

Graduation going online

Graduation weekend will feature one Mass and three separate commencement ceremonies over two days for the first time and all three degree-granting rites may be seen online in real time, officials said.

“Live video streaming will begin half an

hour before the ceremony begins,” Dr. Jim Parlett, chief information officer. The website is <http://support.uiwtx.edu/Homepage/webstreaming.html>

The registrar, Dr. Bob-bye G. Frye, said three separate graduation ceremonies were needed this

fall to accommodate the “substantial increase in the number of students participating.”

“We saw an increase in both the number of December graduation applications we received as well as the number of August completers who

indicated they planned to attend the December ceremonies,” Frye said. “Recognizing that this growth would require us to severely restrict the number of tickets issued to each student, the Academic Leadership added a third commencement

ceremony.”

Since December 2001, the university has been holding two graduation ceremonies on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon with Mass preceding them

No tickets are required for the 5:30 p.m. Mass

on Friday, Dec. 12, at Alice McDermott Convocation Center but tickets are required for the commencement ceremonies later Friday night Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon in the center.

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Volunteers experience wheelchair obstacles

By Michele Gualano
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Some volunteer students and faculty learned a lot about campus accessibility to the handicapped by taking the “Freedom Challenge” Wednesday, Oct. 29, during the first Disability Awareness Week.

Walk, Roll and Read organized the challenge, which featured the volunteers tackling several destinations in wheelchairs. Taco Bueno restaurant, 8311 State Highway 151, which is an all-accessible facility, provided funding. Project MEND, a non-profit agency that helps



Dr. Denise Doyle takes a roll. low-income people with disabilities obtain medical equipment, provided the wheelchairs.

“The name ‘Freedom Challenge’ was one that I thought would represent the various hopes that our members and faculty supporters had wanted, which was not to emphasize our differences, but to celebrate the freedom that assistive technology gives to those who would not be able to travel without it,” said Rachel Cywinski, president of Walk, Roll and Read. “We offered invitations to participate so that those who make the decisions would have the opportunity to determine for themselves what

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13 to win ca\$h cards

Thirteen may be an unlucky number for some but that many University of the Incarnate Word students will be counting their blessings this holiday season.

That’s because the 13 were randomly selected to receive cash cards ranging from \$100 to \$750 for answering an online survey.

They’ll find out exactly what they won at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Office of the Provost.

Those invited include Tara Alexander, Emre Bo-

latkale, Monica Chavez, Emily Fischer, Jacqueline Gutierrez, Ashley Hinojosa, Kyrenda King, Placido Madera, Richard Martinez, Carolyn Powell, Marissa Romanos, Christina Vazquez and LaTisha Walker.

They were among the students who participated in the completely anonymous Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory between Oct. 29 and Nov. 30, said Dr. Jim Parlett, the university’s chief information officer.

“This survey measures

the expectations and perceptions of students on a wide range of topics, including such areas as instructional effectiveness, campus life, safety and security, and several others,” Parlett said.

This survey, which is part of UIW’s overall assessment plan, is the single-most important measure of students’ satisfaction at UIW. That’s why officials are willing to pay \$2,250 in cash prizes: there will be one \$750 prize, two \$250 prizes and 10 for \$100.



BURGUNDI BERNAL/LOGOS STAFF
Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., left, serves students spaghetti along with plenty of other faculty and staffers.

President serves free spaghetti

By Brittany Valadez
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For the past 23 years, the students of the University of the Incarnate Word have been enjoying a holiday tradition that leaves both the stomach and pocketbook full.

The recipe for the Italian dinner was passed down through generations of the president of the university, Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr.

“The first dinner was in 1985, December, and we have been doing it ever since,” Agnese said. “The dinner is served somewhere between Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

The annual spaghetti dinner has become a staple of the campus since it

first began. Its uniqueness lies in the fact the entire dinner is prepared and put together by Agnese, faculty and staff from serving to preparing to cleaning up.

A few days before the event, the meatball-rolling begins. On the day of the event, Agnese can be found making the secret sauce used to flavor the spaghetti.

The dinner is open to anyone, but only UIW students can get in free with their ID.

This year, the dinner brought forth some changes, setting the mood to a more elegant feel.

“The preparation for next year’s event begins right after this dinner,”

said Kristen Garcia, assistant director of Student Leadership Activities. “We talk about things we can improve on. This is the first year we have ever had it in the Sky Room. We wanted less off a cafeteria feel.”

Faculty and staff also donate desserts. They act as wait staff so the students get to enjoy time with their teachers away from the classroom in a more relaxed setting.

For Matthew Sanchez, a junior international business major, this year’s dinner was his second time attending the special event over the last three years.

“I came on my lunch break,” Sanchez said. “It’s free and it’s good.”

UIW observes Veterans Day

By Alison Villanueva
LOGOS Staff Writer

Students, professors, and proud veterans from each branch of the armed forces came together on the Dubuis Lawn on Tuesday, Nov. 11, to celebrate Veterans Day and honor the U.S. military.

The hourlong ceremony consisted of blessings, wreath-laying, and songs sung by the Incarnate Word High School Choir.

“The University of the Incarnate Word really lays out its red carpet for its veterans,” said Air Force veteran Michelle Martin, a

computer information systems major who served six years. “I feel like part of a community here, much like I did in the military.”

With its newly formed Student Veterans Association, UIW now offers that community atmosphere to its student population.

The ceremony not only attracted the UIW community, but surrounding communities as well. KSAT 12 witnessed the honoring of the veterans, as well as local San Antonio service members.

After the ceremony, refreshments served by

Sodexo were available to all who attended. Many students took the initiative to mingle and converse with veterans, and took a group picture in the end to commemorate their heartfelt thanks.

“The University of the Incarnate Word really lays out its red carpet for its veterans,” said Air Force veteran Michelle Martin, a computer information systems major who was one of the program speakers. “I feel like part of a community here, much like I did in the military.”



ALISON VILLANUEVA/LOGOS STAFF
U.S. Army Chief Master Sgt. Fernando Rodriguezramos is getting his master’s degree this month.

UIW dedicates parking tower

By Jaclyn Garcia
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The nine-level Alonso Ancira Tower – a 292,000-square-foot structure featuring 800 parking spaces that was constructed in less than a year -- was dedicated Monday, Nov. 24.

Before the ceremony began, guests enjoyed recorded, festive holiday music in what turned out to be a beautiful day after an early-morning rain. Sister Kathleen Coughlin,

vice president for institutional advancement, served as the emcee. Min Seo Cheon, a UIW international student, sang the national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

The blessing of the tower was led by Sister Walter Maher and Archbishop Jose Gomez. They blessed not only the parking tower, which opened Aug. 25, but all those who enter it.

UIW Board of Trustees Chairman Charlie Amato

thanked Ancira, chairman of the board of Altos Hornos de Mexico, the largest steel manufacturing company in Mexico, for this major gift to a growing university: parking.

“I know when I was in college, parking was just as difficult as my classes,” Amato said.

Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., UIW’s president, also praised Ancira and his family for the gift.

“Alonso has always been a supporter of edu-

cation,” Agnese said, as he presented Ancira with a framed picture of the tower that Coughlin emphasized should “keep Incarnate Word in his mind.”

Ancira, also chair of Mexicans and Americans Thinking Together, said the tower really was an homage to his father who he was named after.

“My father always said the best gift to give is education,” Ancira said. “This building is for him.”



MAGGIE CALLAHAN/LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR
Alonso Ancira speaks at the parking tower dedication ceremony.

Dollhouse raffle to combat cancer

A John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy student and her family have built a dollhouse valued at \$800 to raffle Thursday, Dec. 11, to raise money to fight cancer.

“A House for Betty” dollhouse is on display in the school’s Office of Student Affairs and \$1 tickets may be purchased at the school or from Pre-Pharmacy Student Association members until Wednesday, Dec. 10. Last year, the first dollhouse raised more than \$1,200 to help fund cancer research and treatment in the San Antonio area.

The dollhouse raffle is part of the Pre-Pharmacy Student Association’s

drive to benefit the Susan G.

Roxanne Rohrbacher, a member of the pharmacy school’s inaugural Class of 2010, and her family built and furnished last year’s dollhouse and this one as a memorial to her late aunt, Betty Jo Rutledge, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in November 2004 and died Sept. 8, 2005.

“My aunt, Betty, was nothing short of an inspiration,” Rohrbacher said. “She had a passion for family, for volunteering, and for bringing happiness into the lives of children. Even as she underwent chemotherapy I never heard her complain. She continued to

laugh, continued to smile and participate in life (until she died). It is because of her spirit that each year my family continues to honor her and her battle with this terrible disease.

“In 2007, my Aunt Betty’s husband, Paul, their youngest son, my husband and I decided to start ‘A House for Betty’ as a way to honor her and her love for bringing happiness into the lives of children. We build, decorate, and furnish a wooden dollhouse, and donate it to the (pharmacy school) to be raffled off each year in time for Christmas.

“Each dollhouse is painted pink in commemoration of my aunt’s fight

against breast cancer. Each year the dollhouse is decorated differently, with its own unique story to lend. Some of the special touches in 2007 included a house number of 1038 to represent the month and year of Betty’s birth, had a picture of her above the fireplace, and even had a cake in the oven since she loved to teach all the nieces how to bake. This year we have continued to include ‘her’ in the special touches. For example, a tea set almost as special as the ones she collected sits upon the coffee table, waiting to be served.”

Last year’s winner was a child named Sara Rains, Rohrbacher said.



This dollhouse will help raise needed funds for cancer research.

Quirk sets mid-February deadline for submissions

Special to the Logos

Mid-February is the deadline for submissions to the 2009 edition of *Quirk*, the University of the Incarnate Word’s journal of literature and art, the adviser said.

Linda Ford, an adjunct English professor, said she hopes students, faculty and staff will begin thinking ahead about submitting their creative works

for this year’s collection to next spring’s

Editing and Publishing class.

The Editing and Publishing course is an elective for both English and communication arts majors. As the Editorial Board of *Quirk 2009*, this year’s class will announce the deadline and guidelines for submissions early in the spring semester.

Past issues of the journal have featured poetry, short fiction, essays and visual arts in a variety of media. Most of the works presented are by UIW students, but *Quirk 2008* included several works from faculty and staff as well. Ford said this year’s Editorial Board probably will again accept entries from all members of the UIW community.

Ford urges anyone interested in submitting to look at back issues of *Quirk* for an idea of the kinds of work that have been selected for publication in the past. Back issues are available at a nominal price from the Office of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (AD 163), and J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library also has all back

issues in its periodicals collection.

Although submission guidelines may be modified slightly for the 2009 edition, they will be substantially the same as last year’s guidelines, which may be viewed at www.uiw.edu/quirk.

“One of the things I like best about working on *Quirk* is seeing how many people on this campus —

in all departments and at all levels — are doing impressive creative work that isn’t seen in classes or as part of the university’s event calendar,” Ford said. “*Quirk* gives many of these people the encouragement and recognition their work deserves while also giving readers the pleasure of seeing what others around them have done.”

University Ethics Debate team qualifies for 2009 nationals

UIW’s Ethics Debate Team placed third Nov. 15 in the 11th Annual Texas Regional Ethics Bowl and

has qualified for the National Ethics Bowl set March 5-8, 2009, in Cincinnati.

UIW was among 14 uni-

versities in Texas competition and among 32 qualifying for nationals.

The four-member team in-

cludes Emanuel Carrillo, a junior philosophy major; Sonia Ramirez, a sophomore political science major; Chrystal

Perryman, a sophomore business major; and Denise D. Hernandez, a junior political science major.

Jennifer Velez and Dr. Paul Lewis are the coaches for the UIW Ethics Debate team.

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the benefits of accessibility are.”

Dr. Denise Doyle, the provost, and Student Government Association President Denise D. Hernandez, rolled out together from Jordan Clock Tower to the Administration Building. Their assignment was to get to the Learning Assistance Center on the second floor and back.

“I knew it wouldn’t be easy,” said Doyle, who had never used a wheelchair before. “The first

time out was demanding. I learned that mobility is something that most of us take for granted. I learned that there are slight inclines or bumps that we don’t normally notice.”

“I never truly understood the difficulty of being physically handicapped until I participated in the Wheelchair Challenge,” Hernandez said. “I also realized that the university is working towards making the campus more accessible. The

reason the Challenge was made easier was because of the amazing improvements made outside the Administration Building. The entrance button made it easy for Dr. Doyle and I to enter and leave the building.”

Cristina Ariza, director of the Learning Assistance Center, said she decided to take the Wheelchair Challenge based on personal reasons.

“Several years ago I met a young lady who

is a quadriplegic,” Ariza said. “Since then, not a day goes by when I don’t think of her and wonder what her life is like. The Freedom Challenge presented an opportunity to gain at least some understanding of what it is like for individuals who use wheelchairs.”

McNair Scholar Mayra Vasquez said she chose to endure the challenge because she has close friends who are disabled.

“I wanted to under-

stand them a little better,” Vasquez said. “They inspire me to do better. From this experience, I have a small insight into their lives. I learned they are stronger than many people think they are. They may need more time to do everything, but they are not weak, or should be treated any different[ly]. I have always known they are strong, but now I understand it at a different level.”

But participant Erin

Nichols, a communication arts major, discovered not all of the campus was so easily accessible.

“At one point I tried to open a restroom door that was supposed to be wheelchair-accessible, and found that I could not do it while remaining in the wheelchair,” Nichols said. “I felt that was quite unfortunate because normally one would think that if there is a handicap logo on a door that it would be wheelchair-accessible.”



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@ The first commencement for candidates earning the master’s or doctoral degree will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. The speaker will be Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade.

@ The second commencement will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, for bachelor’s degree candidates in the H-E-B School of Business and Administration as well as the School of Interactive Media and Design.

@ The third commencement will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, for bachelor’s degree candidates in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences; Dreeben School of Education; School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering; and School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Margaret Mitchell, a theatre arts professor and the 2008-2009 Moody Professor, will speak at both Saturday programs.

Dentist begins campus stops

By Teresa Velasco
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Got cavities? University of the Incarnate Word students enrolled in the Student Assurance Incorporated plan began receiving on-campus dental services this fall.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, several students had appointments with Dr. Olaf Haerens of Tejas Dental Care Mobile Services, a 10-year-old, traveling dental service that recently began making college visits.

Haerens arrived at 7:30 a.m. on his first visit

to the Office of Health Services. By 10 a.m., he had examined more than 20 students.

Student Angela Vebalos was glad to see Haerens.

“Since I’m not from here it is a lot easier than going all the way back home to Laredo to get the work I need done,” Vebalos said.

“I think that it is a very good service the school is providing us with because it just makes it a lot easier to find someone, especially with our parents far away, who will provide

professional dental care,” QuynhAnn Ton said. “Dr. Haerens is really good, and I would recommend everybody on campus to take advantage of this opportunity.”

Serving the students, Haerens said, takes him back to his college days.

“I was a foreign student myself when I went to college, and one time when I broke a tooth I didn’t really know where to go,” Haerens said. “If anybody is in the same boat, I want to be there to help them so they don’t have that same feeling.”



TERESA VELASCO/LOGOS STAFF
Dr. Olaf Haerens of Tejas Dental Care Mobile Services checks an Incarnate Word student's mouth.

Chorale holds benefit talent show

By Elisa Gonzalez
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Two hundred and fifty big ones! That was the amount of cash awarded to the overall most-talented participant in the “UIW’s Got Talent” benefit show on Friday, Nov. 21.

The Chorale presented the show in the Theatre Arts Building to help raise funds for the group’s tour of Ireland in May.

The audience filled up most of the theatre. There were 15 different

acts, from singing and guitar-playing to exotic Middle Eastern and hip-hop dancing.

Junior Ruben John gave an acoustic/folk rock guitar and vocal performance of his original composition, “The Slow Dance of Love.”

“I felt pretty comfortable,” John said about his performance. “Performing is always a thrill for me. Plus, it helps publicity.”

“I was ready,” grad student Brooker Stacker

said of her performance of “Listen” from the “Dream-girls” musical. “I love singing with a passion. Any opportunity I get to sing, I take.”

G-Code, a dance group, performed their hip-hop mix. And the show’s co-emcees -- Ruth Venegas and Miguel Ochoa -- did an amusing and entertaining rap.

Sophomore Monica Hernandez placed first with her rendition of Whitney Houston’s “I Will

Always Love You.”

“I feel really good and very excited,” Hernandez said. “I was a little nervous before my performance, but I remembered the saying ‘Let go, let God,’ and I gave it my best. My award money is going towards the trip to Ireland or my flight back home to Kansas during holiday break.”

The show included a raffle of donated gift baskets, which continued after the performance. Participants and every-

one who contributed to the show received praise. Chorale members gathered on stage along with most of the performers for one final picture to save memories and remind everyone UIW really does have talent.

“We hope to start a new community tradition,” Chorale director and music department Chair William Gokelman said. “We want this event to grow bigger and bigger each year.”

Professor: American culture led to Iraq War

By April Lynn Downing
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

American culture is what led the country to war in Iraq, a psychology professor said in his self-sponsored, open forum Oct. 30 on the issue.

“The Iraq War: How You Got It Wrong & Why You Will Get It Wrong Again” is what Dr. John M. Velasquez, an associate professor in the Department of Psychology, called his forum in J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library.


Velasquez began the discussion by talking about language. What one says isn’t necessarily what they do, he explained, but also much emphasis is put on words in the American culture. Velasquez uses the social script as an example of how easily words are accepted without really being questioned.

Velasquez also spoke about peoples’ reactions to emotional pain and how the American culture wants, and often gives, immediate relief to that pain. The emotional pain of 9/11, Velasquez pointed out, led to 80 percent of the American population supporting the war in 2003. The idea of forgiveness is somewhat foreign, especially at such an emotional time as 9/11, but Velasquez brought it up as an option instead of war.

Some audience members left, others listened intently and some openly questioned Velasquez’s opinion.

Velasquez is a licensed psychologist with a background in clinical psychology. In the pursuit of his work as a professor, psychotherapist, and psychological evaluator, he encounters many people whose lives can benefit from psychological services. Often times, he is called in to work miracles in conflict resolution, problem-solving, advocacy and confronting social injustice.

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Professor promotes peace, justice in Uganda

By Rachel Walsh
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

Dr. Sally Baynton has traveled to Uganda three times so far this year and has three more trips planned.

During these trips, the UIW English professor works tirelessly to increase the educational and work opportunities available to the people of this struggling nation.

Baynton shared some of her experiences with the audience during a Peace Day presentation, "Conflict Transformation: Creative Responses in the Face of Suffering or Violence." Conflict transformation means working for nonviolent solutions in order to foster peace and preserve hope for the future, and that is how Baynton and those who work with her approach the rampant poverty in Uganda.

Initially, the genocide in Darfur inspired Baynton to take action. She placed daily calls to representatives, senators and even the White House trying to galvanize people in power into action.

But when the opportunity arose for her to go to Uganda, and she saw the living conditions of the people there, which she describes as confirming the "stereotypical" view many have of Africa, she realized how much work she could do herself.

"No one was helping them (Africans) help themselves," Baynton said. She realized with her experience in teaching English and her business background (she has a doctorate in management), she could turn her "heart for Africa" into action.

As a result, Baynton founded a non-profit organization called the African Ellipsis...Project. The name comes from the ellipsis, a punctuation mark which indicates something has been left out. The ellipsis in the name symbolizes what has been left out of the Ugandan people's lives. The project's goal is to

begin "connecting the dots between people [and] education, water [and] health and vocations [and] hope."

The Ugandan people's current conditions result from the country's history of conflict. For 20 years, the government and an oppositional militia called the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) fought, putting the entire country in danger. The government, trying to protect the people from the LRA, placed two million of them in Internally Displaced Persons Camps. While living in these camps in what Baynton describes as "deplorable" conditions, the people relied completely on charity, eating only when food arrived in trucks.

Between attacks by the LRA and the lack of regular meals, a few water and sanitation, many of them died.

Camp survivors now live in abject poverty because they do not have the tools they need to make their country economically stable. In the city of Gulu alone, an estimated 20,000-30,000 children do not go to school because their families cannot afford to send them. It costs \$75 to send a Ugandan child to school for a year and \$10 for the required school uniform.

Baynton established a "Christ-centered" school which has already improved the lives of its students. In order to prevent Ugandan children from being dependent on donations for their education, she decided to create a work opportunity. The organization has acquired 20



Nearly 20,000 Ugandan people live in Laminto Internally Displaced Persons Camp for protection from a rebel faction.

foot-pumps -- the electricity is not reliable enough to use more advanced machinery -- which local women use to sew uniforms.

Baynton said Ugandan adults need to be educated as well as children. Even if they have the tools needed to facilitate economic independence, they have to know how to use them, she stressed. Baynton wants to focus on vocational education so people will be able to serve their country and do their best work as a result of "investing themselves" in it.

In addition to education, Uganda needs increased economic stability. The construction of a factory is already under way, which will create jobs and enable Uganda to produce goods to sell to other countries. Baynton noted Antonian High School students have raised and contributed \$15,000 to this project.

The most important aspect of the economic improvements, Baynton said, is that the people "are being asked to give back to their community." For example, when the people receive cotton and grow it, they give some of it to the city. The city then passes the cotton on to the factory, where it is stitched into clothes and blankets to benefit the people and be sold to others.

Many of the people of Uganda are among the estimated billion across the world who do not have access to clean, safe water, Baynton said. So she opened up a well and brought over Life Straws.



Molly teaches sewing at School of Hope-Gulu.



This girl is holding a 'Life Straw,' a portable water purifier for her health.



Dr. Sally Baynton savors the taste of water from a well she helped to establish.

The Life Straw, which was named *Time's* Invention of the Year in 2005, "will filter 99.9 percent of impurities," including the bacteria which cause diseases such as E. coli, salmonella and typhus. These straws only cost about \$6 each.

Much can be done to improve the lives of the people of Uganda, she said, and others are signing on.

English major Laura Krauss, who will travel there with Baynton to Uganda next spring, said, "Since we are

privileged, we should be generous to people who are not."

Sister Martha Ann Kirk, a religious studies professor who presented with Baynton on Peace Day, summarized the African Ellipsis...Project's work in Uganda: "If you want peace, work for justice."

Baynton considers her work in Uganda a perpetually life-changing experience. Her love for the people of Uganda continues to motivate her, as does her belief that "God does not call the equipped, he equips the called."

FYI

For more information on Dr. Sally Baynton's "African Ellipsis...Project," see its website at <http://africanellipsisproject.net>.



UIW sophomore pre-med student Sarah Gazda of San Antonio, left, plays a form of Ugandan 'pattycake' with a boy.



This well in the camp is providing residents with their first taste of running water.

Volleyballer gets national honors

By Krista Gomez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The volleyball team's 19-16 season is over but it's been a noteworthy one particularly for Kim Kvapil.

During October, Kvapil, a senior outside hitter for the Cardinals, was recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as national player of the week in NCAA Division II.

She was named "Hitter of the Week" in the Heartland Conference for the period Oct. 6-12 when the team went 3-0, including wins over some of its main rivals.

Asked how it felt to play against such rivals, Kvapil replied: "The game is always more intense when you're playing against your rivals. It seems like you can jump higher and run faster. It's an indescribable feeling. The preparation for these games are pretty much the same

as any other game. You want the same thing – to win. That's our only option."

Being named "Hitter of the Week to me is an amazing honor," she said. "It definitely puts the spotlight on me. However, there is no way I would have even been nominated for this award without all 18 players on my team. It's a team effort, and without them, I'm nothing. I'm honored to have this award, but I'm even more honored to be a part of the UIW volleyball team. We're more than a team, we're a family."

As an individual, Kvapil recently was named to the Daktronics All-South Central Regional volleyball team and voted regional player of the year in Daktronics balloting. She also was Heartland all-tournament where the Cardinals finished as runners-up. Earlier, Kvapil was voted Co-

SIDA Academic All-Region with her 3.73 grade point average. Her major is communication arts.

For the season just ended, she led the Heartland in kills (3.84 a set) and was seventh in digs (3.78 a set) on defense. She posted 25 double-doubles in those two statistical areas.

Kvapil is looking into the possibility of playing volleyball professionally.

"I would love to continue playing volleyball after this year," she said. "There's a lot of planning and preparation that comes into play when thinking of playing professionally. Another one of my teammates and I always joke that we are going to play professional sand volleyball in the Olympics and beat Misty May and Carrie Walls. I think it would be awesome to play professionally and I'm definitely looking into that."



Kim Kvapil wrapped up her volleyball career with many honors.

Men's basketball begins court season

By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

After losing an exhibition game to the Arizona Wildcats, UIW men's basketball team started its regular season with a two-game winning streak.

When the team played Arizona, a high-profile Division I team at McKale Center in front of a crowd of 12,447, the players showed promise as

four scored in double figures. Junior guard Pierce Caldwell led the scoring with 24 points, including eight, three-point shots. Also contributing were sophomore forward Tracy Robinson, sophomore guard Deleon Hines and senior forward Garrett Bell. Senior Eric Nuncio was the leading assist man with 10.

After the loss, the

Cardinals came back to McDermott Center with a 101-58 win over Texas Lutheran. UIW shot 46.3 percent in the first half and 51.5 percent in the second for a total game 48.6 percent shooting.

UIW had 21 assists compared to Texas Lutheran's eight. UIW also put the defensive pressure on Texas Lutheran, forcing 22 turnovers, and held

the visitors to 25 percent shooting for the game.

Senior forward Jawan Bailey, who was sidelined last season due to a transfer rule, led the scoring with 26 points.

"It was real hard to sit out and the anticipation was raging," Bailey said. "It feels good to get out and play. I'm just trying to do what I can do in the paint and control the

middle."

In the 106-74 win against Howard Payne, Caldwell led all scorers with 32 points, including 10 three-pointers.

"My teammates got me good looks and I was able to put them in," Caldwell said. Nuncio contributed seven assists.

"We're a running team and we need to play aggressive man-to-man de-

fense to be successful on offense," Nuncio said.

UIW dominated defensively, forcing 23 turnovers for the game.

"It's very important to cut out our turnovers," Assistant Coach Javasse Kearney, a former Cardinal guard, said. "We tell our point guards every day they have to take care of the basketball to be successful."

Lady Cardinals win first two home games

By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The UIW women's basketball team -- picked to finish second in the Heartland Conference for the 2008-2009 season -- won its first two games at home and lost the next two away.

The losses were both by a point -- 60-59 at Midwestern in Wichita Falls and 89-88 in overtime at

Texas A&M-Commerce.

The Lady Cardinals are coming off their second consecutive winning season and are returning with some key players. Junior Nia Torru was on the pre-season Heartland All-Conference team, and junior Hayley Harvey was a member of last year's honorable mention All-Conference team.

Rival St. Mary's is

picked to finish first in the Heartland Conference.

Asked if this provided motivation for the team, Harvey replied: "Yeah, if you're a competitor, coming in anything less than first is motivation enough. At the same time, if we were ranked first, we would be just as motivated to keep that position. We know how far we have come from at the start of

preseason to now. I think knowing how much time and hard work we have put in keeps us giving nothing less than 100 percent all the time regardless of rankings or criticisms."

In the Nov. 15 win (78-53) against Tarleton State in the UIW Classic, Torru shot a career-high 28 points. Junior center Nikki Brown popped 16.

On Nov. 16, the Car-

dinals had a hard-fought, 66-62 win against Angelo State. UIW struggled in the first half but picked up its defense, allowing Angelo State to score 33 percent in the second half compared to 52 percent in the first half. UIW took the lead in the last moments of the game and dominated on the offensive boards. Torru and Cinnamon Kava led UIW's scoring with 15

points each.

"The classic couldn't have been any better and really put us in a great position to start off the season," Harvey said. "We have really high expectations for this upcoming season. Everyone connects in a way that hasn't happened since I've been here. We all have the heart and dedication to be the best and I don't expect anything less."



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Women and men Cardinals are seen in action defending their home turf from the women's soccer team, upper left, at Gayle and Tom Benson Field to the volleyball team, center, in Alice McDermott Convocation Center and the swimming and diving team doing their thing in Barshop Natatorium.

Coach pushes strength, conditioning



By Pamela Martinez
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Weight training and conditioning will be essential to the success of the new Cardinals football team as it prepares for the 2009 opening season.

Caesar Martinez, a graduate assistant serving as the new strength and conditioning coach, has the responsibility to make these players stronger and faster.

A former Texas Tech football player himself, Martinez said he understands the amount of effort and determination

these players need to have. He believes pushing the players in conditioning and teaching the proper technique of weight training will help them succeed.

His job is to help develop these players mentally and physically on and off the field.

"We are going to be the strongest team on the field," Martinez said. "We will put 100 percent into anything that challenges us as a team. It is going to be an all-yearlong process."

Since players are

individuals who have different strengths and weaknesses, Martinez said, he has to develop a specific weight regimen for each player to keep him not only strong but healthy as well.

Not only does he help them by coaching, but he often participates in the workouts himself.

"I want to not only be there for my players as a coach but as a mentor as well. We are starting this year from scratch. But these players are working hard and gradually we are moving forward."

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Caesar Martinez, a graduate assistant, works out a strength-and-conditioning regimen for players.

'Ones' outscore 'Twos' at intrasquad game

By JAIME VALDES
LOGOS Sports Editor

Eric Massoni threw a 36-yard touchdown strike to a wide-open Dominic Hamilton off a pump fake with eight seconds left in regulation to cap off a 42-16 intrasquad football game.

Massoni and Hamilton were on the winning side representing the "Ones," the first unit, vs. the "Twos," the second unit, in the 59-degree, afternoon game on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Gayle and Tom Benson Football Stadium.

More than 800 fans – many of them alumni on campus for homecoming – witnessed the game, a major practice step toward

the Cardinals meeting their first opponent – Monterey Tech – on Aug. 29, 2009.

For the intrasquad game, Head Coach Mike Santiago divided the team into "Ones" and "Twos" to play four, 10-minute quarters with a halftime intermission. Santiago coached the "Ones." Assistant Coach Kyle Kennan, who also serves as director of football operations, coached the "Twos."

The "Twos" struck first with the only points in the first quarter coming from an Austin Quinney 35-yard field goal.

Early in the second quarter, "Ones" running back Trent Rios sprung up the middle, breaking a



Head Coach Mike Santiago

tackle for a 24-yard gain to put his team on the one-yard line. Rios rushed up the middle on the next play to kick-start 21 unanswered points including a 58-yard touchdown dazzle by running back Jerrell Wilkerson, the state's all-



Assistant Coach Kyle Kennan

time leading rusher with more than 7,249 yards while he was at Clark High.

"Ones" quarterback Thomas Specia threw for 219 yards and a touchdown while Wilkerson rushed for 98 yards.

"We seemed to come together out there and found a way to have fun with it even though it was a practice game," Specia said.

The "Twos," led by quarterback Paden Lynch who threw for 193 yards and one touchdown, cut the lead to 12 in the middle of the fourth with a Lynch two-yard run on a quarterback keeper. But then "Ones" running back Alex Torres made it a three-possession game with a two-yard run up the middle with 1:43 remaining.

For the Cardinals, the Nov. 22 game wrapped up a three-game intrasquad schedule and gives Santiago and the other coaches

time now to focus on recruiting.

"The kids and the coaches, they deserved it," Santiago said about the final intrasquad game. "I hope it was fun for the fans. It was a real good-ending scrimmage."

As for recruiting, Santiago said, the team always can "use more offensive linemen. Another running back, a big strong receiver."

Playing against each other, the players got a chance to see "the speed of the game," Santiago said. The team has had "43, 44 practices without a game, but (now) we're on the same timetable as any other team in the country."



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Many people gather at the first tailgate rally sponsored Nov. 14 by the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. The rally was set up outside the new Gayle and Tom Benson Football Stadium.

HASS tailgate lauds UIW student-athletes

By Gulcin Ispir
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Even without a game, sports brought people

together Friday, Nov. 14, at the first Tailgate Party to honor UIW athletics in general and student-athletes sponsored by the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

The college's interim dean, Dr. Bob Connelly, faculty and staff came together to serve free hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages to those who attended. KUIW played music with some oc-

casional use of the loudspeakers to call out winning numbers for door prizes including T-shirts, basketballs and mugs.

Recognizing that sports play an important part of just about every society, every country and every part of the planet, HASS staged the event in an area just outside Gayle and Tom Benson Football Stadium.

Three political science professors – Dr. Lydia M. Andrade, Dr. Scott Dittloff and Dr. Gary Keith -- dressed up like football players in order to entertain the students and to demonstrate their support.

"The purpose of this event is to get our stu-

dents excited about our athletic programs and encourage them to be part of our sports teams," Andrade said. "We asked all faculties to wear some form of the UIW colors to support the event and to volunteer to cook and serve food."



Dr. Lydia Andrade deftly handles the pigskin.



KUIW's Sara Aragon and Dr. Emily Clark call out numbers for door prizes.

Thousands participate in '08 show

By Tatiana Oben
and Ginger Taylor
LOGOS STAFF WRITERS

Coyote, the San Antonio Spurs' mascot, joined the throng that came to the 2008 edition of the "Light the Way" show on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Activities began with a 5:30 Mass in Our Lady's Chapel, continued with a reception in Marian Hall Ballroom and moved to the opening ceremony at 7:30 in Alice McDermott Convocation Center.

Musical performances there came from the St. Anthony Catholic High School Jazz Band, Incarnate Word High School's Madrigal Singers, St. Peter Prince of Apostles Catholic School, the University Chorale and Tejano singer Patsy Torres, a doctoral student at UIW.

"Visitors were also invited to bring a new unwrapped toy for the Elf Louise Toy Drive," said Debra Del Toro, UIW's director of public relations.

"The ever-popular Light the Way event began over 20 years ago in 1985 when UIW President Dr. Louis Agnese Jr. shared his vision to unite the community in the spirit of the holiday season," Del Toro said. "While Dr. Agnese was going through the interview process for leadership of the school, the Sisters of Charity (of the Incarnate Word) drove him through the beautiful lights displayed in the Windcrest neighborhood. It was then that he envisioned the entire campus illuminated by festive lights and the opportunity to share the experience with visitors of all ages."

After the opening ceremony, Agnese and Coyote began the countdown at Barshop Natatorium to flip the switch turning on a million lights. Fireworks followed. The evening then came to a close with a walk to HEB Central Market for cider and cookies, led by mariachis playing tunes to "Feliz Navidad" throughout campus.



The crowd spills out from Alice McDermott Convocation Center after the prelighting program inside to see the campus aglow with a million Christmas lights. Many students, faculty, administrators, families and their friends flock to the annual 'Light the Way' ceremony.



Co-emcees Dick McCracken, left and TV personality Ursula Pari guide the audience at the program.



Catholic schoolchildren wear their daily uniforms during their musical holiday performance number.



St. Anthony Catholic High School's Jazz Band traditionally warms up the crowd in the convocation center before the activities begin.



Two landmarks bask in the lights of decorated Brackenridge Villa.



Mary Ann de la Garza directs the Madrigals from Incarnate Word High School in a holiday song.



The turning on of the lights is highlighted with a bright burst of fireworks from Barshop Natatorium.



Choirs also came decked in robes for the special night of music.



Sister Kathleen Coughlin, vice president for institutional development, greets a special guest to 'Light the Way': the Spurs' Coyote.



The University Chorale performs a Nigerian number with drums.



Noted Tejano singer Patsy Torres performs with a mariachi band.



Santa Claus makes his arrival.



Even the walkway over the San Antonio River becomes a dazzling display and an inviting place for people who come see the lights.



Dr. Louis J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president, is toting a load of gifts.

The irony of Nov. 4's election



Nicholas Baker

This year's historic election proves that we, as a country, have moved beyond petty bigotry, right? The passage of California's Prop 8 (which effectively bans gay marriage) shows this is unfortunately not the case.

The vote passed 52 to 48 percent. The irony is that exit polls show more than 70 percent of black voters (who showed up in record number to vote for the first black president) voted for the measure. Statistics show Prop 8 could not have passed without this record turnout. It seems many black voters in California forgot

about the civil rights they were once denied. The icing on the ironic cake is that it was only 41 years ago that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws against "miscegenation" (interracial marriage) as being unconstitutional. This same group that had its marriage rights restored to them has now been instrumental in taking them from others. All of this comes on the day their efforts for equality and freedom have come to full fruition.

This is not to say that only the black community in California is solely to blame. You can rest assured that people of every color, race, religion and creed participated in this tyranny. Exit polls show bigotry was an equal opportunity employer in this year's election.

The fundamental idea behind this attack on the civil rights of the gay community seems to be

that a gay marriage does not fit the Christian/Islamic/Mormon/etc. definition of marriage (The argument that homosexuality is "biologically unnatural" is not worth defending against as homosexual behavior has been documented in more than 1,500 animal species). A common biblical passage used to support this is found in Leviticus 20:10, "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination." This is quite condemning, until you read more and see that eating shellfish is also called an "abomination" in Leviticus 11:10-12. Apparently God feels homosexuality is a sin on par with eating "the deadliest catch." I don't see anyone protesting the Red Lobster.

With that said, I truly believe in the right of any group to have any

belief they want, even if I disagree. I am a civil libertarian to my very core. The problem is I do not believe groups have a right to impose their ideas on others. As I mentioned above, the majority of people who oppose gay marriage generally do so out of religious conviction (and not necessarily a sense of outright hate, they truly believe they are doing the right, loving thing). They are opposed to anything that violates their idea of what religion says marriage is.

The fortunate truth is that marriage is not something that religion owns. Each one of us is free to have a wedding in any religion we choose (or with no religion at all.) One of the founding principles of this country is religious freedom. We do not have to practice each other's religion, even if the other religion shows up to the polls in greater numbers



(Mandatory burka laws? Anyone? No?) It is OK that many religious people do not believe in gay marriage (just like it is OK for Muslim women to wear burkas *if they choose*), but that does not mean they have a right to force it on others.

It is my sincerest hope and prayer that the Su-

preme Court of California (and the U.S. Supreme Court) overrules this tyranny of the majority as has been done in Connecticut and Massachusetts. The America I believe in is bigger and better than state-run bigotry.

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Solidarity needed to solve access issues

As many already know, the University of the Incarnate Word has a population of students with disabilities. These are students just like you and me; the only difference is the disability they have.

But should that really be a distinguishable mark of "difference" when the role of dignity and respect comes in to play? Everyone is supposed to be considered equal, regardless of any differences; however, there are issues of equality on campus which have been neglected.

Essentially, equality means all individuals have the same accesses to resources, are given the same treatment, and have the same opportunities, and while most students on campus have obtained this, many handicapped students have not been granted it. UIW has come a long way in making improvements to help the disabled, but more work still needs to be done and we can best accomplish this by working in solidarity as a community.

Over the last year, the University has made many improvements on

campus in order to make it accessible to those with disabilities. Administrators have installed an electronic door in the back entrance of the Administration Building, new rails have been installed coming from the sidewalk of the bridge between the main campus and the Convocation/Natatorium area, elevated regions for those with wheelchairs to access certain doors and other accessible pathways are available. While these improvements have made a difference, they have been slow in occurrence. According to Denise Hernandez, president of the student body, "the University is slowly improving on making this campus more accessible." These words are true, but why is the University "slowly" improving this situation? That answer may be something others do not want to hear.

As our campus continues to grow, other avenues are opening to expand our population and diversify the education offered. Because other doors are opening, such as a possible optometry school,

other priorities have been pushed back, causing new improvements to be slow in occurrence. Improving handicap accessibility has been one of these realms pushed aside.

This campus has done well in fixing certain social issues; however, many disabled students feel the University is not addressing their needs and putting their cause behind other priorities. The fact that many students feel they are treated unjustly can ultimately lead to disaster for them in working for their cause. When feeling like one is being treated unjustly, one may respond negatively by petitioning, creating rumors, or picketing. In working to solve problems on this university, these actions are the wrong way to approach the situation. The right and proper way to truly enact change is to work with administrators through solidarity.

The concept of solidarity is working "with" others, not "for" them. With this mind-set, one may be amazed at how much change can be brought to a community.

Administrators have a lot on their plate when it comes to improving the University. In knowing and understanding this, why not work with them? Many instinctively think of ways to make people with authority look bad when they don't respond in accord to their needs and by responding with negativity, students are ultimately hurting their cause. Impressions are key to success and building a positive relationship with administrators, instead of a hostile relationship, is the best way for all organizations and students to have their needs met in the future.

Instead of protesting and arguing back and forth about what should be done, propose ideas to help administrators, work cooperatively with them, and offer assistance. Help them so that they can help us.

In the case of providing justice for the handicapped on campus, the organization Walk, Roll and Read is a perfect example of what solidarity should be. On Oct. 29, they hosted an event called "The

Freedom Challenge," in which administrators and students worked together to understand the needs of the disabled. For the event, administrators and students placed themselves in manual wheelchairs and experienced the hardships that many disabled students face while maneuvering their way on campus. This is a creative solution and serves as an example to other organizations how to follow the concept of solidarity.

Ultimately, the funda-

mental value of solidarity is the primary key in working with the administrators of Incarnate Word. Through this concept, students will be amazed at how this virtue will in fact be the "change" we need in this university and in this case, continue to improve the conditions for handicap students.

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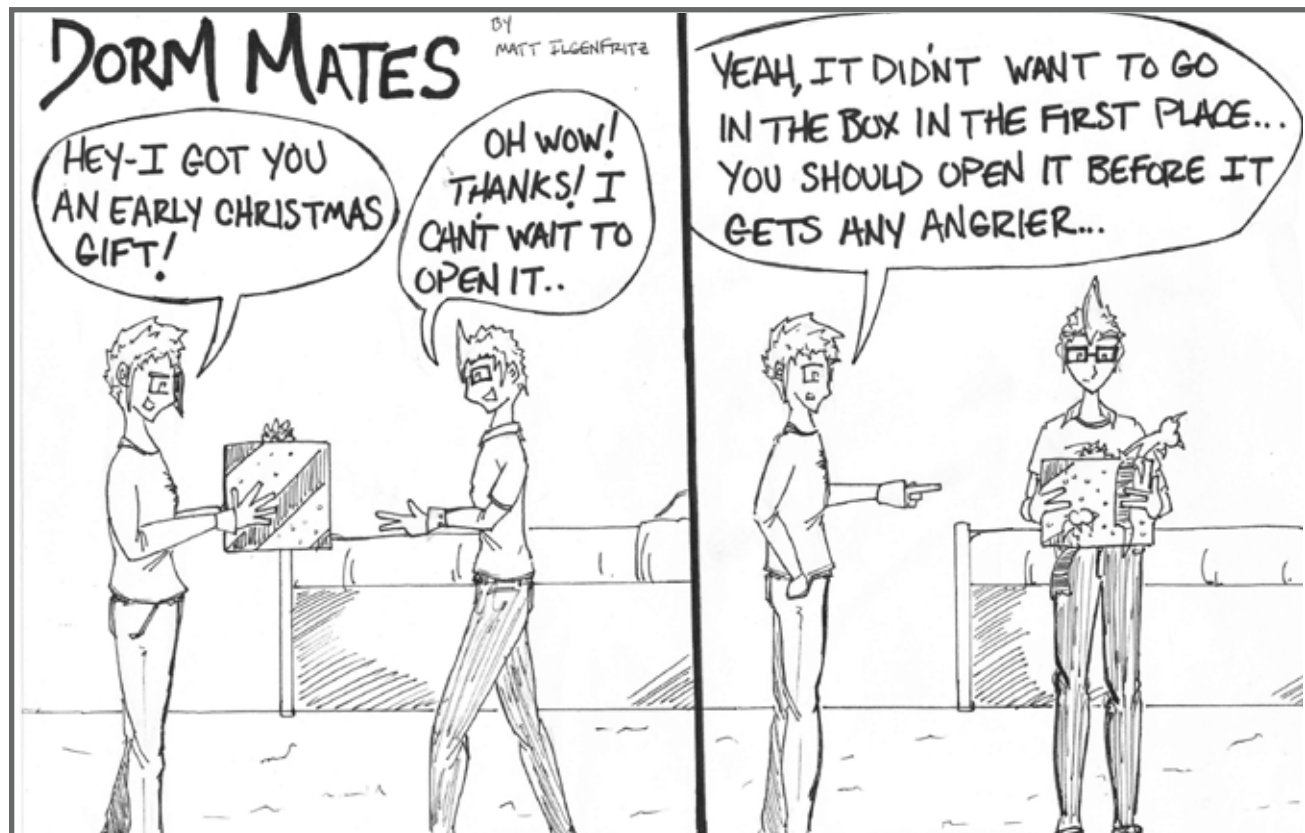
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‘Camelot’ returns to White House

It was Nov. 22, 1963. I was just driving into the campus of Catholic University in Washington, D.C., when I heard the radio announce President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

I sat in my car for half an hour crying, refusing to believe the news. I had arrived in the United States as a graduate student in August and, as an international student, had a standing invitation to meet with the president at the White House for a Christmas Party.

JFK had helped usher in a new era of American goodwill and generosity, and was just beginning to show that the United States could be more than just a mythical “Camelot.” The nation was, then, the best hope of a world that idolized JFK, and now its standard bearer was gone. The Christmas Party? Well, I still had to go to represent the international students and meet with President Lyndon Baines Johnson, but I did not get in line to shake his hand.

LBJ was no JFK. Yet, I came to admire the man, for he carried out the major dreams and programs of “Camelot,” and his “Great Society” was based on caring for the rights of the poor, especially of the African-Americans: the Civil Rights Act of 1965, the Voting Rights Act of 1967, a major push for desegregation in the South and support of Martin Luther King’s civil rights campaign, the Office of Economic Opportunity, Head Start, VISTA, the Peace Corps.

LBJ earned the right to be counted as one of the best presidents of this country, even if he is not widely recognized as such. He was a true giant, in contrast with Ronald Reagan, who is lauded into the sky despite leading the nation in the wrong direction in terms of foreign policy (inaugurating the self-righteous stance of good vs. evil), in human rights (calling the terrorist Nicaraguan Contras “freedom fighters” and giving free rein to the CIA to assassinate foreign leaders), and the economy.

Reaganomics. I call it “Lazarus Economics,” a reference to the biblical story of the wealthy Pharisee who lived in abundance while poor Lazarus shared with the dogs the crumbs from the rich man’s table. His often-quoted cliché, “the government is not the solution; the government is the problem,” was nothing but empty rhetoric for a man who expanded the machinery of the federal government, swelling the federal deficit eightfold, and yet failed to enforce federal laws that were created to police



Dr. Tarcisio Beal

the marketplace and was hell-bent on destroying the labor unions. Yes, he was a great talker and a great storyteller, but also a president who played footsy with the facts, the stats and American values.

But, back to “Camelot.” The 1960s gave us two other magnificent knights like JFK, two who also helped make this country a beacon for the world: Martin Luther King and Robert Fitzgerald Kennedy. Yet, both were felled by an assassin’s bullet. The day RFK was killed, I was in Los Angeles escorting a Brazilian banker on a tour of the country. In the morning, I went to Broadway Boulevard to watch the parade for RFK, and even took a picture of him, which I treasure. He was waving to the crowds astride a convertible. When I got to Miami that evening, the story of RFK’s death was all over the news. MLK, like RFK, personified the best of America. The idealism and the generosity of the American youth in the 1960s and early 1970s was truly heartwarming. I witnessed it personally as an instructor in three Peace Corps training programs at Marquette University (1965 and 1966) and at the School of International Training in Brattleboro, Vt. (1968). These young men and women became the best ambassadors of America by going to countries such as Brazil to help the poor organize and have a chance for a better life.

So what happened? Well, think of Nixon and Watergate or the subversion of the rule of law; of Woodstock and the drug culture that stunted the idealism of the 1960s’ youth; of the Vietnam War that poisoned the national political dialogue; of the Iran-Contra scandal that should have led to the impeachment of Reagan; of the NRA, which got Congress

to allow the multiplication of guns everywhere in the name of a peculiar interpretation of the First Amendment; of bullies like John Foster Dulles and Vernon Walters, who gained control of U.S. foreign policy; of human rights disrespected everywhere in the name of national security and anti-communism; of America embracing some of the bloodiest dictators of the 20th century (Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines, Sukarno in Indonesia, Pinochet in Chile, the anti-Communist generals of Brazil, etc.) in the name of freedom when these dictators were the worst enemies of a free society.

In sum, the soul of America was badly soiled. The fall of the Soviet Union left the United States as the only superpower, and self-righteousness took over American foreign policy: “We can, and we will do what we want.” Noble efforts by Jimmy Carter, a great defender of human rights and a man of peace, and by Bill Clinton, whose foreign policy earned America the friendship of most nations as a result of its support of the NATO intervention in Yugoslavia to stop the genocide in Bosnia and Kosovo and of his mediation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, were wasted by the neo-cons who took over the White House in 2000 under the Bush-Cheney Administration. “Unipolarism,” “going alone,” became foreign policy; then came 9/11 and the invasion of Iraq, which have

turned most of the world against the country which was once the hope of the world.

The presidential campaign of 2008 exposed many of the problems which have been piling up in American society since the 1970s, yet has also brought a surge of idealism and a desire to return America to what it used to mean to itself and the world. From the very day Barack Obama won the Democratic nomination, a smearing campaign against his person began and it created the environment for the multiplication of threats against his life. The woman chosen by the GOP as its candidate for the vice presidency was used as an attacking hound that called Obama a companion of terrorists. Are we surprised, then, that the FBI detected at least two plots to assassinate Obama?

After Obama was declared the next president of the United States, Cynthia Dunbar, a member of the Texas Board of Education, publicly stated he is in collusion with terrorists to destroy the United States. When called to apologize for such horrendous stupidity, she said she had nothing for which to apologize. And this human is one of those people in charge of education policies for the State of Texas! God help us! This kind of crackpot feeds on the violence that pervades American society like an ever-spreading cancer. In Midwestern and Southern states, including Texas, the election of Obama led many people to rush to buy



guns for fear the new president would confiscate all automatic weapons, including the deadly AK-47 and the like.

Racism has been once again exposed as a subculture that survives in many parts of the country. In Tennessee, only one out of six Whites voted for Obama. Then you hear some folks arguing the 92 percent of African-Americans who voted for Obama were practicing “reverse discrimination.” Wow! African-Americans have been denied their basic human and civil rights for 300 years and still face discrimination everywhere, yet they are now accused of “reverse discrimination” because, for the first time, they were given the opportunity to vote for one of their own skin color.

Obama’s call for a more caring and solidary society has been met by the worshippers of private capitalism as “Marxism,” as taking from the hard-working Americans to give it to the “lazy poor.” And these critics call themselves “Christian!” Does anyone think the concentration of income and pandering to the rich and the big corporations is anything of which we should be proud? Today we have the oddity of evangelical ministers not only displaying wealth and luxury as something willed by God, but also bringing partisan politics into the sanctuary. However, it is fair to note that many evangelicals are beginning to wake up. Conservative columnist Cal Thomas has been exposing the folly of Christians who have no qualms about using the power of the State and the principles of capitalism to attain wealth and political clout. He calls for a different brand of evangelicals: “Suppose millions of evangelicals

change to an old type of radical behavior. Suppose they followed the admonition of Jesus to ‘love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison and care for widows and orphans’ as a means of demonstrating God’s love for the whole person in order that people might seek Him?” (San Antonio Express-News, 11/07/08).

Despite it all, there are plenty of reasons to be hopeful because this election also has shown that America has a majority of caring, generous and peace-loving people; because Obama reminds me of JFK and RFK and MLK, of the best of leadership for America and the world; because young Americans have again become involved in the political process to fashion a better America, to restore the good name and the moral authority of the United States around the world, to end the atrocity of a “preventive” war and invasion that has bomb-gutted Iraq, killed more than 4,200 American soldiers and crippled physically and mentally tens of thousands; because we will finally make sure that no one in America will have to starve (today one in eight people in the United States does not have access to daily food) or live in fear due to the lack of health insurance, or a place to call home.

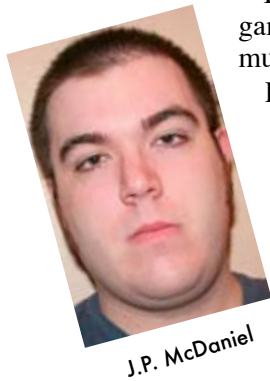
Finally, I take off my hat to Sen. John McCain for his call to us all to work together with the new administration because “Barack Obama is the new president of all Americans.”

Stand ready, you all, knights and damsels of Camelot, for you are about to embark on an exhilarating adventure in the service of the most noble of causes which is the pursuit of the common good!

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Got games? This one's for you



J.P. McDaniel

Xbox 360

Fable 2

An RPG developed by Lionhead Studios, "Fable 2" takes the open world



system to another level. If you've ever wanted to play the good guy or the evil fiend, this RPG is for you. You can kill whoever you want if you choose to play the evil side, and who doesn't want to do that? It scored great reviews as well. Make sure not to miss out on this 360 exclusive.

Gears of War 2

If you haven't heard of "Gears of War" (GoW) by now, you've been living under a rock. GoW2 is one of the best-reviewed games of the year and when Epic Games, the developers, promised a game with grandiose for the game they most certainly delivered. If single-player co-op play isn't your thing, then what about multiplayer? Gears offers up one of the best multiplayer experiences this year and will most assuredly take up a large chunk of your time during the holiday season.

Braid

While "Braid" was a huge success for the indie developers Number Nine on Xbox Live Arcade, it still is rather unknown in the mainstream community. For a mere \$15, you can purchase one of the best puzzle games this year. If you enjoy any Mario game, then consider this a sophisticated version of that because the story itself is rather mature. If you haven't played this puzzle platformer yet, then ask for it this holiday season.

PlayStation 3

Little Big Planet

"Little Big Planet" is an enchanting platformer that allows users to create unique levels and then upload and share them to the world. If you haven't seen the commercials for it, then at least check out the cute avatar you control, Sackboy. As an exclusive on PlayStation 3, this title is perfect for anyone with a creative side.



Metal Gear Solid 4

One of the this year's biggest games is most assuredly "Metal Gear Solid 4." Fans of the series will have already played this game most likely, but if you are new to the series it does do a decent job of filling in all the gaps. Action-packed, amazing visuals, and a very detailed story line make this a great buy.

Valkyria Chronicles

Not many people know about this great game for the PS3. "Valkyria Chronicles" is a strategy role-playing game that envelopes gamers in a beautiful world that looks practically hand-drawn. Easily one of the best games



on the system, Sega really comes through again introducing a new IP into the gaming world.

Nintendo Wii



Okami

"Okami" is revisited from its PlayStation 2 days and the motion controls from the Wii make this game stand out even better. Much like "Valkyria Chronicles," the game takes a unique art approach to tell the tale of a Japanese god in trouble. Gamers will pour more than 30 hours into the main quest line.

Super Smash Brothers Brawl

The best-selling title of the year so far, "Super Smash Brothers Brawl" excels as an interesting fighter for all ages. If you are a fan of any Nintendo IP, then you will easily recognize the countless number of characters. This game is a total fan service so make sure not to miss out.



Endless Ocean

Looking for a game that will draw anyone into it? "Endless Ocean is what you need." The concept of the game is simple – you swim around and look at sea creatures. What's captivating about it, however, is how much information you can learn from playing it. There are no goals. You cannot lose or die in this game. You simply explore. Even if you are not a gamer, at least give this game a try.

Theatre to reprise 'Christmas Carol'

By Cecil Birol
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

How about watching a play which offers Christmas spirit and warmth to the people?

Dr. Robert Ball's stage adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is opening Thursday, Dec. 4, in Elizabeth Huth Coates Theatre, the first of 10 shows scheduled through Dec. 20.

Ball, who directed the play on the UIW stage two years ago, is returning as artistic director/producer. The guest director is Tim Hedgepeth, an adjunct professor of drama at Trinity University. Hedgepeth has been a stage director for university and civic theatre for the past 20 years.

In this version of the play, "everything is nicely balanced, giving the actors and me an opportunity to focus on the more human aspects of the story and the true miracle of the tale which is, of course, the



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Ebenezer Scrooge at work.

promise and possibility of redemption" Hedgepeth said.

"A Christmas Carol" is a story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a selfish, arrogant and rich man, Scrooge's character is changed through visits of the Ghost of Christmas Past, who with his glowing head, represents memory; the Ghost of Christmas Present represents charity, empathy and the Christmas spirit; and the reaper-like Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come represents the fear of death. The play, set in a Victorian village, illustrates how self-serving, insensitive people can be converted into charitable,

caring and socially conscious members of society through the intercession of moralizing quasi-religious lessons.

"A Christmas Carol" is not a musical play but there will be Christmas carols and a party scene where people dance and sing.

"Last time people had so much fun," Ball said. "We hope that they will get the same pleasure with a different interpretation of the play."

"The best part of directing 'A Christmas Carol' is the opportunity to work with such a terrific group of student actors," Hedgepeth said. "There are many 'perks' to this production -- a lovely script, beautiful designs, and being able to collaborate with a great tech and design staff. They make every rehearsal not only challenging and worthwhile, but also a lot of fun. It's not often a director can say that."

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Musician performs therapeutic concert

By Gale McCommons
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A sweet, low hum spilled from the stage, filling the small room with lilting tones and vocalizations.

It was a "Karnatic Concert" featuring Dr. Harre Harren of Pondicherry, India, who made Palestrina Hall a stop on his American tour on Friday, Nov. 7.

The concert's focus was "the effects of meditation, sacred chants and sounds, mantras, music and yoga for healing the different ailments in the body and also present music examples of my creations through various traditional Indian musical instruments like sitar, tabla, veena, santur, sarod, mridangam, flute, nadaswaram [and] shehnai," Harren said.

Harren began his studies at the age of 7, learning the art of music and astrology from his mother. He completed his doctorate in mu-

sic therapy at Kansas University in 1982. His work includes ethnomusicology, music therapy, music healing, vocal performance and Vedic astrology. Harren combines these methods for healing work, using elements such as sound and planetary alignment to assess and repair ailments in the body.

"Within a period of eight to 12 weeks, music can be substituted for medicine for 85 percent of the ailments," Harren said. "They are able to come back to a normal situation when they listen to the music."

Harren began his study of musical healing with animals, observing the changes in his test subjects, and progressed to humans.

“I did initial study on the behavioral changes on animals – fish, cows, cats, dogs – and then on to human health which in turn changes anatomical and physiological

defects of the persons like cancer, blood pressure, rheumatism, pain, sleeplessness and psychosomatic illnesses like stress, depression and anxiety.”

At his UIW concert, Harner performed with two local accompanists, singing traditional South Indian songs. Many of the songs were classical *Ragas* and other forms of sacred music.

“Since I only use traditional Indian musical instruments for composing and creating music and my voice for producing sacred chants and sounds, the tones instantly affect the changes in the body. I am the only music therapist who makes use of cosmic effects or the planetary influence on the persons and each planet contributes to the different ailments on the body. I control the effect [of] the planets through sacred sounds and chants created by astrologers



Dr. Harre Hareen chants during his 'Karnatic Concert' Nov. 7 on the stage of Palestrina Music Hall.

more than 2,000 years ago.”

While on tour, Harren also conducts solo sessions with clients to assess what areas of their lives require healing. He does so by studying their astrological birth charts.

After the session, Har-

ren prescribes a series of his CDs to aid the patient in furthering the healing process. The CDs contain both vocal chants and instrumental music and are accompanied by text so the listener can chant with greater ease. The CDS range in price from \$15-\$18. DVDs are

available for \$20.

"I identify the ailments and prescribe the appropriate music and planetary chants based on the effect of the various planets," he said.

FYI
Dr. Harre Harren may be reached at harreharren@gmail.com.

Extended Run Players to present 'Golden Age of Radio' beginning Jan. 30

The Extended Run Players' readers theatre production of "Golden Age of Radio" will be the first spring offering on stage.

The show will feature “classic radio scripts brought to life for the whole family to enjoy.”

The presentation will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 and

31 and 2 p.m. Feb. 1 in
Cheever Downstage II
Theatre.

Proceeds from the production will go toward scholarships.

UIW students, staff and faculty receive one complimentary ticket with a valid UIW ID and may purchase a second ticket at a discounted

rate of \$8. Otherwise, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$8 for non-UIW students. A group rate is available for parties

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Four Greek sororities joined and then divided forces to establish two teams Nov. 20 for the 'Thursday Night Lights Power Puff' as a pre-homecoming activity at Gayle and Tom Benson Football Stadium.

Greeks show stuff for 'Powder Puff'

By Jaclyn Garcia
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

What better way to spend the night than joining fellow Greeks in "Thursday Night Lights"?

Four Greek sororities formed teams to compete for the title of "Thursday Night Lights Powder Puff Champs" on Nov. 20, a pre-homecoming event. Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Beta Chi competed as team "Double Trouble" while Alpha Sigma Tau and Delta Xi Nu competed as "Tau Nu."

Lambda Chi Alpha and Chi Phi fraternities assisted in barbecuing, coaching and refereeing.

While the audience watched in warm cloth-

ing for the chilly night, the girls dressed in lighter clothing. "Double Trouble" member Judy Jimenez scored the first touchdown for the night. But "Tau Nu" Coach Edward Galan led his team to a 5-3 win.

Javier Vasquez and Christian Rios coached "Double Trouble." But Vasquez served double-duty. He refereed, too.

"It was fun coaching," Vasquez said. "(As a referee), I had to be extremely fair to both sides while being the coach of one as well. I'm looking forward to coming back next year as alumni."

Rick Smith, assistant director of alumni relations, said he hopes to



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Tau Alpha team members confer with their coach, Edward 'E.J.' Galan, right, on a winning strategy.

makes the All Greek Powder Puff an annual event that becomes bigger as the years pass. This event was the kickoff to the Greek Alumni Network, he pointed out.

"It was good to see

alumni come out," Smith said. "We even had one guy come in from Dallas."

The Alumni Relations Office worked together with the Office of Campus Life to make the event

possible. The barbecue was donated by Augie's Barbed Wire Bar-B-Q and cooked by Chi Phi members Mason Brown and Noe Garcia.

Non-Greek alumni Alex Serna, now a graduate

student at UIW, came out to cheer on old classmates and reminisce with fellow alumni.

Vivki Browder of Alpha Sigma Tau sat on the sideline cheering on "Tau Nu."

"I like that the game is incorporating all of the sororities instead of just the Sigma Bowl," said Browder, a first-year Greek.

Alpha Sigma Alpha alum Melissa Mora, a former All Greek Council president, came back to UIW for the event after graduating last spring.

"It's very exciting to see the Greek community coming together after all these years," Mora said.

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New grants make it easier to study abroad

By Rebecca Ohnemus
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Study Abroad program continues to develop and expand with the introduction of a new school, new funding and new leadership.

For students seeking fresh, exciting educational opportunities, the program has just sweetened the proverbial pot. The current list of overseas opportunities for spring 2009 includes 96 schools in 34 countries, including a new sister school in Taiwan.

A new grant, provided by the university, offers students a 50 percent tuition reduction for attending select schools in Korea and Taiwan for the spring and fall 2009 semesters. Korea has eight schools in the offering while Taiwan has 13.

Dr. Javier Lozano, director of Sister School Programs, and Alanna Taylor, Study Abroad coordinator, encourage students to give in to their curiosity and consider this generous and unprecedented grant

opportunity.

More information about Study Abroad is available at a kiosk in Marian Hall Student Center on alternating weekdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Though both Lozano and Taylor are new to their positions at the university, they bring to the table an extensive and well-versed history of studying, teaching and traveling abroad. Taylor said her goals for the program include encouraging UIW students to overcome their “fears and

inhibitions” and “foster understanding and tolerance.”

For many students, the biggest deterrents to studying abroad include financial fears, worries about their degree plans and worries about what they will eat in a foreign country. Lozano and Taylor quickly dispel those fears, reminding students that tuition at any sister school is the same as the tuition they pay at the main campus and that the process involves exten-



Dr. Javier Lozano and Alana Taylor run the Study Abroad office.

sive communication with the student's adviser and deans.

As for the food, “you’d

be surprised at the number of American restaurants in foreign countries,” Taylor said.

Teaching, learning in 21st-century ‘Conceptual Age’



Phil Youngblood

In my last article on the 50th anniversary of the Information Age, I shared with you Alvin Toffler's concept that knowledge (unlimited and inclusive) is the most important of three primary sources of power (the others, wealth and violence, being limited and exclusive) and I suggested that the seeds of knowledge are ideas.

That said, from where do our ideas originate? Certainly from our own experiences and sensations (see philosophers John Locke or David Hume), but I believe a richer source of ideas comes from getting

more than one perspective on our experiences and ideas, that is, in sharing them widely with a diverse audience and obtaining feedback.

Dr. Dan Pink (AI Gore's speechwriter in the mid-1990s) has suggested that we are shifting from the Information Age of the 20th century, where education has been geared towards left-brain analytical skills, to the 21st-century Conceptual Age where the most successful will balance left- and right-brain approaches. Applied to education, this means we must (1) examine not just function, but consider design (assess not just content but appearance; teach visual literacy), (2) do not just make an argument, but tell a story (teach

students how to speak well; use storytelling as a teaching approach), (3) do not just focus, but think “symphony” (design cross-disciplinary class projects; learn by doing), (4) use not only logic, but include empathy (read literature about persons in other cultures and socioeconomic conditions; conduct service-based learning), (5) do not be so serious, but include play (teach with games, riddles, and jokes), (6) do not just accumulate knowledge, but find meaning in it (compare points of view; teach ethical behavior; include personal values), and (communications tools in our classes, tools which enable us to share experiences and ideas and get different perspectives on them. These tools are collectively



known as Web 2.0 and 2.0+ technologies. Wikis and blogs, which became common from 1999-2001, are used now by many educators. Social networking, or collaborative, Web technologies were developed in 2003-2004, with MySpace (www.myspace.com), Facebook (www.facebook.com), Flickr (www.flickr.com) being perhaps the most recognized of this genre and Twitter ([\[twitter.com\]\(http://twitter.com\)\) being a later development](http://www.</p>
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Video-sharing technologies became practical from 2004-2005 when enough houses had broadband, YouTube (www.youtube.com) (which went online in 2005 as a response to MySpace participants wanting to express themselves) being perhaps the most recognized. Web 2.0+ technologies include data “mashups” (Web applica-

tions combining textual and visual data), such as Digg (www.digg.com) (2004), My Maps from Google Maps (maps.google.com) (2007), and some of the aforementioned sites, and virtual worlds, such as Second Life (www.secondlife.com) (online in 2004, but made popular in 2007) that combine many types of communications technologies in a 3D Web environment.

In my next article I will describe how these technologies may be used in education.

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The Holiday Season in Japan

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Christmas in Korea

Holiday customs in Korea include sending Christmas cards, exchanging gifts and putting up decorated trees. Local radio stations play holiday music and popular Christmas movies and cartoon specials are shown on television. As in the United States, Christian churches in Korea have Christmas pageants and hold special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Korea is the only East Asian country that recognizes Christmas as a national holiday.

Christmas in Spain

Spanish Christmas traditions are similar to those practiced in many countries around the globe. A series of church Masses are held in the Catholic and Christian communities. In the United States, Christmas Day is the day of feasts and giving, but in Spain the 24th is when a lot of activity takes place. Christmas Eve is celebrated with a large dinner for the family. The food includes a mixture of holiday cuisine and exotic dishes that reflect the Spanish heritage. On Christmas Eve, there is also a gift-giving ceremony.



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