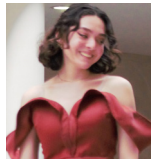




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UIW aids Ukrainian students, staff

By Joy Burgin

LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word community is standing behind Ukrainian students and staff as they face challenges brought on by war in their home country.

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee is one of many organizations on campus that have stepped up to help Ukrainians. The committee has partnered with

International Student and Scholar Services to open an international student emergency fund. This fund, which had raised \$1,568 thus far, would offer financial aid to Ukrainian students – many of whom are cut off from their support system back home -- to help pay for tuition or housing.



Vlad Chumak

Alpha Phi Omega fraternity also held an event on campus in support of Ukraine. They offered juices in the Westgate Circle with QR codes to donate to Jeremiah's Hope.



Andrii Nikishenko

Jeremiah's Hope is a campsite and rescue shelter for at-risk and orphan children located in the small village

of Koleksi (in Ukraine)," said Skyler Burnett. "So we have a QR code that goes directly to the Jeremiah's Hope website where you can donate."

That website can be reached at <https://www.jeremiahshope.org/ukraine-crisis-response.html>.

"We're a family here at UIW and we're one, so we just gotta take care of one another," Warren Fulgenzi, vice president of the Student

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Nimsi Coronado/LOGOS STAFF

These 'Pardi Gras' masks replaced those students had worn for COVID-19 protocol.

Masks come off, some stay on

Masks are coming off, but several University of the Incarnate Word students, faculty and staff are keeping them on since the UIW Medical Team announced March 18 that masks are optional.

Dr. Shaylon Rettig, the university's medical director, cited new community level guidelines from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the recommendation to make masks optional.

"COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take

based on the latest data," Rettig said. "Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area."

"When community levels are low or medium, masks are optional. The positivity rate, along with other parameters, continues to be utilized by the City of San Antonio but is not a parameter utilized by the CDC to determine level of risk. Currently, the CDC Community Levels and the City of San Antonio Risk Level is

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Mexico's ex-president pushes fairer immigration path

By Osvaldo Silguero

LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Former Mexican President Vicente Fox proposed support Wednesday, March 30, for a fair immigration policy, especially for people fleeing their native country for a better quality of life.

Fox, the 62nd president of Mexico, made the comments while speaking to hundreds gathered in Diane Bennack Concert Hall at the University of the Incarnate Word.

He was the inaugural speaker for the Leaders of the Americas Speaker Series sponsored by Liza and Jack

Lewis Center of the Americas at Founders Hall. The series will allow the UIW community, students, faculty and staff to hear from dignitaries and statesmen who have impacted society through their leadership, according to a news release.

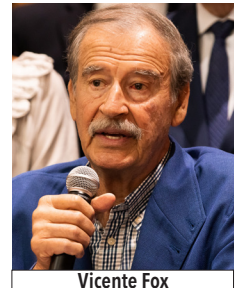
Fox, who visited with UIW honors students earlier, lectured briefly on "Immigration: Challenges and Opportunities for the Next Generation of Leaders." Then, he sat down on the flag-draped stage to answer a few pre-selected questions.

His visit to UIW also served to

advance educational programs and opportunities UIW will jointly offer with Centro Fox, founded by Fox and the former First Lady of Mexico, Marta Sahagún de Fox.

Centro Fox is the shorter name for Vicente Fox Center of Studies, Library and Museum, a presidential history center in San Cristobal near his ranch in Guanajuato, Mexico, that the Foxes started in 2006 after his six-year presidential term. At one point, a Coca-Cola deliveryman, Fox eventually ran Coca-Cola Mexico

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Vicente Fox

Logos wins record number of awards

The Logos, the student-driven newspaper at the University of the Incarnate Word, won a record number of first-place awards recently in competition sponsored by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

TIPA announced the winners at its convention March 26. Judges are from other states.

Logos Editor Justin Kraiza, a senior communication arts major, and Assistant Editor Ruby Filoteo, a graphics design major, were cited in several awards.

Kraiza placed first for General Column for a piece urging Congress to raise the minimum wage. He and Filoteo shared a first-place honor for Sports Page design, while Filoteo placed first in Cover Design. They also had a hand in the newspaper getting a first for Static Ad. Nimsi Coronado, a senior fine arts major, received a first-place award in visual reporting for a photofeature on the "Best of Nestfest."

Second-place awards went to Victoria Velazquez, who graduated

last December with a sociology degree, for General News involving one of several stories she wrote on COVID-19, and Coronado for a sports action shot.

Coronado placed third in the state for "Photojournalist of the Year." Another third-place award went to communication arts senior Christina Emmett for Breaking News Photo showing a vaccination. Filoteo also got a third-place award for Illustration as did Kraiza for a Breaking News Story he wrote about how UIW's Solar House survived

the February 2021 winter storm.

Honorable mentions went to Coronado for a sports photofeature; Marisa Allen, a communication arts junior, for a General News story she wrote about UIWtv; Austin Montoya, who graduated last December with a communication arts degree, for Sports Game Coverage of a volleyball game; and communication arts senior Abigail Velez, for Sports Coverage related to a piece she wrote about UIW becoming a member of the Western Athletic Conference.

UIW aids cont.

Athletic Advisory Committee, said. "Some of us may have never gone through this in our lifetime, but student-athletes are going through this, students are going through this, and just be mindful, just be caring. And just be an open ear to listen to and be a shoulder to cry on, because it's a touchy, touchy thing going on right now."

Ukrainian native Vladyslav Chumak, who was on UIW's swim team before graduating with a bachelor's degree in communication arts, said he recently got word that one of his former swimming buddies there had been killed. "My friend who I used to swim

with for two years, he joined the military in 2017 or 2018 I guess, just by his own, like he always wanted to join," said Chumak, now a grad student in Boston. "And they got the news he was killed in the fight. So, yeah. This was like the beginning of my morning. So, as you can see, it's my reality. Every Ukrainian reality right now."

The U.N. Human Rights Office reported recently at least 1,200 Ukrainian civilians had been killed. For Ukrainians watching from the outside, the stress of trying to keep in touch with friends and family members has taken a toll.

"I think the first three, four days were the most stressful for me, and it was not just about my parents or my family," Chumak

said. "It's the fact that I'm realizing my whole country's on fire now." Andrii Nikishenko, an assistant swimming coach at UIW, said he's barely slept since his country was invaded.

"I still have like my full family, it's like about eight, 10 members of my family," Nikishenko said. "(I) try to keep connection with them every single hour, every single minute. It's (a) very difficult time because I cannot help my family, to protect them and protect my home country. But at the same time I'm so proud. I'm so proud to be Ukrainian in the moment."

Chumak said even those able to escape the violence may not have homes to return to as homes, businesses, and towns are being laid to waste by Russian attacks,

including the border city of Kharkiv. "Kharkiv is a very like sensitive topic for me because I spent like three years of my life (there) and it definitely was one of my best years for me in my life because it was the very beginning of my student life," Chumak said. "I barely turned 18 when I moved to Kharkiv. And now, unfortunately, they almost had grounded Kharkiv into the Earth. There is no downtown anymore. It's just bad. It's so bad."

"Whenever I think of my poor Kharkiv, do you know what I'm always saying to myself? When everything (is) finished, I will fly to Ukraine by myself, like to all my friends, and we will rebuild Kharkiv together. To the most like, to the most beautiful condition of Kharkiv as it can be possibly be. And maybe even impossible."

Masks cont.

low. The Medical Team continues to monitor COVID levels as well as other infectious diseases, including influenza. We encourage all to stay up to date on vaccines."

The positivity rate had been cited often in the past for wearing masks. In the e-mail announcing the change in policy, this statement was made:

"As UIW enters a new phase of the coronavirus pandemic, the UIW Medical Team is happy to report the following changes to our current policies effective immediately."

The missive went on to say:

The wearing of masks in UIW facilities will be optional, except for medical settings and as required by NCAA rules. Masks are still encouraged indoors

for unvaccinated persons and those with other health risks.

Contact tracing will discontinue as a university function; it will be up to the individual to notify contacts. Health Services may assist in instances involving a large group. Athletics will continue to follow NCAA related rules.

Employees and students who test positive are still required to complete

This report allows UIW to make important planning decisions for our community

Weekly COVID-19 employee testing will continue under the (UIW Employee Vaccine Policy), NCAA athletes as required, and in medical settings. Weekly testing is strongly encouraged for unvaccinated students.

Mexico ex-president cont.

before winning the 2000 Mexican presidential election, becoming the first presidential candidate in more than 70 years to defeat the Institutional Revolutionary Party.

The programs between Centro Fox and UIW will initially focus on targeted trades and skill sets that respond to the needs of underserved communities in Guanajuato. Fox and UIW's president, Dr. Thomas M. Evans, signed on stage a memorandum of collaboration in the interest of jointly developing

the UIW/Centro Fox programs. José Antonio López Verver, rector of UIW Campus Bajío, also was present for the signing, along with Dr. Juan Hernández, minister of Migrant and International Affairs for the State of Guanajuato.

In his remarks, Fox said he understood immigration is controversial based on some American politicians seeing it as a way for criminals to enter the country. However, Fox said the majority of the people migrating to a country do it to help their families and pursue a better life in education or work.

Migrating to a nation can be done in several ways, and some of these

extreme ways are life-threatening, he pointed out. Fox said some people are so desperate to move to a place with better opportunities that they're willing to risk their lives. People have the best intentions in mind when moving to the United States, he said.

Fox said he believes the best approach to migration is for world leaders to communicate on ways for national and border security to be prevalent through collaboration.

Border security is important to each country, he said, and each country should focus on keeping their borders safe from outside threats. However, he distinguished having secure borders without things such

as walls. The emphasis on building a wall between the two countries is belittling, he said, and symbolizes how a wall stands as a barrier for people trying to better themselves.

Fox pointed out how prosperous Canada, the United States and Mexico are through the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) enacted in 1994 that created a free trade zone for Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

The three countries work together to find ideal solutions when it comes to commerce and border security, he said.

Border countries should be "best friends and work together to ensure the success of all the countries involved," Fox said.

'Red Dress Fashion Show' moves to Rolling Oaks Mall

By **Janelle De Jesus**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The annual "Red Dress Fashion Show" hit the road Saturday, Feb. 19, at Rolling Oaks Mall to raise awareness for Women's Heart Health.

Sponsored by the Department of Fashion Management, the show in recent years has been staged in McCombs Center's Skyroom at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Students modeling 31 dresses – the creations of mostly UIW fashion students and some area high school designers – walked the runway at the mall.

Twelve high schools participated in the show. UIW awarded six scholarships: three to UIW students and three to high schoolers.



Janelle De Jesus/LOGOS STAFF

A model struts the runway with a long train as part of her outfit worn for the Red Dress Fashion Show at Rolling Oaks Mall on Feb. 19. UIW's winners included Gabriela Maya, first, from East Central; Isabella De La Cruz, second, from William Brennan, and Daniela Mejia, third. High school winners included Gabriela Maya, first, from East Central; Isabella De La Cruz, second, from William Brennan, and Soloman Meza, third, from East Central.

'Earth Day' events eye environmental justice

By **Kody Woodard**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Several events promoting environmental justice and sustainability are being planned to observe Earth Day, April 22, at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Some activities are taking place even before the main event, starting with the National Wildlife Federation's EcoLeaders National Conference, a virtual opportunity, scheduled Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7.

Sponsored by UIW, this virtual conference will allow students to connect to all manner of experts in the sustainability field and partake in numerous workshops and exhibitions as they explore disparate careers dedicated to sustainable development, said Dr. Benjamin Miele, who chairs

the Sustainability Advisory Board.

"Composting is fun," Miele said. "Everyone should try it sometime."

On a more individual level, members of the UIW community can become more involved in lifestyle changes such as composting, going on a plant-based diet, and electrifying their appliances and vehicles, Miele said. These small changes build up into a significant impact on the world, he added.

For those looking for an enormous commitment, student groups and environmental justice organizations can join at their leisure.

UIW has also committed to the Laudato Si Action Platform to further the quest for a green Earth via developing a climate action and adaptation roadmap and a pledge to net-zero emissions and ethical



Courtesy Photo

investment practices, Miele said.

"In an ethical world, we would dedicate every day to learning about sustainability and the importance of the natural world to human flourishing,"

Miele said. "With each Earth Day, we hope to diminish both the degradation of our environment and the unequal burdens borne by our fellow humans."

Health and Wellness Fair set April 6

By **Lanita Harris**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Cervera Wellness Center is holding its annual Spring Health and Wellness Fair 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

The event's purpose is to promote a healthy lifestyle, provide health-screening services, and offer door prizes available during the fair for anyone who signs up, officials said. Health-screening services vary from dental exams to vision tests to diabetes screenings. Opportunities to register are

offered by the Wellness Center, like aerobics or yoga.

"We'll have over 50 external vendors and at least 20 internal UIW vendors," Erin Galloway, assistant director of Sports and Wellness, said.

There will be an opportunity to donate blood, which is timely considering the San Antonio blood shortage because of COVID-19. News 4 San Antonio reported "1,000 blood drives were canceled due to the pandemic."

All of UIW's medical schools and various student organizations, such

as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, will have booths at the fair. UIW's Financial Aid and Counseling Services offices will be in attendance as well.

The external vendors will be the Lupus Foundation, a vitamin shot clinic, and multiple gyms.

The Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation will be providing free mammogram services.

Massage therapists will provide "acupressure, therapeutic shoulder and neck massage, aromatherapy,

and meditation training," according to the Health Services Programs website.

The event plans to provide information about cryotherapy, pharmacies, epilepsy, allergies, nutrition, and mental health resources.



Erin Galloway

War hero shares life with 'Cardinal Warriors'

By **Andrea Oliva**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

University of the Incarnate Word's Military and Veterans Affairs Office presented its first "Voices of the Cardinal Warriors" event featuring a noted speaker, author, and American hero, on Wednesday, March 23.

The series, which kicked off with Shilo Harris, aims to establish and engage a learning community amongst veterans and UIW employees.

This event features a collaboration between UIW Military and Veterans Affairs and UIW Libraries, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services Award.

Harris, a retired Army staff sergeant who is majoring in religious studies at UIW, discussed his book, "Steel

Will," where he shares his experiences on Feb. 19, 2007, when his vehicle was struck in Iraq by an improvised explosive device (IED), a homemade but severely dangerous bomb.

Harris said he decided to join the Army after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism attack on the World Trade Center.

"I remember just having chills," Harris said. "I felt hopeless. I felt weak. I felt scared for my family. We lost almost 4,000 innocent lives in a matter of hours, and it was one of the worst attacks in history."

At 27 years old, without any college credits, Harris was undecided about his career in life.

Desperate to defend his country, he went door-to-door at military recruiting offices until the Army took him in.



Shilo Harris

"I joined the military to help. That is what I do. I help. I felt like it was my calling to join."

Harris enlisted and signed a six-year contract with

the Army as a Cavalry scout.

His life changed forever on his second deployment with the 10th Mountain Division when he was assigned to investigate a potential IED.

On the day of the incident, the explosion ended the lives of three of his fellow soldiers. Harris survived but suffered serious injuries. He lost his ears, three fingers, and the tip of his

nose. He suffered severe burns to more than a third of his body in that blast and ended up in a coma for 48 days.

He spent the next three years recovering in the burn unit of Brooke Army Medical Center – now San Antonio Army Medical Center – in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Harris has undergone more than 75 surgeries and struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In 2010 he was medically retired from the Army and chose to embrace and talk about his inspiring story of bravery and strength from a soldier-turned-messenger.

"I knew I was on the right path; I knew God still has plans for me. We all have a purpose. We made it home for a reason. Make it count."

Spring football game scheduled April 14

By **Camryn Leal**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER
Set, hut!

In preparation for fall's football season in a new conference, the University of the Incarnate Word's team has been training since March 15 to bring home another championship.

"The expectations are to win another championship," Associate Head Coach Clinton Killough said. "We've set the standard at a high

level, and we are working every day to raise that standard even higher."

Last fall's team won the Southland Conference under then-Head Coach Eric Morris and star quarterback Cameron Ward. Both have moved on to Washington State University.

UIW tapped G.J. Kinne in December to lead the team in his first collegiate head-coaching stint. Since his arrival, the team has seen changes in training, skill-building, efforts to build chemistry, and efforts to get

players to believe in themselves.

"Belief is something that is a byproduct of winning," Killough said. "Coach Kinne and this staff have implemented a great culture between players and coaches, and it will pay dividends."

The UIW community will get a chance to see the offense and defense compete against each other in the annual spring game. UIW is saying goodbye to Southland and moving to the Western Athletic Conference. The fall season



Clint Killough

kicks off Sept. 3 against Southern Illinois University. Although the season is months off, "there is a sense of purpose and urgency every day

to make sure that we maintain a championship status," Killough said.

'Green Game' collects materials for recycling

By **Zoe Del Rosario**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

UIW hosted its first-ever Green Game during the men's and women's basketball games on Thursday, Feb. 17, at the McDermott Center to raise awareness about recycling and composting on campus.

During the event, the Sustainability Advisory Board, the school's student sustainability organization, UIW Sustain, students in the Ecocriticism course, and volunteers placed recycling bins and organic material bins around the McDermott Center.

They helped collect the recyclable and organic materials from these bins. They weighed them to compute in an initiative by the National Wildlife Federation called The Campus Race to Zero Waste.

According to the chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board and organizer of the Green Game, Dr.

Benjamin Miele, The Campus Race to Zero Waste is a competition inviting colleges across the nation to limit the amount of waste on their campuses.

The initiative used to be called Recycle Mania, but the National Wildlife Federation renamed it last year to include more than just recycling in the competition, Miele said.

"They've since changed it, so it's not just emphasizing recycling, and a big part of that change is growing awareness of, you know, some of the complicated aspects of recycling," said Miele. "It's also not really telling the story about how we can become a zero-waste society."

Attendees at UIW's Green Game had the opportunity to learn about ongoing efforts to make the campus more sustainable.

UIW Sustain set up a booth at the event to gain support for their organization and encourage

attendees to support their petition for UIW to divest from fossil fuels and reinvest into local, eco-friendly and sustainable options.

"Our goal is to get more student support, interaction, and engagement with the green activities here at UIW," said Miranda Van Doren, the vice president of UIW Sustain.

Compost Queens, a San Antonio composting service, was also present in the Green Game to teach the UIW community about Bokashi.

In addition to the learning opportunities at the Green Game, a group of UIW students was selected to participate in a halftime trivia contest about recycling and other environmental initiatives. These students received a variety of prizes.

Miele said the Green Game had been in discussion for years, but they were able to make it happen this semester due to support from

different organizations at UIW.

According to Miele, there had been other green events at UIW.

The sustainability groups at UIW are now planning to repeat the Green Game activities at a football game in the fall and host other environmentally friendly activities, including a green fundraising event.

However, Miele shared that they want to do more than single events. He said that the focus after the Green Game is to start a larger project on campus proposed by the Sustainability Advisory Board and UIW Sustain.

"Next year we really want to ramp this up, we want to move from single events or single buildings, or you know this one-time thing," Miele said. "We don't want to do the one-time thing alone; we want to do that, and a campus wide move towards zero waste."

Students build homes with Habitat for Humanity

By Janelle De Jesus
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

University of the Incarnate Word interior design students joined Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, Feb. 12, building a home for Rosary Bustamante.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that aids in the building and construction of homes for those who cannot afford a stable living situation. The process takes six months to a year to finalize before building the house. Citizens who qualify help the community by offering service hours to build their homes and other community members. Habitat was founded in 1976 and has helped more than 29 million people achieve stable housing and living conditions.

The interior design students take on this project each fall and spring in a class taught by Professor Judith Ruvuna.

"It's a construction-and-details class, and it's service-learning," Ruvuna said. "We do this as a part of the class. Not only are we learning, but we are also serving the community."

Building a house often takes nine to 12 months minimum.

When Bustamante learned

she was next in line for a home, she said it was a blessing.

"I felt like I had won the lottery," Bustamante said. "I couldn't stop crying."

When framing the house, volunteers measured, marked the walls and constructed them. Seeing these events apparently are valuable to students for their learning.

"(It's) a rewarding experience from a student point of view, and a citizen point of view," freshman Samantha Woods said.

Lara McClosky, another freshman, said, "I think it's also really valuable to us to meet the homeowner, and she's so appreciative."

Students even took the time to write messages on the boards and frames to remind them they were with Bustamante.

"There's so much love from Habitat for Humanity and all of the people involved in it," Bustamante said.

"These are people that don't have to do this, but they do it because they love and they care. I think it just showcases who they really are. What more could you want?"



Janelle De Jesus/LOGOS STAFF

UIW interior design students help build a Habitat for Humanity home.



Professor Judith Ruvuna, right, talks to a worker.



Rosary Bustamante will own the home.

University honors CCVI Spirit Award winners

A longtime University of the Incarnate Word athletics department administrator and a doctoral student in education received CCVI Spirit Awards Friday, March 25, at an Incarnate Word Day ceremony.

Angela Lawson, senior associate athletic director and senior woman administrator for athletics, received a specially designed sculpture that she will be able to keep in her office for a year on the second floor of Alice McDermott Convocation Center.

Doctoral student Erika Haskins received her CCVI award reserved for students.

Both awards were given following a special presentation noting the day in Diane Bennack Concert Hall.

Athletic Director Richard Duran read the nomination form about Lawson.

"I am honored to be able to present such a prestigious award to someone who has been an important part of our athletic department since she started here as the head women's basketball coach more than 20 years ago," Duran said. "She serves our community with love and strives to help others achieve

their goals. Her positive attitude and willingness to serve others embodies the spirit of this award."

When Lawson moved into her administrative role in 2013, Duran said, "she was provided the opportunity to impact the entire athletic department, while working with amazing Cardinals throughout campus. I have had the pleasure of knowing Angela for the past four and (a) half years. She is someone I look up to -- not only as a leader of our department, but as a follower of God. She has integrated her faith into her work and how she approaches her duties here (at) UIW. She encourages all staff and student-athletes to use their God-given talents to help make the world a better place.

"I could continue sharing her accomplishments, achievements, and the ways she has impacted both UIW and the greater community, but I'll close by saying this: I, along with many current and former student-athletes,



Angela Lawson



Erika Haskins

coaches, and administrators, would not be the people we are today without Angela Lawson's influence."

Beth Villarreal, director of Campus

Ministry, said Haskins -- who has a bachelor's degree in business and master's degree in religious studies from UIW -- was the first doctoral student to receive the award in its 18-year history.

Villarreal said Haskins "breathes the Mission," adding that "the heart of Erika's passion is 'empowering young women to reach their fullest potential.' Haskins works with young women around the world.

Dr. Luella D'Amico, an associate professor of English who coordinates the Women's and Gender Studies Program, also shared Haskins' passion.

"Erika talks to me all the time about how she wants to give these girls she's working with a sense of professionalism," D'Amico wrote in her nomination of Haskins. "By this

she means she wants them to feel as if they are taken care of and that they are part of something unique and special. She has worried deeply about whether the girls in Africa will have T-shirts for the event (the U.N. summit they have been preparing for)."

It was also announced that the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word would help in the purchase of those T-shirts.

Haskins was humbled by the award.

"While I am thankful to have personally received the honor, this award rightfully belongs to all my doctoral colleagues who are doing amazing and often unrecognized work in their service to others in their research studies both on and off campus," Haskins said.

"I was surprised and honored to be named the 2022 recipient of the CCVI Spirit Award," Lawson, a native of Longview, Texas, said. "I love UIW, the mission of the university, and the history of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. The university values align with my personal core values about serving others."

OPINION

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2020 electoral truths -- and how we can combat misinformation

By Justin Kraiza
LOGOS EDITOR

Fueled by local video of voters claiming to have experienced problems scanning ballots using Sharpies, the story caught statewide attention.

Patriot Party of Arizona and other pro-Trump Facebook groups spearheaded social media speculation into the media spotlight. It was untrue. There was no evidence for it.

On Oct. 24, 2020, the Maricopa County Elections Department published a video on social media addressing Sharpies -- at home and the ballot box. Sharpies are compatible with election scanners and are the best choice for filling out ballots due to their fast-drying ink.

The Republican chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Clint Hickman, and the board's only Democrat, Steve Gallardo, said contested officials tested a wide variety of pens with their vote-tabulation equipment and "Sharpies are recommended by the manufacturer because they

provide the fastest-drying ink."

Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs explained to CNN: "Even if the machines can't read them for some reason, a marker bled through to the other side, we have ways to count them. They're going to be counted."

According to the Miami Herald, using pens instead of Sharpies led to longer lines in Florida and other states since it takes time to complete ballots.

The 2020 Presidential Election has accurately demonstrated social media's misuses as a tool for misleading the public in #SharpieGate and the "Secret Ballot Scandal." As consumers, readers, and digital users, we have a moral obligation to redirect the public to truthful information by practicing thoughtfulness. Rather than reading and sharing a headline as a reactionary response, it's invaluable to entertain the entirety of the story. Exercising media literacy should be matched with verification.

Firsthand sources -- including government institutions, public officials, academic scholars,

researchers, economists and so on -- strengthen a story's validity. Responsible readership should require us to actively invest in stories with direct quotations -- a person's real name and quote -- and interviews between journalists and sources, rather than relying on secondhand references from news publications.

Rethinking our news diet is another essential aspect of healthy readership and sharing of information. National information affords us heavily promoted access to prominent news sources such as Fox News, CNN, and MSNBC. By exploring outside of our digital comfort zones through independent news sources, such as AP News, Reuters, and Axios, readers can see the benefit of honest storytelling and in-text citations -- clickable links to research and studies referenced in stories.

Social media misinformation, such as #SharpieGate and the "Secret Ballot Scandal," stokes bad journalism involving hyperpartisan fearmongering, and deliberate misinformation

exploiting our feelings. Dishonest groups and users such as Patriot Party of America, Restoration PAC, Marko Trickovic, Mark Brnovich, and Donald Trump attempt to convince people that thinking and feeling for are opposed to each other.

If you're sad or happy about a story, you should disregard the details. But, being firmly moved by storytelling should encourage your desire to know more, not less. If the news is accurate, you'll end up learning nuances about issues you care about. If it's misleading or false, you can safeguard others from falling for it. Warn, protect, and educate others in fighting fiction by defending the truth.

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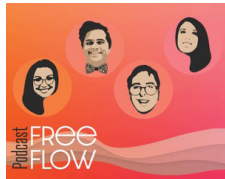
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Podcasting began for me when I enrolled in Radio Practicum (COMM 3390).

Initially, this communication arts course was scary to me, a computer graphic arts major. Radio was new territory for me -- and going into something I had never done before was nerve-wracking. But, at heart, I'm a student who enjoys learning.

I'm always seeking new methods to improve myself and broaden my horizons.

Aside from becoming a great designer, one of my ambitions is to develop my writing and communication skills. That is why I picked Radio Practicum. This class gave me practical experience working for KUIW, the campus radio station. I learned to manage,



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promote, produce and broadcast on the station. Additionally, we learned about podcasting and created three episodes. I started a haunting podcast and even invited classmates to join as guests. The four of us bonded and even collaborated on another podcast. The professor, Theresa Coronado, liked our vibe and advised we start our podcast after the semester ended. We did it without hesitation.

Welcome the debut of "Free Flow," a podcast about who, what, when, where,

and why students listen to music.

"Free Flow" is a collaborative effort among the four of us. I create the graphics; others handle social media, edit, and lead for now.

I'm currently enjoying podcasting, but it's crucial to have great chemistry with your other podcasters since it establishes the tone for the entire show.

We started the podcast over a month ago and have 27 listeners and 40 followers on our newly established Instagram page.

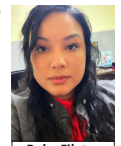
Follow us @freeflowpodcast and get to know the four members of the group. Listen to Spotify under "Free Flow Podcast." We also have a miniseries live on KUIW.org. You also can either go to uiwcommarts.com or download an app called RadioFX and search for KUIW. By signing up, you can leave us comments. The miniseries is not related to "Free

Flow," and it's more about getting to know us better. Topics range from stress at school, foods we dislike, what we have been up to, and more. The miniseries starts every Monday at 6 p.m.

We plan on starting a YouTube channel and adding our content there, too.

It's exciting to be on this journey and see where "Free Flow" takes us. For now, it's just four students enjoying insightful and comedic conversations about life's connection to music.

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Korean study abroad leads to 'life-changing experience'

By Ana Michelle Lopez De Lara
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Deciding to study abroad in Seoul, South Korea, has been one of the best decisions I have ever made.

It's truly a life-changing experience that will change your perspective on life. You learn to cherish the small things in life, create long-lasting memories, and value the opportunities given to you.

I have lived in Korea almost two months, and I can say that it has been a cherishing moment.

There are so many things to do that you will never be bored.

However, getting there wasn't easy.

COVID-related restrictions caused me a great deal of stress since I was tasked with completing

paperwork and visa requirements.

Nevertheless, I have a great support system from the university, and my family helped me throughout the process.

It was worth going through all of the struggles. To whoever is hesitating or contemplating studying abroad, I say do it.

Nothing in this world can truly prepare you for your study abroad trip. Taking the risk to learn in Korea was the best thing I have done. I created lifetime friendships, expanded my perspective, became more independent, and explored a new culture.

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Courtesy Photo of Ana Michelle Lopez De Lara

Ana Michelle Lopez De Lara is spending the spring semester studying abroad in South Korea.

Ex-Miss USA's suicide sends mental health message

By Abigail Velez
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When Cheslie Kryst, Miss USA 2019, was found dead outside of her Midtown Manhattan apartment complex on the morning of Jan. 30, her death was ruled as a suicide.

She killed herself by jumping from the 30th floor of the 60-floor, high-rise complex. Kryst was just 30 years old.

Before her death, Kryst, the oldest Miss USA in history, was a retired attorney working as a TV host on EXTRA, an entertainment news network, and a social media influencer for more than 30 brands throughout the nation.

For me, a woman in the pageant community, this news was devastating -- primarily because Kryst's life was the ideal life of a former titleholder. Kryst had captured one of the most prestigious crowns in the nation for pageantry, used her skills and platform to host a show on a national TV network, and built her connections through brand engagement and promotions on social media. It is the ideal future a pageant woman sees for herself.

No one knew the severity of Kryst's battle with depression -- not even her mother and especially not the public. In a public statement on Instagram, Kryst's mother, April Kryst, wrote: "Cheslie led both a private and a public life. In her private life, she was dealing with high-functioning depression which she hid from everyone -- including me, her closest confidant -- until

very shortly before her death."

If, arguably, one of the most accomplished, successful, beautiful, and vibrant persons in the world succumbed to her secret depression, how many others are suffering in silence? And how are we expected to help them? More importantly, how do we prioritize mental health and change the stigma that surrounds the dismissive attitudes regarding mental health struggles?

As university students, many of us face mental health struggles on a daily basis. According to the Clay Center of Healthy Young Minds, almost half of college students had a psychiatric disorder in the past four years, and 73 percent of students experience some sort of mental health crisis during college.

In response to the rise in mental health struggles facing university students, the University of the Incarnate Word has implemented a new program called "Healthy Mondays," where students and staff are sent a weekly e-mail containing health tips and tricks on how to keep the body and mind upbeat and in good health. Additionally, following the reopening of in-person classes in January, Dr. Thomas Evans, UIW's president, sent a mass e-mail including a mental health note along with updated COVID-19 protocol: "If you feel you may benefit from or are interested in counseling, employees can contact Human Resources for

information on the Employee Assistance Program. Students should contact UIW Behavioral Health Services for assistance."

Since I have been at UIW, I have reached out to UIW Behavioral Health Services for their assistance on multiple occasions. After noticing their long wait-times for in-person services, I took the online route and applied for counseling through the university. After a week, I got a response. Some students say this turnaround time is far too long during a mental health crisis.

Matthew Brown, a band member at UIW, complained during a Student Government Association Open Forum last December that not only does scheduling a counseling appointment take a great amount of time, but so does filling his prescriptions. In response, Dr. Ronda Gottlieb, UIW director of clinical health, said UIW health staff are heavily booked with serving their practices inside and out of the university and students should expect lengthier wait times.

Some students say just the integrated benefits that come with being a UIW student are helpful to one's mental health. Like Kryst, Christopher Fairburn, a graduate communication arts student at UIW, shared his private struggles were daunting at



Abigail Velez

times but his sense of community at school helped alleviate that pain.

"My graduate degree is giving me an opportunity to shape my mind and efforts to help those like me, as opposed to feeling sorry for myself and dealing with past trauma in a healthy way," Fairburn said.

A former UIW student, Zoey Cadena, agrees with that sentiment.

"Being at UIW, I feel like it helped my mental health a lot because of the networking involved," Cadena said.

You do not have to be a Miss USA winner to be afforded the understanding and respect of mental health issues. The death of Cheslie Kryst uncovers the ugly truth of how no one is truly immune to mental health crises. Pageant winners and students alike experience pressures, stress, and many other factors that can contribute to the mental health epidemic.

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FYI

If you are in a mental health crisis, contact UIW Behavioral Health Services at (210) 832-5656.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger of self-harm, contact the national suicide hotline at (800) 273-8255 or dial 911.



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The women's basketball team for the University of the Incarnate Word returns to campus after playing in the NCAA March Madness Tournament.

Women's basketball team makes historic run

By Angelo Mitchell
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The last game the University of the Incarnate Word women's basketball team played this season was a historic one.

The Cardinals ended their greatest season in a heartbreaking 55-51 defeat to the Howard University Bisons in the first game of the first round of the NCAA tournament in Columbia, S.C.

UIW made it to the NCAA tournament for the first time ever after winning the Southland Conference championship for the first time as well.

The Cardinals finished the season with a 14-17 record overall and 5-9 in conference play. Although this season isn't defined by its overall record, it is defined by its end-of-season accomplishments.

UIW won the conference tournament by winning four games in four straight days, automatically qualifying for the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament -- also coined March Madness for the first time in NCAA women's basketball history.

UIW was the No. 5 seed going into its conference tournament opener Thursday, March 10, against No. 8 seed



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Head Coach Jeff Dow waves to the crowd. Nicholls State University at Leonard E. Merrell Center in Katy, Texas. The Cardinals defeated Nicholls 74-73, on a buzzer-beater by sophomore guard Jaauclyn Moore with a right corner, three-pointer. Moore, who is from Round Rock, Texas, finished the game with 29 points.

The next day, Friday, March 11, UIW went on to defeat No. 4 seed McNeese State 90-63, putting the

Cardinals up against overall No. 1 seed Houston Baptist University in a semifinal match on Saturday, March 12. The Cardinals tamed the Huskies 54-33, setting up UIW for the finals Sunday, March 13, against No. 3 seed Southeastern Louisiana University.

During the regular season, the Cardinals and the Lions had won on each other's home court. The Cardinals -- flying high with confidence -- defeated the Lions in a thrilling overtime victory, 56-52.

"I am incredibly proud of our team," UIW Head Coach Jeff Dow said. "One of our 'Keys to Victory' for (the championship) game was being resilient. And time and time again, we were. We knew it would take a complete effort for 40 minutes and ended up having to go 45. To play like that, in overtime, and win the fourth game in four days shows the fight and resilience of this team. This is a terrific win, not only for our program, but for UIW Athletics and our University as a whole."

Six-foot forward Tiana Gardner, a junior from Austin, was named

the tournament's MVP after four consecutive solid performances. At the conference final, Gardner knocked in 22 points while nailing crucial free throws down the stretch. Moore was also selected for the all-tournament team.

Then it was on to Columbia, S.C., where the Cardinals would see their season end in historic fashion against Howard in a play-in game at Colonial Life Arena. The winner would be among 64 of the teams left in the tournament from 68 under an expansion for March Madness.

"This was a tremendous run," Dow said. "Of course, we would've liked to have won but to go on the run that we did, winning four games in four days, I'm really proud."

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Angelo Mitchell

Men's tennis hopes for championship season

By Maria Garcia Palencia
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Recovery and improvement are essential aspects of the athletic process for the men's tennis team at the University of the Incarnate Word.

It's a process undergone by the team over the last year to improve their numbers and technical skills.

Head Coach Jonas Andersson said he understands the importance of reaping positive results.

"We started the season with a difficult schedule, we had some tapering tough games, but we managed to get good results when facing teams that were more at our level," Andersson said.

Before getting into action, tennis players need to invest their time in

learning four crucial components on the court: technique, strategy, and being physically and mentally ready. Working them all into each other is the key to success in this sportive discipline.

Andersson practices this discipline to increase their competitive ability and the positive development of his players.

"It's all about preparation: sleeping right, eating right, and practicing right. If you have a good solid routine, that usually helps with a mental aspect of the game," he said.

With almost five years of coaching experience, Andersson must carry on with the duties of assessing players' skills and assigning team positions while coaching and instructing them regarding the rules. He also meets



Jonas Andersson

having to decide which players will be defending the club's competitive interests. A selective group of people will be on the court, and eventually, they will rotate throughout the season to bring in some fresh legs and players that can offer different stuff depending

team prospects and encourages potential athletes to participate in the sport. However, one of his toughest roles is

on what the coach demands. "We're a pretty deep solid team this year, so you can change from week to week," Andersson said. "This usually comes up with injuries or other various issues. We still have to be pretty strong in all the lines." Andersson's goal is to bring glory back to UIW with another Southland Conference title -- achieved last in 2018. At the end of March, the team had an 11-6 overall record. The conference tournament is April 22-24 in New Orleans. "As long as we can stay healthy, we will be very solid," he said.

'Cardinal Huddle' spotlights UIW sports

By Lorenzo Bustamante
LOGOS SPORTSWRITER

A new student-run sports talk show took flight Friday, March 4, from the Nest to showcase University of the Incarnate Word's achievements in various arenas. "Cardinal Huddle" had been on the drawing board since last year, said UIWtv Program Director Zoe R. Del Rosario, who as the show's anchor and producer is one of the main driving forces behind it.

On the first episode which can be seen on UIWtv's YouTube channel, the junior communication arts major is joined by co-anchors from the same department: senior Abigail Velez, sophomore Mario Garcia Palencia, and freshman Aaron Rios.

Getting the show going was a strong aspiration for Del Rosario.

"When I became an officer for UIWtv I really wanted to create a sports show because that's what I want to do after I graduate," Del Rosario said. "I want



Courtesy Photo/UIWtv

Mario Garcia Palencia, left, Abigail Velez, left, Aaron Rios, and Zoe Del Rosario co-host 'The Cardinal Huddle,' a new sports show. "show" due to weak material.

to be a sports reporter, so I really felt passionate about creating this."

While it was Del Rosario's idea to create the show, the credit for the show's name goes to Velez who suggested it at one of their meetings.

The purpose of "Cardinal Huddle" is to showcase UIW's student-athletes and their accomplishments.

"(We want) to show the Cardinal community our athletic teams on campus to get to know them better," Del Rosario said. "I want to talk about our UIW sports teams here and get to

know them 'cause it's people you see every day and we don't even know the accomplishments they're doing."

Overall, inspiration for "Cardinal Huddle" came mainly from the ESPN sports talk show, "SportsCenter" where the cast and crew work diligently to attain a more sustainable interactive relationship between the camera and talent.

Del Rosario said she believes an "interactive and informative" type of show would be better off rather than a "debate sports

Doing "Cardinal Huddle" should help everyone's careers down the line as well as emphasize the value of teamwork on its 10-member crew, Rosario said.

"It's definitely taught me what a producer really does, and you know everything you have to think to get a show going and also conduct meetings on my own. It's been a great learning experience.

"I believe this is very good work. I will definitely want to add this to my demo reel."

Men win indoor track-and-field championship

By Brandon Swaby
LOGOS SPORTSWRITER

The men's track-and-field team has added another Southland Conference championship to the University of the Incarnate Word's trophy case after capturing the indoor competition.

Program history was made officially Monday, Feb. 28, in Birmingham, Ala., after the Cardinals finished a two-day meet scoring 20 points more than the second-place Islanders of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

The Cardinals entered day two of conference play in second place with a score of 46.5, narrowly trailing the Islanders, but at the end of the day UIW had the championship-winning score of 131.5.

The men secured eight podium finishes over those two days. Parker Barrett started the ball rolling by breaking a UIW and Crossplex facility record for shotput. Matheo Bernat followed, taking second in the long jump. Kyle Sieracki placed second in the pole vault to end the first day of the meet.

On the second day, Isaiah Hudgens opened with a personal record of 8.06 in the Heptathlon 60-meter hurdle event, securing the victory. Bernat continued his momentum from day one and brought home the gold in the 60-meter hurdle event. Two Cardinals

took their place on the podium for the heptathlon event as Hudgens was second and Sieracki placed third. UIW brought home silver in the 4x4 meter relay for the meet's final event.

Dr. Derek Riedel, UIW's head coach, said he felt good about the team's prospects for success prior to the meet.

"Well, I feel like we had a good chance to win the conference," Riedel said. "We never wanted to assume that we would win, but we felt like we had the pieces in place to put it together and win a conference championship.

"Winning a track championship in indoor or outdoor is hard to do because you have to have an entire team come together, be their best individually in their individual events all within a weekend. If it all comes together and everybody performs the way they're capable of in 17 different events, then you can win a conference championship and that is exactly what happened for us."

Track runner Kyle Lewis cited a couple of changes the program made to make winning the indoor championship possible.

"One thing that we did differently is that we have a lot of depth in every event," Lewis said. "I think the coaches did a really good job of recruiting. We have returners from last year who had a lot of success and are building on

that. On top of that, I think we were buying into the process of realizing that we could win. At the beginning of the season and in the past, it's like 'Let's go out and compete,' but this year it was like, 'All right, we really have a shot at winning this, so let's go out and do it.' We saw that it was possible, and we just executed, and we could get it done."

Now, the outdoor season is approaching. Riedel and his team are locked in and focused on bringing a trophy back home.

"The guys are starting to rebound, they are starting to bounce back," Riedel said. "I think that we'll be even better outdoors. Our whole expectation for this season is that we will be better outdoors than when we were indoors. So when we won indoors, that was a bonus. That was the icing on the cake for us, but knowing that ultimately we'll be a better team outdoors. I like our chances going outdoors. We have five weeks until the outdoor conference meet, and our guys are healthy, hungry, getting their fire back after that indoor championship, and they want to finish the season strong."



Dr. Derek Riedel

UIW INVITATIONAL

The University of the Incarnate Word's track-and-field team will be host to its annual UIW Invitational Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9.

Events are split between UIW's Northeast Facilities and Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium.

The schedule for Friday at the Northeast site includes shot put and hammer throw at 2 p.m. and the pole vault and long jump at Benson. Evening running at Benson includes the 200-meter dash at 7, 400-meter hurdles at 7:50, 1,500-meter run at 8:10, 5,000-meter run for women at 9, and the same race for men at 9:25.

Saturday field events at Northeast include the discus throw at 10 a.m. and javelin throw at 12:30.

Benson will be the place for triple and high jumps at 10 a.m., 110-meter-hurdles for men at noon; 100-meter hurdles for women at 12:15; 4x100-meter relay at 12:30, 400-meter run at 12:40, 800-meter run at 1 p.m., 100-meter run at 2, and 4x100-meter relay at 2:30.

Seniors will be recognized at 1:30.

'Ordinary Days' tells musical story

By **Jocelyn Martinez**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

"Ordinary Days," a musical comedy, opened Saturday, April 2, at the University of the Incarnate Word, but returns Wednesday through Saturday, April 6-9.

The musical, the last production for the academic year by the Theatre Arts Department, "tells the story of four young New Yorkers whose lives intersect as they search for fulfillment, happiness, love, and cabs.

"Through a score of vibrant and memorable songs, their experiences ring startlingly true to life. 'Ordinary Days' is an original musical for anyone who's ever struggled to appreciate the simple things in a complex place. With equal doses of humor and poignancy, it celebrates how 8.3 million individual stories combine in unexpected ways to make New York City such a unique and extraordinary home."

Associate Professor Mark J. Stringham, the director, said he believes this show leads the viewer one step closer to a better understanding of ourselves – something Hollywood nor Broadway can seem to do.

"But only as it always was, the truly written word, the bravely felt gesture, the naked and direct contemplation of humanity, which I believe this show offers," Stringham said.

"Ordinary Days" is different than other flashy, boisterous, and high-budget musicals you might have experienced. The cast is small, and the set is minimal and in a way that is its glamour."

Stringham believes directing is



Chloe Hipolito-Urbe/LOGOS STAFF

Macie Lippke, left and Damais Noriega rehearse a scene in "Ordinary Days," a musical.

another opportunity for a shared experience of intense feeling.

"As a director, I hope to provide a similar experience for those around me," Stringham said. "Directing a play is like another chance at life. When directing a show, it seems possible again to attain a greater happiness or some otherwise unattainable joy."

Like American playwright Arthur Asher Miller, Stringham said he feels the best feature of directing is the presence of hope.

"When a production never loses the air of hope through all its rehearsals, one feels alive as on no other occasion,"

Stringham said. "At such a time, it seems to all concerned that the very heart of life's mystery is what must be penetrated. It is a kind of soul-testing that ordinary people rarely experience, except in the greatest emergencies.

"As a director, I love being in a room with brilliant collaborators who strive to tell a story to the best of their abilities and provide the best educational opportunities possible. I love watching actors and designers realize new ideas or discover capabilities they didn't know before. I love watching an audience come into the theater with anticipation and leave with

meaningful questions about their role as members of the human race."

Directing isn't easy. For this play, rehearsals usually lasted four hours on a Saturday morning or weekday evening.

"We focused on script comprehension, exploration, blocking, fixing, transitions, physical and vocal work, composition, picturization, rhythm, movement, and pantomimic dramatization," Stringham said. "At the end of each rehearsal, we asked ourselves what we did well to communicate the story and what we needed to change. This became the focus for the next rehearsal."

Being part of a musical is not easy, either; however, being surrounded by a group of supportive and hardworking people makes it a lot more accessible, Stringham said.

For a performance to be perfect, it takes an "eternity, so we better get started."

FYI

"Ordinary Days" performances are 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7, and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, in Evelyn Huth Coates Theatre.

University of the Incarnate Word students, staff and faculty presenting UIW IDs get a free ticket. Otherwise, ticket prices range from \$12 for adults, \$8 for non-UIW students, and \$7 for groups of 10 or more.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.uiw.edu/theatre or call (210) 829-3800.

Review: Actors, costumes shine in 'Tartuffe'

By **Brigette Babin**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

When the actors first arrived on stage, my jaw couldn't help but drop at the showcasing of "Tartuffe."

Their dazzling costumes were challenging to avoid as the actors began with an eerie choreography. Inspired by the fashion of Moliere's time, but of course, with a more modern, colorful, and frankly eccentric twist, the costumes were undoubtedly one of many highlights.

The male lead, Orgon, strutted around in 5-inch platform stiletto boots while delivering his lines and acting the perfect fool for Tartuffe's cunning character to deceive.

The play featured a healthy mix of wordplay, slapstick, and more; it was impossible to keep a straight face for more than a few moments. The actors flawlessly bypassed any inhibitions and embarrassment, leaning into the ridiculousness and giving it their all.

The actors navigated the archaic language of the English translation well. Despite some outdated jargon, the show was easy to follow along with the actors' inflection, tone, expressions, and blocking, helping to scaffold comprehension.

The play's backdrop was as extravagant as the costumes, with a rainbow wood floor and furniture that fit the general gaudy atmosphere and the period.



Brigette Babin

Although sparse, the blocking and directorial decisions allowed the actors to navigate the set with ease and used each piece to its fullest,

often using it to enhance the comedy.

Overall, this show – another University of the Incarnate Word Theatre Arts production – was eager to please, so much so that I couldn't help but see it twice.

Congratulations to all the actors

and crew who worked tirelessly to bring Tartuffe to life, including the team from the 2019-20 season, some of whom never got to see the show – originally set before the pandemic – come to fruition.

The play is a testament to students responsible for their last performance in "Tartuffe": Joseph Aguilar as Orgon, Madame Pernelle played by Chloe Hipolito-Urbe, Amy Schneider portraying Marianne, and Gabriella Ramirez depicting dresser.

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VP leads UIW's enrollment efforts

By Sophia Martinez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Despite a national trend of declining enrollment in four-year colleges, John M. Bury is determined to keep students coming to the University of the Incarnate Word.

It's a major part of his job as UIW's vice president of strategy and enrollment.

Bury, who joined UIW last August, oversees the enrollment and recruitment of first-year students the application process for graduate students, and assists the professional schools with their enrollment.

In addition, he oversees the Office of Campus Life, Office of Financial Aid, Office of Residence Life, Office of Career Services, and Department of Athletics.

Before coming to UIW, Bury was chief financial officer and corporate treasurer at the University of Tulsa, where he oversaw all financial and

physical operations. He managed more than 200 staff members across several offices, and included oversight of budgeting and finances in the athletic department. At one time, he chaired Tulsa's Enrollment Management Council. He also has been an associate vice president in strategic plans and a senior vice provost of academic success and optimization. UIW's enrollment efforts for new, incoming students is on track, Bury said.

"We have a pretty comprehensive application and enrollment management process that begins with outreach to potential future students," Bury said.

The process takes place through counselors, social media, and marketing campaigns that target prospective students in their sophomore year in high school. Based on their level of interest in their college



John Bury

choice, enrollment efforts take place to recruit them. His role is to ensure first-year and transfer students are provided

with the services they need to successfully continue being enrolled and graduate in a timely manner.

He also is responsible for providing assistance to students who may need help with on-campus housing, extracurricular activities, and getting connected with campus engagement and leadership roles through student government and other campus organizations.

Like other colleges across the nation, the pandemic has had an impact

on enrollment at UIW, he said.

"There's actually been a drop in enrollment to four-year colleges nationally since March 2020 and there was a decrease at UIW last fall, but enrollment did increase by spring," Bury said. Bury said he hopes to expand the regions where students are recruited from and is eager to increase the number of students that are matriculated to UIW. His goal is to make sure once they are enrolled that they get the most out of their educational experience and always have access to resources, both inside and outside of the classroom. When students choose to attend UIW, Bury said he hopes it's the same reason he came.

"I chose UIW because of the welcoming approach, and feeling of home away from home atmosphere."

New faculty share attraction to UIW

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Some faculty members who joined the University of the Incarnate Word last fall or this spring have a variety of reasons about what brought them, according to an informal survey.

"We asked a few what attracted them to UIW," said Dr. Bobbye G. Fry, coordinator of academic planning and communications in the Office of the Provost.

Dr. Sean Vina, an assistant professor of sociology, said he chose UIW because of its emphasis on service to students. He encourages students to drop by his office to discuss academics and new movies.

"I always have coffee in my office," Vina said. "Stop by if you want to talk about new movies coming out. I am a huge 'Star Wars' fan."

Dr. Lisa Brown, an assistant professor for adult education in graduate studies, said she thought she would be able to make "a substantive contribution to UIW through my teaching, research, and service. I am also excited to mentor our adult learners in the Dreeben School of Education graduate programs. I felt that I could be a blessing to the campus and offer my gifts and talents within the San Antonio community."

"I fell in love with the mission of UIW from Day One," said Dr. Joshua

Knebel, an assistant professor in pharmacy practice. "I realized I would be able to have an impact here and the surrounding community in terms of uplifting students and empowering them to go out and make a difference in San Antonio and beyond. Academia and mental health are two core passions of mine and being able to combine them at a large Catholic university whose mission embodies faith and service made UIW the perfect fit."

A colleague of his, Dr. Briana Williams, an assistant professor in pharmacy practice, said, "UIW and the pharmacy school 'deliver innovative approaches to pharmacy education, encourage a family-like working environment, and actively collaborate with other health professions on the UIW campus.'"

Dr. Alan Jones, an assistant professor of healthcare administration, said he was attracted to "UIW's Mission and commitment to educational excellence in a context of faith. I was quickly welcomed by the staff and faculty and have been inspired by the students."

UIW's faculty impressed Dr. Jesal Haribhakti, a senior clinical instructor at the optometry school. Coming to UIW was a "great opportunity to learn from and grow with an impressive faculty. The engagement between students and faculty was very professional yet



Dr. Bobbye Fry surveyed faculty

personable and having an opportunity to be part of that culture seemed rewarding."

Dr. Joyce Zhang, another senior clinical instructor

at the optometry school, said, "I chose UIW because of the faculty camaraderie I experienced during my residency. I want to continue mentoring the future optometrists that UIW cultivates to provide the best care for the community."

Dr. John Hooker, an assistant professor of environmental science, said he was "very excited to join an institution with such dedication to creating positive change."

Dr. Alicia Howard, an instructor of chemistry and former adjunct, said, "UIW is honestly one of the few places of employment where I have felt valued and supported. I feel like I can accomplish so much here and can grow as an educator. Since I got hired fulltime, it's been such a blessing. It's amazing how God will close doors to lead you to the right open one." Marissa Mascorro, an instructor of mathematics, said she wanted a workplace "that I could call home for the rest of my life. I have dreamed of

calling such a prestigious university with friendly colleagues my home."

Another former adjunct at UIW, Srikanth Vemula, said she came on as a fulltime instructor of computer information systems, because "I always admired the University of the Incarnate Word's Mission, how it emphasizes on thoughtful innovation, community service, care for the environment, and the value of lifelong learning."

Dr. Shanna Pahl-Lesch, a former adjunct at UIW, is now a fulltime physics lecturer.

"Prior to my employment here, I had spent many hours on or near the Broadway Campus, either through drive-bys to see the lights during Christmas or setting up the stages for the Fiesta event 'Party Time in '09' and other special events on campus, while working as a stagehand to fund my way through college," Pahl-Lesch said. "I have always enjoyed being at UIW and enjoy working here."

Emily Sidler, a visiting instructor of 3D Animation and Game Design, said UIW was highly recommended to her by people she respected who "spoke so highly to me about UIW and teaching. I knew in my heart I really love teaching animators and UIW has an amazing animation and game design program. UIW is a beautiful university."

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