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COVID-19 rate low on campus

By Victoria Velazquez
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So far this semester, the University of the Incarnate Word is maintaining a low positivity rate on its campuses for COVID-19.

As of Jan. 25, the Broadway campus had 19 active cases, 251 cumulative cases, and a 1.5 percent positivity rate, according to officials monitoring coronavirus. On Jan. 27, UIW's medical team held a town hall via Zoom to share information related to COVID-19 on campus and in San Antonio including testing and vaccines.

The medical team also works with UIW's CARE Team, which is comprised of representatives from Campus Life, Student Advocacy and Accountability, Residence Life and Housing Operations, Academic Support Services, Counseling Services, and University Police.

The CARE Team is dedicated to a proactive, coordinated, and planned approach to addressing concerns to the safety and well-being of students, working with those who say they are struggling in a variety of areas and may need extra support during the pandemic.

Keeping COVID-19 from spreading is a major concern.

Dr. Glenn James, UIW's vice provost, said COVID-19 has not spread within in-person activities across

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Miss Fiesta San Antonio 2020 Callista Burns may yet get a chance to show her boots this summer.

Miss Fiesta keeps platform on point

By Evelyn Torres
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Due to the pandemic, Miss Fiesta San Antonio 2020 Callista Burns hasn't had a chance to show her boots to the thousands normally asking for the graceful gesture in postponed parades. But that hasn't stopped the University of the Incarnate Word junior from promoting a community service project required of the banner-bearer.

Not only is her project near and dear to her heart. It's based at UIW.

Burns' chosen community service project is called GEMS, which stands for Girls in Science, Engineering, and Math. GEMS is a free summer program that teaches girls about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).

"The mission statement of GEMS is to inspire and empower young girls to be innovative with their future in the fields of STEAM," said Burns who has served as head counselor for the program.

In the summer of 2019 alone, GEMS helped more than 130 middle-school girls grow in their knowledge and skills of STEAM. The program is growing and now includes high school girls. The girls attend Title I schools where federal funds are used to support students' academic achievement if at least 40 percent of

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Library: Take survey, win money

By Sophia Martinez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Want a shot at a \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$300 gift card?

Take the University of the Incarnate Word's LIBQUAL or "library quality survey," when it's launched for your critical input in March.

LIBQUAL is a nationally normed survey that helps academic libraries focus on the needs of its peers

and understand the directions they need to grow, said Tracey Mendoza, dean of libraries at UIW.

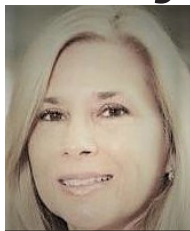
Students and faculty are encouraged to participate in the survey to determine and gauge improvement of library quality services, Mendoza said.

The survey, given every three years, helps library staff tailor a better experience for students and staff, Mendoza said. Survey responses have resulted in more help for

students during finals, such as "Nights in the Nest," where students are able to study for final exams and have a meal at the library.

LIBQUAL will be launched March 15, and will remain open through March 28. Feedback is important as it leads to more resources and adaptations in the library that meet the needs of students as well as faculty, Mendoza said.

"A lot of good things have come out of the survey results," Mendoza said.



Dean Tracey Mendoza



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testing for students, employees, and vendors after holidays or long weekends because we know that's the trend, and if we can control any potential problems, our outcomes can be better," Gottlieb said.

Dr. Brent W. Sanderlin, an associate dean for clinical affairs, reported San Antonio is receiving 25,000 vaccines a week, and in Texas, six million people have received either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, with two more expected to arrive within a month.

"The tests that we use do not test for the components of the vaccine," Sanderlin said. "They test for the components of the virus or antibodies of the virus."

That means someone getting the vaccine will not get a false-positive. Furthermore, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has recently released more information on the risk of false negatives related to testing techniques. Side effects possible with the vaccines include soreness, aches, fatigue and fever.

Texas is currently in the first phase of the vaccine rollout. Individuals in Tier 1a (healthcare



Diana Sanchez

workers) and Tier 1b (65+ and/or those with chronic medical conditions) are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at this time.

UIW Health Services is an approved vaccine provider. However, "we are waiting for the state of Texas to allocate vaccines to our school," Gottlieb said. "These vaccines are 94-95 percent effective at preventing people from getting sick with COVID-19 symptoms."

Dr. David E. Garza, UIW's medical director, said UIW is on "orange," meaning there is a moderate level of community transmission.

The medical team stressed COVID-19 testing on campus is

vital to protecting the community.

UIW has partnered with Curative Inc. to provide free, contactless, self-administered COVID-19 testing at the Broadway campus and School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Students living on the Broadway campus also are meeting the challenge and responsibility related to campus COVID-19 protocols.

But extra effort has been put into maintaining their spirits, officials said.

"The students are engaging in events and taking advantage of the beautiful weather for outdoor activities," said Diana Sanchez, director of residence life. "They were eager and excited to come back to their Cardinal home."

Nataly Lopez, director of campus engagement, is focused on providing a memorable experience for students while employing safety guidelines for events that can be found through UIW Engage.

Still, mental health has been a rising concern amid the pandemic. In response, UIW is actively addressing mental health safety for students living on campus, said Matthew Carpenter, director of student advocacy and accountability.

"Counseling Services and the CARE Team staff members have joined

programs for our students throughout the year to talk about the importance of personal mental health, self-care strategies, and have shared resources available to the community through various methods," Carpenter said.

"Our staff is always available for students, and we welcome the opportunity to help each student with whatever they may need."

Dr. Kevin Milligan, assistant director of counseling services, said there is much focus on students' mental health.

He said there are two staff members available on campus for crises, counseling services offered via Zoom or phone, reaching out to students in quarantine, and encouraging students to seek support through resident assistants – fellow students.

"COVID-19 has presented numerous challenges for everyone," Sanchez said. "Resident assistants are continuously checking in with students to help them connect with university resources and increase awareness of activities in the halls and around campus. It is important for students to take advantage of the Campus Life opportunities that help increase social engagement with peers and take time to enjoy the outdoor activities."

Miss Fiesta cont.

them come from low-income families.

However, because of the pandemic, GEMS was unable to host a camp in 2020 as it's done in previous years under the sponsorship of the School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering.

So, what did Burns do? She created the GEMS STEAM activity kit for 50 girls in grades 5-8 and personally delivered them – with a mask on, of course. Each kit included supplies and instructions to accomplish three STEAM at-home experiments. The San Antonio Fiesta Commission and Valero supported Burns in achieving this project.

Burns also was able to create the Virtual Research Camp for high school girls, where they conducted college-level research.

Burns even stayed connected with

her GEMS over the holidays by creating the GEMS Holiday STEAM Kit. This time around, she made 100 kits for the four schools GEMS closely works with and could even make a connection to a new school.

An education major with double minors in math and reading, Burns also is currently hosting weekly Zoom meetings every Monday with GEMS students, where they conduct STEAM experiments and play games. It's good practice for Burns who plans to become a math teacher and eventually a college professor.

"Even though we could not host anything in person, we made every effort to stay connected with our students," she said.

Growing up on the south side of San Antonio and seeing many Fiesta parades, it's no wonder Burns

became familiar with seeing past Miss Fiestas and dreamed of being one. She first applied in 2019. When she didn't make it. She reapplied, was selected and prepared for a parade that never came due to the pandemic.

Like everyone else, when Burns learned Fiesta would be cancelled last year, she was despondent – but she knew everyone's safety was the No. 1 priority.

"The pandemic certainly did not stop me from fulfilling my duties as Miss Fiesta. I hope GEMS is bringing joy to our students and San Antonio as well. Everyone is going through this difficult time together, and it's important for us to lean on each other for support and share positive news to bring joy to our community."

Fiesta won't happen on its spring schedule this year due to the pandemic

but there's hope for the summer.

Burns believes she'll be able to show her boots at some point.

"The Fiesta boots are so beautiful and colorful, and I will wear them to future Fiesta events."

GEMS Fundraiser

Thirty-three percent of the proceeds raised 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, for a fundraiser at Chipotle, 3928 Broadway, will go to GEMS.

Tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure GEMS receives its portion.

If ordering online, use code XP34HGM before checkout in the "promo" field.

Orders placed on [Chipotle.com](https://www.chipotle.com) or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.

Nominations sought for CCVI Spirit Award

The Office of Mission and Ministry at the University of the Incarnate Word is accepting nominations until Feb. 28 of people for the annual CCVI Spirit Award.

This award recognizes a member of the faculty, administration, or staff who has demonstrated in service to the

University and/or to the broader civic community, the spirit of the UIW's founders, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

The mission of the University flows directly from this spirit. One award is given each year. All members of the campus

community, lay and religious, part-time and full-time, are eligible. Selection of the honoree is made by a committee of faculty, administrators and past recipients.

Sister Walter Maher, vice president for Mission and Ministry, wants nominees sent to her through

campus mail to CPO 139 for the CCVI award or brought to AD 151.

Those making nominations should give "specific examples of how the nominee demonstrates the CCVI spirit" in three categories: UIW's core values, major service to UIW and ways in which the nominee serves the local/National community.



El Paso student makes pro TV anchoring debut

By **Chloe Hipolito-Urbe**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

A University of the Incarnate Word student who aspires to be a sports broadcaster made her professional anchoring debut Feb. 8 on a TV news show in her hometown El Paso.

Abigail Velez, 21, is lead anchor for "The Rundown," a news show which is airing at 10 p.m. CST Mondays and Fridays on the "All in El Paso" news station, which has a free app on Roku.

Velez, a communication arts major who's been taking classes remotely from El Paso since enrolling at UIW last August, said she credits her contributions to UIWtv and the Logos for getting her noticed.

Because she's a big believer in self-promotion for her career, Velez said, she showcased her volunteer work with UIW's student media on the social media platform, Instagram, to gain exposure. And exposure is exactly what she got.

"(All in El Paso) reached out to me through my Instagram account and said they loved my work and were looking for a new lead anchor," Velez said. After going in for an interview and studio tour, she accepted the job. On Jan. 30, she was booked as a special guest on the station's Saturday-morning talk show, "Cafecito with Romy," to



Abigail Velez, 21, a communication arts major at the University of the Incarnate Word, prepares to anchor "The Rundown," which airs over the All in El Paso network on Monday and Friday nights.

discuss her new job. That show is posted on the station's Roku app.

Velez said this lead-anchor opportunity is preparing her for her future career in journalism.

"In this lead anchor role, I am learning the basics, like how to read off a teleprompter, create my own packages, manage reporters, and communicate with producers," Velez said. "But overall, the most important thing for me is getting comfortable in front of the camera, finding my niche and my news voice. A job like this is going to be completely awesome for my resume and prepare me for my career."

As news anchor, Velez shared she is responsible for creating a

package for the story. This consists of coming up with a story, gathering more information, followed by an interview. After the interview, she is responsible for editing the video.

She takes the clips she likes along with the B-roll footage, then creates and edits the material in the Adobe software program, Premiere Pro.

"The headlines and the small details are the most important things for my package," Velez said. "The awesome thing about that is I can produce my own packages and be a lead anchor, so I get all-around experience."

Velez said she'll be working around 20 hours a week for the station which airs her show on Facebook Live. This new job is on

top of two other part-time jobs she does in El Paso while managing a full-time UIW class schedule.

"My advice would be to be a go-getter. Because of my tenacity, how much I want this career, I have been able to have these experiences. If it weren't for me choosing to get out of my comfort zone and making that Instagram page or me reaching out to people that I (usually) wouldn't have reached out to -- due to being limited to my comfort zone -- I would not have had these awesome opportunities. So be a go-getter. If you see an opportunity, take it, and if there is not any, make your own fate and create an opportunity that is best for you."

Decision is yours to give COVID-19 vaccine a shot

By **Megan Matthews**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Now that COVID-19 vaccines are out, you may have a few questions.

Like, when will I be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine? Should I get the vaccine? What are the side effects?

I cannot speak for everyone, but I can share my experience as a 24-year-old who received the COVID-19 vaccine for those of you interested.

I received the COVID-19 vaccine during the first phase of doses even though my younger age and good health would've usually put me in a position of being in the last phase. I was given this opportunity to get the vaccine because of my role in the workforce.

I work for Sister Care, a company that takes care of the elderly community here in San Antonio and is associated with The Village at Incarnate Word. Brittany Buckley, the alternative administrator at Sister Care, said the company "was on a priority list since we are a community with

independent living and assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing."

I wasn't afraid of receiving the vaccine. To be honest, I was more fearful of the needle (mind you, it was a tiny needle) than the vaccine inside the syringe itself.

I did not develop any symptoms. When I asked Brittany about anyone else in our community developing any symptoms after the vaccine, she said: "To our knowledge, we have not seen this happen." And hopes this trend continues.

Before getting the vaccine, I did a little research to address concerns my family and I had. This included: Can the COVID-19 vaccine give you COVID-19? The short answer I found was no. The COVID-19 vaccine teaches our immune system how to recognize and fight the virus to protect us from contracting the virus. Whether you should get the vaccine -- that depends on you. Currently, it is not mandatory for anyone to get it.

As a University of the Incarnate



Word student, I also wondered whether it would be mandatory for students and faculty to receive the vaccine -- similar to the expectations for submitting our shot records.

I contacted Dr. Glenn James, vice provost, to answer that question.

"The perspective that we'll use is to strongly encourage but not mandate" getting the vaccine, he said.

For many reasons, someone might decide against getting the vaccine simply for religious purposes, while others decide against it due to the vaccines' unknown nature. I also asked if UIW would potentially become an administering ground for the vaccine for UIW faculty and students who meet the criteria for receiving it. Dr. James informed me they had paved the way for the opportunity, but nothing is currently set in stone.

I also asked a few of my friends who contracted COVID-19 what they thought

about the vaccine, if they would get it, and why. I knew they would share their own opinion without the influence of others. We may be friends, but we don't always see eye-to-eye on everything.

My friend "Kris," who works for the National Guard, told me he believed the vaccine is just one step closer for our country to return to some sense of normalcy and plans to get the vaccine when given the opportunity. I also asked my friend, "Kinley." She told me she welcomed the ability to get the vaccine as well, mainly because she believes we would still be dealing with many preventable diseases today without vaccinations.

Now, I'm not telling anyone they have to get the vaccine, but I do think doing your research first will help you think for yourself and make the best decision for you and your loved ones.

I am happy I received the vaccine and haven't contracted COVID-19 after it.

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Campus Life dean adapts to pandemic

By Raul Plata
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Campus life at UIW looks different nowadays, but the Cardinal spirit lives through virtual programming, modified campus services, and flexible student activities.

Dr. Chris Summerlin was hired in the middle of the pandemic last September and came to us with more than 15 years of higher education experience.

He most recently served as Interim Dean of Students at Kennesaw State University in Georgia. After serving in multiple lower-level higher education roles, he began to think about his next steps professionally and where he could fit in a dean position.

"I'd been thinking to myself about returning to faith-based higher education because that is where my undergrad was. I also wanted somewhere where I wanted to be," said Dr. Chris Summerlin, Dean of Campus Life at UIW.

He became familiar with San Antonio through conferences he would attend, and he got an initial sense of the city through that.

"I knew San Antonio seemed like a great city, and finding out more through that process, it just felt like that great fit that I was looking for,"

said Summerlin. Since starting the position, Summerlin has had to adapt to the circumstances, beginning with expanding the department's digital presence. He has weekly emails from him sent to the student body, virtual forums, and increased social media activity.

"I've had to adjust what I had initially planned in my mind," said Dr. Summerlin. "Part of my role in student affairs is to be out and about; now I have to meet people virtually and plan virtual events."

Through this, he's developed a positive aspect of the times brought on by the pandemic.

Summerlin believes that COVID-19 "has raised challenges" but has also allowed for the assurance that students receive the information they need.

The Student Life Online website, a tool around before COVID-19, has been revamped to include information regarding how the pandemic affects the campus community and event information and links to other services students may need as counseling and health services.

"Of course, students are here to get their degree. However, my vision for Campus Life is to be that central component for students outside of the classroom."



Dr. Christopher Summerlin

Most of the events scheduled for this semester have gone virtual. However, some are still being held in-person.

"With the in-person events, we do have safety protocols in a place like social distancing, masking, and limitations on the number of people that can attend," Summerlin said.

Those safety plans are drawn out months in advance for the scheduled event to ensure students and other attendees' safety.

"We don't ever want to be in a situation where we second guess ourselves on what could have been done at the moment. We want everyone to be as safe as possible

on campus," Summerlin said.

With students beginning to show signs of being "Zoom-ed out," Dr. Summerlin hopes to continue some in-person programming that will support the college experience's social aspect while being safe. There have been talks in the department about the future of virtual programming after the pandemic subsides.

"Virtual sessions have been so beneficial in allowing students to attend events they probably wouldn't attend on campus," Summerlin said.

He is hopeful that things will slowly return to normal once the pandemic has passed, and Campus Life will engage the students as it did, or even better than it did before.

"I'm excited about things I've seen so far, and I'm glad that the university has continued to provide classes, events, and services to students, with safety and health being the number one priority," Summerlin said.

FYI For more information, follow UIW Campus Engagement on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. You can also visit the Student Life Online website at <https://www.uiw.edu/studentlife/student-life-online/index.html>.

Fencing students recount struggles with COVID-19

By Justin Kraiza
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The impacts of COVID-19 restrictions on the Henrich Center for Fencing and International Sports have left a growing ambivalence amongst students concerning the fencing program's future.

Like other athletic programs, the Henrich Center has modified operations to include only limited programs. However, the UIW armory, community classes, and equipment for checkout are currently unavailable.

UIW Fencing Coach John Moreau had to make some coaching transitions from in-person to Zoom with a higher concentration on physical conditioning.

While practice is completed in smaller groups, students must wear fencing masks at all times, face masks are worn under the fencing mask, and there is no mandatory shaking of the opponent's hand. Sanitizing the practice/competition area is compulsory before and



after fencing practice.

UIW junior Jake Thayer, 20, has been fencing more than seven years and joined the men's fencing team on an athletic scholarship. Thayer's participation was greatly affected following the restrictions implemented on campus.

"It has made it extremely difficult," Thayer said. "It is hard to wear a face mask and fence. The practices were limited for the first semester, and most of our meets were canceled."

Fencing has taught Thayer the vital lesson of maintaining strength and perseverance, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the restrictions, Thayer is

appreciative of UIW's response.

UIW senior Adam De Sequera, 22, said he joined the men's fencing team his freshman year due to shortages of eligible players. De Sequera demonstrated his commitment to being the best fencing athlete he possibly could by showing up to practices at 6:30 every morning.

Eventually, De Sequera's driving desire to become the best was impeded by COVID-19 roadblocks. His success in the Western Conference Regionals Tournament led to the Final Nationals Events' cancellation for qualified athletes such as De Sequera.

Following news of the Henrich Center's closure troubled De Sequera.

"Losing our facility hurt because we were unable to continue practices and our usual off-season workouts," De Sequera said. "By the time the fall semester rolled around, the usual events we would travel to in the fall were both canceled, so it is kind of a letdown for the seniors and graduates on the team."

Enduring the difficulties of a student-athlete has revealed De Sequera's remarkable growth in the fencing program. Pushing himself to new heights has redefined De Sequera's idea of success as working harder even when you crash into a wall.

It's hard work that Moreau points to as evidence of the fencing student-athletes' unaffected morale.

"The athletes know this is something they have to adapt to," De Sequera said. "The playing field is level for every athlete, and fencing by its very nature is a problem-solving activity - How do I score on my opponent, and how do I keep my opponent from scoring on me?"





Dr. Emily Clark



Dr. Laura Munoz



Dr. Lopita Nath



Dr. Michelle Tabit



Karen Weis



Dr. Rachell Booth



Dr. Linda Hook



Dr. Michael Tallon

Eight receive individual awards

Eight faculty members at the University of the Incarnate Word learned they would receive Mission Continues awards Jan. 5.

The five getting awards named after members of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, founders of the university, have exhibited the following attributes or characteristics: Has genuine love for UIW and its Mission. Inspires/motivates students to embody the Mission. Exemplifies in a special way one of the five core values in the classroom, school, and/or community. Articulates the Mission to students. Empowers students. Is a true teacher. Is open to students' and colleagues' ideas and suggestions. Respects all others, mindful of their inherent dignity. Inspires trust in students and peers. Possesses imagination and vision in curriculum development and scholarship. Is willing to grow and take risks in the profession. Has worked for UIW for two or more years. Has contributed to the development

of the department or school The recipients included:

Robert J. Connelly Faculty Leadership Award: Dr. Emily Clark, a professor and chair of the Department of English, and Dr. Laura Munoz, a nursing professor. Clark was noted for founding the Women's and Gender Studies program. Munoz was founding director of the founding director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

Piper Professor Nominee: Dr. Lopita Nath, a professor and chair of the Department of History. She now is eligible to receive one of 10 possible \$5,000 awards in state Piper competition. Nath also serves as coordinator of the Asian Studies Program and does special work with refugees.

Sister Maria Goretti Zehr Innovation Award: Dr. Michelle Tabit, an associate professor of history, received this award for being "open to thoughtful innovation which serves material and spiritual need." She also was cited for

courses evoking Harry Potter and Star Trek that demonstrate she "has gone above and beyond to engage students in their own learning and fulfill the UIW Mission of developing well-rounded and enlightened citizens."

Sister Eleanor Ann Young Truth Award: Dr. Karen Weis, a nursing professor who fills the Brigadier General Lillian Dunlap Endowed Chair. She was cited for her guidance and help assisting "many students gain an understanding and appreciation for the importance of research and the discovery of truth."

Sister Margaret Rose Palmer Education Award: Dr. Rachell Booth, a biochemistry professor, who "engages students in the learning process." She was cited for developing the CHEM-Scholars seminar, "which fills a gap in professional skills development of chemistry and biochemistry majors."

Mother Columkille Colbert Service Award: Dr. Linda Hook, an assistant professor in community health nursing, for being one who "embraces

a global perspective and emphasizes social justice." She also was cited for her "innovation, enthusiasm, warmth, and limitless energy (that) offers care to individuals in need and positively influences our students in recognizing the value of service to our San Antonio community."

Sister St. Pierre Cinquin Faith Award: Dr. Michael Tallon, a professor of modern languages, for being "committed to educational excellence in the context of faith and fosters the values of the University." Called a "powerful presence and faithful worker for the Incarnate Word mission," Tallon was cited for his hard work securing community organizations for the annual "Meet the Mission" day of service. A nominator said Tallon inspires others to ask, "Who understands why we are a community and how we can carry forward the spirit of action embodied in those first three Sisters as guided by the Holy Spirit?"

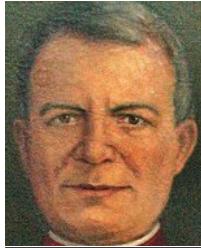
Faculty cited for service in pandemic

The entire University of the Incarnate Word faculty received a special award Jan. 5 for exemplary service during the pandemic.

Meeting in a Zoom conference before the first week of school, the faculty received a special Bishop Claude Marie Dubuis Response to the Call Award named after the prelate who first issued a call to the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word - founders of the university - to come to Texas.

DuBuis was the bishop assigned to Texas when he wrote the congregation in France, to which three young sisters crossed the ocean in response to his words: "Our Lord, Jesus Christ, suffering in the persons of a multitude of the sick and infirm of every kind seeks relief at your hands."

The Office of the Provost, Faculty Senate and University Mission and Ministry were cosponsors for the annual "Mission Continues" preschool program where several awards are given prior to the first week of spring classes. Normally, a faculty reception but the pandemic prevented that.



Bishop Claude Marie DuBuis

Dr. John Stankus, a longtime chemistry professor and former Faculty Senate president, nominated the entire UIW faculty for the special award.

The Mission Continues Award Committee issued a statement in accepting the nomination:

"This year 2020, in the midst of a global pandemic, the Mission Continues Award Committee felt called to reflect back to the original answer that empowered the Sisters to create the CCVI Order, a health care system, the University of the Incarnate

Word, and many other ministries.

"The Committee realized that this year it has not been any single individual who has responded in an outstanding way to the call to serve the suffering Christ. Instead, it has been the university community as a whole and our faculty in particular that has responded to this germinal call. Consequently, the Committee gladly accepts the following Nomination for the 2020-2021 Mission Continues, Bishop Claude Marie Dubuis, Response to the Call Award."

This is what Stankus said in his letter of nomination:

"The Faculty of the University of the Incarnate Word (the faculty) embodies the university's Mission value of Responding to the Call by stepping forward and developing new methods and models to deliver quality instruction to our students, even and especially under the constraints of the present pandemic.

"The original call the Sisters received was to respond to the needs of our local community. The faculty has

followed in their footsteps (maybe perhaps not as joyfully, but showing up, nonetheless) and has responded to the needs of our San Antonio community.

"The faculty developed ways to engage the students and ensure that they achieved the necessary and desired outcomes. Some of these efforts gave new meaning to the phrase 'just-in-time' and showed care and concern for each and every one of our students.

"The faculty's response spanned all the mission values, with a clear emphasis on education and innovation. Besides, the faculty's faith was exercised in the myriad ways in which they shepherd our students and the rest of our community.

"The faculty showed a level of dedication and loving service, especially as they endeavored to respond to the pandemic, by helping our students, the community in San Antonio, and those suffering elsewhere in the world. A small but powerful example of this was the initiative they took to make masks for the migrant community on the border."



Is a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine as good as two?

By Ruby Filoteo
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The Johnson and Johnson vaccine, which may be approved for use later this month, appears to ensure against COVID-19 with only one shot.

However, it's not as strong as the two vaccines -- Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna -- now in case recommended by the CDC -- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

On Jan. 28, J&J said that in the United States and seven other countries, the single-shot vaccine was 66 percent effective overall at preventing moderate to severe illnesses, and much more protective -- 85 percent -- against the most serious symptoms. Additionally, J&J said recently it

would file an application with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use in the United States, and then abroad. The J&J vaccine is already being manufactured by Emergent BioSolutions in East Baltimore. The panel considering approval will meet Feb. 26. J&J anticipates supplying 100 million doses to the country by June.

However, with other rival vaccines shown to be 95 percent effective after two doses, the question on everyone's mind is how effective is the one-shot dose?

According to The New York Times and others, there are approximately more than 27 million cases and 473,699

COVID-19 deaths -- and counting -- as of Valentine's Day in the United States. With these numbers exponentially growing, defeating the disease that has killed 2 million people worldwide will require vaccinating billions.

J&J reports its vaccine uses a cold virus to carry the spike gene into the body where cells make harmless copies of the protein to prime the immune system in case the real virus comes along. The company claims its vaccine is safe, with responses similar to other COVID-19 shots. So far, there have not been any serious allergic reactions.

Additionally, J&J is studying a two-dose version of its vaccine, but those results won't be available for

several months.

Another question people are asking is when will kids be able to get the COVID-19 vaccines? So far, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines are for those 16 and older; Moderna's is for adults 18 and older.

COVID-19 vaccines for kids are coming. They're estimated to be available late this year.



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'The Revenant': What's it really about?

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Alejandro González Iñárritu's film, "The Revenant," is a story of revenge and unrelenting suffering based on an honest frontier tale of Hugh Glass, who miraculously survives the mauling of a she-grizzly.

On the surface, the film is simply a revenge saga. A tale where our protagonist is left for dead and undergoes intense physical and mental adversity in search of his son's killer. However, as I watched the film, I caught some interesting clues that had to be more than simple Easter eggs.

The first example of this being the flashbacks between Glass and his wife, the Pawnee Indian. While these scenes didn't make much sense at first, they started to attract meaning and purpose when you see through the director's eyes. Iñárritu gave us half the narrative through the storytelling of these scenes. But, what about the other half? Was the intent to leave the glass (no pun intended) half-empty? Was there a point to leave the viewer in ambiguity?

Nevertheless, I included Iñárritu's flashback scenes were intended to encourage the viewer to research Glass's marriage to the Native American

woman. Only then did the scenes genuinely begin to make sense.

Based on the film's unprovided information, we didn't know Glass had spent a year with the Pawnee six years prior to his mauling. Moments before his execution, he bestowed the chief with vermillion, which was a token of respect and peace for the Pawnee. Thus, leading to his life being spared.

Together, with these profound storytelling elements are the thematic components of the film. By the example of Iñárritu establishing a framework of real historical events, some liberating themes greatly



Justin Kraiza

supplement the quality of his work but not precisely the actuality of the events. In my third viewing of "The Revenant," I caught three primary themes.

These themes coincide with the plot structure of the film quite seamlessly.

All three follow in sequential order. First, the theme of man's relation to the natural world. This theme is by all means illustrated through the sweeping shots of the American wilderness and the frozen tundras. Iñárritu hammers the point home that Glass is dwarfed by remarkable landscapes. From my understanding, in any given environment, harsh or harmless, Glass is forced to adapt for his survival. I believe Iñárritu strongly emphasizes this notion to display the reality of Glass being at the mercy of nature.

The secondary theme exists through the concept that you can survive any amount of suffering if you have something to live for. This is evident in Glass's story and everyday heroes of the mundane world. Revenge is a powerful motivator. And the film gives an honest depiction of human nature. The truthful nature that if Glass did not have this desire in mind, he would've died off, satisfied. Nonetheless, the hunger for

justice and revenge kept him going.

The final thematic element that needs to be discussed is that revenge is an act of God's responsibility. This occurred to me as a shocking epiphany in the final minutes of the film. After brutally maiming John Fitzgerald in a bloody fight, Glass spares his remaining last breaths for the Arikara Native American Tribe, which executes him.

This is where I realized that combined with the film's thematic purpose, there is also a symbolic interpretation in the closing minutes of "The Revenant." After watching this final sequence on numerous occasions, I am firmly convinced there is an intimate spiritual connection between Glass and specific native tribes.

Iñárritu makes it evident that Glass perceives the natives as arbiters of divine justice. Glass's decision to float Fitzgerald down the river for the Arikara tribe to finish him off validates this notion. While also reaffirming a deep respect Glass has for their presence and a willingness to acknowledge them as owners of their land.

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Pandemic fails to stop Valentine's Day gestures

By **Abigail Velez**
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Valentine's Day during a global pandemic can seem somewhat grim, but Cardinals at the University of the Incarnate Word are looking optimistic about the upcoming holiday.

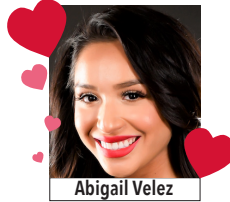
The origins of Valentine's Day are derived from ancient Roman traditions and have been celebrated throughout centuries as a day of expression of love. Although most people are not aware of the origins, they still say the holiday sneaks up on them every year. "You actually reminded me that Valentine's Day was coming up,"

Lambda Pi Eta President Beni Resendiz said. "I wouldn't have known it was already here.

Valentine's Day is not a holiday Resendiz, a communication arts major, intends to celebrate for himself but for others.

"I am excited for what the Communication Arts Department has planned for Valentine's Day festivities, and I fully intend on congratulating my friends that have been in long-term relationships."

Other Cardinals on campus are hoping for the chances of love in the air. "I have a test that week, and I asked



Abigail Velez

my professor if he would be kind enough to move our test because of the holiday, and he said no," nursing major Emily Maiella said.

"I'm hoping I'll at least get candy."

Maiella said she plans to have dinner with her boyfriend to commemorate the holiday and mentions that Valentine's Day will be around a hectic week for her.

"My family is coming into town to celebrate with me since my birthday is around the same time, and I will also be working at the hospital and managing my classes."

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New-norm reality: Cheering with no crowd

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The University of the Incarnate Word, a school known for football, basketball and baseball among other sports, is now a school with cheerleaders cheering to empty bleachers.

Thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, the dynamics have changed.

Last March, the cheer team was preparing for NCA Daytona Nationals, which we normally would attend every year but the pandemic brought the yearly tradition to a halt. On the last day of spring break during practice, the team was told to report back to our dorms and wait. Two days later the team was sent home until further notice and the campus was shut down.

Months after being sent home, the cheer team was permitted to do virtual tryouts with strict COVID restrictions. The cheer team then waited for the school to approve



Cheerleaders practice a routine in the Convocation Center.

practices for the athletic department. Once practices were approved, the athletic department implemented guidelines on how to keep the team

safe by doing temperature checks, COVID testing, and answering a daily health questionnaire. Masks are now required during practices, events, performances, and all games.

The first cheer event was the homecoming parade last November that required both masks and social distancing while they marched down the streets of the campus. They were accompanied by the drumline and the dance team along with small floats and Red the Cardinal.

The following event was "Light the Way," a large Christmas event usually filled with food trucks and shopping booths. In past years people could roam around as they pleased. For 2020, "Light the Way" became a drive-through event with people being able to be socially distant while watching various performances set up throughout the campus such as the cheer team, dance team, Red, Santa, and other volunteer performers.



Nathaniel Delgado

Now the usual fall sports have been pushed to the spring. Masks and social distancing are to be expected. All teams are to be tested a week prior to any game, along with daily temperature checks to ensure a safe environment. UIW is taking all the precautions needed to maintain its high standards on academics, art and athletics.

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Phone apps aim at reducing anxiety

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Anxiety rates have sparked up due to the global pandemic, however, there are mental health apps you can install today on your phone to help reduce your anxiety.

There are different levels of anxiety, which can run from mild to severe. Everyone has different triggers that stimulate their stress levels.

The Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said, "Public health actions, such as social distancing, can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. However, these

actions are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Coping with stress in a healthy way will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger."

Apps that are made to relieve anxiety are great for meditation, calming the mind, and improve overall mental wellness.

Counseling Services at the University of the Incarnate Word and Dr. Maria Felix-Ortiz, chair of UIW's Department of Psychology, recommend five apps for reducing anxiety: Ten Percent Happier, Headspace, Insight Timer, Colorfy, and MindShift CBT. Each of these apps is free and available on Google

Play or Apple Store for download.

Felix-Ortiz, a psychology professor, said she uses Ten Percent Happier often and it's great for meditation.

The word, "meditation," can scare people off, Felix-Ortiz said. But prayer is meditation and stopping to "check in on your breath" is an important way to reconnect with your faith, too, she added.

"My husband and I sometimes use the app to meditate together before we fall asleep," Felix-Ortiz said. "I like this app because it teaches you about meditation as something you practice but that you may never get 'perfect,' and they say that's OK, too."



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COVID-19 concerns lead to game uncertainties

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The University of the Incarnate Word's basketball season is well under way. But if you're thinking about attending a men's or women's home game, COVID-19 concerns are causing several postponements and reshuffling.

Here's what you need to know during COVID-19: the safety of the team and coaches is paramount. UIW Athletic Director Richard Duran said the games have been getting postponed to conduct contact tracing for COVID-19. As it stands now, players have to test three times a week, and

are not allowed to use their locker rooms. And they must quarantine from other student-athletes and coaches. Regulations are also being implemented at Alice McDermott Convocation Center, where only 10 percent of the building's normal capacity can accommodate

fans who must wear masks. To learn if games are postponed, check the schedule on the UIW website. Games get rescheduled based on availability as the regular season ends in March.



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Sophomore Armando Villarreal leads a group of runners in the invitational where he placed third overall but was top finisher for the Cardinals in the men's 8K. Villarreal was a state champion runner while he was a student at St. Anthony's Catholic High School.

Cross Country holds UIW Invitational

The University of the Incarnate Word was host to several schools at its sole cross country meet – the UIW Invitational – Friday, Jan. 29, at Live Oak's Main City Park.

It was the first competition for the Cardinals in more than a year after the fall season was postponed due to the pandemic.

Besides the host team, the field included Trinity University and Our Lady of the Lake University – both cross-town rivals in San Antonio – along with Abilene Christian University, Texas



Andrea Acuna

A&M-Corpus Christi, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley from Edinburg, Tarleton State University from Stephenville, Texas, and the University of

Central Arkansas from Conway. UIW's women claimed third place overall in the 6K race that started



Armando Villarreal

Andrea Acuna was the top female finisher for the Cardinals, crossing the finish line at 21:39.4 for fourth place. Sophomore Armando Villarreal was

at 4 p.m. The Cardinals' 64 points was just one point behind Central Arkansas. Abilene Christian took first as a team with 53 points. Freshman

the top finisher for the Cardinals in the men's 8K race that began at 6. He crossed the finish line third with a time of 24:04.7. Villarreal, a graduate of St. Anthony's Catholic High School, was the Texas Christian Athletic League state champion in the 3200m, 1600m and 800m; state champion for cross country in 2018 and 2019; and earned gold at the state meet in the 1600m and the 800m in 2017.

The Cardinals plan to compete Feb. 15 for the Southland Conference Championship at Southeastern



Twin sisters Iztel Alcantar-Herrera, left, and Iztel Alcantar-Herrera, lead a pack of women in the 6K. The juniors are from El Paso. Freshman Andrea Acuna was the top female finisher for the Cardinals, crossing the finish line at 21:39.4 for fourth place in the race.



Ashley Poronsky



DaShena Stevens



B.J. Lough



Tony Dollison



Kenyon Spears



Clay Artis



Bret Huth

Athletics fills leadership posts

Special to the Logos

The Athletic Department at the University of the Incarnate Word has seven new leaders - although some are old faces - in major roles.

Athletic Director Richard Duran announced:

- Ashley Winning Poronsky as deputy athletic director.
- DaShena Stevens as assistant athletic director/business and finance.
- B.J. Lough, who has been with UIW nearly 19 years, as associate director of Athletics/Sports Medicine.
- Tony Dollison, who joined UIW in 2014, as associate director of Athletics/Compliance.
- Kenyon Spears, an assistant men's basketball coach the last three seasons, as associate athletic director for Administration & Athletics Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- Clay Artis, director of operations for the men's basketball team the last year-and-a-half, replaced Spears on the basketball team.
- Bret Huth, who joined the Cardinals prior to the 2018 Southland Conference co-championship season as the director of strength and conditioning, is now the assistant athletic director/Strength and Conditioning.

Poronsky has more than 13 years of experience in collegiate athletics, including the University of Texas campuses in Austin and San Antonio. She started her athletics career at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where she earned two degrees: a bachelor's in political science and a master's in sports management. At LSU she went from a game management graduate assistant to a special projects assistant and ultimately a special events and community relations coordinator where she oversaw the revitalization of the LSU National I Club and coordinated membership initiatives, programming and events for former letterwinners.

"I believe we hit a home run with Ashley joining our team, and I could not be more excited for her support and efforts as we work toward building champions

in the classroom, community, and competition," Duran said.

"I am thrilled to join the UIW team and be a part of Richard's dynamic vision for the future of Cardinal Athletics," Poronsky said. "This role positions me to make a meaningful impact on the San Antonio community and on the lives of 540 spectacular young people. I look forward to working with the administration, staff, coaches and fans to achieve tremendous success for this incredible institution."

Stevens, in addition to leading the Athletics business office, will be the sport administrator for UIW's fencing and spirit programs. She will also be the department's liaison to the Human Resources and Information Technology departments.

Stevens holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. John's University in Queens, N.Y., and a master's in athletic administration from North Carolina Central University in Durham. While at St. John's, she left such a legacy - 1,515 points and 815 rebounds - as a player on the basketball court that she was named last year to St. John's Hall of Fame.

After graduating from St. John's, Stevens played professionally for BCFC Effic Fribourg Basket - Ligue Nationale de Basketball (Switzerland-LNA) in Fribourg, Switzerland. When she returned to the States, she served as director of business and finance at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y. She later returned to St. John's as an assistant basketball coach and helped lead the Red Storm to a Big East Championship before leaving to serve as business services coordinator for athletics at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Duran said Stevens is a "strong leader with an appreciation for the student-athlete experience, a proven accounting background, and a commitment to the greater good."

Stevens called her new job "an unparalleled opportunity to work at the intersection of my passions - business, finance, and athletics - but it also allows me to be part of a University that has a mission and values that align with my own. I believe in Richard's

vision and I am looking forward to being part of the Cardinal family."

For the more familiar faces who were promoted, Duran said, "I'm excited to have B.J., Kenyon and Tony as members of the senior staff. B.J. is a great administrator and has been such an asset for UIW Athletics through his years here, and especially during the pandemic. Kenyon's experience as a coach and his work ethic will be a welcome addition, and I look forward to him growing in his new role. Tony has also been a key member of the athletics department throughout his time here, and I am excited to have his voice at the table as we continue to build our student-athletes into champions in the classroom, in the community and in competition."

In Lough's new role, he oversees the Sports Medicine department and the Strength and Conditioning department. Since the onset of the pandemic, Lough has been instrumental in working closely with UIW Health Services and the UIW Medical team to ensure safe participation environments for all student-athletes who returned to campus.

"I'm excited and thankful for this opportunity for advancement, and I look forward to continuing to support our student-athletes as we work to build champions in the classroom, in the community and in competition," Lough said.

Dollison will continue ensuring the department's compliance with all rules. "I am excited and look forward to adding more value to the team in my new position," Dollison said.

Spears, who has 16 years of Division I coaching experience at six institutions, will look after game operations, facilities, diversity and inclusion efforts. He also now serves as the sport administrator for baseball, track and field/cross country and swimming and diving.

"I am excited about this transition and to continue being part of UIW Athletics," Spears said. "I've been in Division I college athletics for nearly 20 years focusing on mentoring and growing student-athletes to prepare them for a successful future. Moving

into administration broadens my reach and allows me to work with more student-athletes and their coaches to strive for excellence in the classroom, community and competition. I'm thankful for the support of the UIW administration, Athletic Director Richard Duran and my wife, Anne Spears."

Artis' move into Spears' former coaching position should fit right into the men's basketball program, Duran said.

As the director of operations, Artis planned all travel and meals for the men's basketball team and helped with additional duties. Prior to UIW, Artis was on the coaching staff at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Ind. He has 16 years of coaching experience across various levels of basketball. He played collegiately at Valparaiso (Ind.) University and professionally in Australia, Norway, France and Uruguay.

"(Artis) knows our program well," Duran said. "He has over a decade of college coaching experience, and he's a fantastic person. To be able to welcome him to this new role within our program is exciting."

"I'm extremely appreciative of the opportunity (Head) Coach (Carson) Cunningham has given me to step into the role of assistant coach," Artis said. "Over the last year, I've been extremely lucky to get to work with such a great staff and to be around a dedicated group of student-athletes. I look forward to building these relationships even further here at UIW."

Huth designed and implemented a workout program that helped guide the Cardinals football team from a 1-10 record in 2017 to a 6-5 record, Southland Conference Championship, and an FCS Playoff berth in 2018. In 2019, Huth's second season, he created a workout regimen that helped UIW win five games and set multiple records.

"I'm excited to elevate Bret to the role of assistant athletic director of strength and conditioning," Duran said. "Throughout his time here, Bret has excelled as a leader and has shown that he truly cares about the health and well-being of our student-athletes. I look forward to continuing to support his growth as a leader."



Pandemic affects spring fashion scene

By D'Angelina Clay
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As we enter deeper into the spring semester in a global pandemic, new fashion trends and attitudes, heavily inspired by



D'Angelina Clay

COVID-19, have taken over the nation.

No one expected COVID-19 to change our lives so drastically. We have adapted to staying home longer than usual, being distant from everyone, and wearing masks.

Although the purpose of wearing a mask is to protect oneself and others from the virus, it can also be seen as a fashion statement. These fashion statements range from President Joe Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, matching their masks with their outfits during Inauguration Day to masks worn on fashion designers' runway shows such as Valentino, Chanel, and Louis Vuitton. Masks have become an everyday lifestyle and one of the most accessible items today, so you might as well add your funk to them.

Since last spring, we have grown comfortable staying at home. Staying in our pajamas or wearing comfortable clothing has become the norm. From knitwear to joggers, sweatshirts to silks, housewear clothing has become the new fashion wave. There aren't many activities for people besides lounging around and sleeping due to being housebound from COVID-19. It's also common to leave the house wearing sweats without

being judged because everyone can relate to the idleness that everyone has grown so accustomed to.

A lot of our school classes and social events are reduced to Zoom sessions. Many people have lost the motivation to dress up or seem presentable when all they're doing is staying home. Some classes don't even require your camera to be on, so that allows one to be extra lazy.

It gets old and boring to dress up and look the part, so many have adapted to the new Zoom lifestyle. Many people can say they only dress to the waist up, while the other half is sweats. Some go beyond and dress what they would never wear out in public. Some may not have changed their lifestyle and think the new Zoom environment is easy for them.

University of the Incarnate Word senior Layla Mireles said she dresses similarly to when she attended in-person classes.

"Your room is your classroom basically, so there is no need to look presentable," Mireles said. "I put on something comfortable, or I'll just stay in my sleeping clothes."

Mireles, a communication arts major, said she addresses what to wear for her Zoom classes as they go on throughout the day. It's less likely she'll have to dress professionally in her major, she said, because it allows for more creative freedom.

Though many might think fashion has come to a halt, it has become a way for people to entertain themselves and explore new fashion concepts. Over the past year, we have brought back fashion trends from the '90s and other decades like the '70s and early 2000s.

Some notable fashion pieces include hooped earrings and necklace stacking



Ruby Filoteo/GRAPHIC

President Joe R. Biden and the first lady, Dr. Jill Biden, have been known to wear matching masks, which makes a statement.

galore, denim overalls, scrunchies, crop tops, hair clips, and most popular, mom jeans. Some aesthetics popularized by Generation Z include streetwear, cottage core, artsy, alternative, dark and light academia, indie, and many more.

Many of these fashion trends and concepts are popularized by Tik-Tok. Throughout the pandemic, people grew bored and caught themselves scrolling through this addicting

app, but because of it, fashion has become so important in our lives.

As we reach the one-year mark on campus being in a global pandemic, it's essential to understand our ability to create unique fashion trends and dress up how we feel.

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Theatre Arts plans spring productions - on and off line

By Pilar Garcia Guzman
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As a collaborative art-form, the theatre has been deeply impacted worldwide, forcing actors and producers to be more ingenious than ever to share their stories.

UIW's Theatre Arts Department has proven to be just as creative and resourceful amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and continues developing its craft in an interactive environment.

Last fall, this department prepared two productions based on student-written material, and those participating presented them in-person, though only for the department,

following appropriate social distancing and safety measures.

This spring, their plans are no less ambitious, for faculty and staff are preparing their students for two plays -- the first to be held online and the second in person. Still, neither of them will be available to the general public. "It's really for us [the department]



Dr. David McTier

to keep our students creating and producing," said Dr. David McTier, chair of the department and director for the online production, "The Exonerated."

More than 25 people are currently working on this project to ensure all participants are safe and provided with the necessary costumes and scenery for their parts, McTier said. "The Exonerated," written by Eric Jensen and Jessica Blank, tells a gripping story about unjust condemnations and unwarranted errors in the American justice system. Even though it has been programmed for Feb. 19, the presentation will only be available to the department.

However, students can contact McTier for more information on possible online access to the stream.

The second production, "Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play by Joe Landry," is being directed by Associate Professor Mark Stringham and presented in its original format -- a makeshift radio broadcast of Alfred Hitchcock's earlier films.

McTier said he didn't know if the second performance would be online. "A lot is going to depend on how this first one goes. If we [faculty] see that the way we approached it is viable if we can [stream it], but we think in person is the way to go with that."

Student trio airs 'Overtime Sports'

By Maria Castillo
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Every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., you can hear three University of the Incarnate Word students discuss sports and current events on a local radio show, "Overtime Sports."

The show airs on KTMR (La Nuestra 1130 AM) – normally a Spanish radio station playing Christian music and talk programs. But "Overtime Sports" features three communication arts majors – Joe Aguilar, Angelo Mitchell and Christian Vargas – speaking in English.

Aguilar and Mitchell usually do Facebook Live while they're on the air as well but listeners also can catch the show streamed at 1130.net or the simulcast at 92.5 FM.

Aguilar, a non-traditional student, owns the show, a sideline for his major job as owner of Westside Sol, a weekly Spanish newspaper.



Joe Aguilar is the owner, originator and host for the show.

Aguilar, who is graduating in May with his bachelor's degree, is "Uncle Joe," the primary host for "Overtime Sports," and his crew includes Mitchell, a graduate student, and Vargas, who also is graduating in May.

Mitchell, a retired Air Force veteran from Louisville, Ky., started appearing on the show while he was an undergraduate. He earned his bachelor's, with a concentration in journalism, last May and remains with the show while in grad school.

Mitchell, who aspires to be a sports broadcaster and is doing a weekly sports show on KUIW this spring, said "Overtime Sports" is different from other sports-focused radio shows.

Besides being run by students, Mitchell said the trio's work environment provides great content for their listeners.

"What separates us -- and it's something that I'm proud of -- is that we're actually a conversation show and not a debate show," Mitchell said. "So typically, with debate shows people get aggressive, it turns into arguments, and what is healthy for us is that we don't really argue. It's a healthy, safe, conversational zone that we're in to express our opinions and our perspectives on whatever subject or topic it is."

Each member of the "crew" – as Aguilar calls them – has different roles



Angelo Mitchell, Christian Vargas and Joe Aguilar talk sports Tuesdays for 'Overtime Sports on KTMR (La Nuestra 1130 AM).

and personalities, bringing them closer as a group both on and off the air. Each co-host showcases their personality with their charisma, technical intelligence, and leadership skills every week.

Aguilar is the steady soul of the show. Mitchell provides charisma, always supplying the extra ounce of opinion as well as depth into every conversation. Vargas, who is concentrating in media studies, works the studio board during their show but chimes in every now and then. He plays the background music, sound effects, commercials, and while on air, he uses his phone to always keep listeners up to date with any critical story happening while on air.

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UIW helps prepare tax returns for needy families

By Gabby Yanez
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The H-E-B School of Business and Administration is offering free tax preparation to households making \$57,000 a year or less through its annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Since 1984, the University of the Incarnate Word's business school has provided Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for eligible families.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, the business school plans to keep offering assistance to returning clients or anyone in the UIW community. However, the clinic will not be accepting first-time clients for preparation of 2020 tax returns. Assistance also is on a first-come, first-serve with priority given to senior citizens.

Volunteers with the business school are certified by the IRS – Internal Revenue Service – to help

qualifying households prepare basic, current-year tax returns.

To accommodate for the pandemic, the clinic will be doing drop-off appointments only. Volunteers in the parking lot will pick up documents from clients. Clients will wait in their vehicles while the volunteer makes copies of their documents. Clients can return at a later time to discuss their returns. Clients may also e-mail documents to the clinic prior to arriving for their appointment or fill out forms when they arrive.

Things you should know

To schedule an appointment for income tax preparation assistance, e-mail vita@uiwtx.edu or call (210) 805-5884.

The University of the Incarnate Word's clinic is on the main campus at 4301 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78209.

Clients must bring the following

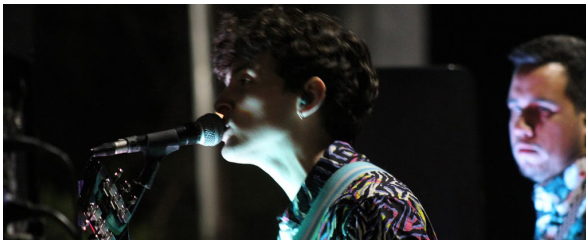
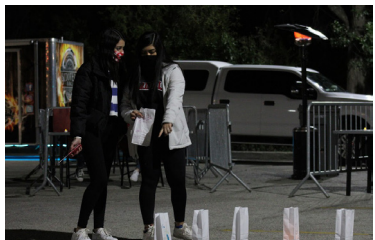
items to the appointment:

- Driver's license or photo ID for the taxpayer and spouse (if applicable)
- Social Security card or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) for all household family members (copies are accepted)
- All W-2 Forms and 1099 tax forms
- Other tax forms received (if applicable)

- Copy of prior year tax return (if applicable)
- If filing jointly, both spouses must be present when the tax return is signed.
- Documentation for any deductible expenses.

For additional tax preparation resources in San Antonio, visit VITAsa.org.





Two participants take in 'Skyview Lights' Friday, Jan. 15. Marc Rodriguez, lead singer with 'Fool in Utopia,' an indie-alternative band, performs at the outside social event, the final program on the 'January Jumpoff' calendar welcomes students back to school.

'Skyview Lights' ends January Jump-Off series

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The traditional January Jump-Off week of events marking the beginning of the spring semester ended with "Skyview Lights" in the Skyview parking lot Friday, Jan. 15. "Skyview Lights" was a new event sponsored by the

Student Government Association and Campus Activities Board. Because of the pandemic, social distancing was expected as participants enjoyed music and food.

Often, events are held closer to the Student Engagement Center or Dubuis Lawn, but Skyview gave residents an opportunity to participate in activities closer to where they live.

"We want to continue to have some events up here," said Janine Chavez, assistant director of Campus Engagement.

When guests arrived for this event, they could sit at tables, socially distanced with bags consisting of two blankets, two water bottles, and a bottle of hand sanitizer. The maximum capacity for the event was 40 people.

Fool in Utopia, an indie-alternative band,

performed two, hour-long sets. The lead singer, Marc Rodriguez, is a UIW graduate. While the music played, students could get grilled cheese sandwiches at Scooterz BBQ food truck. The event was "innovative, engaging and relaxing," Chavez said.

UIW observes Asian New Year

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After a tumultuous 2020, the rat's symbolic year, it is now 2021, the Year of the Ox in the Asian New Year, which was celebrated around the world Feb. 12.

In Chinese culture, the Ox is a valued animal. Because of its role in agriculture, positive characteristics, such as being hardworking and honest, are attributed to it.

Before the pandemic, the University of the Incarnate Word held its annual Asian New Year celebration on campus. This year, celebrations were remote or had to pivot there.

Dr. Lopita Nath, professor and chair of the History Department and coordinator of the Asian Studies Program, and several of her students shared an hour-long session Wednesday, Feb. 10, via Zoom how Asian New Year is celebrated around the world.

The possibility of inclement weather this past Saturday, Feb. 13, forced Residence Life and UIW International Student & Scholar Services to take an in-person session and make it a Zoom one.

Originally, the Intercultural House Asian New Year celebration was to take place 6 to 8 p.m. in the SEC Ballroom with crafts, giveaways, raffles, free food,

and maybe a few other surprises.

But the prospect of bad weather arose.

J.R. Chiodo-Benmuvhar, an assistant director in Residence Life, sent out an e-mail Friday, Feb. 12, spelling out the changes.

"After reviewing the upcoming weather, we have made the decision to celebrate our Intercultural House Asian New Year event in a different way," he wrote, adding the changes were made "to keep our Cardinal Community safe and off the roads."

The alternate plan involved distributing bags to students from the cafeteria in the SEC from 6 to 8 and joining "collectively via Zoom." Using video tutorials, participants were to learn how to fold origami using video tutorials. Also planned: a digital background contest for T-shirts.

Although part of the world greeted 2021 on Jan. 1, many Asian cultures follow the Chinese calendar, which states the new year begins on the day of the first new moon.

Asian New Year features plenty of traditions, activities, and celebrations. For example, in Korea, the country celebrates "Seolnal," which includes eating rice cake soup, younger children getting money from older relatives, and memorials for deceased friends and family members.

Minyoung Lee, a former UIW student from Suwon, South Korea, shared more her country's celebration.

"Of course, there are classic traditions," Lee said. "But younger people like me, we just tend to take a rest with our families. We think of it as a small vacation."



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