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# Logos

## Gun violence vigil set

By Jackie Velez / FEATURES EDITOR

The University of the Incarnate Word will hold a vigil for the sixth Annual National Vigil for all victims of gun violence at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13.

The vigil will be in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word. The Ettling Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability is among sponsors.

Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a longtime UIW religious studies professor, has been working to get the word out on the vigil, part of a nationwide observance in remembrance of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre on Dec. 14, 2012, in Newtown, Conn.

Sandy Hook was where 20-year-old Adam Lanza fatally shot 20 children between ages 6 and 7, as well as six adult staff members. Before driving to the school, Lanza shot and killed his mother at their Newtown home.

UIW's vigil is in line with the nationwide one sponsored by the New Foundation, a non-profit organization, which held its sixth vigil Wednesday, Dec. 5, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C.

"Efforts like these are critical to curbing gun violence in America, where each

year over 100,000 Americans are killed or injured by guns," the foundation said on its website, pointing out that since the Sandy Hook tragedy, more than 600,000 Americans have been killed or injured by guns.

"Help us honor their lives by hosting a local vigil or other remembrance event," the foundation said. "Your efforts will help to transform empathy into meaningful actions to reduce gun violence in our nation. Our goal is to hold over 500 vigils and events in all 50 states! Through a local vigil or remembrance event, you



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Bird and Lime scooters are showing up much more frequently on campus.  
Nico Ramon / Photo

## UIW students scoot around campus

By Amanda Moreno / STAFF WRITER

Bird and Lime have taken the San Antonio area and the University of the Incarnate Word campus by storm with a multitude of their electric scooters.

Since their introduction to the city over the summer, the scooter population has increased dramatically in response to a high demand of usage from tourists and locals alike. Once seen downtown, the scooters line Broadway spots.

Their accessibility and simplicity is appealing, especially towards college

students who may not be willing to spend hundreds of dollars on a parking pass every year. They're also extremely convenient for tourists who want to avoid the high parking fees downtown without parking a 20-minute walk away from their destination.

Bird and Lime are competing California-based companies. The turf war over California has been a headline topic since their creation and introduction in 2017. Their usefulness skyrocketed both companies

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## Midterm election update: Democrat and Republican shifts

By Nancy Benet / STAFF WRITER

Texas reached a record-breaking voter turnout during the midterm elections on Nov. 6, rivaling presidential election turnout.

Among the races in Texas were several for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in addition to the Texas legislature as well as other statewide offices. Texas elected a few additional Democrats to the U.S. House, and several more in the state House and Senate. However, Republican policymakers did retain a majority in the state legislature.

Incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott won by a substantial amount against opponent Lupe Valdez and Republicans kept every seat in the Texas Supreme Court.

The closely watched election for the U.S. Senate resulted in a loss for Democrats as Beto O'Rourke lost a tight race to Sen. Ted Cruz, falling behind by less than 300,000 votes.

"I will work with him or with anyone, anytime, anywhere, to make sure that the same way you have been there for us, we will be there for you," O' Rourke said, referring to working with Cruz, in his concession speech. "Not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Texans and Americans."

Although the election for U.S. Senate resulted in a loss for Democrats, they did win several counties that have historically elected

Republican candidates, such as Williamson County, which houses cities such as Georgetown and Round Rock.

"I think these midterms showed that being ethical and genuinely caring for people can still have a big impact," said Clarisa Salinas, a Dallas native and a volunteer on the "Beto for Texas" campaign. "I hope the people of Texas shift away from party loyalty and focus more on the issues at hand, and I think these midterms have been the catapult for that change."

Not only did voter turnout in general increase in Texas, but voter turnout for young people increased a substantial amount in the state as well.

"I predict that young people will be more involved as time goes on," Salinas said. "It will take some time for serious change, but I'm hopeful that it's just beyond the horizon."

Although Democrats suffered losses in Texas, they accomplished several milestones nationwide, such as electing several women of color nationwide as well as obtaining a majority in the U.S. House.

Antonio Banda, president of the national political science honors society, Pi Sigma Alpha, said he sees an increased interest in some students to pursue a career in politics because of their attention to the importance

of inclusion, especially to historically marginalized groups.

"I mainly see this interest in people who are non-white as I have seen they are the most passionate about changing their world around them and for generations to come," said Banda. "This is reflected with the election of Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez in New York's 14th (The Bronx), Lina Hidalgo's election as Harris County judge (Houston area) and the elections of Ilhan Omar (D-Minneapolis) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Detroit) as the first Muslim women to Congress."

As for Texas' future, Banda believes it to be "promising."

"Along with the state's ever-changing demographics, the future of Texas seems promising considering more people are coming out to vote on both sides of the political spectrum," said Banda. "Eventually, Texas will become another Democratic stronghold for senators like California, New York and Illinois but for the near future, I see it as a critical battleground state."



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WORD UP

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can engage more Americans and encourage them to join our efforts to reduce gun violence in communities near and far. Some remembrance event ideas include marches, rallies, meet-and-greets, house parties, concerts, educational forums, or distribution of education materials. Please feel free to be creative."

UIW junior nursing major Andrea Garcia, a work-study at the Ettling Center, said she plans to participate in the vigil.

"I am really looking forward to this event," Garcia said. "Gun violence has been a huge problem in this society."

Christian Rodriguez, a senior theatre arts major and sociology minor, also plans to be involved.

"We need to save our future," Rodriguez said. "We need to save our kids from any danger that involves guns because some of those kids could be a future president, scientist, or teachers."

**FYI:** For more information, visit Newtown Foundation's website at <https://www.newtownfoundation.org>

UIW students scoot around campus

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into many major cities within a year, including Austin and San Antonio.

However, many San Antonio residents and local businesses aren't thrilled about the number of scooters they're suddenly finding around their properties, taking up sidewalk spaces. Although scooters are picked up, charged and redistributed overnight in order to keep up with demand in high-traffic areas, they're wearing the patience of some.

"They're fun and interesting to ride, but people are constantly being irresponsible with them by leaving them in our walkway or throwing them on the ground instead of docking them correctly," said Ali Barrera, a St. Mary's strip businessman.

Historical areas, such as the Alamo, have even banned scooters from being on the property.

Blake Bolado, a lifelong San Antonio resident who now lives near the Pearl, expressed pleasure at having a new, easier way to get where he's going.

"Broadway has been under construction since I moved towards this side of town," Bolado said. "It's a huge inconvenience waiting 30 minutes in

traffic just to get to the grocery store. With a Bird, I can easily get to where I'm going without having to deal with all that."

How to get Rolling

Bird and Lime scooters can be found anywhere Users must be 18 years or older to ride, but they're fairly easy to operate.



Users must download an app to get things rolling.

Differences between the brands vary, the main one being that Bird closes its renting hours at 8 p.m., while Lime can be rented till midnight. Rides for both apps start out with a \$1 charge to start and an additional 15-20 cents a minute afterwards. Simply download the appropriate app, fill out your personal info, submit a photo of your driver's license, agree to the terms and conditions and you should be ready to ride.

Be aware of surroundings and wear safety gear before beginning a ride. An increasing concern among motorists is the recklessness riders have while riding these electric scooters. Riders should be following all traffic rules and should only use paved sidewalks. If traveling in a large group, bike lanes are perfectly acceptable, but riders should never use city roads for their commute.



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UIW students compete in moot court competition

SPECIAL TO THE LOGOS

A University of the Incarnate Word team advanced to the "Sweet Sixteen" in a regional moot court completion and two of its members received trophies, the team's adviser said.

Four teams of "student-attorneys" or "mooters" competed Nov. 15 in the South Central Regional Qualifying Tournament of the American Moot Court Association hosted by Texas Tech University's

law school in Lubbock, said Dr. Brandon T. Metroka, an assistant professor of political science who teaches the moot court class and advises pre-law students.

One of the four UIW teams

advanced Nov. 16 in the playoffs with members Kyla Martin and Karey Trader -- both political science majors -- earning trophies. Other members of the playoff team included William Anthony, Azalia Cernia, Anita Kaduru, Genella Rubio, Adryanna Salas and Bonnie Tijerina.

Before going to the tournament, UIW's Department of Political Science held a Nov. 12 moot court exhibition in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabree Library.

"All of our teams worked quite hard in preparation for this tournament, reading and briefing nearly 20 federal court cases concerning equal protection and government employee speech rights," Metroka said.

All the UIW students competing were first-time competitors while many of the other teams had veterans,



Dr. Brandon T. Metroka

Metroka said. "Despite all of our 'mooters' being first-time competitors, our students managed to outperform some of the teams fielded by Stephen F. Austin, UT-Arlington, UNT, Texas A&M, Baylor, Colorado Christian, and others," Metroka said. "We definitely have a good foundation to build from, and I am impressed by the amount of time and effort all of our students gave toward preparing for this tournament."



University of the Incarnate Word 'mooters' prepare for regional competition at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Courtesy Photo



# Campus Police offer Car Care Clinic

Alyssa Peña / STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word's Police Department and Valvoline Instant Oil Change teamed up to bring the Car Care Clinic to campus the week before Thanksgiving.

The clinic, which focuses on checking students, faculty and staff members' tire pressure, headlights and oil, was designed to promote travel safety during the holiday break.

"We are going to look at the oil, make sure it's not low, let you know how the condition is, fill up your tires to the correct psi, fill up your washer fluid, check out your wiper blades and your lights so you're good to go before the break," Valvoline Regional Manager Spencer Mason said. "We want to make sure students don't get pulled over on their way to go see family because that is very important to us."

Sophomore engineering major Christian Salazar was among students taking advantage of the free clinic.

"It helps build the bond between the students and the police and it helps the

students be more aware that the police are actually there to help them," Salazar said.

Kelly Caldwell, a senior communication arts major, said this was her first time bringing in her 2006 Corolla to the clinic.

"I have never gone before," Caldwell said. "I wish I had 'cause this is important. You could hurt yourself or hurt others if you don't take care of your car. You could lose your tire, (or) have a flat on the freeway going 80 or 90 miles an hour."

Besides checking vehicle, Valvoline technicians shared a few cost-saving tips.

"We also have some good tips about Black Friday and Thanksgiving and then a \$10 off (offer) at any of our nine locations here in San Antonio of any service that you want done in stores," Mason said.

"We want to make sure everyone is good to go," Mason said. "I think it is very important and (UIW Police Cpl. Jim Show) is a huge driver in that. He is actually the one that created the program and we are here to help and make sure we can execute it at a high level."



A Valvoline technician looks under an auto's hood at the Car Care Clinic.  
Alyssa Peña/ Photo

# President: SGA addresses hunger, connections

Armando Zuniga Jr. / STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association is hoping to address students' needs and hear their voices through a couple of new initiatives started this fall, its president said.

One of the SGA's major projects is the establishment of a Cardinal Food Pantry to help fight hunger at the university.

"Through guidance and drive of past students, we have started the development of a potential food pantry in order to address any food insecurity at our university" President Mariana Barron Esper said.

This resource is available to UIW students as Esper has also reached out to many other organizations for help such as the Alumni Association, Career Services and the student body.

Building connections has been another major SGA project, Esper said.

"Every year is a different year for SGA to make a contribution to our community and outward, we have a handful or new senators and officers in the Executive Council. The Executive Council and the Senate have committed themselves to reach out to the student population

to the best capacity in order to make viable change."

Esper said she believes in change and starting new traditions for the university. Esper said one of her ideas is to build connections and to do so every month SGA has a meeting. There's also "Senate in the Center," where students are welcome to come and have interactions with all the senators in the Student Engagement Center and voice their feedback and concerns.

As the president, Esper said, "I am grateful for this opportunity to be a voice for the student population and

do not take it for granted. I am honored and grateful. I hope for the students to reach what I call 'more than a college experience' in their time here at the University of the Incarnate Word.

"Student Government Association to me is an opportunity to make change, to be a voice for the voiceless, and seek for the long-term betterment of the student population. Every year has a different atmosphere and this year, there is a vibrant and proactive atmosphere. It is exciting."



Mariana Barron Esper

# Student seeks to start Muslim group

A University of the Incarnate Word freshman is trying to recruit members for a Muslim Student Association.

Naila Muhammed, a communication arts major from San Antonio, has been distributing fliers that proclaim: "Everyone is welcome." The flier asks interested students to contact UIW MSA at uiwmsa@gmail.com or follow the movement



Naila Muhammed

# Student's letter to Sodexo worker impresses caterer

SPECIAL TO THE LOGOS

A University of the Incarnate Word student's handwritten letter to a Sodexo food worker has become a major source of pride for the catering company.

Amanda Campa, field marketing coordinator for Sodexo's office at UIW, shared freshman Alia Henderson's letter to dining hall worker Julie Winters with the Logos as well as a photograph of the two.

Henderson, who is majoring in psychology, said she decided to write the letter to show her appreciation to Winters.

Henderson wrote: "Thank you so much for helping me out with my transition to college. As I grow and learn about adulthood and take on different adversities, won-

derful people like you lend a hand. A hand that produces strength and wisdom, and by your very hard work I see that. So, thank you for taking care of all the students. You will never be forgotten for the impact you have made and keep making. God is good."

Winters, who has been worked in UIW's dining hall for 24 years, was touched by Henderson's letter.

"I was surprised to receive the letter," Winters said. "It was unexpected. As soon as I read it, I felt very emotional to read those nice things. I always try to give the best customer service so the students feel welcome, so they feel like they are home. I feel like they are my children."

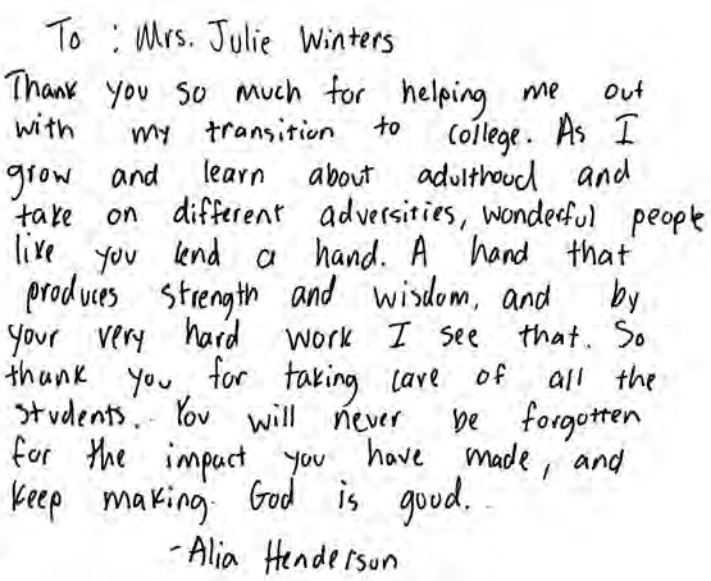
Henderson, 18, ran cross



Alia Henderson and Julie Winters

country this fall and will run track in the spring. A graduate of Bandera High School, she said she chose UIW "because my parents prayed about it, and I was destined to be here."

"The letter to Mrs. Winters was not out of my own good works, but the good works of God. In this life I have realized I will never reach perfection, or be the best I can absolutely be without the



Sodexo is making Alia Henderson's handwritten letter a keepsake

heart of God.

"Reaching out to Mrs. Winters is what we ought to do every day. Build relationships, love others, even when we might fail ourselves and others. God never fails us. Thank you to everyone in the

café, and in this institution for working towards a greater society. It is not one person who makes the difference, but a group of people who shine their light together."



## ‘Light the Way’ brings thousands to campus

Jake Fortune/ STAFF WRITER

“Light the Way” got an early-afternoon start Saturday, Nov. 17.

Kicking off at 3, the festival welcomed thousands of participants to enjoy live music, food trucks, hot chocolate, and so much more.

This year followed the new format introduced last year, opening up the campus without charge and giving people freedom to choose what to experience.

Various musical artists took the stage off Broadway and

Hildebrand until the opening ceremony at 6. KSAT12 news anchor Steve Spriester was the emcee.

“This is for me, the start of the holiday season, and every year it seems, it just becomes bigger and bigger,” Spriester told the crowd. “I think it’s one of those things San Antonio rallies around and loves coming to.”

The stage was rarely vacant of acts up to the fireworks finale at 9.

Until that moment, thou-

sands milled around various other activities on campus. The Christmas Shoppe returned this year with even more vendors and shops to find various art, trinkets and opportunities. The Kid’s Corner was expanded this year with a running train as well as a place for them to take pictures with Santa.

The Student Engagement Center was in use as well, hosting an exclusive UIW Alum gathering.

Spriester, who used to

emcee the event when its main stage was Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium, said he welcomed the change in format.

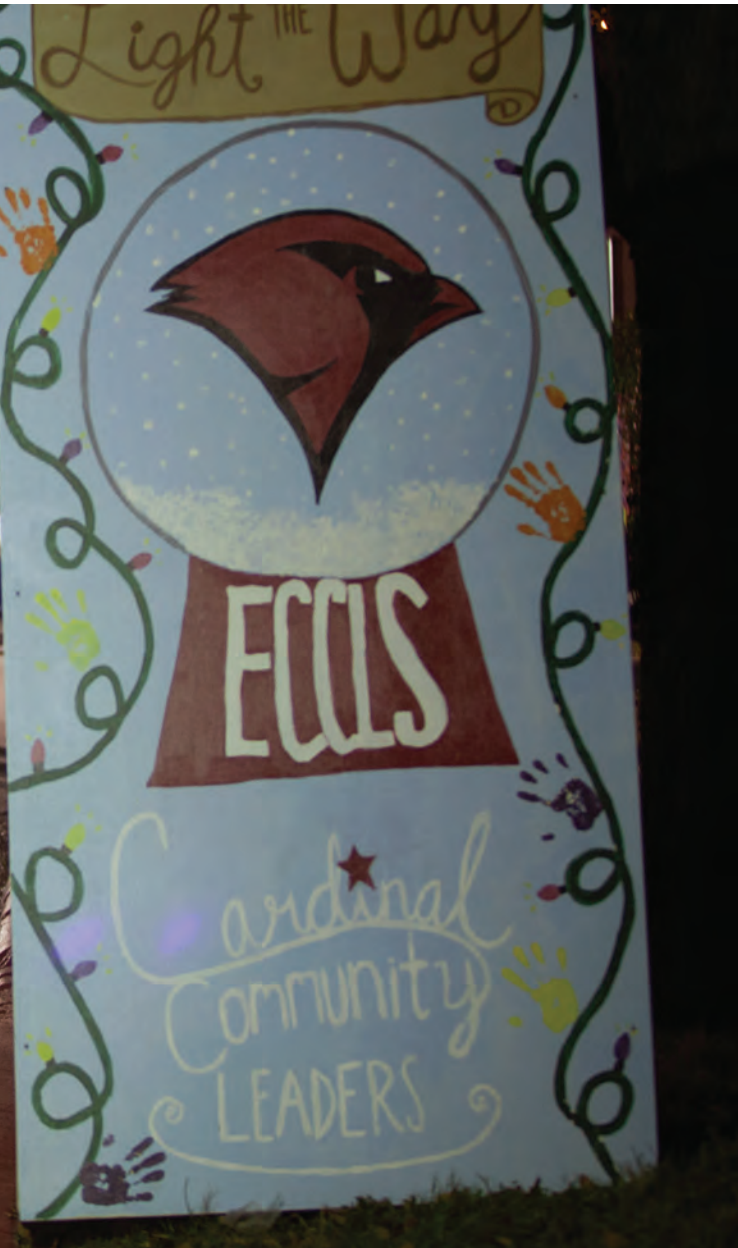
“Don’t get me wrong,” he said. “I loved the football stadium. It was great to see so many people come out each year. But it was always a little impersonal since everyone was kind of far away with that huge field between us.”

As the sun went down, the campus was illuminated with a million Christmas lights and

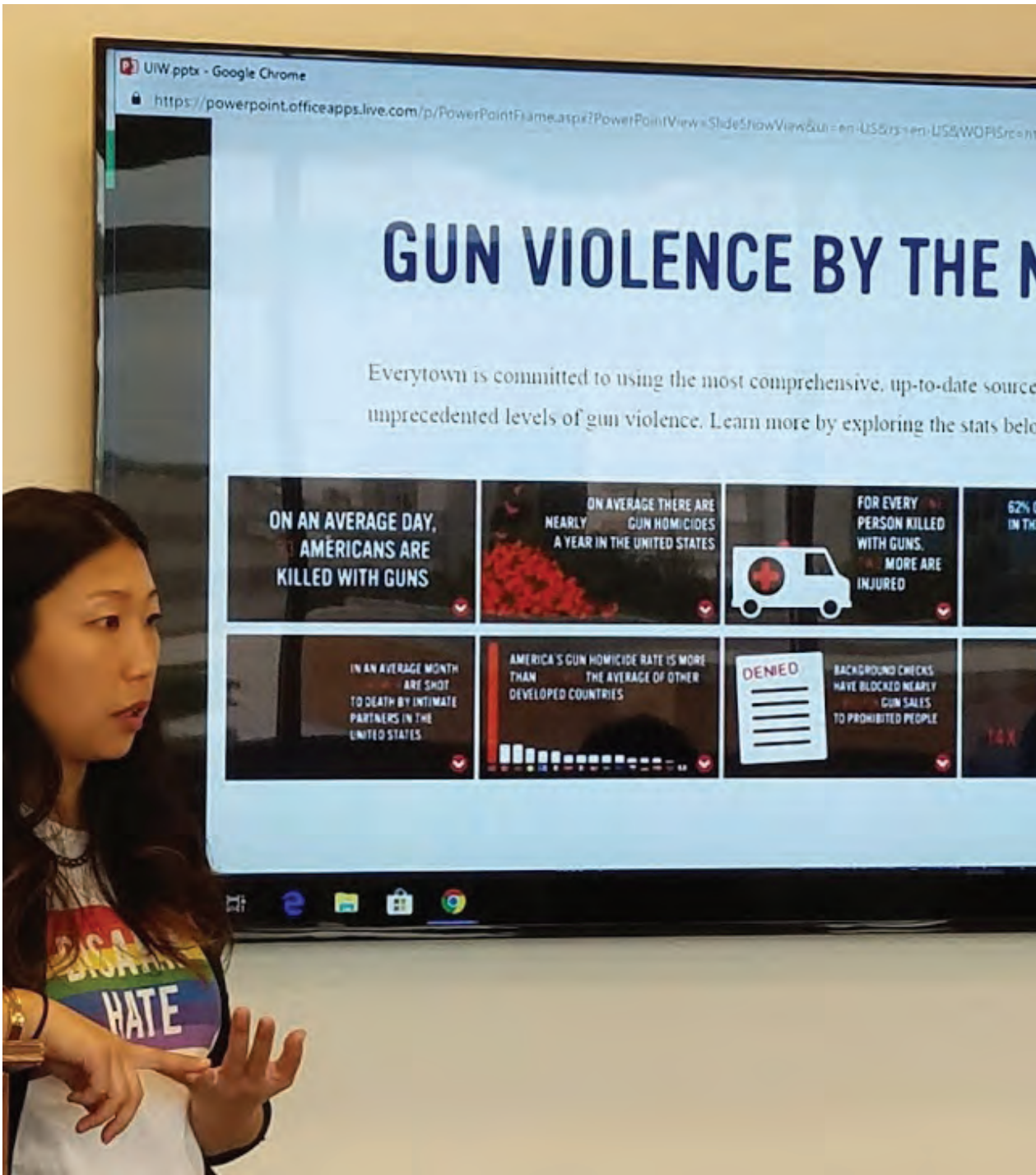
the energy was raised even further.

San Antonio resident Antonio Gonzales said he was impressed.

“I think it’s so much bigger than last year, and it definitely seems like they are only planning for (Light the Way) to grow in the future,” Gonzales said.







Students take action along with Sr. Martha Ann Kirk in attempts to spread the word on social justice.



Courtesy photos

# Events engage students in social justice movements

Jackie Velez / FEATURES EDITOR

University of the Incarnate Word students enrolled in a Social Justice Leadership class volunteered throughout the university's bevy of activities before and culminating in World Peace Day 2018.

The class is taught by Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a longtime religious studies professor who also serves as faculty liaison for the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability.

In the past, such observances have led to the mounting of the first "peace pole" on campus in 1986, symbolizing the new Master of Arts degree in Peace and Justice. Additionally, this is when the educational Peace Fairs initiated at the school.

The Peace Fairs began to have deeper meaning for the UIW community after Oct. 30, 1992, when a UIW English professor, Dr. Bernard C. O'Halloran, "was murdered by a homeless man he had invited into his home," according to the UIW Peace Day webpage.

O'Halloran's legacy continues with peace-promoting, social justice activities. The Peace Fair from 1986 has grown to include prayerful and celebratory activities, usually surrounding the anniversary of O'Halloran's death near the last Wednesday of October.

Several of Kirk's students shared what they learned or experienced through reflections.

"World Peace Day has a great meaning behind it," said Riley Goodwin, one of Kirk's students. "After the tragic murder of a UIW professor, UIW was challenged to educate and reform the world into a day of peace. The first UIW World Peace Day was held back in 2008 and has grown tremendously."

This year, Goodwin said he "had the privilege of hosting, introducing and presenting" a certificate to Hope

Frey, an immigration lawyer and advocate for human rights. Goodwin said Frey's nonprofit organization, Project Lifeline, "focuses on helping immigrants, especially children, get out of the horrendous detention centers as fast as possible."

Frey told students this, Goodwin wrote: "These children have been through so much physical and emotional trauma and it's inhumane how they are being treated."

Kirk's class split duties at each event, which included "Colors of Music" Oct. 26 at the Raindrop Turkish Center off Vance Jackson Road; and the campus ones such as the Oct. 24 play, "The Line in the Sand: Stories from the U.S./Mexico Border"; Peace Day Reflection & Refugee Crisis; and the Oct. 31 Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

Students began spreading the word about all the events.

"I helped publicize the October Season of Justice, Peace and Creation by putting the flier on my Snapchat and Instagram story, encouraging students to come," Gabrielle Aragon wrote. "I also passed out fliers in my sociology class. The girl I sit by in that class even asked me what it entailed, and I encouraged her to go."

The play, held Oct. 24, surrounded the topic of immigration. The play was taken from events that occurred years ago when Catholic Relief Services sent a team of five writers and actors to the Arizona-Mexico border to investigate the immigration crisis.

"I chose to volunteer at this event because I felt most connected," Liliana Schouten wrote. "I am Mexican-American, and I have family in Mexico that struggle. They come to the United States to work two weeks every three to four months. They take

that money and go back home and live off of it for a few months until they run out. Then they repeat the process."

Several other students participated in the "Colors of Music" event, which took place on Oct. 26 at the Raindrop Turkish House. This event featured music, an assortment of snacks and a tap into the Turkish culture.

The Raindrop Turkish House is a non-profit organization that works to encourage ties between Turkish and American communities. It operates in six states through educational, social and cultural activities.

"The foundation promotes peace and unity amongst varying religions by going to different synagogues and churches and (trying to solve) issues through dialogue," Caitlin "Rose" Newsome wrote. "I learned that culture plays a powerful role in gathering people together from looking at the ornate decorations to the decadent food."

Niklaus Orosco said he was fond of the cuisine lessons he was able to take note of at the Rainbow House.

"Not only did we enjoy the décor and people, but we were also introduced to certain fads of Turkish tradition, as we were offered free mint and potted plants," Orosco wrote.

Another event to promote peace was Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, a non-profit organization aimed at arming people with knowledge on gun safety.

Emily Cartwright shared an important acronym from the organization.

She wrote: "All these Moms asks is that people be SMART: 'S' -- Secure guns in homes and vehicles. 'M' -- Model responsible behavior. 'A': Ask about unsecured guns in other homes. 'R' -- Recognize the risks of teen suicide. And 'T' -- Tell your peers

to be SMART. By simply doing this, we can start bringing to light the importance of gun sense in America."

More peace discussions focused on various aspects of the refugee crisis.

The students also shared what they learned from three panelists regarding "Peace Day Reflections on the Refugee Crisis." Dr. Lopita Nath, professor and chair of the History Department, focused on "Challenges of Refugee Resettlement in the United States." Dr. Marc Piazzolo, a visiting economics professor, discussed "How Do We Successfully Integrate Refugees into the Labor Market? The case of Germany." And Dr. Nürşen A. Zanca, an economics professor, shared "A Study into Economic Value of Urban Refugees in the U.S.: from Economic Burden to Economic Asset."

Nath discussed the Bhutanese Refugee camps between Pakistan and India, where some of the refugees live up to 25 years.

Shivani Akula said she appreciated Piazzolo's presentation.

"He (went) into detail to explain how Germans are willing to take in immigrants and that it benefits the German society," Akula wrote. "He talks about possible benefits of the immigrants of refugee inflow through statistics."

Syndi Carrasco, a freshman interdisciplinary studies major, was among students who wrote they left this monthlong project with a sense of responsibility and ability to assist those in need.

She wrote, "Helping during the UIW October Season of Peace and Justice opened my mind much more than I ever expected."



Do what you love - not what you're good at



Queen Ramirez / EDITOR

“You don’t understand.” “You have always been good at it.”

I wish that were true! If I had a nickel for every time I heard that then I would have a full piggy bank or two.

Who said you have to do what you are good at? Doing what you are good at may bring you little to no joy. I think you need to do what you love doing.

I love reading and writing more than anything. But is that what I was always good at? No!

I was good in math and science, but I never loved those subjects.

I never struggled in math and science, but I struggled immensely in reading and English classes. I constantly cried when doing my homework because I always failed, and I didn’t know how to do well if I couldn’t understand what I was supposed to do.

I could not read!

I would cry in class because I didn’t know what the words were, and I couldn’t pronounce the words in front of me. The thought of being called on to read aloud felt like a death sentence. I hated not knowing and I hated being laughed at.

I was tested for dyslexia, but I was at the midpoint of dyslexia and not knowing how to read. So, the only answer given to my parents was that I needed lots of tutoring.

From grades 2 through 6, I was in tutoring every day for English. I didn’t go to all my physical education classes because I was in tutoring -- learning how to read.

I could not read at my grade level until about seventh grade. I spent days reading books when I finally figured out how to read fluently in middle school. It was like a whole new world opened up that I was missing,

and I couldn’t wait to start exploring.

In sixth grade I spent hours on the computer playing grammar games, reading about grammar rules, and learning why sentences were the way they were. By high school I loved everything about English, reading, writing, grammar, etc.

But what about math and science? I always told people I was not a math person because I didn’t like it, although I didn’t truly struggle with it.

I figured English is like math; there is always a formula. It might not be obvious, but there is a formula for grammar.

I dedicated almost all my time learning how to be good at English because I believed myself to be terrible at it, although I loved it.

When applying to college I had to make a decision: do I go into what I found easier (math or science) or do I go into something that has challenged me since second grade when I turned in a blank test because I could not read a single question (the day my parents were alerted that I couldn’t read)?

Do I do what I was good at or do I do what I struggled to learn to be good at?

My mom wanted me to become a pharmacist, but I told her no. I wanted to study communications so I could keep writing.

Now, some people think I must have always been adept to what I am currently doing. But I wish I could pull out my memory and show them that isn’t true.

I want to show them the way they see me now is only a recent development.

I wish I could show them all the unsatisfactory and failing grades I used to receive. I wish I could show them all the rough drafts I make before settling on one I don’t even like. I wish I could show them all the blank papers and tests I turned in because I couldn’t read, the years of tutoring I had, the countless books I read in an effort to catch up to everyone else, and struggle to make myself good enough and better.

But I would do it all again.

Do what makes you happy, and if

you are not that great at what you love then keep going. Keep learning even when the people around you think you must have always been good at it.

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Christmas lights chase seasonal gloom



Victoria O'Connor / MANAGING EDITOR

I now understand the emotions the classic Christmas anti-heroes Grinch and Ebenezer felt during this time of year.

While this may be the most wonderful time of year for many, others would rather choke down stale fruitcake and pray for it to be January.

Personally, I love Christmas and all the bells and whistles that come with the season. There is something comforting in the familiarity of the town being decorated in lights and seasonal garland.

Heck, I even like seeing holiday lawn inflatables, despite how tacky they are.

But lately, I have been finding it difficult to enjoy the routines we swear are holiday traditions. So far, I’ve baked cookies from scratch, picked out and decorated a 6-7 foot Douglas fir for our living room, blasted Christmas classics on the radio, and I even participated in the search for great gift deals on Black Friday. So why am I not happy?

Looking back, I am not the same Victoria as I was when the year first started. I feel like 2018 brought challenges to everyone I know.

I have begun to ask myself if this is how my year will end -- exhausted and in disappointment.

The holidays have been stressful in

terms of family, finances and preparation -- and for what? For knowing all that work ends with going into the new year broke and just as stressed from the previous year.

Usually, I am responsible for a chunk of the planning of festivities at my house. My older siblings pay me to wrap their gifts or I will come home to a list of cookie requests written on our bathroom mirror addressed to me. So, my feelings on the holidays have been kept to myself up until now.

But somehow, despite everything that has brought me down, one gesture nearly brought me to tears. My fiancé, Matthew, hung Christmas lights on the roof of my house this year.

When I saw them for the first time, Matthew broke my awe by saying, “Your mom told me that you always wanted Christmas lights outside the house since you were a kid, so I put them up while you were taking a nap. What do you think?”

I smiled and said they looked amazing, but I wanted to cry and stare a little longer. I forgot how much I wanted Christmas lights on my house, but my family never had the money or anyone willing to put them up when I was younger.

My mom would always tell me we live out in the country and no one would see our house anyway, so what would be the point?

Besides, we had neighbors who had lights outside their houses; we could appreciate theirs instead.

We could have put lights on the roof in more recent years, but it had never occurred to me. The fact my mother had remembered my childhood wish and my fiancé wanted to make it happen was beyond anything I could ask for.

I am still stressed as finals approach, and I have a lot riding on this semester as I work to finish my senior year. But at least when I come home on the weekends I am now greeted by colorful Christmas lights strung upon my house when I pull up.

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Five Vowels: 'U' for umbrella OR the best things



Renee Muñoz / ASSOCIATE EDITOR

You probably thought I was going to write about the letter “U” regarding “you” right? Me too.

But I thought that was too basic, so I’m going to discuss “umbrella” since it actually begins with the letter “U.”

I have had the same white-polka-dotted black umbrella throughout my college years. The inside is rusting, so sometimes I pinch my fingers trying to close it.

As time has gone by, my umbrella seems to have shrunk.

When it pours, I’m always sheltered and dry directly underneath my umbrella, but my friends’ shoulders and backpacks barely make it to the destination as they crowd and shuffle around me.

However, sometimes I’m the one getting hit with drops of water falling from our campus trees after a heavy rain. It all just depends.

I know I need to invest in a wider and taller umbrella. Not only for the sake of the accompaniment of friends, but also for me in general. My backpack tends to grow outwards as I get closer to senior year; my small umbrella can’t handle it.

Partially why I haven’t purchased a better, more durable umbrella is because it costs money. Sure, it won’t cost \$30, but a good umbrella would probably take about \$10-\$15 from my wallet. The question comes down to, “Is it worth it?”

One of our favorites: “Yes, it’s expensive. But these shoes are of good quality and if you’re going to use them more than once, then we can get them. But you need to be using them all the time, for a long time.”

So, I learned more expensive things tend to be of better quality, but is that ultimately the route I want to go?

The other half-reason I have yet to buy an upgrade is because it means I would have to take time to either drive somewhere or look online. I am an extremely busy college student (as I’m sure you can relate) and umbrellas aren’t usually priority.

But how badly do I want this umbrella? Because if it’s worth it, shouldn’t I just take a few minutes to look into getting one?

Here and there I’ve heard the quote, “The best things in life are free.” (I guess the person who said

that never bought a real umbrella.)

I feel like the best things in life are free only through hard work. I’m reminded of my favorite team moments (with Chris, my boyfriend, who is definitely my teammate; with my fellow Boy with a Ball team members; with my Logos staff team; or with my family, my true team) where we have argued for what felt like forever yet find a common breath in the end.

Finally landing on a common goal was the best thing, but there had to be diligence. Within diligence comes intentionality: Why are we fighting for this?

Now, I don’t want you seeing teammates and umbrellas as equivalent. No, no, no, no. That would be the exact opposite point of this column.

Umbrellas are for use and personal gain. People are not.

However, quality umbrellas and quality people are similar in that they’re worth a lot. They’re worth our time and our care. They might not come around often, especially if we invest in an extraordinary umbrella or extraordinary group of people.

But genuine people are better than perfect umbrellas because we have the ability to give them our sacrificial love. We don’t care about the umbrella, even in all its perfection, because it is replaceable. There are millions of others just like it. If the umbrella breaks, we become saddened knowing it cannot serve us

anymore.

If our quality friend/family member/significant other “breaks” in whatever way, we become saddened because we care for them so much and don’t want to see them struggling. We’re not sad because they have ceased to serve us in their moment of tribulation; like we would react with an umbrella.

Let’s not be lazy. Let’s spend our time wisely.

Fight for an authentic and true relationship with one another. Don’t settle for a tiny, rusty umbrella just because it’s easy to live with. It might “work” and will “get by” but your back is still getting wet in the process of heavy rains.

Allow others to care for you and be sure to care for others. Sometimes we’re not used to that and it hurts in the beginning, but the ending is the best thing.

Let’s allow transparency to take over our relationships and thereby help one another grow. Everyone on this Earth should be growing - not using, or just sitting around waiting.

Don’t forget to want to grow.

But if you do, go back to the beginning and ask yourself what you are fighting for and why you are fighting for it.

And don’t do it alone.

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# Veterans earned kudos for service



By Kevin Copes /  
Special to the Logos

“Thank you for your service.”  
“Happy Veterans Day.”

These are two phrases you hear pretty frequently on (Veterans Day). One would think these were the best two compliments you could give to a service member. but is it?

As I sat in (the Rev. Dr.) Trevor’s (Alexander, a Protestant chaplain) office a week ago speaking with other veterans as I frequently do, I mentioned how Camille (Piper) and I were asked to speak today. Well, that posed the question, “What are you gonna talk about?” and at the time, I honestly didn’t know.

So, to help with the issue, another asked: “What is something that a speaker can talk about that will keep your attention?” None of us could honestly come up with anything, so at this point we went into brainstorming mode and still came up with nothing solid, but I did pull a bit from each person, including myself, and this is what I learned.

When you say, “Thank you for your service,” you must realize all veterans do not have the same feelings about their time in the service. While the complimenting person may view it as bravery or an honor, that servicemember may have thought it was the worst or most traumatic time in their life.

To the same point, the words, “Happy Veterans Day,” for a lot of us, are anything but happy. Initially, you may smile from the complimentary value of the words, but the kinds of thoughts that are evoked as a result

of those very words can be very challenging to contain in that moment.

Now we all understand the distinction between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. One is to recognize and honor all veterans for their service and sacrifice and the other is to honor those veterans who have fallen in combat or in the line of duty while serving in the military. Even though we know this distinction, the two often run hand-in-hand with veterans. While serving, you don’t really pay attention to Veterans Day because everyone you know is a veteran. It was more of an incentive to receive a three-day weekend.

Memorial Day is the one that we really paid attention to. However, once you are out of that atmosphere, any day that has anything to do with your service often reverts you back to the latter. I remember when I first transitioned to a student here at UIW in 2015. I had a presentation to give on Veterans Day and I simply could not keep it together, and ultimately, I was allowed to leave class. From the time I left class until the last person that thanked me that day, I went on a personal crusade telling everyone I came into contact with, “Don’t tell me Happy Veterans Day.” Why? Well, because the emotions from the thoughts that were stirred up each time made me out to be lesser than the hero they were portraying me to be, and those thoughts aren’t very pleasant at all.

Now those who aren’t veterans may be sitting here right now, wondering what you’re supposed to say, or if you should even say anything at all. And the answer is: “Keep doing what you’ve been doing.”

You see, my time in the Army taught me some things. It taught me how to be a soldier, and it taught me how to be a leader, and as a leader, I had to do some self-reflection because one of the qualities you had

to possess was interpersonal skills. Simply defined as having a capacity to understand the interactions with others; possessing self-awareness about how others perceive you and how to best interact with them.

Interpersonal tact relies on accepting the character, reactions and motives of oneself and others while recognizing diversity and displaying self-control, balance and stability in all situations. So, what that meant to me is it wasn’t all about me and how I felt. Those sentiments I was receiving were not malicious or purposely intended to destroy my day. In fact, I had to realize part of the gratitude enveloped inside of the “thank you,” was for the mental anguish I was experiencing at those very moments due to my service.

So no, do not change what you are doing or what you say because you simply cannot determine what each person is thinking, but on the flip side of the coin every veteran should know, that the thank-you, in whatever form it comes in, is to simply thank you for everything you have gone through and continue to go through.

In the military, you are held to a higher standard than others, you are asked to be a professional at all times, and you are asked above all things to maintain your military bearing. Now I know some of us don’t exactly fall into the standards category anymore. You can’t fit that uniform like you used to or you aren’t exactly about that life, but I ask that you hone those interpersonal skills and interpersonal tact for this one day out of the year, to receive the multitude of thanks you so greatly deserve.

You have sacrificed your time, your family, and in most cases your physical or mental health. Everything you are receiving today, whether it is a simple thank-you or a free meal

downtown, understand that YOU HAVE EARNED IT!

Regardless of the branch you are affiliated with, whether you deployed or not, no matter what your job was, the highest rank you attained or the amount of time you served, I commend you on taking that oath and doing what only a small percentage of citizens in this country volunteer to do. You are the guardians of freedom and the American way of life, so I proudly tell you all -- thank you for your service.

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**FYI:** The Student Veterans Association is one of UIW’s largest organizations.

“When I became president in January of this year, we had four members,” President Kevin Copes said.

“In fact, one month before that, I didn’t even know the organization existed. But with a healthy dosage of advertisement, regular meetings and spreading the word, I am happy to say that we have increased those four members to 96 members.

“With the help of our great group of advisers, we have already been instrumental in changes on campus that will benefit those who follow in our footsteps. It is my dream that when I graduate and move on that this organization continues to flourish and do great things. I am just the foundation of something that has the potential to be much greater than what we have continued to build on.

“So if you are a veteran, it is your voice along with the voices of others like you, that will influence change on the things that directly affect you. So I encourage all student veterans, student dependents, cadets and members of our faculty who are veterans to join and be a



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GAME DAYS

Compiled byAlyssa Peña /  
STAFF WRITER

Dec. 29

Woman’s basketball vs.  
Rice  
1 p.m.  
McDermott Center

Jan. 2

Men’s basketball vs.  
McNeese  
7 p.m.  
McDermott Center

Men’s swimmingI vs.  
Old Dominion/ UNT  
TBH  
Ann Barshop Natatorium

Jan. 5

Men’s basketball vs.  
Nicholls  
7 p.m.  
McDermott Center

Jan. 12

Women’s basketball vs.  
Sam Houston State  
1 p.m.  
McDermott Center

Jan. 16

Men’s basketball vs.  
Central Arkansas  
7 p.m.  
McDermott Center

Jan. 19

Women’s basketball vs.  
Stephen F. Austen  
1 p.m.  
McDermott Center

Men’s Basketball vs.  
Stephen F. Austen  
3 p.m.  
McDermott Center

Jan. 26

Men’s basketball vs.  
New Orleans  
12:15 p.m.  
McDermott Center

Jan. 30

Men’s basketball vs.  
HBU  
7 p.m.  
McDermott Center



Football players touch the Southland Conference championship trophy after beating the Central Arkansas Bears.  
Courtesy Photo

Football ends record-setting season

By Alma Solis / SPORTS EDITOR

The University of the Incarnate Word football team ended its memorable season on a losing note Nov. 24 in the first round of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision.

But several records were broken along the way in a season that saw the No. 24 Cardinals fall 35-14 to Montana State in that first round, ending up 6-5 overall.

The Cardinals ended the regular season 6-4 Nov. 11 against Central Arkansas with a 40-27 road win in Conway. With this win, the team clinched a share of the Southland Conference championship title with Nicholls State, became ranked for the first time in its 10-year history and earned its first berth in the playoffs in only its second year of Division I postseason eligibility.

Head Coach Eric Morris, who has been named SLC Coach of the Year in his freshman campaign, expressed his gratitude for the team’s hard work paying off with a championship title.

“They are a testament to what pure heart, determination and courage can do,”

Morris said. “I’m speechless right now, but super-proud of them.”

The Cardinals were undefeated at home in four contests. The team also set a program conference record, going 6-2 against conference rivals this season, beating McNeese State and Stephen F. Austin for the first time – both home games – and beating Abilene Christian at Abilene for the first time.

The Cardinals also broke and set new program records in offense with 5,315 yards in total offense, 343 total points and 46 touchdowns this season.

On defense, the Cardinals set the program record with 30 turnovers forced in a season. The defense also set the single-game record for turnovers forced with seven against Sam Houston on Nov. 3. The defense also set the program record for most interceptions in a season with 18. The defense also concluded the season with 76 tackles for a loss, the second-most in program history.

A few Cardinals also broke individual program records.

With 2,984 passing yards,

freshman quarterback Jon Copeland became the UIW’s all-time leading passer, while also setting records with 22 passing touchdowns and 206 pass completions. He also was named conference Freshman of the Year.

Senior running back Ra’Quanne Dickens set the record for most rushing yards in a season with 1,117 and the most rushing touchdowns with 14.

Dickens was also named to the Walter Payton Award watch list. Dickens is one of three SLC players named to the watch list. This prestigious award is known as the Heisman of the FCS and honors the national offensive player of the year in the Division 1 football subdivision.

Morris expressed how pleased he was with Dickens this season.

“Ra’Quanne has impressed me all season with his work ethic both in practices and in games,” Morris said. “He’s an absolute workhorse and his physicality has set the tone for our offense all season long. I’m glad he is being recognized on a national level for what we have seen

all season.”

With 2,353 receiving yards, senior wide receiver Kody Edwards set the program record for career receiving yards. Edwards also set a single-season record with four games of 100 or more receiving yards.

Senior wide receiver Philip Baptiste concluded his career with 1,528 receiving yards, the third most in program history.

Dickens and Baptiste, along with junior offensive lineman Brandon Floores and senior defensive lineman Justin Alexandre, earned first-team conference honors.

Copeland, along with junior offensive lineman Terence Hickman II and senior linebacker Silas Stewart, were named to the second team.

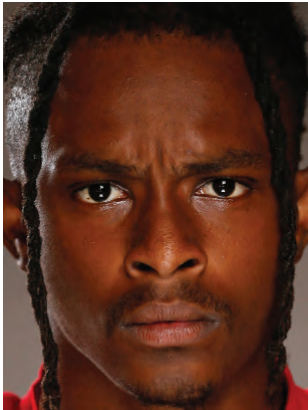
Edwards, freshman running back Ameer King, senior defensive lineman Darrius Montgomery, junior linebacker Mar’kel Cooks, junior linebacker West Lambert, sophomore defensive back Malick Phillips and junior defensive back Louis Otis received honorable mentions.



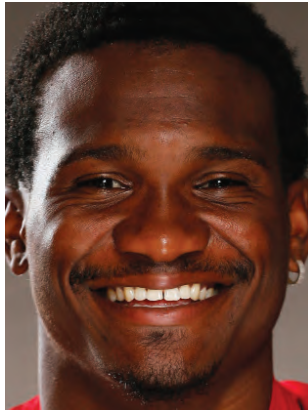
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Head Coach



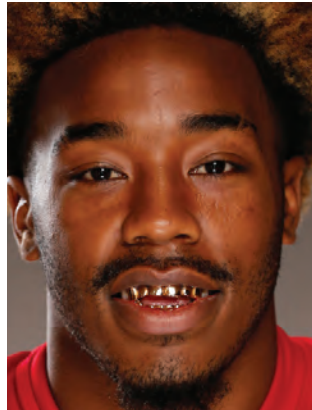
Jon Copeland  
Freshman quarterback



Kody Edwards  
Senior wide receiver



Phillip Baptiste  
Senior wide receiver



Ra’Quanne Dickens  
Senior running back



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# Cardinals beat Trinity, prepare for LSU

**By Alma Solis / SPORTS EDITOR**

The men’s basketball team evened its season record to 5-5 following an 82-57 victory at home Tuesday, Dec. 4, over neighboring Trinity University.

Trinity’s Tigers started off strong with a three-pointer but the University of the Incarnate Word’s Cardinals came right back, and led going into intermission 41-27 at Alice McDermott Convocation Center.

Stars of the game included sophomore forward Christian Peevy with 23 points, senior forward Charles Brown III with 12, and freshman forward Antoine Smith Jr. with 10.

They and other team members displayed consistent layups, solid three-pointers, and back-to-back-to-back dunks.

Before the game, Brown III, team captain, shared high hopes for the game and the team, which is preparing to play Louisiana Sunday in Baton Rouge.

“I think for being such a young team we are holding pretty good,” said Brown, the team’s only senior. “There are some things we need to do, but as we grow as a team we’re going to be better.

“We can improve our shooting percentage from the point line. We work on it every day in practice. We should see improvement in the later games.”

However, it is not always work with



Freshman guard Jordan Caruso attempts a shot against Trinity at Alice McDermott Convocation Center.

the team, he said.

“We have a fun environment, but we’re tough on each other. But it’s a brotherly toughness. It’s tough love, but we just like to have fun so when we’re on the court we’re high-fiving each other, bumping fists, basically doing what we can to give each other hype.

“I expect us to make it to the

Alyssa Pena / Photo

(Southland) conference tournament this year in March,” said Brown.

# Baseball reels in new recruits for 2019

Special to the Logos

University of the Incarnate Word baseball head coach Patrick Hallmark has added 11 Texans to the 2020 roster.

The new recruits – most of them pitchers -- who will join the team in fall 2019 (along with comments from Hallmark) include:

- Drew Girod, a lefthanded pitcher from San Antonio. “Drew has a big arm and plenty of upside on the mound.”
- Colby Jost, an infielder from Copperas Cove. “Colby is a speedy middle infielder. His versatility on defense and speed will allow him to do many things for the program.”
- Colby Wyers, a lefthanded pitcher from

Spring. “Colby already has a solid repertoire of pitches and the command of those pitches we seek in our current staff. With some added strength and weight Colby has a chance to be a frontline guy for us.”

- Isaiah Zavala, a righthanded pitcher from Atascosa. “Isaiah has grown up in and played his youth baseball in San Antonio. We are excited to keep him in town for his college ball and can’t wait to see him develop as a leader on our staff.”
- Justin Anaya, a righthanded pitcher-infielder from Brownville. “Justin is an interesting two-way player who possesses upside both with the bat and on the

mound.”

- Jackson Kiddy, a righthanded pitcher from Sweeny. “Jackson is a terrific competitor who has the pitchability to come right in and get college hitters out immediately.”
- Kyle Sonduck, a righthanded pitcher from Katy. “Kyle will enter UIW with the breaking ball we seek to develop already intact. His experience on an elite summer team and in one of greater Houston’s most competitive districts will put him in position to compete for innings as a freshman.”
- Michael Gomez, an infielder from Brownsville. “Miguel is a plus defender

all over the infield. We look forward to his offensive development and having him in the program.”

- RJ Cabela, a righthanded pitcher from Dripping Springs. “RJ is just now tapping into his potential. He has tons of upside. (We) are eager to get him on the mounds often and watch him progress.”
- Simon Miller, a righthanded pitcher from Canton. “Simon has a big fastball and the athleticism to attract the attention of pro scouts already. He will be in the mix to play a big role as a freshman.”
- Tyler Sterling, an infielder from Beaumont. “Tyler is a toolsy defender that will



Patrick Hallmark, Head Coach

add power with the bat as he grows stronger. His athleticism and arm strength are intriguing.”

# Women’s basketball team eyes conference prize

By Lilianna Ortega/ STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word women’s basketball team hasn’t won a game yet this season but all the losses have been against non-Southland Conference foes.

So the team’s goal to make the Southland Conference tournament is still on target although its schedule includes nationally ranked teams such as Arizona State and Minnesota.

At this point in the season, “freshman Starr Omozee is our leading scorer and leading rebounder,” Head Coach Christy Smith said. Omozee, a 5-foot-10 forward from Plugerville, along with Lunden Henry and Angelica Wiggins, has been contributing on the offensive end the past few games.

The team practices 20 hours a week, including meetings, weightlifting, practice and film, Smith said. Players also are required to maintain good standing in their classes and be on track toward their degree and graduation in order to remain eligible to play.

Smith believes the team will work together to get through each team.

“The team’s goals are to finish well in the conference season and to make the conference tournament,” Smith said.



Starr Omozee, Freshman Forward



Christy Smith, Head Coach



MOVIES OF THE MONTH

Compiled by  
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STAFF WRITER

Dec. 7  
Mary Queen of Scots

Rated: R  
Genre: Drama/History  
Starring: Gemme Chan,  
Margot Robbie, Saoirse  
Ronan, David Tennant

Ben Is Back  
Rated: R  
Genre: Drama  
Starring: Julia Roberts,  
Lucus Hedges, Courtney  
Vance, Kathryn Newton

Vox Lux  
Rated: R  
Genre: Music  
Starring: Jude Law,  
Natalie Portman, Chris-  
topher Abbott, Willem  
Dafoe

Dec. 14  
The Mule  
Rated: R  
Genre: Crime/Drama  
Starring: Clint Eastwood,  
Bradley Cooper, Michael  
Peña, Taissa Farmiga

Mortal Engines  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Action/Fantasy  
Starring: Hugo Weaving,  
Hera Hilmar, Jihae, Rob-  
ert Sheehan

Dec. 21  
Aquaman  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Action/Fantasy  
Starring: Jason Momoa,  
Amber Heard, Dolph  
Lundgren, Nicole Kid-  
man

Second Act  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Romantic Com-  
edy  
Starring: Jennifer Lo-  
pez, Milo Ventimiglia,  
Vanessa Hudgens, Leah  
Remini

Cold War  
Rated: R  
Genre: Drama/Roman-  
tic/Music  
Starring: Joanna Kulig,  
Tomasz Kot, Borys Szy-  
c, Agata Kulesza

Zero  
Rated: NR  
Genre: Drama/Sci-Fi  
Starring: Katrina Kaif,  
Shah Rakh Khan, Salman  
Khan, Anushka Sharma

Review: ‘Endgame’ complex, dark but thoughtful



By Jake Fortune /  
STAFF WRITER

The UIW black box was filled once again this semester with the production of “Endgame,” a post-apocalypse, black comedy written by Samuel Beckett and directed by UIW graduate Amanda Ireta-Goodie.

The play follows Hamm (Devin Donovan) and Clov (Nicolas Guerrero) -- two intertwined souls who rely on each other to survive in the wasteland while still keeping their sanity.

Unlike most other works of fiction, “Endgame” can be seen as both a comedy and tragedy at different moments throughout, testing the lines that divide the two dramatic extremes. This quality makes “Endgame” a truly unique experience to behold, and one that will arouse

questions about the futility of life as well as the true value of friendship.

The production opens in a dark, dingy room with two garbage bins in the corner. Inside the two bins in the corner house are Nagg and Nell, the parents of Hamm, who are slowly decaying away together. The scene introduces Hamm, who sleeps in his chair since he can no longer walk. Clov is his caretaker, his servant, and his friend who spends the majority of the play following Hamm’s directions.

Decay is a huge part of the theme of the play, as all of its characters are aging in the same place, seeking a purpose before they depart. The existential nature of “Endgame” can be too depressing for some viewers, but the ideas played with throughout were handled with care and brought across thoughtfully. Hamm and Clov

are excellent representations of the logic and emotion that battle each other in the mind every day, and their actors -- Devin and Nicolas -- do an excellent job of portraying both hopelessness and joy in a way that is authentic and relatable.

Another big part of the story of “Endgame” is the world it takes place in. While the details of the apocalypse are left ambiguous, the world is described as a dry, destitute place with no life to speak of besides Hamm, Clov, Nagg and Nell. The desperation of the setting is also made clear by the excellent makeup done on each character, showing both sunburn and pale, ashy skin that has been worn down by time. Such attention to detail adds to the environment, too, as the set feels old and lived in, with stained walls and old windows. It is clear how much attention went to the

detail of this production, and everyone involved must be at the least commended.

“Endgame” was not a fun play. Death, loneliness and hopelessness are all expressed in this play, but they are expressed alongside comfort, companionship and acceptance in a truly human way. This is a production that brings more questions than it answers, but it is a story that encourages those questions and dares the viewer to ask more of them.

The characters in this play are easy to get attached to, and each of them represents a little part of humanity in their own way. In short, “Endgame” was a harrowing experience that asks a lot of the viewer but returns so much more once that trust is placed in the story and its characters.

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‘Poetry and Pie’ grows on participants

By Jackie Velez / LOGOS FEATURES EDITOR



UIW students and professors share and discuss thier poetry along with enjoying pieces of pie at ‘Poetry and Pie.’

Jackie Velez / LOGOS FEATURES EDITOR

Students took advantage of the second annual “Poetry and Pie” event to recite self-written poetry to fellow peers and professors before the Thanksgiving break.

The Department of English-sponsored organization, Ink, held the event Wednesday, Nov. 14, in space at the Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions. The year before the event took place in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library.

“After how much fun everyone seemed to have last year, the faculty decided to hold (the event) every November,” said Ink President Jacqueline Wetz, a junior English major. “It was great to see how many people showed up and offered to read their own original works. This year’s turnout was the biggest, so it will be fun to see how it will grow next year.”

Ink is a 5-year-old student organization

for English majors. There are no specific requirements, such as a minimum grade point average, to become a member.

Dr. Benjamin Miele, an assistant professor of English, said he was impressed by the large turnout, but also by the students’ fearlessness.

“I thought it was phenomenal how many people brought poems and that they were brave enough to read them in front of other people,” Miele said. “That was really inspiring, and they were excellent poems.”

The English Department has high hopes for next year’s “Poetry and Pie,” specifically for more students to read original work, Miele said.

“It’s only that we want to grow, and we want to emphasize that it’s fun, low-key, a relaxed setting,” Miele said. “It’s also a

place where people should feel free to share their thoughts about poetry. The ultimate goal is in keeping with Ink’s goal, is to show that poetry

can be enjoyable. “We’re going to do it every year, so hopefully we’ll get this momentum going where in the future it’ll just be automatic and in the

middle of November, everybody will just automatically go to ‘Poetry and Pie.’ That’s the hope.”

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R F A I T T E S N I O P  
X R C H A M P A G N E Q

WORD BANK

ADVENT  
CHAMPAGNE  
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EGGNOG  
FRUITCAKE  
NOEL  
RELAX  
RUDOLPH  
PRESENTS  
YULETIDE

RIDDLES

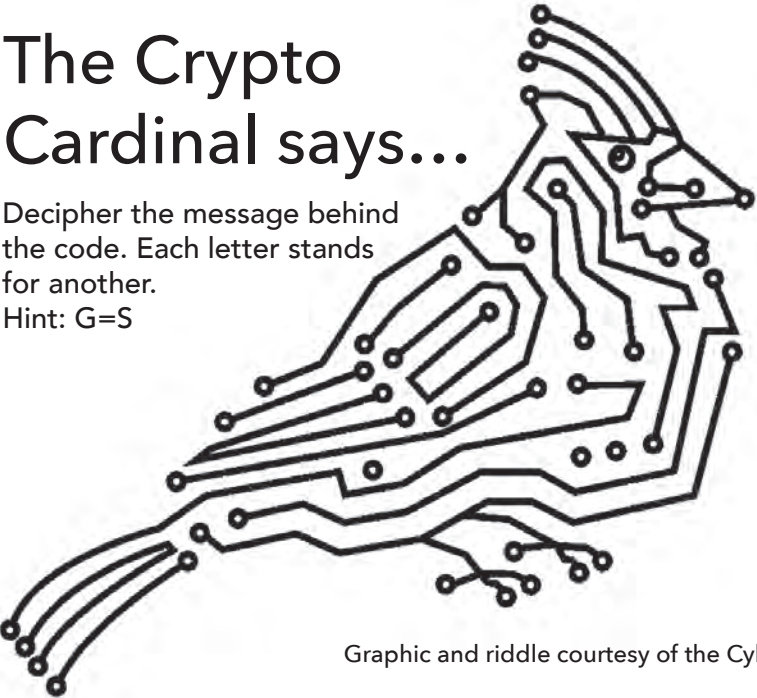
- If a lion had a Christmas song, what would it be called?
- What would an apple and a Christmas tree get if they had a baby?
- What kind of laundry detergent does Santa use?
- What do you call Santa when he’s broke and has no money?

JUMBLE

taietsinpo  
edarnbigreg  
homaneor  
waadi

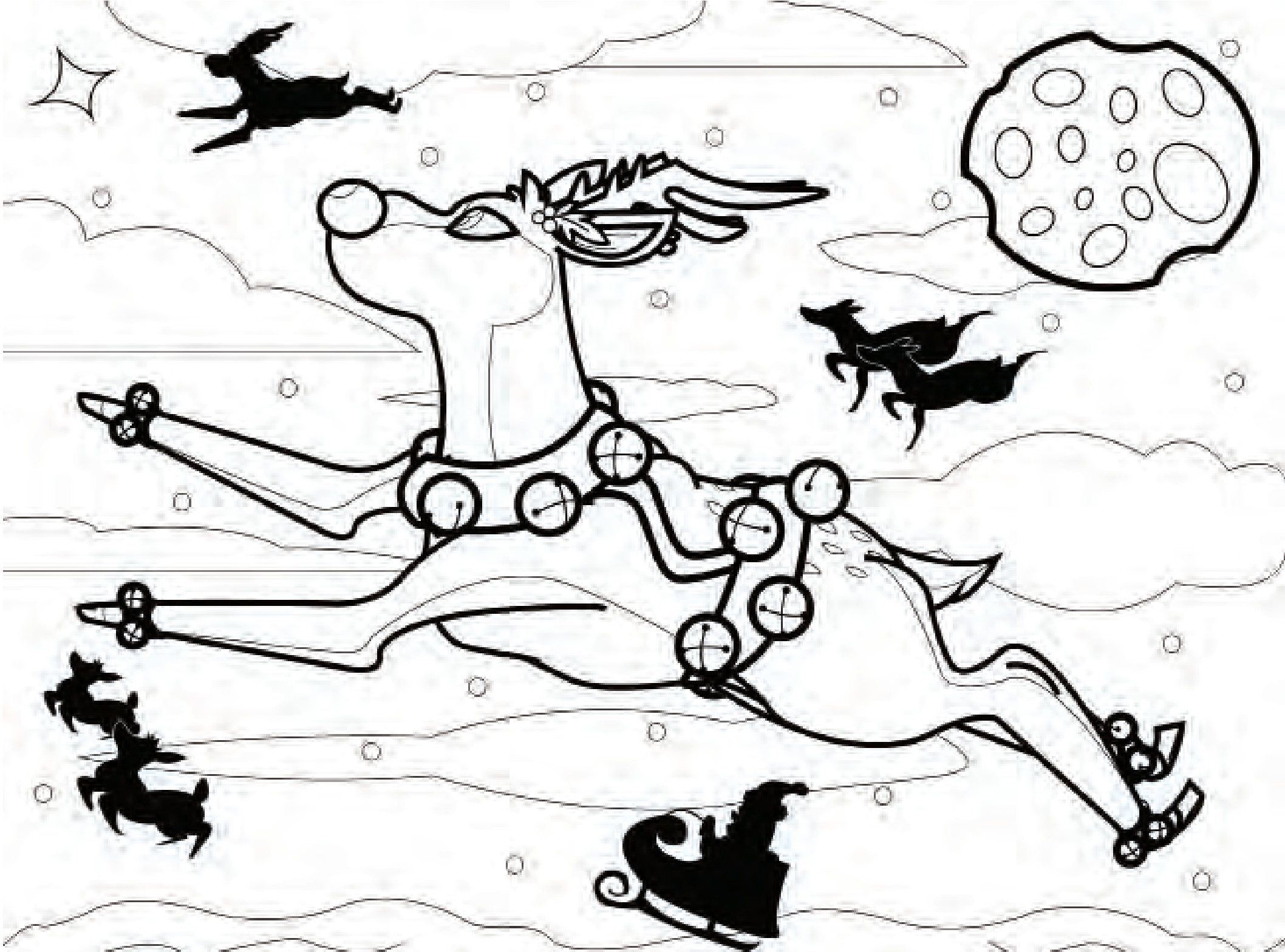
The Crypto Cardinal says...

Decipher the message behind the code. Each letter stands for another.  
Hint: G=S



PTEYAVRSC DTRS GTPAWH  
UCLAW KSANWPD GCMMAEVG

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RIDDLES

Jingle Bells  
pineapple  
Yule-tide  
I’m falling for you.  
St. Nickle-less

JUMBLE

poinsettia  
gingerbread  
menorah  
Zawadi

CRYPTO CARDINAL

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WORD SEARCH

L E O N M G J I E P U M  
F O V E A G Q I X R Y O  
I E E V M D Y Q P E U D  
R K T H R G V I T S L E  
E A R E M U V E P E E C  
W C G E G G D I N N T E  
O T T E L G D O P T I M  
R I Q U E A N I L S D B  
K U O C I N X O T P E E  
S R R E M G L F G S H R  
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We sat down with the mysterious Linda recently and had a quick chat to get to know her better.

## Linda's Q&A Responses:

**What has been your favorite experience?**

*I actually lived in London for a year and enjoyed it tremendously. I guess after a while I fit in so well that people would frequently stop me on the street and ask for directions. However, as soon as I opened my mouth they realized I was not from there! I also spent several months traveling all over*



*Europe, Scandinavia and Russia, including staying in the south of France for three weeks.*

*Every place I went led me to new friends and great experiences. I have been back to Europe many times over the years and each time is a new adventure.*

**What is your must-have travel item?**

*Goodness, that's a tough one that I haven't really thought about. I'd say it's not something tangible – it's flexibility. It's important to remember when travelling that we are not in the U.S., the world is full of different people and customs, and it's so very important to embrace and experience what each city/country has to offer and to adapt to the surroundings of the locale.*

“ **I've been to 29 countries so far, but I still have a lot of exploring left to do.** ”

**Where would you like to go next?**

*I am very excited to soon be visiting UIW Heidelberg and Strasbourg.*

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