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## Sorority Row to expect heightened safety precautions with new surveillance cameras

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Following concerns raised regarding the safety of sorority women, more surveillance cameras are expected to be installed on Sorority Row at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette before the start of the Fall 2025 semester.

According to Scott Hebert, director of the Office of Facility Management, if the project goes smoothly, from ensuring proper infrastructure is in place, to securing the surveillance cameras, it should be completed before next semester begins. Hebert said, "My objective would be to try to have these cameras installed and fully functioning before they go into all the rush activities for the fall."

Currently, there are some cameras installed around sorority row, however there are blind spots that do not get surveillance coverage. "We have some coverage around the sorority houses, but it's not very much. It doesn't cover the whole sorority campus area," said Hebert.

This project came to fruition with the combined efforts of UL Lafayette's Panhellenic Council, the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Office of Facility Management.

According to Jasim Ali, vice president of SGA, UL Lafayette's Panhellenic Council came forward to SGA, raising their concerns regarding safety on Sorority Row and requested for the University's support with having more surveillance cameras installed. Together, they brought the matter to the Office of Facility Management.

In a statement shared over email, Shelbi Zaruba, Panhellenic Executive Council president, wrote, "Initially, the sorority women on campus wanted to fundraise on our own to get the security cameras we needed. However, I felt that the right plan of action was to start by reaching out to SGA for their help to achieve this goal."

This matter first came to light when concerns about the safety of sorority women were raised within the Panhellenic Council early this semester.

Zaruba explained, "During the semester, there are many occasions when women in our community are at the houses late at night, sometimes alone, which leaves us vulnerable to random strangers."

She added, "There have been instances of non-students harassing the women inside the houses, dangerous individuals walking through Sorority Row, and even letters of harassment being left on vehicles. These incidents made it clear that increased safety measures were necessary."

Ali expressed that Sorority Row and Fraternity Row are exposed to potential dangers since they are open to the public. He said, "Our campus is an open one [...] that area where sorority [...] fraternities rows are [...] next to a big neighborhood. So anybody can come in or out."

Sorority Row is home to six sororities: Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Delta Pi, Kappa Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma. The sorority houses are used as gathering spaces, and for occasions such as Panhellenic Formal Sorority Recruitment and the making of Homecoming Parade floats.

Ali commented, "Greek houses in general, are supposed to be an area of congregation." He emphasized that students should be able to partake in such social activities, programs and events without having to feel unsafe.

In response to the importance of improving safety measures around Sorority Row, Zaruba wrote, "Improving safety measures, such as installing security cameras, is essential to protect the women in our community and ensure that they feel safe in their living spaces."

Ali is also a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. When asked about the surveillance coverage on Fraternity Row, he explained, "Those fraternity houses are unique in that they have their own systems, like our Sigma Chi's house has our own security cameras around the area that we have access to."

Owing to the rather sufficient surveillance coverage on Fraternity Row, Ali shared that the area is well protected and there has not been any concerning safety issues that occurred as of late. Increasing the surveillance cameras on Sorority Row would also similarly

improve the safety of the area.

The collaborative efforts between the Panhellenic Council, SGA and the Office of Facility Management show the power of students' voices.

When students take the initiative to voice their concerns and enact change, most of the time, they will not go unheard.

Zaruba expressed, "Mr. Hebert and SGA have both been very supportive of this endeavor to bring more safety precautions to Sorority Row and protect our members."

Ali shared, "SGA has a lot of, like, direct pipeline connections to people." He added, "For student organizations, they're the people that see everything that pertains to their organizations directly. If they let us know about issues, we can go ahead and take the expedited route to these people to get these problems solved."

"I encourage students and anybody that has any problems to come talk to us so we can kind of understand what's the issues they're seeing or facing so we can try to come up with a solution," Hebert commented.



Photo by Alyus Dick  
Phi Mu sorority house located on Sorority Row

## New treadmills coming to Rec Center

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The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Recreation Center will be receiving six new treadmills that are predicted to be available to students starting in the Fall 2025 semester.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is helping to sponsor the new treadmills by providing a third of the cost. Rec Sports and the President's Office will fund the other two-thirds. Though the total cost isn't known at this time, Dave Suter, the director of Recreational Sports said, "We are not sure of the final cost, but I estimate \$85,000 for the 6 slat belt treadmills."

This will be the first replacement of

treadmills since the Rec Center opened in 2012. There were originally 14 treadmills available to students, but at least eight of them have been worn out past repair and retired.

Suter said, "The life expectancy of commercial treadmills is typically 4-7 years. We took very good care of the ones we had and they lasted a long time."

The faculty decided to invest in new treadmills, partly due to the fact that they are the most popular cardio machines and have the highest usage in the Fitness Center, but they also had to take the students' voices into consideration.

In the recent past, SGA has received many complaints from students about

the condition of the current worn out treadmills. Upon hearing about these concerns, SGA President, Cade Roy, and Chair of Athletics, Intramurals and Club Sports Committee, Ava Welborn, met with Suter to discuss options.

Collectively, it was decided that new treadmills would be purchased through multiple sources, including SGA, the Rec Center and the President's Office.

Suter says, "Rec Sports is very appreciative for the help and collaboration from SGA and the President's Office. I feel that this will make a big difference in improving the Fitness Center for our university community."

He continued, "I think the new treadmills will make a big difference and will be highly utilized when they are installed."

Ivory Wills, a freshman nursing major says, "I do believe there needs to be more money put into fixing the treadmills because they are constantly out of order."

The Student Fitness Center is located at 225 Cajundome Blvd. and is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Many students take advantage of these open hours and visit the Fitness Center after classes or after work during the week. On average, around 2,000 students visit the Rec Center per day.

Coreyon Williams, a freshman nursing major, says, "I believe that the Rec is an amazing place to go, but only

if you have the motivation for it."

He continued, "One thing that I love to do there is go to the lap pool and swim. I feel like the Rec really brings people together, like this school year so far, the Rec has given me and my friends something to do after school when we're bored."

Due to the amount of machines used everyday, the padding on much of the equipment has become worn down. Rec Sports has already ordered replacements for many of the worn-down machine pads, and they are due to be installed by the end of the current semester.

Students around campus have many ideas about what kinds of improvements are needed for day-to-day use at the Rec Center.

Wills said, "I think there should be more stairmasters because there are only four and one is usually out of order."

Ivory Manning, a freshman marketing major, said, "I feel like the Rec Center could invest in more basketballs because a lot of times when you go and you're one of the last few people, everybody already has a ball so you have to sit and wait until somebody is not using one before you get a chance to play on the court."

There are many areas that students would like to improve in the Rec Center, from the sports equipment at the courts to the workout machines in the Fitness Center.

The director and staff are making improvements one at a time, as the budget allows, starting with new treadmills.



Photo by Makayla Walker  
Treadmills at the Rec Center

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# New financial aid rule limits course flexibility for students

**Kayla Woods-Crane**  
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In an email sent on Mar. 18, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette announced that, beginning in the Fall 2025 semester, financial aid money will not be allowed to pay for classes outside of a student's degree plan for their declared major and/or minor. According to the University's website, the Course Program of Study (CPOs) is a federal requirement set by the U.S. Department of Education that the University is required to follow. It uses DegreeWorks to determine if the registered courses for a student are a part of their degree plan.

Federal aid, like the Pell Grant, federal student loans or federal work study, will not be eligible to pay for classes outside of a student's program of study.

Students may take courses that are outside of their current degree plan, but those courses cannot be covered by federal financial aid.

According to the email, students are responsible for registering for classes that are a part of their degree plan. Students who are registered for courses outside of their degree plan will be notified by the Office of Financial aid by email.

This mandate is only for undergraduate and graduate students who receive federal financial aid and does not apply to University scholarships or the TOPS scholarship.

Alyssa Regis, a sophomore majoring in political science, explained why she thinks this new program is not beneficial for students. "I think it's pretty detrimental. I mean, college is the time when you're... supposed to figure out what you wanna do for the rest of your life," Regis said.

She added that she was interested in taking a theology class, but now, since payment would have to come out of pocket, she will not be able to take it. According to the University, the

estimated tuition and fees for the 2024-25 school year are about \$1,130 per class, excluding additional course and lab fees.

Jadyn Mims, a freshman majoring in criminal justice, said she has changed her major three times so far, so this requirement is discouraging for her exploration in college. "Going through high school, they were like, 'Oh, you have time, college is your time to... experiment, ... broaden your worldview.' So now, we're kind of limited to one track, so to speak," Mims said.

In a 2017 report, the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) found that within three years of enrollment, about 30% of undergraduate students in associate's and bachelor's degree programs had changed their major at least once.

About one in 10 students change majors more than once.

Corey Toliver, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, said he doesn't agree with the mandate.

"I can see why they're doing it, but I don't necessarily agree with it just because you're kind of constraining people to do one thing and they may have interests in multiple things," Toliver said.

Clavern Adams, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, said he understands that this requirement will save federal money and "push people to actually... finish they major faster," but one of his concerns is if students will be able to handle their major's workload at once. "Sometimes you don't wanna overload yourself with all the important classes at the same time. If you overload yourself with all your major classes, then it's gonna cause your grades to... go down," Adams said.

In a separate report, NCES found that 44% of first-time undergraduates completed their degree in four years.

Though the University is just now implementing this program, it has been found at other universities around the country as early as 2019 and is said to have been a federal requirement before then.

Federal financial aid money comes from federal taxes paid by the general public. According to the Department of Education, 45% of students at the University receive federal loans and 40% of students receive a Pell grant. In 2024, the department's budget was 2% of the U.S. federal budget.

According to a White House fact sheet, a large part of President Donald Trump's platform is "cutting federal expenditures and promoting governmental efficiency."

On Mar. 20, Trump signed an executive order calling for the dismantling of the Department of Education after his longtime criticism of the organization though there has been no information provided to show how that would actually work.

For more information about the CPOs program, visit the University's website and search CPOs.



Photo by Makayla Walker  
Front desk of the Financial Aid Office

## Police Reports

Compiled by Ramudhi Kariyawasam

### Mar. 30

- At 1:15 a.m., an officer located a suspicious person near the Alumni Center. The property involved included a baggie containing 2 grams of marijuana and a black case containing brown and red pipes.

### Mar. 29

- At 1:34 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Olivier Parking Tower in regard to a theft involving a white Qlife electric bicycle and a bell combination cable lock.

### Mar. 28

- At 1:20 p.m., officers were dispatched to Coronna Hall in regards to a disturbance in progress. The subject was arrested and later booked into Lafayette Parish Correctional Center.

### Mar. 26

- At 1:53 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Zone 2 parking lot by Foster Hall in regards to an alleged hit-and-run that had occurred. A blue 2012 Mazda 3 and a rear bumper cover were involved.
- At 11:00 a.m., ULPD received a call about a hit-and-run. A black 2017 Chevrolet and a black 2021 Toyota Corolla were involved.








### Mar. 25

- At 5:23 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Heritage Apartments in regards to a drug offense. 18 grams of marijuana in a glass jar was found. An arrest was made.
- At 9:54 a.m., officers were dispatched to Olivier Parking Tower in response to a call about a hit-and-run. A grey 2016 Subaru Outback and a white 2013 Chevrolet were involved.

### Mar. 24

- At 7:51 p.m., ULPD received a call about a suspicious person at Rougeou Hall. An arrest was made.
- At 9:08 a.m., Officers were dispatched to Harris Hall in reference to a subject who was exposing and pleasuring himself. The suspect was arrested and booked into the Lafayette Parish Correctional Center.

## Weather

Thursday 4/3	Friday 4/4	Saturday 4/5	Sunday 4/6	Monday 4/7	Tuesday 4/8	Wednesday 4/9
						
High: 85 F Low: 75 F	High: 86 F Low: 75 F	High: 82 F Low: 61 F	High: 69 F Low: 50 F	High: 64 F Low: 44 F	High: 67 F Low: 44 F	High: 72 F Low: 54 F

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- Thunderstorms from last Saturday left parts of Louisiana flooded.
- Earthquakes in Thailand and Myanmar took more than 1,800 lives as of Mar. 30.

- April is projected to be a warmer-than-average Spring for Louisiana.

## WHERE'S ALLAN?



I am near where clubs go to meet. This mural looks like it was one tough feat! Where am I?

### Win a free sandwich from Roly Poly

The first UL student to recognize where The Vermilion's mascot, Allan the Alligator, was photographed on campus will win a free sandwich from Roly Poly on Coolidge Street in Lafayette.

The first UL student to email the correct location of Allan to [TheVermilion@louisiana.edu](mailto:TheVermilion@louisiana.edu) will win. The Vermilion will continue this contest each week until the end of the semester.

Participants cannot win more than once a semester, and must be attentive to their emails.

## Politics

# Veterans protested the Trump administration's cuts to the VA

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POLITICS WRITER

Earlier this month, veterans protested at the United States' state capitol buildings in each state. The protests stemmed from a movement called "Fourteenth Now!" which urged veterans to protest at the National Mall in DC, but it was expanded to state capitols. The protests predominantly took place on Mar. 14, "symbolizing Section 3 of the 14th Amendment."

Section 3 of the 14th Amendment prohibits those who previously held office from retaining any public office if they have participated in an insurrection or coup. The movement claims that Trump is an illegitimate president due to his involvement with the Jan. 6 capitol riot following President Joe Biden's election in 2021.

However, many veterans' protest efforts were largely in response to President Donald Trump's administration cutting jobs for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), specifically due to the dependence that many veterans have on the healthcare the department provides.

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), headed by Elon Musk, is responsible for many of the federal agency cuts in this administration. DOGE plans to continue its slashing of federal aid and jobs, but the administration has assured veterans that their healthcare benefits would not change.

In the Department of Veterans Affairs alone, DOGE has planned to cut around 80,000 jobs, according to an internal

Veterans Affairs memo. Rep. Mike Bost, the Republican chair of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, assured Americans that "essential jobs" were not being cut and that he would be alerted if they were.

Additionally, veterans have become unsettled due to the fact that more than 25% of the department's employees are veterans.

The Associated Press covered veterans speaking out against these cuts before the protests took place. According to AP News, one Gulf War veteran named Greg Bafundo said, "They're going to put guys like me and my fellow Marines that rely on the VA in the ground." His concern echoes the concerns of many.

Even before the protests on Mar. 14, veterans have been protesting at their state and local level governments, attending town hall meetings and speaking out.

The Trump administration has framed the cuts as a way to help veterans, claiming that they have not been able to receive proper care since the expansion of the VA in 2019. Others have more critical views on the cuts, saying that it will inevitably put more veterans at risk.

Another Trump administration call regarding Veterans Affairs back-to-office order, mental health professionals expressed their concerns to NPR news.

Their telehealth calls with veterans in need of mental services would have to be conducted in open areas at the Veterans Affairs office, which professionals worried would be a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Officials claimed that the office would work to stay in line with proper HIPAA guidelines despite workers' concerns.

Although the protests were widespread, the coverage of them was lacking.

Students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with varying degrees of civic participation and knowledge claimed to have not heard about the protests, and many major news websites did not cover them.

Emily Guidry, a freshman electrical engineering major, said that she was "just now hearing about [the protests]." She added that she keeps up with the news on a weekly basis and was "surprised" that she had not heard about them.

Adisyn Guidry, a freshman English major, also did not hear about the protests.

Regarding her news knowledge, she said, "I go through phases. So like, there will be times where I'm constantly reading the news, and then I feel like I get burnt out just because of how much is going on right now, especially. So then I'll take a break from it for a while. So I'd say I've been on one of those breaks [...] probably since February."

When asked if her lack of hearing about the protests surprised her, she responded, "Yeah, that does surprise me, because even though I might not be looking at the news, I'm active on social media, and I'd imagine that people would be talking about that because that's a pretty big deal."

Although people were unaware of the protests going on, veterans still showed up to the state capitols and the National Mall with the hopes of reaching those in power.



Graphic by Natalie Allbright

## Health

## Need good sleep? Here's how

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Not feeling rested in the morning for many students is no surprise. A large portion of college students worldwide have difficulties with sleep, and sometimes, it is challenging to narrow down on the cause.

It is vital to understand why people need to sleep. Slumber is the body's way of maintaining brain health and physical health. As there are many ways to keep one's body healthy, like eating nutritious food and exercising, the most critical component of someone's health begins with sleep. Humans spend nearly one-third of their lives sleeping, and without that much time dedicated to sleep, the human body would barely function.

One contributing benefit of quality sleep includes promoting one's mental health—memory consolidation, focus, problem-solving skills and creativity. It also improves one's physical health—repairs the heart and blood vessels, balances the hunger hormones, regulates insulin activity, promotes growth, development and the immune system.

Good quality sleep consists of an uninterrupted slumber that, for adults, lasts nearly 7 to 8 hours. However, most students share experiencing sleep that lasts less than 6 hours, sometimes segmented, during the night.

As college students, the primary culprit of reduced sleep is usually academics or work; many students have a job while studying in college. Hence, it can be demanding to balance the load of academic work and courses with a job, which usually results in reduced sleep.

Sleep deficiency leads to several other issues that interfere with their daily routine, put their health at risk and affect their academic and work performance, too.

At the same time, students express feeling unrested, have difficulty falling asleep or experience segmented sleep, even when they have the time to attain quality sleep. A few factors may contribute to these experiences.

Getting insufficient sun exposure, intaking caffeine or taking naps after

3 p.m., eating large meals late at night, lacking exercise and using technology right before bed may lead to erratic sleep patterns.

How and when people feel sleepy are controlled by hormones and sensory receptors in the central nervous system.

Adenosine is a neurotransmitter in the nervous system that regulates relaxation and often is what makes people sleepy; adenosine levels peak before bedtime, fall during slumber and slowly build up after awakening and throughout the day until it is bedtime again. Melatonin is a hormone that is secreted by the pineal gland in response to darkness and also contributes to sleepiness. Finally, cortisol, the stress hormone, plays a vital role in waking people up in the morning.

So generally, one would ideally expect to see cortisol levels high in the morning and adenosine and melatonin levels low, while cortisol decreases at night and adenosine and melatonin increase.

However, behaviors like caffeine intake after 3 p.m. and screen time right before bed can mess up these hormones from functioning as they should.

Caffeine is an adenosine receptor antagonist, meaning it can bind to the same receptor as adenosine but causes the opposite response by increasing cortisol—wakefulness instead of relaxation. Similarly, screen time or even bright lights in the bedroom can decrease the release of melatonin, which is released in response to darkness.

Hence, continuous negative behaviors that manipulate human physiology can lead to similar consequences.

To get back on a normal, quality sleep schedule, experts suggest the following: get at least 30 minutes of sun exposure outside daily to help the body produce vitamin D; exercise daily but not 2-3 hours before bed; avoid caffeine or naps after 3 p.m.; avoid alcohol, large meals and technology/bright lights right before bed. Lastly, dedicate the last 30 minutes to an hour before bed to activities away from technology that promote relaxation.

Good sleep is not impossible; it is essential.

## Arts and Culture

## Industrial design creates speakers

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NEWS WRITER

The third-year industrial design majors at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette are creating new innovations in the classroom. These students worked hard to create their unique state-of-the-art speakers that they then 3D printed to fully capture their design. Most, if not all, of the speakers that the students have created actually work and produce sound.

This was definitely a huge accomplishment for the juniors of the industrial design major.

Damien Mitchell, the instructor of the class, supervised and instructed students on how to bring their thoughts to reality.

Students were tasked with creating, developing and finalizing their speaker through 3D printing in order to complete the project.

The students had access to specialized workspaces to develop their ideas. They could use the design studios, prototyping shops for wood, metals and plastics or a digital fabrication lab with a variety of 3D printers and laser cutters to help them with their assignment.

Students who were tasked with the project included Dexter Bounds, Colin McCrae, Desmond Bourgeois, Mateo Chivoiu and Cameron McBride. While these individuals were all assigned with the same duty of creating a speaker, they each added their own personality to it.

Dexter Bounds used a soldering iron to wire his speaker. Desmond Bourgeois on the other hand, added some wood elements to his, along with Mateo Chivoiu, whose shell of his design was also made out of wood. Colin McCrae's speaker includes a carabiner function in it for easy travel, while Cameron McBride's speaker is inspired by the art deco style.

To finish their models, most of the students sanded and spray painted them. Others incorporated leather, a jean-like material, or spandex, a tights like material, to their project instead. The results were a wide array of speakers that would not be found in an average store. Each speaker

is custom-made and highlights each student's personal creativity.

Students who study industrial design at UL Lafayette choose to showcase their design skills in a manner they would have never thought possible. Industrial design majors learn these skills so that they can contribute to a wide range of industries since they also have a variety of possible career paths.

UL Lafayette is dedicated to their students' success in the real world and this major ensures that a student is equipped with the abilities they need both in and out of the classroom.

Students are challenged to use their creativity to craft useful products that improve their relationship with the world. While, in this case, it was through speakers, these tasks push the students to become better critical thinkers, communicators and develop a thorough understanding of people's needs, desires and preferences.

Industrial design majors are tasked with projects that promote sustainable solutions to positively affect the present and future of society. They consistently research and explore new systems, materials and processes to help them better understand human relationships with the world. In the past, this was through the design of different umbrellas, power tools and drones, while now it is through speakers. The industrial design juniors at UL Lafayette have their work laid out for them, but one thing's for sure, the knowledge they gained through the development of their speakers will become the skills they need for success upon graduation.



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# Cajun Crossword

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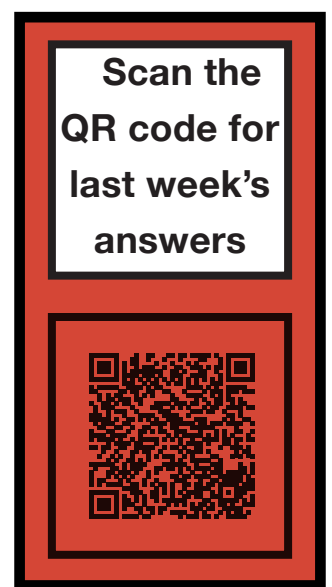
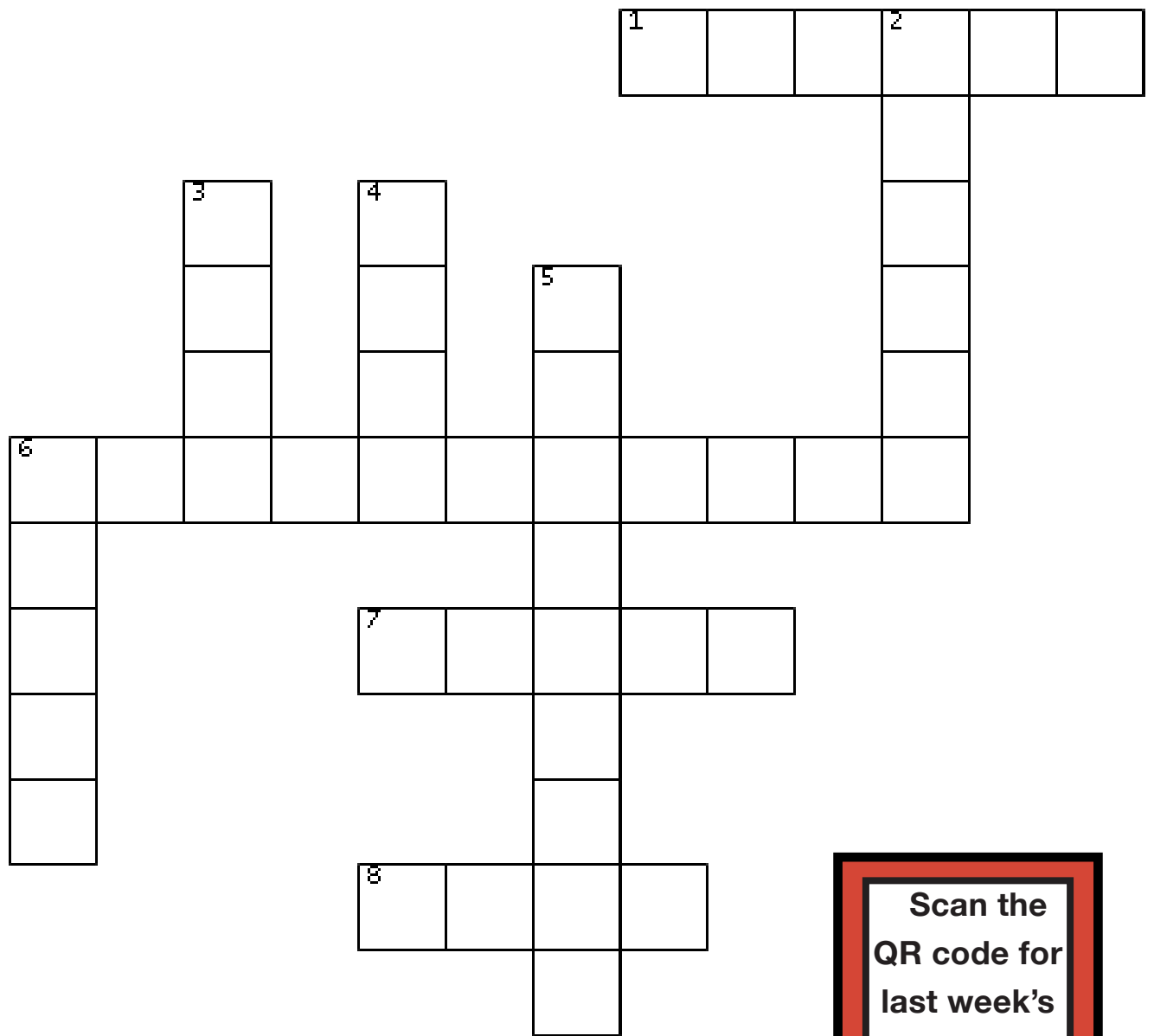
The answers can be found throughout the newspaper, so make sure to thoroughly read each story. Try to find all of them and see if you got them correct in the answers provided in the next issue's crossword search!

### ACROSS

- Who has shined off the bench for the Pels the last two games (last name)?
- What does Ivory Manning want there to be more of in the Rec Center?
- According to Ja'lyn Braud: different does not equal \_\_\_\_.
- Isabelle Brumley ordered the Grilled Chicken \_\_\_\_.

### DOWN

- Who scored four RBIs in Saturday's game (last name)?
- What is the acronym for the new course program of study?
- The office of the Trump administration in charge of federal spending and job cuts (acronym).
- Andrew Courville visited the National \_\_\_\_\_, a large agricultural conservation center, while he was in D.C.
- There are some cameras installed around sorority row, however there are \_\_\_\_ spots that do not get



## Cajun Candids The Big Event

Photos by Alyus Dick



**Caitlyn Comeaux**  
GRAPHICS EDITOR

This Saturday was The Big Event, one of the biggest displays of organized community involvement annually presented by Parish Proud.

Even with many precautionary site cancellations due to forecasted bad weather, The Big event still made a big impact.

This year, over 1,000 volunteers signed up, the most seen since 2018.

The Big Event's 12-member executive board and their six faculty advisors spent the last 10 months planning a plentiful way to give back to Lafayette this March.

Following these weather-related setbacks, over 400 volunteers still came out across 11 different sites to do it all.

From cleaning trash in Downtown Lafayette's Rue Jefferson Street and landscaping at Paul Breaux Middle School to creating kind, handwritten cards and over 1,000 goodie bags with Love Our Schools in preparation for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Kayleigh Murphy, UL Lafayette's Coordinator of First-Year Programs for the Office of First-Year Experience and advisor for The Big Event said, "I think every year when our numbers grow, it's nice to see that students really care about their community."

The big idea behind the Big Event is to keep Lafayette pristine for ourselves and the people soon to come.

In keeping a prideful, long-lived spirit for our home alive, the co-executive director of The Big Event executive board, Kylee Falcon, said, "My freshman year, I participated [in Big Event]. I joined the board my second year, and I've been here ever since."

All across the sites were warm greetings amongst familiar faces. These flocks consist of anywhere from five to 10 people.

The Big Event provides an itinerary, breakfast, all needed supplies, and T-shirts for all volunteers, whether their sites were canceled or not.

For any interested in signing up for The Big Event 2026 can view their Instagram, @ulbigevent, for when sign-up goes live.

Whether for volunteer hours, resume skills, or pure love for involvement, The Big Event is an excellent way to make a lasting impact and a great bonding experience for all students and citizens.

# Sports

## Cajuns now in top three of SBC after sweeping James Madison

**Charles Martin**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns were back at the Teague this past weekend to take on the JMU Dukes. The Cajuns would continue their good form in conference play, winning their second straight series against the Dukes. Their wins would take them into the upper crust of the Sun Belt, just a win off of Troy and Southern Miss.

The series got off to a great start, winning Friday's game 5-2. The Louisiana faithful got to see the Cajun's ace, Chase Morgan, take the mound at home for the first time since his start against UC-Irvine on Feb. 28.

Morgan pitched an absolute beauty back at home, pitching seven innings and only allowing five hits and two runs. He struck out four batters and only gave up one base on balls. The Cajuns were down 2-1 when he came off at the end of the seventh.

Tate Hess would come in at the top of the eighth, finishing the game by only allowing one hit and striking out two in two innings pitched. He would be credited with the win, bringing his record to 2-2.

It took most of the game for the Cajuns' bats to come alive. Louisiana

took an early 1-0 lead off the mistakes of the JMU pitcher, Jackson Logar, who would hit Brooks Wright, getting the leadoff man on base.

Wright would advance to second off a bad pickoff from Logar, and would then allow Wright to advance to third with a wild pitch. From there, all it took was Mark Collins to hit a fly out to right field for Wright to tag up at third and make it home.

Logar would settle down following these earlier mistakes and give the Cajuns a problem. He would walk three total batters but would only allow one hit in the seven innings he was on the mound.

Luckily for the Cajuns, Logar was forced to come off the mound after the seventh due to throwing 107 pitches.

The new JMU pitcher struck out the first two batters he faced, but the top of the lineup would not go down. Wright would bunt to get on base, and Collins would be walked right after, putting runners on first and second.

Immediately after a JMU mound visit, Higgs would hit the first pitch into right field for a triple, driving in both Wright and Collins to give the Cajuns the lead. Caleb Stelly would then reach base on a fielding error, and Higgs would score.

Lee Amedee would then get walked,

once again putting Cajuns on first and second. A new pitcher would take the mound for JMU, and Stelly would immediately steal third. Owen Galt would seal it with a single, bringing Stelly home and giving the Cajuns their fourth run of the inning.

The inning would end with a fielder's choice, giving the Dukes a chance to come back at the top of the ninth. Hess would not even let a runner on base as he retired the JMU side in order.

The lineup as a whole struggled for most of the game, but they managed to strike once the Dukes changed pitchers.

The best batter in terms of contact was Galt who went two for three at the plate with an RBI, reaching first another time with a walk. Higgs though might have been the most clutch batter, striking at the chance presented with two runners on base with his two RBI triple.

Game two would be one of the crazier games of all time, being delayed until 8:30 p.m. due to rain. The game would be further delayed during the top of the ninth when the field lights in the Teague went out. The game would finally end before 1:00am on Sunday, Mar. 30, with an 8-7 win for the Cajuns, giving them the series.

Unlike Friday's game, this one saw the Cajuns dig into their bullpen as they went through six pitchers to get the win, while JMU never had a pitcher out longer than three innings.

The start went to Andrew Herrmann who would pitch for 3.2 innings and perform really well, only allowing five hits. He would have to be pulled off in the top of the fourth after the Louisiana fielders allowed four runs on errors.

Blake McGehee would come on to finish the inning before pitching the entire fifth, pitching well, other than giving up a solo shot home run.

Sophomore Riley Marcotte would take over at the top of the sixth and would be part of some movement of the fielders as Coach Deggs made some changes on defense.

Marcotte did well getting through the sixth without letting up a hit, though putting a man on base with a walk. He would be pulled at the top of the seventh after he allowed a single.

Matthew Holzhammer would then come in, performing much better as a reliever than a starter, only allowing a single hit and walking a batter.

Replacing Holzhammer at the top of the eight would be the tall, southpaw Matt Gaither. Gaither would get two outs but would be pulled after allowing runners on the corners.

Freshman Wil Taylor would come on and finish the game, giving up two hits and a run while striking out two, including the strikeout that ended the game. His performance is equally impressive when taking into account the twenty-minute delay due to the field lights getting cut off due to how late the game had gone.

While the Louisiana bullpen did well holding down the JMU lineup for the most part, it was the Cajuns' bats that won the game. Everyone seemed to get a hit as the team finished the game with 11 hits in the eight innings they played.

The most clutch batter for the Cajuns was catcher Jose Torres, batting third, who went two for five at the plate, both hits driving in four RBIs, including a two RBI single at the bottom of the second.

Conor Higgs and Griffin Hebert both went two for three, with Higgs getting on base an additional time, thanks to a walk, allowing him to score all three times he got to base.

It was all and all a great night for the Cajun bats, and they helped lift Louisiana to their second straight conference series win.

Sunday would start early, with the first pitch coming at 11:30 a.m. The Cajuns would get their third win 3-0, sweeping the Dukes.

The win can be attributed to JR Tollet who pitched all nine innings. He threw 116 pitches, only allowing four hits and striking out 11 batters. A career-best outing for the sophomore.

The runs came off the bats of Caleb Stelly and Conor Higgs, who both had solo home runs during the game.

With this sweep of a conference opponent the Cajuns now move to a 6-3 record in conference, being just behind Troy and Southern Miss. They play at home again this weekend against a struggling Texas State team.

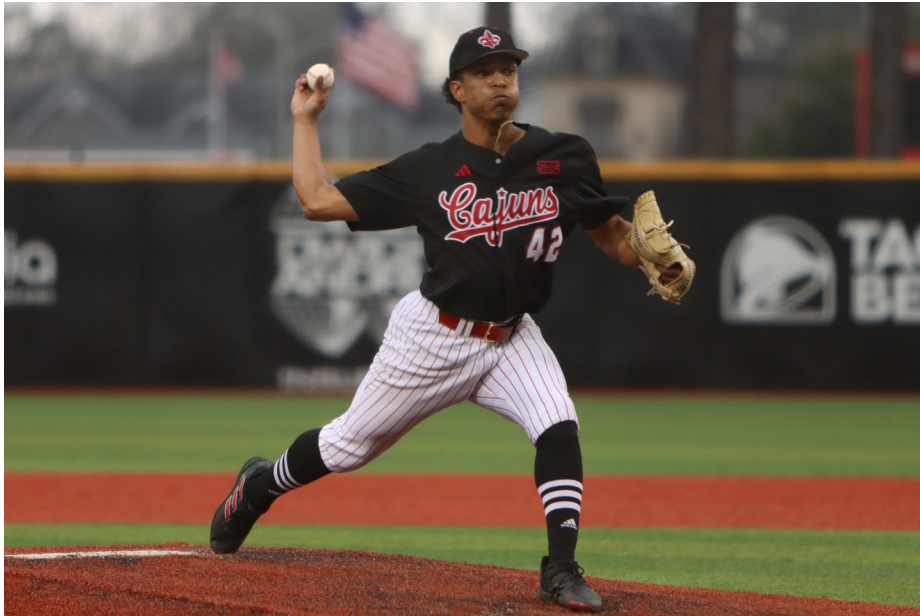


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Alex Rosario (42) delivering a pitch against Dallas Baptist Mar. 8.

## Pelicans continue to give younger guys more opportunities as injuries pile up

**Tavin Anthony**  
SPORTS WRITER

The New Orleans Pelicans had a lot of time on their hands this past week, only playing in two games. They went 1-1 in their contests while continuing to let the younger guys see more playing time.

The first game was in the Smoothie King Arena featuring the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday, Mar. 24. There simply are no words that I can express to help comfort Sixers fans.

Imagine you're at Chili's and you're eating all-you-can-eat Triple Dippers. Sounds amazing, right? But after your tenth plate, you go to the largest roller coaster in America and ride it 50 times straight. All of the mozzarella sticks come back to haunt you.

That's the experience of being a Philly fan right now. Their entire starting lineup is out with a slew of injuries. Quentin Grimes, who has been on a tear the last two months, sat out to rest.

So, the Sixers come in with a similar situation to the Pels, playing a lot of inexperienced guys really because they have no other choice.

For the Pelicans, we all know how badly they've struggled with the injury bug, but CJ McCollum (foot), Brandon Boston (ankle) and Zion Williamson (back) were all ruled out.

However, the Pels were in no need of their assistance as they would make quick work of the Sixers.

Early on, it was the energy of the Pels that gave them a big advantage. Guys were running in transition and attacking the rim aggressively. They applied a lot of

pressure on the Sixers' fastbreak defense, and they never really had an answer for the uptempo pace.

It was one of the main catalysts to the Pels dominating in the paint. They outscored the Sixers 56-34 inside, and the lack of size and rim protection for Philly made it that much easier.

The Pels also got elite production from the bench unit. Karlo Matkovic, the 6'10 stretch big, had 19 points off the bench with eight rebounds and three assists.

Antonio Reeves had 17 points off the bench and was unconscious from outside the arc, making his first five three-pointers.

The Sixers were led by Jared Butler and Justin Edwards who accounted for 19 points apiece. The entire team struggled offensively, only shooting 39.1% from the floor and 33.3% from deep.

The Pels would go on a run late in the third quarter and never look back, beating the Sixers 112-99.

The Pelicans wouldn't have another game until Friday, Mar. 28, when the Golden State Warriors came into town. It's unusual to have a four-day break like this, especially with how compact the NBA schedule is.

The Warriors were looking to bounce back after suffering two straight losses on the road. Outside of that, the Dubs have been on a heater since acquiring Jimmy Butler III at the trade deadline.

They came in 7-3 in their last 10 games, and were fourth in the league in defensive rating in that stretch. They are climbing up the ranks in the tough Western Conference.

The Pels would try all they could

to keep them busy at home, but the Warriors have too much depth (111-95). Six players managed to reach double figures on a relatively terrible shooting night.

The Warriors attempted a whopping 55 three-pointers, more than double the Pels' total, but only made 13 of them.

Stephen Curry led the game in scoring with 23 points, but it took him 21 shots. I know the Pels suck this year but Curry, at least act like you care.

Maybe he just felt bad and tried to give us a free win out of pity. Well, Curry, we don't need your pity. We need freedom from this torture chamber.

The game was neck-and-neck up until the fourth, when the Warriors really locked in defensively, holding the Pels to 13 points in the final quarter.

They also did a phenomenal job moving the ball. All eight of their fourth-

quarter field goals were assisted.

The newly acquired Bruce Brown returned to the lineup for the Pels, scoring 18 points, but overall, the team struggled to buy a basket.

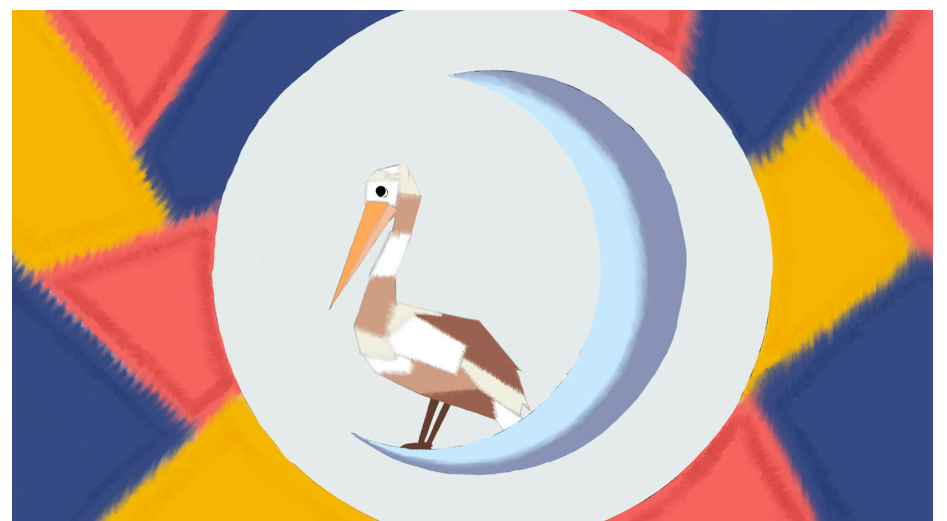
Starters Kelly Olynyk went 0-7, Jose Alvarado was 4-12 and Jordan Hawkins was 2-10.

A bright spot for the team has been Louisiana legend, Elfrid Payton.

The former Ragin' Cajun has been a beast off the bench the last two games for the Pels. He bounced around from New Orleans to Charlotte, but ended up back here and has produced in his role.

In the last two games, he's averaging five points, 12 assists and 5.5 rebounds in only 24 minutes.

Six games remain in the regular season as the Pels look to finish strong. They'll be traveling to Los Angeles for a date with the Lakers on Friday, Apr. 4.



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# Allons

## My capitol conference with 4-H

**Andrew Courville**

ALLONS WRITER

In elementary school, I was the kid who read a lot of books and seemed to know everything. If someone had told me then that I would become so good at public speaking that I'd win a competition for it and go to Washington, D.C., I probably would have stared at them like they were crazy. Yet, here I am, 10 years later, now a first-year student in college, having done exactly that.

I was awarded a trip to Washington, D.C. from Mar. 12 through the 16 for winning a public speaking competition through 4-H last summer. It was a rather unique experience.

The event, Ignite by 4-H, was a conference hosted at the Marriott Marquis, about a 20-minute walk from the National Mall. Thus, in addition to several opportunities to explore the city, much of my time was dedicated inside the hotel.

I traveled with 28 other 4-Hers from Louisiana, 11 of them from my parish, who also won their respective competitions last summer. There were 4-Hers from 49 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Italy and Spain, over 1,400 attendees in total. I've become friends with amazing individuals from Virginia, Alabama and Florida.

The conference's primary feature was the Lead to Change Project. Everyone was encouraged to draft a service project of their choice to impact their community and present it to the other attendees on Mar. 15. The delegation from my parish chose a project on raising literacy rates in disadvantaged communities. Through one-on-one mentoring with elementary students, community book drives and free book fairs, we aimed to raise test scores and create more well-rounded individuals.

The incentive to pitch is that if the group decides to pursue the project back home, they can apply and compete against the other applicants for a grant from the National 4-H Foundation to fund it. It's also generally good exercise in building teamwork and communication skills.

With a wide array of workshops

to choose from, most of mine were about developing leadership skills and community service projects. We learned how to educate youth in our communities about managing their stress, how to develop an effective resume and agricultural literacy.

One of the more fun features of national 4-H events is the pin trading. Each state brings lapel pins to trade with other states. Idaho's is shaped like a potato. Georgia's often features peaches while Maine's is a lobster. The unique part about being from Louisiana is that we bring Mardi Gras beads as well, which many people were happy to trade for.

I also listened to numerous inspiring guest speakers. Jenna Bush Hager, the daughter of President Bush, spoke about her activism to end poverty around the world. Emily Calandrelli, astronaut and award-winning author, told us about her setbacks as a woman in the STEM field.

I was blessed to be able to listen to Kevin Olusola, a member of the a cappella group Pentatonix, beatbox and play the cello simultaneously. He then discussed the importance of sharing one's skills with the world as a means of cultural exchange.

Outside the hotel, we had an evening to tour the national monuments between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. I saw the wall of names in remembrance of Americans we lost in the Vietnam War and appreciated the beauty of the Korean War Memorial. I walked up the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and stood where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. addressed thousands in the March on Washington in 1963.

We stood in awe in front of many of the federal buildings, including the Library of Congress, The Supreme Court and Capitol Hill. I also saw the White House from the South Lawn. If you're wondering: no, the president was unfortunately not there.

We traveled to the National Arboretum, one of the nation's largest agricultural research and conservation centers. Unfortunately, it was still too early in the year for most plants to be in full growth. However, we still learned a lot about their operations, such as the various uses and history of herbs in

medicine and cooking. We also saw their Bonsai garden, and learned that Bonsai is just as much of an art form as painting or singing, and can be used to tell a story.

My journey to this point requires some context. Although 4-H is commonly stereotyped as just a livestock and agriculture organization, I was a member of it from third through 12 grade and never ventured far into that branch. In middle school, I focused primarily on cooking activities before getting into woodworking and leadership. All the while, I was participating in community service activities and organizing my school club meetings as an officer.

In high school, I was awarded trips to Jacksonville, Memphis, Atlanta, Orlando and another trip to Washington D.C. in my junior year all for being an active club member at the school, parish and state levels. To win this trip, for instance, I presented on the importance of funding the arts in the education system against

15 peers. Honestly, without 4-H, I don't believe I'd be pursuing a degree in political science or active in my community. It's taught me the value of contributing to my community and being optimistic for change.

It's helped me develop resilience, time management, self-esteem, work ethic, teamwork, punctuality, creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills. I've learned about woodworking, cooking, leadership, finances and budgeting, STEM, communication and civic engagement.

Having such a long history in 4-H, this conference was a rather bittersweet moment as it was my last event as a youth 4-H member. I made sure to savor every minute of it. So, although going to Washington, D.C. is a once in a lifetime experience, the lesson I want to pass on is that the effort I invested into 4-H was rewarded back to me by the skills I've learned.



Photo by Andrew Courville

Courville standing in front of the U.S Capitol Building.

## A loving relationship between a grandmother and granddaughter

**Ja'lyn Braud**

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The 21st century has led to multiple variations of family dynamics. Whether it is the classic, both mom-and-dad combo, or having a single parent, or even not having any parental figures in the household, everyone grows up differently, forming familial relationships, strong and weak.

For as long as I can remember, I have been blessed with the opportunity to grow up with my grandparents: Nana and Paw-Paw. Now and then, my mom would move us out to a random apartment, but it never lasted long, and we always ended up back with Nana and Paw-Paw.

As a child, growing up in this dynamic seemed uncommon and opened up a sense of contrast between me and other kids. When the students at school would first find out, they sort of expressed a sense of sorrow for me, as if they saw my situation as unfortunate.

However, in actuality, this is probably one of the few parts of my life I would never change. I don't know what much of the difference could be with those who

grew up with their parents versus me, but I feel like I was raised with the same experiences as everyone else.

Nana, specifically, has been such a light in my life. From first taking me in when my mother could not, to now our continuous FaceTime calls as we talk about how our lives are going. I am not sure how, but this woman has made me feel so loved and chosen throughout my 18 years of living.

A key example is just recently, I had talked about wanting cookies but I had no time to bake any, and I couldn't really buy any since I am gluten-free, and I kid you not, this woman had baked me gluten-free cookies the next week and brought them to Lafayette—keep in mind I live an hour and a half away.

It's not that I asked her to, I was simply just sharing my feelings with her, and here she took that opportunity to serve me in a way that no one else does in my life.

Not to mention, it's not just these moments that show me her love, but the small ones as well. Quite often, I will get a text from her showing me her outfits for the day, or she will send something

that reminds her of me, just to keep in touch. Within the chaos that life seems to throw at me, it's nice to be able to look at these messages and just feel a calming sense of joy. A feeling that I know my grandmother has an insane amount of love for me and I do for her.

It's comforting to say the least, and I only believe we were able to become so close because of my, or I guess, our living situation. I am not saying you have to live with your grandparents to be close to them—not at all—but I am saying that it would be hard to replicate the relationship Nana and I have.

All my life I have looked up to Nana as a motherly figure in my household. She did all the grandma things that one does: bake cookies, sew quilts and spoil you with Christmas presents. However, she also did the motherly things: signed me up for doctors' appointments, went to school conferences and even disciplined me. Each action I am grateful for, and without her actively taking part in my life, I think the way I grew up would have been much different.

Nana and I are closer than ever; I don't even think some parents can come close

to the bond we have. I talk to her about literally everything under the moon. The good, the bad, the exciting, the boring.

When I found out Hamilton was coming to New Orleans, the first person I geeked to about it was her. When I would watch *Dancing with the Stars* and one of the contestants would make me mad, I would rant about it to her. When I would start a new show and my favorite character would die, I would whine about it to her. Everything I felt, she knew; and all she does is sit back and listen to me, on and on, letting me confide in her about absolutely anything.

Now, obviously, our relationship is not perfect. She and I have had plenty of arguments, and I am sure there are more to come. They usually stem from the fact that I can be a bit impatient, and Nana feels the need to repeat things two to four times—a beautiful combination if you ask me. Nonetheless, we always bounce back from what can seem like a war between our words, strengthening our relationship.

I could look at the bad in my life and complain how I never really had my true parental figures in the household, but without such an 'inconvenience,' I would have never experienced the blessing of growing up the way I did. Instead, I would rather rave about how much I love my grandmother and how thankful I am to have formed such a relationship with her.

Familial relationships are important, and based on your family dynamic, that is going to look different for everyone. Yet, the best part about that is, it's okay to be different from everyone else. Different does not equal worse.

We are all just people, trying our best to live our lives. So, I suggest we do so with the ones we love, no matter who they are.

Without Nana, I would be a completely different person, and though to some she may just be a simple grandma, but to me she is everything.

Our relationship has wholeheartedly shaped me into the woman I am, and still becoming today, and I wouldn't change that for anything.

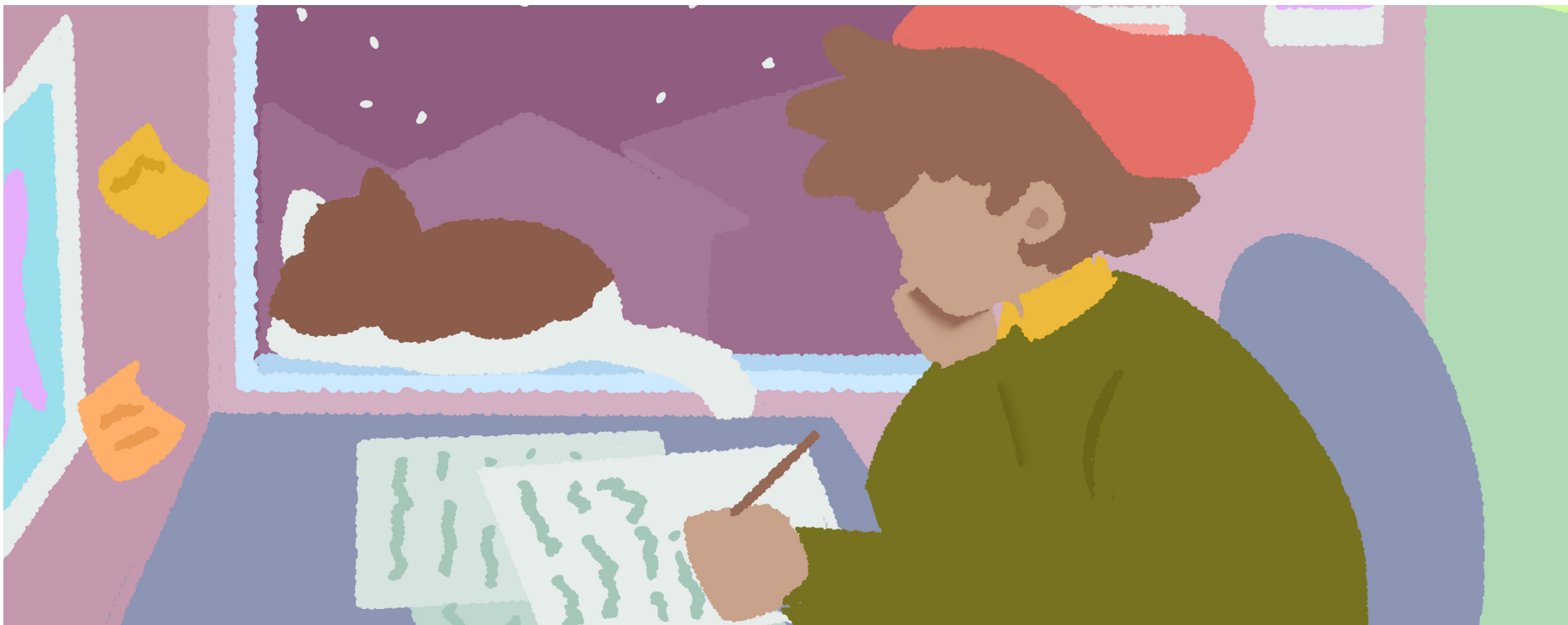


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# Beaucoup

## Study Habits

The Beaucoup section writes about their study habits. Below are their thoughts.



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### Isabelle Brumley

BEACOUPEL EDITOR

The places I typically like to study are my desk in my bedroom, living room or bed. I try to study in quiet places that make me feel comfortable. When I study at my desk, I tend to be more productive. Having room to spread out my materials like my laptop, iPad and books makes organizing everything easier. If I am doing homework at my desk, it usually consists of taking notes or highlighting my textbooks.

When I study in the living room, I usually do regular homework

assignments that consist of writing or answering questions. I often turn on some music through my headphones to help me focus on writing and developing new ideas.

Studying in bed is a whole different experience. If I need to study for big tests or quizzes, I usually sit in bed with all my stuff laid out. I always have to ensure I have an energy drink or coffee next to me to stay awake.

Overall, there are many different ways to study; each one is unique and pertains to others. I find that the most helpful studying tip is to stay positive and focused on what you are working on.

### Marie Ducote

ALLONS WRITER

My chosen place of study changes depending on my mood. Sometimes, I like to study at my desk in my house, especially if I know I have a few hours of studying and homework to do. I like an area where I can spread out my work. I have everything I need to do my work at my desk.

Now, if I am at school, my study space looks a little different. If I am between

classes, I find an empty table at Griffin. I will turn on my computer and try to get enough work done in the hour or two I have before class.

After class, though, I can usually be found in the Student Publications office in Guillory Hall eating lunch and reading whatever I have assigned for that week. I have noticed that all my tests usually happen in the same week, so I usually have a lot of work.

Now if you will excuse me, I have a few essays to write!

### Gracie Cormier

POLITICS WRITER

I used to study more in the library, but I have a newfound affinity for studying in my room.

If I study in the library, I will more than likely get distracted. If I study in my bed or somewhere comfortable, I will also more than likely get distracted. I feel like at my desk, alone and content but not too comfy, is the perfect set up for my productivity.

Sometimes, I like having people there. When my roommate or one of my close friends is in the same room doing their own thing, I tend to get more work done.

However, during finals week, I will absolutely take advantage of the 24-hour library time. If I can get a cubicle alone or sit on one of the beanbags in the nook, I'm golden. Otherwise, I tend to feel too stuffy and can't get any work done.

All in all, the conditions pretty much have to be perfect for me to be able to get any studying done.

### Sadie Lynn Burrell

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Last semester, my go-to study spot was the library. I liked to grab a drink from Jazzman's and then bunker down in one of the little personal cubbies on the first floor. I found that really helpful for my productivity because I was away from all of my distractions, in a quiet place made specifically for studying.

This has stopped working for me,

though, as I found myself getting distracted even in that space.

This semester, I have stayed in my room to study. Being able to stay in my own area lets me wear comfortable clothes and have access to all of my things if I need them. There is still the risk of being distracted by my own things or my roommate, but I find I get more done when I stay in my room because I am less stressed out in an environment that is my own.

## Food Review

# Broaddus Burgers: The ultimate customized burger experience

### Isabelle Brumley

BEACOUPEL EDITOR

Located at 610 E Kaliste Saloom Rd., Broaddus Burgers is a restaurant specializing in "build-your-own burgers." They offer a wide selection of burgers, sides, non-burger options, hot dogs and low-carb and vegetarian dishes. The Lafayette community loves this place for its creativity and warm atmosphere.

Their menu includes a variety of dishes, such as The Sizzler (Spicy Broaddus burger on a sweet bun with mayonnaise and sriracha, topped with jalapeños, banana peppers, pepper jack cheese and grilled onion), PBB (Broaddus burger on a sweet bun with peanut butter, bacon and cheddar cheese), Chicken Parmesan, Boudin Grilled Cheese, Mac and Cheese bowl and Shawn's Hot Dog (hot dog topped with chili, pepper jack cheese, sriracha, grilled onions and condiments you pick).

Broaddus Burgers was established in 2014 by Shawn Broaddus at 1940 Moss St. After 3 years of serving Lafayette citizens, they decided to open a sit-down version of the restaurant

in 2017 on Kaliste Saloom. In 2023, the restaurant announced opening a second location at 4519 W. Congress St. Since its expansion, the restaurant has extended its menu to daily lunch specials and trivia nights.

The atmosphere of this restaurant was definitely casual but still inviting. The warm brown accents on the walls made me feel like I was at home, and the local pictures emphasized the food and environment. The bar area was bright and welcoming, making customers thoroughly enjoy their experience.

My colleague and I had the pleasure of visiting this restaurant on Wednesday, Mar. 26. As we walked in, we grabbed a menu to figure out what we wanted before ordering and sitting down. Looking at the menu, I knew it would be difficult to choose a singular meal. Everything looked so good. The amount of different kinds of burgers you can have was astonishing if I am being honest. The menu's side section also functions as a typical appetizer section. These sides include fried eggplant, sweet potato fries, onion rings, fried pickles, boudin balls, fried cheese sticks, mac and cheese and a twice-

baked potato.

As I highlighted earlier, the entree section is extensive. I went for the Grilled Chicken Club with loaded fries containing chicken, cheese, jalapeños and ranch. My colleague decided to get the Grilled Chicken Mushroom Swiss with loaded fries that contained bacon, cheese, mac and cheese and mushrooms. After ordering, we decided to sit outside since it was reasonably warm. After waiting only 15 minutes, our food was out. My club sandwich was massive. It had a deliciously seasoned chicken breast with fresh lettuce, tomato, bacon and swiss cheese. My fries looked equally as good. The cheese was perfectly melted.

My colleague's meal was just as impressive. Her mushroom burger also contained a well-seasoned chicken breast with fresh tomatoes, lettuce, swiss cheese, mayo and grilled mushrooms. Her fries looked even better. The mac and cheese was piled on the fries, not making them soggy.

After we finished our mouthwatering meals, I decided to interview the front-of-house manager, Ethan Nelson. "I have been working here for two and

a half years...my experience here has been above average. I don't hate my job at all!"

I asked what his favorite aspect of working at Broaddus Burgers was; he responded, "Probably feeling like my input matters, that we're a local spot. We are not a large corporation chain and the owner operates physically in the building a few times a day. So when there's issues and complaints and things that we noticed that can be affected, it's nice to know that it doesn't matter what position you are in, if you see something the owner is pretty receptive."

"My favorite thing on the menu is anything with fried mushrooms...it's a good environment here; we're pretty relaxing. This is one of those places where if you make mistakes, you get corrected, like we don't yell at people."

I could tell that this restaurant loves to serve the community. The staff was pleasant, and I thoroughly enjoyed trying their food once again.

If you would like to visit Broaddus Burgers, they are open Monday through Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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Exterior decorations at Broaddus Burgers, the Grilled Chicken Club and Loaded Fries.



# SOUNDING OFF

**"What is your unpopular opinion?"**



**Timyra Wilson**  
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SENIOR

*"My unpopular opinion is not everything needs to be said."*



**Taylor Robinson**  
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT FRESHMAN

*"Posting bible quotes does not make you a good person."*



**Nya George**  
NURSING FRESHMAN

*"Rapping is not for everybody."*



**Zora Singleton**  
KINESIOLOGY FRESHMAN

*"My unpopular opinion is that I don't really enjoy Starbucks as much as other people do."*



**Leshyra Gillum**  
PSYCHOLOGY SENIOR

*"Green grapes are better than red grapes."*



**Paul Ned**  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING JUNIOR

*"If you are a man, don't speak on women's rights."*

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# Allan Returns



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