The spirit of Mardi Gras was in the air as the Krewe of Newcomb rolled beneath stately oaks through the uptown campus on Friday afternoon. The Krewe, which has paraded most years since 1987, featured colorful costumes depicting a variety of characters such as animals, pirates and New Orleans Saints fans. After the parade, the krewe feasted on king cake and milk during a “ball” held at the [Newcomb Children’s Center](#).

Members of the Big Guys Brass Band lead the parade through Benenson Plaza with their teacher Mona Smith-Hall, right.
Delighted family members line up to document the procession.

Members of the Lil’ Saints, one of several sub-krewes, make their way through the crowd.
A young reveler savors a slice of king cake.