

PROFILE



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Q: How long have you worked at Howard Area?

A: Almost 20 years. Rogers Park is special because of its ethnic, social and economic diversity. It's a microcosm of the world.

Q: What roles besides Learning Facilitator have you played there?

A: I served as director of Community Organizing and Outreach until 1996. Presently, I am coordinator of the Community Gardens, Moderator for the Seniors Club, and rep for the NOH Parks.

Q: Name 3 people you admire, and briefly describe why.

A: St. Cecilia. She was not afraid to stick her neck out (literally) for her Christian beliefs. Amelia Earhart. She pushed beyond the limits of what was expected of women of her day. Dorothy Day. She saw Christ in the poor, and took real steps to help relieve their burden.

Q: Do you get bored being a nun?

A: No Way! I haven't been bored a day in my life. Being a sister to everyone whom God has brought in my life has been a gift and a challenge to me. It calls me to reach far outside myself and deep within to make God's presence and compassion a tangible reality in our society today.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear neighbors,

The holidays are behind us and we are starting to get back to normal around here. We have had a very busy first semester and look forward to even more happening in 2007. As you will read in this issue of Loyola Neighborhood News, the fall saw much activity in the area of student life with thousands of dollars raised by students during the annual Hunger Week. Additionally, Loyola staff and faculty "adopted" forty needy families for the holidays and the neighborhood rallied to collect over 300 toys and school supplies at the first annual Neighborhood Holiday Party.

The campus plan that was designed in 2005 continues to move ahead. As part of the continuing movement to make Loyola the "greenest" campus in Chicago that began with the policy that forbids first year students to have cars on campus, this year will see the complete closure of the road that runs through the center of the campus in order to create more open green space and decrease the total number of cars contributing to pollution.

Finally, the new development on the west side of Sheridan Road is in the final stages of approval by Alderman O'Connor. The Alderman assures us that he is looking forward to

hosting a community meeting soon that will introduce the development team and their design for a multi-story, mixed-use retail/residential building and parking structure on the sites currently occupied by the Loyola Fine Arts Annex and Arthur Avenue parking lot.

As always, please do not hesitate to call or email any of your questions, suggestions, or comments.

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NORTH CAMPUS TRACK AND FIELD



Neighbors living on Albion and Loyola Avenues met with Loyola's Vice President of Capital Planning, Wayne Magdziarz, and 49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore on November 9th to discuss a proposal that will begin the process of completely closing the Campus Road that bisects the campus. Closing the Campus Road to traffic and creating more greenspace are both priorities of the Lakeshore Campus Master Plan 2005.

The project will close the road at the intersection of Loyola Avenue and Winthrop. This requires that the City issue to

Loyola both a Grant of Privilege to use that portion of Winthrop Avenue that is not legally part of Campus Road already and, ultimately, a Street Vacation eliminating the road altogether. An access road for emergency and delivery vehicles will be created slightly to the west of the current Winthrop Avenue adjacent to Mertz Hall, the 19 story building on Loyola Avenue.

In exchange for losing about 6 parking spaces and a convenient short-cut to avoid rush hour

traffic, neighbors and students will see an expansive green field and recreational walking/running track. The track and field is smaller than that in the center of campus which will be replaced by a general-use play field and quad over the next few years.

Keeping with Loyola's goal of being the "greenest" campus in Chicago, the field surface will be storm water permeable, the track will be made from recycled rubber, and the lighting will be sky-darkening.



MUNDELEIN CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 13th Loyola hosted the first annual community holiday party in the newly remodeled Mundelein Center Auditorium. Over 250 community residents were introduced to the musical stylings of the Loyola music department’s choirs, orchestras, and solo musicians. Music department faculty Bjorn Berkhout (cello), Steven Suvada (piano), and Chris White (piano) also volunteered their time to entertain the guests.

Additionally, the Sacred Heart Children’s Choir and the Lira Ensemble showcased the opportunities for art partnerships between

Loyola University and nonprofit arts organizations. Paintings in the children’s gallery were loaned from Swift and Field Elementary Schools with matting and framing by Granville Gallery. Information tables throughout the room brought details about other local theater, dance, and music organizations.

Over 300 toys and art supplies were donated by community members to benefit the Howard Area Community Center, Gale Community Academy and Swift Elementary School.

When complete, the new Mundelein Cen-

ter for the Fine and Performing Arts will not only offer office and performance space to nonprofit artists-in-residence but will be the hub of community arts outreach initiatives Edgewater and Rogers Park.

The party unveiled the new auditorium’s leveled floor, multi-purpose stage, original art deco chandeliers and refurbished stained glass windows from the University’s art collection. Over 15 community organizations, schools, places of worship and individuals served as host committee members making the party truly a community experience.



Emily Long’s Pinhole Photograph of Mundelein Center; these photos were given away as ornaments to guests at the Holiday Party.



Mundelein Center Holiday Party decorations were done in a “Nutcracker” theme and designed to highlight the significant renovation that has been done to the auditorium.



April Browning, Managing Director in the Theater Department, admires the local children’s artwork. The artwork was crafted by the children of Field Elementary School in Rogers Park and Swift Elementary School in Edgewater .

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HUNGER WEEK: LOYOLA ANSWERS THE CALL

In November the Loyola community participated in its 34th annual Hunger Week. Events throughout the week had a common mission to cultivate compassion in the community by educating people about hunger issues, building community, and raising funds to help those in need. Hunger week 2005 raised more than \$18,500 with proceeds benefiting Oxfam International Africa, America's Second Harvest, The Night Ministry, The Pan African Association, Streetwise, Inspiration Café, R.E.S.T. Homeless Shelter, St. Thomas Of Canterbury Soup Kitchen, The Howard Area Community Center, Deborah's Place, The Port Ministries, Concern Worldwide, Bread for the World, St. Ignatius Food Pantry, and Boys Hope Girls Hope Guatemala. This year's Hunger Week

theme was "Hunger has no borders," and its beneficiaries were Inspiration Corporation, America's Second Harvest, and Islamic Relief. Various local nonprofits will also benefit from the funds that were raised this year.



Nicole Chmela, Hunger Week Coordinator, acknowledged that this year's Hunger Week was a success because of the incredible spirit and generosity from the Loyola community. Students were heavily involved

in planning the week's events and worked closely with staff, faculty, and members of the surrounding community to plan a week that brought awareness to hunger week issues around the world. One of the most popular events was the Social Class Dinner. This event served various meal proportions to participants according to how the world eats. Following the event was reflection and discussion. Other events that were sponsored by students groups included the Silent Auction, a justice speaker, screening of the film "Global Banquet," and a dance fundraiser. Thank you to everyone in the community that helped contribute to the success of Hunger Week 2006. For more information about Hunger Week please go to: <http://www.luc.edu/ministry/hunger.shtml>

A GRANVILLE MINUTE - "THE GRANVILLE"

The site on the corner of Granville and Broadway has been the source of much conversation and anticipation as people contemplate how the look and feel of this area will change as a result of the new development.

Bill Platt of Access Realty is developing the 11-story building known as *The Granville*. The mixed use residential and commercial building is comprised of 160-one, two and three bedroom condos and 30,000 square feet of retail space. Office supply retailer Staples has a signed lease for 15,000 sq. ft.

The project is behind schedule due to delays in the City's permit process. According to Platt, the development requires a process for vacating an alley that's in the middle of the property as well as collaboration with the CTA because of the proximity to the el tracks on the east. "Coordination with CDOT, CTA and the City and waiting for necessary permits has been a greater challenge than was an-

icipated." The Edgewater Chamber of Commerce has been corresponding with the Office of the Mayor to try and help resolve the issue.

There was also a community process in which Edgewater residents and groups including the Granville Taskforce and local block clubs were presented with the plans and provided feedback to the developer.

Once complete it is expected that the building will have a significant economic impact on the community. The Granville retail corridor will see visual improvements with the modern design, and the development will "stimulate economic revitalization by positively impacting the area's retail desirability," according to Platt. The retail will "create jobs and

generate sales dollars and fills a need for school and office supplies that are not readily available in the area."

The project is moving forward and ground breaking is expected around December 11th, 2006. Condo units range in price from mid \$200's to upper \$300's with 16 units priced below \$200,000 through the Chicago Partnership for Affordable neighborhoods (CPAN).



SPOTLIGHT: THAT LITTLE MEXICAN CAFE



That Little Mexican Café just located at 1055 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. features traditional Mexican dishes with a modern flair and a contemporary atmosphere. The restaurant boasts a stained concrete floor, beautifully rustic bar at the entrance, colorful and traditional Mexican décor, and even brightly colored geometric designs on the ceiling.

Every meal starts with a delicious combination of complimentary, home-made tortilla chips and salsa. The stuffed jalapeño peppers, nachos, portobello-stuffed quesadillas, and fresh table-side guacamole all have their merits; however the seared sea scallops with guacamole, a spicy green sauce and mango, guava salsa are absolutely wonderful (the presentation alone is amazing).

For the main course try the tender and delicious, marinated skirt steak or the duck-filled sweet potato flautas. Vegetarians also have several options including meatless tostadas, tacos, and quesadillas. There truly is something for everyone and the knowledgeable wait staff is on hand to make suggestions and answer questions.

If that meal did not fill you, That Little Mexican Café also has a mouth-watering dessert menu featuring a delicious sopapilla served warm with vanilla ice cream.

This restaurant is truly a neighborhood treasure just off the Bryn Mawr stop.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Loyola Events

February 16 - April 29:

I Remember Purim: Molly J. Schiff, Loyola University Museum of Art.
Admission: \$10 (members) & \$15 (non-members). Reservations strongly suggested 312-915-763.

February 16-25:

"The Visit," Kathleen Mullady Theatre. Thurs-Sat 7:30 PM; Sun 2:00 PM. Admission: \$5-15.

February 20:

15th Annual Blacks in Science Program – "Nature, Nurture, and Breast Cancer," McCormick Lounge. 2:00 PM. Admission: Free.

February 24:

Loyola University Chicago Men's Basketball vs. UIC, Joseph J. Gentile Center. 3:00 PM. Admission: \$10.

February 28-March 4:

"The Glass Menagerie," Centennial Forum Student Union Studio Theatre, Lower Level. Thurs-Sat 7:30 PM; Sun 2:00 PM. Admission: \$5.

Because of the large number of public events on campus, we encourage you to visit our university calendar website for more details about these and other events. www.luc.edu/calendar

Community Events

March 15:

Loyola is hosting an off-campus housing fair Thursday, March 15, 2007 from 4-7pm in the CFSU lobby. If you are a landlord and/or building owner please contact Sangita Gosalia by email or phone at sgosali@luc.edu; 773-508-8640

February 2-March 25:

"The Piano Turner," Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood. Fri 7:30 PM, Sat 4:00 & 8:00 PM, Sun 5:30 PM. Admission: \$14-26.

February 22-March 25:

"Thief River," The Side Project Theatre Company, 1439 W Jarvis Ave. Thurs-Sat 7:30 PM; Sun 2:00 PM. Admission: \$12-18.

First Tuesday & Wednesday of Every Month:

CAPS Meetings:

Tues: Beat 2432, Police Station, 6464 N. Clark St. 7:00 PM.

Wed: beat 2433, Chicago Public Library, 1210 W. Elmdale. 7:00 PM.

Because of the large number of community events, we are unable to list all of the neighborhood happenings. Please check the calendars of your local organizations for more events and meetings.

