among those that attended was junior Silvia Alvarez, who regularly goes to the sessions.

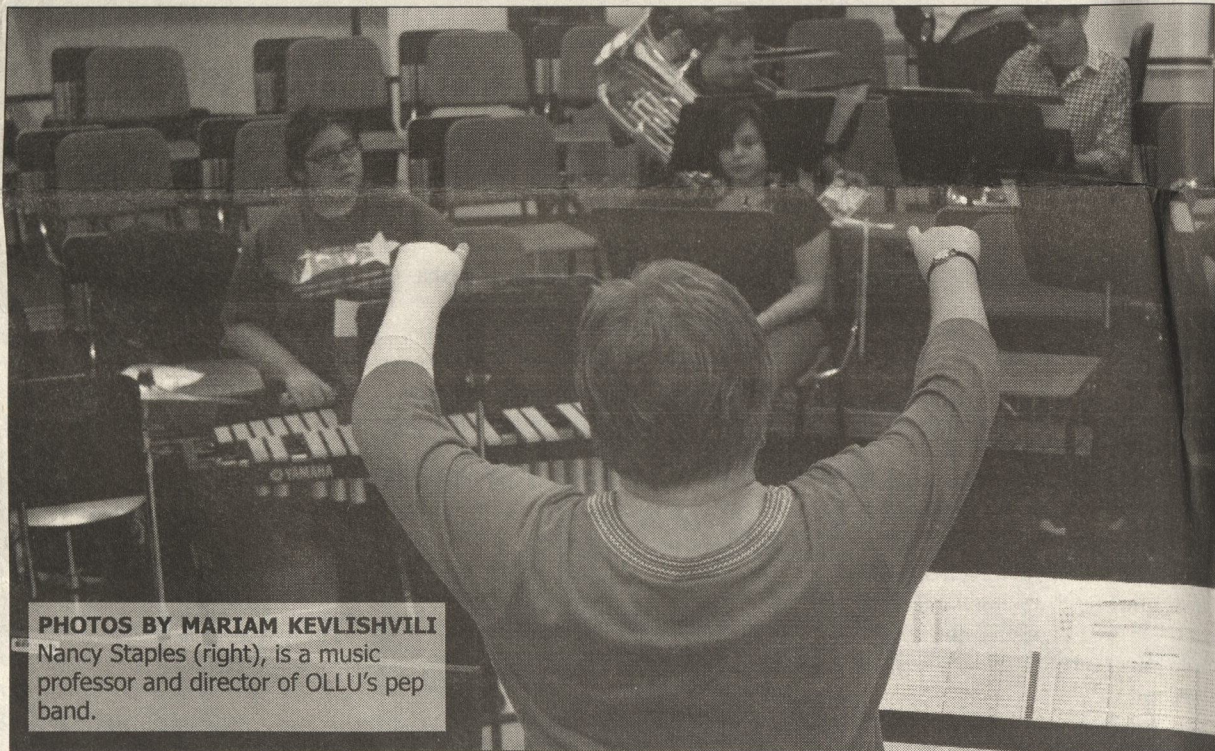
"I have a strong faith in my religion," Alvarez said, "but I honestly have never actually read the whole Bible on my own, so having the opportunity to attend this event has been a great experience."

Since the first Ignite meeting students have been talking about other ways to meet the campus' spiritual needs.

"I just had another student come up to me to discuss the formation of a group that would explore vocations," Serrano said. "To have another group of students who would discern God's purpose in their life would be amazing!"

Ignite's weekly meetings are Thursday at 8 p.m. and involve a free dinner, followed by reflection and then group discussion of Bible verses. Meeting locations vary but are announced at the beginning of each week on fliers and A-frames placed around campus.

## Pep band to perform potential fight song



PHOTOS BY MARIAM KEVLISHVILI  
Nancy Staples (right), is a music professor and director of OLLU's pep band.



However, students that are not registered can still participate in the band.

"It's open to everyone," Gonzales said. "You don't need the experience. We'll be here to help you."

The University has instruments that students can check out, and recruits can come in at any time during the semester, Gonzales said.

While the band only has 10 members, Montes said she feels confident about it.

"It's cute," Montes said.

The small size allows the band to hear the difference if someone is absent, Staples said.

A snare drum, bass drum, guitar, bass guitar, trumpet, treble clef baritone, clarinet, alto saxophone, vibraphone and flute a full pep band does not make. Staples said she would love for the band to have trumpets and tubas and any other basic band instruments.

The band received positive comments from faculty after performing songs like "YMCA," "We Will Rock You" and "Another One Bites The Dust" outside in the mall area during fall break, Montes said.

"If you enjoyed playing music in high school, pep band is a great way to continue that back up the basketball team and have fun," Staples said.

other than a possible "Go OLLU" towards the end, Staples said.

For now, the song is unofficial, but if it receives President Tessa Pollack's approval, the band will be able to pass it on to the cheer leaders and dance team, Jennifer Montes, band member said.

Despite this being Montes' last year at the university, she said she plans to stick with the band until graduation.

"It'll be fun getting everyone excited about the [basketball games]," Montes said. "I think we need that."

Returning students like Marisol Gonzales, vibraphone player in the band, recall the publicity on campus last semester about the pep band and noticed the absence of hype this semester. Gonzales said this is because of a lack of participation.

The pep band class, MUSI-1155-0PB1, meets from 4 to 5:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in room 200 of the Fine Arts building.

**Darian Mendez**  
Reporter

Although Our Lady of the Lake pep band is small in size, it's already leaving a big impact on university history.

During the Nov. 16 men's and women's basketball games, audiences will be able to hear OLLU's potential fight song.

Nancy Staples, music professor and director of the band, is the creator of the song. The idea came to her in mid-August.

"I was energized to start working with the pep band and I felt I needed to go to the next step," Staples said.

While the first fight song was written by Sister M.A. Rodesney in 1930, back when the university was

was a college, Staples said, it needed to be modernized.

The new fight song will have parts of the original, but will be more upbeat than its piano counterpart with percussion and guitars.

"I think every school, especially if you have an athletic program at all, should have a song that you can relate it to," Staples said.

Currently, the song has no lyrics,

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# University reacts to president's decision to phase out 12 majors

## Current students not to be affected by cuts

**Angelica Casas**  
Designer

After a year of nervous whispering, students finally received an email on Friday, Oct. 26 intended to provide clarification and put an end to their concerns about possible program cuts.

The email instead caused some panic, said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dan Yoxall, who received email messages that same night from students worried that they would not be able to graduate in their majors.

In response to the Board of Trustees' Strategic Plan initiatives, President Tessa Pollack, Ph.D. made the decision to phase out 12 majors over the next four years, revitalize six existing programs and add four majors that have gained preliminary approval, according to the email.

All current students in the disciplines to be phased out will be able to complete their studies and graduate in their current major or graduate program with no interruption, Yoxall said. Any students entering into the major after this year will not be accepted.

"It's all about students, not about the University," Yoxall said.

Among the majors to be cut in the next four years but whose disciplines will remain as minors and play a role in general education are: Art, Drama, Human Sciences and the Human Sciences graduate program, Marketing, Mexican-American Studies, Natural Science, Organizational Leadership for undergraduates, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Social Studies and Spanish.

Advising taking place this week should not be affected by this decision, Yoxall added, and students are encouraged to continue completing their graduation plan as intended.

The revitalization effort began a year ago, when the board issued a five-part resolution aimed at

reallocating resources from existing academic programs that do not have high market demand to those that do.

Yoxall said some of the programs whose majors are being cut counted only with two students enrolled as majors but as many as 60 students enrolled in the program as minors. This added to the decision for the programs to remain as minors.

The resolution also stated that the plan would include faculty input on program prioritization.

However, faculty input did not greatly influence this decision, said Leah Larson, English professor and Faculty Assembly president.

"No faculty members who actually teach were involved in making these decisions," she said. "If I would've been on the committee, I would've asked to go back and see what other things we could do (instead)."

Larson's department was one of six programs that submitted proposals for revitalization that demonstrated great promise. Her department, like five others, will begin to work on modifications in order to get the program back on track and meeting their proposal goals.

Both she and Sociology Professor Steven Blanchard said they wish a rubric had been provided to let faculty know what would be evaluated in their proposals.

Blanchard said that if faculty input had been considered, the outcome of the plan would have been different. He also said the strategic planning committee plans to grow enrollment by the year 2017 and the number of students majoring in programs was considered in a year with low enrollment.

"It'll be okay in the long run," Blanchard said. "In the short run it looks pretty uncertain."

Professors have been assured that their jobs are safe through the

spring semester, but they don't know what will happen after, Larson said.

"A lot of faculty are really sad," Larson said. "We're here for the students no matter what."

Director of Marketing Communications Anne Gomez, who also serves as staff representative on the Strategic Planning committee, said students' best interests are behind these and any changes that take place at the University.

"We asked ourselves, 'What can we do to make this a better experience for students while they're here and after, when (they're in) the workforce?'" Gomez said.

The majors scheduled for revitalization are Chemistry (Chemical Biology), Music (Sacred Music), Non-profit Management (Graduate online) and Mathematics (Biomathematics).

Gomez said the changes will help the University move forward.

"I doubt that we could get any home economics majors now, but it was big when the University started," Gomez said. "It's a response to the times."

Associate Professor of Philosophy Jorge Valadez said that "moving forward" depends on the criteria being used to determine what moving forward is.

Valadez said that the University is not moving forward if "moving forward" means maintaining the tradition as a liberal arts institution guided by the values of the Sisters of Divine Providence. He said that the majors being eliminated were essential in spreading the values of the University and soon they will be gone.

But if moving forward is defined by commercial appeal, he said that an argument could be made that this plan will push the University forward.

"You're going to have to see it positively," Valadez said. "We have to do the best that we can out of those circumstances."

# Raíces mexicanas en la Universidad



PHOTO BY GIANNA RENDON  
Juan Ortiz (left) and OLLUian perform at the Día de los Muertos Vigil.

**Angelica Casas**  
Designer

Lorena Vera vino a la universidad porque podía identificarse con los muchos hispanohablantes, la presencia de un equipo de fútbol en vez de fútbol americano y con la ubicación de la universidad en el oeste de San Antonio.

Dijo que como mexicanoamericana, estas características le permiten sentirse confortable y reafirman que aquí es donde pertenece.

Vera, estudiante de segundo año, es una de ocho estudiantes que se graduará con título en español sin ser afectada por la decadencia del estudio en los próximos cuatro años, después de que los estudiantes que ahora están en el programa se reciban actualmente titulados se gradúen.

Junto con español, los estudios Mexicanoamericanos y Música con énfasis en Mariachi son programas que promueven la herencia Mexicanoamericana en la universidad y que, después de su corte, solo serán ofrecidos como Subespecializaciones de certificación o como parte de la educación general.

"Es irónico que una universidad tan enfocada en los estudios Mexicanoamericanos (corte estos títulos)," Vera dijo en inglés. "Estaba sorprendida, no esperaba que esto sucediera."

La decisión de cortar los títulos es parte de un plan estratégico creado por la Presidenta Tessa Pollack y aprobado por la Junta Directiva en octubre. La meta del plan es redistribuir recursos de programas académicos existentes que no cuentan con alta demanda comercial a títulos que cuentan con esta demanda.

La profesora de español, Maribel Lárraga, Ph.D. dijo que el título de español es uno de los 12 títulos que serán eliminados porque su departamento no presentó una propuesta para la revitalización del programa.

Lárraga, dirigente del Departamento de Lenguas, Comunicación y Artes Creativas, dijo que presentar una propuesta hubiera sido redundante porque el programa ya había presentado varias desde que fue elegido como blanco hace tres años. El departamento también nunca recibió realimentación de un Reporte de Estudio Delaware, en cuyo reporte comparó el programa a 10 otros programas de español en el país, que solo tuvo 48 horas para completar.

Para ella y su colega la profesora Nina Patrizio-Quíñones, el mensaje estaba en la pared y sólo era cuestión de esperar que la decisión fuera tomada.

"(La facultad de español) decidimos que necesitábamos permanecer enfocados y mantener nuestro profesionalismo," Lárraga dijo en inglés, agregando que la decisión de eliminar o no eliminar el título no afectaría la

## MOVEMENT

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"I am excited that students are finally becoming involved with the institution (and) taking the initiative to voice their opinions on a matter that will affect future students," Zumaran said.

SGA helps students voice concerns with administrators, he said.

Hordes of students showed up at the Student Voice Assembly on Nov. 6 to raise their concerns with President Tessa Pollack. Members of the 12 wore black in mourning for the majors cut.

"We understand how much power students have," Tully said. "Students have all the power, not faculty or staff."

The 12 has received outside media attention from the *San Antonio Express-News* and KABB Fox 29.

The 12 were present at the annual Día de los Muertos celebration on Nov. 2 and offered candles for each of the 12 programs to be phased out.

The culmination of the vigils is Friday, Nov. 16, at noon remembering the Religious Studies major.

On Monday, Nov. 5, the 12 began holding vigils each day in the mall area for each cut major.

Students intended to hold 12 vigils, one for each major cut, but the days were cut short due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The student movement has a Facebook group called "Stand with the 12." It was originally called "What would Jesus Cut?" The group now has over 800 members including faculty, staff and alumni.

Tully posted a petition on the Facebook group on Friday, Nov. 9 asking Pollack to resign.

"This is Dr. Pollack's baby, so to speak. Dr. Pollack decided to cut the 12 Majors at OLLU, but never got approval from the Faculty Assembly as the bylaws require..." Tully wrote via

Facebook.

The petition had 154 signatures as of 9 a.m., Nov. 15. The student movement only needed 120 signatures to turn the position in to the Board of Trustees but wanted to obtain as many as possible, Tully said.

On Friday, Nov. 16, members of the 12 will present the board with the petition.

"It is our hope that the Board of Trustees will take the petition with all the gravity it deserves," Tully said in an interview. He added that while he doesn't want Pollack to lose her job, he realizes the 12 majors will not be reinstated while she is still president.

Students asked the president at the SVA meeting what could be done to bring majors back. Pollack responded that the university has no plans to bring them back but wants student opinions on how to strengthen the general education curriculum.

The last sentence of the petition



PHOTOS BY GIANNA RENDON  
Tyler Tully and Lazaro Leal (left) hold up religious representations and a farewell card signed to Maribel Larraga, Spanish department head. Andrew Davidsmeyer (above) pins artwork in the Mall at the vigil held for the Art major.

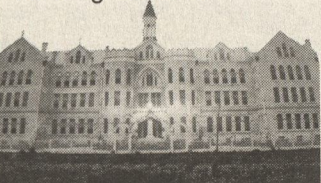
## Changes over time

Our Lady of the Lake University is experiencing major changes in the availability of majors to students. No programs will be cut, but 12 areas of study will now only be offered as minors and/or in general education. The history of the University's offered majors is detailed below.

**1896**

The Academy of Our Lady of the Lake is founded by the Congregation of Divine Providence and opens to only female high school students. Among the general education courses taught to the girls are Catechism and Church History, required each year. Courses in History and Philosophy were required the two prior years before graduation.

Source: OLLU Archives  
GIANNA RENDON AND ANGELICA CASAS



**1911**

The Academy of Our Lady of the Lake becomes Our Lady of the Lake College, still only admitting females. Domestic Science (Cooking) and Domestic Art (Sewing) are required courses, along with an hour of music with the use of an instrument (piano, organ, violin, vocal, guitar or mandolin) required daily.

**1929**

St. Martin's Hall serves as demonstration elementary school for education and non-education majors.

**1942**

Coeducational graduate programs offered; coeducational courses at all levels offered until 1969.

**1969**

Bachelor of Arts available in either Classical Languages or Modern Languages, including French, German and Spanish. Two physical education courses are required in general education.

Specialized secretarial courses are offered as one- or two-year program and requires classes be taken in typewriting, letter writing, shorthand and tax procedures.



**1975**

Our Lady of the Lake College becomes Our Lady of the Lake University. The Home Economics major, with four different emphases, is no longer offered. Instead, a Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition is introduced.

**1978**

Weekend College formed.

**2008**

Vision Statement approved by Board of Trustees to include: "We aspire to be nationally recognized for our expertise in Mexican American culture, and our diverse graduates who lead and serve with faith and wisdom to improve the world."

**2012**

Earlier this same semester, the Anthropology major was cut.

In a strategic plan decision created by President Tessa Pollack and approved by the University's Board of Trustees in October, it was decided that 12 majors will be phased out after all current majors in those programs graduate. The majors to be eliminated include Art, Drama, Human Sciences and the Human Sciences graduate program, Marketing, Mexican American Studies, Natural Science, Organizational Leadership for undergraduates, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Social Studies and Spanish.

# Phase out 12 majors in next four years Mexicoamericanas de enfrentan cortes

dedicación de los profesores a sus estudiantes. "Tengo la esperanza de que en algunos años la universidad pueda reclamar los 12 títulos que están siendo eliminados."

Ella dijo que la última propuesta que se le pidió al departamento fue impulsada por el mercado y que el número de estudiantes especializándose en cada título desempeñó gran parte en la decisión de Pollack.

El número de estudiantes titulándose en español es menos de una docena pero hay 22 estudiantes especializándose en el segundo campo de español y 45 matriculados en el Programa de Certificación de Bilingüidad.

Lárraga dijo que si las personas encargadas de tomar la decisión se fijaron en los números, deberían de haber notado que el programa se estaba y aun estamanteniéndose por sí mismo sin causar problemas financieros a la universidad.

Después que la decisión del plan estratégico fue tomada y anunciada a los profesores, todos los estudiantes de la universidad fueron notificados por correo electrónico la noche del viernes, oct. 26 sobre los títulos que serán eliminados.

Andrés Peinado, cuyo primer campo de estudio es Teología, también es estudiante de español, y su sub-especialización en estudios mexicanoamericanos, dijo en la vigilia del 9 de noviembre en honor de sus programas de estudio, que el método que la universidad usó para comunicar la decisión a los estudiantes fue irrespetuosa.

"Yo vengo de un tiempo cuando nuestra comunidad fue marginada por aquellos en el poder," dijo Peinado, agregando que no podía creer que la aportación de los estudiantes no fue tomada en cuenta cuando se tomó la decisión. "(Esto) es como un regreso a esos días."

Vera no recibió el correo electrónico enviado a los estudiantes, sino que se enteró una semana después en una de sus clases.

Vera también es guitarrista en el grupo de mariachi de 15 miembros de la universidad, OLLUtlán. Ella dijo que cuando su profesor de mariachi Juan Ortíz, director musical y gerente del Mariachi Campanas de América, le dijo a su clase la noticia sobre las eliminaciones, les dijo que fueran a casa y rezaran.

El programa de estudios mexicanoamericanos fue diseñado y redactado en 1998 por el director de departamento de lenguas extranjeras en ese entonces, Antonio Rigual, Ph.D. El diseño, escribió el currículo, enseñó cursos para el programa y estableció el Centro de Estudios Mexicanoamericanos e Investigación en la universidad. El Dr. Rigual se jubiló de la Universidad en diciembre del 2011.

Ambos, el programa y el centro de estudios mexicanoamericanos estaban inicialmente bajo el departamento de Lenguas Extranjeras y luego el programa pasó al departamento de Historia y Ciencias Políticas y el Centro fue removido del Colegio de Artes y Ciencias. Una decisión para asegurar una presencia cultural a través de la Universidad.

La segunda frase de la declaración de la visión de la universidad fue agregada en Mayo del 2008 y expresa que la universidad quiere ser reconocida nacionalmente por sus programas distintos y únicos, y reclama buscar el reconocimiento experto de la cultura mexicanoamericana.

Teresita Aguilar, directora del Centro de Estudios Mexicanoamericanos e Investigación, dijo que el ser reconocido aún se puede lograr sin el título de estudios mexicanoamericanos, pero será más difícil porque el programa de estudios distinguía a la universidad de otras instituciones de educación superior.

"Hay promesa en que no se esta eliminando la sub-especialización y que aún se ofrecerá el certificado

de estudios [mexicoamericanos]," Aguilar dijo en Inglés. "Porque los estudios mexicanoamericanos son interdisciplinarios, y con esto por lo menos retenemos el el segundo campo de estudio o la sub-especialización, le damos la oportunidad a todos los estudiantes para tener una formación y ser educados en la población creciente y su contribución en los Estados Unidos."

Aguilar también dijo que si los estudiantes no se matriculan en la sub-especialización, hay requisitos en la mayoría de los planes de estudios para graduarse que incluyen tomar un curso en la área de estudios mexicanoamericanos.

"No puedo imaginarme alguna disciplina en donde una clase sobre estudios mexicanoamericanos saldría sobrando, si no que sería de gran valor y muy beneficiosal," Aguilar dijo.

Pero la mayoría de cursos equivalentes son una opción o requisitos en los programas de español, arte, estudios religiosos, música y antropología (que fue eliminado al principios del semestre), que serán eliminados. Al menos que los estudiantes sigan las sub-especializaciones o entren en los programas de certificación como Bilingüidad o Estudios Mexicanoamericanos, estos cursos no se llenarán de estudiantes y enfrentarán el riesgo de cancelación de cursos por falta de inscripciones (cada clase tiene que tener mínimo 10 estudiantes para que se ofrezca).

Y ahí resalta otro problema. "[En lugar de eliminar programas], deberían de estar atrayendo más estudiantes (a estos títulos), reclutando estudiantes en las preparatorias," dijo Vera. "Nadie está haciendo ese trabajo y por eso no hay estudiantes matriculados."

**Find the English version of this story and a story on the cuts and their effects on the mission statement of the university online at lakefrontsa.com**

## SOUNDING OFF

### If you had to eliminate a major, which one would you eliminate? Out of the majors that will be phased out, which would you keep?



**Amy Ocampo**, sophomore and business major, would cut the Religious Studies major. "I would keep the Spanish major because I'm hispanic," Ocampo said.



**Sarah Zuniga**, junior and sociology major, said she would cut the Education major. "If one wants to do education, it is good to have concentration in a certain field with education training," she said, adding that she would keep the Arts major.



**Miguel Ibarra**, senior double majoring in music and psychology, would get rid of the Drama major and keep Music. "However, I wouldn't get rid of any if I had a choice."



**Laura Warden**, freshman and music major, would eliminate the Social Studies major because she said she felt it was redundant as History and Political Science are separate programs. "I would keep Philosophy because it is important to anyone."



**Gladys Cervantes**, freshman and psychology major, would keep Spanish. "You can actually do something with that," she said. "You can teach and help your business group." Cervantes said she would cut Sociology because it could be a part of the Psychology program.



**Kassandra Espinoza**, freshman and accounting major, would make the same decision as Ocampo and cut the Religious Studies major while keeping Spanish.

directly speaks to President Pollack: "We respect your role as president of this University, but we no longer have confidence in your ability to lead or uphold the values this university was founded upon."

Dan Yoxall, vice president of Institutional Advancement, said he approves of students voicing their opinions of the changes.

"I applaud students for gathering and talking (about) these important issues," he said.

Students can contact Yoxall if they have suggestions or questions about the majors being cut.

"As always, my door is open to students," Yoxall said. "I'm glad to answer any questions they have."

Tully, however, said the administration is unwilling to seriously consider the input.

"It's easy for them to say, 'Tell us what you think about these unchangeable plans,'" Tully said.

**For more on student responses to this issue go to lakefrontsa.com**

Prior to this, it instead included: "Our Lady of the Lake will be a leading comprehensive University known for its Catholic values, its preparation of emerging leaders in the Southwest and its expertise in Hispanic cultures... (OLLU's) programs will go beyond traditional education, appealing to people of all social and economic backgrounds..."

Students quickly reacted vocally and through social media with the creation of the Facebook group "What Would Jesus Cut?" renamed "Stand with the 12" and daily vigils held for each major.



**PHOTO BY SELINA DIAZ**  
Tyler Tully, Religious Education major, meets with students against cuts.

## OP-ED

### Apocalake: President Pollack references Swift



**COURTESY PHOTO**  
Taylor Swift in "We are Never Ever Getting Back Together."

**Darian Mendez**  
Reporter

It was like God showed up at the SVA meeting Wednesday Nov. 7, majestically chilling above us and whispered in President Pollack's ear: "Taylor Swift."

Divine intervention to spread the word of the angriest ex-girlfriend ever? Obviously the heavens aren't very happy with this.

When a student asked how OLLU can uphold its Catholic identity and yet not have a Religious Studies major Pollack replied:

"There will never be a breach between us and our Catholic identity and the Sisters of Divine Providence. Never ever never ever... as Taylor Swift or whatever her name says."

C'mon now. No one likes a hipster.

Next she'll be wearing those oversized glasses and saying that Taylor Swift is too mainstream.

OK, I can agree with that. But T-Swift style can only get you so far during the Apocalake.

We don't need a hip president. We need someone who knows the students' needs and not what they like. Better communication would be a bonus too, since some students complained they just found out about the majors being cut.

Miscommunication in a small campus? What is going on, world? We don't need communication like this:

"All those hip, jazzy, super cool, neat keen, and groovy cats. It's in the fridge, daddy-o! Are you hip to the jive? Can you dig what I'm layin' down? I knew that you could. Slide me some skin, soul brother!"

We would definitely be in some serious trouble if we went back to that.

But while the sun is still shining, we at OLLU say:

"We are never ever ever ever getting the 12 majors back together."

That's awkward.

And now OLLU is going to be awkward.

OLLU, with its squirrel army, pet cats and duck herds. OLLU with its beautiful chapel without the religious studies focus. OLLU with its Fine Arts building minus the Fine Arts.

OLLU with a president trying to be cool with a group of angry students.

An awkward OLLU is a sad OLLU.

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## OP-ED

### University faces identity crisis with cut of majors

**Jordan Whitfield**  
Copy Editor

As a historically liberal arts institution, Our Lady of the Lake faces an identity crisis.

The university has a stated vision for its future, but the recent program cuts contradict what we stand for and leave the university community confused.

Our Vision Statement outlines how we want to be recognized nationally, putting our unique programs, "expertise in Mexican American culture" and ability to graduate leaders possessing "faith and wisdom" at the forefront. However, the 12 — and potentially six more — programs cut three weeks ago are the ones that best reflect what makes us who we are.

From a financial standpoint, maybe the cuts seemed like the best option. The university is hurting for money, and the state of the economy has created horror stories related to finding jobs.

However, the university needs money because students aren't coming here and paying tuition. With enrollment down, it makes no sense to cut the programs that make OLLU unique and could potentially be the deciding factor between our school and its competitors.

What's more important — and more offensive — to students is how the programs were taken away from us. Administrators like to tell us our voices matter and that they value our input, yet the decision was made without student involvement. If we run OLLU — as our tuition payments would suggest — our vision for the school shouldn't be

ignored.

Students should not come to OLLU solely to win a high-paying job. STEM students may be better off at research institutions with bigger endowments; better facilities, resources, and programs; and the prestige necessary to make the job applicant stand out.

OLLU isn't that school.

We're a community of learners committed to social justice and change. We're not here to get rich or famous; we have a higher calling. The CDPs have instilled in the university community values that put others before ourselves.

The creation of the student movement — The 12 or Doces — shows just how much we cherish what we've learned here. Students can't stand to see these programs cut, because those programs helped us develop personally, learn to embrace diversity and take care of each other.

We can't accomplish any of those things without Religious Studies majors around to discuss the meaning of life with Biology majors or Philosophy majors talking about ethics with Business majors.

We need people to challenge us, so in questioning our beliefs we can strengthen our faith in them, but this environment arises from a diverse population and not from a STEM-only campus.

What will we stand for when the programs encompassing the heart of our values are gone? These are the programs that give us our identity. Without our identity — without these programs — nothing else matters.

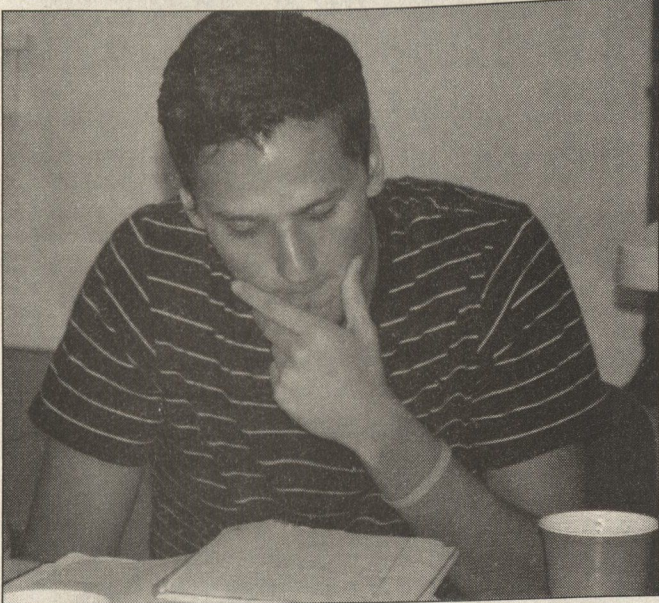
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## Student does not ignore God's plan



**Angelica Casas**  
Designer

Everything has fallen into place for 19-year-old Kevin Castaneda.

The founder of Ignite (see "Ignite sparks students' religious interest" on page 3) transferred from Northwest Vista College this semester not expecting to form a

Bible Study group after only three weeks of being at the university, but God made it all possible.

"There's no possible way it could've happened without Him," Castaneda said.

Read what Castaneda had to say about Ignite, his studies, his religion and God's plan in his life.

### On Ignite and its mission:

Many coincidences in a short amount of time favored Castaneda's request for a Bible study group on campus, a group he wanted to form since living a religious retreat in the summer.

"The premise is to be like a campus fellowship where we can read scripture together, where we can hang out," Castaneda said. "We usually start with some worship, some music, some prayer and then Bible study and exploring scripture. A lot of people focus on one particular area of faith but we're really not that. We really want to see people become disciples."

### On his roommate Eddie:

Eddie Knight, who Castaneda met at Northwest Vista College in March, has played a large role in Ignite's

development. Knight moved in with Castaneda early this summer. Knight still attends NVC, but that does not stop him from coming to the university most Tuesdays and Thursdays with Castaneda to socialize and plan for Ignite.

"He's this really funny guy, he's hilarious!" Castaneda said. "He's trying to actively make changes good for the world."

### On his religion:

"That's a good question." Castaneda had to think about his answer before he finally said that although he was born into the Catholic Church, he is no longer Catholic.

Castaneda attends weekday Mass on campus because he sees it as an opportunity to learn more about God. He also attends a Presbyterian church.

"Now I'm kind of more interdenominational," he said. "Christianity is not limited to a certain

denomination; there are certain things that each denomination has to offer. Sometimes denominations get into a lot of other sources, but I like to stay backing up everything with scripture."

### On having been homeschooled:

Native of Lynchburg, Va., Castaneda moved to San Antonio in 2000 and was homeschooled all through high school. He owes his formal shyness to not attending public school, but also does not regret having learned responsibility through his mother.

"Homeschooling is not for everyone but I really liked it," he said. "My older brothers and I came out at, if not above, where we should've been grade wise, and I started college at 17."

### Jeffrey Huber on Castaneda:

Castaneda is currently a prospective brother to

fraternity Sigma Theta Epsilon. His "Big Brother," Jeffrey Huber, said that Castaneda is "definitely passionate and unashamed, especially in regards to his faith. He connects with people and is good at sharing his thoughts."

### On his future:

"I'm kind of at a turning point right now," Castaneda said. "I see where I could go in my career – possibly with the NSA, CIA or FBI. At the same time, I realize I've only got one life."

Castaneda, a CISS major, said that he does not want a job that will take time away from serving God. For him, the ideal job would be working with a Christian organization in the computer field.

"If I believe that if (God's) the most important thing in my life, I want him to do what he wants me to do," he said. "If it's God's endeavor, He'll make sure it works out."

## English professor writes serial killer's life

**Mariam Kevlishvili**  
Editor

Human beings are not always satisfied with their everyday routine. People read fiction and watch thrilling movies and TV shows to avoid the mundane.

Not everyone can get a thrill by just socializing. Not everyone knows a person who had interviewed a serial killer for over four years.

Unless Nan Cuba is their professor.

At first look, Nan Cuba is the by-the-book professor: modestly dressed, with eyeglasses and office-hours. However, an award-winning fiction writer hides behind the exterior of another OLLU professor.

She decided to start writing after 10 years of working as a teacher in a public school. She started with freelance journalism and the her first big story was about people who kept exotic animals inside their homes.

A city ordinance had outlawed keeping exotic animals at home, so she chased down people who were fleeing with their reptiles.

Her story made it to the front page.

Cuba started working for the Chamber magazine as a contributing writer and soon started a career of an investigative journalist.

Later, she interviewed Henry Lee Lucas, also known as the Confession Killer, for

Psychology Magazine. She interviewed him in duration of four years, on and off. He had admitted to being involved in over 600 murders.

The novel that she is currently working on "He didn't Kill Nobody but Mom" is about a serial killer and has its roots in this experience.

"It is a novel, so it is fiction, but (the) premise is autobiographical," Cuba said. "It was a journalistic training, interviewing a serial killer who was infamous internationally."

Her new novel is not going to be solely about a serial killer, she said. People who surrounded Henry Lee Lucas were also strange.

"The Texas criminal justice system is all kinds of wacky," Cuba said. "We like to think that this system is run by ethical, intelligent, caring people, but it is not."

All the characters that gravitate around the book's serial killer also have issues. Cuba described them as fascinating individuals who are rather outrageous. One of the people is arrested for hiring a hitman to kill her husband.

Cuba said she is happy with her switch from journalism to fiction writing.

"I like narration, I'm not good with dialogue," she said. "I quit all journalism. I needed the fiction."

She started teaching poetry and writing in various schools and was an executive

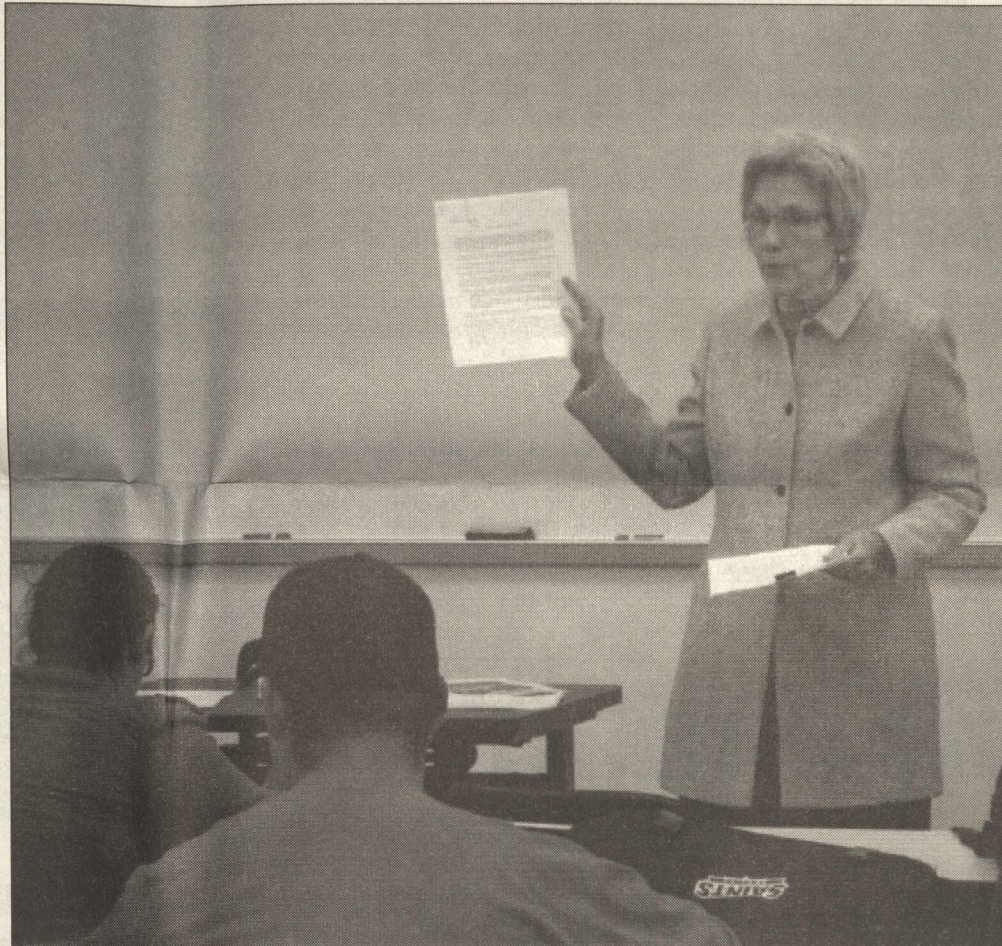


PHOTO BY JENNIFER MARROQUIN

English Professor Nan Cuba will release her first book in May 2013.

director of Gemini Ink, a nonprofit literary center for 11 years.

"I left it healthy enough to function without me," Cuba said. "Now it's thriving."

Cuba's first novel "Body and Bread" is coming out in May 2013. The story is about a young anthropologist, Sarah Pelton, who hopes to find her future through assembling

artifacts of her family history after living through a familial tragedy. But she is haunted by her own work.

Cuba calls fiction writing a separate job from teaching. She said it is difficult to juggle these two professions, but if she could afford it, she would spend more time writing. She dedicates her summer solely to writing while she does

revisions during the school year. Cuba shares her writings with students.

"I hope they benefit from watching me struggle," Cuba said.

**On the right is an excerpt of Cuba's book "Body and Bread" that will be released May 2013. For more on this book go to [enginebooks.org/BodyAndBread.html](http://enginebooks.org/BodyAndBread.html).**

"The arrowhead looked like a goldfish as it lay in my palm, its nose tip pointed to the side of my hand, its fin tail next to my thumb. Beveled along the lateral edges, it could've been used as a cutter or scraper; but more than likely it, too, had been huffed to a spear. Scalloped grooves chiseled the rim. Made with what? Another rock? Or a knife improvised from a sharpened deer antler? Could a girl have carved the flint? Had it been used to kill something, an animal, or even a man? I hoped my brother Sam could give me answers.

He said it was a Marcos point. "Women, he said, cooked, cut leather, carved wood; so, "Yes, surely they must have also made arrowheads." He wrote a description of my Marcos in his notebook then told me to keep it.

That night, I gave it to my father, who took it to his office on Monday. I showed him the midden the next weekend. He squatted, inspecting our excavation, the rocks we'd left behind. "If Sam didn't notify the authorities," he said, his arms opening over the mound, "he's stolen from his own heritage." Half of me was hurt for Sam—I never told him about it—while the other was impressed that my father recognized our connection to these early Americans. Could Native American history be a subject Dad and I would share?"

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**Darian Mendez**  
Reporter

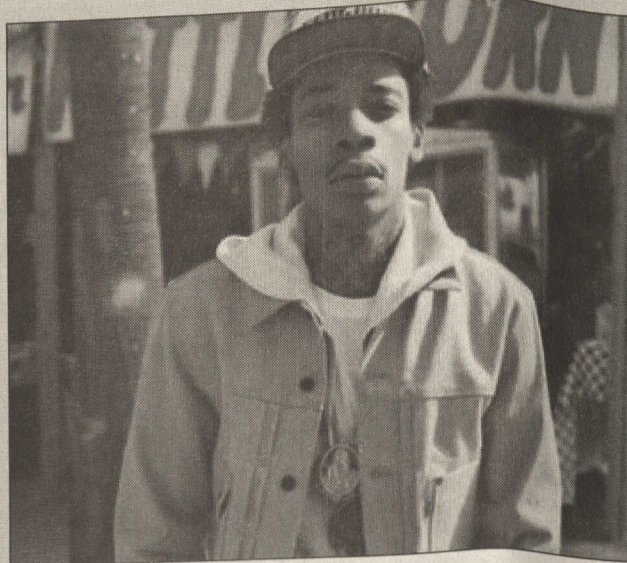
**11/18 Newsboys** 7 p.m.  
Location: Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University, One Stadium Drive.  
Tickets: \$22-\$53  
To those that think lowly of worship music, give these guys a good listen. The uplifting lyrics, strong choruses and catchy tunes are far from traditional.

**11/20 Daughtry, P.O.D. and 3 Doors Down** 7 p.m.  
Location: Alamodome, 100 Montana Street.  
Tickets: \$32.50-\$61  
Too loud Tuesday, anyone? Admit it, P.O.D.

was almost everyone's favorite rock band at some point. Why not relive those feels in a room full of people that feel the same way?

**11/21 Wiz Khalifa** 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Alamodome, 100 Montana Street.  
Tickets: \$40-\$53  
With finals just around the corner, "Work Hard Play Hard" should be our study song...and our party song.

**11/21 The Birthday Massacre** 7 p.m.  
Location: Korova, 107 Martin Street.  
Tickets: \$15-\$17  
If Depeche Mode and



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Wiz Khalifa will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 21 at the Alamodome.

Marilyn Manson had a baby, it would be named The Birthday Massacre. Dark, a tad gory and something you can head bang or groove to—whichever you prefer.  
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**Thanksgiving Frenzy Fest** 6:30 p.m. Location: Backstage Live, 1305 East Houston.  
Tickets: \$30-\$65  
Feast your ears on the three-stage course Backstage Live is serving up with Geoff

Tate's Queensryche, Matisyahu & the Constellations and six other bands.

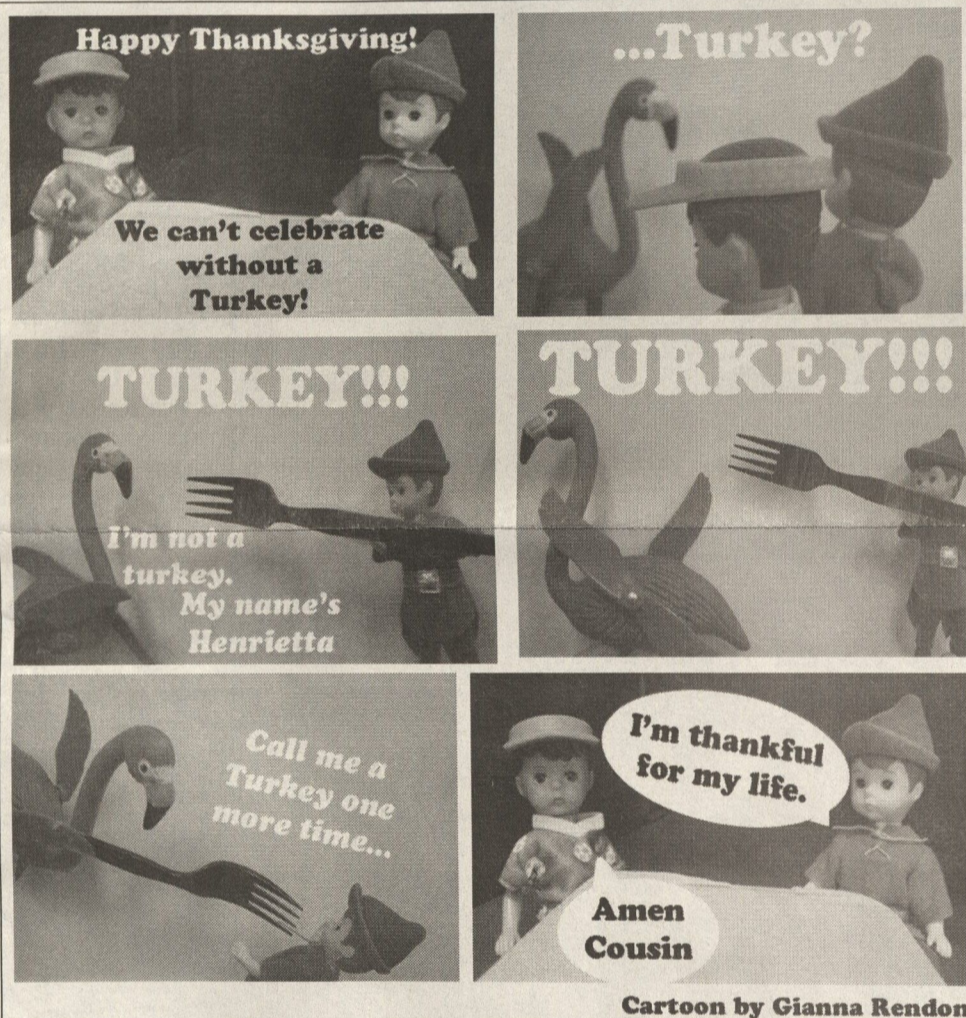
**11/23 Julian Gill** 7 p.m.  
Location: The Ten Eleven, 1011 Avenue B.  
Ticket information unavailable.

San Antonio native Julian Gill is like Texas' own Never Shout Never. It's gentle all around with his voice and acoustics. Definitely worth going to see if you need a study break.

**11/30 Lydia** 8 p.m.  
Location: Jack's Patio Bar, 3030 Thousand Oaks Dr.  
Tickets: 10-\$12  
Spine-tingling, haunting and soothing at the

same time, Lydia is the perfect thing to listen to on a rainy day or when you're feeling vengeful—not that that's a good thing—with their vindictive lyrics and dramatic piano.

**11/30 Rush** 7:30 p.m.  
Location: AT&T Center, One AT&T Center Parkway.  
Tickets: \$64.20-\$150  
Back when the dinosaurs roamed the earth there was this majestic type of music that sounded like a high pitched, angry beast whose 30 second guitar solos couldn't be tamed—but also knew what it was talking about. Go educate yourself.



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There's a trend already happening on campus. The majority of college students consume 4 or fewer drinks when they socialize, and 83% of college students who drink use a designated driver.\* Not because it's a course requirement, but because it's what they choose to do.

To continue the movement, just tear off one of the tabs below and place it under your coaster at a bar, tuck it into a friend's textbook, or tape it to your dorm's bathroom mirror on Saturday morning. And thanks for being responsible.

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\* Source: American College Health Association—National College Health Assessment II, Fall 2009

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the majority of college students are of legal drinking age. However, those under 21 should not drink at all.

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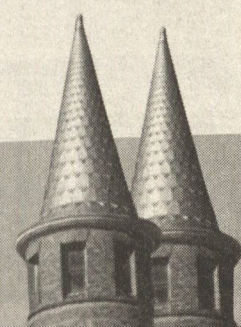
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# Athletics justifies budget amid program cuts

**Jennifer Marroquin**  
Reporter

This academic year, the athletics department received a budget of \$2.1 million dollars while the College of Arts and Sciences received \$3.6 million.

It seems the College of Arts and Sciences received more money, but considering this college includes the Mass Communication, English, Biology, Chemistry, Arts, Drama, History, Kinesiology, Mexican American Studies, Music and Political Science programs, this actually leaves CAS with less for each department.

Jack Hank, Vice President of Student Life and Athletic Director, estimated the cost of recent UWAC renovations at about \$30,000. He said he worked with the director of physical plant for a long time to see these renovations happen.

The renovations were paid for by the Physical Plant department and came out of its budget. Many students, however, wondering when their program facilities will receive funds.

"The music practice rooms [in Fine Arts and Humanities] aren't even sound proof, making it hard to practice," junior Celene Hinojosa said. "The entire building looks like it's about to fall apart."

While OLLU's athletic teams have been successful, some students of the College and Arts and Sciences wonder why their departments aren't receiving more money.

Some music students want more money to go toward better practice rooms and overall improvement of the Fine Arts and Humanities buildings, while biology and other science majors want to see an improvement in staffing and Metz



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The nationally ranked girls and boys soccer teams (above) get their uniforms paid for with budget money.

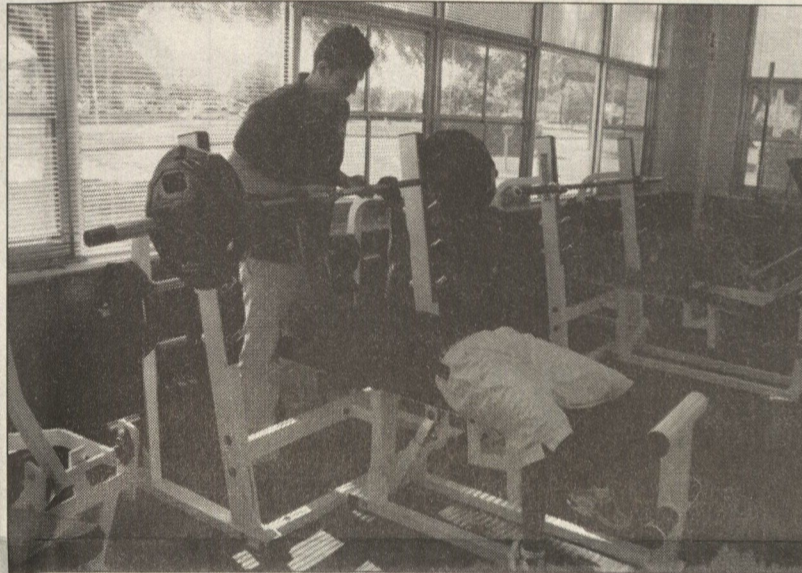
building.

"The building itself could use more updating, and [the science department] needs a bigger faculty," senior biology major Natali Noriega said.

Despite the perceived shortage of funds elsewhere on campus, the athletics budget is not funded by cuts to other programs, Hank said.

While some feel the budget is still unfair, others believe the athletics budget is justified.

"They need the money for busses



and trips," senior music major Ivana Montenegro said. "I think students who think the athletes receive too much are just not being open to what they need."

Sophomore soccer player Brianna Burtone said cuts to the athletics budget could be the downfall of successful teams.

"[The budget] helps pay for our uniforms," Burtone said. "If we didn't get them for free, not everyone could afford them, and we wouldn't have such a great team."

The OLLU soccer teams, both men's and women's, are nationally ranked, along with the basketball teams, who made it to nationals last year.

The OLLU golf team is also recognized as a great team in Texas.

"The Saints are known all across Texas as a good team," Hank said.

Some students believe the athletic budget helps unify the school.

"[The athletic department] brings the school together and helps us connect to each other," said Alejandra Guzman, sophomore.

The athletics department helps with more than just bringing the students together, Hank said.

"The athletics department was put together to increase school spirit, bring a sense of camaraderie and provide additional student activities," Hank said.

Montenegro said that if the athletes reached out more, students wouldn't feel the need to criticize them.

"The athletes have their own world in the UWAC," Montenegro said. "If they had more events closer to the central part of campus, we can see what they are doing and why they need the money."

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