



New program changes orientation

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With many sophomores exploring other universities to attend, Loyola's University Planning Team is looking to replace and expand its first-year orientation program

to include year-long programming for first and second-year students.

The new program, the Ignatius Loyola Institute for Values Education, intends to turn what some call "the sophomore slump" into the sophomore jump."

UPT intends to build upon the first-year

orientation programs already in place, which consists of Wolfpack Welcome and Loyola Lagniappe. Through iLIVE, students will continue to use their strengths from the Strengths Quest program they participated in during freshmen orientation.

"It will be mandatory but hopefully

this program will help students see the value in it. I guess one thing that's always been a problem is retention, and this comes back to it," said Sarah Cooper, Student Government Association president and

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Leaders of SGA look back on promises

By CHARMAINE JACKSON

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At the midpoint of their terms, Student Government Association's president and vice president weigh in on promises made during their campaign and look toward the second semester.

As a candidate for president, Sarah Cooper, marketing junior, said in an interview with The Maroon in the March 27 issue that, "keeping students expenses in check" due to rising costs in tuition, textbook and campus housing would be addressed if she were elected.

Yet, after the SGA election, Cooper said she discovered that Loyola has the lowest tuition compared to schools with similar enrollment.

"After seeing how we are compared to other universities, we should be thankful that our administration is trying to keep tuition as low as possible," Cooper said.

Due to student fees, Cooper allocated more money to student organizations and the Richard Frank Grant, which received double the amount this semester.

"When there is money in the budget, why not fund it? It gives more students opportunities," Cooper said.

Another one of Cooper's goals was to improve campus safety.

This month, Cooper set up a committee that will meet with Loyola and Tulane's security to discuss what can be done to improve safety on both campuses. She will suggest crosswalks, speed limit signs on Freret Street and if necessary, speeding cameras to ensure student safety.

Since beginning her presidency, Cooper has also helped revive the Inter-Collegiate Consortium to introduce Loyola's student leaders with student leaders from other universities in the New Orleans area. So far, Tulane University is the only other one involved, but she plans to engage student leaders from Xavier, Dillard and the University of New Orleans.

Cooper also told The Maroon she would be more transparent if elected president.

David Zoller, SGA senate president of the College of Social Sciences and political science senior, said, "It's a great improvement since last year and they're really working on making SGA more visible to get students involved in campus, and the pep rally is a great example of that."

Cooper said she believes she is doing



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Jessica Strong, graphic design junior, and Lizzy Margiotta, graphic design and mass communication senior, sort through student artwork to display on the walls for their show in the Danna Center Art Gallery on Dec. 9.

New deal calls for new wheels

Loyola is planning car sharing program

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The streetcar can take hours to come, not everyone can afford a residential parking permit and sometimes, friends just don't want to waste gas. What's the solution? Car

sharing.

Loyola, in conjunction with Tulane University, is in the process of finalizing a contract that will implement a car-sharing program to alleviate the lack of available parking spots on campus.

According to Robert Reed, assistant vice president of student affairs, the car sharing program will offer an alternative to residents bringing a car to campus. It can also be beneficial if a student, staff or faculty member is in need of a car due to

a malfunction in his or her vehicle, to run errands or to go out for a night. Also, since most students are under 25 years old, they are unable to rent a car without paying an additional fee, if at all, Reed said.

The University Parking Committee has been working on implementing the program for a number of weeks. Reed addressed the plan at the SGA town hall meeting on Nov. 17.

The committee has considered Zipcar, WeCar by Enterprise and Connect by Hertz,

national car sharing companies, as vendors for the program.

"Robert Reed has since looked into other brands of car sharing. The final recommendation company is being looked at by (the school's legal department)," said Jessica Burg, University Parking Committee member and accounting senior, in an e-mail to The Maroon.

Zipcar and Connect offer the Toyota

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College plans to change advising

By JEAN-PAUL ARGUELLO

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The transfer of an academic counselor to another department has left the College of Social Sciences with a need to fill quickly a position the dean said they don't fully understand yet.

Teri Berthelot, the former academic counselor for the college, has taken a higher position as the Academic Counselor and Program Coordinator in the Evening Division.

That left Luis Miron, dean of the College of Social Sciences, and Philip Frady, associate dean of the College of Social Sciences, in need of someone to take on the duties that Berthelot performed as academic advisor. Her responsibilities included tasks involving student records, petitions, helping students with classes at other universities and advising students without declared majors.

To remedy the issue, the dean's office will be delegating all undergraduate student advising duties to the faculty of the departments of political science, sociology, part of criminal justice and the School of Mass Communications.

"So we're really trying to get a handle on what Teri's job was originally, but the bottom line is we're trying to get more involved in engaging with students," Miron said.

The restructuring of the College of Social Sciences is intended to increase the engagement between faculty and students, therefore improving success rates and retention, Miron said.

The goal for "undergraduate advising is (for it to be done) by faculty at the departmental level," Miron said. "Whatever plan we come up (with) that's really the goal."

Miron said that he has a background in research colleges where advising is done at a departmental level. He said that the Social Sciences office would see less issues "if more departments were involved in engaging with

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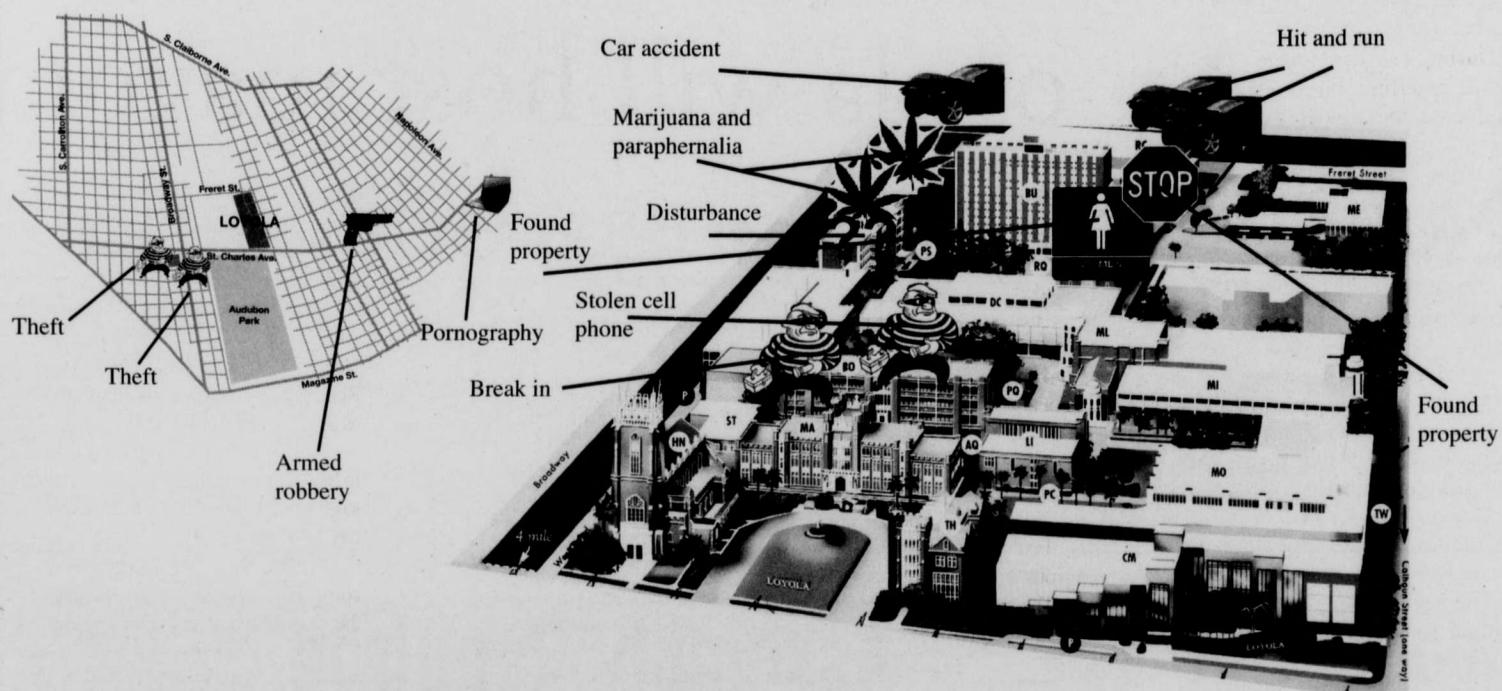


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Campus Watch: a summary of violations reported at or around Loyola



CAMPUS CRIME

On Nov. 30 at 10:17 a.m., a stop sign was found in a room in Carrollton Hall. Residential Life turned it over to the New Orleans Police Department. At 2:07 p.m., a tampon dispenser, removed from the Danna Student Center, was found in a room in Carrollton Hall. According to Roger Pinac of the Loyola University Police Department, it was reported found in a trashcan. At 4:16 p.m., a hit and run on the third floor of Freret Street Garage was reported, resulting in minor damages to a vehicle. There are no suspects or witnesses.

On Dec. 2 at 4:17 a.m., a Residential Life room search revealed a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a room

in Biever Hall. NOPD arrested and booked one student.

On Dec. 3 at 9:35 a.m., an office in Stallings Hall was reportedly broken into without authorization. The matter is under investigation. At 4:09 p.m., the theft of a cell phone from Bobet Hall was reported. There are no suspects or witnesses.

On Dec. 5 at 9:15 p.m., an individual was reported to have caused a disturbance in Biever Hall. When asked to leave, the individual refused. The individual also appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Tulane Emergency Medical Services evaluated and transported the individual to a hospital. At 10:26 p.m., a Residential Life room search revealed drug paraphernalia and a minute amount of marijuana, which

was destroyed in a test. No arrests were made. The matter was forwarded to the district attorney's office.

On Dec. 6 at 4:29 p.m., a vehicle was reported to have backed into a parked car on North Road. There was minor damage and no injuries.

On Dec. 7 at 2:23 p.m., half of a skull, used as an art prop, was reported stolen at St. Mary's Hall. At 2:57 p.m., a female student reported paintbrushes missing from St. Mary's Hall. At 5:04 p.m., a student reported his or her ID card missing. Wolfbucks were missing.

On Dec. 8 at 1:39 p.m., a hit and run was reported on the second floor of the Freret Street Garage. There was minor damage to the rear bumper of the car.

OFF-CAMPUS CRIME

On Nov. 24 at midnight Michael Drury, an employee for the State Department of Environmental Quality, was arrested on charges of downloading images linked to an international child pornography ring from a computer at his home on the 4400 block of Chestnut Street. According to the search warrant, Drury's computer contained images of prepubescent girls performing sexual acts.

On Nov. 23 at 7:37 p.m., a man in a dark hooded sweatshirt approached several people, armed with a gray semi-automatic handgun. He made the victims turn away and took their belongings. The thief then ran down Joseph Street towards Magazine Street.

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Two new SGA senators voted in

During Tuesday's weekly SGA senate meeting, interviews were conducted to fill two vacancies. A total of five applicants were presented before the senate including psychology freshman Jason Clay and biology sophomore John Magallanez for the College of Humanities and Natural Sciences. During an executive session, Magallanez was selected by a two-thirds vote.

After the session, an amendment was made for an appointment of a senator from a two-thirds vote to a simple majority. According to Rossi, due to the qualified candidates, it was difficult for the senate to reach a two-thirds vote.

The three other senators who applied for the College of Social Sciences seat were political science freshman Max Bonanno, political science sophomore Sean Hood and political science freshman Mackenzie McMillan. By a simple majority vote, Max Bonanno was selected to fill the post. Both senators will be sworn in at the first senate meeting next year.

Employees can now get vaccinations

Student Health Services will be administering H1N1 virus vaccinations for Loyola employees in the basement of the Danna Student Center Dec. 11 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Employees must present a university identification card to receive the vaccine.

Students under 24 years old can continue to receive the vaccine. Student Health Services can swab students to detect the virus and prescribe necessary medications.

Composer will perform at Loyola

David Baker, composer and a National Endowment for Arts American Jazz master, will visit Loyola to direct a performance by the Thelonious Monk Institute, the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Jazz Quintet, Loyola String Quartet and the Loyola Jazz Band.

The show includes works from his new CD, "Basically Baker," and will take place Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Roussel Performance Hall in the Communications/Music Complex.

Admission is free and open to the community.

Winterfest ends with Mass, pancakes

Winterfest continues Sunday, Dec. 13 at 9 p.m. with a pancake dinner in the Orleans Room followed by a Mass.

Earlier this week, Dining Services, University Programming Board, Student Affairs and University Ministry sponsored a traditional Christmas meal in the OR followed by snow covering the horseshoe in front of Marquette Hall.

Students gathered to decorate mugs, drink hot chocolate, enjoy cookies, take pictures with Santa and listen to Christmas music.

Dining Service also hosted a dinner and movie night in the O.R. where students were invited to decorate gingerbread houses.

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Loyola will host mayoral debate

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With a debate on the way, Loyola may be one of the first battlegrounds for the upcoming New Orleans mayoral election.

The Loyola Society for Civic Engagement, a student organization that works to facilitate political discussion among members of the Loyola community, is planning to hold a mayoral debate on Jan. 13.

Alex Fournet, international business and religious studies junior and editorial editor for The Maroon, is the conservative chair for LSCE. Fournet said he and other

members of the group are aiming to have an open dialogue between the candidates and the New Orleans community. This will also give students the opportunity to discuss their opinions and be able to hear first-hand what the candidates have to offer to the city, Fournet said.

"We want to show the rest of the country we're students who are taking active roles in our city," Fournet said.

Fournet said that this is a race that is already getting a lot of national attention, including an article from the New York Times. Yet, he emphasized the role that students were playing in staging the debate.

"More importantly, this is a debate

devised by students, organized by students and run by students," Fournet said.

The event is also being sponsored by a number of other student organizations at Loyola, including Student Government Association, Black Student Union, University Honors Association and College Republicans. LSCE saw the mayoral debate as a way to bring politics to Loyola.

"It's a way for the community to be able to hear what the candidates have to say and to give people an idea of who is running the city," Fournet said.

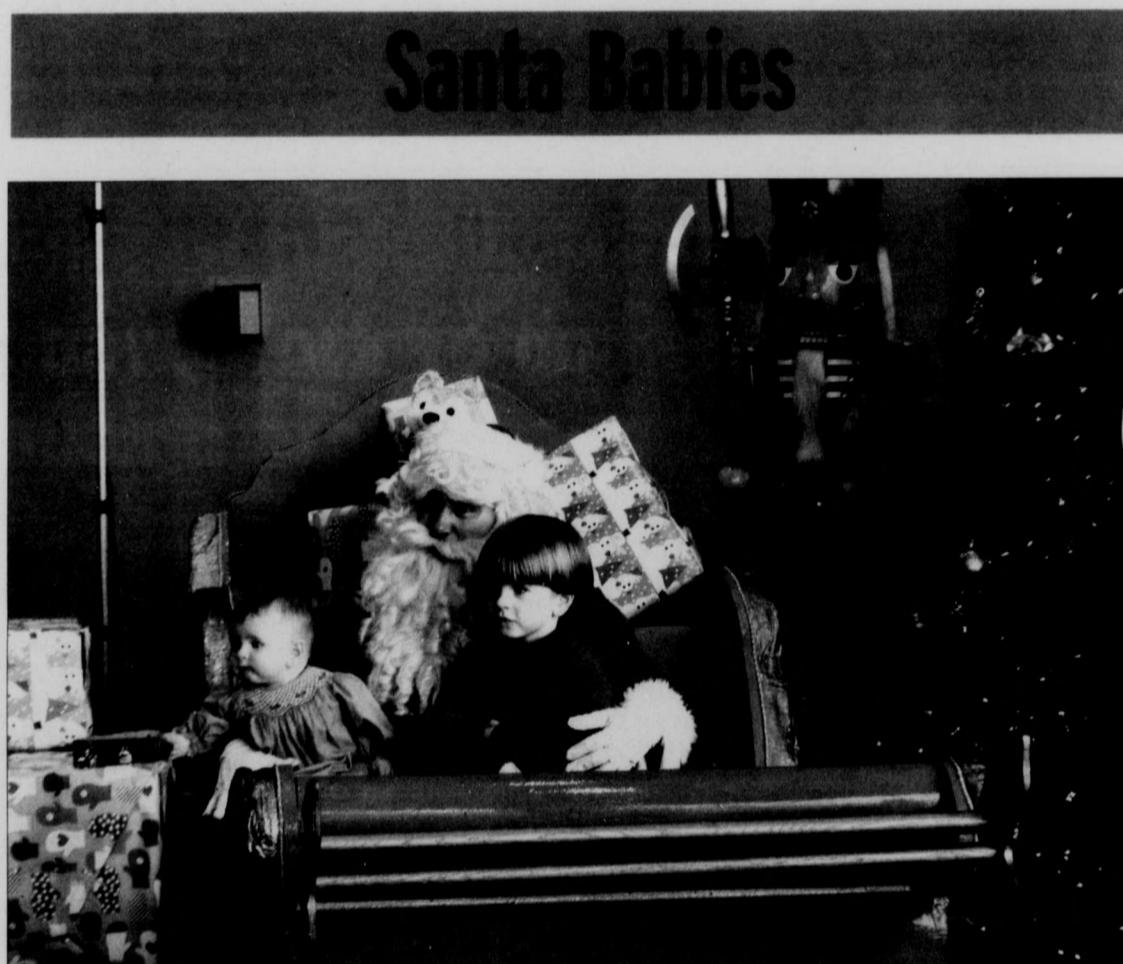
The mayoral debate will be focusing on corruption, government transparency and the city government. Corruption has been

a major issue in the city, so it will be one of the main topics addressed at the debate, Fournet said.

At the debate, student organizations will be able to pre-submit questions to the candidates. LSCE is encouraging students to take part in the event to be able to interact with the community and hear important issues.

"It will be one of the few chances to see the candidates talk and address the issues," said Sarah Beth Ryther, history junior and the chair of non-partisan affairs for LSCE.

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Children take their picture with Santa at a Singing with Santa event presented by the alumni association on Sunday, Dec 6 in the St. Charles Room.

Whelan Center adds waitlist fee

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Loyola's day care center recently implemented a non-refundable \$25 fee for parents to put their child on the center's waiting list.

Robyn Oubre, the Whelan Children's Center's director of administration, offered reasons to support the fee.

"It would allow us to use less hours to maintain the waiting

list," Oubre said.

The center's staff updates the lists monthly in case a child moves into the next age group. The child's spot in the new age group list is then dependent on when the parents first applied.

The fee would make parents consider the center more seriously, minimizing the waitlist to only those who consider the center as their top choice, Oubre said. The center calls every six months to confirm the parents'

interest to remain on the list. In previous years, the center's waiting list has averaged up to 200 names.

Tracy McLendon, a financial aid counselor, has a seven-month-old child already in the center.

"I don't think that they're asking for too much. Maybe they could use the money to provide more educational toys for the children," McLendon said.

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students."

"We had been looking for a good while on how we could strengthen student advising and Teri was involved with those discussions ... Teri's departure requires us to accelerate that process," Frady said.

Frady also characterized Berthelot's departure as "abrupt."

Frady has instructed the chairs of each department to direct all students without declared majors to him until they "have gone through this transition."

Miron added that he also has an open-door policy and the Office of

Social Sciences will maintain "daily contact with students."

Loyola's Human Resources department has advertised Berthelot's former position and has received quite a few applicants, according to Miron. The ad seeks someone with at least two years of college education who is a team player and quick learner.

The job description states that the position is "Responsible for supporting the College of Social Sciences in the delivery of efficient and effective service to all of its students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community constituents."

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ILIVE: New plan targets sophomore retention

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marketing junior. "They wanted, in a way, for everyone to see how Loyola could develop them and how people can find the leader in themselves and Strengths Quest is a really great way to do this."

Josh Bouterie, psychology freshman, said Loyola didn't explain to freshmen what the five strengths meant during orientation. He would be interested in carrying over the program into sophomore year if Loyola clarified their importance.

"It lacks applying because they told us what our strengths are but they haven't really reinforced what all this really means," he said.

Kim Buras, graphic design freshman, agreed and said she thinks Loyola should take the time to develop them a little more instead of only saying what each person's strengths are.

"I think this would be a good thing to reinforce sophomore year as long as we don't have to take away from our credits. I find that the freshmen seminar thing is already kind of taking time away from me because I already have enough things to do," she said.

According to Roberta Kaskel, director of career development, Loyola intends to move Strengths Quest beyond the initial orientation week and help the first-year students understand why these strengths are essential to building relationships with people and helping find a career path.

There will also be more emphasis placed on the first-year experience throughout the entire year, not just in freshmen orientation.

"The first six weeks those students are on campus is pivotal time where they are forming relationships and getting acclimated," said David Gunn, associate director of Co-Curricular programs. "We look at our emphasis on the first-year student to include new programs and more resources for programming for first-year students and then carry that on into the second year where the focuses shift a little more to career focus groups and planning."

The second-year initiatives include activities for career development, a vocational discernment retreat with Mission and Ministry, a series of lectures and peer career coaches. Nearly every campus office such as Residential Life, Co-Curricular Programs, Career Development and University Counseling Center will be incorporating some aspect of the initiatives in their programs.

The first and second year engagement is one of the ways Loyola is addressing sophomore retention. Another is improving the college experience for sophomores.

"The intended result is that the sophomore experience for our students is of such meaning that students don't want to leave at the end of sophomore year," Kaskel said. "One of the things we want in doing that is to make sure that Loyola remains the college of choice for returning sophomores because we are providing an education that's working both inside and outside the classroom."

According to Gunn, Loyola is planning to begin piloting these initiatives as early as the spring semester. During this time, they will be assessing attendance of some events and looking at student satisfaction.

"We want work with students, gather data and conduct focus groups and say hey, what's working, what needs improvement and what did you like about this program," Gunn said.

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CARS: Program seen as solution to parking issue

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Prius and the Ford Escape and WeCar primarily has hybrid cars, according to their Web sites.

"It will be green in a sense that the cars will be hybrid," Reed said. "I think that will help us toward the university's commitment to being as green as possible."

The program plans to start with three of the Toyota Priuses, which will be located on the fourth floor of the Freret Street parking garage. In order to reserve one of these vehicles, students must have a membership to the program. To have a membership, qualifications include being a licensed driver and at least 18 years old.

"I really like the idea but I don't know how often it would be used," said Michael Bennett, piano performance freshman.

Once a student is a member, he or she can reserve a car online or by phone for \$8.50 per hour or \$10.50 per hour over night, according to Reed. Yet, some students may find these fees pricey.

"College students, especially freshmen, may not have enough money to pay \$8.50 an hour," said Marlin Williford, biology freshman.

However, the Zipcar Web site assures its

CAR COMPANY COMPARISON

Loyola is considering three different car rental companies. Here's a side by side look at the current contenders.

University	ZIPCAR	HERTZ	WeCAR
Annual Fee	\$35	\$50	\$0
Application Fee	\$0	\$25	\$0
Hourly Rates	\$8	\$8	\$10
Amenities	> Free gas > Insurance > 180 miles/day > Roadside assistance	> Free gas > Insurance > 80 miles/day > Roadside assistance > GPS navigation	> Free gas > Insurance > 200 miles/day

services can save money when compared to buying a car.

"It sounds like a really good idea if you have business to take care of," said Arien Hall, music education freshman.

Just like the Broadway campus, grocery and entertainment shuttles, the program will function as a part of Loyola's transportation system.

"It's a step in the right direction for those

whodonthaveacartogetaround," Williford said.

Though users will have a car to get around, there will be additional fees for losing the car keys, losing the gas card, losing the car, leaving the car messy, failing to lock the car upon return, smoking in the car and getting into an accident, Reed said.

"It's an interesting concept and I think it will catch on more," Reed said.

The addition of bicycle racks and parking spaces for motorcycles and mopeds are other options being offered to better on-campus parking.

SGA is also in the process of meeting with the Regional Transit Authority, the New Orleans public transit system, to work on getting students discounts for the streetcar.

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WHELAN: Parents will pay \$25 to get on list

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Oubre believes the staff should be able to pay more attention to children than an over-sized list with many parents who decline available spots.

Prior to the new policy, the staff would "go through the first 60 on the list (and the parents) decline the spot," Oubre said.

"And we're losing revenue in the meantime trying to fill the spot."

"Our main focus here is the children," Oubre said.

English professor Jennifer Jeanfreau sees the new policy as standard for the child care center.

Maintaining a facility of that quality, with such low student/teacher ratios, for example, is costly," Jeanfreau said.

Jeanfreau has had her child on the waiting list for two weeks.

Parents registered on the wait list before the fee came into effect are also required to pay the fee.

Parents will still keep their original place on the waiting list.

The waiting list is set on a tiered system. Priority spots are for faculty, staff, and students.

Remaining spots are then available for the alumni community.

Trish Del Nero is a parent who is undergoing the waiting list process for the second time.

"(My daughter) had been on the wait list for about two years," she said.

Del Nero hopes her second child, Henry, will have a space available in the pre-school category by next fall.

Oubre said the center is an asset to the Loyola community that allows parents "to focus more on their studies or work."

"Their children are in a loving, caring environment (where) they're being well taken care of," Oubre said.

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SGA: President satisfied with progress so far

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"The board did not happen because the board would be placed in a low traffic area and it would be a waste of time," she said.

During her campaign, Rossi promised to "be as open as possible to all student concerns, comments, questions and suggestions."

For November's town hall meeting, Rossi created a Facebook page so students who were not able to attend could post questions.

Although Rossi planned to post minutes from senate meetings on the SGA web site, she has not been able to do so due to problems with the Web site.

Despite all of the changes in SGA, some pages on the Web site have not been updated since September. To resolve this, she said they may find someone to develop an external Web site.

Also, as part of the open-door policy, Rossi said she always writes down what people say and sends the information to the proper channels.

"I am open to see how people think I can improve," Rossi said.

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RADIO: Station may become self-sustaining

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Crutti explained how the station uses \$2,000 a year as a bare minimum to get to the next year, which does not include advertising or any other promotional tools to generate the income to secure the station's future.

"Selling advertising is hard. We still face problems because the station is in its infancy," Crutti said.

As of now, the radio station holds onto \$464.50 of unused ad space in The Maroon—of which the radio station bought with a surplus computer.

"I feel very thankful and gracious towards Snyder for giving us the proper appropriations needed for the station to continue broadcasting to not only Loyola students but everyone around the world," said Huntleigh Gilbard, political science sophomore

and programming director for the station.

Gilbard views concerts as means to generate income for the station.

"Because we are involved in the music scene, concerts serve as the best fundraising tactic as well as the most realistic and simplistic way to raise money," Gilbard said.

For the spring semester, Gilbard plans to arrange a benefit concert with Loyola bands as well as some big name bands headlining.

With the ability to carry on for another year, Crescent City Radio moves forward into the next semester.

"Now that the thread of closure is behind us, we can focus on upgrading our station," Crutti said.

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Caitlin Sullivan / Assistant photo editor
Two DJs host a show on Crescent City Radio. With money from the music department, the station may be able to become a self-sustaining organization in the future.



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All That Is Absurd

Hipsters are no agents of change

On most Saturday nights in the Bywater, The Saturn Bar on St. Claude Avenue swells and thumps with grungy mid-20 year olds; students from Uptown jump out of clunking Cadillac cabs; a parade of kids in worn sneakers with patterned socks, soiled pants and ironic holed T-shirts descend on trusty road bikes.

On campuses and in cafes, kids inquire of each other, "Going to Mod night Saturday?" The allusion to this 1960s British subculture, an offshoot of the beatnik movement, is in name only.

The music of the Mod period (Jamaican Ska, African-American soul, etc.) never resounds in the rafters. Mod kids filled coffee houses after the pubs had closed to listen to records of new kinds of music or to watch political Italian films.

At their prime, these descendants of Existentialism were about social, political and economic change. But these young people — hipsters — lack the radicalism of Mod subculture and even that of the American hippy with its efforts toward civil rights reform.

The hipster is a poor derivative of more noble predecessors; a pathetic post-modern puddle of failed identity realization; children who want to believe they are agents of change.

This hipster generation is also the Obama generation. Though some argue the youth proved political vigor by voting in large numbers for the 2008 election, they voted for a "Yes, we can" ideology compatible with their ignorance.

Corporations who follow hipster culture provided appropriate material: the overt endorsement of Obama from "Rolling Stone" with the cover of the March 2008 issue featuring the then senator illuminated in white light as if a prophet next to the headline, "A New Hope"; American Apparel's "The Audacity to Hope, 2008" t-shirt; Urban Outfitters' "Obama: For Yo Mama" t-shirt, an attempt at ironic white gangster speak.

For hipsters, during his campaign, Obama functioned as their culture's political signifier. Obama represented superficial progress through his race and his promotion of an idea even the ancient Greeks held suspect: hope. The hipster obsessed over Obama, his racial status more likely, as well as his corresponding rhetoric of change.

Our government was structured so that change or radical power could not easily happen. Hipster culture believes Obama can give them the rebellion their aesthetic is hungry for, the fire of a political movement.

Since his election, hipsters' naïve passion for Obama has waned as their revelry has no place in day to day affairs of government or more serious matters like healthcare and Afghanistan.

Hipsters voted for magic and received bureaucracy. They proved what they wanted: our generation will elect the first black president.

But now what — was it just another theatric, a way of debunking the Bush conservatism many of these youth were born into?

The hipsters' weakness is proven by their enthusiasm to rally, followed by their propensity to retreat.

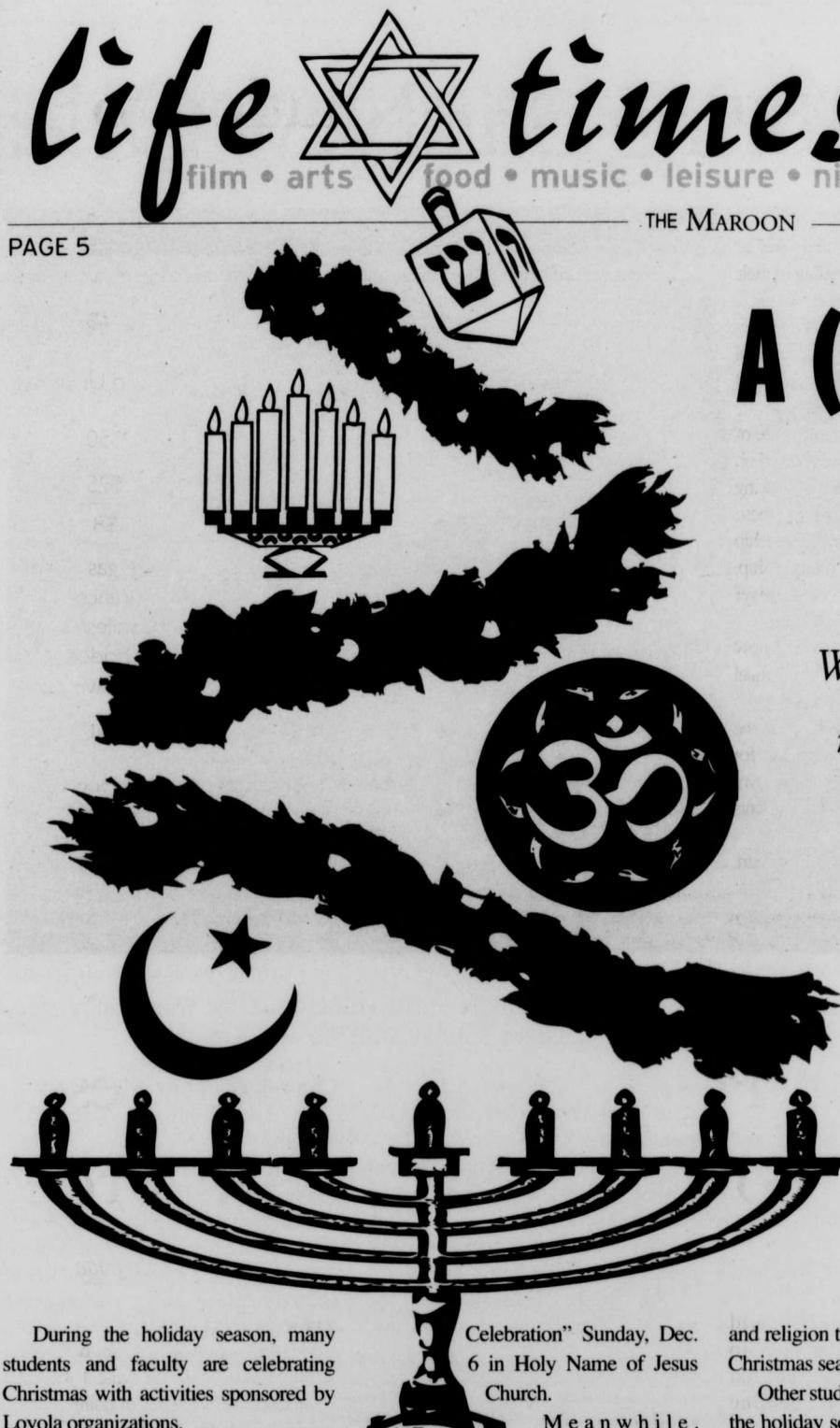
A (non) Christmas Story

When going to a Jesuit university, many get caught up in celebrating Christmas festivities. But students of other faiths find different ways to remind others of their own cultures and religions during the holidays.

By JESSICA BURROLA

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Graphic by Kaitlin Riley



During the holiday season, many students and faculty are celebrating Christmas with activities sponsored by Loyola organizations.

University Programming Board hosted a Christmas trivia night Wednesday, Dec. 9 in the Danna Student Center, and Montage Fine and Performing Arts series displayed "Christmas at Loyola: A Musical

"Celebration" Sunday, Dec. 6 in Holy Name of Jesus Church.

Meanwhile, student organizations such as Muslim Student Association and Jewish Student Association have put on their own events to increase the awareness of their culture

and religion to the university during the Christmas season.

Other student organizations are using the holiday season as a transition phase to plan how to increase awareness and recruit new members. Zachary Turmelle, music industry junior and Jewish Student Association president, said that awareness of Judaism is important at a Jesuit institution.

"It can be hard at times to not have as much of an influence as other organizations on campus," Turmelle said. "We want to let other students who are Jewish know we are here."

Jewish Student Association held a "Dinner and a Movie" event in the Orleans Room on Wednesday, Dec. 9

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Plays garner attention

Various majors collaborated to put on 10-minute plays

By PRECIOUS ESIE

Assistant News Editor

"Beware: 10-Minute Plays Ahead" signs around campus can make a person wonder what these plays are about and what it took to make them happen.

On Dec. 1 and 8, playwrights enrolled in English professor John Biguenet's class, "Writing the Short Script" collaborated with theatre and graphic design students in the production of a series of 10-minute plays, performed in Marquette Theatre. There were seven plays performed each night.

"John Biguenet is the 'brains' behind the entire collaboration. He ... approached Professor (Daniela) Marx and I about collaborating and performing staged readings of the students' final scripts," said Patrick Gendusa, theatre arts and dance professor and director of the plays, in an e-mail.

Marx, an associate professor of graphic design, taught the art component of the collaboration and Gendusa provided the actors.

"I choose students who are interested, who have not had



ELLE MALONEY / Photo editor

Psychology seniors Andy Niemann, left, and Lewis Baker perform in philosophy senior Sergio Lobo-Navia's play "The Goats" Wednesday, Dec. 9 in Marquette Theater.

the opportunity yet to perform in a mainstage show, and most importantly, students who have the talent to bring these characters and lines to life in a very short amount of time with very little or no rehearsal," Gendusa said.

The plays were staged readings, meaning that the actors read the scripts while performing. Dylan Miller, actor and theatre arts freshman, said that the actors were not using costumes, while another actor read stage directions, there was no set, and the lighting was simple. Playwrights wrote about

subjects such as relationships, dealing with death, comments on society and comments on theater.

The inclusion of the performance of these 10-minute plays brought several reactions from the playwriting students.

Kerry Cullen, English writing junior, said that famous playwrights do not get to see their plays performed often. Sarah Wild, music industry business track senior, said that she assumed any script of hers would

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Alumnus' Christmas book gains success

By ASHLEY STEVENS

Contributing Writer

Christmas can be related to Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities;" it is the best of times and it is the worst of times. In "Tinsel: A Search For America's Christmas Present," by Loyola alumnus and former Maroon editor-in-chief Hank Stuever, the struggle of the best and worst of Christmastime for millions of Americans is revealed.

"I wanted this story to be about Christmas, but also everything else: our weird economy, our modern sense of home, our often broken hearts and our notions of God. The biggies," Stuever writes in "Tinsel."

For most, Black Friday serves one purpose: Christmas shopping. Americans spent more than a half trillion dollars on gifts in 2006 from mid-November to New Year's Eve, which is "more than we spend on anything else as a people, including the annual bill at that time for ongoing

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Holiday events bring out New Orleans flavor

By AMANDA JEFFRIES

Assistant Life & Times Editor

If you are feeling festive or need something to get in the holiday spirit before leaving town for Christmas vacation, here are a few events to help you experience the holidays like a New Orleanian.

Celebration in the Oaks

When: Nov. 27 - Dec. 30

Where: City Park — enter at amusement park

This traditional holiday celebration, which fills City Park trees with more than 2 million lights, is a favorite among many New Orleans natives.

For \$7 per person (children under 3 are free), you get access to walk through the beautifully decorated Botanical Gardens, Storyland and the Carousel Garden.

Rides in the amusement park are \$3 each or \$15 for an unlimited one-night pass.

A Creole Christmas

When: Dec. 1-30 (closed Mondays and official state holidays), 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: 1850 House, 523 St. Ann St.

Every December the 1850 House, now operated by the Louisiana State Museum, demonstrates what Christmas was like in antebellum New Orleans. The historic home is decorated in period adornment that represents a



ELLE MALONEY / Photo editor

Christmas lights adorn the bushes in Jackson Square in the French Quarter Wednesday, Dec. 9. Caroling in Jackson Square will take place here Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

less extravagant, more religiously oriented holiday.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students.

Christmas New Orleans Style

When: Dec. 1-Dec. 21

Where: St. Louis Cathedral, 615 Pere Antoine Alley

The St. Louis Cathedral will host concerts co-sponsored

with French Quarter Festivals' "Christmas New Orleans Style" month-long event series. These celebrations will include gospel choirs, jazz vocalists and ensembles.

The concerts are free and open to the public and begin at 6 p.m.

For more information, log on to <http://neworleansonline/christmas>.

Chanukah at the Riverwalk

When: Sunday, Dec. 13, 4-6 p.m.

Where: Riverwalk — Spanish Plaza

Chanukah at the Riverwalk will be celebrating 20 years of Jewish pride on the Mississippi River with live music and performances. The Grand Menorah lighting will take place at 5 p.m.

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A look at upcoming music from the Loyola crowd

Loyola University students **Ingrid Anderson**, mass communication senior, and **Devin Morgan**, music industry business junior, will host **Giant Octopus: Beer, Music, Art**, a night of live music, local artists and free beer Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. for \$12.

Caddywhompus and **Maddie Ruthless** are among the musical performances.

Anderson and visual arts seniors **Sarah Brewer** and **Becca Parker** are among the Loyola students who will have their art displayed and for sale Friday evening.

The event is open to anyone 18 and older and will be held at 3610 Toulouse St. located near the American Can Company at the end of Bayou St. John.

Jazz Master, **David Baker**, will be conducting a free evening of **classical music and jazz** Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Roussel Performance Hall.

Baker, who currently serves as the chair of the jazz studies department, will be directing the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Ensemble, the NOCCA

Jazz Quintet, the Loyola String Quartet and Loyola's Jazz Band.

Baker has received several awards throughout his career including an Emmy Award, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts "Living Jazz Legend Award" for lifetime achievement and the National Association of Jazz Educators Hall of Fame Award.

A Loyola post-rock frenzy will go down at The Dragon's Den Saturday, Dec. 12. **Good Day for an Airstrike**, comprising philosophy junior **Ben Gieseler**, music business freshman **Alex Talbot**, and music industries business freshman **Adam Bucher**, will be playing their farewell show.

Opening for Good Day for an Airstrike are New Orleans based post-rock bands **High In One Eye**, made up of music composition sophomore **Andrew Landry** and psychology sophomore **Evan Cvitanovic**, and A Living Soundtrack.

Doors open at 9 p.m., and the show starts at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door, or bring a Delaware Punch or receipt from a recent meal at Popeye's to get in for \$4.

PLAYS: Student writers met with playwrights

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sound ridiculous onstage. Theatre arts senior Adam Alonso said that it was helpful to see his play acted out in front of him.

"By hearing the play performed I was able to pick out areas that went beautifully, and other parts of the play that need to be reworked," Alonso said in an e-mail. "It was a wonderful experience, and has really helped me grow as a writer. The actors did a wonderful job, and taught me so much about my script."

Since actors only had a few days to prepare, many read over the plays a few times, practiced with partners and asked playwrights questions about how to portray characters best.

Khiry Armstead, theatre arts freshman, noted that since this was the first time the writers saw their characters onstage, meeting with playwrights beforehand was necessary.

"In order to perform the plays, we needed trained actors," Biguenet said. "Professor Gendusa was very generous and accepted to direct the program, (and) Professor Marx was very happy to integrate (the promotion of the play) into her course."

Marx's students created 17 designs that were exhibited outside the entrance of Marquette Theatre for the promotion of the plays. The winning design of a caution sign, created by graphic arts junior Phil Dodson, was displayed around campus.



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Theater freshmen Andrew Gude and Rachel Christian perform theater junior Ethan Labourdette's "Revised" Wednesday, Dec. 9.

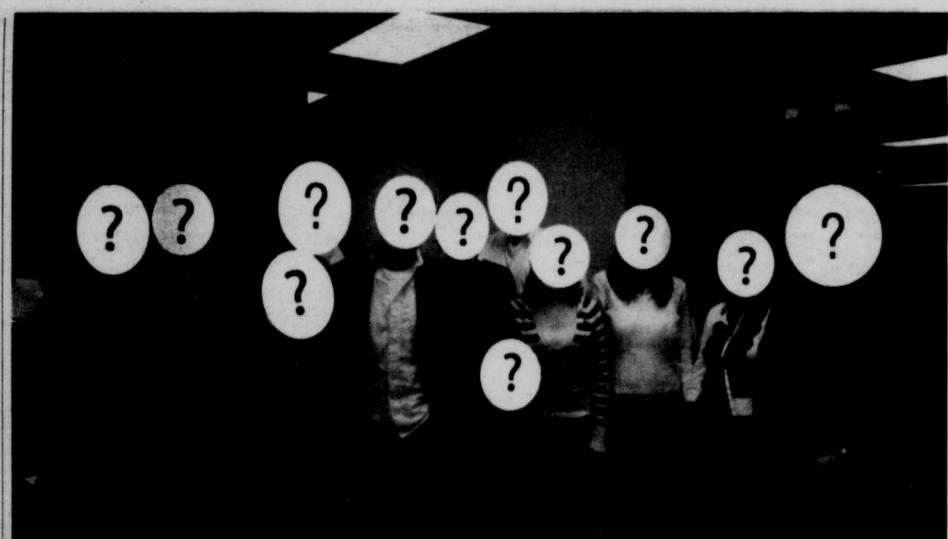
Placing a caution sign where it does not belong will draw attention, which was the goal of his design, Dodson said, adding that his design complements the idea of the 10-minute plays and does not target one specific act.

The plays are "short, sweet, and straight to the point. Just like the sign," Dodson said.

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**EDUARDO GONZALEZ**

Fourth and Long

Cheerleaders lack support from athletics

So, we all know the Loyola Cheerleaders aren't heading to Disney World in mid January for the Cheerleading and Dance Team National Competition. Since they won't be having a chance to get some hardware, I'm going to give them some "wordware."

They are the winners of this year's, "Doing-the-most-with-close-to-nothing" award. But no, wait, they have a coach, uniforms and of course, pom-poms, so what am I talking about? Yeah, they have that this year, when they had to buy these necessities last year with their own money, because there wasn't enough money in the athletics budget. This year, they had to get their own practice clothes and bloomers. Yet the members of the recently added pep band get \$20-\$25 for every game at which they play. You do the math — 18 members making about \$20 each, that could be used to get much needed equipment. So yeah, that sounds fair doesn't it? Some get spending money, while others have to spend it.

I'm surprised we still have cheerleaders. It must be a great honor to have to empty their pockets to be a cheerleader for the nationally acclaimed Loyola Wolfpack, but this says a lot about the students at Loyola. Despite all the bumps and hurdles the Department of Athletics and Wellness has put in their way, they still go out there, even if they look worse than my high school's cheerleaders.

And freshies, if you think they're bad this year, shut up. This year they are actually tumbling and jumping and forming pyramids and other cheerlead-y stuff I don't know the terms for, instead of just handing out pizza like Red Cross representatives to obnoxious fans. This used to be as exciting as it got.

You've had it nice, freshmen. Now it kind of seems like Loyola has a legitimate athletics program. With the pep band (or should I say cover band, because they mostly play existing songs as opposed to fight songs and chants), and the Maroon Platoon, it seems like Loyola athletics actually matter. But now, with all those additions, the cheerleaders have taken a new role: cheer followers. It's sad to see them go from riding "shotgun" to going all the way to the back of the bus. But who cares, right? They're only cheerleaders.

Also, it's hard to have to watch the game for a full 40 minutes and the "shewolves" provide the perfect distraction. But let me quit while I'm ahead, because it wouldn't surprise me if athletics suddenly tells the squad they have to travel to the West Bank to cheer at the baseball games (even though everyone knows baseball doesn't have cheerleaders). And to cap it off, they would have to provide their own transportation and pay for their own gas.

So go ahead, make fun of the cheerleaders. But when they quit, don't complain. And when our games seem like petty youth league games, you're going to wish you had those "amateurish" cheerleaders to make it seem more legit.

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Tennis gears up for season

By BRITTNEY HOLMES

Assistant Sports Editor

If you thought the Wolfpack Athletics Department had enough sporting programs, guess again.

Loyola has added women's tennis to the lineup for the first time in 14 years. The addition of tennis gives the Athletics Department 11 sponsored sports.

According to Zubin Engineer, the newly seated head coach, Loyola reinstated the sport because of a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics regulation that says universities must have a certain number sports teams available for each gender.

"They were looking for one more women's sport," said Engineer.

About 30 women attended tryouts

in September, and for the new team members, the opportunity to bring tennis back to the university does not go unappreciated.

"It means a lot, because when people look back they are going to say that we brought the program back," said Claire Landry, psychology junior. "We are the ones that built it back up."

Engineer said the important factors

in team selection were commitment to time and effort necessary to play tennis.

"It is a competitive sport, so I looked for players with good attitudes and a willingness to work," said Engineer.

However, while enthusiasm was valued, experience was also necessary

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Kennedy follows passion for coaching

By CRAIG MALVEAUX

Senior Staff Writer

When Kellie Kennedy graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1990, she had a basketball in one hand and a business administration degree in the other. She could only choose one.

For four years, Kennedy played basketball for the Tar Heels while studying business at UNC. She excelled in the classroom and her play on the court earned her Most Improved Player Honors in 1988, Basketball Senior Award and Scholar-Athlete in 1990.

However, as graduation approached, Kennedy was faced with two options: continuing her career in what she loved, basketball, or utilizing the education she received to pursue a career in the business field.

Kennedy decided to pursue both. She accepted an assistant coaching position at the University of North Carolina Wilmington while attending graduate school there.

A few weeks after accepting the position, though, Kennedy received a phone call. On the other end was an assistant coach from UNC with a tempting opportunity.

"I had taken the job at Wilmington as a grad assistant there and a week

or two later, my assistant coach from North Carolina called me and said there was an opportunity to play basketball in Europe," she said.

"I still kind of had the bug and that's hard to get rid of, but I had already made that commitment to Wilmington ... I felt very loyal to her as a result of that so it wasn't as difficult of a decision because I had given her my word."

Despite her desire to play basketball, Kennedy remained an assistant coach at Wilmington until she graduated. Still unsure about her future, she was given her first head-coaching job at National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Hollins College three years later.

"When I graduated from grad school, I really didn't know if basketball was something I wanted to do or not," she said. "I got the head-coaching job at an all girls school at Hollins. It was a tough job but I loved it and just kept coaching."

After a two-year stint at Hollins, Kennedy transferred to Tulane University in New Orleans where she coached point and shooting guards, served as recruiting coordinator, oversaw scheduling and scouted opponents.

During her tenure at Tulane,

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FILE PHOTO/The Maroon

Kellie Kennedy, who joined the Loyola Athletics Department in 2008, coaches her team at a recent game.

SPORTSBRIEFS

Career Point Can't Gain Win

Loyola's Women's Basketball lost to 14th ranked Columbia Cougars making their record 3-2. The two teams traded baskets and the lead in the opening minutes of the second half, until Columbia took a 44-42 lead at the 16-minute mark.

Trenese Smith, management senior, led the Wolfpack with 21 points, one of which marked her 2000th career point.

The Columbia Lady Cougars gained a 21-point lead with 19 seconds on the clock.

Cold Shooting Dooms Wolfpack

The Wolfpack, the best shooting team in the NAIA, shot only 30.4 percent from the field at the Lambuth Classic.

Loyola led briefly in the opening minutes with free throws by Madeline Gagneaux, biological sciences freshman. Union University

outscored the women by 15 points in the second quarter, which led to a 28 point lead victory.

Political science freshman, Molly Emig, came off the bench with 10 points, and Gagneaux led the Wolfpack with 12 points.

Men's Exhibition Loss To Nicholls

Loyola's Men's Basketball lost 82-66 to Nicholls State in an exhibition contest Thursday night.

Loyola's Ryan Brock, management junior and the NAIA's leading scorer, entering the contest averaging 26.83 points/game, was held to just eight points. Management senior, Sean Bennett, scored a game-high of 28 points, shooting 7 of 14 from the field.

The Colonels dominated rebounds, but the Wolfpack shot 52.6 percent, while Nicholls State shot 46.7 percent.

Track the 'Pack

Men's Basketball

12/12	Pearl River	5 p.m.
12/19	at Delta State University	7 p.m.
12/30	Talladega College	7 p.m.
1/3	University of St. Thomas	3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

12/19	Southern Polytechnic	2 p.m.
12/29	University of Texas- Tyler	3 p.m.
1/2	Campbellsville University	1 p.m.
1/3	Lindsey Wilson College	1 p.m.

Leaders of the 'Pack

Madeline Gagneaux, biology freshman, led the Lady Wolfpack with 13 points against Concordia-Selma

Ryan Brock, business management junior, and Corey Gray, biological sciences sophomore, led Loyola Men's Basketball with 12 points against St. Thomas

Kristi Hadley, sociology junior, was added to the 2009 Daktronics-NAIA Volleyball Scholar-Athlete list

'Pack Updates

The track and surrounding areas in the second floor of the Recreational Complex will be closed for refurbishment Dec. 14 until Dec. 16 and scheduled to reopen Dec. 17.

The Recreational Complex will also be closed Dec. 23, 24, 25, 31, and Jan. 1 and run on limited hours over the Christmas break.

TENNIS: Engineer shows enthusiasm for new team

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to join the tennis team.

"I've played (independently) my entire life, but high school was the first team I played on," said Hannah Neal, accounting freshman. "It was a big transition between high school and college. College tennis is more serious."

Loyola's women's tennis team practices at the Audubon Tennis Courts and the University Tennis Center-of-

New Orleans. The emphasis of these practices is on focus.

"Practice is all about training with awareness," said Engineer. "I get them to focus on what they are doing on each ball they hit."

Neal said the training techniques require serious focus.

"The way the coach teaches is you really have to be present in what you are doing so you are never really thinking about anything else, except

for what is happening at that moment," said Neal.

Practice also includes technique training and personal fitness programs for the players.

Landry, the team's captain, is a transfer student from Lipscomb University, where she was a two-time A-Sun, All-Academic recipient, posted 15 wins in singles and 12 wins in doubles.

"I want to be there for the girls,"

said Landry. "I could be their mentor or role model if they have any problems or question about tennis."

Because of this attitude, the women "work well with each other," said Engineer.

"I've learned different things from the rest of the team like motivation and commitment," said Neal. "It's good to be motivated by... having (the rest of the team) there to help you stay focused."

Win or lose, Engineer said he is enthusiastic.

"I have a good group of girls. I'm happy with the work they are putting in, and I'm excited to see where this team can go," Engineer said.

The women's tennis team will play Xavier University in their first match at Tulane University on Sunday, Jan. 31.

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KENNEDY: Katrina marks turning point in career

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Kennedy said she experienced one of her most memorable moments in her career as a coach, the NCAA tournament.

"Going to the NCAA tournament was very exciting and the hoopla surrounding that is amazing,"

Kennedy said.

In 2005 though, everything changed for Kennedy. After Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, Kennedy said she developed a new perspective on her life. The amount of travel she did for Tulane led her to tire.

"After the storm, I left coaching and thought that maybe I wanted to

do something else for awhile because I was a little burned out. ... And so I decided to open my own business. I did that for a couple of years but I just really didn't like it that much," she said, referring to the restaurant on Oak Street she opened and then sold.

Jobless, she then left Tulane and decided not to return, so she began

to search for anything available. Meanwhile, Loyola's women's basketball coach had recently resigned. Kennedy was named head coach on July 7, 2008.

Reflecting on her path, Kennedy said, "I think all the things you do in your life lead you to the next thing and make you who you are. I could

have been in a totally different place than I am right now, but I'm glad and happy to be here ... There's no doubt in mind now what I need to do for the rest of my life. This is the place I need to be."

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Baseball team concentrates on class

By CRAIG MALVEAUX

Senior Staff Writer

With nearly two weeks left before finals, the baseball team is not hitting baseballs; they're hitting the books.

During the beginning of the fall semester, the Wolfpack practiced for six weeks.

They worked on several fundamentals, including hitting, pitching and fielding to get themselves prepared for the intersquad three game World Series the team held in November.

But with practice officially over, their primary focus has shifted from athletics to academics as the winter break approaches.

"Loyola is such a school-oriented university so you have to get your books in order first because a lot of us want to make sure we are eligible before the spring," Brien Delahoussaye, accounting sophomore, said. "That's why we finish up fall practice early so we're ready for the spring academically and also physically."

According to Gerald Cassard, head baseball coach, the Wolfpack will not be practicing again until January.

"Basically right now our guys

are hitting the weight room and getting their heads back in the classroom trying to finish up the semester with their grades," Cassard said. "They're doing individual stuff on their own but there isn't a whole lot of things going on for us right now as far as practice. We're shut down until we come back to practice in January."

David McChesney, business marketing senior, said most players are utilizing this time to make sure their grades are acceptable while others are just lifting weights.

However, McChesney is using the break to strengthen and rehabilitate a knee injury he suffered last season.

"I've been working out about three days a week. I'm rehabbing my leg every day from Monday to Friday with the team's trainers and swinging the bat only a couple of days, nothing too crazy," McChesney said. "Just giving it a little break so I can recover."

Delahoussaye is resting his body during the downtime.

"Since the World Series ended, I've started working out more because time has opened up. I haven't really thrown or done much hitting," he said. "I'm trying to give my body a rest because we had a pretty intense fall



Loyola's baseball team takes a break to huddle during a game last spring. Currently, they are taking a break from practice to prepare for their upcoming season.

compared to the last fall we had last season."

Despite the break Cassard is giving the team for individual

workouts, they are required to come back in shape and ready to resume practice on Jan. 11.

The Wolfpack's opening series

against William Carey University is Jan. 29.

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Letter to the Editor

GOP should not advocate same-sex marriages

Dear Editor:

(In response to the Nov. 20 editorial, "Marriage: Untying the political knot")

Alex Fournet's column in the Nov. 20 issue of The Maroon argues that he and droves of other young voters would join the ranks of the Republican Party if it gives up on supporting a traditional definition of marriage and instead backs same-sex marriage.

But even if the GOP could gain some young voters this way, it would turn off many other voters. A majority of Americans oppose same-sex marriage. As proof, look to California and Maine, two of the more liberal states, where voters recently blocked a same-sex marriage bill.

You suggest that Republican party leaders are in the minority because they are obsessed with gay marriage, whereas most Republican voters want to focus on fiscal issues. But the recent special election in New York's congressional 23rd district belies this.

GOP party leaders chose a social liberal to run against the Democrat. The base revolted and instead backed the Conservative Party candidate, who opposes same-sex marriage. The pro-gay marriage candidate chosen by party leaders received only 6 percent of the final vote after dropping out of the race.

You also argue that the GOP stance on same-sex marriage is hypocritical because Republicans claim to favor smaller government. But enacting governmental protections for traditional values has been a GOP tenant since at least as far back as Nixon, and a significant portion of the GOP base is composed of religious voters who are motivated by moral concerns.

The idea that government has no business "in the bedroom" is a specious argument. How about if an uncle has incest with his niece in a bedroom? How about kids doing heroin in a bedroom?

Anyway, most Republicans are not concerned with what gay people do in the bedroom; they are concerned about what judges do in the courthouse.

They are also wary about the broader effects that changing the definition of marriage would have on our culture. Ten years ago almost no one peddled the idea that the government should not involve itself in marriage.

Now, solely because of the gay marriage movement, it's become a common mantra. But the reason why governments recognize marriage is because, as a matter of public policy, traditional marriage between a man and woman is seen as beneficial to society as a whole — as creating the best environment for bringing up future generations, not because it's an individual right.

I think the Republican Party would be smart, on strategic and philosophical grounds, to continue to oppose same-sex marriage.

Sincerely,

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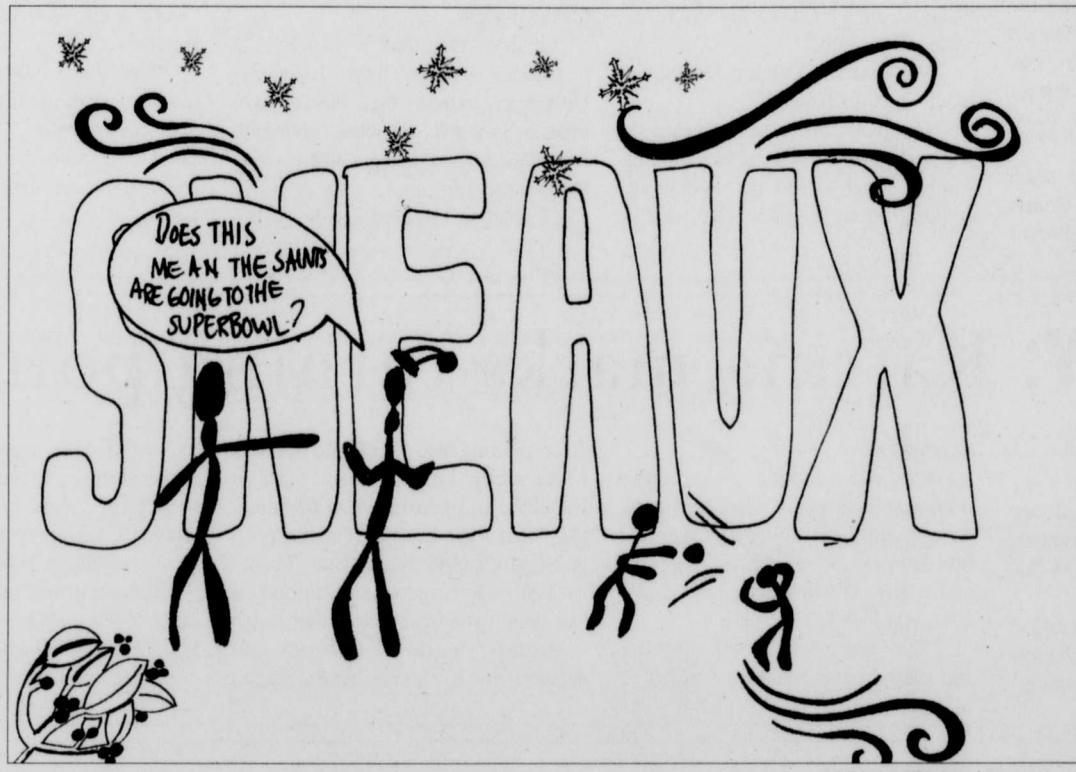
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Chad Carlile
Undisputed Truth

Smokers without options

It's story time, children.

Once upon a time, a few days ago, I was sitting on the rocking chairs outside of the Danna Student Center, having a cigarette after the grind of classes and thinking how great it was to not have to stand out in the pouring rain to do so.

This feeling was amplified by the fact that it was extremely cold at this point, so cold that I had two shirts and a hoodie on under my peacoat, and I was doing whatever it took to manage my hand-rolled cigarette without having to take my gloves off.

Everything was dandy – cold, but dandy – until an LUPD officer dropped by and informed me that someone who had passed by had complained about my smoking in the area, and that I had to move to a designated smoking area...in the rain. I could have cried.

Now if you're like me, you're about six feet tall, have long, dirty-blond hair, wish you could grow a full beard and, most importantly, you smoke copious amounts of tobacco, somewhere around a pack a day.

I'm sure a lot of other smokers have felt my pain at being herded into limited designated areas around campus, especially since this cold, wet weather has come about.

After much deliberation, coffee and of course, cigarettes, I have come up with a smoker's list of policy initiatives that I think all Loyola smokers will agree with, whether they know they do or not.

First, I believe it's time to establish smoking areas that are covered. The closest Loyola has to offer is the Carrollton bench, which gets showered through the gaping hole between the ceiling and Buddig if it so much as drizzles outside.

Secondly, I think that either the rocking chair area should be made a designated smoking area or that the chairs should be moved to a place that smokers can convene. They are far too comfortable to not be smoked in.

Finally, I am in full agreement with my suitemate Wolfgang Klein in his suggestion that all smoking areas should also be labeled as, "No Non-Smoking Areas."

Few things are quite as dismaying as coming down to the only "covered" smoking bench while it's freezing and raining, only to find that a group of giggling sorority girls has overwhelmed the only place a smoker can take a load off comfortably at all.

Please, Loyola, consider these propositions, and don't punish us smokers so terribly because of our vice; there'll be time enough for consequences when we're fifty or so.

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New policy may herald change



Buddy Noel

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to Catherine of Aragon.

In the 17th century, the Puritan movement in England brought the Anglican Church further away from its Roman Catholic roots, but a revival of traditionalism in the 19th century restored many of its ancient Catholic practices.

Nevertheless, in the 1890s, Pope Leo XIII declared that

the Anglican sacraments and priesthood were "null and void," casting deeper doubt as to whether Rome and Canterbury would ever be in communion again.

The idea that Anglicans can

"Priests who were married as Anglicans could then become married Catholic priests, and serve in these parishes." - Buddy Noel

may well serve to spur liturgical change in the Catholic way of celebrating Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours — the daily cycle of praying or chanting the Psalms.

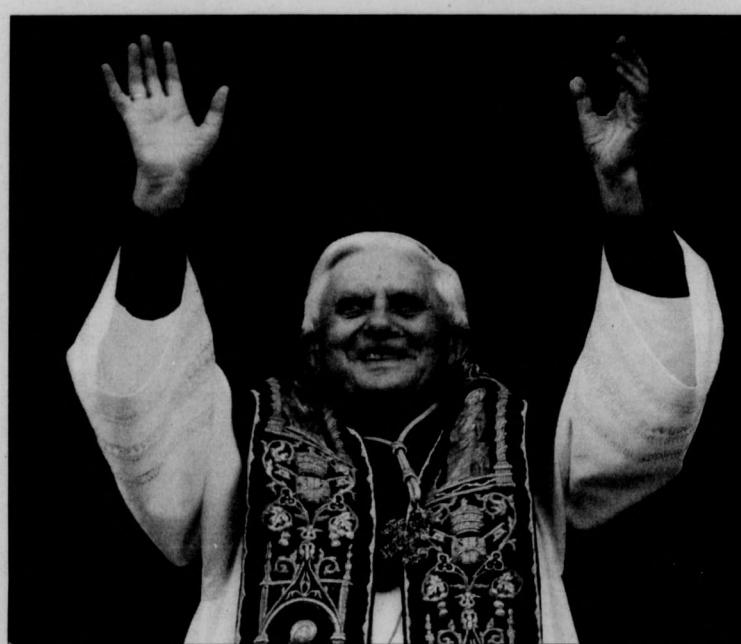
The potential influx in much larger numbers of married former Anglican clergy into Catholic communion could also serve to bring change to the discipline of clerical celibacy in the Roman Catholic Church.

Many of those Anglicans who are seeking to join the Catholic church are doing so because they disagree with the decisions of the Anglican Communion to allow the ordination of women as priests and bishops, and the decision of the Episcopal Church in this country to ordain openly gay clergy.

Hopefully these disagreements will not drive a further wedge between Catholics and Anglicans, who in an increasingly secular world share a common witness to the Christian tradition, as well as very similar patterns of worship and prayer.

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Pope Benedict XVI greets crowds in the Vatican. The Pope recently eased requirements for Anglican converts.

Orleans Room overcrowding will continue



Chris Backes

In My Opinion

account for about 1,000 extra people in the O.R. a week, which is about 50 people a meal.

That is also assuming that the people are spread equally over each meal, but I think we can agree breakfast is neither the most important, nor most problematic meal for most of us.

I have also heard that during the Town Hall meeting, the Student Government Association justified what is happening by citing that there is an even exchange of students.

I guess that means that Tulane is also overcrowded. Maybe they are running out of forks too. But that cannot be right, can it?

The student government may have forgotten one minor detail: Loyola is a smaller school. This should not come as a surprise to anyone.

When considering something like this, it would probably help to look at percentages instead of numbers. We have less students, so, extra students at Loyola are harder to handle than an equal number of extra students at Tulane.

somewhere else that makes good food.

Right now, if I see huge groups doing tours, I say to myself, "What am I going to do about lunch since the line will be backed up even more?"

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Tulane's Bruff Commons offer a somewhat dubious solution to the problem of overcrowding in the Orleans Room. Students cite worse food as one of its main problems.

On the other hand, Tulane students

Tinsel

"Tinsel," by Hank Stuever

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Former editor reminisces

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wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," Stuever writes.

Stuever titles each chapter with the name of a well-known store, such as Best Buy, Target and Hallmark. Each chapter represents its title, either mentioning the store or a theme surrounding the word. The chapter titled "Anthropologie" is a study of people at the mall.

"Research is done on us as consumers, not people," Stuever said in an interview. "We're so afraid of giving someone something they don't want."

In exposing the depths of the Christmas holidays in suburban America, Stuever discovers the delicate balance of the season and represents the complexity of suburban life.

"People in the suburbs are so hungry for any kind of human connection," he said. "Black Friday is a cultural experience (and) connection. They may not realize that they just want to be with other people."

Stuever graduated from Loyola with a bachelor of arts in journalism in 1990. He was a writer and later editor-in-chief of The Maroon, which aroused his interest in people.

"I loved working at The Maroon," Stuever said. "Ever since writing at The Maroon, I've always wanted to write about people."

Stuever said that he feels like an outsider of the American society, always watching and observing, but never participating — as journalists often do. He said that there is a definite need for well-written nonfiction journalism, and would "go back to school and learn it all" if he could.

"I still have very literal dreams of me missing classes and finishing articles for The Maroon," he said.

Stuever alludes to the Charles Dickens' novel, "A Christmas Carol" in his book and discusses the expectation of happiness it sets.

"If you're not happy at Christmastime, there's something really wrong with you," Stuever said.

While writing "Tinsel," he discovered the difficulty of suburban America in the delicate balance of putting on a perfect Christmas and the struggle of keeping it together.

"I want this book to be an example for people years from now to show how they lived, with all the things they could buy and have," Stuever said. "It pulls back the curtain on Christmas and acknowledges people's hearts. It's tender to people living seemingly shallow lives."

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FAITH: Non-Catholic students feel welcome

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where they screened the film "Everything is Illuminated," starring Elijah Wood, and served Jewish food.

The film concentrates on a man's quest to discover his relative's whereabouts during World War II. Turnelle described the film as "light and heavy, but funny."

Political science senior, Sophie Schaffer, celebrates Jewish holidays such as Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, which are during September and October.

"You have to make it an obligation,

and I've been making it one for 21 years to go to temple and celebrate the high holy days," Schaffer said.

Schaffer said that she feels comfortable as a Jewish student attending a Jesuit university.

"I've never felt discriminated against (at Loyola)," Schaffer said. "The Jesuits never do either, they're very accepting of other religions and that's why I came here."

Other students agree that Loyola has set a precedent for tolerance for other religions. Amna Aziz, biology senior and president of Muslim Student Association, said that Loyola is ahead

of many other universities in terms of religious openness for other faiths.

MSA recently screened a movie at Tulane University to advocate Islam and perception of Muslims. The film, "Inside Islam: What A Billion Muslims Really Think," focuses on issues such as gender justice, terrorism and democracy.

The six-year film process was conducted by Gallup, a polling organization, that interviewed thousands of people in 25 predominate Muslim nations, also including the U.S. and Europe.

"Loyola does cater to one of our biggest needs with the prayer room,"

Aziz said. The prayer room, in the Danna Center basement, allows Muslim students a place to pray five times a day.

"Other universities don't recognize a Muslim student association," Aziz said. "Or they'd say 'Yeah, you can have a group, but don't use the word Muslim.'"

Aziz said that she has had professors exempt her from classes to celebrate Muslim holidays, much like official university holidays that over Christmas.

"I haven't had any incidents of discrimination with people's behavior towards me," she said. "I feel honored to be a part of Loyola."

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