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Mono making the rounds at LSC

by Dermot Lynch
News Writer

An innocent kiss from a college sweetheart may result in a month-long nightmare. Mononucleosis, commonly referred to as "the kissing disease," is running rampant on Loyola's campus this year.

The number of Loyola students who have contracted the disease increased this year with a total of 66 documented cases so far. Of those cases, 15 have been reported since the beginning of January. Last year, 62 cases were documented for the entire year and 10 were documented in January and February combined, according to Diane Asaro, director of the Wellness Center.

Mono is not a virus itself, but a type of syndrome that is caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. The disease can be transmitted through any oral secretion or saliva exchange, but the primary means is through kissing. Sharing the same drinking glass with or being coughed on by someone who has the disease are other ways the illness is transmitted, according to Marcia Maurer, associate dean of academic programs in nursing.

With an ever-increasing student population, Loyola's more densely packed student body living in on-campus housing has a higher probability of catching any bug, according to Maurer.

One of mono's most recent victims, freshman Pat Rehkamp, came down with the disease about three weeks ago and believes he contracted it from kissing a girl. He said he was diagnosed with mono by the Wellness Center after suffering from what he thought was a sinus infection for nearly three weeks.

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Chicagoans join world protest



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A protester signs to the crowd Saturday during the march down Devon Avenue. Many international cities hosted some protesters, with London drawing the most at over 1 million.

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Last Saturday, about 3,000 protesters marched along the streets of Devon Avenue to voice their opposition to the possibility of war

with Iraq. Saturday's rally was part of an international movement to stop the war, as around the country and the world, millions of people gathered to proclaim their anti-war sentiment.

The rally was organized by the Chicago Coalition Against War and Racism, according to a Feb. 16 article in the Chicago Tribune. The

purpose of the protest was to send a message of opposition to the war in Iraq and also to discourage U.S. immigration rules targeting immigrants in other countries.

Rogers Park was chosen for the location of the protest due to its large population of Pakistani immigrants, according to the article. "Protesters braved subfreezing

temperatures to voice opposition to the U.S. let attack on Iraq," the article reads. "Some participants, ranging from infants in strollers to senior citizens, were bused in from Iowa, Indiana and around Illinois."

Many residents of Chicago and

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Search for dean becomes a continuing story

Fred Smith's January resignation prompts another search for a dean for the College of Arts and Sciences

by Monica Patankar
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Loyola is aiming to balance its budget, to unveil its Life Sciences

Building and to offer service-learning programs for the next academic year and like other transition periods taking place across the university, the College of Arts and Sciences is going through a similar situation.

Over winter break, leadership within the College of Arts and Sciences changed with the resignation of Fred Smith, who arrived at Loyola in the fall from Northern Il-



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linois University to become dean. Isiaah Crawford, chair of the psychology department, was appointed to the position of interim dean following Smith's resignation, which was submitted to Peter Facione, Loyola's provost.

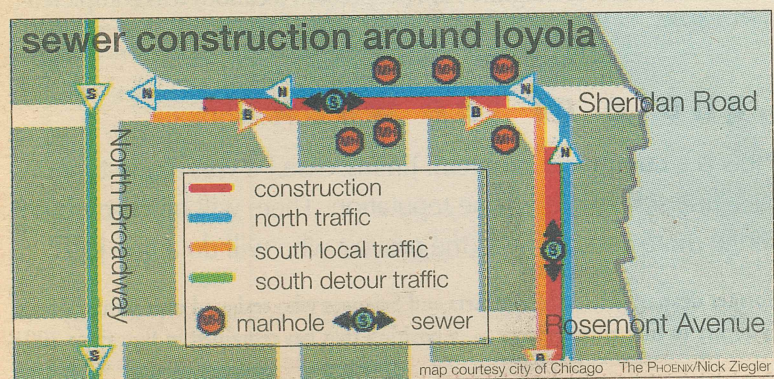
Resigning his position as chair,

Crawford took the interim dean position in January and will serve through the 2003-'04 academic year, leaving the search for a permanent dean for the College of Arts and Sciences to resume in the fall.

Smith said there were many reasons behind leaving the position of dean and taking on a role

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Traffic jams expected for Sheridan Road



by Eva Golabek
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Traffic disruptions on Sheridan Road are expected this spring as the city of Chicago undergoes a sewer renewal project. Loyola's students and faculty, as well as local residents who commute along Sheridan, may want to reconsider their travel routes to avoid automobile congestion.

According to an information kit provided by the department of water management, the sewers on Sheridan Road between North Thorndale Avenues and North Broadway will be relined to increase support to the structure and improve its capacity and flow. Immediate maintenance to the original pipeline, which was installed

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students at Loyola are learning about the pending war in Iraq in their classes and through news media. U.N. inspection findings, Bush's requests for Iraqi compliance and Iraq's denial of violations have been making daily headlines. With neither Bush nor Saddam appearing to back down, the Loyola community is also forming opinions about the issue of going to war.

The pending war has led both to increased classroom discussions about the war as well as public outcry from university interest groups.

John Williams, a political science professor, said the United States is on a course that will eventually lead the country toward war. Williams said he believes Saddam Hussein is indeed in possession of weapons of mass destruction or nuclear weapons.

"The bottom line is that the Bush administration is not going to let Saddam Hussein have nuclear weapons," Williams said. "It's just a matter of how we will go about making [disarmament] happen."

Other students who are concerned about the war are discussing the war in an organized setting in weekly forums organized by a group called Chicago Student Anti-War Network. CSAWN is a collection

of high school and college students from the Chicagoland area that allows students to voice their opinions on the war and the government and was responsible for a student peace protest in the fall.

Many of the Chicago students share different sentiments on the issue of whether America should go to war. University of Illinois-Chicago sophomore Lavanya Visvabharathy, a participant in CSAWN, said America needs to use options other than war in order to protect its interests.

"I think that if we need to maintain superpower status, we need to act in moderation," Visvabharathy said. "We shouldn't be jumping to war. We need to prove our case first, and then try to do everything in our power not to go to war."

However, other students, such as Loyola senior Matt McLellan, said war is the only reasonable option.

"If we are to maintain our position as a world power, I think it's necessary for us to stop Saddam before he hurts us," McLellan said. "I have faith in the government and I believe that Saddam is in violation and is a threat to America."

In addition, some Loyola students said the evidence has yet to mount sufficiently. Freshman Monica Szymczak said she

questions whether enough evidence, even in light of the new recordings and photographs released by Colin Powell, has been gathered to ensure that Saddam is indeed in violation of treaties.

"At this point I've lost interest in what he keeps on saying. I think he's blowing hot air now," Szymczak said. "As much as I hate to admit it, I do think [war is inevitable], but I don't think that we simply need to attack other countries because we are America."

The situation in Iraq is not only a hot topic in newspapers and on television, but has found its way into the classroom discussion as well.



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Protesters stop traffic along Devon Avenue as they march in a demonstration Saturday against America's potential involvement in a war with Iraq.

"I've found that the Loyola student body is more realistic and tend[s] to look at the big picture," Williams said. "Even if they don't agree with my opinion, they're willing to take a stand and aren't swayed by the media and are harder to fool."

Students such as Szymczak have found the issue frequently coming up in philosophy or history classes and has seen political science students often relate historic analogies to current events.

While students can speak out against the course on which the country is headed through protests or discussions, some pro-war students said they find it difficult to express their opinions.

"You're never going to see a pro-war parade or something because it's just taboo," McLellan said. "But I think people would be surprised with how many students believe Saddam has to be stopped and that the war is the most likely way to resolve the issues we've got with him."

Right now, Williams perceives the war as a war of policy.

"It's down to questioning if we should send in troops, where some of them will probably die," Williams said. "Or, should we wait until it [the conflict with Iraq] turns into a catastrophe, where more will die undoubtedly?"

Already, military reserves, which include some students from Loyola, have been called to active duty. As the number of troops in the Middle East continue to mount, all signs point to America preparing for war.

Twelve years ago when reserves were called to duty in the Gulf War, Loyola was accommodating, rescheduling exams and giving back tuition money, according to

Williams.

"I would expect the university to do the same way [today]," Williams said. "I thought the university handled the situation very well."

While the calling of reserves has been the only physical change on campus so far, it likely would not be the only sign of change if America does go to war.

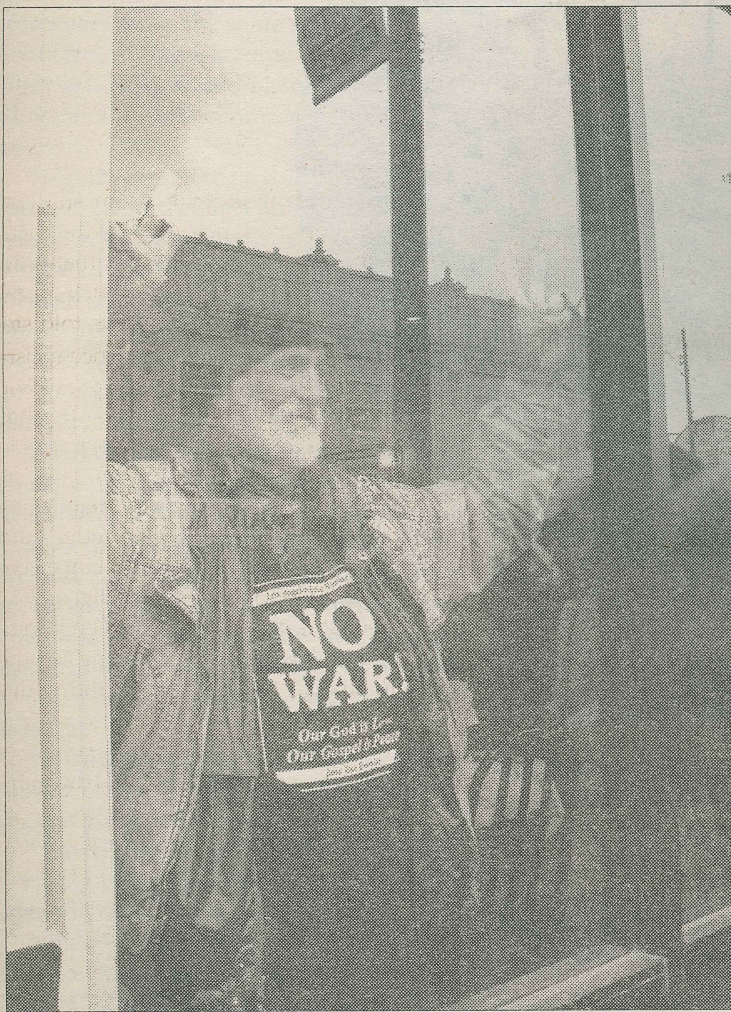
Szymczak said he hopes a war, although not a good thing, would unite the campus.

"After seeing the country pull together after Sept. 11, I would hope we would do the same if we went to war," Szymczak said. "Even though there are people who are pro-war and anti-war, I think we would all pull together if we really do start war."

Other students are indifferent to situations happening around the world. Sophomore Julie Kamp said she is openly apathetic to the situation.

"I've read the stories and stuff, and after a while I can't really understand what's the point of all of this discussion, [even though] I know it's important to be concerned about politics," Kamp said. "I think Bush is set on finishing his father's war, and I think that with or without evidence, we'll be headed to war. I don't really care anymore."

This weekend, Loyola will be hosting a National Conference of the Campus Anti-War Network for students and other anti-war activists around the country. Other organizations such as CSAWN and Loyola Anti-War Network will be helping with the conference activities. Students interested in participating can contact csawn@hotmail.com for more information.



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One peace advocate, draping himself in anti-war sentiment apparel, cheers on protesters from a restaurant window.

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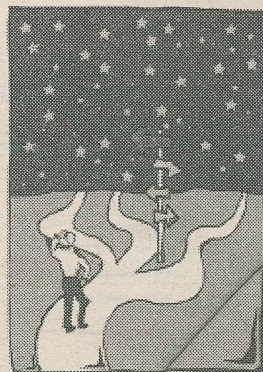
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