UIW to stop smoking Aug. 1

Smoking on the University of the Incarnate Word campus will be snuffed out Aug. 1.

Monday, Aug. 9, UIW’s Office of Communications and Marketing released a “Special Message to the UIW Community” about the new Smoke and Tobacco Free policy effective Aug. 1. This policy places “on all UIW U.S. property that is owned, leased, occupied or controlled by the University.”

“The ban is needed because UIW “is committed to providing a safe, healthy working and learning environment for students, faculty and staff,” according to the news release.

“The new policy prohibits “the use of any tobacco or tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tob- acco and hookahs but not including cessation products containing nicotine specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.”

“According to a report by the Surgeon General, tobacco is the leading cause of preventable disability, disease and death in the world. Tobacco use causes nearly 6 million deaths per year, and current trends show tobacco use will cause more than 8 million deaths annually by 2030,” according to the 2011 World Health Organization’s report on the global tobacco epidemic.

UIW’s new policy applies “to all employees, students, university affiliates, visitors and contractors,” according to the news release.

‘Carl Cardinal’ causes Tweet-sation

An anonymous Tweeter started calling this new statue ‘Carl the Cardinal.’

Luciano Pizzeria closer to selling alcoholic drinks

Luciano Pizzeria hopes to soon be serving alcohol with an anticipated soft opening at Red’s Pub inside the Student Engagement Center. The restaurant’s location opened last August along with the SEC as part of the building’s grand opening.

Though the chain does serve beer and wine at its many locations, Luciano’s on campus has been working since its opening to meet Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) regulations. “The delay in the alcohol sales at Luciano’s was due to the City of San Antonio and the TABC creating additional hoops for Luciano’s to comply with in order to meet current regulations,” said Mark A. Papich, director of marketing and development at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Luciano’s has to provide documentation on three separate occasions for new requests from the TABC and City Council, Papich said. “In an effort to support their process to obtain the license, our architects in February had to produce a set of documents to again meet TABC and City Council requests,” Papich said.

Luciano’s has been approved for an alcohol license and for the selling of alcohol since the beginning of April. Though Red’s Pub will be the official location on campus for students and faculty to purchase alcohol, this is not the first time establishments on campus have served beer and wine. Java on the Hill—a former location of McCombs Center—and Hortensia’s have had sales in the past.

“Before closing, Java on the Hill used to not only serve coffee, but beer and wine too as well,” said Paul Ayala, associate dean of Campus Engagement and UIW’s licensing and brand-
Software finds 3,000 missing children

Thanks to a new facial recognition system that New Delhi police have been using on a trial basis, the identities of nearly 3,000 missing children have been established in India and efforts to bring these children home to their families have started.

New DNA structure found in human cells

For the first time in history, scientists have identified a new DNA structure never before seen in living cells. This discovery suggests the common double helix structure -- often associated with human DNA -- may be much more complicated; more akin to a ‘twisted knot’ than just a double helix.

Russia claims to have U.S. missiles

Russia’s Defense Ministry says the country has gotten its hands on an unprecedented U.S. Tomahawk cruise missile and a high accuracy air-launched missile. The Ministry says Russia plans to study the missiles to improve domestic weapons systems in Russia. The U.S. Department of Defense says these claims are “absurd.”

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this rapid growth, saying: “I love UIW! Any publicity is good publicity.”

The spread of the account online has contributed greatly to student interaction with the bird; causing many incidents on campus from gummy bears, potato chips, and even a bra being placed in or on the mouth of the statue.

These cheeky jokes usually garner attention on Twitter from Carl himself which causes a sort of domino effect to occur.

Students want to show the statue the love it deserves far more than they would have without the online influence of Carl Cardinal.

Although Carl Cardinal does not stand as an official representative of the University, he is a sort of spokesperson for the average student just trying to get through the tough work involved with college.

Sophomore nursing major Johnelle Moreno said Carl Cardinal’s Twitter creator causes chuckles. “He’s funny,” Moreno said. “I don’t think a lot of people take it seriously but we enjoy it. It’s just fun to see something from my own college become such a big thing on Twitter.”

So, why make a big deal out of a metal bird on a bench?

Regarding criticisms, the creator of Carl Cardinal wrote, “I’m really just striving to build a community around the school and bring people closer together. It’s all for fun.”

In between studying for finals and the last rush of homework assignments, students around campus have certainly had moments of relief due to Carl’s shenanigans.

Although not everyone may find it funny, and it is certainly not the biggest twitter account involved in the mouth of the statue.

Cardinal in a world filled with stress, deadlines, homework assignments, students around campus are doing their best in “saying the uncomfortable things comfortably.”

UIW’s task force will work to take care of the needs and concerns of the UIW community, Light said.

Light invites students, faculty or others with interest in the inclusion and diversity project to take part in future plans.

“The president’s council is not only faculty members but also the students and representatives from the different UIW groups,” Light said.

Some of these students include Jahnavi Migajiri, professional students school student; Arnulfo Hernandez, graduate student; Clifton Washington, multicultural student organization member; Viktoria Alvarado, multicultural Greek council; Natalie Salazar, vice president of the Student Government Association; and Anita Kaduru, director of internal affairs for the Campus Activities Board.

Light admires how the students are doing their best in “saying the uncomfortable things comfortably” and inputting their experiences and ideas.

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Task Force looks at inclusion, diversity

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in ethnicity, culture and socioeconomic status, students might be victims of racism and exclusion, Light said.

In spite of these situations, she along with Sister Walter Maher, vice president of University Mission and Ministry, and the rest of the team want to erase those barriers between students to promote connections, interactions and engagements in the UIW community.

Light said their main purpose is to unite people in an international environment with respect for differences.

Task force member Jose Martinez, director of international students and scholar services, said the group had an April meeting.

“The student environment is mostly divided in a way that international students hang out with international students, athletes with athletes, and so on,” he said. “We are diverse, but are we inclusive?”

Light said she believes differences should not be problems, but components to create a better society and better community from within the university to the society and the world.

The team is planning to assess the current student climate. Members also will be looking at other universities and their tactics to improve inclusion and diversity.

For instance, the task force has asked the staff at the University of Texas at San Antonio how they were working with their student climate based off of recent tests they performed.

Light said the team is looking for the best tool to apply at UIW and not simply blame students for low grades, for example. They would analyze the different factors that might form poor school performance including teaching tech-

Nique, infrastructure and activities and work to improve the situation.

Although the team was formed this year, it was in the process after the “Blackface” incident on Halloween in 2017 in which students wore and characterized a costume from a specific culture in a disrespect-ful way. UIW’s task force will work to take care of the needs and concerns of the UIW community, Light said.

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Senior fashion design students showcased their custom designs April 18 at the 38th annual "Cutting Edge Fiesta Fashion Show" at McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom. A San Antonio Fiesta tradition since 1980, the student-run fashion show raises funds for scholarships toward the Fashion Management Program at the University of the Incarnate Word.

This year’s designs were created by Kayley Witt, Tasha Alexander, Emily E. Demmer, Justine Tenorio, Bailee Randall, Sierra Cheyenne Roumo, Angelica Alacron and Alejandrina Sanchez.

Each collection was judged by in-dustry professionals based on design and construction. Among the judges was guest judge Anthony Ryan who was the second-season winner of TV’s “Project Runway All Stars.”

“I would describe the show as a great fashion experience for the students as well for the people seeing the show,” said Alacron, who won “Best in Show” and placed third in construction with her “Trompe L’Oeil” line.

“The students get to experience what it’s like putting on an actual fashion show and feel the excitement of seeing their designs walk down the runway,” Alacron said.

Demmer was awarded first place in construction for her “Perfection Mode” collection, Alexander came in first in design for her “Island Connections” line. Sanchez was awarded second in both construction and design along with the crowd’s vote for the Pinkie People’s Choice Award and a $1,500 scholarship for her “Cultura de Muertos” line. Witt was awarded third in construction.

“I feel honored to have gotten something,” Alacron said. “I honestly felt that I wasn’t going to receive anything. Everything this year was so amazing. The awards to me mean that all my hard work on my collection was appreciated and that people actually liked what I made. I was inspired by (the) paper 3D geometric wall art by Ryan Filipski. I saw them while doing research for my collection and absolutely fell in love with them. That’s when I knew I wanted to show those elements in my collection.”

Alexander’s line was inspired by family and the Island of St. Vincent.

“My father is from St. Vincent,” said Alexander, speaking of the Rev. Dr. Trevor Alexander, Protestant chaplain with University Mission and Ministry.

“When I hear stories and see pictures of St. Vincent, it makes me envision bright vibrant colors and flowy outfits. The process of creating my collection was sketching, pattern-making, samples of the garments, and then final finished product.”

FYI: The Product Development Teams also presented their designs at the “Cutting Edge.”

Taylor Maag and Taylor Humphries teamed up on “Don’t Cowl Me on Vacation.”

Kaila Norwood and Abigail Saenz teamed up on “Positano.”
Students mixed about smoking ban

By Alyssa Pena STAFF WRITER

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By Alma Sels STAFF WRITER

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By Renee Muñiz ASSISTANT EDITOR

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UIW Tricentennial celebration offers variety

By Alejandra Escobar STAFF WRITER

The festival, “Mi Casa es Su Casa,” welcomed people to join in on the activities that took place Sunday, April 15, at the University of the Incarnate Word as an official Tricentennial event. The events included educational exhibits, live music performances, tours, children’s activities, free health screenings and food trucks. Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a longtime religious studies professor and a member of the co-sponsoring Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, was involved in a year of planning with several UIW faculty and staff members to organize the festival’s progression, inviting external performance and heritage groups.

Other major contributors included CHRISTUS Health, Headwaters at Incarnate Word, Office of Special Events, and the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership and Sustainability. “I thoroughly enjoyed the generosity of volunteers through the donation of their time and efforts,” said Abel Puentes, office assistant for the Ettling Center. Bringing people from a variety of cultures, professions, ages and interests together was the main purpose for holding this event. Art, culture, history, education, and community service are all pillars of this yearlong tricentennial celebration.

Coloring animal masks, making caterpillars out of colorful chained paper, and paper sculptures were all created throughout the Sunday afternoon. At the Incarnate Word Lourdes Grotto, several Mata-chines groups performed dances throughout the day as a form of remembrance for Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The Asian Culture Club danced on Dubois Lawn under the watchful eye of Dr. Lopita Nath, adviser of the club, chair of the Department of History and coordinator of the Asian Studies program. “The club is culturally diverse and open to everyone who loves and enjoys learning about Asian cultures,” Nath said.

The oak trees on the Brackenridge Villa lawn provided shade to children who visited the Creating Critters station. Twelve-year-old participant Lourdes Munoz said, “The event is fun and creative,” Galan said. “The fact that you can learn some new information while you have fun is amazing.”

Facility members get spirit, teaching service honors

Four University of the Incarnate Word faculty received special awards in April.

* Dr. Kevin Vichales, an associate provost and dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, received the CCFI Spirit Award.

* Dr. Sharon Herbers, a professor in the Dreeden School of Education, received the Moody Professor Award. She will speak at fall commencement, tote the academic mace and give two public lectures – one at UIW and the other at Our Lady of the Lake University. The Moody Award is considered the highest faculty honor.

* Dr. Stephanie Boswell, an associate professor of psychology, received the Presidential Teaching Award which includes a $5,000 check.

* Dr. Chris Edelman, an associate professor of philosophy, received the William Mulchay Stewardship Award at an Earth Day observance.

As a tradition every year, the Women’s Global Connection – a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, prepares for its annual emergent trips to many destinations all around the globe.

One of them is the WGC Water Project in Peru where the ministry helps communities in Chimbote and Nuevo Chimbote.

Originally started in Tanzania, the project is about providing access to potable and clean drinking water to children between the ages of 3-5 and others in need. This year, WGC chose Peru out of many countries, because the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word have a history of serving in both Chimbote and Nuevo Chimbote.

The late Sister Dot Ettling – one of WGC’s founders – wanted the ministry to both serve and empower women and children in developing countries. In Peru, WGC has developed a relationship with the Peruvian education system, which includes a $5,000 check.

This year’s goal is to connect either with PRONOEI or preschool programs that are located in under-resourced areas which do not have easy access to potable drinking water. However, the project not only focused on clean water but also on improving healthy habits for a well-rounded perspective on health.

This summer, volunteers will visit Chimbote for about 10 days, where they will have the opportunity to paint a mural in one of the selected PRONOEI with the collaboration of teachers and a local artist. Volunteers will also assist in the half-day teacher workshop, provide leadership and management training to PushaWarm, a local women’s business group, work with the Water Project, and discover more about the beauty and challenges of living in Chimbote. WGC hopes to reach about 30 PRONOEI teachers through a half-day workshop where they will learn about the Sawyer Water Filters, health and sanitation education.

Two Peruvian girls drinking water.
Over the past few weeks I have dreamt of waking up in a hospital bed with my parents at my side. When I ask what happened, they don’t answer. Then the doctor and my parents look at me. Plot twist – I am actually 35 years old in my dream. I ask them what I do currently, and am told I work in a field I have no interest in. When I question my parents as to why I didn’t achieve what I wanted to, they tell me or, why I stopped doing what I was doing they only stare and say, “Then your mom says, “Queen, don’t you remember? The whole age you died a long time ago.”

After she says that I look in the mirror across the room and see myself the way I am now, but everyone else sees something else. Each day brings new questions of doubt to my attention. What if I woke up regretting everything? What if all my goals die like they do in my dream? I was “edgy.” My mom was kept into the glamorized about being a child? 

For my life. A college bought into the glamorized because like most children. At my age, I wonder what was old self, I wonder what was feeds failure fears. 

And my worst fate would be to end up like my dream. I want to live my best life and accomplish all my goals. I want to wake up and wonder every day of my life is like after high school. 

But over the past few weeks I have found to con tinue myself that not every thing is perfect. But our reoccuring dream renders me failure is still my worst fear. And it is false. 

But the pharmacy’s day may I am not worrying about failure. 

But He chose to love us with copious amounts of love. In Scripture we see how Jesus calls us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors. Continuing on in Matthew 5:46-47, I love hate. Let’s say the thing extravingant from others who love us because love is not based on our judgments. 

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Depression experiences oppression in the public mind. May is Mental Health Awareness Month, but despite the monthlong attention and growing media coverage, mental health is still not an openly discussed health issue in the clinical health setting or in our communities. I am guilty of this; after going through an undergraduate education and now being a medical student I am still not comfortable talking about depression. Depression has long been thought of as a disorder of mood; it is undervalued and believed possible to overcome. Expressions such as “you must overcome this,” or “you have everything to be happy,” in these circumstances, will increase the martyrdom of those who suffer. This same person may try to convince themselves they do not have true depression. Even worse, they may try to hide their condition from others for fear of being judged as weak, for fear of losing relationships or fear of exclusion from social groups. These might be some of the biggest reasons why the percentage of patients receiving treatment is so low. According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, here in the United States less than 30 percent of those who screened positive for depression in 2014 received treatment for depression.

As Susan Sontag wrote in “Illness as Metaphor,” there are diseases that carry, in addition to the already inherent suffering, the weight they are interpreted as cured or denigrating. Leprosy, tuberculosis and cancer are some examples. Sontag says we must stop mentioning or hiding certain diseases as if they were “an animal of prey, perverse and invincible.” The solution, on the other hand, is “to rectify the idea they have of it, demythologizing it.” Those who have never suffered from depression cannot imagine the intensity of the symptoms: lack of interest in life, lack of appetite, feelings of guilt and low self-esteem, insomnia, loss of weight, slowing down of movement, little resistance to noise, isolation and suicidal ideation. The psychological disorder also makes the person increase their self-awareness and therefore obsessively watch their sensations to determine if it is better or worse. Additionally, more symptoms are waking up distressed at dawn, nausea, sweating and fear because often depression is accompanied by anxiety. How do we get rid of the stigma? I am not sure. As a culture we have attempted to make the seeking of treatment for depression as normal as seeking treatment for the flu.

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**SPORTS**

**GAME DAYS**

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**MAY 4**

Softball vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 5 p.m. Cardinal Field

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Baseball vs. Northwestern State Sullivan Field 6:30 p.m. Cardinal Field

Track Conference Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium

**MAY 6**

Baseball vs. Sam Houston Sullivan Field 6:30 p.m.

**MAY 18**

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**MAY 19**

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**Baseball team seeks spot in tournament lineup**

Alma Solis / SPORTS EDITOR

As this season comes to an end, the Cardinals continue their quest to qualify for the Southland Conference Tournament.

The Cardinals faced Southern University March 27. Sophomore second baseman Kyle Bergeron led the team to a win with a 2-for-4 outing and three RBIs. Bergeron has a .341 batting average, 38 RBIs and five home runs this season. The Cardinals then traveled to Stephen F. Austin to sweep the Lumberjacks in a three-game conference series. They earned their first road win of the season against the Lumberjacks on March 27.

Ryan Gonzalez, a junior shortstop, led the Cardinals in the first game with a 2-for-5 outing and three RBIs. Gonzalez has a .289 batting average with 23 RBIs this season. Freshman first baseman Ryan Flores finished 3-for-3 with four RBIs in the second win against the Lumberjacks. Flores has a .375 batting average and 17 RBIs this season.

Sean Arnold, a sophomore catcher, led the team in the first game against the Lumberjacks. Arnold went 2-for-3 with three RBIs off a three-run homer, following a sacrifice fly. Arnold has a .220 batting average with 11 RBIs this season.

The Cardinals then returned home for a three-out conference matchup against the Texas Southern Tigers. The Cardinals took the series by winning three games in the series. The series opener was a tough loss by the Tigers coming out on top. Ryan Gonzalez went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs in this loss. Thomas went 2-for-5 with four RBIs. Thomas, a sophomore designated hitter, has a .285 batting average with 33 RBIs. 11 doubles and two home runs this season.

Before the season started, Eddy Gonzalez had a few goals for this season. “I would love to hit for power and play every day,” he said.

So far, he has been able to do exactly that, starting every game this season and hitting well over .300 to help lead the Cardinals to many wins. The Cardinals continued their homestand with a recordbreaking 31-2 win against the Prairie View A&M Panthers on April 10. The Cardinals had many successful contributors in the win, includ
ging Eddie Gonzalez, Bergeron, Thomas, and David Anaya, a sophomore third baseman.

Eddy Gonzalez had a perfect 5-for-5 outing and two RBIs. Bergeron went 4-for-7 with four RBIs and three RBIs. Thomas went 4-for-6 with four runs and seven RBIs.

Anaya went 4-for-6 with five runs and two RBIs. Anaya has a .291 batting average with 32 RBIs this season. The Cardinals then had a home conference series against the Nicholls State Colonels, winning two out of three.

The Cardinals walked off the first game 7-6 in a long 15-inning game. Eddy Gonzalez led the team, going 5-for-8 with three runs.

The Cardinals fell to the Colonels in the second game despite strong performances by Eddy Gonzalez and starting pitcher Luke Taggart. The Cardinals bounced back to win the finale against the Colonels on April 16. Practicing great plate discipline, the Cardinals were able to score two runs in the bottom of the ninth, from a walk and a hit by pitch, to win the game.

The Cardinals then traveled to Prairie View A&M to face the Panthers once again. Five Cardinals collected four hits that night to secure the 26-12 win for UW.

The Cardinals then traveled to Houston Baptist University to face the Huskies. The Cardinals were swept in a heartbreaking three-game series. Kyle Bergeron and Eddy Gonzalez hit a home run laced in the 12-1 firstinning. The Cardinals the second game 1-0, the Huskies’ only run coming in the first inning. The Cardinals rallied in the finale but ultimately lost 7-6 in extra innings.

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**Softball shows improvement**

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After a rough season, the University of the Incarnate Word’s softball team hopes to show its endurance with a few games and a tournament remaining this week.

The Cardinals swept the University of Texas-San Antonio – a cross-town rival – this season Tuesday evening behind a game-tying home run by Delaney Guzman, a sophomore utility player, and a go-ahead blast by sophomore third baseman Bailey Thomas.

The two home runs allowed the Cardinals to overcome an early 3-1 hole to defeat the host team the Roadrunners in the final game of the series. The victory gave the Cardinals a sweep of the Roadrunners, as UW won by the same score at Cardinal Field earlier in the season.

The team will come home to face Texas A&M-Corpus Christi for their last series on Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 5, at noon.

The Cardinals began their season Feb. 9 at the University of Texas Classic tournament, facing the Colorado State Rams and Texas Longhorns on the first day. On the second day, they faced the Rams and Wisconsin Badgers.

In the win against the Rams, sophomore pitcher Luke Taggart led the team with a 2-for-4 outing and an 85 pitch, to win the game.

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The Cardinals then played two midweek games against Texas State and the University of Texas-Arlington before returning home for a series against conference rival Central Arkansas. The series against Central Arkansas resulted in two wins and a loss.

In the first game against the Central Arkansas Bears, Thomas hit a grand slam to help the Cardinals earn their first conference win of the season. In the second game against the Bears, junior outfielder Monica Flores led the team with a 2-for-3 outing with one run, but the Cardinals fell to the Bears. Flores has a .250 batting average and eight RBIs.

In the third game against Central Arkansas, Sobolewski went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and Lopez went 2-for-3 with one run to earn the Cardinals another win.

The Cardinals continued their homestand with a midweek doubleheader against the Kansas Jayhawks. The Jayhawks shut out the Cardinals in the first game. Nina Flores, a sophomore infielder, paced the Cardinals in the second game with a 2-for-3 outing and an RBI which led to a win. Flores has a .227 batting average this season.

The Cardinals then traveled to Louisiana to face McNeese, where they were swept in a three-game series. Sobolewski led the Cardinals in this series, going 6-for-10 with three RBIs. The Cardinals came home for a three-game series against Houston Baptist University. Delaney Guzman led the team with a 4-for-4 outing including three runs and four RBIs. The Cardinals won two of the three games.

The Cardinals traveled to Houston to sweep Texas Southern in a midweek doubleheader. Angel Villanueva, a junior second baseman, led the team in the first game, going 3-for-4 with three runs and two RBIs. Villanueva has a .328 batting average, nine RBIs and two home runs.

Senior pitcher Sarah Leal also helped the Cardinals in the first win against Texas Southern, striking out seven batters. Leal leads the team with 61 strikeouts this season. Leal said her mentality going in the circle is to “stay relaxed and put stress on the batter.”

Mackenzie Stark, a junior shortstop, led the team in the second game, going 3-for-3 with two runs and one RBI. Stark has a .314 batting average this season.

The Cardinals came home to face Northwestern State April 6 and 7. They won one of three games in this series. The Cardinals then faced crosstown rival UTSA at home for a 4-3 win before returning to conference action at Abilene Christian University, where the Wildcats swept the Cardinals. They returned to San Antonio for a four-game homestand against Texas State and Stephen F. Austin, resulting in four losses.

Although the season isn’t going as hoped, head coach Joe DiPietro is pleased with the progress the team has made. “The work ethic has improved since we started,” DiPietro said. “They’re learning what it takes to win games.”
I have been fortunate to see the power of local music grow and have spoken with local artists, both hip-hop and jazz, whose work is about what the community takes them to new heights. Last year I had the opportunity to meet LikeMinded, one of the most creative hip-hop groups in San Antonio.

LikeMinded, consisting of two emcees and a singer, has been a pillar of San Antonio’s hip-hop community for some time now. The essence of what they do, especially in a community where the music is embedded in mainstream media and auto-tune, rises above any and every circumstance they meet. Despite the audience, by the end of a LikeMinded performance, debuting its first single, “Look At Me Now”.

The band was featured as one of the official South by Southwest (SXSW) bands of 2018, which recently took place in Austin. “It was a humbling experience to play along with world-wide talent,” said Rodriguez. “We were proud to represent San Antonio through our music. Currently we are striving to play our music to other cities around Texas while we continue to polish up the mirror to be the best we can be as musicians.”

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MOVIES OF THE MONTH

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MAY 11
Breaking In
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Thriller
Starring: Richard Cabral, Debra Winger, Janet McTeer

Deadpool 2
Rated: R
Genre: Fantasy/Action
Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin and Morena Baccarin

MAY 18

Ensemble cast of "God of War" gives great axe to grind

The fourth installment of the God of War series takes a completely new direction with its new structure, side missions, graphics and overall gameplay. The first three games in the series are known for their epic boss battles with Greek gods and a very angry protagonist who is on a warpath to kill everything in his way. Previously, these games had very arcade-style fighting mechanics that relied heavily on button-mashing and destroying objects combined with very awesome quick-time sequences that required you to press a button here and there. Today, the game’s new direction is more closely related to the Uncharted series. Yes, Uncharted.

"Uncharted 4" presented a broader world to its linear story. It opened a limited world and allowed for exploration that rewards you with treasures and unlockables without affecting the story. Similarly, the new God of War allows you to explore several different areas and gives freedom to explore, be rewarded and complete objectives as desired.

Side missions in this game are also a very neat feature. Generally, side missions are often found to be redundant, tedious and can many times lack any sort of context to the story and importance. The side missions in this God of War seem carefully crafted and add to the story. As a matter of fact, everything in this world seems to be put in place for a reason. Not one chest, tree, person or light is out of place. Every object and interaction bring a vibrant world to life filled with amazing creatures and sequences.

The game’s graphical fidelity is also something to admire and nothing short of jaw-dropping. At times, I would take advantage of the new camera set in place to follow Kratos from over his shoulder. I would slowly walk to see him breathe in the cold mountains and a powerful axe, the one he wields in his arm.

The production of this game is evident from the start and continues to impress throughout the different environments and unique styles of each environment.

"God of War" shines most prominently in its story. In the previous three games, I was semi-invested in the story while a majority of my focus was on the hard-hitting action and the bloody affair of Kratos battle scene. In this sequel, the story is captivating, emotional and relatable because of the newest character addition to the story: Atreus, Kratos son whose father-son relationship is far from ideal.

Atreus is your sidekick in the story but is often more a liability than an equal warrior, at least story-wise, because sometimes his arrows can come in clutch like Kobra! Their back-and-forth dialogue – “Boy! Don’t do that. Get it together” – is repeated to a young child lost in this world filled with violence who is looking for a glimpse to what childhood truly is.

For the first time, we see a vulnerable and emotional Kratos – a much-needed character addition to continue the story. The game will give you many moments to remember, and plenty of battles to yell at after coming out victorious.

Finally, the gameplay and the leveling system is what makes this God of War a true masterpiece in today’s game standards. Let me start off by saying that one axe is one amazing piece of work.

The axe you hold, similar to Thor’s hammer, is an axe you can throw and bring back like a boomerang. The feeling you get, the sensation of releasing the axe, having it cut an enemy in half and return to your hands as it gives you a push-back is a feeling I can’t compare to any other video-game mechanic.

This is something brand-new that makes the gameplay immensely satisfying. At some point I looked at my hands to see if I had blisters from throwing the axe because it felt so real and so empowering!

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This system is similar to the upgrades for Allay in Horizon Zero Dawn, but in God of War. The depth in this system took me by surprise but gives you a bigger reason to spend more time with the game and work through the side missions to gain power and attain the best armor available.

It is no surprise Sony Santa Monica Studio made a game worthy of praise that represents the immersion and meaning behind single-player games. Sony’s first-party port-folio keeps getting stronger and the experiences are testaments to the company’s investment in games.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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HIP-HOP, JAZZ COMMUNITY GROWS IN SAN ANTONIO

The hip-hop and jazz community in San Antonio is growing with live performances and new music videos featuring local artists. The community has seen an increase in local music festivals and venues. Hip-hop artists such as Donald Glover and Emilia Clarke are making contributions to the music scene.

The life of the party continues with the entertainment news and reviews. The new movie, Breaking In, stars Richard Cabral and Debra Winger. Deadpool 2, starring Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin, and Morena Baccarin, is a highly anticipated action-comedy.

In entertainment news, the Life of the Party, featuring Melissa McCarthy, Maya Rudolph, and Debby Ryan, is a comedy that has been well-received by audiences. In the realm of music, the "God of War" series continues to impress with its new structure, side missions, graphics, and overall gameplay. The game's graphical fidelity is also something to admire, and nothing short of jaw-dropping.

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RIDDLES

What gets wetter the more it dries?

Where do sheep go on vacation?

Three consecutive days without using the words Sunday, Wednesday & Friday?

This occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment & never in a thousand years.

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