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What's new at the 'U'?

By Erin O'Brien
LOGOS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

New buildings. New students. New faculty. New people. New programs.

Returning students and alumni alike talked about some of the changes they're seeing at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Among the freshest and least publicized are

new faculty and changes in management.

Sandy McMakin, formerly director of the First Year Engagement Office, is the newly appointed dean of Student Success. She's over First Year, the University Advising Center, Learning Assistance Center and the SSS Grant.

"I like (McMakin) a



Feik School of Pharmacy

lot as a person," said LAC Program Assistant Amanda Johnson, a UIW grad.

"She's very enthusiastic, and she's very concerned about improving things for

the students."

The football program – announced last spring to begin play in fall 2009 – is also an attention-getter. Already, the Cardinals have Head Coach Mike Santiago, Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach Jim Marshall and Director of Football Operations Kyle Keenan in place.

Senior communication arts major Jonathan Beard, who runs his own photo business, said he believes the football program will "put us on the map" and improve the status of UIW in the San Antonio community.

Jenna Ondrusek, a senior music education

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UIW seeks sign-ups for alerts

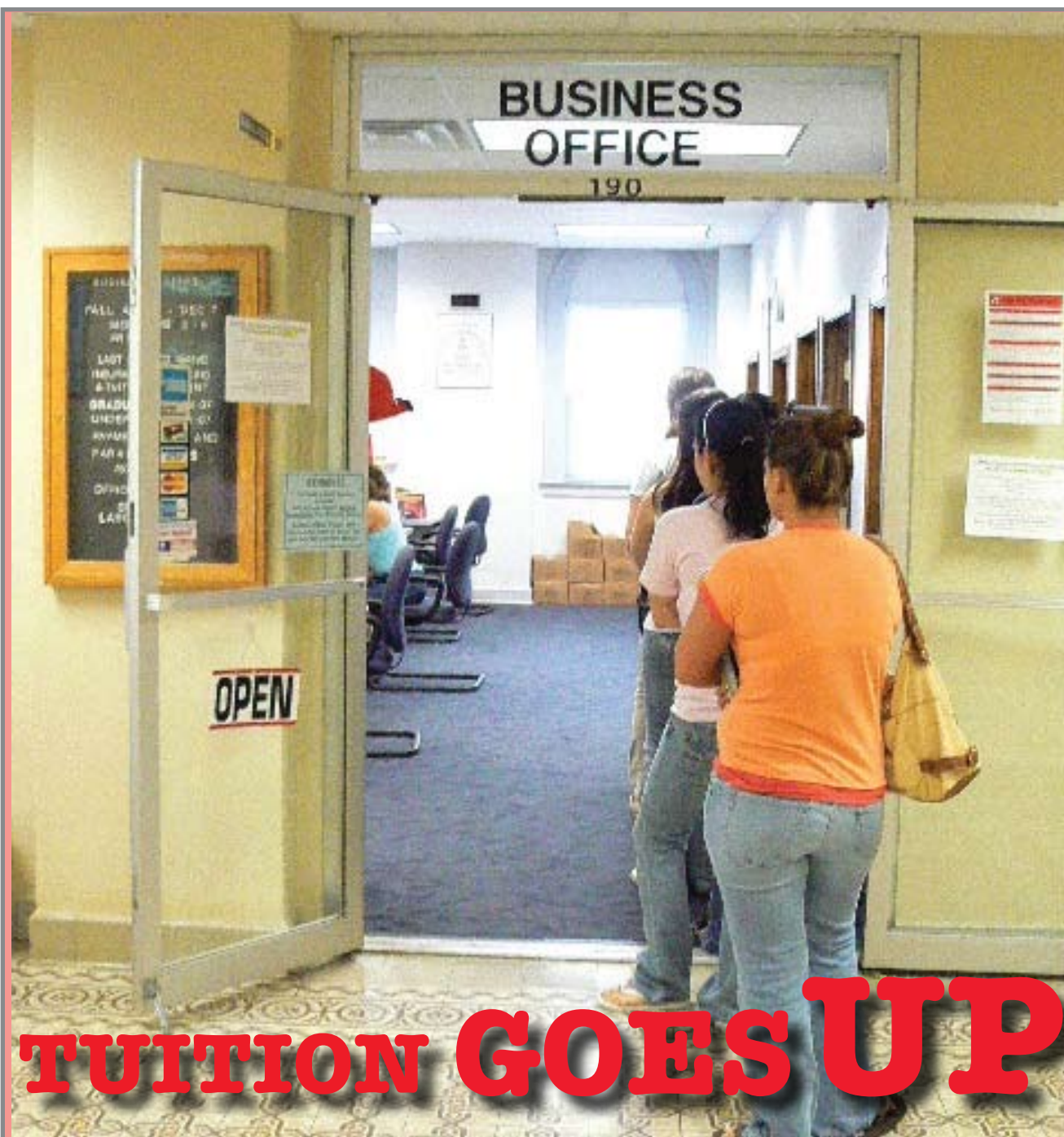
Emergency notification is now available for University of the Incarnate Word students, faculty and staff who enroll in Red Alert, an emergency text and e-mail messaging service.

"Red Alert enables UIW representatives to quickly communicate with you in case of an emergency via e-mail to your Cardinal Mail account and a text message to your cell phone," Dr. Jim Parlett, chief information officer for the university, said.

Those enrolling will need their Cardinal Mail username and password to opt in the program at getrave.com/login/uiw.

"Please note that you may be charged for these messages, depending on your cellular plan," Parlett said.

"We will never use Red Alert except to deliver critical information such as campus emergencies or weather-related closings."



TUITION GOES UP

LAUREN BEAVIN/ LOGOS STAFF

A line outside the Business Office is not an unusual sight near the beginning of the academic year.

Students cope with rising cost

By Rosalia Vega
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

University of the Incarnate Word students are paying an average of \$1,370 more for rising tuition and associated costs for the 2007-08 academic year -- and they are taking notice.

"Economics is not my major, but most likely this increase in tuition is due to some form of expansion and growth strategy on behalf of the school," said business major Kevin Moriarty, president of the Student Government Association.

But the rise was pretty steady compared to last year, said Douglas Endsley, vice president for business and finance.

"There isn't a lot of difference since the costs have been running consistently 5 to 6 percent for the last 20 years," Endsley

said.

Tuition for an undergraduate semester has gone from \$8,700 to \$9,200. The \$500 increase is \$50 more than last year's \$450 jump.

In addition, the ex-

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Wordstock set Sept. 8

By Haidi de Hoyos
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Wordstock -- the time to experience the fun side of UIW -- is coming.

To welcome students to a new year at school, the university will be host to this annual campus event on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 5 to 11 p.m.

Wordstock will feature food and drink booths, a kiddy section complete with rides and games and live musical entertainment featuring three bands: Flywood, 5 Star and Window.

Employees and students from UIW, Incarnate Word High School and St. Anthony's High School get in free with ID, along with children under 12. For everyone else, general admission is \$5.

Proceeds benefit the San Antonio Educational Partnership Endowment, National Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the Endowed Scholarship at UIW.

'Meet the Mission' to hit city

By J.P. McDaniel
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Nearly 150 students are expected to participate in the second "Meet the Mission" effort to provide a day of community service hours to several local social-service agencies, a planner said.

This year's group of faculty and students will embark Friday, Sept. 7, to provide this service,

said Dr. Harold Rodinsky, a psychology professor who helped plan last year's initial mission.

Meet the Mission is an extension from and continuation of the mission of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Rodinsky said.

"Organization will primarily come from the faculty involved," Rodinsky said.

"We have the same basic

agenda as last year," Rodinsky said. "The purpose of this community-based service project is to introduce the incoming students to the mission of the university and the role service plays in assisting all members of our communities."

A graduate of DePaul University in Chicago, Rodinsky used DePaul's St. Vincent day of community service -- an on-

going project at DePaul -- as a model for starting UIW's Meet the Mission.

Students and faculty have the chance to interact with one another outside of the classroom with the intention of helping others, he noted.

After last year's initial run, "each group asked when the next one would be held," Rodinsky said. "Students support the

project so much because they realize that they can contribute to the lives of others and make a significant contribution."

Last year, the mission had very few problems. One particularly large issue, however, was transportation. This time around, they're taking the bus -- VIA's public transportation to be exact -- to and from their agencies.

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penses for the graduate and pharmacy school programs have also been augmented, Endsley noted.

“Right now, the Feik School of Pharmacy is actually running at a deficit,” Endsley said. “Expenses are exceeding revenue while the faculty is still being hired.”

It is no secret that the cost of tuition is a hot-but-ton issue for UIW students who are struggling to afford a higher education.

“In forums,” said Endsley, “tuition increase comes up consistently. The question is: ‘If inflation is at 3 percent and tuition is going up 5 to 6 percent, why is the cost of education higher?’”

The answer is technology. Everyone needs to know how to use it, and therefore, money in the budget has to be allocated in order to afford it and keep up with the unyielding demand of students and faculty.

Internet service has been a primary issue at UIW. Just last spring, the

connection speed was upgraded from 12 megabits to 50 megabits. These necessary upgrades for the continually expanding campus are taken into account in the expenditure budget.

However, some students are still troubled and frustrated with having to keep up with the costs.

“Incarnate Word is such a great school and costs so much already,” said Brian Curtis, a sports management major. “I think it’s going to be a lot harder to pay back tuition that is increasing so much every year.”

Andrew Holzmman, an economics and finance major, echoes the same concern.

“Ever since I have been here at UIW, the tuition has gone up every semester, and I honestly do not understand why,” Holzmman said.

Nursing major Jaycee Avila said she is able to see the pros and cons of paying more.

“I agree no one likes

to pay more than they should,” said Avila. “I for one would like to see bigger and better things happen at this university, but I would also like to see smaller-scale improvements (for example, cleaner, safe hygiene and practicing related options, such as motion-activated spouts on sinks, soap dispensers and hand towel dispensers). It would be great to address normal maintenance issues around campus that seem to go unresolved semester after semester.”

Despite the tuition increase, Endsley assured that financial aid is always a top priority when drafting the budget.

“We prioritize financial aid first, and any money that we have in surplus is used for other projects on campus,” Endsley said.

Moriarty has a utilitarian approach when summing up his perspective on tuition increases.

“I’d rather pay an additional \$500 per semester than not pay this amount because of any divestiture

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major, agrees football is an important addition to any university.

“I think it will make the school look better in general,” Ondrusek said. “A lot of times, smaller universities aren’t really nationally known. You go up north and people have never heard of UIW, but they’ve all heard of (Texas) A&M and UT Austin. I think that although it may take some time, if our football team does well, we will have a bigger name and more prestigious reputation around the country.”

Senior art major Jacob Rodriguez-Call is not so high on the football program.

“Personally, I don’t feel adding a football team will have an immediate bearing on admissions,” Rodriguez-Call said. “It will only attract a bunch of

athletes with scholarships who would have come to school here anyway.”

UIW graduate Pinar Sahin, a Learning Assistance Center tutor and office assistant, holds a similar view on football.

“It seems like (the addition of the football program) is all about tuition and marketing,” Sahin said. “I mean, it’s a big deal for any university, especially a small one like ours, but there are so many other additions that would be more beneficial.”

Several students cited the new Feik School of Pharmacy at Devine and Hildebrand as an attractive addition. The five-story, 56,000-sq.-ft. school already has attracted a significant number of students and faculty members. Its second incoming class will don white coats

in a Rosenberg Sky Room ceremony from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Friday, Sept. 14.

The pharmacy program also achieved the prestigious candidate status from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. Candidate status brings the pharmacy school to the second step in the three-step process of receiving accreditation.

“I’m glad to see (the pharmacy program) is expanding,” said communication arts senior Melissa Baker.

Another seemingly welcome addition to UIW is the new Sodexho value menu, which will accompany the old menu in eating venues around campus. Value menu prices start at \$1 or \$2 depending upon the item. The menu already includes popular eating staples, such as hot dogs,

UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD PROPOSED SALARY, TUITION, & FEE CHANGES 2007-2008				
	2007-2008 Proposed	2006-2007 Current	Change	%
SALARY				
Merit & Equity Wage Adjustments	3.50%	3.50%	0.00%	
TUITION				
Undergraduate Semester (12-18 hours)	\$9,200	\$8,700	\$500	5.75%
Undergraduate (per hour)	\$605	\$565	\$40	7.08%
Graduate (per hour)	\$605	\$570	\$35	6.14%
Ph.D. (per hour)	\$640	\$610	\$30	4.92%
Pharmacy (per year)	\$26,500	\$25,500	\$1,000	3.92%
Adult Degree Completion Program (Hr.)	\$320	\$295	\$25	8.47%
Virtual University (per hour)	\$395	\$370	\$25	6.76%
Tuition - Laptop Computer	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
FEES				
Lab/Clinical/Course	\$10-500	\$10-500	\$0	0.00%
Applied Music	\$230	\$220	\$10	4.55%
Student Center-Library Technology	\$200	\$180	\$20	11.11%
Parking Fee - Economy	\$80	\$75	\$5	6.67%
Parking Fee - Priority	\$105	\$100	\$5	5.00%
College Fee: 0 - 5 Credit Hours	\$110	\$100	\$10	10.00%
College Fee: 6 - 11 Credit Hours	\$170	\$160	\$10	6.25%
Pharmacy (per year)	\$550	\$500	\$50	10.00%
ROOMS (Semester)				
Triple	\$1,645	\$1,575	\$70	4.44%
Double	\$2,040	\$1,955	\$85	4.35%
Single	\$2,600	\$2,495	\$105	4.21%
ICC2 Dorm Double	\$2,460	\$2,360	\$100	4.24%
ICC2 Dorm Single	\$2,720	\$2,610	\$110	4.21%
New Hillside Dorm Double	\$2,600	\$0	n/a	n/a
New Hillside Dorm Single	\$2,900	\$0	n/a	n/a
Avoca	\$2,405	\$2,305	\$100	4.34%
Avoca Summer (12 weeks)	\$1,700	\$1,635	\$65	3.98%
Other Summer Single (6 weeks)	\$1,080	\$1,040	\$40	3.85%
BOARD (Semester)				
Declining Balance	\$1,350	\$1,250	\$100	8.00%
Declining Balance - Apts with kitchens	\$800	\$750	\$50	6.67%
TUITION - ACADEMIC YR				
ROOM/BOARD - ACAD YR	\$18,400	\$17,400	\$1,000	5.75%
PACKAGE - ACAD YEAR	\$6,780	\$6,410	\$370	5.77%
	\$25,180	\$23,810	\$1,370	5.75%

from existing operations,” Moriarty said. “Whether it is staff, technology, grants, scholarships, financial aid,

egg rolls and tacos, but Sodexho plans to extend the menu to desserts in the near future.

Upperclassmen and graduates agree meal and snack prices needed to take a plunge.

“(The menu) was already a lot better than when I was a student,” Johnston said. “It was pretty expensive, even though the prices were about the same as the other places around. But the value menu definitely sounds like a good thing, especially if it applies to employees, too!”

“I think (the value menu) is great,” said Sahin. “When I was a student, it was horrible! It was like, \$10 for a hot dog!”

“They needed to lower the prices,” said Ondrusek. “I don’t like paying \$1.65 for a water bottle. It doesn’t make any sense to pay \$2 for a taco and \$1.65 for water.”

For further improve-

etc., it would cause greater harm than losing out on the ability to purchase two, maybe three pairs of Oak-

ment of the campus menu, Johnston recommends Sodexho offer a wider variety of foods, as well as some healthier eating options.

On the subject of parking, Baker said, “I hate (the parking policy).”

The policy, which went into effect in fall 2006, requires anyone parking on campus other than the free lot near Burton Grossman International Conference Center to have priority or economy parking permits. Residents and seniors who have the option to purchase the coveted premium parking tags pay an extra \$130 a semester for that privilege.

“I park off campus,” Baker said. “Instead of sectioning off the parking, why don’t they build the garages up? A little garage with two or three floors doesn’t really do that much good.”

“It’s ridiculous!” said Sahin. “People with C

ley sunglasses or something else of equivalent value and importance.”

tags have to park past the bridge even if there are plenty of open spaces by the Administration Building. They usually end up having to park at the ICC, but if they park there, they’re going to be late because it’s a million miles from everything. And this is Texas. If you walk all that way, you’re probably going to get dehydrated or drown in all this rain. It just doesn’t seem fair. (UIW) really has to do something about that.”

Beard, on the other hand, takes a different approach to the parking regulations.

“I think it’s brilliant,” he said. “It’s a clever way to make money off of the fool. They’re marketing money off of people’s laziness. I don’t have a problem with it. If people want to pay all the extra money so they don’t have to walk, that’s their business.”



Mary Henson McGall (UIW Ph.D. student) and Scott McGall (CFA) renew marriage vows on 07-07-07 at Westin La Cantera.

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Tech 4 Lunch



By Erin O'Brien
LOGOS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Why fill up on junk food when you can have a hearty helping of technology for lunch?

Most Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon, Technology Training Coordinator Terence Peak teaches a class in his “Technology for Lunch” program.

The class focuses on commonly used programs in Microsoft Office, such as PowerPoint, Word and Excel. Peak concentrates on one program a week, and walks the students through the program with detailed explanations.

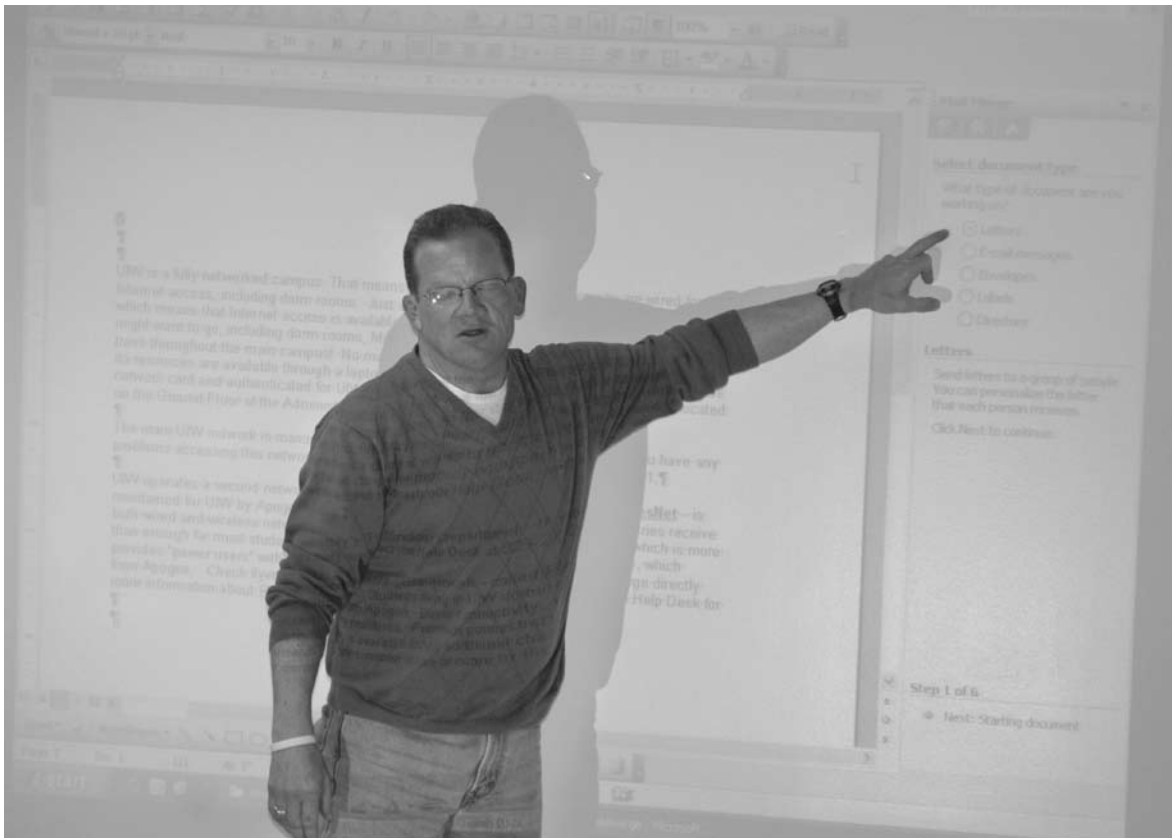
“Each Wednesday we take a particular topic – something related to Microsoft Office,” Peak said. “For example, we’ve got a course in here called Effective PowerPoint. This course is offered toward the end of the school year when students are going to be doing more PowerPoint.”

Peak said the classes help UIW students, faculty and staff learn to use Microsoft Office programs more efficiently.

“I do a class based on not so much how to use (Microsoft Office), but how to get more out of it,” says Peak.

In response to some issues regarding punctuality and attendance, Peak now requires people to make reservations through him – tpeak@uiwtx.edu -- no later than 24 hours before the class or the class will not meet.

Peak stresses that once he receives even a single reservation, the Technology for



Courtesy of ADELA GOTT

Technology Training Coordinator Terence Peak is conducting a series of ‘Technology for Lunch’ classes two days a week this semester on commonly used programs in Microsoft Office, such as PowerPoint, Word and Excel. Peak walks participants through the program with detailed explanations. Reservations are required to ensure no class is cancelled.

Lunch classes will always commence unless they are formally cancelled beforehand.

“I stay in Room 230 until 12:15,” Peak said, “and begin class by 12:05 or as soon as students are ready to proceed.”

On Thursdays, Peak also hosts a newer class during the lunch hour called BlackBoard Jungle, which he devotes to helping the faculty and staff effectively use BlackBoard.

“(The BlackBoard Jungle class) shows the faculty how to get the most out of their BlackBoard experience,” says Peak.

In the class, Peak instructs faculty members about ef-

fectiveness and assessment in BlackBoard, and gives them tips for keeping students from plagiarizing and cheating.

Peak’s goal for the BlackBoard Jungle class, as well as for the Technology for Lunch class, involves teaching the programs in-depth rather than simply going through the motions.

“It’s not just the point-and-click and here’s the step-by-step,” says Peak. “We also talk about some of the pedagogies behind it, such as what are the best practices.”

Last spring, Peak hosted a BlackBoard Academy, which covered a combination of techniques and skills taught

in previous BlackBoard Jungle classes. The program was a three-day seminar focusing on the workplace design and development of assignments for students. The success of the BlackBoard Jungle classes prompted Peak to continue the classes this fall.

Although BlackBoard Jungle succeeded in attracting a broader audience to his programs, Peak is still concerned with the popularity of his programs. Peak says typically, only about three to five people attend his Technology for Lunch class.

“I would really like to see six to eight,” says Peak. “I would like a little better participation. I’d really like to get more people in the

Wednesday sessions.”

One program, however, has been particularly popular with the faculty since its introduction by Peak. Geek Speak works like a miniature seminar in which Peak visits a class and shows the students a PowerPoint presentation about any technological program available on campus at the request of the professor. Examples of popular topics include the new discussion boards and PowerPoint.

“I come in the class for about 15 to 30 minutes,” he said. “I give them a quick tutorial from a PowerPoint. It’s another program we started last January of ’06 that’s been pretty successful. I’m doing on average about one every week or two.”

Peak started Technology for Lunch, BlackBoard Jungle and Geek Speak to help students and staff by increasing the technological services available at UIW. Previously, the technology training courses were only offered during the summer.

“When I started here, I was hired as a technology trainer, and they didn’t have anything like this,” Peak said. “We only did it during the summer, and I kind of thought, ‘well, why not?’ So the previous director of instructional technology and I got together, and I told her what I wanted to do. She thought it was a great idea, so I just started the program fresh. I think it has been pretty successful.”

TECH 4 LUNCH SCHEDULE

All classes take place in Room 230 of J.E. and L.E. Mabree Library with the exception of a Nov. 28 session in G16 – ground floor of the library near the Media Center.

Reservations are required. Make reservations by e-mail to tpeak@uiwtx.edu. If there are no reservations made within 24 hours of the class start time, the class will be cancelled.

Wednesday, Sept. 5: Desktop Publishing.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Powerful PowerPoint.

Wednesday, Sept. 12: Survey Monkey (Part 1).

Thursday, Sept. 13: Survey Monkey (Part 2).

Thursday, Sept. 20: Blackboard Jungle.

Wednesday, Sept. 26: Basic Excel.

Thursday, Sept. 27: Advanced Excel.

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Blackboard Jungle.

Thursday, Oct. 4: Blackboard Jungle.

Wednesday, Oct. 10: Blackboard Jungle.

Thursday, Oct. 11: Excel Formulas.

Wednesday, Oct. 17: Blackboard Jungle.

Thursday, Oct. 18: Blackboard Jungle.

Wednesday, Oct. 24: Access (Part 1).

Thursday, Oct. 25: Access (Part 2).

Wednesday, Oct. 31: Survey Monkey (Part 1).

Thursday, Nov. 1: Survey Monkey (Part 2).

Wednesday, Nov. 7: SPSS (Part 1).

Thursday, Nov. 8: SPSS.

Wednesday, Nov. 28: Excel and Access 2007. Note: This class will take place in G16.

Thursday, Nov. 29: Word and PowerPoint 2007.

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Blackboard Jungle.

Federal judge to talk for Constitution Day

A member of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will speak at the annual Constitution Day program at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library Auditorium.

Judge Emilio M. Garza will give a brief presentation on the U.S. Constitution followed by a discussion, said Dr. Scott Dittloff, chair of the Department of Political Science. A reception will follow in the library's foyer.

A California woman, Lucy Leigh, was instrumental in getting a movement started to celebrate Sept. 17 as Constitution Day.

As outreach director for the California Bicentennial Commission in 1987, Leigh said she realized how little most Americans knew about the Constitution. At the time, she said, "It is the most unique government document in the history of mankind. It guarantees our freedom.



It is unique in that the government doesn't tell us what to do, we tell the government what to do."

In 1997, Leigh founded Constitution Day Inc. to organize Constitution Day celebrations throughout the country with schoolchildren, the military overseas and governors or their representatives from every state reciting the Preamble to the Constitution simultaneously on Sept. 17 one year. She was instrumental in getting Public Law 108-

447 signed into law by President George Bush designating Sept. 17 as Constitution Day.

Constitutional issues are addressed in federal courts.

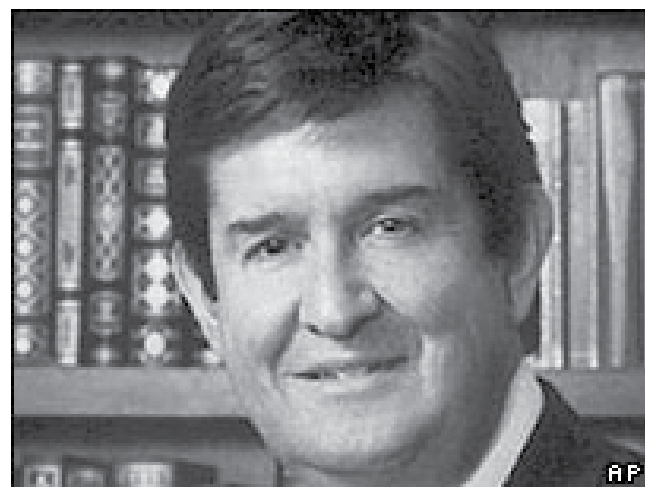
Garza, a San Antonio native who maintains an office here, once was considered a leading contender to fill the vacancy created by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. His New Orleans-based circuit has final say on most questions of federal law from Texas, Louisiana

and Mississippi.

The son of Mexican immigrants, Garza attended Christ the King Catholic School, Holy Cross of San Antonio and the University of Notre Dame. He serves on Notre Dame's law school advisory board and at one time served on the convent board of directors for the Cordi-Marian Sisters.

According to a *San Antonio Express-News* article, Garcia's record on the appeals court "reveals a jurist who's competent, methodical and deferential to precedent, but not afraid to disagree publicly with colleagues and Supreme Court rulings."

When he worked downtown and needed inspiration, he sometimes attended Mass during his lunch break, according to the article. "The judge's faith resonated in his jurisprudence, most visibly in cases involving certain hot-button issues,



Judge Emilio M. Garza

according to an analysis of Garza's rulings from 1998 to 2000."

Regarded in legal circles as "neutral, direct and colorless," the newspaper said Garza's rhetoric grew more forceful in cases addressing the separation of church and state.

"For instance, Garza found himself alone on a three-judge panel in 1999 when he argued on behalf of Beaumont School District's 'Clergy in the Schools' program, which invited members of the clergy to counsel students during class hours. The majority ruled the program amounted to an unconstitutional government sponsorship of religion. Dissenting, Garza said the majority's reasoning meant that, 'luminaries such as the late Rev. Martin Luther

King Jr. and Archbishop Desmond Tutu could not meet individually with students to talk about civic values. The establishment clause does not mandate such an absurd result.'"

However, in 1997, Garza joined his colleagues in striking down a Louisiana law that gave judges excessive authority to deny abortions to juveniles -- but his vote came with a caveat.

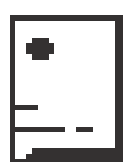
In a lengthy opinion, he explained he was reluctantly following Supreme Court precedents he believed represented little more than unjustified power grabs by the court.

"For the second time in my judicial career, I am forced to follow a Supreme Court opinion that I believe to be inimical to the Constitution."



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In Seguin

Disability fails to stop determination

By Rachel Cywinski
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The call to mission has always been part of my faith, growing up in “Girls in Action” and “Acteens,” writing letters to missionaries and taking food to homebound church members as part of the daily life of faith.

As a senior at Baylor University, the possibility of spending a year as an English teacher in China and sharing the Christian faith seemed far more interesting than how much money a degree in business economics and international business could get. Yet the daily life of a domestic firefighter, accountant or schoolteacher, sharing faith daily through the example of responsible and ethical living, seemed equally important.

In 1993, working with Habitat for Humanity in three countries was a personal epiphany -- a way to integrate a business career with short-term mission vacations. Being able to do both gave me more enthusiasm for each. One did not preclude the other.

In 1997, I was living where I’d always wanted to live, in San Antonio, preparing to work in France the following year. A speeding driver of a commercial 18-wheeler truck had other plans, plowing through a red light between the cross traffic on Nacogdoches Road with me on his front bumper.

For the next five years I woke up in the morning (when I had been able to sleep at all) unable to move. I would lie there moving my neck, trying to relieve pressure on the spine and get sensation in one arm and one leg. A day with sensation in three of the four limbs was a great day; a day with all four very rare. Overnight being ambidextrous had changed from quirky to a necessity for survival. Damage to knees and other areas wasn’t diagnosed until much later, because I could not feel them.

Despite rejection of the doctors’ dreary prognosis, reality did eventually expunge my fantasy of becoming the oldest goalkeeper in the women’s semipro soccer league, as well as all hopes for the Ironman Triathlon. Even the hope of again doing laundry without carting it between house, car and laundromat five pounds at a time seemed fantastic. Progress to a “normal” lifestyle -- yet feeling no lifestyle without taking the dogs running every day could ever be normal -- eclipsed the concept of personal short-term missions.

Then last year when our pastor at Deaf Church (a congregation using only American Sign Language) learned of a need for volunteers who knew sign language, I believed we must respond. For nine years church mission teams had volunteered to build facilities at Rio Bravo Christian School for the Deaf, but none of the

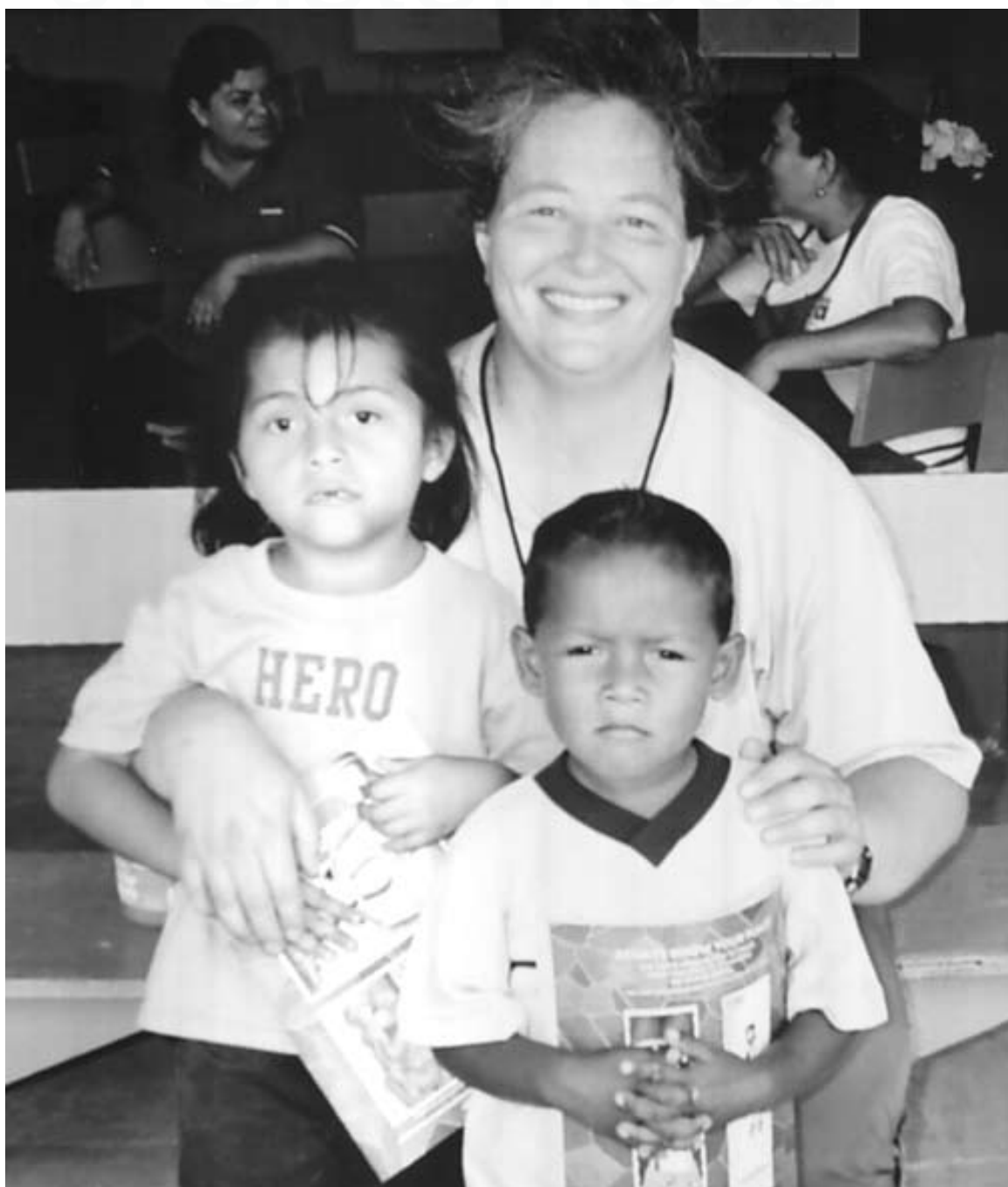


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Rachel Cywinski, a graduate student at the University of the Incarnate Word, poses with Lorena, the child she sponsors, and Juan Angel at Mexicano Centro Cristiano para los Sordomudos

teams could communicate with the students. We simply had to go. I signed on with no idea how I could pay for our journey or even whether I could survive the trip. After years of finding accessible doors locked, elevator keys misplaced and daily encountering discrimination against the group everyone forgets, I wondered if it would just be one burden after another to volunteer in a country without laws protecting the disabled.

Then this spring I was desperately seeking a way to stay awake when class ended at 9 p.m. until the library closed at midnight. I saw “The Fire” posted in Mabee Library Auditorium and ventured in. The singing ended with the coincidence; for when Campus Ministry interns exhorted us to go on a mission before finishing our degrees, I realized they were speaking to me. A disabled, impoverished graduate student whose remembrances of vacationing as a missionary had been wiped out by a truck 10 years previously, I was part of the target audience.

Another day I walked into the *Logos* sponsor’s office and found Professor (Michael) Mercer highly energized with a conflict. He wanted to attend the Sisters of Charity annual presentation but had to attend another meeting. Perhaps, he suggested, my arrival at that moment was “meant to be.” Could I represent the *Logos* during the Congregation Leader’s speech?

I thought, “Fantastic! What a way to learn more about the university’s history!”

But Sister Helena Monahan’s speech wasn’t just about history. It was about now, about the call for all persons

of faith to be missionaries in their own place. Again came the realization that God did not exclude impoverished, disabled graduate students.

Finding that people do exclude people with mobility impairments from some mission opportunities, my sights were set on Rio Bravo. The lead pastor for the mission team assured me there was plenty of work I was capable of doing. I felt comfortable traveling with a team of deaf persons because their own experiences as the forgotten and overlooked ones give them great compassion for people with physical limitations. With faith and a lot of prayer this summer we crossed the border at McAllen, and headed through the sorghum and corn fields in a country where, before this very month of August 2007, disabled children of all types had no right to an education from their government.

Passing through the gates of Mexicano Centro Cristiano para los Sordomudos (MCCS) two thoughts rushed to mind. With its concrete block buildings, metal roofs, thatched roof and pole shelters, and palm trees, Rio Bravo Christian School for the Deaf could be anywhere in the world. Another personal epiphany, Rio Bravo seemed to symbolize mission not only Mexico, but Africa, South America and Asia.

The care that International Christian Centers for the Deaf had shown to provide safe surroundings was also overwhelming. The fineness and strength of the wrought-iron windowscreens on the students’ dorms was the first symbol of protection for the

students who live there.

Sweeping toward the volunteer dorm and main facilities, was this a miracle? Had some humans truly sensed the movement of the Holy Spirit to actually become the hands and feet of Jesus incarnated to welcome us at Rio Bravo? For there in front of us were wide, smooth concrete paths connecting the facilities. The volunteer dorm had grab bars in the restroom and a shower. Dining-room counters were accessible. Was God sending a personal welcome? A glimpse of divine community: a place with no barriers in the midst of a country hostile to people with disabilities!

If God was welcoming us, it was to work. For two hours the next morning, I interpreted Spanish to English; the person next to me interpreted English to signed English; and the lead mission pastor interpreted signed English to American Sign Language. After church, we set up Vacation Bible School for the next day.

When the students arrived, they ran up and hugged us, saying they loved us. Other than their teachers, they have no one else to communicate with in sign. The deaf teens from Texas were the only ones they’d met who had gone to school before; the deaf adult mission members the only ones who had graduated from high school and college. Fascination abounded on both sides.

With chalk, I had scrawled, “Bienvenidos Santos,” across the concrete opening to the three-walled gym/dining hall to welcome them. A little girl came up, asked for chalk, and began tracing the letters. She

asked my name. R-A-C-H-E-L. She spelled it carefully, looking up for each letter. Then she asked my name sign. Then I asked her name and name sign. L-O-R-E-N-A. She wrote it carefully and taught me her name sign.

Like the other students at Rio Bravo, Lorena learns American Sign Language. That’s about to change. For the first time in the history of Mexico, the new president, Felipe Calderon, has ordered that all deaf children have the right to attend public school and receive three hours of education a week beginning this month. To do this, since February he’s organized identification of nearly 30 distinctive dialects of Mexican Sign Language (LSM), and standardized what part of those dialects to use and what content to teach. With LSM now standardized, Lorena, her older sister and the other students will this year learn LSM one hour per day as a language. Eventually instruction will be in LSM most of the day, with ASL used three hours a day. Students graduating from Rio Bravo will be bilingual in sign language.

And so this is the challenge now for our mission team -- to learn another sign language! Every year we hope to return to Rio Bravo to present Vacation Bible School and continue constructing facilities. The goal of International Christian Centers for the Deaf is that one day our help will no longer be needed. In each country their goals are to fill the gap until awareness and national standards are raised to the point where deaf children receive education equivalent to hearing children, in their own sign language, without need of international assistance; and to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Until that goal is realized in Mexico, I have a special mission home. At the end of the week, I found Lorena was one of many children who still needed a financial sponsor. There are many things my disabilities limit, but I can send a check to pay her tuition every month; and write her letters. I can volunteer at MCCS until Lorena graduates. And it will be one of the challenges of my life to communicate between these cultures.

In San Antonio I have my home and my daily mission to teach mathematics ethically in the inner city. At Rio Bravo I have my mission home where as a disabled person I am more welcome than I have ever been in my own country.

Thousands of bed bugs and no air conditioning will keep me returning to San Antonio every year, but in my heart I know God and his messengers on earth in Rio Bravo, Mexico, have given me a glimpse of heaven.

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Tania Sifuentes
Hillside Residence Hall



Teddy Namirembe
Marian Hall

Student workers assist peers on halls

Thirty-one University of the Incarnate Students are working with the Office of Residence Life – six as senior resident assistants and 25 as resident assistants.

Senior residence assistants, who have at least a year of Residence Life experience, help with the administration of each residence hall, said Phil Blum, director of residence life.

The senior resident assistant assists the resident director “in all of her/his duties, to include All-Campus Duty, management of residence hall offices, and provide day-to-day supervision of the front desk,” according to a job description on the office website.

Resident assistants

live on the floors.

“These individuals have been carefully selected because of their leadership potential, interpersonal skills, positive attitudes, and sense of commitment,” the website reads. “As a peer, the RA is a basic source of information and referral, and assists residents in adjusting to campus life, including academic concerns, roommate relationships, homesickness, and other matters.”

The process of selection usually starts with attendance at required information sessions after the Christmas break, Blum said. Then applicants go through group interviews before ultimately being inter-

viewed by Dr. Renee Moore, dean of Campus Life, and hired probably after spring break, Blum said.

“Cuts are made along the way,” Blum said. “It’s a grueling interview process.”

The payoff is free room and board along with a stipend based on their years of experience since senior resident assistants get paid more than resident assistants, Blum said.

Training sessions are conducted before fall and spring semesters, he added. “We expect them to help establish community on the hall and hold residents accountable for their actions. (We also expect) them to plan programs.”

Listed by their assignments, these students are:

Agnese-Sosa: Leah Bowen, resident assistant.

Agnese-Sosa/Dubuis Hall: Tiffany Swisher, senior resident assistant.

Avoca Apartments: Jazzmun Hornback, resident assistant; Morgan Moszee, resident assistant; Matthew Ramirez, senior resident assistant; Bridget Reyes, resident assistant; and Natasha Rodriguez, resident assistant.

Clement Hall: Justin Burklow, resident assistant, and Eric Olivarez, resident assistant.

Clement Hall/Marian Hall: Arturo Martinez, senior resident assistant.

Colbert Hall: Minseo

Cheon, resident assistant; Amanda Collins, senior resident assistant; Elizabeth Jauregui, resident assistant; and Jacklyn Perales, resident assistant.

Dubuis Hall: Dalia Bishop, resident assistant; Martha Offutt, resident assistant; and Gabby Valdez, resident assistant.

Hillside Residence Hall: Maggie Callahan, resident assistant; Anna Green, senior resident assistant; Soraida Portales, resident assistant; Tania Sifuentes, resident assistant; Sarah Tschoepe, resident assistant; and Aarika Wright, resident assistant.

ICC2: Kameron Ingram, resident assistant, and Sarah Mbabazi, resi-



Tiffany Swisher
Agnese/Sosa & Dubuis Hall

dent assistant.

ICC2/St. Joseph's Hall: Megan Long, senior resident assistant.

Marian Hall: Li Feng Chen, resident assistant; Carrie Kalinec, resident assistant; and Teddy Namirembe, resident assistant.

St. Joseph's Hall: Lauren Denson, resident assistant, and Jeffery Moran, resident assistant.

School spirit spreads beyond sports

Welcome Cardinals to a new and exciting year at UIW!

There are many new shining faces here on campus. Mostly freshmen. Then our transfer students. And last but not least the returning students. As you can tell campus parking is pretty hectic so “shot gun” your spot and get an early start.

We now have our very own official head football coach: Mike



Annette Marroquin

Santiago. We all expect great things from him. So Coach -- no slacking! Make us proud, and bring that extra

“oomph” we Cardinals need.

School spirit seems to have gotten a little better this year. It seems like more and more students are interested in getting involved with campus activities and groups. We even have our very own Cardinal birds outside the Administration Building. Kudos to the creator of the red Cardinal wood statues. They’re

absolutely wonderful!

All we need now is our very own support group for our very dedicated group of athletes who make UIW look so good. I know we have a soon-to-be here football team and we have our school cheerleaders, but will we get more? I want to see a band wearing their gigantic hats and see a dance team swaying to the beat of the drums. I want the student body

to be able to go to a football game and see the spirit team dancing and cheering along with the band’s music. I want UIW to get the all-around experience of having a football team. We’re in desperate need, people!

Mostly I want to wish everyone a great year full of unforgettable memories to always have. I wish everyone success in what they’re most passionate for and

happiness in achieving their goals. Always believe in yourself and don’t give in when times get rough. You have to live through the worst to get to the best. Have fun and remember to take a deep breath. Welcome back, Cardinals, and have an extraordinary year. Let’s make UIW a place unlike any other.

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Football coach hires assistants

By Erin O’Brien
LOGOS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Football Head Coach Mike Santiago has hired two assistant coaches with impressive qualifications to take the field and lead the football team.

Last July, Santiago brought Jim Marshall on board as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. More recently, he hired Kyle Keenan as director of football operations.

Marshall’s 29 years of experience in collegiate football coaching will take the UIW football team above and beyond all preliminary expectations, Santiago said.

“(Marshall) is one of the top offensive line coaches in the nation,” said Santiago, “and one of the guys I needed most was one with his experience.”

Marshall, a native of Crestline, Ohio, played football and baseball at Bowling Green State University and competed one year at the Uni-

versity of Tennessee at Martin where he earned his bachelor’s degree. At UTM, he was a Small College All-American as a baseball catcher. In coaching, he most recently was an assistant at Alabama State University. He’s made other stops at Arkansas State, Wyoming, Memphis, Tulane and University of Texas-El Paso, all Division I programs. For six years he was the head coach at the University of Richmond where in 1992 he was voted the Yankee Conference coach of the year. That same time he received the Virginia Division I coach of the year award as well as the Richmond Touchdown Club coach of the year honor.

Keenan is former vice president of Coaches Inc. His father, Larry Keenan, has worked 16 years as a coach in the NFL with such teams as the Los Angeles/Oakland Raiders, Denver Broncos, Indianapolis Colts and Seattle Seahawks.

Santiago’s next task



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University of Incarnate Word Head Football Coach Mike Santiago, center, is joined by his first two hires: Kyle Keenan, left, director of football operations, and Jim Marshall, offensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

is hiring his second assistant coach, a defensive coordinator.

The excitement may already buzz around campus, but the first scholarship football players will not come to UIW until fall 2008 and play begins in fall 2009.

“In the spring of 2008, (the football

coaches) will sign their first football class,” said Wayne Witt, director of sports information at UIW. “Largely freshmen, (the players) will come in for the year 2008 through 2009 and go through what we call a ‘red shirt’ season.”

A “red shirt” season refers to a season in which a team trains for

future games, but does not compete against other teams. The first team members will complete workouts and lift weights on campus.

Despite the early progress, Santiago still has a large task ahead of him, Witt said.

“(Santiago) has got staff to hire, he’s got

scheduling to do and he’s got to go find 10 or 11 schools to play us,” said Witt. “So there’s a lot to be done. He’s also got to buy all the equipment, all the stuff that the players wear, like the pants and shirts, the pads and socks and the shoes. So there’s a ton of stuff to do, stuff that can’t be done overnight.”

Cardinals brace to fly high this season

By Erin O’Brien
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High hopes for the success of new and traditional intercollegiate athletic teams are already firmly in place for fall.

While students and staff alike spend the next two years looking forward to football, they can enjoy another historic addition to UIW Athletics this fall. Last May, officials announced plans to begin a UIW men’s swimming team this fall under Coach Philip Davis. UIW Athletic Director Mark Papich is very optimistic about the future of the men’s swimming team.

“Based on the growth of our women’s program in the last 18 months,” Papich said, “this was a natural direction for

us to take. Coach Davis’ energy in recruiting and his coaching knowledge are exactly what we need for this program to take off.”

Like the women’s swimming team, the men’s swimming team is already scheduled to compete in the New South Intercollegiate Swimming Conference. At the conference last February, the women’s team placed fifth overall.

UIW Athletics has also added a diving team to its increasingly lengthy list of teams.

Other fall sports students can watch this fall include soccer, volleyball and cross country.

Wayne Witt, director of sports information, for one, has high hopes for all three sports this

season.

“There’s no way to tell for sure,” said Witt, “but there’s no reason our teams shouldn’t do well this semester.”

The men’s soccer team, now under Coach Ben Graham, has competed successfully the past three years by “winning conference championships and advancing to the NCAA tournament,” Witt said. “There is no reason they shouldn’t do that again. We think they’re going to be good enough.”

Although the women’s soccer team has “always been very, very good, they didn’t have such a good year last year,” Witt said. “We think they will rebound and maybe win a conference championship and be back where we think



Keri Chapman
Student-Athlete of the Year

they belong.” Witt also thinks the volleyball team can make a comeback. Since the volleyball team has had a string of less than stellar seasons, Witt says, “they need to rebound, and there’s every indication that they will.”

Despite the recent rough patches on the court, the UIW volleyball team received considerable attention last year when one of

its players, Kari Chapman, was named UIW student-athlete of the year.

During the year at Incarnate Word, members of the athletic department select a female and a male athlete of the week. These selections are based on performances on the field or court for the preceeding seven days. At the end of the year, those athletes selected on a weekly basis become eligible for UIW’s athlete of the year.

As for the men’s and women’s cross country teams, Witt said, although the teams have “not had a lot of success in the past,” the team roster is growing rapidly. Witt believes the team will improve this fall.

Derek Riedel, cross country coach, shares Witt’s enthusiasm.

“We are expecting a very large increase in numbers this year,” said Riedel. “I would like to see both teams win their first conference championships in school history. We have a good chance to win the conference championships for both teams. We are going to be young once again, but we have some good student-athletes who work extremely hard.”

Riedel is pleased that in the past two years, the cross country teams have broken several school records.

“This past spring,” said Riedel, “the men’s track team broke 17 school records and the women broke 12 records.”

After-dinner pinning rite greets newcomers



Freshmen participate in a pinning ceremony following the traditional Welcome Dinner in Rosenberg Sky Room on the fifth floor of the Conference Center.

SGA promotes experience

By Alice Ramirez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

The Student Government Association proved good teamwork ultimately results in great success as it sponsored two important events welcoming new students to UIW.

The first gathering and formal recognition of freshmen and new students was the Welcome Dinner and Pinning Ceremony held Friday, Aug. 17, in Rosenberg Sky Room atop Burton E. Grossman International Conference Center.

This event was in accordance with the university's founders, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, who "welcome to its community persons of diverse backgrounds, in the belief that their respectful interaction advances the discovery of truth, mutual understanding, self-realization, and common good."

Dr. Louis J. Agnese, Jr., UIW president, offered words of salutation and welcome to the university to the students, their parents and friends. Other newcomers were Kevin Moriarty, SGA President; Sandy McMakin, dean of Student Success; and Dr. Renee Moore, dean of Campus Life

"As the president of the student body, your representative, I would like to welcome you, the new class of undergraduates, to the University of the Incarnate Word," Moriarty said. "As a

student leader, my challenge to you is to step outside your comfort zone and become involved in different clubs and organizations.

"When your time here at this university is over, don't just have a piece of paper to show for what you did during college. Have experiences because they will better serve your purposes within the real world.

"I wish each of you a pleasant stay within the University of the Incarnate Word community and please feel free to stop by the SGA office anytime. Once again, thank you and God bless."

UIW grad Peter Cavazos, area manager of Citibank of San Antonio, then congratulated the students for choosing Incarnate Word.

"It is a wonderful thing to see that the university is continuing to grow and develop the leaders of tomorrow," Cavazos said. "It makes me proud to be a graduate of UIW. Citibank is committed to financial education in supporting future leaders of tomorrow." C

Father Philip Lambert, university chaplain, gave the invocation before the honored guests started to enrich themselves with the dinner, which consisted of Apple Jack Brandy glazed chicken, Boston Bibb lettuce, marinated roma tomatoes, cucumber relish and red currant vinaigrette, with

sides of garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables and rolls. These were followed by dessert of chocolate cake and tarts.

After dinner, Dr. Denise Doyle, vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, also greeted the crowd which then heard the mission's tenets from Travis Dangerfield, innovation; James Werline, service; Anna Green, truth; Andrew Deegear, faith; and Nell Webber, education.

The Pinning Ceremony followed as Beth Villarreal, director of Campus Ministry; the Rev. Trevor Alexander, assistant director of Campus Ministry; Lamberty; and Campus Ministry peer ministers performed the honors, with the help of other UIW administrators, staff members and friends.

Villarreal directed the students to form a semicircle around those persons present nearby to receive their pins, which have a gold-and-red UIW insignia.

Moore led the new student charge, to whom the students responded together, "I will," out loud.

Each new student was given a candle, instructed to light it and told that once the ceremony was over each one could, in turn, give them to their parents or another of their siblings as a treasure of love -- and that they must take them home.



A pooch gets some extra attention from a participant in a luau on the lawn.



Junior Krissi Jacobs meets her mentee at the 'Meet Your Mentor' program.



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Father Philip Lamberty follows a participant in the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

Honor students get blessings at Mass

By Alice Ramirez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

Honor students – online and off – received blessings of a crowd with outstretched hands as the students stood at the Mass of the Holy Spirit in Our Lady’s Chapel on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Online honors student Jeffrey Saucedo usually works more than 50 hours a week but he took the time to attend the Mass with his wife, Monica, and their 7-month-old daughter,

Jeri.

Sauceda, who maintained a 3.56 grade point average – 3.5 and above is needed to qualify for the Honor Roll at UIW – said he finds time to study “early mornings or late evening at home.”

The traditional Mass marks the beginning of the fall semester. During this special liturgy everyone present recognized honor students’ outstanding academic performance and achievement and

asked God’s continued blessing.

for having attained this high level,

Sauceda, who maintained a 3.56 grade point average – 3.5 and above is needed to qualify for the Honor Roll at UIW – said he finds time to study “early mornings or late evening at home.”

Although he is a student, husband and father and worker, “the Lord never gives us more than we can handle,” Saucedo said.



Senior Tiffany Swisher whirls inside a hula hoop in competition at the luau.

Luau fires up students

By Alice Ramirez
LOGOS CAMPUS EDITOR

Aloha! This time, the Student Government Association went Polynesian when they sponsored a second gesture of welcome to freshmen and new students. A luau was held in their honor.

The luau took place on the lawn between Dubuis and the Joyce buildings on Saturday, Aug. 18.

The scenery was typical of the state of Hawaii, as students added beauty with the attire they wore as in the popular islands. The colorful leis, hula skirts, flowers, and food of the islands could not be overlooked as this décor reminded one of the tropical sea isles.

The menu was informal, but scrumptious as the students savored well-prepared

shish-ka-bobs, which they could choose from either beef or chicken.

The “bobs” also included pineapples, cherry tomatoes, green peppers, and onions. Students didn’t seem to be having problems holding and eating from a stick.

Every 30 minutes, Denise Hernandez, SGA vice president, called a ticket number for some lucky ticket-holder and six winners took prizes home.

Next was the hoola-hoop contest. Students placed the hoops around their waists and whirled them around their waists until the hoops dropped on the ground.

Ten students entered the best-costume contest. Teddy Namirembe, a resident assistant at Marian Hall, won with her Hawaiian outfit, which featured a grass hula skirt.

A first for the UIW campus and luau were “The Brothers of the Flame,” three performers

who did routines with fire batons and twirled them as they slowly danced to exotic music. Everyone seemed to enjoy their performance as they quietly watched their every move. They came prepared, though. Part of their equipment was a fire extinguisher.

SGA President Kevin Moriarty said he had hoped the fiery performers would keep at the luau.

“One of the things I have noticed from my past experience as a student leader within SGA was that many students came out just for the free food,” Moriarty said. “Once (they had) eaten, they simply left. Therefore, when I suddenly found myself thinking about people juggling fire, I realized that this, or something like it, would engage more of the respective students.”



The College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences holds a welcoming picnic before the first day of classes on the lawn near the Administration Building.

Disabilities not always obvious to drivers

Coming out of a Chrysler Sebring convertible, a 20-year-old female looks like any other college student on campus.

Yet, in reality she is really not like her peers. The difference is spotted due to the handicap placard hanging from the rearview mirror of her vehicle. There is a sure reason as to why she possesses that placard, but in society's eye she is just using her grandmother's handicap placard. Believe it or not when I say she has experienced the judging of many people who question her disability.

Well, I'm that girl! Being disabled since age 12 due to a motor vehicle accident when both of my femurs were broken has made my life a struggle. I have had knee surgeries due to that first incident and leg pain since then that has changed my way of living day to day due to certain limitations. Then this past year, I was diagnosed with a herniated disc that had been slowly forming from the original impact that had occurred on my back.

After having two minor back procedures last year, this past May I had a spinal fusion on my lumbar region. This past procedure will limit me even more and has limited me as to what I can do physically. Yet all in all, I will always have physical limitations due to my original injury and any related injuries that arise. This



Crystal Castillo

leads me to the point that not everyone who has a disability must have a visible physical handicap or visible mental handicap.

As stated in Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, to have a disability is "to deprive of physical, moral, or intellectual strength." Having a disability then in turn is having a handicap, which -- as stated in Merriam-Webster's Dictionary -- is "a disadvantage that makes achievement unusually difficult." These definitions seem pretty straightforward as to who might have to possess a handicap placard, but yet society construes the definitions of these two terms making their own conception of a handicapped person. So therefore in my own words, a disabled or handicapped person is someone with limitations that hinder their ability to live life to the fullest without restrictions.

Since the beginning of this August on three separate occasions on campus, I have experienced judgments by

others who seem to think they can spot a "faker" when they see one! Yet these situations have presented themselves over a hundred times within the past eight years and I am simply fed up with them. The situation goes like this. I am getting out of my car and an individual simply gives me the look of " 'You aren't handicapped. What are you doing parking there?' " On the other hand, the individual can be more frank and just come out with saying, " 'Excuse me, are you handicapped? That is a handicap space you are parked in!' " One individual on campus yelled at me as I drove off, " 'Didn't you see that's a handicap space!' " Well, I guess I need to keep my handicap placard visible until I get home so people can see I have one and I'm not just parking in the space to limit my walking distance. Then my response as usual, if I get approached or hear a comment being made at me, is " 'Well



as you can see, I have a handicap placard and even though I am not limping I can show you my scars on my knees as well as the handicap paperwork with my driver's license if that will prove to you that it is my placard!' " Of course, as soon

as that comes out of my mouth, believe me that they start apologizing till there is no end and I just simply walk off without saying anything else and leave them thinking about how ridiculous they made themselves

borrow the handicap placard from someone in their family just to get a closer parking space, but people who usually park in those spaces have a disability or handicap whether it is visible or not.

Closer parking isn't a luxury for most people who have to park in a handicap space and that is because, well at least to me, it is a reminder that I am unable to walk long distances and can't live my life the way I believe would be a normal life!

So, the next time you see an individual come out of a car parked in a handicap space the only thing I ask of each person is not to judge too quickly because the individual more than likely has a physical or mental limitation that causes them to lead a different life than a normal person -- whether it is visible or not.

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Is that a Smartphone in your pocket?

It should be. Smartphones are the current "big thing" in the rapidly expanding sector of mobile technology.

Diminishingly different than brother-like PDAs, smartphones provide the voice-related features of the good ol' cellphone in addition to offering an ever-increasing amount of data-related functions.

Like desktop computers, the devices work off of an operating system (OS). Popular names like Windows Mobile 6, Symbian OS, and Mac OS X (for the iPhone) orchestrate the hardware of the tiny buggers, giving the user a customizable interface with an added environment of intelligence.

The smartphone's braininess stems from its extendable, software capabilities. Applications such as



Joseph Kirby

media players for *song and video*, minibrowsers for web lounging, and calendars for Type A individuals populate the smartphones by default. Added functionality remains only a download away as most smartphones allow installation of third-party software. Users can obtain directions from programs such as Google Maps or create Office files with software such as Documents to Go. Oh yes, buyers beware: smartphone purchases will lead to download fanaticism.

The "tethering" of the smartphone to a laptop by USB cable or Bluetooth link will not make one's addiction any better. Acting as a modem, the device provides mobile connectivity to the Internet for users on the move. As cellular data-networks get better, supporting smartphones improve in their ability to send and receive data at faster speeds. Sprint's EV-DO network, for instance, allows users to retrieve data from the web at speeds up to 2.4 Mbps. Why bother with a WiFi hotspot subscription?

Since a faster connection speed promotes the act of downloading, most smartphones bear a MiniSD card, expansion slot. MiniSD cards can extend a smartphone's storage capacity up to 4 GB; rocket scientists speculate that future

miniSD cards will reach capacities of 32GB. In effect, users can click "download" with comfort, knowing smartphones are capable of storing barrels of bits.

Today's popular smartphone models include Apple's iPhone, Palm's Treo and Motorola's Q. These devices range in price, depending on carrier and contract agreements.

Furthermore, as new smartphones enter the market, older ones drop in price like day-old bread. Therefore, prospective buyers must make sure to choose a smartphone that fits their needs and budget. All in all, users will find smartphones only obtain value from the regular use of their features.

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Don't wait for the 11th hour

As I was driving in Nevada in summer 2006, I noticed a car with an interesting bumper sticker. The sticker read, "For those who wait 'til the 11th hour, death comes at 10:30."

At first, I was kind of disturbed because of the play on the whole 11th-hour concept. The last days in the Bible are usually coined the eleventh hour, but searching through Hebrew scriptures and Aramaic language, the eleventh hour was considered as the last period of the work day or the final preparation until something wanted or desired was granted (for example, prayers). God would be unjust if we were faithful, but never blessed or prospered. So I was a little confused when I saw this bumper sticker.

However, I began to think of society over the



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past 20 years and how our community is shaped by various events in America. When the U.S. entered into the '80s, society started to show discomfort towards things that were deemed immoral. In "The People vs. Larry Flynt," Mr. Flynt's associates try to explain to him how the '80s were different than the '70s and how the Reagan administration created a very conservative society. During the '80s, large ministry groups began to pop up all over the nation largely due to the concep-

tion of TV evangelism. Once the television was involved in churches around the nation, people seeking publicity and PR boosts were popping up in these large churches. The Bakers and Jimmy Swaggart churches became large powerhouse churches with concert-like venues. But as soon as these ministers failed in their walk with Christ, congregations began to empty churches around the nation. The pop-culture of the early '90s began to influence society and the same people who condemned ministers for sexual immorality supported a president and brushed the same sin to the side and created a political uproar.

Then, almost like clockwork, we began to see just about every Christian rapper and hip-hop artist praise God above for every award

and blessing as George Bush becomes president on the back of a Christian-based campaign. More so after 9/11, people began to fill churches and every superstar artist was lighting some candle somewhere around the nation.

But then again, as soon as one American soldier is killed, churches start to empty and ministers start to call for President Bush to be impeached almost like a ploy to retain their congregation. When will it stop?

Well, on April 16th, as real people our age began to endure something tragic and horrific, people began to fill churches and start to ask the same questions asked after President Reagan was shot, the first WTC bombing, the OKC



be given to you." (Matt 6:33).

Amidst the finger-pointing and calls for firings at Virginia Tech, people are starting to quickly make choices of reason rather than understanding and faith. It's pretty hard to hold hands together and light candles when one is trying to get petitions for administrative removal signed. If we stop this cycle and begin our lives with prayer and faith, we can become a true help to society during tragic events rather than a hindrance. May God continue to bless you and try to set aside a few minutes of your day for prayer.

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bombing and 9/11. Why is society so fickle when it comes to faith? It's times unlike these that we are supposed to be in prayer for the nation, our families and our own trials and tribulations that we haven't even seen or endured. But like the Law of Relativity, society lets these tragic events be the basis for which faith is searched and studied. God said, "Seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things [blessings] will

'Can you afford that martini?' Costs can pile up defending DWI-DUI charges

By Kerrisa Chelkowski

Long gone are the days when the bartender says, "How about one for the road?"

A drink with friends after work can turn into the biggest financial quandary one may ever face. Driving-while-intoxicated offenses are at the forefront of America's legal system. Whether considered driving while intoxicated (DWI) or driving under the influence (DUI), the bottom line is DWIs are expensive.

A fine is just the start of what you will pay for an intoxication conviction. Insurance rates increase, legal bills surmount, alcohol treatment, and licensing fees can push the cost into five figures. A DWI conviction is a financial disaster. Not considering the extreme humiliation and hassle, a DWI has a horrible effect on your wallet and your professional future.

A veteran San Antonio police officer explained: "If I pull you over and you have the odor of alcohol on your person especially between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. on Thursday through Sunday, I don't care who you are I am placing you under arrest. It's not worth the risk."

The roadside stop is embarrassing and dangerous enough by performing tests on a busy highway in the dark, but now you are in handcuffs, in the back of the police vehicle. It is time to make that dreaded phone call. Bail costs can range from \$150 to \$2,500

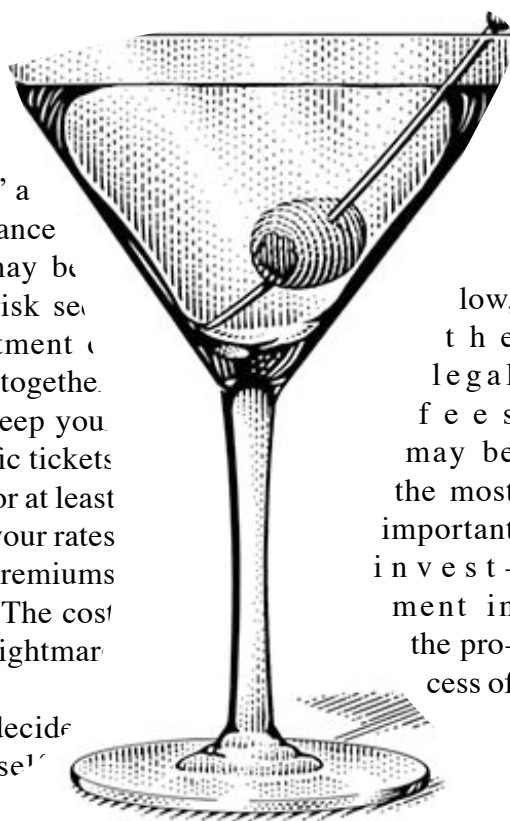
for a first offense, but can increase to \$100,000 or more depending on the seriousness of the offense.

Driving privileges are highly affected from a DWI arrest. Towing your car from the scene can cost you from \$100 to \$1,200.

"If you get a DWI conviction, it will likely affect your insurance rates for (at least) the next three to five years," a local USAA insurance agent said. You may be moved to a high-risk section of the department and may be dropped altogether. You will have to keep your nose clean, no traffic tickets or fender benders for at least five years to bring your rates down to the low premiums you once enjoyed. The cost of the insurance nightmare --\$5,000 or more.

Unless you decide to represent yourself, you will need to hire a lawyer. Because most professionals have more on the line than just their wallet this is a very important decision. Some lawyers may charge as little as \$500 to enter a quick plea, but with so much at stake, many professionals accused of DWI fight the charge. Entering a plea to a DWI offense is an instant conviction and loss of your driver's license. This is not a decision to make lightly. Legal representation can cost from \$4,000 to \$25,000 depending on the complexity of the defense and qualifications of the lawyer. A vigorous

defense may include representing you at the license revocation hearing, hiring an investigator to examine the arrest scene, and hiring expert witnesses who can testify to the inaccuracies in the field sobriety tests and breath-test procedures. Whether considered high or



low, the legal fees may be the most important investment in the process of

one's case.

Fines and court costs can range from county to county in Texas, but one fact remains the same: they add up and they increase year after year. A fine can be as high as \$2,000 for a first-time offense. The courts add additional costs such as alcohol evaluation screenings, alcohol education and treatment programs, and cost of court proceedings. Depending on the intensity of the programs, these costs may range from \$750 to \$4,000.

If one is convicted of a DWI whether through a plea bargain or a jury verdict these fees are not negotiable. If you ever want to get your license back these treatment programs are required. There is no deferred adjudication probation for a DWI in Texas. Entering a "no contest" or "guilty" plea to a DWI is the same as a jury finding you guilty. The conviction will remain on your record forever -- not exactly a resume-builder.

If you are convicted and your license is suspended, you must pay a license reinstatement fee, petition for an occupational license, and pay a surcharge to the Department of Public Safety for a period of three years. This will cost you more than \$3,500. If you are convicted of a second intoxication offense, that costs jumps to a minimum of more than \$6,500. And of course as in any venture there are the hidden costs and additional fees. For example, a Crime Stoppers fee, probation supervision fees, Victim Impact Panel assessment fees, victim compensation funds, and restitution if an accident was involved. If the judge considers that you were particularly drunk, an ignition interlock device will be ordered on your vehicle and any vehicle you have access to. These costs will range from \$1,500 and up.

Finally, there are the unexpected and sometimes unquantifiable costs. Life-insurance premiums may increase because of the

driver's license suspension and credit history could be negatively affected. Further, lost time from work, as a result of court dates, community service, treatment programs, and possible jail sentence, always equals lost money and clientele. For many people an arrest may result in losing one's job and a conviction may mean all the open doors before the arrest will suddenly shut. If you are a doctor, stockbroker, airline pilot, lawyer, teacher, or nurse, a DWI conviction could affect the status of your professional license. Many people find devastating effects to their work when they lose their license. A license may be suspended anywhere from 90 days to two years depending on the seriousness of the offense.

So in the end, can you afford that martini? DWIs are pricey. For professionals the biggest thing is sometimes the stigma that you get. That stigma does not have a financial cost, but the stigma does have both a social cost and a professional cost. DWIs affect everyone. Professionals cannot avoid this fact, but they can educate themselves and consider the real costs behind happy hour.

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Abra kadabra, alakazam!

Spanish professor weaves magic between classes

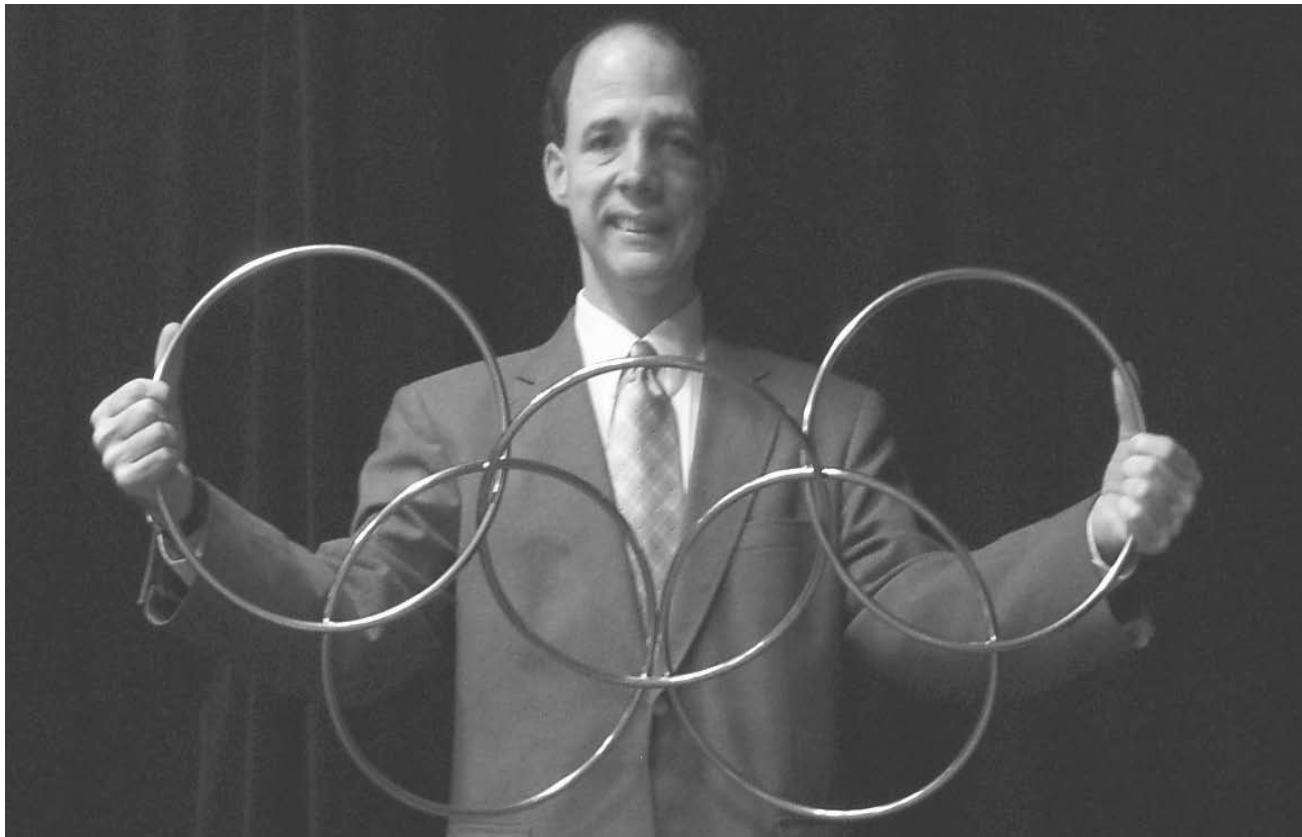
By Lauren Beavin
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Many professors seem to have magical abilities to detect faulty excuses or to conjure up interest in a stuffy subject, but one professor, Dr. Michael Tallon, is the real deal.

Many students have taken Spanish classes with Tallon, but most don't know he has a few tricks up his sleeve – literally. He's a magician.

Tallon's interest in magic began in the eighth grade when a classmate showed him a few card tricks. Tallon's father took him to a local magic shop and bought him some beginner's tricks. After mastering them, Tallon went back to the magic shop for more tricks. He did magic for about a year, but his interest faded once he got busy with high school. He picked it up again in 1996 after he watched a David Copperfield video.

Meanwhile, the San Antonio native translated his love for the Spanish language and culture into a fulfilling career. He earned his master's degree in Spanish Lin-



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Dr. Michael Tallon, a Spanish professor at UIW, presents five Chinese Linking Rings that appear to be linked. The illusion in this close-up magician's trick stands in making the solid rings interchange.

guistics at Georgetown University and came back to San Antonio to teach. He was hired full time at UIW in 2002 and began working on his Ph.D. at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Tallon learns magic by reading books, watching DVDs, practicing and rehearsing a lot, attending magic conventions and collaborating with fellow magicians. He specializes in close-up magic, which is magic

done in intimate settings for small groups of people, and in parlor magic, which is a show performed before larger audiences of about 30 to 50 people.

"Although I have many favorite tricks," said Tallon, "three of my favorites would have to be an effect in which a pencil penetrates a borrowed bill, a coin trick in which three silver dollars magically travel from one hand to the other and a card trick involving 'marked' cards and a stunning ending."

Tallon has been involved in magic for the past 11 years. He has been a member of San Antonio Ring 18 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians since 1996, Assembly 52 of the Society of American Magicians since 1998, the Texas Association of Magicians and Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic.

He has also performed magic at restaur-

rants, private parties, banquets and corporate settings, as well as some events at UIW, including a staff luncheon hosted by Dr. Denise Doyle, vice president of academic and student affairs.

Doyle's administrative assistant, Itza Casanova, was quite impressed with Tallon's performance at the luncheon.

"It's always great fun to experience the sleight-of-hand expertise of Dr. Tallon," Casanova said. "His appearance at the staff luncheon was intriguing and entertaining. He casually moved from table to table, quietly drawing in our attention as he manipulated a magical deck of cards. We tried to scrutinize his hand movements as carefully as possible. We thought we knew what was going to happen and then he makes an off-hand

comment and bam! It's a surprise delivered with a sly smile."

Most of Tallon's students don't know he's a magician. He doesn't perform much magic in his classes because once students find out he does magic, that's all they want to talk about.

"Who can blame them?" said Tallon. "Who wouldn't want to watch magic and be

entertained rather than have to work?"

However, sometimes he will perform a trick or two at the very end of the semester, especially if the students have been asking all semester long.

As for his discipline, Tallon said he plans to publish some scholarly articles based on his dissertation, as well as some other research he will pursue in the near future. His goal is "to continue doing the best job I can for my students, my department, my college and UIW as a whole.

"As far as my magic, I want to continue working to improve in the art I love so much. I have a passion for magic because it is a unique hobby that is fun to learn and perform. When you watch an audience experience magic live, you see this childlike wonder on their faces. The spectators are able to forget, if only briefly, their everyday problems and be astonished by what seems like the impossible."



A wave of the wand will make this fruit disappear.

For more information about Dr. Michael Tallon's magic, visit his website at <http://www.michaeltallonmagic.com>



A pencil is pushed through a dollar bill in this trick but the bill is not harmed.

For action - few films give satisfaction

What to rent in the action aisle

Did the over-the-top action blockbusters of summer 2007 leave you wishing you had taken more hours of summer school?

Did you think "Spiderman 3" and "Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer" were abominations to the cinematic genre of action?

Do you need a reminder that some action movies actually have the potential to impress, amuse, entertain and awe? If so, take a break from the theaters and head to the action aisle of your nearest rental store. If you've already seen all the Bond flicks



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and are, therefore, unsure of which "action-packed adventure" to rent, read the following reviews to ensure your spare time and pocket change are put to good use.

Rent it: "V for Vendetta" (2005)

Starring: Natalie Portman, Hugo Weaving, Stephen Rea and John Hurt

Synopsis: This bleak peak into the not-so-distant future features corrupt officials on every level of the societal totem pole from security guards to men of the cloth. Although that's nothing new to the action genre, the fact the audience is expected to cheer for the terrorist who threatens to thwart the oppressive British government by bombing buildings to the sounds of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" serves as an interesting new addition to the genre. Director James McTeigue and

his crew stay true to the radical implications of the original comic series, which already included depth that rarely graces the pages of graphic novels. This film constitutes the perfect combination of political skepticism, human rights activism and high-flying action.

Others to rent: "Full Metal Jacket" (1987), "Children of Men" (2006) and "Batman" (1989)

Skip it: "S.W.A.T." (2003)

Starring: Colin Farrell, Samuel L. Jackson, Michelle Rodriguez and LL Cool J

Synopsis: This so-

called "thrill ride" inspires about as many thrills as waiting in line to buy peaches at the grocery store. Both are boring, predictable and unsatisfying. The special effects are tired, cheap and overdone, and the plot is just tired and cheap. The story doesn't even get moving until about an hour into the film, and when it does, it's about as familiar and exciting as the palm of your hand. If you're still awake when the "action" begins, the ending, right down to who gets killed and who gets together, couldn't present itself any clearer than if director Clark Johnson had scrolled

it across the screen in 10 different languages. The acting, even from Samuel L. Jackson, disappoints almost as much as the complete lack of character development. The flat, typical and uninteresting characters make even the dullest of lectures seem like the true "thrill." I recommend this piece of cinematic drivel only to insomniacs and others in need of a good night's sleep.

Others to skip: "XXX" (2002), "Uncommon Valor" (1983) and "Batman and Robin" (1997)

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Courtesy of GEORGE BURNETTE

Theater majors Andrew Douglas and Vanessa Chaparro audition for roles in Beth Henley's 'Crimes of the Heart' set to open Sept. 28 at Coates Theatre.

Stage curtains to rise on 2007-08 season

Seven productions await patrons in the 2007-08 season for the Department of Theatre.

First up is a three-day run of "The Golden Age of Radio" featuring The Extended Run Players at 7 p.m. Sept. 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sept. 9 in Cheever Downstage II Theatre.

The Players are expected to "bring to life some of the most memorable 'on air' program-

ming from the Golden Age of Radio," a news release said, including "The Bickersons," "The Lone Ranger," "Let's Pretend" and "Burns and Allen." Since 1997, the Players have donated any profits to a scholarship fund for the department.

Auditions wrapped up last weekend for Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart," a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy

about the emotional crises and triumphs of three quirky Southern sisters. The play is scheduled at 8 p.m. Sept. 28-29, Oct. 5-6; 2 p.m. Sept. 30; and 7 p.m. Oct. 4 in Elizabeth Coates Theatre.

Fall stagings will close out with "The Clean House" by Sarah Ruhl, which is billed as "a funny, expansive and poignant play about tidy lives, messy loves, and

the power of a really good joke." Shows are at 8 p.m. Nov. 9-10, 16-17; 2 p.m. Nov. 11; and 7 p.m. Nov. 15.

"The Importance of Being Earnest," Oscar Wilde's witty and irreverent satire of Victorian morality, marriage and mischief, begins a spring run at 8 p.m. Feb. 29, March 1, 7 and 8; 2 p.m. March 2; and 7 p.m. March 6.

The Extended Play-

ers will return in the spring with a double feature: "I'm Herbert" by Robert Anderson and "The Diaries of Adam and Eve" by Mark Twain.

The 2007-08 season will close out with Richard Greenburg's "Three Days of Rain," a drama that wrestles with the legacy of dysfunctional parents, family secrets, and one extraordinary house. The production will be 8 p.m. April 25-

26 and May 2-3; 2 p.m. April 27; and 7 p.m. May 1.

UIW students and faculty receive one complimentary ticket with valid ID for all plays and may purchase a second ticket at a discounted rate of \$8. Otherwise, admission for non-UIW students is \$8 for students, \$9 for seniors and \$6 a ticket for groups of 10 or more.

Storyteller to give performance

Noted Israeli storyteller and performance artist Noa Baum will be featured at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in "Wisdom of the Heart: The Power of Stories," in Marian Hall Ballroom.

Baum's work "builds bridges of understanding and compassion between East and West, American and Israeli, Arab and Jew, past and present," according to a news release. Baum's "timeless stories from world traditions (connect) us with our common humanity in wisdom, generosity and hope."

The program is co-sponsored by the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences and its Departments of Cultural Studies, English, Liturgical Outreach, Music, Religious Studies, Philosophy, Political Science,

Psychology and Theatre Arts.

Born and raised in Jerusalem, Baum holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theatre arts from Tel-Aviv University and was an actress with Khan Repertory Theater in Jerusalem. When the theater had financial difficulties, she was cast to do the Cinderella Job: entertain family audiences with stories and creative drama. Initially downcast and humiliated, she later was intrigued by the healing power of stories and drama. She studied acting with Uta Hagen in New York and received a master's degree in Educational Theater from



Noa Baum

New York University with an emphasis in drama therapy.

Returning to Tel-Aviv, she continued to

combine storytelling and drama working in a school for emotionally disturbed boys and teaching at teacher

colleges.

She toured Israel with a shadow puppet show and storytelling presentations. In 1990 she returned to the United States. Since 1993 she has trained with Kaya Anderson and the Roy Hart Theater (based in France) exploring "the inextricable link between the voice and the psychology of the individual" and expanding the potential of the human voice.

Her performances and residencies include the Mayo Clinic for Humanities in Medicine in Minnesota; Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.; Jewish Museum in New York City; Mariposa Storytelling

Festival in California; Bay Area and Sonoma Storytelling Festivals in California; Washington (D.C.) Storytellers Theater, Washington; and National Storytelling Conferences.

Baum has produced and performed storytelling events for adults including "Marvelous Maidens, Incredible Crones -- Stories of Women Wise and Bold." Her one-woman show for adults is "A Land Twice Promised." She is a recipient of a 2004 Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award. Her multicultural audio recording of stories, "Far Away and Close to Home," won a Parents' Choice Recommended Award.

Baum, a member of the National Storytelling Network, lives in the D.C. area with her husband and two children.

Symposium features McNair Scholars

McNair Scholars from Incarnate Word and other universities will present research projects 1-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the Gorman Building.

Refreshments will be served at noon in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library. Welcoming remarks, beginning at 12:30 in the library auditorium on the first floor, will come from Moises Torrescano, director of the program; Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW president; Dr. Terry Dicianna, provost; Dr. Denise J. Doyle, vice president of academic and student affairs; and Dr. Kevin B. Vichales, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

Dr. Roberta M. Leichnitz, coordinator of the program, will introduce the scholars before they move to breakout sessions in the Gorman Building where they will make 15-minute presentations and address questions for 10 minutes.

UIW student presentations include:

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1 p.m.: Katherine Bateman, UIW, "Fractals: A History."

1:50 p.m.: Erica Alfaro, UIW, "Jamming during Social Interactions in Glass Knife Fish, *Eigenmannia virescens*."

2:40 p.m.: Jessica A. Garza, UIW, "Cloud Seeding Effects and Processes."

3:05 p.m.: Christian Rios, UIW, "Smooth Ride: Superpave and the Next Generation of Asphalt Mixtures."

GB115

1 p.m.: Mayra Vasquez, UIW, "The Importance of 'honor' and 'honra' in 'El poema de mio Cid.'"



Adriana Barron



Annie Lopez



Belinda Santos



Christian Rios



Cynthia Barron



Denise Hernandez



Devin Bedford



Erica Alfaro



Jessica Garza



Katie Batman



Lupita Aguirre



Maria Robledo



Mayra Vasquez



Nora Taylor



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1:25 p.m.: Maria Robledo, UIW, "The Representation of Women in the Poetry of Jaime Sabines."

1:50 p.m.: Annie Lopez, UIW, "Voices from the Past: The Story of a Mexican American Neighborhood."

3:05 p.m.: Cynthia Barron-Tevelenkov, UIW, "Marxism and the Formalist Aesthetic."

GB 116

1 p.m.: Nora M. Taylor, UIW, "Increasing Hispanic Purchasing Power: A Time Series Analysis (1981-2005)."

1:25 p.m.: Carlo Reyes, UIW, "Social Entrepreneurial Businesses: A Case Study on the Guadalupe Street Coffee Company."

2:15 p.m.: Devin Chantelle Bedford, UIW, "Ripped and Revised: The Music Industry and Legal World Response to Digital Piracy."

2:40 p.m.: Adriana Barron, UIW, "Germany and E.U. Immigration."

3:05 p.m.: Eduardo Galan, UIW, "UIW Kemper Scholar Summer 2007 Summer Experience with the Joffrey

Ballet in Chicago."

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2:40 p.m.: Xavier Garza, UIW, "Families of Mice and other Sexy Stuff: A Research Internship."

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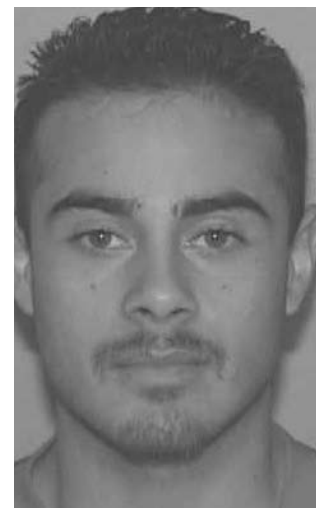
1:25 p.m.: Soraida Portales, UIW, "A Comparison of Samples in the Women's Health Journal and the Journal of Health Psychology."

GB119

1 p.m.: Brandi N. Barrera, Our Lady of the University, "Social Anxiety and Alcohol Association on the IAT."



Xavier Garza



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2:15 p.m.: Guadalupe M. Aguirre, UIW, "Mental Retardation and the Death Penalty."



Some days our journey of faith feels less like a pursuit of God and more like running in quicksand. When life gets crazy our excitement for knowing God can fade. Somewhere along this rollercoaster we are forced to ask, "What's next?" or "Can I just start over?" The answer is YES! Every day with God is a new beginning. If you are looking to hit rewind on your spiritual life and take in the newness of God, we have a church for you! Join us for the new series, *Rewind*, at eastgate, Sunday nights, 6pm at Community Bible Church. Coffee Bar and bookstore open at 5:30pm.

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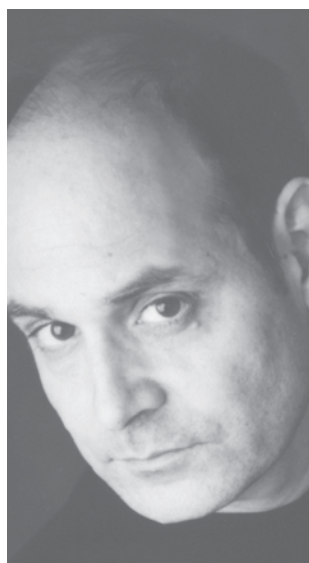




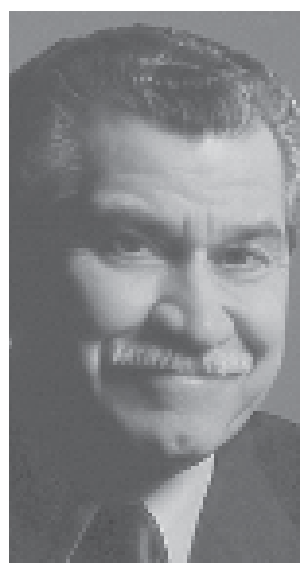
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Dream Circle

‘MacArturos’ set for forum on San Antonio

Three Latino MacArthur Fellows will talk about their ideas for taking San Antonio to another level in a special forum from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 5, in Marian Hall Ballroom.

The fellows in this “Locos, Dreamers and Visionaries” program also will listen to others’ ideas, said Dr. Gilberto M. Hinojosa, an Incarnate Word history professor who is serving as coordinator of this event.

“These MacArthur ‘Genius’ Award Fellows will join the UIW community for a ‘Dream Circle’ to brainstorm and imagine San Antonio 10 years forward,” Hinojosa said. “This cross-discipline conversation – this not a lecture – with the

‘MacArturos’ hopes to involve UIW students, faculty, and staff in dreaming a new San Antonio.”

Hinojosa is working with Sandra Cisneros to bring the forum – a spinoff from a citywide program Cisneros is planning – to campus.

The MacArthur Fellows coming to campus include John C. Bonifaz, founder of the National Voting Rights Institute; John Jesurun, a playwright-director-designer living in New York; and Hipolito “Paul” Roldan, president and chief executive officer of Chicago-based Hispanic Housing Development Corp.

Bonifaz, a public interest lawyer, uses innovative litigation to re-examine campaign

finance reform arguments typically debated on First Amendment grounds. Through the institute he founded, Bonifaz recasts the legal arguments to focus on 14th Amendment protections, challenging the relationship between money and politics.

Bonifaz is a 1992 cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School. He has written and spoken extensively around the country on the anti-democratic nature of the private financing of public elections and on the federal court battle to hold Texaco accountable for its controversial oil-drilling practices in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

In 2003, Bonifaz served as lead counsel for a coalition of U.S. soldiers, their parents,

and members of Congress in a federal lawsuit challenging the authority of President Bush to launch a war against Iraq absent a congressional declaration of war.

Bonifaz later wrote a book, “Warrior King: The Case for Impeaching George Bush.”

Jesurun’s presentations integrate elements of language, film, architectural space and media. His narratives cover a wide range of themes and explore the relation of form to content, challenging the experience of verbal, visual and intangible perceptions. His work is distinguished by his integrated creation of the text, direction, set and media design.

His work, “Chang in a Void Moon,” is a live episodic serial running

since 1983, originally at the Pyramid Club in the East Village, and now though less frequently at venues worldwide. The large and varying cast has included movie actor Steve Buscemi.

Other Jesurun works include “Bird’s Eye View,” “Dog’s Eye View,” “Number Minus One,” “Red House,” “Shatterhand Massacre,” “Deep Sleep,” “White Water,” “Black Maria,” “Sunspot,” “Everything that Rises Must Converge,” “Blue Heat,” “Iron Lung,” “Southern Cross,” “Point of Debarkation,” “Slight Return,” “Pearly Iridescent,” “Joan D’Ark,” “Faust/How I Rose,” “After Image,” “Land of the Living,” “Snow,” “Bardo,” “Septet (Part 1 and

2),” “Stoned Love” and “Firefall.”

Roldan, also president and CEO of Tropic Construction Co., has developed nearly 2,000 affordable apartments and townhouses in 22 developments for families and elderly residents of several Hispanic communities in Chicago.

A native Puerto Rican, Roldan is a member of numerous boards at such varied agencies as the Urban Land Institute, Division Street Business Development Association, Chicago United, MB Financial Bank N.A., Local Initiatives Support Corp., National Puerto Rican Coalition, Latinos United, Human Relations Foundation of Chicago and Chicago Transit Authority.

Understanding the past and predicting the state of our world in 2020

In the last couple of articles I have written about a Pew Research Center survey released in January 2007 – see peoplepress.org/reports/display.php3?ReportID=300 -- in an effort to answer several questions:

What kind of world will our students inherit? [and] What kind of attitudes or values may they be learning today that will shape the way they run it when it is their turn?

In my last article I revealed the survey indicated that “to get rich” (81 percent) and “to be famous” (51 percent) are the “most important goals in life” for today’s youth (Generation Y or the Millennials, born between 1982-2002), followed by “to help people who need help” (30 percent), “to be leaders in their community” (22 percent), and “to become more spiritual” (10 percent) and that, incidentally, their parents (Generation X, born between 1961-1981) also had



Phil Youngblood

“to get rich” as their top goal (62 percent), but overall had less self-focused goals than today’s youth.

Now I admit I was a bit aghast that getting rich and famous were the top goals of our youth (and last time gave some arguments about how few will attain these goals because of the marginal nature of the very definitions of these goals with respect to the majority of the populace), but then I thought better of it and realized (1) this survey was not taken of UIW students, who I hope are less self-serving than the general populace, and (2) all youth have probably always sought “fame and fortune” as

soon as they left home. Such is the nature of youth. I suppose this is even healthy.

I am not so far removed from my 20s that I cannot remember being extremely idealistic about the world and the way it “should” be, including my own prospects for the future. As I may have mentioned earlier, when else in life can you have the loftiest of aspirations for yourself and the world? Lofty ambitions are far better than being soured on life so soon. Plus, even 30 percent of survey respondents feel to “help people who need help” was one of their most important goals.

Strauss and Howe – see fourthturning.com/html/generations_archetypes.html -- and my last two articles) have detected 80-year cycles of historical events over the last 500 years of English/U.S. history that have helped form four generational types who, in turn, help create four types of time periods. They classify



today’s young adults as a HERO generation (similar to the last HERO generation who fought World War II) who, in childhood were quite protected by their parents and experienced a time of Unraveling (for today’s college-aged students this was the time of changes from the mid-1980s to mid-2000s; for the last HERO generation, WWI and Prohibition), who as young adults are strong team-builders, who will become indulgent parents, and who are experiencing a time of Crisis (9/11 and the Iraq conflict and its aftermath for this generation, the Depression and

WWII for the last HERO generation) and who challenge the political failures of “elder-led crusades” (quote from fourthturning.com), who in midlife will live during a High period (the last High was experienced by midlife HEROs from 1946-1964 when the United States became a global superpower, social movements stalled, the middle class grew and prospered, churches supported government, and war budgets were redirected to building infrastructure like the freeway system and goals like the first space program), and who will become society’s elders during a time of Awakening (like

that experienced from 1964-1984, when the last HERO generation were society’s elders).

If Strauss and Howe are correct in their assessments and predictions we may know something about the world of 2020 – we may (unfortunately) still be in a period of Crisis (but approaching another High) when today’s young adults are in their 30s and starting to run the world, while many of UIW’s faculty (“Baby Boomers,” a PROPHET generation) will be in their 60s-80s and increasingly watching what today’s young adults do with the world they inherit.

In my next article I will explore technology trends and begin to predict computer-related technologies we will likely see in 2020 and how they might affect our lives.

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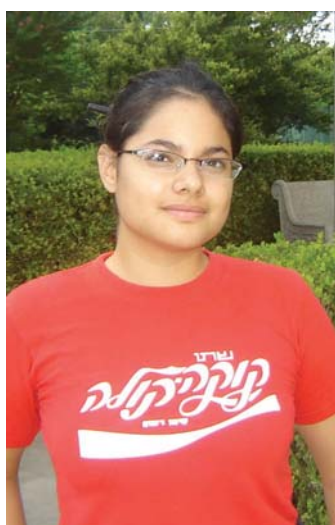


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