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EDITORIAL

The implications of being a student athlete

By Jasmine Mendiola
Reporter

The first ace, first block, first basket, first no hitter, first home run, first right hurdler, first buzzer beater, first goal - the list can go on for the "firsts" of every athletes' career.

But one of the biggest firsts for most athletes is that the sport they play becomes their first love. When nothing seems to be going right in the world, a game is every athlete's escape. When it feels no one is by their side, they turn around and see their team of girls or boys right behind them to back them up every step of the way. To have that kind of connection to a group of players, who share the same passion, makes everything feel right. It sounds ideal, and people may even say they got lucky, but lucky doesn't even come close to describing the responsibility and hard work required of a student athlete.

Getting signed to a university is any player's dream. These student athletes are handpicked to play for schools, but they must remember that they were not the only ones chosen. They are no longer the best setter from their high school, or the guy with the fastest pitch, because other kids who were signed were the best from their high schools too.



Athletes must not only worry about their game or performance scores. They should also maintain a balanced school and social life. *Photo by Astrid Villegas*

Athletes have to handle their practices, games, grades, clubs, work, and even outside family commitments. People on the outside looking in don't see all the tears, sleepless nights, aching bodies, and frustration of once again having to say, "No I can't go. I have practice."

In order to keep playing for the team, no athlete can fail a course, which makes sense when considering most are here on a scholarship. Between balancing classes with practice, community service hours and daily tasks and chores like eating, washing clothes, and sleeping; where do they find the time to study? Normally in

high school, players had a little more free time after practice to get homework done for the next day. Luckily, Our Lady of the Lake University coaches have a solution; all athletic programs have a study hour sheet students must use to keep track of their study time and turn in to their coach. This study sheet shows how many hours an athlete spends at the study hall studying or doing homework. Having to set aside time for homework makes achieving academic performance easier for the players.

As the student athletes learn how to juggle practice and school work, one more ball is added to

the juggling act - image. Every athlete has an image to keep up, and a school to represent. Normally in college, the freshmen class learns to let their hair down and have some fun, especially if they are away from home.

Athletes can let loose too, but only to a certain extent. Let me, give you an example. I have an Instagram. Almost 21% of teens use and have an Instagram, according to Twitter Resources. The data may not seem that high of a number, but from most social media sites Instagram ranked third in the popularity poll. Why am I using Instagram as an example? I'm using this app

because the pictures you post on this site can be seen by anyone, no matter how private you have your account. All it takes is one friend to screenshot, and repost for you to get in big trouble with coaches.

I have a few friends on the cheer squad, and I learned that their cheer sponsor checks their Instagram pages, Snap Chats, and Twitter, for anything that could be classed as inappropriate. Checking players' social media profiles may seem extreme, but it is for their well-being, and so they can maintain the image up of being a Saints Athletics' player.

All these athletes have a high standard to live up to for the university, on and off the field or court. Though having all these responsibilities may seem like a heavy cost to pay, the outcome is usually worth it. Some of the perks of being a college athlete are the friendships formed and the memories made along the way that will last them a lifetime. So yes, being a student athlete is a lot of hard work, and not everybody is made to be one. But with dedication, student athletes can take on any obstacles coming their way, including games, tournaments, try-outs, grades, you name it.

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What do you say?

RETRACTION:

In The Lake Front's September issue, a quote in "What do you say?" was misplaced. Kotia Whitaker's major and classification, as well as quote, were not placed to the right of his photograph. Instead, a quote from May's "What do you say?" was printed with Whitaker's photograph, as well as the major and classification of the student who was interviewed in May. The Lake Front apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE EBOLA VIRUS?

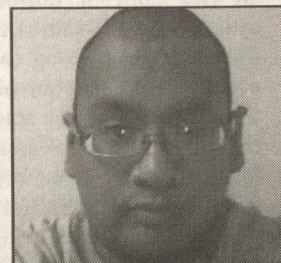


Emily Delgado, junior kinesiology major, said she does not think it is being properly contained. "A nurse was not wearing the right attire, and she got the virus," Delgado said.

Luis Flores, sophomore political science major, said people are making a big deal out of it. "Ebola isn't even all that," Flores said. "It's not transmitted through the air."

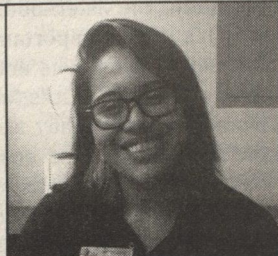


Aleia Elgabrown, social work graduate student, said it's media hype. "Just wash your hands," Elgabrown said, reminding that it can only be contracted by someone who has the disease.



Juan Balderas, sophomore psychology major, also said it is being made a bigger deal than it is. "They are discussing it more than they should," Balderas said.

Betsaida Lopez, junior art and psychology major, said she is worried it is now in the U.S. "My father is a conspiracy theorist, and he got me thinking that this is an inside job."



RETRACTION:

In The Lake Front's September issue, a story titled, "Ice Bucket Challenge held in honor of English professor," Professor David Sanor incorrectly identified as having a Ph.D. instead of an M.A. It also states he taught his mother English, but it was his cousin whom he taught. The Lake Front apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

EDITORIAL: Kim Kardashian, why?

By Angelica Casas
Editor-In-Chief

I saw memes of Kim Kardashian's nude glossy bottom before I saw the *PAPER* magazine front cover photographs that inspired them.

Ironically, the most religious friend I have introduced me to the photographs, turning the screen away from my boyfriend, who was also in the room. It has been difficult for me to understand why an attractive woman with financial and cultural power to change lives, would agree to pose this way and steal the limelight from everyone's naked baby pictures. This is my attempt to grasp her reasoning.

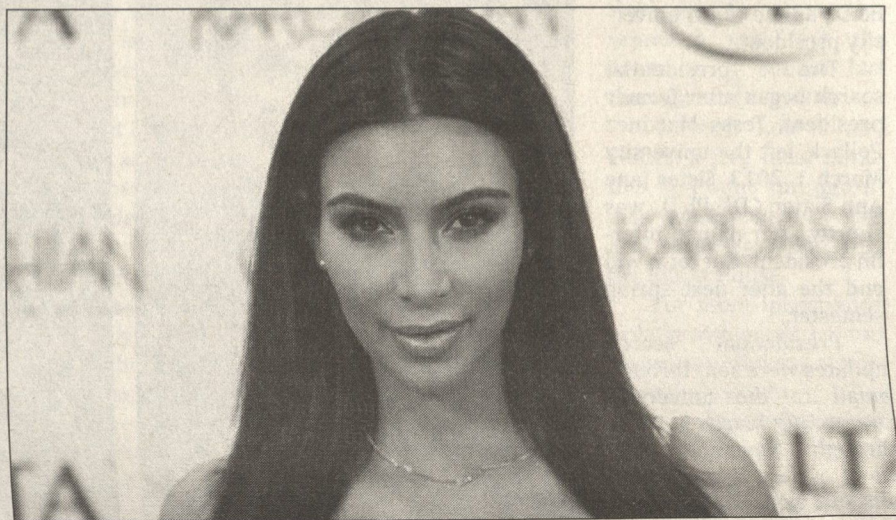
Popularity

When I was in middle school, I remember helping everyone with their assignments so they would like me, and I could at least be the popular nerd. That only got me so far. I've learned that people appreciate you for whom you are, not for what you give them.

But how much more popular can Kim Kardashian get? She has more than 24 million followers on Facebook, more than 22 million on Instagram, and more than 25 million on Twitter. These numbers are 42,000 times more than what the average person (me) has on each site. How many more does she want?

Why aren't you embarrassed?

I've experienced shameful instances where my dress has gone up while walking over an air vent downtown, or where I've stood up and my skirt was folded up from



Kim Kardashian recently posed nude for *PAPER* magazine. We are not posting the photographs from the magazine for reasons you would understand. *Courtesy photo*

the back. These occasions have made me blush and look around to make sure no one got any eye candy from me.

But in the photograph where Kim Kardashian has her dress down below her buns, her head is turned, as if to make sure the whole world is looking – she's even smiling! I fear the bullying her daughter might receive when she gets older from having such a shameless mother.

Speaking of motherhood...

One of the memes inspired by the 34-year-old's full frontal nude photographs is one with the added words, "I'm not a regular mom... I'm a cool mom," using Kardashian's breast as the o's in "cool."

Singer, Lorde, posted the photograph of Kardashian's behind with the caption "MOM." The 18-year-old feminist explained that she was not shaming the TV star for posing naked, but instead complimenting her. "It basically jokingly means 'adopt me/be my second mom/I think of you as a mother figure, you are so epic,'" she clarified on

Tumblr.

I understand why a feminist would encourage women to be open about their natural bodies, without shame. But does Kim Kardashian naturally have this lubricated glow all over her skin – probably not. She is obviously showcasing herself for talk, not to show her natural beauty, thus objectifying herself and promoting the objectification of women in general.

Using fame for good

Emma Watson is the perfect example of a woman and feminist who is using her fame to inspire change, especially through her new campaign, He For She, where she motivates men to join women in the feminism battle for equality for both genders. Through this, Watson proves that she is not only a talented and beautiful movie star – she is also smart, educated; a fighter for social justice and has guts.

It's easy to take off your clothes, but not as easy to speak out for change. If I were a man, Watson would make me drool more than Kardashian.

Flaunting it

Many may say that if you have it, flaunt it. The problem that I see here is a religious one. In 1 Corinthians 6:19, the Bible reads, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God." Yes, this makes our bodies beautiful, regardless of their sizes, colors or small flaws, but let's keep nudes for baby pictures.

Call me old school, but regardless of how beautiful God made my body (and everyone's) to be, the Biblical woman I am believes my body should only be showcased to the person I choose to become my husband.

It's been done

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York tweeted on November 13 a photograph of "Steatopygous female figure" a voluptuous nude marble statue that dates to 4500-4000 B.C., with the words, "Here at the Met, we have artworks that can #BreakTheInternet too!" Kim, you're unoriginal, and I still don't understand.

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University votes, names Melby as new president

By Alejandra Guzman
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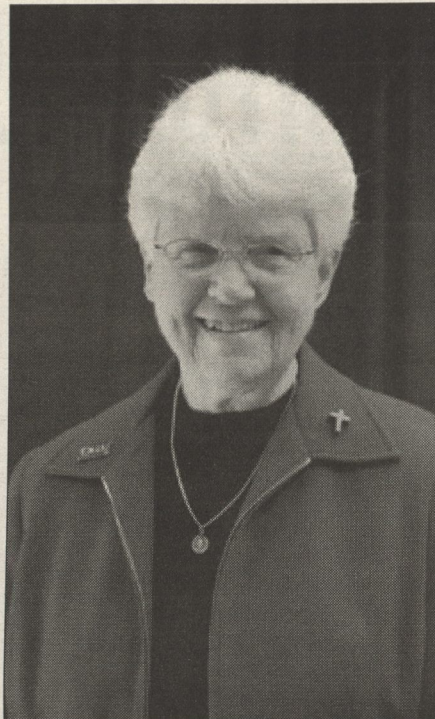
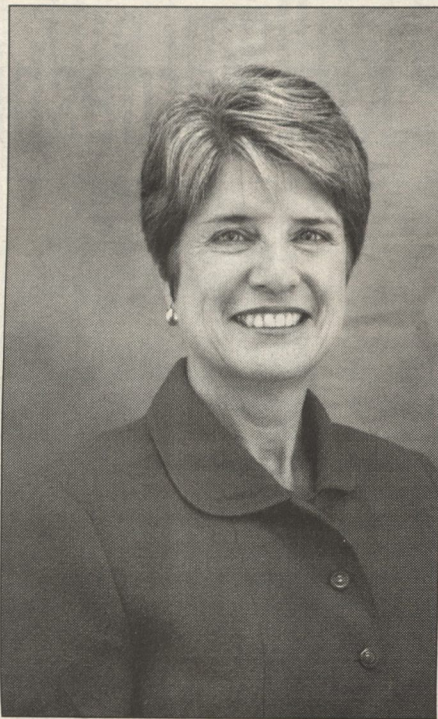
On November 6, Our Lady of the Lake University selected Diane E. Melby, Ed.D., as the ninth university president.

The presidential search began after former president, Tessa Martinez Pollack, left the university March 1, 2013. Sister Jane Ann Slater, CDP, Ph.D., was shortly after named interim president. Her term will end the after next spring semester.

Presidential search updates were sent through email to the university community March 7, 2013 through November 17, when a last update was sent out explaining the selection process and those involved in it.

"I am looking forward to working with the campus and community to further OLLU's mission," Melby said via email.

Melby will continue



Diane Melby (above left), Ed.D., will assume her role as president of the university in July 2015. Sister Jane Ann Slater (above right), CDP, Ph.D., will leave her role as interim president after next spring. *Courtesy photos*

working with the Strategic Planning Committee of

Shepherd University, as they search for her new

vice president for advancement successor before her

transition to San Antonio.

Melby was on campus October 6, and said she found everyone to be sincere, friendly and welcoming. She was impressed with the search committee who helped her feel at ease during her visit.

President Slater was one of the first to reach out to Melby after her selection was made by the Board of Trustees.

I feel fortunate to have such an accomplished leader as a colleague to support my transition and know that she will be a valued adviser over the long term," Melby said. Melby said she is currently doing her best to learn everything and anything she can about the university and San Antonio.

Melby will assume her position in July 2015, and carry out a strategic plan, developed by campus administration, that will lead her through her first year of presidency. She will

talk to alumni, students, faculty, staff, administrators and the sisters of the Congregation of Divine Providence to ensure their voices are heard for any further changes to the university.

Melby said she believes it is important for her to be available for the OLLU community.

"I think the greatest insights often come from sidewalk conversations," Melby said.

She wants students to know they can talk to her and she will make herself readily available by being where students can reach out.

"I feel honored and blessed," Melby said. "I am excited for the opportunity to lead as we continue that great tradition."

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Tune in to The Lake Front's December issue for a personality profile on Melby.

Convent Curious exposes lives of the CDP Sisters

By Gianna Rendon
Managing Editor

If you've ever been curious about the building next door to the university, you now have the opportunity to check it out.

Convent Curious offers students, faculty and staff the opportunity to visit the convent and get to know some Sisters of the Congregation of Divine Providence, the founders of our university.

It's an hour-and-a-half long gathering that involves dinner or snacks and a convent tour. Joyce Detzel, CDP, said that it's pretty much Religious Life 101.

Convent Curious began as Detzel, worked with



Sister Joyce Detzel, CDP, vocation director for the Congregation of Divine Providence, oversees Convent Curious. Through the program, students, faculty and staff can explore the convent and learn more about the Congregation. *Photo by Astrid Villegas*

more women in her role as Vocation Director for the

congregation.

"There is this kind of

gap between having no interest whatsoever in [the sisterhood] and saying that you are ready to discern the [the Sisterhood]," Detzel said.

Convent Curious seeks to introduce people to what it means to be a Sister, regardless of religious affiliation or interest in the religious vocation.

"You can't expect someone to say 'Oh, I feel called to this' when they have no idea what it is," Detzel said, adding that although that was the original idea, Convent Curious has a broader purpose.

Detzel said that because people have never conversed with a Sister or been inside the convent, there is curiosity tied to

stereotypes and myths of what it means to be a Sister. Some of the perceptions are detrimental in terms of providing a realistic base for young women who are thinking about religious life, she added.

Detzel said her greatest hope for this program is to dispel negative stereotypes about the Sisterhood.

Men are also invited to Convent Curious, and are an important part of promoting the sisterhood.

"It's just as important for men to know who and what a Sister is as it is for women, because they are the friends, and the husbands, and the fathers, and the future priests, and professionals and all the

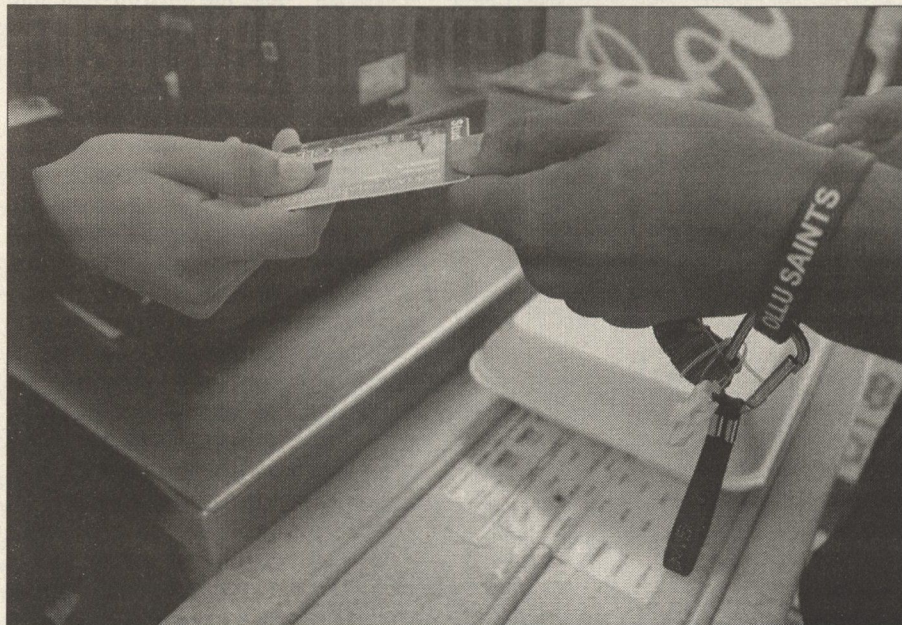
people who will promote whatever their understanding or misconception about religious life," Detzel said.

So far, the CDPs hosted two Convent Curious events. Detzel said that they plan on hosting two events per semester, but they might host more since the interest has been so high. Groups will be kept small so everyone feels like they have a personal experience with the Sisters, Detzel said.

For more information about Convent Curious or to sign up for a visit, email Detzel at jdetzel@cdptexas.org.

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Emergency meal plan funds available for hungry students



Meal plan funds do not always last students a whole semester. *Photo by Astrid Villegas*

By Brittany Brown
Reporter

Every year there are a number of students who, through referrals or walk-ins, go to the Elliott House and express how their insufficient meal plan funds have left them without enough to eat for that day.

Mission and Ministry, wanting to help out these students, decided last spring to set up an emergency meal plan fund that would be used solely for hungry, needy students. It is through the generosity of a significant amount of students who donated to the fund at the end of last semester, that Mission and

Ministry was able to successfully set up the fund.

The unused meal plans, about \$1,600, were deposited into an emergency one that Mission and Ministry set up.

The emergency meal plan funds can be accessed by students through a card given to the student in need that has their name and ID number on it. They use the card to pay for a meal from the cafeteria. Students are only able to receive a meal from the emergency fund once, because Mission and Ministry must divide the fund throughout the entire year.

"They only can take so much from that card,"

said Gloria Urrabazo, the Vice President for Mission and Ministry. "At least they don't go hungry that day."

Urrabazo said the emergency fund has been used only five times this semester, and that the funds in it should last through next semester.

Through Loaves and Fishes, a free meal initiative that runs through finals week, students can also receive free food from the Elliott House.

For more information or help with meals, contact University Ministry at ministry@ollusa.edu.

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Sacred Heart Chapel pipe organ refurbished

By Kimberly Yosko
Reporter

The pipe organ in Sacred Heart Chapel is getting a much-needed face-lift.

The project, which started during the first week of June, is nearing completion.

"We are doing what is considered a full and complete rebuild," said Curtis Bobsin, owner of C. Bobsin Organ Builder, the company completing the project.

The chapel's organ was first installed in the 1960s, and has endured some minor restorations and tune-ups. This year was the first year that the whole organ was fully restored.

"We are doing what is considered a full and complete rebuild," Curtis Bob-

sin, owner of C. Bobsin Organ Builder, said.

Bobsin said the work is very tedious.

"There's no off-the-shelf items," Bobsin said. "Everything is handmade for each [of our projects]."

Bobsin's son, Jonah, who is an apprentice, agrees.

"[The pouches on the pouch boards] are made of paper," Jonah Bobsin said. "If you push it too hard or if it gets bumped by a screwdriver, you have to take it back out and glue it. [However], this [paper] will last for years."

Transporting the pipes up to the organ was also a challenge.

"It's eight flights of stairs up and there's no elevator," Curtis Bobsin said. "That's one of the reasons we've done so much work

on-site. A lot of the work that normally would have taken place in the shop has been done on-site. It's a little bit slower, but, given the conditions, it seems [to be] the best route."

Mary Hernandez, pianist for the chapel, oversees the project.

The Bobsins and Hernandez agree they will be very excited to hear the organ once it is done.

"It's both a visual feat [and] it's a technical feat," Curtis Bobsin said. "There's a lot of satisfaction in doing this kind of work and having it come to fruition. It's also a musical feat; We are [helping] musicians make their art."

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The organ in Sacred Heart Chapel is being refurbished by Bobsin Organ Builder. *Photo by Chloe Brown*

Possible changes may affect Greek life entry requirements

By Desirae Martinez
Reporter

The Student Leadership and Development Office is making changes to Greek life at Our Lady of the Lake University by not allowing freshmen to rush into any Greek organizations during their first semester on campus.

Catherine Fragoso, Director of Student Leadership and Development, said the change is in the best interest of freshmen, so they may first accommodate themselves to OLLU before committing long-term to a Greek organization.

The change was voted on by the Student Government Association, and will take effect in the fall of 2015.

"There are certain procedures that they need to follow, and in that first semester what we hope their

focus would be to make sure they're transitioning to the campus," Fragoso said. "There's a lot of GPA requirements, and things that [organizations] look at, and a new freshman doesn't have a GPA and so making sure that they wait and receive their fall semester GPA before being accepted into an organization would help retention."

Fragoso also said this new requirement will help make sure that the organization isn't taking in students who aren't prepared for the process.

Greek organizations have national requirements that require members to have a certain GPA. Organizations that do not have students who meet academic standards can be fined or put on probation.

Some Greek members are in favor of the new policy.

Ashley Guevara, presi-



If a new policy is passed, students will not be able to enter a Greek organization until their second semester at the university. *Courtesy photo*

dent of Kappa Delta Chi, said the new policy will help freshmen settle into

college life before joining the Greek life.

"The first semester is

usually a challenging semester for freshmen due to a new course load, col-

lege life environment, and time management skills." Guevara said. "Being Greek is a great experience, and it is worth all the hard work and memories, but not at the expense of academics."

Three out of the five Greek organizations on campus are already abiding by the new policy.

Alexandra Puente, president of Delta Xi Nu, said her sorority will not be affected but suspects others organizations will see a difference.

"Hearing the newly rumored news... really didn't faze me, because my sorority isn't allowed to recruit first-semester freshmen anyways," Puente said. "As far as other Greek organizations that do allow this, I believe their recruitment process for any future fall semesters will have a lower number of pledges."

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Admin: OLLU Confessions Facebook page is no more

By Rafael Ilano and Astrid Villegas
Reporters

Incoming students may not be aware that there was recently an OLLU Confessions Facebook page. If they know about it, it is not because they bumped into it online – the Facebook page has been deactivated.

The page, created over a year-and-a-half ago, was inspired by similar confessions pages for other colleges and universities around the country. The closest one was the page for the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA).

The Administrator of the page, a person who has chosen to keep his/her identity a secret, was

a junior at the time the page was created. One of his/her friends happened to know the administrator of the UTSA Confessions page.

The OLLU Admin contacted the UTSA Admin and they started the OLLU Confessions page at work one day. The purpose of the page, according to the OLLU Admin, was for students to have an outlet to express themselves freely.

"I was originally the only Admin, and I had to read all of the confessions," the OLLU Admin said.

The confessions were anonymous. Students would go through a Google

Doc link that converted their typed confessions into an Excel document that allowed only the Admin to view the content of the message, the date and time it was sent.

The Confessions page bio read, "Some of this content may or may not be true, and it does not reflect the views or the values of the university."

The Admin said the university never interfered with the page or tried to shut it down. Deactivating it was a personal choice, especially because of the content the Admin was posting.

"A lot of it I did not agree upon," the Admin said. "Everything was based on my judgment,

and I made sure that if I included the names, I was not harming anybody."

As the semester progressed, the Admin became tired of it, so the posts she/he would share became fewer.

"I honestly felt like it was all a bunch of BS and I was getting tired of it," the Admin said.

Halfway through the semester, the Admin brought in another administrator to the page, who became the only other person to know who he was.

In January of 2014, when the Admin's sister had a baby girl, things changed.

"When I looked at her, and I thought about my marketing major, I realized

that everything influences people's lives in a different way," the Admin said. "So when I looked at her, and she was so innocent, it was awesome to see that. But it was sad to know that later on when she gets older she going to have to go through changes, image problems, and a lot of women go thorough that."

The Admin referred to self-esteem problems caused by comments like those she/he was posting on the Confessions page.

"I started really rethinking about, what kind of outlet I had just given to the students? Even if I did not agree upon their ideologies, I was providing and allowing the system, making me a part of it all."

As the Admin went through the last month of the spring 2014 semester, little by little she/he realized the posts were hurting women and men together.

"It was becoming sad, tedious, depressing, job-like, and I did not want to deal with that anymore," the Admin said.

"I realized if I'm not standing against it then I'm for it, so I took the page down," the Admin said. "I said no goodbye or thank you, because I figured as quickly as it came it has to leave and be forgotten. I never expected to grow so much as an individual."

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Ebola victims diagnosed in the United States, students scared

By Ruben Renteria
Reporter

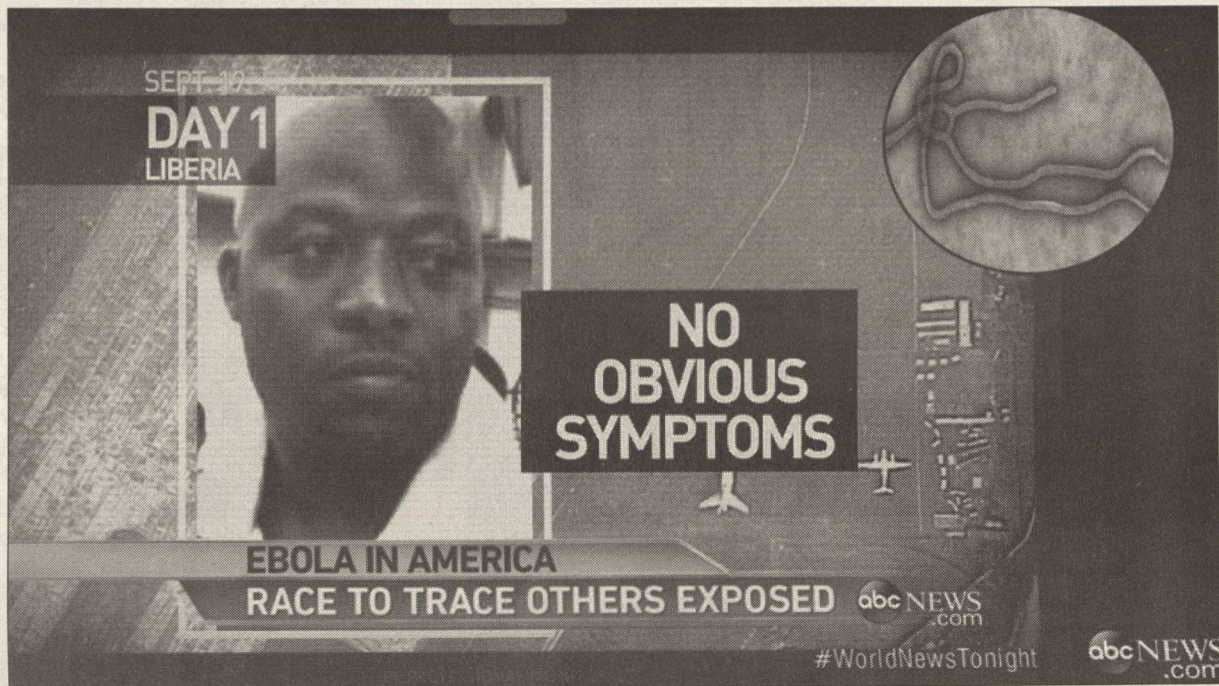
More than a month and three diagnoses later, the United States focuses on its fourth case of Ebola.

Craig Spencer, 33, is the fourth person in the U.S. to be diagnosed with the Ebola virus.

According to the *Telegraph*, Spencer, a doctor, recently returned to the U.S. after caring for Ebola patients in Guinea, as a part of the Doctors Without Borders program. On his way back, Spencer showed no signs of infection. It was not until a week later that Spencer developed a fever and contacted Doctors Without Borders. That same day, Spencer was rushed to Manhattan's Bellevue hospital where he tested positive for Ebola. He was released from the hospital November 11 and is free of the virus.

Some may recall concern about the virus started back in late September, when a Liberian traveler, Thomas Eric Duncan, was diagnosed in Dallas, Texas. Duncan contracted the virus when he helped care for Ebola patients in West Africa. Once, diagnosed, Duncan was placed in isolation, where he passed away on October 8.

Since then, three more cases have been reported. Two more cases came from Dallas, Texas while the other in New York City. Nina Pham, a 26-year-old, and Amber Vinson, a 29-year-old, both contracted the virus when they cared for Duncan at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Once diagnosed, Pham was transferred to the National Institutes of Health facility in Bethesda, Maryland while Vinson was transferred to Emory University in Atlanta.



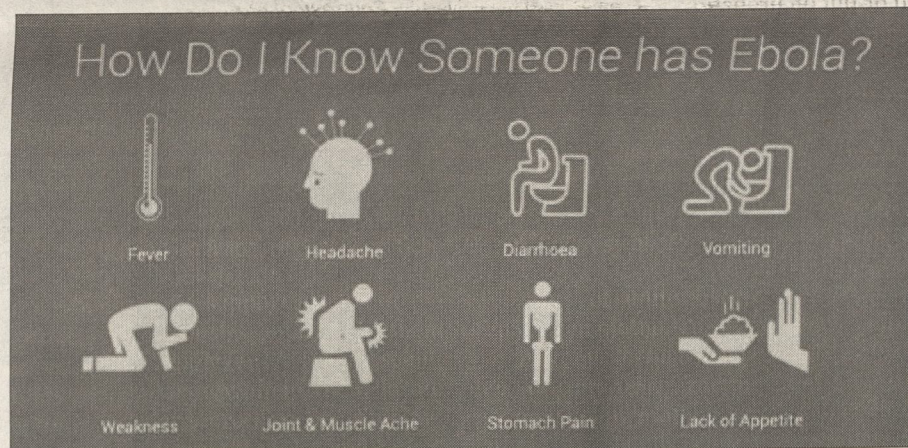
Thomas Eric Duncan was the first person diagnosed in the United States with the Ebola virus. *Courtesy photo*

Fox News reports that Pham and Vinson received experimental drugs along with blood plasma donations from fellow Ebola survivors, Dr. Kent Brantly and Mrs. Nancy Writebol. Brantly and Writebol contracted the virus in the summer during their time as workers for Christian missionary organizations stationed in Liberia. Once they returned; they were transferred to Emory University where they received experimental treatment and recovered.

With Dallas only a five-hour drive from San Antonio, the University was given specific instructions about how to handle its students and the Ebola virus during the late September outbreak.

Jack Hank, Director for Student Life, released the statement on behalf of the university:

"Our Lady of the Lake takes the safety and wellness of all its students, faculty and staff seriously. The recent Ebola virus outbreak has caused conversation and concern. At



The Centers for Disease Control are worried about the Ebola virus spreading to 1.4 million cases in Africa. *Courtesy photo*

this time, the CDC is not recommending colleges and universities isolate or quarantine students. The Student Health Center staff are aware of exposure risks, signs and symptoms of Ebola. If any signs or symptoms are identified they are prepared to follow recommendations in the CDC Health Advisory: Guidelines for Evaluation of US Patients Suspected of Having Ebola Virus Disease.

OLLU continues to monitor the news and is

following guidelines and recommendations in accordance with the CDC.

In addition to the released statement, Health Services sent out an email to inform students the facts regarding the virus.

Since some of the university's students have ties to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, concern about the virus worried some for their family's safety.

Chris Robinson, a sophomore, said he felt a little worried about the virus spreading because he

has family living near the Dallas area.

"It's a little scary," Robinson said. "It can be the person who works with somebody who works with somebody. So I'm a little skeptic, because I still have family out there."

Stephen Nehr, a current Texas Christian University sophomore and former OLLU student said, the TCU community is not as scared anymore because the university quickly informed students everything they need to

know about the virus in a timely fashion.

"A lot of people have faith that in the normal school day that we won't be susceptible to the disease," Nehr said. "When it comes down to it, I have faith that those who are taking care of people with the disease are doing it in the right and safest way possible to prevent it from becoming an epidemic."

According to the World Health Organization, the virus is a hemorrhagic fever that is fatal because it causes severe internal bleeding. The virus was first discovered in 1976 and is believed to have originated from fruit bats. The WHO also states that Ebola is not an airborne virus. Infection cannot spread by coughing, sneezing or breathing, but only by the exposure of bodily fluids such as blood, sweat, vomit, semen and feces.

Once exposed, a person should be monitored for 21 days. Initial symptoms include high fever, muscle pain, headache and sore throat. Severe symptoms of infection include extreme vomiting, diarrhea, rash, impaired body organs and both both internal and external bleeding.

For anyone diagnosed with the virus the WHO suggests seeking medical attention where patients can receive supportive care with hydration and treatment aimed at relieving their symptoms. If you or someone you know is experiencing Ebola-like symptoms you can visit Health Services in UWAC Room 112 or email their office at HealthServices@lake.ollusa.edu.

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English professor publishes first book of poetry

THOSE YOUNG HANDSOME FACES

Those young handsome faces
will soon turn to leather.
Their palms, like running a finger on brick;
their eyes, spit-yellow.

When I drive past them,
their backs bent to Texas highways,
pools of sunlight on their napes,
I think of the men of my youth:
Beto, Luis, Robert, El Maistro.
I also think about my brothers
who got saved by office jobs:
air conditioning, clean white shirts,
cologne.

But our father kept at it
till his body said, No mas.
No more to sun and dirt,
to rain and cold.
No more to steel-toe boots
and to the Texas dust that he'd soon
become.
No mas to the time-card
love's drudgery
makes us keep.



Octavio Quintanilla, Ph.D., is an English professor at the university. He recently published his first book of poems, *If I go Missing*, which can be found at the OLLU Bookstore. *Photo by Ruben Renteria*

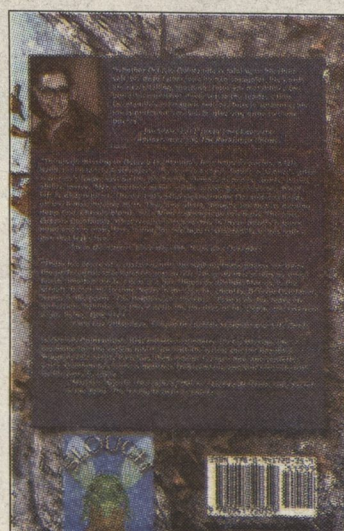
By Ruben Renteria
Reporter

It was a challenge for Octavio Quintanilla, Ph.D., to write about current issues and make them poetic. But he did it and these poems are now in *If I Go Missing*.

If I Go Missing is the concrete creation that validates the lifelong work of Quintanilla, associate professor of English.

"It becomes concrete to the dream that I had since I was a kid of creating something," Quintanilla said. "I tried art, I tried painting, I tried music and I knew writing was something that I was good at."

Quintanilla, who teaches creative writing and English at Our Lady of the Lake University, released *If I go Missing*, last April. The book, which took him 8 years to write, edit and revise,



The front and back covers of *If I go Missing*. *Courtesy photos*

was published with Slough Press. The poetry book is broken up into three distinct sections. Each section speaks to the other in some way, and they dive into Quintanilla's personal ex-

periences of loss, love and soul searching and violence around the Texas and Mexico border.

Quintanilla said his poetic style stems from Southern poets such as Larry Levis, Pablo Ner-

uda, Federico Garcia Lorca and Cesar Vallejo.

One reviewer on Amazon said he could not stop reading the book.

"Immigrants and refugees, war torn soldiers, family... Octavio delivers it all to the reader, unapologetic and without overwrought sentiment," the anonymous reviewer said.

As for the book's cover, Quintanilla worked with painter and artist, Adam Toro, to come up with the right image to complement his storytelling. Quintanilla gave Toro the manuscript so he could read it and create or choose an image that would best project the book's content.

"Read the manuscript and let's see if the poems speak to you," Quintanilla told Toro.

As Quintanilla's book makes its way into readers' hands, he hopes the content will resonate

long after they have flipped last page.

"I want people to read it and find something worthwhile," Quintanilla said. "If the book is not read, it is nothing, it becomes an artifact that has no value."

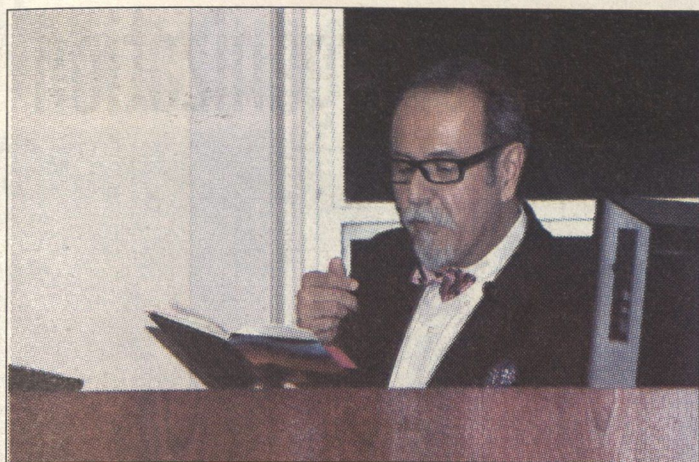
Quintanilla's book is available for purchase in the University Bookstore, on Amazon and through the Slough Press for \$15.99. It can also be found when and where Quintanilla is invited to a reading throughout Texas to promote his work.

"The Book is a part of me," Quintanilla said. "It goes where I go."

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See "Those Young Handsome Faces" above, to get a taste of Quintanilla's poetry.

Balancing school and music



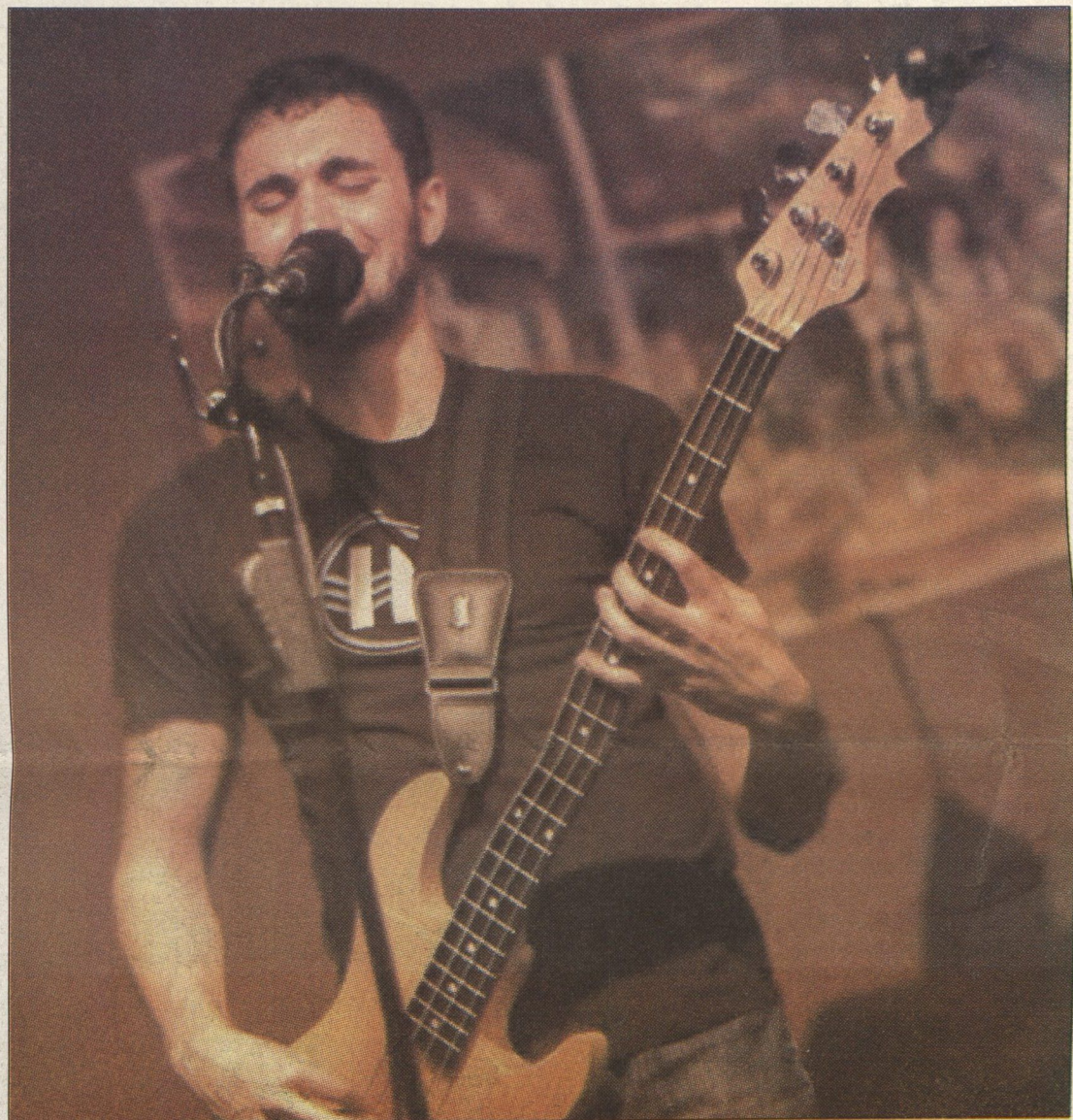
Ito Romo, Our Lady of the Lake University's spring 2015 Visiting Writer, reads from his short story collection, "The Border is Burning," on October 27. *Photo by Astrid Villegas*



Bruce Bowen, former San Antonio Spurs NBA player, visits with students to speak about leadership. Sister Jane Ann Slater, CDP, Ph.D., with nearly 200 students, faculty and staff, were in attendance. *Photo by Astrid Villegas*



The Lake Front staff (from left to right): Astrid Villegas, Danny Lopez, Betsaida Lopez, Ruben Renteria, Jesus Ybarra, Hannah Disspain, Lupe Hernandez and Angelica Casas with Our Lady of the Lake alumni and former Lake Front editor Collette Orquiz, who presented at "Writing for Journalism," a day of writing workshops sponsored by The Lake Front held November 15. *Photo by Lake Front staff*



Ryan Hollander, a junior, has been playing guitar since he was young as a tribute to his father. *Courtesy photo*

By Lupe Hernandez Reporter

Ryan Hollander, a 21-year-old junior marketing major, minoring in music, is like most students on campus. He goes to class, spends time with friends, and works a job. But what separates him from other students is being part of a band on his spare time.

As an incoming freshman, Hollander played for the Saints Golf team and managed being an athlete, musician and student. Three years later, Ryan now only focuses on school and music.

"Music, in different ways, is my most powerful form of expression," Hollander said.

Hollander played guitar since he was young as a tribute to his father, Alan, who played in bands when Hollander was young. Along with guitar, Hollander also plays bass, piano, drums, harmonica and the ukulele. Hollander and his parents share a deep-seeded passion for music.

"My parents and I can talk about music for hours," Hollander said.

Hollander's hometown is where he formed his musical roots but college is where he is honing his talents further. He continues to play music in bands, starting with "The Crashers," his first band that he and his friends have started back in Brownsville.

He is still close to his band mates despite the distance.

Hollander's musical skills continue to grow here, as he studies under music professor Dr. Elizabeth Dyer. He plays guitar in Rockaducks, the university band made up of only students, and continues to learn from those around him.

"They're all great at what they play and they have helped me become a better performer," Hollander said.

Hollander plans to work for a marketing firm after graduating, and play music as a night job. In time, Hollander would like to play in a well-known band and tour the world making music.

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Young mother turns bad experiences into helpful organization

By Angelica Casas
Editor-In-Chief

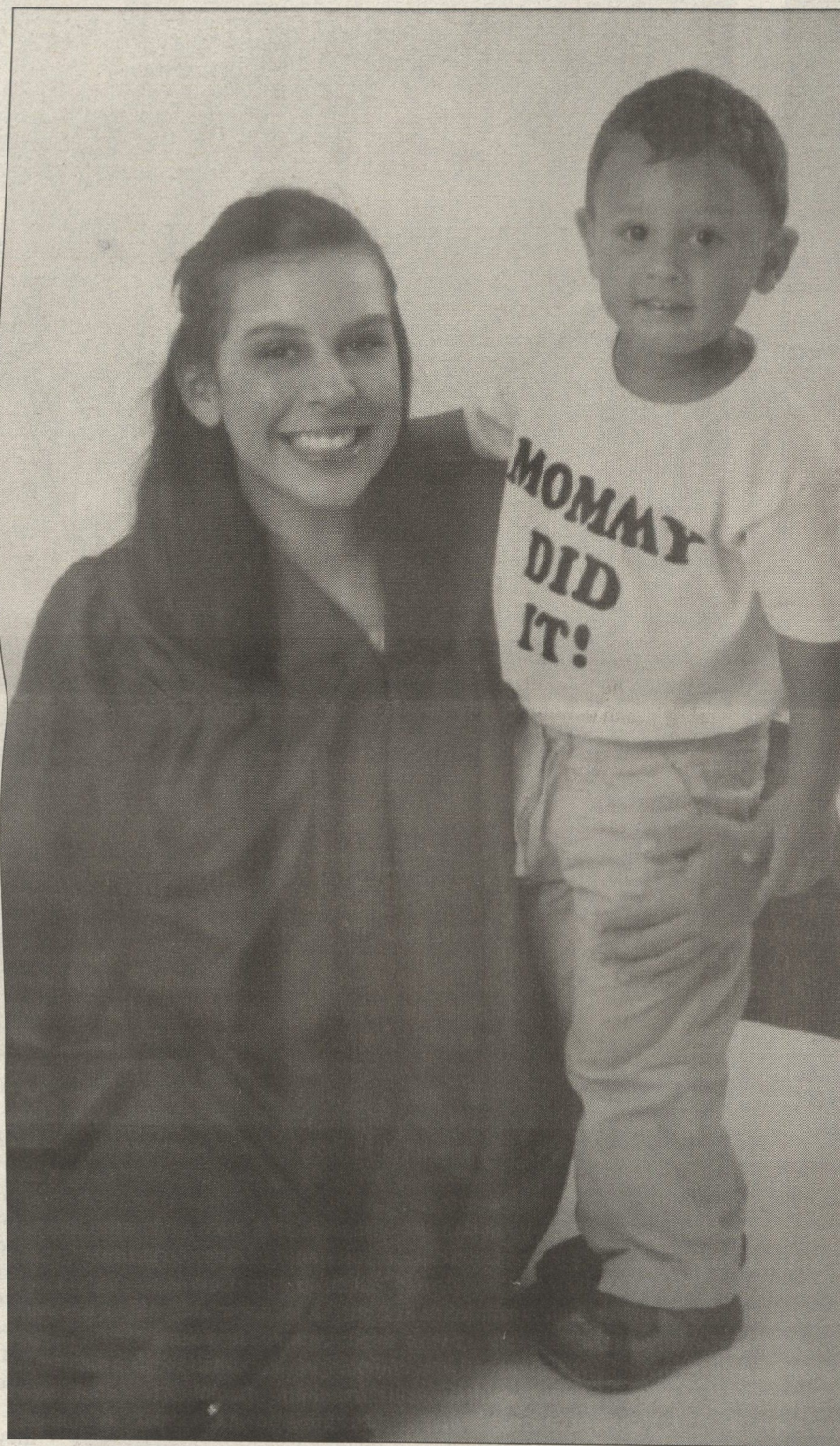
Marianna Sanchez became pregnant when she was 15. It was hard enough being a high school student, but even harder dealing with the stereotypes associated with being a pregnant teenager.

"The moment I became pregnant, statistically I was deemed a failure," said Sanchez, adding that as a teenage mother, there was a 5 percent chance she would graduate from high school and only a 1 percent chance that she would be enrolled in high school. "My dream is that we will change these statistics."

That's why Sanchez, a freshman biology major, started SMOMS, an organization to help teenage parents like her. The purpose of SMOMS is to facilitate the social, educational, financial and emotional development of students who assume parental roles within the university, local high schools and in the community.

"These parents go through so much," Sanchez said. "They are put down all day by peers, teachers, family, and society. Many of these parents just need someone to have faith in them and say, 'You can do this, go prove them wrong.'"

Sanchez remembers being bullied and looked down upon by not only fellow classmates, but also teachers and administration. When she was six months pregnant, a teacher asked her if she knew about abortion, and if she was aware she was going to hell. Once when she missed a rehearsal for varsity orchestra because her son required emergency surgery, she was moved from first chair to



Freshman Marianna Sanchez, founder and president of SMOMS, with her son. Sanchez's goal through SMOMS is to help teenage parents around San Antonio emotionally, socially and financially, and to graduate high school and pursue a higher education like she has done. *Courtesy photo*

last, even though other students would miss and receive no penalty.

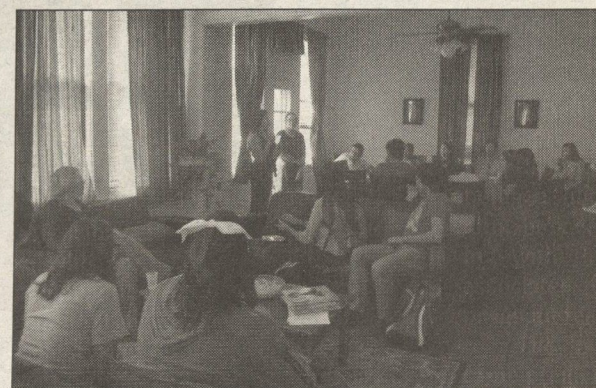
"I have been put down constantly by society," San-

chez said. "I just would never want anyone to feel the way I felt."

Sanchez is now 18 and aspires to be an OBGYN

for teenage mothers. In the meantime, she wants to help them through SMOMS.

The goal is to cre-



Marianna Sanchez and Grace Reyes, vice president of the organization, lead an SMOMS meeting in the Elliott House. Anyone, regardless of gender, is welcomed to join. *Courtesy photo*



SMOMS raised and donated 100 uniforms to teen mothers of the San Antonio Independent School District. *Courtesy photo*

ate support groups at teens' schools, help them apply for FAFSA and scholarships, help them locate resources to pay for daycare, formula and other child expenses, and most importantly, give them the confidence and empowerment they need to be young parents.

In less than two months, SMOMS has partnered with the San Antonio Educational Partnership, the San Antonio Children's Shelter, San Antonio Workforce Solutions, San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) and Northside Independent School District (NISD) to work with over 500 young mothers and fathers.

Already, the organization raised and donated

100 sets of uniforms to SAISD teen mothers.

Anyone can be a member of the organization, not only young mothers or fathers.

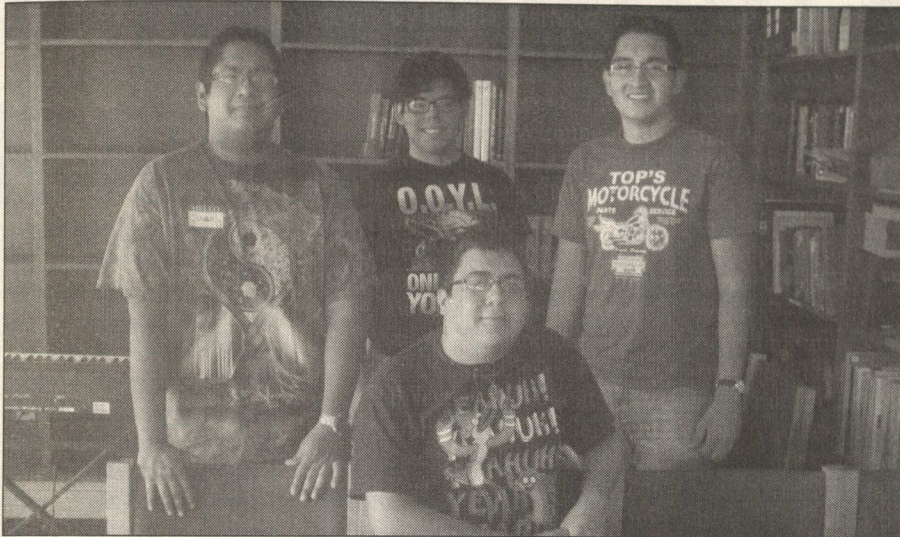
"We need anyone and everyone," Sanchez said. "If you have a strong subject that you would like to tutor high school level courses, join. If you can just listen to these parents and encourage them, join." SMOMS also has a subgroup for teen fathers led by OLLU student Eduardo Ramirez.

"In the long run I hope to see these young woman and men succeed and have a bright future for their little angels," Sanchez said.

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New group on campus for men



The Agape Men's group (from left to right): sophomore Juan Balderas, junior Henry Garcia, senior Cesar Rodriguez and sophomore Levi Rios. *Courtesy photo*

By Kimberly Yosko
Reporter

Agape is a Greek word and defined as "unconditional love for God."

Agape is also the name of the newly formed Catholic men's study group, which stemmed off of Entrusted, the Catholic women's group on campus. Two men founded the group: Casey Brodbeck, a former Our Lady of the Lake University student, and Henry Garcia, a junior.

"The group was founded by Casey because he wanted to provide men with the same experience that the women of Entrusted were experiencing," Garcia said.

Agape focuses on the Catholic way of life from a man's perspective, and how God's view of men differs from the ways society focuses on men.

"Society tells men that they need to be aggressive and motivated by sexual instincts, and Christ's way is not like that," Garcia said. "Christ's way liberates us, and we realize that we don't need to be aggressive. We can be sons of God. We're still men, but we are not what society

believes men to be."

Agape heavily focuses on how to live like Christ as a Catholic man and how to stop focusing on what society deems appropriate behavior.

"The main purpose of the group is to promote an understanding of the world as it should be viewed through the eyes of a man who wants to follow the teachings of Christ," Garcia said. "We want to grow closer to Jesus Christ and basically learn how to become better men in general."

The group primarily targets Catholic men, but male students from other Christian denominations and other religions are welcome.

Anthony Rodriguez, a freshman, said he enjoys the meetings.

"It's all guys getting to know each other and know more about themselves and what they can do," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said he especially enjoys the bond and community between the members of the group.

"[I'm] getting to know people, and I'm learning about vocations," Rodriguez said. "To me, [being]

a Christian man means to do work for God."

Juan Balderas, a sophomore, agrees with Rodriguez, and also said he recommends other men to join the group for the meetings.

"The meetings [are] very flexible," Balderas said. "[I] don't know much about Catholicism, so I'm [learning about] that. It is fun, and we are able to have intellectual discussions about faith. We are able to relate with one another because we've all experienced something similar."

Balderas said he is excited about what's in store for future meetings.

"[I want] to keep the conversation going," Balderas said. "Everyone has interesting things to say about their lives and that ties in with what we're covering."

Agape meets every at 5:45 p.m. Fridays in Constantineau Chapel, on the second floor of the Walter Center. For more information about the group, contact Garcia at hgarcia2@ollusa.edu.

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Flores: Scholarships a smart way to avoid student debt

By Robert Camero
Copy Editor

The United States currently faces an economic downward spiral of debt worth approximately \$14 trillion in expenses from Middle Eastern wars, Obama Care, and several other economic factors. Just added to that sum: the total student loan debt in America has just reached \$1 trillion since May 2013.

Ninety percent of college students take out loans.

Student loan debt is a something that all college students are plagued with upon graduation unless granted a full-ride scholarship or paying out-of-pocket tuition from a trust fund or family. Student loan debt can be troublesome, and in some cases, can exist long after having received a job. There are no other ways to wipe away student loan debt. Luckily, there are ways to combat student loans. Contrary to popular belief, there are ways to earn scholarships without being an academic protégé.

Scholarships are abundant and can be given for the most unlikely of circumstances. With enough digging, it's possible to not have to pay for high amounts of student loans while in school. Several websites, such as Scholarships.com, ScholarshipExperts.com and CollegeXpress.com can help earn scholarships and offer a variety of categories from which to earn them.

This helps students skilled in particular areas to let their talent earn a college scholarship, and also helps them avoid nasty student loan debt.

"All one has to do is look," said Esme Flores, Financial Aid director. "Schools have different packages to different situations."

This is true, and along with the fact that there is a rise in scholarship packages, private schools that are known for their outrageous tuition, are picking up on this trend.

According to the New York Times, private schools are likely to give at least \$15,000 in grants

to each student that is of ill financial status, and will work with these particular cases more extensively, so all low earners out there don't be shy about applying to high tuition private schools.

However, whether you plan on attending Harvard School of Medicine or any community college, it's best to apply as early as possible for financial aid because an institution gives their financial aid, on first come, first serve basis. Since OLLU is a private school, it is best to visit the Financial Aid Office to review your financial situation and see if there are any ways to improve it.

A bit of hard work searching for scholarships can lead to smooth sailing financially during college instead of having to pay off student loans until you're a middle-aged person.

"Don't be afraid to ask," Flores said. "If there's any question you have, feel free to ask, and you will receive an answer."

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SOMEWHERE IN SAN ANTONIO

Your guide to great events during study breaks

Relax, indulge, discover before final exams

By **Alejandra Guzman**
Reporter

If Halloween spooked you out of ideas for having fun, check out these cultural events that will get you out of your dorm and into a theatre or nearby outdoor adventures in Hondo and New Braunfels.

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**ARTS San Antonio presents
The Nutcracker, Mejia Ballet International**

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7:30 p.m.
Lila Cockrell Theatre
200 E. Market St.,
San Antonio, Texas 78205
Tickets: \$29-\$110

Are you a fan of the Nutcracker? San Antonio's presentation of the beloved classic features Russian prima ballerina Olga



This year, the South Texas Maize honors those service workers who have made "The Ultimate Sacrifice" while on the job. *Courtesy Photo.*

Pavlova, hailed as "The New Pavlova" by Dance magazine. Cancel your plans and head over to see an amazing production of The Nutcracker.

SegCity Segway Ghost Tour

Thru 11/26/14
6:00pm or 6:30pm
124 Losoya St,
San Antonio, Texas 78205
Tickets: \$75

Enjoy San Antonio's most thrilling, chilling and modern ghost tour of spooky tales as you learn to ride a Segway and explore downtown's frightening history. Visit some of the most notorious frightening locations and enter these 'haunted' places... at your own will.

**Christmas Tree Lighting at
Milam Park**

11/29/14
4 p.m.

343 W. Houston St., San Antonio, TX 78205

Free

Get into the holiday spirit with a children's dance performance, mariachis, face painting, train rides and a bearded man in a big red suit.

Although it is a family event, take along your friends and classmates for some old-fashioned Christmas fun. Come on, this is not lame at all!

South Texas Maize

Thru 11/30/14
911 US Highway 90 East,
Hondo, Texas 78861
Tickets: \$10

Visit Hondo and see why getting lost means finding fun at the South Texas Maize! This winding walk promises entertainment for all of the family.

Freshman inspired to start new art club on campus

By **Jazmin Sanchez**
Contributing Writer

With the increase in OLLU student enrollment this semester, several incoming students expressed interest in starting new organizations on campus. Dezarre Boone, a freshman visual arts major, started a new art organization on campus called Art Ink.

"Art is important to my life, and I was heartbroken when I found out there wasn't an art club," Boone said. "The same day of Club Rush, I made a sign-up sheet and asked my art appreciation peers if they would join my art club."

Unfortunately for Boone, she was unable to be president of Art Ink because of her classification.

Jerry Villarreal, a junior marketing major, stepped in to the position.

"So far it is going pretty great, many students are interested," Villarreal said. "We have about 15 members, and it is continuing to grow."

Boone and Villarreal are excited to make Art Ink known on campus.

Deborah Vasquez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Director of the Visual Arts program is the advisor for the club. She has been reaching out to her students about signing up to be a part of Art Ink.

Art Ink already participated in Boo Bash and Peace in the Plaza, held downtown. They plan on having a chalk mural, Watercolor by the Lake

and field trips to the San Antonio Museum of Art. Villarreal also mentioned they plan on bringing local artists to present their artwork.

Villarreal said that "Everything in this world was created with imagination which is adorned of art. It is a way to express your feelings. People forget how art changed the world."

Boone has been pleasantly surprised to see the amount of support her professors and peers have given.

"Art is an important aspect within a community," Boone said. "My mission is to make a difference, and get the OLLU community involved through art."

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Dezarre Boone, a freshman Visual Arts major, founded Art Ink this semester *Photo by Astrid Villegas*

CINEMANIACS

Cristian Ortiz-Salas and Desirae Martinez are both OLLU seniors 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 of films.



Five reasons why Marvel is beating DC Comics

By Desirae Martinez
Reporter

Marvel and DC both recently announced their upcoming movies through 2020. It's easy to draw comparisons - they're pretty much the Coke and Pepsi of superhero movies. But Marvel clearly has an edge over its competition and here's why.

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1. Marvel's head start

Marvel's cinematic universe all started at the post-credits scene of *Iron Man* in 2008 when Nicky Fury stepped out of the shadows and told Tony Stark they needed to talk about the Avengers initiative. From that moment on, fanboys and fangirls everywhere anticipated every Marvel movie, hoping to catch some kind of connection to the previous.

Flash forward four years and *The Avengers* was hitting theaters and blowing minds. DC, on the other hand, barely kicked off their cinematic universe last year with *Man of Steel*, which did decently at the box office, but fans saw the joy of Superman replaced with a dark and brooding tone. *Avengers: Age of Ultron* hits theaters next year and will be the 10th film in the franchise. *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* hits theaters in 2016 and will barely be the second film in DC's.

2. DC is working backwards

Maybe it's because the Avengers are already on their 10th movie that DC feels the

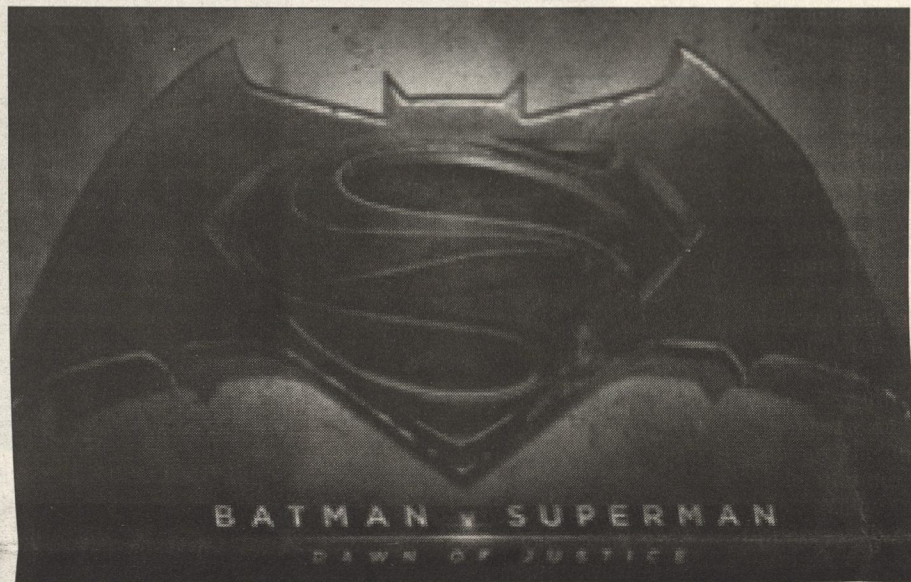


Avengers: Age of Ultron, of Marvel, is set to release May 1, 2015. *Courtesy Photo.*

need to catch up, or maybe they just want to try a different approach. Either way, DC is cutting corners. *The Avengers* was a four-year build up and gave each of its heroes their own stand-alone movie before they came together. DC is using *Dawn of Justice* to introduce Batman, Wonder Woman, Cyborg and Aquaman. The problem with this is DC assumes fans know these characters already. Fanboys know these characters but fanboys aren't the only people they need to attract. These movies need to be marketed to everyone as fun, action-packed, fantasy movies. But if they're introducing a character like Cyborg, some movie goers may be confused if they don't have his back story first.

3. Casting decisions

When it comes to casting, the most controversial casting choice for Marvel was picking Robert Downey Jr. to play Tony Stark/Iron Man, mainly because his career was still trying to bounce back from his previous drug addiction. Not only did *Iron Man* revive Downey's career, but in many ways, Downey made Iron Man the cool, funny character we've all come to love. You can argue that picking Chris Hemsworth and Chris Evans to play Thor and Captain America were safe choices, but it's not like those choices angered anyone. DC, on the other hand, has fans petitioning for the removal of Jesse Eisenberg as Lex Luthor and Ben Affleck as Batman. These are not bad actors, but



Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice is set to release March 25, 2016. *Courtesy Photo.*

their selection was awkward. Eisenberg, known more for comedies, is a doubtful choice for Luthor, a character that was portrayed by Oscar winners Gene Hackman and Kevin Spacey. As far as the whole Batffleck controversy, I am actually willing to give Affleck the benefit of the doubt that he can pull it off. But not everyone else feels this way, mainly because Affleck does better behind the camera. Fanboys can't seem to forgive him for *Daredevil*, and Christopher Nolan's Batman is still too fresh.

4. The Dark Knight v. Batman

After Joel Schumacher's campy 1997 *Batman and Robin*, no one wanted to touch Batman. Then in 2005, Nolan breathed new life into the series by making it grounded and realistic. It didn't hurt that the trilogy had stellar performances from Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, and Heath Ledger, who remains

the only actor to win an Oscar for a superhero movie. Many consider *The Dark Knight* not only to be the best Batman movie ever, but also the best superhero movie ever. It's weird to think the trilogy barely wrapped up two years ago, but therein lies the problem. Christian Bale's performance as Batman is still fresh in our minds, and for good reasons. Recasting anyone (not just Affleck) as Batman would bring criticism and comparisons. It was easy to reboot Spiderman because that franchise ended on a sour note with fans, but *The Dark Knight* trilogy is beloved by fanboys, cinephiles, and pretty much anyone who's seen the movies. Why fix what wasn't broken?

5. DC lost its edge

When it was announced that the sequel to *Man of Steel* would involve a Superman versus Batman storyline, fans became excited. Two iconic characters, Superman and

Batman, would finally face off against each other and make superhero movie history. Well not only is Marvel making two of its heroes fight each other, but they're unleashing an all-out civil war. Captain America 3 finally got its subtitle: *Civil War*. The Civil War storyline in the comics pits Iron Man and Captain America against each other over the Superhero Registration Act that requires superheroes to register with and act under the government. Batman versus Superman was going to be a great edge for *Dawn of Justice*, but it's easy to predict how it will end. As for the Avengers, we've already seen Thor thrust his hammer on Captain America's shield, but then they all got over their little tiff and rallied to take on a common enemy. Now, we're going to watch them go from friends to enemies, which has a lot more depth than a super-powered alien and hi-tech martial arts expert battling it out.

Men's and women's cross country teams break records

By Astrid Villegas
Reporter

The men's and women's cross country teams came in runner-up at the Red River Athletic Conference meet in early November. In total, five runners earned their place to the national meet, but the whole team has accomplished a season of many firsts.

The cross-country team came in right behind first place winner Wiley College with about a six-minute difference, but that was not the last achievement for the team. Personal records for many of both the men and the women were broken and have gained them individual spots to Nationals.

"I feel like they ran about as well per-individual as possible, so it was not a disappointment," OLLU Head Coach Stephen Sherman said.

Freshman Gabby Guerrero placed third overall at

conference. "There is always room to grow in my opinion," Guerrero said. "From where we are now, we can only get better. We just need to have the right mindset and put in the needed work."

Right behind Guerrero came in junior Erica Ramos in fourth place, breaking a personal record. "For me it was really big," Ramos said. "It was the first time I broke a 19-minute completion time in that conference."

Not far behind Freshman Jazmin Garcia crossed the finish line to land an 8th place medal and a ticket to Nationals along with Guerrero and Ramos.

"When coach told me I made it to nationals, I thought he was wrong, because I did not know how many people would make it," Garcia said. "I was mainly surprised because I was sick for so long that I wasn't training as hard for like to or three weeks."

"I went into conference



The Cross Country teams came in runner-up at the Red River Athletic Conference tournament final in early November. Some players advance to nationals. *Courtesy photo*

not expecting too much as an individual; I really just worried about the team," said freshman Gabriel Ellman who placed 5th in the race and also gained a ticket to Nationals, "I feel like there is a whole lot of room to grow, for me individual-

ly, and the team as a whole, but I'm happy because this is a great place to start."

"Our personal goals tied into our team goals, which were to win conference and compete at the national meet as a conference championship team,"

said sophomore Jonathan Yanez who came in right after Ellman gaining sixth place and the last ticket to Nationals for the OLLU cross country team.

"We fought hard to show the Conference that we are a young but rising

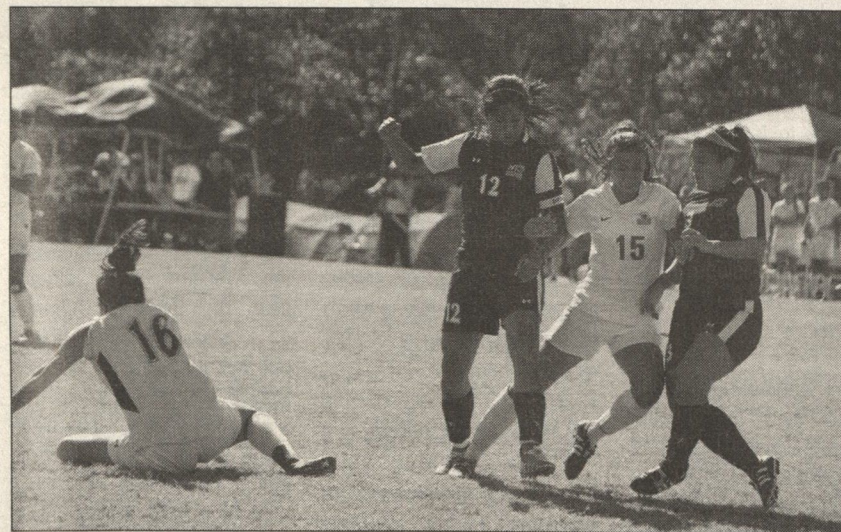
program that is willing to work hard to being the best team in the conference," Yanez said. "At the end of the meet, we still walked away satisfied and with our heads held up high. We all ran our hearts out and gutted it out till we crossed that finish line."

Freshman Luis Garza received the All-Conference Top Ten award. Although it did not earn him a ticket to nationals, he said he did a lot better than expected. "Next year, I'm hoping to go to nationals," Garza said.

"This simply was the best from top to bottom our conference has ever been," said Sherman, "Two or three years ago we would have won handily; it would not have been close. That was then, though, and the new reality is it is a difficult task in winning our conference. I believe we did everything within our power to win, so we can hold our heads high."

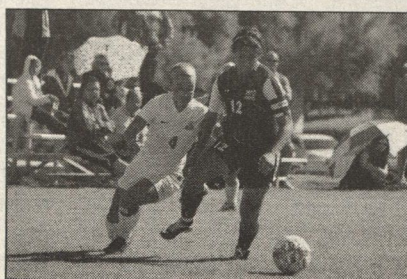
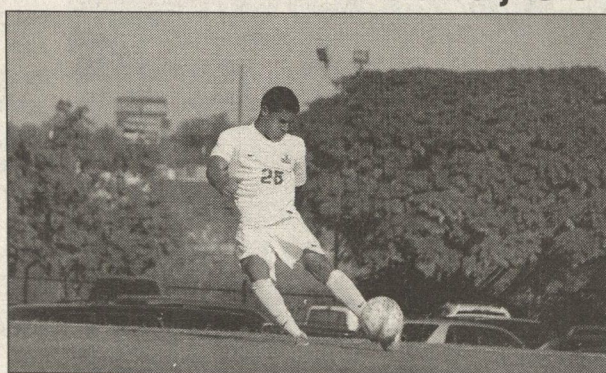
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Soccer teams end season in conference finals, semifinals

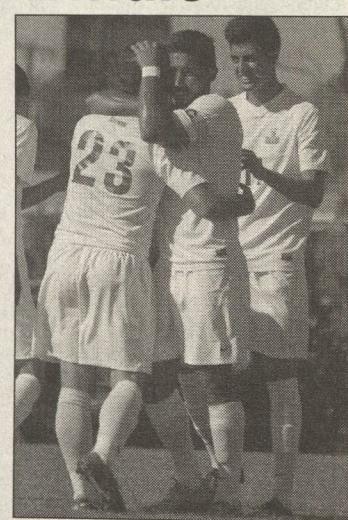


The Women's Soccer Team won the Red River Athletic Conference tournament against the University of Texas at Brownsville on November 15. Freshman Jackie Lambarida, a San Antonio native, leads the ball against Huston-Tillotson University, who they lost to with 0-2.

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Sophomore Jonathan Garay (above) and Hayley Tiernay (left), from Zimbabwe, Africa, during games against Hutson-Tillotson University. *Photos by Astrid Villegas*



Marcelo Chapa and Robert Alexe during their game against Hutson-Tillotson, where they won 6-0. Alexe was named RRAC Offensive Player of the week. *Photo by Astrid Villegas.*

Basketball Club in second year, team grows closer

By Astrid Villegas
Reporter

It's been a year since Alejandro Ramirez formed OLLU Men's Basketball Club. Now in its second year, the club's involvement is noticeable.

"The building blocks are coming together better this year," said Ramirez, team captain.

Last season was considered a tryout season. The club team competed against other club teams, and was in the process of joining the Texas Collegiate Club Sports League.

"We had to prove we could compete with them, and that we are not just a

group of guys looking to have fun," said Armando Victoriano, co-captain of the team. "We are here to win. We all have to be unselfish and trust one another. We are capable of doing good things if we just work together and trust in each others' abilities."

This club is now officially a member of the TCCSL, and competes against more junior college teams along with some club teams.

"The team is still undergoing the transition from last year to this year, in a sense that the hunger and intensity should be the same as last season if not,

greater," said Co-Captain Shawn Hinojo.

The club team was able to increase their funding after hosting a basketball summer camp.

The team also recently hosted a fundraiser honoring Veteran's Day called "OLLU's Military Appreciation Night" in which the Army and Air Force teams were invited to play a friendly game at OLLU's Mabee Gym.

More funding support has come to the team through donations and an increase in the team membership fee.

With almost an entirely new group of players, the club team holds a



Alejandro Ramirez is the Men's Basketball Club founder and president. *Photo by Astrid Villegas*

record of 2-5.

"Losing is not the most fun thing to do, but how else do we become better?" said Patrick Houst,

assistant coach for the team. "There has never been a blowout game. All that it means is that we, as a team, need to be ac-

countable for each other when dealing with simple mistakes."

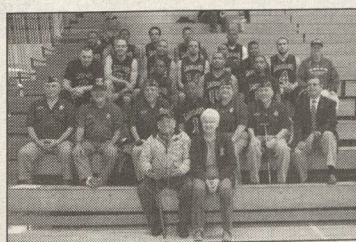
Victoriano describes the growth of the team as one present in different aspects of the university. Ramirez added that the team values the support of Amanda Medina, Adrienne Rodriguez, and Casa Caritas, as well as that of the growing fans.

"What we want is to create a bond on and off the court," says Victoriano, "We are starting to show signs of being a family, we have each other's backs on and off the court, and that's always a good sign."

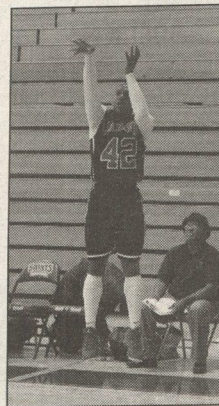
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Shawn Hinojo (above) carries the ball from a member of University of Incarnate Word's Basketball Club. Hinojo is one of the Basketball Club's co-captains. *Photo by Astrid Villegas*



Lackland Air Force Base basketball players (left, above and right) won the Military Appreciation Night game against Fort Sam Houston players. *Photos by Astrid Villegas*



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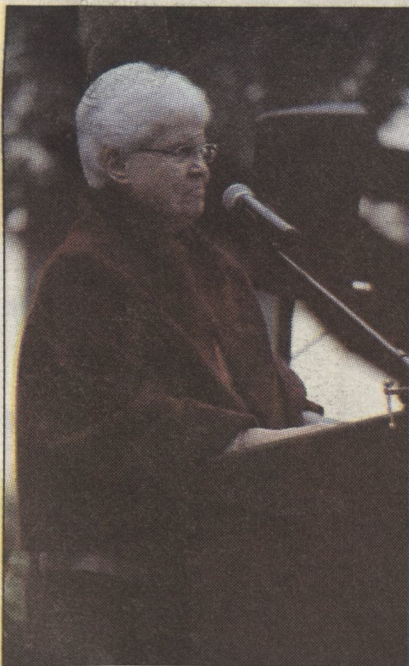
University honors Veteran's Day with annual observation



Students, faculty, staff and veteran guests enjoy a small Veteran's Day ceremony on Tuesday, November 11. *Photo by Jasmine Mendiola*

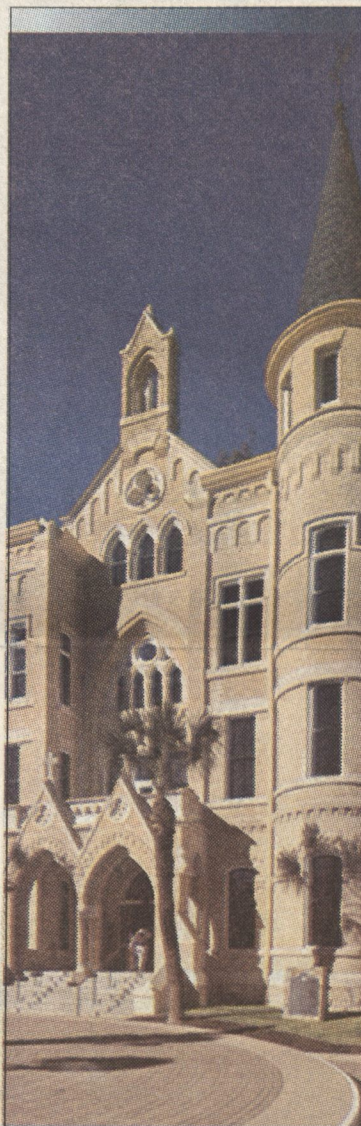


Wallis Sanborn, Ph.D, assistant professor of English, leads the Veteran's Day observation ceremony on Tuesday, November 11 in the Mall Area. *Photo by Jasmine Mendiola*



University President Sister Jane Ann Slater, CDP, Ph.D. (left) and Sister Ann Petrus, CDP (above), superior general of the Congregation of Divine Providence, at the Veteran's Day Observation. *Photos by Jasmine Mendiola*

Junior Henry Garcia (right) sings the National Anthem at the Veteran's Day Ceremony. *Photo by Jasmine Mendiola*



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