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“Light the Way” brought thousands of people to the University of the Incarnate Word campus on Saturday, Nov. 23, to welcome in the holiday season under a million Christmas lights.

The holiday festival—sponsored by H-E-B—kicked off its 33rd year, beginning at 3 in the afternoon and ending with fireworks at 9.

Members of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word—founders of the university—provided the invocation and flipped the iconic red light switch, illuminating the campus with a million twinkling lights at 6:15.

Before and after the light-switching, the crowd witnessed a variety of entertainment including the St. Anthony Catholic High School Mariachi Band, Incarnate Word High School Madrigals, UIW Spirit Team, and Cardinal Chorale.

“One of the reasons this night is so special to us is that community members throughout UIW come together to celebrate the reason for the season,” Dr. Thomas M. Evans, UIW president, said at the evening ceremony. “It is an event that has become a tradition, not only for our Incarnate Word

Ethics team to seek national crown

The University of the Incarnate Word’s Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl team has qualified to compete in the national tournament in the spring.

The team placed second out of 26 teams competing Nov. 16 the Texas Regional Ethics Bowl, said Dr. Chris Edelman, an associate professor of philosophy who coaches the team consisting of Ethan Erevia, Mariela Fragoso, Damian Gonzalez, Jose Rodriguez and Sarah Rodriguez.

Edelman, an associate professor of philosophy, said, “(We) couldn’t be prouder as a team, which is important, because in competition presentations are given by teams: anyone on the team can speak up at any time to elaborate on a teammate’s argument, and our team did a really great job of working together to put together exceptionally thoughtful and comprehensive treatments of complex ethical issues. In short: they killed it.”

UIW has had ethics bowl teams in the past but this is the first team in the last five years. In 2010 the UIW team placed first in Texas Regional and 12th in the national.

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Melero said she first came across City Year searching the web at cityyear.org—then City Year emerged again through the Office of Career Services. City Year often appears at campus career fairs.

“I decided I would attempt and apply for the program,” Melero said. “A few hours later I checked my e-mail and a representative from City Year was coming to my (internship) class to speak. I took it as a sign that it was meant to be.”

After the speaker’s presentation, Melero fell in love with the program even more and spoke to the individual after class.

“I am an advocate for youth development,” said Melero who hails from Mission. She has been involved in mission work near the Mexican border through the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability.

“I believe children should have the opportunity to discover who they are despite what their parents have set up for them. The program teaches real-life encounters, educational help, and financial help by offering scholarships,” Melero said.

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UIW activities recognize military veterans

Before and during Veterans Day this fall, those who served were hon- ored in various ways at the University of the Incarnate Word.

The Frost Bank Military Apprecia- tion Game where UIW lost 27-23 to visiting Nicholls State at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium kicked off the month’s activities.

UIW and the Reserve Officer Train- ing Corps (ROTC) honored past, current and future military personnel before and during the game. Before the game started, a gigantic Amer- ican flag held up by a number of soldiers covered the whole field as the Marching Cardinals Band played the National Anthem.

Each time the Cardinals made a touchdown, ROTC cadets ran to the end of the field and did push ups or ran large UIW flags back and forth to keep the crowd roared up.

At the end of each quarter, ROTC held games on the field. One game was called “GI Joe and the Regular Joe.” They competed with a serious of military physical-fitness activities from one side of the field to the other. The Regular Joe won. It did not look good for the cadet who lost. But it was all fun.

During halftime a large group of delayed-entry program members marched on the field and were sworn in by an Air Force Gen. George Reynolds. After the enlistment they marched to the side of the field where each one shook the hands of veterans from all branches of the service, among them. Every military person received a coin with all five symbols of the branches on it. On the other side, it was engraved with the sponsor for this event. Benchmark.

All throughout the game there were many activities going on for the students, for UIW faculty and vet- erans, and I admire that,” junior Kristy Moreno said. “We feel like part of a community here, much like I did in the military.”

UIW is among the top three, four- year universities in the state, according to The Military Times’ “Best for Vets: Colleges 2020” ranking.

“This is Military City U.S.A.,” said Jonathan Lovejoy, associate dean of Military and Veteran Affairs. “To be honored this way is an absolute cred. It is the devotion of our staff to our veterans and praise to the hard-work- ing veterans who continue to work to improve our community.”

Pancratic cancer treatment possibly found

Researchers at Tel Aviv University have developed a treatment that could destroy pancreatic cancer to cells, reducing the mass of a tumor up to 90 per- cent after two weeks of daily injections of a mole- cule known as P3J4. After trial injections on mice with pancreatic cancer, the researchers found the tumors had almost completely disintegrated after two weeks of injection. The study is being led by Professor Malka Cohennahar and her team in the TAU Sackler Faculty of Medicine, in collaboration with Dr. Tali Golant’s team at Shaiba Medical Cen- ter Cancer Research.

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Beijing bans port visits to Hong Kong

Beijing has banned U.S. warships from visiting the port of Hong Kong in retaliation to Presi- dent Trump’s recent signing of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy act into law. In response to this ban, the Taiwanese government has
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The Department of Music periodically spotlights student performers each semester in what’s called Studio Hour. An Oct. 31 program consisted of a series of 10 performances — a combination of instrumental and vocal performances and also to dis-}

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Many students may never have heard songs from musicals or operas, so the Studio Hour serves as a way to per-

form and to learn, he pointed out. An event like this is a common one in many music departments, because it is critical to experience with performing in front of their peers and professors and also to dis-

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ple see this as a big stride for Latinos due to actors such as Sofia Vergara of "Modern Family" who has been the highest-paid TV actress the last seven years. Shows such as "Jane the Virgin" (CW Network), "One Day at a Time" (Netflix), and "Yidoo" (Starz) have gained popularity because of its predominantly Latino casts. All three of these shows not only have a strong Latino presence but they also have strong female characters.

Reyes Garcia focused heavily on how "Jane the Virgin" has broken barriers — especially for being the latest show on network television to have a strong Latino cast in over a decade. From 2014 to 2019, "Jane the Virgin" focuses on the lives of three generations of Latina women and the ups-and-downs of their family. The show was considered a parody of typical Latin novellas and carried over some of the tropes as an hom-

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"(Ayala) has served the UIW community as a leader in the area of higher education and organizational management, made the announcement about Ayala’s leaving Thursday, Dec. 5."

"It is with regret and yet profound gratitude that I share with our community that after much deliberation with his family” that Ayala had turned in his resignation, Jurenovich said in a statement released by the Office of Communications and Brand Marketing.

"Ayala has served the UIW community as a leader in the area of Campus Life/Campus Engagement for over eight years and his contributions to the student experience are many,” Jurenovich said.

"Paul shared that he will miss the many friendships he has made, the wonderful colleagues he has worked with and most of all, he says that he will miss the many students that he had the opportunity to serve. We thank Paul for his service and wish him and his beautiful family the very best in the next chapter of their lives."

Ayala joined UIW in the summer of 2011 as director of university events and student engagement. He came to UIW after earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration and MBA from University of Texas-San Antonio. In spring 2018, he earned a doctorate in higher education and organizational change from Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill.

Ayala, who also served as UIW’s licensing and branding coordinator, said he first entered the higher education field at UTSA through his work in educational and social programming at freshmen and transfer student orientations. Ayala also had experience from heading academic events and programs through the network of Alamo Colleges. He was promoted at UIW to associate dean in October 2017 under his predecessor, Dr. Renee Moore, and named dean in May 2019.

After Ayala was hired, he laid out a plan to increase student engagement and extracurricular programming. He oversaw major components of student life including the Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board, and Greek Life. And he was involved in planning several Welcome Week concerts, the pinning ceremony and other events throughout the year.

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Young adults experience fall retreat

University Mission and Ministry hosts an annual young adult retreat that on average 50-70 students attend. The name of this retreat is called Salve which is a greeting in Latin but the word is also an acronym associated with it -- ‘S’ for Service, ‘A’ for Adoration, ‘L’ for Love, ‘V’ for Vocation, and ‘E’ for Evangelization. This is what the organizers want to embody every retreat. Salve is a wonderful retreat that UW students and other young adults from around the area can attend every fall semester. Most students who attend are from UIW but there are a couple of people from other universities who also come.

This retreat which took place Nov. 8-10 had about 45 students who are calibration of the International CH25 staff members who are referred to as the team. Andrew Beltran, a senior music and religious studies major, and Hannah Nelson, a junior accounting major, were the directors of the retreat that they had been planning since early summer. They have had many meet- tings to prepare because they want the best for all who attend.

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The University of the Incarnate Word has a focus on peace and the justice needed for that during October culminating in “Peace Day” on the last Wednesday.

The Etling Center for Civic Lead- ership and Sustainability held a seminar about how San Antonio can become a City of Compassion in the global movement for Compassion started 10 years ago. The movement has grown, and the City Council is working to make San Anto- nio an official City of Compassion in 2016.

The Etling Center invited two guests, Dhamm Martin and Bill Neely, who is focusing his practicum in adult education about San Antonio growing as a City of Compassion. Sister MarthaAnn Kirk, a longtime religious studies professor, who with her team of staff members who are referred to as the team. Andrew Beltran, a senior music and religious studies major, and Hannah Nelson, a junior accounting major, were the directors of the retreat that they had been planning since early summer. They have had many meet- tings to prepare because they want the best for all who attend.

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The Rev. Ann E. Helmke, a com- munity-faith-based liaison for the San Antonio Department of Human Services, invited all to renew the earth by planting trees in the name of the international “Compassion Tree Project”.

According to a website, the Com- passion Tree Project “starts at a local level as a symbolic representation of the commitment and responsibility to re-green the world. It then ex- pands beyond its own location and moves to support already-existing re-greening efforts around the world.”

The Compassion Tree Project joins us all together in a single global effort, connecting us all in our common hu- manity. It mobilizes us to take action to do something about devastated lands and the climate crisis. We will be planting more than bio-diversity (by ensuring the planting of only in- digenous trees/plants) – we will also be planting compassion, peacemak- ing, and economic freedom; thereby restoring our planet’s ecological balance.

San Antonio City Councilwoman Ana Sandoval, who was serving as mayor pro tem at a global confer- ence in Monterrey, Mexico, accepted a challenge from that Sister City to plant 40,000 trees in San Antonio. Monterrey has already planted more than 30,000 as part of the Compa-ッション Tree Project in the International Charter for Compassion’s effort. Rep- resentatives of the City of San Anto- nio, UIW and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word - founders of the university – united in planting a “Compassion Tree” Oct. 30 near the clock tower and in view of the Head- waters, a 53-acre nature sanctuary.

The planting at UIW was to invite the many active tree planters and new tree planters into the global ef- fort. Helmke spoke both as a city rep- resentative, but more importantly, as a delegate of the international lead- ers in the Compassion Tree Project.

The International Charter for Com- passion movement has started the “Compassion Tree Project” to billions of trees can offset global warming.

San Antonio and Monterrey are both officially recognized as Cities of Compassion. The Catholic Climate Covenant Movement in light of Pope Francis’ invitation, Laudato Si, to care for creation, has been promoting tree planting.

Besides Helmke, participants in- cluded the San Antonio Department of Human Services; Michael F. Larkin, chief of staff and special assistant to UIW’s president, Dr. Thomas M. Evans, for external relations; Sister Teresa Stanley, a former congrega- tional coordinator for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word; Sis- ter Cindy Stacey, representing the Headwaters at Incarnate Word; and Dr. Ricardo Gonzalez, director of the Etling Center. UIW Grounds Super- visor Ruben Garza and his crew will add the Compassion Tree among hundreds of trees under plant their care.

The ceremony was led by Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a longtime religious studies professor who as her students, had initiated the Charter for Compassion movement in San Antonio 10 years ago. She is the co-chair of the San Antonio Catholic Archdiocese Task force to promote Laudato Si, care of creation.
For my family: Cooking with love

Queen Ramirez

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This is the most joyous time of year; a time full of food, friends and family. But this is the first time I did not personally eat my Thanksgiving feast.

I cooked everything but my cranberry sauce and the stuffing, just like my little, red bowtie made me happy. And seeing my cat strut around the kitchen in her little, red bowtie made me smile.

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This holiday season, I decided that, as a form of thanks, I will cook them everything I have deprived of throughout the year.

My family was not always happy with this, and I am grateful for them for having put up with my various food bars.

The biggest sacrifice I can think of is to not ask them to eat what I would, but for me to tuck those restrictions for the wind to a day and to make everything with them in mind.

Beard? How much, and would you like butter with that?

Cranberry sauce? I’ll use organic sugar and cinnamon.

Put the kind and how much you would like?

And how about some whip cream with that?

Mashed potatoes? Don’t worry! I bought a 15-pound bag of potatoes!

Gray? White or brown?

Both? You got it!

But the question is, why?

I am doing this because this is the time to show my gratitude.

At this year’s closing, I am grateful for how amazing my family and my supportive friends are. And I am amazed at their unconditional love for me.

This holiday season is my chance to flip the tables and let them eat everything I would typically not allow myself.

As an extra treat, that food will go up from me and I will cook it all the love I can.

Besides, I have not cooked without restrictions in almost a year.

I am going to throw their taste buds away and show them how much I love them.

Next year, whatever I ask myself, I want to say I am doing what I do out of love.

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For my family: Cooking with love

Juan Perez

Lao Tai said, “Failure is the foundation for success, and the means by which it is achieved.”

I have heard this statement most of my life, but never understood the complete sense of it. It is a natural, untrained response to fail and discouraged by failing at something.

Failure can make one feel less, less useful, and less than exceptional. I often have dealt with failure in the same ways, either by throwing a fit or throwing in the towel with whatever I was doing.

Many opportunities and trials have been completely out of my control.

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Miranda Hanzal

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How prison ministry opened my eyes

Sylvia Kutschner/Specific to the Logos

In Spring 2019, I was invited to be a member of a small team presenting a retreat to women incarcerated at the Bexar County Jail. My mission was “Hi! I have to think about it!”

But as time went on, something -- or was it someone? -- kept nudging me. That someone may have been the late Sister Margaret Carew of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. I met Sister Margaret on an ACTS retreat in 2018. I remembered her amazing stories of her latest role chaplain at the Bexar County Jail. For those of us on the team who knew Sister Margaret, we felt a calling to carry on in her footsteps. So, after prayerful consideration and a little bit of nudging (Sister Margaret??), I said “yes” to the retreat’s director, also named Margaret.

Margaret was in formation throughout the summer in preparation for the Sept. 11-12 retreat. The training process was emotional and spiritually fulfilling as we prepared for the mission God set before us. The morning of the first day of the retreat brought both excitement and anxiety. The team was well-prepared but uncertain of what we were about to experience. The only thing we were sure of was prayer that everyone we encountered would see Christ in us through the retreat and be spent together. We were not permitted to bring any supplies with us. We were limited to two tote bags filled with paper. God would have to provide the rest.

Entry into the jail consisted of leaving all cell phones and electronic devices, purses, and personal belongings in our car trunks. The only item we were allowed to have was our driver’s license. Next came the exchange of our driver’s license for a computer-printed badge. The jail had to find a way to indicate we had passed a background check and that we were cleared to enter the facility and also it was the only way to exit the facility at the end of the day when we exchanged our badge for our driver’s license.

Next came a series of metal detectors and doors, each one was always a trial of patience. One, a reminder of the confinement and separation between inside and out. The long hallways toward the room designated as the chapel further reminded us of the separation on the other end. The hallway floor were red lines to the right and left. We, as visitors, were to walk outside the limits of those red lines, while the inmates were to walk within the limits of those red lines. The halos and none in the “pods” (dormitories) which we passed along the path. The “pods” contained bunk beds lined end-to-end with cement benches on one end of the rooms, bathrooms and showers on the other. The “pods” are the living, eating and all-around BE- place for the inmates. For a claustrophobic person, the lack of natural light was anxiety-inducing. We turned a corner into the chapel and there, along the ceiling were hanging single windows. The sunlight shining through a seemingly dark place, flooding the peace and quiet of the room.

Almost 40 reentrants then came, all wearing blue uniforms, looking like single welcome signs. The inmates were to the right and left of us. The “pods” contained both young and old, blond and brunettes, in all the beautiful shades of skin possible. Had it not been for the uniforms, there would have been women sitting at church with us, at school PTA meetings, pushing a cart at the local HEB. What separated them from us was a wrong choice. They died and that and their punishment.

Yet the more time we spent with them the more we realized they had not “failed” on their own. We had failed them. They had never had the words “I will” so many didn’t have a stable home life. Many had experienced hunger, abandonment, abuse, and negative relationships. In the absence of a support system they turned toward negative choices. The brokenness in their lives was like brokenness in ours. The difference was we have support and encouragement in our lives. For the inmates, there was the love of Christ and His everlasting Mercy, open to all, as the Holy Spirit witnessed. Truly was a beautiful thing to witness.

There were both young and old of the inmates looked just like us, our sisters. Of the inmates looked just like us, our sisters. There were no windows in the halls and none in the “pods,” the healing light, as the Holy Spirit was present. They expressed how the lack of natural light was anxiety-inducing. We turned a corner into the chapel and there, along the ceiling were hanging single windows. The sunlight shining through a seemingly dark place, flooding the peace and quiet of the room.

In that place of confinement, the Holy Spirit flowered, there was beauty, there was compassion, there was sharing and healing. In our hearts, there was appreciation for the support and the love of Christ, as well as the realisation how important that is. Our two days inside an emotional and shaping place. We were confronted with the many federal issues that confront us right now at this difficult time for our nation. From climate action to expanding healthcare access, to holding President Trump accountable for his abuse of power, I welcome your advice and advocacy.

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Breaking down barriers to student aid

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett/Specific to the Logos

As finals approach, paying for college while avoiding student debt looms larger for many Cardinals than ever before because of challenging coursework.

Fortunately, some federal student aid is free -- but you have to ask for it first. And the paperwork needed to ask can be frustrating and intimidating. We must make it easier for high school students to enroll in college and for college students to graduate without crushing debt.

Addressing the student debt crisis is central to promoting a strong economy, opening up opportunities, and ensuring security for those who work hard. Cracks in our financial aid system often perpetuate inequality -- inequality that stands in the way of the American Dream. To close the widening economic gap, we have to close the student aid gap.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2020-21 school year is already available at https://studentaid.ed.gov

Last year, you are eligible to use the Renewal FAFSA this year. On this form, all of the data you previously provided will be prefilled. The priority deadline to complete the FAFSA is Jan. 15, 2020.

After a decade of working for a more efficient financial aid process, the FAFSA is still too complicated, confusing and underutilized. I am working to reform the process and remove the intimidation. Last year, high school graduates who failed to submit a FAFSA missed out on $2.6 billion in free money for college. With the ever-rising cost of college, making this financial aid is need more than ever.

I successfully authored an amendment to simplify this process and make the FAFSA more user-friendly. I’ve had students more time to navigate the process. But, because barriers remain, I have filed two bills in this Congress. These reform efforts are particularly important in Texas because, in order to graduate, next year’s seniors will be required to complete the FAFSA. The Bipartisan Student Aid Simplification Act requires the U.S. Department of Education and Internal Revenue Service to do the heavy lifting for students by securely sharing the remaining income tax payer information required for FAFSA completion.

My second bill, the Equitable Student Aid Access Act, would allow students from households with income below $34,000, or that already received or meant-tested benefits, to use a simplified FAFSA form and automatically qualify for the full Pell Grant. That bill also makes it easier for students to pay college by ensuring colleges and students speak the same language by developing universal terms and formatting for financial aid offer letters.

As I push forward to make aid more accessible to all, I welcome your counsel. If you have insight into or ideas about how we can alleviate the student debt crisis and break down barriers to equal opportunity, please e-mail me.

Likewise, I always welcome your input on any of the many federal issues that affect Cardinal students like broken families, abandonment, abuse, and negative relationships. In the absence of a support system they turned toward negative choices. The brokenness in their lives was like brokenness in ours. The difference was we have support and encouragement in our lives. For the inmates, there was the love of Christ and His everlasting Mercy, open to all, as the Holy Spirit was present. They expressed how the lack of natural light was anxiety-inducing. We turned a corner into the chapel and there, along the ceiling were hanging single windows. The sunlight shining through a seemingly dark place, flooding the peace and quiet of the room.

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The University of the Incarnate Word men’s basketball team wrapped up the Incarnate Word Invitational tournament Sunday, Nov. 24, with a 72-63 win over the Panthers. It marked the second straight victory for UIW, after the team lost, 72-63 to visiting Eastern Illinois of Charleston.

The tournament began Friday, Nov. 22, in Alice McDermott Convocation Center against Bethune-Cookman from Daytona Beach, Fla. UIW played very well in the first half against Bethune-Cookman, only trailing by three at halftime. But after a rough time scoring and with an outburst of long-range shots from Bethune-Cookman in the second half, UIW would fall 83-52.

The Cardinals were able to find their stride in the second game Saturday, Nov. 23, against the University of St. Francis from Joliet, Ill. This time the roles were reversed as UIW played strongly coming out of the locker room for the second half. The Cardinals managed to keep St. Francis to a total of 13 points in a 20-minute period, the lowest total for any team over the course of the tournament. The score: 68-44.

In the final game Sunday, Nov. 24, against the Eastern Illinois Panthers, the Cardinals were led by freshman guard Drew Lutz (20 points) from Granger, Ind., and 6-3 freshman guard Keaton Willis of Sulphur Springs with 13 points. Despite leading the majority of the game, the Cardinals would end up falling to a long losing streak for the season. After the final game, UIW’s second-year head coach, Dr. Carson Cunningham, said, “I thought we made some big strides. I thought we played 37 minutes of good basketball today. We got to learn how to close out the game and take care of the ball.”

Even though the Cardinals only ended up winning one out of three games in the Incarnate Word Invitational, there were still a few positive takeaways. “I think it was very helpful,” Cunningham said. “We played three really good teams and I thought it was great to be able to show off the city and our campus.”

It was not only the Cardinals who enjoyed this weekend tournament but also the opposing teams. According to Cunningham, the visiting teams enjoyed themselves and had very positive reviews. While the season has gotten off to a 2-1 start before the Thanksgiving break, there remains lots of basketball to be played in the 2019-20 season. UIW is coming off a disappointing season, finishing last in the Southland Conference. But things are looking better. With a combination of seasoned vets and new recruits, this season could be the one where the Cardinals move up in the conference ranks and make the conference tournament. The first conference game will be Dec. 18 against the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

When asked what the team’s goals for this season were, Cunningham responded, “We just want to get better every day, and every week, and every month, and figure out obviously how to just develop as a group and come together.”

Kevin Malcolm Jr. | PHOTO

Cardinals hold invitational men’s basketball tournament

UIW seeks men’s soccer coach in national search

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Three University of the Incarnate Word swimmers are competing through Saturday, Dec. 7, at the 2019 Toyota U.S. Open Championships at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. The trio – seniors Oleksandr Karpenko and Hector Ruvalcaba Cruz and sophomore Brenda Diaz – qualified earlier in the season. The meet, which began Wednesday, Dec. 4, is under new nomenclature as it was rebranded from its previous title, the U.S. Winter Nationals, and will be set in long-course meters. Diaz, who is from Tepotzotlan, Mexico, is competing in the 400 individual medley. Karpenko, who is from Kiev, Ukraine, is vying in the 100 breaststroke, and Ruvalcaba Cruz, who is from Tijuana, Mexico, Baja California, in the 200 fly.

Cardinal Football: Tale of two seasons

Angelo Mitchell / STAFF WRITER

For the University of the Incarnate Word football team this fall, it was a tale of two seasons.

After the first seven games of the season, UIW was 5-2, and ranked 20th in the AFCA FCS Coaches Top 25 Poll, moving up five spots from the week prior. The team was sitting atop the Southland Conference at 4-1 – tied for first with Sam Houston State.

The team was sitting right where they wanted to be. They controlled their own destiny with their eyes set on the playoffs. The next five opponents had a combined record, 10-25, with three of the last five games at home in Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium.

Then the season came tumbling down. The team lost five straight games to close the season. Southland Conference championship and playoff hopes went down with it.

Last year, Head Coach Eric Morris had been undefeated at home his first season. This year was another story for which the coach hopes to remedy.

“We’re going to crank down on the little things in this program and make sure we get things done the right way around here,” Morris said. “Too many times this year, we put ourselves in key situations, in good situations, and we end up hurting ourselves because we’re not disciplined. That’s something that’s going to change, and if that takes getting rid of some people and changing the personnel around here, we’re going to do that.”

The team has potential, Morris said. The Cardinals concluded the season with 33 forced turnovers in 23 consecutive games dating back to 2017. Prior to the last game of the season, the Cardinals led all of Division I football with 33 turnovers. Sophomore quarterback Jon Copeland finished the season with 3,341 passing yards, making him not only the first QB in the program’s history to eclipse 3,000 passing yards but establishing a single-season passing record. Copeland tied his single-season passing touchdowns record with 22. He also set the new record for total offensive yards with 3,314 yards on the season. Copeland ranked first in pass attempts and completions with 507 and 298, respectively.

Senior running back Kevin Brown finished the season with 729 rushing yards, which ranks third in a single season at UIW. Mohr has scored 72 points this season which ranks second in a single season at UIW. Punter David Balcomb finished the season with 2,662 punting yards, ranking him fourth in a season at UIW.

Four Cardinals earned Southland Football All-Conference accolades. Senior offensive lineman Terence Hickman II, senior offensive lineman Brandon Flores, sophomore linebacker Kelechi Anyalebechi and freshman defensive back Jaylon Jimmerson.

Hickman II and Flores were selected third-team offense, while Anyalebechi and Jimmerson were chosen third-team defense.

“I’m proud of these four young men (all conference) and the effort they put in this year,” Morris said. “They worked hard all season and I’m glad they are being recognized for it.

“We have a bunch of good players out there – a bunch of young players. I loved the resiliency. I love the fight in our young kids right now. (I’m) excited about the direction of the program and the kids that we’re going to have back for this offseason.

“We will do a better job as the leader of this program going forward at tightening some stuff down and making sure that we’re not getting away with stuff throughout the course of the week that’s showing up throughout the course of a football game. When I took this job, I knew it was going to be a slow process. We actually won more than everybody thought last year but we’ve got to find a way to win some of these football games.”

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Three UIW swimmers compete in U.S. Open

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The Cardinals swim team is seeing its men and women vie in national and international events.
Lumaria brings crowd to Hemisfair Park

Jasmine Trevino / STAFF WRITER

Lumaria took place Nov. 9-10 in Hemisfair Park. The event, which lasted 7 p.m. to midnight, attracted a diverse crowd of all ages.

Since 2008 Lumaria has attracted artists from all over the world. This year the event hosted more than 50 events which included music, poetry and visual art. The highlight of the event was the Luminaria display which takes place after dark on opening day. Since the event took place at Hemisfair, it granted families the opportunity to see the community come together through art and experience the festivity allowing children to play as the adults took in the live music and poetry.

“This is my first time attending Luminaria,” Jeesenia Rios, a mother, said. “It was advertised as a family-friendly event, so my husband and I decided to try it out.”

In true Lumaria fashion, the weather was a tad humid and rainy. There’s something about the timing of the annual event that almost guarantees unpleasant weather. This did not stop the crowd from standing around in the drizzle to listen to poets perform their poems about life in this world. The connection formed with the characters, it also plays into the philosophy of Lumaria. It grants families the opportunity to see the community come together through art and describe the simplicity of the city.

Lumaria is known for its visual fine arts, but it did not disappoint in the other categories of art it presented.

“The poetry was the most enjoyable part for me, but it was seeing the community come together through art,” said UIW student Sarah Edwards. It was also a great turnout.

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‘Nightfall’ coming to Kelso Art Center

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‘Living Out’ presents complex theme

Joy Fortune / ASSISTANT EDITOR

“Living Out” the last play this fall at the University of the Incarnate Word’s Department of Art will be host to actor Jessica Peña. The plot follows Ana (Montserrat Diaz), a lawyer for celebrities. Following the University’s Theatre Department, “Living Out” is easily one of the most complex plays shown at UIW yet, and showcases the talent of the students abounding the University’s Theatre Department. I was thoroughly impressed by the effort put forward in adapting the script, and while there may be a few small gripes with characterization, this is easily one of the most ambitious projects done so far, and I commend both the effort and execution.

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What did the big candle say to the little candles?
What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
Why do mummies like Christmas presents so much?
Who is never hungry at Christmas time?
What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree with an apple?

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All courses are taught in English and credits are issued by UIW so students can work toward graduation while experiencing German culture! UIW-Heidelberg is housed in a villa centrally located in a residential area of Heidelberg, and features comfortable student rooms, classrooms and seminar space, a computer lab, Wi-Fi, laundry facilities and a spacious garden. Students also take weekly excursions in and around Heidelberg as well as weekend trips to Frankfurt, Berlin, UIW Strasbourg and more!

Scholarships Available:
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Summer I: $4,950*
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- ENGL 3375 - Grimmies, Gremlins & the Brothers Grimm
- ENGL 3310 - The Human Story Through Literature
- RELS 3381 - Global Justice & Christianity
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- BMKT 3331 - Principles of Marketing
- CLST 4399 - Cultural Violence, the Arts & Global Health
- GOVT 3300 - European Politics
- GERM 1311 - Elementary German I

Courses:
- SOCI 1321/3323 - Issues in Contemporary Criminal Justice
- SOCI 1321/3322 - Culturology & Cross-Cultural Communication
- COMM 6398 - Directed Studies in Communication Arts
- BMKT 4399 - Doing Business in Germany
- COMM 4399/5399 - Organizational Communication: Purpose, Engagement & Change
- COMM 4399/5399 - Art of Story: Crafting Competent & Confident Communication
- BMKT 3351 - International Marketing
- BMKT 3350 - Organizational Behavior and Leadership
- ENGL 2310 - World Literature Studies

Courses:
- ACCT 2301 - Principles of Accounting I - Financial Accounting
- ACCT 2312 - Principles of Accounting II - Managerial Accounting
- BMKT 3321/FIN 330 - International Marketing
- BFIN 3355/FIN 340 - International Finance
- BFIN 3315/FIN 340 - International Financial Management
- BFIN 3351 - International Marketing
- BMKT 4355 - Organizational Behavior and Leadership
- ENGL 2310 - World Literature Studies

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