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# **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 being put into place "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."

The new policy prohibits "the use of any smoking or tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco 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 nation. Worldwide, 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.

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# Task Force looks at inclusion, diversity

By Vanessa Crispin Herrera /STAFF WRITER

A Task Force on Inclusion and Diversity is at work at the University of the Incarnate Word, an effort the president, Dr. Thomas M. Evans, mentioned in his March 22 inaugural speech.

"The Task Force on Inclusion and Diversity will ensure that we continue serving the underserved and elevate the dignity of every human person," Evans said in his speech. "Provost Kathi Light will work with faculty, staff and students to improve the current student experience and to enhance how we attract future students and faculty to the university."

The task force is comprised of about 20 people including faculty and staff with particular interests or experience regarding inclusion and diversity.

Evans is currently stressing the "One Word" aspect of



Dr. Kathi Light

his mission, which Light said she believes is the objective of inclusion and diversity at

In order to make this project successful, Light believes task force members need to engage and understand the students' experiences in relation to other students, staff and faculty. Each student has a different background and she would like to support the "unrepresented groups."

Because of the differences

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### 'Carl Cardinal' causes Tweet-sation

By Jake Fortune and Miranda Hanzal /STAFF WRITERS

Social media is a cheerleader on the sideline to any student trying to score that touchdown during Finals Week.

With finals quickly approaching, Carl Cardinal has swooped into the Twitter-sphere and caught both the attention and appreciation of some UIW students.

So who is Carl Cardinal? Earlier this semester, a bronze statue of the school's mascot welded onto a bench was placed on Dubuis Lawn.

The statue has provided students a photo opportunity with the campus mascot, but the intentions of this innocent gesture were quickly taken and turned into an amusing joke.

Instead of posing with the statue, students turned the bronze bird into an Incarnate Word-exclusive meme.

The statue was taken anything but seriously, and left most students either confused or dumbfounded as to why the statue even existed.

After a week of cynical and snickering students walking by the statue, someone provided a name and intriguing persona for this bronze-beaked face -- and the Twitter personality Carl



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

Cardinal was born.

Carl Cardinal is essentially a hot take on what college students relate to and struggle with, also taking occasional jabs at the quirkiness of the statue itself and its prominent location on campus.

One aspect of the account that may be criticized is its shameless and unabashed profanity; however, this is all in good fun according to the anonymous person running Carl's account.

Speaking on the purpose

of Carl Cardinal, the creator and current manager of his account -- who wants to remain anonymous -- said: "People need a voice for UIW and Carl is the way to do that. I tweet what people are scared to tweet. Word up." Since its inception, the account has gotten significant attention and a generous following from Incarnate Word students, gaining 165 followers in just one week.

Carl Cardinal has taken notice of

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### Luciano Pizzeria closer to selling alcoholic drinks

By Victoria O'Connor/ ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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 had 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 - formerly on the fourth floor of McCombs Center - and Hortencia'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 branding coordinator. "As far as I understand, Luciano's has already been approved to start serving alcohol, so now it's setting up prices and menu options."

Though students will be able to purchase alcohol, alcohol sales are not included for purchase with the use of swipes or meal points. Red's Pub is expected to meet all the requirements like any other bar, such as The Broadway 5050, and will be checking for I.D.s for students 21 and over for alcohol purchases, Ayala said.

Ayala said a soft opening would be anticipated once the final details are approved because there is not enough time in the semester for an official grand opening.

"Alcohol will be available for purchase as part of a soft opening, but since we only have a few weeks left in the semester, a grand opening will probably not be scheduled until the following academic semester," Ayala said.

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### 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 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 unexploded 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."

# 'Carl Cardinal' causes Tweet-sation

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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 this 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 with UIW, some students may find comfort in something light-hearted and care-free like Carl Cardinal in a world filled with stress, deadlines, and heavy responsibilities.



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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 technique, 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 disrespectful way. 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 it.

"The president's council is not only faculty members but also there are students and representatives from the different UIW groups," Light said.

Some of these students include Jahnavi Mijagiri, professional schools 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.

She wants the students to be equally heard and allow their voices to resound in UIW activities and future plans.

Light said the task force is not looking at a short-term goal. This will be a slow process she emphasized.

"We can't change things overnight, but we ask students to be patient," she said.

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# 'Cutting Edge' showcases students' designs

By Victoria O'Connor /ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Senior fashion design students showcased their custom designs April 18 at the 38th annual "Cutting Edge Fiesta Fashion Show" at Mc-Combs 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 industry 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."

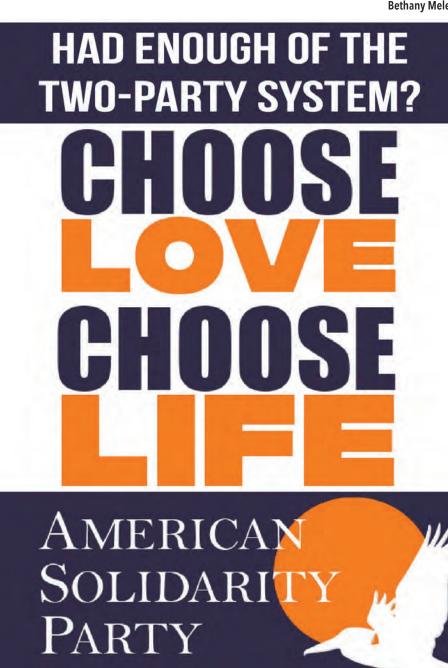
Taylor Maag and Taylor Humphries teamed up on "Don't Cowl Me on Vacation."

Kaila Norwood and Abigail Saenz teamed up on "Positano."



A professional model on the runway at the 'Cutting Edge' fashion show in UIW's McCombs Center Rosenberg Skyroom.

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# Students mixed about smoking ban

By Alyssa Peña /STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word's plan to ban smoking Aug. 1 has some student supporters and detractors - some smokers and some non-smokers.

"I personally am thankful for the smoking ban because of all of the smoke polluting the air surrounding my dorm makes it a little difficult walking in because I have an asthma problem so all the smoke makes it hard to breathe," freshman Gabi Alcala.

Even now, if smokers had a more isolated area, instead of right in the middle of campus, it would be easier for those students who have health issues, she said.

On the other hand, some of the students who smoke regularly have no problem with the ban.

"I like it," said Jeremy Wing.
"I've noticed that a lot of people don't dispose of their cigarette butts the correct way so (the ban) will help keep the campus cleaner."

Wing also thought the ban might even get people to stop smoking.

"Honestly, if I can't smoke on campus it might make me smoke a little less," Wing said.

However, some are disappointed about the ban being implemented.

"Everybody that I know

smokes so there is no special place for us to smoke," said Zaki Alabdulbagi, an international student. "I feel at ease (when I smoke) after the stress from class and (it's nice to) just be together with our friends."

Alabdulbagi added the ban will make it harder for him and his friends to find a place to smoke.

"We smoke so we have time to just spend together

and (there is) nothing to do here so (we just) smoke," he said

Smoking with others is a social aspect and traditional, international student Nawaf Bakri said. "Most of the people (from some international countries) smoke like when they (were) children."

# Football fans get peek at team

By Alma Solis /STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word football team -- under new management -- gave its fans a spring look at what they might see this fall.

New Coach Eric Morris led the team through its spring drills and its April 21 "Red and White Spring Game" at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium.

Last year, the Cardinals, then coached by Larry Kennan, finished 1-10, its worst record since the program kicked off in fall 2009. The program did have two 6-5 seasons under Kennan.

Morris, who has been an

assistant at Texas Tech, Washington State and the University of Houston, held walk-on tryouts March 2 and began spring practice March 20.

At the spring game, the offense wore white and the defense wore red. The game consisted of scrimmage plays and special teams plays.

Although the 2018 team lost many key players, including Quandre Washington, Desmond Hite and Taylor Laird, the team includes a lot of familiar faces.

Junior quarterback Sean Brophy is back. He had nine rushing touchdowns and 11 passing touchdowns last season. He completed 135 passes for 1,277 yards.

Phillip Baptiste, senior wide receiver, also returns for his last season. Baptiste had 623 receiving yards and three touchdowns last season.

Zaire Andre, senior wide receiver, had 392 receiving yards and four touchdowns. He returns for the 2018 season

Mar'kel Cooks, junior inside linebacker, comes back as well. He led the team with 88 total tackles for the 2017 season.

Jamarkese Williams, senior

defensive back, rejoins the team this season. He led the team with 36 solo tackles.

Morris said he likes the progress his team has made since he took the reins Dec. 30.

"(They are) starting to do the little things right, which is what we're preaching all the time," Morris said.

Morris said he also appreciates the team effort the players have been giving so far.

"They're playing for one another and not being selfish," Morris said.

Confidence is the key to the team improving as they pre-

pare for the season, Morris

"They need to have confidence in themselves and believe in themselves," he said. "That's the first step to being good at anything.



Eric Morris

# **UIW president shares plans at SGA Forum**

By Renee Muñiz /ASSISTANT EDITOR

The University of the Incarnate Word's president, Dr.
Thomas M. Evans, shared his vision for helping UIW students April 11 at an open forum sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Evans addressed about 50 students and a sprinkling of faculty and staff in an hourlong session in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

Evans began the discussion by asking the students if any had attended his March 22 inauguration and heard his inaugural speech in Alice P. McDermott Convocation Center. Those at the forum were given a handout listing key points from his speech; the same list previously e-mailed to the student body on March 29.

Evans highlighted the \$1 million donation to UIW from Carlos Alvarez, CEO and founder of Gambrinus Co., a beer company located in San Antonio.

This is the "largest endowed scholarship commitment to-date in the history of the University of the Incarnate Word," Evans said, adding the endowment will "provide high-performing and under-resourced UIW students with the financial support and mentoring to participate equally with their peers in activities proven to

promote high achievement."

These opportunities include study abroad, research projects, professional internships and thorough guidance for future careers.

His plans include:

\* Doubling the endowment over the next 10 years to support students through graduation.

\* Improving high-value student experiences such as study abroad and summer research to boost graduation rates.

\* Making UIW a premiere educational provider for active military and veterans.

\* Working closer with UIW's Brainpower Connection schools.

\* Strengthening personal and professional bonds among CCVI-sponsored ministries.

\* Improving UIW's reputational standing with branding and promoting programs.

Evans has also formed two task forces - the Task Force on Inclusion and Diversity and the Campus Planning Task Force.

The Task Force on Inclusion and Diversity works to "support the underserved and elevate the dignity of every human person" while the Campus Planning Task Force "strives to guarantee a positive living and learning environment for everyone who calls our campus home,"

Evans said.

The latter is also focusing on the benefits of the San Antonio River's locality in relation to the school, hoping to attract more visitors to the campus.

Two members of the task forces were in the audience -- Dr. David M. Jurenovich, vice president for enrollment management and student services, and Sister Walter Maher, CCVI, vice president for mission and ministry.

Time permitted about 10 students to ask questions and the topics varied from person to person.

Students asked questions at the forum about whether more master's degrees would be developed, if dining services could be available to students who stay on campus for the holidays, the lack of cultural diversity among students and faculty, updating academic facilities, Title IX procedures, vacant facilities, parking accessibility, smoking bans and commuter housing.

SGA Senator Anita Kaduru, a senior government major, told Evans she was wondering if the Student Legacy Fund - which assists student organizations on campus -- would appear on students' tuition bills again after going roughly two years without it.

"Normally students don't ask for additional fees,"

Evans said. "This is a special place."

Kaduru, who also serves as president of the African Student Organization and director of internal affairs for the Campus Activities Board, said she wanted to know how much longer student organizations would be affected by this change.

Evans explained how there are currently unspent funds built from the current legacy fund.

"What we have decided to do with that for now is to put that money into a Legacy Fund endowment so that it can continue to earn money and then the money that is earned would be used," said Evans. "So, right now, just as it stands right now, that would be about \$10,000 a year."

Isela Guerrero, sophomore nursing major, didn't ask a question but she told the Logos she appreciated the president's answers to her peers' questions.

"I wasn't expecting him to know everything, but if he didn't know an answer he knew where to get it," said Guerrero. "He knew who to talk to and where to get that answer, so I appreciated that."

Although grateful for Evans' availability and gained insight into his plans, Guerrero said she hoped was hop-



Dr. Thomas M. Evans, UIW president ing the forum would have gone longer than an hour.

Kaduru said she wished more students had come.

"I definitely think we should have had more student participation," Kaduru said. "I think that what Dr. Evans had to contribute would have been a little bit more well-received by the student body if they had attended."

"Usually, people want to use food and before we've had the Legacy Fund so that's why we've always been grandiose in our ideas with incentives, but I definitely wanted to just keep on that train," Chavez said. "It's good because it gets people (here). Even if it's a small amount it will always get someone (here)."

SGA began actively planning the forum this semester. The last occurred two years ago.

It is hopeful there will be another forum in the future, but according to Chavez, that will be decided by his upcoming predecessors.

# **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, cul-

ture, 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 Matachines groups performed dances throughout the day as a form of remembrance for Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The Asian Culture Club danced on Dubuis 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 culture," Nath said.

The oak trees on the Brackenridge Villa lawn provided shade to children who visited the Creating Critters station.

Twelve-year-old participant Madison Galan praised the festival.

"The event is fun and creative," Galan said. "The fact that you can learn some new information while you have fun is amazing."





Alejandra Escobar /Photo

### Faculty 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 CCVI 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



Dr. Kevin Vichales

faculty honor.

\* Dr. Stephanie Boswell, an associate professor of



Dr. Sharon Herbers

psychology, received the Presidential Teaching Award which includes a \$5,000



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\* Dr. Chris Edelman, an associate professor of philos-



Dr. Chris Edelman

ophy, received the William Mulcahy Stewardship Award at an Earth Day observance.

# WGC to conduct annual water project in Peru

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 based in these two cities and working in the pre-schools known as PRONOEI.

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 Pushaq Warmi, 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.

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# Striving for perfection feeds failure fears



Queen Ramirez / EDITOR

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 comes in and begins to ask questions.

I answer everything according to my life now, but 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 was aiming for, or why I stopped doing what I was doing they only stare at me.

Then my mom says,
"Queen, don't you remember? Those dreams 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 someone different.

Each day brings new questions of doubt to my attention. What if I wake up regretting everything? What if all my goals die like they do in my dream?

I bet these feelings are normal, but usually when making a decision my mind is made up and there is no changing it.

The idea of questioning my decisions is foreign to me.

If my goal is to do something in a set amount of time I will fight to accomplish it.

Every decision is carefully planned, but feelings of certainty have begun to fall apart.

Am I on the right path? Have there been any mistakes? Was there a miscalculation? Did I over- or underestimate something?

Normally, even if I grossly underestimated something I push ahead despite the circumstances to make sure the original plan works.

I love ambitious plans, especially if there is a high chance of failure. Why? Because I love finding new ways to do something.

But thoughts of failure are consuming my days and nights. At no point of the day am I not worrying about failure.

And my worst fate would be to end up like my dream. I want to live my best life and accomplish my goals; I don't want to wake up and wonder where I went wrong.

For the longest time I have lived by the phrase, "Failure is not an option."

But over the past few months I have tried to convince myself that not everything has to be perfect. But my reoccurring dream reminds me failure is still my worst fear.

But failure is OK, and I hear it is necessary. I know this is true, but I want to be OK with failure being an option.

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### Theological Virtues, Part III: Love



Renee Muñiz / ASSISTANT EDIOTOR

"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Short word. Ambiguous definitions.

I'm going to keep it real with you, quick and simple. This is love: Wanting the best for another person. That's it.

Additionally, it's good to note love is not based on feelings. Feelings and emotions can definitely show us when we love someone or when someone is loving us, but it's not limited to the way we feel.

Love is a choice, a decision. Love is choosing to want the best for someone else despite the love they have or have not shown us. So yes, love is work.

I'll take the most obvious example. If Jesus loved based off of feelings, then He wouldn't have associated with a lot of people. People tried arresting him time and time again, disregarded his words, spat at him and the list goes on.

No one loved Him the way He loved.

But He chose to love us anyway, even to the point of death.

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 how Jesus says there is nothing extravagant from loving those who love us because

the tax collectors (bad guys) do the exact same. It's beautiful when we love those who do not love us.

To put it in perspective, He's challenging us to want the best for the impatient driver right next to us. He wants us to love the person who spread a rumor about us.

That doesn't mean we have to agree with what they're doing but respect them as a person; we should not will bad to happen to them.

Now you might be thinking, "OK, Renee. But that's Jesus. He can obviously love when it seems unthinkable."

True. And He's calling us to love deeply like Himself because it is possible.

Let's talk relationships (it was inevitable, right?).

Married couples usually don't have the same feelings for each other they originally did on their wedding day. Trials come, disagreements arise, feelings fade.

Does that mean they stopped loving each other in the process? Hopefully not because true love surpasses conditions.

Unfortunately, that's something we forget.

One reason divorce rates in America continue to exist is because couples give up after not "feeling" anything in their relationship.

Our culture tells us if we are not "benefitting" from a relationship, then it isn't really worth it.

This fact sits on a throne of lies!

In all seriousness, love should not focus on what we get but how we can give. There's this really inspiring, incredible speaker Jason Evert. He travels the world talking about real love between husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, and most importantly Christ and His Church.

In his book, "Pure Love," he says, "The fact is: mutual sacrifice intensifies love; refusing to sacrifice extinguishes it."

Both people in a relationship should always be working to will the best of the other, even when it's inconvenient for oneself.

Let's say I'm dropping my sister off at school and because she's running late she leaves a mess in my car. One option would be to yell at her as she's leaving and then yell at her again after school. The better option would be to gather her stuff and move on remembering what she did was not purposeful.

I sacrificed the cleanliness of my car for her promptness, something more valuable.

All in all, love looks beyond self. It implies work and sacrifice but will be very worthwhile.

Of course, one solid way to show love without wanting something in return is giving food or spending time with the poor. This might call us out of our comfort zone but into a genuine experience unlike ever before.

And with faith and hope, love is possible. Choose to love without limits.

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# Sexual assault can lead to depression



Special to the Logos

Johnny Flores/ STAFF WRITER

College should be the best time of your life. A college

campus should be a place where anyone could feel safe.

However, according to the National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline, 11.2 percent of all college students experience one form of sexual assault through either physical force, violence, or incapacitation.

The National Center of Victims of Crime defines sexual assault as an act of forcing another person into sexual activity against his or her will. The center further clarifies the different forms of sexual assault such as, rape or attempted rape and or any unwanted sexual contact.

Sexual assaults occur more often than people would like to acknowledge. In 2015, according to the National Sexual Violence Center, one in five women and one in 71 men have reported some

form of sexual assault in the United States. The report went on to disclose one in five women and one in 16 men had reported a form of sexual assault while in col-

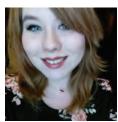
The psychological impact of the attacks may lead to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and major depressive disorder (MDD). MDD symptoms include depressed mood, a feeling of hopelessness, inability to enjoy things, trouble sleeping, changes in patterns of eating, feelings of guilt and incompetence. All which lead to low self-esteem.

Based on the numbers of cases reported it is evident college campuses need to address the

negative outcomes from being sexually assaulted. College campuses need to design

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### Turning 21: Another stage in growing up



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To be honest, I'm not good at this whole adult thing.

Looking back at my 5-yearold self, I wonder what was the sought-after appeal of wanting to grow up. What did I think was so frustrating about being a child?

Probably because I couldn't have ice cream. Or maybe because like most children -- outsiders to adulating -- I bought into the glamorized phases of growing up as seen in the movies.

Like turning 13 and becoming an official teenager.

I can't help but cringe at the amount of eyeliner and energy drinks I had, thinking I was "edgy." My mom was my worst enemy and Avril Lavigne's lyrics were the only things that got me.

Sixteen was like being 13, but with more angst and less eyeliner. Welcome to my goth phase which I swore up and down was not a phase.

I mean 16 is a cool age because you are street-legal now, but that is if your parents have money for a car and increased insurance rates; mine did not.

Then comes the trial phase of adulating -- turning 18. I say "trial" because most 18-year-olds like the bragging rights of being considered an adult while not being

expected to face the full brunt of adulthood. The main concern of this age is what life is like after high school.

Finally, there's the age I currently am -- 21. Which is like the trial phase of adulting, Part Two. I have now unlocked the privileges of earning a driver's license, buying lotto tickets and walking into a liquor store.

But I am still not old enough to use a rental car until I am 25. And like the hype of being 16, 21 is only fun if you have the money. Because just like cars and car insurance, alcohol is expensive.

So far, 21 has greeted me with copious amounts of stress, school work, responsibilities and fears about

life after college. I feel like I am on a countdown to make something worthwhile before I turn 30. Hopefully sooner than that because I would like to have something worth bragging about at my first high school reunion.

Twenty-one hasn't been the easiest of ages, but I am learning to take it with stride. Mainly with the understanding that being an adult doesn't mean I have to always know what I am doing. I don't know what I plan on eating for breakfast tomorrow morning, let alone my life plans after college.

Overall, growing up is overrated, but it does have its perks. Like looking forward to making plans of staying home with nothing but cold leftover pizza, and a Netflix subscription for anime. Heck, I am still anticipating to one day attend the funland of adulthood with my fiancé: IKEA.

So, here's to growing up while still being young, or even young at heart. I may not have all the answers of where life will go from here, but the unknown does not have to be terrifying. I'm bound to at least have an idea of where I'm going one day, no matter how many birthday candles I must blow out to find out.

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# **OPINION**

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### Remove stigma from mental health illness



Special to the Logos Esteban Perez

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 has 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 cursed 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.

All this is due, according to medical research, to the depressed person producing too much cortisol which produces these symptoms.

How do we get rid of the stigma? I am not sure. As a culture we have attempted but not with much success.

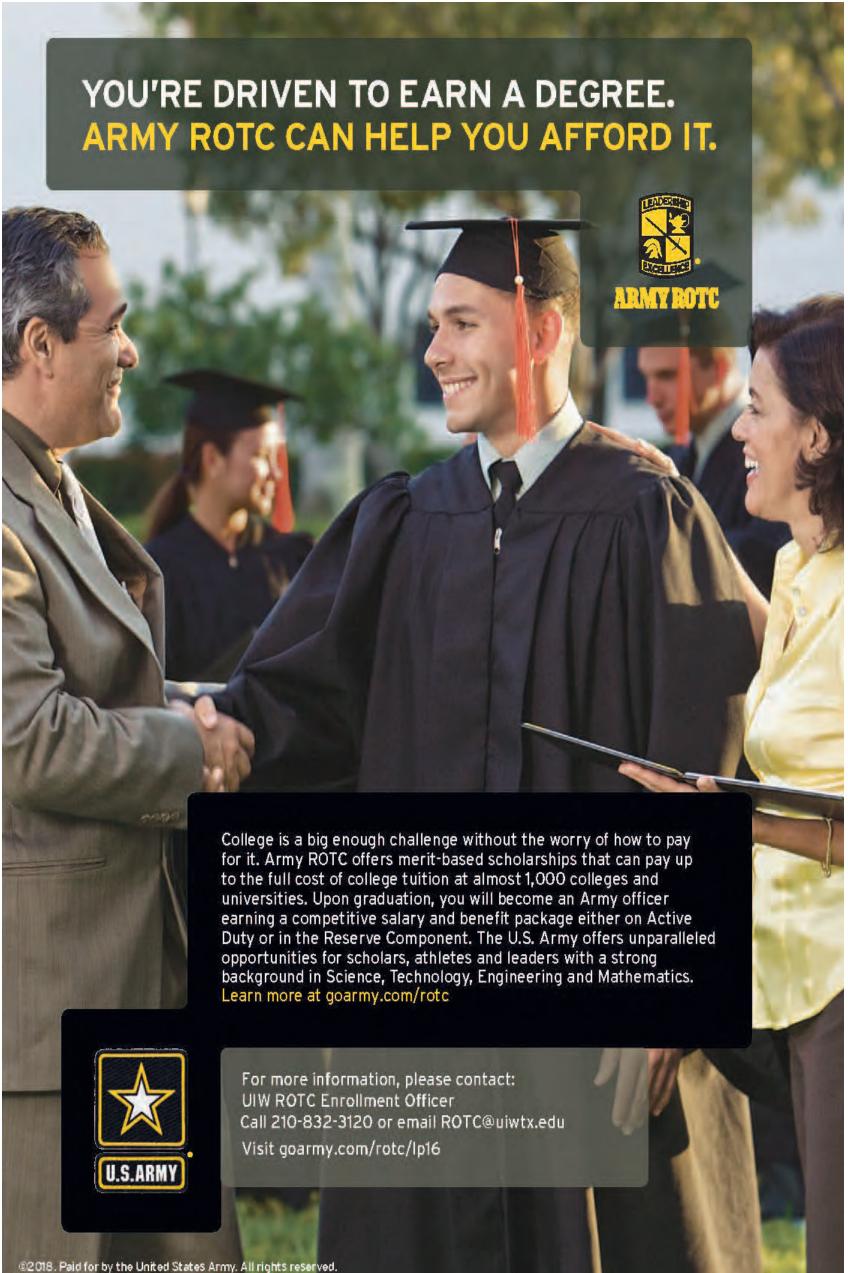
There are many layers to

this problem, but we can start by accepting depression as a health issue. Someone with a broken leg, cold, headache, or pain goes to the doctor to seek treatment and this is seen as normal. But that is not the case with depression.

A woman physician challenged me to have this change in perception and inspired me.

And as a medical student and future health care provider I am committed to making the seeking of treatment for depression as normal as seeking treatment for the flu.

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health education and prevention programs based on sound theory and research.

Online programs such as REALCONSENT aimed at educating college-aged men in what is sexual consent has proven effective. Furthermore, performance-based programs such as "sex signals" and "speak about it" provide an outlet for the college student to reflect on the experience, and speak about the attack in a safe environment. The program is peer-led. Studies have shown peers are the strongest influences on a student's development and experience in

The utilization of any of the above-mentioned programs will be a step forward in providing an environment and resources where students can speak and have a sense of meaning following such a traumatic experience.

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### **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.

Track Conference Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium

### MAY 6

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

### **MAY 18**

Baseball vs. Sam Houston Sullivan Field 2 p.m.

### **MAY 19**

Baseball vs. Sam Houston Sullivan Field 1 p.m

### Baseball team seeks spot in tournament lineup

Alma Solis / SPORTS EDITOR

As the season comes to an end, the Cardinals continue their quest to qualify for the Southland Conference tourna-

The Cardinals faced Southern University March 27. Sophomore second baseman Kyle Bergeron led the team to a win with a 2-for-4 outing, two home runs, and four 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 threegame conference series. They earned their first road win of the season against the Lumberjacks on March 29.

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 final win against the Lumberjacks. Arnold went 2-for-3 with three RBIs off a three-run homerun in the sixth inning. Arnold has a .220 batting average with 11 RBIs this season.

The Cardinals then returned home for a three-game nonconference matchup against the Texas Southern Tigers. The Cardinals took two out of the three games in the series.

The series opener was a tough battle with the Tigers coming out on top. Ryan Gonzalez went 3-for-5 with two runs in the loss, while Lee Thomas went 2-for-5 with four RBIs. Thomas, a sophomore designated hitter, has a .300 batting average with 33 RBIs, 11 doubles and two home runs this season.

Before the season start-

ed, Thomas stated the team chemistry is stronger this

"If one person succeeds, we're all going to succeed," Thomas said.

This change has made a significant difference in the way the Cardinals play together, as seen through their already improved season record.

In the second game against the Tigers, sophomore pitcher Luke Taggart led the Cardinals to a strong victory. Taggart tossed a complete game with 85 pitches, only allowing one run on six hits. Taggart has a 3.65 ERA with 36 strikeouts this season.

In the finale, Flores led the team with a 2-for-3 outing with two RBIs. Eddy Gonzalez went 2-for-4 with two runs in the game. Eddy Gonzalez leads the Cardinals with a .380 batting average this season.

Before the season started, Eddy Gonzalez had a few goals he wanted to reach.

"I would love to hit over .300 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, including Eddy Gonzalez, Bergeron, Thomas, and David Anaya, a sophomore third baseman.

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



A Cardinal pitcher fires what he hopes to be a strike or a ball hit for an out.

Alma Solis / Photo

The Cardinals then had a home conference series against the Nicholls State Colonels, winning two out of

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 ner Field, losing 11-1. 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 UIW.

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 each in the 12-4 first game loss. 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.

The Cardinals then returned to San Antonio to face crosstown rival UTSA at Roadrun-

The Cardinals, currently ranked sixth in the Southland Conference, continue to battle for a chance to play in the conference tournament.

The Cardinals kick off their next home series Friday, May 4, against the Northwestern State University Demons. The last home series is against Sam Houston State University's Bearkats May 17-19.

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# Softball team shows improvement

Alma Solis / SPORTS EDITOR

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 year.

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 the 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, 4-3, at Roadrunners Field. The victory gave the Cardinals a season sweep of the Roadrunners, as UIW won by the same score at Cardinals 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' 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.

The Cardinals lost all games in the tournament but players were able to up their statistics.

Sophomore outfielder Marcela Lopez went 2-for-3 in the first loss against Colorado State. Lopez has a .273 batting average and six RBIs this season.

After the Texas Classic, the Cardinals did not get back into action until March 2, due to a cancelled Baylor Classic tournament in Waco.

The Cardinals returned in the Madeira Beach Showcase where they went 3-2. The three wins came against Villanova, Alabama State and Eastern Michigan.

In the win against Villanova, senior shortstop Victoria Bratcher was 2-for-4 with a run. Bratcher has a .204 batting average and five RBIs this

Guzman led the way with a 2-for-4 outing in the win against Alabama State. Guzman has a .213 batting average and nine RBIs this season.

The Cardinals ended the Madeira Beach Showcase with a win against Eastern Michigan where Bratcher led the team with a 2-for-4 outing and an RBI.

After the showcase in Florida, the Cardinals returned to Texas where they were swept in a doubleheader

against Texas A&M. Hope Sobolewski, senior outfielder and first baseman, went 2-for-3 in the first game. Sobolewski has a .255 batting average, 16 RBIs and three home runs.

Personally, Sobolewski wants to get above a .300 batting average before the season ends, but has goals for her team as a whole.

"I want us to beat last year's win record," Sobolewski said.

In the second game against Texas A&M, Emily Castro came in to pinchhit and launched a three-run home run to get the Cardinals on the board. Castro has a .226 batting average, 13 RBIs and two home runs this season.

The Cardinals began Southland Conference play March 9 with a three-game series against the Sam Houston State Bearkats. The Bearkats took all three games.

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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 double-header 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-6 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.



A University of the Incarnate Word Cardinal softball player smacks a ball during a home game.

Alma Solis / Photo

They won one of three games in this series.

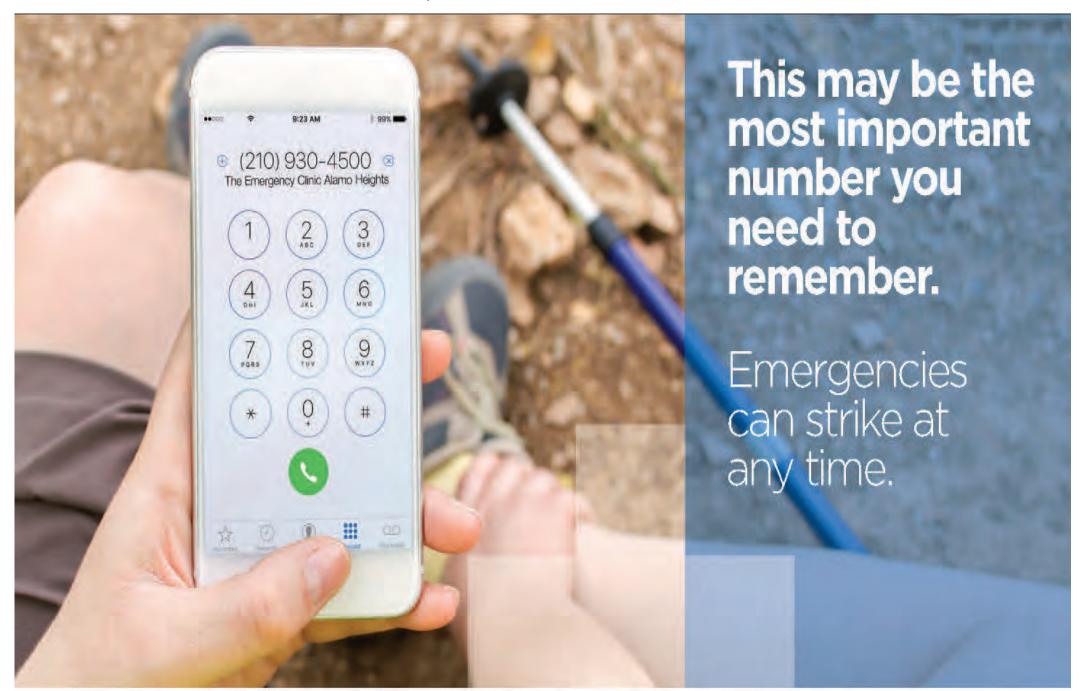
The Cardinals then faced crosstown rival UTSA at home for a 4-3 win before returning to conference action at Abilene Christian University, where the Wildcats swept the Cardinals.

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."



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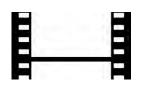


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### MOVIES OF THE MONTH

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### **MAY 11**

### **Breaking In**

Rated: PG 13 Genre: Thriller Starring: Gabrielle Union, Billy Burke and Richard Cabral

### **Life of the Party**

Rated: PG-13 Genre: Comedy Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Maya Rudolph and Debby Ryan

### **MAY 18**

### **Deadpool 2**

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

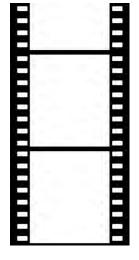
### **Book Club**

Rated: NR Genre: Comedy Starring: Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton and Don Johnson

### **MAY 25**

### Solo: A Star Wars Story

Rated: NR Genre: Fantasy, Action Starring: Alden Ehrenreich, Emilia Clarke and Donald Glover



### Hip-hop, jazz community grows in San Antonio



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I have been fortunate to see the power of local music grow and have spoken with local artists, both hip-hop and jazz, whose musical creativity 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 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, you undoubtedly feel closer to music in its purest form.

The group recently released a new music video, debuting its first single, "Look at Me Now."

"It's just a great opportunity," said Ronnie "Ice" Warner, one of LikeMinded's emcees. "We worked so hard to put the single together, and with the addition of the music video, the reception has been huge."

Then, at the beginning of 2018, I met Gamaliel Obed Rodriguez, the keys player for the San Antonio experimental-jazz fusion group, 16 The Olympus.

"Our influences," said Rodriguez, "stem from neo-soul, hip hop, jazz, and psychedelic rock. We have been a band for two-and-a-half years."

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 worldwide 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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### 'God of War' gives great axe to grind



Diego Ortega/ STAFF WRITER

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 its 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 "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 are out of place. Every object and interaction bring a vibrant world to life filled with amazing creatures and sequences.



Kratos, a key principal and warrior in the 'God of War' series is joined by his son, Atreus, a brand-new character.

The game's graphical fidelity is also something to admire and nothing short of jaw-dropping. At many 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 right before a fight as he wields his axe.

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' dual blades.

In this sequel, the story is captivating, emotional and relatable because of the newest character addition to the story. This new character, Atreus, is 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 Kobe!

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 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 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 pushback is a feeling I can't compare to any other video-game mechanic.

This is something brandnew 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!

With that is a much-deeper leveling system that works through gathering resources in the world and gradually gives you new abilities and moves that keep getting better and better.

This system is similar to the upgrades for Alloy 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 portfolio keeps getting stronger and the experiences are testaments to the company's investment in games.

For those looking for a hard, fun, emotional and empowering experience, the new "God of War" game is for you.

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### **WORD SEARCH**

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# WORD BANK

BEACH DIPLOMA FINALS FRIENDS GRADUATION PICNIC POOLSIDE SUMMER SUNSCREEN SWIMMING VACATION WATERMELON

### **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.

Courtesy of riddles.com

### **JUMBLE**

tngiraoadu tnvcaiao

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## **COLOR ME**

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A Towel
The Baaaahamas
Yesterday, today
& tomorrow
The letter "M"

Graduation Vacation Sunshine Pool Party

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